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# Edroy Odem 00:05

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# Scot McKay 00:18

All right, gentlemen, welcome yet again to another episode of The World Famous mountaintop podcast. As always, I am your host, Scott McKay at Scott McKay, on Twitter, and on YouTube and on Tik Tok, and on true social, and pretty much everywhere else except Instagram, where I'm at real Scot McKay, the website is not to top podcast.com. And as always, the group of thriving guys on Facebook can be found at the mountaintop Summit. With me today is a third time returning guest. He is from Europe, he moves about in Europe, which is always a lot of fun and exciting, great adventure. One that I miss, actually, I'm starting to miss Europe and want to go back myself as soon as I can. His name is Michael Lawson, of course. And he's one of the smart guys who come on this show and really is a deep thinker and tends to come up with new and interesting ideas that either involves something that none of the rest of us have really been thinking about much lately, if at all, or, and or I should say, kind of expounding upon something everybody thinks about in a way that nobody has thought about yet. So either way, it's exciting. Sometimes it's a little bit of both, but it's always a wonderful show, when my good friend Michael Lawson joins us, Michael, welcome back, man.

## Michael Lassen 01:37

Thank you so much, guys. It's great to be back a third time.



# Scot McKay 01:39

Yeah, man, you betcha. It's my pleasure, because man, it guys just rave about these shows,

when you and I get to talking about all these exciting, interesting topics that really no one else is discussing. So when you came to me with this idea of love and freedom, and putting love and freedom first, it of course piqued my interest for several reasons. First of all, I think one of the greatest, oh, man, I guess, aspirations of any real masculine man who wants to be a leader who wants to be a provider and a protector, is he's got to be a free man. He can't be at the whim of someone else. He can't be under someone else's thumb. He has to be able to come and go as he pleases, make his own decisions, et cetera, et cetera. And then of course, love. I mean, we're all interested in getting better with women around here. And obviously, even though there's only one word for love in the English language, it's a well known fact that in other languages, there are multiple words for love. And so it gets a little confused around here. But you know, we as men obviously love women. least we hope so. And we want to be better with women. So I just don't know how something called love freedom can possibly go wrong. So Michael, man, the mic is yours. Just tell us what you got going on. And, you know, spread the joy of just these amazing new topics you've been thinking about lately?

#### Michael Lassen 03:05

Yeah. So So picking up from our last conversation where we talked about a success checklist or Livescore. checklist is that is one of the things we talked about is that the ideal thing in a checklist is to make it as brief assemble as possible. And then when I thought about it, I went well, if I could come up with the simplest checklist that could work for decision making, what would it be, and it was just that it was, well, if we put love and freedom first, if we literally use that as a, you know, Northern Light, or whatever you want to call it in terms of decision making, we are probably going to end up in a good place, because like you just described is it's essential to our life and to our you know, happiness is putting love and freedom first. So that's was the initial spark. And that led to a complete new direction in my life really, and going anywhere from me making the decision personally to put my own love, which includes self love, first and freedom, and giving myself permission to follow my heart, which is the ultimate symbol of love, of course, but also follow the freedom of wherever that will lead me. And one of the definitions, I think that needs to be within freedom is that you are not attached to outcomes, specific outcomes. We can have goals, we can have goals, setting workshops, and accountability and obsession with this obsession with that or whatever. But ultimately, unless we have a non detachment to specific outcomes, that we're open to something that's even better, potentially, then I don't think that's freedom. And so that led me to, for the first time allow myself to follow my passion for songwriting and for becoming a performing singer songwriter. it. So it had that effect right off the bat in terms of me allowing myself to follow that passion. But also, what I found is a really interesting thing that, that I also recommend both women but especially guys is, is allowing yourself to look for how to combine your passions. So I had, like we talked about last time, lifelong passion for personal development, growth, transformation, whatever you want to call it. And then this music thing came up. And I'm like, well, that's not typically combined. I mean, you don't do Tony Robbins without a Gibson guitar and stop playing songs for 10,000 people in his live programs, and you don't see Ed Sheeran on TED talk, and so on and so forth. But then I realized, well, what if I could combine these two passions? How would I and that allow me to go in a completely new direction and come up with some things that we can talk about a little later? In the show?



# Scot McKay 05:59

Yeah, man, absolutely. The first thing I caught was what you said right at the beginning, which

is this x is kind of a Northern Light. And I had to chuckle a little bit because you were originally from Norway. And it occurs to me that you guys use the term Northern Light as we would use Guiding Light. Yeah, you kind of see it as like, the Wayfarers guide in a dark night. You know, I think that's fascinating. I think that's wonderful. You know, everything you're talking about resonates with me so strongly, in many ways, because well, first of all, I've been doing a lot of those things. I mean, if subconsciously, to some degree, you're not quite with the level of consciousness you have, for many years now. Unfortunately, nowadays, Michael, it seems like everybody is either all in or they're all out. It's black and white, there is no gray area, there is no middle ground, there is no compromise. I lay the blame for that, in many ways at the feet of social media, and how people get in their own little echo chambers and decide that everybody who disagrees with them is the enemy. But I also think it's well, from a human nature perspective, very convenient, to compartmentalize everything, it just means you get to lock down whatever your preconceived notion is about it, kind of stick to your guns from there and move on if necessary, or when it needs to be revisited. Just dust off your preconceived notion once again. And I think that really does a disservice to us both in freedom and in love. Because, first of all, if we're being handed our opinions and told what to believe, by someone else, how is that even remotely tied to freedom. And second of all, it's not very loving, to your fellow man to treat them as if there's something wrong with them simply because their opinion is different. And what's occurring to me as you talk is, sometimes it's largely due to pure laziness. In other words, we don't want to confront our potential ignorance or learn something today. So we just basically are mean to someone, dismiss them and move on. And yet, like I told you, I've been sort of practicing what you're talking about this some relatively rudimentary degree for sure. For years now, like take, for example, when guys sign up with me for coaching, we don't just sit down and discuss what happened randomly every time they take time out of their life to schedule a session with me. Rather, what we do is we have a planning process upfront where we put together a strategy, a plan of action that takes one from here to there. But hey, life happens while you're making other plans, right, famously. So perhaps a majority of the time, even though that plan of say 10 topics, for example, a 10 Plus program as I branded it, sometimes you get through the fifth or sixth topic, and for whatever reason, we need to adjust them. You know, something happens where a guy comes to me and he wants to meet more women than by the fifth or sixth topic. He's met the woman of his dreams. So obviously, we need to adjust. So I love this idea of Yes, building a checklist, having a plan, but also giving yourself the freedom to well maybe decide you love something else more. Am I onto something?

# Michael Lassen 09:19

Yeah, and I love that you sort of picked up on using the word Gray, because as I see it, the world has become far more gray, the last couple of years, despite some people coloring their house or colors of the rainbow, but let's not go into that.



# Scot McKay 09:36

But especially their gray hairs.



#### Michael Lassen 09:39

Yeah. that's even worse. potentially. If you are iudamental in any way. which I am not

, . . - - / 1- -- . - . J obviously. Just kidding. No, but that's a really important topic, I think is that you, you want to use the concepts and your definitions for love and freedom to turn your life and your journey into some something colorful and not be part of of the mass of gray. I mean, one of my songs, the chorus is that they say that I'm colorblind, I don't care what they say, You're my favorite color in a world full of gray. And to me life is I have to admit, I'm proud of that one. Because there's so much gray out there. And one of the things that makes you stand out is to be colorful. And the best way to be colorful is to be tapped into your passion, and to be tapped into making your decisions to the concept of love and freedom, which is also something we've seen, obviously, in the world, the last couple of years that that's been documented a lot of focus on creating fear and creating control. And I'm not a conspiracy theorist in any way. But I also realize that insisting on, on everybody, utilizing love and freedom first, it's literally going to make the planet a better place. And it's going to be the antidote to all the insanity we've seen in terms of fear inducing and, and control mechanisms that's been in place all over the world. So that's also what makes me so excited is that this is something that's good for, for everything for everybody in all concepts that respecting and putting love and freedom first is, there's really only upside to it.

# Scot McKay 11:22

There are a lot of people out there trying to affect our freedom and our love, and indeed our happiness, film, whatever you want to call it, or however you want to position it, by telling us we need to believe certain things and promoting certain narratives. And we don't get political often on this show. But you use the magic phrase, conspiracy theory. And one thing that has become apparent to a lot of people over the course of the last few years, especially is that when something is deemed to be a conspiracy theory, that's really just jargon for the truth that the other side's narrative is most afraid of. Yeah, and that goes for both sides. But you know, you talked about several very, very interesting things there. First of all, this idea of love, being attacked by a culture of fear, kind of gets down to that soft science of branding love as the opposite of fear. Yeah, kinda like they do in Eastern religion. And I've kind of sort of realized is rather true, even from a Judeo Christian perspective. I mean, if, if the good Lord God, almighty, whatever you want to call him is the author of that which is good. And sin is the perversion thereof. Well, then, is it evil that is the opposite or as evil really just a subset of fear? To begin with, because love is the absence of fear. We had a wonderful show that I've talked about before, after the fact, on this podcast, I brought it up and referred to it several times, where Alex Ullman and I talked about what true love really means in the context of a relationship with a woman. And when you stop being afraid of her, then you're free to love her. That's what it's all about. So I love that. The other thing that I think it's worth a little bit of conversation here is how you talked about everything being Gray, and actually bringing more color into your life. You know, Emily and I were once in Germany, traveling and we had a hotel room that was a rather high level. And there was a huge parking lot behind the hotel. And it was full of cars and SUVs. Every single car in the parking lot was in grayscale. It was either charcoal, gray, silver, white, black, you know, like some kind of at best champagne ish color. And there was one Audi that was yellow, like a bright yellow Audi in the whole lot. And I joked with my wife, because I love to hear her giggle. So I'm looking for jokes all the time, right? There's the guy who? I said, yeah, there's the rebel. There's the guy who doesn't fit in and she started laughing. But it's kind of true. The one guy who dared in a place like Germany to buy the yellow car is the guy who's choosing to stand out. And whether this is a person who's self aggrandizing, like, Hey, look at me, or they just are iconoclastic, and refusing to march to the same drummer as everybody else. It's still very interesting that the vast, vast majority of the people want to drive something

great. Now, how does that relate to women? Well, I firmly believe that women will follow men's leads. And like most men, most women will kind of slot themselves into being culturally compliant. You know, we're going to Yeah, we want to fit in with everybody else. And so in a world where I just kind of pronounced that people are either They can in black or white, a lot of people who really are the scared ones and would rather just stay out of the fray, are choosing to form no opinion at all. And to me that's like the great gray area in capital letters, you know,



#### Michael Lassen 15:11

but it's black and white, it turns gray.



# Scot McKay 15:14

Yes, exactly. Or if you avoid it at all, you just, I don't know what happens, it just kind of fades to black, I suppose. But you know, we can't mix our analogies there, we got to pick and choose our battles. But here's my point. As children, our toys are brightly colored, to stimulate our young minds, et cetera, et cetera, you don't really see a whole lot of greyscale toys for little kids. I mean, you look in a kid's play box. And it's all Klein Blue and bright yellow, and red. And here's the thing, I don't think women in particular, ever really outgrow that. I think if you bring something colorful to a woman's life, like a bouquet of flowers, you know, the most stereotypical example of all, or a beautiful dress that's brightly colored. Women just delight in that it's almost like you've awakened to this corner of their femininity, because you all of a sudden become this wonderful masculine iconoclast, against the well against grey world.

#### Michael Lassen 16:17

You know, yeah. And how easy is it? I mean, it, we know it, we all know it. And still, the majority of men don't utilize that simple thing. Some potentially win because they think, Oh, that's too easy. Well, that doesn't make it bad. On the contrary, everything that has color that has, like we talked about love and freedom into it, more of that, and like we talked about, also previously, with with checklist, one of the most powerful things about checklists is that you remind yourself doing what works like nobody has ever used the checklist and, and not having improved their performance. It's impossible. So I mean, if we were to create a ideal man, behavior checklist, Flower should be on it. 100%?



# Scot McKay 17:06

Well, you know, what's interesting about what you just said, is you're getting right to the kernel of masculine operating system. And it's primal, it's well established, that men love to simplify things, we don't like things that are complicated. Once we get our system in place, once we engineer a way that works, we like to stick to it. So this idea of something being well outside of our systemic way of doing things, yet seeming either too easy, or too good to be true, really does throw a wrench in our machine, doesn't it? Anything that's kind of been well, hiding in plain sight, right before our very eyes for any considerable amount of time, just throws us a total curveball, yet so many times, it's really true. And this idea of well, I've been living in greyscale, for 10 years, hey, why not just mixing some color, and a guy perhaps may be really struggling to wrap his head around that just because, well, he hasn't thought about it lately. You know, it's almost like why we as guys need mentors. And we need, you know, men's groups, or people to bounce all of our different ideas off of instead of kind of just living in solitude, because a lot of other people might be able to see our forest for the trees and help us see those things that have been well hiding in plain sight, you know?

# Michael Lassen 18:26

Yeah. And that was the thing. But one thing that we've talked about previously, as well, and I know you're big on is the whole concept of the comfort zone. And I like to talk about the growth zone. So which is everything that's outside the comfort zone? And that's where the all the collar is typically, not exclusively, but in growth zone outside the comfort zone. That's where you're going to create new stuff. Like you mentioned that okay, yeah. So it's built into our nature to be a little bit of skeptical and resistance, all that. But that's also where the magic can happen. That's where the new call has come into play. And also where I believe it's really important that we demonstrate leadership, also, like we talked about before, in terms of appreciating and having gratitude for ourselves of having the courage to do that courage being that it is not that you're not necessarily as afraid of something, but you do it anyway. And if you do it from a position of wanting more love and freedom for yourself and others, and step into that, then I mean, that's what life becomes really interesting. And that's where you can experience new things and be the true leader that all at least amazing women, either looking for resonating on a much deeper level with them, or, you know, the gray type of dating Tinder and what have you that's out there. Does that make sense?

# Scot McKay 19:46

Yeah, absolutely. I mean, perhaps courage is at the top of the list of what's hiding in plain sight for most men. You know, we're doing everything that we've been doing a you know, It's not going terrifically, it's not going poorly, the status guo isn't painful enough to get me to change anything for the better. Because the risk that if I tried to change, and it goes worse is potentially painful enough that I don't do anything. Right. So most men kind of sit around and do what they've always done and tell themselves that they're content and happy. And I mean, let's hear it for gratitude, no doubt. But I did an entire group coaching program called unsettled where the challenge inherently was to mess up your life disrupt your life in the best way possible, because otherwise, you could die here, you could do the same thing you did yesterday, for the rest of your life. And as I once heard a Baptist preacher say, pamper yourself into mediocrity. Wonderful turn of phrase. And men shouldn't be pampering themselves at all. I mean, you know, the Battle Cry of the hypermasculine nowadays is do hard things. And you know, I have said already out loud that, hey, you know, doing hard things doesn't necessarily only mean lifting weights and doing jujitsu and doing a Tough Mudder. And throwing telephone poles around for fun. It also means mental toughness. It means grit, it means facing your demons, it means facing this thing that you're procrastinating on, because you fear the outcome, you fear what's going to happen, you fear failure, you may even fear success. All of that is hard also, and it involves exactly what you're talking about Michael, which is getting out of your comfort, familiarity zone, and exercising a modicum of courage finally, in your life. And you know, what if that were at the top of the checklist, even though it's Well, again, been hiding in plain sight all this time, right?

#### Michael Lassen 21:51

Yeah, and one thing I would add to when when you talk about the fear of change that many people have, at some point, though, in some contexts, is that I would invite people to do a little bit of experimentation and, and using the word expand instead. So instead of thinking about, Oh, I have to change this world, I have to expand my opportunities, I have to expand my palette of behaviors, for example, because expansion is less threatening to the status quo, which you know, ties into fight and flight and all kinds of deep learning stuff. But if you use the expansion metaphor, instead of the change metaphor, that can make it a little bit easier to begin with, because then you're not denying yourself the opportunity of going back into old patterns, which might even have some use, at some point, you're expanding. So you have new opportunities, you have new ways of developing yourself, you have, you have expansion, which also ties into freedom. And it also ties into love. Because all love really starts with self love. I mean, it's the good old metaphor, the good old cliche, even is that if you don't love yourself, it's very difficult to love others. And you can love yourself, if you can put yourself in an opportunity for expansion, where you're gonna discover more about yourself. It might be fun and scary when it happens. But you really have to lean into that, because that's the expansion. That's where a lot of the calories, and that's where you can learn stuff that you need to, in order to get to the next level, or, like we talked about before, and in order to live up to what you're looking for in the woman that you're after, or the woman you're currently with.

# Scot McKay 23:34

Yeah, I think I could buy into most of what you're saying, at least to some degree, I would caution that perhaps there is a gray area. To follow along the same theme we've been tracking with here, when it comes to what you're calling expansion, versus what I mentioned, which is change. I mean, I go back to the Obama campaign from 2008 were pretty much anybody who wasn't George W. Bush, running against him would have won that presidential election. And Obama, who was a student of social skill and psychology, and certainly even Neuro Linguistic Programming, very wisely adopted a campaign slogan, that was one word change. Now, interestingly, the Obama campaign instinctively realized, you know, at the doorstep of being historically the first black American president and of course, having a candidate with wonderful personal charisma, who was easy to like, which, you know, whether you're on the right side of the aisle or the left side of the aisle, Obama is a very personable dude, you can't help but think you can bear with this guy. But they knew that if he were to elaborate on that simple one word slogan at all, it would actually hurt the campaign. It would cost votes, like Well, wait a minute, Brock, what are you going to change? What is this change about? What are you changing? Well, he avoided answering that. It's just like, look, we're just not going to do it. The last guy did. Come on. board right? Now, the problem with that is that's exactly how Pol Pot ascended to power in Cambodia? Well, you know, we're gonna change things around here. People were like, well, good God, man, it can't be any worse than the last guy. Well, they found out sooner than later. Yeah, it can get a lot worse, you know, Pol Pot, basically murdered a third of his population. So change for changes sake, I'm 1,000%, in agreement with you, you know, why disrupt something just because we haven't disrupted anything lately. I'm on board with that. But if we have bad habits, or things that are tying us down or holding us back or wrecking our ability to relate to women, or we're drinking too much, or we're eating all the wrong foods, and we're getting fat, and we're not taking care of our health. Well, I don't know if we need to expand on that as much as have a radical shift

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#### Michael Lassen 25:52

not not on the thing, but expand our opportunities and our choice. Sure.



#### Scot McKay 25:57

Yes, when I finish, I'm coming to the end of the parkway, I agree with you now. Okay. All right. However, I do think it's short sighted only to talk about what needs to get the old heave ho. And needs to be well flat out transformed into something else. Certainly we talk about evolution around here, too, which is that expansion, you know, I see those words is at least somewhat synonymous. If I'm becoming a better man by adding to what I'm already doing, right, or improving upon some of the things that I'm on track with. I think that's more in line with what you're talking about. And, you know, if I'm wrong, shout me down. But what I would say in response to that is, I indeed believe Michael, we talk way too little about that. You know, I think that is an under explored corner of masculine development is, you know, what can we add to not that I need to go stop being a pussy and do Brazilian jujitsu starting tomorrow, but it's like, okay, well, I already like motorcycles. What can I do to be a better man having to do with the motorcycles? I already like working with something that's simple. That's good example. Yeah. What's an example? But I'm sure you would have perhaps deeper ones or ones that would allow us to, you know, allow us to well expand our minds a little bit? Well, I mean, the concept.

# Michael Lassen 27:19

So you mentioned alcohol, for example. So yeah, so I deeply respect and admire the people have gotten results from 12 steps. And that's great. And nobody can take anything away from that. What what I see as a tricky thing about that, specifically, is the thing that they actually put in the suggestion that if you have one drink, then everything is lost, basically. So what I like is that fearing the zero, right? Yeah, this is not about, you know, having people not doing what's good for them, it's having the choice. So if somebody decides that they're never going to drink alcohol, again, that's perfectly fine. I still like to have the choice to be able to do it. So let's say that there's some crazy scenario where I invited on a golf trip with Elon Musk, and he says, You know what, let's let's discuss this, this super deal partnership over a beer. I'm not going to say no, just as an example. And I really believe that in all cases, it's a good thing to have the choice. And then you have the wisdom. And if you tap into utilizing, putting love and freedom first as your criterias, well, you're never gonna go wrong. If you have a lot of different opportunities from past behaviors.



# Scot McKay 28:32

Yeah, well, what you just talked about is in wonderful alignment with this freedom you speak of



# Michael Lassen 28:38

yeah, this is not freedom, only having one choice in a given situation. Yes, 100%. My be smart.





# Scot McKay 28:46

I'm 100%, in agreement with you, and I'm right there with you. In fact, I'm reminded of the work of David shade. And, of course, his life's work is devoted to giving women incredible pleasure as a man as a sexually dominant man. And everything he teaches to the letter works like gangbusters whether you like it or not, I mean, sometimes guys have to wrap their heads around the nature of masculinity, relative to how it turns on femininity in bed. That's the subject of previous podcast. But one thing that David shade said in response to the me to movement several years ago, as a man who's actively teaching guys how to have sex with women, is he said, it doesn't apply to him, because he's not trying to coerce women. Women can take it or leave it, they can decide to have a sexual adventure with me or they cannot. And either way, you know, it's not about rejection or acceptance or my ego or anything else. He may have said, I'm paraphrasing his thoughts, of course. But the simple again, very simple concept that's probably hiding in plain sight for most men, if they can just get out of there. own heads and stop fearing rejection or stop trying to quote unquote get laid is that perhaps one of the most poignant examples of exactly what you've been talking about this entire episode, Michael, you know, this whole intersection of love and freedom happens right? When it's time to get physical with a woman. Most guys are trying to figure out a way to coerce her into bed or quote unquote real in the biscuit or trying to get laid, seduction becomes a series of of steps designed to trick women into complying. Whereas what David shade was talking about, and what you're talking about is freedom. Yeah. Which implies a well traveled topic around here, which is, we want willing women instead of compliant women, we want women who are all in on this. I mean, it's either hell yes. Or it's no when it comes to women and sex the way I see it. And as I also see it, I'll tell you what, Michael, I think that's the only way to think if you're a guy who expects to stay out of trouble, and in a state of bliss with women sexually. But think about that, if we really love women, and we really buy into what you're talking about today, which is this intersection of love and freedom to take us all to our happy place. You know, if you want me to put it very simplistically, we need to absolutely positively extend freedom to women, when we're trying to love them. I mean, again, it sounds so simple. But imagine for a second the consequences, knowing that femininity follows a strong masculine lead. And knowing that femininity is physically made horny turned on, physically, by a man who causes her to feel safer and more comfortable. And it's almost like you've come up with a magic equation, my friend, you know, how can I make this woman feel more freedom? How can I make her feel more loved and taken care of, you know, love may be a big, sloppy term. But if you're showing positive concern, and giving her the freedom to choose, I would say, almost every time, you're gonna get a pretty good outcome, especially relative to trying to coerce or trick or treating or is some other entity other than fully human, you know,

## Michael Lassen 32:11

yeah, and I want to add something good, because you mentioned the good ol fear phrase of rejection. And so this actually ties in really well to my sort of antidote to rejection, which is totally tied into love and freedom, which is that, and we talked about this previously, where you mentioned how you have guys writing a list of the qualities that they want in a woman, what, what I like to do is that I like to suggest to men that in advance of knowing if it's there, they're they're actually appreciating her for at least the potential. So they're actually looking at her in an expanded frame of mind as her ideal self, bigger self, or, you know, as her potential, and they look for it. Because guess what we found out through the spiritual law of attraction and through hardcore science, is that what you look for, and you tend to find more. So if you set

that as an intention, have fun when you meet a woman or any person up front, is that you're looking for the best self, and you're looking for some specific qualities that I think you call it a deal breakers for you, then you're doing something really magical you are, you're tapping into leadership, because you want to tie that into, you want to open up yourself to those things. And when you appreciate her in advance of those things, then she has the freedom to take it or leave it of going with you into that expanded and potential that she had or not. And then there's going to be a take it or leave it for her in terms of is she willing to step into her bigger self? Was somebody who have the compassion who have the leadership in order to be able to be here? You know, with her to do that? Or is she not? If she's not, I would dare to say that she's rejecting herself and not rejecting you?

# Scot McKay 34:08

Or there's no rejection at all. Exactly. It's irrelevant, because the two of you aren't even compatible. Yeah, exactly. I mean, what you're getting at there is the idea of having the courage to take inventory on who the hell you are, so that you can have a better idea of who you're looking for, in terms of the woman you want to be with. And bringing it full circle. Michael, is the idea that if she's done that kind of self work to then she's looking for a guy like you naturally, because the two of you would be compatible,

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#### Michael Lassen 34:37

or she will realize that this is somebody I should have known for and right, yeah,



# Scot McKay 34:43

right. And what I'm getting at here is she's more likely to take it than leave it. Yeah. Therefore, you don't even have to worry about rejection so much because if you're barking up the wrong tree, going after women who aren't right for you, and then you're complaining that they didn't like you and Oh, my goodness, I've been rejected then you're just back in another fear base. mentality. Yeah, fantastic. Thank you so much for coming on the show today Michael and talking about this intersection of, of love and freedom because I really think you've struck pure gold there. And what I want to do is I want to send these guys to your website, which is actually love freedom first.com. But I'm also going to give you guys the option as is my custom of going to mountaintop podcast.com front slash something. In this case, let's make it love freedom. Two words made into one word, L O, v, e, f, R, E, D. O M, and what are the guys going to find when they go to that website, Michael?

# Michael Lassen 35:35

Well, they're gonna find two things, they're gonna find a link to my songs, which are, all of them are written in within this space of putting love and freedom first, and it's really sort of my you could call it sinister motive is that I want to influence people in a very positive way. I want to learn them in through, you know, popular culture, this case is music. And I want to invite people to expand the way of feeling and looking at things in terms of love and freedom.



# Scot McKay 36:06

And then app you only a Scandinavian guy would juxtapose the words. Sinister and positive.

# Michael Lassen 36:16

Yeah. Maybe that's more my Shoom I'm not sure. Go ahead, man. Yeah, so they're gonna find the songs. And then they're gonna find my other project, which is the love checklists, which is something where I'm creating a one man show, which is basically half concert, a little bit of teaching, a little bit of storytelling, a little bit of stand up comedy, as well, all with the idea of presenting people a sort of an overall checklist of love that's going to be empowering everybody who gets in contact with so there's going to be songs, there's going to be stuff about that love checklists, and perhaps some I won't say it's a work in progress.



#### Scot McKay 37:00

You know, knowing you, I could easily envision either Arlo Guthrie folk music or death metal when envisioning this genre of your music. So lay it on us, man, what kind of music is this?



# Michael Lassen 37:15

Well, you probably gonna look at more like a combination of Matchbox 20 And Ed Sheeran, John Mejia. If I have to pick somebody to



# Scot McKay 37:25

really, track checks aren't you



#### Michael Lassen 37:27

know, what I want to do, ultimately, is that I want my first album to be the number one album that guys put on when they have a check back home for the first time.



# Scot McKay 37:36

See, you're thinking a chess move ahead of even me, I love that. I always see what you did there. All right. His name is Michael Lawson. And he's good friend of mine. As you can see, we talk freely about lots of things. And as you can also fully figure out if you have been hiding under a rock until now and not listen to the other episodes with him. He's very smart. And he's a deep thinker. And we love guys like Michael lesson around here. So once again, thank you, Michael, for joining us today. It's been a pleasure. Thank

#### Michael Lassen 38:03

you so much, Scott. Yeah. And gentlemen, if

# Scot McKay 38:06

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# Edroy Odem 41:32

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