



The UFO Rabbit Hole

THE DISCLOSURE FIELD GUIDE [PT 1]: ONTOLOGICAL SHOCK & GETTING REORIENTED

Special Episode

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welcome back to the UFO Rabbit Hole

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podcast I'm your host Kelly Chase

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today we're kicking off a new series

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that I'm calling the disclosure Field

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Guide

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don't worry we're still going to be

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continuing the waking up inside the cave

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series with part three in just a couple

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00:00:50,869 --> 00:00:48,660

of weeks

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but given last week's record-scratching

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00:00:55,549 --> 00:00:53,160

allegations by high-ranking intelligence

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00:00:57,950 --> 00:00:55,559

official turned UFO whistleblower David

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00:00:59,569 --> 00:00:57,960

grush that there is an element of the

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government that is in possession of

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recovered non-human technological craft

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and bodies it feels important to make

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room for these more urgent discussions

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as they come up I'll continue to do so

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00:01:12,289 --> 00:01:11,280

as more Revelations hopefully come to

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00:01:14,210 --> 00:01:12,299

light

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00:01:16,429 --> 00:01:14,220

one thing that we won't be doing today

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00:01:18,710 --> 00:01:16,439

is diving into the specifics of David

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00:01:20,810 --> 00:01:18,720

grush's frankly mind-blowing interview

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with Ross coldheart on news Nation

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00:01:24,350 --> 00:01:22,979

earlier this week if you missed that

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00:01:26,390 --> 00:01:24,360

interview and you want to learn more

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00:01:28,130 --> 00:01:26,400

about what was said I'll have all that

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linked up in the episode brief so that

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you can check it out

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the reason we won't be diving into that

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today is because I don't have much to

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add at this point as I laid out in the

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previous episode I find grush to be

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highly credible and it's my opinion

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based on the evidence that we've seen so

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far that he is coming forward as a part

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of a years-long highly coordinated push

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for disclosure being led by intelligence

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Insiders

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but whatever my opinion the reality is

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that there's no way for grush or anyone

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else for that matter to directly show

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00:02:02,630 --> 00:01:59,939

the public tangible evidence of

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classified material and people who are

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00:02:06,950 --> 00:02:04,799

criticizing rush for his inability to do

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00:02:09,650 --> 00:02:06,960

so are either acting in bad faith or

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have no idea how any of this works as

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laypeople we have no way of objectively

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confirming the veracity of any of his

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claims regarding these secret crash

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retrieval programs he has turned that

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00:02:21,770 --> 00:02:20,220
evidence over to Congress and to the

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00:02:24,130 --> 00:02:21,780
intelligence Community Inspector General

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and it's time for them to do their jobs

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00:02:29,030 --> 00:02:26,940
our job is to lean on them and keep

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00:02:31,670 --> 00:02:29,040
making noise until they do it

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and so instead of trying to push out a

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bunch of speculative content that would

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00:02:37,070 --> 00:02:34,920
serve more to muddy the waters than

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anything else I think it's best to wait

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and see what other Revelations may be

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coming that can help us untangle his

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shocking allegations

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and to be clear there's going to be a

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lot to untangle here in the coming weeks

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and months in his interview with Ross

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coltheart gresh went much further than

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he did in the initial interview with the

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debrief among his many allegations he

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stated that this secret Rogue contingent

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within the dod is using reverse

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engineered Tech to exercise feudalistic

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control over the United States that the

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first known UFO retrieval took place in

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magenta Italy in the 1930s that the

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Vatican has been involved in these

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efforts and he even alluded to the

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possibility that the United States

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government may have entered into some

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kind of an agreement with malevolent

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non-human intelligences

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it's a lot to take in even for those of

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us who aren't hearing these theories for

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the first time

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one thing I want to point out before we

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move on is that we need to be careful

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with how we interpret these allegations

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from Crush in the context of the

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established UFO lore on the one hand we

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have people who hear grush alluding to

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things that sound a lot like particular

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cases or tropes within the lore and they

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immediately assume that it means he must

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be lying or compromised in some way

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on the other hand we have people who

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hear those same things and assume that

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it means not only the grush is telling

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the truth but that whatever particular

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cases they think he's alluding to must

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also be true

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it's important to recognize that each of

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00:04:08,149 --> 00:04:06,060
these approaches is deeply biased and

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00:04:10,070 --> 00:04:08,159
should be avoided at all costs

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00:04:12,229 --> 00:04:10,080
for reasons we'll discuss in a minute it

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can be tempting at times overwhelmingly

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00:04:16,670 --> 00:04:15,060
so to jump to conclusions and to

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convince ourselves that all of this can

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00:04:21,110 --> 00:04:18,540
be wrapped up in the neat little bow of

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00:04:23,150 --> 00:04:21,120
our own personal pet theories but

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00:04:24,590 --> 00:04:23,160
there's still a lot to sort out and

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00:04:26,870 --> 00:04:24,600
there's still a lot that we don't know

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00:04:29,390 --> 00:04:26,880

it's especially important at this time

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that we come together as a community and

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do our best not to incept ourselves with

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our own theories and lore and wait for

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the evidence to be presented before

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deciding on what's true

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so I don't want to waste our time with

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that until we have the ability to make

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some actual Headway instead I'd like to

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use our time together to talk about the

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process of metabolizing information like

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this of recognizing that we don't live

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in the world that we thought we lived in

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00:04:57,409 --> 00:04:55,680
and perhaps more importantly to leave a

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trail of breadcrumbs for the people who

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00:05:02,810 --> 00:04:59,820
are coming behind us

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if what we're seeing here is in fact as

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so many of us hope the opening Gambit on

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00:05:09,710 --> 00:05:07,080
what is intended to be the finishing

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move on UFO secrecy then what the

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00:05:13,969 --> 00:05:11,759
community is going through right now in

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00:05:15,409 --> 00:05:13,979
processing this information is but a

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00:05:17,090 --> 00:05:15,419
shadow of what we'll be seeing

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00:05:19,670 --> 00:05:17,100
throughout our society in the coming

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months and years it all comes back to

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00:05:23,390 --> 00:05:21,000

something that I've been noticing in

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myself over the last few days as more of

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David grush's extraordinary claims come

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to light and it's something that I

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really didn't expect to see ontological

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shock

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is a term used to describe a profound

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and disorienting psychological state

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that occurs when one's understanding of

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reality is dramatically altered

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usually due to an encounter or

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Revelation that conflicts with

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previously held beliefs about the nature

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00:05:50,870 --> 00:05:48,419
of existence

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00:05:52,490 --> 00:05:50,880
so it was incredibly surprising to me to

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00:05:53,810 --> 00:05:52,500
recognize that that was what I was

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00:05:56,029 --> 00:05:53,820
experiencing

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00:05:58,490 --> 00:05:56,039
after all I walked away from my career

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00:06:00,650 --> 00:05:58,500
to do this work full time on a typical

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00:06:02,810 --> 00:06:00,660
day I'm thinking about UFOs and

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00:06:05,510 --> 00:06:02,820
non-human intelligence from the time I

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00:06:07,370 --> 00:06:05,520
wake up to the time I go to bed and as a

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00:06:08,990 --> 00:06:07,380
result the things that gresh said were

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00:06:10,550 --> 00:06:09,000
only surprising to me because it was

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00:06:12,770 --> 00:06:10,560
surprising to hear a high-level

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00:06:15,290 --> 00:06:12,780

intelligence officials say them in such

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a public and intentional way but not

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because anything that he said was

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entirely new or unexpected so where was

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this coming from

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in talking with some wise friends what

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I've come to recognize is that the

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process of dismantling the illusion of

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our consensus reality is a long one and

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when we're exposed to a big enough shock

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00:06:36,430 --> 00:06:33,960

to our ontological system we inevitably

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end up processing these things in stages

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and the progress in this area is rarely

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linear it's more like a spiral where

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moving forward somehow always involves

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doubling back on yourself

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over the last week I've been surprised

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00:06:51,830 --> 00:06:49,740
to find myself back in some new version

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00:06:53,570 --> 00:06:51,840
of the ontological shock that I felt

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00:06:55,490 --> 00:06:53,580
when I first recognized that there

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00:06:58,070 --> 00:06:55,500
really was something to this whole UFO

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thing to be honest I've just been

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00:07:01,430 --> 00:06:59,460
feeling really weird about the whole

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00:07:03,110 --> 00:07:01,440
thing and based on some private

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conversations that I've had with others

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in the community this week I know I'm

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not the only one

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so whether you're brand new to this

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topic or have been studying it for

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decades and whether you're listening to

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this when the episode comes out or

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months down the road I think it's worth

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our time to take a minute to talk about

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ontological shock not just what it is

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but how to cope avoid some of the major

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pitfalls and begin to get yourself

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reoriented in the Strange New Reality in

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which you find yourself so what does

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ontological shock look like how can you

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tell if you or someone else might be

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experiencing it it's important to note

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00:07:40,730 --> 00:07:38,580
that ontological shock isn't a

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recognized medical condition so it's not

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like we have a set of symptoms we can

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use to diagnose it and ultimately

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everyone deals with ontological shock

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differently depending on their personal

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beliefs culture values and temperament

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00:07:55,370 --> 00:07:53,639
however there are a few common things

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00:07:57,710 --> 00:07:55,380
that people may experience like

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cognitive dissonance emotional turmoil

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changes in Behavior a feeling of

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existential crisis and even the

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re-evaluation of one's beliefs and these

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are just some of the things that someone

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going through a massive shift in their

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worldview might experience

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and that will manifest differently for

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everyone you might be angry for no

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reason or you might withdraw you might

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be anxious or irritable or have insomnia

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you might even feel sad or depressed as

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you go through the grieving process for

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your old world view all of that is very

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common and if you're going through those

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things be sure to be gentle with

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yourself try to get some extra rest

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spend time with family and friends

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practice self-care and rest assured that

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it will get better and that this too

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shall pass and please know that you're

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not alone

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Beyond just the emotional Fallout of

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ontological shock there are some other

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pitfalls that you need to look out for

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there are very particular ways that our

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brains are wired to respond to

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information that surprises us and

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challenges the Frameworks that we use to

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understand the world and those hardwired

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responses are something that you need to

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be aware of so that you're better

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prepared to deal with them

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there is a gentleman by the name of

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George Lowenstein whose work can help us

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understand how information like the

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claims made by David grush can impact us

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on a neurological level

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Stein is a professor of economics and

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psychology and the social and decision

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Sciences department at Carnegie Mellon

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University and a director of the Center

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for Behavioral decision research he is a

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leader in the fields of Behavioral

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economics which he is also credited with

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co-founding neuro economics as well as

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in judgment and decision making in his

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paper the psychology of curiosity

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Lowenstein identifies four ways of

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involuntarily inducing curiosity in

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humans 1. the posing of a question or

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presentation of a puzzle 2. exposure to

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a sequence of events with an anticipated

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but unknown resolution 3. the violation

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of expectations that trigger search for

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an explanation or four knowledge of

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possession of information by someone

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else

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now I don't know about you but the first

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time I came across that it was like a

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lightning bolt for my understanding of

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how the topic of UFOs has quite

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literally taken over my entire life

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the UFO topic is a profound embodiment

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00:10:20,870 --> 00:10:18,360
of all of the basic things that can

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00:10:22,070 --> 00:10:20,880
induce curiosity in a person against

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00:10:24,230 --> 00:10:22,080
their will

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00:10:26,509 --> 00:10:24,240
once you know this you'll start seeing

281
00:10:28,190 --> 00:10:26,519
it all the time particularly in the

282
00:10:29,889 --> 00:10:28,200
social media networks and algorithms

283
00:10:32,150 --> 00:10:29,899
that are trying to keep your attention

284
00:10:33,829 --> 00:10:32,160
you've probably come across Tick-Tock

285
00:10:35,750 --> 00:10:33,839
videos that begin with a series of

286
00:10:37,610 --> 00:10:35,760
random events that never resolve in a

287
00:10:39,530 --> 00:10:37,620
way that makes sense or that has a

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00:10:40,970 --> 00:10:39,540

caption like can't believe that just

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00:10:43,190 --> 00:10:40,980

happened and then you watch it and

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00:10:44,990 --> 00:10:43,200

nothing happens those are the kind of

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00:10:47,090 --> 00:10:45,000

videos that we can watch multiple times

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00:10:49,850 --> 00:10:47,100

on repeat because our brains are trying

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00:10:52,190 --> 00:10:49,860

to figure out what's going on it holds

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00:10:54,110 --> 00:10:52,200

our attention and so people use tricks

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00:10:56,269 --> 00:10:54,120

like that all the time to hack the

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00:10:59,329 --> 00:10:56,279

algorithms of the Internet by using

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00:11:00,710 --> 00:10:59,339

curiosity to hack into our brains it's

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00:11:02,630 --> 00:11:00,720

important for the purposes of this

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00:11:05,210 --> 00:11:02,640

conversation that we understand what

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00:11:06,170 --> 00:11:05,220

curiosity actually is on a neurochemical

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00:11:08,630 --> 00:11:06,180

level

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00:11:10,430 --> 00:11:08,640

brain scans reveal that Curiosity begins

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00:11:12,889 --> 00:11:10,440

as a kick to the brain's reward system

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00:11:15,350 --> 00:11:12,899

when curiosity is induced in the brain

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00:11:17,569 --> 00:11:15,360

We crave to know the answer or what

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00:11:19,130 --> 00:11:17,579

happens next in the story in the same

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00:11:22,069 --> 00:11:19,140

way that you might crave something like

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00:11:25,009 --> 00:11:22,079

sex or chocolate and that craving can be

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00:11:27,410 --> 00:11:25,019

surprisingly intense in many studies on

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00:11:29,389 --> 00:11:27,420

curiosity where for example subjects

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00:11:31,630 --> 00:11:29,399

might be shown a series of nonsensical

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00:11:34,190 --> 00:11:31,640

events with an unclear ending

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00:11:36,230 --> 00:11:34,200

researchers have often reported that the

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00:11:37,970 --> 00:11:36,240

participants in the study had such a

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00:11:39,829 --> 00:11:37,980

strong compulsion to know what happened

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00:11:41,870 --> 00:11:39,839

that they would try to bribe the

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00:11:43,370 --> 00:11:41,880

administrators even in cases where they

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00:11:45,769 --> 00:11:43,380

knew that they would be given the answer

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00:11:47,630 --> 00:11:45,779

after the session was completed

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00:11:49,550 --> 00:11:47,640

so what does this mean for those of us

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00:11:51,470 --> 00:11:49,560

dealing with ontological shock with

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00:11:52,670 --> 00:11:51,480

regard to UFOs and non-human

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00:11:54,590 --> 00:11:52,680

intelligence

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00:11:56,269 --> 00:11:54,600

first of all it means you need to watch

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00:11:58,850 --> 00:11:56,279

out for developing an unhealthy

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00:12:00,590 --> 00:11:58,860

obsession with this topic I know that's

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00:12:03,410 --> 00:12:00,600

rich coming from me but in all

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00:12:05,690 --> 00:12:03,420

seriousness this UFO stuff can take over

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00:12:07,430 --> 00:12:05,700

your life if you're not careful even

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00:12:09,889 --> 00:12:07,440

with disclosure seemingly on our

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00:12:12,170 --> 00:12:09,899

doorstep the answers as to what this

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00:12:14,630 --> 00:12:12,180

phenomenon is and what exactly all of

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00:12:16,850 --> 00:12:14,640

this means for Humanity are not going to

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00:12:18,530 --> 00:12:16,860

come overnight there are plenty of

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00:12:21,470 --> 00:12:18,540

questions that we may never get the

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00:12:23,630 --> 00:12:21,480

answer to so that information Gap that's

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00:12:24,829 --> 00:12:23,640

sparkling your curiosity likely isn't

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00:12:27,170 --> 00:12:24,839

going anywhere

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00:12:28,610 --> 00:12:27,180

I want to be clear that it's okay to be

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00:12:30,829 --> 00:12:28,620

interested and to want to learn more

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00:12:32,690 --> 00:12:30,839

it's okay if this becomes a particular

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00:12:34,250 --> 00:12:32,700

interest and if you naturally end up

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00:12:35,569 --> 00:12:34,260

reshuffling some of your interests and

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00:12:37,910 --> 00:12:35,579

priorities based on these new

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00:12:39,590 --> 00:12:37,920

Revelations but you have to be careful

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00:12:41,509 --> 00:12:39,600

that it doesn't become detrimental to

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00:12:43,490 --> 00:12:41,519

your relationships and overall mental

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00:12:45,470 --> 00:12:43,500

health if you see that start to happen

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00:12:48,530 --> 00:12:45,480

it's really important to take a step

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00:12:50,150 --> 00:12:48,540

back get some rest touch grass laugh

351
00:12:52,550 --> 00:12:50,160
with your friends do something normal

352
00:12:54,050 --> 00:12:52,560
watch a stupid show whatever it takes

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00:12:55,790 --> 00:12:54,060
for you to ground yourself and

354
00:12:58,069 --> 00:12:55,800
re-establish balance

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00:13:00,230 --> 00:12:58,079
it's also important to recognize that

356
00:13:02,870 --> 00:13:00,240
the kind of all-consuming curiosity that

357
00:13:04,790 --> 00:13:02,880
can be sparked by the UFO topic by its

358
00:13:06,650 --> 00:13:04,800
very nature makes you particularly

359
00:13:08,329 --> 00:13:06,660
vulnerable to being influenced and

360
00:13:10,490 --> 00:13:08,339
manipulated by others

361
00:13:12,590 --> 00:13:10,500
when you desperately want an answer to a

362
00:13:15,110 --> 00:13:12,600
question that is consuming you it's

363
00:13:17,509 --> 00:13:15,120

uncomfortable on the most basic

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00:13:19,009 --> 00:13:17,519

physiological level your brain wants to

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00:13:20,990 --> 00:13:19,019

find out that answer

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00:13:23,150 --> 00:13:21,000

what this means is that in this state

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00:13:25,069 --> 00:13:23,160

it's much easier than normal for someone

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00:13:26,509 --> 00:13:25,079

to come in and give you an answer and

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00:13:28,490 --> 00:13:26,519

for you to accept it

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00:13:30,290 --> 00:13:28,500

you have to be aware that there are

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00:13:32,389 --> 00:13:30,300

unscrupulous people in the world who

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00:13:34,610 --> 00:13:32,399

know this and will exploit it and

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00:13:36,290 --> 00:13:34,620

perhaps to an even greater degree there

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00:13:38,389 --> 00:13:36,300

are well-meaning people in the community

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00:13:41,269 --> 00:13:38,399

who have jumped to their own conclusions

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00:13:43,069 --> 00:13:41,279

and their certainty can unwittingly

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00:13:44,509 --> 00:13:43,079

serve as a magnet to others who are

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00:13:46,790 --> 00:13:44,519

looking for answers

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00:13:49,069 --> 00:13:46,800

so all of this is to say that if you

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00:13:50,990 --> 00:13:49,079

recognize yourself becoming curious and

381

00:13:53,750 --> 00:13:51,000

engaged about this topic that's great

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00:13:55,310 --> 00:13:53,760

welcome just make sure that you're aware

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00:13:57,710 --> 00:13:55,320

of what's going on with you on a

384

00:14:00,230 --> 00:13:57,720

neurochemical level and don't allow your

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00:14:02,389 --> 00:14:00,240

own reasoning to be hijacked by that

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00:14:04,430 --> 00:14:02,399

what that requires is that you recognize

387

00:14:07,069 --> 00:14:04,440

the discomfort of not knowing the answer

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00:14:09,590 --> 00:14:07,079

and get very comfortable in sitting in

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00:14:11,210 --> 00:14:09,600

that feeling okay so if we're just

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00:14:13,310 --> 00:14:11,220

supposed to sit with the discomfort of

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00:14:15,050 --> 00:14:13,320

not knowing then how do we resolve our

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00:14:17,030 --> 00:14:15,060

ontological shock

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00:14:19,190 --> 00:14:17,040

and argue that the best way to proceed

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00:14:21,889 --> 00:14:19,200

in this case is not to look for answers

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00:14:24,829 --> 00:14:21,899

because those answers may or may not

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00:14:26,690 --> 00:14:24,839

ever come instead we need to work on

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00:14:28,370 --> 00:14:26,700

establishing new Frameworks to help us

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00:14:29,569 --> 00:14:28,380

categorize and frame the possible

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00:14:31,670 --> 00:14:29,579

answers

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00:14:33,050 --> 00:14:31,680

this can be unfamiliar territory if

401
00:14:34,790 --> 00:14:33,060
you're coming from a place where you

402
00:14:36,350 --> 00:14:34,800
felt like you more or less had the

403
00:14:37,430 --> 00:14:36,360
answers to a lot of the bigger questions

404
00:14:39,949 --> 00:14:37,440
in life

405
00:14:41,870 --> 00:14:39,959
the basis of consensus reality is the

406
00:14:44,810 --> 00:14:41,880
agreements that we've made about who we

407
00:14:46,790 --> 00:14:44,820
are and where we are and what we are and

408
00:14:48,350 --> 00:14:46,800
although as we discussed at length in

409
00:14:50,870 --> 00:14:48,360
part one of the waking up inside the

410
00:14:52,550 --> 00:14:50,880
cave series the official story of

411
00:14:54,590 --> 00:14:52,560
everything that the majority of people

412
00:14:56,269 --> 00:14:54,600
subscribe to actually makes very little

413
00:14:59,090 --> 00:14:56,279

sense when you think about it at all

414

00:15:01,730 --> 00:14:59,100

critically most people tend not to

415

00:15:03,769 --> 00:15:01,740

notice until they are forced it takes a

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00:15:05,569 --> 00:15:03,779

shocking realization or experience to

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00:15:07,850 --> 00:15:05,579

wake someone up from that dream of

418

00:15:10,069 --> 00:15:07,860

certainty and as soon as you lose that

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00:15:12,530 --> 00:15:10,079

certainty you're likely to start missing

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00:15:14,389 --> 00:15:12,540

it for most people the immediate

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00:15:17,150 --> 00:15:14,399

instinct is to replace that certainty

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00:15:19,189 --> 00:15:17,160

with a new certainty to say the answers

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00:15:21,829 --> 00:15:19,199

I had before were wrong but these

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00:15:23,930 --> 00:15:21,839

answers over here are the real answers

425

00:15:26,090 --> 00:15:23,940

but the truth is that we don't know what

426

00:15:28,790 --> 00:15:26,100

the UFO phenomenon is or what it

427

00:15:30,650 --> 00:15:28,800

represents the top scientific Minds in

428

00:15:32,990 --> 00:15:30,660

the field from Jacques filet to Gary

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00:15:35,210 --> 00:15:33,000

Nolan will tell you that we're nowhere

430

00:15:36,590 --> 00:15:35,220

near getting answers with regard to the

431

00:15:39,230 --> 00:15:36,600

ultimate truth of what we're dealing

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00:15:41,269 --> 00:15:39,240

with at this stage the best we can hope

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00:15:42,470 --> 00:15:41,279

to do is to formulate better and better

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00:15:44,750 --> 00:15:42,480

questions

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00:15:46,850 --> 00:15:44,760

in many ways the podcast up to this

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00:15:49,610 --> 00:15:46,860

point has been my own exercise in doing

437

00:15:51,350 --> 00:15:49,620

exactly that and from the beginning I've

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00:15:53,210 --> 00:15:51,360

made it clear that it's never been my

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00:15:55,550 --> 00:15:53,220

intention to bring us to any particular

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00:15:58,730 --> 00:15:55,560

conclusion or to push any particular

441

00:16:00,650 --> 00:15:58,740

agenda I don't have any conclusions and

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00:16:03,050 --> 00:16:00,660

my only agenda is to try to find better

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00:16:05,509 --> 00:16:03,060

ways to frame and metabolize the greater

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00:16:07,910 --> 00:16:05,519

realization sparked in Me by the UFO

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00:16:09,829 --> 00:16:07,920

topic that the nature of our reality is

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00:16:12,230 --> 00:16:09,839

not what we've been told

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00:16:14,150 --> 00:16:12,240

and in walking that path together a

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00:16:16,670 --> 00:16:14,160

landscape has begun to emerge from the

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00:16:19,189 --> 00:16:16,680

fog of ontological shock we haven't

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00:16:21,710 --> 00:16:19,199

found answers but we have found better

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00:16:23,930 --> 00:16:21,720
questions and we found ways that allow

452
00:16:25,490 --> 00:16:23,940
us to talk about both the patterns and

453
00:16:27,710 --> 00:16:25,500
the complexities that emerge when we

454
00:16:28,910 --> 00:16:27,720
study this phenomenon with a radically

455
00:16:30,590 --> 00:16:28,920
open mind

456
00:16:32,629 --> 00:16:30,600
we've found that we can become more

457
00:16:35,030 --> 00:16:32,639
familiar with these nuanced aspects of

458
00:16:37,430 --> 00:16:35,040
our reality even if we can't yet see

459
00:16:38,749 --> 00:16:37,440
their full shape and that's how I'd like

460
00:16:41,689 --> 00:16:38,759
to spend the rest of our time together

461
00:16:43,910 --> 00:16:41,699
today by synthesizing what we've learned

462
00:16:46,790 --> 00:16:43,920
on the road so far about how to approach

463
00:16:48,230 --> 00:16:46,800

these challenging and complex topics in

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00:16:49,610 --> 00:16:48,240

hopes that they can serve as a road map

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00:16:52,249 --> 00:16:49,620

for those who follow

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00:16:54,170 --> 00:16:52,259

okay so let's start with what exactly

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00:16:56,689 --> 00:16:54,180

we're dealing with here in terms of the

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00:16:59,870 --> 00:16:56,699

nature of the intelligence behind UFOs

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00:17:02,030 --> 00:16:59,880

because that question is infinitely more

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00:17:04,429 --> 00:17:02,040

complex than the aliens versus not

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00:17:05,870 --> 00:17:04,439

aliens binary that most of the world

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00:17:08,270 --> 00:17:05,880

exists in

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00:17:10,850 --> 00:17:08,280

although you rarely see UFOs portrayed

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00:17:13,130 --> 00:17:10,860

in the media in any other way the idea

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00:17:15,169 --> 00:17:13,140

that the pilots of UFOs are aliens from

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00:17:17,870 --> 00:17:15,179

another planet or the Extraterrestrial

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00:17:20,150 --> 00:17:17,880

hypothesis is only one of a vast

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00:17:21,230 --> 00:17:20,160

Pantheon possible solutions to this

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00:17:23,150 --> 00:17:21,240

enigma

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00:17:25,189 --> 00:17:23,160

there are several General categories

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00:17:27,230 --> 00:17:25,199

that are used in ufology to break down

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the possibilities we have the

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Extraterrestrial hypothesis that they're

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00:17:32,810 --> 00:17:30,960

coming from another planet the

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interdimensional hypothesis that they're

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00:17:37,250 --> 00:17:35,160

coming from another dimension the extra

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00:17:38,930 --> 00:17:37,260

tempestral hypothesis which is they're

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00:17:41,690 --> 00:17:38,940

coming from a different place in time

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00:17:43,370 --> 00:17:41,700

the ultra-terrestrial hypothesis which

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00:17:45,610 --> 00:17:43,380

is basically there's some sort of an

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00:17:48,830 --> 00:17:45,620

Undiscovered presence here on the Earth

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00:17:50,630 --> 00:17:48,840

or the Breakaway civilization hypothesis

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00:17:52,490 --> 00:17:50,640

which is basically that there would be a

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00:17:54,230 --> 00:17:52,500

highly Advanced human offshoot that

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00:17:56,330 --> 00:17:54,240

could be behind UFOs

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00:17:57,710 --> 00:17:56,340

and each of those main categories can

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00:18:00,650 --> 00:17:57,720

get broken down into countless

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00:18:02,750 --> 00:18:00,660

subcategories each one represents its

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00:18:04,549 --> 00:18:02,760

own unique rabbit hole if you want to

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00:18:06,470 --> 00:18:04,559

dive more deeply into any of these ideas

501
00:18:08,330 --> 00:18:06,480
I'll have episodes linked up in the

502
00:18:09,890 --> 00:18:08,340
episode brief for you to explore

503
00:18:12,049 --> 00:18:09,900
and while it's important to understand

504
00:18:14,390 --> 00:18:12,059
the basics of each of these categories

505
00:18:16,850 --> 00:18:14,400
I'd argue that we need to be able to

506
00:18:19,250 --> 00:18:16,860
simultaneously look through and pass

507
00:18:21,830 --> 00:18:19,260
them to be able to identify deeper

508
00:18:24,470 --> 00:18:21,840
patterns that emerge in short the

509
00:18:26,390 --> 00:18:24,480
complexities of UFO encounters suggest

510
00:18:28,850 --> 00:18:26,400
that no single category that's been

511
00:18:31,070 --> 00:18:28,860
suggested could possibly account for all

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00:18:33,110 --> 00:18:31,080
of the evidence at this point most

513
00:18:34,970 --> 00:18:33,120

researchers seem to agree that what

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00:18:36,650 --> 00:18:34,980

we're dealing with is either multiple

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00:18:39,049 --> 00:18:36,660

sources for what we call the UFO

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00:18:40,730 --> 00:18:39,059

phenomenon or something that collapses

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00:18:44,150 --> 00:18:40,740

all of these categories that we

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00:18:46,909 --> 00:18:44,160

discussed into a more coherent Theory or

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00:18:48,890 --> 00:18:46,919

both so while it's fun to explore all

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00:18:51,049 --> 00:18:48,900

these different ideas about where UFOs

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00:18:53,029 --> 00:18:51,059

might be coming from and while at least

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00:18:55,370 --> 00:18:53,039

some aspect of each of these theories

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00:18:58,070 --> 00:18:55,380

probably has some element of truth to it

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00:18:59,930 --> 00:18:58,080

to remain objective it's best to hold

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00:19:01,970 --> 00:18:59,940

each of these theories Loosely and

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00:19:03,950 --> 00:19:01,980

remain open-minded

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00:19:06,110 --> 00:19:03,960

to begin to really understand the

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00:19:07,850 --> 00:19:06,120

complexity of what we're dealing with we

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00:19:10,430 --> 00:19:07,860

need to go back to the beginning of the

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00:19:12,470 --> 00:19:10,440

modern day UFO phenomenon and see how it

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00:19:15,110 --> 00:19:12,480

evolved over time

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00:19:17,090 --> 00:19:15,120

the modern UFO era began in Earnest with

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00:19:19,010 --> 00:19:17,100

the Kenneth Arnold sighting on June 24

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00:19:21,770 --> 00:19:19,020

1947.

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00:19:23,990 --> 00:19:21,780

Arnold an experienced pilot was flying

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00:19:26,150 --> 00:19:24,000

near Mount Rainier in Washington when he

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00:19:27,169 --> 00:19:26,160

saw nine unusual objects flying in

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00:19:29,330 --> 00:19:27,179

formation

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00:19:31,190 --> 00:19:29,340

he described their movements as saucer

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00:19:34,070 --> 00:19:31,200

skipping over the water which a reporter

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00:19:35,930 --> 00:19:34,080

later coined as flying saucers igniting

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00:19:37,730 --> 00:19:35,940

the fascination of the public

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00:19:39,650 --> 00:19:37,740

the mystery was deepened by another

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00:19:42,470 --> 00:19:39,660

event that took place just a few short

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00:19:43,490 --> 00:19:42,480

weeks later namely the infamous Roswell

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00:19:47,210 --> 00:19:43,500

incident

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00:19:48,950 --> 00:19:47,220

in July 1947 a Rancher found wreckage on

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00:19:51,770 --> 00:19:48,960

his property near Roswell New Mexico

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00:19:54,049 --> 00:19:51,780

which sparked rumors of a crashed alien

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00:19:56,390 --> 00:19:54,059

spacecraft the military's quickly

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00:19:59,270 --> 00:19:56,400
changing explanations only fueled these

552
00:20:01,909 --> 00:19:59,280
speculations this event spawned a media

553
00:20:03,950 --> 00:20:01,919
frenzy and soon after stories of flying

554
00:20:05,210 --> 00:20:03,960
saucers began to surface from all around

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00:20:07,490 --> 00:20:05,220
the globe

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00:20:10,190 --> 00:20:07,500
and the American public was largely open

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00:20:11,990 --> 00:20:10,200
to this idea the end of World War II had

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00:20:14,570 --> 00:20:12,000
seen an explosion of new technologies

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00:20:16,549 --> 00:20:14,580
and scientific advances and the prospect

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00:20:19,909 --> 00:20:16,559
of intelligent extraterrestrial life

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00:20:21,770 --> 00:20:19,919
didn't seem entirely outlandish at the

562
00:20:23,690 --> 00:20:21,780
same time it's important to recognize

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00:20:25,850 --> 00:20:23,700

that in these early days the

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00:20:27,590 --> 00:20:25,860

Extraterrestrial hypothesis wasn't the

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00:20:30,230 --> 00:20:27,600

only one being offered to explain this

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00:20:32,330 --> 00:20:30,240

phenomenon early theories also involved

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00:20:34,850 --> 00:20:32,340

everything from Secret Soviet technology

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00:20:36,470 --> 00:20:34,860

to craft from an advanced species living

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00:20:39,770 --> 00:20:36,480

inside of the Earth

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00:20:42,049 --> 00:20:39,780

it wasn't until the 1950s and 1960s that

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00:20:45,049 --> 00:20:42,059

The Narrative of UFOs began to solidify

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00:20:47,029 --> 00:20:45,059

around an extraterrestrial origin this

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00:20:48,950 --> 00:20:47,039

shift was largely influenced by an

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00:20:51,890 --> 00:20:48,960

emerging subculture known as the

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00:20:54,049 --> 00:20:51,900

contactees these individuals claimed to

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00:20:55,909 --> 00:20:54,059

have not just seen UFOs but to have made

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00:20:58,070 --> 00:20:55,919

direct peaceful contact with their

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00:21:00,370 --> 00:20:58,080

extraterrestrial occupants whom they

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00:21:02,750 --> 00:21:00,380

often referred to as the space Brothers

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00:21:05,150 --> 00:21:02,760

one of the most well-known figures in

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00:21:07,130 --> 00:21:05,160

this movement was George adamski Who

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00:21:09,110 --> 00:21:07,140

alleged to have met benevolent very

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00:21:11,690 --> 00:21:09,120

human-looking aliens from Venus and

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00:21:13,370 --> 00:21:11,700

other planets in our solar system at

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00:21:15,590 --> 00:21:13,380

this point in history we still hadn't

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00:21:17,330 --> 00:21:15,600

seen past the clouds of Venus and so

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00:21:19,549 --> 00:21:17,340

these stories felt more possible than

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00:21:21,770 --> 00:21:19,559

they sound to us now these space

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00:21:24,110 --> 00:21:21,780

brothers were typically depicted as wise

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00:21:26,270 --> 00:21:24,120

and peaceful beings keen on helping

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00:21:28,490 --> 00:21:26,280

Humanity navigate its way towards a more

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00:21:30,770 --> 00:21:28,500

enlightened and peaceful existence

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00:21:33,529 --> 00:21:30,780

one standout story from this era

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00:21:37,370 --> 00:21:33,539

involves an alleged alien Envoy named

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00:21:40,070 --> 00:21:37,380

Valiant Thor in 1957 a man named Dr

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00:21:41,810 --> 00:21:40,080

Frank Strange's claimed to have met Thor

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00:21:44,270 --> 00:21:41,820

who was supposedly living at the

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00:21:45,649 --> 00:21:44,280

Pentagon for three years under the U.S

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00:21:48,289 --> 00:21:45,659

government's protection

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00:21:50,090 --> 00:21:48,299

according to Stranges Thor hailed from

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00:21:52,549 --> 00:21:50,100
Venus and it come to Earth to offer

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00:21:54,649 --> 00:21:52,559
advanced technology and wisdom but only

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00:21:55,610 --> 00:21:54,659
if humans would agree to abolish war and

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00:21:57,710 --> 00:21:55,620
violence

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00:21:59,510 --> 00:21:57,720
stories like these transformed The

606
00:22:01,549 --> 00:21:59,520
public's perception of aliens from

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00:22:03,049 --> 00:22:01,559
potential threats to spiritual guides

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00:22:05,450 --> 00:22:03,059
and even saviors

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00:22:07,730 --> 00:22:05,460
still while some Embrace these tales in

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00:22:10,010 --> 00:22:07,740
the promise they held many others were

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00:22:12,110 --> 00:22:10,020
skeptical and mainstream science largely

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00:22:14,570 --> 00:22:12,120
dismissed these claims as fantasies or

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00:22:16,010 --> 00:22:14,580

hoaxes and interestingly the space

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00:22:18,230 --> 00:22:16,020

Brothers seemed to more or less

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00:22:20,750 --> 00:22:18,240

Disappear by the late 60s

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00:22:23,570 --> 00:22:20,760

in the 70s and 80s the pendulum swung

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00:22:25,310 --> 00:22:23,580

back the other way towards fear accounts

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00:22:27,230 --> 00:22:25,320

like the infamous abduction case of

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00:22:30,289 --> 00:22:27,240

Barney and Betty Hill and subsequent

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00:22:32,590 --> 00:22:30,299

reports of similar experiences painted a

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00:22:35,630 --> 00:22:32,600

much darker picture of alien interaction

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00:22:37,610 --> 00:22:35,640

the idea of extraterrestrials abducting

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00:22:39,529 --> 00:22:37,620

and Performing invasive procedures on

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00:22:42,230 --> 00:22:39,539

unsuspecting humans was terrifying

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00:22:44,630 --> 00:22:42,240

stoking a growing paranoia about UFOs

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00:22:46,669 --> 00:22:44,640
and their inhabitants it was also around

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00:22:49,370 --> 00:22:46,679
this time that the modern concept of the

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00:22:51,529 --> 00:22:49,380
gray alien came into prominence unlike

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00:22:53,270 --> 00:22:51,539
earlier contactees who often described

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00:22:55,610 --> 00:22:53,280
their extraterrestrial visitors is

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00:22:57,169 --> 00:22:55,620
looking very human some to the point

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00:23:00,049 --> 00:22:57,179
that they would be indistinguishable

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00:23:02,630 --> 00:23:00,059
from a human suddenly there were reports

634
00:23:05,510 --> 00:23:02,640
of aliens that looked much more alien

635
00:23:08,090 --> 00:23:05,520
although still humanoid in shape the

636
00:23:10,850 --> 00:23:08,100
elongated skulls large wrap around eyes

637
00:23:13,310 --> 00:23:10,860
and frail bodies of the gray alien were

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00:23:15,409 --> 00:23:13,320

distinctly other and it was this image

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00:23:16,490 --> 00:23:15,419

of ETS that became ubiquitous in the

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00:23:18,710 --> 00:23:16,500

media

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00:23:20,810 --> 00:23:18,720

what we recognize when we look back at

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00:23:23,029 --> 00:23:20,820

the cultural record is that our modern

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00:23:25,070 --> 00:23:23,039

concept of the big-eyed alien that comes

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00:23:27,289 --> 00:23:25,080

here from another planet a flying saucer

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00:23:29,990 --> 00:23:27,299

was something that came together slowly

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00:23:32,390 --> 00:23:30,000

over decades largely influenced by the

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00:23:34,010 --> 00:23:32,400

media and this portrayal Bears very

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00:23:36,470 --> 00:23:34,020

little resemblance to how the UFO

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00:23:38,450 --> 00:23:36,480

phenomenon as a whole actually manifests

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00:23:40,190 --> 00:23:38,460

itself in the real world

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00:23:42,710 --> 00:23:40,200

when you dive into the literature of

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00:23:45,110 --> 00:23:42,720

experiencer accounts what you find is a

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00:23:47,330 --> 00:23:45,120

vast tapestry of craft and beings that

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00:23:48,710 --> 00:23:47,340

is almost impossible to resolve into one

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00:23:50,690 --> 00:23:48,720

coherent narrative

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00:23:52,730 --> 00:23:50,700

and things only get more complicated

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00:23:54,590 --> 00:23:52,740

when we recognize that although the

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00:23:57,110 --> 00:23:54,600

modern UFO phenomenon is generally

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00:23:59,630 --> 00:23:57,120

thought to have its origins in 1947

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00:24:01,490 --> 00:23:59,640

there is a lot of evidence that this has

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00:24:03,230 --> 00:24:01,500

actually been going on for quite a bit

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00:24:05,810 --> 00:24:03,240

longer than that

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00:24:07,669 --> 00:24:05,820

during the heat of World War II several

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00:24:10,370 --> 00:24:07,679

years before Kenneth Arnold's Infamous

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00:24:12,169 --> 00:24:10,380

sighting Pilots began to report strange

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00:24:14,330 --> 00:24:12,179

orbs of light and other mysterious

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00:24:16,850 --> 00:24:14,340

phenomena which they nicknamed Foo

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00:24:19,789 --> 00:24:16,860

Fighters these orbs would follow or

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00:24:22,070 --> 00:24:19,799

flank military aircraft perform erratic

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00:24:24,430 --> 00:24:22,080

Maneuvers and sometimes vanish Into Thin

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00:24:26,870 --> 00:24:24,440

Air leaving no trace or explanation

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00:24:29,450 --> 00:24:26,880

Allied Pilots initially feared these

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00:24:31,190 --> 00:24:29,460

were secret axis weapons but German and

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00:24:33,409 --> 00:24:31,200

Japanese Pilots reported encountering

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00:24:36,409 --> 00:24:33,419

them too and these went out your garden

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00:24:38,630 --> 00:24:36,419
variety UFO sightings they were observed

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00:24:40,190 --> 00:24:38,640
by trained military personnel during a

678
00:24:42,770 --> 00:24:40,200
time of heightened surveillance and

679
00:24:45,169 --> 00:24:42,780
extreme technological advancements yet

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00:24:46,909 --> 00:24:45,179
despite investigations no definitive

681
00:24:49,070 --> 00:24:46,919
explanation for the Foo Fighters has

682
00:24:50,930 --> 00:24:49,080
ever been found and if you want to learn

683
00:24:53,210 --> 00:24:50,940
more about the Foo Fighters my friend

684
00:24:55,970 --> 00:24:53,220
and phenomenal UFO researcher Graham

685
00:24:57,950 --> 00:24:55,980
Rendell wrote a fantastic book based on

686
00:25:00,950 --> 00:24:57,960
his deep research on the topic called

687
00:25:03,289 --> 00:25:00,960
UFOs before Roswell European Foo

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00:25:05,450 --> 00:25:03,299

Fighters 1940-1945

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00:25:07,549 --> 00:25:05,460

it's by far the most comprehensive

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00:25:09,649 --> 00:25:07,559

resource I found on Foo Fighters and I

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highly recommend it you can find the

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00:25:13,850 --> 00:25:12,120

link in the episode brief but sightings

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00:25:16,310 --> 00:25:13,860

of strange things in the sky didn't

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00:25:18,770 --> 00:25:16,320

start in World War II or even in the

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00:25:20,450 --> 00:25:18,780

20th century we have evidence that

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00:25:22,669 --> 00:25:20,460

similar things have been reported by

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00:25:24,950 --> 00:25:22,679

people for thousands of years

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00:25:27,350 --> 00:25:24,960

in his groundbreaking book passport to

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00:25:30,529 --> 00:25:27,360

Magonia from folklore to flying saucers

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00:25:33,049 --> 00:25:30,539

famed ufologist Jacques filet collected

701
00:25:36,890 --> 00:25:33,059
over 900 sightings from around the globe

702
00:25:38,690 --> 00:25:36,900
spanning the 1860s to the 1960s many

703
00:25:39,649 --> 00:25:38,700
occurring well before the first human

704
00:25:41,870 --> 00:25:39,659
flight

705
00:25:44,450 --> 00:25:41,880
some of these accounts are mind-boggling

706
00:25:47,210 --> 00:25:44,460
you have stories of phantom airships

707
00:25:49,190 --> 00:25:47,220
glowing orbs and strange beings

708
00:25:51,289 --> 00:25:49,200
for instance there's an account from the

709
00:25:53,510 --> 00:25:51,299
late 19th century where a flying

710
00:25:56,090 --> 00:25:53,520
cigar-shaped object reportedly hovered

711
00:25:58,850 --> 00:25:56,100
over a Texas town dropped a rope-like

712
00:26:01,070 --> 00:25:58,860
device and startled a local bomb and

713
00:26:02,810 --> 00:26:01,080

speaking of phantom airships let's talk

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00:26:05,630 --> 00:26:02,820

about what is one of the strangest

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00:26:10,010 --> 00:26:05,640

chapters in UFO lore the great Airship

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00:26:12,350 --> 00:26:10,020

lab of 1896 and 1897. this flap refers

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00:26:14,210 --> 00:26:12,360

to a series of unexplained sightings of

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00:26:15,850 --> 00:26:14,220

what were described as airships in

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00:26:18,110 --> 00:26:15,860

various parts of the United States

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00:26:20,390 --> 00:26:18,120

Witnesses describe these crafts as

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00:26:23,090 --> 00:26:20,400

elongated often equipped with powerful

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00:26:25,070 --> 00:26:23,100

searchlights incapable of Maneuvers that

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00:26:27,230 --> 00:26:25,080

were technologically unfeasible for that

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00:26:28,909 --> 00:26:27,240

time considering that people were

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00:26:31,070 --> 00:26:28,919

reporting this years before we'd

726

00:26:33,590 --> 00:26:31,080

achieved human flight these sightings

727

00:26:36,350 --> 00:26:33,600

are particularly perplexing the

728

00:26:38,390 --> 00:26:36,360

sightings peaked in April 1897 with an

729

00:26:41,330 --> 00:26:38,400

Infamous report of an Airship crashing

730

00:26:43,669 --> 00:26:41,340

into a windmill in Aurora Texas spawning

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00:26:45,950 --> 00:26:43,679

Tales of a deceased alien pilot and

732

00:26:47,690 --> 00:26:45,960

buried wreckage while some Airship

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00:26:50,450 --> 00:26:47,700

sightings were likely hoaxes or

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00:26:52,970 --> 00:26:50,460

misidentified celestial bodies the sheer

735

00:26:55,490 --> 00:26:52,980

number and consistency presented a

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00:26:58,190 --> 00:26:55,500

mystery that persists to this day in

737

00:27:00,230 --> 00:26:58,200

April 1561 people in the town of

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00:27:02,029 --> 00:27:00,240

Nuremberg Germany reported seeing the

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00:27:05,269 --> 00:27:02,039

sky filled with all sorts of strange

740

00:27:08,149 --> 00:27:05,279

objects spheres cylinders and Crosses

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00:27:10,909 --> 00:27:08,159

all apparently engaged in some kind of a

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00:27:13,310 --> 00:27:10,919

Celestial battle this strange event was

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00:27:15,350 --> 00:27:13,320

memorialized in a wood-cut painting by

744

00:27:17,450 --> 00:27:15,360

Hans glosser complete with an

745

00:27:19,450 --> 00:27:17,460

accompanying description detailing a

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00:27:21,470 --> 00:27:19,460

cacophony of strange sights and sounds

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00:27:23,330 --> 00:27:21,480

although this event was largely

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00:27:25,730 --> 00:27:23,340

interpreted as a sign from God at the

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00:27:27,289 --> 00:27:25,740

time that it happened today many have

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00:27:28,909 --> 00:27:27,299

pointed out that this sounds like some

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00:27:30,950 --> 00:27:28,919

kind of a battle between Advanced

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00:27:33,110 --> 00:27:30,960

technological beings

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00:27:34,850 --> 00:27:33,120

and we have indications that experience

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00:27:37,310 --> 00:27:34,860

is very much like what is reported with

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00:27:39,950 --> 00:27:37,320

the UFO phenomenon happened at even more

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00:27:41,769 --> 00:27:39,960

remote points in Humanity's past take

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00:27:44,409 --> 00:27:41,779

for example the story of Dr Diana

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00:27:46,730 --> 00:27:44,419

walsh-pasulka author of American Cosmic

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00:27:49,549 --> 00:27:46,740

passulka a scholar of Catholic history

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00:27:51,230 --> 00:27:49,559

first found her way to the topic of UFOs

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00:27:53,330 --> 00:27:51,240

through work that she was doing

762

00:27:55,549 --> 00:27:53,340

exploring stories about encounters with

763

00:27:56,870 --> 00:27:55,559

souls in purgatory in the depths of the

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00:27:58,789 --> 00:27:56,880

Vatican archives

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00:28:01,190 --> 00:27:58,799

she became interested in the topic of

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00:28:02,690 --> 00:28:01,200

UFOs after recognizing that the accounts

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00:28:05,149 --> 00:28:02,700

described in these texts that were

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00:28:07,370 --> 00:28:05,159

hundreds of years old looked a lot like

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00:28:09,350 --> 00:28:07,380

modern UFO encounters

770

00:28:11,390 --> 00:28:09,360

and if we go even further back in

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00:28:13,970 --> 00:28:11,400

interviews Lou Elizondo has mentioned

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00:28:15,950 --> 00:28:13,980

Scrolls from ancient Rome the described

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00:28:19,029 --> 00:28:15,960

soldiers being accompanied into battle

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00:28:21,470 --> 00:28:19,039

by flying shields in the sky above them

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00:28:23,210 --> 00:28:21,480

interestingly Roman Shields at the time

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00:28:28,549 --> 00:28:23,220

looked a heck of a lot like modern day

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00:28:33,590 --> 00:28:30,649

so what does all of this mean

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00:28:35,330 --> 00:28:33,600

well for one it means that any attempt

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00:28:37,310 --> 00:28:35,340

that we make to draw a definitive Line

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00:28:40,390 --> 00:28:37,320

in the Sand as to when the UFO

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00:28:42,470 --> 00:28:40,400

phenomenon began is ultimately arbitrary

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00:28:44,390 --> 00:28:42,480

based on the evidence it seems

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00:28:46,850 --> 00:28:44,400

altogether likely that whatever the

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00:28:48,830 --> 00:28:46,860

nature of the UFO phenomenon this is a

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00:28:51,590 --> 00:28:48,840

reality that Humanity has been bumping

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00:28:54,169 --> 00:28:51,600

up against for thousands of years if not

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00:28:56,330 --> 00:28:54,179

since the very dawn of our species and

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00:28:59,330 --> 00:28:56,340

it also means that whatever the UFO

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00:29:01,730 --> 00:28:59,340

phenomenon is the answers are likely far

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00:29:04,130 --> 00:29:01,740

more complicated and far more strange

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00:29:06,169 --> 00:29:04,140

than we can anticipate because the

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00:29:07,850 --> 00:29:06,179

reality is that although we can point to

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00:29:10,490 --> 00:29:07,860

accounts throughout history of people

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00:29:12,289 --> 00:29:10,500

seeing strange things in the sky there

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00:29:14,090 --> 00:29:12,299

is no way that we found this far of

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00:29:16,850 --> 00:29:14,100

connecting those dots in a way that

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00:29:19,430 --> 00:29:16,860

forms any kind of a coherent narrative

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00:29:22,549 --> 00:29:19,440

so it's clear that the UFO narrative has

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00:29:24,830 --> 00:29:22,559

changed over time but why is the

800

00:29:26,450 --> 00:29:24,840

phenomenon itself changing is it the

801
00:29:28,909 --> 00:29:26,460
result of interactions with different

802
00:29:31,070 --> 00:29:28,919
groups or could there be factors that

803
00:29:32,810 --> 00:29:31,080
are skewing our perception causing us to

804
00:29:34,190 --> 00:29:32,820
view this one phenomenon differently

805
00:29:36,529 --> 00:29:34,200
over time

806
00:29:38,330 --> 00:29:36,539
it turns out that there are and as we

807
00:29:40,669 --> 00:29:38,340
attempt to remain objective about this

808
00:29:42,590 --> 00:29:40,679
topic it's extremely important that we

809
00:29:44,870 --> 00:29:42,600
have an awareness of the many factors

810
00:29:46,970 --> 00:29:44,880
and forces that have influenced and

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00:29:49,310 --> 00:29:46,980
continued to influence our perception of

812
00:29:50,990 --> 00:29:49,320
UFOs and their occupants one of the most

813
00:29:52,909 --> 00:29:51,000

obvious forces that shapes our

814

00:29:55,490 --> 00:29:52,919

perception of what we would Now call UFO

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00:29:57,830 --> 00:29:55,500

encounters is the cultural context and

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00:29:59,750 --> 00:29:57,840

expectations of the times but just

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00:30:01,370 --> 00:29:59,760

because it's obvious doesn't mean that

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00:30:03,769 --> 00:30:01,380

it's easy to unravel

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00:30:05,149 --> 00:30:03,779

what makes this topic so complex is that

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00:30:07,789 --> 00:30:05,159

we're dealing with something that we

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00:30:10,250 --> 00:30:07,799

fundamentally don't understand the

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00:30:12,649 --> 00:30:10,260

experience of a UFO encounter forces a

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00:30:14,750 --> 00:30:12,659

person to have to explain something for

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00:30:16,190 --> 00:30:14,760

which they have no real context and no

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00:30:18,169 --> 00:30:16,200

frame of reference

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00:30:20,029 --> 00:30:18,179

imagine if you had to explain to a

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00:30:22,310 --> 00:30:20,039

friend a totally new color that they had

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00:30:24,409 --> 00:30:22,320

never seen before where would you begin

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00:30:26,750 --> 00:30:24,419

you might be able to compare it to

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00:30:29,269 --> 00:30:26,760

certain things you could say it's more

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00:30:31,130 --> 00:30:29,279

red or more blue more like the first

832

00:30:33,289 --> 00:30:31,140

streaks of Sunrise or more like ocean

833

00:30:35,990 --> 00:30:33,299

foam but you wouldn't be able to

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00:30:37,490 --> 00:30:36,000

describe the color directly you would

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00:30:39,409 --> 00:30:37,500

never be able to put the right words

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00:30:41,149 --> 00:30:39,419

together in the right order to allow

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00:30:42,470 --> 00:30:41,159

your friend to have a direct experience

838

00:30:43,549 --> 00:30:42,480

of something that they'd never seen

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00:30:45,230 --> 00:30:43,559

before

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00:30:46,669 --> 00:30:45,240

whenever we're trying to describe

841

00:30:48,889 --> 00:30:46,679

something for which we don't have a

842

00:30:51,529 --> 00:30:48,899

shared understanding we're put into the

843

00:30:53,450 --> 00:30:51,539

role of the Storyteller no matter how

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00:30:55,250 --> 00:30:53,460

honest and objective we're attempting to

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00:30:57,710 --> 00:30:55,260

be in our description of a truly

846

00:30:59,269 --> 00:30:57,720

anomalous experience we're ultimately

847

00:31:01,190 --> 00:30:59,279

stuck with the only tools of

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00:31:03,830 --> 00:31:01,200

interpretation that are available to us

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00:31:05,510 --> 00:31:03,840

the myths memes and shared beliefs of

850

00:31:07,789 --> 00:31:05,520

our particular culture

851
00:31:10,130 --> 00:31:07,799
the ancient Romans saw shields in the

852
00:31:13,130 --> 00:31:10,140
sky the witnesses of the bizarre Airship

853
00:31:14,810 --> 00:31:13,140
flap of the 1890s saw Airborne craft

854
00:31:17,450 --> 00:31:14,820
that resembled the types of aircraft

855
00:31:19,789 --> 00:31:17,460
that were already being proposed like a

856
00:31:21,889 --> 00:31:19,799
concept car at a car show they offered a

857
00:31:23,990 --> 00:31:21,899
somewhat zany and over-the-top view of

858
00:31:25,610 --> 00:31:24,000
what the future might hold but it was a

859
00:31:28,250 --> 00:31:25,620
future that they could at least conceive

860
00:31:30,590 --> 00:31:28,260
of and at the moment the humanity began

861
00:31:32,750 --> 00:31:30,600
to take to the skies in Earnest we began

862
00:31:34,250 --> 00:31:32,760
to describe these strange objects as

863
00:31:36,590 --> 00:31:34,260

technological

864

00:31:38,389 --> 00:31:36,600

but as we recognize this there are a

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00:31:41,029 --> 00:31:38,399

couple of intellectual stumbling blocks

866

00:31:42,889 --> 00:31:41,039

that we need to avoid the first is that

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00:31:45,409 --> 00:31:42,899

we need to avoid the tendency to

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00:31:46,850 --> 00:31:45,419

privilege our current world view when we

869

00:31:48,950 --> 00:31:46,860

look at the case of the ancient Romans

870

00:31:50,990 --> 00:31:48,960

we immediately recognize that what they

871

00:31:53,570 --> 00:31:51,000

were seeing in the sky almost certainly

872

00:31:55,549 --> 00:31:53,580

weren't literal flying Shields that was

873

00:31:56,990 --> 00:31:55,559

just the most easily available metaphor

874

00:31:59,330 --> 00:31:57,000

for soldiers who were marching into

875

00:32:01,310 --> 00:31:59,340

battle but we shouldn't allow ourselves

876

00:32:03,110 --> 00:32:01,320

to recognize that without immediately

877

00:32:04,610 --> 00:32:03,120

holding our current world view in

878

00:32:06,769 --> 00:32:04,620

suspicion as well

879

00:32:09,590 --> 00:32:06,779

it's all too easy to fall into the Trap

880

00:32:11,510 --> 00:32:09,600

of assuming that UFOs are no more and no

881

00:32:12,889 --> 00:32:11,520

less than the technological objects that

882

00:32:15,649 --> 00:32:12,899

we've deemed them to be in our current

883

00:32:17,630 --> 00:32:15,659

Paradigm but as you dive into a further

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00:32:20,690 --> 00:32:17,640

exploration of what people who encounter

885

00:32:23,330 --> 00:32:20,700

UFOs actually describe which you find is

886

00:32:25,010 --> 00:32:23,340

a vast tapestry of phenomena only some

887

00:32:27,350 --> 00:32:25,020

of which sound like they fit into our

888

00:32:29,570 --> 00:32:27,360

cultural view of the UFO as a highly

889

00:32:31,730 --> 00:32:29,580

Advanced technological craft which

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00:32:34,310 --> 00:32:31,740

carries some kind of intelligent being

891

00:32:36,470 --> 00:32:34,320

yes some UFO sightings include what

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

appear to be solid craft with lights and

893

00:32:41,690 --> 00:32:39,059

rivets and even portholes but this is

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00:32:43,850 --> 00:32:41,700

hardly the norm for example much like

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00:32:46,549 --> 00:32:43,860

the World War II Foo Fighters many

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00:32:48,710 --> 00:32:46,559

people report seeing orbs or glowing

897

00:32:50,630 --> 00:32:48,720

balls of light in a wide variety of

898

00:32:53,090 --> 00:32:50,640

colors and ranging in size from a

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00:32:55,190 --> 00:32:53,100

bumblebee to a jetliner there's nothing

900

00:32:56,649 --> 00:32:55,200

about these sorts of UFOs that would

901
00:32:59,269 --> 00:32:56,659
lead us to believe that they are

902
00:33:00,950 --> 00:32:59,279
necessarily technological

903
00:33:03,110 --> 00:33:00,960
and even in the case of the famous

904
00:33:06,110 --> 00:33:03,120
Nimitz incident involving the Tic Tac

905
00:33:08,149 --> 00:33:06,120
that UFO was described as seamless with

906
00:33:10,370 --> 00:33:08,159
no discernible Flight Services or rivets

907
00:33:12,710 --> 00:33:10,380
and no visible means of propulsion

908
00:33:15,529 --> 00:33:12,720
strictly speaking nothing about this

909
00:33:17,149 --> 00:33:15,539
description is technological either we

910
00:33:18,889 --> 00:33:17,159
assume that what we're talking about is

911
00:33:21,049 --> 00:33:18,899
advanced technology because in our

912
00:33:23,269 --> 00:33:21,059
current Paradigm advanced technology is

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00:33:24,950 --> 00:33:23,279

the only thing that we know of that has

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00:33:27,470 --> 00:33:24,960

the ability to do things that otherwise

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00:33:29,450 --> 00:33:27,480

wouldn't be possible but to assume the

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00:33:31,909 --> 00:33:29,460

technology is the only explanation

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00:33:34,070 --> 00:33:31,919

overly privileges our worldview and

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00:33:36,169 --> 00:33:34,080

fails to recognize the one simple truth

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00:33:39,049 --> 00:33:36,179

that we can never abandon in our quest

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00:33:41,330 --> 00:33:39,059

to better understand UFOs that we don't

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00:33:42,950 --> 00:33:41,340

know what we don't know

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00:33:44,810 --> 00:33:42,960

and the other major intellectual

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00:33:47,450 --> 00:33:44,820

stumbling block that we need to avoid

924

00:33:49,430 --> 00:33:47,460

here is our tendency to reduce one idea

925

00:33:51,830 --> 00:33:49,440

to another and here's what I mean by

926
00:33:53,509 --> 00:33:51,840
that take for example some notable

927
00:33:55,730 --> 00:33:53,519
descriptions of angels in the Bible

928
00:33:58,490 --> 00:33:55,740
where they are described not as beatific

929
00:34:00,470 --> 00:33:58,500
blue-eyed humanoids with wings but as

930
00:34:02,630 --> 00:34:00,480
monstrous beings constructed of

931
00:34:04,310 --> 00:34:02,640
elaborate concentric spinning rings that

932
00:34:05,810 --> 00:34:04,320
are covered in eyes

933
00:34:08,570 --> 00:34:05,820
regardless of your religious

934
00:34:10,790 --> 00:34:08,580
affiliations or lack thereof I'd argue

935
00:34:12,349 --> 00:34:10,800
that there's value in noticing how a

936
00:34:14,869 --> 00:34:12,359
description like this could be referring

937
00:34:17,389 --> 00:34:14,879
to a UFO encounter this comparison

938
00:34:18,950 --> 00:34:17,399

suggests that ancient people may have

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00:34:20,750 --> 00:34:18,960

been aware of the same kinds of

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00:34:23,270 --> 00:34:20,760

anomalous aerial objects that people

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00:34:25,190 --> 00:34:23,280

report today and the descriptions of

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00:34:27,230 --> 00:34:25,200

angels could be their attempt to express

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00:34:28,970 --> 00:34:27,240

the unknown aspects of those Encounters

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00:34:31,070 --> 00:34:28,980

in words that would have been most

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00:34:33,230 --> 00:34:31,080

culturally relevant to the time

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00:34:35,089 --> 00:34:33,240

it's important to recognize that we

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00:34:37,490 --> 00:34:35,099

can't know for sure whether these two

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00:34:39,109 --> 00:34:37,500

things are correlated or not but it is

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00:34:41,329 --> 00:34:39,119

an interesting data point

950

00:34:43,310 --> 00:34:41,339

what we need to avoid however is our

951
00:34:46,310 --> 00:34:43,320
tendency to reduce one idea to the other

952
00:34:48,349 --> 00:34:46,320
even if we could somehow prove that what

953
00:34:50,990 --> 00:34:48,359
are described as angels in the Bible are

954
00:34:53,629 --> 00:34:51,000
the same thing as the UFO phenomenon we

955
00:34:55,909 --> 00:34:53,639
know that in all likelihood neither our

956
00:34:58,730 --> 00:34:55,919
current view of the UFO as a strictly

957
00:35:01,130 --> 00:34:58,740
technological craft nor the ancient view

958
00:35:04,190 --> 00:35:01,140
of the UFO as a metaphysical being or

959
00:35:05,990 --> 00:35:04,200
messenger of God are accurate they are

960
00:35:07,910 --> 00:35:06,000
interpretations that are deeply

961
00:35:09,230 --> 00:35:07,920
influenced by the cultural context in

962
00:35:11,030 --> 00:35:09,240
which they arose

963
00:35:13,069 --> 00:35:11,040

so we need to avoid the Instinct that

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00:35:15,290 --> 00:35:13,079

often arises when we begin to notice

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00:35:18,109 --> 00:35:15,300

connections like these to assume that

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00:35:20,150 --> 00:35:18,119

all UFOs are actually Angels or that

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00:35:23,569 --> 00:35:20,160

what ancient people described as angels

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00:35:26,450 --> 00:35:23,579

are all actually UFOs one idea isn't

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00:35:27,770 --> 00:35:26,460

reducible to the other at best they

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00:35:29,390 --> 00:35:27,780

represent two very different

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00:35:31,310 --> 00:35:29,400

perspectives on something that is

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00:35:33,470 --> 00:35:31,320

ultimately unfathomable

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00:35:35,210 --> 00:35:33,480

so to get closer to the truth about what

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00:35:37,730 --> 00:35:35,220

the UFO phenomenon might actually

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00:35:40,010 --> 00:35:37,740

represent we have to detach ourselves

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00:35:42,829 --> 00:35:40,020
from these labels and do our best to see

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00:35:44,990 --> 00:35:42,839
not just past them but through them

978
00:35:47,089 --> 00:35:45,000
this approach to understanding the UFO

979
00:35:48,710 --> 00:35:47,099
phenomenon reminds me of the Magic Eye

980
00:35:50,930 --> 00:35:48,720
books that I used to love when I was a

981
00:35:53,450 --> 00:35:50,940
kid if you looked at any page of the

982
00:35:55,250 --> 00:35:53,460
book it just looked like noise colors

983
00:35:57,410 --> 00:35:55,260
and shapes jumbled together in no

984
00:35:59,569 --> 00:35:57,420
discernible pattern but when you stop

985
00:36:02,089 --> 00:35:59,579
focusing on any particular part of the

986
00:36:03,589 --> 00:36:02,099
page when you're able to relax and taken

987
00:36:05,030 --> 00:36:03,599
the whole picture without trying to get

988
00:36:07,609 --> 00:36:05,040

it to resolve into anything in

989

00:36:10,010 --> 00:36:07,619

particular when you let your gaze soften

990

00:36:12,650 --> 00:36:10,020

and the colors begin to run together

991

00:36:15,230 --> 00:36:12,660

suddenly something new and unexpected

992

00:36:17,630 --> 00:36:15,240

begins to emerge you see a fully

993

00:36:20,390 --> 00:36:17,640

realized 3D shape popping out at you

994

00:36:22,250 --> 00:36:20,400

from what a moment ago was only noise

995

00:36:24,770 --> 00:36:22,260

and it works the same way with the UFO

996

00:36:26,870 --> 00:36:24,780

phenomenon if we try to look too closely

997

00:36:28,970 --> 00:36:26,880

at one particular piece of it or if we

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00:36:31,370 --> 00:36:28,980

try to make it fit into some idea in our

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00:36:34,069 --> 00:36:31,380

heads of what we think it should be the

1000

00:36:35,810 --> 00:36:34,079

result is only noise and confusion but

1001
00:36:37,490 --> 00:36:35,820
when we allow ourselves to take in the

1002
00:36:39,349 --> 00:36:37,500
whole picture without becoming too

1003
00:36:41,690 --> 00:36:39,359
attached to any particular part of it

1004
00:36:44,089 --> 00:36:41,700
when we look past what is most obvious

1005
00:36:45,770 --> 00:36:44,099
and allow ourselves to relax into the

1006
00:36:48,710 --> 00:36:45,780
unexpected patterns and shapes that

1007
00:36:50,870 --> 00:36:48,720
emerge we can begin to make some kind of

1008
00:36:52,849 --> 00:36:50,880
sense out of what we're seeing

1009
00:36:55,130 --> 00:36:52,859
another Major Force that has shaped our

1010
00:36:57,290 --> 00:36:55,140
perception of the UFO phenomenon is the

1011
00:36:59,089 --> 00:36:57,300
government it's very important to make

1012
00:37:00,710 --> 00:36:59,099
clear that there is very little that we

1013
00:37:03,650 --> 00:37:00,720

know for sure when it comes to the UFO

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00:37:05,750 --> 00:37:03,660

phenomenon but one thing that we do have

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00:37:08,150 --> 00:37:05,760

evidence to support Beyond A Reasonable

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00:37:10,670 --> 00:37:08,160

Doubt is that whatever the UFO

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00:37:13,190 --> 00:37:10,680

phenomenon is the government has been

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00:37:15,650 --> 00:37:13,200

lying to us about it from day one and

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00:37:18,410 --> 00:37:15,660

this pattern continues to this day

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00:37:20,329 --> 00:37:18,420

this isn't speculation or conspiracy

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00:37:22,069 --> 00:37:20,339

theory this is the only logical

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00:37:23,630 --> 00:37:22,079

conclusion that can be drawn from the

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00:37:25,490 --> 00:37:23,640

evidence available in official

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00:37:28,730 --> 00:37:25,500

government documents that the government

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00:37:30,530 --> 00:37:28,740

themselves have released to the public

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00:37:33,589 --> 00:37:30,540
let's take the example of the Roswell

1027
00:37:35,750 --> 00:37:33,599
crash in the years since 1947 the US

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00:37:38,390 --> 00:37:35,760
government has changed their story no

1029
00:37:40,490 --> 00:37:38,400
fewer than four times while the initial

1030
00:37:42,530 --> 00:37:40,500
press release from Roswell Army Airfield

1031
00:37:45,109 --> 00:37:42,540
claimed that they had recovered a flying

1032
00:37:47,089 --> 00:37:45,119
disc by the next day the official

1033
00:37:48,470 --> 00:37:47,099
explanation was that the crash debris

1034
00:37:51,290 --> 00:37:48,480
was actually from a downed weather

1035
00:37:52,910 --> 00:37:51,300
balloon years later it was blamed on a

1036
00:37:55,550 --> 00:37:52,920
high altitude device engaged in

1037
00:37:58,010 --> 00:37:55,560
monitoring Soviet weapons programs and

1038
00:38:00,349 --> 00:37:58,020

then much later it changed again to

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00:38:02,750 --> 00:38:00,359

dubiously include crash dummies that

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00:38:04,430 --> 00:38:02,760

were allegedly dropped nearby in some

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00:38:06,530 --> 00:38:04,440

kind of an unrelated training exercise

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00:38:07,550 --> 00:38:06,540

in order to account for the reports of

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00:38:10,490 --> 00:38:07,560

bodies

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00:38:11,990 --> 00:38:10,500

but we know for a fact that even as they

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00:38:14,390 --> 00:38:12,000

were explaining the events of Roswell

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00:38:17,150 --> 00:38:14,400

away the increasing reports of flying

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00:38:19,609 --> 00:38:17,160

discs in the summer of 1947 were being

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00:38:21,290 --> 00:38:19,619

taken very seriously at the highest

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00:38:24,470 --> 00:38:21,300

levels of our government

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00:38:27,230 --> 00:38:24,480

in September of 1947 two months after

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00:38:29,030 --> 00:38:27,240
Roswell General Nathan F twinning the

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00:38:32,030 --> 00:38:29,040
commander of the air material command

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00:38:35,030 --> 00:38:32,040
wrote in a now famous letter that flying

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00:38:37,490 --> 00:38:35,040
saucers are quote something real and not

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00:38:39,650 --> 00:38:37,500
Visionary or fictitious and that they

1056
00:38:41,870 --> 00:38:39,660
posed a risk to National Security that

1057
00:38:44,990 --> 00:38:41,880
needed to be taken seriously

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00:38:46,970 --> 00:38:45,000
by the end of 1947 the CIA had been

1059
00:38:49,130 --> 00:38:46,980
formed the Air Force was broken off into

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00:38:51,770 --> 00:38:49,140
its own branch of the army and project

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00:38:53,810 --> 00:38:51,780
sign which later became project Grudge

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00:38:56,569 --> 00:38:53,820
and then Project Blue Book had been

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00:38:58,910 --> 00:38:56,579

created to study the UFO phenomenon

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00:39:00,230 --> 00:38:58,920

so we have every indication that this

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00:39:03,230 --> 00:39:00,240

was something that the government was

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00:39:05,089 --> 00:39:03,240

taking very seriously even as they waved

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00:39:08,390 --> 00:39:05,099

it away with stories of weather balloons

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00:39:10,970 --> 00:39:08,400

and freak weather phenomena in the media

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00:39:13,130 --> 00:39:10,980

and speaking of project sign Grudge and

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00:39:14,990 --> 00:39:13,140

Blue Book it's pretty clear to anyone

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00:39:17,210 --> 00:39:15,000

taking the time to really look that

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00:39:19,190 --> 00:39:17,220

these programs were put in place not for

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00:39:21,410 --> 00:39:19,200

the purpose of actually studying the UFO

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00:39:23,390 --> 00:39:21,420

phenomenon but in order to manage the

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00:39:25,190 --> 00:39:23,400

perception of UFOs with the goal of

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00:39:26,150 --> 00:39:25,200
ultimately debunking their existence to

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00:39:28,790 --> 00:39:26,160
the public

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00:39:30,950 --> 00:39:28,800
we could spend hours digging into all of

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00:39:33,349 --> 00:39:30,960
the evidence to support that claim but

1080
00:39:35,450 --> 00:39:33,359
the most compelling and the most damning

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00:39:37,430 --> 00:39:35,460
evidence comes directly from the people

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00:39:40,430 --> 00:39:37,440
who were leading these programs

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00:39:41,990 --> 00:39:40,440
for example Edward J Rupel an officer in

1084
00:39:44,210 --> 00:39:42,000
the United States Air Force and the

1085
00:39:47,569 --> 00:39:44,220
director of Project Blue Book from 1951

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00:39:49,490 --> 00:39:47,579
to 1952 had several criticisms of the

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00:39:51,530 --> 00:39:49,500
government's handling of the project

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00:39:53,270 --> 00:39:51,540

repel felt that the Air Force was not

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00:39:55,910 --> 00:39:53,280

taking the investigation of UFOs

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00:39:58,069 --> 00:39:55,920

seriously enough he criticized the lack

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00:40:00,230 --> 00:39:58,079

of resources and Personnel dedicated to

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00:40:02,150 --> 00:40:00,240

the project and felt that the effort was

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00:40:03,829 --> 00:40:02,160

underfunded and understaffed for the

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00:40:05,810 --> 00:40:03,839

enormity of its mission

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00:40:08,030 --> 00:40:05,820

Rupel believed that the Air Force was

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00:40:10,730 --> 00:40:08,040

more interested in public relations and

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00:40:13,310 --> 00:40:10,740

debunking UFO reports than in conducting

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00:40:16,010 --> 00:40:13,320

a thorough and impartial investigation

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00:40:18,650 --> 00:40:16,020

in his 1956 book the report on

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00:40:20,089 --> 00:40:18,660

unidentified flying objects rupelt

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00:40:22,069 --> 00:40:20,099

criticized the government for its

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00:40:24,530 --> 00:40:22,079

dismissive attitude toward many UFO

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00:40:26,390 --> 00:40:24,540

sightings he argued that the Air Force

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00:40:28,910 --> 00:40:26,400

often rushed to explain away sightings

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00:40:31,609 --> 00:40:28,920

with insufficient evidence and failed to

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00:40:33,770 --> 00:40:31,619

thoroughly investigate many cases he

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00:40:35,390 --> 00:40:33,780

also criticized the official policy of

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00:40:37,970 --> 00:40:35,400

debunking sightings as a matter of

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00:40:39,890 --> 00:40:37,980

course regardless of the evidence and

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00:40:41,990 --> 00:40:39,900

felt that this policy was undermining

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00:40:43,190 --> 00:40:42,000

The credibility of the Air Force and the

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00:40:45,589 --> 00:40:43,200

U.S government

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00:40:47,390 --> 00:40:45,599

RuPaul also criticized the lack of

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00:40:50,030 --> 00:40:47,400

scientific rigor in the investigations

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00:40:51,890 --> 00:40:50,040

he felt that the Air Force was not using

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00:40:54,109 --> 00:40:51,900

the best available scientific methods

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00:40:56,750 --> 00:40:54,119

and expertise to analyze the data and

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00:40:58,790 --> 00:40:56,760

evidence from UFO sightings he argued

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00:41:01,490 --> 00:40:58,800

for a more open and scientific approach

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00:41:03,470 --> 00:41:01,500

to the investigation of UFOs including

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00:41:06,170 --> 00:41:03,480

the use of external experts in the

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00:41:08,150 --> 00:41:06,180

publication of data and findings another

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00:41:11,150 --> 00:41:08,160

notable Project Blue Book participant

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00:41:13,790 --> 00:41:11,160

who later became a detractor was Dr J

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00:41:15,650 --> 00:41:13,800

Allen heineck heineck was an astronomer

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00:41:19,970 --> 00:41:15,660

and Scientific Advisor to Project Blue

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00:41:21,770 --> 00:41:19,980

Book from 1952 until its end in 1969 and

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00:41:23,329 --> 00:41:21,780

he had several criticisms of the project

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00:41:25,430 --> 00:41:23,339

and the government's approach to

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00:41:27,890 --> 00:41:25,440

investigating UFO sightings

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00:41:30,050 --> 00:41:27,900

heinek began as a skeptic helping the

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00:41:32,690 --> 00:41:30,060

U.S Air Force debunk numerous UFO

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00:41:35,150 --> 00:41:32,700

sightings in fact he is the originator

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00:41:37,490 --> 00:41:35,160

of the infamous swamp gas explanation

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00:41:39,310 --> 00:41:37,500

and laid the groundwork for many of the

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00:41:42,890 --> 00:41:39,320

debunking techniques still used today

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00:41:45,170 --> 00:41:42,900

but over time his views evolved both due

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00:41:47,270 --> 00:41:45,180

to the strength of the evidence and his

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00:41:50,030 --> 00:41:47,280

growing concern about several aspects of

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00:41:51,890 --> 00:41:50,040

Project Blue Book his main concern was

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00:41:54,770 --> 00:41:51,900

the lack of scientific rigor in the

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00:41:56,390 --> 00:41:54,780

investigations like rupelp he also

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00:41:58,430 --> 00:41:56,400

believed that the Air Force often

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00:42:00,829 --> 00:41:58,440

dismissed UFO sightings prematurely

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00:42:03,890 --> 00:42:00,839

without conducting thorough scientific

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00:42:05,930 --> 00:42:03,900

investigations moreover he criticized

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00:42:07,790 --> 00:42:05,940

the absence of specialized scientific

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00:42:10,250 --> 00:42:07,800

Personnel on the project

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00:42:12,170 --> 00:42:10,260

heineck also voiced criticism over what

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00:42:15,050 --> 00:42:12,180

he perceived as the Project's primary

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00:42:17,210 --> 00:42:15,060
goal debunking UFO sightings to quell

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00:42:19,190 --> 00:42:17,220
public anxiety rather than thoroughly

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00:42:21,410 --> 00:42:19,200
investigating each incident

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00:42:24,109 --> 00:42:21,420
this approach in his view was

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00:42:25,670 --> 00:42:24,119
fundamentally unscientific and led to

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00:42:27,950 --> 00:42:25,680
the dismissal of sightings that couldn't

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00:42:29,870 --> 00:42:27,960
be easily explained another point of

1158
00:42:31,430 --> 00:42:29,880
contention for heinek was the disregard

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00:42:33,530 --> 00:42:31,440
for credible Witnesses and physical

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00:42:35,810 --> 00:42:33,540
evidence associated with the UFO

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00:42:37,490 --> 00:42:35,820
sightings he believed this approach

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00:42:40,069 --> 00:42:37,500
undermined the Integrity of the

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00:42:41,630 --> 00:42:40,079

investigations and dismissed potentially

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00:42:44,030 --> 00:42:41,640

valuable data

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00:42:46,310 --> 00:42:44,040

finally heineck criticized the limited

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00:42:47,870 --> 00:42:46,320

scope of Project Blue Book he argued

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00:42:49,849 --> 00:42:47,880

that the project didn't adequately

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00:42:52,609 --> 00:42:49,859

consider the larger implications of the

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00:42:54,349 --> 00:42:52,619

UFO phenomenon and lacked ambition in

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00:42:55,910 --> 00:42:54,359

its attempts to explain it

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00:42:57,710 --> 00:42:55,920

though he had once been a skeptic

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00:42:59,990 --> 00:42:57,720

following the end of Project Blue Book

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00:43:03,410 --> 00:43:00,000

heinek's criticisms led him to establish

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00:43:04,970 --> 00:43:03,420

the center for UFO studies in 1973.

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00:43:06,829 --> 00:43:04,980

he was a friend and frequent

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00:43:09,950 --> 00:43:06,839
collaborator of The Godfather of modern

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00:43:11,690 --> 00:43:09,960
ufology Jacques filet and was a valued

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00:43:15,349 --> 00:43:11,700
researcher and contributor within the

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00:43:17,390 --> 00:43:15,359
UFO Community until his death in 1986.

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00:43:19,430 --> 00:43:17,400
in an interview a year before his death

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00:43:22,670 --> 00:43:19,440
when asked what caused his change of

1182
00:43:25,609 --> 00:43:22,680
opinion on UFOs heineck responded quote

1183
00:43:27,829 --> 00:43:25,619
two things really one was the completely

1184
00:43:30,230 --> 00:43:27,839
negative and unyielding attitude of the

1185
00:43:32,030 --> 00:43:30,240
Air Force they wouldn't give UFOs the

1186
00:43:33,530 --> 00:43:32,040
chance of existing even if they were

1187
00:43:34,670 --> 00:43:33,540
flying up and down the street in broad

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00:43:37,490 --> 00:43:34,680

daylight

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00:43:39,170 --> 00:43:37,500

everything had to have an explanation I

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00:43:41,390 --> 00:43:39,180

began to resent that even though I

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00:43:42,530 --> 00:43:41,400

basically felt the same way because I

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00:43:44,750 --> 00:43:42,540

still thought that they weren't going

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00:43:46,370 --> 00:43:44,760

about it in the right way you can't

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00:43:47,450 --> 00:43:46,380

assume that everything is black no

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00:43:49,609 --> 00:43:47,460

matter what

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00:43:51,530 --> 00:43:49,619

secondly the caliber of the witnesses

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00:43:53,150 --> 00:43:51,540

began to trouble me quite a few

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00:43:55,670 --> 00:43:53,160

instances were reported by military

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00:43:58,010 --> 00:43:55,680

Pilots for example and I knew them to be

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00:44:00,170 --> 00:43:58,020

fairly well trained so this is when I

1201
00:44:02,150 --> 00:44:00,180
first began to think that well maybe

1202
00:44:03,230 --> 00:44:02,160
there was something to all this end

1203
00:44:05,930 --> 00:44:03,240
quote

1204
00:44:08,210 --> 00:44:05,940
so from both rupelt and heineck we're

1205
00:44:10,069 --> 00:44:08,220
getting more or less the same story and

1206
00:44:12,890 --> 00:44:10,079
we see the same pattern emerge again

1207
00:44:14,390 --> 00:44:12,900
when Luis Elizondo former director of

1208
00:44:17,270 --> 00:44:14,400
the advanced Aerospace threat

1209
00:44:19,670 --> 00:44:17,280
identification program or atip resigned

1210
00:44:22,130 --> 00:44:19,680
from his position in protest in 2017.

1211
00:44:23,870 --> 00:44:22,140
here is what he said in his letter to

1212
00:44:25,730 --> 00:44:23,880
former Secretary of Defense General

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00:44:28,550 --> 00:44:25,740

James Mattis

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00:44:30,290 --> 00:44:28,560

Mr secretary it has been my sincere

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00:44:31,910 --> 00:44:30,300

honor and pleasure to have served with

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00:44:35,329 --> 00:44:31,920

some of America's Finest men and women

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00:44:37,430 --> 00:44:35,339

in both peacetime and in war for over 22

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00:44:40,069 --> 00:44:37,440

years I have been blessed to learn from

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00:44:42,349 --> 00:44:40,079

and work with world-class leadership you

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00:44:44,510 --> 00:44:42,359

certainly being among the very best

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00:44:46,250 --> 00:44:44,520

with that in mind bureaucratic

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00:44:48,170 --> 00:44:46,260

challenges and inflexible mindsets

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00:44:50,270 --> 00:44:48,180

continue to plague the department at all

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00:44:52,130 --> 00:44:50,280

levels this is particularly true

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00:44:54,710 --> 00:44:52,140

regarding the controversial topic of

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00:44:56,329 --> 00:44:54,720
anomalous Aerospace threats despite

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00:44:58,550 --> 00:44:56,339
overwhelming evidence at both the

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00:45:00,650 --> 00:44:58,560
unclassified and classified levels

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00:45:02,750 --> 00:45:00,660
certain individuals in the department

1230
00:45:04,670 --> 00:45:02,760
remain staunchly opposed to further

1231
00:45:06,829 --> 00:45:04,680
research on what could be a tactical

1232
00:45:09,410 --> 00:45:06,839
threat to our Pilots sailors and

1233
00:45:11,569 --> 00:45:09,420
soldiers and perhaps even an existential

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00:45:14,270 --> 00:45:11,579
threat to our national security

1235
00:45:15,829 --> 00:45:14,280
in many instances there seems to be a

1236
00:45:18,050 --> 00:45:15,839
direct correlation the phenomena

1237
00:45:19,930 --> 00:45:18,060
exhibits with respect to our nuclear and

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00:45:22,010 --> 00:45:19,940

Military capabilities

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00:45:23,750 --> 00:45:22,020

underestimating or ignoring these

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00:45:25,910 --> 00:45:23,760

potential threats is not in the best

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00:45:28,430 --> 00:45:25,920

interest of the department no matter the

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00:45:30,290 --> 00:45:28,440

level of political contention there

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00:45:32,569 --> 00:45:30,300

remains a vital need to ascertain

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00:45:34,910 --> 00:45:32,579

capability and intent of these phenomena

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00:45:37,309 --> 00:45:34,920

for the benefit of the Armed Forces the

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00:45:42,349 --> 00:45:39,349

for this reason effective the 4th of

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00:45:43,910 --> 00:45:42,359

October 2017 I humbly submit my

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00:45:45,550 --> 00:45:43,920

resignation in hopes that it will

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00:45:48,230 --> 00:45:45,560

encourage you to ask the hard questions

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00:45:50,210 --> 00:45:48,240

who else knows what are their

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00:45:52,730 --> 00:45:50,220
capabilities and why are we spending

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00:45:54,530 --> 00:45:52,740
more time and effort on the issue as I

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00:45:56,510 --> 00:45:54,540
transition to a new chapter of my life

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00:45:58,190 --> 00:45:56,520
please know that it has been an honor

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00:46:00,410 --> 00:45:58,200
and privilege of a lifetime to serve

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00:46:02,750 --> 00:46:00,420
with you rest assured no matter where

1257
00:46:04,609 --> 00:46:02,760
the path of my life may lead me I will

1258
00:46:06,650 --> 00:46:04,619
always have the best interest at the

1259
00:46:08,630 --> 00:46:06,660
department and the American people as my

1260
00:46:10,430 --> 00:46:08,640
guiding principle

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00:46:12,950 --> 00:46:10,440
something that's important to point out

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00:46:15,589 --> 00:46:12,960
is that what is being both alleged and

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00:46:17,089 --> 00:46:15,599

alluded to here in elizondo's letter as

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00:46:19,550 --> 00:46:17,099

well as in RuPaul's and heineck's

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00:46:21,170 --> 00:46:19,560

criticism of Project Blue Book is very

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00:46:23,270 --> 00:46:21,180

much aligned with what has been alleged

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00:46:24,589 --> 00:46:23,280

by UFO whistleblower David Crush in

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00:46:27,589 --> 00:46:24,599

recent days

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00:46:29,870 --> 00:46:27,599

established in 2020 the UAP task force

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00:46:31,970 --> 00:46:29,880

is a program in the same lineage as atip

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00:46:33,650 --> 00:46:31,980

and project sign Grudge and Blue Book

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00:46:36,710 --> 00:46:33,660

whose stated mission was the

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00:46:38,390 --> 00:46:36,720

investigation of UFOs grush served as a

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00:46:42,050 --> 00:46:38,400

member and Lead investigator on this

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00:46:44,930 --> 00:46:42,060

task force in 2021 and 2022 and like

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00:46:47,150 --> 00:46:44,940

Elizondo heinek and Rupel before him was

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00:46:50,030 --> 00:46:47,160

a skeptic who became persuaded the UFO

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00:46:51,470 --> 00:46:50,040

phenomenon was both real and posed a

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00:46:54,530 --> 00:46:51,480

credible and Urgent threat to National

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00:46:56,270 --> 00:46:54,540

Security and like his predecessors he

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00:46:57,650 --> 00:46:56,280

alleges that he was not given the

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00:47:00,230 --> 00:46:57,660

resources that were needed to

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00:47:01,790 --> 00:47:00,240

effectively engage with a task at hand

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00:47:03,589 --> 00:47:01,800

but there's one particular line in

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00:47:05,390 --> 00:47:03,599

elizondo's resignation letter that

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00:47:07,910 --> 00:47:05,400

should stand out to us in the context of

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00:47:10,970 --> 00:47:07,920

grush's recent claims which is where he

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00:47:12,470 --> 00:47:10,980

says I humbly submit my resignation and

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00:47:15,290 --> 00:47:12,480

hopes it will encourage you to ask the

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00:47:17,210 --> 00:47:15,300

hard questions who else knows what are

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00:47:18,530 --> 00:47:17,220

their capabilities and why aren't we

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00:47:19,670 --> 00:47:18,540

spending more time and effort on the

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00:47:21,470 --> 00:47:19,680

issue

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00:47:23,450 --> 00:47:21,480

given that this letter was addressed

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00:47:25,490 --> 00:47:23,460

directly to former Secretary of Defense

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00:47:27,650 --> 00:47:25,500

General James Mattis the clear

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00:47:30,230 --> 00:47:27,660

implications here are that Elizondo

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00:47:32,770 --> 00:47:30,240

believes that one someone else in the

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00:47:36,490 --> 00:47:32,780

Department of Defense knows about UFOs

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00:47:39,650 --> 00:47:36,500

and two the Secretary of Defense doesn't

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00:47:41,210 --> 00:47:39,660

that in and of itself is stunning but

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00:47:44,030 --> 00:47:41,220

another thing that stands out to me here

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00:47:45,770 --> 00:47:44,040

is the sentence structure Elizondo says

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00:47:48,349 --> 00:47:45,780

that he hopes his resignation Spurs

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00:47:50,210 --> 00:47:48,359

Mattis to ask these three questions who

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00:47:51,710 --> 00:47:50,220

else knows what are their capabilities

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00:47:53,210 --> 00:47:51,720

and why are we spending more time and

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00:47:55,670 --> 00:47:53,220

effort on the issue

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00:47:58,550 --> 00:47:55,680

maybe I'm just being a stickler here but

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00:48:01,010 --> 00:47:58,560

it's not obvious who they is in their

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00:48:02,809 --> 00:48:01,020

capabilities I think in the past I just

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00:48:05,510 --> 00:48:02,819

skimmed right past that part assuming

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00:48:07,309 --> 00:48:05,520

that he met the capabilities of uaps

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00:48:10,250 --> 00:48:07,319

but on a certain level that doesn't even

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00:48:12,770 --> 00:48:10,260

make sense Elizondo has publicly shared

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00:48:15,710 --> 00:48:12,780

things like the five observables of uaps

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00:48:18,050 --> 00:48:15,720

which include anti-gravity instantaneous

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00:48:20,809 --> 00:48:18,060

acceleration Hypersonic speeds without

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00:48:23,450 --> 00:48:20,819

signatures low observability and trans

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00:48:25,370 --> 00:48:23,460

medium travel and he's also publicly

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00:48:27,829 --> 00:48:25,380

acknowledged that UFOs have done things

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00:48:29,990 --> 00:48:27,839

like power down nuclear reactors which

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00:48:32,510 --> 00:48:30,000

he also alludes to in this letter

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00:48:35,089 --> 00:48:32,520

so while we may not know every single

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00:48:36,950 --> 00:48:35,099

thing that uaps can do I think we can

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00:48:39,170 --> 00:48:36,960

assume that we actually do know quite a

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00:48:42,050 --> 00:48:39,180

bit about what they can do even if the

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00:48:44,150 --> 00:48:42,060

details on how they do it may elude us

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00:48:46,309 --> 00:48:44,160

but it seems weird that the capabilities

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00:48:48,470 --> 00:48:46,319

of uaps would be among the hard

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00:48:50,870 --> 00:48:48,480

questions that Elizondo hoped the

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00:48:52,370 --> 00:48:50,880

General Mattis would ask himself and the

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00:48:55,370 --> 00:48:52,380

sentence actually makes more sense if

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00:48:57,950 --> 00:48:55,380

read another way as in who else knows

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00:48:59,630 --> 00:48:57,960

and what are their capabilities as in

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00:49:01,670 --> 00:48:59,640

the people who know

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00:49:03,650 --> 00:49:01,680

admittedly I might be reading too much

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00:49:05,750 --> 00:49:03,660

into that there's no way to know for

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00:49:08,210 --> 00:49:05,760

sure what Elizondo intended here unless

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00:49:10,670 --> 00:49:08,220

he tells us I just find it interesting

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00:49:13,250 --> 00:49:10,680

but what is clear from looking at the

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00:49:15,109 --> 00:49:13,260

Historical programs for studying UFOs is

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00:49:17,089 --> 00:49:15,119

that according to many of the very

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00:49:19,550 --> 00:49:17,099

intelligence officials who ran them

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00:49:21,530 --> 00:49:19,560

these programs were never adequately

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00:49:23,390 --> 00:49:21,540

funded or supported and even more

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00:49:24,710 --> 00:49:23,400

shocking they likely weren't given all

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00:49:27,890 --> 00:49:24,720

the information that would have been

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00:49:29,930 --> 00:49:27,900

collected about uaps their main purpose

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00:49:33,230 --> 00:49:29,940

seems to have been perception management

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00:49:34,970 --> 00:49:33,240

both internally and externally and we

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00:49:37,010 --> 00:49:34,980

can see this even today with the latest

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00:49:39,470 --> 00:49:37,020

incarnation of a government office for

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00:49:41,829 --> 00:49:39,480

investigating uaps the all-domain

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00:49:44,329 --> 00:49:41,839

anomaly resolution office or Arrow

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00:49:46,609 --> 00:49:44,339

internal documents have shown that while

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00:49:48,710 --> 00:49:46,619

arrows spent a mere one hundred thousand

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00:49:52,370 --> 00:49:48,720

dollars of its budget to fund a NASA

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00:49:55,190 --> 00:49:52,380

investigation into uaps another 1.9

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00:49:56,329 --> 00:49:55,200

million was spent on PR in perception

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00:49:58,730 --> 00:49:56,339

management

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00:50:00,890 --> 00:49:58,740

just as before the government seems to

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00:50:03,230 --> 00:50:00,900

be more invested in making a show of

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00:50:04,970 --> 00:50:03,240

investigating UFOs than an actually

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00:50:07,010 --> 00:50:04,980

investigating them

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00:50:08,690 --> 00:50:07,020

I could go on about the many various

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00:50:10,790 --> 00:50:08,700

ways that the government has worked to

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00:50:13,849 --> 00:50:10,800

manage the perception of UFOs on every

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00:50:15,230 --> 00:50:13,859

level both internally and externally we

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00:50:17,690 --> 00:50:15,240

don't have time to go into that whole

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00:50:19,609 --> 00:50:17,700

story in this episode but they've also

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00:50:22,430 --> 00:50:19,619

orchestrated elaborate disinformation

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00:50:24,950 --> 00:50:22,440

campaigns within the UFO Community which

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00:50:26,450 --> 00:50:24,960

have destroyed lives and careers if

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00:50:28,609 --> 00:50:26,460

you'd like to learn more about that you

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00:50:31,910 --> 00:50:28,619

can go back to episode 13 and start

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00:50:33,950 --> 00:50:31,920

around the 53 minute Mark or I highly

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00:50:36,050 --> 00:50:33,960

recommend the book project beta the

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00:50:39,109 --> 00:50:36,060

story of Paul benowitz National Security

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00:50:41,150 --> 00:50:39,119

and the creation of a modern UFO myth by

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00:50:43,309 --> 00:50:41,160

researcher and author Greg Bishop

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00:50:45,109 --> 00:50:43,319

another factor that inevitably ends up

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00:50:47,450 --> 00:50:45,119

shaping our perception of the UFO

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00:50:50,030 --> 00:50:47,460

phenomenon is the media

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00:50:51,890 --> 00:50:50,040

the serious study of a topic of UFOs has

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00:50:54,290 --> 00:50:51,900

been heavily stigmatized in our culture

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00:50:56,150 --> 00:50:54,300

and as a result the sole source of

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00:50:58,549 --> 00:50:56,160

information that most people have on the

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00:50:59,809 --> 00:50:58,559

subject is how it's portrayed in media

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00:51:02,390 --> 00:50:59,819

and entertainment

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00:51:04,970 --> 00:51:02,400

and this isn't even necessarily a bad or

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00:51:07,430 --> 00:51:04,980

nefarious thing in many ways it's just

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00:51:09,049 --> 00:51:07,440

how things are but we still need to be

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00:51:11,030 --> 00:51:09,059

aware of the ways in which these

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00:51:13,250 --> 00:51:11,040

portrayals in the media can help form

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00:51:15,589 --> 00:51:13,260

default assumptions that we have about

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00:51:18,290 --> 00:51:15,599

the phenomenon which may be overly

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00:51:20,630 --> 00:51:18,300

biased or entirely incorrect

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00:51:22,430 --> 00:51:20,640

for example as we've discussed most

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00:51:24,890 --> 00:51:22,440

people have a very binary approach to

1401
00:51:27,349 --> 00:51:24,900
the UFO phenomenon either it's something

1402
00:51:29,210 --> 00:51:27,359
entirely prosaic and explainable whether

1403
00:51:32,390 --> 00:51:29,220
that be secret black budget human Tech

1404
00:51:35,030 --> 00:51:32,400
or a mass delusion or it's aliens coming

1405
00:51:36,530 --> 00:51:35,040
here in a spaceship from another galaxy

1406
00:51:38,809 --> 00:51:36,540
and the reason that most people think

1407
00:51:40,670 --> 00:51:38,819
that way is because those are the only

1408
00:51:44,030 --> 00:51:40,680
explanations that have ever really been

1409
00:51:47,630 --> 00:51:44,040
presented to them in movies UFOs equal

1410
00:51:49,250 --> 00:51:47,640
spacecraft equal aliens period it's rare

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00:51:51,109 --> 00:51:49,260
to see a film deal with the phenomenon

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00:51:54,109 --> 00:51:51,119
in a way that meaningfully challenges

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00:51:55,490 --> 00:51:54,119

that paradigm the reality is that when

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00:51:56,870 --> 00:51:55,500

we look at the vast array of

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00:51:59,329 --> 00:51:56,880

entertainment media that has been

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00:52:01,309 --> 00:51:59,339

created about the UFO phenomenon the

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00:52:03,349 --> 00:52:01,319

majority Bears very little resemblance

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00:52:06,710 --> 00:52:03,359

to the experiences the people actually

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00:52:08,569 --> 00:52:06,720

report having with UFOs and the enormity

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00:52:10,670 --> 00:52:08,579

of this disconnect is something that has

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00:52:12,770 --> 00:52:10,680

led many to question whether or not the

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00:52:15,530 --> 00:52:12,780

misrepresentation of the UFO phenomenon

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00:52:17,450 --> 00:52:15,540

might actually be intentional

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00:52:20,569 --> 00:52:17,460

and there's a level to which we almost

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00:52:22,010 --> 00:52:20,579

have to assume that it is in short we

1426
00:52:24,170 --> 00:52:22,020
know that the government has not been

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00:52:25,490 --> 00:52:24,180
honest with us about UFOs and we also

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00:52:28,250 --> 00:52:25,500
know that the government has used the

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00:52:31,549 --> 00:52:28,260
media to sway our opinions about UFOs

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00:52:33,950 --> 00:52:31,559
for example in July 1952 in a series of

1431
00:52:36,349 --> 00:52:33,960
incidents over multiple days at least 10

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00:52:38,270 --> 00:52:36,359
glowing UFOs were seen by countless

1433
00:52:41,390 --> 00:52:38,280
people in the skies above the White

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00:52:43,849 --> 00:52:41,400
House and the U.S Capitol Building at

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00:52:46,130 --> 00:52:43,859
one point for six straight hours and

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00:52:47,569 --> 00:52:46,140
were trapped on radar at Washington DC's

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00:52:49,609 --> 00:52:47,579
National Airport

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00:52:51,530 --> 00:52:49,619

fighter jets were scrambled but each

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00:52:53,270 --> 00:52:51,540

time they got close to the UFOs they

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00:52:55,549 --> 00:52:53,280

disappeared or took off its beads that

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00:52:57,710 --> 00:52:55,559

made them impossible to chase the

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00:53:00,049 --> 00:52:57,720

incident was Front Page News around the

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00:53:01,010 --> 00:53:00,059

globe and even President Truman demanded

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00:53:03,349 --> 00:53:01,020

answers

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00:53:05,750 --> 00:53:03,359

in order to spin this narrative the

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00:53:07,430 --> 00:53:05,760

government relied upon the media in the

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00:53:09,770 --> 00:53:07,440

biggest press conference since World War

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00:53:12,309 --> 00:53:09,780

II U.S Air Force director of

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00:53:14,630 --> 00:53:12,319

intelligence Major General John Sanford

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00:53:16,250 --> 00:53:14,640

dismissed these incredible events as

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00:53:19,069 --> 00:53:16,260

nothing more than freak weather

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00:53:21,170 --> 00:53:19,079

phenomena and yet just three months

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00:53:23,210 --> 00:53:21,180

later the cia's assistant director of

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00:53:25,849 --> 00:53:23,220

scientific intelligence wrote The

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00:53:28,910 --> 00:53:25,859

Following in a now Declassified memo

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00:53:30,470 --> 00:53:28,920

quote flying saucers pose two elements

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00:53:33,410 --> 00:53:30,480

of danger which have National Security

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00:53:35,450 --> 00:53:33,420

implications the first involves Mass

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00:53:37,549 --> 00:53:35,460

psychological considerations and the

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00:53:39,770 --> 00:53:37,559

second concerns the vulnerability of the

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00:53:42,589 --> 00:53:39,780

United States to Air Attack

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00:53:45,710 --> 00:53:42,599

so whatever happened in Washington DC in

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00:53:47,150 --> 00:53:45,720

1952 what's clear is that The Narrative

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00:53:49,250 --> 00:53:47,160

of the government was pushing to the

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00:53:51,109 --> 00:53:49,260

public through the media was not at all

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00:53:54,650 --> 00:53:51,119

a reflection of what was going on behind

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00:53:56,990 --> 00:53:54,660

the scenes and we see this again in 1997

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00:53:59,329 --> 00:53:57,000

when a large v-shaped craft was reported

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00:54:01,549 --> 00:53:59,339

over Phoenix Arizona this craft was

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00:54:04,370 --> 00:54:01,559

visible over a large geographical area

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00:54:06,170 --> 00:54:04,380

and was witnessed and even filmed by

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00:54:08,390 --> 00:54:06,180

thousands of people from all walks of

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00:54:10,970 --> 00:54:08,400

life including Pilots police officers

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00:54:12,290 --> 00:54:10,980

and civilians from Vantage points all

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00:54:14,630 --> 00:54:12,300

around the city

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00:54:16,670 --> 00:54:14,640

in this instance the then governor of

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00:54:18,950 --> 00:54:16,680

Phoenix Fife simmington held a press

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00:54:21,109 --> 00:54:18,960

conference minimizing and making light

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00:54:23,329 --> 00:54:21,119

of the incident in which an aide came on

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00:54:25,309 --> 00:54:23,339

stage wearing an alien costume

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00:54:27,710 --> 00:54:25,319

witnesses to these events immediately

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00:54:30,230 --> 00:54:27,720

voiced their outrage at simmington and

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00:54:32,329 --> 00:54:30,240

although he years later expressed regret

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00:54:34,609 --> 00:54:32,339

for the press conference stunt and even

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00:54:37,370 --> 00:54:34,619

admitted to seeing the craft himself and

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00:54:39,170 --> 00:54:37,380

believing it to be otherworldly the

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00:54:41,390 --> 00:54:39,180

damage that that press conference did to

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00:54:43,609 --> 00:54:41,400

The credibility of witnesses had already

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00:54:45,170 --> 00:54:43,619

been done and besides just using the

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00:54:47,450 --> 00:54:45,180

media to help spin a particular

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00:54:49,190 --> 00:54:47,460

narrative to the public we have evidence

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00:54:51,049 --> 00:54:49,200

that the government has often worked to

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00:54:52,970 --> 00:54:51,059

disseminate information through the

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00:54:54,470 --> 00:54:52,980

media in much more secretive and

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

coordinated ways

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00:54:59,210 --> 00:54:57,059

in 1970 the church committee which was

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00:55:01,549 --> 00:54:59,220

investigating intelligence abuses within

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00:55:03,970 --> 00:55:01,559

the government uncovered evidence of a

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00:55:06,290 --> 00:55:03,980

program called operation Mockingbird

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operation Mockingbird was a covert

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00:55:11,329 --> 00:55:08,640
operation conducted by the CIA during

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00:55:13,069 --> 00:55:11,339
the Cold War era the operation was said

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00:55:15,410 --> 00:55:13,079
to involve the manipulation and control

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00:55:17,690 --> 00:55:15,420
of various media outlets and journalists

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00:55:19,910 --> 00:55:17,700
to disseminate propaganda and shape

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00:55:21,589 --> 00:55:19,920
public opinion both domestically and

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00:55:23,510 --> 00:55:21,599
internationally

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00:55:25,309 --> 00:55:23,520
there's evidence that the CIA had

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00:55:26,690 --> 00:55:25,319
potentially hundreds of journalists

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00:55:28,790 --> 00:55:26,700
working for them as a part of this

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00:55:31,069 --> 00:55:28,800
operation and that they were funding

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00:55:33,109 --> 00:55:31,079
everything from student organizations to

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00:55:35,870 --> 00:55:33,119

magazines in order to help shape public

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00:55:37,549 --> 00:55:35,880

opinion on various sensitive topics

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00:55:39,230 --> 00:55:37,559

and while nothing definitive ever

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00:55:41,210 --> 00:55:39,240

emerged with regard to operation

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00:55:43,609 --> 00:55:41,220

Mockingbird and the public perception of

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00:55:45,290 --> 00:55:43,619

UFOs given the government's commitment

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00:55:48,170 --> 00:55:45,300

to muddying the waters on the UFO

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00:55:49,910 --> 00:55:48,180

phenomenon over decades it seems likely

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00:55:51,650 --> 00:55:49,920

that more aggressive tactics like these

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00:55:53,870 --> 00:55:51,660

were used as well

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00:55:56,089 --> 00:55:53,880

yet while there is significant evidence

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00:55:58,130 --> 00:55:56,099

to suggest that the misrepresentation of

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00:56:00,589 --> 00:55:58,140

the UFO phenomenon in the media has been

1526
00:56:03,170 --> 00:56:00,599
intentional I'd argue that that isn't

1527
00:56:04,849 --> 00:56:03,180
the entire story many of the distortions

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00:56:07,010 --> 00:56:04,859
and how the media represents the

1529
00:56:09,170 --> 00:56:07,020
phenomenon are just a function of how

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00:56:12,049 --> 00:56:09,180
the media fundamentally works

1531
00:56:14,089 --> 00:56:12,059
for instance in his 1977 film Close

1532
00:56:16,370 --> 00:56:14,099
Encounters of the Third Kind Steven

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00:56:18,349 --> 00:56:16,380
Spielberg actually did a fairly good job

1534
00:56:20,809 --> 00:56:18,359
of showing some of the weirder aspects

1535
00:56:23,089 --> 00:56:20,819
of encounters with UFOs including

1536
00:56:25,309 --> 00:56:23,099
electrical disturbances the appearance

1537
00:56:26,870 --> 00:56:25,319
of strange Burns and even the emergence

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00:56:29,569 --> 00:56:26,880

of psychic phenomena including

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00:56:31,250 --> 00:56:29,579

precognitive dreams all of these things

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00:56:33,410 --> 00:56:31,260

are well documented in the work of

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00:56:35,990 --> 00:56:33,420

Godfather of modern ufology Jacques

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00:56:38,329 --> 00:56:36,000

filet on whom he based the character of

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00:56:40,430 --> 00:56:38,339

scientist Claude Lacombe it was clear

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00:56:42,650 --> 00:56:40,440

that Spielberg had done its homework

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00:56:44,809 --> 00:56:42,660

however a scene that was reportedly not

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00:56:46,670 --> 00:56:44,819

approved of by valet and which certainly

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00:56:48,410 --> 00:56:46,680

ran counter to the patterns laid out in

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00:56:51,589 --> 00:56:48,420

his decades-long investigation into the

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00:56:54,349 --> 00:56:51,599

UFO phenomenon is the final scene where

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00:56:55,670 --> 00:56:54,359

spoiler alert the craft lands and the

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00:56:57,770 --> 00:56:55,680
beings show themselves publicly

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00:57:00,109 --> 00:56:57,780
revealing a more or less coherent

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00:57:02,510 --> 00:57:00,119
motivation for their contact with humans

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00:57:04,549 --> 00:57:02,520
that part Bears virtually no resemblance

1555
00:57:07,190 --> 00:57:04,559
to the experiences reported by those who

1556
00:57:09,109 --> 00:57:07,200
claim to have contact with UFOs these

1557
00:57:11,150 --> 00:57:09,119
contact events tend to be much more

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00:57:12,589 --> 00:57:11,160
bizarre and much less linear than

1559
00:57:13,790 --> 00:57:12,599
anything that could be summed up in a

1560
00:57:16,430 --> 00:57:13,800
Hollywood film

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00:57:18,109 --> 00:57:16,440
and that's exactly the point in

1562
00:57:20,809 --> 00:57:18,119
Hollywood you need to provide the

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00:57:23,089 --> 00:57:20,819

audience with an ending Secrets must be

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00:57:25,069 --> 00:57:23,099

revealed rising action must have a

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00:57:26,390 --> 00:57:25,079

resolution characters within the

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00:57:29,270 --> 00:57:26,400

narrative need to have a clear

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00:57:31,069 --> 00:57:29,280

motivation that's what a story is that's

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00:57:33,470 --> 00:57:31,079

what people respond to

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00:57:35,270 --> 00:57:33,480

but those things are also clearly and

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00:57:37,430 --> 00:57:35,280

demonstrably opposed to the ways that

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00:57:40,430 --> 00:57:37,440

the UFO phenomenon reveals itself in the

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00:57:42,170 --> 00:57:40,440

course of human experience and so in our

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00:57:44,089 --> 00:57:42,180

attempts to wrestle the phenomenon into

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00:57:46,370 --> 00:57:44,099

some kind of a coherent story that we

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00:57:48,950 --> 00:57:46,380

can share we inevitably end up

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00:57:51,710 --> 00:57:48,960

misrepresenting how encounters with UFOs

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00:57:53,750 --> 00:57:51,720

fundamentally operate and there's one

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00:57:56,569 --> 00:57:53,760

other major force that is likely shaping

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00:57:58,609 --> 00:57:56,579

our perception of a UFO phenomenon which

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00:58:00,710 --> 00:57:58,619

is the phenomenon itself

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00:58:02,569 --> 00:58:00,720

this one is harder to explain and

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00:58:04,549 --> 00:58:02,579

frankly it could be an episode all on

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00:58:06,230 --> 00:58:04,559

its own but it all comes back to the

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00:58:07,730 --> 00:58:06,240

idea that if we're dealing with an

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00:58:10,430 --> 00:58:07,740

advanced intelligence that has a

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00:58:13,370 --> 00:58:10,440

presence on this planet it's logical to

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00:58:15,049 --> 00:58:13,380

conclude two things one they most likely

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00:58:17,870 --> 00:58:15,059

want to control our perception of them

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00:58:19,790 --> 00:58:17,880

and two they probably have ways of

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00:58:21,290 --> 00:58:19,800

managing our perception that are far

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00:58:22,849 --> 00:58:21,300

beyond methods with which we are

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00:58:25,069 --> 00:58:22,859

currently familiar

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00:58:27,109 --> 00:58:25,079

so let's start with the first one why

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00:58:29,210 --> 00:58:27,119

would the intelligence behind UFOs want

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00:58:31,790 --> 00:58:29,220

to control our perception of them

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00:58:33,109 --> 00:58:31,800

there are a lot of potential reasons it

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00:58:35,270 --> 00:58:33,119

could be that there exists something

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00:58:37,190 --> 00:58:35,280

like the prime directive from Star Trek

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00:58:38,750 --> 00:58:37,200

that discourages other more highly

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00:58:41,270 --> 00:58:38,760

Advanced intelligent species from

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00:58:43,490 --> 00:58:41,280
interacting with us in more obvious ways

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00:58:45,349 --> 00:58:43,500
or it could be strategically motivated

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00:58:46,609 --> 00:58:45,359
in the same way that we do our best to

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00:58:47,870 --> 00:58:46,619
hide our capabilities and our

1605
00:58:49,250 --> 00:58:47,880
motivations from our potential

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00:58:51,470 --> 00:58:49,260
adversaries

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00:58:53,270 --> 00:58:51,480
Jacques filet has posited that the UFO

1608
00:58:56,210 --> 00:58:53,280
phenomenon might be some kind of a

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00:58:57,650 --> 00:58:56,220
control mechanism on Humanity the idea

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00:58:59,150 --> 00:58:57,660
is that the bizarre and often

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00:59:01,130 --> 00:58:59,160
life-altering encounters that people

1612
00:59:03,710 --> 00:59:01,140
have with the impossible and the unknown

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00:59:05,569 --> 00:59:03,720

serves the purpose of introducing and

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00:59:07,970 --> 00:59:05,579

extracting various myths from our

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00:59:10,490 --> 00:59:07,980

culture over time in order to drive

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00:59:12,829 --> 00:59:10,500

certain changes in agendas

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00:59:14,329 --> 00:59:12,839

at the end of the day though we have no

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00:59:16,010 --> 00:59:14,339

real way of knowing what the motivations

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00:59:19,190 --> 00:59:16,020

of the intelligence behind the UFO

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00:59:20,690 --> 00:59:19,200

phenomenon might be we have no idea why

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00:59:22,609 --> 00:59:20,700

they seem to be concealing their

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00:59:24,710 --> 00:59:22,619

motivations and strategically managing

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00:59:26,990 --> 00:59:24,720

our perception of them we just know that

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00:59:29,450 --> 00:59:27,000

they very likely are the classic

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00:59:31,190 --> 00:59:29,460

question of why don't UFOs just land on

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00:59:32,809 --> 00:59:31,200

the White House lawn grossly

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00:59:34,789 --> 00:59:32,819

oversimplifies what contact between

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00:59:37,250 --> 00:59:34,799

humanity and an advanced intelligence

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00:59:38,569 --> 00:59:37,260

would likely entail but it does manage

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00:59:40,250 --> 00:59:38,579

to get to the heart of one of the most

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00:59:42,470 --> 00:59:40,260

profound questions about the UFO

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00:59:44,630 --> 00:59:42,480

phenomenon which is why don't they just

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00:59:46,730 --> 00:59:44,640

tell us what they want and the most

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00:59:47,870 --> 00:59:46,740

obvious answer is because they don't

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00:59:50,030 --> 00:59:47,880

want to

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00:59:51,589 --> 00:59:50,040

which brings us to the question of how

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00:59:53,510 --> 00:59:51,599

the intelligence behind the phenomenon

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00:59:55,849 --> 00:59:53,520

might be controlling our perception of

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00:59:57,770 --> 00:59:55,859

it we already discussed valet's control

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00:59:59,630 --> 00:59:57,780

mechanism but there are a multitude of

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01:00:01,010 --> 00:59:59,640

other clues about their methods that we

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01:00:02,270 --> 01:00:01,020

can find throughout records of witness

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01:00:04,910 --> 01:00:02,280

accounts

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01:00:07,609 --> 01:00:04,920

people who encounter UFOs particularly

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01:00:09,829 --> 01:00:07,619

up close tend to report strange things

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01:00:12,950 --> 01:00:09,839

like telepathic communication from

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01:00:15,349 --> 01:00:12,960

strange beings missing time and altered

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01:00:17,809 --> 01:00:15,359

memories all of these things point to

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01:00:19,789 --> 01:00:17,819

some kind of methods or technology being

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01:00:22,490 --> 01:00:19,799

used to literally control and influence

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01:00:25,069 --> 01:00:22,500

our minds so it seems likely that the

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01:00:26,690 --> 01:00:25,079

phenomenon is doing exactly that and

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01:00:29,390 --> 01:00:26,700

probably in ways that we can't yet

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01:00:32,630 --> 01:00:29,400

anticipate or identify

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01:00:33,950 --> 01:00:32,640

all right so where does this leave us if

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01:00:35,510 --> 01:00:33,960

you're getting the sense that in trying

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01:00:37,190 --> 01:00:35,520

to find our way through this topic that

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01:00:39,530 --> 01:00:37,200

we've only gotten ourselves more lost

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01:00:42,770 --> 01:00:39,540

just know that you're not alone in that

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01:00:44,210 --> 01:00:42,780

that's generally how this goes but if

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01:00:46,849 --> 01:00:44,220

this is your first time venturing into

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01:00:48,410 --> 01:00:46,859

the Dark Forest of the UFO topic I can

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01:00:49,430 --> 01:00:48,420

promise you that it gets easier over

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01:00:51,410 --> 01:00:49,440

time

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01:00:53,750 --> 01:00:51,420

as you get the lay of the land all of

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01:00:55,670 --> 01:00:53,760

this will get easier to navigate and

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01:00:57,950 --> 01:00:55,680

although you will likely find that over

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01:00:59,870 --> 01:00:57,960

time you have a harder and harder time

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01:01:02,809 --> 01:00:59,880

saying for sure what you think the UFO

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01:01:04,849 --> 01:01:02,819

phenomenon is you'll also find that

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01:01:06,650 --> 01:01:04,859

you're able to talk and think deeply

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01:01:08,690 --> 01:01:06,660

about it in ways that are ultimately

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01:01:10,670 --> 01:01:08,700

much more productive than a canned

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01:01:12,710 --> 01:01:10,680

answer could ever be

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01:01:14,930 --> 01:01:12,720

but with all of the conflicting reports

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01:01:16,370 --> 01:01:14,940

and all of our own cultural biases and

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01:01:17,809 --> 01:01:16,380

the manipulation of the government and

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01:01:20,390 --> 01:01:17,819

the media and perhaps even the

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01:01:22,849 --> 01:01:20,400

phenomenon itself where does that leave

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01:01:25,609 --> 01:01:22,859

us how do we even begin to get our

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01:01:27,349 --> 01:01:25,619

bearings and who can we trust

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01:01:28,970 --> 01:01:27,359

I'll give you the answer that I think is

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01:01:30,530 --> 01:01:28,980

the right one although I sense that

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01:01:32,990 --> 01:01:30,540

there will be plenty of people who don't

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01:01:35,030 --> 01:01:33,000

like this answer and beg to disagree

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01:01:38,210 --> 01:01:35,040

I don't think you should trust anyone

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01:01:40,430 --> 01:01:38,220

not even me in Diana pasulka's American

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01:01:42,230 --> 01:01:40,440

Cosmic she related a conversation that

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01:01:43,910 --> 01:01:42,240

she had with Jacques filet near the

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01:01:46,549 --> 01:01:43,920

beginning of her Research into UFOs

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01:01:50,569 --> 01:01:46,559

during which he said to her believe

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01:01:52,490 --> 01:01:50,579

nothing believe no one and I agree when

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01:01:55,370 --> 01:01:52,500

it comes to the phenomenon there are no

1694

01:01:56,870 --> 01:01:55,380

easy answers in fact as I hope I've

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01:01:59,210 --> 01:01:56,880

convincingly argued throughout this

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01:02:01,490 --> 01:01:59,220

episode in endeavoring to answer these

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01:02:03,650 --> 01:02:01,500

questions we have plenty of reasons to

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01:02:04,789 --> 01:02:03,660

actively guard ourselves against easy

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01:02:07,130 --> 01:02:04,799

answers

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01:02:08,809 --> 01:02:07,140

now admittedly this may not be what

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01:02:11,390 --> 01:02:08,819

someone in the throes of ontological

1702

01:02:13,130 --> 01:02:11,400

shock wants to hear but I think it's of

1703

01:02:15,109 --> 01:02:13,140

monumental importance that we hold

1704

01:02:16,789 --> 01:02:15,119

ourselves accountable and do our best to

1705

01:02:19,670 --> 01:02:16,799

remain objective in the face of this

1706

01:02:21,829 --> 01:02:19,680

radical mystery the hard truth is that

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01:02:24,530 --> 01:02:21,839

the answer to what the UFO phenomenon

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01:02:26,569 --> 01:02:24,540

actually represents is not googleable

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01:02:28,670 --> 01:02:26,579

and none of the methods that you were

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01:02:30,770 --> 01:02:28,680

taught in school about what constitutes

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01:02:32,030 --> 01:02:30,780

reliable source of information are going

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01:02:35,030 --> 01:02:32,040

to work here

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01:02:36,589 --> 01:02:35,040

take for example the New York Times once

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01:02:38,450 --> 01:02:36,599

the standard Bearer for journalistic

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01:02:40,789 --> 01:02:38,460

integrity and the paper of record for

1716

01:02:42,589 --> 01:02:40,799

the greatest democracy in the world the

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01:02:44,930 --> 01:02:42,599

gray lady doesn't seem to know what she

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01:02:46,250 --> 01:02:44,940

thinks about UFOs do you believe the

1719

01:02:48,410 --> 01:02:46,260

article where they outed the secret

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01:02:49,789 --> 01:02:48,420

government UFO program or the article

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01:02:51,530 --> 01:02:49,799

where they assure us that it's all just

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01:02:53,089 --> 01:02:51,540

a big misunderstanding

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01:02:54,950 --> 01:02:53,099

if you're going to go about this the

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01:02:57,530 --> 01:02:54,960

right way you shouldn't believe either

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01:02:59,150 --> 01:02:57,540

you need to think for yourself and come

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01:03:01,609 --> 01:02:59,160

to your own conclusions

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01:03:03,530 --> 01:03:01,619

so what does that look like well first

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01:03:05,210 --> 01:03:03,540

you need to be willing to take in

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01:03:07,910 --> 01:03:05,220

information from a wide variety of

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01:03:10,190 --> 01:03:07,920

sources and entertain a wide variety of

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01:03:11,829 --> 01:03:10,200

ideas even ones that you don't agree

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01:03:13,849 --> 01:03:11,839

with and that make you uncomfortable

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01:03:16,190 --> 01:03:13,859

especially ones that you don't agree

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01:03:18,589 --> 01:03:16,200

with and that make you uncomfortable you

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01:03:21,109 --> 01:03:18,599

don't need to accept these ideas you

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01:03:22,849 --> 01:03:21,119

only need to consider them they are

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01:03:25,549 --> 01:03:22,859

important to getting the lay of the land

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01:03:27,349 --> 01:03:25,559

and if you talk to just about anyone who

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01:03:29,750 --> 01:03:27,359

has studied this topic for any length of

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01:03:32,030 --> 01:03:29,760

time what you find is that as your

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01:03:34,010 --> 01:03:32,040

worldview adjusts you suddenly find

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01:03:35,470 --> 01:03:34,020

yourself willing to consider ideas that

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01:03:39,109 --> 01:03:35,480

you weren't willing to consider before

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01:03:41,690 --> 01:03:39,119

it's an inevitable part of the process

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01:03:43,670 --> 01:03:41,700

second you need to be willing to do the

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01:03:47,089 --> 01:03:43,680

work to verify things before accepting

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01:03:49,010 --> 01:03:47,099

them is true this is hard actually it's

1748

01:03:51,829 --> 01:03:49,020

not even hard it's more like impossible

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01:03:53,870 --> 01:03:51,839

there are too many leads to follow too

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01:03:55,549 --> 01:03:53,880

many facts to track down for every

1751

01:03:58,370 --> 01:03:55,559

answer that you manage to sufficiently

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01:04:01,010 --> 01:03:58,380

verify 100 new questions will pop up in

1753

01:04:03,710 --> 01:04:01,020

its place this can be frustrating and

1754

01:04:06,109 --> 01:04:03,720

it's obviously far from ideal but it's

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01:04:08,690 --> 01:04:06,119

also important to the process

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01:04:11,210 --> 01:04:08,700

any serious and objective inquiry into

1757

01:04:13,970 --> 01:04:11,220

the UFO phenomenon will inevitably lead

1758

01:04:16,250 --> 01:04:13,980

you to questions about what you know and

1759

01:04:17,690 --> 01:04:16,260

how you know it I don't mean to spoil it

1760

01:04:19,370 --> 01:04:17,700

for you but if you haven't gotten there

1761

01:04:21,950 --> 01:04:19,380

already that is where this is all

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01:04:24,109 --> 01:04:21,960

heading and while it can be disorienting

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01:04:26,630 --> 01:04:24,119

to recognize that you actually know a

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01:04:29,030 --> 01:04:26,640

lot less than you thought there is more

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01:04:31,309 --> 01:04:29,040

strength and courage and fulfillment to

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01:04:32,990 --> 01:04:31,319

be found standing under the vastness of

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01:04:35,390 --> 01:04:33,000

the stars and realizing that you're

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01:04:37,250 --> 01:04:35,400

small then in consuming a bunch of

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01:04:39,130 --> 01:04:37,260

pre-packaged pseudo truths and

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01:04:42,049 --> 01:04:39,140

convincing yourself that you are Mighty

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01:04:43,370 --> 01:04:42,059

and finally you need to develop your own

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01:04:45,589 --> 01:04:43,380

discernment

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01:04:48,289 --> 01:04:45,599

to me one of the most profound

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01:04:50,270 --> 01:04:48,299

realizations with taking this path has

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01:04:52,190 --> 01:04:50,280

been recognizing the extent to which we

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01:04:55,309 --> 01:04:52,200

have been systematically programmed and

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01:04:57,049 --> 01:04:55,319

conditioned to not trust ourselves we

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01:04:58,910 --> 01:04:57,059

don't even trust our own eyes and our

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01:05:01,370 --> 01:04:58,920

own experience if it doesn't conform to

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01:05:03,410 --> 01:05:01,380

what we've been told must be true we

1781

01:05:06,950 --> 01:05:03,420

will doubt our own sanity before we

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01:05:09,109 --> 01:05:06,960

doubt consensus reality and that's scary

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01:05:11,569 --> 01:05:09,119

and I want to be clear that developing

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01:05:13,370 --> 01:05:11,579

your discernment does not mean believing

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01:05:16,069 --> 01:05:13,380

everything that you think or not

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01:05:18,190 --> 01:05:16,079

interrogating your beliefs what it means

1787

01:05:20,450 --> 01:05:18,200

is re-establishing trust with yourself

1788

01:05:22,250 --> 01:05:20,460

it means listening to the little voice

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01:05:24,829 --> 01:05:22,260

in your head and the physiological

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01:05:26,870 --> 01:05:24,839

response in your body that tells you

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01:05:29,930 --> 01:05:26,880

when something doesn't sound right in

1792

01:05:32,030 --> 01:05:29,940

pursuing that it means being brave and

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01:05:34,250 --> 01:05:32,040

grounded enough to honor your own truth

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01:05:36,650 --> 01:05:34,260

even if it doesn't align with consensus

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01:05:38,870 --> 01:05:36,660

reality it's not about convincing

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01:05:41,390 --> 01:05:38,880

yourself that you're always right that

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01:05:43,549 --> 01:05:41,400

is not discernment it's about no longer

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01:05:45,650 --> 01:05:43,559

allowing your sources of truth and

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01:05:46,670 --> 01:05:45,660

meaning to be outsourced to the highest

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01:05:49,609 --> 01:05:46,680

bidder

1801
01:05:51,770 --> 01:05:49,619
and that includes me as we move forward

1802
01:05:54,170 --> 01:05:51,780
on this journey I hope that you enjoy

1803
01:05:57,470 --> 01:05:54,180
the podcast I hope that it challenges

1804
01:05:59,750 --> 01:05:57,480
and inspires you I hope it's fun what I

1805
01:06:02,690 --> 01:05:59,760
don't hope for is that you believe me

1806
01:06:04,430 --> 01:06:02,700
I'm on this journey too and my answers

1807
01:06:05,390 --> 01:06:04,440
aren't necessarily better than anyone

1808
01:06:07,309 --> 01:06:05,400
else's

1809
01:06:10,430 --> 01:06:07,319
please don't take my word for anything

1810
01:06:12,470 --> 01:06:10,440
look into it yourself dig deeper

1811
01:06:14,870 --> 01:06:12,480
challenge the parts that don't feel

1812
01:06:16,789 --> 01:06:14,880
right for you figure out why they don't

1813
01:06:19,549 --> 01:06:16,799

feel right to you and find something

1814

01:06:22,010 --> 01:06:19,559

that does because whatever you end up

1815

01:06:23,809 --> 01:06:22,020

believing about the UFO phenomenon the

1816

01:06:26,089 --> 01:06:23,819

most important thing is that it comes