

1  
00:00:01,120 --> 00:00:04,120  
you

2  
00:00:06,349 --> 00:00:14,119  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

3  
00:00:09,509 --> 00:00:14,120  
from Australia for science and reason

4  
00:00:20,359 --> 00:00:26,719  
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

5  
00:00:22,940 --> 00:00:30,109  
show a 116 for the seventh of january

6  
00:00:26,719 --> 00:00:32,479  
two thousand eleven yes those of you

7  
00:00:30,109 --> 00:00:34,129  
with a keen sense of timber and a knack

8  
00:00:32,479 --> 00:00:36,319  
for accents might realize this is not

9  
00:00:34,130 --> 00:00:38,780  
Richard Saunders but this is George Rob

10  
00:00:36,320 --> 00:00:41,149  
filling in for Richard Saunders who is

11  
00:00:38,780 --> 00:00:43,579  
somewhere over the Pacific right now as

12  
00:00:41,149 --> 00:00:47,479  
he's on his way back to Australia i

13  
00:00:43,579 --> 00:00:49,699  
assume he's in an airplane but that's

14  
00:00:47,479 --> 00:00:52,069  
just an assumption so we'll see let's

15  
00:00:49,700 --> 00:00:55,280  
see this past week has been pretty

16  
00:00:52,070 --> 00:00:57,320  
pretty huge for us skeptics power

17  
00:00:55,280 --> 00:01:01,600  
balance has a class action lawsuit

18  
00:00:57,320 --> 00:01:03,698  
pending yay Andrew Wakefield recently

19  
00:01:01,600 --> 00:01:07,549  
received another kick in his

20  
00:01:03,698 --> 00:01:10,939  
non-vaccinated ass and merrill dory got

21  
00:01:07,549 --> 00:01:14,090  
kicked off the radio see we can make a

22  
00:01:10,939 --> 00:01:15,739  
difference Merry Christmas but before we

23  
00:01:14,090 --> 00:01:17,570  
get to all that there's some more

24  
00:01:15,739 --> 00:01:20,359  
interviews coming up here from Tam

25  
00:01:17,569 --> 00:01:21,978  
Australia you know about Tam Australia

26  
00:01:20,359 --> 00:01:24,890  
you might have heard of this little

27  
00:01:21,978 --> 00:01:27,769  
collection of skeptics zone reporter

28  
00:01:24,890 --> 00:01:30,920  
Maynard has a lovely chat with james

29

00:01:27,769 --> 00:01:33,019  
randi julian morrow from the chaser

30  
00:01:30,920 --> 00:01:37,010  
program which is on ABC TV in australia

31  
00:01:33,019 --> 00:01:40,118  
Simon Singh rebecca watson and Courtney

32  
00:01:37,010 --> 00:01:45,859  
Bergen and I think he even talks with me

33  
00:01:40,118 --> 00:01:48,799  
Wow neat alright sit back have a diet

34  
00:01:45,859 --> 00:01:51,170  
coke or whatever you'd like or no you

35  
00:01:48,799 --> 00:01:52,990  
should have a ginger beer boy do you

36  
00:01:51,170 --> 00:01:56,780  
people know how to make ginger beer

37  
00:01:52,989 --> 00:01:59,959  
delish so pour yourself whatever imbibe

38  
00:01:56,780 --> 00:02:02,269  
meant you would enjoy have a seat fight

39  
00:01:59,959 --> 00:02:05,780  
back the rising flood waters as needed

40  
00:02:02,269 --> 00:02:08,019  
and enjoy this episode of the skeptic

41  
00:02:05,780 --> 00:02:08,020  
zone

42  
00:02:22,789 --> 00:02:27,269  
well i'm here at tom australia and

43  
00:02:25,259 --> 00:02:29,789

there's a guy at a really unusual name

44

00:02:27,269 --> 00:02:31,799

amazing that is a great first name mr.

45

00:02:29,789 --> 00:02:34,590

Andy yes so I've been told that many

46

00:02:31,799 --> 00:02:36,659

people there refer to in conversations

47

00:02:34,590 --> 00:02:38,640

they refer to some amazing event I

48

00:02:36,658 --> 00:02:40,469

always interrupt them said no no no

49

00:02:38,639 --> 00:02:43,048

that's not an amazing it's astonishing

50

00:02:40,469 --> 00:02:44,609

I'm amazing you see and how did you get

51

00:02:43,049 --> 00:02:45,719

that one as a magician because there's

52

00:02:44,610 --> 00:02:48,989

lots of names you could have got you

53

00:02:45,719 --> 00:02:51,479

know incredible wacky kooky that guy

54

00:02:48,989 --> 00:02:54,150

over there why amazing well there's the

55

00:02:51,479 --> 00:02:56,399

insufficient that was one I I passed up

56

00:02:54,150 --> 00:02:58,920

and they disdainful that's a good one

57

00:02:56,400 --> 00:03:01,140

yeah the clumsy and a few things like

58  
00:02:58,919 --> 00:03:03,030  
that but I finally settled on amazing as

59  
00:03:01,139 --> 00:03:04,708  
a matter of fact that's interesting

60  
00:03:03,030 --> 00:03:07,109  
because when I first entered the

61  
00:03:04,709 --> 00:03:10,469  
conjuring profession as I prefer to

62  
00:03:07,109 --> 00:03:12,569  
refer to it I was given all kinds of

63  
00:03:10,469 --> 00:03:15,239  
choices that there were professors in

64  
00:03:12,568 --> 00:03:18,119  
this and the great and so and so but I

65  
00:03:15,239 --> 00:03:21,719  
didn't know of any Amazings and so I

66  
00:03:18,120 --> 00:03:23,730  
decided to adopt amazing Wow and what

67  
00:03:21,719 --> 00:03:26,159  
drew you to skip to Kennedy was because

68  
00:03:23,729 --> 00:03:28,439  
you were a magician you knew how a lot

69  
00:03:26,159 --> 00:03:30,840  
of illusions are made and you saw this

70  
00:03:28,439 --> 00:03:33,810  
going on well I've always been skeptical

71  
00:03:30,840 --> 00:03:35,700  
Eden since I was a little kid I doubted

72  
00:03:33,810 --> 00:03:38,039  
things that were told to me in Sunday

73  
00:03:35,699 --> 00:03:41,159  
school and I backed out of South go very

74  
00:03:38,039 --> 00:03:43,979  
early i can assure you i've always been

75  
00:03:41,159 --> 00:03:48,180  
skeptical i've always been very have

76  
00:03:43,979 --> 00:03:49,768  
practical and rational and I I don't

77  
00:03:48,180 --> 00:03:52,319  
know where it came from because my

78  
00:03:49,769 --> 00:03:54,030  
family was just a regular family of real

79  
00:03:52,318 --> 00:03:56,698  
people they weren't particularly

80  
00:03:54,030 --> 00:03:59,459  
skeptical or they certainly weren't

81  
00:03:56,699 --> 00:04:01,620  
atheistic or anything like that I always

82  
00:03:59,459 --> 00:04:03,569  
have been and I don't quite know where

83  
00:04:01,620 --> 00:04:05,789  
these things come from prepped from

84  
00:04:03,568 --> 00:04:08,488  
other examples that I absorbed around me

85  
00:04:05,789 --> 00:04:09,989  
mmm and there must be so many challenges

86

00:04:08,489 --> 00:04:11,549  
over the years there was there was some

87  
00:04:09,989 --> 00:04:15,719  
things you're mentioning on stage that I

88  
00:04:11,549 --> 00:04:17,879  
find interesting the fake well the

89  
00:04:15,719 --> 00:04:19,680  
spiritual bomb detector that you do

90  
00:04:17,879 --> 00:04:21,870  
demonstrate it I found very unusual that

91  
00:04:19,680 --> 00:04:23,220  
the u.s. government would spend money on

92  
00:04:21,870 --> 00:04:24,810  
something like that that could be so

93  
00:04:23,220 --> 00:04:26,580  
easily tested and be found to be true

94  
00:04:24,810 --> 00:04:28,540  
enough well they didn't spend the money

95  
00:04:26,579 --> 00:04:32,529  
out if they gave the money to around two

96  
00:04:28,540 --> 00:04:34,300  
item and around if a the agency that

97  
00:04:32,529 --> 00:04:37,750  
invested in them the interesting thing

98  
00:04:34,300 --> 00:04:40,420  
is that the supplier from the UK of

99  
00:04:37,750 --> 00:04:42,220  
these fake rods was selling them for

100  
00:04:40,420 --> 00:04:44,650

something like six hundred dollars and

101

00:04:42,220 --> 00:04:46,150

the cost went up to over six thousand

102

00:04:44,649 --> 00:04:49,029

dollars by the time they actually

103

00:04:46,149 --> 00:04:51,239

reached the Iraqis because in Iraq as

104

00:04:49,029 --> 00:04:54,189

with many of those Mid Eastern countries

105

00:04:51,240 --> 00:04:56,290

everybody has to make a cut every time

106

00:04:54,189 --> 00:04:58,870

it's passed on to another official and

107

00:04:56,290 --> 00:05:01,090

they take their percentage and the price

108

00:04:58,870 --> 00:05:03,250

goes up and up and up that's their way

109

00:05:01,089 --> 00:05:04,929

of doing business and I can't have any

110

00:05:03,250 --> 00:05:07,709

complaints about it it's their country

111

00:05:04,930 --> 00:05:11,230

that's the way they do things but that

112

00:05:07,709 --> 00:05:13,419

cost American taxpayer is a huge amount

113

00:05:11,230 --> 00:05:15,400

of money and I've been an American

114

00:05:13,420 --> 00:05:16,810

taxpayer so I felt rather badly about

115  
00:05:15,399 --> 00:05:19,199  
that but that's not the reason I went

116  
00:05:16,810 --> 00:05:21,939  
after it it's because it's costing lives

117  
00:05:19,199 --> 00:05:24,310  
it doesn't work it doesn't detect

118  
00:05:21,939 --> 00:05:28,199  
explosives it doesn't detect anything

119  
00:05:24,310 --> 00:05:31,089  
it's simply a total outright faith and

120  
00:05:28,199 --> 00:05:32,469  
what exactly was it you pulled it apart

121  
00:05:31,089 --> 00:05:33,909  
it was supposed to be a bomb detector

122  
00:05:32,470 --> 00:05:36,670  
had an aerial on it looked a bit like a

123  
00:05:33,910 --> 00:05:38,320  
high-tech dowsing rod yeah well that's

124  
00:05:36,670 --> 00:05:40,600  
what it is it's a high-tech dowsing rod

125  
00:05:38,319 --> 00:05:42,579  
and low-tech dies Andros don't work

126  
00:05:40,600 --> 00:05:45,580  
either nothing works in dowsing that's a

127  
00:05:42,579 --> 00:05:47,699  
total farce and a delusion an acquired

128  
00:05:45,579 --> 00:05:50,289  
delusion but nonetheless a delusion and

129  
00:05:47,699 --> 00:05:52,810  
all they did was they connected up a

130  
00:05:50,290 --> 00:05:54,640  
bunch of wires and meteors and such and

131  
00:05:52,810 --> 00:05:56,769  
the inside of the machine nothing is

132  
00:05:54,639 --> 00:05:58,810  
connected up there are electronics in

133  
00:05:56,769 --> 00:06:00,549  
there and magnets embedded in it that

134  
00:05:58,810 --> 00:06:02,860  
have nothing to do with the operation of

135  
00:06:00,550 --> 00:06:05,879  
it because there are no operating

136  
00:06:02,860 --> 00:06:08,290  
principles it's simply a swivel rod and

137  
00:06:05,879 --> 00:06:10,449  
Randy the US government did spend a lot

138  
00:06:08,290 --> 00:06:12,760  
of money on the MKULTRA project in the

139  
00:06:10,449 --> 00:06:15,399  
60s and 70s where they were trying to do

140  
00:06:12,759 --> 00:06:17,529  
remote viewing Andy they were trying to

141  
00:06:15,399 --> 00:06:19,239  
get into the psychic situation there now

142  
00:06:17,529 --> 00:06:20,829  
you've got the inside running on that

143

00:06:19,240 --> 00:06:22,900  
did they get anything out of that are

144  
00:06:20,829 --> 00:06:24,759  
they continuing it now though they got

145  
00:06:22,899 --> 00:06:26,049  
nothing out of it whatsoever and of

146  
00:06:24,759 --> 00:06:28,990  
course they will continue with it

147  
00:06:26,050 --> 00:06:31,660  
because there's always some politician

148  
00:06:28,990 --> 00:06:34,030  
someplace or some commanding officer who

149  
00:06:31,660 --> 00:06:36,280  
believes in woo woo things and he will

150  
00:06:34,029 --> 00:06:38,349  
put a an order out yes we will spend

151  
00:06:36,279 --> 00:06:39,259  
money on this just in case the Russians

152  
00:06:38,350 --> 00:06:41,450  
who got it we

153  
00:06:39,259 --> 00:06:42,860  
and got it and of course that gets to

154  
00:06:41,449 --> 00:06:44,420  
the Russians and the Russians say oh I

155  
00:06:42,860 --> 00:06:46,009  
guess we better start spending some

156  
00:06:44,420 --> 00:06:49,520  
money on it because we haven't got it

157  
00:06:46,009 --> 00:06:51,860

and both governments waste a huge amount

158

00:06:49,519 --> 00:06:53,289

of resources investigating things that

159

00:06:51,860 --> 00:06:55,939

were never there in the first place

160

00:06:53,290 --> 00:06:57,620

ridiculous and what do you think is the

161

00:06:55,939 --> 00:06:59,660

best way to approach people because I

162

00:06:57,620 --> 00:07:01,970

sometimes skeptics come on a little bit

163

00:06:59,660 --> 00:07:03,920

hard and put people off by throwing

164

00:07:01,970 --> 00:07:04,940

Sciences people when they're in fact

165

00:07:03,920 --> 00:07:06,470

just trying to look for a bit of

166

00:07:04,939 --> 00:07:08,719

spiritual comfort in a world that

167

00:07:06,470 --> 00:07:10,310

sometimes seems like it's a bit desolate

168

00:07:08,720 --> 00:07:12,110

that like most of our basic needs are

169

00:07:10,310 --> 00:07:15,439

taken care of people looking for their

170

00:07:12,110 --> 00:07:18,560

spiritualism yes well if all the people

171

00:07:15,439 --> 00:07:20,540

want is to feel good that's okay sure

172  
00:07:18,560 --> 00:07:23,660  
but wait a minute suppose you've got a

173  
00:07:20,540 --> 00:07:26,120  
deadly disease and there's no way that

174  
00:07:23,660 --> 00:07:28,610  
you can cure it by yourself you don't

175  
00:07:26,120 --> 00:07:30,590  
want to go to the medical help but some

176  
00:07:28,610 --> 00:07:33,020  
quack comes down the lane and says oh

177  
00:07:30,589 --> 00:07:35,989  
yes you take this magic pill pay me X

178  
00:07:33,019 --> 00:07:38,779  
number of dollars or whatever and it'll

179  
00:07:35,990 --> 00:07:41,900  
heal you oh if it only makes you feel

180  
00:07:38,779 --> 00:07:44,779  
better to be seeking that kind of a cure

181  
00:07:41,899 --> 00:07:46,459  
for your problems then and that's all

182  
00:07:44,779 --> 00:07:48,529  
you want well that's fine go ahead and

183  
00:07:46,459 --> 00:07:51,229  
die that's what all happen eventually

184  
00:07:48,529 --> 00:07:53,899  
but if you want to be better instead of

185  
00:07:51,230 --> 00:07:56,450  
just feel better spend the money in the

186  
00:07:53,899 --> 00:07:58,129  
right direction and what is the future

187  
00:07:56,449 --> 00:08:00,829  
direction for The Skeptical movement

188  
00:07:58,129 --> 00:08:02,240  
you're very big on education and some

189  
00:08:00,829 --> 00:08:04,219  
people are very scared of you going into

190  
00:08:02,240 --> 00:08:07,490  
schools and telling people godless

191  
00:08:04,220 --> 00:08:09,590  
information well we don't preach godless

192  
00:08:07,490 --> 00:08:11,509  
information but if we're asked about it

193  
00:08:09,589 --> 00:08:13,669  
we certainly give our opinion on it now

194  
00:08:11,509 --> 00:08:15,649  
I happen to be an avowed atheist and

195  
00:08:13,670 --> 00:08:18,080  
I've thought it out and that's my

196  
00:08:15,649 --> 00:08:20,419  
decision my decision is that I do not

197  
00:08:18,079 --> 00:08:22,819  
believe there is a God I can't prove

198  
00:08:20,420 --> 00:08:24,800  
that there is no God because I can't

199  
00:08:22,819 --> 00:08:27,409  
prove there are no unicorns for example

200

00:08:24,800 --> 00:08:29,540  
I highly doubt it and there is no

201  
00:08:27,410 --> 00:08:32,629  
evidence to show there is a unicorn

202  
00:08:29,540 --> 00:08:35,000  
anywhere or ever has been but the same

203  
00:08:32,629 --> 00:08:37,700  
thing applies to a deity as well no

204  
00:08:35,000 --> 00:08:39,710  
evidence of a deity just a pleasant

205  
00:08:37,700 --> 00:08:41,990  
story that makes you feel better and

206  
00:08:39,710 --> 00:08:43,370  
when you open the paper just about every

207  
00:08:41,990 --> 00:08:45,710  
morning note that you must see something

208  
00:08:43,370 --> 00:08:47,480  
that activates your whoo-whoop alarm as

209  
00:08:45,710 --> 00:08:50,230  
you like to call it and by the way woo

210  
00:08:47,480 --> 00:08:51,700  
isn't actually a proper word yet is it

211  
00:08:50,230 --> 00:08:57,460  
what is not when I'm trying to make it

212  
00:08:51,700 --> 00:08:59,410  
one who spelled w oo is the singular who

213  
00:08:57,460 --> 00:09:01,570  
is the Pearl I guess with a hyphen and

214  
00:08:59,409 --> 00:09:03,639

why is that because ghosts might go woo

215

00:09:01,570 --> 00:09:05,530

or you go whoo when you hear that sort

216

00:09:03,639 --> 00:09:07,000

of information oh I used to use it when

217

00:09:05,529 --> 00:09:08,860

I was a kid and I'm trying to get it

218

00:09:07,000 --> 00:09:10,389

into Webster's dictionary which is the

219

00:09:08,860 --> 00:09:12,879

standard in the United States and

220

00:09:10,389 --> 00:09:14,830

perhaps Oxford might pick it up one of

221

00:09:12,879 --> 00:09:16,929

these days i don't think i'll live that

222

00:09:14,830 --> 00:09:19,240

long but nonetheless i'll sort of

223

00:09:16,929 --> 00:09:20,769

believe it as my legacy now one of the

224

00:09:19,240 --> 00:09:22,810

contemporaries of yours i'd like to

225

00:09:20,769 --> 00:09:24,639

bring it up briefly because it was Doug

226

00:09:22,809 --> 00:09:26,289

Henning who used to make elephants

227

00:09:24,639 --> 00:09:28,929

disappear on American television and

228

00:09:26,289 --> 00:09:29,949

he's no longer with us and I was just

229  
00:09:28,929 --> 00:09:31,209  
looking it up and I just happened to

230  
00:09:29,950 --> 00:09:33,160  
notice that he took the path of

231  
00:09:31,210 --> 00:09:35,950  
transcendental meditation which is

232  
00:09:33,159 --> 00:09:38,319  
before my time Randy what was that all

233  
00:09:35,950 --> 00:09:40,480  
about and did you know Doug and did you

234  
00:09:38,320 --> 00:09:43,140  
have active arguments with each other I

235  
00:09:40,480 --> 00:09:46,870  
have three letters in my files from Doug

236  
00:09:43,139 --> 00:09:49,120  
all of them equally sad the last one

237  
00:09:46,870 --> 00:09:52,929  
that he wrote me was not too long before

238  
00:09:49,120 --> 00:09:55,960  
his death but the first two were from a

239  
00:09:52,929 --> 00:09:58,120  
kid he was only 14 16 at the time when

240  
00:09:55,960 --> 00:10:00,340  
he wrote those two letters asking for my

241  
00:09:58,120 --> 00:10:01,960  
autograph and I of course sentiment

242  
00:10:00,340 --> 00:10:04,420  
autograph I didn't know him at that time

243  
00:10:01,960 --> 00:10:05,889  
then he got to be the doug henning and

244  
00:10:04,419 --> 00:10:07,899  
he rose to great prominence in the

245  
00:10:05,889 --> 00:10:09,549  
entertainment field particularly in the

246  
00:10:07,899 --> 00:10:12,370  
conjuring field of course we all knew

247  
00:10:09,549 --> 00:10:14,559  
him so well but along the way he picked

248  
00:10:12,370 --> 00:10:17,620  
up this transcendental meditation club

249  
00:10:14,559 --> 00:10:20,649  
that the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi had

250  
00:10:17,620 --> 00:10:23,679  
brought back to life in India and it

251  
00:10:20,649 --> 00:10:27,699  
teaches that you can you can study the

252  
00:10:23,679 --> 00:10:29,739  
art of TM and they call it and then you

253  
00:10:27,700 --> 00:10:34,000  
can actually learn to live forever

254  
00:10:29,740 --> 00:10:35,620  
that's one thing you can levitate you're

255  
00:10:34,000 --> 00:10:37,570  
going to float above the ground and

256  
00:10:35,620 --> 00:10:38,889  
whatnot all kinds of not tied to the

257

00:10:37,570 --> 00:10:41,290  
photo damages on the face that

258  
00:10:38,889 --> 00:10:43,809  
meditation is a pretty calming and a

259  
00:10:41,289 --> 00:10:46,000  
nice relaxation is it yes it is what

260  
00:10:43,809 --> 00:10:48,759  
shouldn't but I do that to I call it

261  
00:10:46,000 --> 00:10:51,460  
taking a nap but they call it a going

262  
00:10:48,759 --> 00:10:53,319  
into a TM state well call it whatever

263  
00:10:51,460 --> 00:10:55,389  
you want take a nap every now and then

264  
00:10:53,320 --> 00:10:57,220  
it can't hurt if you're going to afford

265  
00:10:55,389 --> 00:10:59,429  
the time and you got the place to do it

266  
00:10:57,220 --> 00:11:02,940  
just don't sit in the puddle of water

267  
00:10:59,429 --> 00:11:06,479  
anything else like that but it seems to

268  
00:11:02,940 --> 00:11:10,589  
be a highly exaggerated advantage to

269  
00:11:06,480 --> 00:11:14,039  
have studied TM the the basic philosophy

270  
00:11:10,589 --> 00:11:16,980  
of PM is it's from the year to I think

271  
00:11:14,039 --> 00:11:18,569

it's from way way back there but the

272

00:11:16,980 --> 00:11:20,789

fact that it's old doesn't make it right

273

00:11:18,570 --> 00:11:22,649

I think it somewhere along the line

274

00:11:20,789 --> 00:11:24,838

probably includes the idea of a flat

275

00:11:22,649 --> 00:11:26,850

earth and I have been around the world a

276

00:11:24,839 --> 00:11:29,880

few times I can tell you right now it

277

00:11:26,850 --> 00:11:31,980

ain't flat and what have you seen in the

278

00:11:29,879 --> 00:11:33,240

completely round and spherical Australia

279

00:11:31,980 --> 00:11:35,639

while you've been here what are you

280

00:11:33,240 --> 00:11:38,610

being up to what does the crazier Brandi

281

00:11:35,639 --> 00:11:41,338

get up to it not well I'd made not much

282

00:11:38,610 --> 00:11:43,139

I do a lot of sleeping at 82 you know

283

00:11:41,339 --> 00:11:44,880

that it sort of falls into place and I

284

00:11:43,139 --> 00:11:46,980

say tomorrow I'll have the great

285

00:11:44,879 --> 00:11:48,450

pleasure of spending the day with Dick

286  
00:11:46,980 --> 00:11:51,360  
Smith he'll come in and get me in his

287  
00:11:48,450 --> 00:11:53,220  
helicopter I will fly about a bit he's a

288  
00:11:51,360 --> 00:11:56,070  
good friend of mine has been for 30

289  
00:11:53,220 --> 00:11:58,709  
years now and he's a delight in absolute

290  
00:11:56,070 --> 00:12:00,480  
device and well Richard Saunders and yet

291  
00:11:58,708 --> 00:12:03,689  
Barry Williams and all these folks here

292  
00:12:00,480 --> 00:12:05,909  
are our delights of mine I I take a

293  
00:12:03,690 --> 00:12:09,209  
great joy in their presence I love

294  
00:12:05,909 --> 00:12:11,490  
visiting Australia I particularly like

295  
00:12:09,208 --> 00:12:14,009  
the the people of Australia the odd

296  
00:12:11,490 --> 00:12:15,720  
kangaroo I've tried to strike up an

297  
00:12:14,009 --> 00:12:17,909  
acquaintance of ship but it doesn't seem

298  
00:12:15,720 --> 00:12:19,320  
to work very well but i I've always

299  
00:12:17,909 --> 00:12:22,230  
delighted to be here I haven't been here

300  
00:12:19,320 --> 00:12:24,900  
in quite some years look James before

301  
00:12:22,230 --> 00:12:27,570  
you go um recently you came out as being

302  
00:12:24,899 --> 00:12:29,789  
gay this year and there was a huge so

303  
00:12:27,570 --> 00:12:31,830  
wat from everyone wasn't that I mean you

304  
00:12:29,789 --> 00:12:33,778  
know I idly should have expected people

305  
00:12:31,830 --> 00:12:35,700  
that you have rubbed the wrong way well

306  
00:12:33,778 --> 00:12:37,379  
in the skeptical field for years to have

307  
00:12:35,700 --> 00:12:40,110  
come out against you or said something

308  
00:12:37,379 --> 00:12:42,389  
but even your so-called enemies your

309  
00:12:40,110 --> 00:12:44,579  
nemesis whatever they might be so what

310  
00:12:42,389 --> 00:12:47,819  
was the big resounding answer yeah well

311  
00:12:44,578 --> 00:12:50,458  
I expected that I I did expect you I was

312  
00:12:47,820 --> 00:12:52,980  
a little leery about it just I wonder if

313  
00:12:50,458 --> 00:12:55,649  
it's gonna backfire on me but I had

314

00:12:52,980 --> 00:12:57,509  
never felt it necessary to do that or

315  
00:12:55,649 --> 00:13:00,208  
even advisable to do that all of my

316  
00:12:57,509 --> 00:13:02,220  
acquaintances my family anyone that I

317  
00:13:00,208 --> 00:13:04,649  
knew my whole office and such they all

318  
00:13:02,220 --> 00:13:07,560  
knew about this we didn't talk about it

319  
00:13:04,649 --> 00:13:09,519  
wasn't anybody's business and I wasn't

320  
00:13:07,559 --> 00:13:12,669  
trying to keep it secret I'd never

321  
00:13:09,519 --> 00:13:15,730  
was but I'm coming up with my next book

322  
00:13:12,669 --> 00:13:16,839  
Oh within this year next year it's going

323  
00:13:15,730 --> 00:13:19,259  
to be called a magician of the

324  
00:13:16,840 --> 00:13:21,280  
laboratory and it's going to be largely

325  
00:13:19,259 --> 00:13:23,860  
autobiographical as well because it was

326  
00:13:21,279 --> 00:13:27,009  
about time yes it is a good time yes ya

327  
00:13:23,860 --> 00:13:28,629  
gotta hurry long hello and I thought

328  
00:13:27,009 --> 00:13:30,639

that it would be best to sort of clear

329

00:13:28,629 --> 00:13:33,009

the air in that respect so that I

330

00:13:30,639 --> 00:13:35,620

couldn't be accused of having kept at a

331

00:13:33,009 --> 00:13:38,230

deep dark secret and what about for

332

00:13:35,620 --> 00:13:39,700

younger kids at the moment that may be

333

00:13:38,230 --> 00:13:40,840

thinking about coming out as being gay

334

00:13:39,700 --> 00:13:42,280

it's something you didn't do when you

335

00:13:40,840 --> 00:13:43,840

were younger maybe because of the time

336

00:13:42,279 --> 00:13:45,069

whatwhat's any advice you might have to

337

00:13:43,840 --> 00:13:46,930

them because it's you know it's

338

00:13:45,070 --> 00:13:49,180

difficult for anyone who's apparently

339

00:13:46,929 --> 00:13:50,919

normal apparently what if that is yes

340

00:13:49,179 --> 00:13:53,559

whenever that is well when I was a kid

341

00:13:50,919 --> 00:13:56,049

it was almost impossible it was very

342

00:13:53,559 --> 00:13:58,689

difficult back then everything was set

343  
00:13:56,049 --> 00:14:00,789  
against it and I had to hide my light

344  
00:13:58,690 --> 00:14:04,000  
under a bushel as they say in some book

345  
00:14:00,789 --> 00:14:05,709  
or other but what did surprise me I'm

346  
00:14:04,000 --> 00:14:07,570  
glad you brought that up but really

347  
00:14:05,710 --> 00:14:09,759  
totally surprised that I didn't expect

348  
00:14:07,570 --> 00:14:14,350  
it and when I did the coming out online

349  
00:14:09,759 --> 00:14:19,840  
as I did I began to get email from young

350  
00:14:14,350 --> 00:14:23,050  
kids boys and girls who were adolescents

351  
00:14:19,840 --> 00:14:24,870  
in most cases who thanked me for having

352  
00:14:23,049 --> 00:14:27,639  
done it and said it gave them strength

353  
00:14:24,870 --> 00:14:30,490  
to be able to do the same thing I didn't

354  
00:14:27,639 --> 00:14:33,460  
expect that and the fact that it had

355  
00:14:30,490 --> 00:14:35,950  
that side effect is very very gratifying

356  
00:14:33,460 --> 00:14:38,410  
to me i'm so happy that i did it i wish

357

00:14:35,950 --> 00:14:40,600

i had done that many years ago if it had

358

00:14:38,409 --> 00:14:42,909

given the advantage to some of these

359

00:14:40,600 --> 00:14:44,080

kids who wanted to come out and where do

360

00:14:42,909 --> 00:14:45,909

you think they should find their

361

00:14:44,080 --> 00:14:47,950

strength from to come out is that their

362

00:14:45,909 --> 00:14:50,169

friends is there a trusted person in the

363

00:14:47,950 --> 00:14:51,759

community you know yeah i mean because

364

00:14:50,169 --> 00:14:54,099

we all have our different people we look

365

00:14:51,759 --> 00:14:55,509

oh yeah oh I I don't know that each

366

00:14:54,100 --> 00:14:57,519

person will have to make up their own

367

00:14:55,509 --> 00:14:59,590

minor that sometimes the family is going

368

00:14:57,519 --> 00:15:01,389

to be dead set against it or toss them

369

00:14:59,590 --> 00:15:03,250

out into the cold although oddly enough

370

00:15:01,389 --> 00:15:05,740

when most people do come out the family

371

00:15:03,250 --> 00:15:07,570  
goes well you will you that okay yeah I

372  
00:15:05,740 --> 00:15:10,120  
be really the month I'm sure that's true

373  
00:15:07,570 --> 00:15:12,700  
but you've got to evaluate to whom

374  
00:15:10,120 --> 00:15:14,620  
you're going to add on whom you're going

375  
00:15:12,700 --> 00:15:16,750  
to depend from then on because young

376  
00:15:14,620 --> 00:15:19,539  
kids don't have their own means of doing

377  
00:15:16,750 --> 00:15:22,000  
this sort of thing so each one has to

378  
00:15:19,539 --> 00:15:22,639  
make his own say his or her own decision

379  
00:15:22,000 --> 00:15:25,250  
on the virus

380  
00:15:22,639 --> 00:15:28,610  
but I'm happy that I did if it had that

381  
00:15:25,250 --> 00:15:30,440  
effect on some adolescence and what are

382  
00:15:28,610 --> 00:15:32,480  
one last thing I would like to ask you

383  
00:15:30,440 --> 00:15:34,100  
about some music because skepticism

384  
00:15:32,480 --> 00:15:35,659  
doesn't have much music going on in it

385  
00:15:34,100 --> 00:15:37,490

does it because we all talk about ideas

386

00:15:35,659 --> 00:15:39,259

all the time and I'm doing a bit of a

387

00:15:37,490 --> 00:15:41,389

thing about the music of town Australia

388

00:15:39,259 --> 00:15:42,350

and is there one song or music and it

389

00:15:41,389 --> 00:15:44,120

doesn't even have to be skeptical

390

00:15:42,350 --> 00:15:45,529

someone says something that you know boy

391

00:15:44,120 --> 00:15:47,899

sticks in your head Mandy why would you

392

00:15:45,529 --> 00:15:50,029

like to request almost anything the jury

393

00:15:47,899 --> 00:15:52,039

crabs sitting right over there I will

394

00:15:50,029 --> 00:15:54,289

come up with her he's a great fine for

395

00:15:52,039 --> 00:15:56,750

the skeptical movement and he has what

396

00:15:54,289 --> 00:15:59,349

as much hair as i have you see I don't

397

00:15:56,750 --> 00:16:02,539

know how he does that it's remarkable oh

398

00:15:59,350 --> 00:16:05,899

I special track from George oh yes yes

399

00:16:02,539 --> 00:16:08,299

yes I we took lessons together but dead

400  
00:16:05,899 --> 00:16:10,629  
oh he's a great musician he's a great a

401  
00:16:08,299 --> 00:16:14,299  
deliberate and he's great though

402  
00:16:10,629 --> 00:16:16,309  
donation to the skeptical community is

403  
00:16:14,299 --> 00:16:18,500  
there one song in particular that you

404  
00:16:16,309 --> 00:16:21,019  
think really sets up George's being that

405  
00:16:18,500 --> 00:16:22,610  
guy no but his version of happy birthday

406  
00:16:21,019 --> 00:16:25,340  
is a little raunchy maybe you want to

407  
00:16:22,610 --> 00:16:27,379  
ask him for that thank you the amazing

408  
00:16:25,340 --> 00:16:29,480  
Randi and like is there any adjectives

409  
00:16:27,379 --> 00:16:30,909  
left I can have like you know the kind

410  
00:16:29,480 --> 00:16:33,139  
of kooky may not all you know

411  
00:16:30,909 --> 00:16:34,429  
astonishing of sounding or fine with me

412  
00:16:33,139 --> 00:16:36,590  
because I don't know anybody who use

413  
00:16:34,429 --> 00:16:38,889  
them so but not amazing though that's

414  
00:16:36,590 --> 00:16:38,889  
muah

415  
00:16:40,919 --> 00:16:44,769  
I'm here without Julie Mara of the chase

416  
00:16:43,330 --> 00:16:46,860  
I just asked a few questions here I just

417  
00:16:44,769 --> 00:16:49,269  
any questions for her and someone said

418  
00:16:46,860 --> 00:16:51,639  
Julian dude Julian's have an affinity

419  
00:16:49,269 --> 00:16:53,860  
with Julian's as Simon's do with

420  
00:16:51,639 --> 00:16:55,509  
Simone's but you would just up at the

421  
00:16:53,860 --> 00:16:57,100  
skeptics there at Tammy's rally and you

422  
00:16:55,509 --> 00:16:58,929  
were sort of talking about communicating

423  
00:16:57,100 --> 00:17:00,670  
a skeptical message without appearing a

424  
00:16:58,929 --> 00:17:02,409  
dick that was bad yeah well yeah yeah

425  
00:17:00,669 --> 00:17:04,539  
look it's funny we've found over the

426  
00:17:02,409 --> 00:17:07,599  
years that you can you can make fun of

427  
00:17:04,539 --> 00:17:10,899  
people and have them not feel humiliated

428

00:17:07,599 --> 00:17:12,969  
or demeaned we've also found that you

429  
00:17:10,900 --> 00:17:15,070  
can humanly happen to mean them and you

430  
00:17:12,970 --> 00:17:17,529  
kind of learn by through trial and error

431  
00:17:15,069 --> 00:17:20,259  
but but the reality is that skeptics are

432  
00:17:17,529 --> 00:17:23,079  
trying to communicate effectively and if

433  
00:17:20,259 --> 00:17:25,480  
by your words or simply your attitude

434  
00:17:23,079 --> 00:17:27,609  
you convey a sense of superiority or

435  
00:17:25,480 --> 00:17:29,380  
mockery that may well limit the

436  
00:17:27,609 --> 00:17:30,939  
effectiveness of your conversation hmm

437  
00:17:29,380 --> 00:17:32,800  
and how have you found working within

438  
00:17:30,940 --> 00:17:34,870  
the ABS system lately I became system

439  
00:17:32,799 --> 00:17:36,789  
lately someone works to the ABC and has

440  
00:17:34,869 --> 00:17:39,459  
been on the pointy end of their their

441  
00:17:36,789 --> 00:17:41,829  
complaint problem before um do you think

442  
00:17:39,460 --> 00:17:43,480

they've changed it in any way after the

443

00:17:41,829 --> 00:17:44,589

issue they had with you because comedy

444

00:17:43,480 --> 00:17:46,750

is really not something that is

445

00:17:44,589 --> 00:17:48,549

evidence-based apart from laughter no

446

00:17:46,750 --> 00:17:51,970

that's right yeah look I haven't

447

00:17:48,549 --> 00:17:53,289

actually changed their their policies I

448

00:17:51,970 --> 00:17:54,549

think what happens is when there's a big

449

00:17:53,289 --> 00:17:56,470

controversy there's like a chill effect

450

00:17:54,549 --> 00:18:00,490

for a while and we've been through that

451

00:17:56,470 --> 00:18:02,380

cycle a number of times the last one

452

00:18:00,490 --> 00:18:04,150

obviously was was pretty intense and so

453

00:18:02,380 --> 00:18:05,710

that took a while to wear off but I

454

00:18:04,150 --> 00:18:08,920

think it does wear off generally

455

00:18:05,710 --> 00:18:13,120

speaking I find that the people who work

456

00:18:08,920 --> 00:18:14,529

at the ABC although often that they fear

457  
00:18:13,119 --> 00:18:15,549  
for their jobs and given that we've got

458  
00:18:14,529 --> 00:18:17,799  
some of them sacks that's an

459  
00:18:15,549 --> 00:18:19,450  
understandable thing they're generally

460  
00:18:17,799 --> 00:18:21,909  
supportive they want to do interesting

461  
00:18:19,450 --> 00:18:25,330  
an adventurous content but they're also

462  
00:18:21,910 --> 00:18:26,590  
aware that the ABC is kind of a target

463  
00:18:25,329 --> 00:18:28,539  
in the culture war and so they've got to

464  
00:18:26,589 --> 00:18:30,459  
cover their asses would you enjoy to

465  
00:18:28,539 --> 00:18:31,960  
personally reply to these complaints

466  
00:18:30,460 --> 00:18:33,370  
yourself because that's what I would

467  
00:18:31,960 --> 00:18:34,509  
like to do i would like to bypass the

468  
00:18:33,369 --> 00:18:35,979  
management and just reply to the

469  
00:18:34,509 --> 00:18:39,160  
complaints myself but i don't have to do

470  
00:18:35,980 --> 00:18:40,360  
you do that we can sometimes or

471  
00:18:39,160 --> 00:18:42,700  
sometimes they obviously freaks out if

472  
00:18:40,359 --> 00:18:44,799  
you do that Andrew Denton once said to

473  
00:18:42,700 --> 00:18:47,289  
me that the best way to respond to any

474  
00:18:44,799 --> 00:18:48,639  
letter of complaint is to respond by

475  
00:18:47,289 --> 00:18:50,769  
saying thank you for your letter you may

476  
00:18:48,640 --> 00:18:52,060  
be right which is completely non

477  
00:18:50,769 --> 00:18:54,220  
committal but doesn't really engage

478  
00:18:52,059 --> 00:18:55,990  
the ABC complaints department do a great

479  
00:18:54,220 --> 00:18:59,380  
job at actually staking out the

480  
00:18:55,990 --> 00:19:01,180  
territory of why the ABC thinks that the

481  
00:18:59,380 --> 00:19:03,580  
sort of material that we put to where

482  
00:19:01,180 --> 00:19:05,350  
canton should be put to where it's a

483  
00:19:03,579 --> 00:19:07,899  
pretty onerous job and given the number

484  
00:19:05,349 --> 00:19:09,609  
of complaints that we get I think that

485

00:19:07,900 --> 00:19:11,080  
perhaps life's a bit too sure what to

486  
00:19:09,609 --> 00:19:12,609  
respond well that's why the hell'd the

487  
00:19:11,079 --> 00:19:13,779  
whole department there so you don't have

488  
00:19:12,609 --> 00:19:15,549  
to please do because when you think

489  
00:19:13,779 --> 00:19:17,139  
about if you did have to reply to all

490  
00:19:15,549 --> 00:19:18,519  
the stuff you'd be pretty busy well yeah

491  
00:19:17,140 --> 00:19:19,720  
you wouldn't be able to make a show in

492  
00:19:18,519 --> 00:19:21,609  
the audience here I noticed that there

493  
00:19:19,720 --> 00:19:23,350  
was a few people that seem to be asking

494  
00:19:21,609 --> 00:19:24,729  
you whether the show was just merely

495  
00:19:23,349 --> 00:19:26,230  
trying to shock and wasn't actually

496  
00:19:24,730 --> 00:19:27,970  
funny how do you ask that kind of

497  
00:19:26,230 --> 00:19:30,130  
question either I not be the person is

498  
00:19:27,970 --> 00:19:31,960  
the chaser just trying to shock and not

499  
00:19:30,130 --> 00:19:33,820

so interested in being funny thank you

500

00:19:31,960 --> 00:19:35,740

very much it clearly sir that's what you

501

00:19:33,819 --> 00:19:36,789

believe is the answer I mean there are

502

00:19:35,740 --> 00:19:40,059

some people who just don't like

503

00:19:36,789 --> 00:19:41,200

offensive or crude comedy and you're

504

00:19:40,059 --> 00:19:44,500

never going to be able to win them over

505

00:19:41,200 --> 00:19:46,569

but if those people think that what they

506

00:19:44,500 --> 00:19:49,599

don't find funny is the limit of what is

507

00:19:46,569 --> 00:19:50,649

funny they're making a different mistake

508

00:19:49,599 --> 00:19:53,769

from the one they think you're making

509

00:19:50,650 --> 00:19:55,630

and that's the common ABC complaint it's

510

00:19:53,769 --> 00:19:57,940

someone it's not necessarily in comedy

511

00:19:55,630 --> 00:19:59,590

it can be in any editorial area you're

512

00:19:57,940 --> 00:20:01,029

talking about a topic that they don't

513

00:19:59,589 --> 00:20:03,220

think should be special about yeah and

514  
00:20:01,029 --> 00:20:05,410  
and like like look I really don't like

515  
00:20:03,220 --> 00:20:06,910  
country music I'm not big on metal but I

516  
00:20:05,410 --> 00:20:08,350  
don't think those two genres shouldn't

517  
00:20:06,910 --> 00:20:09,880  
exist that's right exactly yeah its

518  
00:20:08,349 --> 00:20:11,649  
horses for courses and what I mean and

519  
00:20:09,880 --> 00:20:13,060  
we've kind of made fun of that over the

520  
00:20:11,650 --> 00:20:14,740  
years we invented the caracal Philip

521  
00:20:13,059 --> 00:20:16,299  
highly of Adelaide who's this kind of

522  
00:20:14,740 --> 00:20:18,009  
command the old man over who and

523  
00:20:16,299 --> 00:20:20,819  
whenever we did a complaint we did a

524  
00:20:18,009 --> 00:20:23,079  
sketch which we thought was likely to

525  
00:20:20,819 --> 00:20:24,579  
prompt complaints we would have this guy

526  
00:20:23,079 --> 00:20:26,139  
complaining immediately afterwards

527  
00:20:24,579 --> 00:20:27,549  
always ending with the what a waste of

528  
00:20:26,140 --> 00:20:28,960  
taxpayers money because that's the kind

529  
00:20:27,549 --> 00:20:30,609  
of you know stick that you get beaten

530  
00:20:28,960 --> 00:20:31,900  
over well there was that Canadian sure

531  
00:20:30,609 --> 00:20:33,519  
that they used and their complaints

532  
00:20:31,900 --> 00:20:35,380  
would screw you taxpayer yeah that's

533  
00:20:33,519 --> 00:20:37,119  
right about Bonnie yeah yeah yeah now

534  
00:20:35,380 --> 00:20:38,950  
how do you go when you see a comic that

535  
00:20:37,119 --> 00:20:42,699  
isn't funny and they ask you what did

536  
00:20:38,950 --> 00:20:46,480  
you think a lot I mean sometime if

537  
00:20:42,700 --> 00:20:51,309  
you've had time you you craft a form of

538  
00:20:46,480 --> 00:20:53,319  
words that is not technically a lie the

539  
00:20:51,309 --> 00:20:54,849  
one thing I've learned not to say and I

540  
00:20:53,319 --> 00:20:57,279  
always used to say used to say tough

541  
00:20:54,849 --> 00:20:59,169  
crowd ya know exactly you don't say that

542

00:20:57,279 --> 00:21:01,180  
because yeah that's your code look I

543  
00:20:59,170 --> 00:21:02,410  
mean and there is a thing amongst comic

544  
00:21:01,180 --> 00:21:02,600  
performers that you know that everyone

545  
00:21:02,410 --> 00:21:05,690  
had

546  
00:21:02,599 --> 00:21:08,119  
a good day in a bad day and and also you

547  
00:21:05,690 --> 00:21:10,009  
know if people are trying to be comic

548  
00:21:08,119 --> 00:21:12,109  
performers but particularly starting off

549  
00:21:10,009 --> 00:21:15,079  
and not doing that well well they still

550  
00:21:12,109 --> 00:21:17,240  
should be encouraged I try to say things

551  
00:21:15,079 --> 00:21:18,949  
like gee the audience loved that that

552  
00:21:17,240 --> 00:21:20,900  
was great you know that implies I didn't

553  
00:21:18,950 --> 00:21:24,140  
like it but well done congratulations

554  
00:21:20,900 --> 00:21:25,548  
you know you could be positive we

555  
00:21:24,140 --> 00:21:27,530  
thought about going back to prop comedy

556  
00:21:25,548 --> 00:21:28,970

yeah exactly and look at to talk about

557

00:21:27,529 --> 00:21:30,259

prop comedy for sure because we don't

558

00:21:28,970 --> 00:21:32,960

see a lot of in Australia and Judith

559

00:21:30,259 --> 00:21:34,908

Lucy started as a prop comedy and she's

560

00:21:32,960 --> 00:21:37,400

I think she was a lot of prop comedy I

561

00:21:34,909 --> 00:21:39,740

mean in the second year of CNN and we

562

00:21:37,400 --> 00:21:42,230

kind of SAT us down and register ride

563

00:21:39,740 --> 00:21:44,450

act about how we were going over budget

564

00:21:42,230 --> 00:21:45,860

and we had to have simple ideas and we

565

00:21:44,450 --> 00:21:47,390

couldn't be spending all his money and

566

00:21:45,859 --> 00:21:49,699

the very next sketch we came up with

567

00:21:47,390 --> 00:21:51,440

involved a monster truck and crushing a

568

00:21:49,700 --> 00:21:53,120

car where like I we can't say that to

569

00:21:51,440 --> 00:21:54,590

him until we went in and of course he

570

00:21:53,119 --> 00:21:57,199

loves props so much like yes we're gonna

571  
00:21:54,589 --> 00:21:59,389  
catch carp this is gonna be cool so yeah

572  
00:21:57,200 --> 00:22:01,669  
you know and who is your favorite comic

573  
00:21:59,390 --> 00:22:03,020  
in the world ever now this is a tough

574  
00:22:01,669 --> 00:22:05,509  
question so I k asking what your

575  
00:22:03,019 --> 00:22:07,190  
favorite exactly i mean i think probably

576  
00:22:05,509 --> 00:22:08,960  
my favorite convenes of all time under

577  
00:22:07,190 --> 00:22:11,330  
the muppets get favorite guest star on

578  
00:22:08,960 --> 00:22:13,250  
the Muppet favorite guests that are my

579  
00:22:11,329 --> 00:22:15,079  
was big would like least enough Peter he

580  
00:22:13,250 --> 00:22:17,058  
was cry John Cleese with the Morales was

581  
00:22:15,079 --> 00:22:18,230  
fantastic yeah Liza Minnelli do it was

582  
00:22:17,058 --> 00:22:19,819  
pretty funny you know there's some

583  
00:22:18,230 --> 00:22:21,349  
really doing Copacabana i think it was

584  
00:22:19,819 --> 00:22:23,750  
here excellent excellent yeah there's so

585  
00:22:21,349 --> 00:22:24,829  
many and and i've had a kid recently so

586  
00:22:23,750 --> 00:22:26,329  
i'm watching them all again and it's

587  
00:22:24,829 --> 00:22:27,980  
fantastic but it look great when you can

588  
00:22:26,329 --> 00:22:29,029  
have an excuse to watch kids too i

589  
00:22:27,980 --> 00:22:30,620  
absolutely because i haven't got kids

590  
00:22:29,029 --> 00:22:31,819  
and just people think i'm weird no not

591  
00:22:30,619 --> 00:22:33,379  
now well you're not weird you just you

592  
00:22:31,819 --> 00:22:35,119  
just get in touch with your inner child

593  
00:22:33,380 --> 00:22:36,710  
now as a tin foil hat okay with us

594  
00:22:35,119 --> 00:22:38,658  
fantastic is very funny leave us with

595  
00:22:36,710 --> 00:22:40,038  
like where someone or new comic we

596  
00:22:38,659 --> 00:22:41,570  
should have a look at because he's a

597  
00:22:40,038 --> 00:22:43,640  
funny guy that she's a funny girl I

598  
00:22:41,569 --> 00:22:46,308  
really like um the guys from fear of a

599

00:22:43,640 --> 00:22:48,320  
brown planet Nazim Hussein and I forget

600  
00:22:46,308 --> 00:22:49,940  
the other Mars the other guy she's

601  
00:22:48,319 --> 00:22:51,859  
really using to see Australian Islamic

602  
00:22:49,940 --> 00:22:53,330  
comedy developing I I think they're

603  
00:22:51,859 --> 00:22:55,009  
great and i love the guys from salon

604  
00:22:53,329 --> 00:22:56,928  
cafe as well and next time someone tells

605  
00:22:55,009 --> 00:22:59,779  
you you're not funny even to you or any

606  
00:22:56,929 --> 00:23:02,230  
other comic but what should we say you

607  
00:22:59,779 --> 00:23:02,230  
may be right

608  
00:23:03,200 --> 00:23:07,288  
alum he would someone who's on the

609  
00:23:05,159 --> 00:23:09,480  
pointy end of skepticism Simon Singh how

610  
00:23:07,288 --> 00:23:10,888  
I very well indeed very woozy I had no

611  
00:23:09,480 --> 00:23:13,710  
idea that chiropractors attempt to

612  
00:23:10,888 --> 00:23:15,388  
Detroit anything other than backs ya

613  
00:23:13,710 --> 00:23:17,429

know I I mean I was in a similar

614

00:23:15,388 --> 00:23:21,238

position so four years ago five years

615

00:23:17,429 --> 00:23:23,429

ago I written books about I just read a

616

00:23:21,239 --> 00:23:25,619

book about cosmology and I knew quite a

617

00:23:23,429 --> 00:23:26,970

bit about cosmology but didn't know that

618

00:23:25,618 --> 00:23:28,470

much about alternative medicine and then

619

00:23:26,970 --> 00:23:29,970

I started hearing some weird claims and

620

00:23:28,470 --> 00:23:31,710

old claims it claims it just seemed to

621

00:23:29,970 --> 00:23:33,899

be too good to be true in fact when you

622

00:23:31,710 --> 00:23:35,548

looked at the evidence they were in fact

623

00:23:33,898 --> 00:23:37,768

not not backed up by any evidence

624

00:23:35,548 --> 00:23:39,558

whatsoever and so I decide to write a

625

00:23:37,769 --> 00:23:41,849

book about alternative medicine and

626

00:23:39,558 --> 00:23:44,489

eventually came to riding the chapter

627

00:23:41,849 --> 00:23:46,918

about chiropractic and through that um

628  
00:23:44,489 --> 00:23:48,840  
you ended up in court now I think I've

629  
00:23:46,919 --> 00:23:51,179  
come close to court a few times by

630  
00:23:48,839 --> 00:23:52,558  
saying things but did you anyway expect

631  
00:23:51,179 --> 00:23:54,330  
that you were actually writing something

632  
00:23:52,558 --> 00:24:00,058  
that would find you in court costing you

633  
00:23:54,329 --> 00:24:03,329  
money um I don't know I said I have no

634  
00:24:00,058 --> 00:24:05,519  
idea I have no idea why the

635  
00:24:03,329 --> 00:24:08,668  
chiropractor's felt so touchy about it

636  
00:24:05,519 --> 00:24:10,230  
sir all utterly astonished when when the

637  
00:24:08,669 --> 00:24:12,600  
legal threat appeared because it was

638  
00:24:10,230 --> 00:24:14,608  
really the last thing on our minds the

639  
00:24:12,599 --> 00:24:17,038  
case was dropped against me so I kind of

640  
00:24:14,608 --> 00:24:19,528  
feel vindicated but it was a two-year

641  
00:24:17,038 --> 00:24:21,538  
battle in libel is a is a horrendous and

642  
00:24:19,528 --> 00:24:23,970  
complicated and messy and expensive and

643  
00:24:21,538 --> 00:24:25,679  
time-consuming process so what I'm now

644  
00:24:23,970 --> 00:24:26,850  
involved with along with a lot of other

645  
00:24:25,679 --> 00:24:29,609  
people and a lot of other organizations

646  
00:24:26,849 --> 00:24:31,349  
and I know people here in Australia and

647  
00:24:29,608 --> 00:24:33,898  
New Zealand have been very supportive is

648  
00:24:31,349 --> 00:24:37,709  
trying to reform the libel laws so that

649  
00:24:33,898 --> 00:24:39,628  
if somebody is sued for libel they can

650  
00:24:37,710 --> 00:24:41,909  
afford to defend it they can afford the

651  
00:24:39,628 --> 00:24:44,579  
time the money to defend it and that

652  
00:24:41,909 --> 00:24:46,100  
it's a fair justice system at the moment

653  
00:24:44,579 --> 00:24:49,710  
the libel laws are horrendously

654  
00:24:46,099 --> 00:24:51,480  
one-sided so I had to fight a completely

655  
00:24:49,710 --> 00:24:53,460  
uphill battle for two years and I came

656

00:24:51,480 --> 00:24:54,839  
very very close to losing that battle is

657  
00:24:53,460 --> 00:24:56,009  
their system in place somewhere in the

658  
00:24:54,839 --> 00:24:57,868  
world that you would point to as being

659  
00:24:56,009 --> 00:24:59,069  
the example because the Americans bit

660  
00:24:57,868 --> 00:25:00,720  
too much to other way if you're a famous

661  
00:24:59,069 --> 00:25:02,398  
person you can say anything about them

662  
00:25:00,720 --> 00:25:03,538  
and you know you can't have as much come

663  
00:25:02,398 --> 00:25:04,829  
back and that goes a bit more the other

664  
00:25:03,538 --> 00:25:06,388  
way doesn't it yeah I mean there's

665  
00:25:04,829 --> 00:25:08,608  
there's a spectrum see to what you've

666  
00:25:06,388 --> 00:25:10,428  
got is is you know there are two rights

667  
00:25:08,608 --> 00:25:13,329  
here there's my right of free speech and

668  
00:25:10,429 --> 00:25:15,100  
there's your right to reputation

669  
00:25:13,329 --> 00:25:17,439  
and I want to be able to say things

670  
00:25:15,099 --> 00:25:19,179

about you but you clearly feel should

671

00:25:17,440 --> 00:25:21,130

feel that if I'm saying something is

672

00:25:19,180 --> 00:25:22,360

unfair and unreasonable and defaming

673

00:25:21,130 --> 00:25:25,150

your reputation you should have the

674

00:25:22,359 --> 00:25:26,409

right to protect it in America I think I

675

00:25:25,150 --> 00:25:30,340

think you could argue and I think many

676

00:25:26,410 --> 00:25:32,470

people do argue that the there's too

677

00:25:30,339 --> 00:25:34,659

much emphasis on free speech and not

678

00:25:32,470 --> 00:25:38,110

enough emphasis on on the protection of

679

00:25:34,660 --> 00:25:39,490

reputation in Britain we're completely

680

00:25:38,109 --> 00:25:40,809

the other way around to where the other

681

00:25:39,490 --> 00:25:43,589

end of the spectrum we're completely

682

00:25:40,809 --> 00:25:45,700

anti free speech and reputation is

683

00:25:43,589 --> 00:25:48,069

prioritized i would say england just

684

00:25:45,700 --> 00:25:49,779

needs to move up the scale we need to

685  
00:25:48,069 --> 00:25:53,379  
move up towards where places like Canada

686  
00:25:49,779 --> 00:25:56,259  
and Australia are whether a more

687  
00:25:53,380 --> 00:25:58,090  
reasonable and fair libel laws and maybe

688  
00:25:56,259 --> 00:25:59,740  
towards the American system but but no

689  
00:25:58,089 --> 00:26:01,329  
I think you're right now some people

690  
00:25:59,740 --> 00:26:03,519  
would argue the American system is to

691  
00:26:01,329 --> 00:26:05,529  
pro free speech but you know I think

692  
00:26:03,519 --> 00:26:08,109  
that's up for debate G Simon I'm just

693  
00:26:05,529 --> 00:26:09,819  
thinking you want to change the English

694  
00:26:08,109 --> 00:26:11,259  
legal system now I'll try thinking

695  
00:26:09,819 --> 00:26:13,059  
people have successfully done that with

696  
00:26:11,259 --> 00:26:15,069  
in their lifetime I pulled out three

697  
00:26:13,059 --> 00:26:17,619  
isn't it the way I'm not doing on my own

698  
00:26:15,069 --> 00:26:19,750  
I'm not it wasn't the first person to

699

00:26:17,619 --> 00:26:21,129  
our key for it's like it it hasn't got

700

00:26:19,750 --> 00:26:22,869  
any wheels on it it hasn't even got

701

00:26:21,130 --> 00:26:24,910  
rollers you can't even drag it it seems

702

00:26:22,869 --> 00:26:26,699  
like it's a tough one it you know when

703

00:26:24,910 --> 00:26:30,220  
people think of libel they think of

704

00:26:26,700 --> 00:26:31,600  
Sunday tabloid newspapers criticizing

705

00:26:30,220 --> 00:26:33,490  
celebrities celebrities yeah it's

706

00:26:31,599 --> 00:26:35,169  
usually someone's reputation that it

707

00:26:33,490 --> 00:26:36,970  
might mean a lot to them but it's not

708

00:26:35,170 --> 00:26:38,680  
not got a societal thing as such it

709

00:26:36,970 --> 00:26:40,450  
again it's about tittle-tattle and

710

00:26:38,680 --> 00:26:42,460  
newspapers maybe being irresponsible and

711

00:26:40,450 --> 00:26:45,250  
yeah it's it's a it's a kind of dirty

712

00:26:42,460 --> 00:26:48,390  
end of journalism what the public didn't

713

00:26:45,250 --> 00:26:51,279  
realize was it libel also affects

714  
00:26:48,390 --> 00:26:53,440  
scientific free speech and and if

715  
00:26:51,279 --> 00:26:56,619  
medical researchers can't speak openly

716  
00:26:53,440 --> 00:26:59,620  
about their concerns regarding a new

717  
00:26:56,619 --> 00:27:01,750  
pharmaceutical then the public don't get

718  
00:26:59,619 --> 00:27:04,119  
to hear those concerns and the public

719  
00:27:01,750 --> 00:27:06,579  
only hear half the story but but the

720  
00:27:04,119 --> 00:27:09,069  
fear instilled in people is so much that

721  
00:27:06,579 --> 00:27:11,889  
they just just just won't fight these

722  
00:27:09,069 --> 00:27:13,240  
cases it's such a one-sided battle you

723  
00:27:11,890 --> 00:27:15,490  
just assume you're going to lose from

724  
00:27:13,240 --> 00:27:17,680  
the get-go and even when you win you

725  
00:27:15,490 --> 00:27:20,079  
lose with the cost yeah exactly yes sir

726  
00:27:17,680 --> 00:27:21,370  
you have to writer if you if you lose a

727  
00:27:20,079 --> 00:27:23,740

libel case you're going to lose a

728

00:27:21,369 --> 00:27:24,889

million pounds if you win a libel case

729

00:27:23,740 --> 00:27:27,289

you're probably only one

730

00:27:24,890 --> 00:27:29,990

thousand pounds so when winning means

731

00:27:27,289 --> 00:27:32,990

losing then why bother fighting in the

732

00:27:29,990 --> 00:27:34,099

first place so does that mean you really

733

00:27:32,990 --> 00:27:40,670

watch your mouth leaving at dinner

734

00:27:34,099 --> 00:27:43,569

parties now it scared the hell outta me

735

00:27:40,670 --> 00:27:46,490

it really made me physically nauseous

736

00:27:43,569 --> 00:27:48,589

you know getting a libel threat is just

737

00:27:46,490 --> 00:27:50,660

an awful thing so you know it's made me

738

00:27:48,589 --> 00:27:53,059

incredibly conscious about the threat of

739

00:27:50,660 --> 00:27:54,769

libel but it's also made me aware of the

740

00:27:53,059 --> 00:27:57,079

fact that you know you've got to speak

741

00:27:54,769 --> 00:27:58,700

out because if you're journalist you

742  
00:27:57,079 --> 00:28:00,470  
can't speak at what supports the point

743  
00:27:58,700 --> 00:28:02,029  
of being a journalist look to finish up

744  
00:28:00,470 --> 00:28:03,710  
with let's give you a free kick you can

745  
00:28:02,029 --> 00:28:05,420  
say anything you like about me in this

746  
00:28:03,710 --> 00:28:08,269  
open forum here you can libel or slander

747  
00:28:05,420 --> 00:28:09,980  
me onto this mp3 player right now so go

748  
00:28:08,269 --> 00:28:14,930  
your hardest I promise no action will be

749  
00:28:09,980 --> 00:28:16,549  
taken I know I'm a nice guy okay I'm I

750  
00:28:14,930 --> 00:28:17,630  
take it up night if you catch my haircut

751  
00:28:16,549 --> 00:28:19,639  
you'll you'll you'll come up with

752  
00:28:17,630 --> 00:28:21,470  
something pretty fast do you have your

753  
00:28:19,640 --> 00:28:23,660  
own little bit of non evidence-based

754  
00:28:21,470 --> 00:28:25,220  
let's call it were in your life I mean

755  
00:28:23,660 --> 00:28:26,480  
do you like lights in the sky are

756  
00:28:25,220 --> 00:28:28,880  
interesting to you ever look up

757  
00:28:26,480 --> 00:28:29,900  
astrology you know do take multivitamins

758  
00:28:28,880 --> 00:28:30,740  
when you're feeling getting sick or

759  
00:28:29,900 --> 00:28:32,870  
anything that's not completely

760  
00:28:30,740 --> 00:28:34,910  
evidence-based it's just in the

761  
00:28:32,869 --> 00:28:37,969  
background of your life I don't think so

762  
00:28:34,910 --> 00:28:40,160  
I don't think so ah any superstitions do

763  
00:28:37,970 --> 00:28:41,900  
would you walk under a ladder yeah i

764  
00:28:40,160 --> 00:28:44,269  
think so i think that cat wouldn't

765  
00:28:41,900 --> 00:28:46,130  
bother you know i'm a bit allergic to

766  
00:28:44,269 --> 00:28:47,660  
them butBut what that's why cats brian

767  
00:28:46,130 --> 00:28:49,940  
cats all cats well there's evidence but

768  
00:28:47,660 --> 00:28:53,210  
yeah yeah now i'm not particularly

769  
00:28:49,940 --> 00:28:56,710  
superstitious but you are very careful

770

00:28:53,210 --> 00:28:56,710  
of lawyers yeah

771  
00:28:59,910 --> 00:29:05,290  
well look now I've got a couple of skip

772  
00:29:02,769 --> 00:29:07,599  
chick see what's your name Courtney

773  
00:29:05,289 --> 00:29:09,700  
Bergen and who the hell are you i'm

774  
00:29:07,599 --> 00:29:12,039  
rebecca watson okay radio now as I

775  
00:29:09,700 --> 00:29:13,660  
mentioned 911 was inside job doesn't

776  
00:29:12,039 --> 00:29:15,399  
really get many people laid I've seen

777  
00:29:13,660 --> 00:29:18,730  
most the people in what is that movie

778  
00:29:15,400 --> 00:29:21,400  
the one was released recently oh you

779  
00:29:18,730 --> 00:29:25,029  
must know that made a couple versions of

780  
00:29:21,400 --> 00:29:27,610  
it so to be more specific the air the

781  
00:29:25,029 --> 00:29:28,779  
Apes okay right yeah there were the plan

782  
00:29:27,609 --> 00:29:30,969  
of the Apes where they claim to the book

783  
00:29:28,779 --> 00:29:33,069  
the all the big inside loose change

784  
00:29:30,970 --> 00:29:35,529

obscurity balloons change they aren't

785

00:29:33,069 --> 00:29:36,789

dating a lot okay now what is and the

786

00:29:35,529 --> 00:29:37,928

Warren Commission no one that's never

787

00:29:36,789 --> 00:29:40,029

got anywhere late except the people who

788

00:29:37,929 --> 00:29:41,890

are in it back in the 60s what is the

789

00:29:40,029 --> 00:29:43,539

approach to skeptical girls what's the

790

00:29:41,890 --> 00:29:44,890

best way to endear yourself to them is

791

00:29:43,539 --> 00:29:50,289

er a topic should we study neuroscience

792

00:29:44,890 --> 00:29:52,000

oh I know it's a pretty wide very

793

00:29:50,289 --> 00:29:54,490

question with no correct answer but this

794

00:29:52,000 --> 00:29:56,950

is where wide wider speculation comes

795

00:29:54,490 --> 00:30:00,490

into its own well what did Jay say to

796

00:29:56,950 --> 00:30:02,140

you to really win your heart yes this is

797

00:30:00,490 --> 00:30:04,900

evidence based in yeah that that is

798

00:30:02,140 --> 00:30:07,360

evidence-based well uh Jay actually

799  
00:30:04,900 --> 00:30:10,590  
asked me out for about six months and I

800  
00:30:07,359 --> 00:30:12,609  
kept saying no so I guess it's tenacity

801  
00:30:10,589 --> 00:30:16,240  
we're going to encourage the creepy

802  
00:30:12,609 --> 00:30:17,849  
stalkers damn you're right advice was

803  
00:30:16,240 --> 00:30:22,089  
gonna be don't be a creepy stalker

804  
00:30:17,849 --> 00:30:24,069  
barely that work done partner wins what

805  
00:30:22,089 --> 00:30:26,259  
is the line between persistence and

806  
00:30:24,069 --> 00:30:30,730  
creepy still go start and stop by house

807  
00:30:26,259 --> 00:30:32,890  
causing a training order humor uh yeah

808  
00:30:30,730 --> 00:30:35,710  
yeah you know skeptical girls are smart

809  
00:30:32,890 --> 00:30:37,390  
and and funny and awesome so you just

810  
00:30:35,710 --> 00:30:40,240  
should be the same that's all its it

811  
00:30:37,390 --> 00:30:41,380  
it's a simple combination you know well

812  
00:30:40,240 --> 00:30:44,710  
you see you'll married how did it work

813  
00:30:41,380 --> 00:30:46,960  
with you um well I was a yeah we met at

814  
00:30:44,710 --> 00:30:48,340  
a skeptics conference so I would

815  
00:30:46,960 --> 00:30:50,410  
recommend you go to as many skeptics

816  
00:30:48,339 --> 00:30:51,669  
conferences as you can well considering

817  
00:30:50,410 --> 00:30:53,200  
the women on a Mac up about ten percent

818  
00:30:51,670 --> 00:30:54,789  
that's a lot of conference I think

819  
00:30:53,200 --> 00:30:55,860  
they're at least thirty-five to forty

820  
00:30:54,789 --> 00:30:58,798  
percent of this one

821  
00:30:55,859 --> 00:31:00,240  
yeah and and you know all you have to do

822  
00:30:58,798 --> 00:31:03,089  
is be the coolest guy in the room which

823  
00:31:00,240 --> 00:31:06,000  
honestly not that difficult here not

824  
00:31:03,089 --> 00:31:09,269  
that about low-hanging fruit the world's

825  
00:31:06,000 --> 00:31:12,058  
tallest midget okay so let's go about be

826  
00:31:09,269 --> 00:31:15,269  
physically tall persistence and humor

827

00:31:12,058 --> 00:31:16,980  
those are three pillars of fire I would

828  
00:31:15,269 --> 00:31:18,660  
recommend not don't take yourself so

829  
00:31:16,980 --> 00:31:20,039  
seriously I think the problem I see with

830  
00:31:18,660 --> 00:31:21,990  
a lot of skeptics is that they get

831  
00:31:20,039 --> 00:31:23,759  
really wound up about a particular issue

832  
00:31:21,990 --> 00:31:26,460  
that's all they want to talk about just

833  
00:31:23,759 --> 00:31:30,629  
relax and and let the conversation go

834  
00:31:26,460 --> 00:31:33,539  
where it will and just be cool and you

835  
00:31:30,630 --> 00:31:36,840  
recommend that us men listen oh yeah

836  
00:31:33,539 --> 00:31:39,769  
absolutely happy to listen I should have

837  
00:31:36,839 --> 00:31:42,119  
gone without saying oh yeah okay and

838  
00:31:39,769 --> 00:31:43,619  
okay well look that's I'll go put that

839  
00:31:42,119 --> 00:31:44,819  
to practice now and any marriages or

840  
00:31:43,619 --> 00:31:47,099  
babies that come out of this it's both

841  
00:31:44,819 --> 00:31:49,230

your fault all right great great amazing

842

00:31:47,099 --> 00:31:51,839

is taking my Randy now what adjectives

843

00:31:49,230 --> 00:31:54,058

would you like oh gosh but difference I

844

00:31:51,839 --> 00:31:55,649

think that's pretty clear well I'd like

845

00:31:54,058 --> 00:31:57,569

you to give a message to my friend

846

00:31:55,650 --> 00:31:59,610

Warren common who was very excited that

847

00:31:57,569 --> 00:32:01,139

I'd be meeting you i'm warren has worked

848

00:31:59,609 --> 00:32:02,399

on a number of movies in Hollywood there

849

00:32:01,140 --> 00:32:04,830

have you got any project you'd like to

850

00:32:02,400 --> 00:32:07,710

try and float him Rebecca yeah I want a

851

00:32:04,829 --> 00:32:09,629

cartoon based on my life I want it to be

852

00:32:07,710 --> 00:32:11,220

like only like I'm superhero and I

853

00:32:09,630 --> 00:32:13,590

travel around the world I'm all your

854

00:32:11,220 --> 00:32:18,419

powers big well the powers of deduction

855

00:32:13,589 --> 00:32:19,649

and awesomeness and invisibility oh so

856  
00:32:18,419 --> 00:32:21,360  
you would have something in common lube

857  
00:32:19,650 --> 00:32:23,009  
Wonder Woman so would you have an outfit

858  
00:32:21,359 --> 00:32:24,329  
that's like this blatantly sexist is

859  
00:32:23,009 --> 00:32:25,829  
that and would you have a drug

860  
00:32:24,329 --> 00:32:27,298  
dependency problem like the actress

861  
00:32:25,829 --> 00:32:28,889  
developed later on if you gotta let plan

862  
00:32:27,298 --> 00:32:31,710  
to be thought that far through i have

863  
00:32:28,890 --> 00:32:33,809  
actually and that's I my outfit would be

864  
00:32:31,710 --> 00:32:35,669  
actually my everyday look which is a

865  
00:32:33,808 --> 00:32:40,319  
nerdy t-shirt with some sort of ironic

866  
00:32:35,669 --> 00:32:42,090  
saying on it jeans and those big boots

867  
00:32:40,319 --> 00:32:44,189  
that are good for really like kicking

868  
00:32:42,089 --> 00:32:45,779  
can I say can I curse yeah you can't

869  
00:32:44,190 --> 00:32:48,210  
really get for kicking ass my hitta cast

870  
00:32:45,779 --> 00:32:50,548  
explicit label now what is the thing in

871  
00:32:48,210 --> 00:32:53,009  
Goose you huge skip chick what is the

872  
00:32:50,548 --> 00:32:54,599  
thing that really gets your goat as the

873  
00:32:53,009 --> 00:32:56,640  
man who stared at things that gets your

874  
00:32:54,599 --> 00:32:58,889  
goat what what's the thing that really

875  
00:32:56,640 --> 00:33:01,919  
makes you go off you have to leap to its

876  
00:32:58,890 --> 00:33:03,929  
defense hmm I I really I'm really

877  
00:33:01,919 --> 00:33:06,240  
passionate about women's health and

878  
00:33:03,929 --> 00:33:08,879  
the politics that keep women down in

879  
00:33:06,240 --> 00:33:11,460  
general oh like those ads that keep you

880  
00:33:08,878 --> 00:33:13,798  
fresh down there exactly douche is one

881  
00:33:11,460 --> 00:33:16,110  
of my most popular topics actually I

882  
00:33:13,798 --> 00:33:18,179  
used it as a really good example of a

883  
00:33:16,109 --> 00:33:20,908  
product that's completely pseudoscience

884

00:33:18,179 --> 00:33:23,369  
invented yeah it serves no purpose at

885  
00:33:20,909 --> 00:33:24,690  
all and it actually can harm people and

886  
00:33:23,368 --> 00:33:27,720  
that's the sort of thing as skeptics

887  
00:33:24,690 --> 00:33:29,759  
usually go after but douche not a common

888  
00:33:27,720 --> 00:33:31,350  
topic see I didn't think that that was

889  
00:33:29,759 --> 00:33:32,940  
people still took that stuff seriously

890  
00:33:31,349 --> 00:33:34,709  
but then again I didn't think power

891  
00:33:32,940 --> 00:33:37,019  
balance bands will be big in the 21st

892  
00:33:34,710 --> 00:33:39,389  
century then there was an ad in women's

893  
00:33:37,019 --> 00:33:41,700  
day in the US just a few months ago that

894  
00:33:39,388 --> 00:33:44,128  
said it was tips on how to get over ask

895  
00:33:41,700 --> 00:33:47,009  
for a raise at work and number one was

896  
00:33:44,128 --> 00:33:49,558  
do shame I don't know where you work

897  
00:33:47,009 --> 00:33:51,240  
what but maybe if your boss is into that

898  
00:33:49,558 --> 00:33:53,099

and I have visited Tokyo where that is

899

00:33:51,240 --> 00:33:54,960

popular yeah all right maybe it's time

900

00:33:53,099 --> 00:33:57,089

to find a new job you know that's the

901

00:33:54,960 --> 00:33:58,649

first step that is pretty well and and

902

00:33:57,089 --> 00:33:59,999

do men get uncomfortable you start

903

00:33:58,648 --> 00:34:01,168

talking about this because the subject

904

00:33:59,999 --> 00:34:03,118

we obviously don't have first-hand

905

00:34:01,169 --> 00:34:05,129

knowledge of yeah and that's what what I

906

00:34:03,118 --> 00:34:06,329

love doing I love saying the word douche

907

00:34:05,128 --> 00:34:08,489

and watching all the men in the audience

908

00:34:06,329 --> 00:34:10,529

just sort of shrink back into the seats

909

00:34:08,489 --> 00:34:13,378

and also vagina vagina is really great

910

00:34:10,530 --> 00:34:15,059

word to say now so apart from going out

911

00:34:13,378 --> 00:34:16,588

and fighting the battle for dirty words

912

00:34:15,059 --> 00:34:18,510

there what is your other area like to

913  
00:34:16,588 --> 00:34:19,798  
work and I mean obviously you would be

914  
00:34:18,510 --> 00:34:21,540  
you wouldn't share much with

915  
00:34:19,798 --> 00:34:23,608  
anti-vaccination people I imagine oh I

916  
00:34:21,539 --> 00:34:25,648  
hate the anti-vaxxers and in fact we

917  
00:34:23,608 --> 00:34:27,808  
just destroyed them this week on skeptic

918  
00:34:25,648 --> 00:34:29,608  
they were trying to launch an ad

919  
00:34:27,809 --> 00:34:31,769  
campaign that would be in American movie

920  
00:34:29,608 --> 00:34:33,690  
theaters during one of the biggest weeks

921  
00:34:31,769 --> 00:34:35,190  
of the year for people to go out and

922  
00:34:33,690 --> 00:34:37,318  
watch movies the week from Thanksgiving

923  
00:34:35,190 --> 00:34:38,760  
on and they were going to run these ads

924  
00:34:37,318 --> 00:34:42,358  
and we launched a campaign just

925  
00:34:38,760 --> 00:34:44,159  
completely viral telling AMC that the

926  
00:34:42,358 --> 00:34:47,068  
big chain to not run these ads they were

927  
00:34:44,159 --> 00:34:48,389  
dangerous misinformation AMC listened to

928  
00:34:47,068 --> 00:34:50,308  
us and they pulled the ads at last

929  
00:34:48,389 --> 00:34:52,048  
minute so no one saw them well

930  
00:34:50,309 --> 00:34:53,669  
congratulations on that thank you look

931  
00:34:52,048 --> 00:34:55,739  
and where does William Shatner sit in

932  
00:34:53,668 --> 00:34:57,539  
your life on my lap usually they now

933  
00:34:55,739 --> 00:35:00,719  
you're big fan of the man i mean like

934  
00:34:57,539 --> 00:35:02,909  
he's not exactly a feminist really well

935  
00:35:00,719 --> 00:35:04,858  
no but I mean he's just a walking punch

936  
00:35:02,909 --> 00:35:05,809  
line like how could you not love the

937  
00:35:04,858 --> 00:35:07,460  
shat

938  
00:35:05,809 --> 00:35:09,289  
have you ever listened to the look who's

939  
00:35:07,460 --> 00:35:10,579  
but podcast the but girls that that's

940  
00:35:09,289 --> 00:35:12,650  
the they basically it's all about

941

00:35:10,579 --> 00:35:14,569  
William Shatner and sex toys no but i

942  
00:35:12,650 --> 00:35:15,740  
will now okay yet look at his but check

943  
00:35:14,570 --> 00:35:17,240  
it out Rebecca I think you probably

944  
00:35:15,739 --> 00:35:18,889  
enjoyed and they have a potty mouth as

945  
00:35:17,239 --> 00:35:20,539  
well I they sound like my kind of girls

946  
00:35:18,889 --> 00:35:22,159  
well before I leave your line because

947  
00:35:20,539 --> 00:35:23,929  
you've got so many fans around you and

948  
00:35:22,159 --> 00:35:26,569  
you've got four full bottles of wine

949  
00:35:23,929 --> 00:35:27,679  
behind you although i have actually even

950  
00:35:26,570 --> 00:35:29,360  
though i was assured you were a show

951  
00:35:27,679 --> 00:35:31,039  
from Big Pharma you have been able to so

952  
00:35:29,360 --> 00:35:32,990  
many drugs even once well you haven't

953  
00:35:31,039 --> 00:35:34,130  
asked okay okay we'll do that in just a

954  
00:35:32,989 --> 00:35:36,019  
second but what do you think about

955  
00:35:34,130 --> 00:35:38,180

Australian skeptics in what way are we

956

00:35:36,019 --> 00:35:40,039

different or you just have to be nice to

957

00:35:38,179 --> 00:35:41,269

us in interviews now you know I love the

958

00:35:40,039 --> 00:35:43,219

Australian skeptics because you're in

959

00:35:41,269 --> 00:35:45,710

you're in people's faces you don't back

960

00:35:43,219 --> 00:35:47,989

down very strong grassroots activism

961

00:35:45,710 --> 00:35:50,269

that's quite inspiring actually so I'm

962

00:35:47,989 --> 00:35:51,559

hoping that Americans can pay attention

963

00:35:50,269 --> 00:35:54,380

to what the Australians are doing like

964

00:35:51,559 --> 00:35:56,989

with the anti-vaccine air and and take

965

00:35:54,380 --> 00:35:58,490

them down well so i'm gonna token

966

00:35:56,989 --> 00:35:59,929

skeptic i'm a fellow traveler with them

967

00:35:58,489 --> 00:36:02,269

because i like listening to the skeptics

968

00:35:59,929 --> 00:36:03,500

God's universe but I equally love the

969

00:36:02,269 --> 00:36:05,719

damn agenda show which is like

970  
00:36:03,500 --> 00:36:07,579  
completely off the off the planet and I

971  
00:36:05,719 --> 00:36:08,899  
like the way my brain explodes and most

972  
00:36:07,579 --> 00:36:11,000  
people wouldn't listen to both those

973  
00:36:08,900 --> 00:36:13,400  
shows on their pod I've met a number of

974  
00:36:11,000 --> 00:36:15,860  
people in the US we have art bell coast

975  
00:36:13,400 --> 00:36:18,079  
to coast oh yeah and and I know a lot of

976  
00:36:15,860 --> 00:36:20,030  
skeptics who love listening to that and

977  
00:36:18,079 --> 00:36:21,949  
I I do to actually aim that's how that

978  
00:36:20,030 --> 00:36:24,080  
my first experience with paranormal

979  
00:36:21,949 --> 00:36:26,029  
stuff was on the side of wanting to

980  
00:36:24,079 --> 00:36:27,860  
believe in it you know cuz it's fun it's

981  
00:36:26,030 --> 00:36:29,450  
really cool to think about ghosts and

982  
00:36:27,860 --> 00:36:31,789  
goblins and psychics and things like

983  
00:36:29,449 --> 00:36:33,589  
that no it's normal okay okay well I

984  
00:36:31,789 --> 00:36:34,820  
feel a bit well Rebecca Watson said I'm

985  
00:36:33,590 --> 00:36:36,559  
normally don't quite have to take that

986  
00:36:34,820 --> 00:36:39,080  
what's your biggest challenge before you

987  
00:36:36,559 --> 00:36:40,429  
get on the flame cast of customs my

988  
00:36:39,079 --> 00:36:42,199  
biggest challenge yet is getting all

989  
00:36:40,429 --> 00:36:43,969  
these drugs through customs I think you

990  
00:36:42,199 --> 00:36:45,019  
couldn't sell them mummy ugly you gotta

991  
00:36:43,969 --> 00:36:46,819  
have them up you gotta have the riddle

992  
00:36:45,019 --> 00:36:47,840  
in there the dexamphetamine there it's

993  
00:36:46,820 --> 00:36:49,100  
going to be quite clear well there's

994  
00:36:47,840 --> 00:36:50,750  
just the stuff I need for on the plane

995  
00:36:49,099 --> 00:36:51,529  
it's a long ride most people sleep on

996  
00:36:50,750 --> 00:36:54,349  
the plane I wouldn't think that would

997  
00:36:51,530 --> 00:36:55,460  
help well you know I you're gonna be

998

00:36:54,349 --> 00:36:57,049  
flying it by the time you get back

999  
00:36:55,460 --> 00:36:58,130  
that's right that's right and Rebecca is

1000  
00:36:57,050 --> 00:37:00,890  
that some way you want to point us as a

1001  
00:36:58,130 --> 00:37:04,070  
bit of a plug well skeptics skeptics org

1002  
00:37:00,889 --> 00:37:06,349  
and also the skeptics guide org i also

1003  
00:37:04,070 --> 00:37:08,840  
have curiosity aroused calm and I

1004  
00:37:06,349 --> 00:37:11,659  
occasionally amount of podcast called

1005  
00:37:08,840 --> 00:37:13,340  
little atoms little Adams calm Thank You

1006  
00:37:11,659 --> 00:37:15,609  
a baker and get some sleep and don't

1007  
00:37:13,340 --> 00:37:20,920  
ever shut that potty mouth heals

1008  
00:37:15,610 --> 00:37:22,210  
oh man and the name that's come up a

1009  
00:37:20,920 --> 00:37:24,940  
long time and amount of not met before

1010  
00:37:22,210 --> 00:37:26,619  
Tammy Australia is George George George

1011  
00:37:24,940 --> 00:37:28,480  
it's all over now there's no need to

1012  
00:37:26,619 --> 00:37:29,529

wear the suit you can calm down I think

1013

00:37:28,480 --> 00:37:31,090

you're pretty much got tonight in the

1014

00:37:29,530 --> 00:37:33,220

bag with a few ladies or men or whatever

1015

00:37:31,090 --> 00:37:35,410

you want really uh yeah one from column

1016

00:37:33,219 --> 00:37:36,639

a and four from column B and we'll see

1017

00:37:35,409 --> 00:37:38,469

what happens just to keep the party

1018

00:37:36,639 --> 00:37:39,969

interesting yeah I spoke to you at the

1019

00:37:38,469 --> 00:37:41,649

beginning of the whole thing and by the

1020

00:37:39,969 --> 00:37:44,049

end of it they what do you think I have

1021

00:37:41,650 --> 00:37:45,730

the exchange of Canada ourselves I think

1022

00:37:44,050 --> 00:37:48,730

you've carried yourself very well very

1023

00:37:45,730 --> 00:37:50,380

very well it's it's it's it struck me I

1024

00:37:48,730 --> 00:37:51,789

know this sounds more than I don't know

1025

00:37:50,380 --> 00:37:53,890

I'm supposed to be all snarky but it

1026

00:37:51,789 --> 00:37:56,440

really is wonderful really to hear the

1027  
00:37:53,889 --> 00:37:58,539  
greeting that the the skeptics got the

1028  
00:37:56,440 --> 00:37:59,950  
universe my friends received when they

1029  
00:37:58,539 --> 00:38:02,199  
were introduced to realize that these

1030  
00:37:59,949 --> 00:38:03,909  
are people that are on a literal

1031  
00:38:02,199 --> 00:38:05,559  
opposite side of the planet from us that

1032  
00:38:03,909 --> 00:38:08,349  
know them and it feel the influence of

1033  
00:38:05,559 --> 00:38:12,369  
of the novellas and Avan and Rebecca and

1034  
00:38:08,349 --> 00:38:14,559  
it is so it is so amazing and that word

1035  
00:38:12,369 --> 00:38:16,059  
keeps coming home it's the nature of

1036  
00:38:14,559 --> 00:38:17,949  
podcasting in some ways because you've

1037  
00:38:16,059 --> 00:38:19,779  
got your own geologic podcast and people

1038  
00:38:17,949 --> 00:38:20,859  
listened to you when I mean it's not

1039  
00:38:19,780 --> 00:38:22,570  
just stuff that's on the background

1040  
00:38:20,860 --> 00:38:24,010  
you've got your ears or you're driving

1041  
00:38:22,570 --> 00:38:25,450  
to work are you doing something and you

1042  
00:38:24,010 --> 00:38:26,890  
you're thinking of it I don't know it's

1043  
00:38:25,449 --> 00:38:28,809  
almost like you're more of a friend to

1044  
00:38:26,889 --> 00:38:30,549  
us than normal broadcast radio because

1045  
00:38:28,809 --> 00:38:32,320  
it's on there anyway I don't know if you

1046  
00:38:30,550 --> 00:38:33,670  
like isn't personal absolutely it's a

1047  
00:38:32,320 --> 00:38:35,440  
very intimate relationship and weekly

1048  
00:38:33,670 --> 00:38:36,760  
none of you allegedly broadcast

1049  
00:38:35,440 --> 00:38:38,110  
professionals you're doing it for

1050  
00:38:36,760 --> 00:38:39,310  
reasons other than you're making money

1051  
00:38:38,110 --> 00:38:41,410  
as a broadcaster you doing it because

1052  
00:38:39,309 --> 00:38:42,759  
that's what you like doing right the

1053  
00:38:41,409 --> 00:38:44,319  
passion comes through and I think that's

1054  
00:38:42,760 --> 00:38:46,810  
what people appreciate and latch onto

1055

00:38:44,320 --> 00:38:49,269  
and it's a it's a one-sided friendship

1056  
00:38:46,809 --> 00:38:50,650  
but it is a friendship and I I consider

1057  
00:38:49,269 --> 00:38:52,539  
the people listen to my show my friends

1058  
00:38:50,650 --> 00:38:53,680  
the same way that the SU people do in

1059  
00:38:52,539 --> 00:38:55,900  
the same way that anyone who the

1060  
00:38:53,679 --> 00:38:58,359  
skeptics on people do as well okay one

1061  
00:38:55,900 --> 00:38:59,440  
last question what's the weirdest

1062  
00:38:58,360 --> 00:39:01,360  
thing that's happened to you while

1063  
00:38:59,440 --> 00:39:02,559  
you've been here what you go man what's

1064  
00:39:01,360 --> 00:39:04,360  
this all about is anything to spawn you

1065  
00:39:02,559 --> 00:39:05,769  
out while you've been here oh and if it

1066  
00:39:04,360 --> 00:39:06,910  
hasn't we were heavenly tried but I

1067  
00:39:05,769 --> 00:39:08,739  
thought it might have been something I

1068  
00:39:06,909 --> 00:39:10,329  
mean oh my goodness so you're gonna vote

1069  
00:39:08,739 --> 00:39:12,369

a bunch of skeptics last night until the

1070

00:39:10,329 --> 00:39:14,079

harbor right yeah that was that was

1071

00:39:12,369 --> 00:39:16,250

quite fun that was quite lovely uh if

1072

00:39:14,079 --> 00:39:18,710

for some reason the the men's room

1073

00:39:16,250 --> 00:39:20,420

here in the Masonic Temple even though

1074

00:39:18,710 --> 00:39:21,949

geometry seems to be their main focus

1075

00:39:20,420 --> 00:39:24,320

they haven't figured out how to design

1076

00:39:21,949 --> 00:39:25,730

two doors to open together so that has

1077

00:39:24,320 --> 00:39:26,870

been the strangest thing so far I bet

1078

00:39:25,730 --> 00:39:28,969

that's probably happen to a few times

1079

00:39:26,869 --> 00:39:33,099

doesn't it ya ya sanar than that I think

1080

00:39:28,969 --> 00:39:33,099

I think we're pretty good pretty good I

1081

00:39:36,280 --> 00:39:41,180

look I'm over in the special dietary

1082

00:39:39,079 --> 00:39:43,069

corner and over here we have Dave the

1083

00:39:41,179 --> 00:39:45,829

happy singer and a fellow fellow

1084  
00:39:43,070 --> 00:39:47,360  
travelers will that be fair to say yes

1085  
00:39:45,829 --> 00:39:49,219  
and what have you thought of the

1086  
00:39:47,360 --> 00:39:51,050  
conference e it's the first one you know

1087  
00:39:49,219 --> 00:39:52,969  
you can be an outspoken critic of stuff

1088  
00:39:51,050 --> 00:39:55,730  
and we like that about you how's it been

1089  
00:39:52,969 --> 00:39:59,179  
for you yeah well I'm I'm going to be a

1090  
00:39:55,730 --> 00:40:00,289  
little bit critical but any of the

1091  
00:39:59,179 --> 00:40:02,559  
mishaps are just paled in comparison

1092  
00:40:00,289 --> 00:40:06,019  
with the quality of the speakers and the

1093  
00:40:02,559 --> 00:40:09,110  
the amazing community that it's here and

1094  
00:40:06,019 --> 00:40:12,710  
that's really all that matters lady the

1095  
00:40:09,110 --> 00:40:13,760  
social side is for me even more

1096  
00:40:12,710 --> 00:40:15,110  
important than the speakers because

1097  
00:40:13,760 --> 00:40:16,820  
ultimately you can read the speaker's

1098  
00:40:15,110 --> 00:40:18,890  
blogs you can see that listen to the

1099  
00:40:16,820 --> 00:40:21,230  
podcast you can see them most of them

1100  
00:40:18,889 --> 00:40:23,029  
you can see them speaking on YouTube and

1101  
00:40:21,230 --> 00:40:24,800  
there's an extra boost from seeing them

1102  
00:40:23,030 --> 00:40:26,720  
live but what really makes it so

1103  
00:40:24,800 --> 00:40:28,340  
wonderful from two for me is to be

1104  
00:40:26,719 --> 00:40:29,959  
together with so many like-minded

1105  
00:40:28,340 --> 00:40:31,789  
friends over the weekend to really fit

1106  
00:40:29,960 --> 00:40:34,309  
in somewhere you know it's better

1107  
00:40:31,789 --> 00:40:36,559  
karaoke is it using it's about the

1108  
00:40:34,309 --> 00:40:38,929  
karaoke as much as it is about about the

1109  
00:40:36,559 --> 00:40:40,219  
serious business side you know it's is

1110  
00:40:38,929 --> 00:40:41,359  
there something you learnt from doing

1111  
00:40:40,219 --> 00:40:42,889  
that and hanging out with them is there

1112

00:40:41,360 --> 00:40:44,630  
something you didn't realize from having

1113  
00:40:42,889 --> 00:40:47,629  
so many like-minded people together I

1114  
00:40:44,630 --> 00:40:50,510  
didn't realize I didn't realize I'm so

1115  
00:40:47,630 --> 00:40:52,220  
average what do you mean what do you

1116  
00:40:50,510 --> 00:40:54,080  
mean maybe what you thought you're out

1117  
00:40:52,219 --> 00:40:56,149  
there cuz people at work avoid you yeah

1118  
00:40:54,079 --> 00:41:01,190  
that's all thing but here but here I'm

1119  
00:40:56,150 --> 00:41:04,010  
just I just surrounded by by incredible

1120  
00:41:01,190 --> 00:41:07,130  
geniuses who know such arcane things

1121  
00:41:04,010 --> 00:41:09,470  
about all kinds of things you know to

1122  
00:41:07,130 --> 00:41:11,860  
eat you know you speak to this it's just

1123  
00:41:09,469 --> 00:41:14,269  
dripping with astronomers and medics and

1124  
00:41:11,860 --> 00:41:16,550  
and all these fascinating people you

1125  
00:41:14,269 --> 00:41:17,570  
know and I'm in a room where you know if

1126  
00:41:16,550 --> 00:41:19,280

I wanted to know something about

1127

00:41:17,570 --> 00:41:21,140

neuroscience I can go over there and I

1128

00:41:19,280 --> 00:41:22,400

can speak to Steve novella if I want to

1129

00:41:21,139 --> 00:41:23,929

know something about astronomy I can go

1130

00:41:22,400 --> 00:41:27,170

over there and I can speak to Pamela gay

1131

00:41:23,929 --> 00:41:29,449

you know and it it's phenomenal you know

1132

00:41:27,170 --> 00:41:30,800

is there one fact you've learnt that's

1133

00:41:29,449 --> 00:41:32,509

really blown your mind here a lot of

1134

00:41:30,800 --> 00:41:33,800

people have the astronomy lecture said

1135

00:41:32,510 --> 00:41:36,080

that they didn't know about the P

1136

00:41:33,800 --> 00:41:38,690

universe that stuff that really stood

1137

00:41:36,079 --> 00:41:40,039

out for me as well was Pamela Pamela

1138

00:41:38,690 --> 00:41:42,740

speech not only in terms of its

1139

00:41:40,039 --> 00:41:47,659

inspiration but also you know the fact

1140

00:41:42,739 --> 00:41:49,519

that crowdsourcing has been such a has

1141  
00:41:47,659 --> 00:41:50,779  
been such benefits of it to the research

1142  
00:41:49,519 --> 00:41:52,219  
that they've been doing in here and like

1143  
00:41:50,780 --> 00:41:55,490  
discovering the blue ellipticals and the

1144  
00:41:52,219 --> 00:41:57,919  
peach shaped galaxy things was it was

1145  
00:41:55,489 --> 00:41:59,299  
pretty cool for the internet but I'm so

1146  
00:41:57,920 --> 00:42:01,550  
trying to develop the attitude that a

1147  
00:41:59,300 --> 00:42:03,740  
lot of people have to skeptics and a lot

1148  
00:42:01,550 --> 00:42:05,720  
of it can be summed up with skeptics are

1149  
00:42:03,739 --> 00:42:06,769  
considered crackpots with evidence and

1150  
00:42:05,719 --> 00:42:11,439  
people don't really want to follow

1151  
00:42:06,769 --> 00:42:13,639  
because it's too hard yeah there's a

1152  
00:42:11,440 --> 00:42:15,829  
constant debate isn't about this this

1153  
00:42:13,639 --> 00:42:17,150  
word skeptic I mean for a start a half

1154  
00:42:15,829 --> 00:42:18,829  
the people who call themselves skeptics

1155  
00:42:17,150 --> 00:42:21,740  
armed you know you've got the climate

1156  
00:42:18,829 --> 00:42:23,449  
skeptics for example who are often just

1157  
00:42:21,739 --> 00:42:25,159  
nutty not even trying to follow evidence

1158  
00:42:23,449 --> 00:42:31,399  
they're just out of the and Annihilus the

1159  
00:42:25,159 --> 00:42:33,349  
crank and of course then there's the we

1160  
00:42:31,400 --> 00:42:34,700  
we struggle sometimes then with the the

1161  
00:42:33,349 --> 00:42:36,289  
massive oval up there is with the

1162  
00:42:34,699 --> 00:42:38,359  
atheism and the fact that so many of us

1163  
00:42:36,289 --> 00:42:40,340  
are also outspoken atheists doesn't mean

1164  
00:42:38,360 --> 00:42:41,690  
the skepticism is about atheism it just

1165  
00:42:40,340 --> 00:42:44,930  
means that so many of us happen to be

1166  
00:42:41,690 --> 00:42:47,090  
both and happen to care about both I

1167  
00:42:44,929 --> 00:42:50,750  
don't know what what to do about that I

1168  
00:42:47,090 --> 00:42:52,670  
mean I think one of the nicest phrases

1169

00:42:50,750 --> 00:42:54,679  
to describe as it's free thinker but

1170  
00:42:52,670 --> 00:42:55,909  
then how free is free you know you want

1171  
00:42:54,679 --> 00:42:57,319  
to limit yourself to the evidence that

1172  
00:42:55,909 --> 00:42:59,539  
doesn't mean that anything goes you know

1173  
00:42:57,320 --> 00:43:01,160  
but then you start thinking 60s and like

1174  
00:42:59,539 --> 00:43:02,809  
swinging stuff and you're running me on

1175  
00:43:01,159 --> 00:43:04,730  
nuclear free think it has a bit of a 60s

1176  
00:43:02,809 --> 00:43:06,349  
year exactly that it kind of it does

1177  
00:43:04,730 --> 00:43:07,639  
this kind of all great i'm a fourth

1178  
00:43:06,349 --> 00:43:09,369  
swing and i'm just going to think all

1179  
00:43:07,639 --> 00:43:11,809  
kinds of crazy thought bring it up a

1180  
00:43:09,369 --> 00:43:14,199  
critical thing that I think is quite a

1181  
00:43:11,809 --> 00:43:14,199  
good when I

1182  
00:43:14,960 --> 00:43:20,099  
but again critical has got a negative

1183  
00:43:17,219 --> 00:43:21,539

meaning as well as no sir so where to

1184

00:43:20,099 --> 00:43:23,670

from here it runs had a big conference

1185

00:43:21,539 --> 00:43:25,259

everyone's going rah rah where do you

1186

00:43:23,670 --> 00:43:27,389

use that energy now well I'll be very

1187

00:43:25,260 --> 00:43:30,450

surprised if some Australia doesn't

1188

00:43:27,389 --> 00:43:32,819

happen again if not next year than in a

1189

00:43:30,449 --> 00:43:34,589

couple years time I've got no inside

1190

00:43:32,820 --> 00:43:36,660

knowledge on that but it's been an

1191

00:43:34,590 --> 00:43:38,430

overwhelming success so I think so

1192

00:43:36,659 --> 00:43:39,779

you're the happy singer which is kind of

1193

00:43:38,429 --> 00:43:41,879

like the amazing Randi have you thought

1194

00:43:39,780 --> 00:43:43,920

of any other adjectives I've gone with

1195

00:43:41,880 --> 00:43:45,630

the inconsistent Maynard because people

1196

00:43:43,920 --> 00:43:47,789

can't expect too much of you it sort of

1197

00:43:45,630 --> 00:43:49,108

putting it another adjective in there in

1198  
00:43:47,789 --> 00:43:50,849  
my own name or if someone else is known

1199  
00:43:49,108 --> 00:43:52,650  
someone else's names you know that's a

1200  
00:43:50,849 --> 00:43:54,539  
liable thing but you know your own happy

1201  
00:43:52,650 --> 00:43:56,250  
is pretty good but happy world easy and

1202  
00:43:54,539 --> 00:43:58,550  
adequate singer the more time I spend

1203  
00:43:56,250 --> 00:44:00,960  
around these amazing people the more I

1204  
00:43:58,550 --> 00:44:02,190  
mean this two ways are looking at when

1205  
00:44:00,960 --> 00:44:03,750  
you meet somebody who is utterly awesome

1206  
00:44:02,190 --> 00:44:05,579  
you can either try and get better

1207  
00:44:03,750 --> 00:44:07,320  
yourself or you can just give up and I

1208  
00:44:05,579 --> 00:44:09,119  
always try and do the first one

1209  
00:44:07,320 --> 00:44:11,039  
something aspiring yeah date the

1210  
00:44:09,119 --> 00:44:12,599  
inspired seeing inspired singer that

1211  
00:44:11,039 --> 00:44:13,739  
that's probably the best word to

1212  
00:44:12,599 --> 00:44:15,359  
describe what the weekend's been like

1213  
00:44:13,739 --> 00:44:16,679  
it's been inspirational you know I've

1214  
00:44:15,358 --> 00:44:18,480  
got I'm very good friends with the

1215  
00:44:16,679 --> 00:44:21,239  
drunken man i'm jason brown and he's

1216  
00:44:18,480 --> 00:44:22,500  
always spurring me on to do which means

1217  
00:44:21,239 --> 00:44:27,389  
you're probably off your face right now

1218  
00:44:22,500 --> 00:44:28,889  
you are always always it's it's just

1219  
00:44:27,389 --> 00:44:31,588  
fabulous and he's always spurring me on

1220  
00:44:28,889 --> 00:44:34,769  
to do something even funnier or or even

1221  
00:44:31,588 --> 00:44:36,389  
more insightful you know he won't let me

1222  
00:44:34,769 --> 00:44:39,869  
relax is always raising the bar on what

1223  
00:44:36,389 --> 00:44:41,670  
I've got to do to compete it's it's just

1224  
00:44:39,869 --> 00:44:43,710  
great when it's been an aspiring weekend

1225  
00:44:41,670 --> 00:44:46,800  
well I'll let you get back to having you

1226

00:44:43,710 --> 00:44:49,639  
borrowed I can't wait to get to the bar

1227  
00:44:46,800 --> 00:44:49,640  
until you

1228  
00:44:49,739 --> 00:44:54,309  
and what about you who we got here and

1229  
00:44:52,599 --> 00:44:58,000  
what are you doing since Jason Brown

1230  
00:44:54,309 --> 00:45:00,369  
drunken mad men from Twitter I'm I'm

1231  
00:44:58,000 --> 00:45:02,590  
overwhelmed yet to be frank yeah I mean

1232  
00:45:00,369 --> 00:45:04,089  
like you know you can be critical and we

1233  
00:45:02,590 --> 00:45:05,380  
would expect anyone in the skeptical

1234  
00:45:04,090 --> 00:45:08,829  
movement to be critical of what's going

1235  
00:45:05,380 --> 00:45:10,480  
on here um but I don't hear a lot of

1236  
00:45:08,829 --> 00:45:13,000  
criticism but I think that's all that

1237  
00:45:10,480 --> 00:45:14,559  
crucial oh it's more like the way things

1238  
00:45:13,000 --> 00:45:16,719  
are done rather than what's being done

1239  
00:45:14,559 --> 00:45:18,460  
the people and the actual conference

1240  
00:45:16,719 --> 00:45:20,349

itself of being absolutely superb a

1241

00:45:18,460 --> 00:45:21,610

couple of little things but these are

1242

00:45:20,349 --> 00:45:24,969

little things that we can probably live

1243

00:45:21,610 --> 00:45:26,440

with um you know I won't call any out

1244

00:45:24,969 --> 00:45:27,609

now but you can come to my blog that my

1245

00:45:26,440 --> 00:45:29,170

colleagues really it's not common i

1246

00:45:27,610 --> 00:45:30,640

might call them out later all right i'll

1247

00:45:29,170 --> 00:45:31,990

look but i wasn't i wasn't asking you

1248

00:45:30,639 --> 00:45:33,699

for Christmas my just saying what your

1249

00:45:31,989 --> 00:45:34,989

favorite bits been because you know it's

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00:45:33,699 --> 00:45:36,909

because as passionate as you are about

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00:45:34,989 --> 00:45:38,649

whinging you're pretty passionate about

1252

00:45:36,909 --> 00:45:41,859

what you love as well that's right yeah

1253

00:45:38,650 --> 00:45:45,519

I think the highlight has been today it

1254

00:45:41,860 --> 00:45:47,349

was it Simon Taylor uh-huh up on upon

1255  
00:45:45,519 --> 00:45:49,449  
the altar and reign with him and he was

1256  
00:45:47,349 --> 00:45:51,819  
explaining how you get across something

1257  
00:45:49,449 --> 00:45:53,139  
in an enthusiastic way by demonstrating

1258  
00:45:51,820 --> 00:45:54,780  
and enthusiastic way of getting

1259  
00:45:53,139 --> 00:45:57,759  
something crossed Suzie hasn't firmness

1260  
00:45:54,780 --> 00:46:00,730  
the correct tone for the the time and

1261  
00:45:57,760 --> 00:46:02,320  
that was fantastic it was just like make

1262  
00:46:00,730 --> 00:46:03,909  
the best point you possibly can and then

1263  
00:46:02,320 --> 00:46:05,050  
get it done now it's really you can take

1264  
00:46:03,909 --> 00:46:06,519  
away from this I mean you've really been

1265  
00:46:05,050 --> 00:46:07,870  
on Media Watch I mean you don't need to

1266  
00:46:06,519 --> 00:46:11,829  
do anything else oh well obviously I my

1267  
00:46:07,869 --> 00:46:12,849  
buddy now big star now there's plenty

1268  
00:46:11,829 --> 00:46:14,679  
you can take away from this for one

1269  
00:46:12,849 --> 00:46:16,750  
thing I'm doing skeptic amp sometime in

1270  
00:46:14,679 --> 00:46:18,009  
the next six months people who are at

1271  
00:46:16,750 --> 00:46:19,690  
the panel that I was on would have

1272  
00:46:18,010 --> 00:46:21,490  
noticed that I got money thrown at me

1273  
00:46:19,690 --> 00:46:23,889  
from the audience so now I'm committed

1274  
00:46:21,489 --> 00:46:26,529  
I've got to do skeptic amp so watch this

1275  
00:46:23,889 --> 00:46:28,869  
space I haven't got a website that i

1276  
00:46:26,530 --> 00:46:31,660  
will hard that's some sort of batman

1277  
00:46:28,869 --> 00:46:33,730  
based gay skipping thing yes yes is one

1278  
00:46:31,659 --> 00:46:37,629  
of those nights it's basically a day or

1279  
00:46:33,730 --> 00:46:41,650  
a half day of open presentations on

1280  
00:46:37,630 --> 00:46:44,260  
skepticism and activism and pretty much

1281  
00:46:41,650 --> 00:46:46,090  
anyone's free to come and talk it'll be

1282  
00:46:44,260 --> 00:46:48,700  
kind of a mini town kind of a thing I

1283

00:46:46,090 --> 00:46:49,900  
guess the full details have been worked

1284  
00:46:48,699 --> 00:46:52,509  
out yet but I'm in discussion with

1285  
00:46:49,900 --> 00:46:54,519  
barcamp people and us skeptic am people

1286  
00:46:52,510 --> 00:46:55,630  
in Canadians get to 10 people and all of

1287  
00:46:54,519 --> 00:46:58,239  
these people flooded me and I'm just

1288  
00:46:55,630 --> 00:46:59,220  
completely frazzled by it that's great

1289  
00:46:58,239 --> 00:47:00,539  
it's brilliant

1290  
00:46:59,219 --> 00:47:01,980  
well look I think there's been a bit of

1291  
00:47:00,539 --> 00:47:03,599  
inspiration come out of this so i might

1292  
00:47:01,980 --> 00:47:05,190  
go chapter few other people man do so

1293  
00:47:03,599 --> 00:47:06,960  
thanks man it was like any good skeptic

1294  
00:47:05,190 --> 00:47:08,210  
we're going now i'm going to the pub

1295  
00:47:06,960 --> 00:47:10,500  
mate you're going to come to the pub

1296  
00:47:08,210 --> 00:47:12,000  
I've been barred from most immense area

1297  
00:47:10,500 --> 00:47:16,949

but i'll try and sneak it right guess

1298

00:47:12,000 --> 00:47:18,329

see you there what have you learned from

1299

00:47:16,949 --> 00:47:19,919

Tam Australia where you've been here

1300

00:47:18,329 --> 00:47:23,369

apart from the fact that I'm not too

1301

00:47:19,920 --> 00:47:25,500

good at making a tinfoil hat that the

1302

00:47:23,369 --> 00:47:27,900

demographic of skeptics is a bit older

1303

00:47:25,500 --> 00:47:29,369

than I had thought it would be like the

1304

00:47:27,900 --> 00:47:31,200

average age it's a bit higher than I

1305

00:47:29,369 --> 00:47:33,930

thought it would have been okay so what

1306

00:47:31,199 --> 00:47:35,549

you expected it to be people in 20 so

1307

00:47:33,929 --> 00:47:37,199

what did you expect it to be I was

1308

00:47:35,550 --> 00:47:38,789

expecting more people in their twenties

1309

00:47:37,199 --> 00:47:40,579

and you might have been expecting more

1310

00:47:38,789 --> 00:47:43,610

women

1311

00:47:40,579 --> 00:47:44,929

yes and no i don't know i'm happy with

1312  
00:47:43,610 --> 00:47:46,820  
the number of women here I'm not

1313  
00:47:44,929 --> 00:47:47,690  
surprised that there's not more but it

1314  
00:47:46,820 --> 00:47:50,120  
would have been nice if there were more

1315  
00:47:47,690 --> 00:47:51,619  
and you work bag and you weren't

1316  
00:47:50,119 --> 00:47:55,309  
expecting so many beards was that the

1317  
00:47:51,619 --> 00:47:56,839  
problem I think so

1318  
00:47:55,309 --> 00:47:58,639  
well I mean yeah once you get to a

1319  
00:47:56,840 --> 00:48:00,410  
certain age like maybe growing to be is

1320  
00:47:58,639 --> 00:48:01,940  
not a bad idea i mean i'm thinking about

1321  
00:48:00,409 --> 00:48:04,339  
it myself because it probably goes well

1322  
00:48:01,940 --> 00:48:06,500  
with the tin foil hat it does there was

1323  
00:48:04,340 --> 00:48:09,829  
a lady i saw on the bus last night that

1324  
00:48:06,500 --> 00:48:11,150  
had quite nice beard really yes where

1325  
00:48:09,829 --> 00:48:14,059  
you staying here is it something near

1326  
00:48:11,150 --> 00:48:16,820  
lucas heights or something no my live in

1327  
00:48:14,059 --> 00:48:18,349  
stanmore and what's been your favorite

1328  
00:48:16,820 --> 00:48:20,090  
thing here while you be the town

1329  
00:48:18,349 --> 00:48:22,339  
australia conference apart from beard

1330  
00:48:20,090 --> 00:48:24,140  
cannon I think he's trying to be taught

1331  
00:48:22,340 --> 00:48:28,519  
this morning it's my favorite what you

1332  
00:48:24,139 --> 00:48:29,900  
learn from it p universes wow it sounds

1333  
00:48:28,519 --> 00:48:31,809  
like something someone when kids might

1334  
00:48:29,900 --> 00:48:34,430  
have to work on but no what is it

1335  
00:48:31,809 --> 00:48:37,369  
universes that are green or emitting

1336  
00:48:34,429 --> 00:48:38,929  
green light yes that's great i was in

1337  
00:48:37,369 --> 00:48:40,250  
here mucking about megan's tinfoil hat i

1338  
00:48:38,929 --> 00:48:41,299  
should have been in there I should have

1339  
00:48:40,250 --> 00:48:44,059  
done what I did at school I should

1340

00:48:41,300 --> 00:48:45,680  
listen yes that is an important lesson

1341  
00:48:44,059 --> 00:48:47,570  
and what are you taking away from it you

1342  
00:48:45,679 --> 00:48:50,069  
guys you obviously the convention here

1343  
00:48:47,570 --> 00:48:53,580  
would he can take away from it

1344  
00:48:50,070 --> 00:48:58,200  
um a lot of entertainment finding out

1345  
00:48:53,579 --> 00:48:59,519  
just how much the wider accessible group

1346  
00:48:58,199 --> 00:49:00,839  
of people are interested in these sort

1347  
00:48:59,519 --> 00:49:02,940  
of things can actually directly help

1348  
00:49:00,840 --> 00:49:04,559  
science and what didn't realize those as

1349  
00:49:02,940 --> 00:49:06,869  
much as much of that is going on is

1350  
00:49:04,559 --> 00:49:08,429  
they're clearly use and what do you take

1351  
00:49:06,869 --> 00:49:11,909  
away from it you're going to go to work

1352  
00:49:08,429 --> 00:49:14,279  
or we're on Monday and go on I want to

1353  
00:49:11,909 --> 00:49:17,639  
promote causes that skeptics can really

1354  
00:49:14,280 --> 00:49:19,320

actually get behind like getting a cause

1355

00:49:17,639 --> 00:49:21,299

I'm university student actually getting

1356

00:49:19,320 --> 00:49:26,970

people at university involved in causes

1357

00:49:21,300 --> 00:49:28,830

like stop the ATM and sort of taking

1358

00:49:26,969 --> 00:49:31,230

arms against naturopaths and other such

1359

00:49:28,829 --> 00:49:32,610

quacks and a little bit the more extreme

1360

00:49:31,230 --> 00:49:35,550

ones difficult ones like your

1361

00:49:32,610 --> 00:49:40,680

Scientology the Catholic Church extremes

1362

00:49:35,550 --> 00:49:43,080

land denouncing them I think and just

1363

00:49:40,679 --> 00:49:46,969

generally making people more aware of

1364

00:49:43,079 --> 00:49:46,969

how stupid they are

1365

00:49:48,528 --> 00:49:53,699

look look tam Australia it's all a rap

1366

00:49:51,630 --> 00:49:54,959

now it's all done by the shouting and

1367

00:49:53,699 --> 00:49:56,249

the drinking and the being kicked out

1368

00:49:54,958 --> 00:50:00,929

there what did you make it the whole

1369  
00:49:56,248 --> 00:50:02,278  
thing it was wonderful yeah what was the

1370  
00:50:00,929 --> 00:50:05,338  
favor big lots a bit that inspired you

1371  
00:50:02,278 --> 00:50:08,039  
to wear your pants dr. Pamela kaze

1372  
00:50:05,338 --> 00:50:11,429  
always amazing love her voice and I love

1373  
00:50:08,039 --> 00:50:13,609  
her positivity again and for you what

1374  
00:50:11,429 --> 00:50:17,548  
was it like at an Australian was awesome

1375  
00:50:13,608 --> 00:50:19,828  
was the first step to and very

1376  
00:50:17,548 --> 00:50:21,719  
inspirational to Steve novella well that

1377  
00:50:19,829 --> 00:50:23,249  
was a thank you from here yeah I mean

1378  
00:50:21,719 --> 00:50:25,499  
hanging around with smart people doesn't

1379  
00:50:23,248 --> 00:50:26,608  
make me feel too bright myself but

1380  
00:50:25,498 --> 00:50:28,618  
that's probably more about my

1381  
00:50:26,608 --> 00:50:31,498  
inadequacies than actually do the event

1382  
00:50:28,619 --> 00:50:33,749  
no I felt the same way but it just I

1383  
00:50:31,498 --> 00:50:36,448  
suppose from a health care standpoint

1384  
00:50:33,748 --> 00:50:38,009  
and kind of like an icon from a sort of

1385  
00:50:36,449 --> 00:50:40,559  
health care background as well just kind

1386  
00:50:38,009 --> 00:50:43,079  
of makes me got me ticking ticking so

1387  
00:50:40,559 --> 00:50:45,119  
yeah I suppose that's what it is and

1388  
00:50:43,079 --> 00:50:46,709  
Lawrence had you found the whole thing

1389  
00:50:45,119 --> 00:50:49,318  
man you you are getting bigger in the

1390  
00:50:46,708 --> 00:50:51,598  
skeptical field all the time absolutely

1391  
00:50:49,318 --> 00:50:55,440  
you know next one is going to be the

1392  
00:50:51,599 --> 00:50:57,298  
amazing Lawrence festival I know it is

1393  
00:50:55,440 --> 00:50:58,858  
amazing and if you get a different

1394  
00:50:57,298 --> 00:51:00,809  
adjective you know I've gone the I've

1395  
00:50:58,858 --> 00:51:03,119  
gone the inconsistent Maynard they've

1396  
00:51:00,809 --> 00:51:05,759  
even a bit of thought to it thus well

1397

00:51:03,119 --> 00:51:09,479  
against the swelling in meeting yeah

1398  
00:51:05,759 --> 00:51:11,159  
yeah I know it has to promise a lot if

1399  
00:51:09,478 --> 00:51:12,929  
you're going to have them title amazing

1400  
00:51:11,159 --> 00:51:13,949  
in the actual title of the conference

1401  
00:51:12,929 --> 00:51:16,980  
yeah and

1402  
00:51:13,949 --> 00:51:19,169  
you know it was it opened a lot of minds

1403  
00:51:16,980 --> 00:51:20,730  
it's good and what was your favorite

1404  
00:51:19,170 --> 00:51:23,369  
part of it if I would speak of the most

1405  
00:51:20,730 --> 00:51:25,050  
inspiring part of you I think I think

1406  
00:51:23,369 --> 00:51:27,980  
all of it was quite inspiring i miss the

1407  
00:51:25,050 --> 00:51:32,640  
first day but i enjoyed the dick smith

1408  
00:51:27,980 --> 00:51:34,320  
Randy chat on the second day and that's

1409  
00:51:32,639 --> 00:51:36,088  
a big call big dick Smith's try and do

1410  
00:51:34,320 --> 00:51:37,680  
isn't it they're like about population

1411  
00:51:36,088 --> 00:51:39,328

growth that's a big call because the

1412

00:51:37,679 --> 00:51:40,618

political will for that work and there's

1413

00:51:39,329 --> 00:51:43,650

none like you wouldn't be many votes in

1414

00:51:40,619 --> 00:51:47,490

it what was either the dick smith

1415

00:51:43,650 --> 00:51:48,809

population like growth the DC strongly

1416

00:51:47,489 --> 00:51:50,129

like this is the almost zero population

1417

00:51:48,809 --> 00:51:51,838

growth that's going to be a hard one

1418

00:51:50,130 --> 00:51:53,460

yeah it will be a hard one because

1419

00:51:51,838 --> 00:51:55,469

people keep reproducing and we just

1420

00:51:53,460 --> 00:51:57,088

can't stop ourselves yeah and I'll give

1421

00:51:55,469 --> 00:51:59,239

in China where they've enforced it in a

1422

00:51:57,088 --> 00:52:02,070

very ugly way still their problems

1423

00:51:59,239 --> 00:52:03,989

that's right absolutely well you know

1424

00:52:02,070 --> 00:52:06,809

Dick Smith is a man with opinions and

1425

00:52:03,989 --> 00:52:09,299

you know good luck to him but you know

1426  
00:52:06,809 --> 00:52:11,099  
hey I like his electronics as well ah

1427  
00:52:09,300 --> 00:52:14,460  
all these computers probly still work

1428  
00:52:11,099 --> 00:52:16,650  
what is the one area of skepticism where

1429  
00:52:14,460 --> 00:52:17,940  
you see red where you go nonlinear as

1430  
00:52:16,650 --> 00:52:20,068  
they say when you hear about it you

1431  
00:52:17,940 --> 00:52:21,300  
can't help but butting in it at a dinner

1432  
00:52:20,068 --> 00:52:22,440  
party or something when someone bring

1433  
00:52:21,300 --> 00:52:23,880  
something up with some people it's

1434  
00:52:22,440 --> 00:52:25,530  
anti-vaccination with some people to

1435  
00:52:23,880 --> 00:52:30,000  
astrology what's the one that you feel

1436  
00:52:25,530 --> 00:52:32,099  
very strongly about what do I first I

1437  
00:52:30,000 --> 00:52:35,940  
think would have to be sometimes it's

1438  
00:52:32,099 --> 00:52:37,619  
psychics sometimes homeopathy sometimes

1439  
00:52:35,940 --> 00:52:39,088  
it's echinacea you know everyone says

1440  
00:52:37,619 --> 00:52:41,338  
you know have a bit of echinacea it's

1441  
00:52:39,088 --> 00:52:45,029  
like the wonder wonder vitamin it's not

1442  
00:52:41,338 --> 00:52:47,460  
even a vitamin and I mean I like

1443  
00:52:45,030 --> 00:52:49,589  
placebos as next as the next delusional

1444  
00:52:47,460 --> 00:52:52,889  
person and I love self-deluding myself

1445  
00:52:49,588 --> 00:52:54,380  
into fitness and echinacea well it's

1446  
00:52:52,889 --> 00:52:56,989  
just not for me

1447  
00:52:54,380 --> 00:52:58,160  
so if I said I man you got to try some

1448  
00:52:56,989 --> 00:53:01,549  
echinacea how would you normally come

1449  
00:52:58,159 --> 00:53:02,809  
back other I'll take the I'll take the

1450  
00:53:01,550 --> 00:53:15,890  
whole bottle let's see what you see if

1451  
00:53:02,809 --> 00:53:18,199  
it really works where can you turn to

1452  
00:53:15,889 --> 00:53:20,809  
find others like yourself who appreciate

1453  
00:53:18,199 --> 00:53:23,480  
critical thinking you can turn to

1454

00:53:20,809 --> 00:53:26,809  
skeptical inquirer the magazine that

1455  
00:53:23,480 --> 00:53:28,369  
separates fact from media myth it's

1456  
00:53:26,809 --> 00:53:31,309  
published by the committee for skeptical

1457  
00:53:28,369 --> 00:53:33,949  
inquiry find out what genuine science

1458  
00:53:31,309 --> 00:53:37,480  
has to say about the extraordinary and

1459  
00:53:33,949 --> 00:53:40,489  
the unexplained you might be surprised

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00:53:52,900 --> 00:54:04,460  
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1465  
00:53:56,960 --> 00:54:08,199  
org now it's time for dr. Richie reports

1466  
00:54:04,460 --> 00:54:08,199  
with dr. Rachel Dunlop

1467  
00:54:08,548 --> 00:54:12,900  
hello listeners and welcome to dr.

1468  
00:54:10,559 --> 00:54:15,119

Richie reports well well another week

1469

00:54:12,900 --> 00:54:16,889

has gone by here in the land down under

1470

00:54:15,119 --> 00:54:20,160

and there is yet more good news to

1471

00:54:16,889 --> 00:54:22,318

report and plenty of it well where to

1472

00:54:20,159 --> 00:54:24,208

start how about with the darling of the

1473

00:54:22,318 --> 00:54:26,369

anti-vaccination movement andrew

1474

00:54:24,208 --> 00:54:28,978

wakefield who took another mighty blow

1475

00:54:26,369 --> 00:54:30,809

this week the British Medical Journal

1476

00:54:28,978 --> 00:54:32,928

revealed that they are to publish a

1477

00:54:30,809 --> 00:54:35,339

series of articles by Brian dear

1478

00:54:32,929 --> 00:54:38,189

alleging that Wakefield was deliberately

1479

00:54:35,338 --> 00:54:40,469

fraudulent in his 1998 research which

1480

00:54:38,188 --> 00:54:43,009

began the worldwide scared that the MMR

1481

00:54:40,469 --> 00:54:44,938

vaccine was linked to autism an

1482

00:54:43,009 --> 00:54:47,458

editorial in the British Medical Journal

1483  
00:54:44,938 --> 00:54:50,728  
referred to that paper as it has become

1484  
00:54:47,458 --> 00:54:52,948  
known as an elaborate fraud and worse

1485  
00:54:50,728 --> 00:54:55,198  
still the investigation concluded that

1486  
00:54:52,949 --> 00:54:57,028  
Wakefield misrepresented or altered the

1487  
00:54:55,199 --> 00:54:59,489  
medical histories of the 12 children

1488  
00:54:57,028 --> 00:55:01,289  
studied the editor-in-chief of the

1489  
00:54:59,489 --> 00:55:04,559  
British Medical Journal said Wakefield's

1490  
00:55:01,289 --> 00:55:07,259  
work was based not on bad science but on

1491  
00:55:04,559 --> 00:55:09,028  
a deliberate fraud but the media it

1492  
00:55:07,259 --> 00:55:12,449  
seems are losing their patients with the

1493  
00:55:09,028 --> 00:55:15,028  
anti-vaxxers Anderson Cooper of 360 on

1494  
00:55:12,449 --> 00:55:16,709  
CNN interviewed Wakefield apparently

1495  
00:55:15,028 --> 00:55:18,838  
from a vaccine conference held in

1496  
00:55:16,708 --> 00:55:22,318  
Jamaica here's an excerpt from the

1497  
00:55:18,838 --> 00:55:24,420  
interview sir according to this new

1498  
00:55:22,318 --> 00:55:26,608  
report not only did you do a study that

1499  
00:55:24,420 --> 00:55:29,219  
was scientifically and ethically flawed

1500  
00:55:26,608 --> 00:55:30,630  
it was quote an elaborate fraud an

1501  
00:55:29,219 --> 00:55:32,159  
award-winning investigative journalist

1502  
00:55:30,630 --> 00:55:34,528  
brian deer is published evidence that

1503  
00:55:32,159 --> 00:55:36,748  
you and i quote altered numerous facts

1504  
00:55:34,528 --> 00:55:38,789  
about patients medical histories to

1505  
00:55:36,748 --> 00:55:41,159  
support your claims of identifying a new

1506  
00:55:38,789 --> 00:55:43,890  
syndrome and that you also quote sought

1507  
00:55:41,159 --> 00:55:47,998  
to exploit the scare among parents for

1508  
00:55:43,889 --> 00:55:49,679  
financial gain how do you respond well

1509  
00:55:47,998 --> 00:55:51,389  
you know I've had to put up with this

1510  
00:55:49,679 --> 00:55:53,699  
man's false allegations for many many

1511

00:55:51,389 --> 00:55:55,379  
years I've written a book and even this

1512  
00:55:53,699 --> 00:55:57,679  
is not as one man this is this is a

1513  
00:55:55,380 --> 00:56:00,329  
published in the British Medical Journal

1514  
00:55:57,679 --> 00:56:02,459  
ya know and I have not as yet had a

1515  
00:56:00,329 --> 00:56:04,589  
chance to read that but i had read his

1516  
00:56:02,458 --> 00:56:06,719  
multiple allegations on many occasions

1517  
00:56:04,588 --> 00:56:08,998  
he is a hit man he's been brought in to

1518  
00:56:06,719 --> 00:56:11,458  
take me down because they are very very

1519  
00:56:08,998 --> 00:56:12,958  
concerned about the adverse reactions to

1520  
00:56:11,458 --> 00:56:14,278  
vaccines that are occurring in children

1521  
00:56:12,958 --> 00:56:16,318  
wait a minute sir let me stop you right

1522  
00:56:14,278 --> 00:56:18,150  
there you say he's a hit man and he's

1523  
00:56:16,318 --> 00:56:20,250  
been brought in by they who

1524  
00:56:18,150 --> 00:56:22,490  
they who is he a hit man bro or doesn't

1525  
00:56:20,250 --> 00:56:25,858

inhale journalist who's won many awards

1526

00:56:22,489 --> 00:56:28,139

yeah he's and he's you know who bought

1527

00:56:25,858 --> 00:56:30,210

this man in who is paying this man I

1528

00:56:28,139 --> 00:56:32,278

don't know but I do know for sure that

1529

00:56:30,210 --> 00:56:33,480

he's not a journalist Mike you are but

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00:56:32,278 --> 00:56:36,119

let's just let's talk about some of the

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00:56:33,480 --> 00:56:37,588

specifics that he is claiming you're

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00:56:36,119 --> 00:56:39,480

basically saying this is a some sort of

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00:56:37,588 --> 00:56:41,578

conspiracy against you is that is that

1534

00:56:39,480 --> 00:56:43,829

your argument conspiracy is your word

1535

00:56:41,579 --> 00:56:46,200

what it is is a ruthless pragmatic

1536

00:56:43,829 --> 00:56:48,778

attempt to crush any investigation into

1537

00:56:46,199 --> 00:56:50,608

valid vaccine safety concerns it's not

1538

00:56:48,778 --> 00:56:52,829

just my concerns i'm here at a meeting

1539

00:56:50,608 --> 00:56:55,469

of experts on vaccines from around the

1540  
00:56:52,829 --> 00:56:57,028  
world who are extremely concerned about

1541  
00:56:55,469 --> 00:56:59,068  
the safety of vaccines and the barrage

1542  
00:56:57,028 --> 00:57:01,019  
but they believe and i believe is being

1543  
00:56:59,068 --> 00:57:03,630  
done to children sir there's no proof of

1544  
00:57:01,019 --> 00:57:05,759  
that and your study is a fraud according

1545  
00:57:03,630 --> 00:57:07,528  
to this latest investigation which is

1546  
00:57:05,760 --> 00:57:09,150  
taking a quite some time an answer let

1547  
00:57:07,528 --> 00:57:10,858  
me just continue it's not just this one

1548  
00:57:09,150 --> 00:57:12,358  
journalist who's saying this who you

1549  
00:57:10,858 --> 00:57:14,429  
believe is some sort of a hitman it's

1550  
00:57:12,358 --> 00:57:16,710  
not just pharmaceutical companies or the

1551  
00:57:14,429 --> 00:57:18,328  
ama and it's not just public health

1552  
00:57:16,710 --> 00:57:19,710  
officials from around the world and it's

1553  
00:57:18,329 --> 00:57:21,420  
not just doctors from around the world

1554  
00:57:19,710 --> 00:57:23,220  
it's also other journalists have a

1555  
00:57:21,420 --> 00:57:24,838  
looked into your research and found it

1556  
00:57:23,219 --> 00:57:26,848  
simply incorrect are you saying that

1557  
00:57:24,838 --> 00:57:28,650  
they they're all in conspiracy against

1558  
00:57:26,849 --> 00:57:30,599  
you now they haven't in fact they've

1559  
00:57:28,650 --> 00:57:32,970  
taken his story and treated it as a

1560  
00:57:30,599 --> 00:57:34,740  
debate and treatment it as true and if

1561  
00:57:32,969 --> 00:57:36,719  
you read my book you will be able to

1562  
00:57:34,739 --> 00:57:38,608  
read the truth than what has the bmj

1563  
00:57:36,719 --> 00:57:40,919  
read my book have the doctors who

1564  
00:57:38,608 --> 00:57:43,348  
apparently looked at all the records

1565  
00:57:40,920 --> 00:57:45,298  
read my book no because the truth is in

1566  
00:57:43,349 --> 00:57:47,519  
that book sir I've read Bryan dears

1567  
00:57:45,298 --> 00:57:48,900  
award which is incredibly extensive so

1568

00:57:47,519 --> 00:57:50,400  
I'm not here to let you pitch your book

1569  
00:57:48,900 --> 00:57:53,039  
i'm here to have you answer questions

1570  
00:57:50,400 --> 00:57:55,559  
brian hall has talked to the page and

1571  
00:57:53,039 --> 00:57:57,270  
talk to the parents has talked to the

1572  
00:57:55,559 --> 00:57:59,369  
parents of the patients who were in your

1573  
00:57:57,269 --> 00:58:02,159  
original study and he discovered that

1574  
00:57:59,369 --> 00:58:04,220  
not one of the twelve cases you claim to

1575  
00:58:02,159 --> 00:58:06,778  
have studied was free of quote

1576  
00:58:04,219 --> 00:58:09,000  
misrepresentation or alteration in no

1577  
00:58:06,778 --> 00:58:10,798  
single case to the medical records be

1578  
00:58:09,000 --> 00:58:13,318  
fully reconciled with the descriptions

1579  
00:58:10,798 --> 00:58:15,210  
diagnosis or histories published in the

1580  
00:58:13,318 --> 00:58:17,489  
journal some of the parents in your

1581  
00:58:15,210 --> 00:58:19,740  
original study say what you claimed

1582  
00:58:17,489 --> 00:58:22,769

about their kids medical histories was

1583

00:58:19,739 --> 00:58:24,598

not true are those parents now line that

1584

00:58:22,769 --> 00:58:28,108

is false he has not interviewed the

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00:58:24,599 --> 00:58:29,548

parents that is absolutely not true so

1586

00:58:28,108 --> 00:58:31,199

you're saying the parent no parents I

1587

00:58:29,548 --> 00:58:31,980

say that what you've said about their

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00:58:31,199 --> 00:58:35,219

children's medical

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00:58:31,980 --> 00:58:36,449

trees is false no they don't well I have

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00:58:35,219 --> 00:58:38,399

said and what has been reported in that

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00:58:36,449 --> 00:58:40,769

paper beam by me and my colleagues is

1592

00:58:38,400 --> 00:58:42,420

exactly what we saw I want to redo some

1593

00:58:40,769 --> 00:58:44,489

of the other specifics from the report

1594

00:58:42,420 --> 00:58:47,909

three of nine children reported with

1595

00:58:44,489 --> 00:58:50,309

regressive autism according to to mr.

1596

00:58:47,909 --> 00:58:51,960

dear did not have autism diagnosed at

1597  
00:58:50,309 --> 00:58:54,779  
all only one child clearly had

1598  
00:58:51,960 --> 00:58:57,358  
regressive autism is that true no it's

1599  
00:58:54,780 --> 00:58:58,980  
not the diagnoses are as they were in

1600  
00:58:57,358 --> 00:59:01,108  
the children I did not make the

1601  
00:58:58,980 --> 00:59:03,329  
diagnosis of autism I did not make up

1602  
00:59:01,108 --> 00:59:05,759  
the diagnosis the diagnosis were taken

1603  
00:59:03,329 --> 00:59:07,559  
from the clinical records and review by

1604  
00:59:05,760 --> 00:59:09,540  
experts at the Royal Free Hospital

1605  
00:59:07,559 --> 00:59:11,159  
School of Medicine according to mr. here

1606  
00:59:09,539 --> 00:59:12,840  
some kids were reported to have

1607  
00:59:11,159 --> 00:59:16,079  
experienced first behavioral symptoms

1608  
00:59:12,840 --> 00:59:17,910  
within days of MMR the vaccine but the

1609  
00:59:16,079 --> 00:59:21,630  
records documented these is starting

1610  
00:59:17,909 --> 00:59:24,118  
some months after the vaccine if you

1611  
00:59:21,630 --> 00:59:26,700  
read the record that I have set out in

1612  
00:59:24,119 --> 00:59:28,800  
the book you will see the truth user if

1613  
00:59:26,699 --> 00:59:30,389  
you're lying in your book is also a lot

1614  
00:59:28,800 --> 00:59:32,700  
if your study is a lie your book is a

1615  
00:59:30,389 --> 00:59:34,889  
lie the book is not alive the study is

1616  
00:59:32,699 --> 00:59:36,868  
not a lie the findings that we made have

1617  
00:59:34,889 --> 00:59:38,699  
been replicated in five countries around

1618  
00:59:36,869 --> 00:59:40,289  
the world sir there's no true you've

1619  
00:59:38,699 --> 00:59:42,299  
been offered the chance to replicate

1620  
00:59:40,289 --> 00:59:44,369  
your study and you've never taken taken

1621  
00:59:42,300 --> 00:59:46,800  
anybody up on that you've had plenty of

1622  
00:59:44,369 --> 00:59:48,990  
opportunity of your start use me giving

1623  
00:59:46,800 --> 00:59:51,330  
you a falsehood i am telling you but

1624  
00:59:48,989 --> 00:59:53,429  
this work has been replicated in five

1625

00:59:51,329 --> 00:59:55,199  
countries around the world why is it by

1626  
00:59:53,429 --> 00:59:56,669  
willingly discredited by public health

1627  
00:59:55,199 --> 00:59:58,319  
official and around the world okay I

1628  
00:59:56,670 --> 01:00:01,550  
suggest you do your investigation

1629  
00:59:58,320 --> 01:00:03,600  
property before making such allegations

1630  
01:00:01,550 --> 01:00:05,340  
speaking of the media losing their

1631  
01:00:03,599 --> 01:00:08,099  
patients with the anti vectors a

1632  
01:00:05,340 --> 01:00:10,108  
journalist in Australia today not only

1633  
01:00:08,099 --> 01:00:13,219  
tossed away the book on false balance

1634  
01:00:10,108 --> 01:00:15,630  
but set it on fire and stomped on it too

1635  
01:00:13,219 --> 01:00:18,379  
in an interview about the Wakefield

1636  
01:00:15,630 --> 01:00:20,880  
findings Tracy Spicer of radio 2ue

1637  
01:00:18,380 --> 01:00:23,400  
constantly interrupted Merrill Dory from

1638  
01:00:20,880 --> 01:00:25,200  
the avian and eventually hung up on her

1639  
01:00:23,400 --> 01:00:27,150

declaring she would never be on the

1640

01:00:25,199 --> 01:00:29,519  
station again with her dangerous

1641

01:00:27,150 --> 01:00:31,380  
disgusting disgraceful information it

1642

01:00:29,519 --> 01:00:33,869  
was one of the best interviews I've

1643

01:00:31,380 --> 01:00:35,490  
heard with dori who was usually pandered

1644

01:00:33,869 --> 01:00:37,858  
to by the mainstream media in the

1645

01:00:35,489 --> 01:00:40,889  
interest of balance here's an excerpt

1646

01:00:37,858 --> 01:00:42,750  
from the interview merrill dory lives in

1647

01:00:40,889 --> 01:00:44,429  
this region she's probably the most

1648

01:00:42,750 --> 01:00:45,900  
vocal critic of vaccination in this

1649

01:00:44,429 --> 01:00:47,909  
country and she runs the Australia

1650

01:00:45,900 --> 01:00:50,220  
vaccination Network and she's on the

1651

01:00:47,909 --> 01:00:52,259  
line how are you Meryl I'm good Tracy

1652

01:00:50,219 --> 01:00:53,879  
how are you good thanks Shirley after

1653

01:00:52,260 --> 01:00:55,559  
all this so you must now admit that

1654  
01:00:53,880 --> 01:00:57,990  
you've based your scare campaign on

1655  
01:00:55,559 --> 01:01:01,470  
fraudulent and misleading information Oh

1656  
01:00:57,989 --> 01:01:04,108  
Tracy I love your language unfortunately

1657  
01:01:01,469 --> 01:01:06,659  
this this subject is far from put to bed

1658  
01:01:04,108 --> 01:01:08,519  
and the news that came out in the

1659  
01:01:06,659 --> 01:01:10,288  
British Medical Journal is not news at

1660  
01:01:08,519 --> 01:01:12,989  
all it's simply a rehashing of

1661  
01:01:10,289 --> 01:01:14,789  
accusations that were made previously it

1662  
01:01:12,989 --> 01:01:17,429  
absolutely is news Meryl it is

1663  
01:01:14,789 --> 01:01:19,319  
discrediting and disputing the entire

1664  
01:01:17,429 --> 01:01:21,000  
research upon which people have not

1665  
01:01:19,318 --> 01:01:22,500  
vaccinated their children and children

1666  
01:01:21,000 --> 01:01:25,048  
have died from whooping cough and

1667  
01:01:22,500 --> 01:01:26,639  
measles as a result we children in

1668  
01:01:25,048 --> 01:01:28,259  
Australia have died from whooping cough

1669  
01:01:26,639 --> 01:01:29,879  
and we have the highest level of

1670  
01:01:28,260 --> 01:01:31,799  
whooping cough vaccination we've ever

1671  
01:01:29,880 --> 01:01:33,450  
had and the majority of the people

1672  
01:01:31,798 --> 01:01:36,028  
getting whooping cough were vaccinated

1673  
01:01:33,449 --> 01:01:37,739  
but fact I get a lower dose of the week

1674  
01:01:36,028 --> 01:01:40,079  
whooping cough once I've been vaccinated

1675  
01:01:37,739 --> 01:01:42,588  
yes but it's a lower dose but anyway go

1676  
01:01:40,079 --> 01:01:45,180  
on I'm back to Wakefield on the

1677  
01:01:42,588 --> 01:01:48,630  
accusation is that Wakefield took money

1678  
01:01:45,179 --> 01:01:51,210  
while he was doing an investigation on

1679  
01:01:48,630 --> 01:01:54,390  
behalf of lawyers who were hoping to

1680  
01:01:51,210 --> 01:01:56,338  
take a lawsuit for children who had

1681  
01:01:54,389 --> 01:01:58,710  
developed regressive autism after the

1682

01:01:56,338 --> 01:02:00,630  
measles mumps rubella vaccine Wakefield

1683  
01:01:58,710 --> 01:02:02,909  
had actually revealed that information

1684  
01:02:00,630 --> 01:02:05,278  
to the lancet prior to the article being

1685  
01:02:02,909 --> 01:02:06,960  
published and it was 50,000 pounds that

1686  
01:02:05,278 --> 01:02:09,088  
we're talking about and the money was

1687  
01:02:06,960 --> 01:02:11,849  
used to pay for tests on these children

1688  
01:02:09,088 --> 01:02:13,828  
it didn't go into his pocket if we think

1689  
01:02:11,849 --> 01:02:16,380  
that that is an unreasonable thing for

1690  
01:02:13,829 --> 01:02:18,210  
Wakefield to do why is Paul office in

1691  
01:02:16,380 --> 01:02:20,278  
the United States who made tens of

1692  
01:02:18,210 --> 01:02:22,889  
millions of dollars selling a patent on

1693  
01:02:20,278 --> 01:02:24,929  
a rotavirus vaccine for which he sat on

1694  
01:02:22,889 --> 01:02:27,358  
the committee to approve that vaccine in

1695  
01:02:24,929 --> 01:02:30,358  
the United States still in a job the

1696  
01:02:27,358 --> 01:02:33,659

fact is that that vaccinations and

1697

01:02:30,358 --> 01:02:35,909  
autism are linked in the minds of many

1698

01:02:33,659 --> 01:02:37,649  
researchers Meryl that is an outrageous

1699

01:02:35,909 --> 01:02:39,179  
thing for you to say you were ordered by

1700

01:02:37,650 --> 01:02:41,670  
the Australian healthcare Complaints

1701

01:02:39,179 --> 01:02:43,649  
Commission to put a disclaimer on your

1702

01:02:41,670 --> 01:02:45,720  
website that's saying that saying that

1703

01:02:43,650 --> 01:02:48,088  
there is no link and here you are no

1704

01:02:45,719 --> 01:02:51,899  
non-metropolitan radio we were spreading

1705

01:02:48,088 --> 01:02:53,519  
your misinformation I'm absolutely not

1706

01:02:51,900 --> 01:02:55,680  
wrong about that Meryl our Complaints

1707

01:02:53,519 --> 01:02:57,568  
Commission asked us to put a warning on

1708

01:02:55,679 --> 01:02:59,339  
our website to let people know that we

1709

01:02:57,568 --> 01:03:00,690  
were anti-vaccination none

1710

01:02:59,340 --> 01:03:02,640  
and also they found that your website

1711  
01:03:00,690 --> 01:03:04,110  
contains information that is incorrect

1712  
01:03:02,639 --> 01:03:05,400  
and misleading and quote selectively

1713  
01:03:04,110 --> 01:03:07,289  
from research to suggest that

1714  
01:03:05,400 --> 01:03:09,119  
vaccinations are dangerous i quote that

1715  
01:03:07,289 --> 01:03:11,400  
word for word but you just said that

1716  
01:03:09,119 --> 01:03:13,259  
they asked us to put a little of war yes

1717  
01:03:11,400 --> 01:03:14,670  
I did you had your fundraising status

1718  
01:03:13,260 --> 01:03:16,260  
revoked and were ordered to post a

1719  
01:03:14,670 --> 01:03:17,550  
disclaimer on your website I looked at

1720  
01:03:16,260 --> 01:03:19,050  
your website this morning there is no

1721  
01:03:17,550 --> 01:03:21,330  
such disclaimer I throat and we've

1722  
01:03:19,050 --> 01:03:23,250  
refused to do that and we are also

1723  
01:03:21,329 --> 01:03:25,049  
appealing that decision with the office

1724  
01:03:23,250 --> 01:03:26,219  
of liquor gaming and racing but in the

1725  
01:03:25,050 --> 01:03:27,480  
meantime you're required to post a

1726  
01:03:26,219 --> 01:03:29,219  
disclaimer I'll you're not writing

1727  
01:03:27,480 --> 01:03:31,170  
dangerous information that can lead to

1728  
01:03:29,219 --> 01:03:32,549  
children being killed Merrill Tracy do

1729  
01:03:31,170 --> 01:03:34,590  
you want to talk about Andrew Wakefield

1730  
01:03:32,550 --> 01:03:37,230  
and about the measles and the fact that

1731  
01:03:34,590 --> 01:03:39,480  
autism has increased by something over

1732  
01:03:37,230 --> 01:03:41,639  
two thousand percent since the

1733  
01:03:39,480 --> 01:03:43,619  
introduction of multiple vaccinations

1734  
01:03:41,639 --> 01:03:45,389  
yes Meryl and it's coincidental it has

1735  
01:03:43,619 --> 01:03:47,250  
been proven there is no link autism

1736  
01:03:45,389 --> 01:03:49,170  
rates continue personal opinion trade

1737  
01:03:47,250 --> 01:03:50,849  
also with autism rates and it's my

1738  
01:03:49,170 --> 01:03:52,200  
opinion after doing research and

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01:03:50,849 --> 01:03:54,059  
speaking of researchers autism rates

1740  
01:03:52,199 --> 01:03:56,069  
continue to rise in Japan after the

1741  
01:03:54,059 --> 01:03:57,900  
withdrawal of the MMR vex I'd like to

1742  
01:03:56,070 --> 01:03:59,340  
direct people to our website where I

1743  
01:03:57,900 --> 01:04:00,720  
would like you I'm not in fact let's

1744  
01:03:59,340 --> 01:04:02,070  
just in the interview now let's just end

1745  
01:04:00,719 --> 01:04:03,929  
the interview that was Meryl Dory from

1746  
01:04:02,070 --> 01:04:05,610  
the Australian vaccination network if

1747  
01:04:03,929 --> 01:04:07,649  
she continues to spread this misleading

1748  
01:04:05,610 --> 01:04:09,870  
and deceptive information that ends up

1749  
01:04:07,650 --> 01:04:12,000  
killing children we will no longer have

1750  
01:04:09,869 --> 01:04:13,829  
her on our program we had her on our

1751  
01:04:12,000 --> 01:04:15,300  
program hoping that she would finally

1752  
01:04:13,829 --> 01:04:16,739  
once and for all after the British

1753  
01:04:15,300 --> 01:04:18,600

Medical Journal put this out this

1754

01:04:16,739 --> 01:04:20,189  
morning retract the dangerous

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01:04:18,599 --> 01:04:22,319  
information she has been disseminating

1756

01:04:20,190 --> 01:04:23,849  
far from retracting the dangerous

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01:04:22,320 --> 01:04:26,130  
information that the avn is

1758

01:04:23,849 --> 01:04:27,809  
disseminating Merrill has clung even

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01:04:26,130 --> 01:04:30,630  
tighter to the poster boy for the

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01:04:27,809 --> 01:04:32,340  
anti-vaxxers when the audio made it to

1761

01:04:30,630 --> 01:04:34,829  
Twitter there was an explosion of

1762

01:04:32,340 --> 01:04:37,170  
interest and pretty soon Tracey Spicer

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01:04:34,829 --> 01:04:41,039  
stopped the avian and Merrill Dory were

1764

01:04:37,170 --> 01:04:42,809  
top trending topics in Australia very

1765

01:04:41,039 --> 01:04:45,000  
quickly the word spread globally and

1766

01:04:42,809 --> 01:04:47,909  
retweets from Simon Singh and Phil Plait

1767

01:04:45,000 --> 01:04:50,820  
appeared and then late last night pz

1768  
01:04:47,909 --> 01:04:52,440  
myers also blogged the audio now the old

1769  
01:04:50,820 --> 01:04:55,110  
adage that all publicity is good

1770  
01:04:52,440 --> 01:04:58,200  
publicity does not really apply to being

1771  
01:04:55,110 --> 01:05:00,300  
ridiculed on pz myers website Merrill

1772  
01:04:58,199 --> 01:05:02,669  
has responded to the interview with a

1773  
01:05:00,300 --> 01:05:05,039  
blog post and also an interview in the

1774  
01:05:02,670 --> 01:05:07,889  
Northern Star where she explains why

1775  
01:05:05,039 --> 01:05:10,800  
quote she supports Andrew Wakefield one

1776  
01:05:07,889 --> 01:05:12,848  
hundred percent I applaud his integrity

1777  
01:05:10,800 --> 01:05:15,099  
ethics and desire to help

1778  
01:05:12,849 --> 01:05:17,109  
nobody else will which is odd because

1779  
01:05:15,099 --> 01:05:19,028  
when she was asked recently if she's

1780  
01:05:17,108 --> 01:05:21,278  
still supported wakefield she had

1781  
01:05:19,028 --> 01:05:23,199  
trouble answering that question this

1782  
01:05:21,278 --> 01:05:26,498  
excerpt comes from an interview from

1783  
01:05:23,199 --> 01:05:28,538  
July 2010 can I just ask you about the

1784  
01:05:26,498 --> 01:05:30,098  
qualifications of the group the avian

1785  
01:05:28,539 --> 01:05:31,989  
and what they stand for you would know

1786  
01:05:30,099 --> 01:05:33,609  
you'd know the name of a guy called

1787  
01:05:31,989 --> 01:05:36,130  
andrew wakefield i do know andrew

1788  
01:05:33,608 --> 01:05:38,889  
wakefield you guys still support him we

1789  
01:05:36,130 --> 01:05:41,140  
support any research no no no no no do

1790  
01:05:38,889 --> 01:05:42,518  
you still support him do I support him I

1791  
01:05:41,139 --> 01:05:45,038  
don't give him any money if that's what

1792  
01:05:42,518 --> 01:05:46,868  
you know but verbally you support him

1793  
01:05:45,039 --> 01:05:49,150  
his ID because he was struck off the

1794  
01:05:46,869 --> 01:05:50,739  
United Kingdom medical register even

1795  
01:05:49,150 --> 01:05:52,150  
struck off the medical register and is

1796

01:05:50,739 --> 01:05:53,978  
only allowed not a practicing United

1797  
01:05:52,150 --> 01:05:55,509  
States of America no he day he doesn't

1798  
01:05:53,978 --> 01:05:57,728  
practice he's never been a practicing

1799  
01:05:55,509 --> 01:06:00,608  
doctor he's an academic and he's still

1800  
01:05:57,728 --> 01:06:02,439  
in academic and um you know we know of

1801  
01:06:00,608 --> 01:06:04,509  
many cases where people have been struck

1802  
01:06:02,440 --> 01:06:06,548  
off because they simply didn't agree

1803  
01:06:04,509 --> 01:06:08,409  
with what the medical community filed in

1804  
01:06:06,548 --> 01:06:10,630  
these duties as a responsible consultant

1805  
01:06:08,409 --> 01:06:12,699  
the accident acted against the interests

1806  
01:06:10,630 --> 01:06:14,588  
of his patients no I'm sorry that's not

1807  
01:06:12,699 --> 01:06:16,058  
what was fair I don't know no that's why

1808  
01:06:14,588 --> 01:06:17,920  
I'm quoting from the United Kingdom

1809  
01:06:16,059 --> 01:06:20,349  
medical register and the reason why he

1810  
01:06:17,920 --> 01:06:21,909

was struck off okay what is this got to

1811

01:06:20,349 --> 01:06:23,499

do with the aged Tripel see if I can

1812

01:06:21,909 --> 01:06:25,929

well I'll tell you what it's got to do

1813

01:06:23,498 --> 01:06:28,808

with this is the fact that the avian you

1814

01:06:25,929 --> 01:06:30,489

supported him in the sense that you

1815

01:06:28,809 --> 01:06:33,640

disagreed with what the United Kingdom

1816

01:06:30,489 --> 01:06:35,499

medical register did in her interview in

1817

01:06:33,639 --> 01:06:37,629

the Northern Star Meryl claimed there

1818

01:06:35,498 --> 01:06:40,139

were dozens of peer-reviewed published

1819

01:06:37,630 --> 01:06:42,548

articles supporting Wakefield's findings

1820

01:06:40,139 --> 01:06:44,018

professor boy from the National Center

1821

01:06:42,548 --> 01:06:46,239

for immunization research and

1822

01:06:44,018 --> 01:06:49,118

surveillance described her claims as

1823

01:06:46,239 --> 01:06:50,528

laughable after what the bmj revealed

1824

01:06:49,119 --> 01:06:52,809

this week and on top of all the other

1825  
01:06:50,528 --> 01:06:54,909  
evidence against Wakefield those who

1826  
01:06:52,809 --> 01:06:58,150  
continue to cling to him succeed only in

1827  
01:06:54,909 --> 01:06:59,588  
making themselves irrelevant so finally

1828  
01:06:58,150 --> 01:07:02,349  
there was trouble in the Power Balance

1829  
01:06:59,588 --> 01:07:03,998  
camp this week as the a triple c story

1830  
01:07:02,349 --> 01:07:07,298  
eventually hit international headlines

1831  
01:07:03,998 --> 01:07:09,699  
when popular magazine gizmodo tweeted

1832  
01:07:07,298 --> 01:07:12,429  
power balance admits their wristbands

1833  
01:07:09,699 --> 01:07:14,379  
are a scam power ballads have been

1834  
01:07:12,429 --> 01:07:16,719  
laying pretty low since the a triple c

1835  
01:07:14,380 --> 01:07:18,789  
findings came down on december the 22nd

1836  
01:07:16,719 --> 01:07:19,960  
quietly removing the link to the

1837  
01:07:18,789 --> 01:07:22,660  
australian store from their

1838  
01:07:19,960 --> 01:07:24,369  
international website but as the news

1839  
01:07:22,659 --> 01:07:26,588  
spread and people started tweeting

1840  
01:07:24,369 --> 01:07:29,818  
questions they went into a kind of

1841  
01:07:26,588 --> 01:07:32,108  
damage control just not a very good one

1842  
01:07:29,818 --> 01:07:34,808  
picking up on the phrase Power Balance

1843  
01:07:32,108 --> 01:07:37,389  
admits there they tweeted a series of

1844  
01:07:34,809 --> 01:07:39,160  
comments completing the sentence for

1845  
01:07:37,389 --> 01:07:41,650  
example Power Balance admits their

1846  
01:07:39,159 --> 01:07:43,358  
international fans are awesome and Power

1847  
01:07:41,650 --> 01:07:45,369  
Balance admits their products are worn

1848  
01:07:43,358 --> 01:07:47,650  
by top athletes in every sport across

1849  
01:07:45,369 --> 01:07:49,900  
the globe but then Power Balance did

1850  
01:07:47,650 --> 01:07:53,139  
something very strange they tweeted

1851  
01:07:49,900 --> 01:07:55,989  
quite the existing reports out there are

1852  
01:07:53,139 --> 01:07:57,608  
fundamentally incorrect we did not make

1853

01:07:55,989 --> 01:08:00,699  
claims that our product doesn't perform

1854  
01:07:57,608 --> 01:08:04,989  
we stand behind our products and then

1855  
01:08:00,699 --> 01:08:06,939  
Power Balance works we guarantee r which

1856  
01:08:04,989 --> 01:08:09,190  
simply opened the floodgates for satire

1857  
01:08:06,940 --> 01:08:11,349  
as people began to suggest ideas as to

1858  
01:08:09,190 --> 01:08:13,929  
why the magic hologram only doesn't work

1859  
01:08:11,349 --> 01:08:16,420  
in Australia perhaps it didn't like

1860  
01:08:13,929 --> 01:08:17,979  
being upside down some suggested but

1861  
01:08:16,420 --> 01:08:19,449  
then there was more trouble for power

1862  
01:08:17,979 --> 01:08:21,669  
balance as it was announced that a

1863  
01:08:19,448 --> 01:08:25,088  
class-action suit had been filed in the

1864  
01:08:21,670 --> 01:08:27,460  
US according to the popular website TMZ

1865  
01:08:25,088 --> 01:08:29,429  
the class-action lawsuit filed this week

1866  
01:08:27,460 --> 01:08:31,779  
in a federal court in Los Angeles

1867  
01:08:29,429 --> 01:08:34,449

alleges consumers were duped into

1868

01:08:31,779 --> 01:08:36,609

believing the hologram embedded band was

1869

01:08:34,448 --> 01:08:39,098

scientifically proven to enhance balance

1870

01:08:36,609 --> 01:08:40,900

flexibility and strength but on the back

1871

01:08:39,099 --> 01:08:43,779

of the admission to the a triple see

1872

01:08:40,899 --> 01:08:45,750

that power balance had quote no credible

1873

01:08:43,779 --> 01:08:48,520

scientific evidence that supported the

1874

01:08:45,750 --> 01:08:50,889

representation the suit alleges unfair

1875

01:08:48,520 --> 01:08:53,469

business practices and false advertising

1876

01:08:50,889 --> 01:08:55,779

it will be interesting to see how this

1877

01:08:53,469 --> 01:08:59,158

plays out power balance have apparently

1878

01:08:55,779 --> 01:09:01,330

sold around 3 million units since 2007

1879

01:08:59,158 --> 01:09:04,269

will this be the end of a hugely

1880

01:09:01,329 --> 01:09:07,210

successful marketing campaign only time

1881

01:09:04,270 --> 01:09:08,830

will tell sadly some people are still

1882  
01:09:07,210 --> 01:09:11,109  
tweeting to power balance to ask where

1883  
01:09:08,829 --> 01:09:12,969  
they can buy their products as the

1884  
01:09:11,109 --> 01:09:15,699  
saying goes a fool and his money are

1885  
01:09:12,969 --> 01:09:17,529  
soon parted and if you'd like to comment

1886  
01:09:15,698 --> 01:09:19,750  
on this week's episode or read the

1887  
01:09:17,529 --> 01:09:22,779  
transcript please head to my blog at

1888  
01:09:19,750 --> 01:09:26,939  
skeptics book calm and until next time

1889  
01:09:22,779 --> 01:09:26,940  
this has been dr. Rachel reports

1890  
01:09:32,920 --> 01:09:37,609  
hey skeptics owners Phil Plait from Bad

1891  
01:09:35,569 --> 01:09:40,069  
Astronomy here I've recently made a

1892  
01:09:37,609 --> 01:09:42,559  
career change to super villain and so I

1893  
01:09:40,069 --> 01:09:44,869  
haven't ultimatum for you send me all of

1894  
01:09:42,560 --> 01:09:47,570  
your mentees and Tim Tams or else I will

1895  
01:09:44,869 --> 01:09:49,909  
drop a kilometer wide asteroid right

1896  
01:09:47,569 --> 01:09:51,559  
into Sydney Harbour now trust me you

1897  
01:09:49,909 --> 01:09:53,180  
don't want to have this happen and if

1898  
01:09:51,560 --> 01:09:55,340  
you don't believe me tune in to the

1899  
01:09:53,180 --> 01:09:57,710  
discovery channel australia on January

1900  
01:09:55,340 --> 01:09:59,810  
sixteenth and watch bad universe where I

1901  
01:09:57,710 --> 01:10:01,579  
will go into loving detail about what

1902  
01:09:59,810 --> 01:10:05,380  
happens when an asteroid that sighs

1903  
01:10:01,579 --> 01:10:05,380  
smacks into the Opera House

1904  
01:10:16,539 --> 01:10:21,069  
well that was fun thank you for

1905  
01:10:18,939 --> 01:10:23,439  
downloading the skeptic zone thanks for

1906  
01:10:21,069 --> 01:10:25,569  
letting me be a intrusion into the

1907  
01:10:23,439 --> 01:10:27,609  
regular proceedings here as well and a

1908  
01:10:25,569 --> 01:10:29,799  
huge thank you to Maynard for his

1909  
01:10:27,609 --> 01:10:31,420  
amazing interviews at tam i know that

1910

01:10:29,800 --> 01:10:32,920  
richard has been featuring a number of

1911  
01:10:31,420 --> 01:10:35,199  
these interviews recently and boy

1912  
01:10:32,920 --> 01:10:39,239  
Maynard was just very very generous with

1913  
01:10:35,199 --> 01:10:41,769  
his time and is a real character a real

1914  
01:10:39,239 --> 01:10:44,019  
fun character but now is a real pleasure

1915  
01:10:41,770 --> 01:10:46,000  
to speak with him and be sure to check

1916  
01:10:44,020 --> 01:10:47,710  
out all the links in the show that go to

1917  
01:10:46,000 --> 01:10:49,539  
all the people that work so hard to do

1918  
01:10:47,710 --> 01:10:53,829  
all the kind of stuff and on a personal

1919  
01:10:49,539 --> 01:10:56,649  
note 11 gigantic not one but another

1920  
01:10:53,829 --> 01:11:00,309  
huge round of thanks from me to all of

1921  
01:10:56,649 --> 01:11:02,049  
my Australian brethren and cistern that

1922  
01:11:00,310 --> 01:11:05,260  
made my experience in Australia so

1923  
01:11:02,050 --> 01:11:09,130  
incredibly fun and just I know the word

1924  
01:11:05,260 --> 01:11:11,199

is used but boy it was amazing ok look

1925

01:11:09,130 --> 01:11:13,810

out soon for the skeptic zone email

1926

01:11:11,199 --> 01:11:15,970

newsletter yes all the zone information

1927

01:11:13,810 --> 01:11:19,840

you could possibly stand sent directly

1928

01:11:15,970 --> 01:11:21,460

to your inbox hmm don't forget I have a

1929

01:11:19,840 --> 01:11:24,510

little program called the geologic

1930

01:11:21,460 --> 01:11:28,239

podcast which is at geologic podcast.com

1931

01:11:24,510 --> 01:11:31,659

but for now this is George Rob signing

1932

01:11:28,239 --> 01:11:34,319

off from Bethlehem Pennsylvania Dubai

1933

01:11:31,659 --> 01:11:34,319

everybody goodbye

1934

01:11:36,000 --> 01:11:42,029

you've been listening to the skeptic

1935

01:11:38,010 --> 01:11:45,810

zone visit our website at [www.skeptics](http://www.skeptics)

1936

01:11:42,029 --> 01:11:48,739

on TV for comments contacts and extra

1937

01:11:45,810 --> 01:11:48,740

video reports

1938

01:11:49,430 --> 01:11:52,850

scanty so

1939

01:12:07,079 --> 01:12:09,140

you