



1
00:00:06,150 --> 00:00:03,990
in january of 1971

2
00:00:09,270 --> 00:00:06,160
i boarded a spacecraft and traveled to

3
00:00:11,910 --> 00:00:09,280
this airless world of brilliant clarity

4
00:00:13,830 --> 00:00:11,920
the soil there is burn and gray and the

5
00:00:15,350 --> 00:00:13,840
horizon is always further than it

6
00:00:17,750 --> 00:00:15,360
appears

7
00:00:19,269 --> 00:00:17,760
it is a static world that has only known

8
00:00:21,590 --> 00:00:19,279
silence

9
00:00:22,630 --> 00:00:21,600
upon its landscape human perspective is

10
00:00:24,390 --> 00:00:22,640
altered

11
00:00:26,470 --> 00:00:24,400
millions of human beings were watching

12
00:00:27,750 --> 00:00:26,480
two men walk on the surface of another

13
00:00:29,509 --> 00:00:27,760

world

14

00:00:31,269 --> 00:00:29,519

yet this wasn't the achievement of an

15

00:00:33,430 --> 00:00:31,279

individual

16

00:00:35,990 --> 00:00:33,440

this was rather the achievement of air

17

00:00:38,790 --> 00:00:36,000

species our civilization

18

00:00:39,510 --> 00:00:38,800

these were momentous days but what i did

19

00:00:42,069 --> 00:00:39,520

not know

20

00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:42,079

was that i had yet to grasp what would

21

00:00:46,869 --> 00:00:44,480

prove most extraordinary what i saw out

22

00:00:50,229 --> 00:00:46,879

the window was all i had ever known

23

00:00:52,950 --> 00:00:50,239

all i'd ever loved and hated longed for

24

00:00:54,389 --> 00:00:52,960

all that i once thought had ever been

25

00:00:56,630 --> 00:00:54,399

and never would be

26
00:00:58,709 --> 00:00:56,640
it was all there suspended in the cosmos

27
00:01:00,470 --> 00:00:58,719
on that fragile little sphere

28
00:01:02,310 --> 00:01:00,480
i experienced a grand epiphany

29
00:01:04,469 --> 00:01:02,320
accompanied by exhilaration

30
00:01:06,710 --> 00:01:04,479
it occurred to me that the molecules in

31
00:01:07,830 --> 00:01:06,720
my body the molecules of the spacecraft

32
00:01:09,750 --> 00:01:07,840
itself

33
00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:09,760
were manufactured long ago in the

34
00:01:14,070 --> 00:01:11,680
furnace of the ancient stars

35
00:01:15,749 --> 00:01:14,080
that burned in heaven i perceived the

36
00:01:18,230 --> 00:01:15,759
universe as in some way

37
00:01:19,510 --> 00:01:18,240
conscious my life's direction was about

38
00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:19,520

to change

39

00:01:23,749 --> 00:01:22,000

i've often likened that experience to

40

00:01:26,390 --> 00:01:23,759

game of pickup sticks

41

00:01:28,230 --> 00:01:26,400

within a few days my beliefs about life

42

00:01:29,749 --> 00:01:28,240

were thrown into the air and scattered

43

00:01:31,830 --> 00:01:29,759

about

44

00:01:32,870 --> 00:01:31,840

it has taken me 20 years to pick up