

1  
00:00:20,660 --> 00:00:25,649  
hello Richard Saunders here from Sydney

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00:00:23,429 --> 00:00:29,329  
Australia welcome to the skeptic zone

3  
00:00:25,649 --> 00:00:33,750  
show number 14 for the 23rd of January

4  
00:00:29,329 --> 00:00:35,518  
2009 a special episode later on we'll

5  
00:00:33,750 --> 00:00:38,100  
have some highlights from my adventure

6  
00:00:35,518 --> 00:00:40,320  
up the coast of Alaska with James Randi

7  
00:00:38,100 --> 00:00:42,960  
Phil Plait rebecca watson and many

8  
00:00:40,320 --> 00:00:45,628  
others but before then we have a special

9  
00:00:42,960 --> 00:00:48,870  
interview conducted by Kylie Sturgis

10  
00:00:45,628 --> 00:00:50,219  
with Jon Ronson Jon Ronson has written a

11  
00:00:48,869 --> 00:00:52,530  
book called the men who stare at goats

12  
00:00:50,219 --> 00:00:54,960  
which is currently being turned into a

13  
00:00:52,530 --> 00:01:03,088  
feature film starring such big names as

14  
00:00:54,960 --> 00:01:05,489  
well let's find out Jon Ronson is a

15  
00:01:03,088 --> 00:01:07,319  
writer and a documentary maker whose

16  
00:01:05,489 --> 00:01:09,359  
regular appearances in British

17  
00:01:07,319 --> 00:01:12,359  
publications include the Guardian

18  
00:01:09,359 --> 00:01:15,090  
newspaper and time out magazine he has

19  
00:01:12,359 --> 00:01:17,368  
even investigated a UFO conference with

20  
00:01:15,090 --> 00:01:19,590  
singer Robbie Williams and a character

21  
00:01:17,368 --> 00:01:22,530  
based upon Watson will soon be played by

22  
00:01:19,590 --> 00:01:25,939  
Ewan McGregor in a film starring george

23  
00:01:22,530 --> 00:01:29,219  
clooney about not so psychic soldiers

24  
00:01:25,939 --> 00:01:31,769  
Jon Ronson's first book them adventures

25  
00:01:29,219 --> 00:01:33,629  
with extremists is an investigative

26  
00:01:31,769 --> 00:01:36,299  
account of his experiences with the

27  
00:01:33,629 --> 00:01:38,609  
likes of David Icke Randy Weaver Omar

28  
00:01:36,299 --> 00:01:41,700  
Bakri Mohammed and their conspiracy

29

00:01:38,609 --> 00:01:44,250  
theory views he also follows independent

30  
00:01:41,700 --> 00:01:47,820  
investigators of secretive organizations

31  
00:01:44,250 --> 00:01:50,609  
such as the Bilderberg Group his second

32  
00:01:47,819 --> 00:01:52,769  
book the men who stare at goats deals

33  
00:01:50,609 --> 00:01:54,840  
with the secret new-age unit that was

34  
00:01:52,769 --> 00:01:57,060  
within the u.s. army called the first

35  
00:01:54,840 --> 00:01:59,130  
Earth battalion and why they believed

36  
00:01:57,060 --> 00:02:02,340  
people could walk through walls and even

37  
00:01:59,129 --> 00:02:04,349  
kill goats simply by staring at them the

38  
00:02:02,340 --> 00:02:07,500  
men who stare at goats is currently in

39  
00:02:04,349 --> 00:02:09,868  
production as a Hollywood movie his

40  
00:02:07,500 --> 00:02:11,729  
collections of essays include out of the

41  
00:02:09,868 --> 00:02:15,509  
ordinary true tales of everyday

42  
00:02:11,729 --> 00:02:18,030  
craziness and what I do more to tales of

43  
00:02:15,509 --> 00:02:19,889

everyday craziness you can even read his

44

00:02:18,030 --> 00:02:22,469

account of attending a cruise with

45

00:02:19,889 --> 00:02:25,559

suppose that psychic Sylvia Browne on

46

00:02:22,469 --> 00:02:27,870

the Guardian newspaper website Jon

47

00:02:25,560 --> 00:02:30,330

Ronson also presents at the skeptics in

48

00:02:27,870 --> 00:02:31,500

the pub in the UK and he currently spoke

49

00:02:30,330 --> 00:02:38,790

to us from his home in

50

00:02:31,500 --> 00:02:40,590

the skeptics are John first of all thank

51

00:02:38,789 --> 00:02:42,329

you so much for joining us thanks to the

52

00:02:40,590 --> 00:02:43,800

wonders of technology we are now

53

00:02:42,330 --> 00:02:46,770

chatting to you all the way over there

54

00:02:43,800 --> 00:02:49,350

in London yeah yeah I'm being purchased

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00:02:46,770 --> 00:02:52,500

by Richard and sickness just amazing

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00:02:49,349 --> 00:02:54,150

yeah welcome to 2009 certainly one of

57

00:02:52,500 --> 00:02:55,860

the wonderful things about your work is

58  
00:02:54,150 --> 00:02:58,170  
that it's growing more and more in

59  
00:02:55,860 --> 00:02:59,910  
popularity the second book that you

60  
00:02:58,169 --> 00:03:01,889  
wrote the men who stared at goats is

61  
00:02:59,909 --> 00:03:04,650  
going to become a feature film soon

62  
00:03:01,889 --> 00:03:06,809  
knife I've read and I know yeah yeah you

63  
00:03:04,650 --> 00:03:08,459  
can't tell us too much about what is

64  
00:03:06,810 --> 00:03:10,830  
going to be involved but what can you

65  
00:03:08,459 --> 00:03:12,539  
tell us about the journey whatever you

66  
00:03:10,830 --> 00:03:14,760  
having a family yeah what minute boys

67  
00:03:12,539 --> 00:03:16,560  
feed them it's been fantastic to witness

68  
00:03:14,759 --> 00:03:20,489  
it all happen in it the guy my spell is

69  
00:03:16,560 --> 00:03:21,959  
about four years ago just before the

70  
00:03:20,489 --> 00:03:24,810  
book was published many stare at goats

71  
00:03:21,959 --> 00:03:26,699  
and you know silly they was kind of slow

72  
00:03:24,810 --> 00:03:28,590  
your interest I put a bit when I started

73  
00:03:26,699 --> 00:03:30,539  
right in the book I started thinking you

74  
00:03:28,590 --> 00:03:32,400  
know maybe there was you know it's a

75  
00:03:30,539 --> 00:03:34,229  
really clever screenwriter k belong

76  
00:03:32,400 --> 00:03:37,260  
maybe there was a movie in this because

77  
00:03:34,229 --> 00:03:39,509  
it's a mad story about your special

78  
00:03:37,259 --> 00:03:41,849  
forces soldiers trying to harness the

79  
00:03:39,509 --> 00:03:44,340  
power of the paradol born and I'm you

80  
00:03:41,849 --> 00:03:45,989  
know true story about Major Generals

81  
00:03:44,340 --> 00:03:48,599  
trying to walk through their walls and

82  
00:03:45,989 --> 00:03:50,459  
secrets arlington virginia and soldiers

83  
00:03:48,599 --> 00:03:52,680  
at Fort Bragg trying to kill goats just

84  
00:03:50,459 --> 00:03:55,019  
by staring at them in this mad little

85  
00:03:52,680 --> 00:03:56,969  
cabal like a real-life conspiracy you

86

00:03:55,019 --> 00:03:58,739  
know it's like this is where they'd sort

87  
00:03:56,969 --> 00:04:01,199  
of fantasies of the conspiracy theorists

88  
00:03:58,739 --> 00:04:05,099  
come true so I thought this is just a

89  
00:04:01,199 --> 00:04:06,899  
fab store in and sure enough just before

90  
00:04:05,099 --> 00:04:09,239  
the book got published sort of film

91  
00:04:06,900 --> 00:04:12,569  
people called me up and said that they

92  
00:04:09,239 --> 00:04:14,370  
wanted to do it and and this screen

93  
00:04:12,569 --> 00:04:17,389  
writer called Peter straw the lives near

94  
00:04:14,370 --> 00:04:19,798  
me bro just the funniest screenplay and

95  
00:04:17,389 --> 00:04:21,629  
straight away we were getting the names

96  
00:04:19,798 --> 00:04:23,939  
of work being thrown around or just

97  
00:04:21,629 --> 00:04:27,000  
dizzy and people wanted to make the film

98  
00:04:23,939 --> 00:04:29,100  
having read Peter screenplay and in the

99  
00:04:27,000 --> 00:04:32,189  
end it got made by it's been directed by

100  
00:04:29,100 --> 00:04:34,710

grant Heslov who's who wrote and

101

00:04:32,189 --> 00:04:38,459

produced good night and good luck and

102

00:04:34,709 --> 00:04:41,549

films like that and starring george

103

00:04:38,459 --> 00:04:43,379

clooney Kevin Spacey you and McGregor

104

00:04:41,550 --> 00:04:43,879

and Jeff British so we you know we

105

00:04:43,379 --> 00:04:46,699

really

106

00:04:43,879 --> 00:04:48,800

landed on her feet I will definitely say

107

00:04:46,699 --> 00:04:50,930

so yes they buzz on the internet movie

108

00:04:48,800 --> 00:04:52,819

database is is there really any

109

00:04:50,930 --> 00:04:54,889

potential margin of error that this film

110

00:04:52,819 --> 00:04:58,819

will end up is one of the cult hot you

111

00:04:54,889 --> 00:05:03,199

can't hit films of the decade gospel oak

112

00:04:58,819 --> 00:05:05,360

so yeah I like the fact that people that

113

00:05:03,199 --> 00:05:07,250

people are saying I'll go and see this

114

00:05:05,360 --> 00:05:09,139

film I would go and see a film called

115  
00:05:07,250 --> 00:05:11,480  
the men who stare at goats no matter

116  
00:05:09,139 --> 00:05:13,099  
what it's about and I like back since my

117  
00:05:11,480 --> 00:05:14,840  
wife's a deity called to call the book

118  
00:05:13,100 --> 00:05:16,730  
so she's thrilled that she's come up

119  
00:05:14,839 --> 00:05:19,009  
with her you know what are the great

120  
00:05:16,730 --> 00:05:20,750  
movie titles that's wonderful guy that's

121  
00:05:19,009 --> 00:05:24,379  
really lovely she turns up in a lot of

122  
00:05:20,750 --> 00:05:26,899  
your columns yeah yeah we went off to

123  
00:05:24,379 --> 00:05:28,610  
Puerto Rico and watch watch them filming

124  
00:05:26,899 --> 00:05:31,519  
it and it was just brilliant you know to

125  
00:05:28,610 --> 00:05:34,370  
see these real-life conversations I had

126  
00:05:31,519 --> 00:05:36,889  
with people five six years ago suddenly

127  
00:05:34,370 --> 00:05:41,360  
being reenacted by humor Greg and George

128  
00:05:36,889 --> 00:05:43,430  
Clooney it was a weird experience yeah

129  
00:05:41,360 --> 00:05:45,410  
and I believe that it was you have a bit

130  
00:05:43,430 --> 00:05:47,329  
of news about them adventures with

131  
00:05:45,410 --> 00:05:49,130  
extremists which was your first book you

132  
00:05:47,329 --> 00:05:51,500  
said that it was picked up and as an

133  
00:05:49,129 --> 00:05:53,689  
option to become a film back in 2005 and

134  
00:05:51,500 --> 00:05:55,480  
on your own for board you said there's

135  
00:05:53,689 --> 00:05:57,680  
been a bit of development since then

136  
00:05:55,480 --> 00:05:59,540  
yeah well I thought nothing was

137  
00:05:57,680 --> 00:06:03,470  
happening with it as is what happens

138  
00:05:59,540 --> 00:06:05,150  
with most books you know you know 99% of

139  
00:06:03,470 --> 00:06:07,180  
books agate auction nothing happened so

140  
00:06:05,149 --> 00:06:09,469  
we were you know you're so lucky with

141  
00:06:07,180 --> 00:06:11,540  
with George Clooney want me to do goats

142  
00:06:09,470 --> 00:06:14,030  
but yen or suddenly there's been another

143

00:06:11,540 --> 00:06:15,350  
sort of fluid and it looks like they are

144  
00:06:14,029 --> 00:06:17,569  
interested and they are going to make

145  
00:06:15,350 --> 00:06:20,540  
them possibly the next year or year or

146  
00:06:17,569 --> 00:06:22,939  
two so again that's just brilliant you

147  
00:06:20,540 --> 00:06:26,360  
know these are both books the the

148  
00:06:22,939 --> 00:06:28,370  
skeptical community like but don't really

149  
00:06:26,360 --> 00:06:30,860  
piss off the community of believers

150  
00:06:28,370 --> 00:06:33,920  
either you know it's like a guard over

151  
00:06:30,860 --> 00:06:35,480  
you know bridge across the divide I do

152  
00:06:33,920 --> 00:06:37,640  
think you know when i read the goat

153  
00:06:35,480 --> 00:06:39,170  
script for the first time I felt this is

154  
00:06:37,639 --> 00:06:41,839  
a film that skeptics will really really

155  
00:06:39,170 --> 00:06:43,879  
like but you know true believers already

156  
00:06:41,839 --> 00:06:46,189  
like it as well but if that is the case

157  
00:06:43,879 --> 00:06:48,079

that they can be found you're very

158

00:06:46,189 --> 00:06:49,670

interested in creating that breach I

159

00:06:48,079 --> 00:06:51,560

could see that through the article that

160

00:06:49,670 --> 00:06:53,750

you wrote with your journey with Robbie

161

00:06:51,560 --> 00:06:55,470

Williams the singer to the Nevada desert

162

00:06:53,750 --> 00:06:58,290

in order to find out about a you

163

00:06:55,470 --> 00:07:00,540

fo conference and yeah it was very

164

00:06:58,290 --> 00:07:02,640

respectful and I could see how Robbie

165

00:07:00,540 --> 00:07:05,040

Williams was demonstrating a bit of

166

00:07:02,639 --> 00:07:08,069

skepticism himself and reflecting upon

167

00:07:05,040 --> 00:07:10,890

your influence in developing that sort

168

00:07:08,069 --> 00:07:12,480

of critical eye at times yeah i mean i

169

00:07:10,889 --> 00:07:15,240

can't i can't give myself complete

170

00:07:12,480 --> 00:07:16,740

credit for breaking out into to Robbie's

171

00:07:15,240 --> 00:07:18,480

laugh because I've been one or two of

172  
00:07:16,740 --> 00:07:21,000  
his friends as a guy called Brandon is a

173  
00:07:18,480 --> 00:07:22,650  
real hardcore skeptic and and he was

174  
00:07:21,000 --> 00:07:25,110  
always there saying you know Rob this is

175  
00:07:22,649 --> 00:07:26,639  
nuts but it was really nice there was

176  
00:07:25,110 --> 00:07:29,280  
there was you know Robbie in the middle

177  
00:07:26,639 --> 00:07:31,379  
on one side there were friends of hers

178  
00:07:29,279 --> 00:07:32,519  
who were real believe it's in this stuff

179  
00:07:31,379 --> 00:07:35,639  
you know really believed that everything

180  
00:07:32,519 --> 00:07:37,680  
in UFO abductees Edwards was true then

181  
00:07:35,639 --> 00:07:39,930  
his other firms would just thought they

182  
00:07:37,680 --> 00:07:41,040  
were all insane as it was a look and he

183  
00:07:39,930 --> 00:07:43,949  
was in the middle trying to work out

184  
00:07:41,040 --> 00:07:46,350  
which one was true so it was really nice

185  
00:07:43,949 --> 00:07:48,329  
to see it I don't my guess is that he's

186  
00:07:46,350 --> 00:07:50,790  
more on the skeptic camp now than that

187  
00:07:48,329 --> 00:07:52,709  
he was a year ago he says every time he

188  
00:07:50,790 --> 00:07:54,360  
meets one of these people they're just

189  
00:07:52,709 --> 00:07:58,139  
disappointing because they turned out to

190  
00:07:54,360 --> 00:07:59,850  
be the nuts or somehow capitalizing on

191  
00:07:58,139 --> 00:08:02,550  
their friendship with him will I give

192  
00:07:59,850 --> 00:08:06,150  
you some examples yes please for

193  
00:08:02,550 --> 00:08:08,310  
instance but I noticed it the first time

194  
00:08:06,149 --> 00:08:10,259  
he called me this is back in 2005 he

195  
00:08:08,310 --> 00:08:13,379  
said that he wanted to spend the night

196  
00:08:10,259 --> 00:08:14,909  
in a haunted house yes I know any yeah

197  
00:08:13,379 --> 00:08:17,639  
so I said well I'll make some calls if

198  
00:08:14,910 --> 00:08:19,470  
you likes are you build all these ladies

199  
00:08:17,639 --> 00:08:22,009  
of banana and kind of big country houses

200

00:08:19,470 --> 00:08:26,250  
in England say get oh dear Lady

201  
00:08:22,009 --> 00:08:28,110  
Bracknell I hear that if the portrait in

202  
00:08:26,250 --> 00:08:31,439  
your drawing room has moved a ghost

203  
00:08:28,110 --> 00:08:33,180  
apparently manifests itself recently the

204  
00:08:31,439 --> 00:08:34,440  
pop star robbie williams contacted me to

205  
00:08:33,179 --> 00:08:36,418  
say he'd love to spend it at the haunted

206  
00:08:34,440 --> 00:08:38,640  
house so i was wondering if he and i

207  
00:08:36,418 --> 00:08:40,288  
could pay you a private visit and i kind

208  
00:08:38,639 --> 00:08:42,838  
of didn't think any anyone was going to

209  
00:08:40,288 --> 00:08:45,659  
email me back but you know one hundred

210  
00:08:42,839 --> 00:08:48,360  
percent of the of the Duchess's i

211  
00:08:45,659 --> 00:08:50,039  
emailed email straight away to say you

212  
00:08:48,360 --> 00:08:52,169  
know yeah yeah absolutely our house is a

213  
00:08:50,039 --> 00:08:54,059  
house is definitely haunted Robbie can

214  
00:08:52,169 --> 00:08:57,990

come whenever he likes and then Robbie

215

00:08:54,059 --> 00:09:00,719

would invite over these famous you know

216

00:08:57,990 --> 00:09:03,509

sort of paranormal leaders like like

217

00:09:00,720 --> 00:09:05,670

famous psychics and they'll always rip

218

00:09:03,509 --> 00:09:07,740

them off you know that always sell sell

219

00:09:05,669 --> 00:09:08,699

their story to the news of the world you

220

00:09:07,740 --> 00:09:11,100

know I helped Robbie

221

00:09:08,700 --> 00:09:13,980

contact is dead man he had a fantastic

222

00:09:11,100 --> 00:09:18,389

encounter with this guy called Carl BTW

223

00:09:13,980 --> 00:09:21,120

is the producer of most haunted living

224

00:09:18,389 --> 00:09:23,009

TV I don't meet we get here yes yeah

225

00:09:21,120 --> 00:09:26,100

well row pick up a excites invited kyle

226

00:09:23,009 --> 00:09:28,159

BTW over for dinner and called me up

227

00:09:26,100 --> 00:09:30,690

afterwards and i said how did it go

228

00:09:28,159 --> 00:09:32,699

Eddie said wow you know it was alright

229  
00:09:30,690 --> 00:09:35,880  
went really well until sort of dessert

230  
00:09:32,700 --> 00:09:37,560  
word kyle BTW said to me he said rob you

231  
00:09:35,879 --> 00:09:40,139  
know i'm not only the producer of most

232  
00:09:37,559 --> 00:09:43,379  
haunted i'm also only one of eight

233  
00:09:40,139 --> 00:09:46,740  
people outside japan ever to be awarded

234  
00:09:43,379 --> 00:09:49,710  
a summoner I ship out if the Emperor's

235  
00:09:46,740 --> 00:09:52,289  
ever in peril I have to drop everything

236  
00:09:49,710 --> 00:09:53,970  
and fly over and protect him so Robert

237  
00:09:52,289 --> 00:09:57,360  
said to me oh you know doesn't something

238  
00:09:53,970 --> 00:09:58,590  
plausible you know so we kind of did it

239  
00:09:57,360 --> 00:10:00,269  
did some research should realize that

240  
00:09:58,590 --> 00:10:03,180  
you know nobody's been awarded the

241  
00:10:00,269 --> 00:10:05,250  
samurai ship since 1872 and the word

242  
00:10:03,179 --> 00:10:06,870  
some UI ship doesn't even exist so each

243  
00:10:05,250 --> 00:10:09,539  
tabby cutter dips his toe into the water

244  
00:10:06,870 --> 00:10:11,909  
of the paranormal he'll you know The

245  
00:10:09,539 --> 00:10:15,120  
Skeptical side have always rings alarm

246  
00:10:11,909 --> 00:10:17,309  
bells I guess that also brings up the

247  
00:10:15,120 --> 00:10:20,759  
question of when is it harmless Robbie

248  
00:10:17,309 --> 00:10:22,589  
Williams investigating UFOs heading to a

249  
00:10:20,759 --> 00:10:23,939  
conference talking to people you can

250  
00:10:22,590 --> 00:10:25,530  
quite easily I view that's harmless

251  
00:10:23,940 --> 00:10:27,660  
that's investigating the world around

252  
00:10:25,529 --> 00:10:30,179  
even and being a questioning person I

253  
00:10:27,659 --> 00:10:31,980  
believe at one point and at one point of

254  
00:10:30,179 --> 00:10:33,569  
the article he even said something along

255  
00:10:31,980 --> 00:10:35,789  
the lines of I'm just trying to find

256  
00:10:33,570 --> 00:10:37,740  
myself maybe it's just a stage maybe I'm

257

00:10:35,789 --> 00:10:39,839  
going to get over it so where is the

258  
00:10:37,740 --> 00:10:41,879  
line drawn I mean he himself got very

259  
00:10:39,840 --> 00:10:43,889  
early with one particular psychic i

260  
00:10:41,879 --> 00:10:46,110  
believe which as you said he felt he was

261  
00:10:43,889 --> 00:10:48,840  
just having his fame used to sell a

262  
00:10:46,110 --> 00:10:50,850  
newspaper article yeah well i do think

263  
00:10:48,840 --> 00:10:52,830  
that you know Robbie try to work out

264  
00:10:50,850 --> 00:10:55,730  
whether the paranormals true i mean that

265  
00:10:52,830 --> 00:10:58,020  
starts mrs. completely harmless and and

266  
00:10:55,730 --> 00:10:59,759  
understandable but the people that you

267  
00:10:58,019 --> 00:11:02,429  
meet in these conferences i mean we met

268  
00:10:59,759 --> 00:11:06,509  
this woman called an androids who was

269  
00:11:02,429 --> 00:11:09,149  
yes she was giving a big she's one of

270  
00:11:06,509 --> 00:11:11,399  
the keynote speakers of this convention

271  
00:11:09,149 --> 00:11:13,769

for an alien abductees and it's not her

272

00:11:11,399 --> 00:11:16,740

who was abducted it's her it's her son

273

00:11:13,769 --> 00:11:19,110

had teenage son Jason and she said that

274

00:11:16,740 --> 00:11:21,509

you know poor Jason suffers terrible

275

00:11:19,110 --> 00:11:22,320

bullying you know he can't go to the

276

00:11:21,509 --> 00:11:25,200

shop without

277

00:11:22,320 --> 00:11:28,890

being screamed her and so after after

278

00:11:25,200 --> 00:11:31,980

she gave her talk Robbie said to an so

279

00:11:28,889 --> 00:11:33,000

when did this boolean start and I said

280

00:11:31,980 --> 00:11:36,259

well it was when i published my first

281

00:11:33,000 --> 00:11:39,360

book about Jason which is called Jason

282

00:11:36,259 --> 00:11:41,429

my indigo child raising a

283

00:11:39,360 --> 00:11:43,590

multidimensional star child in a

284

00:11:41,429 --> 00:11:44,489

changing world so kind of stands to

285

00:11:43,590 --> 00:11:47,100

reason that you're going to get some

286  
00:11:44,490 --> 00:11:48,840  
bullying so so you know Robbie entering

287  
00:11:47,100 --> 00:11:50,310  
into this world is harvest but what you

288  
00:11:48,840 --> 00:11:53,460  
found in the world isn't terminus

289  
00:11:50,309 --> 00:11:55,559  
certainly the family on the side and how

290  
00:11:53,460 --> 00:11:57,690  
other people can respond to it it

291  
00:11:55,559 --> 00:11:59,699  
doesn't seem to really come to the

292  
00:11:57,690 --> 00:12:01,770  
forefront of people's minds at times I

293  
00:11:59,700 --> 00:12:03,390  
guess yeah well I guess it's like any

294  
00:12:01,769 --> 00:12:05,909  
sort of fundamentalist religion that

295  
00:12:03,389 --> 00:12:08,699  
family comes second to belief it's like

296  
00:12:05,909 --> 00:12:10,769  
these kids who died you know HIV because

297  
00:12:08,700 --> 00:12:12,480  
their parents don't believe AIDS exists

298  
00:12:10,769 --> 00:12:14,909  
and so on even you see this stuff

299  
00:12:12,480 --> 00:12:16,620  
happening all the time and I've noticed

300  
00:12:14,909 --> 00:12:18,269  
that you've described yourself as a

301  
00:12:16,620 --> 00:12:20,850  
rationalist who experiences

302  
00:12:18,269 --> 00:12:22,439  
approximately one irrational spiral each

303  
00:12:20,850 --> 00:12:25,080  
week which you then proceed to write a

304  
00:12:22,440 --> 00:12:27,240  
newspaper column about so what links you

305  
00:12:25,080 --> 00:12:30,330  
to be curious rather than condemning

306  
00:12:27,240 --> 00:12:33,330  
about how irrational we all can be well

307  
00:12:30,330 --> 00:12:36,690  
because I experienced it myself and you

308  
00:12:33,330 --> 00:12:38,970  
know so do my friends and neighbors I've

309  
00:12:36,690 --> 00:12:41,790  
always thought for years now probably

310  
00:12:38,970 --> 00:12:43,649  
more than 10 years I've been hanging out

311  
00:12:41,789 --> 00:12:46,379  
with the sort of people that are of

312  
00:12:43,649 --> 00:12:49,350  
interest to the skeptical community so

313  
00:12:46,379 --> 00:12:52,039  
if you were everyone from Islamic

314

00:12:49,350 --> 00:12:54,840  
militant leaders through two leading

315  
00:12:52,039 --> 00:12:56,429  
conspiracy theorists and political

316  
00:12:54,840 --> 00:12:59,730  
extremists and all this all those people

317  
00:12:56,429 --> 00:13:01,679  
who are you know usually roundly

318  
00:12:59,730 --> 00:13:03,720  
condemned by the skeptical community but

319  
00:13:01,679 --> 00:13:06,629  
I you know but I always kind of

320  
00:13:03,720 --> 00:13:09,600  
recognize certain of my own character

321  
00:13:06,629 --> 00:13:11,909  
traits in them I get neurotic and worked

322  
00:13:09,600 --> 00:13:13,830  
up about stupid nonsense and so do my

323  
00:13:11,909 --> 00:13:15,659  
friends and so I would probably argue I

324  
00:13:13,830 --> 00:13:18,480  
do a lot of skeptics but what they don't

325  
00:13:15,659 --> 00:13:21,059  
do is is realize that there's there's a

326  
00:13:18,480 --> 00:13:22,529  
kind of similarity you know the things

327  
00:13:21,059 --> 00:13:25,709  
we get worked up about a much more

328  
00:13:22,529 --> 00:13:27,839

ordinary domestic you know this person

329

00:13:25,710 --> 00:13:30,180

slighted me and now I can't stand them

330

00:13:27,840 --> 00:13:31,530

and this person's our nut and I'm really

331

00:13:30,179 --> 00:13:33,179

worked up about them and I woke up from

332

00:13:31,529 --> 00:13:34,949

rid of the night worrying about this

333

00:13:33,179 --> 00:13:36,239

stupid thing that I did you know the

334

00:13:34,950 --> 00:13:39,280

thing that sort of

335

00:13:36,240 --> 00:13:42,129

domestica rationality that powers our

336

00:13:39,279 --> 00:13:44,769

everyday lives and I just noticed that

337

00:13:42,129 --> 00:13:47,740

people like Alex Jones the stuff they

338

00:13:44,769 --> 00:13:50,350

get worked up about is much crazier than

339

00:13:47,740 --> 00:13:53,379

that it's much more out there but the

340

00:13:50,350 --> 00:13:55,450

impulses struck me is quite similar so I

341

00:13:53,379 --> 00:13:58,450

thought if I was going to be a skeptical

342

00:13:55,450 --> 00:14:01,000

writer I had to turn the spotlight on

343  
00:13:58,450 --> 00:14:03,310  
myself and on my friends and on my own

344  
00:14:01,000 --> 00:14:06,610  
world it was it was a fair thing to do

345  
00:14:03,309 --> 00:14:09,399  
and even if I don't agree with you know

346  
00:14:06,610 --> 00:14:12,659  
I there's not a answer to me that

347  
00:14:09,399 --> 00:14:16,899  
believes that 911 was an inside job or

348  
00:14:12,659 --> 00:14:18,669  
their ghosts exist and so on so I don't

349  
00:14:16,899 --> 00:14:20,919  
believe in any of that stuff but

350  
00:14:18,669 --> 00:14:24,519  
nonetheless I can see that the workings

351  
00:14:20,919 --> 00:14:26,379  
of their brains I'm not completely you

352  
00:14:24,519 --> 00:14:28,029  
know I listen to a lot of skeptical

353  
00:14:26,379 --> 00:14:29,679  
vodka so this is something that comes up

354  
00:14:28,029 --> 00:14:31,839  
quite a lot you know and on the Jerry

355  
00:14:29,679 --> 00:14:33,639  
rest for them as well yeah why do these

356  
00:14:31,840 --> 00:14:35,230  
people believe the things that they

357  
00:14:33,639 --> 00:14:37,620  
believe in and I think if we look into

358  
00:14:35,230 --> 00:14:40,960  
our own minds if we're looking to the

359  
00:14:37,620 --> 00:14:43,509  
stupid way our own minds though we can

360  
00:14:40,960 --> 00:14:45,759  
maybe answer that question one of the

361  
00:14:43,509 --> 00:14:47,470  
other investigations you did which did

362  
00:14:45,759 --> 00:14:49,899  
look into fundamentalist religion was

363  
00:14:47,470 --> 00:14:52,540  
the Alpha pause and I had a discussion

364  
00:14:49,899 --> 00:14:54,340  
with someone at a skeptics conference a

365  
00:14:52,539 --> 00:14:57,579  
little while back raving about her word

366  
00:14:54,340 --> 00:14:59,769  
and he said the fact that this man Nikki

367  
00:14:57,580 --> 00:15:02,379  
Gumbel created a 10-week session that

368  
00:14:59,769 --> 00:15:04,059  
trains agnostics to become believers he

369  
00:15:02,379 --> 00:15:06,070  
had hopes that maybe someone would come

370  
00:15:04,059 --> 00:15:09,329  
up with a similar course that would draw

371

00:15:06,070 --> 00:15:12,910  
someone towards rationalism um how how

372  
00:15:09,330 --> 00:15:15,820  
reasonable do you think that is that's a

373  
00:15:12,909 --> 00:15:18,159  
great idea I think so we should do it

374  
00:15:15,820 --> 00:15:21,550  
yeah I think you should throw down the

375  
00:15:18,159 --> 00:15:23,949  
gauntlet there I'm about to do another

376  
00:15:21,549 --> 00:15:25,779  
alpha course um really the people who

377  
00:15:23,950 --> 00:15:26,950  
don't know yeah the people who don't

378  
00:15:25,779 --> 00:15:30,549  
know the arthur course is this 10-week

379  
00:15:26,950 --> 00:15:32,350  
course that tries to get agnostic to

380  
00:15:30,549 --> 00:15:34,000  
become true believe this by the end of

381  
00:15:32,350 --> 00:15:36,279  
the course and i have to say you know

382  
00:15:34,000 --> 00:15:38,470  
it's it's brilliantly dumb you know the

383  
00:15:36,279 --> 00:15:40,209  
way it's constructed by by by its

384  
00:15:38,470 --> 00:15:42,460  
inventor whose ago kubicki gumbo whoo

385  
00:15:40,210 --> 00:15:45,850

soo who runs a huge church in London

386

00:15:42,460 --> 00:15:48,009

alphas you know enormously burger suits

387

00:15:45,850 --> 00:15:49,600

you got it in Australia

388

00:15:48,009 --> 00:15:51,519

I wouldn't be surprised if there's

389

00:15:49,600 --> 00:15:54,909

elements of it out he we get all sorts

390

00:15:51,519 --> 00:15:57,879

of triple on effects from the UK and the

391

00:15:54,909 --> 00:15:59,980

US of certain Greek salad over here

392

00:15:57,879 --> 00:16:03,689

they'll buy anything because they bought

393

00:15:59,980 --> 00:16:07,210

at a time like Monty Python precise on

394

00:16:03,690 --> 00:16:09,070

yeah but but yeah the way it's

395

00:16:07,210 --> 00:16:10,960

constructed basically you get a talk at

396

00:16:09,070 --> 00:16:12,700

the beginning of each week the you know

397

00:16:10,960 --> 00:16:14,200

whichever pastoral vicar is running this

398

00:16:12,700 --> 00:16:16,540

church gives the talk and then there's

399

00:16:14,200 --> 00:16:19,570

dinner and then you split up into these

400  
00:16:16,539 --> 00:16:22,059  
groups of 10 and a discussion happens

401  
00:16:19,570 --> 00:16:23,410  
and and the power of the small group

402  
00:16:22,059 --> 00:16:24,879  
when I guess it's like Alcoholics

403  
00:16:23,409 --> 00:16:26,319  
Anonymous you know you can't

404  
00:16:24,879 --> 00:16:29,350  
underestimate the power of the small

405  
00:16:26,320 --> 00:16:30,790  
group it's amazing watching these

406  
00:16:29,350 --> 00:16:34,149  
agnostic sand is that there's a group

407  
00:16:30,789 --> 00:16:35,949  
leader who's a Christian and yeah but

408  
00:16:34,149 --> 00:16:37,840  
the idea is that these acoustics will

409  
00:16:35,950 --> 00:16:40,090  
talk themselves into being Christians

410  
00:16:37,840 --> 00:16:41,860  
and and I've always been you know I

411  
00:16:40,090 --> 00:16:43,570  
really like the piece I wrote that alpha

412  
00:16:41,860 --> 00:16:46,480  
which is quite a long time ago mouths

413  
00:16:43,570 --> 00:16:49,090  
like eight years ago so I've decided to

414  
00:16:46,480 --> 00:16:51,670  
make a documentary inside an alpha

415  
00:16:49,090 --> 00:16:54,129  
course to hopefully capture you know

416  
00:16:51,669 --> 00:16:55,209  
this incredible small group dynamic and

417  
00:16:54,129 --> 00:16:57,340  
we're going to start in a couple of

418  
00:16:55,210 --> 00:16:59,350  
weeks that's wonderful news that's great

419  
00:16:57,340 --> 00:17:01,480  
you've been very busy doing I guess

420  
00:16:59,350 --> 00:17:03,340  
we've all of these events happening yeah

421  
00:17:01,480 --> 00:17:05,680  
yeah it's been a busy time pretty

422  
00:17:03,340 --> 00:17:07,600  
stressful just outside last seven

423  
00:17:05,680 --> 00:17:08,890  
building a kind of intervention the

424  
00:17:07,599 --> 00:17:10,509  
other day saying what was too stressed

425  
00:17:08,890 --> 00:17:12,100  
out though that's what I mean about how

426  
00:17:10,509 --> 00:17:14,949  
we shouldn't think of ourselves as

427  
00:17:12,099 --> 00:17:16,269  
better than the people we attack there's

428

00:17:14,949 --> 00:17:19,329  
the things they believe it might be

429  
00:17:16,269 --> 00:17:22,180  
absurd and crazy by and large like 911

430  
00:17:19,328 --> 00:17:24,879  
being an inside job and so on but the

431  
00:17:22,180 --> 00:17:27,279  
way their mind works is not wholly alien

432  
00:17:24,880 --> 00:17:29,110  
I would say to the way people's minds

433  
00:17:27,279 --> 00:17:30,940  
work in the mainstream domestic world

434  
00:17:29,109 --> 00:17:33,039  
the way that one thought can lead to

435  
00:17:30,940 --> 00:17:35,320  
another thought and it can spiral you

436  
00:17:33,039 --> 00:17:37,119  
see what I mean yes absolutely I guess

437  
00:17:35,319 --> 00:17:39,039  
the end of the spiral is another thing

438  
00:17:37,119 --> 00:17:41,739  
that we have to reflect upon to and

439  
00:17:39,039 --> 00:17:44,019  
whether or not people can grow out of it

440  
00:17:41,740 --> 00:17:46,059  
or reason themselves out of it for

441  
00:17:44,019 --> 00:17:48,220  
example we had an earlier interview with

442  
00:17:46,059 --> 00:17:51,129

Mark Roberts in New York talking about

443

00:17:48,220 --> 00:17:54,490

well in his interview he described it as

444

00:17:51,130 --> 00:17:56,710

a post-mortem of the 911 truthers

445

00:17:54,490 --> 00:17:59,589

movement that it was indeed dying out

446

00:17:56,710 --> 00:18:02,298

that the height of its power was 2006

447

00:17:59,589 --> 00:18:05,449

well it's funny I haven't noticed that

448

00:18:02,298 --> 00:18:08,210

but now you say it I think it's true so

449

00:18:05,450 --> 00:18:12,110

it knew the attacks on me have gone I'm

450

00:18:08,210 --> 00:18:14,240

were at their high in about 2006 yeah

451

00:18:12,109 --> 00:18:15,379

that to be a time when they had to put

452

00:18:14,240 --> 00:18:17,000

their money where their mouths words

453

00:18:15,380 --> 00:18:19,580

right there had to be a time when they

454

00:18:17,000 --> 00:18:21,349

had to produce some evidence to back up

455

00:18:19,579 --> 00:18:25,939

their claims some real irrefutable

456

00:18:21,349 --> 00:18:28,819

evidence and they never did so I guess I

457  
00:18:25,940 --> 00:18:31,429  
guess if it is dying that's the reason

458  
00:18:28,819 --> 00:18:34,369  
why for my own part I wondered whether

459  
00:18:31,429 --> 00:18:36,740  
or not the election of Obama had perhaps

460  
00:18:34,369 --> 00:18:39,319  
an influence upon these people's beliefs

461  
00:18:36,740 --> 00:18:41,419  
that now maybe it's in fresh start the

462  
00:18:39,319 --> 00:18:44,450  
bushier is over let's wipe it clean

463  
00:18:41,419 --> 00:18:47,028  
start ahead optimistically perhaps yeah

464  
00:18:44,450 --> 00:18:49,399  
it's possible I mean you know movements

465  
00:18:47,028 --> 00:18:51,109  
die I remember the you know the militia

466  
00:18:49,398 --> 00:18:53,599  
movement the neo-nazi movement in

467  
00:18:51,109 --> 00:18:56,240  
America pretty much died with the

468  
00:18:53,599 --> 00:18:59,148  
Oklahoma City bombing that it was

469  
00:18:56,240 --> 00:19:01,849  
somebody from within their own world who

470  
00:18:59,148 --> 00:19:04,428  
killed 186 people i think it was

471  
00:19:01,849 --> 00:19:07,609  
including up you know crash of children

472  
00:19:04,429 --> 00:19:09,769  
and it shocked the neo-nazi world so

473  
00:19:07,609 --> 00:19:11,089  
much in America that pretty much died

474  
00:19:09,769 --> 00:19:14,269  
away and you know you'd be hard-pressed

475  
00:19:11,089 --> 00:19:16,730  
to find a thriving militia in America

476  
00:19:14,269 --> 00:19:18,859  
now so nothing seismic like that has

477  
00:19:16,730 --> 00:19:21,980  
happened in the 911 truth movement but

478  
00:19:18,859 --> 00:19:23,898  
you're right it's going I I wonder

479  
00:19:21,980 --> 00:19:26,720  
whether the fact that it got hijacked so

480  
00:19:23,898 --> 00:19:28,668  
much by unpleasant people you know maybe

481  
00:19:26,720 --> 00:19:31,339  
the kind-hearted people who got involved

482  
00:19:28,669 --> 00:19:34,009  
in the early days you know became so

483  
00:19:31,339 --> 00:19:36,889  
shouty on the internet and maybe as you

484  
00:19:34,009 --> 00:19:38,450  
say yeah Obama coming in whatever it is

485

00:19:36,890 --> 00:19:40,130  
I think it's quite a blessed relief I

486  
00:19:38,450 --> 00:19:42,230  
think there's genuine things to be

487  
00:19:40,130 --> 00:19:44,360  
worried about in this world and you know

488  
00:19:42,230 --> 00:19:46,579  
fantasies I'm one of them yeah certainly

489  
00:19:44,359 --> 00:19:49,459  
one of the wonderful things about the

490  
00:19:46,579 --> 00:19:52,009  
Internet is okay sure we get youtube

491  
00:19:49,460 --> 00:19:54,259  
videos which are promoting some of these

492  
00:19:52,009 --> 00:19:56,778  
rather odd ideas in certainly dangerous

493  
00:19:54,259 --> 00:19:58,548  
ideas but more and more I see people

494  
00:19:56,778 --> 00:20:01,130  
fighting back producing their own

495  
00:19:58,548 --> 00:20:03,079  
YouTube videos their own materials and a

496  
00:20:01,130 --> 00:20:04,940  
lot of your own work has started popping

497  
00:20:03,079 --> 00:20:08,689  
up online I've noticed that you're not

498  
00:20:04,940 --> 00:20:10,250  
opposed to for example mp3's of some of

499  
00:20:08,690 --> 00:20:12,230

your work popping up online

500

00:20:10,250 --> 00:20:14,990

have you considered about getting more

501

00:20:12,230 --> 00:20:16,880

into online broadcasting yeah I know

502

00:20:14,990 --> 00:20:18,650

that I should I mean you know you right

503

00:20:16,880 --> 00:20:21,500

there if anybody I've been puts my films

504

00:20:18,650 --> 00:20:25,040

up on youtube or google video or my

505

00:20:21,500 --> 00:20:26,750

radio shows up on i'm always all forward

506

00:20:25,039 --> 00:20:28,490

because i think it's better to produce

507

00:20:26,750 --> 00:20:30,019

you know to go to dissipate something

508

00:20:28,490 --> 00:20:31,970

for nothing they're not distributed at

509

00:20:30,019 --> 00:20:33,680

all you know i know that i should i

510

00:20:31,970 --> 00:20:36,559

should be writing blogs and i should be

511

00:20:33,680 --> 00:20:38,390

doing podcasts and all of that you so

512

00:20:36,559 --> 00:20:40,549

much already as well that's the thing

513

00:20:38,390 --> 00:20:42,230

well that's the thing I work so hard and

514  
00:20:40,549 --> 00:20:44,389  
I'm frankly by about three o'clock in

515  
00:20:42,230 --> 00:20:45,829  
the afternoon I'm just knackered you

516  
00:20:44,390 --> 00:20:47,630  
know the last I got to do is any more

517  
00:20:45,829 --> 00:20:49,519  
work I wanted to sort either slumped

518  
00:20:47,630 --> 00:20:51,470  
onto the sofa you know good to the gym

519  
00:20:49,519 --> 00:20:55,069  
or something and so I think I work hard

520  
00:20:51,470 --> 00:20:56,779  
enough but if I had more energy you know

521  
00:20:55,069 --> 00:20:59,480  
if I had the energy of myself when I was

522  
00:20:56,779 --> 00:21:01,460  
about 28 I would do it I would be doing

523  
00:20:59,480 --> 00:21:03,349  
a podcast definitely you know i'm a big

524  
00:21:01,460 --> 00:21:05,900  
fan of them and i'm delighted to be

525  
00:21:03,349 --> 00:21:08,719  
doing this one so i wish i had the

526  
00:21:05,900 --> 00:21:11,210  
gumption to do me on yeah one of the

527  
00:21:08,720 --> 00:21:13,519  
things that you do do however um you do

528  
00:21:11,210 --> 00:21:16,640  
the UK skeptics in the pub and you're

529  
00:21:13,519 --> 00:21:19,039  
becoming more active as a as a skeptic

530  
00:21:16,640 --> 00:21:21,380  
who is talking to other skeptics and

531  
00:21:19,039 --> 00:21:23,690  
taking part in activities um how

532  
00:21:21,380 --> 00:21:25,160  
enjoyable of those are you okay yeah no

533  
00:21:23,690 --> 00:21:27,200  
really I don't those guests in the pub

534  
00:21:25,160 --> 00:21:28,820  
fed so gray uh I never sort of thought I

535  
00:21:27,200 --> 00:21:31,610  
was a skeptic you know what I wrote them

536  
00:21:28,819 --> 00:21:32,869  
and the minister goats actually i didn't

537  
00:21:31,609 --> 00:21:34,039  
i didn't consider I didn't even realize

538  
00:21:32,869 --> 00:21:36,409  
that there was like a kind of movement

539  
00:21:34,039 --> 00:21:37,819  
of people who were interested in the

540  
00:21:36,410 --> 00:21:39,230  
same things I was interested in and

541  
00:21:37,819 --> 00:21:41,329  
basically believe the same things I

542

00:21:39,230 --> 00:21:42,920  
believed it came to toe surprised

543  
00:21:41,329 --> 00:21:45,769  
enriched I didn't realize that Jay ref

544  
00:21:42,920 --> 00:21:47,660  
existed or any of these you know skeptic

545  
00:21:45,769 --> 00:21:49,129  
podcasts existed I just didn't know I

546  
00:21:47,660 --> 00:21:51,290  
don't think that's what i was doing when

547  
00:21:49,130 --> 00:21:52,630  
i was writing them and goats I thought I

548  
00:21:51,289 --> 00:21:55,339  
was distracting this kind of funny

549  
00:21:52,630 --> 00:21:57,770  
adventure stories try to get inside the

550  
00:21:55,339 --> 00:21:59,689  
minds of people who you know mines had

551  
00:21:57,769 --> 00:22:01,160  
spiraled to the kind of crazy place like

552  
00:21:59,690 --> 00:22:03,590  
David Icke believe in this world for

553  
00:22:01,160 --> 00:22:05,720  
lizards and so on so I didn't see it as

554  
00:22:03,589 --> 00:22:06,859  
a kind of position at all but I'll tell

555  
00:22:05,720 --> 00:22:08,930  
you what it was I think it was Mark

556  
00:22:06,859 --> 00:22:12,409

Roberts or certainly one of the nine

557

00:22:08,930 --> 00:22:14,750

eleven people gravy gravy smart Roberts

558

00:22:12,410 --> 00:22:17,360

isn't it he is ordered to speaks very

559

00:22:14,750 --> 00:22:20,779

good I'll cool well I think it was him i

560

00:22:17,359 --> 00:22:23,569

think he emailed me and invited me to to

561

00:22:20,779 --> 00:22:24,299

have a look at the j ref for and so I

562

00:22:23,569 --> 00:22:25,710

did

563

00:22:24,299 --> 00:22:29,279

and I was just really surprised like

564

00:22:25,710 --> 00:22:31,559

everyone I'd ever hung out with from you

565

00:22:29,279 --> 00:22:34,259

know oma baku mohammed ur alex jones to

566

00:22:31,559 --> 00:22:35,839

david icke to Jim Tucker you know all of

567

00:22:34,259 --> 00:22:38,460

these people were being kind of

568

00:22:35,839 --> 00:22:41,639

discussed by you know people who were

569

00:22:38,460 --> 00:22:43,230

equally enthusiastic interested in bed

570

00:22:41,640 --> 00:22:45,720

and I just thought it was a mess and

571  
00:22:43,230 --> 00:22:47,279  
Sylvia Browne and you know these people

572  
00:22:45,720 --> 00:22:49,019  
who fascinated made suddenly you know

573  
00:22:47,279 --> 00:22:52,500  
what fascinating this massive group of

574  
00:22:49,019 --> 00:22:54,660  
people so so now I go on jf almost every

575  
00:22:52,500 --> 00:22:56,759  
day and I listen to the skeptics guide

576  
00:22:54,660 --> 00:22:58,140  
to the universe and you know I kind of

577  
00:22:56,759 --> 00:22:59,789  
really consider myself part of the gang

578  
00:22:58,140 --> 00:23:01,710  
I mean I suppose I think they're always

579  
00:22:59,789 --> 00:23:02,909  
disappoints me a bit oh you I do learn

580  
00:23:01,710 --> 00:23:05,069  
things by the way I you know I bought

581  
00:23:02,910 --> 00:23:07,019  
this airborne you know this vitamin C

582  
00:23:05,069 --> 00:23:09,480  
fizzy thing that you stickin you know

583  
00:23:07,019 --> 00:23:12,629  
that I swear by I know it turns out to

584  
00:23:09,480 --> 00:23:14,400  
be total nonsense so so disappointed me

585  
00:23:12,630 --> 00:23:17,370  
i only found that up from like going on

586  
00:23:14,400 --> 00:23:19,620  
a rush I had no idea so now of course

587  
00:23:17,369 --> 00:23:21,209  
you know what's stopping colds because

588  
00:23:19,619 --> 00:23:23,369  
of the placebo effects but now won't

589  
00:23:21,210 --> 00:23:25,049  
work at all but I do learn more and more

590  
00:23:23,369 --> 00:23:26,219  
when i go on to these sites and listen

591  
00:23:25,049 --> 00:23:28,430  
to these podcasts you know there's still

592  
00:23:26,220 --> 00:23:31,769  
areas that i don't know about aspose

593  
00:23:28,430 --> 00:23:33,240  
goats and them sort of informed that

594  
00:23:31,769 --> 00:23:35,369  
world because of all the research i did

595  
00:23:33,240 --> 00:23:37,950  
you wrote them but that world is also

596  
00:23:35,369 --> 00:23:39,389  
informing me and in fact the piece i did

597  
00:23:37,950 --> 00:23:42,180  
on i did a piece when i went on a cruise

598  
00:23:39,390 --> 00:23:44,759  
with Sylvia Browne and metro and you

599

00:23:42,180 --> 00:23:46,769  
know sort of challenged her although she

600  
00:23:44,759 --> 00:23:49,440  
was so terrified I did tryna show choirs

601  
00:23:46,769 --> 00:23:51,569  
quite as well as I should have but you

602  
00:23:49,440 --> 00:23:54,570  
know that came from reading about her on

603  
00:23:51,569 --> 00:23:56,039  
the giraffe forum so you know so it's

604  
00:23:54,569 --> 00:23:58,019  
kind of this kind of traffic of

605  
00:23:56,039 --> 00:24:01,470  
informations going both ways I think and

606  
00:23:58,019 --> 00:24:03,240  
I I'd like to think that I was still a

607  
00:24:01,470 --> 00:24:05,009  
bit more open-minded or certainly more

608  
00:24:03,240 --> 00:24:08,910  
humanist you know but my one criticism

609  
00:24:05,009 --> 00:24:11,460  
of the movement is sometimes the objects

610  
00:24:08,910 --> 00:24:14,190  
of their derision are treated with you

611  
00:24:11,460 --> 00:24:16,529  
know total disrespect which is

612  
00:24:14,190 --> 00:24:19,110  
understandable to a large extent because

613  
00:24:16,529 --> 00:24:21,480

they're peddling nonsense but I still

614

00:24:19,109 --> 00:24:24,089

like to think that when I meet those

615

00:24:21,480 --> 00:24:26,309

people you know on a human level we get

616

00:24:24,089 --> 00:24:28,319

on well and we can respect each other

617

00:24:26,309 --> 00:24:30,750

and the way I write about them could be

618

00:24:28,319 --> 00:24:32,159

respectful so I suppose that's where I

619

00:24:30,750 --> 00:24:34,859

differ with some of the people in

620

00:24:32,160 --> 00:24:36,779

skeptical community it's what if you

621

00:24:34,859 --> 00:24:38,399

don't I mean yes I do know what

622

00:24:36,779 --> 00:24:40,799

mean it's one of the reasons why i

623

00:24:38,400 --> 00:24:42,810

support dragoncon because there is a

624

00:24:40,799 --> 00:24:45,299

place for everybody there the

625

00:24:42,809 --> 00:24:47,129

paranormalists the skeptics they are

626

00:24:45,299 --> 00:24:48,990

both equally welcome they both have

627

00:24:47,130 --> 00:24:51,450

their own tracks there and there's a

628  
00:24:48,990 --> 00:24:54,690  
debate that happens where respect and

629  
00:24:51,450 --> 00:24:57,509  
dialogue between the two is is paramount

630  
00:24:54,690 --> 00:24:59,130  
you cannot just have isolation and

631  
00:24:57,509 --> 00:25:01,950  
certain well you cannot have someone

632  
00:24:59,130 --> 00:25:04,050  
writing a book called them the skeptics

633  
00:25:01,950 --> 00:25:07,500  
in response and saying look at them they

634  
00:25:04,049 --> 00:25:09,059  
are just as crazy as they call us I mean

635  
00:25:07,500 --> 00:25:12,960  
that's not that it isn't how it's

636  
00:25:09,059 --> 00:25:14,759  
supposed to work yeah absolutely I'm

637  
00:25:12,960 --> 00:25:18,210  
thinking about registering for dragoncon

638  
00:25:14,759 --> 00:25:20,369  
yes that would be fabulous yeah i agree

639  
00:25:18,210 --> 00:25:22,529  
i mean you know i couldn't agree we'll

640  
00:25:20,369 --> 00:25:24,929  
blow with you but I'm not in that I'm

641  
00:25:22,529 --> 00:25:26,789  
not attacking you know people the people

642  
00:25:24,930 --> 00:25:28,289  
who are more hardline skeptics I'm not

643  
00:25:26,789 --> 00:25:31,710  
attacking some of the jurors people

644  
00:25:28,289 --> 00:25:33,990  
because you know I understand why it's

645  
00:25:31,710 --> 00:25:35,730  
very easy to get really worked up about

646  
00:25:33,990 --> 00:25:37,829  
people especially when they're attacking

647  
00:25:35,730 --> 00:25:40,650  
you amiguita when the 911 movement was

648  
00:25:37,829 --> 00:25:42,869  
attacking me as viciously as it was you

649  
00:25:40,650 --> 00:25:45,240  
know I became you know just furious with

650  
00:25:42,869 --> 00:25:47,399  
them and I saw no good in them at all so

651  
00:25:45,240 --> 00:25:49,410  
I really do understand but at the same

652  
00:25:47,400 --> 00:25:51,780  
time I think it's a kind of gift to be

653  
00:25:49,410 --> 00:25:54,269  
able to to turn up and have a pleasant

654  
00:25:51,779 --> 00:25:57,809  
tube8 with them where people actually

655  
00:25:54,269 --> 00:25:59,519  
gain gain something from being you know

656

00:25:57,809 --> 00:26:01,589  
these these opposing camps and being

657  
00:25:59,519 --> 00:26:05,339  
with each other than just hating each

658  
00:26:01,589 --> 00:26:07,230  
other so dragoncon sounds great so any

659  
00:26:05,339 --> 00:26:10,470  
future events that you'll be taking part

660  
00:26:07,230 --> 00:26:13,380  
in or upcoming documentaries and

661  
00:26:10,470 --> 00:26:15,120  
certainly the film release of the men

662  
00:26:13,380 --> 00:26:20,060  
who stare at goats they can go to your

663  
00:26:15,119 --> 00:26:23,279  
website which is wwan calm can't they

664  
00:26:20,059 --> 00:26:25,139  
yeah there's no action John jo n ro

665  
00:26:23,279 --> 00:26:27,389  
Ernesto one you've been asked to get

666  
00:26:25,140 --> 00:26:30,150  
some new members as well we're quite cut

667  
00:26:27,390 --> 00:26:32,040  
a small guy at the moment so be nice to

668  
00:26:30,150 --> 00:26:34,170  
get some new members all I'm doing at

669  
00:26:32,039 --> 00:26:36,269  
the moment is is writing i'm making this

670  
00:26:34,170 --> 00:26:38,370

alpha film and i'm doing a new series of

671

00:26:36,269 --> 00:26:40,049

my radio 4 series but other than that

672

00:26:38,369 --> 00:26:43,469

i'm just writing some screenplays and

673

00:26:40,049 --> 00:26:45,839

try to work on a new book so it's quite

674

00:26:43,470 --> 00:26:47,460

sort of quiet time for me but i think

675

00:26:45,839 --> 00:26:50,579

the release of the men who stare at

676

00:26:47,460 --> 00:26:52,558

goats is going to change all that

677

00:26:50,579 --> 00:26:54,599

that's going to be a big film you know

678

00:26:52,558 --> 00:26:56,038

the script is fantastic and what I saw

679

00:26:54,599 --> 00:26:59,219

the filming it looked like they were

680

00:26:56,038 --> 00:27:01,679

doing it like really brilliantly and so

681

00:26:59,220 --> 00:27:02,759

I've got high expectations for it i

682

00:27:01,679 --> 00:27:05,220

think is going to be a really good film

683

00:27:02,759 --> 00:27:09,179

any quickens about what the new books

684

00:27:05,220 --> 00:27:11,909

going to be around nah because i will i

685  
00:27:09,179 --> 00:27:14,880  
will interpret every not only would it

686  
00:27:11,909 --> 00:27:16,769  
be sort of wrong to say because it would

687  
00:27:14,880 --> 00:27:18,990  
be kind of indiscreet but also because i

688  
00:27:16,769 --> 00:27:21,480  
would interpret your response you know

689  
00:27:18,990 --> 00:27:24,269  
it's like if you went oh I'd interpret

690  
00:27:21,480 --> 00:27:27,778  
that as you thinking that sounds crap so

691  
00:27:24,269 --> 00:27:30,329  
yeah so I've got to I've got to take

692  
00:27:27,778 --> 00:27:31,919  
completely silent about it but it's not

693  
00:27:30,329 --> 00:27:34,379  
that dissimilar I'm trying to write a

694  
00:27:31,919 --> 00:27:35,970  
book that people who liked then and the

695  
00:27:34,380 --> 00:27:37,110  
men who stare at goats would like you

696  
00:27:35,970 --> 00:27:39,538  
know it's certainly not a kind of

697  
00:27:37,109 --> 00:27:41,879  
massive it's not a romantic novel and

698  
00:27:39,538 --> 00:27:44,278  
considers the books also set in this

699

00:27:41,880 --> 00:27:46,679  
world well we will love your work

700

00:27:44,278 --> 00:27:49,319  
regardless uncertain and we're sending

701

00:27:46,679 --> 00:27:52,230  
you an origami DVD which was created by

702

00:27:49,319 --> 00:27:54,298  
Richard Saunders and Jim will share the

703

00:27:52,230 --> 00:27:56,579  
rhyme keeper so I hope you enjoy those

704

00:27:54,298 --> 00:27:58,710  
and we are certainly going to enjoy your

705

00:27:56,579 --> 00:28:01,678  
forthcoming work both on a silver screen

706

00:27:58,710 --> 00:28:03,389  
and on the page oh well thank you very

707

00:28:01,679 --> 00:28:06,440  
much indeed curly and thank you to

708

00:28:03,388 --> 00:28:06,439  
Richard wherever you may be

709

00:28:17,900 --> 00:28:24,060  
hi I'm Theo Clark host and reduce of the

710

00:28:21,180 --> 00:28:26,250  
podcast hunting humbug 101 each week I'm

711

00:28:24,059 --> 00:28:28,049  
joined by my father Jeff Clark and we

712

00:28:26,250 --> 00:28:30,150  
discuss a particular logical fallacy

713

00:28:28,049 --> 00:28:31,680  
with real-life examples of fallacies

714  
00:28:30,150 --> 00:28:34,050  
from pseudo science science

715  
00:28:31,680 --> 00:28:37,440  
misconceptions politics philosophy and

716  
00:28:34,049 --> 00:28:39,869  
the media hacking humbug 101 is a

717  
00:28:37,440 --> 00:28:41,910  
companion podcast to our book humbug the

718  
00:28:39,869 --> 00:28:44,159  
skeptics field guide to spotting

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00:28:41,910 --> 00:28:46,830  
fallacies in thinking you can download

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examples of fallacious reasoning at our

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00:28:53,309 --> 00:29:04,399  
website wwc upticks field guide dot net

725  
00:28:59,420 --> 00:29:04,400  
now let's all get back to enjoy design

726  
00:29:10,880 --> 00:29:19,260  
the open laboratory the best writing on

727  
00:29:14,490 --> 00:29:21,630

science blogs 2008 is now out it's a

728

00:29:19,259 --> 00:29:24,089

yearly anthology featuring skeptical

729

00:29:21,630 --> 00:29:26,670

bloggers from around the world science

730

00:29:24,089 --> 00:29:29,939

blog readers nominate favorite posts

731

00:29:26,670 --> 00:29:32,580

with only 50 selected from about 500

732

00:29:29,940 --> 00:29:36,180

entries including one cartoon and one

733

00:29:32,579 --> 00:29:39,449

poem bora of blog around the clock on

734

00:29:36,180 --> 00:29:43,350

science blogs com has run it for the

735

00:29:39,450 --> 00:29:46,710

past three years and for 2008 the editor

736

00:29:43,349 --> 00:29:49,859

is Jennifer Rowan from mind the gap blog

737

00:29:46,710 --> 00:29:51,930

on the Nature Network Kylie Sturgis

738

00:29:49,859 --> 00:29:55,740

reporter for the skeptic zone has been

739

00:29:51,930 --> 00:30:01,860

selected with an entry from her blog pod

740

00:29:55,740 --> 00:30:04,289

black cat at ww.com she joins other

741

00:30:01,859 --> 00:30:06,539

great well known science bloggers such

742  
00:30:04,289 --> 00:30:10,769  
as dr. Phil plates the bad astronomy

743  
00:30:06,539 --> 00:30:15,240  
blog and popular web cartoon XK CD and

744  
00:30:10,769 --> 00:30:19,829  
the digital cuttlefish of ww digital

745  
00:30:15,240 --> 00:30:22,019  
cuttlefish blogspot com check out how to

746  
00:30:19,829 --> 00:30:25,829  
get your own copy of the open laboratory

747  
00:30:22,019 --> 00:30:30,470  
the best writing on science blogs 2008

748  
00:30:25,829 --> 00:30:34,250  
by heading to WWI enca blogs com

749  
00:30:30,470 --> 00:30:34,250  
backslash clock

750  
00:30:38,349 --> 00:30:43,939  
the amazing adventure to cruise north to

751  
00:30:41,809 --> 00:30:46,879  
Alaska was held from the second to the

752  
00:30:43,940 --> 00:30:49,279  
ninth of sep tember 2007 aboard the

753  
00:30:46,880 --> 00:30:51,560  
celebrity cruise lines infinity vessel

754  
00:30:49,279 --> 00:30:54,769  
joining us on the cruise was none other

755  
00:30:51,559 --> 00:30:57,950  
than James Randi himself Phil Plait the

756  
00:30:54,769 --> 00:31:01,369  
bad astronomer how did lack Jeff wag and

757  
00:30:57,950 --> 00:31:04,480  
skip chick rebecca watson the ship left

758  
00:31:01,369 --> 00:31:08,419  
vancouver sailed up the inside passage

759  
00:31:04,480 --> 00:31:10,970  
where we visited Ketchikan Alaska then

760  
00:31:08,420 --> 00:31:14,090  
the hubbard glacier before turning back

761  
00:31:10,970 --> 00:31:17,809  
visiting juno icy strait point and

762  
00:31:14,089 --> 00:31:20,179  
finally arriving back in vancouver the

763  
00:31:17,809 --> 00:31:22,369  
cruise gave everybody the chance to sit

764  
00:31:20,180 --> 00:31:27,000  
and talk with James Randi and I took my

765  
00:31:22,369 --> 00:31:30,278  
opportunity one morning over breakfast

766  
00:31:27,000 --> 00:31:32,019  
we're on the amazing adventure to up the

767  
00:31:30,278 --> 00:31:34,659  
coast of Alaska on here having breakfast

768  
00:31:32,019 --> 00:31:36,940  
with mr. James Randy Randy now you are a

769  
00:31:34,659 --> 00:31:40,900  
seasoned traveler to say the least what

770

00:31:36,940 --> 00:31:42,788  
sure your saves advice for travelers the

771  
00:31:40,900 --> 00:31:45,669  
world well this is the season of my

772  
00:31:42,788 --> 00:31:47,679  
discontent let's put it that way the

773  
00:31:45,669 --> 00:31:52,538  
ship there's been rolling like crazy

774  
00:31:47,679 --> 00:31:55,269  
during the night and it it was not quite

775  
00:31:52,538 --> 00:31:57,190  
seat it's down to a reasonable roll

776  
00:31:55,269 --> 00:31:59,519  
right now we've got mr. it's in the

777  
00:31:57,190 --> 00:32:01,870  
background as you can hear me but no I

778  
00:31:59,519 --> 00:32:05,859  
they just got your joke from last night

779  
00:32:01,869 --> 00:32:07,839  
yeah I'm having a wonderful time it's

780  
00:32:05,859 --> 00:32:12,519  
very stimulating to be with such good

781  
00:32:07,839 --> 00:32:14,048  
friends and fans here and i like the

782  
00:32:12,519 --> 00:32:15,819  
little curtsies that people give when I

783  
00:32:14,048 --> 00:32:18,069  
hands by and you know that's her

784  
00:32:15,819 --> 00:32:21,129

standing to attention yes and I give

785

00:32:18,069 --> 00:32:23,259

them a quick blessing as I passed I know

786

00:32:21,130 --> 00:32:26,020

it's really fun ritual to would be here

787

00:32:23,259 --> 00:32:28,329

with folks like you who from some

788

00:32:26,019 --> 00:32:31,058

distance to be here and that's very

789

00:32:28,329 --> 00:32:33,398

flattering indeed and I have not seen

790

00:32:31,058 --> 00:32:34,869

this part of the world before and

791

00:32:33,398 --> 00:32:38,109

certainly not from this particular

792

00:32:34,869 --> 00:32:40,599

vantage point with so I'm having a very

793

00:32:38,109 --> 00:32:42,278

good time I'm highly entertained and I

794

00:32:40,599 --> 00:32:44,259

hope that along the way I might provide

795

00:32:42,278 --> 00:32:46,480

some of the entertainment I think that

796

00:32:44,259 --> 00:32:49,750

the situation like this even though

797

00:32:46,480 --> 00:32:51,548

we're on a large vessel box it's much

798

00:32:49,750 --> 00:32:53,500

like your amazing meetings it simply a

799  
00:32:51,548 --> 00:32:55,629  
great opportunity to make new friends to

800  
00:32:53,500 --> 00:32:58,569  
network like many social organizations I

801  
00:32:55,630 --> 00:33:01,059  
guess well you know we we launched this

802  
00:32:58,569 --> 00:33:01,700  
this cruise as we have with others and

803  
00:33:01,058 --> 00:33:03,980  
with

804  
00:33:01,700 --> 00:33:07,069  
meetings and such for purposes of

805  
00:33:03,980 --> 00:33:09,798  
funding the J raft that's very obvious

806  
00:33:07,069 --> 00:33:13,398  
and we've never concealed the facts

807  
00:33:09,798 --> 00:33:16,099  
about it but on this particular venture

808  
00:33:13,398 --> 00:33:18,949  
we won't make very much money but that's

809  
00:33:16,099 --> 00:33:23,329  
not the only purpose of it the purpose

810  
00:33:18,950 --> 00:33:26,538  
of interacting with friends of like mind

811  
00:33:23,329 --> 00:33:28,038  
and I've done a great deal about in just

812  
00:33:26,538 --> 00:33:31,490  
the last couple of days and we're barely

813  
00:33:28,038 --> 00:33:33,379  
started on this metric it's been most

814  
00:33:31,490 --> 00:33:36,048  
rewarding in that respect that's

815  
00:33:33,380 --> 00:33:40,610  
touching the flesh and making sure that

816  
00:33:36,048 --> 00:33:42,440  
people i have met I to I and I as I made

817  
00:33:40,609 --> 00:33:45,168  
a little speech at the very beginning Oh

818  
00:33:42,440 --> 00:33:47,269  
when we first boarded here I want people

819  
00:33:45,169 --> 00:33:48,799  
to come over and make sure that I shake

820  
00:33:47,269 --> 00:33:51,048  
their hand I look him straight in the

821  
00:33:48,798 --> 00:33:52,668  
eye and what questions have begun and

822  
00:33:51,048 --> 00:33:55,730  
people have followed me up on that

823  
00:33:52,669 --> 00:33:58,190  
invitation and it cornered me I'm very

824  
00:33:55,730 --> 00:34:00,139  
gladly and happily cornered and let's

825  
00:33:58,190 --> 00:34:03,200  
say I have no objection to it in fact I

826  
00:34:00,138 --> 00:34:05,089  
encourage it so if it's been wonderful

827

00:34:03,200 --> 00:34:07,809  
it's just been wonderful a good good

828  
00:34:05,089 --> 00:34:10,519  
experience and though I'm a little

829  
00:34:07,809 --> 00:34:12,378  
annoyed at being out of cell phone reach

830  
00:34:10,519 --> 00:34:14,358  
and Internet reach with the law and

831  
00:34:12,378 --> 00:34:17,088  
until we come to the next port as I've

832  
00:34:14,358 --> 00:34:19,940  
got to send in the week a coffee a swift

833  
00:34:17,088 --> 00:34:21,199  
in person that shirt impairs on me but

834  
00:34:19,940 --> 00:34:23,148  
I've got it all prepared to shin the

835  
00:34:21,199 --> 00:34:26,029  
computer and ready to press a button to

836  
00:34:23,148 --> 00:34:28,279  
say transmit right so I'm looking after

837  
00:34:26,030 --> 00:34:30,109  
my duties at the same time so how do you

838  
00:34:28,280 --> 00:34:33,099  
think this compares to the amazing

839  
00:34:30,108 --> 00:34:35,509  
meetings which ride three day events

840  
00:34:33,099 --> 00:34:37,068  
literally I am viviette to go to and I

841  
00:34:35,510 --> 00:34:39,470

hope to go everyone next year but this

842

00:34:37,068 --> 00:34:40,699

is a seven day cruise so innocent good

843

00:34:39,469 --> 00:34:43,578

hitting on what's a different thing

844

00:34:40,699 --> 00:34:45,259

altogether and you know we can break

845

00:34:43,579 --> 00:34:46,429

away from a group and the next day we

846

00:34:45,260 --> 00:34:47,960

know that they'll be around someplace

847

00:34:46,429 --> 00:34:49,970

you know join them at the breakfast

848

00:34:47,960 --> 00:34:50,990

table or whatever and continue on with

849

00:34:49,969 --> 00:34:53,388

the conversations

850

00:34:50,989 --> 00:34:56,809

has that advantage it says wonderful

851

00:34:53,389 --> 00:34:59,390

opportunity to interact with the

852

00:34:56,809 --> 00:35:01,639

faithful my soda sleeping it's a smaller

853

00:34:59,389 --> 00:35:03,559

group than amazing meeting aspects

854

00:35:01,639 --> 00:35:05,059

people do then have the opportunity to

855

00:35:03,559 --> 00:35:07,190

spend a little bit more time with you oh

856  
00:35:05,059 --> 00:35:10,579  
yes you must be a little overwhelmed

857  
00:35:07,190 --> 00:35:12,639  
sometimes the meetings oh no no no gosh

858  
00:35:10,579 --> 00:35:15,289  
well I'm so busy at the meeting I use

859  
00:35:12,639 --> 00:35:17,750  
yeah I I don't know who I spoken to her

860  
00:35:15,289 --> 00:35:20,449  
what I said but you know the last

861  
00:35:17,750 --> 00:35:22,610  
amazing meeting we had 810 people in

862  
00:35:20,449 --> 00:35:24,919  
attendance that's about huge red very

863  
00:35:22,610 --> 00:35:28,610  
hard to manage which we got 93 people on

864  
00:35:24,920 --> 00:35:31,630  
this cruise and them that's much more

865  
00:35:28,610 --> 00:35:34,880  
Asian as you said much more handleable

866  
00:35:31,630 --> 00:35:36,590  
number and a little whatever you had a

867  
00:35:34,880 --> 00:35:39,380  
good word I like that with all right

868  
00:35:36,590 --> 00:35:42,050  
guys well I just invented a subject that

869  
00:35:39,380 --> 00:35:45,289  
any case it's been a very good rewarding

870  
00:35:42,050 --> 00:35:52,490  
experience and I'm enjoying every mr.

871  
00:35:45,289 --> 00:35:54,440  
Lynch Thank You certainly one of the

872  
00:35:52,489 --> 00:35:58,069  
highlights of the cruise was the chance

873  
00:35:54,440 --> 00:36:00,650  
to see hubbard glacier up close very

874  
00:35:58,070 --> 00:36:03,380  
close as a matter of fact the vessel

875  
00:36:00,650 --> 00:36:07,220  
pulled into the inlet where the glacier

876  
00:36:03,380 --> 00:36:09,559  
meets the ocean and we spent a good half

877  
00:36:07,219 --> 00:36:13,459  
an hour to 45 minutes as the captain

878  
00:36:09,559 --> 00:36:15,529  
slowly turned the vessel around this

879  
00:36:13,460 --> 00:36:18,500  
gave everybody the chance to rush up to

880  
00:36:15,530 --> 00:36:20,450  
the top decks take photographs take

881  
00:36:18,500 --> 00:36:23,300  
photographs and then take some more

882  
00:36:20,449 --> 00:36:26,409  
photographs I bumped into some skeptics

883  
00:36:23,300 --> 00:36:30,099  
also enjoying the view

884

00:36:26,409 --> 00:36:33,250  
this is the walking up to the glacier up

885  
00:36:30,099 --> 00:36:36,160  
here now I'm here on the deck that

886  
00:36:33,250 --> 00:36:38,260  
fourth need a cover so infinity vessel

887  
00:36:36,159 --> 00:36:41,710  
we're viewing the glacier and sometimes

888  
00:36:38,260 --> 00:36:43,420  
bits of it are falling off and I'm here

889  
00:36:41,710 --> 00:36:45,730  
with a lovely skeptical Texas can you

890  
00:36:43,420 --> 00:36:47,680  
introduce yourself I'm Susan Hurst from

891  
00:36:45,730 --> 00:36:49,960  
Fort Worth and what do you think of the

892  
00:36:47,679 --> 00:36:51,788  
view so far it's incredible it was

893  
00:36:49,960 --> 00:36:53,829  
routine anything like it it's stunning

894  
00:36:51,789 --> 00:36:57,940  
the end of the glacier here and it is

895  
00:36:53,829 --> 00:37:00,250  
blue it's stunningly blue ice I've never

896  
00:36:57,940 --> 00:37:01,630  
seen anything like it in my life the

897  
00:37:00,250 --> 00:37:04,329  
mountains are surrounding us and there's

898  
00:37:01,630 --> 00:37:06,849

lots of people here up on deck but you

899

00:37:04,329 --> 00:37:09,369

you've joined the amazing courses this

900

00:37:06,849 --> 00:37:12,519

your first amazing event or your

901

00:37:09,369 --> 00:37:14,500

destroyed it's my fourth yeah I've been

902

00:37:12,519 --> 00:37:17,048

to two amazing meetings and this is our

903

00:37:14,500 --> 00:37:19,179

second freeze your second cruise oh wow

904

00:37:17,048 --> 00:37:22,449

well be amazing adventure one through

905

00:37:19,179 --> 00:37:25,389

the Bermuda Triangle to a last mobile

906

00:37:22,449 --> 00:37:27,129

that's quite a difference it is and

907

00:37:25,389 --> 00:37:29,500

that's what makes it really special yeah

908

00:37:27,130 --> 00:37:29,950

some of the same people on both cruises

909

00:37:29,500 --> 00:37:33,880

and

910

00:37:29,949 --> 00:37:35,649

people all good it's all good that's I

911

00:37:33,880 --> 00:37:37,030

tell you folks that the benefits of

912

00:37:35,650 --> 00:37:39,220

being a skeptic at too numerous to

913  
00:37:37,030 --> 00:37:43,089  
mention especially when you can see this

914  
00:37:39,219 --> 00:37:46,449  
incredible view now as we are now moving

915  
00:37:43,088 --> 00:37:48,009  
away from the Glacia we can look further

916  
00:37:46,449 --> 00:37:50,259  
back and see there's incredible

917  
00:37:48,010 --> 00:37:52,450  
mountains with the snow streaked about

918  
00:37:50,260 --> 00:37:56,070  
them and they're not far from the vessel

919  
00:37:52,449 --> 00:37:58,179  
either more and more people sort of

920  
00:37:56,070 --> 00:38:00,609  
gathering around to look at all this I'm

921  
00:37:58,179 --> 00:38:03,098  
here i can see Phil played the bad

922  
00:38:00,608 --> 00:38:04,598  
astronomer and his wife and groups of

923  
00:38:03,099 --> 00:38:06,849  
other people that's another thing about

924  
00:38:04,599 --> 00:38:09,130  
these events isn't it the people are

925  
00:38:06,849 --> 00:38:10,809  
incredible and you get to talk to people

926  
00:38:09,130 --> 00:38:12,700  
that you wouldn't imagine you would get

927  
00:38:10,809 --> 00:38:18,960  
to talk to have dinner with James Randi

928  
00:38:12,699 --> 00:38:18,960  
and look so plate and rebecca watson

929  
00:38:18,989 --> 00:38:25,479  
tickets and of course with you oh look

930  
00:38:22,750 --> 00:38:29,329  
it's incredible

931  
00:38:25,480 --> 00:38:31,670  
hi now here with Phil Plait the bad

932  
00:38:29,329 --> 00:38:34,579  
astronomer Phil I know you're somewhat

933  
00:38:31,670 --> 00:38:36,980  
disappointed with the crew so far and

934  
00:38:34,579 --> 00:38:41,239  
especially this mediocre most Lisa

935  
00:38:36,980 --> 00:38:43,849  
guesses the guests is it Dan I was told

936  
00:38:41,239 --> 00:38:44,929  
cattle would be born and this camping is

937  
00:38:43,849 --> 00:38:47,049  
just completely different than I

938  
00:38:44,929 --> 00:38:47,049  
expected

939  
00:38:47,769 --> 00:38:52,489  
that wasn't true that wasn't me that was

940  
00:38:49,969 --> 00:38:55,219  
how you can take that out right I can

941

00:38:52,489 --> 00:38:57,259  
have it that obvious and now that that's

942  
00:38:55,219 --> 00:38:58,879  
just bitch to the glacier and fallen off

943  
00:38:57,260 --> 00:39:01,430  
in front of us now some cruise away from

944  
00:38:58,880 --> 00:39:02,510  
it like tiny mini eight little icebergs

945  
00:39:01,429 --> 00:39:06,829  
but apparently they haven't said

946  
00:39:02,510 --> 00:39:10,010  
although we do that way too late it's on

947  
00:39:06,829 --> 00:39:11,659  
the other side up now let's mix of the

948  
00:39:10,010 --> 00:39:14,930  
classier falling off with you happier oh

949  
00:39:11,659 --> 00:39:19,629  
yeah let me create a little wave comes

950  
00:39:14,929 --> 00:39:25,119  
off from oh wow here's an iceberg right

951  
00:39:19,630 --> 00:39:29,000  
yep right nearest now that's an iceberg

952  
00:39:25,119 --> 00:39:32,389  
the bug look maybe yeah I like that's a

953  
00:39:29,000 --> 00:39:35,250  
big one right there again the incredible

954  
00:39:32,389 --> 00:39:38,909  
blue color of the ice

955  
00:39:35,250 --> 00:39:42,630

she just passed frozen bird in that

956

00:39:38,909 --> 00:39:45,690

thing um it might be I don't know what

957

00:39:42,630 --> 00:39:48,180

art is they're really mice chasing acorn

958

00:39:45,690 --> 00:39:51,809

to their favorite or advice but the

959

00:39:48,179 --> 00:39:55,049

world chasing acharya with it the sound

960

00:39:51,809 --> 00:39:57,599

to a doctor this is really phenomenal

961

00:39:55,050 --> 00:40:00,180

look at this look biggie just big enough

962

00:39:57,599 --> 00:40:01,619

a little like Lincoln's legs now look at

963

00:40:00,179 --> 00:40:03,779

the mountains in the background there

964

00:40:01,619 --> 00:40:06,089

look at that is it AG like a river of

965

00:40:03,780 --> 00:40:12,150

ice ice oh you up into the mountains

966

00:40:06,090 --> 00:40:16,860

isn't that incredible yeah it is hello

967

00:40:12,150 --> 00:40:18,980

that was a big one somewhere very eerie

968

00:40:16,860 --> 00:40:21,690

sound suppression of bone-crushing

969

00:40:18,980 --> 00:40:22,860

noises thumping noises it's really

970  
00:40:21,690 --> 00:40:27,409  
terrible how people kept throwing their

971  
00:40:22,860 --> 00:40:29,869  
drinks over the side oh yeah

972  
00:40:27,409 --> 00:40:32,048  
you can over the layers jump under that

973  
00:40:29,869 --> 00:40:32,048  
one

974  
00:40:36,190 --> 00:40:41,360  
after viewing the wonders of the glacier

975  
00:40:38,659 --> 00:40:44,089  
I went down below decks to the martini

976  
00:40:41,360 --> 00:40:47,570  
lounge where I run the food with rebecca

977  
00:40:44,090 --> 00:40:50,030  
watson the skeptic or was it we had a

978  
00:40:47,570 --> 00:40:52,309  
martini in the rendezvous lounge I can't

979  
00:40:50,030 --> 00:40:55,220  
remember which one rebecca watson this

980  
00:40:52,309 --> 00:40:58,670  
great fun a great skeptic and always has

981  
00:40:55,219 --> 00:40:59,929  
something to say and I'm still on the

982  
00:40:58,670 --> 00:41:01,849  
ship believe it or not now we were

983  
00:40:59,929 --> 00:41:04,429  
talking to the famous Rebecca Rebecca

984  
00:41:01,849 --> 00:41:06,319  
how are you are we I'm fine how are you

985  
00:41:04,429 --> 00:41:08,629  
any I'm very well you enjoying the trip

986  
00:41:06,320 --> 00:41:12,140  
of course I am I'm with you how could I

987  
00:41:08,630 --> 00:41:13,910  
not and that's all for now thank you and

988  
00:41:12,139 --> 00:41:16,069  
what's been the highlight so far I know

989  
00:41:13,909 --> 00:41:17,750  
we've only been going for three days the

990  
00:41:16,070 --> 00:41:20,150  
highlight so far well today we saw a

991  
00:41:17,750 --> 00:41:22,940  
glacier calving I was gorgeous Hubbard

992  
00:41:20,150 --> 00:41:24,860  
was a hubbard glacier yeah it was

993  
00:41:22,940 --> 00:41:27,230  
absolutely beautiful it was immense and

994  
00:41:24,860 --> 00:41:29,480  
it made these amazing sounds like

995  
00:41:27,230 --> 00:41:31,849  
thunder is really beautiful that was

996  
00:41:29,480 --> 00:41:34,010  
dilated so what's it like being the

997  
00:41:31,849 --> 00:41:39,069  
token female skip take it from the

998

00:41:34,010 --> 00:41:43,910  
cruise yeah it's like being Smurfette I

999  
00:41:39,070 --> 00:41:45,980  
don't know that means it's no it's it's

1000  
00:41:43,909 --> 00:41:47,480  
also better there are other women here

1001  
00:41:45,980 --> 00:41:52,670  
and that's true but you're the official

1002  
00:41:47,480 --> 00:41:54,170  
I'm the only official one I mean if you

1003  
00:41:52,670 --> 00:41:57,260  
would I yeah it's a problem because I'm

1004  
00:41:54,170 --> 00:42:00,470  
so used to it heavy what is your advice

1005  
00:41:57,260 --> 00:42:03,080  
for young ladies out there who are

1006  
00:42:00,469 --> 00:42:07,000  
thinking that me maybe skepticism is for

1007  
00:42:03,079 --> 00:42:11,809  
me um my advice is that it is for you I

1008  
00:42:07,000 --> 00:42:13,159  
think if I I think the idea is a lot of

1009  
00:42:11,809 --> 00:42:15,110  
women out there have this little

1010  
00:42:13,159 --> 00:42:16,309  
thoughts there's skeptical thoughts but

1011  
00:42:15,110 --> 00:42:19,370  
it doesn't really occur to them to get

1012  
00:42:16,309 --> 00:42:20,900

involved in the skeptical community or

1013

00:42:19,369 --> 00:42:25,059

movement or whatever you want to call it

1014

00:42:20,900 --> 00:42:27,619

and when they come to an event like this

1015

00:42:25,059 --> 00:42:30,949

hopefully they see people like me and

1016

00:42:27,619 --> 00:42:35,440

and one of the many other women who are

1017

00:42:30,949 --> 00:42:38,029

here today they see us as out-and-proud

1018

00:42:35,440 --> 00:42:40,700

skeptics and they realize that it's okay

1019

00:42:38,030 --> 00:42:42,740

and that they can do that too and it's

1020

00:42:40,699 --> 00:42:44,739

kind of difficult cuz the skepticism by

1021

00:42:42,739 --> 00:42:48,500

definition is kind of an in-your-face

1022

00:42:44,739 --> 00:42:50,539

sort of thing it's it's going against

1023

00:42:48,500 --> 00:42:52,159

the grain it's telling people that what

1024

00:42:50,539 --> 00:42:53,750

they believe is not true and it's not

1025

00:42:52,159 --> 00:42:54,828

always the popular thing to do and it's

1026

00:42:53,750 --> 00:42:58,250

not something that women are always

1027  
00:42:54,829 --> 00:43:01,490  
taught is ok to do and so I think that

1028  
00:42:58,250 --> 00:43:03,139  
were just trying to make headway showing

1029  
00:43:01,489 --> 00:43:05,088  
them that it is okay to keep that I

1030  
00:43:03,139 --> 00:43:06,650  
guess a lot of people have that don't

1031  
00:43:05,088 --> 00:43:08,449  
realize that it is skeptical also

1032  
00:43:06,650 --> 00:43:10,820  
involves hanging out and problem cruises

1033  
00:43:08,449 --> 00:43:13,730  
a little bitty place yeah I thought we

1034  
00:43:10,820 --> 00:43:17,599  
were keeping that a secret it's all very

1035  
00:43:13,730 --> 00:43:19,460  
hard work very hard work no it's a lot

1036  
00:43:17,599 --> 00:43:21,349  
of fun things like this are so great I

1037  
00:43:19,460 --> 00:43:23,750  
love meeting all the new people like

1038  
00:43:21,349 --> 00:43:25,849  
this the first time we bet it was and I

1039  
00:43:23,750 --> 00:43:28,969  
was just walking today and or no

1040  
00:43:25,849 --> 00:43:30,410  
yesterday and I really I said that my

1041  
00:43:28,969 --> 00:43:32,989  
favorite thing about these things are I

1042  
00:43:30,409 --> 00:43:36,199  
always meet just a few people who I

1043  
00:43:32,989 --> 00:43:38,358  
really really like and then the worst

1044  
00:43:36,199 --> 00:43:40,009  
part is at the end they always go to the

1045  
00:43:38,358 --> 00:43:43,309  
other side of the world yeah it's always

1046  
00:43:40,010 --> 00:43:46,579  
related but then you know on the

1047  
00:43:43,309 --> 00:43:48,909  
brighter side I also meet people like

1048  
00:43:46,579 --> 00:43:48,910  
you

1049  
00:44:03,630 --> 00:44:10,180  
listeners can make up their own mind I'm

1050  
00:44:06,730 --> 00:44:12,400  
kidding no i I've been having a lot of

1051  
00:44:10,179 --> 00:44:15,250  
fun and eating very amusing people like

1052  
00:44:12,400 --> 00:44:17,019  
this out and it's great to see him of

1053  
00:44:15,250 --> 00:44:19,179  
course James Randi here on the trip and

1054  
00:44:17,019 --> 00:44:22,150  
he's been the life and soul he's always

1055

00:44:19,179 --> 00:44:24,849  
a story noise magic tricks I i adore

1056  
00:44:22,150 --> 00:44:27,760  
Randy and the best thing in the world is

1057  
00:44:24,849 --> 00:44:29,710  
to just be walking through the ship or

1058  
00:44:27,760 --> 00:44:31,930  
if you come to the amazing meeting in

1059  
00:44:29,710 --> 00:44:33,730  
Las Vegas or in Fort Lauderdale to just

1060  
00:44:31,929 --> 00:44:36,849  
be walking around a hotel and you run

1061  
00:44:33,730 --> 00:44:38,590  
into randy and he's always so accessible

1062  
00:44:36,849 --> 00:44:40,719  
and you just pull him off into a little

1063  
00:44:38,590 --> 00:44:43,300  
nook and he will sit down and he will

1064  
00:44:40,719 --> 00:44:46,359  
tell you the most outrageous and amazing

1065  
00:44:43,300 --> 00:44:49,990  
stories I mean stories about Richard

1066  
00:44:46,360 --> 00:44:52,150  
Feynman or alice cooper or screw the

1067  
00:44:49,989 --> 00:44:54,729  
other names he'll just tell you amazing

1068  
00:44:52,150 --> 00:44:56,530  
stories about himself and all the weird

1069  
00:44:54,730 --> 00:44:58,119

adventures that he's gotten into that

1070

00:44:56,530 --> 00:45:00,010  
happened to us today we were in the

1071

00:44:58,119 --> 00:45:02,949  
elevator going down to one of the lower

1072

00:45:00,010 --> 00:45:04,360  
decks we saw the secret let down on the

1073

00:45:02,949 --> 00:45:05,909  
Norris take a walk he had it and

1074

00:45:04,360 --> 00:45:10,510  
suddenly they're behind us was right

1075

00:45:05,909 --> 00:45:12,759  
exactly he turns up in and really odd

1076

00:45:10,510 --> 00:45:14,260  
spot I don't he's you know Phil Plait

1077

00:45:12,760 --> 00:45:16,240  
the baddest runner or not the state

1078

00:45:14,260 --> 00:45:18,670  
right that's the thing everywhere you

1079

00:45:16,239 --> 00:45:20,529  
turn is somebody who has something

1080

00:45:18,670 --> 00:45:22,720  
interesting to say somebody who is an

1081

00:45:20,530 --> 00:45:24,850  
expert on something and can look at

1082

00:45:22,719 --> 00:45:27,789  
things in a different way in a weird way

1083

00:45:24,849 --> 00:45:30,489  
and that's I think that's what's amazing

1084  
00:45:27,789 --> 00:45:33,940  
about the amazing meetings it's such an

1085  
00:45:30,489 --> 00:45:35,889  
awesome collection of people that you

1086  
00:45:33,940 --> 00:45:39,150  
can't help a love that's cool thanks

1087  
00:45:35,889 --> 00:45:39,150  
Rebecca thank you

1088  
00:45:40,099 --> 00:45:45,539  
before joining the amazing adventure too

1089  
00:45:42,750 --> 00:45:48,030  
I spent some time in Colorado I was the

1090  
00:45:45,539 --> 00:45:50,940  
guest of Phil Plait and the guest of the

1091  
00:45:48,030 --> 00:45:53,190  
Denver skeptics everyone treated me so

1092  
00:45:50,940 --> 00:45:55,500  
well I enjoyed giving a talk to the

1093  
00:45:53,190 --> 00:45:57,720  
Denver skeptics and then they took me up

1094  
00:45:55,500 --> 00:46:01,050  
Mount Evans where I nearly passed out

1095  
00:45:57,719 --> 00:46:02,639  
through lack of oxygen in Colorado I

1096  
00:46:01,050 --> 00:46:05,519  
took the opportunity to buy the latest

1097  
00:46:02,639 --> 00:46:08,579  
copy of the skeptic magazine and noticed

1098  
00:46:05,519 --> 00:46:12,360  
an article written by skeptic Harriet

1099  
00:46:08,579 --> 00:46:17,460  
hall I didn't know she would be on the

1100  
00:46:12,360 --> 00:46:18,750  
cruise now with charades going on in the

1101  
00:46:17,460 --> 00:46:20,909  
background it's the final day of the

1102  
00:46:18,750 --> 00:46:22,679  
amazing cruise the amazing adventure to

1103  
00:46:20,909 --> 00:46:25,739  
to Alaska north to Alaska with James

1104  
00:46:22,679 --> 00:46:28,710  
Randi and I'm sitting here with a skip

1105  
00:46:25,739 --> 00:46:32,579  
doc Harriet Hall hello Harry hello

1106  
00:46:28,710 --> 00:46:37,380  
Richie now you have an interesting story

1107  
00:46:32,579 --> 00:46:39,299  
to tell about someone who has decided to

1108  
00:46:37,380 --> 00:46:42,690  
contribute to the skeptical literature

1109  
00:46:39,300 --> 00:46:46,920  
and it's even a surprise to you is that

1110  
00:46:42,690 --> 00:46:49,050  
a good description I guess so I've been

1111  
00:46:46,920 --> 00:46:51,000  
a passive skeptic for literally decades

1112

00:46:49,050 --> 00:46:53,310  
I've been reading The Skeptical Inquirer

1113  
00:46:51,000 --> 00:46:56,639  
and reading from acceptable literature

1114  
00:46:53,309 --> 00:46:58,619  
and then I became a groupie I started

1115  
00:46:56,639 --> 00:47:00,449  
going to meetings and worshipping all

1116  
00:46:58,619 --> 00:47:02,429  
those people up on the stage but I never

1117  
00:47:00,449 --> 00:47:04,799  
did anything result I had anything to

1118  
00:47:02,429 --> 00:47:07,379  
contribute and I went to the skeptics

1119  
00:47:04,800 --> 00:47:09,810  
toolbox workshop one somewhere in Oregon

1120  
00:47:07,380 --> 00:47:11,369  
and I met some of these people these

1121  
00:47:09,809 --> 00:47:13,650  
high and mighty people from up on the

1122  
00:47:11,369 --> 00:47:15,179  
stage we're young talking to the rest of

1123  
00:47:13,650 --> 00:47:16,710  
us and they were doing beings and they

1124  
00:47:15,179 --> 00:47:18,659  
were fun and I got to know them and they

1125  
00:47:16,710 --> 00:47:21,019  
started encouraging me one thing led to

1126  
00:47:18,659 --> 00:47:23,519

another and what pretty soon I had

1127

00:47:21,019 --> 00:47:26,699

published some articles i was skeptical

1128

00:47:23,519 --> 00:47:30,369

inquirer then I went to the amazing

1129

00:47:26,699 --> 00:47:32,379

volume to michael shermer spoke and I

1130

00:47:30,369 --> 00:47:34,359

I find one of the brakes and I told him

1131

00:47:32,380 --> 00:47:36,309

about a book i read recently called God

1132

00:47:34,360 --> 00:47:38,220

so now not the bible code but another

1133

00:47:36,309 --> 00:47:41,469

one even another one that almost makes

1134

00:47:38,219 --> 00:47:43,089

the Bible Code sound sane I called the

1135

00:47:41,469 --> 00:47:45,369

god code that was completely off the

1136

00:47:43,090 --> 00:47:47,140

wall and I asked Michael if he'd read it

1137

00:47:45,369 --> 00:47:48,489

and he said no but it sounded like

1138

00:47:47,139 --> 00:47:51,039

something that would be good for this

1139

00:47:48,489 --> 00:47:53,139

magazine I think you should get somebody

1140

00:47:51,039 --> 00:47:56,079

to write a preview for skeptic magazine

1141  
00:47:53,139 --> 00:47:57,909  
he said what is your right away yeah so

1142  
00:47:56,079 --> 00:47:59,889  
now all of a sudden I'm not only

1143  
00:47:57,909 --> 00:48:02,949  
publishing and skeptic but i have my own

1144  
00:47:59,889 --> 00:48:04,900  
column I'm contributing editor I've got

1145  
00:48:02,949 --> 00:48:11,589  
three articles coming out in the next

1146  
00:48:04,900 --> 00:48:14,260  
issue so what is your main focus of

1147  
00:48:11,590 --> 00:48:17,769  
interest their health fraud I was a

1148  
00:48:14,260 --> 00:48:20,830  
retired family physician and I've been

1149  
00:48:17,769 --> 00:48:22,659  
working with a quick lunch I'm website

1150  
00:48:20,829 --> 00:48:23,920  
of the health fraud discussion based on

1151  
00:48:22,659 --> 00:48:25,659  
quack watch and I've learned a

1152  
00:48:23,920 --> 00:48:27,309  
tremendous amount from interacting with

1153  
00:48:25,659 --> 00:48:29,859  
the people on their written some

1154  
00:48:27,309 --> 00:48:32,559  
articles for the clock watch site I

1155  
00:48:29,860 --> 00:48:35,440  
mainly trying to use my medical

1156  
00:48:32,559 --> 00:48:36,909  
expertise for something useful and then

1157  
00:48:35,440 --> 00:48:38,409  
retired for quite a while now but this

1158  
00:48:36,909 --> 00:48:41,170  
is a way that I can contribute now

1159  
00:48:38,409 --> 00:48:44,889  
mm-hmm and I have you been getting much

1160  
00:48:41,170 --> 00:48:46,750  
Cara much feedback well yes I wrote an

1161  
00:48:44,889 --> 00:48:49,059  
article for skeptical inquiry called

1162  
00:48:46,750 --> 00:48:51,159  
teaching things to sing about my

1163  
00:48:49,059 --> 00:48:53,799  
experiences trying to introduce some

1164  
00:48:51,159 --> 00:48:56,039  
skeptical ideas to a group of the

1165  
00:48:53,800 --> 00:48:58,450  
general public but she was I can say

1166  
00:48:56,039 --> 00:49:00,309  
teaching things to sing only waste your

1167  
00:48:58,449 --> 00:49:02,619  
time and annoys the pigs yeah sort of

1168  
00:49:00,309 --> 00:49:04,869  
was the story of that but I got a lot of

1169

00:49:02,619 --> 00:49:07,809  
feedback and my favorite one was an

1170  
00:49:04,869 --> 00:49:11,230  
email that started out dear Harriet will

1171  
00:49:07,809 --> 00:49:12,789  
you marry me he went on to say he was

1172  
00:49:11,230 --> 00:49:16,539  
actually already happily married but we

1173  
00:49:12,789 --> 00:49:18,309  
could move to Utah all right so you have

1174  
00:49:16,539 --> 00:49:19,570  
at least that lets you know that people

1175  
00:49:18,309 --> 00:49:21,489  
are out there and they're reading your

1176  
00:49:19,570 --> 00:49:24,010  
articles yes it's been very gratifying

1177  
00:49:21,489 --> 00:49:26,049  
I've had requests to use my articles for

1178  
00:49:24,010 --> 00:49:29,500  
college courses on critical thinking and

1179  
00:49:26,050 --> 00:49:30,609  
Wow a request to post it on websites and

1180  
00:49:29,500 --> 00:49:32,829  
to reprint it

1181  
00:49:30,608 --> 00:49:34,960  
so it's better that is got a very

1182  
00:49:32,829 --> 00:49:38,200  
gratifying and I noticed in the the

1183  
00:49:34,960 --> 00:49:41,259

issue of the skeptic will you have an

1184

00:49:38,199 --> 00:49:43,808

article in the issue of the spider-man

1185

00:49:41,259 --> 00:49:45,880

on the cover no let's let's a skeptical

1186

00:49:43,809 --> 00:49:47,200

Inquirer or the skeptic has Dawkins on

1187

00:49:45,880 --> 00:49:48,940

the cover I get them all confused

1188

00:49:47,199 --> 00:49:51,909

picture of richard dawkins where your

1189

00:49:48,940 --> 00:49:53,230

article it's a very interesting line

1190

00:49:51,909 --> 00:49:55,088

drawing of you or was that the

1191

00:49:53,230 --> 00:49:58,539

photograph turned into a light before i

1192

00:49:55,088 --> 00:50:00,940

sent a photograph to Pat Lindsay the art

1193

00:49:58,539 --> 00:50:02,710

lady at skeptic at her request oh she

1194

00:50:00,940 --> 00:50:04,960

did the pencil sketch she had not met me

1195

00:50:02,710 --> 00:50:10,119

hell yeah yeah my daughter says it makes

1196

00:50:04,960 --> 00:50:12,249

me look me oh who incidentally is on the

1197

00:50:10,119 --> 00:50:14,588

cruiser of this your daughter I thought

1198  
00:50:12,248 --> 00:50:16,509  
her ass yes I had dinner without the the

1199  
00:50:14,588 --> 00:50:18,460  
other night she's super charming thank

1200  
00:50:16,509 --> 00:50:20,498  
you so thank you very much for chatting

1201  
00:50:18,460 --> 00:50:22,599  
to me enjoy the rest of the cruise I

1202  
00:50:20,498 --> 00:50:24,639  
think there are some whales to be

1203  
00:50:22,599 --> 00:50:26,818  
spotted this afternoon thank you very

1204  
00:50:24,639 --> 00:50:26,818  
much

1205  
00:50:36,239 --> 00:50:41,229  
thank you for joining me for this

1206  
00:50:38,409 --> 00:50:43,329  
episode of the skeptic zone thanks to

1207  
00:50:41,230 --> 00:50:45,909  
Jon Ronson and thanks to everybody on

1208  
00:50:43,329 --> 00:50:48,279  
the amazing adventure to north to Alaska

1209  
00:50:45,909 --> 00:50:51,069  
with James Randi and something I'll

1210  
00:50:48,280 --> 00:50:53,230  
never forget next week we have our

1211  
00:50:51,070 --> 00:50:55,720  
regular episode with dr. ray cheer

1212  
00:50:53,230 --> 00:50:58,449  
apports the round up the think tank and

1213  
00:50:55,719 --> 00:51:00,399  
all the features you love thank you to

1214  
00:50:58,449 --> 00:51:04,599  
everybody who's been leaving comments on

1215  
00:51:00,400 --> 00:51:06,099  
our website WWDC a petting zoo TV and a

1216  
00:51:04,599 --> 00:51:08,409  
special thank you to everybody who's

1217  
00:51:06,099 --> 00:51:10,869  
been donating a few dollars our way it

1218  
00:51:08,409 --> 00:51:14,909  
really does make a difference until next

1219  
00:51:10,869 --> 00:51:14,909  
week this has been Richard Saunders

1220  
00:51:15,869 --> 00:51:22,269  
you've been listening to the skeptic

1221  
00:51:18,280 --> 00:51:26,080  
zone visit our website at wwc a petting

1222  
00:51:22,269 --> 00:51:29,009  
zoo TV for comments contacts and extra

1223  
00:51:26,079 --> 00:51:29,009  
video reports

1224  
00:51:29,300 --> 00:51:32,300  
skits

1225  
00:51:33,760 --> 00:51:36,420  
check

1226

00:51:40,869 --> 00:51:42,900  
Oh

1227  
00:51:42,929 --> 00:51:45,019  
yes

1228  
00:51:47,349 --> 00:51:49,409  
you