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exploring topics from the esoteric and unexplored to dimensions unknown,



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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. You music.



Speaker 1 00:52

Well, hello everybody, and welcome back to an amazing live Tuesday night here at curious realm. I am, if you cannot tell from my color, flesh from the trop, fresh from the tropics, not flesh from the tropics, fresh from the tropics. I got home at about one o'clock this morning from my client trip to Hawaii. Everything went fantastic. Couldn't have asked for a better show. And I was very, very excited all day today, as I sat around prepping gear for South by, rentals, things

like that, about the show tonight, because we have two of my favorite guests in the second part of the show, we will be talking with Jason McLean about not only portals and portal technology, but the idea of portals period, and how they have come into the community, how they've changed the community, how many of these hot button topics like portals cause discussion across numerous communities and either bring them together as differing communities with with a common topic, or lead to separation within a community. It's pretty fascinating. So that's some of the exploration after a commercial break with our good friend Jason McLean. We'll also be talking about his upcoming show in Missouri, the crossing realms conference that we will be there for. So all kinds of great topics and guests there. Our guest in the first part is our good friend Billy Joe Cain. Billy Joe Cain is the founder of radical empathy Education Foundation. Their stated mission is to help build empathy in our world using virtual reality technologies. We first ran into Billy. Joe Cain, geez, in our incarnation as dudes and beer, many years ago at classic game fest here in Austin. And hello Billy. Hello Billy. It's, it's been great to see a the technology that you utilize, because here is the box itself. This is, this is one of the seed kits that you seeded to me, and it's now on the HTC Vive when, when I first met you, it was a rigorous process of setup, all kinds of teaching people how to use wands and how to interact with VR and and now the fact that it's in this packaging makes it so much easier for people to navigate the software, for them to get involved with the software. And we'll be getting into what the software is really all about. A lot of the new ways that you're flexing the software and how did you first come into this world of teaching empathy through virtual reality? Billy,

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Chris, man, thank you so much for having me on again. I love being here. Love reaching out to your audience and getting a chance to talk to people that have some broad minds about what's really going on in the world. So when I, when I started making video games in 1992 on Super Nintendo and Sega Genesis, I was working for a company called Origin Systems. I also they had just gotten purchased by Electronic Arts. So I wound up getting a chance to work on everything from the very first version of EA Sports rugby to Wing Commander to Ultima. So I learned how to make role playing games, learn how to do sports games. And over the years, I learned that one of the things that's really important about making a product on a piece of hardware is that you want to make a product and an experience that makes that hardware come to life. You want to use what's really cool and unique about that hardware. So for instance, on a on a DS, you want to have it where you're you're using the stylus on the screen. Or you might integrate the the microphone that's on it's like you can blow into the blow into the microphone, and it'll blow out a candle inside of the game. So you want to utilize the hardware super power to make the software feel more interesting and cool, right? So. Long story short, in 2016 I had been making games inside of virtual reality, and I realized that there was a story that I wanted to tell to create an educational experience, and what I wanted to use was the immersion level of virtual reality to put you in the shoes of someone, so you could see what a day in their life feels like. So empathy can actually be brought out in virtual reality for you know, by a number of different ways. One of them is that you're that you've got somebody completely enclosed inside of that headset. You've got complete control of what they see, you have complete control of what they hear, and you have complete control of what they feel. So their their body is they move around. They're getting the kinesthetic experience, and they're seeing that play out. So they feel like they're actually in that world. So what we did was we created a we created a virtual reality experience called trapped, the VR detective story. And the idea is that you're going to spend a day in the life of a young girl, and you're going to find out how it was that she was manipulated online by a professional predator to trick her by using her emotions

and using her feelings to to basically be in control of that girl. So it's it's about human trafficking, but the story really includes everything from divorce, abuse, abandonment, pregnancy, STDs, all kinds of things. And so as the story goes along, you actually feel that that's feel like that story is actually happening to you. Chris has some footage. Here we go. So, yeah. So one of the things that we learned when we were doing this was that people have a real hard time for the very first time they've ever used virtual reality. So we had to simplify the experience so that you just have that little red dot, and you're moving the red dot with your with your head, and so you activate things by looking at them. And one of the other things that's really cool about VR is you can get a sense of experience and a sense of being somewhere. So what we did was we made sure the very first area that you go to is that outdoor area, so you see the suburbs and you see the trees and you see cars, and so it feels really cool because it's outdoors and it's it's bright and sunny. Well, the thing about VR and the thing about telling a story is you want to take people on an emotional journey. So one of the very first things that we do is we want somebody to feel like they are caught in an area that they cannot leave, and so we put you inside of a small condominium where you are literally trapped you can't leave. And she tells you this. She tells you the version of how or why all that stuff is the case. But I think that's pretty much the that's the basics of it. But what we're trying to do is we're trying to put somebody in an emotional journey so they can actually feel like they will understand how this could happen to anyone through no fault of their own. And people that go online, they're looking for friendship. They're looking for companionship. And that's exactly what Lisa, or protagonist, goes through. She goes online and she meets somebody on the internet, and that somebody starts promising her nice things, promises that he likes her, starts taking her out on dates, and he buys her expensive things, and then later he extracts what he wants from her. And I don't want to give the whole story away, but basically he becomes in control of her by using her emotions against her. He threatens her, he coerces her, and so, kind of taking a step back, this tool is used to teach psychological manipulation and coercion in any setting in the world, and it gives, it gives you 20 minutes of non stop interaction with the survivor of human trafficking, who explains exactly how this happened to her. And it's one of the things that people that get this training, they never get this kind of level of depth of training. Go ahead, Chris

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and you know, that is what I have been just in love with since I have met you, Billy, is not only the progression of the technology that you use, but But literally the way that you have branched out with the technology use and the many different ways. Because, yes, yes, it started with, hey, we need to teach junior high and high school teachers and facilitators things like that that, like human trafficking is happening in your school. It's not in your backyard. It's not in your backyard, like there is human trafficking going on in your schools, in your school district, things like that. And to know that you have taken it from that to the point of labor trafficking, you know, and beautifully and literally in the time that I've met you, right up around the time that I met you, was when I first started, a lot of my travel, work, things like that. And since then, like now, I see signs in bathrooms at hotels for human trafficking, things like that. So fortunately there, and now we have laws when we first started, like laws were just beginning for human trafficking. And now. We see them, and not only that, but we're seeing them being flexed. So it's great and fantastic, but there's still a whole world of horrors out there, sadly, and that's that's what you have beautifully refocused the technology in this program on, is the idea of labor trafficking, the idea of how how even communities can change themselves and catalyze themselves to change by building a new world of empathy across across generations. Yeah,

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you know, it's, uh, what's, what's interesting about the training that's happening nowadays is people are getting training on what human trafficking is. They'll learn that it's there's an action, there's a means and a purpose. They learn what those things are. But basically, an action is that you have control over somebody. The means is that you're actually using them for sex or for labor, and the purpose is for commercial benefit. So those are the three parts of what human trafficking really is. But the thing is that most people that are in this field, police, whether they're there in any any form of law enforcement, whether they are a legislator, whether they are a prosecutor, what they understand is the legal definition of trafficking, but what they really don't understand is the coercive aspects. They don't understand the psychological manipulation. They don't understand the trauma bonding that happens with these, with these, with these survivors or these victims. So what's happening is you have people that mean well, and they've learned what the definition of trafficking is, but they don't really understand how this stuff works. That's what our app does. Our app puts you in a completely immersive, interactive experience so that you can understand what does coercion feel like, what does psychological manipulation feel like? What is it? What kind of situation could you get into without it being any fault of your own, and have that turn out to be something bad for you? So like you said, we did. Our first app was built up about sex trafficking, and our second app we're still in development on it is on labor trafficking. So it was like, What is labor trafficking? How could somebody come to America, yeah, legally, with a with a visa, and then get tricked into becoming labor trafficked? It's, it's, it's a fascinating story how people do this. It's a fascinating story about how people get coerced into it. We have, we have counselors that use our app at their schools, and so they have four kids will come in, the kids put the headsets on, and the two counselors will be in the room with them. And what happens is, when the kids take the headset off, they realize, Oh my gosh, you mean I can talk to you about divorce, I can talk to you about STDs, I can talk to you about pregnancy, I can talk to you about physical abuse. I can talk to you about emotional abuse, and those counselors are like, yes, yes, you can do please. So the the concept of somebody going through a story or reading a book or a movie before you go to a counseling session, that's called priming. So Virtual Reality priming, where you're actually living that extort living that story is the most intense way that that can come across. So we have, we're actually developing one right now. That's about divorce, so that you find out, what does it feel like to go through a divorce? Are you going to stay with mom? Are you going to stay with dad? Which one's healthy? Which one's not healthy? So all the questions about going through a divorce that you can simulate inside of a virtual reality situation, you know, we're, we're going to be trying to do that. And so you can put somebody in any type of emotional situation, yeah, and I wanted to go ahead, you probably know,

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on forever, you know, even from the opposite side, Billy, like, I, um, I did not know until I was smooth, uh, fourth grade, something like that. The divorced family wasn't the norm, right? So, so, for, so, for what you live, right? Yeah, yeah. So, for, literally, uh, a counselor at a school to be able to hop into a kid's head whose parents are divorced, you know, gives them a different key to be able to unlock things and unlock that conversation and be able to open those doors gently. Yeah,

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and, you know, the the thing this the school that that's using our app this way, they they explained to me that one of the problems that they had in their community was that a lot of their parents just weren't really great role models. Yeah. And so the children that they're growing up in a in an environment with parents that really don't really quite get everything, they are not understanding how how they can have those conversations with people at school. So he he told me a story about how he had actually had one of his one of his students had graduated, and she got in her GED, and she was really proud, so she came back up to the school and she wanted him to give her a hug, and he was like, I can't give you a hug, because I am. I'm in a position of power over you. I'm an adult. The what I can do is I could give you a hug, but we're gonna have to sit down on a big. Inch, and I'm going to show you how to do a side hug. The fact that he gave her that side hug, she was floored. She was like, that's not how people hug. And so she when she left, he was thinking, you know, hey, I did the right thing. That's cool. She came back two weeks later, and she turned in multiple members of her family for child abuse because no one had ever shown her that her body was hers, yeah, and she was supposed to have body autonomy, and so that. So the thing is that once people have words for these things and they've experienced them themselves in a safe way, they can actually start using that to build a better life for themselves. And that's exactly what these, these kids are doing with those counselors, because it opens the door. They're like, Oh, it's okay to talk about sexual assault. I can talk to you about that. It's It's weird how you would think that with access to the internet and everything that people would have, yeah, have that kind of experience, but they don't, no, no, especially don't

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and well, and even the conversation, even the open sexual, and not sexual, but sexuality, conversation with the child. And I remember the conversation with my wife when we first had our child of you know, what do we call it? And I'm like, you call it one thing, it's a penis. It's nothing else. You don't have him identify it as anything else anatomical name. It is man. It is the anatomical name, and that's what it is. And it's nothing to be ashamed of or use the name of. If he uses it in school, he's not going to get in trouble. And it's better that he know the name of it. So Should something happen, he can define exactly what happened there. There ain't no mistake in what happened when

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he describes statistically, that lowers abuse Exactly,



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need to teach your kids those names as soon as they eat him. Yeah, because when somebody

need to teach your kids those names as soon as they eat them. Yeah, because when somebody doesn't know that that area is not just an area, there are significant parts of it. It's like, they don't say they touched my leg, they touched my lap. They say, No, this is they touch me in this exact place, and then something can be done about it.

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Well, well, precisely your things, but, but it's also one of those, you know, once again, you can identify the problem until you're on a common ground. And we discussed this even in the world of paranormal. We discuss this regularly on the show. Fantastic that you're over here talking about this and researching this. Do you have the same nomenclature as a scientist in Japan and as a site, it's a researcher in Japan on the same topic and a researcher in Italy? Or are you all calling it something different? You know, because once you start calling it the same thing, the data is going to change.

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I wrote a first, I read an enormous not just a research paper, but a doctoral paper on child sexual abuse materials and the terms that people are using for that in the laws across the world. And it turns out that they are not using the same definition. They're not using the same terms, and that is causing enormous problems of people trying to get help, because it's like, if you're if you're performing a study in one country, you could be if you use the correct terms, you could add to a study that happened in this country, but instead, nope, where both of these countries are pulled back because they're not using the same terms. And, yeah, and the laws, when the laws are confusing and the laws don't, don't make sense. You know, is it is something child abuse, sexual material, if it's at this age or that age, it really gets out of control. Absolutely, we need to have, you know, not just a thesaurus, but, I mean, a good definition and a glossary of where all these terms are and what they mean,

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well, and you know, really Billy, that is, that is one of the things that, sadly, but also beautifully, came of the human trafficking laws, is the fact that that became an international definition. It wasn't just like, this is the law in California and Poughkeepsie, this is the law in Germany. This is the, this is the definition of it internationally, 20 something

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years ago. And the definition was it went from, what do you even call it to, yeah, trafficking, well, with the advent of the Palermo protocol. Well,

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and that is a beautiful and amazing thing, and to know that we do not have that with even just child sexual abuse, which is, once again, a totally different topic, you know. And you wonder, you wonder, folks, how, how do you get into that victim love mentality, you know? And, and

when you start looking at things like Stockholm Syndrome, stuff like that, the fact that people, eventually begin identifying with their captors? You know, if you've ever horribly had any kind of physical abuse within your family and and witnessed that even from a distance where it's like, why don't they leave?

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You know that question right there? Chris. I got to tell you, I think we have talked about this one time, but I can never say it enough. My wife and I, we've been doing this now for nine years, if you can believe it, since 2016 and we went to a we went to a very large coalition, a central Texas coalition meeting, and we listened to a story of two girls who were being trafficked by an older man, and we listened to every single person that was along the value chain to try to help them, from the social workers to the people that were helping them get close to the federal prosecutor. Not a one of those people could answer the question, why don't they just leave? That's what they would keep they would keep asking that we're like, well, they don't leave because this guy's coercing them. He has them. He has them psychologically manipulated. And nobody in along that way had actually had had any training that made them understand how this worked. And all, Jackie and I were sitting in the room with that box that's sitting behind you. We had that box sitting on the table, and we were just pointing at the box the entire time during the meeting. We're like, hey, this right here will teach you why they don't leave that box right there. Chris, that box contains the answer to the question, why won't they leave it was a

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beautiful day, the day, the day that you showed up with this box. Billy, I got chills. I got chills quite literally, because it was the fact of the message had hit a different level, you know, and a beautiful level, a beautiful level where you could literally put it in people's hands, not nail them a computer, something like that. But even, now the fact that y'all have a new program out there where it's like, go out and get it on Arbor XR, folks, if you

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That's right, if you have an Oculus quest, if you have one of those Quest One, tour like Chris is holding a quest one, if you have a quest two, or a quest Three, you go to Arbor xr.com, and get that program installed on there, and then write me an email, and I will send you a link, and we will get you set up with trapped on your head, on your headset, try it out for 30 days, absolutely for free, no obligation whatsoever. And you will be able to see exactly what kind of training tool we're talking about. And we are looking for people that are trying, that have already been doing this kind of training. And you go into a room with a PowerPoint, and lo and behold, no one is really paying attention to a PowerPoint. People are looking at their texts. They're embarrassed. They don't want to hear about sex. They don't want it. They don't want to listen to an adult. Parent, their kids don't listen to adults. Are you kidding me? They just don't. Kids love having a headset on that takes them to a different place. Nobody can see what they're looking at. Nobody can hear what what it is that they're listening to. It's not embarrassing to them at all. It's not scary. It's not full of jump scares. It's just a story. Lisa tells you her story. That's all there is to it. It takes about 25 minutes to go through the whole thing.

And you will understand how coercion works. You will understand how psychological manipulation works. You will understand how trauma bonding works in an interactive way that doesn't exist anywhere else on the planet. And I got something else to say about this, please. Teaching people about this is traumatic. To try to get a room full of people to understand that you yourself may have lived experience, and you are trying to get across this message that, hey, this could happen to anybody. You got a room full of people that are sitting there going, it would never happen to me. Never happened to my kids. My kids are too smart for that. I'm too smart for that. My grandparents are too smart for that kind of stuff. No, they're not anybody that's a human being that wants just like everybody else of attention and some affection are vulnerable. And that's what this thing teaches you, and it teaches it in 20 minutes. It's super easy. Once a kid takes that headset off, all of a sudden, the person that's in the front of that room that's been trying to talk to them about it, they see them as an expert. They see them as somebody that they need to ask questions of. That changes the entire relationship of a trainer to have a room full of people take those headsets off. Yeah, it's unbelievable. I mean, like we're talking about we go to these shows, I mean, and that's just not just for children. This is for adults. This is for elderly. Exactly 85 year old guy take a headset off and hit first thing he said, he goes, I was molested by my uncle when I was a child, and I've never told anybody I need to go get some help. It helped him find a way to reconstruct process into him as a kid and have him realize, Oh, my God, that wasn't my fault,

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and it wasn't just him, and it wasn't just him, you know, right, that there may have been others like him, and

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we, we have families that come to events and they go through the experience and they. Them. They're like, I don't know who my kids friends are. I don't know my kids are doing online. We have, we have licensees all across America, and those licensees, they tell us story after story after story. They're like, they have kids that take the headset off. They go, you mean, all those people on Snapchat, they they may not be safe. They may not be my friends. That's right. No, it's right. Those you don't know who those people are. They could be anybody. And it changes their entire lives. Their families come back the next year and they tell us all the things that they've done. It's amazing. I could not be more proud of this product. I could not be more excited about this product. I want to make more products like this. What we need is somebody that wants to train with VR headsets. If you are somebody that wants to go out and you want to do training with VR headsets, reach out to me through reef cares.org I will set you up if you want to try this thing, find me. Go to Arbor XR, call me on my phone. It's 512-521-8874, you can find me easy. I'm all over the place. I want to help you train your family. I want to help you train your community. I want to help you train your law enforcement. I want to help you train health care providers. 88% of victims report that they go to the hospital and go see emergency room people while they are being trafficked, and nobody asks them anything. Yeah, the people that work at the hospitals don't even know what coercion means. It seems unbelievable. I meet nurses. They finish their degree, and they become a nurse, and the first time they hear about human trafficking is in their first annual re up training. And they did a click, a click, click, click

through training on a website. Yeah, they are embarrassed. They that's the ones that wind up coming to these coalition meetings. They're like, I'm in a coalition meeting because I've never even heard of trafficking, and I and I'm a nurse

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well, and once again, that's just trafficking there. There is a whole world with which

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you can apply of abuse, right? It's the abuse, you know, I don't know, what do you call it darts game, I suppose. Yeah, but it's like, we teach people, how does abuse have? Exactly abuse feel? It's like, how does it feel? And that's the thing that people don't understand, how it's important that you have an emotional avatar, that you can actually feel this through, yeah, and it's, and it doesn't have to just be about traffic. No. I mean, like you got your you may have elderly people in your family, and they may get an email thinking that they're going to be able to go put some money in to help a Nigerian prince or somebody that you know might be, they might be elderly, and they start dating somebody, that person can get taken advantage of, absolutely. That was friends that have lost \$50,000

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that was one that I was just about to bring up. I remember all of a few years ago, um, my mom getting into something, and it almost happened where it was, it was somebody saying that, hey, you know, I'm with the with the Houston Police Department, you know, looking for donations and all that kind of stuff. And it was like, no, no.

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And then you got, then you got all the, all the vocal stuff where they can do, they can clone your voice. They only need a few seconds of your voice. And then all of a sudden, your mom's getting a phone call saying, Hey, Chris is in jail. You know, here's, yeah, here he is. And then it's, it has your voice, and he says, hey, you need to send \$3,000 to this guy that's got my, got my phone right now? I

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got one. I got one. Billy, that literally. JL, Carpenter, if you, if you are having issues legally in Houston, Texas. You call JL carpenter law.com everybody. She is, hands down, one of the best criminal defense attorneys in Houston, Texas. She is a good friend of the show. She's been on the show numerous times, but I called her like, I've known her since high school. And I called her and I was like, Hey, if you have time, give me a call. Like I got a phone call that got me to where I literally almost went to the location that they were talking about to pay them money. Billy, and what got me was the fact of, like, you know, I think that if I was part of a federal jury a I don't think they're gonna come get me. That's not how they are gonna, like, put a warrant

out for my arrest if I miss jury duty. You know, number two, I think I'd have heard something if I was on a federal jury. I mean, but it was, it was close enough that even my critical mind was like, I don't know about this, so I called my lawyer.

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Good for you for having a having the sense to do that. I had friends that have, they've, they've gotten phone calls, and it was like, there it was their mom. Actually, one mom got a phone call saying that her son was in jail, or that she got the call saying they're just. Was in jail, and then her son handed the phone over to the guy that was going to take the money. Yeah, he she wound up wiring that guy a whole bunch of cash. Yeah, I've had friends that have that have, uh, had been called saying that their child had been kidnapped, yeah. And so they walked, they actually walked into the room where they walked their kids room, and they're like, I'm looking at my kid right here, so I'm pretty sure this is not my kid's voice. I mean, like the the technology can be done, the evil that can be done with technology is scary as hell, and people are not ready for it. I mean, you've got voice cloning, you've got llms, you've got chat bots, you've got Pegasus software that could be installed on your machine. They could, they can, they can scan through your social media. They can find out what your dog's name is. They could threaten me. It's insane, Yep, yeah, parents don't realize what's happening when they give their little child a phone. I mean, having one of these things in your pocket doesn't mean that that you have access to the internet. It means that the internet has access to you. You want to give, you want to give your child or give the Internet access to your kid? Yeah, you go right ahead and you buy your kid a cell phone. You let that kid keep that cell phone 24 hours a day. You

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know, I and you, you know my family, Billy, we're family. Been to my house numerous times to be on the show. We we're about as fit, close friend family is you can get the only difference is you were a little far away to be on the child pickup list.



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Thank you so much, but you would have been

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had you, had you been closer, you would have been but, but here's the thing, like, you know, people, people tend to forget about these things. They tend not to think about these things. They tend to let them slip and slide by the wayside. And it's all too easy for us to lose our diligence on such things. I mean, hey, the only thing that clued into my mind that that dude was utterly fake was I was like, You know what? This is getting? Really deep, really thick, really fast. Let me, let my lawyer call you back, Sir, what's your badge number? Yeah, yeah, and you wouldn't give it to me. And I was like, it's gonna be really hard for my like, I'm pretty sure at

this point, if you're telling me they're gonna come to my house, I'm pretty sure I can lawyer up, like, right now and tell you, no, no, you can talk to my lawyer today. So when she calls back, who does she need to talk to? But you know,

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it's, it's funny that you say that, because, I mean, you need to have something like ready to go, right? Yeah. Now, you know, I'm gonna first thing I'm gonna say is give me your badge number. I want you to talk to my lawyer. But like, if you're in a situation where, you know, you think that that is, is that really my kid on the phone, you know, you need to have a safe word. That's right. I mean, it's like, you need, if I say banana, you need to say Volkswagen. You know, it's like they, it's like they. You really need to know, is that really my family member there something that they couldn't possibly guess through any other way? Because, I mean, the the strength and the power of these llms, the strength and the power of these vocal programs, these these cloning programs, are scary, scary. I mean, like we there are people now that are being, and I know we were, we talked about this a little bit before we got started. But the that what's happening is there are people that are that are being tricked into what they call sextortion, yeah, which is where you get somebody. So you trick them into sending a nude picture of themselves, and then what they do is that they use that as blackmail to get them to do something. So now there are apps that people are using, and those apps communicate back and forth with you, and they may send, they may send a nude to you or a partial nude. And what they're trying to do is they're trying to trick you into sending a full nude with your face genitalia. And once they have that, then they blackmail you well.

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And, you know, years ago, and I need to, I need to have him back on. We used to have former secret service agent on, who ran the UT center for identity. He now works with the governor's office, doing all kinds of stuff. Our Sean McCleskey, amazing guy. He worked in the the world of fraud in the Secret Service, and we had the conversation. This was back when I met you, bud of at what point will we start seeing lawsuits from children the same way that our generation saw the Emancipation lawsuits, you know, from from child stars and things like that, where it was like mom and dad are still handling my money, and I'm 20 years old, mom and dad are reading my mail, and I'm 16, you know, things like that. Though, those were the Emancipation lawsuits we heard about. But it won't be long before we start hearing about emancipation lawsuits where it's like mom and dad gave away my biometric data. Mom and Dad gave. Away my facial print like I have never once. And you've seen pictures of my kid on social media, I have never tied his name, yeah, on social media, I've, I've never allowed a comment that has his name. They're deleted immediately if they're there and when, when people are like, Why did you do that? I'm like, because I don't put my child's name on social media.

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There's a, there's a concept now they, they call sharing, which is basically, you share, share all of your stuff so much that it's like crazy. But people can take that, you know, just kind of, I know you know this, but they, what they can do is they can take those images so they can age those images. They can take and they can, they can make it look like that person is 2530,

years old in the future. I mean, that there's so much that could be done and and if, if somebody is being, if their image is being used in a way that's embarrassing, they may want to sue parents for putting it, putting an embarrassing image up there that's gotten used. I mean, it's, it's really crazy. What's, uh, what people are doing with all these images out there? Oh, absolutely. Then you got, then you got all of the deep fake stuff that's going on. It's, it's, it's scary well,

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and you know, it really is. The fact of, we have to be aware of these things. We have to be able to teach people these things. So we have to be able to teach them in a way that, because all too often, yes, it's uncomfortable. Like, I used to teach sex and sexuality to seventh and eighth graders, you know, and when you're talking, it's different. When you're talking such a sex education, as opposed to sexuality. Like, how do you deal with the way that society is gonna push this topic on you? You know, and that's a that's a different opening conversation, that is that is a lot more empathic, where it's like, you kind of understand the fact that, as a seventh and eighth grader, you gotta you got a lot of big, deep questions that are starting to happen and so, and you're available to a different realm of media that you weren't like two years ago, even a year ago, and that makes a big leap in what your expectations may be.

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Well, one of the things that you can do to help your kids navigate all this stuff is you can actually tell your child that I am going to love you no matter what. I don't care if there are nude pictures of you on the internet, I am not going to think you're stupid. I'm not going to put you down. I am going to love you no matter what. Because with some if somebody doesn't have that understanding, and they don't have that like right here in their heart, so they know for sure that their parents love them no matter what those kids will get in a situation that, if they are being sextorted, they will wind up killing themselves. There is a huge epidemic of children that are committing suicide because of these people that are actually utilizing those images online, and they will threaten to send them out to all their friends.

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Speaker 1 37:56

Yeah, no. And there, there is a massive, massive part of that, and especially when you're talking about if you

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are not armored with that understanding, what they can say is, your dad is never going to love you because you did this. Your mom is not going to love you because of this. And those kids that have never heard that from their parents, they are in a worse condition than the ones that have absolutely you. As a parent, you want to armor your kid with as much love and unconditional love and support as you possibly can, because the people that are out here that are trying to do something to take advantage of your child, whether it's just for they want a playstation network card or if they want all of the money in your parents wallet, or something

worse than that. It's bad, I mean, and we have to keep telling our children that we know that, that the world is a dangerous place. The internet's a dangerous place. If something happened and a picture of you got out on the internet, I am going to love you no matter what. Absolutely, these pictures don't have to be real, even no no completely fake. And deep fake can be deep fake videos, deep fake audio, deep fake images. And the kids need to know that you're going to love them. The world, with all of this technology, is a way more dangerous place.

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Oh, absolutely. And, and, you know, it's a much more nebulous place as well. I'm not going to say that it was ever black and white, because black and white's a pretty lame image and has very little detail. You know, you need the shades of gray to be there in order to actually see the detail and things however, um, man, it's, it's straight up the way the video is, it is, it is 12k like, it's blinding now, the amount of possibilities that there are out there, and you know, when you're talking about that stuff, especially the idea of the deep fake, especially the idea of, I mean, when people like, how does that happen? Once again, take a good look at nixium. You know that is a. Prime example of not only what we were talking about, the idea of somebody stepping into the world of abuse, somebody, and it's through the guise of love and completion, you know, like this will help you attain the goal personally that you're trying to attain. We have the answer for you. We're here like we have the path to success. Check out Jimmy over here. Jimmy's part of nixium. He knows what it's about. He's wearing the sashes. He has sashes on the sashes and slashes on the sashes, you know. And the thing is, eventually it becomes the fact of, you know, yeah, they started another level of Nexium that was even higher and closer to the leader. And what did you have to do? To do that, you had to send us pictures. You had to get you had to you had to send us pictures, material, pictures of yourself naked and in compromising positions.

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Yeah, it's self, self generated, you know, and you've

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done it to yourself now, which gives you even more guilt as to, oh, my God, how could I have done that to myself? Which drives you? We've even more to them, because they've got the answer as to why you did that to yourself.

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Yeah, it's, uh, I mean, I just sometimes I've done so much research on all this stuff about the ways that people abuse each other, that it is, it is really hard sometimes to wake up and have a smile on my face, because I know just how twisted the world is. So I look at the work that we do with with with radical empathy, and I know that we're making a difference. And so I just want to keep doing this. I want to keep making a difference out there. I know that I've shared with you that we have Native American groups that are actually using our software. Yes, one of the reasons it's so powerful for them is that they they are trying to stop the murdered and missing

Indigenous women, children and peoples, because they are having a hard time keeping their people alive. And it turns out that one of the most dangerous times for them is between the ages of 12 and 18. So we have a group that we work with in Washington State. They've been using our VR for a long time. So we've been discussing with them making a specifically targeted Native American virtual reality application, and after discussing that now for about two years, they finally said, Look, we we think we know what it is that we really need. What we need is a way that we can give our children hope that they're going to survive between the ages of 12 and 18. So they're looking for a simulation that doesn't talk about human trafficking, doesn't talk about labor trafficking or sex trafficking, but something that actually makes them want to live. Yeah, I was just like, you've got to be kidding me. But what happens is, if those if those kids, get involved in sex, not just sex, but if they get involved in drugs, they get involved in products, they get involved in fentanyl, they're gonna die. Yeah, the success rate is almost nil. And they said that traditional 30 day programs, or any of the AA na programs, they just don't work. And so it's like, it's a just a tragedy. And so we're working with them to try to come up with a way to create a grant so we can build them some type of VR hope simulator, you know, to show them that they are loved and they are cared for. So we're, you know, we're really excited about getting the opportunity to do that, too. And again, it's just, it's taking the same concept of, how do you put somebody in somebody else's shoes and teach them how, how things can feel. Well, you can see some of my I've been, I started a sub stack. I've got a ton, ton, ton of materials. It's called, it's called Beyond the red flags, dot sub stack.com, and I've just, I've been putting stuff on there as well. So if you're a parent or you're a kid, you're interested in learning more about this stuff. I just did a piece on triangulation today, trying to get people to understand how triangulation works and how to recognize that if it's happening to you. So if somebody's trying to manipulate you using words and your emotions, you'll actually know a little bit of judo to recognize that that's happening. Wow,

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wow. And you know that is, that is really the most important thing is that that learning to recognize things Billy and learning, learning to have the The Open Mind enough to realize that it may be there, that it might just be there. And it's a horrible reality. Nobody wants to think about that. And I think that that is, of course, as we've had the conver conversation right here in the studio pre show so many times, that is the horrible, horrible fact is that is that nobody wants to acknowledge this, because nobody wants to say that these horrors are there. It's kind of like I've reassured my wife and a few other people. Um, yes. Yes, there are horrible things in the news, you know, according to differing political views, things like that. But make no mistake, all this has done is peel back the fact for you folks, that this is the exact same percentile of crazy that there's ever been. All right. The only difference is you are more connected. Now you're more connected. You're more connected than you were in 1990 you know, in in 2002 1005 even in 2010 or 2020 we're more connected. We have more means of unfettered connection. And with that comes much more exposure to the it's kind of like the drone situation, where it's like, Hey everybody, guess what? We have a gaping hole in our detection systems over spots, and then we start seeing drones, and people like, my god, look at all those drones. And then there's news stories, hey, there are drones in the sky, and more people are looking up. Now, they know what

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Speaker 3 46:01

a drone looks like. You want to shoot them down over, you know, over these, yeah, whatever.

What if they're full of gasoline? What's that going

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Speaker 1 46:11

to do? They're full of lithium. You don't need gasoline. They're full of lithium. You can't even put that out.

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Speaker 3 46:21

That's right. You can't put that out. Let's try to put out a Tesla when it catches So,

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yeah, it's one of those. Yes, you're seeing more drones because you've been told that there are more drones, and now you know what a drone looks like. So sadly and horribly, folks, whenever you find out what human trafficking is, and you find out the difference between human trafficking and smuggling in a coyote and things like that, you will come to find out there's a whole lot more human trafficking than you ever, ever thought. And it's horrifying,

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and it's so bad because this, I mean, this isn't just, this isn't just happening like down the street with yes, those dadgum dirty people that do, they do these kind of things. I mean, it's like, this is parents are doing this to their children once they once they got, once the Sackler family got everybody addicted to opioids. They couldn't get those opioids, so they started doing heroin and meth and, well, when they couldn't get their heroin and meth and the money to do it, they just started selling their children to their drug dealers. Yeah, so there's, they're trafficking their children constantly all across America. Well, and it's crazy, beyond really happening, beyond

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Speaker 1 47:28

that, even the idea of once again, it doesn't have to be human trafficking. You could talk labor traffic again. You don't have to talk about people in the back of a warehouse or something like that. You can talk about it straight up in your your local graphic arts department, folks, you could talk it straight up in your local corporation that is not paying here's the thing there.



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I'm an intern and I'm doing free work

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Speaker 1 47:54

if you are not getting illegal, yeah, if they are not accredited with your university, and you are

not getting actual credit for a class, pass, fail or credits toward a degree or class or training or certification at your school,

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Speaker 3 48:11

they call it an apprenticeship. Yeah, that is no working under an apprenticeship. Nope, not an internship. An internship is illegal. Is labor trafficking, apprenticeship, that's legal. You have there's a ton to pay

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Speaker 1 48:23

more and and even then, it should be slightly paid. You should be compensated by some. You

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Speaker 3 48:29

should be compensated for an apprenticeship too. This is it. You don't get to do free work. That's

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Speaker 1 48:33

right. That's right. Even, even if you go in as an apprentice plumber, you are getting a rate to be there for the day. It may not be the same as a journeyman or something like that. You know, same as an apprentice electrician. You you'll be getting paid the nine bucks an hour wage, but you'll be getting paid and you'll also be getting knowledge to further yourself in the industry. Yeah, but if you aren't getting paid in let your red flags fly up, kids.

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Speaker 3 49:00

I was trafficked in the game industry, and they used the word passion. Yeah. They were like, yeah, looking for people with passion. And what that really meant was that you'll just work without me even asking you to work seven days a week, 16 hours a day, you'll sleep in your office, and you'll do it because you love it. I can't tell you how much right? I got labor trafficked out of



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yeah throughout my career. Yeah, passion and pizza.

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Speaker 3 49:25

Passion pizza, yeah, and some Pepsi or whatever. Yeah, keep them Yeah, with three keys. It was just, it was absolutely ridiculous. And people do that constantly. There's people still in the game industry. They they don't want to hire you unless they feel like you have passion.

Absolutely. Put that in the box, man, what does that passion mean? That passion means that you can take advantage of me. That means,

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Speaker 1 49:46

that means, yeah, that means, no matter what the pace,

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Speaker 3 49:49

I'm gonna blacklist you in the industry if you don't do all this stuff. I mean, like the number of people that have been trafficked in the video game industry, the music industry, the movie industry. The animation industry. It goes on and on absolutely anything, because guess what, you'll never work in the industry again.

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Speaker 1 50:07

That's right, that's right. And that's quite literally what what the did is up against right now, and and he may not have enough lotion to slide out of it. Billy is the horrible, horrible fact of despite anything with that may have happened with minors, and I'm not laughing about things happening. Did the Diddy, Diddy, Diddy. Oh, Diddy, Diddy. I love the fact that your wife knows more about that than you.

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Speaker 3 50:36

Thank you so much. I appreciate that, dude. But quite

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Speaker 1 50:39

literally, was defective. He made promises to people about records

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Speaker 3 50:43

on camera, constantly telling you exactly how he traffics women, that he traffics them, and this guy runs free, and he's on television, and people are promoting him. Am I going? This guy is a human trafficker. He's he basically, I could be putting the action means purpose on screen. When he says them, he's like, this is exactly how I traffic these girls. And I'm like, What the hell is going on? And of course, how many people from Epstein's list have gone to jail or even gone to court? Yeah, nothing. You don't hear any of that stuff, yeah, yeah. Look at all the farmers right now that are are without workers in their fields because they're afraid they're going to get deported. Do you think those people have their papers? Yeah? Yeah. I mean, it's embarrassing. This, this entire country, in fact, the entire world economy is essentially built on labor trafficking. You know, if you have a battery in anything that you own that is recycled, it is it has cobalt inside of it. And if you would like to do any research at all, just go right ahead and you just type in cobalt and then add the phrase artisanal mining to it. Yeah, artisanal mining means

that children pick the cobalt out of the ground with their hands this radioactive cancer causing material. Yeah, that's in everybody's everything. So we're all involved. Yeah, it's pretty typical. It's pretty Temple

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Speaker 1 52:12

of Doom status. It really is. You know, just the idea is same thing. Feel free to feel. I mean, we're all guilty, folks. Yeah, we're all holding lithium in our hands every single day. Most of that does not come via an ethical means, either through strip mining or through use of

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Speaker 3 52:30

clothing that's in my clothing. Yeah, I don't. And you know why I don't? Because they take all the cotton that's picked by slaves and they mix it in with all the rest of the cotton, and they want they're laundering the cotton essentially, before it gets to us, they do the same thing with the cobalt. They do the same thing with everything else. Where do you think you're you know, who do you think is doing a lot of the food production? Where do you think McDonald's clothing comes from in America? Where do you think Starbucks uniforms come from? That stuff is made in American prisons. There's entire websites that show you exactly how many, how many companies are utilizing American prison labor, and that's labor trafficking, bros and gals, everywhere you look, America and our world economy is built on labor trafficking. Sorry, it just is, and the media scares you with the term human trafficking, so you don't even know what it means. They won't explain what the hell it means on television. Anyway, it will. What I'm saying, though, is we got a tool that will teach you how to avoid abuse and to recognize it happening to you. It's ready now. It works flawlessly. Contact me at reef cares.org I will sort you out. We will get you set up so you can have your Oculus quest, running our game trapped a VR detective story, and you can train as many people as you want so that you can get your entire community, all your staff, your legislators, your law enforcement, you name it. We'll get them taught. We teach bankers, we teach children, we teach elderly, we teach everywhere in the United States. We want to teach your staff. We want to teach your students. We want to teach your family how to recognize abuse so they know that they are being tricked, so they can get help,

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Speaker 1 54:23

yeah, well, and so that, so that they can learn to identify somebody that may need help. You know, that's, that's really the biggest

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Speaker 3 54:32

thing. I think my boyfriend is trying to take advantage of me. I feel like this guy's unhealthy. Well, if you don't have a sample of what that feels like your neck. How are you going to know that? Yeah, and that's what that's what we're finding is that a lot of children just don't have anybody modeling this behavior so they can actually understand what it is that's happening well, and that's

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Speaker 1 54:52

just it. You know, these are all uncomfortable. I don't think I've ever had a fully comfortable evening of conversation. Conversation with you. Billy, Joe Kane, whenever we've been on air,



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and I haven't even said anything.



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Love you ladies, right? Um,

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Speaker 1 55:14

because, because we get into these deep, hard topics, man, and we get into this. And it's, it's, it's not pretty, and it's the seedy underbelly of humanity. And the thing is, if we it's terrible.

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Speaker 3 55:25

I've written, I've written so many blogs on this. I've read so many blogs. I've gone to so many classes on this stuff. I know that I have been psychologically injured, because vicarious trauma in your brain is extremely real. Absolutely. I've heard these stories, and my brain feels like they happen to me. Rat, that's because you're empathetic.

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Speaker 1 55:47

That's because you're empathetic, Billy, and that's the thing. That's the beauty of not only reefcares.org but but of your software, and of the training that VR helps to provide is that it helps you understand what the other person is feeling and did that person at that point, you don't you don't have to have the uncomfortable conversation. They don't have to have the uncomfortable conversation. You can learn by their body language. You can learn by things that they're saying and by the way that they approach situation

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Speaker 3 56:20

teachers avoid that trauma exactly a teacher that is utilizing this in a classroom, they are not having to suffer through this trauma themselves. Well,

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that is, that is one of Honestly, even whenever we talk to UAP. PD, man, that that is a group of and I should back you up with them for their stuff, because that is, that is a group that deals

and I should hook you up with them for their stuff, because that is, that is a group that deals with experiencers that are first responders, first responders to scenes where people have had paranormal experiences and that kind of stuff. And how do you use your skills as a detective and as an actual police officer, to ask these non confrontational questions, to open a point of investigation. How do you, how do you as somebody, ask non confrontational questions? It doesn't shut an abuse victim down, but rather opens inflation and

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Speaker 3 57:18

understanding abuse and trauma and trauma responses. Those are, those are huge, and you have to have that as a first responder. You've got to be ready for anything

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Speaker 1 57:27

exactly, and to be able to teach that kind of empathy, to be able to get people, even teachers, to understand how to ask these questions without, without, literally, an emotional slap to the face of asking the direct question, you know, that kind of stuff, because it's hard. I know,

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Speaker 3 57:46

I know you've had many, many, many life experiences. And I've had some friends that have been, have been policemen, and some of them had stayed in for a long, long time, and they were able to handle a lot of abuse and trauma that they saw, and some stayed in longer than they should have. And I've had friends that they're like, I went to my second car accident, and I'm done. I cannot do this. Yes, Can't. Can't take it absolutely. It's like, yeah. I mean, we have to find ways to help people deal with this trauma, and we got to get them safe ways that they can learn about it. And one of those ways to do it is to build a VR experience that is not going to hurt them, and it's going to include all of the learning objectives that it is that they need to actually walk away from. And that's part of the part of the trick of designing these experiences is sitting down with somebody and saying, what are the things that somebody needs to walk away from this experience, remembering and learning, and what are the things that are myths that we need to dispel? And we can do that for any experience. We can do it for any emotion. We can do it for any situation. We're we're prepared right now to build any type of VR app that anybody wants. So somebody out there is looking for something like that. They want some type of training. We can put it together. We work with you for months to make sure that we understand what those learning objectives are. We build a script that works around those things, that we build the models for everything. Put it together. It puts you in the shoes of somebody so you can actually learn that stuff.

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Speaker 1 59:13

Billy, let's talk privately this week. All right, that sounds good. Something beyond what I mentioned at the beginning that's much, much larger. So yeah, let's definitely hear it. I love I always get the tingles whenever we talk, because there, there are so many amazing, amazing applications to this.

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Speaker 3 59:33

Know we can do it. Because, you know, you know what happens to people at conferences. You see what happens to people in your family that go through the scenes, they get it absolutely put them in a situation, their brain thinks it's real. It's an experience just like it really happened to them, and they remember it just like it really happened.

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Speaker 1 59:51

That's right, that's right, and it's it. It's amazing. What you have done over the last time that I have. Own you and, God, it has to, it has to have been a decade now almost it

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is, yeah, it'll be a decade I'd have to look at, to look at when we started, yeah,

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so, wow, wow. And to see the exciting places that you've come and the changes that you've made, and the huge, huge strides of building communities around this, and helping communities with this. It's so beautiful, and I'm always excited to hear where you guys are taking it. Let everybody know where they can go to

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Speaker 3 1:00:32

where they can go. Yeah, you want to, want to see our stuff. Go to reef, cares.org, that is short for radical empathy Education Foundation, cares, R, E, E, F, C, A, R, E, S, right there where he's highlighting it. Go to reef, cares.org. That's where you can find everything. If you want to take a look at our blog, it is beyond the red flags. Dot sub stack, I don't know if it's gonna, I don't know if you're gonna find it on there. Yeah, I haven't, I haven't updated it with a new one, but that's where you can go read all this stuff. Yeah, that's that's one of the new ones. See where it says, beyond the red flags, that's it. That's the newest one that I put up there just a little while ago. But that's our new That's our new sub stack, man. And I love it. Jackie and I have been writing some stuff on that. We have been doing so much research on all kinds of abuse, all kinds of abuse prevention. It doesn't have to be all about trafficking. We're trying to teach people about any kind of abuse, family abuse, psychological abuse, somebody just trying to trick you out of your money, trying to trick elderly people out of their money. They people need to know that, that unfortunately, the world is not the safest place, and we're here. We're here to try to help.

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That's right, absolutely. And we are here to help you shout it from the mountain tops, as always my man, because it is, it is a beautiful, beautiful mission that you have, and we have made it one of our missions here to try and stop these horrors from happening in the world and to try

and build empathy across communities, ma'am, because we have, we have sadly lost that light and a lot of means of our society. So thank you for helping build those bridges, and we are always here to support you and help you in any way we can, brother.



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Thank you so much,

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Speaker 1 1:02:15

absolutely. Thank you so much for your time tonight, my friend, take care. Love to the family and Godspeed and everything, as always, I will, I will be in touch about that project. We'll talk to you soon. Absolutely, take care. Man, all right, see ya man, Billy. Joe Cain, everybody is always a pleasure talking with him while you are online, following all of his work over at radical empty Education foundation@reefcares.org, don't forget to stop on by curious realm. Curiousrealm.com, is where you can like, follow, subscribe. That is where you can find all of our episodes. That is where you can also find our link to the symposium of the strange curious events. Puts that on every other month in San Antonio, and this upcoming month, we have remote viewing with, uh, Greg redder ball coming up, uh, April 23 that is the next show. So it's going to be fantastic. Stop on by get your tickets at Symposium of the strange.com folks. When we come back from this quick commercial break. We will be joined by our good friend Jason McLean. We'll be talking about portals, portals, not only of the electromagnetic type, but the type that change communities, the way that communities change around this topic, how it came to be, how how these things have affected communities. So we'll be talking about that and more with Jason McLean right after this. You the key to good science is good research. At the heart of good research is a good data set with the field observation and encounter log from Curious Research, you can easily keep track of your investigative information all in one place, making it easier to review cases and readily see comparisons and contrasts between them, whether out in the woods, squatting in a back room, gathering EVPs or using high tech gear to track UFO, UAP activity, this easy to carry, pocket sized scientific data log is the perfect companion for any field researcher. You can find your copy of the Curious Research field observation and encounter log@amazon.com or visit the official curious realm store at curious realm.com forward slash store to reserve your copy for yourself, your family or a mind that you want to open that website. It again is curious realm.com, forward, slash, store.

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You. Well,

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hello everybody, and thank you for staying through through that quick commercial break. Also, thank you so much to Billy. Joe Cain, it's always a great conversation with him talking about the world of virtual reality and empathy building. Empathy building is a huge, huge point on this show when it comes to not only society, but research and experiencers, things like that. So the idea of using virtual reality to help build empathy for people who are human trafficked, for

people who have gone through abuse, things like that so that you can identify them and better give them help. Is absolutely fascinating to me. Our guest in this segment is Jason McLean. He is been around for years. He is the author of Metroplex monsters, a book on cryptids in the Metroplex area of Dallas. Fort Worth. He is the host of siru papers. He is also one of the founders of the coming crossing realms conference in Richmond, Missouri that is coming up on the 19th of December. Welcome back to the show. Jason McLean, how are you doing? My friend, oh, I'm doing great. Chris, fantastic. It's been a while since we've had you on. I remember the last time we had you on, we were live on location. You're always great to chat with there. And when, when we chatted with you last we were we were talking about paranormal. We were talking about the way that paranormal is researched. And the idea we always have great conversations with you about the idea of the Kleenex bin of paranormal, and the idea that, you know, unfortunately, so many researcher capital R, or scientific researchers, stray away from these topics because of the catch all, Kleenex been aspect, the idea that there's a, you know, science likes to categorize and describe things, and there's, there's 1000 different products out there called facial tissue with different structures, different flies, things like that. That's what science is about. But if you just call it Kleenex, they may just walk away, because there's no differentiation there amongst what kind of Kleenex? Even amongst the brand Kleenex, there's different kinds. So, you know, how do you how do you define these things? How do we build that language? And how do we really get to a point where internationally, these things are communicable, you know, because, yes, it gets hard. It gets hard when you're talking about a literally, a different language. Are we? Are we speaking the same thing, and are we speaking the same thing scientifically? And that brings us to our topic for tonight, which is paranormal portals. Portals and the paranormal you know, and even the idea of Portal, you know, you think, you think that Sasquatch or something like that. Might be a term that might be confused because of cultures, but portal itself, and the idea of a portal is another one, the, you know, it's a pretty broad term, and it's also one, you know, what kind of portal are we talking about when it comes to Bigfoot walk through a portal, or, you know something like that? Yeah,

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no. Again. Always great to be on Chris. I love, love the show. I love you're my favorite host because you have a Johnny Five maquette in the back for those who who haven't seen it. But yeah, to your point,



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can mean so many different things. And it's a concept because most people say, Oh, you mean something like out of Stargate or, or, What's Rick and Morty? Or, you know, you know sliders, you know the all the shows that people think about. But it's like, well, first of all, are you talking about the doors of a basilica, right? Can we at least it's like that word means something. The problem is, context can be very, very different, or portholes, as Tex would say over in Texas, front porch. So let's actually take a quick step back and even say, what is it that we actually

think a portal is? Because this is where I think we're, in many cases, on the whole question of Kleenex, right? Let's go back to your Kleenex metaphor for a quick second. If I'm calling something a Kleenex and I hand you like a paper a piece of paper towel, right? Yeah, it's like, those are. Do radically different things, and yet they're still kind of the same group of family. The problem is, when we say portal, I think the problem is that with a lot of terms that we use, there are, we're actually multiple steps down the line of concepts, and we're working on this, but we haven't made, we actually haven't built a bridge there? Yeah. The only thing that a portal really can mean is a doorway to someplace else. Right? That's literally where the word came from. Right? It's, it literally does come from the from the Basilica. But it's, it is a it's going from one world or one place to the next. The problem is we don't even know how to define that next place. Yeah, I think there's a lot of assumptions about what these things are, how they operate. And allow me to again, this is not this. This next statement is not in judgment of anyone at all, please. I'm not here, you know, I I'm a

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situation off air with my ties. It's a different story. It's entirely

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different. But yeah, so like, I hate when we use Star Trek language for things, right? And what I mean by that is, in the 60s, they were photon torpedoes, which makes no sense. It's just photon was a science word that Gene Roddenberry had access to, and most people didn't know what that was, so he just called it a photon torpedo. Same thing happened the 90s, all of a sudden, well, we'll just call them quantum torpedoes. Now that's the next they just grabbed a word from science, threw it out there. If you think about it for 30 seconds, none of that makes sense, yeah, but it was a way of saying, here's some techno babble to make you feel better. There's amazing things going on with quantum science right now, all that's, you know, quantum

physics, it's amazing work. But guess what? Guys, most of the people in this in this field, can't do that. Can't do the math or the physics involved in that. Sure, we're taking even the the principles that people discuss, non local, non localized reality, quantum entanglement, things like that. That's a very superficial pop culture level of understanding of quantum physics. Yeah, we need to sort of take stop trying to cram sci fi words in our Star Trek words into this research. As you say, Hold on. What do we actually know? What are we actually observing? And then start working backwards from that? I think the problem is we're several steps down the line here without actually having built that bridge appropriately, and I think it's really skewing our understanding of what reality is or how we can even address this



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in many ways, it's probably akin to this.



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You know, we need to start thinking more along the lines of just the data first. Instead of trying to interpret the data and putting down interpretations, we need to do things like just collect data with your field observation and counter log 2024, edition, you're



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more shameless than me, and that's why I like having you on



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I mean, that's part of the reason why I made it. That's literally part of the reason why I made it is because I had, I had friends that were out doing this stuff, and when I would hear sometimes about the way they were doing. It's like, wow, we went, we went all night without you stopping and writing that down when it happened to you. That's that's fascinating to me. You know, even, even the idea, we've talked about it on the show before, the the idea of preparing yourself for an investigation, like honing, honing your knife of investigation with listening to stories and cases about where you're going to investigate. That's that, that that's a little more like, you know, let me find some rust that I can put on my knife real quick to make sure it, you know, gets proper before I go out in the field. Like it's, it's kind of a backward way of looking at things, because all you're doing at that point is kind of polishing the filter through which you're going to view your data. You know no



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Exactly, and that's and so what we need to do is, maybe, is, is, honestly take it back a notch and say, Well, hold on, what do we actually see? Because again, I have plenty of stories of people saying I saw this through a thermal and they'll say, and it went through a portal. Okay, well, hold on, you don't actually know that it was a portal winter. You just saw a you just saw something happen. Just yeah, because here's the problem, the word portal, at least in our common. And parlance, indicates that there is another world or another realm or another dimension that has been, that some that something has walked through it is now in a different place. That's right, that may not be what you're seeing happen. Yeah, I've used this, this idea for a while, but it's like we are. We are working under the assumption that our level of technology actually allows us to understand the world that we live in objectively. And the problem is, in particularly when it comes to the paranormal, we may not, right? Yeah, I think we've talked about this the show, if you you show me an EM meter, it's like, Well, hey, it went off. Okay, great. Here's the problem. You can't tell me. I'm not saying that's not important data. Please understand. Take your, em, your KT, all of those. Take everything. I want people with Geiger counters running around. We because we're finding people are finding legit radio radiate, anomalous radiation spikes. I want everything out in the field properly working? Because at some point we'll, we'll be able to figure it out. But here's the thing right now, you can't tell me. Are you measuring the presence of an entity? That's right. Are you measuring the Wake like, are you measuring the waves of like, say, something walking through water, it creates waves? Are you just measuring the waves and not the direct entity, or is the entity just straight jacking with you?

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Yeah? No, precisely. And you know, like, to your point, like, here on the store for Curious Research is an actual tri field meter, yeah, where it's like, here's actual readings, and it will tell you whether you're in the magnetic spectrum, electromagnetic spectrum, one size of it, whether you're weighted or not. You know, have you put a weighted standard on there to allow for a noise floor things like that? You know, because when you've just got an EMF meter that goes from green to red, yeah, that doesn't tell you. That doesn't give you actual data, like the one that's on screen right here, where it gives you readings and tells you what side of the spectrum it lies on. Things like that. There's a, there's a massive difference there, you know, and there, there was one video that I saw not too long ago in a group that we both belong to, where this guy was at a at a haunted location with his with his meter down, and, you know, look, there's nothing going on. And as he got closer, it started going off. And it's like, yeah, you're filming it with a camera. Yeah, closer with the electromagnetic field, it will go off. You're you're filming it on a cell phone. You're getting an electric you're getting a cell phone signal closer to it.

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Yes. Well, here's the other thing. It may be that there is a there are random em fields and radiation spikes for reasons we don't fully understand, and that's what you're measuring. And by the way, it may be that those radiation spikes and those em fields are creating, uh, sensations that would then lead people to things that think places are haunted, right? Yeah. Like this is, this is a much more complicated question than people are giving it credit for. In a lot of cases, we need to dial back a lot of things and say, Okay, well, hold on, what are we actually seeing? Because I'm all about what shall we call it? Citizen science, right? Yeah. Again, I'm the first one to say most true breakthroughs are done by citizen scientists. Yep, period. End

of story. It's the citizen scientist finds the they find the artifact, they make the discovery. And then it's institutions that come along, later in process, confirm that and confirm it and they but it's the citizen scientists that's going to make these breakthroughs initially,



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prime example, exactly, exactly. Yeah. So we just, but we do need to do better work, and we need to have these understandings. And so when it comes to portal specifically, it's like, Guys, you're making an assumption as to what that thing actually is that you're seeing through. Because what if reality isn't the way we think it is? Yeah, right, yeah, um, a one thing's again, somebody I've said for a while now, you go back in time, 600 years, and you tell people, the reason you get sick or the reason food spoils is because there's little animals so small you can't see, yeah,



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yeah. They they had no concept. There was no concept of things too small to see, yeah, yeah, because the microscope hadn't been developed yet. We may be waiting for the development of some technology allows us to go, Oh, holy crap. Uh, reality is entirely different from what we thought it is, right, in which case that may not be a portal, per se, it may be something else entirely that's not necessarily on the table yet well,

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and you know, absolutely, absolutely to that. And one of the things that I've brought up pretty regularly lately, that you and I have talked about is is that concept of specifically Bigfoot and Portal. Things like that, you know. And once again, I will say it as I always say it preemptively. I am a believer that there is a large hominid creature known as Sasquatch or other roaming the woods of North America and beyond. However, I know, I believe that there is also something else. And even if you're talking about Bigfoot itself and forgetting to something else. There is a possibility out there of Bigfoot using infrasound. You know the idea of infrasound being used the same way that elephants use infrasound, whales use infrasound, things like that. You can't hear an elephant's call. That's infrasound, but an elephant can hear it 10 miles away. You know exactly, Lions talk through infrasound as they hunt things like that. And when you start considering that, when you could start considering the fact that, yes, our human hearing hears from 20 hertz to 20,000 hertz, but there's a magical frequency one hurt below that 19 hertz, known as the quote paranormal frequency, to people who make binaural beat, music, therapy

music. It's normally one that you try to avoid, because it gives you the feeling that something is in the room with you, watching you, the eyes are on you, that you are not alone. It is also the freak it's it's a frequency of fear normally overwhelms you with fear, things like that. But it's also the the frequency at which the water in your eye begins to vibrate and distortions begin to happen. Optical Illusions begin to happen. And you know, once again, it's only one hurt below where we here? So it's not like it'd be incredibly hard, and it's a great example of how your body picks up frequencies that you do not hear or see, and a fascinating one to me that ties into that that I just posted, because the article literally just came out, like a month or so ago, out of Live Science was the actual shape of a photon. Oh, yeah. Was photographed for the first time ever. And when you look at it, not only is it oddly, oddly, very reminiscent of the way things look from the inside of your eye, but it's also very reminiscent of a portal. So yes, when, when you start talking about the fact of your eye begins to vibrate at that frequency. If, if you begin to see a photon for what it is at that moment, or if your eyes begin to vibrate to where, that's what shows up, then, yeah, you may well say, like I saw a portal, because you would see that over the reality of the world around you, you would see it at the same time.

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Yeah. So this is, there's a history of this in, in science, the belief that there were canals on Mars, yep, is literally because the, I forget the the astronomer's name Percival Lowell. Thank you. Thank you. I'm terrible with names, but yeah, he was essentially seeing the veins in his own eye, yeah, and or the blood vessels in his own eye. And so there is a point where in history is full of these kinds of things, where it's like, oh, okay, it's not that they were it's not that they were lying or making anything up, but they just didn't understand what they were actually seeing. And sometimes we need to understand our own preconceptions can even shape how we see things. So like you said in there may be something else going on here, where you're seeing you may actually be seeing your own eye, yep. But what others? What? Let me take one other step here, because again, you and I are in agreement on this. I think there is a, there's a very small population of hominoids roaming around North America, probably some of the places. I think it's proper to call them Bigfoot, Sasquatch, whatever. I think there's another phenomena, a paranormal phenomena, that we are calling Bigfoot, or wants us, or maybe it actually wants us to think it's Bigfoot, whichever it is, right? Is there is sort of irrelevant for this part of the conversation. But the problem is, all this is going to the same box I would submit if you see things going in and out of a portal. And let's just and let's assume for a second that there is, because it's like the story came out of Skinwalker Ranch, right? They were seeing this on some sort of night vision where, like, it looks like a hole opened up and something crawled out and walked out. Allow me to submit that, whatever that was, assuming it's a true story, right? That just, I'll give it the benefit of the doubt, yep, because I've heard other similar accounts. It's like, well, what makes you think that, if you that, if you were there, that you would have seen a Sasquatch walk out of that? What if it's not a, again, a physical thing that's crawling out of that, that hole, but rather, it's something that wants us to have assumptions about it. It's hiding its true nature the entire the entire event, right? The entire portal event could literally. Be a staged event for us we are dealing with when you deal with the paranormal, you're dealing with phenomena that has very clearly on many occasions, gone out of its way to hide its true identity, that manipulates what you see in order to achieve whatever goals that paranormal entity or encounters wants to to derive. We tend to think, well, if I'm seeing it, then it's real. There's no reason to think that at all. When you're dealing with something that may not have a form in our own reality. You may not be seeing anything. It may be something more akin to a to a like a religious event. John Keel famously said, if we could objectively observe UFO, uh, abductions, would we see, you know, a UFO and someone being taken up on a ship, or

would we see someone in the middle of, like a transcendental event where there's just they're in a trance? And here's the thing, what if we have multiple there's multiple phenomena going on here. So sometimes it's little green men. I don't you know that's a conversation of the time. Sometimes it's the US military, and other times it is a paranormal or supernatural event, yeah, and it is like a trance. We again, since we can't objectively observe this, we don't know, but we need to remember that when you're out there dealing with creatures or beings or entities or fields or whatever you want to say, that has an intelligence behind it and has the ability to manipulate your understanding and your perception, then your perception is irrelevant. Yeah, you're only seeing what it wants you to see, yeah, and that's and that is something we have to keep in mind. It I'm not saying that these aren't valid. What I'm saying is we need to, we need to maybe back off our instead of writing down a hard definition like that, a hard definition, yeah, yeah, we, let's write down what we see and observe. That's perfectly fine. We need to do that. But the problem is we're jotting down interpretations of the data and not the data itself. And it's, I think it's, it's muddying the water in ways. It that, that it's holding us back.

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It picks up a lot. It kicks up a lot. And, you know, we've, you and I have specifically had the conversation regularly on the show about the idea and the the dangerous part of of all of this, which is the the want of confirmation married with cognitive dissonance, the idea of you believe something so wholeheartedly and and so so deeply that you are Looking for acceptance of that belief and confirmation of that belief from other people who believe the same. And that when presented, this is the cognitive dissonance part folks, when presented evidence to the contrary and data to the contrary, you refuse to take it into your data center. And that's where things get dangerous. That's where, you know, you get into, no, it's not drones, it's something else. And it's like, okay, but it's pretty explainable as drones, you know. And that's just it, you know. Like, even, even with the plane crash and helicopter crash that happened recently, like we just talked with Mike turber. Literally. The reason we had Mike turber on the show was to talk about that in the drones, and the idea of chasing, chasing the tale of a story without waiting for facts to come in. And how dangerous that is, how dangerous that is because, because, even as, even as a major news corporation, it means you are not waiting for the facts to come in. You're trying to create a narrative that creates clicks, that brings people to the that brings people to use so that you sell more ad space, or what have you. And the problem is that's not actually news. That's not actually news. That's that's like pseudo non fiction. It's propagate not quite fiction is it's not quite fiction, but, yeah, it is definitely on on ends of a form of propaganda, because you are using facts the way you see fit, and cherry picking them so that things fit your dialog. And the problem is, when you've come up with a dialog within two hours of an incident happening, there is no way that you have any room for truth tomorrow, when facts come out, all you can do is change your story to match the facts at hand. Yes,

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I have said for years, the first 24 to 48 hours of any story is always wrong. Yeah, always wrong, yeah. And the simple fact of the matter is, let's just think to everyone, everyone has a story where there is something that happened and you were there and you hear somebody else who wasn't there talk about it later, and you're like, that didn't happen. I was there, and that person is convinced that they know the truth of what they're talking about. Yeah. So. And you're like, I

was there. And they'll I've heard I've had people like, No, you weren't. I was there. What are you talking about, right? It's, this is a problem across all fields, all the time. It's, this is not unique to our little niche, our little