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exploring topics from the esoteric and unexplored, two dimensions are known.



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Shining a light of truth on the darkest corners of our reality.



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Welcome to the curious realm.



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Well, hello, everybody, welcome to this fantastic pre recorded Tuesday night broadcast. While I am here in studio with Billy Joe Kane, I'm not actively here. So I'm out on the road. I'm out working is typical. Billy Joe. Okay, and welcome back to the show.



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Billy Joe is our good friend. He is the founder of radical empathy Education Foundation, he has been working in the world of VR empathy building for years and years, specifically, targeting the world of abuse, the world of human trafficking to begin with, but now you're applying this technology and these techniques that you've learned to abuse situations of all kinds and being able to help people everywhere help identify and empathize with those who are abused. Yeah, that's right. Thanks so much. We man Chris, how long has it been? Eight years? 725 years since we've known each other? Yeah, we've been working on a year and a half into dudes and beer.


Wow. There's something like that. It was within the first year of dudes and beer that I found you at classic game fest, right? You were set up and it was it was a setup. It was with HTC Vive and the crazy stuff. Yeah, yeah, it's, uh, we we started way back then. And we were obviously working on human trafficking to get people to understand it. And since since then, we have been going out and we've educated over 10,000 people across the United States. We have licensees and 10. States. We are Yeah, we're super excited about that. Thank you so much. We've we have made, we've made differences in so many people's lives. And people have come and they've told us about it. And the in the bottom line is that what we find what we're finding is that our software helps people understand abuse, and they understood it helps people understand the victim and Predator mentality. And so we're trying to take that and expand it. So some of the people that use our software, we have middle schools and high schools. And we're finding that those that those users what they're doing with it is they are using this software with their counselors and their students. And so when the students put the headsets on, it talks a lot about abuse, it talks about family violence, talks about abandonment, it talks about not getting enough attention from your parents talks about how difficult it is, you know, to basically be a teenager, and what the counselors like about the software is that it's very real. And

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it mimics real life and real life stories and things that people can identify with. And it helps those kids actually trust that those adults are going to get them some help. Well, and that's really a big part of it is that trust, especially when you're a teenager, knowing i for i was very, very fortunate, like I was telling you earlier, I'm out doing things from my high school right now. I came from a very lucky High School in the fact that we had teachers that cared. We had a community that cared. You know, we had very, very involved parents we had, it was it was fantastic. It really was and it was amazing. But not every school district is like that. Not every school is like that. No, not every school has the Invoke parents that they used to 25 years ago. That's one of the things that was so surprising about this particular school. They're in Arkansas that these are software. The principal, he said had been he'd been a principal there for 27 years. And one of the challenges that they have is that he said that unfortunately, a lot of the parents are just not good role models. And so he is he is he's in a place where the parents of these children that are his students, they don't know how to teach kids the difference between right and wrong. And so they're using our software as a place for those kids to kind of kind of take their temperature and when the kid takes the headset off then they can actually have a real conversation. Yeah kind of stuff with them about Yeah, the cific example of real realistic kids situation that they can discuss as a group and just cross section they're like not many people are aware of Little Rock Arkansas quite literally one of the gang capitals of the United States. Wow. When it when it comes to like street gang, things like that. They are

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inundated. Wow. It's It's pretty incredible. And you would never think that thinking Arkansas like thinking like Mobile, Alabama, they got a big street gang problem. You know, you don't think about that you think major city you think, you know,

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Houston, millions and millions of people play, you know, look like that. necessarily Little Rock, Arkansas, right? There have been documentaries about it. And yeah, this is an endemic problem all over the country where, unfortunately, and sure a lot of it is even eco diversified by the fact that you know, many times that, hey, you're dealing with a lot more single parent homes, and you're used to be, you're dealing with a lot more two parent working homes that you're used to, that you didn't used to. And that's what's going on across the country, we are now in a situation where both parents have to work so that you can survive. I mean, you've seen the numbers low in and seeing those things, seeing those small cues. And what we'll say let's start getting into because this is this is what's important with with really, any abuse situation is the idea of grooming, the idea of getting somebody uses the idea of getting somebody used to the abuse being the norm. That's right. You know, grooming can be like you said it could be it could be about abuse. Normally, when people are talking about grooming, what they're really talking about is they want to normalize the conversation and normalize discussing sex. And having that become normal weather, whether you're talking about whether they're trying to talk you into sending a nude picture of yourself, or if they're trying to talk you into looking at pornography, or if they are, if they're physically in your space and touching you and things like that. They want to normalize all of that stuff. And this is one of the things that the principal was telling me that a lot of these children do not understand that there are supposed to be personal boundaries, that they're that people are crossing those boundaries constantly. One, one example he gave me as he had a young girl who had just gotten her GED, and she wanted to get a hug. So she comes running, she comes into it. And she's like, you know, oh, I want to I want to get a hug. And he's like, when I can't give you a hug because I am in a position of power this fall, I'm gonna show you how a hug works. We'll get we'll sit down on a chair. So we sat down, they sat on a bench and he gave her like a side hug. And two weeks later, she came in and she turned in some frame her family members for sexually abused sexually assaulting her. Because that one moment where he showed respect for her body boundaries, showed her that she needed to have body boundaries. That's right at 17 years old, and that other things that were occurring in her life. That's right. We're normal. We're not. That's right. She would not have been she did not know what normal was. That's right. That's right. And that's what and that's one of the things we're really trying to push right now. We're trying to get people to understand that they're that they have body boundaries they need, we need to get them to understand their names or their body parts. Because that's another issue with children, if they don't know the name of their body parts. That is a separate body part that that is theirs. And nobody's supposed to be touching it. If they don't understand that's not part of their leg or their lap. It's like there's a there's a whole lot of stuff that's very basic, you know, that you and I grew up with?



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That doesn't seem to be as basic anymore. Yeah. And it's really it's really troublesome. Yeah, yeah, a lot of it is very troublesome in that right now. But I've got a seven year old kid coming on seven. And actually, by the time this airs, he will be seven gratulations.



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Seven years. And yeah, it is it is one of those like as somebody who worked with 567 year olds for a few years of life.

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There's there's a switch that happens that occurs in that age, and there's a few switches that happen until adulthood where moments of realization happened. Dallas was going through that moment right now where he's seeing differences.

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He's seeing differences and explaining those differences.

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He's picking up stuff from you know, as you as you work with a child, and you're and you're educating them in the you're teaching, you're kind of programming them and teaching them prompts, if you will to have so that when they go out of your sight, you're not sure what's going on. Right? And he comes back and brings it oh, let me tell you what happened. It's so and so's house. Oh my gosh, this stuff that my friends tell me that their children are bringing back nowadays. Outrageous, I will say that is probably probably my proudest point as a parent is that and I hope to God, he keeps it that way. I reward him for it. I thank him for it, I laud Him for it. When I go and pick him up from school, he'll come out and immediately immediately be like, had a great day at school today. I didn't get in trouble at all. It's a good place to start. And if he gets in trouble, he lets us know. Like, and then it's not a point of shame. It's a point of let's work on it. Let's work on it together, buddy. And that open communication. Don't be ashamed if something wrong happened. Or don't be afraid to come tell

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Me, I have a theory or something like that happened because the earlier you can institute that, the better off you're going to be down the line, you're building a barrier of trust where there is nothing that will diminish my love for you, there is no kind of trouble you can get in. That's right, make me think less. That's right. Unconditional love lasts forever, no matter what. Right? You're creating a beautiful barrier of trust to let that kid win something, you've earned that and you've been working on that for seven years. That's it. That's it, you have to nurture it, you're trained nurturing it, Jackie and I. So we have two kids are now 25 and 2024 25. And which is also unbelievable. But we spent a lot of time with those kids, teaching them that

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whatever they had to tell us is totally okay, there's nothing wrong with that, if they break something or something went wrong, they need to tell us what we what we told them was like, if you break something, just tell us you're never going to be in trouble for breaking something. But if you don't tell us and we go in there, and we touch it, and it falls to pieces, we're probably gonna be pretty upset. Like I would rather you tell me that we broke, you broke the whatever. And so the kids would always had that relationship with us, which is why we wound up finding out that this that grooming had hit us, like my boss, I was working on a project and this guy was calling the house on the landline, not even on a cell phone that he would call the house

and he would sometimes the kids would answer and so he would talk to them. He had known him for years. And then one day he's talking to them about how to clean their, you know, body parts. How what pornography sites are supposed to look at? And they asked us you're like, why is he telling us these things. And it was at that moment that we realized that all of the work that we had spent in being open with our children and talking to them about this stuff and telling them it's okay, and they can always talk to us about everything, and we're never gonna get them in trouble for what they say it paid off. And I have found that there are very few children that have that kind of relationship with their parents. And it's a lot of work I did to be a parent is to really be active is very, very complicated and difficult. I did youth ministry for about 10 years of my life and worked everything from age four, all the way to age 40. I taught adults things like that, too. But for 10 years of my life, I saw kids grow through that phase through the age of four to 14. You know, I saw their older brothers and sisters come and go things like that. So it's interesting to an even as a teacher in a school where you have generational families coming through, it's interesting to see that arc and see how those things change. Over time, even his parents and even right now, me and a buddy of mine are having the phone call or having the conversation on the way home yesterday about screen time.



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Oh, wow, screen time in our kids. He's got a little girl that's about that video about my boys ah, and he plays all kinds of games. There have been a couple of times. And you know, my boy, yeah, he is active as can be. Yeah, he would. He doesn't care, he will go take a group of 10 Strangers on a tour and make it up. Because you you folks look like you need some entertainment. There you go here and let me show you.



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But there was a time where he was playing his games. And I heard him talking. And it wasn't his his typical, like, narration that he does while he plays where he's just talking out loud what he's doing, or talking to himself and responding to himself things like that. Sure. He was very specifically answering questions. And I was like, Who are you talking to?



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He said, I don't know.



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Which that the alarm. I was like, whoa, hold on. What are we playing over there, dude.



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And granted, it was a game that he was allowed to play. But we didn't realize that a setting was off. And it's very common. There was just the fact that like, I had noticed the fact that he was getting upset. He was getting upset and kept saying like, Come on, guys. Stop doing that.

Come on, guys stop. And he was playing a game where it was kind of like king of the hill. Now he'd worked really hard to get to the Hill he'd worked really hard to get his items. He sees people you're a game designer Sure looks the object of the game. At that point. You're the sole survivor and I'm going to jack you up for your goods. That's that's what it is. This is like you know, many Grand Theft Auto Right? Like I'm the my job now is to come up, beat you down, take your things that you've worked hard for right and be the Conqueror and when, as a six year old, he doesn't get that yet. Gotcha. And I was like, that's some hard nuances. But unfortunately, they're using some really hard Big Boy words. Because they're teasing each other the way big kids do things like that. It's called taunting and no it's not really nice. You know?

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But, but realizing that he was talking to strangers.

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And he was having an active voice come in, granted, they were teenagers, things like that, like I ended up pulling his headphones off and listening. They weren't like older people.

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But they could have been, they could have been. And we had to have the conversation of why that wasn't safe for him. That's right. You know, and the fact that I'm not trying to keep you from fun, I'm trying to keep you safe. But and unfortunately, there are some people out there who would like nothing more than to sit back and play a game with a sweet young boy. via distance without him knowing what, what bad things they have in mind. Yeah, it's, I mean, one of the things that is,

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I don't even know, the right way to lead into a lot of people think that they're going to give their you know, give children the access to the internet. We're gonna give you access to internet, what you're really doing many times is you are giving the Internet access to children access to them, and that is scary. So that's something that we talked about a long time ago, and I need to get him back on the show are Sean McCluskey helps head up the UT center for identity. He is a former secret service agent, we used to regularly have the conversation. He is the reason why I do not put my son's name with a picture of my son on social media. Oh, man, I got a video. Because otherwise, I would be tying his name to his biometric data. And I'm already without his consent, giving his biometric data away to a system without his consent. How many emancipation cases will we start seeing in 10 years, because parents have given away their biometric data of their kid, there's return years. So there's a term for it now. It's called Sharon Ting.

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So the idea is, if you can find I'll send you a link to a YouTube video that was really good. They took this kid, they took some pictures that these this family had put up online, and they made and they animated it, they aged the daughter, they aged her and then they put a voice on it. And basically had their daughter at mid 20s talking to this couple that go into the movie theater. So they go to the movie theater, and they're like, Oh, we're gonna do this and their families like what is going on? So it's like, they knew well, they know everything. So if you if you talk about your kid and your dog and this kind of stuff, then they can go reach out to your kid and they're like, Oh, I've got your puppy. I need you to come down to the street corner to come get it and it's like, your kid is gonna go run right out. Yeah, the stuff that the stuff that can

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really mess a kid up. They're, they're smart. These This is what these people do. Yeah. Living. Yeah. In the same way. I will be the first one to admit it. Billy, I've been taken for money. Oh, I have people online. I have I've been taken for money. Sure. My mother has been taken for money. If you think that they will take grownups for money and can deceive them. Imagine what they can do to a kid or a teenager somebody else? Well, it's interesting that you say that about the about our parents and things like that. I've known people that have lost millions of dollars. Yeah, that have had their their family gotten phone calls and say I need your password to get into that. You know this thing. I know people that have been that have had their grandmother actually one of my one of my licensees said his grandmother got a phone call from someone saying that he was in prison and that he needed to say that grandma needed to send money to this one guy and then in the middle that he could middleman. Yeah. And he said to call you That's right. And so luckily Grandma called the another uncle and the uncle said no, we put the kibosh on that. Yeah, it with the amount of the amount of what does it call the voice cloning that they have now with AI with? Much you don't need much at all, I think it's three seconds of somebody's audio and it sounds close enough that you could that you could fake it. And so, you know, with a family, you need to have like your safe words. You know, if I say banana, you need to say pineapple. Yeah, it's like there's some serious stuff that we need to be worried about. Well being concerned about. That's right. And I quite literally make people pass tests, there is a guest that I was literally talking to another guest about because they were the ones who hooked this up. And this guest hadn't been on social media in a long time. And I was like, Hey, man, have you heard from him? Like I've tried reaching out I've tried texting I know he's not on social media. Like he was taking a break for a long time. But I was just wanting to catch up maybe have him on the show. You know, see how he's doing. See another model rockets are going stuff like that.

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The next day

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I got a Facebook invite from that guest that I was looking for. Oh man, not even joking.

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And they began No, I was like, Hey, how you doing?



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How do we know each other? It's it's now like I am now capture you now. You now have to tell me how many limitations are you getting recent? Oh, my God is out of my role. You know what's crazy is LinkedIn literally became like a hot garbage fire. Oh yeah. And I'm so sorry. Like it was a point of pride my LinkedIn game was strong Billy Yeah, bringing it back and bringing it back. But But yeah.



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Everybody was a hard pressure salesperson, every single connection that was coming to me was that, you know, I know Jackie and I, my wife and I, we don't trust anybody that friends us on Facebook, anybody tries to friend us on LinkedIn, we ask those capture type questions because we want I want to know, is this really that person that I met yesterday or not? And if where did we meet? You know, literally, it's crazy. Yeah. And you know, here's here's the thing for for I'm gonna look right at the camera for all you elderly folk out there for all of you that are for anybody. Anybody really I say elderly. Anybody? If you have a connection to the Internet, or you do banking online, or you have any



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you're already act that if you've purchased anything from Amazon ever, you've been hacked. All right, your information is out there. Number two.



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Recovery companies will never call you.



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Microsoft will never just randomly email you



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about your account. Yeah.



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It's not going to happen. It's not what happens. They're not going to call Hey, how you doing? We were trying to do some stuff with your Microsoft and like, No, it's not how it works. So it's not. That's that's a huge, huge clue when a major corporation week reaches out to you. And I'll be honest, like I have a digital avatar.



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And that happened because I woke up in Vegas one time, like 334 in the morning, getting ready for a 5:30am call and



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looked at my phone and just saw something about my Facebook account, my Facebook ad account that there was a copyright violation in it. Because of that I'd been locked out and I needed to log back in.



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So I clicked the link at 4:35am. Billy, I'm with you, man. And I was hacked. About two hours later, a buddy of mine after breakfast texted me. He's like, Hey, you may want to go to your Facebook page. There's some pretty hardcore pornography on there.



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So I immediately went and kicked myself off Mike, like I immediately went join Facebook is somebody else, went to my pages, gave that person permission to everything, and then kicked myself off Facebook and reported my own profile. Nice. And and once things cleared out, and they got rid of things and all that.



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Immediate immediately. As soon as I was able to I wouldn't get verified. Right things have changed. But also because that stuff is cycling through a different email. I literally get about 10 alerts a day.



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Almost 10 A day 10 Phishing things a day, telling me, hey, something's up with your Facebook. Hey, go look at your Facebook. And I know not a single one of them are real, because they're coming through to that avatar account. I see what you're saying.



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But that's also my backdoor back into my system. If I have to get it I have I can log in. I have a I have a spam account. Yeah, this is literally just called spam tastic.



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It's also the account that I show Facebook on whenever we're on air, because at that point, it's not showing personal messages. It's not showing personal connect, right? It's not showing pictures of my kid. It's like that, because I don't follow myself. I mean, we have to we have to take our own privacy and security extremely seriously. Yeah, I mean, there's so much money that's associated with all this stuff. Like even my my Gmail and Facebook accounts are so interconnected with my business. Oh, yeah, my nonprofit with everything that I'm doing in my life. It's like if I lost my Facebook accounts for some weird reason. I mean, it would, it would mess me up. If I lost my Google accounts that would mess me up seriously, I have to be very cautious about what I post online. Not and not just because of the general concern that I have about hacking, but I'm concerned that if I post something that's going to upset the censors that they will take away my Google account or take away my Facebook account that will that will lock me out of so much stuff. It's all very scary. And so it's like a big house of cards. That if I wind up like like anybody can do at 430 in the morning, like that one link or, or if you get a text message on your phone, there's that SMS with that real weird link and it just happened that you accidentally clicked it as it popped up on your screen.



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And you weren't paying attention, man, that bad things can happen, things can happen, that things can happen and bad things happen real quick, bad roads happen real quick.



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And that's where the communication with people is important. That's where the communication with once again, your kids is important. That's where the communication with the community is important. And you know, and also with your parents, you know, your parents wind up, and they click some weird link like that, they need to know that they can call you and ask for help. That's right, you know, and admit that they had done that stuff. You don't want to just sit there and laugh at him? Because I mean, that's their moral safety and financial safety. Yeah, it's their financial livelihood, they may not be able to find a lot of parents are living on fixed incomes now. So and let's start getting into the technology narrow, stupidly, and how how, what started off as track a VR detective story, which was all about human trafficking, the the the trail that goes down that how to spot a victim of that, how to recognize that you're being that you're being triggered being trapped. That's right. You're being coerced into That's right. Because and that that's something that we kind of need to touch on real quick, because a lot of people don't understand that. There's a legal definition difference between human trafficking human smuggling, and that is, yeah, version. Yeah, let me get the bottle quick. So the so there's, there are three. So human trafficking has three requirements, you have to there has to be an action, a means and a purpose. And that is very vague, it's an inaction basically means that you're in

control of a person, like you're going to take them somewhere you're going to make them do or you're going, you're going to have them do something. So that's an action. The means is how you get them to do that whether and that's usually broken down into force, fraud, and coercion. So force, like, Okay, I'm going to hit you or I do hit you. That's easy. Fraud. I've tricked you into doing this. And then coercion is the thing that no one really understands what it is. So when and then the third part, the third part of action means that purpose and the purpose is for commercial exploitation. So somebody's making money by having you do something against your will. And human trafficking. It's either labor, which is you know, you're doing something with your with your body or work, or if it's six, which is also labor. So human trafficking is basically forcing somebody to do something they don't want to do, and you or somebody else is making money off of it. And so that's what that's what human trafficking is. But so I've taken hundreds of courses on human trafficking, I've been to webinars I've talked to, I've talked to experts, I've been in group sessions, I've been to conferences, and the coercion and psychological manipulation that is really behind human trafficking, the thing where somebody has something on you, they're emotionally blackmailing you or actually blackmailing you to do things, it's something that is almost never really understood by an audience. So like, I watch classrooms, where it's one trainer in front of 30 students, and those students do not really understand emotional blackmail, or coercion or psychological manipulation, they just don't get it. So the reason that we built this VR experience was to put you in the shoes of a young girl who becomes psychologically manipulated by a professional predator that she meets, or that finds her online. So we built this simulation to put people in a victim's shoes so they can understand how it feels, and a lot of what you got on screen, it's awesome, because we simplified this experience as best we could to make it so that anyone would be able to access this. So you literally just look around with that little red dot moving your head. And then as you encounter objects that are just little

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yellow cubes or yellow circles on the ground, then you interact with the world like that. So we're showing that this is something that can happen to anybody where you think you think the world is a nice place and all that stuff, and certainly is. And this very first part is, is really, it's the first time first time a lot of people have ever used virtual reality. So we put you outside you can see the trees blowing around and stuff like that. And the idea is basically to kind of give you a chance to get into the environment. Yeah, and still feel like it's all outdoors and free and freedom and it's bright and the music is really pretty and everything.

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And then you go to where she's being trafficked. And when you're in there, it's it's more closed in it feels it feels I wouldn't say it's

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what's the word when you when you're in too small of a space where you feel claustrophobic. Yeah, too claustrophobic, but it's just claustrophobic enough to feel like you go, Okay, there's walls around this thing. But the idea that we're that we're trying to accomplish here is we want

people to understand what is the psychological manipulation? What does it feel like when somebody has power over you that we're they're just manipulating you into doing things? Yeah, that's something that's very, very difficult. And if we found that



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for most people, it takes hours in a classroom to really understand this. We've watched, we've watched teachers use AR AR VR software alongside their PowerPoint presentation, so I watched it at the University of North Texas Health Science Center watched a roomful of 70 medical students all be taught for 45 Min.



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It's off a PowerPoint. And we talked about, or the teacher, Dr. Fellini, she talked about this is happening in America is happening to everybody. It's happening in every community that you can imagine. And it happens through this reason. And that reason, the other reason. And so the students are all diligently taking notes, they find they, they finish, they finished the class, it's 45 minutes of PowerPoint, she had a couple of videos all look good. And then she goes, Hey, we're going to let you guys use our VR software. And so the kids put the students that the headset on, they all go through the 20 minute experience, they take the headset off, and they mobbed her like she was Mick Jagger, because they finally put the pieces together got happening in America they can, you can be tricked by no fault of your own, just because you want some attention, and some affection. So this young girl in the story, she actually meets what she believes is young boy online, and he's paying attention to her mom's not paying attention, parents are divorced moms working too many hours, she's mad at her daughter, but she can go online. And every time she goes online,



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this this boy, quote unquote, is there and he's listening to what she has to say he'll pay attention to her. And that getting that attention is the thing that the younger really wants. And everybody wants attention and affection. Everybody wants somebody to listen, because part of the part of the empirical needs pyramid it is we've got to have love and attention and physical touch. That's right. That's why shunning is so powerful. Right away love and affection. It's real. And people will go back, I'll do anything to be back at a dry erase. Yeah, yeah. So this. So this experience actually provides people the insight of how the psychological manipulation forms, how it can form, and how it can be used to trick you into doing things. And that's really all human trafficking is where somebody has tricked you, or convince you to do something against your will. And they make money off of it. Yeah. And that's, and that's the thing, because you can be in an unhealthy relationship with your partner, or your parents or anybody. And they don't have to be making money off of it. But they could still be abusing you psychologically, they could still be sexually abusing you, they're sort of taking advantage of you. If they're not making money off of it, it's not even trying because they're still being abusive, it doesn't mean that they aren't using a means of control bingo or something like that. That's right, you're using a means of intimidation to control your actions, whether whether it's sexual or not, whether it's for money or not. And that's just it even even learning to recognize somebody



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as, like a prime example, is they they now have date rape drinks, at bars. And that's not like, let me order a drink and get a date. It's if you are a woman, and you feel as though you are in trouble. Yes, you can go order like a green light. Yep, and some or something like that. And it basically tells the bartender gets called the police. That's right.



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That is a phenomenal example of how



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bars restaurants and companies, hotels, some of them have, have have actually decided they want to be part of the solution. And part of that solution is, you know, we need to know, we need you to tell us it's right. And they put signs inside of the inside of the bathrooms. It's an order this drink if you're having this problem or this drink. If you're having that problem, you go to that bartender and that bartender knows, aha, you need the police or you need an escort to your car or you need you know, you've got a creepy guy that's following you around. Yeah, and they'll deal with that. And those are great, great solutions. And, you know, it really is that idea of and I, I hate using the



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the worn out phrase See something, say something, but it's the idea of not being ashamed to say something, it's the idea of empowering somebody to be able to say something, when they're in that situation. And you can't do that. If you can't recognize it, Billy. Yeah, that's right. If you don't know that you're being taken advantage of that somebody is somebody is creeping on you. If you don't, if you don't have the warning, somebody's creeping on your friend or your loved one, your kid, your family member, your cousin, what have you. You know, there are some there are some, there's a large number of people that do not see those clues. They do not get them no matter how obvious they are. And usually, I mean, the people that are into this field



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are here because this happened to somebody that we knew or we knows or it happened to somebody close to us. So you know, I hope that the people that need this information, don't find this all out just because it happened to somebody, it's near them, they can go go get educated themselves. There's lots of books on this kind of stuff. Like one of the books that we that we really promote is called Emotional blackmail. It's a phenomenal book and it teaches you what does it feel like when someone is trying to use your words and your feelings to get one over on you? What does it feel like? And those are those are things to watch out for? Well, absolutely because you know



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we've done a lot of episodes lately about NLP and and awareness you know, like neuro link



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With linguistic programming, and the idea of recognizing the loops in your life, recognizing, you know, the the situations that put you somewhere and recognizing the fact that you have power, you have power of consent, and you have power to revoke that consent as well. You know, and no, it's not always says, as we just spoke with Jessica Gerlach about, you can't just tell a woman or tell a man going through this situation, why don't you just leave,



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because oh my god, empathetic to the situation, they may not financially be able to leave, they may not, they may not be able to leave because of control issues, or fear of harm or fear of harm of their children. There's, there's a dozen reasons why somebody may not physically be able to separate themselves and get into a situation Billy, there's a term for that, in some cases, it's called trauma bonding site where you are you are basically bound to the situation. Like if you're, you know, if your husband almost breadwinners family it is, it's almost all the same thing. It's this, this pattern of behavior, the NLP of the whole situation is it's also similar. I can't leave my husband because I don't have any place to go. I can't leave because my child is on my child needs his medical care, and it's attached to that person's there, that person's job. That's right. There's all kinds of things that are like that, you know, when you when you said, you know, why doesn't she just leave? Right, that phrase that that triggered me to think about a coalition, an anti trafficking coalition that I went to coalition mean, and then went to, and I can't give any of the details about this case. But basically, there was a there was a couple, couple of young girls that were being trafficked by somebody was a, it was pretty much cut and dry. But it took two years for that to go to trial, and for this person to wind up getting prosecuted and wanting to go into jail. And one of the things that was a constant problem was that the people that would become attached to the case, whether it was a attorney, whether it was the police or whatever they would they would actually verbalize it was like, why don't you just why don't they just leave? Why don't they just leave? Why don't they just leave? And it's like, and that was it was so obvious that that mindset is so pervasive, yeah. Or the lack of understanding of trauma, bonding, emotional blackmail, Stockholm Syndrome is so pervasive that we have failed our society if we are not teaching people how that works in India, you know, kind of to that example, like when my wife Amy gotten her accident this time last year, okay.



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When the police officer called me, it's just a random guy who happened to be behind her was a former cop from Georgia, who saw the whole thing and stuck by her all the way to the ambulance. Everything, Rarity, absolutely rare. Thank God for that angel, man. Amen.



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But the first thing he said

But the first thing he said,

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been a cop for 20 years. I want you to know, this wasn't her fault.

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You Wow. Right off. And I was like, my man, thank you so much. I appreciate that. Thank you so much for looking after my wife. I just have to know how horrible is it? And how many times have you had to head things off at the past with that statement with an abusive husband?

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To get like, I did. That statement is based in something and it is based off of experience. They say that to be the knee jerk response that you gave me. She's the car's totaled. She's okay. She's in an ambulance. I want you to know, it's not her fault. Yeah. Why was it so why was that so? Tight? I was like, I don't care. Whose fault I don't care. She was juggling friggin bowling pins. While she was I knew that she was going to get treated as if she was that she may have been treated that way and right, it may lead to a worse situation. Right? If she's in a bad situation. Yeah. Because that's exactly right. Because what they will be thinking is Yeah, well, they probably deserved it. Yeah. What was she wearing? Or she wasn't paying attention or a woman?

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Oh, she'll get it when she gets home. Yeah, dude, it's It's nuts. How that's horrifyingly enough. Well, I mean, obviously, that that that policeman actually understood that if he didn't say that, there were going to be negative and there could have been negative outcomes because he doesn't know what the home says. You may say that they say the contracts get written because of mistakes they get made. And I guarantee you the reason that thing came out of his mouth is because he saw plenty of times exact and that's what I that's what I responded with was like, I can't imagine how many horrible times you saw in your career that that's one of the first things that pops out of your mouth is a knee jerk reaction, man. I'm sorry for that. And you know, and the thing is, we that's a world that we live in, that's a reality that we live in, Billy, we do not read

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realize the fact that these grooming situations be they sexual be they labor. Like you may be surprised to find out that you got like a labor ring going on in your backyard. In America right now the sad fact of the matter is that human trafficking is happening within one mile of everyone. Yeah, everyone, it's happening near your home





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to a spider right now.



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When they say like you're no further than 10 feet away from a spider like you're no further away than one mile away from a human trafficking situation. And right now, I've been trafficked. I've been labor traffic. I was trying I was traffic by Electronic Arts High and they got me because I was passionate about video games. Yeah, I was willing to work 24 hours a day, weeks in a row. How long was your internship without a pay? Yeah, here's a was that what it was? No, it wasn't like it was it was the I got hired at a certain rate and I wound up working instead of eight hours a day I work 16 to 20 hours a day. Yeah, for weeks if not months that it's because this is the project kid and this is the one this is well, it's gonna nation. This is the industry. Welcome to the industry, you got to push it to make it right. You got to make it through push it. While we only hire people with passion. That's it. They don't have boyfriends, girlfriends or wives or families. Yeah, ideally, yeah. Well, you know, let me let's, let's talk a tiny bit about the importance of training about this stuff, right? Because we got 10 minutes left, and what a



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roller coaster for this. So one of the things that's really difficult about about teaching people about, about psychological manipulation, Stockholm Syndrome, emotional blackmail, all this kind of stuff where people take advantage of you by using your feelings against you. One of the things that's difficult about that is it requires like almost a one on one training where you have a trainer with you, and you talk and you ask them questions, and you get immediate feedback, and you get time to process it. And you can ask them questions. The problem is that there are not enough teachers that fully understand this topic. And the people that do understand this topic are going to be people that have lived experience. And a lot of the people with lived experience are not prepared to go into a room and train people. They're just not, what they do is they wind up and they stand in front of a roomful of people that don't believe them. And then they have to convince them that their experience was real. Yeah. And they become injured by trauma, they become re traumatized by being in a room full of people. And so what our software has done is it allows you to scale to every person to give them a completely unique, personalized experience. So they can be trained immediately, in 20 minutes, you will understand how this works. And no one gets hurt. The trainer does not get re traumatized. In fact, one of the things that we the feedback that we get from our trainers is that they have lived experience. And if they've been training for a long time, there, they go in there. And they're like, this is really difficult because I am being re traumatized while I'm teaching. Yeah, the day that they take our software and these headsets onto onto the site. The kids take the headset off, and now they're the experts. And they ask questions as if they're an expert. Yeah, they believe they ask questions of understanding, it changes their entire relationship with the topic and we lose ourselves. Absolutely. So it's quite literally like explaining to a kid in a book in a 3d diagram of how a VA engine works. That's right. Or taking a kid next to a hanging V eight engine, let them touch it had letting them touch it. That's right variances. And I guarantee you their questions will be 180 degrees different as yours teaching children, I guarantee you that question another different and you know, when you're standing in front of a room of 2030 people, you can see when somebody gets it and other people don't get it, and you don't have

time to stop and make sure everybody gets it. Right. Right. There's this especially with this topic, this topic of Yeah, with emotional abuse, emotional manipulation, you know, sexual abuse, I mean, all the things that are wrapped up inside of this thing. When you get a piece of information in a classroom, you you're dropping bombs on people. I mean, this stuff is like emotional, like fireworks for them. Yeah. In this VR experience, because you are in charge of how much you learn and how fast you learn. When you hear something that's difficult, you can stop and think just giving the user the murderer, that moment that they can decide, wow, I need to really get thinking about what I just said to engage or not engage with the topic that was just presented so powerful. I took a class one time on human trafficking and it was just like, it was just like bomb after information, a bomb bomb bomb and I know the material and I'm watching and I'm like I can't take it. I have to stop this video because it's too much and that's that's a big part of the conversation.



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You shouldn't before we end things is that you know, and that's a big reason why you have embraced the whole culture of abuse in your training, as far as the fact that, sadly, mentally, so many people cannot deal with the literal carpet bombing of their brain that the topic of human trafficking is. Yeah, it's, it's thick, it's not only thick, it's legally thick. Most people, it takes a little while even whatever I've had you on the show before we typically preface the fact of Hey, folks, just so you know, the first 10 minutes or so here is going to be legally defining our time, right? Yep. Because you you literally have to find tooth comb and go through the fact of a co God ain't that, like this ain't.



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This is nowadays, it's now the thing you hear them time on the news, where it's like 100 and effective victims of human trafficking crossing the border, like no, that's not what the case is not what the case is. That's correct. And they're obscuring that, which means that they're now weakening from the impact of what a real human trafficking headline, like if you follow the FBI regularly, you will literally see at least once a month, new bust procures like 100 human traffickers, like Freeze 150 children from human trafficking ring these things and I'm like, follow the FBI RSS feed fivesome. You will see it once a month, I'm gonna water on that with those water on that. So I'm involved in a in what's called a male reflector, right. So it's a Google group of all these people that are in the human trafficking arena. And if, if somebody has a need for like, they're like, do we have a translator, a Cambodian translator in Georgia area? Sure. should somebody do this type of counseling in this area? Bla bla bla, yeah. So as soon as there's a big need somebody posts on the group, it's like family, find somebody to help with that. Dude, when they have those huge arrests, where there's 250 victims of human trafficking, there is not a blip, not a peep, not a people that do those. That is not what's happening. They may have they may have arrested a lot of people for prostitution, but they're not. They're not saving trafficking victims, and they're not getting those people help. I don't know what they're doing. But if it is not reaching this little male reflector that somebody has a need for this stuff. Something Yeah, they did, where the counselors coming from, where are the counselors coming from? Where are those? Where are those people going? What, what, what shelters do you think that they're going to? I mean, like, there are not enough shelters right now, for people there. There's not enough for boys. There's a there's a there's a group, I don't want to give all the names or whatever. But basically, it shows that they've been showing that with this,

the newer studies, half of the victims of human trafficking in America, sexual victims are boys. And there are no, almost no divide. There's almost no beds for boys in America remembers at David's house, something like their Tuesday, and I remember I gave you their information once because I did an event for them. But they are literally like a shelter. There's one ounce of hope. And there's some human trafficking. Right. And it's beautiful. And it's amazing to see it really is how much more awareness has come to this topic over the last many years. The fact that

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despite what you may think politically about our previous president, he actively signed some reform into into law, some some compensation act more for human trafficking victims, and that's huge. There's been so it's always, always I am I don't care anymore about who is in charge not comes to that stuff. Because I all I care about is the is the outcome and what are the what are the outcomes. And right now, unfortunately, a lot of that conversation stuff is still wrapped up in the detail. It's so hard for people to get help. It's so hard to be able to prove that you're a victim. Like I was saying within one case that there was the why don't why don't they just leave to two years for an almost cut and dry case to get to court and get that guy to go to prison? Yeah, this well, that's politics. And you know, we have about

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six minutes left. And I'm going to drop a carpet bomb here myself because I've been asked by a few people in our community.

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I don't know how the situation right now. I don't know what's in the way I respond to people. There's never forget, despite any sweetheart deal. Epstein was guilty.

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First time, second time. Full long guilty. Yeah, no, like, maybe, oh, you're partially adjudicated. You are full long, guilty. You are it is a rare circumstance, Billy, that they bring those charges without the evidence to back it up. It's pretty rare that somebody's accused a few

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human trafficking, and they get off. Yeah, they may get off of punishment because of the sweetheart deal money, something like that. But they're going to have that conviction on their record. And it's going to be there. And that's what I keep telling people at all. I don't know. I

don't know about any videos like with our Kelly, I don't know if any of that exists. Who knows? He says, some people have said he has videos of very powerful people in the same way he's been dead. I think that I look at it as it's pretty rare that somebody's brought up on those charges, and they are not guilty. It's it would be hard to believe that that guy is not guilty. You know, but here's the other thing, right? The people that have what my understanding of the situation is that his house was wired dude ever would mean this guy was running like you know, video cameras back way before there was little pinhole stuff. I mean, this guy was like recording everything. So maybe that stuff was maybe he was a plant maybe he was a honeypot. Maybe he was collecting that information for others. But whatever the case is now that now that proof the evidence is now in the end of the government. Yeah, I haven't seen anybody go to jail for Epstein.

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Not yet. I want it not yet. I want it bow I still hold in my heart still hold a special place in my heart

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to think that he is in a maximum security black sight

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and that everything that we know of his death is fate.

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And there because you don't hear much about galane either. You don't hear much you don't hear about her not right now about her case nothing like that. So

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I'm wondering how many ducks and P's and Q's they're getting in a row how many i's and T's they're crossing and dotting? Well you can look into the if I'm not mistaken the evidence room where all of his stuff was burned? Yeah. So you know we're not supposed to think about that says like oh is a brand new place with this really great awesome new believed all the gold melted to didn't you?

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Know, I mean, under the World Trade Center

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there was a lot of stuff that melted under the World Trade Center.

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There belly for a long time. I love you, man. brother from another mother. Thank you so much for coming on the work that you have done with this over the last decade almost each other it's it's so impressive, so beautiful to see you come to a box, a package a cinder box active deliverable. Yep, let people know where they can go to sign up for your seed program. Let them know where they can go. To get every here's not a word right there on the screen reef cares.org. That's short for radical empathy education, foundation cares. We will there's videos on there that show you how our system works. It shows you exactly how you can get this VIP program, we will send you a box with a headset in it. That's all set up. All you have to do is open the box up and we will show you how to make it work. Show your community. The way that we function is we licensed the software to you you purchase the hardware and you can use the hardware anywhere that you want to teach as many people as you want forever. We're on a mission to educate people about abuse prevention. Let us be part of your solution. Absolutely, Billy. I love you man. I love you eautiful thanks such a beautiful beautiful mission. As always anything we can do to help you just let us know we're here for you man.

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what it is to be an experimenter. But how that process is through your life, how that changes your life, how that



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literally changes you as a person. So welcome back to the show, Michael J. How are you doing? Hey, brother, it's always a pleasure, you know that? We always have a good conversation. So yeah. Thanks for having me on. You bet, man. And you're one of the conversations that we have regularly on the show we I like to demystify topics, there are a lot of shows out there that tell stories that tell people's stories that but but for me, it's more about research science, and how these topics and how these things impact us not only as people but as humanity. And



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when it comes to experience, especially alien experience.



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It runs the gamut, Michael, every everything from, you know, the close encounter of a sighting to get to experiences like yours, which can be terrifying and life life shaking, much less life changing. So





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how did you how did you come to your point of experience to begin with Michael?


how did you now did you come to your point of experience to begin with friends.


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Well,


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what helped me navigate it? I think, Chris is, and I think this would probably have worked, whether it was It wasn't cosmic, if you will, is that I had supportive people. I had people who either had the experience. Now they may have looked at it very differently, which some did. Some people didn't, you know, look at it very differently, as not a positive thing, or even a potential for that. But also, at that point, I was in therapy for some family of origin stuff for a few years. And I finally had enough trust in the therapist to tell them about it. And he was non judgmental, he supported it, he took it seriously. And that was just healing.

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And so just to be able to unpack what was going on with me in a safe space, no judgment, you know, there was confidentiality, obviously, and that was healing. That was very, very healing for me.

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Now,

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you know, you know, being a clergy person, you got it. Looking back, you know, you know, Kierkegaard says, life has moved forward, but it's only understood backwards. It was preparing me because I was already leaving the theology of my ancestors.

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So, you know, you know, I was reading existential philosophy, I was studying metaphysics, psychic phenomena. So I was already in some ways moving beyond. Now we know that you can still do that and still keep your

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or your theology, but then



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there was no way for me to do that. And so just to have a face that would look at me and register with me, but non judgmental, even even if they you know, which he didn't say but, you know, I've had another minister say, Michael, I believed what you you believe what happened to you? But I don't I don't know if I believe that, but I'm here for you. That kind of non judgmental, open mindedness. Yeah, open mindedness



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wasn't was has been the gift that keeps on giving. Why? Because I do that with other people who come to me. And people come to me experiencers with episodes, that even to me being an experiencer seems far out.



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But but I've learned to just take it, to process it to listen, and to shy away from judgment. Yeah. Yeah. And you know, that, I think that is a huge part of it, the rush to judgment, especially when it comes to paranormal experience, et experience.



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Michael, the the idea that



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somebody doesn't believe it, you know, it,



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it quite literally sets up the same reason why hashtag me, too, took decades to come about.



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Because people were willing to believe.



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Yeah, they were willing to believe it. And the fact is, yeah, hashtag me too. Like there's a huge population of it. And to ignore it, does no good, does no good psychologically, for the victims, it does no good for people who have experienced a trauma and a traumatic event in their life. That's what it is. That's what it is. Now see, for me, and I have to be honest with you. Sure. I think that you also have to be

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aware of who you're talking to. i There were people I just did not share it with it's the same thing. You know, I might, what does that have to do with what we're talking about, if I already know that you're not there doesn't make you a bad person or a good person. It just makes you the person that you are. And so I think some people make mistakes, because they think, well, this person should be less, and you don't want to shoot all over people. So that's my responsibility, because you have to take care of yourself. You know, I'm, I'm not an Evangelical, my, my, my, my half sister is, we love each other very dearly.

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There's no room in her

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belt and Shan about what I do what I talk about.

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So we don't talk about that. No, you know, we give up being right. I'm trying to talk to her about it, but she's resistant. And so that's it. But it's also a way to protect me, because I don't want to have to keep explaining myself over and over again. I don't want to have to always rehash stuff. So, but but but I want that's why I put it in the book, you know, some of the things because I think it would help other people. Even if you have a loved one, maybe you're not the experienter maybe your loved one is or maybe your friends, right.

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So, you know, and I've navigated it pretty well. I think the other thing is that I do have a life outside of this. You know what I'm saying? Yeah,

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I have a family. I have a beautiful wife that I love and adore. I have a child, I have my other interests outside of you follow ology. And so I have a balanced life. So I'm not obsessed on this one aspect of myself and putting myself in a box.

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So that helps, too, because no matter what you do, I'll give you an example. An illustration. You got to live your life. At the beginning when I was having these



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visits pretty consistently, you know, we've talked about that. At the beginning. It was twice a month every new and full moon. Wow. But



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I had a dream. And in the dream, I was in like what I'll call a scout craft



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upon and I'm driving it, okay. And there's a gray person.



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In the front seat, there's like a two seater.



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in the dream, the gray person says, you come up front and try it



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And I said, No, I don't want to do it, I'm afraid. And he pushed me, I'm using the pronoun he pushed me. He kept saying, No, you got to do it. We're just gonna stay right here. You've got to do it. So I get in somehow in the dream, I'm upfront.



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And they're in the back. And



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err on the side is something.



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I think it was back though. And we go forward, which is positive in our wake up. But I got it, that the message of that dream was because I was obsessed with it. I mean, nothing had ever happened to me like this. And I was buying all the books, I could get on it. And, but but the thing I got out of that dream was we're not in charge of your life. You are.



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We're not you have agency. And you can't depend on it. Because otherwise I was making them God, which is probably what our ancestors did. But I was just so obsessed with what do you think they want me to do? What do you want? You know, and that was a powerful moment.



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That I'm still in control of my own life. This, this doesn't define me. This is something that happened in my life, but it just doesn't define everything that I am. That was big for me, because I was letting it. Yeah. Oh, absolutely. Absolutely. A you know, and it's it's hard, whether



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doesn't really matter what the traumatic event is, Michael, even even addiction, you know, people, people let that define them as who they are. And even that can lead to bad things. You know, even even though you're a recovered person, things like that it can it can still lead to you being broken. So the fact that you understood that, like you said that return your agency to you that returned your your literal consent. Yeah, into the system to you. Made you understand that you were consenting to making them into that. I was



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because it shattered my whole reality. And it was, I started to see as time went on that this was a good thing, even though that was bizarre, and it was frightening.



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And, you know, because we can put ourselves in boxes, I remembered, I wrote, I wrote two books. I wrote the book on spirituality and prayer. And I wrote the book on the you know, that meditation manual God consciousness. And I wrote that, because I didn't want to be known as the UFO minister. Now I am, but but at the time, I just had to prove to myself now that it was all along theological lines, that I do other things that I write this new book of sermons that just came out to, it's just affirming that Yeah, he does, he has more than one niche. I do. But but that was big, because I know people thank you for doing that. I just know people who, they're one dimensional that way. And I remember I, some of my friendships broke up.

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Not that the people were bad. But if I wasn't talking about if we weren't talking about UFOs, then they we couldn't carry on about anything else. And I, I didn't want that. And so I just kind of drifted away from some folks, because I had, you know, I just wanted to live a full life. And so I think that's crucial for any experience, or, or even anybody with any addiction, that you you know, and that's what the 12 steps are about, obviously, the interior work.

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But also, that you start living a more fulfilled existence, because you're more fulfilled, you're living a life of forgiveness, and that's, you know,

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in authenticity and staying in your pain and, and that kind of, well, yeah, and understanding the fact that you are fulfilled because of you. It's not your experience that made you fulfilled, that's not your experience. And we talk regularly on the show, Michael, about the twisted idea here in the west of that Jerry Maguire phrase of You complete me, and what a heavy heavy burden that is to put on somebody to say like, without you, I am not a complete human being. I'm not happy. I'm not like, No, you need you need to be happy and fulfilled and complete in you. And understanding that this experience was a moment in your life

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that may have steeled you or moved you in a different way or brought you to a different vibrational understanding of the universe and it's beautiful that you were

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able to get to that point now, of all the books on my shelf. Initiation is one of my favorites because it really does get into that spiritual connection

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with your experience and how that because once again, you were you were already down the path of seminary, you already down the path of Reverend ship ordination, all of those things. So it's not like your experience brought you to that. But your experience but your experience of that world changed because of your alien experience it did it did it.

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It brought to light thing you know, you know you Plato says that all learning is remembering.

And I have to say in my experience, I agree with that. Because what the experience did for me, one of the things that did for me was I started not only ruminating and yes, I know, we're all one yes, I know that. What I do to you affects me, I knew all that intellectually. But this kind of just opened me up more. And I had the physiological changes, but I also had the spiritual changes, where I was more vulnerable.

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I was willing to share my fears with people I trusted, more willing to say I love you. I don't know, that was a biggie.

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You know, I was just the armor that I had on that body that was being in Gestalt therapy as well, sure. So I don't want I don't want it to be a magic wand at all, while this guy had. No, I worked hard, and I was working towards that. But they kind of expedited this and got me into the healing work.

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The energy healing work, that kind of thing. And it has changed me.

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For the better, I think.

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But I'm more. I'll give you an example. Please.

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I'm, it's an open secret. Obviously, I'm doing this radio show with you. And I do. But I don't talk about this all the time. I don't feel the need to. There was a woman who came to my church about a month ago. She's a channeler. And she channels what she says is an extraterrestrial being. I don't know how I looked her up, she told her friend of mine at church. And I was a little upset with this friend, because she went and told the channeler Well, you know, Michael has is an experiencer as well. It wasn't a big deal. But I don't go around I don't even notice. It's yours to share. It's yours to share. So the woman calls, she emails me and she says, and I don't even know her. I've seen her. She's shaking my hand at the receiving line and love her and her husband or boyfriend. But you know, she's like, well, we have something to talk about. And

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I'd like to have lunch with you. And, you know, I wrote back, we can have lunch in my office. But my point is, I don't know you.

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And so you're making a leap that just because we may have the same experiences that I want to tell you what I'm saying? Yeah, yeah. And, and she never, she never responded to the email, though, in my response, and she hasn't been back to the church. But But even that tells me something. And I don't want to be overly judgmental. But I you know, let's get to know one another first, then. And I told my friend, I said, you know, listen, I don't, it's my story to tell. And of course, they say, Well, you do ancient aliens, and you do these podcasts? Yeah, but those are my choices. But you're telling a total stranger, and I don't want that kind of relationship? Because if the woman she said she was thinking about joining the church. Well, if you join my church, you know, I'm not your friend. I'm your minister. Yeah, that would

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be the predicate of choice. joining your church. Yeah. So you know, but she never she never got back to me, which was okay. But my point in saying all that was, is that I'm not the kind of person that if you say, Oh, I channel an ad, and I'm going to say, oh, yeah, and I'm an experienced and we need to get together. No, because I don't know you. Yeah. Well, I don't know you in once again, it's one of those

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is is that what you want the relationship face to be based on? You know, I have I have dated

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more than one person that has been victimized sexually in my life.

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That was not a hot topic of conversation when we got together. Exactly. Even my experience in the seminary

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isn't typically the first point of conversation. Yes, there

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I just not even typically the second or third date conversation. Yeah, no, you know, you work into it if you work into it at all. Yeah, but definitely as being if I was going to be your minister, a, I probably would not have shared that with her. And if I did, it would have been on my terms. But be she didn't, you know, she didn't even want to do that to meet in my office and talk. So it was okay. But it's just having those kinds of boundaries helped, you know, good friends make good neighbors, as Robert Frost says, and so, but those were probably things I probably couldn't have done before.

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Before the therapy before getting to know you know, because if you don't have good boundaries, you're not going to respect anybody else's. Yeah. Yeah. And they knew well, that's an important point to bring up, actually. Because understanding, especially as somebody who is

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inquisitive as somebody coming from the outside, have said experience. Yeah, I have, I have had my sightings. I've had my paranormal experiences, and even even my true experiences of the Divine, but their mind and their different

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from experiences such as yours, such as self talks, such as Kathleen Martins, who in the beginning, very much saw their experience as a point of victimization.

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I didn't. Okay, I know I did. Yeah, first.

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It was just something in me that knew this wasn't

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it wasn't. I wasn't a victim. I was just scared.

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What's going on here? Yeah.



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But what they taught me, and I don't mean that, you know, anything sexy when they sat me down and said, these are the secrets of the universe. Yeah, what I should say what it taught me was this.



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I grew up in a very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very fear based family. My mom was extremely fearful of everything.



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And she had her own issues and lives. And so



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what happened was, when these beings as bizarre as they looked and some of the things that were done to me.



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They taught me, you know,



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into the experiences.



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I don't know why maybe I got this a year down the line, maybe longer.



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They never



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hurt me once I share with you they did, but it was by mistake. I'm pretty sure. Yeah. So

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it made me look at my fears. That what are you outside of the bizarreness and we get that? And the suddenness? What, and I had to say to myself, My God, your life has gotten better.

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You more in tuned, you're more, you're certainly more powerful than you were. You're certainly there's a depth to you.

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And I and that's why I had to look at what are you really fighting? And I'm not saying you shouldn't be fighting. But I'm saying I wasn't frightened to the point where I wasn't open to a deeper level of these, you know, this was after

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butter. But you know, and obviously, with the people you mentioned, something shifted in them and it can take time. Oh, sure. And then there are some people that it was a terrible experience. And and it is there's no sugarcoating it, is just the way it is well, and then both very real. Well, when once again, you you were already going through therapy,

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at the time that this happened to you and you you happen to have a very open minded therapist who I do felt that you could be very, very honest with and when you approached him with this. He didn't he didn't say maybe you need a couple of days at the local institution. Things like that. And but the thing is, I didn't tell him until I was already years into the therapy. Yeah, it wasn't just vital, because my therapy was about some other family dysfunction. Yeah, but but I got into I said, Well, I'm telling him everything else. And, and he was a student of A Course in Miracles. So he knew about the channeling stuff. So I figured well, he's into metaphysics to a degree. Sure. So yeah, so but again, you know, I wanted to make sure good because it's very important that you protect yourself. It's very important that there's self love there. And by that, I mean, doing the things that nurture you. So you know, you know if people aren't are not hearing you or

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abusive or whatever you need to pull back from them.



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You know, when you're tired, you need this rest. When you don't, you have to be very gentle with yourself, because you're reintegrating your whole what what is real. And so even that, in and of itself was was was something different? So



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and it could be a near death experience. My God, it could be something great. It could be some Kama Sutra experience, that shatters your reality, we know that that happens. It could be an NDA could be an OBE



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that it's outside of the box of what science is telling us this reality. We know that's changing. And so you have to be careful who you bring it up with, because you have to protect yourself.



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Yeah, and that is



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an all too real reality, Michael, the idea of



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having to have the conversation with somebody who understands, you know, and we've had the conversation on here before about



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the, the world of the experiencer now and being able to find help, being able to find a common community being able to find resources, like the experiencer resource team with MUFON. These things did not exist a decade ago, they didn't exist 20 years ago, I know.



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The conversation is, is different now.



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Even Even if you were to post something on social media that you had an experience, the the response would be different than society five, six years ago, and you know exactly which is promising and exciting because the consciousness has changed. And how has that happened? Shows like this shows like ancient aliens, whether you, you know, it's not the hardest science that we can come across, but it's opening your mind. And what does it Oliver Wendell Holmes, once the mind is stretched, it doesn't go back to its original dimensions, UFO conferences? Certainly what Brother grush and what other folks are talking about now, you can see the shift happening, but just imagine 20 years ago, 25 years ago, you could do could be medicated. Yeah. and lose your job and, and everything else. So, you know, I remember those days. But I was fortunate. I found a support group I met Budd Hopkins, he regressed me. I met Jean Dr. Jean Monday, she regressed me on I got to meet John Mack. Wow. So there was some support with Zacharias ditch and in New York was the neighbor. So, um, you know, I think that once I was open, the vibe book came my way the right person came my way. The right you know, because I was saying yes, I was saying yes to life. And so opportunities, opportunities were there. And more and more people are having these experiences or experiences like this, whether it's Bigfoot, you know, Sasquatch, whether it's an OBE whether it's



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you got a healing when you were at Lourdes or whatever it is, and you gotta have somebody to talk to that about.



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Who's going to respect that. Otherwise, you just, you do know you we do what our ancestors did. What When, when, when that when the Roman church said, if you're doing ABCDE, you can be excommunicated, you could also be killed. You know what I mean? What did folks do? We went to our little catacombs, we went underground, literally and figuratively. We found other like minded individuals, like the Cath ours did what you don't I mean, so it never goes away. That's why we all this native wisdom and Aboriginal wisdom about Star people and all that. It just wasn't mainstream, because it wouldn't be accepted. Yeah, so you go underground, but the knowledge is always there. Now.



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It's more out in the open. And it can any could remain that way.



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And so that's what I did. That's what human beings do. If I can't put it out here, I'll find my little group and it's I'll go underground. But it'll still be there. And so, but it's, but you know, no, you know, nothing



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is more exciting when something that's been hidden for so long, can finally come to light.

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Yeah, you don't have to carry that burden. You know, it takes a lot of burden. It does. It takes to you know, to keep secrets. What's the old saying, you know, you're sick as your secrets. Yeah. And that goes for that goes for families. It goes for individuals. It goes for governments and

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It goes through nation's institutions. Yeah, yeah. You're sick as your secrets. Yeah. And so when you can when you can kind of let go of hiding. And that's a metaphor for everything. Sure. When I don't have to hide when I can be me fully, then I can let you be you. Yeah. Yeah. And you know, you, you're in a unique position, honestly, especially with with your Reverend see things like that you are you you belong to a beautiful community that has accepted your experience that has accepted

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the marriage of these teachings. Michael Linna. Unfortunately, there are many, many experiencers out there, there are many people out there

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who are who,

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for lack of a better word are bound by their faith and bound by their religion.

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To see these things in a different light to see these things in, in the light of evil to see these experiences in the light of demonic attack, then yeah, like that? Yes. Yes. Now I want to be clear. Yeah, I'm better off no doubt, absolutely. Being in this liberal denomination. But I, if I talked about this from my pulpit, they would let me go. Yeah, I don't I don't bring this up. I touch on it. Sure. I may say a prayer and include the star nations. Or all I may say something about the multiverse, or I may reference it. But no, it's still too much for them. But I'm freer than most. So I will give you that. But I because I want to be clear. I remember a few years ago, people came to the church, they saw ancient aliens, and they were in the North Carolina area. They came to the church. And they were they were quite surprised. I said that was not a UFO churches, the Young Turks, we don't, this is not where we're coming from. But to your point,

definitely. I told you I've talked on this show, there was a woman who wanted to get me fired, and came to the Board of Trustees big donor, they stood up for me. They said he's not forcing it down our throats.



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He may be right. But we don't think he should lose his job over it. So they've sailed that, but definitely better. And and you bring up a good point. In this way, Chris.



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There are a lot of people like you and I who are seminary training, May May dabble in a few languages.



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Who know that what we're saying is true that we've been visited, that there's been paleo contact, but as you said, because of the restraints put on them, whether it's academia or theology, they have to decide how far they can push the envelope without losing everything. Yeah, without losing their congregations, without losing their tenure. You know, and I think it's, it's a point that needs to be, you know, I'm glad you brought it up. It needs to be emphasized, because everybody who's hiding it is not in some big conspiracy. But but you have to say, I got family to feed, I got mortgage, I got this, that and the other. And I'm going to come out and go guess what, you know, that has to be taken into consideration as well.



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Yeah, yeah. And, you know, once again, it's,



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I don't know, I belong to a lot of communities. And I see,



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I guess both sides of the situation, I can fully see how somebody might see



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somebody's experience as dark.



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I mean, there were there was a situation it is honestly one of the only interviews that I have ever deprecated Michael, and there was with another Reverend

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by I had interviewed him previously.

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And we had a great conversation. He's fantastic, actively incorporates the ideas of UFOs and the Bible into his sermons, all kinds of things. It's remarkable stuff. However, I was at a conference and an experiencer was there. Her experience was

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having a near death experience where she went to the void.

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Not not a great white light, not what her Christian upbringing had brought her to understand. The next life would be

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and then they this this experience came before an experience of contact.

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And and the two were very, very stealing for her. Now, this gentleman had, someone in his group had purchased the book and came up with a literal list of questions and cornered her at her booth and began to