



ALIEN ENCOUNTERS, HARD SCIENCE,

AND THE PASSION OF JOHN MACK

Witness *Citizen*

THE BELIEVER

RALPH BLUMENTHAL



1
00:00:05,910 --> 00:00:03,990
what is up everybody uh thanks for

2
00:00:07,510 --> 00:00:05,920
joining us it is

3
00:00:10,629 --> 00:00:07,520
thursday

4
00:00:13,749 --> 00:00:10,639
just before 1 30 p.m central and we have

5
00:00:15,270 --> 00:00:13,759
the wonderful ralph blumenthal on deck

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00:00:17,109 --> 00:00:15,280
in the green room

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00:00:19,910 --> 00:00:17,119
i did not stock the beer fridge

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00:00:23,269 --> 00:00:19,920
unfortunately so

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00:00:26,550 --> 00:00:25,189
um but i really appreciate you guys

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00:00:30,550 --> 00:00:26,560
coming out

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00:00:32,310 --> 00:00:30,560
uh disclosure bro what's up robert um

12
00:00:33,430 --> 00:00:32,320
jos

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00:00:34,470 --> 00:00:33,440

bass

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00:00:38,630 --> 00:00:34,480

julie

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00:00:41,830 --> 00:00:38,640

everybody i appreciate it um

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00:00:44,950 --> 00:00:41,840

you know part of doing this

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00:00:47,750 --> 00:00:44,960

you know part of the unseen uh fortunes

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00:00:49,430 --> 00:00:47,760

i come across in doing this show is

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00:00:53,270 --> 00:00:49,440

having to

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00:00:54,150 --> 00:00:53,280

into new people

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00:00:55,350 --> 00:00:54,160

um

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00:00:57,670 --> 00:00:55,360

that maybe

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00:00:59,110 --> 00:00:57,680

i wasn't so aware of at first i mean

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00:01:00,470 --> 00:00:59,120

keep in mind i'd

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00:01:01,990 --> 00:01:00,480

been paying attention this stuff for

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00:01:04,789 --> 00:01:02,000

less than a year

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00:01:06,310 --> 00:01:04,799

but as i do that sometimes i run into

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00:01:07,510 --> 00:01:06,320

little pieces of

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00:01:10,710 --> 00:01:07,520

of gold

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00:01:11,670 --> 00:01:10,720

you know that may help me in my path

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00:01:13,350 --> 00:01:11,680

um

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00:01:16,390 --> 00:01:13,360

and just not even in this just in

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00:01:19,510 --> 00:01:16,400

general as a person and uh john mack

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00:01:21,030 --> 00:01:19,520

um is seemingly one of those

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00:01:22,550 --> 00:01:21,040

and

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00:01:25,270 --> 00:01:22,560

you know

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00:01:28,630 --> 00:01:25,280

ralph blumenthal for for putting as much

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00:01:29,749 --> 00:01:28,640

work in as he has on mr mac

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00:01:31,749 --> 00:01:29,759

um

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00:01:33,910 --> 00:01:31,759

deserves quite a bit of respect because

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00:01:36,069 --> 00:01:33,920

it's you know unfortunately still a

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00:01:38,149 --> 00:01:36,079

stigmatized topic

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00:01:40,230 --> 00:01:38,159

so i really respect him for that and i

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00:01:41,910 --> 00:01:40,240

really look forward to talking to him

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00:01:43,670 --> 00:01:41,920

about this

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00:01:45,350 --> 00:01:43,680

um thanks jay

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00:01:47,270 --> 00:01:45,360

jay king we had him on before the

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00:01:49,270 --> 00:01:47,280

experiencers uh that was one of my

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00:01:50,550 --> 00:01:49,280

favorite shows

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00:01:53,109 --> 00:01:50,560

um

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00:01:55,590 --> 00:01:53,119
just really good people really good

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00:01:56,709 --> 00:01:55,600
nice organic

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00:01:58,870 --> 00:01:56,719
people

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00:02:01,109 --> 00:01:58,880
and um you know i've

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00:02:03,030 --> 00:02:01,119
tried to do that as best as i can or be

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00:02:05,749 --> 00:02:03,040
that sometimes i fail but you know

57
00:02:08,309 --> 00:02:05,759
people like him help me so

58
00:02:09,990 --> 00:02:08,319
with that being said you know what

59
00:02:12,710 --> 00:02:10,000
happens now i'm gonna play the little

60
00:02:15,750 --> 00:02:12,720
intro and then we'll come back

61
00:02:21,670 --> 00:02:15,760
and we'll get things started so yeah see

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00:02:21,680 --> 00:03:12,550
[Music]

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00:03:17,190 --> 00:03:15,589

all right so yep here we go we have mr

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00:03:19,270 --> 00:03:17,200

blumenthal with us

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00:03:21,350 --> 00:03:19,280

how are you today sir great sean thank

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00:03:23,270 --> 00:03:21,360

you for having me yeah it's my pleasure

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00:03:25,030 --> 00:03:23,280

thanks so much for doing this

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00:03:27,589 --> 00:03:25,040

i'm sure you got a lot of important

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00:03:29,750 --> 00:03:27,599

stuff to do so this is important this is

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00:03:31,670 --> 00:03:29,760

very important well i appreciate it so

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00:03:33,430 --> 00:03:31,680

much um

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00:03:34,710 --> 00:03:33,440

your book the believer

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00:03:37,110 --> 00:03:34,720

um

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00:03:39,750 --> 00:03:37,120

fantastic really fantastic work it

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00:03:41,190 --> 00:03:39,760

really uh opened my eyes to i was saying

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00:03:43,750 --> 00:03:41,200

earlier not only

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00:03:45,589 --> 00:03:43,760

uh this topic and experiences and you

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00:03:47,589 --> 00:03:45,599

know how serious and crucial those

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00:03:50,470 --> 00:03:47,599

stories are but just

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00:03:52,309 --> 00:03:50,480

um such a great perspective on on life

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00:03:53,589 --> 00:03:52,319

in general um

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00:03:54,710 --> 00:03:53,599

you know i was just watching a clip

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00:03:57,990 --> 00:03:54,720

earlier

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00:03:58,830 --> 00:03:58,000

and one of the things he said was

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00:04:01,270 --> 00:03:58,840

um

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00:04:03,910 --> 00:04:01,280

how you know our reality is kind of

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00:04:06,869 --> 00:04:03,920

shaped by our language

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00:04:08,550 --> 00:04:06,879

and uh man that is true and you could go

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00:04:10,630 --> 00:04:08,560

really deep with that but

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00:04:12,070 --> 00:04:10,640

i guess i'll start with the kind of

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00:04:13,190 --> 00:04:12,080

cliche

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00:04:15,429 --> 00:04:13,200

stuff

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00:04:17,030 --> 00:04:15,439

um

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00:04:18,789 --> 00:04:17,040

how did you

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00:04:20,150 --> 00:04:18,799

how did where did you find about where'd

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00:04:21,990 --> 00:04:20,160

you find john mack

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00:04:25,430 --> 00:04:22,000

um and what was maybe the first thing

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00:04:26,629 --> 00:04:25,440

that really really drew you in where you

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00:04:29,510 --> 00:04:26,639

realized you couldn't stop thinking

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00:04:31,270 --> 00:04:29,520

about it well you know he found me

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00:04:34,390 --> 00:04:31,280

every book i've done

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00:04:37,110 --> 00:04:34,400

really has been kind of uh

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00:04:39,749 --> 00:04:37,120

spiritual adventures or you know

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00:04:41,670 --> 00:04:39,759

synchronistic in the sense that i didn't

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00:04:44,550 --> 00:04:41,680

start out deciding i was going to do

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00:04:47,189 --> 00:04:44,560

this topic the topic kind of found me

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00:04:49,510 --> 00:04:47,199

so um i was in texas for the new york

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00:04:51,670 --> 00:04:49,520

times a correspondent

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00:04:54,230 --> 00:04:51,680

and i picked up a copy of a book one day

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00:04:56,150 --> 00:04:54,240

called passport to the cosmos i didn't

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00:04:58,230 --> 00:04:56,160

know anything about it john mack a

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00:05:01,270 --> 00:04:58,240

harvard psychiatrist

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00:05:03,670 --> 00:05:01,280

um writing about aliens and i thought

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00:05:06,790 --> 00:05:03,680

that was kind of weird um

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00:05:09,189 --> 00:05:06,800

so um i read the book i was blown away

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00:05:11,590 --> 00:05:09,199

by it um and i thought i'd give him a

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00:05:13,830 --> 00:05:11,600

call uh you know call him up and do an

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00:05:16,070 --> 00:05:13,840

interview maybe sounded interesting

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00:05:18,070 --> 00:05:16,080

i had no idea how famous he already was

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00:05:20,790 --> 00:05:18,080

i was kind of naive uh he'd been on

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00:05:23,350 --> 00:05:20,800

oprah you know this was his second book

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00:05:24,870 --> 00:05:23,360

he caused quite a stir at harvard kind

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00:05:26,950 --> 00:05:24,880

of an uproar

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00:05:28,710 --> 00:05:26,960

um and a few days later i pick up the

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00:05:33,110 --> 00:05:28,720

paper and he's been run over and killed

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00:05:35,590 --> 00:05:33,120

in london by a drunk driver wow and uh

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00:05:37,990 --> 00:05:35,600

yeah wow i mean um so i reached out to

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00:05:40,550 --> 00:05:38,000

the family and i eventually got access

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00:05:42,950 --> 00:05:40,560

to his materials his archives

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00:05:44,469 --> 00:05:42,960

and um it went on from there but you

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00:05:46,469 --> 00:05:44,479

know you said you were kind of new to

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00:05:48,390 --> 00:05:46,479

this and you know you stumbled across it

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00:05:50,870 --> 00:05:48,400

and and so did john mack

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00:05:53,189 --> 00:05:50,880

he didn't plan on

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00:05:55,430 --> 00:05:53,199

uh investigating you know alien

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00:05:57,670 --> 00:05:55,440

abduction through a series of things i

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00:05:59,990 --> 00:05:57,680

talked about in the book uh it kind of

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00:06:02,629 --> 00:06:00,000

found him just like he found me

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00:06:05,029 --> 00:06:02,639

so uh life is strange that way yeah it's

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00:06:07,270 --> 00:06:05,039

interesting you know it's i don't i

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00:06:08,790 --> 00:06:07,280

doubt anyone growing up

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00:06:10,870 --> 00:06:08,800

is you know when they're asked what do

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00:06:12,629 --> 00:06:10,880

you want to be when you grow up

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00:06:14,150 --> 00:06:12,639

i want to you know investigate alien

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00:06:16,070 --> 00:06:14,160

abductions

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00:06:16,790 --> 00:06:16,080

what do you want to do i'll be president

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00:06:20,790 --> 00:06:16,800

yeah

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00:06:22,309 --> 00:06:20,800

be a cop

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00:06:23,909 --> 00:06:22,319

but that no that's that's interesting

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00:06:26,150 --> 00:06:23,919

what you say there that you know it

151
00:06:27,990 --> 00:06:26,160
found you and and the synchronicities in

152
00:06:29,909 --> 00:06:28,000
it um

153
00:06:32,790 --> 00:06:29,919
i you know the

154
00:06:35,029 --> 00:06:32,800
i'm 37 but i've i've been seeing in in

155
00:06:37,430 --> 00:06:35,039
realizing that

156
00:06:40,550 --> 00:06:37,440
kind of the best stuff in life comes

157
00:06:41,670 --> 00:06:40,560
that way it's not forced that's organic

158
00:06:43,909 --> 00:06:41,680
and

159
00:06:45,510 --> 00:06:43,919
you know when something tickles your

160
00:06:47,189 --> 00:06:45,520
fancy so to speak

161
00:06:48,629 --> 00:06:47,199
you know in an organic way and you

162
00:06:51,510 --> 00:06:48,639
follow that through

163
00:06:52,629 --> 00:06:51,520

um good things come from it now was this

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00:06:54,150 --> 00:06:52,639

the only

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00:06:56,550 --> 00:06:54,160

you know what other situations have you

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00:06:58,950 --> 00:06:56,560

had that are are like this

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00:07:00,710 --> 00:06:58,960

um or is this unique to itself

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00:07:03,830 --> 00:07:00,720

no every book i mean i've done seven

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00:07:05,909 --> 00:07:03,840

books actually yeah uh four by myself

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00:07:08,070 --> 00:07:05,919

and and uh two or three with the

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00:07:10,469 --> 00:07:08,080

collaborators um

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00:07:13,350 --> 00:07:10,479

and all the books just sort of

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00:07:15,749 --> 00:07:13,360

popped in into my path uh my first book

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00:07:17,589 --> 00:07:15,759

was on the mafia right and

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00:07:19,430 --> 00:07:17,599

the times assigned me to cover a trial

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00:07:21,909 --> 00:07:19,440

which turned out to be the longest

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00:07:24,230 --> 00:07:21,919

federal trial in history uh called the

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00:07:26,710 --> 00:07:24,240

pizza connection about

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00:07:29,110 --> 00:07:26,720

you know mob guys who were selling drugs

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00:07:31,350 --> 00:07:29,120

out of pizza parlors around the country

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00:07:33,189 --> 00:07:31,360

i mean not just small quantities this

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00:07:36,550 --> 00:07:33,199

was like a billion dollar

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00:07:38,070 --> 00:07:36,560

enterprise internationally and

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00:07:40,230 --> 00:07:38,080

you know one thing led to another i

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00:07:42,150 --> 00:07:40,240

started covering the trial and

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00:07:45,589 --> 00:07:42,160

i got really interested in it and made

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00:07:47,990 --> 00:07:45,599

contacts and ended up doing a book on it

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00:07:49,749 --> 00:07:48,000

and then a character in the book uh

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00:07:52,469 --> 00:07:49,759

somebody i interviewed an undercover cop

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00:07:55,110 --> 00:07:52,479

told me a story that became another book

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00:07:57,189 --> 00:07:55,120

and you know things like that a call i

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00:07:59,510 --> 00:07:57,199

would get from somebody who suggested

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00:08:01,350 --> 00:07:59,520

itself as an interesting story that

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00:08:03,670 --> 00:08:01,360

bloomed into a book

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00:08:06,869 --> 00:08:03,680

so um i believe what you said is true

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00:08:09,670 --> 00:08:06,879

that life has strange pathways

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00:08:12,390 --> 00:08:09,680

and um

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00:08:13,510 --> 00:08:12,400

it's like a flow a river and things just

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00:08:15,029 --> 00:08:13,520

happen

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00:08:17,189 --> 00:08:15,039

probably for some reason we don't

201
00:08:19,110 --> 00:08:17,199
understand right

202
00:08:20,710 --> 00:08:19,120
and that's what happened to me i i did

203
00:08:22,710 --> 00:08:20,720
not grow up saying i'm gonna write about

204
00:08:25,029 --> 00:08:22,720
alien

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00:08:27,270 --> 00:08:25,039
i've never i've never been abducted as i

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00:08:29,670 --> 00:08:27,280
as i often say neither was john mack

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00:08:31,189 --> 00:08:29,680
right uh he never saw a ufo i've never

208
00:08:33,110 --> 00:08:31,199
seen a ufo

209
00:08:36,550 --> 00:08:33,120
um i've had you know spiritual

210
00:08:38,230 --> 00:08:36,560
experiences but sure um i can't say i'm

211
00:08:40,709 --> 00:08:38,240
you know

212
00:08:42,469 --> 00:08:40,719
one of those people like jay king i i i

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00:08:44,630 --> 00:08:42,479

love to talk to the experiences because

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00:08:46,389 --> 00:08:44,640

you say they're all really good people

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00:08:50,630 --> 00:08:46,399

uh perfectly normal except for these

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00:08:55,030 --> 00:08:52,389

um

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00:08:57,829 --> 00:08:55,040

now you mentioned uh john mack never had

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00:09:00,230 --> 00:08:57,839

uh he was never abducted by aliens i

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00:09:01,590 --> 00:09:00,240

thought i heard you say once that he

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00:09:03,110 --> 00:09:01,600

that kind of

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00:09:05,430 --> 00:09:03,120

rubbed him the wrong way maybe he was

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00:09:07,269 --> 00:09:05,440

kind of pissed off and he wasn't is that

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00:09:08,630 --> 00:09:07,279

true yeah he was disappointed because

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00:09:11,430 --> 00:09:08,640

you know he was dealing with all these

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00:09:13,750 --> 00:09:11,440

people telling the most amazing stories

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00:09:15,269 --> 00:09:13,760

and these stories are unimaginable

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00:09:17,590 --> 00:09:15,279

really i mean too

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00:09:20,230 --> 00:09:17,600

incredible to make up they're not just

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00:09:22,389 --> 00:09:20,240

somebody being you know kidnapped by an

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00:09:25,990 --> 00:09:22,399

alien and put aboard a spaceship

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00:09:30,230 --> 00:09:26,000

right very very subtle strange stories

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00:09:32,949 --> 00:09:30,240

some of them don't even involve ufos um

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00:09:34,949 --> 00:09:32,959

and um so he was hearing all these

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00:09:37,670 --> 00:09:34,959

stories and he never

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00:09:40,070 --> 00:09:37,680

participated so he always thought gee

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00:09:41,269 --> 00:09:40,080

you know i i i want to why don't they

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00:09:43,670 --> 00:09:41,279

pick me

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00:09:45,590 --> 00:09:43,680

um and you know that's working

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00:09:48,790 --> 00:09:45,600

another thing you know they don't nobody

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00:09:51,829 --> 00:09:48,800

knows why certain people are picked out

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00:09:53,350 --> 00:09:51,839

it does seem to run in families so

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00:09:55,670 --> 00:09:53,360

you know if the grandparents had some

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00:09:57,350 --> 00:09:55,680

kind of experience then the children and

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00:10:00,150 --> 00:09:57,360

then the grandchildren

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00:10:03,110 --> 00:10:00,160

um so for some reason that seems to be a

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00:10:04,470 --> 00:10:03,120

pattern but otherwise there's no way

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00:10:06,710 --> 00:10:04,480

people have tried

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00:10:07,829 --> 00:10:06,720

scholars and researchers have tried to

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00:10:09,829 --> 00:10:07,839

find

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00:10:10,710 --> 00:10:09,839

some common denominator

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00:10:12,310 --> 00:10:10,720
you know

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00:10:14,310 --> 00:10:12,320
to explain this like oh these people are

253
00:10:16,389 --> 00:10:14,320
crazy they're delusional right they're

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00:10:19,670 --> 00:10:16,399
mentally ill and none of those

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00:10:22,470 --> 00:10:19,680
explanations really work which john mack

256
00:10:23,430 --> 00:10:22,480
really was was diligent and

257
00:10:26,550 --> 00:10:23,440
um

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00:10:28,949 --> 00:10:26,560
in in improving that there was no common

259
00:10:30,230 --> 00:10:28,959
denominator to explain these things no

260
00:10:33,590 --> 00:10:30,240
earthly

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00:10:35,430 --> 00:10:33,600
explanation whatsoever yeah um so in the

262
00:10:37,750 --> 00:10:35,440
end he said well it must have happened

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00:10:40,230 --> 00:10:37,760

somehow on some in some dimension so

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00:10:44,389 --> 00:10:40,240

that's kind of what we're left with yeah

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00:10:47,269 --> 00:10:44,399

it you know it you have a harvard

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00:10:48,150 --> 00:10:47,279

harvard grad doing this taking this on

267

00:10:50,790 --> 00:10:48,160

um

268

00:10:51,829 --> 00:10:50,800

much the grin of harvard

269

00:10:54,389 --> 00:10:51,839

and

270

00:10:56,550 --> 00:10:54,399

you know did wonderful work

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00:10:58,230 --> 00:10:56,560

put together wonderful research

272

00:10:59,990 --> 00:10:58,240

science even

273

00:11:03,350 --> 00:11:00,000

and

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00:11:05,750 --> 00:11:03,360

there's still stigma like

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00:11:06,710 --> 00:11:05,760

what is the recipe

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00:11:12,790 --> 00:11:06,720

you know

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00:11:16,870 --> 00:11:12,800

for a long time there was a stigma too

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00:11:19,990 --> 00:11:16,880

against people who reported seeing ufos

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00:11:23,110 --> 00:11:20,000

now we have a pentagon report

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00:11:24,870 --> 00:11:23,120

confirming that these things exist right

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00:11:27,030 --> 00:11:24,880

nobody knows what they are where they

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00:11:28,870 --> 00:11:27,040

come from why they're here who's behind

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00:11:31,350 --> 00:11:28,880

the wheel none of those questions have

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00:11:32,150 --> 00:11:31,360

been answered but the pentagon now says

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00:11:34,150 --> 00:11:32,160

quite

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00:11:36,710 --> 00:11:34,160

uh authoritatively

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00:11:38,470 --> 00:11:36,720

that these things physically exist

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00:11:41,990 --> 00:11:38,480

they're real they've been caught on you

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00:11:45,110 --> 00:11:42,000

know radar and thermal imaging cameras

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00:11:47,190 --> 00:11:45,120

um they outperform all our aircraft

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00:11:48,470 --> 00:11:47,200

they're not of this earth because the

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00:11:50,310 --> 00:11:48,480

chinese couldn't be doing this the

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00:11:51,509 --> 00:11:50,320

russians couldn't be doing this

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00:11:53,750 --> 00:11:51,519

right so

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00:11:55,910 --> 00:11:53,760

so these things are a mystery but

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00:11:57,269 --> 00:11:55,920

they're real they're not a mental

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00:11:59,030 --> 00:11:57,279

figment you know

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00:12:00,710 --> 00:11:59,040

so um

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00:12:03,509 --> 00:12:00,720

so now

300

00:12:05,430 --> 00:12:03,519

you know people in in the military uh

301
00:12:07,110 --> 00:12:05,440
sailors and pilots who report these

302
00:12:08,389 --> 00:12:07,120
things are not stigmatized the way they

303
00:12:11,590 --> 00:12:08,399
used to be

304
00:12:12,949 --> 00:12:11,600
so maybe that's promising yeah and i can

305
00:12:15,269 --> 00:12:12,959
say it that

306
00:12:17,590 --> 00:12:15,279
you know i know that for a fa i know

307
00:12:20,069 --> 00:12:17,600
that for a fact i've been so deep in uh

308
00:12:22,710 --> 00:12:20,079
old documents so to be honest it was

309
00:12:25,670 --> 00:12:22,720
quite a breath of fresh air to when i

310
00:12:26,790 --> 00:12:25,680
started your book and you touched on dr

311
00:12:28,069 --> 00:12:26,800
lapaz

312
00:12:29,190 --> 00:12:28,079
um

313
00:12:31,590 --> 00:12:29,200

and

314

00:12:34,710 --> 00:12:31,600

you know because that's another

315

00:12:37,030 --> 00:12:34,720

example of a genius person who was

316

00:12:39,910 --> 00:12:37,040

honestly befuddled and didn't know what

317

00:12:42,629 --> 00:12:39,920

was going on i mean you couldn't figure

318

00:12:44,629 --> 00:12:42,639

out why there was no sound and why these

319

00:12:45,910 --> 00:12:44,639

things traveled horizontally

320

00:12:47,269 --> 00:12:45,920

and

321

00:12:48,710 --> 00:12:47,279

then yeah you even talked about a

322

00:12:50,550 --> 00:12:48,720

starvation peak

323

00:12:51,990 --> 00:12:50,560

incident which was awesome because you

324

00:12:54,949 --> 00:12:52,000

know i don't get to hear people write

325

00:12:58,150 --> 00:12:54,959

about that so much so i appreciated that

326

00:12:59,590 --> 00:12:58,160

and you know you did a really great job

327

00:13:02,389 --> 00:12:59,600

taking that

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00:13:04,069 --> 00:13:02,399

to mac's work and even throwing lawrence

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00:13:06,949 --> 00:13:04,079

of arabia in the middle

330

00:13:08,069 --> 00:13:06,959

right now which that story was intense

331

00:13:09,670 --> 00:13:08,079

and now

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00:13:12,069 --> 00:13:09,680

it seems like

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00:13:13,670 --> 00:13:12,079

john mack was kind of

334

00:13:16,550 --> 00:13:13,680

magnet you know

335

00:13:18,550 --> 00:13:16,560

wounded people were kind of magnets well

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00:13:20,550 --> 00:13:18,560

yeah you know the reason i spent so much

337

00:13:23,190 --> 00:13:20,560

time talking he want to pull a surprise

338

00:13:24,790 --> 00:13:23,200

by the way right biography of lawrence

339

00:13:26,870 --> 00:13:24,800

of arabia you know he went to the movies

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00:13:28,389 --> 00:13:26,880

like everybody else to see that movie

341

00:13:30,550 --> 00:13:28,399

and we all came out and said wow that

342

00:13:33,190 --> 00:13:30,560

was a great movie you know which it was

343

00:13:35,829 --> 00:13:33,200

but he said i gotta find out more about

344

00:13:38,069 --> 00:13:35,839

this guy lawrence and what drove him so

345

00:13:39,110 --> 00:13:38,079

that his analytical mind was already

346

00:13:40,949 --> 00:13:39,120

working

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00:13:43,430 --> 00:13:40,959

and i spent

348

00:13:45,670 --> 00:13:43,440

quite a bit of the book um talking about

349

00:13:48,310 --> 00:13:45,680

his research into into lawrence he went

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00:13:50,069 --> 00:13:48,320

to england mac did to find family

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00:13:51,910 --> 00:13:50,079

members in the middle east

352

00:13:54,629 --> 00:13:51,920

but the purpose of that was to show that

353

00:13:56,710 --> 00:13:54,639

he was a mac was a serious guy and he

354

00:13:59,829 --> 00:13:56,720

believed in serious research

355

00:14:02,230 --> 00:13:59,839

um and the book won a pulitzer prize so

356

00:14:03,430 --> 00:14:02,240

when he turned his attention to uh

357

00:14:06,790 --> 00:14:03,440

aliens

358

00:14:09,829 --> 00:14:06,800

uh in alien abduction um he brought with

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00:14:13,750 --> 00:14:09,839

it the same kind of uh you know

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00:14:16,069 --> 00:14:13,760

rigor and intellectual uh curiosity so

361

00:14:18,230 --> 00:14:16,079

he was not just anybody who was sort of

362

00:14:20,389 --> 00:14:18,240

amused by the idea and decided to write

363

00:14:24,230 --> 00:14:20,399

about it he really brought some

364

00:14:27,030 --> 00:14:24,240

um some credentials to to his uh quest

365

00:14:28,310 --> 00:14:27,040

yeah and that's that story uh about how

366

00:14:31,430 --> 00:14:28,320

he wrote about

367

00:14:33,269 --> 00:14:31,440

lawrence was very interesting because uh

368

00:14:34,870 --> 00:14:33,279

there was some really dark sides to

369

00:14:37,350 --> 00:14:34,880

lawrence that

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00:14:40,150 --> 00:14:37,360

um you know he had to wrestle with if he

371

00:14:42,550 --> 00:14:40,160

wanted to touch on or not you know yeah

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00:14:44,949 --> 00:14:42,560

he was brave i mean

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00:14:46,949 --> 00:14:44,959

i'm glad you pointed that out because

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00:14:49,990 --> 00:14:46,959

uh later on mack would come under

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00:14:51,750 --> 00:14:50,000

criticism from harvard and and others

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00:14:54,230 --> 00:14:51,760

uh you know that he was lending his

377

00:14:57,509 --> 00:14:54,240

psychiatric expertise to a fringe you

378

00:15:01,030 --> 00:14:57,519

know frivolous topic uh and all that but

379

00:15:02,710 --> 00:15:01,040

um early on he took on lawrence and uh

380

00:15:05,670 --> 00:15:02,720

and entered into some

381

00:15:08,310 --> 00:15:05,680

pretty controversial areas uh like uh

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00:15:11,350 --> 00:15:08,320

you know lawrence's sexual fetishes and

383

00:15:13,829 --> 00:15:11,360

basically a masochist of sorts yeah he i

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00:15:14,949 --> 00:15:13,839

mean he he was flogged and he was trying

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00:15:16,069 --> 00:15:14,959

to you know

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00:15:18,790 --> 00:15:16,079

uh

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00:15:19,670 --> 00:15:18,800

get over some some trauma he had you

388

00:15:21,350 --> 00:15:19,680

know

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00:15:22,870 --> 00:15:21,360

some real trauma actually

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00:15:24,470 --> 00:15:22,880

lawrence was raped while he was in

391

00:15:27,910 --> 00:15:24,480

turkish custody

392

00:15:29,110 --> 00:15:27,920

um and that really wounded him and and

393

00:15:32,629 --> 00:15:29,120

he uh

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00:15:36,629 --> 00:15:32,639

uh he resolved it somehow by his strange

395

00:15:38,710 --> 00:15:36,639

you know sexual uh practices but um but

396

00:15:41,189 --> 00:15:38,720

and mack wasn't afraid to address that

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00:15:43,670 --> 00:15:41,199

and and mac likened himself in some ways

398

00:15:46,069 --> 00:15:43,680

to lawrence because lawrence was a very

399

00:15:47,749 --> 00:15:46,079

cerebral guy you know the movie got a

400

00:15:50,550 --> 00:15:47,759

little bit wrong it made him into you

401
00:15:52,790 --> 00:15:50,560
know like a a crazy adventurer

402
00:15:55,749 --> 00:15:52,800
who who's almost a sadist you know he

403
00:15:58,150 --> 00:15:55,759
liked to see his men you know

404
00:16:00,150 --> 00:15:58,160
torment the enemy and all that and the

405
00:16:01,829 --> 00:16:00,160
real lawrence mack found wasn't like

406
00:16:04,069 --> 00:16:01,839
that he was a very

407
00:16:06,069 --> 00:16:04,079
internalized kind of guy very shy he

408
00:16:09,430 --> 00:16:06,079
didn't even use his real name you know a

409
00:16:12,389 --> 00:16:09,440
lot of the time um and he was sickened

410
00:16:14,150 --> 00:16:12,399
by violence uh it had to be done if he

411
00:16:16,389 --> 00:16:14,160
was leading an army you know for

412
00:16:19,269 --> 00:16:16,399
independence from the turks but

413
00:16:23,430 --> 00:16:19,279

he didn't relish uh violence for its own

414

00:16:28,150 --> 00:16:23,440

sake and um he had a very uh interesting

415

00:16:30,150 --> 00:16:28,160

uh in her life which mack also had so um

416

00:16:32,069 --> 00:16:30,160

i think it was a good lead up to what

417

00:16:34,710 --> 00:16:32,079

what he what mack eventually got

418

00:16:37,269 --> 00:16:34,720

involved in with with alien abduction

419

00:16:39,430 --> 00:16:37,279

yeah i wonder if it was

420

00:16:41,269 --> 00:16:39,440

you know because of

421

00:16:42,629 --> 00:16:41,279

you know the pains that he went through

422

00:16:45,189 --> 00:16:42,639

as he was growing up like his mother

423

00:16:47,110 --> 00:16:45,199

dying 25 years old appendicitis his

424

00:16:49,910 --> 00:16:47,120

sister 19 years old

425

00:16:50,870 --> 00:16:49,920

and you know that's obviously stayed

426
00:16:53,030 --> 00:16:50,880
with him

427
00:16:55,189 --> 00:16:53,040
so long uh

428
00:16:57,110 --> 00:16:55,199
to the point where

429
00:16:58,069 --> 00:16:57,120
i he was at a conference right or

430
00:17:00,150 --> 00:16:58,079
something

431
00:17:02,790 --> 00:17:00,160
and like a man men's conference or

432
00:17:04,470 --> 00:17:02,800
something and um somebody asked him i

433
00:17:07,270 --> 00:17:04,480
forget who it was what's stopping you

434
00:17:09,270 --> 00:17:07,280
from ufos and he said

435
00:17:11,909 --> 00:17:09,280
uh this made me laugh out loud only

436
00:17:14,230 --> 00:17:11,919
because i feel the same exact way

437
00:17:16,549 --> 00:17:14,240
sometimes um he goes i don't have my

438
00:17:19,270 --> 00:17:16,559

balls my mom's got my balls you know

439

00:17:20,710 --> 00:17:19,280

more or less and like that's

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00:17:21,510 --> 00:17:20,720

that's true

441

00:17:24,150 --> 00:17:21,520

though

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00:17:25,590 --> 00:17:24,160

he uh he did join a men's club uh

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00:17:27,590 --> 00:17:25,600

because he was very conflicted you're

444

00:17:29,190 --> 00:17:27,600

absolutely right his mother died when he

445

00:17:32,230 --> 00:17:29,200

was eight and a half months old she died

446

00:17:33,590 --> 00:17:32,240

of appendicitis uh he was a little you

447

00:17:35,990 --> 00:17:33,600

know he's a baby he didn't understand

448

00:17:38,150 --> 00:17:36,000

why his mother was suddenly missing from

449

00:17:40,150 --> 00:17:38,160

his life and he his father then

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00:17:42,390 --> 00:17:40,160

remarried and he had a stepmother and

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00:17:45,750 --> 00:17:42,400

she was pretty strict with him so he had

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00:17:47,909 --> 00:17:45,760

all these um you know traumas growing up

453

00:17:49,830 --> 00:17:47,919

so later on he joined a men's group and

454

00:17:51,510 --> 00:17:49,840

this was in the era of women's lib so

455

00:17:53,350 --> 00:17:51,520

all the women that were getting

456

00:17:55,990 --> 00:17:53,360

liberated and he said well what about us

457

00:17:58,310 --> 00:17:56,000

men we need to be liberated um and since

458

00:18:02,070 --> 00:17:58,320

he was sort of under the thumb of his

459

00:18:04,230 --> 00:18:02,080

of his stepmother um he he you know

460

00:18:06,310 --> 00:18:04,240

wrestled with these issues and he as you

461

00:18:09,430 --> 00:18:06,320

said yeah he did this exercise at the

462

00:18:12,070 --> 00:18:09,440

men's club where he had to grab a big

463

00:18:15,430 --> 00:18:12,080

balls and he said you know

464

00:18:18,310 --> 00:18:15,440

i gotta grab them for myself

465

00:18:20,390 --> 00:18:18,320

but that's true and i think

466

00:18:23,669 --> 00:18:20,400

what was it it was

467

00:18:25,830 --> 00:18:23,679

you know the fear of the situation he'll

468

00:18:28,310 --> 00:18:25,840

then be in if he actually does grab his

469

00:18:30,470 --> 00:18:28,320

balls you know you you throw yourself

470

00:18:31,830 --> 00:18:30,480

into something that you're kind of maybe

471

00:18:33,830 --> 00:18:31,840

even afraid of

472

00:18:38,549 --> 00:18:33,840

uh

473

00:18:40,230 --> 00:18:38,559

and you know his critics did not make it

474

00:18:41,909 --> 00:18:40,240

easy for him harvard put him under

475

00:18:44,630 --> 00:18:41,919

investigation

476

00:18:46,950 --> 00:18:44,640

questioning his methods

477

00:18:49,590 --> 00:18:46,960

and the committee that was formed was a

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00:18:52,470 --> 00:18:49,600

secret committee and it was very

479

00:18:54,830 --> 00:18:52,480

antagonistic toward

480

00:18:56,310 --> 00:18:54,840

anything that they couldn't

481

00:18:57,669 --> 00:18:56,320

identify uh

482

00:19:00,230 --> 00:18:57,679

in the real world

483

00:19:02,150 --> 00:19:00,240

um and they kept asking matt can you

484

00:19:04,470 --> 00:19:02,160

prove that this and this exists and he

485

00:19:07,270 --> 00:19:04,480

said no i can't prove it because it's in

486

00:19:08,630 --> 00:19:07,280

this strange area where that seems to

487

00:19:11,590 --> 00:19:08,640

defy proof

488

00:19:13,350 --> 00:19:11,600

yeah um so it was really a clash of

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00:19:16,150 --> 00:19:13,360

what he called when matt called a clash

490

00:19:18,549 --> 00:19:16,160

of world views uh he he said there's

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00:19:20,549 --> 00:19:18,559

things we don't understand about

492

00:19:22,150 --> 00:19:20,559

the physical world and they said well if

493

00:19:23,430 --> 00:19:22,160

you don't understand it you know don't

494

00:19:25,190 --> 00:19:23,440

talk about it

495

00:19:27,669 --> 00:19:25,200

that was basically it

496

00:19:29,830 --> 00:19:27,679

yeah and imagine how many

497

00:19:32,870 --> 00:19:29,840

uh things we'd be missing today in life

498

00:19:34,230 --> 00:19:32,880

if if everyone had that attitude uh

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00:19:36,150 --> 00:19:34,240

exactly i mean

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00:19:37,350 --> 00:19:36,160

we don't know everything that exists yet

501
00:19:39,830 --> 00:19:37,360
there's a lot of mysteries in the

502
00:19:41,110 --> 00:19:39,840
universe as i say the end of my book if

503
00:19:43,590 --> 00:19:41,120
if um

504
00:19:44,310 --> 00:19:43,600
if science were to put the kind of money

505
00:19:47,590 --> 00:19:44,320
to

506
00:19:49,990 --> 00:19:47,600
alien experiences

507
00:19:53,110 --> 00:19:50,000
that they put into uh you know black

508
00:19:54,710 --> 00:19:53,120
holes and finding the missing particles

509
00:19:56,710 --> 00:19:54,720
of the universe the billions and

510
00:19:58,789 --> 00:19:56,720
billions of dollars we'd have some real

511
00:20:01,430 --> 00:19:58,799
research going on but because it's been

512
00:20:03,029 --> 00:20:01,440
a disreputable topic with a stigma

513
00:20:03,909 --> 00:20:03,039

they haven't been investigated there's

514

00:20:05,669 --> 00:20:03,919

some

515

00:20:08,070 --> 00:20:05,679

you know minimal investigation going on

516

00:20:10,630 --> 00:20:08,080

now by some very good scientists as to

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00:20:12,870 --> 00:20:10,640

what these um encounters really amount

518

00:20:13,750 --> 00:20:12,880

to but they're very mysterious

519

00:20:16,870 --> 00:20:13,760

yeah

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00:20:18,070 --> 00:20:16,880

and you kind of nailed it earlier um

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00:20:20,630 --> 00:20:18,080

people that are

522

00:20:23,750 --> 00:20:20,640

upstanding citizens

523

00:20:25,430 --> 00:20:23,760

i would assume even some president ceos

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00:20:27,270 --> 00:20:25,440

just completely

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00:20:28,950 --> 00:20:27,280

normal people that you would

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00:20:31,830 --> 00:20:28,960

you know and i use that term who knows

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00:20:33,909 --> 00:20:31,840

what normal means but um

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00:20:35,510 --> 00:20:33,919

that have these experiences absolutely

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00:20:37,110 --> 00:20:35,520

that you know i'm glad you started off

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00:20:39,830 --> 00:20:37,120

the show with that observation you had

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00:20:41,110 --> 00:20:39,840

jay king on who's a wonderful guy who

532

00:20:42,630 --> 00:20:41,120

i've interviewed

533

00:20:45,190 --> 00:20:42,640

and um

534

00:20:47,750 --> 00:20:45,200

a perfect example of people who accept

535

00:20:50,310 --> 00:20:47,760

for their experiences are completely

536

00:20:51,430 --> 00:20:50,320

normal this is what amazed mac

537

00:20:53,830 --> 00:20:51,440

that

538

00:20:54,950 --> 00:20:53,840

he could not find anything about these

539

00:20:57,750 --> 00:20:54,960

people

540

00:21:00,149 --> 00:20:57,760

that set them apart from anybody else

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00:21:02,950 --> 00:21:00,159

except for these experiences that they

542

00:21:05,350 --> 00:21:02,960

had which no one can explain

543

00:21:07,750 --> 00:21:05,360

and it's not clear why they're picked

544

00:21:08,789 --> 00:21:07,760

uh and why other people are not picked

545

00:21:11,029 --> 00:21:08,799

let's say

546

00:21:13,350 --> 00:21:11,039

um but as i said there's no common

547

00:21:14,710 --> 00:21:13,360

denominator that that explains oh yeah

548

00:21:18,630 --> 00:21:14,720

you know

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00:21:20,470 --> 00:21:18,640

so-called skeptics out there are very

550

00:21:23,270 --> 00:21:20,480

quick with explanation oh you know this

551
00:21:25,830 --> 00:21:23,280
is sleep paralysis you know well not all

552
00:21:27,830 --> 00:21:25,840
these encounters happen during sleep or

553
00:21:29,110 --> 00:21:27,840
night after night time they happen in

554
00:21:31,510 --> 00:21:29,120
the daytime

555
00:21:33,350 --> 00:21:31,520
so um the people with the quick

556
00:21:35,430 --> 00:21:33,360
explanations have not done the homework

557
00:21:37,430 --> 00:21:35,440
because they don't know how subtle

558
00:21:39,029 --> 00:21:37,440
uh or they maybe they know but they

559
00:21:41,430 --> 00:21:39,039
don't want to acknowledge how subtle

560
00:21:45,909 --> 00:21:41,440
this phenomenon is right well you could

561
00:21:51,029 --> 00:21:48,549
well you know it's like treading into uh

562
00:21:53,350 --> 00:21:51,039
unknown territory for for most people

563
00:21:55,590 --> 00:21:53,360

just at all is

564

00:21:57,830 --> 00:21:55,600

you know a fearful thing

565

00:22:00,630 --> 00:21:57,840

um and then you you know throw how

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00:22:03,029 --> 00:22:00,640

intricate detailed and complex this

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00:22:04,950 --> 00:22:03,039

situation is i think it may be sometimes

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00:22:07,510 --> 00:22:04,960

it's even human nature to

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00:22:09,029 --> 00:22:07,520

to brush it off as not real especially

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00:22:10,149 --> 00:22:09,039

when there's so many other people doing

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00:22:12,549 --> 00:22:10,159

it and you can just well you're

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00:22:14,870 --> 00:22:12,559

uncomfortable yeah

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00:22:16,950 --> 00:22:14,880

it's probably a natural human reaction

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00:22:19,270 --> 00:22:16,960

to not to confront it because it is so

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00:22:21,590 --> 00:22:19,280

troubling first of all the people who

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00:22:23,110 --> 00:22:21,600

who've had this experience

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00:22:24,310 --> 00:22:23,120

they're the first to admit it's

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00:22:27,430 --> 00:22:24,320

extremely

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00:22:29,830 --> 00:22:27,440

traumatic and troubling yeah um and if

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00:22:31,190 --> 00:22:29,840

they weren't screwed up before

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00:22:33,029 --> 00:22:31,200

uh which they

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00:22:34,870 --> 00:22:33,039

were't more than anybody else they

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00:22:36,549 --> 00:22:34,880

certainly were screwed up afterwards by

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00:22:38,630 --> 00:22:36,559

the experience so it's not the fact that

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00:22:41,029 --> 00:22:38,640

they were screwed up that that gave them

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00:22:43,029 --> 00:22:41,039

the experience it's it's the other way

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00:22:46,149 --> 00:22:43,039

around they had this strange experience

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00:22:48,870 --> 00:22:46,159

which is extremely troubling yeah when

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00:22:52,070 --> 00:22:48,880

you're you know paralyzed and you see

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00:22:54,870 --> 00:22:52,080

this being and you are subject to you

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00:22:57,590 --> 00:22:54,880

know some kinds of horrible medical

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00:23:00,230 --> 00:22:57,600

pseudo-medical procedures and you can't

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00:23:02,230 --> 00:23:00,240

really object and your partner is

594

00:23:05,029 --> 00:23:02,240

immobilized and all the things that go

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00:23:06,390 --> 00:23:05,039

with these experiences yeah you're going

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00:23:08,950 --> 00:23:06,400

to be troubled

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00:23:11,990 --> 00:23:08,960

yeah yeah well yeah and even if it does

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00:23:14,230 --> 00:23:12,000

turn into or it's supposed to be some

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00:23:17,350 --> 00:23:14,240

sort of enlightening or good thing

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00:23:19,590 --> 00:23:17,360

um like the i would imagine the journey

601
00:23:21,909 --> 00:23:19,600
to get to that point would be incredibly

602
00:23:24,630 --> 00:23:21,919
difficult well it's an interesting you

603
00:23:27,029 --> 00:23:24,640
raised that uh mac was uh

604
00:23:28,470 --> 00:23:27,039
unique basically among

605
00:23:31,590 --> 00:23:28,480
um

606
00:23:32,310 --> 00:23:31,600
uh abduction researchers who

607
00:23:35,190 --> 00:23:32,320
who

608
00:23:36,390 --> 00:23:35,200
believe or heard or or found

609
00:23:37,830 --> 00:23:36,400
that the people

610
00:23:40,470 --> 00:23:37,840
consulting him

611
00:23:43,350 --> 00:23:40,480
were elevated transformed somehow by

612
00:23:45,190 --> 00:23:43,360
this experience along with the trauma

613
00:23:47,830 --> 00:23:45,200

they felt somehow that they'd made a

614

00:23:49,830 --> 00:23:47,840

connection with something elemental or

615

00:23:51,669 --> 00:23:49,840

basic in the universe and that they

616

00:23:53,029 --> 00:23:51,679

learned something and that they got a

617

00:23:55,350 --> 00:23:53,039

message about

618

00:23:57,029 --> 00:23:55,360

you know the the dire condition of the

619

00:23:59,029 --> 00:23:57,039

planet

620

00:24:01,909 --> 00:23:59,039

and other people who had investigated

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00:24:05,110 --> 00:24:01,919

the same phenomenon really emphasized

622

00:24:07,430 --> 00:24:05,120

mostly the trauma and the the

623

00:24:09,669 --> 00:24:07,440

the fearful aspects but mack kept saying

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00:24:12,549 --> 00:24:09,679

that his people you know

625

00:24:14,789 --> 00:24:12,559

came away with something uh important

626

00:24:18,470 --> 00:24:14,799

and almost um

627

00:24:20,710 --> 00:24:18,480

um what's the word i mean uh

628

00:24:23,269 --> 00:24:20,720

elevating you know that they uh they

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00:24:24,789 --> 00:24:23,279

were transformed yeah that's that's a

630

00:24:27,269 --> 00:24:24,799

you know and then that makes me think

631

00:24:29,990 --> 00:24:27,279

like how many good things in life

632

00:24:33,110 --> 00:24:30,000

you know have we obtained personally

633

00:24:35,110 --> 00:24:33,120

without first having to go through

634

00:24:36,470 --> 00:24:35,120

pain and punishment to get there you

635

00:24:37,990 --> 00:24:36,480

know whether it be

636

00:24:40,549 --> 00:24:38,000

you know school

637

00:24:41,269 --> 00:24:40,559

you know getting a degree to get the job

638

00:24:46,149 --> 00:24:41,279

or

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00:24:48,390 --> 00:24:46,159

finally be with the one that you should

640

00:24:49,990 --> 00:24:48,400

be with that's true that's that's very

641

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

true and uh

642

00:24:53,909 --> 00:24:52,400

um and these people and you know it's

643

00:24:55,110 --> 00:24:53,919

almost like at the end of my book i

644

00:24:58,470 --> 00:24:55,120

compare

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00:25:00,950 --> 00:24:58,480

uh max life to the hero's journey

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00:25:02,710 --> 00:25:00,960

um right and uh

647

00:25:04,549 --> 00:25:02,720

you know and and that's

648

00:25:06,789 --> 00:25:04,559

you know you get a summons you get

649

00:25:09,990 --> 00:25:06,799

called to some quest that you kind of

650

00:25:12,070 --> 00:25:10,000

resist at first yeah and then

651
00:25:15,110 --> 00:25:12,080

you go through it

652
00:25:17,909 --> 00:25:15,120

you have all these traumatic adventures

653
00:25:19,190 --> 00:25:17,919

and at the end you come away with wisdom

654
00:25:23,350 --> 00:25:19,200

yeah

655
00:25:25,430 --> 00:25:23,360

and that

656
00:25:27,430 --> 00:25:25,440

you know and then

657
00:25:28,470 --> 00:25:27,440

makes me think like what is the thing

658
00:25:34,549 --> 00:25:28,480

that

659
00:25:35,830 --> 00:25:34,559

pull from your book

660
00:25:39,029 --> 00:25:35,840

uh

661
00:25:40,149 --> 00:25:39,039

me it was mac on iron john

662
00:25:42,950 --> 00:25:40,159

um

663
00:25:46,230 --> 00:25:42,960

where your wound is is where your genius

664

00:25:48,549 --> 00:25:46,240

is and where you'll give the greatest uh

665

00:25:50,630 --> 00:25:48,559

gift to the community

666

00:25:52,870 --> 00:25:50,640

and that makes a lot of sense because

667

00:25:55,110 --> 00:25:52,880

where that pain comes from is is

668

00:25:58,390 --> 00:25:55,120

oftentimes what propels you to continue

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00:26:01,430 --> 00:25:58,400

on yeah that's very deep and uh i think

670

00:26:04,070 --> 00:26:01,440

um mack exemplified that that he he did

671

00:26:07,110 --> 00:26:04,080

go through a lot of pain yeah he came he

672

00:26:09,269 --> 00:26:07,120

came out with wisdom but um he was very

673

00:26:10,070 --> 00:26:09,279

influenced by robert bly you know for

674

00:26:11,269 --> 00:26:10,080

the

675

00:26:15,269 --> 00:26:11,279

men's uh

676

00:26:19,669 --> 00:26:15,279

uh empowerment guru who wrote john

677

00:26:21,909 --> 00:26:19,679

and um he also said max said um taking

678

00:26:23,830 --> 00:26:21,919

it from robert bligh he who speaks the

679

00:26:25,830 --> 00:26:23,840

truth better have a horse ready for

680

00:26:27,590 --> 00:26:25,840

escape

681

00:26:28,870 --> 00:26:27,600

uh

682

00:26:35,269 --> 00:26:28,880

yeah

683

00:26:37,190 --> 00:26:35,279

but you know you could say you're doing

684

00:26:39,510 --> 00:26:37,200

that right now so

685

00:26:41,350 --> 00:26:39,520

you know appreciate that um because like

686

00:26:44,230 --> 00:26:41,360

as i was saying earlier if if you

687

00:26:45,909 --> 00:26:44,240

wouldn't have uh took that on and i know

688

00:26:47,830 --> 00:26:45,919

it's just me one person but i'm sure

689

00:26:49,190 --> 00:26:47,840

there's a lot of others uh i would have

690

00:26:50,950 --> 00:26:49,200

known about him and i wouldn't have

691

00:26:52,470 --> 00:26:50,960

known these quotes that really resonate

692

00:26:54,310 --> 00:26:52,480

with me you know

693

00:26:56,549 --> 00:26:54,320

and his story is good yeah he's a real

694

00:26:58,390 --> 00:26:56,559

role model mac i mean look as i say in

695

00:27:01,029 --> 00:26:58,400

the book too he wasn't perfect i mean he

696

00:27:02,470 --> 00:27:01,039

was a human being he was perfect he

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00:27:04,149 --> 00:27:02,480

uh he was not

698

00:27:05,830 --> 00:27:04,159

always faithful to his wife he was

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00:27:07,750 --> 00:27:05,840

always searching maybe because he lost

700

00:27:09,750 --> 00:27:07,760

his mother at an early age but he was

701
00:27:12,390 --> 00:27:09,760
always looking for you know that other

702
00:27:14,950 --> 00:27:12,400
woman some race in the universe

703
00:27:17,909 --> 00:27:14,960
um and he was naive i mean he jumped to

704
00:27:20,789 --> 00:27:17,919
conclusions a little too fast he he was

705
00:27:22,950 --> 00:27:20,799
talking about alien abduction before he

706
00:27:25,269 --> 00:27:22,960
really investigated it thoroughly he was

707
00:27:26,310 --> 00:27:25,279
already talking about it at harvard

708
00:27:27,190 --> 00:27:26,320
um

709
00:27:28,549 --> 00:27:27,200
and

710
00:27:30,630 --> 00:27:28,559
you know he might have done better to

711
00:27:33,750 --> 00:27:30,640
hold off a little bit and marshall all

712
00:27:36,389 --> 00:27:33,760
his you know research beforehand so he

713
00:27:38,870 --> 00:27:36,399

um he made some mistakes and he brought

714

00:27:41,029 --> 00:27:38,880

some of his experiences onto tv

715

00:27:43,750 --> 00:27:41,039

which was really a disaster

716

00:27:45,029 --> 00:27:43,760

because this is a very strange uh

717

00:27:49,350 --> 00:27:45,039

phenomenon

718

00:27:52,230 --> 00:27:49,360

and to put these people on a tv show

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00:27:53,350 --> 00:27:52,240

it's like becomes like a circus sure

720

00:27:54,950 --> 00:27:53,360

yeah and you feel like you're

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00:27:56,950 --> 00:27:54,960

entertainment then you're thinking is

722

00:27:58,630 --> 00:27:56,960

that why this happened to me is that for

723

00:28:01,110 --> 00:27:58,640

other people yeah

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00:28:03,269 --> 00:28:01,120

that's right and and it made them kind

725

00:28:05,830 --> 00:28:03,279

of laughing stocks because there's no

726

00:28:08,070 --> 00:28:05,840

way you can tell these experiences

727

00:28:11,510 --> 00:28:08,080

um really with a straight face they are

728

00:28:12,470 --> 00:28:11,520

so weird and so bizarre right they need

729

00:28:13,350 --> 00:28:12,480

to be

730

00:28:15,190 --> 00:28:13,360

um

731

00:28:16,950 --> 00:28:15,200

they need to be parceled out you know

732

00:28:18,950 --> 00:28:16,960

more carefully like in the book that

733

00:28:19,750 --> 00:28:18,960

mack wrote

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00:28:27,830 --> 00:28:19,760

so

735

00:28:29,510 --> 00:28:27,840

who's maybe

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00:28:30,950 --> 00:28:29,520

hadn't experienced

737

00:28:33,110 --> 00:28:30,960

let's say they're listening to this for

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00:28:35,029 --> 00:28:33,120

the first time or they

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00:28:38,870 --> 00:28:35,039

just want to start like looking into it

740

00:28:41,909 --> 00:28:38,880

and trying to you know get over it or

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00:28:43,029 --> 00:28:41,919

be one with it accept it

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00:28:44,710 --> 00:28:43,039

let's say it happened to you what would

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00:28:46,950 --> 00:28:44,720

you do would you go to a support group

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00:28:48,630 --> 00:28:46,960

would you read a book yeah um well

745

00:28:50,549 --> 00:28:48,640

there's certainly books that will

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00:28:52,950 --> 00:28:50,559

convince you that you're not alone that

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00:28:55,190 --> 00:28:52,960

you're not going crazy actually some

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00:28:57,590 --> 00:28:55,200

people told mac that

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00:28:59,350 --> 00:28:57,600

after they you know consulted him and he

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00:29:01,430 --> 00:28:59,360

told them that there were other people

751
00:29:03,590 --> 00:29:01,440
with similar experiences they were very

752
00:29:05,909 --> 00:29:03,600
disappointed and they said oh my god i

753
00:29:08,070 --> 00:29:05,919
was hoping you'd tell me i was crazy

754
00:29:10,310 --> 00:29:08,080
you know yeah now that you told me that

755
00:29:12,630 --> 00:29:10,320
this is real that other people have had

756
00:29:14,070 --> 00:29:12,640
this that really scared me to death

757
00:29:14,950 --> 00:29:14,080
that's what they told him

758
00:29:16,710 --> 00:29:14,960
um

759
00:29:19,669 --> 00:29:16,720
so i would say you know there's plenty

760
00:29:21,190 --> 00:29:19,679
of books on the subject um other than

761
00:29:22,950 --> 00:29:21,200
mine but there's you know whitley

762
00:29:24,470 --> 00:29:22,960
strieber's communion

763
00:29:26,630 --> 00:29:24,480

books by

764

00:29:29,029 --> 00:29:26,640

hopkins who was the one who got mac

765

00:29:30,789 --> 00:29:29,039

interested but i think support groups

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00:29:31,750 --> 00:29:30,799

are a really good idea there are other

767

00:29:33,669 --> 00:29:31,760

people

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00:29:35,909 --> 00:29:33,679

with similar experience jay king is

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00:29:38,870 --> 00:29:35,919

running one the one you guy you had on

770

00:29:41,190 --> 00:29:38,880

the show and they bring together people

771

00:29:42,549 --> 00:29:41,200

with common experiences that they can

772

00:29:44,310 --> 00:29:42,559

share that they're not going to be

773

00:29:46,389 --> 00:29:44,320

laughed at because other people there

774

00:29:47,269 --> 00:29:46,399

have had these experiences

775

00:29:50,230 --> 00:29:47,279

and

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00:29:53,029 --> 00:29:50,240

it's a safe environment uh then they're

777

00:29:54,789 --> 00:29:53,039

not going to be laughed at and

778

00:29:56,870 --> 00:29:54,799

that's a good way to go what i

779

00:29:59,190 --> 00:29:56,880

appreciate about jay

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00:30:01,669 --> 00:29:59,200

and the experimenter group is

781

00:30:03,430 --> 00:30:01,679

um they don't come out and pretend like

782

00:30:05,350 --> 00:30:03,440

they know everything because it happened

783

00:30:07,510 --> 00:30:05,360

to them like you know some people have

784

00:30:09,190 --> 00:30:07,520

done that where they told me this and

785

00:30:11,830 --> 00:30:09,200

now i know this is happening and the

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00:30:14,149 --> 00:30:11,840

world has is this way or whatever you

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00:30:15,909 --> 00:30:14,159

know they're very vulnerable and honest

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00:30:18,149 --> 00:30:15,919

with you know their own

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00:30:20,630 --> 00:30:18,159

you know quest like this happened to me

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00:30:20,960 --> 00:30:20,640

i don't pretend to have the answers

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00:30:23,510 --> 00:30:20,970

um

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00:30:25,750 --> 00:30:23,520

[Music]

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00:30:28,149 --> 00:30:25,760

the most honest of them will admit uh

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00:30:29,990 --> 00:30:28,159

immediately that they don't understand

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00:30:31,110 --> 00:30:30,000

anything about the experience all they

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00:30:32,630 --> 00:30:31,120

will say

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00:30:34,549 --> 00:30:32,640

is that they're absolutely convinced

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00:30:37,110 --> 00:30:34,559

that happened it was not a dream they

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00:30:40,070 --> 00:30:37,120

know dreams and by the way mack wrote a

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00:30:41,110 --> 00:30:40,080

book on nightmares um yes part of his

801
00:30:43,510 --> 00:30:41,120
you know

802
00:30:44,950 --> 00:30:43,520
very distinguished work at harvard uh he

803
00:30:47,510 --> 00:30:44,960
wrote a book on

804
00:30:50,070 --> 00:30:47,520
on childhood development he wrote he

805
00:30:53,590 --> 00:30:50,080
wrote a number of books on a holocaust

806
00:30:57,029 --> 00:30:53,600
survivor on a teenage suicide a girl

807
00:31:00,149 --> 00:30:57,039
committed suicide and he wrote a book on

808
00:31:01,750 --> 00:31:00,159
nightmares and he studied them and

809
00:31:03,669 --> 00:31:01,760
so afterwards you know people couldn't

810
00:31:05,110 --> 00:31:03,679
say oh john you don't understand these

811
00:31:07,669 --> 00:31:05,120
people are just having nightmares i

812
00:31:09,590 --> 00:31:07,679
wrote a book on nightmares don't tell me

813
00:31:11,669 --> 00:31:09,600

this is the night the people themselves

814

00:31:13,029 --> 00:31:11,679

say look i've had nightmare i know the

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00:31:15,509 --> 00:31:13,039

difference between

816

00:31:18,549 --> 00:31:15,519

waking out of a nightmare and seeing one

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00:31:20,789 --> 00:31:18,559

of these beings in my room right so you

818

00:31:22,950 --> 00:31:20,799

can't tell these people that they had a

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00:31:24,789 --> 00:31:22,960

nightmare it's very different yeah i

820

00:31:27,029 --> 00:31:24,799

mean some people even wake up with marks

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00:31:28,310 --> 00:31:27,039

on them or whatever well that's right

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00:31:30,470 --> 00:31:28,320

there are these

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00:31:33,110 --> 00:31:30,480

very strange scars afterwards it's one

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00:31:35,350 --> 00:31:33,120

of the sort of fragmentary bits of

825

00:31:38,149 --> 00:31:35,360

physical evidence it's very elusive you

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00:31:40,630 --> 00:31:38,159

know this phenomenon is is very strange

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00:31:41,990 --> 00:31:40,640

it doesn't want to be figured out yeah i

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00:31:43,350 --> 00:31:42,000

was just going to say that it reminds me

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00:31:46,470 --> 00:31:43,360

of john keel

830

00:31:49,750 --> 00:31:46,480

yeah um operation trojan horse yeah yeah

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00:31:52,870 --> 00:31:49,760

very uh distinguished author too um uh

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00:31:55,350 --> 00:31:52,880

who who examined this phenomenon and

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00:31:57,669 --> 00:31:55,360

um yeah it's uh

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00:32:00,070 --> 00:31:57,679

the evidence is is fragmentary for a

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00:32:01,190 --> 00:32:00,080

reason i mean the the companions of

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00:32:02,070 --> 00:32:01,200

people

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00:32:06,630 --> 00:32:02,080

who

838

00:32:07,509 --> 00:32:06,640

they say switched off

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00:32:10,070 --> 00:32:07,519

um

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00:32:11,990 --> 00:32:10,080

they can't be good uh witnesses to what

841

00:32:15,750 --> 00:32:12,000

happened because they are unconscious

842

00:32:18,870 --> 00:32:15,760

for some reason somehow um and then the

843

00:32:21,029 --> 00:32:18,880

people themselves afterwards uh sort of

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00:32:21,909 --> 00:32:21,039

say you know my memory was kind of wiped

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00:32:23,830 --> 00:32:21,919

out

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00:32:25,190 --> 00:32:23,840

i can't remember then sometimes they

847

00:32:27,029 --> 00:32:25,200

recall

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00:32:28,630 --> 00:32:27,039

more of it through hypnosis or

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00:32:31,430 --> 00:32:28,640

relaxation techniques but that's

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00:32:33,269 --> 00:32:31,440

problematical too right because hypnosis

851
00:32:37,110 --> 00:32:33,279
is not a perfect science

852
00:32:40,310 --> 00:32:37,120
and uh it's very um subjective depending

853
00:32:41,110 --> 00:32:40,320
on how good the hypnotist is

854
00:32:43,110 --> 00:32:41,120
um

855
00:32:46,549 --> 00:32:43,120
so there's a lot of problems with with

856
00:32:49,110 --> 00:32:46,559
verifying these these encounters and um

857
00:32:50,549 --> 00:32:49,120
and that's part of the the issue i'd say

858
00:32:52,149 --> 00:32:50,559
you know there's a lot of people who say

859
00:32:54,470 --> 00:32:52,159
the same thing well where's the proof

860
00:32:56,789 --> 00:32:54,480
what's the proof i could say like

861
00:32:58,230 --> 00:32:56,799
you know unless you're completely just

862
00:33:01,190 --> 00:32:58,240
inhumane

863
00:33:04,230 --> 00:33:01,200

the proof is in the amount

864

00:33:05,669 --> 00:33:04,240

the pure mass amount and variety of

865

00:33:09,110 --> 00:33:05,679

people

866

00:33:11,509 --> 00:33:09,120

that describe these things and mind you

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00:33:13,190 --> 00:33:11,519

in different ways each one absolutely

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00:33:15,350 --> 00:33:13,200

right you know

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00:33:17,830 --> 00:33:15,360

that is so important what you just said

870

00:33:21,269 --> 00:33:17,840

because one of the things that impressed

871

00:33:22,950 --> 00:33:21,279

john mack was not only the number

872

00:33:25,269 --> 00:33:22,960

of people

873

00:33:26,630 --> 00:33:25,279

who came forward with these uh similar

874

00:33:30,470 --> 00:33:26,640

experiences

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00:33:32,470 --> 00:33:30,480

uh sort of parallel accounts

876

00:33:34,230 --> 00:33:32,480

but the fact that they were all

877

00:33:38,230 --> 00:33:34,240

so individual

878

00:33:40,389 --> 00:33:38,240

they had details that were so uh bizarre

879

00:33:41,750 --> 00:33:40,399

that you say how could anybody ever make

880

00:33:42,630 --> 00:33:41,760

this stuff up

881

00:33:44,389 --> 00:33:42,640

um

882

00:33:45,830 --> 00:33:44,399

so the you know on the one hand the

883

00:33:49,110 --> 00:33:45,840

experiences

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00:33:50,870 --> 00:33:49,120

were kind of common or they had a common

885

00:33:53,190 --> 00:33:50,880

thread running through them and on the

886

00:33:54,870 --> 00:33:53,200

other hand there was so many different

887

00:33:56,870 --> 00:33:54,880

details it was not like they were

888

00:33:59,750 --> 00:33:56,880

reading off one playbook it's okay let's

889

00:34:00,710 --> 00:33:59,760

all agree right the experience like this

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00:34:03,430 --> 00:34:00,720

right

891

00:34:04,830 --> 00:34:03,440

uh it's just crazy stuff i mean let me

892

00:34:06,389 --> 00:34:04,840

give you one

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00:34:08,950 --> 00:34:06,399

example a um

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00:34:11,109 --> 00:34:08,960

a nobel prize winning chemist

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00:34:14,149 --> 00:34:11,119

named carrie mullis he just died about

896

00:34:17,589 --> 00:34:14,159

two years ago he won a nobel prize nobel

897

00:34:19,589 --> 00:34:17,599

prize not a politician nobel prize

898

00:34:22,950 --> 00:34:19,599

prize for chemistry but by figuring out

899

00:34:24,950 --> 00:34:22,960

a way to replicate dna billions of times

900

00:34:27,349 --> 00:34:24,960

so it could be studied so he was no

901
00:34:29,990 --> 00:34:27,359
dummy okay yeah so

902
00:34:32,069 --> 00:34:30,000
he goes to his cabin in mendocino

903
00:34:35,430 --> 00:34:32,079
california one night

904
00:34:37,510 --> 00:34:35,440
and um he goes out to do some work in

905
00:34:38,790 --> 00:34:37,520
the in the back and the yard takes a

906
00:34:39,750 --> 00:34:38,800
flashlight

907
00:34:42,629 --> 00:34:39,760
and

908
00:34:44,950 --> 00:34:42,639
he sees a glowing object that he says

909
00:34:47,109 --> 00:34:44,960
turns out to be a raccoon

910
00:34:49,430 --> 00:34:47,119
a glowing raccoon and a raccoon talks to

911
00:34:52,389 --> 00:34:49,440
him and says good evening doctor

912
00:34:55,030 --> 00:34:52,399
okay and the next thing he knows he says

913
00:34:56,389 --> 00:34:55,040

he's on the road it's morning

914

00:34:57,990 --> 00:34:56,399

he doesn't know where the flashlight

915

00:34:59,670 --> 00:34:58,000

went he doesn't know what happened his

916

00:35:01,270 --> 00:34:59,680

clothes are dry

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00:35:03,670 --> 00:35:01,280

even though he spent

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00:35:05,430 --> 00:35:03,680

presumably he was outside all night he

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00:35:07,990 --> 00:35:05,440

doesn't know how he got there

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00:35:10,550 --> 00:35:08,000

and uh he tells that story in his book

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00:35:12,390 --> 00:35:10,560

he told that story in his book now no

922

00:35:13,750 --> 00:35:12,400

spaceship involved

923

00:35:17,589 --> 00:35:13,760

no aliens

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00:35:21,190 --> 00:35:17,599

just a glowing talking raccoon

925

00:35:23,349 --> 00:35:21,200

wow uh and again this guy's a nobel

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00:35:25,990 --> 00:35:23,359

prize winning size so he he's he's got

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00:35:27,829 --> 00:35:26,000

enough smarts to to win a nobel prize

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00:35:30,790 --> 00:35:27,839

and he's telling the story so that's

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00:35:31,510 --> 00:35:30,800

pretty interesting yeah it is um it you

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00:35:34,150 --> 00:35:31,520

know

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00:35:37,190 --> 00:35:34,160

maybe it's easier for for experiencers

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00:35:39,190 --> 00:35:37,200

to get in you know to at least

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00:35:40,150 --> 00:35:39,200

take in this information too because

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00:35:41,910 --> 00:35:40,160

there's

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00:35:44,069 --> 00:35:41,920

at the end of the day what do they say

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00:35:46,870 --> 00:35:44,079

you know there's there's no knowledge

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00:35:48,390 --> 00:35:46,880

like firsthand experience right um so

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00:35:50,069 --> 00:35:48,400

people who haven't had it it's it's

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00:35:52,069 --> 00:35:50,079

really hard to well there is that's

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00:35:53,430 --> 00:35:52,079

right there is this big divide the

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00:35:56,150 --> 00:35:53,440

people

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00:35:59,510 --> 00:35:56,160

have not

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00:36:00,870 --> 00:35:59,520

had this experience cannot imagine

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00:36:03,430 --> 00:36:00,880

what it could be so they're very

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00:36:06,310 --> 00:36:03,440

skeptical and the people who've had it

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00:36:07,990 --> 00:36:06,320

uh cannot imagine not having had it so

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00:36:09,510 --> 00:36:08,000

they are absolutely convinced that it

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00:36:12,550 --> 00:36:09,520

happened so you have these two groups of

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00:36:14,790 --> 00:36:12,560

people who really cannot compare

950

00:36:16,950 --> 00:36:14,800

experiences and that's what makes it so

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00:36:19,750 --> 00:36:16,960

difficult yeah um

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00:36:21,990 --> 00:36:19,760

it's a real problem that uh getting

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00:36:24,310 --> 00:36:22,000

acknowledgement that these people have

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00:36:26,870 --> 00:36:24,320

actually had something happen to them

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00:36:28,390 --> 00:36:26,880

yeah well one one day i'll tell you

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00:36:30,950 --> 00:36:28,400

about what happened to me i didn't see

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00:36:33,030 --> 00:36:30,960

any beings or anything but it it was a

958

00:36:35,030 --> 00:36:33,040

consciousness thing

959

00:36:36,390 --> 00:36:35,040

where a dream came true and then i saw

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00:36:37,829 --> 00:36:36,400

two crazy

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00:36:41,510 --> 00:36:37,839

things so

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00:36:42,230 --> 00:36:41,520

i'll have to tell you about that but um

963

00:36:43,670 --> 00:36:42,240

no

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00:36:46,230 --> 00:36:43,680

yeah you wrote you wrote that book

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00:36:48,230 --> 00:36:46,240

wonderful book um but you're not done

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00:36:50,950 --> 00:36:48,240

yet and then you write the the wonderful

967

00:36:52,069 --> 00:36:50,960

article that was in the debrief

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00:36:54,470 --> 00:36:52,079

um

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00:36:56,630 --> 00:36:54,480

you know and as always what i appreciate

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00:36:58,470 --> 00:36:56,640

about your writing is you put a lot of

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00:37:01,349 --> 00:36:58,480

context to it first before the

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00:37:03,670 --> 00:37:01,359

deliverables come so to speak

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00:37:05,030 --> 00:37:03,680

and um

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00:37:06,790 --> 00:37:05,040

so when you

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00:37:08,710 --> 00:37:06,800

when you decided

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00:37:09,910 --> 00:37:08,720
or when the story decided it wanted to

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00:37:11,510 --> 00:37:09,920
be told

978
00:37:12,870 --> 00:37:11,520
whatever you prefer

979
00:37:15,510 --> 00:37:12,880
um

980
00:37:18,950 --> 00:37:15,520
how how did that take place you know how

981
00:37:21,430 --> 00:37:18,960
did um jay and and the experiencer group

982
00:37:23,270 --> 00:37:21,440
or or the people that you mentioned

983
00:37:24,550 --> 00:37:23,280
um how did that find you

984
00:37:25,430 --> 00:37:24,560
well um

985
00:37:40,150 --> 00:37:25,440
i

986
00:37:42,150 --> 00:37:40,160
um

987
00:37:44,069 --> 00:37:42,160
for a variety of reasons

988
00:37:46,550 --> 00:37:44,079

uh including the editor who commissioned

989

00:37:47,990 --> 00:37:46,560

the piece i mean people move on you know

990

00:37:50,310 --> 00:37:48,000

people don't stay in the same job

991

00:37:53,349 --> 00:37:50,320

forever so i i had the kind of

992

00:37:55,589 --> 00:37:53,359

misfortune you could almost say uh

993

00:37:58,550 --> 00:37:55,599

of having my editors

994

00:38:01,910 --> 00:37:58,560

change while i was working on the piece

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00:38:04,310 --> 00:38:01,920

so um the same enthusiasm wasn't there

996

00:38:06,630 --> 00:38:04,320

when i finished the piece yeah that

997

00:38:08,950 --> 00:38:06,640

happens look i i had 45 years at the new

998

00:38:10,950 --> 00:38:08,960

york times and i know that

999

00:38:12,790 --> 00:38:10,960

not every editor thinks alike and some

1000

00:38:15,190 --> 00:38:12,800

editors like this piece and some editors

1001

00:38:17,349 --> 00:38:15,200

like that piece so um and it's a

1002

00:38:19,750 --> 00:38:17,359

different look it's a difficult topic

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00:38:20,470 --> 00:38:19,760

yeah you know alien abduction let's face

1004

00:38:23,430 --> 00:38:20,480

it

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00:38:26,150 --> 00:38:23,440

so and the times had um

1006

00:38:27,829 --> 00:38:26,160

printed a number of stories about ufos

1007

00:38:30,550 --> 00:38:27,839

that i collaborated on including the

1008

00:38:32,150 --> 00:38:30,560

december going back decades too well

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00:38:33,829 --> 00:38:32,160

well going back decades and then the

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00:38:36,390 --> 00:38:33,839

pieces that i wrote with colleagues in

1011

00:38:38,470 --> 00:38:36,400

2017 that kind of changed the paradigm

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00:38:40,390 --> 00:38:38,480

talked about the secret pentagon unit

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00:38:42,150 --> 00:38:40,400

i'd say that was investigating ufos so

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00:38:44,950 --> 00:38:42,160

the times had done these pieces so they

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00:38:46,870 --> 00:38:44,960

wanted this piece then the people left

1016

00:38:48,870 --> 00:38:46,880

so there wasn't the same enthusiasm for

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00:38:50,710 --> 00:38:48,880

the piece so i could sell it elsewhere

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00:38:51,589 --> 00:38:50,720

so the debrief was very

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00:38:53,990 --> 00:38:51,599

um

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00:38:56,630 --> 00:38:54,000

open to it yeah and

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00:38:59,190 --> 00:38:56,640

uh what i did in that piece was start

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00:39:02,710 --> 00:38:59,200

off with uh the fact that the pentagon

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00:39:05,109 --> 00:39:02,720

report came out june 25th that basically

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00:39:06,710 --> 00:39:05,119

verified the um

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00:39:09,829 --> 00:39:06,720

or authenticated

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00:39:11,349 --> 00:39:09,839

the existence of ufos without saying

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00:39:14,310 --> 00:39:11,359

anything about

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00:39:17,349 --> 00:39:14,320

uh where they come from who's you know

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00:39:18,630 --> 00:39:17,359

why they're here you know who's

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00:39:20,150 --> 00:39:18,640

running them

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00:39:21,910 --> 00:39:20,160

if there's an intelligence but none of

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00:39:23,270 --> 00:39:21,920

those questions got answered but the

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00:39:24,310 --> 00:39:23,280

most important question is that yeah

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00:39:27,670 --> 00:39:24,320

they're real

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00:39:30,710 --> 00:39:27,680

so i sort of took off from that and said

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00:39:34,069 --> 00:39:30,720

pentagon now confirms that ufos are real

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00:39:38,390 --> 00:39:36,470

any of the explanations for them but

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00:39:40,230 --> 00:39:38,400

there are these people all over the

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00:39:42,230 --> 00:39:40,240

world

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00:39:43,670 --> 00:39:42,240

who say they've had encounters with

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00:39:46,230 --> 00:39:43,680

alien beings

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00:39:49,589 --> 00:39:46,240

so uh what are what are we to make of

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00:39:51,430 --> 00:39:49,599

that so i i i said and and the debrief

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00:39:52,950 --> 00:39:51,440

was very careful to separate this out

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00:39:54,950 --> 00:39:52,960

and say we can't authenticate these

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00:39:57,510 --> 00:39:54,960

accounts of course who can

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00:39:59,589 --> 00:39:57,520

right uh but here they are yeah that's

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00:40:01,510 --> 00:39:59,599

kind of what goes without saying yeah

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00:40:03,589 --> 00:40:01,520

yeah and jay king and and

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00:40:05,750 --> 00:40:03,599

three other people were very good in

1051
00:40:07,750 --> 00:40:05,760
talking to me sharing their experiences

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00:40:09,109 --> 00:40:07,760
which are wild

1053
00:40:11,270 --> 00:40:09,119
wild

1054
00:40:12,550 --> 00:40:11,280
and i i deliberately put it in their own

1055
00:40:15,190 --> 00:40:12,560
words

1056
00:40:17,829 --> 00:40:15,200
because i wanted readers to hear them

1057
00:40:20,390 --> 00:40:17,839
talk about it not me interpreting what

1058
00:40:23,190 --> 00:40:20,400
they had to say right um you know the

1059
00:40:25,510 --> 00:40:23,200
appearances of mantis-like beings like

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00:40:27,270 --> 00:40:25,520
you know that just materialize

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00:40:29,349 --> 00:40:27,280
and speak latin

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00:40:30,230 --> 00:40:29,359
i mean stuff that's

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00:40:32,790 --> 00:40:30,240

just

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00:40:34,870 --> 00:40:32,800

wild wild stuff and yet this is what

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00:40:37,030 --> 00:40:34,880

these people say that's a good point

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00:40:40,710 --> 00:40:37,040

about the latin i mean that's not really

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00:40:41,829 --> 00:40:40,720

a language that's uh used very often

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00:40:42,710 --> 00:40:41,839

anymore

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00:40:47,030 --> 00:40:42,720

no

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00:40:49,829 --> 00:40:47,040

it's it's telepathic all these

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00:40:52,069 --> 00:40:49,839

experiences say that they don't actually

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00:40:53,990 --> 00:40:52,079

hear the words the words pop into their

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00:40:54,870 --> 00:40:54,000

minds so there's some

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00:40:57,990 --> 00:40:54,880

um

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00:40:59,910 --> 00:40:58,000

this is a very common uh observation by

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00:41:02,150 --> 00:40:59,920

the experiencers that they get

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00:41:03,190 --> 00:41:02,160

telepathic messages through through the

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00:41:03,990 --> 00:41:03,200

eyes

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00:41:07,990 --> 00:41:04,000

yeah

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00:41:11,030 --> 00:41:08,000

the law in enlarged insect-like eyes of

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00:41:12,950 --> 00:41:11,040

these beings um but they get the and by

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00:41:14,870 --> 00:41:12,960

the way little kids have said this too

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00:41:17,349 --> 00:41:14,880

the the famous uh

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00:41:20,790 --> 00:41:17,359

um episode in um

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00:41:25,190 --> 00:41:20,800

uh in zimbabwe uh in southern africa

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00:41:27,349 --> 00:41:25,200

that john mack investigated in 1994

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00:41:30,150 --> 00:41:27,359

where children at a school reported the

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00:41:32,550 --> 00:41:30,160

landing of some kind of craft and beings

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00:41:34,870 --> 00:41:32,560

that that the children saw 60 kids

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00:41:37,910 --> 00:41:34,880

reported the same thing yeah

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00:41:40,470 --> 00:41:37,920

it's really one of the best recorded uh

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00:41:44,710 --> 00:41:40,480

you know episodes incidents

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00:41:47,430 --> 00:41:44,720

um on record and it's still a mystery

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00:41:49,670 --> 00:41:47,440

yeah sometimes you know it's speculation

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00:41:52,230 --> 00:41:49,680

but sometimes i think like

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00:41:55,270 --> 00:41:52,240

there was an intent there

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00:41:57,990 --> 00:41:55,280

for it to be with kids that were so

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00:42:00,069 --> 00:41:58,000

young and so many so that it could be a

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00:42:02,390 --> 00:42:00,079

story that lives on

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00:42:04,390 --> 00:42:02,400

and be corroborated for so long

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00:42:07,109 --> 00:42:04,400

well you know it's interesting

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00:42:10,150 --> 00:42:07,119

when john mack went to investigate that

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00:42:11,190 --> 00:42:10,160

and and recorded the kids on um on

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00:42:13,030 --> 00:42:11,200

camera

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00:42:16,069 --> 00:42:13,040

and they re and got their drawings that

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00:42:18,630 --> 00:42:16,079

they did which were all very similar um

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00:42:21,190 --> 00:42:18,640

one of the parents asked him

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00:42:23,990 --> 00:42:21,200

why do you think the this

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00:42:25,990 --> 00:42:24,000

spacecraft landed with the beings just

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00:42:29,510 --> 00:42:26,000

at a time when the kids were at recess

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00:42:31,430 --> 00:42:29,520

and no adults were present yeah okay and

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00:42:34,150 --> 00:42:31,440

he said you know i'm not very good with

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00:42:37,750 --> 00:42:34,160

alien psychology

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00:42:40,150 --> 00:42:37,760

i don't know why they picked that time

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00:42:43,109 --> 00:42:40,160

yeah if i find out

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00:42:44,950 --> 00:42:43,119

if you shoot me an email yeah

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00:42:46,630 --> 00:42:44,960

but uh you know they kept going to him

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00:42:48,710 --> 00:42:46,640

and saying why did the why would the

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00:42:50,390 --> 00:42:48,720

aliens i don't know why the aliens would

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00:42:52,950 --> 00:42:50,400

do this you know right

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00:42:55,190 --> 00:42:52,960

that's always the interesting thing too

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00:42:56,710 --> 00:42:55,200

is is so many people have put so much

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00:42:58,870 --> 00:42:56,720

time into this and

1124

00:43:01,990 --> 00:42:58,880

i feel like

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00:43:05,190 --> 00:43:02,000

you know at the end of it are we any

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00:43:07,190 --> 00:43:05,200

do we know any more or do we know less

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00:43:10,309 --> 00:43:07,200

that's a good question well all we have

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00:43:12,390 --> 00:43:10,319

is a growing body of anecdotal accounts

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with some fragmentary

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fragmentary physical evidence for

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example uh their cases of um

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where people have seen a ufo land

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uh some evidence of broken branches and

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the ground doesn't react you know the

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grass is pressed down the ground doesn't

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uh snow snow melts quicker in these

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areas and things like that so it's very

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fragmentary um it's not it's it's not

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what you'd call absolute scientific

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proof um

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but

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acknowledge it as a genuine mystery and

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not something that can be

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easily explained if you just pull the

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explanation out of a hat

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00:43:59,190 --> 00:43:56,000

yeah

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well you know we

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00:44:03,430 --> 00:44:00,560

i'm glad that there's people like

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00:44:04,950 --> 00:44:03,440

yourself continuing to try and you know

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00:44:07,589 --> 00:44:04,960

you mentioned the

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new york times story in 2017

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00:44:10,870 --> 00:44:09,200

and

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00:44:13,430 --> 00:44:10,880

i gotta tell you since i've been doing

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this now this isn't the case for me but

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there are so

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many more people

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um in this community

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because of that story

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you know

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so

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for what it's worth you know

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for better or for worse we'll find out i

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guess but

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but uh you should really um patch

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yourself on the on the back for that

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that was a huge uh pump uh we keep

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hearing how that changed you know how it

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00:44:45,430 --> 00:44:42,800

made it um

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00:44:47,349 --> 00:44:45,440

safe or respectable for mainstream media

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to confront the topic and what we

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reported on was that

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the pentagon had this office a tip

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um

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we don't have to get into that yeah i

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mean

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00:45:02,550 --> 00:45:00,720

you know

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00:45:04,630 --> 00:45:02,560

we don't need to add to that tracking a

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00:45:06,630 --> 00:45:04,640

way of tracking um

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advanced vehicles that they were

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spotting in

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above a

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convoy of ships

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uh in one case in in you know 2004 off

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the west coast and later off the east

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coast so they were seeing these things

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and they they got money from harry reid

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uh who i think you had on the show yeah

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yeah very fortunate majority leader who

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was not afraid to confront this issue

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and he got the money

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um to continue investigating and lou

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elisondo headed the office so yeah and

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that's what we reported which nobody

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knew until that time yeah i can imagine

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the first time busting out that paper

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what

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does off-world mean really

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have do you feel like you have

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00:46:06,069 --> 00:46:03,599
learned anything about this or what's

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your goal at this point to keep to keep

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00:46:11,910 --> 00:46:09,200
revealing new things or adding to the

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00:46:12,630 --> 00:46:11,920
library or what do you think well you

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00:46:16,710 --> 00:46:12,640
know

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00:46:18,870 --> 00:46:16,720
i'm learning as as we go um

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00:46:21,349 --> 00:46:18,880
uh it's it's still a big obviously a

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huge mystery uh we look the government

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knows more than we know uh there's

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00:46:26,829 --> 00:46:25,200
information

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we put out three

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videos we in the new york times put out

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00:46:34,710 --> 00:46:33,119

three videos that the navy had uh made

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of these objects

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um but there are only parts of longer

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videos so we don't know what the other

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00:46:43,589 --> 00:46:41,680

videos show there's many other videos

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right so the government knows a lot more

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that it's not saying now

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a lot of this information is classified

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and you can argue about you know whether

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it should be classified whether this is

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information that belongs to the american

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people or the world

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00:47:01,109 --> 00:46:58,560

but the fact is um some of it involves

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00:47:02,550 --> 00:47:01,119

defense you know related matters so they

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say well you know we're not going to

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tell our adversaries how much we know

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about this technology

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00:47:11,109 --> 00:47:07,280

um

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so there's a lot of i'm gonna try to

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find out as much as i can and leslie

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kane who uh you know we continue to work

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together uh is is

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trying to find out and

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whenever we get something good enough

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that that we can authenticate and by the

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way uh all our articles in the new york

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times were um

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not anonymous uh sources you know

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renamed our sources amen

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amen to that yeah amen because you know

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it's too much of this report you know

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there's a lot of stuff on the internet

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you know god bless the internet it

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00:47:50,230 --> 00:47:48,000

brings a lot of information out but um

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you can't you can't verify the

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information if you don't know where it's

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coming from so if you quote you know

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anonymous sources and you know some

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high-level officials said this uh you

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can't judge um how reliable it is so

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we've been very careful to uh you know

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quote people by name so people can

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verify you know where the information is

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00:48:13,109 --> 00:48:11,440

coming from and that kind of limits us

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into what what we can say because we've

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got to find people who will talk on the

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record which is not that easy yeah i

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well i could imagine so you uh leslie

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and yourself are

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uh maybe a holding the line for um

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you know integrity driven uh journalists

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we're not the only ones they're good

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people out there you know there's very

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good investigators out there but we but

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the times has a special burden

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uh in this field because they're the new

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york times so yeah um

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we have very high standards and uh you

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know when we were working on some of our

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pieces leslie and i uh it was sometimes

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uncomfortable because people were kind

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of tracking us on the internet and

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saying oh they just interviewed so and

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so that must mean that they're going to

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be doing this and they're going to break

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this story

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and we weren't prepared to you know to

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break the stories that people were

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writing about you know what are you

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going to do oh yeah you're right here

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here's what i got yeah

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you know it was it was really

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uncomfortable and uh

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we complained at one point you know in

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in print and something i guess i wrote

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said on the air so that these people

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made our jobs more difficult and yeah

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that itself caused a little controversy

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but um look that's the nature of the

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internet it is the wild west and people

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are saying all kinds of things and we

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have free speech in this country that's

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great so they can say what they want but

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we are kind of limited to what we can

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put in the times because it has to be

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really

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verified indicated

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were you getting any weird stuff from

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colleagues or other people in the office

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that were kind of

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leslie keen to what you were doing no

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pun yeah

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uh right well uh helene cooper the third

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member of our group who covers the

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pentagon

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00:49:58,230 --> 00:49:56,480
um

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she got more of that in the in the

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washington bureau she told us later

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um that people would sort of make fun

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and

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on her terminal yeah uh the the other

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reporters crowded around oh my god oh my

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god so yeah she told us that story

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afterwards that that really

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made a big impact among colleagues so

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they weren't making such jokes after

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that yeah and you know and the thing is

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it's whenever this comes up and people

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get uncomfortable or make fun or

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whatever it's like listen i'm not

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telling you what the thing is

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you know i don't i don't know what's in

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it it maybe it's an alien maybe it's a

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chimpanzee maybe it's a mantis maybe you

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know we're driving it with our heads who

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knows but it's out there and our

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government doesn't know what it is yeah

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there is a you know that that's a big

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problem with this subject it was you

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know matter a ridicule for a long time

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and the government used that

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deliberately yeah in the early days in

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the 50s

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uh to uh to drive away interest to tamp

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down interest they deliberately made it

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uh

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look

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like a communist plot or like um you

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know this was insanity

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or these people were you know were crazy

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who were propounding this

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so the government used that as a way of

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of um

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you know diminishing interest in a field

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that they they couldn't control or they

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didn't know

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they were they were ignorant too they

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didn't know what was going on but they

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they didn't want these stories floating

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around so they

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00:51:48,790 --> 00:51:45,680
they worked to plant this information

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and and ridicule wow so

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yeah i mean i know there's there's

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stories about like mockingbird and and

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all that or

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you know putting journalists in

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media news outlets to kind of do things

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00:52:00,870 --> 00:52:00,079
like that

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00:52:01,750 --> 00:52:00,880
um

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00:52:03,750 --> 00:52:01,760
so

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00:52:05,349 --> 00:52:03,760

but i i haven't you know again i've only

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been looking at this for so long and

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most of my time has been looking at

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actual documents but

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do you know of an example back then of

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where they literally made up some crazy

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wild story to to get people to laugh at

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it basically

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um yeah there are documents that came

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out um

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you know the cia did a document dump a

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few years ago

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and even before that documents surfaced

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uh that they um

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really had a strategy to to poke fun at

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this and they enlisted the walt disney

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company by the way

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to promulgate some of these uh

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you know

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wacky who were reporting this

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um so there's a long history to this is

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not you know this conspiracy theory this

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is a fact that the government really

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embarked on disinformation campaign

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in order to draw attention away from it

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because they couldn't explain it and

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you know and there are other look

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there was a whole campaign

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secret government campaign to

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introduce lsd into the population to

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test it and um mk ultra and it was a

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huge scandal when it came out in the 70s

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it was investigated by a senate

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committee and it sounds like science

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fiction and it sounds like you know

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q anon stuff right it's not i mean it

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really happened there was a

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campaign by the cia to

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um test uh dangerous drugs on unwitting

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00:53:49,750 --> 00:53:47,200

civilians like what are they thinking

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00:53:53,430 --> 00:53:49,760

like well that's right and let's dose

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00:53:55,589 --> 00:53:53,440

them up and just see how they react yeah

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00:53:56,710 --> 00:53:55,599

it's a very sad chapter in american

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00:53:59,270 --> 00:53:56,720

history

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00:54:02,790 --> 00:53:59,280

beyond said i mean sinister sinister is

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00:54:05,109 --> 00:54:02,800

probably a better word yeah yeah well

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00:54:06,790 --> 00:54:05,119

we're about hitting the hour mark here

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00:54:08,870 --> 00:54:06,800

um

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00:54:11,430 --> 00:54:08,880

and man i just wanted to thank you again

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00:54:13,349 --> 00:54:11,440

for taking out you know time for me

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00:54:16,069 --> 00:54:13,359

today to do this i really do appreciate

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00:54:18,549 --> 00:54:16,079

it hopefully i'll have you back on again

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00:54:20,309 --> 00:54:18,559

um hopefully i'll have leslie on i just

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00:54:23,190 --> 00:54:20,319

admire you guys and your work so much

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00:54:24,870 --> 00:54:23,200

thanks yeah really a pleasure and uh

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00:54:26,790 --> 00:54:24,880

yeah i love talking about it i mean i

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00:54:29,109 --> 00:54:26,800

have a lot of admiration for john mack

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00:54:31,910 --> 00:54:29,119

who took on the subject uh you know he's

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00:54:33,430 --> 00:54:31,920

not well known today he was in his time

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00:54:34,549 --> 00:54:33,440

pretty well known he was on all those

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00:54:37,349 --> 00:54:34,559

pros and

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00:54:40,470 --> 00:54:37,359

um the harvard investigation was was

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00:54:42,870 --> 00:54:40,480

secret but it did come out um

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00:54:47,109 --> 00:54:42,880

i have all the details in my book but

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00:54:47,910 --> 00:54:47,119

um anyway i think he was a hero and um

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00:54:50,069 --> 00:54:47,920

yeah

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00:54:52,150 --> 00:54:50,079

you know we we need to we need more

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00:54:53,589 --> 00:54:52,160

people like that who are not afraid to

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00:54:55,829 --> 00:54:53,599

to dig into it

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00:54:57,990 --> 00:54:55,839

um i'm not and i'm just i'm just

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00:55:00,710 --> 00:54:58,000

beginning my journey there so

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00:55:03,030 --> 00:55:00,720

um i can't wait to learn more about it

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00:55:05,750 --> 00:55:03,040

and you know maybe have the opportunity

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00:55:07,030 --> 00:55:05,760

down the road to hash over that stuff

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00:55:10,150 --> 00:55:07,040

with you again that would be well it's

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00:55:13,510 --> 00:55:10,160

not going away sean so uh you know

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00:55:15,670 --> 00:55:13,520

you'll have plenty of opportunity

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00:55:17,670 --> 00:55:15,680

all right well hey anything you need for

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00:55:20,470 --> 00:55:17,680

me i don't know what that would ever be

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00:55:22,549 --> 00:55:20,480

but you got it um i i really like it

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00:55:24,390 --> 00:55:22,559

this is a great talk thank you i really

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00:55:29,430 --> 00:55:24,400

enjoyed it yep

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00:55:35,030 --> 00:55:32,309

all right so thanks for watching guys

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00:55:37,670 --> 00:55:35,040

that was a great talk and we will get