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00:00:05,929 --> 00:00:13,699  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:09,119 --> 00:00:13,699  
from Australia for science and reason

3  
00:00:23,028 --> 00:00:28,070  
yes it's the skeptic zone episode number

4  
00:00:28,129 --> 00:00:38,189  
137 wow how time flies episode 137 for

5  
00:00:33,840 --> 00:00:40,379  
the third of jun 2011 Richardson is here

6  
00:00:38,189 --> 00:00:42,329  
with you still in Sydney Australia which

7  
00:00:40,378 --> 00:00:44,369  
still exists like the rest of the world

8  
00:00:42,329 --> 00:00:45,929  
and people weren't floating in the air

9  
00:00:44,369 --> 00:00:49,468  
because of the rapture that didn't

10  
00:00:45,929 --> 00:00:52,009  
happen get your tickets now for the next

11  
00:00:49,469 --> 00:00:55,109  
end of the world event coming your way

12  
00:00:52,009 --> 00:00:58,549  
going to her tour what is it coming to a

13  
00:00:55,109 --> 00:01:01,289  
theater near you in October and then

14  
00:00:58,549 --> 00:01:06,030  
it'll be coming to a theater near you in

15  
00:01:01,289 --> 00:01:08,930  
December 2012 oh let's just wait until

16  
00:01:06,030 --> 00:01:13,439  
we get into that end of the world

17  
00:01:08,930 --> 00:01:15,659  
goings-on ongoing off what do we have

18  
00:01:13,438 --> 00:01:18,149  
for you on this week's show Maynard is

19  
00:01:15,659 --> 00:01:20,640  
back and he'd of Use Somebody which I

20  
00:01:18,150 --> 00:01:23,460  
somebody I find very interesting adam

21  
00:01:20,640 --> 00:01:26,519  
curry from the no agenda podcast a

22  
00:01:23,459 --> 00:01:28,618  
favorite podcast of maynard what makes

23  
00:01:26,519 --> 00:01:31,859  
this man take what's his podcast all

24  
00:01:28,618 --> 00:01:36,150  
about coming up very soon and following

25  
00:01:31,859 --> 00:01:39,569  
that we have a segment I did Oh last

26  
00:01:36,150 --> 00:01:42,118  
year for our very good friends at choice

27  
00:01:39,569 --> 00:01:44,809  
magazine choice magazine the consumer

28  
00:01:42,118 --> 00:01:46,828  
watchdog here in Australia and

29

00:01:44,810 --> 00:01:49,170  
Australians if you're not a subscriber

30  
00:01:46,828 --> 00:01:52,548  
to choice magazine or you don't get it

31  
00:01:49,170 --> 00:01:55,259  
regularly from your news agent do so

32  
00:01:52,549 --> 00:01:57,570  
they're on our side these are the people

33  
00:01:55,259 --> 00:02:00,269  
that helped us bring down the scam of

34  
00:01:57,569 --> 00:02:03,239  
power balance in this country so that's

35  
00:02:00,269 --> 00:02:06,209  
an interview i did a choice magazine for

36  
00:02:03,239 --> 00:02:09,780  
their podcast following that it's dr.

37  
00:02:06,209 --> 00:02:12,689  
Reggie reports now we are so proud of

38  
00:02:09,780 --> 00:02:13,360  
dr. HC she had a piece published in the

39  
00:02:12,689 --> 00:02:16,569  
current

40  
00:02:13,360 --> 00:02:18,220  
issue of cosmos magazine again if you're

41  
00:02:16,569 --> 00:02:21,789  
not a subscriber or you don't get it at

42  
00:02:18,219 --> 00:02:24,550  
your news agency that would be your next

43  
00:02:21,789 --> 00:02:28,239

step cosmos magazine Australia's premier

44

00:02:24,550 --> 00:02:32,560

science magazine and we're so pleased

45

00:02:28,240 --> 00:02:37,240

that dr. 'he has been published then we

46

00:02:32,560 --> 00:02:40,270

slip back or maybe twenty years where

47

00:02:37,240 --> 00:02:42,730

I've dug up an old interview done by our

48

00:02:40,270 --> 00:02:45,640

current chief executive officer at the

49

00:02:42,729 --> 00:02:48,250

Australian skeptics Tim mendham all

50

00:02:45,639 --> 00:02:51,099

about astrology yes a blast from the

51

00:02:48,250 --> 00:02:54,280

past now does his advice about astrology

52

00:02:51,099 --> 00:02:56,319

still ring true you might find this a

53

00:02:54,280 --> 00:02:59,500

very interesting interview and a good

54

00:02:56,319 --> 00:03:02,739

refresher I think about astrology and to

55

00:02:59,500 --> 00:03:04,930

wind up the show we bring back Maynard

56

00:03:02,739 --> 00:03:08,379

from the beginning of the show where he

57

00:03:04,930 --> 00:03:09,969

tells us a little bit about a scam which

58  
00:03:08,379 --> 00:03:11,319  
is going around at the moment where

59  
00:03:09,969 --> 00:03:14,439  
people ring you up and say your

60  
00:03:11,319 --> 00:03:18,250  
computers infected and they can fix it

61  
00:03:14,439 --> 00:03:20,469  
for you and horrible things happen in

62  
00:03:18,250 --> 00:03:24,099  
fact somebody rang me a couple of weeks

63  
00:03:20,469 --> 00:03:25,870  
ago with this very scam fortunately

64  
00:03:24,099 --> 00:03:27,969  
thanks to people like Maynard I knew

65  
00:03:25,870 --> 00:03:29,680  
about the scam so I little bit of fun

66  
00:03:27,969 --> 00:03:31,689  
kept them on the line for a while and

67  
00:03:29,680 --> 00:03:35,280  
then and then told them politely what to

68  
00:03:31,689 --> 00:03:38,709  
do with their with their phone up scam

69  
00:03:35,280 --> 00:03:42,189  
find out more very good advice from

70  
00:03:38,709 --> 00:03:45,489  
Maynard and that will wrap up the show

71  
00:03:42,189 --> 00:03:48,129  
and Maynard is actually asked me to give

72  
00:03:45,489 --> 00:03:51,580  
a mention in a couple of weeks here in

73  
00:03:48,129 --> 00:03:53,889  
Sydney coming up supernova science

74  
00:03:51,580 --> 00:03:56,320  
fiction convention or just google

75  
00:03:53,889 --> 00:03:59,289  
supernova Sydney and you should find out

76  
00:03:56,319 --> 00:04:02,530  
more and may not says that he'll be

77  
00:03:59,289 --> 00:04:04,479  
there and I said they may not well if

78  
00:04:02,530 --> 00:04:07,449  
you're there I'll be there so we'll both

79  
00:04:04,479 --> 00:04:10,389  
go along to get some interviews and

80  
00:04:07,449 --> 00:04:13,119  
maybe film one of maynards video reports

81  
00:04:10,389 --> 00:04:16,779  
which is great fun also good friend of

82  
00:04:13,120 --> 00:04:19,030  
our Simon Taylor from Melbourne wants me

83  
00:04:16,779 --> 00:04:21,548  
to just mention to you that he started

84  
00:04:19,029 --> 00:04:25,509  
up flim-flam comics so if you google

85  
00:04:21,548 --> 00:04:26,888  
flim hyphen flam comics you can find out

86

00:04:25,509 --> 00:04:29,860  
more from

87  
00:04:26,889 --> 00:04:32,499  
and Taylor now in the newsletter which a

88  
00:04:29,860 --> 00:04:34,629  
company is the skeptic zone every week

89  
00:04:32,499 --> 00:04:37,120  
I'll be putting in some details about

90  
00:04:34,629 --> 00:04:38,979  
how you if you're living in Sydney can

91  
00:04:37,120 --> 00:04:42,778  
be in the audience the studio audience

92  
00:04:38,978 --> 00:04:46,120  
for the taping of the TV show the one

93  
00:04:42,778 --> 00:04:49,478  
you might want to come along and a cheer

94  
00:04:46,120 --> 00:04:52,478  
my appearance or throw rotten tomatoes

95  
00:04:49,478 --> 00:04:53,829  
at me or slap me on the back or kick me

96  
00:04:52,478 --> 00:04:55,810  
in the pants whatever you want to do

97  
00:04:53,829 --> 00:05:01,149  
it's going to be a lot of fun i hope and

98  
00:04:55,810 --> 00:05:04,300  
that show starts taping ah Oh next week

99  
00:05:01,149 --> 00:05:07,179  
and the for the following seven weeks

100  
00:05:04,300 --> 00:05:10,778

after that anyway details on the

101

00:05:07,180 --> 00:05:13,870

newsletter but for now I'm going to nip

102

00:05:10,778 --> 00:05:17,889

downstairs open up the fridge get out a

103

00:05:13,870 --> 00:05:24,098

bottle of vanilla vodka pour it over

104

00:05:17,889 --> 00:05:26,889

some ice sit down sip it slowly and race

105

00:05:24,098 --> 00:05:29,098

back upstairs to listen to the skeptic

106

00:05:26,889 --> 00:05:29,098

zone

107

00:05:42,600 --> 00:05:49,800

years may not spooky action at a

108

00:05:47,230 --> 00:05:49,800

distance

109

00:05:50,939 --> 00:05:54,759

ladies and gentlemen I have on the line

110

00:05:52,899 --> 00:05:57,669

a man who was known as the lone wolf a

111

00:05:54,759 --> 00:05:59,500

former Soviet spy mr. adam curry who is

112

00:05:57,670 --> 00:06:01,750

the co-host of the No Agenda Show with

113

00:05:59,500 --> 00:06:03,639

Jon C Dvorak in the morning one of the

114

00:06:01,750 --> 00:06:05,439

greatest podcasts you could ever listen

115  
00:06:03,639 --> 00:06:09,069  
to and their mission is none other than

116  
00:06:05,439 --> 00:06:10,420  
to change reality itself hello Adam hey

117  
00:06:09,069 --> 00:06:12,519  
in the morning to you mean it always

118  
00:06:10,420 --> 00:06:14,410  
nice to hear you explain everything

119  
00:06:12,519 --> 00:06:15,549  
about me was that kind of ride without

120  
00:06:14,410 --> 00:06:17,800  
what i was saying there was that your

121  
00:06:15,550 --> 00:06:19,810  
life in one saddle intro I'll take it

122  
00:06:17,800 --> 00:06:22,270  
you know I've done a lot I I consider

123  
00:06:19,810 --> 00:06:23,620  
myself a media assassin more than

124  
00:06:22,269 --> 00:06:25,389  
anything these days though to be quite

125  
00:06:23,620 --> 00:06:27,850  
honest now people hear the word assassin

126  
00:06:25,389 --> 00:06:29,919  
and I think Oh violence now not

127  
00:06:27,850 --> 00:06:32,680  
necessarily so I've been in media all my

128  
00:06:29,920 --> 00:06:35,770  
life I started in radio when I was 15

129  
00:06:32,680 --> 00:06:37,360  
and and and I grew up in Amsterdam

130  
00:06:35,769 --> 00:06:39,789  
actually and worked on pirate radio

131  
00:06:37,360 --> 00:06:41,560  
there for a while and a hospital closed

132  
00:06:39,790 --> 00:06:43,350  
circuit station which is great because

133  
00:06:41,560 --> 00:06:46,480  
the audience isn't going anywhere and

134  
00:06:43,350 --> 00:06:48,820  
when I was 19 I got my first gig on

135  
00:06:46,480 --> 00:06:51,100  
television doing a music show in the

136  
00:06:48,819 --> 00:06:52,300  
Netherlands called countdown which is

137  
00:06:51,100 --> 00:06:54,370  
actually interesting because of course

138  
00:06:52,300 --> 00:06:57,250  
some of your listeners will remember

139  
00:06:54,370 --> 00:07:00,040  
Molly from countdown in Australia huge

140  
00:06:57,250 --> 00:07:02,279  
legendary show here too yeah and then

141  
00:07:00,040 --> 00:07:04,990  
MTV in the u.s. I am American by birth

142  
00:07:02,279 --> 00:07:06,939  
MTV in the u.s. saw me and they asked me

143

00:07:04,990 --> 00:07:11,110  
to come and work for them and I moved to

144  
00:07:06,939 --> 00:07:14,019  
New York in 87 and spent about almost

145  
00:07:11,110 --> 00:07:16,090  
eight years on air at MTV in in the

146  
00:07:14,019 --> 00:07:17,919  
United States and then left and then

147  
00:07:16,089 --> 00:07:20,379  
went into business I've always had a

148  
00:07:17,920 --> 00:07:22,569  
parallel life of a geek kind of a hybrid

149  
00:07:20,379 --> 00:07:24,879  
between a media person and an

150  
00:07:22,569 --> 00:07:26,980  
engineering technical person I'm not a

151  
00:07:24,879 --> 00:07:29,319  
great program or anything or developer

152  
00:07:26,980 --> 00:07:30,759  
but I understand the concepts and I'm

153  
00:07:29,319 --> 00:07:33,219  
pretty good at communicating back and

154  
00:07:30,759 --> 00:07:35,949  
forth between the two worlds past year

155  
00:07:33,220 --> 00:07:39,550  
well actually the past in 2007 it is now

156  
00:07:35,949 --> 00:07:41,110  
I started having skype conversations

157  
00:07:39,550 --> 00:07:42,670

with the gentleman I'd met in San

158

00:07:41,110 --> 00:07:45,490

Francisco where I just started a company

159

00:07:42,670 --> 00:07:46,900

his name is john c Dvorak he's a little

160

00:07:45,490 --> 00:07:49,060

bit older than I am no one knows exactly

161

00:07:46,899 --> 00:07:51,459

how old he is he's a very well-known

162

00:07:49,060 --> 00:07:53,170

tech journalist but he's a very

163

00:07:51,459 --> 00:07:55,629

interesting guy he's had a held a number

164

00:07:53,170 --> 00:07:57,670

of crazy positions throughout life has a

165

00:07:55,629 --> 00:08:00,159

lot of knowledge also just life

166

00:07:57,670 --> 00:08:02,420

experience same Jimi Hendrix more than

167

00:08:00,160 --> 00:08:04,100

once live yeah exactly this is the

168

00:08:02,420 --> 00:08:06,530

and a guy he is so he has tons of

169

00:08:04,100 --> 00:08:08,689

interesting stories and one day I said

170

00:08:06,529 --> 00:08:10,669

you know we chatting you know at once a

171

00:08:08,689 --> 00:08:13,279

week on skype said you know why don't we

172  
00:08:10,670 --> 00:08:15,140  
record that and make it a podcast and

173  
00:08:13,279 --> 00:08:16,309  
people can listen in because I think

174  
00:08:15,139 --> 00:08:18,229  
there's some interesting stuff it's

175  
00:08:16,310 --> 00:08:21,470  
about politics it's about food he's a

176  
00:08:18,230 --> 00:08:23,960  
judge in wine contest and that is

177  
00:08:21,470 --> 00:08:25,490  
fascinating and we didn't always agree

178  
00:08:23,959 --> 00:08:27,560  
on stuff and it's nice when you're

179  
00:08:25,490 --> 00:08:28,639  
arrogant like me and when you're getting

180  
00:08:27,560 --> 00:08:30,680  
like him and there's someone who's

181  
00:08:28,639 --> 00:08:32,539  
saying you know you're full of crap not

182  
00:08:30,680 --> 00:08:34,700  
a lot of people like him Sarah Palin's

183  
00:08:32,539 --> 00:08:36,799  
never been anywhere she's pretty much of

184  
00:08:34,700 --> 00:08:38,750  
a local girl that just has never seen

185  
00:08:36,799 --> 00:08:40,669  
anything so you get no you no you get no

186  
00:08:38,750 --> 00:08:43,639  
confluence of ideas you're just kind of

187  
00:08:40,669 --> 00:08:45,349  
basically your local yokel and they want

188  
00:08:43,639 --> 00:08:46,429  
that to be the president you don't want

189  
00:08:45,350 --> 00:08:48,680  
that to be the president you want

190  
00:08:46,429 --> 00:08:50,719  
somebody that's smarter than you to be

191  
00:08:48,679 --> 00:08:52,250  
the president not somebody dumber than

192  
00:08:50,720 --> 00:08:53,810  
you to be the president because he's

193  
00:08:52,250 --> 00:08:56,299  
kind of misunderstood and I think we

194  
00:08:53,809 --> 00:08:58,519  
both kind of we were drawn to each other

195  
00:08:56,299 --> 00:09:00,349  
in that regard we like chatting and Adam

196  
00:08:58,519 --> 00:09:03,139  
is their profile of the average no

197  
00:09:00,350 --> 00:09:05,269  
agenda listener hmm I don't know if

198  
00:09:03,139 --> 00:09:08,240  
there's I mean we know the age ranges

199  
00:09:05,269 --> 00:09:11,059  
everywhere from 15 year old kids too we

200

00:09:08,240 --> 00:09:13,399  
have 87 year old listening hundreds of

201  
00:09:11,059 --> 00:09:15,529  
thousands of worldwide but it is

202  
00:09:13,399 --> 00:09:18,139  
typically people who have a nagging

203  
00:09:15,529 --> 00:09:21,559  
feeling that they're being lied to and

204  
00:09:18,139 --> 00:09:24,199  
this nagging feeling comes from the fact

205  
00:09:21,559 --> 00:09:27,099  
that they're being lied to and mainly by

206  
00:09:24,200 --> 00:09:30,170  
mainstream news organizations who have

207  
00:09:27,100 --> 00:09:33,889  
multiple agendas any type of commercial

208  
00:09:30,169 --> 00:09:36,439  
media the actual programming is not the

209  
00:09:33,889 --> 00:09:38,750  
product but the audience is the product

210  
00:09:36,440 --> 00:09:40,730  
and let me just explain that if you're

211  
00:09:38,750 --> 00:09:42,950  
watching a commercial television station

212  
00:09:40,730 --> 00:09:45,529  
yeah you may think that that station is

213  
00:09:42,950 --> 00:09:47,000  
serving you with great programming what

214  
00:09:45,529 --> 00:09:50,179

they're really doing and will do

215

00:09:47,000 --> 00:09:53,179

anything to make it happen witness the

216

00:09:50,179 --> 00:09:55,279

birth of reality television is they are

217

00:09:53,179 --> 00:09:57,079

selling you as an audience as an

218

00:09:55,279 --> 00:10:00,559

aggregate as a demographic to

219

00:09:57,080 --> 00:10:02,780

advertisers that in today's world of the

220

00:10:00,559 --> 00:10:04,969

internet and complete interconnectivity

221

00:10:02,779 --> 00:10:06,949

between human beings it's kind of

222

00:10:04,970 --> 00:10:08,600

annoying and people can't really put

223

00:10:06,950 --> 00:10:11,270

their finger on it they don't always

224

00:10:08,600 --> 00:10:13,550

feel what it is but they know there's a

225

00:10:11,269 --> 00:10:16,639

lot of bull crap being passed around and

226

00:10:13,549 --> 00:10:18,919

when you tune into no agenda invariably

227

00:10:16,639 --> 00:10:21,590

and we do it twice a week you're going

228

00:10:18,919 --> 00:10:23,779

to hear us discussing a topic and from

229  
00:10:21,590 --> 00:10:26,360  
our media backgrounds our experiential

230  
00:10:23,779 --> 00:10:28,689  
backgrounds are John's background as a

231  
00:10:26,360 --> 00:10:31,550  
journalist my background as a

232  
00:10:28,690 --> 00:10:33,770  
entertainment person we're going to lift

233  
00:10:31,549 --> 00:10:35,870  
the veil and say well here's really how

234  
00:10:33,769 --> 00:10:38,449  
it works the biggest barrier to people

235  
00:10:35,870 --> 00:10:40,580  
absorbing shows like no agenda is that

236  
00:10:38,450 --> 00:10:42,170  
they've got 0 instead of switching on

237  
00:10:40,580 --> 00:10:43,730  
the dial getting the show straight away

238  
00:10:42,169 --> 00:10:45,919  
they've actually got to make a bit of an

239  
00:10:43,730 --> 00:10:48,200  
effort to find it and do a bit of work

240  
00:10:45,919 --> 00:10:49,610  
and downloading a podcast or getting

241  
00:10:48,200 --> 00:10:50,870  
onto the stream and I think that's your

242  
00:10:49,610 --> 00:10:52,700  
biggest barrier how do you hope to

243  
00:10:50,870 --> 00:10:54,649  
overcome that I don't know if that's our

244  
00:10:52,700 --> 00:10:56,720  
biggest barrier what's so great about

245  
00:10:54,649 --> 00:10:59,809  
our audiences and again they are

246  
00:10:56,720 --> 00:11:01,879  
producers they are very current with how

247  
00:10:59,809 --> 00:11:03,619  
people are consuming media I have a 20

248  
00:11:01,879 --> 00:11:05,240  
year old daughter she doesn't have a

249  
00:11:03,620 --> 00:11:07,429  
television she doesn't listen to radio

250  
00:11:05,240 --> 00:11:09,500  
oh she watches and listens to everything

251  
00:11:07,429 --> 00:11:11,779  
on her computer thank God she also reads

252  
00:11:09,500 --> 00:11:14,179  
regular books which it gives me hope

253  
00:11:11,779 --> 00:11:16,490  
what's nice is people have created apps

254  
00:11:14,179 --> 00:11:18,469  
very simple for the masses you know you

255  
00:11:16,490 --> 00:11:20,149  
go get a nap and you just click on it

256  
00:11:18,470 --> 00:11:22,340  
and it just kind of works so all of that

257

00:11:20,149 --> 00:11:24,860  
is is getting quite easy to consume I

258  
00:11:22,340 --> 00:11:27,710  
would say the hardest part for people to

259  
00:11:24,860 --> 00:11:29,990  
become a part of the community and

260  
00:11:27,710 --> 00:11:31,850  
listening is when you first hear the

261  
00:11:29,990 --> 00:11:33,320  
show it's like someone saying you see

262  
00:11:31,850 --> 00:11:35,420  
that color there that you think is black

263  
00:11:33,320 --> 00:11:37,640  
I'm sorry that's white that's very hard

264  
00:11:35,419 --> 00:11:39,500  
for people and it takes it takes some

265  
00:11:37,639 --> 00:11:41,899  
effort and it takes a while to get over

266  
00:11:39,500 --> 00:11:46,340  
it but once you wake up to the reality

267  
00:11:41,899 --> 00:11:49,250  
of the matrix like world that we

268  
00:11:46,340 --> 00:11:52,340  
actually live in the world of you know

269  
00:11:49,250 --> 00:11:55,669  
each of sg's go to school do your

270  
00:11:52,340 --> 00:11:58,639  
homework go to the University get a

271  
00:11:55,669 --> 00:12:01,159

degree get a job pay your taxes go home

272

00:11:58,639 --> 00:12:03,289

watch television make sure you shop you

273

00:12:01,159 --> 00:12:05,029

are free once you see that that's not

274

00:12:03,289 --> 00:12:07,759

true that you're actually a slave of the

275

00:12:05,029 --> 00:12:10,879

system then you really get into the show

276

00:12:07,759 --> 00:12:13,009

because we don't sit there and bitch and

277

00:12:10,879 --> 00:12:14,750

moan about it we turn it into humor

278

00:12:13,009 --> 00:12:17,330

because I think we've always been

279

00:12:14,750 --> 00:12:19,399

screwed throughout hundreds of years is

280

00:12:17,330 --> 00:12:21,110

just now we actually have the

281

00:12:19,399 --> 00:12:23,149

information at our fingertips to say

282

00:12:21,110 --> 00:12:25,220

well here you go this is the truth and

283

00:12:23,149 --> 00:12:26,088

this is what you're being told and once

284

00:12:25,220 --> 00:12:28,249

that veil

285

00:12:26,089 --> 00:12:29,870

if it's kind of like the guy behind the

286  
00:12:28,249 --> 00:12:32,870  
curtain in The Wizard of Oz it's like

287  
00:12:29,870 --> 00:12:35,629  
wow really that's pretty amazing and you

288  
00:12:32,870 --> 00:12:38,688  
feel better about yourself because you

289  
00:12:35,629 --> 00:12:40,490  
can then watch news or television or

290  
00:12:38,688 --> 00:12:44,659  
whatever messages are being propagated

291  
00:12:40,490 --> 00:12:46,698  
around you and you can kind of laugh and

292  
00:12:44,659 --> 00:12:48,198  
say I know what the truth is as long as

293  
00:12:46,698 --> 00:12:49,458  
you know it you may not be able to

294  
00:12:48,198 --> 00:12:51,620  
change it and I don't think we're

295  
00:12:49,458 --> 00:12:54,018  
changing the world necessarily or we are

296  
00:12:51,620 --> 00:12:55,938  
changing people's reality and your

297  
00:12:54,019 --> 00:12:57,860  
reality is yours and it's your truth

298  
00:12:55,938 --> 00:13:00,139  
you're listening to adam carry co-host

299  
00:12:57,860 --> 00:13:03,350  
of the no agenda show at no agenda show

300  
00:13:00,139 --> 00:13:05,240  
calm Adam with that heavy weight on your

301  
00:13:03,350 --> 00:13:07,189  
shoulders you say you deal with the

302  
00:13:05,240 --> 00:13:08,990  
humor how do you feel on daily basis

303  
00:13:07,188 --> 00:13:11,299  
when you know most people are accepting

304  
00:13:08,990 --> 00:13:12,948  
what they call consensus reality and

305  
00:13:11,299 --> 00:13:15,289  
you're seeing another way that people

306  
00:13:12,948 --> 00:13:18,019  
just never see I feel very happy that

307  
00:13:15,289 --> 00:13:20,748  
for every person who we turn on to react

308  
00:13:18,019 --> 00:13:22,999  
to our reality let me put it that way it

309  
00:13:20,749 --> 00:13:27,949  
delights me that that is happening I

310  
00:13:22,999 --> 00:13:29,600  
feel bad for people who don't see it or

311  
00:13:27,948 --> 00:13:31,789  
don't see ya does he also see it as a

312  
00:13:29,600 --> 00:13:33,379  
challenge and your listeners might be

313  
00:13:31,789 --> 00:13:34,818  
interested to know that of course we

314

00:13:33,379 --> 00:13:37,159  
don't have any commercials on our

315  
00:13:34,818 --> 00:13:38,928  
program we do it twice a week it's two

316  
00:13:37,159 --> 00:13:40,578  
two and a half hours kind of when we run

317  
00:13:38,928 --> 00:13:44,028  
out then we're done it's Thursday

318  
00:13:40,578 --> 00:13:46,278  
morning in the United States and Sunday

319  
00:13:44,028 --> 00:13:48,649  
morning in order to do this work we

320  
00:13:46,278 --> 00:13:50,778  
can't my co-host John and I can't really

321  
00:13:48,649 --> 00:13:53,028  
do anything else so we started a while

322  
00:13:50,778 --> 00:13:54,259  
back and we said well this is value for

323  
00:13:53,028 --> 00:13:56,299  
value if you like what we're doing

324  
00:13:54,259 --> 00:13:58,129  
you're gonna have to support us and just

325  
00:13:56,299 --> 00:14:01,490  
like Hollywood will give you a credit if

326  
00:13:58,129 --> 00:14:03,289  
you fund our program so if you watch any

327  
00:14:01,490 --> 00:14:05,778  
television program you'll see credits

328  
00:14:03,289 --> 00:14:07,879

you'll see executive producer and

329

00:14:05,778 --> 00:14:10,308

producer and co-executive producer and

330

00:14:07,879 --> 00:14:12,499

created by and co-creators and all that

331

00:14:10,308 --> 00:14:14,208

sometimes it's the first five minutes is

332

00:14:12,499 --> 00:14:16,220

just titles these are the people who

333

00:14:14,208 --> 00:14:19,008

have either done something for that

334

00:14:16,220 --> 00:14:20,839

program but typically have financed it

335

00:14:19,009 --> 00:14:23,509

credit is an important thing to people

336

00:14:20,839 --> 00:14:25,279

they it means a lot to them and it means

337

00:14:23,509 --> 00:14:28,399

a lot to us we've taken it a step

338

00:14:25,278 --> 00:14:31,370

further since the United States we can

339

00:14:28,399 --> 00:14:33,708

do this we also offer knighthoods so if

340

00:14:31,370 --> 00:14:35,240

you've supported the show because it's

341

00:14:33,708 --> 00:14:37,128

almost impossible to become a knight

342

00:14:35,240 --> 00:14:38,879

assertive anything in the u.s. because

343  
00:14:37,129 --> 00:14:41,490  
you're not in the subject so why

344  
00:14:38,879 --> 00:14:43,559  
create your own yes and who says we

345  
00:14:41,490 --> 00:14:45,269  
can't right I mean you can you can start

346  
00:14:43,559 --> 00:14:46,739  
a church you can start you can become a

347  
00:14:45,269 --> 00:14:49,110  
minister of your own church that's

348  
00:14:46,740 --> 00:14:52,110  
perfectly legal so we have knighthoods

349  
00:14:49,110 --> 00:14:54,180  
and we measure that by support of the

350  
00:14:52,110 --> 00:14:58,310  
show in excess of one thousand dollars

351  
00:14:54,179 --> 00:15:00,179  
and you join the the No Agenda

352  
00:14:58,309 --> 00:15:02,609  
roundtable of the nights we also have

353  
00:15:00,179 --> 00:15:04,319  
Dame's in a way it's a status symbol but

354  
00:15:02,610 --> 00:15:07,019  
there are certain responsibilities and

355  
00:15:04,320 --> 00:15:09,390  
the Knights do look out for each other

356  
00:15:07,019 --> 00:15:12,649  
and they do have and they're all around

357  
00:15:09,389 --> 00:15:16,919  
the world we hereby Knight thee sir

358  
00:15:12,649 --> 00:15:19,500  
Michael Knight of the knowledge and

359  
00:15:16,919 --> 00:15:21,959  
around tables please join us here with

360  
00:15:19,500 --> 00:15:26,750  
other knights and dames protect your

361  
00:15:21,960 --> 00:15:26,750  
country be free and enjoy

362  
00:15:29,730 --> 00:15:34,300  
is that music different yeah if someone

363  
00:15:32,919 --> 00:15:35,529  
sent today like electromatic kind of

364  
00:15:34,299 --> 00:15:38,079  
like it I kind of like it was kind of

365  
00:15:35,529 --> 00:15:40,839  
nice so every morning when I wake up I

366  
00:15:38,080 --> 00:15:42,850  
am thankful and I think my rent was paid

367  
00:15:40,840 --> 00:15:44,920  
by the people who value the work that

368  
00:15:42,850 --> 00:15:48,009  
I'm doing it's a very old-fashioned

369  
00:15:44,919 --> 00:15:50,199  
medium hot hole yet very futuristic and

370  
00:15:48,009 --> 00:15:52,720  
it's working and that can only be

371

00:15:50,200 --> 00:15:55,300  
because the audience is not the product

372  
00:15:52,720 --> 00:15:57,430  
the actual product we are bringing them

373  
00:15:55,299 --> 00:16:00,849  
is the product and they like it why do

374  
00:15:57,429 --> 00:16:02,949  
you think people are so suspicious of

375  
00:16:00,850 --> 00:16:06,159  
the official Osama bin Laden

376  
00:16:02,950 --> 00:16:07,540  
assassination story well almost

377  
00:16:06,159 --> 00:16:08,799  
immediately people are going now that's

378  
00:16:07,539 --> 00:16:10,779  
not right but they don't believe it's

379  
00:16:08,799 --> 00:16:13,120  
straight up well they really fumbled a

380  
00:16:10,779 --> 00:16:16,120  
lot on this one already this is not

381  
00:16:13,120 --> 00:16:18,879  
being discussed first it was though we

382  
00:16:16,120 --> 00:16:21,340  
went in and he used a woman as a human

383  
00:16:18,879 --> 00:16:23,439  
shield and then all of a sudden now well

384  
00:16:21,340 --> 00:16:25,509  
actually someone jumped in front and he

385  
00:16:23,440 --> 00:16:27,730

was unarmed so they had to retract all

386

00:16:25,509 --> 00:16:29,919

of that so when you come out with your

387

00:16:27,730 --> 00:16:32,259

with your initial statement and you have

388

00:16:29,919 --> 00:16:36,699

to retract it that's not necessarily a

389

00:16:32,259 --> 00:16:39,340

very good thing also you know we we

390

00:16:36,700 --> 00:16:44,050

threw the body in the sea the part of a

391

00:16:39,340 --> 00:16:47,740

the Muslim burial ceremony yeah yeah I

392

00:16:44,049 --> 00:16:50,199

know a lot of people who practice Islam

393

00:16:47,740 --> 00:16:52,060

who live in the sea usually they're

394

00:16:50,200 --> 00:16:55,509

buried in the desert where their head

395

00:16:52,059 --> 00:16:57,069

towards Mecca so we don't have a body we

396

00:16:55,509 --> 00:16:59,139

don't have the evidence we're not going

397

00:16:57,070 --> 00:17:01,150

to release the pictures although I think

398

00:16:59,139 --> 00:17:03,250

in general though in the United States I

399

00:17:01,149 --> 00:17:07,389

think people do believe that he was

400  
00:17:03,250 --> 00:17:09,910  
killed the way how and why is that's

401  
00:17:07,390 --> 00:17:11,920  
questionable you know what what's more

402  
00:17:09,910 --> 00:17:14,920  
important is you know there's a new

403  
00:17:11,920 --> 00:17:17,289  
episode of the Kardashians coming up you

404  
00:17:14,920 --> 00:17:19,990  
know people are just so anesthetized

405  
00:17:17,289 --> 00:17:21,730  
that they don't even care I think

406  
00:17:19,990 --> 00:17:24,039  
anymore it's like okay ding dong the

407  
00:17:21,730 --> 00:17:25,269  
witch is dead whatever move on next oh

408  
00:17:24,039 --> 00:17:27,279  
they're probably going to start

409  
00:17:25,269 --> 00:17:29,650  
attacking us here in the homeland as we

410  
00:17:27,279 --> 00:17:33,039  
call it so yeah now I guess we should

411  
00:17:29,650 --> 00:17:35,200  
yeah we need naked body scanners when we

412  
00:17:33,039 --> 00:17:37,619  
go shopping or go to a sporting event or

413  
00:17:35,200 --> 00:17:40,539  
get on the train now being proposed

414  
00:17:37,619 --> 00:17:42,589  
they've been beaten into submission now

415  
00:17:40,539 --> 00:17:46,339  
there's a lot of people who are skeptic

416  
00:17:42,589 --> 00:17:47,990  
in general about Osama bin Laden and

417  
00:17:46,339 --> 00:17:50,149  
that's been going on for years and years

418  
00:17:47,990 --> 00:17:52,730  
and years the timing of this was very

419  
00:17:50,150 --> 00:17:56,360  
interesting unfortunately most people

420  
00:17:52,730 --> 00:17:58,548  
shrug and go whatever okay maybe maybe

421  
00:17:56,359 --> 00:18:02,538  
not don't care i have to say by the way

422  
00:17:58,548 --> 00:18:05,509  
I love Australia I was there for two

423  
00:18:02,538 --> 00:18:09,379  
weeks doing a documentary in the early

424  
00:18:05,509 --> 00:18:12,859  
90s to me it was the perfect mix of kind

425  
00:18:09,380 --> 00:18:15,399  
of old-world British tradition which is

426  
00:18:12,859 --> 00:18:18,408  
logical why some of us that's in there

427  
00:18:15,398 --> 00:18:22,038  
American commercialism I love your malls

428

00:18:18,409 --> 00:18:24,049  
but also a Dutch something very Dutch

429  
00:18:22,038 --> 00:18:25,908  
there as well having grown up in the

430  
00:18:24,048 --> 00:18:27,648  
Netherlands something we call hose Ella

431  
00:18:25,909 --> 00:18:28,880  
height which is kind of that doesn't

432  
00:18:27,648 --> 00:18:32,028  
really translate but it's kind of

433  
00:18:28,880 --> 00:18:35,210  
coziness and my fiance and i discussed

434  
00:18:32,028 --> 00:18:37,490  
many times not only paying another visit

435  
00:18:35,210 --> 00:18:39,230  
but we actually would consider a move

436  
00:18:37,490 --> 00:18:42,319  
look I've got a sense of humor about

437  
00:18:39,230 --> 00:18:44,599  
even the most serious things this is so

438  
00:18:42,319 --> 00:18:47,389  
incredibly important the sense of humor

439  
00:18:44,599 --> 00:18:49,339  
is really what it is we're losing that

440  
00:18:47,390 --> 00:18:51,200  
in America I think that we're trying to

441  
00:18:49,339 --> 00:18:53,269  
bring some of that back it's not

442  
00:18:51,200 --> 00:18:55,788

cynicism though in the United Kingdom

443

00:18:53,269 --> 00:18:58,250

it's cynicism and it's just like

444

00:18:55,788 --> 00:19:00,408

whatever you know bohica as they say

445

00:18:58,250 --> 00:19:02,298

bend over here it comes again they can't

446

00:19:00,409 --> 00:19:05,870

they can't get there just they've given

447

00:19:02,298 --> 00:19:08,750

up you need to have a fair or a healthy

448

00:19:05,869 --> 00:19:10,788

dose of humor but also the willingness

449

00:19:08,750 --> 00:19:12,679

to stand up and say I don't think so

450

00:19:10,788 --> 00:19:14,750

adam curry thank you for propagating

451

00:19:12,679 --> 00:19:18,019

your formula coming here and hitting me

452

00:19:14,750 --> 00:19:22,028

in the mouth it's quite a pleasure to do

453

00:19:18,019 --> 00:19:22,028

that and any time in the morning

454

00:19:32,159 --> 00:19:37,059

now on Belfast FM we turn to the

455

00:19:34,630 --> 00:19:39,130

personal ads easygoing and confident

456

00:19:37,058 --> 00:19:41,798

skeptic seeks other critical thinkers

457  
00:19:39,130 --> 00:19:43,809  
for fun laughter and good times must be

458  
00:19:41,798 --> 00:19:45,908  
willing to apply logic liberally and a

459  
00:19:43,808 --> 00:19:47,980  
good listener expect something new and

460  
00:19:45,909 --> 00:19:49,960  
interesting every month come and meet me

461  
00:19:47,980 --> 00:19:51,849  
in Belfast in Northern Ireland if this

462  
00:19:49,960 --> 00:19:55,450  
sounds like you check out my profile on

463  
00:19:51,849 --> 00:20:01,808  
Belfast skeptics calm music by Kevin

464  
00:19:55,450 --> 00:20:04,450  
MacLeod you're listening to choice radio

465  
00:20:01,808 --> 00:20:07,019  
a regular audio podcast from the team

466  
00:20:04,450 --> 00:20:07,019  
you can trust

467  
00:20:08,740 --> 00:20:12,849  
hello and welcome to choice radio I'm

468  
00:20:11,170 --> 00:20:15,340  
Elise Davidson and today I'll be having

469  
00:20:12,849 --> 00:20:17,409  
a chat with Richard Saunders from the

470  
00:20:15,339 --> 00:20:19,449  
Australian skeptics the Australian

471  
00:20:17,410 --> 00:20:21,640  
skeptics is a nonprofit organization

472  
00:20:19,450 --> 00:20:24,069  
based in Australia which investigates

473  
00:20:21,640 --> 00:20:26,920  
paranormal and pseudo scientific claims

474  
00:20:24,069 --> 00:20:28,269  
using scientific methodologies welcome

475  
00:20:26,920 --> 00:20:30,580  
to the program Richard thank you very

476  
00:20:28,269 --> 00:20:32,109  
much first of all can you tell our

477  
00:20:30,579 --> 00:20:34,299  
listeners a little bit about the history

478  
00:20:32,109 --> 00:20:37,659  
of Australian skeptics yeah Australian

479  
00:20:34,299 --> 00:20:39,639  
skeptics kicked off in the and about

480  
00:20:37,660 --> 00:20:41,500  
nineteen eighty and the original

481  
00:20:39,640 --> 00:20:43,600  
inspiration was all the funny stuff

482  
00:20:41,500 --> 00:20:45,940  
going on in the 70s with spoon bending

483  
00:20:43,599 --> 00:20:48,459  
in UFOs and ghosts and Bigfoot it was

484  
00:20:45,940 --> 00:20:50,320  
all really popular back then and a man

485

00:20:48,460 --> 00:20:52,360  
by the name of James Randi came out at

486  
00:20:50,319 --> 00:20:54,399  
the invitation of Dick Smith the famous

487  
00:20:52,359 --> 00:20:56,649  
dick smith and conducted a very

488  
00:20:54,400 --> 00:20:59,200  
comprehensive set of water divining

489  
00:20:56,650 --> 00:21:00,700  
tests because one of the claims that has

490  
00:20:59,200 --> 00:21:03,880  
never gone away as those of water

491  
00:21:00,700 --> 00:21:05,590  
diviners water douses and much to the

492  
00:21:03,880 --> 00:21:07,960  
surprise of the water diviners they all

493  
00:21:05,589 --> 00:21:10,389  
failed the test miserably but anyway

494  
00:21:07,960 --> 00:21:13,000  
after that the organization was sort of

495  
00:21:10,390 --> 00:21:15,640  
kicked off with Philip Adams Dick Smith

496  
00:21:13,000 --> 00:21:18,250  
Richard Carlton was involved way back

497  
00:21:15,640 --> 00:21:20,860  
then originally and the founders yeah so

498  
00:21:18,250 --> 00:21:22,808  
you recently went to the mind body and

499  
00:21:20,859 --> 00:21:25,178

spirit festival in Sydney I believe now

500

00:21:22,808 --> 00:21:26,980

these that's a festival that towards the

501

00:21:25,179 --> 00:21:28,660

country pretty regularly yeah can you

502

00:21:26,980 --> 00:21:30,910

tell me a bit about that yeah we've been

503

00:21:28,660 --> 00:21:32,650

going to that for well I've been going

504

00:21:30,910 --> 00:21:35,019

personally for over ten years every six

505

00:21:32,650 --> 00:21:36,580

months it's like a continuing torture

506

00:21:35,019 --> 00:21:38,650

pin last week I enjoy it I want to do I

507

00:21:36,579 --> 00:21:40,599

love it I love it now this is all under

508

00:21:38,650 --> 00:21:42,940

the banner of new age and what we've

509

00:21:40,599 --> 00:21:44,649

discovered in the skeptics is under the

510

00:21:42,940 --> 00:21:46,630

banner of new age you can just about say

511

00:21:44,650 --> 00:21:49,259

anything make any outrageous claim and

512

00:21:46,630 --> 00:21:51,670

most of the people who go along are

513

00:21:49,259 --> 00:21:53,589

believers and they'll often believe

514  
00:21:51,670 --> 00:21:56,019  
everything they've been taught or shown

515  
00:21:53,589 --> 00:21:59,799  
at these these things and not only that

516  
00:21:56,019 --> 00:22:01,690  
is that they will instantly defend these

517  
00:21:59,799 --> 00:22:03,159  
claims even if they're completely

518  
00:22:01,690 --> 00:22:05,289  
outrageous and flying the laws of

519  
00:22:03,160 --> 00:22:07,360  
physics it almost reminds me of a

520  
00:22:05,289 --> 00:22:09,789  
religious outlook that's fascinating so

521  
00:22:07,359 --> 00:22:12,149  
what sort of items or stalls would you

522  
00:22:09,789 --> 00:22:15,579  
find at a mind body and spirit festival

523  
00:22:12,150 --> 00:22:19,360  
largely things dealing with health which

524  
00:22:15,579 --> 00:22:21,939  
is probably why we're so interested now

525  
00:22:19,359 --> 00:22:22,399  
I have in front of me something called a

526  
00:22:21,940 --> 00:22:24,170  
code

527  
00:22:22,400 --> 00:22:26,240  
conduct this is by the New South Wales

528

00:22:24,170 --> 00:22:28,039

health and the Australian cares

529

00:22:26,240 --> 00:22:31,009

Complaints Commission which was put out

530

00:22:28,039 --> 00:22:33,109

for unregistered health care providers

531

00:22:31,009 --> 00:22:34,369

now this is largely the people who go

532

00:22:33,109 --> 00:22:36,229

along and set up their stalls at mind

533

00:22:34,369 --> 00:22:38,209

body spirit or mind-body wallet as we

534

00:22:36,230 --> 00:22:40,549

call it and we're talking from

535

00:22:38,210 --> 00:22:42,680

everything of everyone from iridology to

536

00:22:40,549 --> 00:22:44,680

naturopaths to people with bizarre

537

00:22:42,680 --> 00:22:47,900

machines that can test your allergies

538

00:22:44,680 --> 00:22:49,490

using magic basically and what they say

539

00:22:47,900 --> 00:22:51,200

is quantum physics this is just

540

00:22:49,490 --> 00:22:54,259

gobbledygook of course but it's

541

00:22:51,200 --> 00:22:56,900

interesting this code of conduct one of

542

00:22:54,259 --> 00:22:59,900  
the stipulations here is number 17 is

543  
00:22:56,900 --> 00:23:02,480  
that this code itself must be displayed

544  
00:22:59,900 --> 00:23:04,820  
wherever these people are practicing so

545  
00:23:02,480 --> 00:23:06,980  
we play code of conduct bingo when we go

546  
00:23:04,819 --> 00:23:10,490  
to the mind-body wallet and we always

547  
00:23:06,980 --> 00:23:13,700  
score a big fat zero ah and also went

548  
00:23:10,490 --> 00:23:16,460  
number 5 says they cannot make claims to

549  
00:23:13,700 --> 00:23:19,460  
cure serious illness right cancer for

550  
00:23:16,460 --> 00:23:20,809  
example or AIDS but everywhere you go if

551  
00:23:19,460 --> 00:23:22,519  
you have a word to these people they

552  
00:23:20,809 --> 00:23:24,200  
will tell you that their herb they grew

553  
00:23:22,519 --> 00:23:25,879  
in their backyard or this berry from the

554  
00:23:24,200 --> 00:23:29,240  
Amazon which science doesn't know about

555  
00:23:25,880 --> 00:23:33,080  
yet we'll cure cancer we'll cure AIDS

556  
00:23:29,240 --> 00:23:35,019

it's outrageous and it really is time

557

00:23:33,079 --> 00:23:38,119  
that the government raided this

558

00:23:35,019 --> 00:23:40,879  
mind-body-spirit sham because people

559

00:23:38,119 --> 00:23:44,269  
have been told very very dangerous and

560

00:23:40,880 --> 00:23:46,640  
bad advice another instance was some

561

00:23:44,269 --> 00:23:48,799  
people we came across selling a little

562

00:23:46,640 --> 00:23:51,590  
amulet you wear around your neck which

563

00:23:48,799 --> 00:23:54,259  
despite all the other magical powers can

564

00:23:51,589 --> 00:23:56,119  
turn drinking water into sunblock this

565

00:23:54,259 --> 00:23:59,059  
is outrageous this is bordering on

566

00:23:56,119 --> 00:24:02,389  
criminal surely how is it supposed to it

567

00:23:59,059 --> 00:24:04,639  
it energizes the water with magic scalar

568

00:24:02,390 --> 00:24:06,740  
energy which tyler yeah it looks it

569

00:24:04,640 --> 00:24:09,290  
doesn't is that someone's just made this

570

00:24:06,740 --> 00:24:10,609  
up it's just to sell the product did the

571  
00:24:09,289 --> 00:24:12,589  
people selling the products believe in

572  
00:24:10,609 --> 00:24:13,879  
them then largely yes he's very

573  
00:24:12,589 --> 00:24:15,649  
concerning when you're talking about

574  
00:24:13,880 --> 00:24:17,630  
things like cancer and and sunblock

575  
00:24:15,650 --> 00:24:18,860  
giving is your skin health it's now

576  
00:24:17,630 --> 00:24:20,570  
there's a lot of things at the mind body

577  
00:24:18,859 --> 00:24:22,189  
spirit which are good fun you can buy

578  
00:24:20,569 --> 00:24:24,799  
lots a nice food there you can meditate

579  
00:24:22,190 --> 00:24:27,799  
and that's fine great feel happy and

580  
00:24:24,799 --> 00:24:29,629  
enjoy that side of life but when there

581  
00:24:27,799 --> 00:24:32,089  
are people there endangering your health

582  
00:24:29,630 --> 00:24:34,130  
directly endangering your health that's

583  
00:24:32,089 --> 00:24:35,019  
very serious and year after year we

584  
00:24:34,130 --> 00:24:36,550  
wonder

585  
00:24:35,019 --> 00:24:37,960  
the government this code of conduct that

586  
00:24:36,549 --> 00:24:40,480  
you were talking about before is that a

587  
00:24:37,960 --> 00:24:42,730  
voluntary code that people can sign up

588  
00:24:40,480 --> 00:24:45,819  
to these sort of none health position as

589  
00:24:42,730 --> 00:24:48,069  
as far as i know this code is you don't

590  
00:24:45,819 --> 00:24:49,539  
sign up to it this is law if you're not

591  
00:24:48,069 --> 00:24:51,639  
involved in the body which has

592  
00:24:49,539 --> 00:24:53,559  
regulations like doctors for example

593  
00:24:51,640 --> 00:24:55,870  
have our body there to take care of that

594  
00:24:53,559 --> 00:24:57,429  
well this this is for all the people

595  
00:24:55,869 --> 00:25:00,129  
that fall through the gap that aren't

596  
00:24:57,430 --> 00:25:01,960  
registered in a body which has the codes

597  
00:25:00,130 --> 00:25:03,760  
of conduct this covers those people I

598  
00:25:01,960 --> 00:25:06,700  
say so what other protections are in

599

00:25:03,759 --> 00:25:08,079  
place Richard for consumers against you

600  
00:25:06,700 --> 00:25:10,870  
know not only wasting their money but

601  
00:25:08,079 --> 00:25:12,609  
endangering their health I wish there

602  
00:25:10,869 --> 00:25:14,409  
were more i just don't think there are

603  
00:25:12,609 --> 00:25:16,959  
enough in fact what can you do you can

604  
00:25:14,410 --> 00:25:18,610  
sue the people talk to a lawyer ring up

605  
00:25:16,960 --> 00:25:20,019  
your local member and say why aren't

606  
00:25:18,609 --> 00:25:21,609  
these people being stopped when they're

607  
00:25:20,019 --> 00:25:23,049  
making outrageous health claims come to

608  
00:25:21,609 --> 00:25:25,209  
the Australian skeptics and we'll try to

609  
00:25:23,049 --> 00:25:27,519  
make a fuss for you there's not enough

610  
00:25:25,210 --> 00:25:30,130  
protection and what about the trade

611  
00:25:27,519 --> 00:25:32,410  
practices act in terms of section 74

612  
00:25:30,130 --> 00:25:34,600  
false and misleading advertising is it

613  
00:25:32,410 --> 00:25:36,190

is the a triple c this trailing

614

00:25:34,599 --> 00:25:38,500

Competition and Consumer Commission not

615

00:25:36,190 --> 00:25:40,720

going after these people because it's

616

00:25:38,500 --> 00:25:43,029

sort of small small fish I would expect

617

00:25:40,720 --> 00:25:44,950

that's right and probably because not

618

00:25:43,029 --> 00:25:47,500

many direct complaints are made about

619

00:25:44,950 --> 00:25:49,870

them because as a great expression by

620

00:25:47,500 --> 00:25:51,670

saying from Benjamin Franklin there are

621

00:25:49,869 --> 00:25:53,679

no greater lies in the world than quacks

622

00:25:51,670 --> 00:25:55,210

apart from their patients in other words

623

00:25:53,680 --> 00:25:56,710

people won't go to complain because

624

00:25:55,210 --> 00:25:59,079

they'll probably think it's their fault

625

00:25:56,710 --> 00:26:00,579

the cure failed right it can't be the

626

00:25:59,079 --> 00:26:02,349

magic amulet because they have a

627

00:26:00,579 --> 00:26:04,029

complete trust and belief in it it's

628  
00:26:02,349 --> 00:26:06,099  
these sort of people that are leaving

629  
00:26:04,029 --> 00:26:07,990  
themselves wide open to being ripped off

630  
00:26:06,099 --> 00:26:09,730  
financially and having their health

631  
00:26:07,990 --> 00:26:11,740  
endangered have you got any idea how big

632  
00:26:09,730 --> 00:26:13,180  
this industries and how many millions of

633  
00:26:11,740 --> 00:26:16,000  
dollars a year is spent on these kind of

634  
00:26:13,180 --> 00:26:17,680  
products let's try for billions the

635  
00:26:16,000 --> 00:26:20,289  
alternative health industry the wellness

636  
00:26:17,680 --> 00:26:21,820  
industry the new age and everything that

637  
00:26:20,289 --> 00:26:24,309  
falls under that umbrella is a

638  
00:26:21,819 --> 00:26:27,220  
multinational multi-billion dollar

639  
00:26:24,309 --> 00:26:29,200  
juggernaut and as I said before it's got

640  
00:26:27,220 --> 00:26:32,110  
this wonderful protection mechanism of

641  
00:26:29,200 --> 00:26:34,490  
believers it's quite incredible sure is

642  
00:26:32,109 --> 00:26:35,928  
this has been a fascinating discussion

643  
00:26:34,490 --> 00:26:41,450  
thanks so much for coming in to talk to

644  
00:26:35,929 --> 00:26:43,550  
us today Richard my pleasure this has

645  
00:26:41,450 --> 00:26:45,590  
been the choice radio podcast for more

646  
00:26:43,549 --> 00:26:48,500  
information on today's topic and others

647  
00:26:45,589 --> 00:26:58,069  
visit our website at choice combo vu

648  
00:26:48,500 --> 00:26:59,210  
thanks for listening hi this is michael

649  
00:26:58,069 --> 00:27:01,039  
cruz from the committee for the

650  
00:26:59,210 --> 00:27:03,710  
advancement of scientific skepticism at

651  
00:27:01,039 --> 00:27:04,879  
the center for inquiry canada Cass is

652  
00:27:03,710 --> 00:27:06,950  
committed to critically examining

653  
00:27:04,880 --> 00:27:08,840  
scientific technological and medical

654  
00:27:06,950 --> 00:27:11,480  
claims in the public forum across Canada

655  
00:27:08,839 --> 00:27:13,459  
working with our expert advisors local

656

00:27:11,480 --> 00:27:15,049  
cfi branches and other skeptical groups

657  
00:27:13,460 --> 00:27:16,519  
Cass confronts the peddlers of

658  
00:27:15,049 --> 00:27:19,519  
pseudoscience with evidence-based

659  
00:27:16,519 --> 00:27:20,900  
scientific inquiry 2010 has been a

660  
00:27:19,519 --> 00:27:23,240  
watershed here for the sceptical

661  
00:27:20,900 --> 00:27:24,980  
movement in Canada and in 2011 cast will

662  
00:27:23,240 --> 00:27:27,140  
continue fighting bad science in the

663  
00:27:24,980 --> 00:27:28,610  
media and the government if you would

664  
00:27:27,140 --> 00:27:30,170  
like to become involved in the fight to

665  
00:27:28,609 --> 00:27:31,729  
promote critical thinking in canada or

666  
00:27:30,170 --> 00:27:33,170  
if you have a concern about the spread

667  
00:27:31,730 --> 00:27:35,839  
of pseudoscience in the Canadian media

668  
00:27:33,170 --> 00:27:38,330  
please contact us at casts at see if I

669  
00:27:35,839 --> 00:27:41,178  
canada CA you can also follow us on

670  
00:27:38,329 --> 00:27:44,000

twitter at cfi casts and on facebook at

671

00:27:41,179 --> 00:27:48,460

cass at center for inquiry canada casts

672

00:27:44,000 --> 00:27:48,460

fighting pseudoscience without apology

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00:27:55,200 --> 00:28:03,850

now it's time for dr. Rachel reports

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00:27:58,599 --> 00:28:07,209

with dr. Rachel Dunlop hello listeners

675

00:28:03,849 --> 00:28:08,709

and welcome to dr. Reggie reports well

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00:28:07,210 --> 00:28:11,049

this month I've written the opinion

677

00:28:08,710 --> 00:28:12,730

piece for cosmos magazine which is the

678

00:28:11,049 --> 00:28:15,970

most popular science magazine in

679

00:28:12,730 --> 00:28:17,680

Australia if you're in Australia go out

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00:28:15,970 --> 00:28:19,750

and buy a copy from your local newsagent

681

00:28:17,680 --> 00:28:22,420

but for the benefit of our overseas

682

00:28:19,750 --> 00:28:23,970

listeners who can't get cosmos I'm going

683

00:28:22,420 --> 00:28:26,320

to read the article out for you today

684

00:28:23,970 --> 00:28:31,059

it's about one of my favourite

685  
00:28:26,319 --> 00:28:33,369  
pseudo-sciences homeopathy pseudoscience

686  
00:28:31,059 --> 00:28:35,559  
makes me mad which is why I was so

687  
00:28:33,369 --> 00:28:37,629  
pleased to read a recent draft statement

688  
00:28:35,559 --> 00:28:39,549  
from Australia's peak health advisory

689  
00:28:37,630 --> 00:28:41,530  
body the National Health and Medical

690  
00:28:39,549 --> 00:28:45,099  
Research Council which said in part

691  
00:28:41,529 --> 00:28:47,109  
quote the NH and MRC's position is it is

692  
00:28:45,099 --> 00:28:49,750  
unethical for health practitioners to

693  
00:28:47,109 --> 00:28:51,939  
treat patients using homeopathy for the

694  
00:28:49,750 --> 00:28:56,230  
reason that homeopathy has been shown

695  
00:28:51,940 --> 00:28:59,049  
not to be efficacious so unethical and

696  
00:28:56,230 --> 00:29:01,210  
not efficacious these are strong words

697  
00:28:59,049 --> 00:29:03,430  
indeed and this is actually the first

698  
00:29:01,210 --> 00:29:05,829  
time the Australian Government has made

699  
00:29:03,430 --> 00:29:08,039  
such an unequivocal statement about the

700  
00:29:05,829 --> 00:29:10,389  
pseudoscience of homeopathy and

701  
00:29:08,039 --> 00:29:12,460  
according to this draft statement which

702  
00:29:10,390 --> 00:29:14,350  
curiously is stamped with not for

703  
00:29:12,460 --> 00:29:16,600  
distribution the government was

704  
00:29:14,349 --> 00:29:19,269  
motivated after a similar move in the

705  
00:29:16,599 --> 00:29:22,359  
United Kingdom now many listeners would

706  
00:29:19,269 --> 00:29:24,700  
remember that in 2010 the UK national

707  
00:29:22,359 --> 00:29:26,649  
health service conducted a review of the

708  
00:29:24,700 --> 00:29:29,559  
evidence to support continued public

709  
00:29:26,650 --> 00:29:31,240  
funding of homeopathy in Britain this

710  
00:29:29,559 --> 00:29:35,409  
was called an evidence check and was

711  
00:29:31,240 --> 00:29:37,900  
reported in a 273 page report now in

712  
00:29:35,410 --> 00:29:40,029  
Britain the NHS spends four million

713

00:29:37,900 --> 00:29:42,580  
pounds of taxpayers money a year on

714  
00:29:40,029 --> 00:29:44,349  
homeopathy so they wanted to check if

715  
00:29:42,579 --> 00:29:47,189  
there was still evidence to support this

716  
00:29:44,349 --> 00:29:49,929  
spending and following an exhaustive

717  
00:29:47,190 --> 00:29:52,509  
investigation which included submissions

718  
00:29:49,930 --> 00:29:55,120  
from scientists and homeopaths like the

719  
00:29:52,509 --> 00:29:58,720  
UK government concluded that the NHS

720  
00:29:55,119 --> 00:30:00,819  
should cease funding homeopathy that no

721  
00:29:58,720 --> 00:30:03,370  
further trials should be conducted of

722  
00:30:00,819 --> 00:30:03,909  
homeopathy that explanations for why

723  
00:30:03,369 --> 00:30:05,949  
homie

724  
00:30:03,910 --> 00:30:08,290  
the works are scientifically implausible

725  
00:30:05,950 --> 00:30:11,650  
and that all evidence pointed to the

726  
00:30:08,289 --> 00:30:14,319  
fact that homeopathy doesn't work they

727  
00:30:11,650 --> 00:30:16,930

weren't mincing their words so

728

00:30:14,319 --> 00:30:18,909

homeopathy was invented 200 years ago by

729

00:30:16,930 --> 00:30:21,370

German physician Samuel Hahnemann and

730

00:30:18,910 --> 00:30:23,890

it's based on the concept of like treats

731

00:30:21,369 --> 00:30:25,629

like that is that the symptoms of an

732

00:30:23,890 --> 00:30:27,880

illness can be treated by minut

733

00:30:25,630 --> 00:30:31,360

quantities of a substance that caused it

734

00:30:27,880 --> 00:30:33,790

so for example a homeopathic preparation

735

00:30:31,359 --> 00:30:37,179

for insomnia might include miniscule

736

00:30:33,789 --> 00:30:39,909

amounts of coffee or 14 hay fever might

737

00:30:37,180 --> 00:30:43,170

contain tiny traces of pollens or animal

738

00:30:39,910 --> 00:30:45,730

fur and to make it even more bizarre

739

00:30:43,170 --> 00:30:48,160

homeopathic preparations are extremely

740

00:30:45,730 --> 00:30:50,380

diluted often beyond the point where

741

00:30:48,160 --> 00:30:53,710

science predicts even one molecule of

742  
00:30:50,380 --> 00:30:55,810  
the original substance remains so for

743  
00:30:53,710 --> 00:30:59,019  
example if you go into a pharmacy here

744  
00:30:55,809 --> 00:31:00,579  
in Australia and pick up a 30 C dilution

745  
00:30:59,019 --> 00:31:02,529  
which is a common delusion for

746  
00:31:00,579 --> 00:31:04,779  
homeopathic products in this country

747  
00:31:02,529 --> 00:31:08,769  
this is the equivalent of diluting

748  
00:31:04,779 --> 00:31:10,990  
something 10 to the power of 60 times so

749  
00:31:08,769 --> 00:31:13,389  
something like and I think this is even

750  
00:31:10,990 --> 00:31:15,609  
an underestimation putting a drop of

751  
00:31:13,390 --> 00:31:18,420  
vodka in a pool the size of the solar

752  
00:31:15,609 --> 00:31:21,189  
system and expecting to still get drunk

753  
00:31:18,420 --> 00:31:23,440  
yet this is precisely what homeopaths

754  
00:31:21,190 --> 00:31:26,170  
believe they believe that the more

755  
00:31:23,440 --> 00:31:29,110  
dilute a substance is the more potent it

756  
00:31:26,170 --> 00:31:31,570  
is and to explain this they claim that

757  
00:31:29,109 --> 00:31:34,209  
the water retains a memory of the

758  
00:31:31,569 --> 00:31:36,879  
original substance this is of course

759  
00:31:34,210 --> 00:31:39,130  
complete gibberish and conveniently

760  
00:31:36,880 --> 00:31:42,160  
ignores the fact that the water also

761  
00:31:39,130 --> 00:31:43,990  
somehow forgets all the sewage mercury

762  
00:31:42,160 --> 00:31:46,150  
and other bad stuff it's been in contact

763  
00:31:43,990 --> 00:31:49,870  
with before it ended up in your little

764  
00:31:46,150 --> 00:31:51,610  
homeopathic flask now unlike the UK the

765  
00:31:49,869 --> 00:31:54,069  
australian government does not directly

766  
00:31:51,609 --> 00:31:56,439  
fund homeopathy in this country but they

767  
00:31:54,069 --> 00:31:58,839  
do put in 3 billion dollars a year of

768  
00:31:56,440 --> 00:32:02,740  
taxpayers money towards public health

769  
00:31:58,839 --> 00:32:04,720  
fund rebates so if your health fund is

770

00:32:02,740 --> 00:32:07,329  
somehow covering homeopathy through its

771  
00:32:04,720 --> 00:32:09,579  
rebates then taxpayers in Australia are

772  
00:32:07,329 --> 00:32:12,460  
paying for it too now the draft

773  
00:32:09,579 --> 00:32:14,139  
statement from the NHMRC indicates that

774  
00:32:12,460 --> 00:32:15,940  
they will be consulting with several

775  
00:32:14,140 --> 00:32:17,720  
health bodies before they make a

776  
00:32:15,940 --> 00:32:20,539  
decision on whether to make this a

777  
00:32:17,720 --> 00:32:23,809  
shull and this includes the NHS in the

778  
00:32:20,539 --> 00:32:26,180  
UK it also includes the TGA in Australia

779  
00:32:23,809 --> 00:32:28,190  
and consumers will be consulted and

780  
00:32:26,180 --> 00:32:31,190  
patients through the consumer health

781  
00:32:28,190 --> 00:32:33,350  
forum it's also important to remember

782  
00:32:31,190 --> 00:32:35,960  
that this does not mean homeopathy will

783  
00:32:33,349 --> 00:32:37,789  
be banned in australia but if it is

784  
00:32:35,960 --> 00:32:40,160

officially declared unethical and

785

00:32:37,789 --> 00:32:43,299

useless there will be pressure on health

786

00:32:40,160 --> 00:32:46,340

funds to cease covering it and also

787

00:32:43,299 --> 00:32:48,980

potentially we could see a move to have

788

00:32:46,339 --> 00:32:50,299

it disappear from pharmacy shelves where

789

00:32:48,980 --> 00:32:52,700

it currently sits alongside

790

00:32:50,299 --> 00:32:55,309

science-based rigorously tested

791

00:32:52,700 --> 00:32:57,529

evidence-based medicines also

792

00:32:55,309 --> 00:32:59,990

importantly this statement sends a clear

793

00:32:57,529 --> 00:33:02,599

message to the public that homeopathy is

794

00:32:59,990 --> 00:33:05,319

not medicine and should not be used

795

00:33:02,599 --> 00:33:08,629

instead of conventional treatment

796

00:33:05,319 --> 00:33:10,700

perhaps the NHMRC also considered two

797

00:33:08,630 --> 00:33:14,270

recent tragic deaths in Australia where

798

00:33:10,700 --> 00:33:16,220

homeopathy was implicated one was 45

799  
00:33:14,269 --> 00:33:17,960  
year old penelope dingle who died from

800  
00:33:16,220 --> 00:33:20,529  
bowel cancer treated with homeopathy

801  
00:33:17,960 --> 00:33:23,779  
instead of conventional medicine and

802  
00:33:20,529 --> 00:33:26,299  
also nine-month-old Gloria Sam who died

803  
00:33:23,779 --> 00:33:28,759  
from septicemia contracted from severe

804  
00:33:26,299 --> 00:33:30,440  
eczema since her parents treated her

805  
00:33:28,759 --> 00:33:33,710  
with homeopathy instead of conventional

806  
00:33:30,440 --> 00:33:35,420  
medicine and as an aside her parents are

807  
00:33:33,710 --> 00:33:38,000  
now spending time in jail for

808  
00:33:35,420 --> 00:33:40,970  
manslaughter so homeopathy is a

809  
00:33:38,000 --> 00:33:43,039  
pseudoscience and that is a claim belief

810  
00:33:40,970 --> 00:33:45,049  
or practice that is presented as

811  
00:33:43,039 --> 00:33:47,629  
scientific but actually doesn't adhere

812  
00:33:45,049 --> 00:33:49,669  
to any valid scientific method like

813  
00:33:47,630 --> 00:33:53,330  
supporting evidence or plausibility and

814  
00:33:49,670 --> 00:33:55,519  
cannot be reliably tested it certainly

815  
00:33:53,329 --> 00:33:57,710  
has no place in our pharmacies here in

816  
00:33:55,519 --> 00:34:01,549  
Australia and should not be funded by

817  
00:33:57,710 --> 00:34:04,299  
taxpayers so if the NHMRC draft position

818  
00:34:01,549 --> 00:34:06,649  
becomes official it not only makes

819  
00:34:04,299 --> 00:34:09,739  
scientific sense but it will also

820  
00:34:06,650 --> 00:34:12,260  
protect consumers and this can only be a

821  
00:34:09,739 --> 00:34:14,059  
good thing if you're in Australia you

822  
00:34:12,260 --> 00:34:16,940  
can pick up a copy of the june july

823  
00:34:14,059 --> 00:34:19,549  
issue of cosmos magazine at your local

824  
00:34:16,940 --> 00:34:22,220  
newsagent on the cover it's got a story

825  
00:34:19,550 --> 00:34:23,990  
about Saturn's rings and if you're not

826  
00:34:22,219 --> 00:34:25,819  
in Australia the article won't be

827

00:34:23,989 --> 00:34:28,939  
available online until the next issue

828  
00:34:25,820 --> 00:34:31,100  
comes out which will be August so until

829  
00:34:28,940 --> 00:34:33,730  
next time this has been dr. Richie

830  
00:34:31,099 --> 00:34:33,730  
reports

831  
00:34:34,940 --> 00:34:40,530  
dr. Rachel Dunlop is one of Australia's

832  
00:34:37,739 --> 00:34:41,929  
foremost media commentators in matters

833  
00:34:40,530 --> 00:34:44,490  
concerning so-called alternative

834  
00:34:41,929 --> 00:34:48,269  
medicine she has appeared on national

835  
00:34:44,489 --> 00:34:50,579  
radio and national television dr. H E is

836  
00:34:48,269 --> 00:34:54,539  
available for interviews and you can

837  
00:34:50,579 --> 00:35:02,340  
contact her at Rachel at skeptic zone

838  
00:34:54,539 --> 00:35:04,769  
dot TV yeah aight guys i was talking to

839  
00:35:02,340 --> 00:35:06,990  
Richard Saleh see today alright he said

840  
00:35:04,769 --> 00:35:09,090  
if we record a trailer for our podcast

841  
00:35:06,989 --> 00:35:10,739

skeptics with a que he'd play it on

842

00:35:09,090 --> 00:35:12,090

their on their show that's nice of him

843

00:35:10,739 --> 00:35:13,319

that's very generous it's pretty good

844

00:35:12,090 --> 00:35:15,450

i'm not sure what we could do though I

845

00:35:13,320 --> 00:35:17,760

mean well suppose you tell people shows

846

00:35:15,449 --> 00:35:20,069

about but it's basically this yeah like

847

00:35:17,760 --> 00:35:21,720

yeah but you know we talk about science

848

00:35:20,070 --> 00:35:23,280

and skepticism and things that's that's

849

00:35:21,719 --> 00:35:25,559

true as fuzzy you mention the website

850

00:35:23,280 --> 00:35:27,390

address what merseyside skeptics dodo UK

851

00:35:25,559 --> 00:35:29,009

yeah yeah just like searches night UN's

852

00:35:27,389 --> 00:35:32,489

oh and then we could end with like a big

853

00:35:29,010 --> 00:35:40,830

song like the skeptics with okay god no

854

00:35:32,489 --> 00:35:42,859

no no no don't don't do that this

855

00:35:40,829 --> 00:35:45,179

morning we're talking about astrology

856  
00:35:42,860 --> 00:35:47,280  
essentially astrology is the belief that

857  
00:35:45,179 --> 00:35:49,230  
the Stars and the planets influence our

858  
00:35:47,280 --> 00:35:52,680  
daily lives and that a person

859  
00:35:49,230 --> 00:35:55,320  
knowledgeable enough inverted comma C

860  
00:35:52,679 --> 00:35:57,779  
knowledgeable enough can on the basis of

861  
00:35:55,320 --> 00:36:01,260  
the stars and planets positions tell us

862  
00:35:57,780 --> 00:36:03,300  
about our future now I wish to know what

863  
00:36:01,260 --> 00:36:06,150  
the future holds in store is as old as

864  
00:36:03,300 --> 00:36:08,280  
man himself and that wish to know the

865  
00:36:06,150 --> 00:36:10,440  
future becomes a hope and bag belief

866  
00:36:08,280 --> 00:36:12,840  
that the future can indeed be known if

867  
00:36:10,440 --> 00:36:15,059  
we only had the right formula the

868  
00:36:12,840 --> 00:36:17,250  
astrologers product is hope and he sells

869  
00:36:15,059 --> 00:36:19,230  
it telling his clients that indeed

870  
00:36:17,250 --> 00:36:21,510  
everything will be all right if they can

871  
00:36:19,230 --> 00:36:24,480  
avoid certain dangers at certain times

872  
00:36:21,510 --> 00:36:25,800  
and there's a catch or the comforting

873  
00:36:24,480 --> 00:36:27,990  
pat on the back depending on how you

874  
00:36:25,800 --> 00:36:29,670  
regard astrology well one person who

875  
00:36:27,989 --> 00:36:32,039  
doesn't regard it they're highly and

876  
00:36:29,670 --> 00:36:34,260  
claims he does have evidence to prove it

877  
00:36:32,039 --> 00:36:36,329  
is Tim mendham from the Australian

878  
00:36:34,260 --> 00:36:38,400  
skeptics Association good morning Tim on

879  
00:36:36,329 --> 00:36:42,119  
and really nice to have you in thank you

880  
00:36:38,400 --> 00:36:44,579  
very much Tim astrology today in terms

881  
00:36:42,119 --> 00:36:47,009  
of popularity as that a new high the

882  
00:36:44,579 --> 00:36:51,090  
question is why very difficult question

883  
00:36:47,010 --> 00:36:52,740  
to answer actually probably many surveys

884

00:36:51,090 --> 00:36:54,420  
have been done to find out how popular

885  
00:36:52,739 --> 00:36:56,279  
astrology is and it's certainly maintain

886  
00:36:54,420 --> 00:36:58,440  
its popularity over the last three

887  
00:36:56,280 --> 00:37:00,720  
thousand years yeah although it goes up

888  
00:36:58,440 --> 00:37:02,010  
and down in various centuries but right

889  
00:37:00,719 --> 00:37:04,319  
now we're going through a high for

890  
00:37:02,010 --> 00:37:05,760  
astrology will be because of what you

891  
00:37:04,320 --> 00:37:07,289  
just said about the uncertainty about

892  
00:37:05,760 --> 00:37:09,028  
the future when people like to be

893  
00:37:07,289 --> 00:37:10,168  
comforted that

894  
00:37:09,028 --> 00:37:12,208  
everything that happens to them he's got

895  
00:37:10,168 --> 00:37:14,009  
is unknown and not everything that

896  
00:37:12,208 --> 00:37:15,868  
happened to them is their own fault as

897  
00:37:14,009 --> 00:37:18,208  
well that's a major criterion in

898  
00:37:15,869 --> 00:37:19,829

astrology as well hmm well we're going

899

00:37:18,208 --> 00:37:22,108

to be looking at two aspects of the

900

00:37:19,829 --> 00:37:24,209

astrological argument this morning one

901

00:37:22,108 --> 00:37:26,998

is there any physical mechanism by which

902

00:37:24,208 --> 00:37:29,038

astrology can be measured and number two

903

00:37:26,998 --> 00:37:31,708

can astrologers do what they say they

904

00:37:29,039 --> 00:37:34,169

can do now let's talk about the first

905

00:37:31,708 --> 00:37:35,818

one astrologers regard the planets in

906

00:37:34,168 --> 00:37:38,429

our solar system as being the basic

907

00:37:35,818 --> 00:37:42,208

force if you like that influence our

908

00:37:38,429 --> 00:37:46,818

character and they look on the stars or

909

00:37:42,208 --> 00:37:49,918

the signs rather as forces that are

910

00:37:46,818 --> 00:37:51,869

reflect the various changes within each

911

00:37:49,918 --> 00:37:53,578

planet the forces of each planet now Tim

912

00:37:51,869 --> 00:37:55,289

you say that just can't work we can't

913  
00:37:53,579 --> 00:37:56,699  
base astrology on the movements of

914  
00:37:55,289 --> 00:37:58,890  
different planets not really because

915  
00:37:56,699 --> 00:38:01,559  
some the major problem is with the

916  
00:37:58,889 --> 00:38:05,098  
planets distance out of astrologers

917  
00:38:01,559 --> 00:38:07,229  
happy years tried to find out how what

918  
00:38:05,099 --> 00:38:09,959  
sort of mechanism is involved in the

919  
00:38:07,228 --> 00:38:11,908  
influence of planets on us and cause

920  
00:38:09,958 --> 00:38:14,188  
there's various things train forward the

921  
00:38:11,909 --> 00:38:16,890  
most common one excuse me most common

922  
00:38:14,188 --> 00:38:19,498  
one that's put up is gravity yeah it's a

923  
00:38:16,889 --> 00:38:21,028  
nice simple force anyone says it anyone

924  
00:38:19,498 --> 00:38:22,348  
knows about gravity and you can't sort

925  
00:38:21,028 --> 00:38:23,548  
of leave the earth eagle as a gravity

926  
00:38:22,349 --> 00:38:25,499  
and things like that therefore it must

927  
00:38:23,548 --> 00:38:27,568  
have some influence on us we all know

928  
00:38:25,498 --> 00:38:30,118  
about the tides being affected by the

929  
00:38:27,568 --> 00:38:31,858  
moon and the Sun and that's gravity what

930  
00:38:30,119 --> 00:38:33,358  
unfortunately the astrologers don't

931  
00:38:31,858 --> 00:38:35,728  
point out is that the planets are a long

932  
00:38:33,358 --> 00:38:37,528  
way away and the moon and the Sun are a

933  
00:38:35,728 --> 00:38:40,918  
lot closer a lot larger by comparison

934  
00:38:37,528 --> 00:38:42,358  
yes gravity is I'm not assigned to say

935  
00:38:40,918 --> 00:38:44,188  
this scientist in the audience will have

936  
00:38:42,358 --> 00:38:47,880  
to excuse me if i abused their science

937  
00:38:44,188 --> 00:38:49,949  
but as I understand a gravity gets less

938  
00:38:47,880 --> 00:38:53,929  
the further away you go from the source

939  
00:38:49,949 --> 00:38:56,130  
of gravity gets less moon is our closest

940  
00:38:53,929 --> 00:38:58,439  
body in space so that's got fairly

941

00:38:56,130 --> 00:39:01,199  
strong influence the Sun has got less

942  
00:38:58,438 --> 00:39:02,489  
strength a planet is millions and

943  
00:39:01,199 --> 00:39:05,188  
millions of miles away and it's got

944  
00:39:02,489 --> 00:39:08,429  
infinity infinitely decimal less

945  
00:39:05,188 --> 00:39:12,358  
strength well is it this is it I was

946  
00:39:08,429 --> 00:39:13,979  
wondering about say for instance and may

947  
00:39:12,358 --> 00:39:16,498  
already know there's millions of stars

948  
00:39:13,978 --> 00:39:18,118  
in the universe but the fact that one

949  
00:39:16,498 --> 00:39:19,738  
this one is one thing that the

950  
00:39:18,119 --> 00:39:21,570  
astrologers can't explain as the speed

951  
00:39:19,739 --> 00:39:24,179  
light effect

952  
00:39:21,570 --> 00:39:26,130  
meaning that it takes a long time for

953  
00:39:24,179 --> 00:39:27,809  
stars that's right how their life

954  
00:39:26,130 --> 00:39:29,190  
finally reflected on earth and of course

955  
00:39:27,809 --> 00:39:30,779

that's millions of light-years away so

956

00:39:29,190 --> 00:39:32,909

we're essentially looking at stars in

957

00:39:30,780 --> 00:39:34,440

the past but how can we possibly know

958

00:39:32,909 --> 00:39:38,029

what the constellations wear when we're

959

00:39:34,440 --> 00:39:40,349

born because they weren't what we were

960

00:39:38,030 --> 00:39:41,670

populations are sort of fairly steady

961

00:39:40,349 --> 00:39:43,289

what of course the whole problem with

962

00:39:41,670 --> 00:39:45,000

astrology is that they look at the

963

00:39:43,289 --> 00:39:47,909

constellations as being shapes then

964

00:39:45,000 --> 00:39:49,619

Pisces or leo the lion or the scales or

965

00:39:47,909 --> 00:39:51,539

whatever unfortunately that's only true

966

00:39:49,619 --> 00:39:53,519

from Earth if you move a few light-years

967

00:39:51,539 --> 00:39:55,650

to one side of Earth you suddenly find

968

00:39:53,519 --> 00:39:57,179

that those shapes aren't there at all as

969

00:39:55,650 --> 00:39:59,579

the stars they see in the constellations

970  
00:39:57,179 --> 00:40:01,319  
ones close up once a long way away you

971  
00:39:59,579 --> 00:40:03,840  
take a different angle to look at it

972  
00:40:01,320 --> 00:40:05,340  
completely different shape right now the

973  
00:40:03,840 --> 00:40:07,950  
consolations aren't really there as

974  
00:40:05,340 --> 00:40:10,050  
bodies at all all right well so then

975  
00:40:07,949 --> 00:40:12,719  
what about that argument it was advanced

976  
00:40:10,050 --> 00:40:14,760  
in a couple of astrologers books about

977  
00:40:12,719 --> 00:40:16,230  
it well if the moon can affect the tides

978  
00:40:14,760 --> 00:40:18,000  
and why not the rest of the planet

979  
00:40:16,230 --> 00:40:21,269  
that's the age-old yes that that's

980  
00:40:18,000 --> 00:40:22,980  
called a red herring actually okay the

981  
00:40:21,269 --> 00:40:24,259  
moon's a lot closer as we see it well

982  
00:40:22,980 --> 00:40:26,610  
that's got the strongest gravitational

983  
00:40:24,260 --> 00:40:28,950  
influence but the moon only affects the

984  
00:40:26,610 --> 00:40:30,930  
tide the water over you earth which is

985  
00:40:28,949 --> 00:40:34,230  
on the surface of the earth the moon

986  
00:40:30,929 --> 00:40:35,519  
probably has an effect on our sweat but

987  
00:40:34,230 --> 00:40:37,349  
it's so small that you don't notice it

988  
00:40:35,519 --> 00:40:40,380  
after all the tide in the sea varies by

989  
00:40:37,349 --> 00:40:42,029  
six feet to meters say right and it's a

990  
00:40:40,380 --> 00:40:44,250  
rather large body of water keep it

991  
00:40:42,030 --> 00:40:47,519  
compared to the layer of sweat on your

992  
00:40:44,250 --> 00:40:49,500  
skin it have an infinite s1 again tiny

993  
00:40:47,519 --> 00:40:51,659  
effects at all on anything we do

994  
00:40:49,500 --> 00:40:53,519  
anything outside the moon and the Sun

995  
00:40:51,659 --> 00:40:55,619  
gets smaller and smaller and smaller and

996  
00:40:53,519 --> 00:40:58,440  
smaller and said and as a billion from

997  
00:40:55,619 --> 00:41:00,119  
trillions of the power of the moon great

998

00:40:58,440 --> 00:41:01,710  
so in effect you're saying that the

999  
00:41:00,119 --> 00:41:03,420  
planets to simply can't have that

1000  
00:41:01,710 --> 00:41:04,860  
there's only two things sort of either

1001  
00:41:03,420 --> 00:41:07,289  
they have a force which sort of gets

1002  
00:41:04,860 --> 00:41:09,120  
less as you go with distance which means

1003  
00:41:07,289 --> 00:41:11,929  
that a planet like Pluto have no effect

1004  
00:41:09,119 --> 00:41:13,859  
at all hmm or you have a power that

1005  
00:41:11,929 --> 00:41:15,089  
doesn't get less with distance which

1006  
00:41:13,860 --> 00:41:17,340  
means you have to take more count every

1007  
00:41:15,090 --> 00:41:19,559  
star in the universe what you can't do

1008  
00:41:17,340 --> 00:41:21,510  
all right I'm talking with Tim mendham

1009  
00:41:19,559 --> 00:41:23,849  
from the Australian skeptics Association

1010  
00:41:21,510 --> 00:41:25,920  
about astrology well look what you just

1011  
00:41:23,849 --> 00:41:27,809  
said then if an astrology was then to

1012  
00:41:25,920 --> 00:41:29,849

say to you well what'd she say is true

1013

00:41:27,809 --> 00:41:31,619  
but astrology is not based on a

1014

00:41:29,849 --> 00:41:33,210  
cause-and-effect relationship between

1015

00:41:31,619 --> 00:41:34,989  
man and the planets therefore to

1016

00:41:33,210 --> 00:41:37,000  
disprove such a cause

1017

00:41:34,989 --> 00:41:39,868  
and effect relationship is not to

1018

00:41:37,000 --> 00:41:41,920  
disprove astrology because in fact

1019

00:41:39,869 --> 00:41:43,690  
astrology is simply a system of

1020

00:41:41,920 --> 00:41:46,260  
symbolism which has been found to

1021

00:41:43,690 --> 00:41:48,429  
express profound truths about human me

1022

00:41:46,260 --> 00:41:50,830  
then you get onto the other areas well

1023

00:41:48,429 --> 00:41:53,109  
okay if you can take the planets and the

1024

00:41:50,829 --> 00:41:55,569  
stars out of astrology once you sort of

1025

00:41:53,110 --> 00:41:57,369  
wonder why it's called astrology then if

1026

00:41:55,570 --> 00:41:59,890  
if it's only a symbolic representation

1027  
00:41:57,369 --> 00:42:01,900  
then we have to look at how astrologers

1028  
00:41:59,889 --> 00:42:03,099  
do their task right well we might take a

1029  
00:42:01,900 --> 00:42:04,930  
break right now and then we'll come back

1030  
00:42:03,099 --> 00:42:08,769  
to that part of the argument this is to

1031  
00:42:04,929 --> 00:42:10,599  
ue news radio 954 to you in Israeli 095

1032  
00:42:08,769 --> 00:42:12,550  
forwards Julie Brodsky my special guest

1033  
00:42:10,599 --> 00:42:14,409  
this morning is Tim mendham from the

1034  
00:42:12,550 --> 00:42:16,570  
Australian skeptics Association we're

1035  
00:42:14,409 --> 00:42:19,659  
talking about astrology and essentially

1036  
00:42:16,570 --> 00:42:21,369  
what can't work now to I've been

1037  
00:42:19,659 --> 00:42:23,529  
interested in astrology for a number of

1038  
00:42:21,369 --> 00:42:26,680  
years now I don't know either classify

1039  
00:42:23,530 --> 00:42:28,360  
myself as a true believer may because in

1040  
00:42:26,679 --> 00:42:30,039  
many ways I do object to it i don't

1041  
00:42:28,360 --> 00:42:32,200  
really like the idea of classifying

1042  
00:42:30,039 --> 00:42:34,779  
people according to 12 different signs

1043  
00:42:32,199 --> 00:42:37,239  
but we're moving to the second half of

1044  
00:42:34,780 --> 00:42:39,070  
our argument now can astrologers do what

1045  
00:42:37,239 --> 00:42:43,118  
they say they can do and your answer

1046  
00:42:39,070 --> 00:42:45,160  
would have to be no well you see this is

1047  
00:42:43,119 --> 00:42:46,990  
it the straight astrologers say this is

1048  
00:42:45,159 --> 00:42:49,599  
an exact science which is based on

1049  
00:42:46,989 --> 00:42:51,489  
mathematical calculation so while the

1050  
00:42:49,599 --> 00:42:55,118  
stuff in newspapers may be a bit general

1051  
00:42:51,489 --> 00:42:56,618  
a professional astrologer would say a

1052  
00:42:55,119 --> 00:42:59,079  
horoscope is something very different

1053  
00:42:56,619 --> 00:43:00,760  
yes that's right they do claim that some

1054  
00:42:59,079 --> 00:43:03,849  
sort of most serious in quotes

1055

00:43:00,760 --> 00:43:05,800  
astrologers regard the afternoon paper

1056  
00:43:03,849 --> 00:43:07,539  
horoscopes as being total rubbish and

1057  
00:43:05,800 --> 00:43:09,609  
it's just there for fun that's fine if

1058  
00:43:07,539 --> 00:43:11,259  
it's fun no one's got any objection to

1059  
00:43:09,608 --> 00:43:13,029  
it at all it's just fun it's a it's on

1060  
00:43:11,260 --> 00:43:15,400  
the comic page anyway so it's it's

1061  
00:43:13,030 --> 00:43:18,460  
perfect when they get to say it so

1062  
00:43:15,400 --> 00:43:20,980  
precise mathematical subject that is

1063  
00:43:18,460 --> 00:43:22,570  
when that can be tested see anything as

1064  
00:43:20,980 --> 00:43:24,219  
vague as a vague predictions saying that

1065  
00:43:22,570 --> 00:43:25,869  
you will have a good day you will have a

1066  
00:43:24,219 --> 00:43:28,539  
bad day you will come into money on

1067  
00:43:25,869 --> 00:43:30,579  
Thursday or Friday is so vague it's not

1068  
00:43:28,539 --> 00:43:32,858  
worth worrying about when they say these

1069  
00:43:30,579 --> 00:43:35,019

has these planets line up and give you

1070

00:43:32,858 --> 00:43:37,989

this character and because of these

1071

00:43:35,019 --> 00:43:39,730

reasons then we can test it and what has

1072

00:43:37,989 --> 00:43:41,500

happened over the last 10 years or so a

1073

00:43:39,730 --> 00:43:44,190

number of people have actually tested

1074

00:43:41,500 --> 00:43:46,659

how well astrologists do at their sure

1075

00:43:44,190 --> 00:43:49,750

there was a very good one done in

1076

00:43:46,659 --> 00:43:51,639

I think California by what immune

1077

00:43:49,750 --> 00:43:54,099

abilities in California at Berkeley yeah

1078

00:43:51,639 --> 00:43:55,900

in which he had some character

1079

00:43:54,099 --> 00:43:57,730

assessments done on the Californian

1080

00:43:55,900 --> 00:43:59,769

personality inventory which is regarded

1081

00:43:57,730 --> 00:44:01,179

as a fairly successful character

1082

00:43:59,769 --> 00:44:04,869

assessment it's not an astrological

1083

00:44:01,179 --> 00:44:06,399

assessment it in gave astrologers with

1084  
00:44:04,869 --> 00:44:08,650  
the agreement of the astrological body

1085  
00:44:06,400 --> 00:44:12,820  
who helped organize his test three of

1086  
00:44:08,650 --> 00:44:14,920  
these character assessments and one star

1087  
00:44:12,820 --> 00:44:16,930  
chart other person's birds really asked

1088  
00:44:14,920 --> 00:44:19,420  
the astrologers pick which character

1089  
00:44:16,929 --> 00:44:21,429  
assessment fits the star chart and so if

1090  
00:44:19,420 --> 00:44:22,750  
a precise science and the astrologers

1091  
00:44:21,429 --> 00:44:25,329  
were predicting are at least fifty

1092  
00:44:22,750 --> 00:44:26,949  
percent success rate so they did it

1093  
00:44:25,329 --> 00:44:28,360  
split with a wide number of astrologers

1094  
00:44:26,949 --> 00:44:29,919  
and a wide number of star charts and I

1095  
00:44:28,360 --> 00:44:31,720  
came back with thirty three percent

1096  
00:44:29,920 --> 00:44:34,180  
success rate which is exactly what you

1097  
00:44:31,719 --> 00:44:35,559  
would get from guessing it's absolutely

1098  
00:44:34,179 --> 00:44:37,179  
no different the astrologers who were

1099  
00:44:35,559 --> 00:44:39,039  
predicting they're going really well and

1100  
00:44:37,179 --> 00:44:40,929  
they were doing really hot stuff and

1101  
00:44:39,039 --> 00:44:42,820  
they just came back anybody in the

1102  
00:44:40,929 --> 00:44:45,940  
street can do as well as they could and

1103  
00:44:42,820 --> 00:44:47,110  
there was actually no exactness in what

1104  
00:44:45,940 --> 00:44:48,190  
they're doing at all that's just one

1105  
00:44:47,110 --> 00:44:50,230  
test and they've been many which have

1106  
00:44:48,190 --> 00:44:52,360  
had the same results well another

1107  
00:44:50,230 --> 00:44:54,070  
argument advanced by astrologers at yes

1108  
00:44:52,360 --> 00:44:55,480  
okay there's a mathematical side but but

1109  
00:44:54,070 --> 00:44:57,550  
it takes the test of a really good

1110  
00:44:55,480 --> 00:45:00,340  
astrology to be able to have some

1111  
00:44:57,550 --> 00:45:02,200  
feeling for subject well this particular

1112

00:45:00,340 --> 00:45:03,970  
test was organized by the President and

1113  
00:45:02,199 --> 00:45:05,739  
vice-president the astrological society

1114  
00:45:03,969 --> 00:45:07,179  
the people who did the actual test

1115  
00:45:05,739 --> 00:45:08,769  
astrologers were recommended highly

1116  
00:45:07,179 --> 00:45:10,539  
regarded people they were the top voice

1117  
00:45:08,769 --> 00:45:12,159  
in the field in the US they couldn't do

1118  
00:45:10,539 --> 00:45:13,449  
it of course once the test the results

1119  
00:45:12,159 --> 00:45:15,339  
came out and they found these problems

1120  
00:45:13,449 --> 00:45:16,719  
has failed all the other astrologers

1121  
00:45:15,340 --> 00:45:19,000  
said are you tested the wrong ones you

1122  
00:45:16,719 --> 00:45:20,769  
could have texted me yes someone said

1123  
00:45:19,000 --> 00:45:23,019  
once that arguing with astrologers was

1124  
00:45:20,769 --> 00:45:25,509  
rather like punching a feather pillow to

1125  
00:45:23,019 --> 00:45:27,190  
go down one in it goes poof the others

1126  
00:45:25,510 --> 00:45:30,580

use of an empty one pillow and you one

1127

00:45:27,190 --> 00:45:33,579

pops up somewhere else the other thing

1128

00:45:30,579 --> 00:45:35,049

is that of course that an astrologer is

1129

00:45:33,579 --> 00:45:36,940

really reading some of the character a

1130

00:45:35,050 --> 00:45:38,769

lot of serious astrologers don't like

1131

00:45:36,940 --> 00:45:40,420

predicting the future they say there's a

1132

00:45:38,769 --> 00:45:41,739

bit bag that they'd like a character

1133

00:45:40,420 --> 00:45:43,030

assessment and that really relies on

1134

00:45:41,739 --> 00:45:46,719

just speaking to someone personally

1135

00:45:43,030 --> 00:45:49,810

anyway how effective is it then in terms

1136

00:45:46,719 --> 00:45:50,859

of character assessment poor people

1137

00:45:49,809 --> 00:45:52,779

unless you are speaking to someone

1138

00:45:50,860 --> 00:45:54,370

personally sure I'm in sort of thumb you

1139

00:45:52,780 --> 00:45:55,540

can go down and talk to a cab driver you

1140

00:45:54,369 --> 00:45:57,309

can go down and talk to the barman at

1141  
00:45:55,539 --> 00:45:58,900  
the pub and if you sit there long enough

1142  
00:45:57,309 --> 00:45:59,360  
and pour out your way to them you'll

1143  
00:45:58,900 --> 00:46:01,340  
give you

1144  
00:45:59,360 --> 00:46:03,079  
us and he'll tell you what you like your

1145  
00:46:01,340 --> 00:46:05,000  
friends will do the same thing so what

1146  
00:46:03,079 --> 00:46:09,199  
you're saying then is astrology's

1147  
00:46:05,000 --> 00:46:11,750  
essentially advice wrapped up in a

1148  
00:46:09,199 --> 00:46:13,789  
colorful package it's what we sort of as

1149  
00:46:11,750 --> 00:46:15,110  
the skeptics so we have no objection for

1150  
00:46:13,789 --> 00:46:16,579  
people advising people now if

1151  
00:46:15,110 --> 00:46:18,890  
astrologers put up a little sign saying

1152  
00:46:16,579 --> 00:46:19,940  
we are amateur psychologists I probably

1153  
00:46:18,889 --> 00:46:21,949  
wouldn't get the same amount of business

1154  
00:46:19,940 --> 00:46:23,840  
but that's exactly what they are and

1155  
00:46:21,949 --> 00:46:24,769  
it's fine sort of elements of everyone

1156  
00:46:23,840 --> 00:46:26,720  
all your friends are amateur

1157  
00:46:24,769 --> 00:46:29,300  
psychologists anyone likes to play that

1158  
00:46:26,719 --> 00:46:32,659  
game but when they wrap it up in those

1159  
00:46:29,300 --> 00:46:34,640  
other details supposed scientific

1160  
00:46:32,659 --> 00:46:35,899  
details it just doesn't hold water right

1161  
00:46:34,639 --> 00:46:37,849  
so what you saying then is that

1162  
00:46:35,900 --> 00:46:40,670  
different planets may represent

1163  
00:46:37,849 --> 00:46:44,750  
different rates but in other words while

1164  
00:46:40,670 --> 00:46:47,960  
a stone oh that's what I say it's just

1165  
00:46:44,750 --> 00:46:49,849  
Whittle it down with barb it is its ID

1166  
00:46:47,960 --> 00:46:52,730  
rather different planets represent

1167  
00:46:49,849 --> 00:46:54,349  
different traits and so while astrology

1168  
00:46:52,730 --> 00:46:55,809  
may not be able to the future it can at

1169

00:46:54,349 --> 00:46:58,339  
least give you a fairly thorough

1170  
00:46:55,809 --> 00:47:00,590  
personality reading not astrology itself

1171  
00:46:58,340 --> 00:47:02,690  
the astrologer if he knows anything

1172  
00:47:00,590 --> 00:47:06,260  
about people and it is speaking to a

1173  
00:47:02,690 --> 00:47:08,210  
person as we are now face to face he can

1174  
00:47:06,260 --> 00:47:10,700  
give you as good an assessment of you as

1175  
00:47:08,210 --> 00:47:15,170  
someone over the fence or someone you

1176  
00:47:10,699 --> 00:47:17,089  
just met the astrological the sod chart

1177  
00:47:15,170 --> 00:47:18,920  
might just be regarded as a tool a

1178  
00:47:17,090 --> 00:47:20,930  
totally useless thing out zone right

1179  
00:47:18,920 --> 00:47:23,059  
yeah absolutely has no bearing at all on

1180  
00:47:20,929 --> 00:47:24,230  
the person that they can use that you

1181  
00:47:23,059 --> 00:47:25,429  
can sort of talk about movies you can

1182  
00:47:24,230 --> 00:47:27,170  
talk about books so you can talk about

1183  
00:47:25,429 --> 00:47:28,879

star chip chance and that just get

1184

00:47:27,170 --> 00:47:31,070

people talking do you think that the

1185

00:47:28,880 --> 00:47:34,490

reason why it's so complicated has been

1186

00:47:31,070 --> 00:47:36,350

partly to confound the line I don't

1187

00:47:34,489 --> 00:47:38,149

think it Z Labor's consciousness and I

1188

00:47:36,349 --> 00:47:39,769

think astrologers really take it very

1189

00:47:38,150 --> 00:47:42,079

seriously and most of them and they do

1190

00:47:39,769 --> 00:47:44,030

regarded as being a science and the way

1191

00:47:42,079 --> 00:47:45,619

they see it the fact that it's not is

1192

00:47:44,030 --> 00:47:47,720

sort of beside the point i think they're

1193

00:47:45,619 --> 00:47:49,009

quite genuine most of them yeah might

1194

00:47:47,719 --> 00:47:51,049

believe it but they're working on other

1195

00:47:49,010 --> 00:47:53,960

things as well although i didn't so

1196

00:47:51,050 --> 00:47:57,080

maybe what you're saying is that by far

1197

00:47:53,960 --> 00:48:00,260

most predictions made by astrologers of

1198  
00:47:57,079 --> 00:48:03,710  
the don't do this all that now that went

1199  
00:48:00,260 --> 00:48:05,300  
until later kind of advice that can be

1200  
00:48:03,710 --> 00:48:07,190  
tested as good or bad but that can

1201  
00:48:05,300 --> 00:48:08,840  
always be justified by the astrology

1202  
00:48:07,190 --> 00:48:10,880  
after its happen absolutely that's what

1203  
00:48:08,840 --> 00:48:12,140  
normally happens actually that when

1204  
00:48:10,880 --> 00:48:13,099  
something does happen you'll find an

1205  
00:48:12,139 --> 00:48:15,379  
astrologer somewhere was

1206  
00:48:13,099 --> 00:48:19,489  
I will I predicted that all right how

1207  
00:48:15,380 --> 00:48:20,780  
about people's gullibility people it's a

1208  
00:48:19,489 --> 00:48:22,009  
hard thing to bring up because people

1209  
00:48:20,780 --> 00:48:25,010  
don't like being called gullible but

1210  
00:48:22,010 --> 00:48:26,720  
everybody you mean everybody is gullible

1211  
00:48:25,010 --> 00:48:27,980  
in some way or another yeah we all know

1212  
00:48:26,719 --> 00:48:29,509  
about used car sales and we all know

1213  
00:48:27,980 --> 00:48:32,719  
about shonky real estate deal as we all

1214  
00:48:29,510 --> 00:48:33,680  
know about snake oil merchants no one

1215  
00:48:32,719 --> 00:48:36,469  
likes to believe that they've been

1216  
00:48:33,679 --> 00:48:37,909  
ripped off astrology is particularly

1217  
00:48:36,469 --> 00:48:39,980  
prone to this because it's such a vague

1218  
00:48:37,909 --> 00:48:42,769  
area you have nice character assessments

1219  
00:48:39,980 --> 00:48:46,400  
and character assessments are not exact

1220  
00:48:42,769 --> 00:48:49,099  
things at all most character assessments

1221  
00:48:46,400 --> 00:48:51,490  
given to you by an astrologer so the

1222  
00:48:49,099 --> 00:48:53,659  
airy fairy sort you know yours you

1223  
00:48:51,489 --> 00:48:55,519  
sometimes you're introverted sometimes

1224  
00:48:53,659 --> 00:48:57,409  
you wrecked to averted you feel you're

1225  
00:48:55,519 --> 00:48:59,480  
not appreciated to work you know you can

1226

00:48:57,409 --> 00:49:00,769  
do better but not trying hard enough not

1227  
00:48:59,480 --> 00:49:02,929  
a noisy be putting ready number of

1228  
00:49:00,769 --> 00:49:04,340  
astrology books mm-hm which ones have

1229  
00:49:02,929 --> 00:49:07,329  
you read just out of interest I read

1230  
00:49:04,340 --> 00:49:10,370  
some by michelle bachman know how is

1231  
00:49:07,329 --> 00:49:12,860  
claimed to be a major proponent of

1232  
00:49:10,369 --> 00:49:14,389  
astrology into goodman i have written a

1233  
00:49:12,860 --> 00:49:16,130  
good thing so that's third yes there are

1234  
00:49:14,389 --> 00:49:17,569  
sellers yeah that's right the best

1235  
00:49:16,130 --> 00:49:19,369  
sellers yes they attended work on the

1236  
00:49:17,570 --> 00:49:21,470  
sun sign which is a fairly sort of

1237  
00:49:19,369 --> 00:49:23,150  
simple basic without going into grade

1238  
00:49:21,469 --> 00:49:24,649  
t's house and she talks about various

1239  
00:49:23,150 --> 00:49:26,630  
combinations in the love sign book who

1240  
00:49:24,650 --> 00:49:29,030

you'd be best off matched with here and

1241

00:49:26,630 --> 00:49:30,530

it's a fairly complicated book i had

1242

00:49:29,030 --> 00:49:32,360

read it when it's a complicated she has

1243

00:49:30,530 --> 00:49:37,310

a nice easy colloquial style of writing

1244

00:49:32,360 --> 00:49:38,599

but as far as what there's a very icy we

1245

00:49:37,309 --> 00:49:40,309

get into terminology astrological

1246

00:49:38,599 --> 00:49:42,889

technology we go to get ourselves sort

1247

00:49:40,309 --> 00:49:45,170

of very clear i mean i'd like to but

1248

00:49:42,889 --> 00:49:46,369

obviously not everyone understands that

1249

00:49:45,170 --> 00:49:49,420

and i'm not sure there's really that

1250

00:49:46,369 --> 00:49:52,130

much to understand anyway in a sense I'm

1251

00:49:49,420 --> 00:49:54,019

by the way speaking of team ended from

1252

00:49:52,130 --> 00:49:56,450

the straining skeptics Association but

1253

00:49:54,019 --> 00:49:59,599

look in any discussion of astrology

1254

00:49:56,449 --> 00:50:03,399

right the question we had to keep coming

1255  
00:49:59,599 --> 00:50:03,400  
back to is how can we measure the

1256  
00:50:04,510 --> 00:50:11,360  
effectiveness right of astrological

1257  
00:50:08,349 --> 00:50:15,380  
right I'll give you an addictions if I

1258  
00:50:11,360 --> 00:50:17,539  
may I can michelle bachman who was a

1259  
00:50:15,380 --> 00:50:19,250  
french researcher it was been constantly

1260  
00:50:17,539 --> 00:50:21,559  
quoted by astrologers as supporting

1261  
00:50:19,250 --> 00:50:23,179  
astrology apparently very few

1262  
00:50:21,559 --> 00:50:24,259  
astrologers had read his books because

1263  
00:50:23,179 --> 00:50:26,929  
he doesn't he

1264  
00:50:24,260 --> 00:50:28,640  
so he's French is French and he calls

1265  
00:50:26,929 --> 00:50:30,109  
himself a student of the new astrology

1266  
00:50:28,639 --> 00:50:32,569  
is that much he is the fellow report of

1267  
00:50:30,110 --> 00:50:33,950  
the Mars influence they're saying

1268  
00:50:32,570 --> 00:50:36,890  
certain people with certain plants in

1269  
00:50:33,949 --> 00:50:38,089  
certain houses have a certain profession

1270  
00:50:36,889 --> 00:50:42,230  
but that's it that's as far as he goes

1271  
00:50:38,090 --> 00:50:45,260  
and that's a bit questionable anyway but

1272  
00:50:42,230 --> 00:50:46,760  
he did an experiment and it was that he

1273  
00:50:45,260 --> 00:50:49,700  
put an ad in the paper and french paper

1274  
00:50:46,760 --> 00:50:51,830  
free horoscopes free star chart which is

1275  
00:50:49,699 --> 00:50:53,960  
unusual in astrological circles you know

1276  
00:50:51,829 --> 00:50:55,519  
we have to pay for it anything from two

1277  
00:50:53,960 --> 00:50:58,220  
dollars to two thousand dollars

1278  
00:50:55,519 --> 00:50:59,389  
depending on who you seeing right free

1279  
00:50:58,219 --> 00:51:01,519  
one as long as you answer a

1280  
00:50:59,389 --> 00:51:04,549  
questionnaire think a lot of responses I

1281  
00:51:01,519 --> 00:51:05,690  
would say for free and he said I can

1282  
00:51:04,550 --> 00:51:08,600  
answer the question there I want you to

1283

00:51:05,690 --> 00:51:10,159  
give me people of answers 1 how accurate

1284  
00:51:08,599 --> 00:51:12,619  
is my character assessment of you and

1285  
00:51:10,159 --> 00:51:14,929  
how accurate do your friends think my

1286  
00:51:12,619 --> 00:51:16,909  
character says no I avoid the self

1287  
00:51:14,929 --> 00:51:19,009  
delusion thinking yes who know you

1288  
00:51:16,909 --> 00:51:20,449  
better right so senator about a hundred

1289  
00:51:19,010 --> 00:51:22,640  
and fifty people responded to the

1290  
00:51:20,449 --> 00:51:25,039  
questionnaire ninety percent of them

1291  
00:51:22,639 --> 00:51:26,719  
said I believe that your cage assessment

1292  
00:51:25,039 --> 00:51:29,630  
of me is spot-on ninety-five percent

1293  
00:51:26,719 --> 00:51:31,039  
said us perfect and in that are the what

1294  
00:51:29,630 --> 00:51:32,510  
are the friends think and the friends

1295  
00:51:31,039 --> 00:51:34,940  
the answer was ninety percent thought

1296  
00:51:32,510 --> 00:51:36,800  
it's very very good spot on it n

1297  
00:51:34,940 --> 00:51:39,769

revealed that he sent everybody exactly

1298

00:51:36,800 --> 00:51:41,090

the same character assessment really and

1299

00:51:39,769 --> 00:51:42,650

he had actually bay state that was a

1300

00:51:41,090 --> 00:51:44,630

real cater assessment based on a real

1301

00:51:42,650 --> 00:51:47,450

star chart based on a man who had killed

1302

00:51:44,630 --> 00:51:49,550

several dozen people and then dissolved

1303

00:51:47,449 --> 00:51:51,710

their bodies in a line it was a mass

1304

00:51:49,550 --> 00:51:53,420

murderer famous French Matthew yeah they

1305

00:51:51,710 --> 00:51:55,010

wouldn't have picked that up no that's

1306

00:51:53,420 --> 00:51:56,570

what often happens if you so everyone

1307

00:51:55,010 --> 00:51:58,460

knows what York a turistic supposed to

1308

00:51:56,570 --> 00:52:02,180

be for your sign whether you be Leo

1309

00:51:58,460 --> 00:52:04,760

Taurus Virgo or whatever try getting

1310

00:52:02,179 --> 00:52:06,649

another one for a query Azure Pisces or

1311

00:52:04,760 --> 00:52:08,000

some other star sign and reading that

1312  
00:52:06,650 --> 00:52:09,889  
and honestly see if that applies to you

1313  
00:52:08,000 --> 00:52:12,260  
as well yeah so in other words it

1314  
00:52:09,889 --> 00:52:14,269  
wouldn't hurt once in a while to read it

1315  
00:52:12,260 --> 00:52:15,890  
up and then get someone else to read

1316  
00:52:14,269 --> 00:52:17,920  
over and see if they can I've done buddy

1317  
00:52:15,889 --> 00:52:20,150  
where a friend of mine has been given a

1318  
00:52:17,920 --> 00:52:22,730  
personality assessment by and noted

1319  
00:52:20,150 --> 00:52:25,250  
Australian astrologer and I've taken his

1320  
00:52:22,730 --> 00:52:26,300  
name off it and put my name on past the

1321  
00:52:25,250 --> 00:52:29,059  
people and say what do you think of this

1322  
00:52:26,300 --> 00:52:30,710  
I said god it's pretty places for you

1323  
00:52:29,059 --> 00:52:32,110  
that's not me at all is I'm totally

1324  
00:52:30,710 --> 00:52:34,300  
differently

1325  
00:52:32,110 --> 00:52:35,710  
and the other thing is you can do is

1326  
00:52:34,300 --> 00:52:37,990  
sort of someone asked you what your star

1327  
00:52:35,710 --> 00:52:41,260  
son is tell them something else and I'll

1328  
00:52:37,989 --> 00:52:45,159  
say I knew it all along try it it's fun

1329  
00:52:41,260 --> 00:52:49,660  
actually so in essence then do you feel

1330  
00:52:45,159 --> 00:52:52,989  
that astrology is basically an outmoded

1331  
00:52:49,659 --> 00:52:55,569  
system based on what the Greeks and the

1332  
00:52:52,989 --> 00:52:56,829  
early Babylonians used to do in order to

1333  
00:52:55,570 --> 00:52:58,780  
rationalize the universe that they

1334  
00:52:56,829 --> 00:53:01,029  
couldn't explain I could not put a bit

1335  
00:52:58,780 --> 00:53:02,860  
on myself what that's exactly it that's

1336  
00:53:01,030 --> 00:53:04,570  
right right it's only thing else you

1337  
00:53:02,860 --> 00:53:06,070  
want to say about it just that there

1338  
00:53:04,570 --> 00:53:07,870  
have been many sort of tests on base for

1339  
00:53:06,070 --> 00:53:09,550  
you astrologers do test themselves of

1340

00:53:07,869 --> 00:53:10,719  
their own and if a days someone comes

1341  
00:53:09,550 --> 00:53:12,550  
back to them and said you were correct

1342  
00:53:10,719 --> 00:53:14,199  
that's me and they said well that proves

1343  
00:53:12,550 --> 00:53:15,820  
it well it doesn't prove but you have to

1344  
00:53:14,199 --> 00:53:17,859  
go further than that and a test that

1345  
00:53:15,820 --> 00:53:19,630  
have been done seriously wit astrologers

1346  
00:53:17,860 --> 00:53:22,990  
have proved that it doesn't work have

1347  
00:53:19,630 --> 00:53:24,820  
you done anything recently oh he's

1348  
00:53:22,989 --> 00:53:26,469  
chatting skeptics extra not misspell

1349  
00:53:24,820 --> 00:53:29,680  
although they have a long article would

1350  
00:53:26,469 --> 00:53:32,739  
spin a major survey of astrology done by

1351  
00:53:29,679 --> 00:53:34,659  
an Australian which researched astrology

1352  
00:53:32,739 --> 00:53:37,029  
for last 20 years and is noted in

1353  
00:53:34,659 --> 00:53:39,099  
astrological service circles as being

1354  
00:53:37,030 --> 00:53:42,760

very well informed and he came out with

1355

00:53:39,099 --> 00:53:44,469

the ideas spunk oh I didn't amend them

1356

00:53:42,760 --> 00:53:45,730

from the Australian skeptics Association

1357

00:53:44,469 --> 00:53:47,379

thank you very much for coming in thank

1358

00:53:45,730 --> 00:53:50,670

you doing to tell you we will take a

1359

00:53:47,380 --> 00:53:50,670

break and then we'll be right back

1360

00:53:56,789 --> 00:54:02,410

hi this is brian dunning from sceptile

1361

00:53:59,739 --> 00:54:04,389

com the best way to share the benefits

1362

00:54:02,409 --> 00:54:06,068

of critical thinking and science with

1363

00:54:04,389 --> 00:54:09,038

someone who doesn't listen to podcasts

1364

00:54:06,068 --> 00:54:11,048

is to give them a book I invite you to

1365

00:54:09,039 --> 00:54:13,390

check out my newest book based on

1366

00:54:11,048 --> 00:54:16,780

selected episodes of The sceptile cast

1367

00:54:13,389 --> 00:54:20,288

skep tied three pirates pyramids and

1368

00:54:16,780 --> 00:54:22,599

papyrus 50 chapters contain something

1369  
00:54:20,289 --> 00:54:25,030  
for everyone questions you've always

1370  
00:54:22,599 --> 00:54:28,210  
wondered about and subject to intrigue

1371  
00:54:25,030 --> 00:54:30,880  
and challenge your friends pirates

1372  
00:54:28,210 --> 00:54:33,190  
pyramids and papyrus by Brian Dunning

1373  
00:54:30,880 --> 00:54:35,318  
with a foreword by Richard Saunders of

1374  
00:54:33,190 --> 00:54:37,838  
the Australian skeptics it's available

1375  
00:54:35,318 --> 00:54:41,349  
now from major online booksellers as a

1376  
00:54:37,838 --> 00:54:44,460  
paperback and as an e-book or get a

1377  
00:54:41,349 --> 00:54:57,700  
personalized copy from sceptile com I'm

1378  
00:54:44,460 --> 00:54:59,409  
Brian Dunning from sceptile com I like

1379  
00:54:57,699 --> 00:55:02,288  
rexburg like make its main out here how

1380  
00:54:59,409 --> 00:55:04,420  
are you thanks right now look hello is

1381  
00:55:02,289 --> 00:55:06,760  
your computer working properly Greg yes

1382  
00:55:04,420 --> 00:55:08,858  
it is thanks now you called me and

1383  
00:55:06,760 --> 00:55:10,329  
contacted me because there's a bit of a

1384  
00:55:08,858 --> 00:55:11,920  
scam that's going around now that I'm

1385  
00:55:10,329 --> 00:55:13,690  
sure our listeners would like to hear

1386  
00:55:11,920 --> 00:55:15,548  
about and also you're uniquely

1387  
00:55:13,690 --> 00:55:17,769  
positioned to know exactly what's going

1388  
00:55:15,548 --> 00:55:18,788  
on tell us sir what you do is a living

1389  
00:55:17,769 --> 00:55:20,980  
in how you got involved in this

1390  
00:55:18,789 --> 00:55:23,559  
particular scam or not or you may busted

1391  
00:55:20,980 --> 00:55:25,389  
it man I haven't busted it it's out

1392  
00:55:23,559 --> 00:55:27,400  
there and it's a lot of people are

1393  
00:55:25,389 --> 00:55:29,019  
getting affected by well what's going on

1394  
00:55:27,400 --> 00:55:32,139  
and will tell us what happen with you

1395  
00:55:29,019 --> 00:55:34,449  
well I've got about 30 clients had phone

1396  
00:55:32,139 --> 00:55:37,960  
calls from people from the subcontinent

1397

00:55:34,449 --> 00:55:40,210  
pretending to be computer repairs and

1398  
00:55:37,960 --> 00:55:43,900  
you work in the ID areas or the news

1399  
00:55:40,210 --> 00:55:45,849  
you're that's right year so I then it

1400  
00:55:43,900 --> 00:55:48,010  
looks from people after the event thing

1401  
00:55:45,849 --> 00:55:49,838  
I took this phone call from this person

1402  
00:55:48,010 --> 00:55:52,690  
and now worried that my computer's dirty

1403  
00:55:49,838 --> 00:55:54,849  
and I've had one client least six

1404  
00:55:52,690 --> 00:55:56,440  
hundred dollars another client two

1405  
00:55:54,849 --> 00:55:58,838  
hundred dollars editor credit card

1406  
00:55:56,440 --> 00:56:00,159  
another client attempted to take twelve

1407  
00:55:58,838 --> 00:56:02,380  
thousand dollars out of the bank account

1408  
00:56:00,159 --> 00:56:04,279  
now tell us exactly how this scam works

1409  
00:56:02,380 --> 00:56:05,990  
and how these people expose themselves

1410  
00:56:04,280 --> 00:56:07,790  
losing money well what happens is the

1411  
00:56:05,989 --> 00:56:09,799

kind of people that don't know too much

1412

00:56:07,789 --> 00:56:11,809

about computers and say oh we're from

1413

00:56:09,800 --> 00:56:13,280

such and such a company and your

1414

00:56:11,809 --> 00:56:16,480

computer has been reported to have a

1415

00:56:13,280 --> 00:56:18,920

problem and unless you fix this then

1416

00:56:16,480 --> 00:56:21,679

you're continuing to have problems and

1417

00:56:18,920 --> 00:56:24,019

we can help you fix it and then they'll

1418

00:56:21,679 --> 00:56:25,730

get the person to go through some

1419

00:56:24,019 --> 00:56:26,780

settings in the computer and show them

1420

00:56:25,730 --> 00:56:28,579

all the problems that are in the

1421

00:56:26,780 --> 00:56:31,550

computer and then they'll access their

1422

00:56:28,579 --> 00:56:32,889

computer remotely and well we're not

1423

00:56:31,550 --> 00:56:35,750

sure what happens with that but

1424

00:56:32,889 --> 00:56:37,579

sometimes there may be putting things

1425

00:56:35,750 --> 00:56:38,900

into the computer and sometimes they're

1426  
00:56:37,579 --> 00:56:42,380  
taking information out of the computer

1427  
00:56:38,900 --> 00:56:43,940  
without the purse so these are mainly

1428  
00:56:42,380 --> 00:56:45,380  
Windows computers is there any

1429  
00:56:43,940 --> 00:56:47,059  
particular version of windows they're

1430  
00:56:45,380 --> 00:56:49,579  
targeting know they're getting everybody

1431  
00:56:47,059 --> 00:56:51,079  
and tell me do you think they're getting

1432  
00:56:49,579 --> 00:56:52,489  
into their bank account details and

1433  
00:56:51,079 --> 00:56:54,230  
that's how they're getting it well it's

1434  
00:56:52,489 --> 00:56:55,849  
certainly that indication in certainly

1435  
00:56:54,230 --> 00:56:59,269  
one case because two weeks after they

1436  
00:56:55,849 --> 00:57:00,920  
accessed the computer they attempted to

1437  
00:56:59,269 --> 00:57:02,570  
take as I said twelve thousand dollars

1438  
00:57:00,920 --> 00:57:04,190  
out of someone's bank account and you've

1439  
00:57:02,570 --> 00:57:06,920  
gone into a few of these computers are

1440  
00:57:04,190 --> 00:57:08,780  
they Trojans are they key copy is what

1441  
00:57:06,920 --> 00:57:11,510  
are they sending off there they're all

1442  
00:57:08,780 --> 00:57:13,160  
kinds of things more importantly though

1443  
00:57:11,510 --> 00:57:15,440  
that you know you can't keep your

1444  
00:57:13,159 --> 00:57:16,759  
computer room in a state of not knowing

1445  
00:57:15,440 --> 00:57:19,250  
whether it's clean and not so you've got

1446  
00:57:16,760 --> 00:57:20,720  
to run software through the computer and

1447  
00:57:19,250 --> 00:57:22,610  
make sure that there's still nothing

1448  
00:57:20,719 --> 00:57:25,309  
think that there's still no possibility

1449  
00:57:22,610 --> 00:57:27,559  
someone accessing it remotely so if

1450  
00:57:25,309 --> 00:57:29,599  
someone has had this happen to them I

1451  
00:57:27,559 --> 00:57:32,150  
guess it's a clean install that's going

1452  
00:57:29,599 --> 00:57:35,210  
to be done well that's the risk you take

1453  
00:57:32,150 --> 00:57:36,410  
if you don't you know can't be confident

1454

00:57:35,210 --> 00:57:38,119  
you've got a totally clean you might

1455  
00:57:36,409 --> 00:57:40,819  
need to do a wreck ring full of windows

1456  
00:57:38,119 --> 00:57:42,710  
right and if someone was doing backups

1457  
00:57:40,820 --> 00:57:44,150  
on their computer I imagine that they

1458  
00:57:42,710 --> 00:57:46,519  
could end up backing up the crappy stuff

1459  
00:57:44,150 --> 00:57:48,349  
as well that's right yeah so it's very

1460  
00:57:46,519 --> 00:57:50,030  
be sure the computers clean after

1461  
00:57:48,349 --> 00:57:51,829  
they've accessed it so what I'm really

1462  
00:57:50,030 --> 00:57:54,740  
trying to pass on the people is if you

1463  
00:57:51,829 --> 00:57:56,210  
receive this call hang up on them don't

1464  
00:57:54,739 --> 00:57:58,519  
do what they tell you to do don't let

1465  
00:57:56,210 --> 00:57:59,809  
them access your computer and if you

1466  
00:57:58,519 --> 00:58:02,750  
have someone that does regard to your

1467  
00:57:59,809 --> 00:58:04,730  
computer contact that person and you

1468  
00:58:02,750 --> 00:58:08,239

know deal with the Indian Scalia to do

1469

00:58:04,730 --> 00:58:10,099

now iram and now you actually got their

1470

00:58:08,239 --> 00:58:11,809

number and you rang these people that

1471

00:58:10,099 --> 00:58:13,429

were ringing people and doing this how

1472

00:58:11,809 --> 00:58:16,909

far did you get with them a new ring men

1473

00:58:13,429 --> 00:58:18,019

oh I spoke to the front desk and claimed

1474

00:58:16,909 --> 00:58:21,199

to be a company in

1475

00:58:18,019 --> 00:58:22,880

Sydney and I asked him where were they

1476

00:58:21,199 --> 00:58:24,529

in Sydney and he then picked a very

1477

00:58:22,880 --> 00:58:27,410

offended saying or why do you want to

1478

00:58:24,530 --> 00:58:29,120

know who are you so that's as far as I

1479

00:58:27,409 --> 00:58:30,920

got the front desk we have had a few

1480

00:58:29,119 --> 00:58:32,179

people here that work here as well that

1481

00:58:30,920 --> 00:58:33,950

have said that they've also had calls

1482

00:58:32,179 --> 00:58:35,659

from them I guess the best thing is to

1483  
00:58:33,949 --> 00:58:37,339  
hang up on them but is there a fun way

1484  
00:58:35,659 --> 00:58:38,809  
you could play with their brain before

1485  
00:58:37,340 --> 00:58:41,360  
you hang up well I've heard of people

1486  
00:58:38,809 --> 00:58:43,039  
using a whistle and blowing a whistle um

1487  
00:58:41,360 --> 00:58:45,110  
I got the phone call about two weeks ago

1488  
00:58:43,039 --> 00:58:46,849  
and I played along for a while just to

1489  
00:58:45,110 --> 00:58:48,349  
see where they take me in wasted 20

1490  
00:58:46,849 --> 00:58:50,900  
minutes of his time I thought that was

1491  
00:58:48,349 --> 00:58:52,819  
worth doing yeah so basically they're

1492  
00:58:50,900 --> 00:58:54,440  
looking for money thereafter you do

1493  
00:58:52,820 --> 00:58:57,559  
that's right and a lot of people are

1494  
00:58:54,440 --> 00:58:59,119  
getting sucked in by them or scared by

1495  
00:58:57,559 --> 00:59:01,099  
them worried about what's happened to

1496  
00:58:59,119 --> 00:59:02,719  
their computer and everyone's getting

1497  
00:59:01,099 --> 00:59:03,949  
very upset and all that's got to happen

1498  
00:59:02,719 --> 00:59:05,629  
is they've got to know a little bit more

1499  
00:59:03,949 --> 00:59:07,189  
about computers that you do and you'll

1500  
00:59:05,630 --> 00:59:08,510  
follow them along and believe that

1501  
00:59:07,190 --> 00:59:10,400  
they're they're really there to help you

1502  
00:59:08,510 --> 00:59:12,470  
that's not the case and basically we're

1503  
00:59:10,400 --> 00:59:14,240  
telling people that strangers just don't

1504  
00:59:12,469 --> 00:59:16,369  
ring you up and tell you your computer's

1505  
00:59:14,239 --> 00:59:18,500  
have problems that never happens that's

1506  
00:59:16,369 --> 00:59:20,480  
exactly right anybody that cold calls

1507  
00:59:18,500 --> 00:59:21,769  
you that you don't know that phones you

1508  
00:59:20,480 --> 00:59:22,940  
up and says there's something on with

1509  
00:59:21,769 --> 00:59:25,219  
the computer you don't want to know

1510  
00:59:22,940 --> 00:59:26,809  
about them hang up on them and how do

1511

00:59:25,219 --> 00:59:28,159  
you know when if you want someone to

1512  
00:59:26,809 --> 00:59:29,659  
work on your computer is a reputable

1513  
00:59:28,159 --> 00:59:31,579  
person I mean how do you know that

1514  
00:59:29,659 --> 00:59:33,259  
someone's on the level that's the

1515  
00:59:31,579 --> 00:59:35,179  
problem there are people out there that

1516  
00:59:33,260 --> 00:59:38,270  
don't know too much but still selling

1517  
00:59:35,179 --> 00:59:39,739  
their services best way to get a person

1518  
00:59:38,269 --> 00:59:41,570  
is word of mouth from a friend that used

1519  
00:59:39,739 --> 00:59:43,639  
someone it sounds good enough to me look

1520  
00:59:41,570 --> 00:59:44,780  
thanks you call Greg and if you do get

1521  
00:59:43,639 --> 00:59:46,190  
to talk to the guys again maybe you

1522  
00:59:44,780 --> 00:59:48,410  
should ring them and tell them there's

1523  
00:59:46,190 --> 00:59:58,039  
something wrong with their computer what

1524  
00:59:48,409 --> 01:00:00,170  
a good idea thank you for calling

1525  
00:59:58,039 --> 01:00:02,329

customer care for individuals oh man

1526

01:00:00,170 --> 01:00:04,369

health care oh yes look a friend of mine

1527

01:00:02,329 --> 01:00:05,989

just said that he had some trouble with

1528

01:00:04,369 --> 01:00:07,009

his computer and I'm very concerned that

1529

01:00:05,989 --> 01:00:09,529

I might have some trouble with my

1530

01:00:07,010 --> 01:00:12,200

computer to and and you guys do that

1531

01:00:09,530 --> 01:00:14,570

sort of thing too you know so this is

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01:00:12,199 --> 01:00:16,489

the customer care department the

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01:00:14,570 --> 01:00:19,220

customers who have signed us with our

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01:00:16,489 --> 01:00:22,789

company they are only provided with this

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01:00:19,219 --> 01:00:25,459

number okay so you can't help me really

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01:00:22,789 --> 01:00:27,529

problem my computer I'm sorry so it's

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01:00:25,460 --> 01:00:29,990

basically it's not a sales department

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01:00:27,530 --> 01:00:31,369

okay and where you based you you in

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01:00:29,989 --> 01:00:33,618

Melbourne or Sydney

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01:00:31,369 --> 01:00:36,068  
we are based in Sydney oh okay we're

1541  
01:00:33,619 --> 01:00:38,509  
about you in North Sydney people or I

1542  
01:00:36,068 --> 01:00:40,009  
think apart we're about to your based

1543  
01:00:38,509 --> 01:00:42,469  
are you in North Sydney we're all other

1544  
01:00:40,009 --> 01:00:45,829  
guys are are you over you know 50 pop a

1545  
01:00:42,469 --> 01:00:47,480  
way better shipley park chifley park

1546  
01:00:45,829 --> 01:00:49,009  
okay well thank you very much so by

1547  
01:00:47,480 --> 01:00:53,980  
having a computer problem you can't help

1548  
01:00:49,009 --> 01:00:53,980  
me yeah I'm sorry for that okay thank

1549  
01:01:13,219 --> 01:01:19,009  
thank you for listening to the skeptics

1550  
01:01:15,900 --> 01:01:22,079  
on a big thank you to me nerd for his

1551  
01:01:19,010 --> 01:01:24,180  
contribution this week and to a thang

1552  
01:01:22,079 --> 01:01:27,989  
Maynard you can visit his website

1553  
01:01:24,179 --> 01:01:31,739  
Maynard com got a huge check out his

1554  
01:01:27,989 --> 01:01:34,019  
videos his podcast that would be the

1555  
01:01:31,739 --> 01:01:36,449  
thing to do thank you may not two thumbs

1556  
01:01:34,019 --> 01:01:39,509  
up and just a reminder that if you

1557  
01:01:36,449 --> 01:01:42,359  
haven't booked your ticket for the

1558  
01:01:39,510 --> 01:01:46,740  
amazing meeting tam 9 in las vegas

1559  
01:01:42,360 --> 01:01:48,240  
coming up in mid-july bout time you are

1560  
01:01:46,739 --> 01:01:52,859  
worked your fingers to the keyboard

1561  
01:01:48,239 --> 01:01:57,500  
typed in ww Randy org and make sure you

1562  
01:01:52,860 --> 01:02:00,000  
secure your ticket I shall see you there

1563  
01:01:57,500 --> 01:02:07,769  
but for now this is Richard Saunders

1564  
01:02:00,000 --> 01:02:11,159  
signing off from Sydney Australia you've

1565  
01:02:07,769 --> 01:02:15,750  
been listening to the skeptic zone visit

1566  
01:02:11,159 --> 01:02:18,210  
our website at www skeptics on TV for

1567  
01:02:15,750 --> 01:02:20,869  
comments contacts and extra video

1568

01:02:18,210 --> 01:02:20,869  
reports