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

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00:00:09,089 --> 00:00:13,699
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:23,600 --> 00:00:28,859
hello from Sydney Australia Richard

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00:00:26,550 --> 00:00:32,660
Saunders here for the skeptic Zone

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00:00:28,859 --> 00:00:38,988
episode number 155 for the eighth of

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00:00:32,659 --> 00:00:42,929
October 2011 and yes I have a cold Oh

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00:00:38,988 --> 00:00:46,799
modern science hurry up and discover the

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00:00:42,929 --> 00:00:48,479
cure the cure for the common cold well

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00:00:46,799 --> 00:00:50,909
this is very common cold this one it's

10
00:00:48,479 --> 00:00:53,669
particularly common it's a stuffed up

11
00:00:50,909 --> 00:00:56,579
nose a bit of sneezing feeling slightly

12
00:00:53,670 --> 00:01:01,439
tired bad sleep yeah pretty

13
00:00:56,579 --> 00:01:03,750
run-of-the-mill cold oh well I'll forget

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00:01:01,439 --> 00:01:06,840
about it for the next hour because

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00:01:03,750 --> 00:01:09,030
coming up on this episode of the skeptic

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00:01:06,840 --> 00:01:11,939
zone very shortly I'm going to tell you

17
00:01:09,030 --> 00:01:14,728
all about some great skeptical activism

18
00:01:11,938 --> 00:01:18,589
success here in Australia with another

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00:01:14,728 --> 00:01:22,469
one of these wacko crazy bizarre energy

20
00:01:18,590 --> 00:01:24,240
bands it's coming up very soon and also

21
00:01:22,469 --> 00:01:26,938
on the show we have a talk by Joel

22
00:01:24,239 --> 00:01:30,209
Pittman has given it Sydney skeptics in

23
00:01:26,938 --> 00:01:34,819
the pub all about what it was like not

24
00:01:30,209 --> 00:01:37,709
so many years ago to be a an outreach

25
00:01:34,819 --> 00:01:40,978
person and outreach with the youth

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00:01:37,709 --> 00:01:43,858
ministry of a Pentecostal church very

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00:01:40,978 --> 00:01:45,748
interesting stuff and now their mindset

28
00:01:43,858 --> 00:01:49,530
was when they went into schools and I

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00:01:45,748 --> 00:01:54,328
was quite horrified to learn how easy it

30
00:01:49,530 --> 00:01:56,909
is for people with the badge of religion

31
00:01:54,328 --> 00:01:59,639
how easy it is for them sometimes to

32
00:01:56,909 --> 00:02:02,999
have access to children in schools we

33
00:01:59,640 --> 00:02:08,669
will learn more a little bit later in

34
00:02:02,998 --> 00:02:11,639
the show and to wrap up the show we have

35
00:02:08,669 --> 00:02:13,859
a series of our little interviews sort

36
00:02:11,639 --> 00:02:16,379
of sparked off by a discussion that our

37
00:02:13,860 --> 00:02:21,290
reporter main our head with me a few

38
00:02:16,379 --> 00:02:24,689
days ago about the term debunker and

39
00:02:21,289 --> 00:02:26,579
what people think of that term is it

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00:02:24,689 --> 00:02:29,280
better than skeptic is it worse than

41
00:02:26,580 --> 00:02:32,730
skeptic should we not use it when is it

42
00:02:29,280 --> 00:02:33,990
their appropriate to use it skeptics and

43
00:02:32,729 --> 00:02:36,899

deep bunkers

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00:02:33,990 --> 00:02:39,900

a series of interviews of lots of people

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00:02:36,900 --> 00:02:44,039

at skeptics in the pub coming up but to

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00:02:39,900 --> 00:02:53,090

wrap up the show but first some news the

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00:02:44,039 --> 00:02:56,099

website of Mamma Mia wwm am a Mau Mau

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00:02:53,090 --> 00:02:58,080

has almost gone into meltdown if sites

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00:02:56,099 --> 00:03:00,840

can go into meltdown these days because

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00:02:58,080 --> 00:03:04,560

our very own dr. Richie wrote a blog

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00:03:00,840 --> 00:03:09,539

post there called nine vaccination myths

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00:03:04,560 --> 00:03:13,979

busted with science and it's been widely

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00:03:09,539 --> 00:03:17,519

reported it's a it's an excellent blog

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00:03:13,979 --> 00:03:20,039

post if you just Google nine vaccination

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00:03:17,520 --> 00:03:21,630

myths and Rachel Dunlop you'll find the

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00:03:20,039 --> 00:03:24,629

article very easily because the URLs

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00:03:21,629 --> 00:03:27,479

very long just google it but what's very

58
00:03:24,629 --> 00:03:30,960
interesting is that the number of

59
00:03:27,479 --> 00:03:35,549
comments it's insane oh boy what is it

60
00:03:30,960 --> 00:03:38,240
as I look now it's 745 and Brian the

61
00:03:35,550 --> 00:03:40,680
anti-vaxxers have got on their big time

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00:03:38,240 --> 00:03:42,360
accusing Rachel of being in the pocket

63
00:03:40,680 --> 00:03:45,300
of big pharma well that's nothing new

64
00:03:42,360 --> 00:03:47,130
she's been accused of that long time so

65
00:03:45,300 --> 00:03:49,890
have I I think so has anybody with a

66
00:03:47,129 --> 00:03:55,229
skeptical mind pushing real medicine and

67
00:03:49,889 --> 00:03:58,709
vaccination anyway ah so much attention

68
00:03:55,229 --> 00:04:01,199
was given to this blog post by the sheer

69
00:03:58,710 --> 00:04:04,170
volume of traffic going through that

70
00:04:01,199 --> 00:04:07,069
Rachel was invited on the television

71
00:04:04,169 --> 00:04:10,679
program of mia freedman the lady behind

72
00:04:07,069 --> 00:04:13,169
mamma mia website and she was in the

73
00:04:10,680 --> 00:04:16,230
studio just a few days ago and that I

74
00:04:13,169 --> 00:04:20,459
believe will be on Sky News here in

75
00:04:16,230 --> 00:04:24,450
Australia this coming Friday fear not if

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00:04:20,459 --> 00:04:26,129
you go to mama mia condotta you next

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00:04:24,449 --> 00:04:28,680
week you can probably see that episode

78
00:04:26,129 --> 00:04:32,759
as they archive it and make it available

79
00:04:28,680 --> 00:04:36,420
for you anyway worth checking out so

80
00:04:32,759 --> 00:04:38,550
Google Rachel Dunlop nine vaccination

81
00:04:36,420 --> 00:04:40,949
myths and you'll find out more now a

82
00:04:38,550 --> 00:04:44,100
good friend and former skeptic zone

83
00:04:40,949 --> 00:04:46,430
reporter Michael will hand has asked me

84
00:04:44,100 --> 00:04:49,070
to mention that

85
00:04:46,430 --> 00:04:52,819
in November November the second in fact

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00:04:49,069 --> 00:04:56,839
at the parliament house in canberra we

87
00:04:52,819 --> 00:04:59,540
have cults in australia facing the

88
00:04:56,839 --> 00:05:01,939
realities a national conference and this

89
00:04:59,540 --> 00:05:07,610
is by the cold information and family

90
00:05:01,939 --> 00:05:10,100
support inc or C ifs the objective of

91
00:05:07,610 --> 00:05:12,680
the conference is to focus attention on

92
00:05:10,100 --> 00:05:15,920
and recommend safeguards against a

93
00:05:12,680 --> 00:05:19,370
serious harm caused by destructive cults

94
00:05:15,920 --> 00:05:21,980
in Australia now if you're interested or

95
00:05:19,370 --> 00:05:23,780
concerned about this sort of thing maybe

96
00:05:21,980 --> 00:05:26,750
you know somebody who has got themselves

97
00:05:23,779 --> 00:05:29,029
a tangled up in a cult the best thing to

98
00:05:26,750 --> 00:05:37,220
do is to go to the website for more

99
00:05:29,029 --> 00:05:40,459
information and that's wwc ifs oga you

100
00:05:37,220 --> 00:05:42,020

so remember that's early November

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00:05:40,459 --> 00:05:46,069

Wednesday the second of November

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00:05:42,019 --> 00:05:50,149

starting at 9am in our nation's capital

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00:05:46,069 --> 00:05:52,969

and now we get to the successful

104

00:05:50,149 --> 00:05:55,549

skeptical activism I mentioned a little

105

00:05:52,970 --> 00:05:58,250

while ago now it came to our attention

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00:05:55,550 --> 00:06:01,189

not so long ago that the rebels sport

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00:05:58,250 --> 00:06:05,569

the rebel sport chain here in Australia

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00:06:01,189 --> 00:06:08,089

which sell shoes and socks and running

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00:06:05,569 --> 00:06:11,149

the equipment and exercise machines and

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00:06:08,089 --> 00:06:15,459

all great things for sport we're selling

111

00:06:11,149 --> 00:06:19,419

something called the NRG the NRG

112

00:06:15,459 --> 00:06:23,180

titanium ion band and it looks

113

00:06:19,420 --> 00:06:25,840

surprisingly similar well sort of to the

114

00:06:23,180 --> 00:06:30,620

old power balance band the one that was

115
00:06:25,839 --> 00:06:34,609
debunked and shut down here in Australia

116
00:06:30,620 --> 00:06:36,980
now as it happens rebel sport last year

117
00:06:34,610 --> 00:06:40,340
were selling the power balance band so

118
00:06:36,980 --> 00:06:43,420
we were surprised very surprised to see

119
00:06:40,339 --> 00:06:47,060
that they had simply taken up the next

120
00:06:43,420 --> 00:06:48,830
band making all sorts of amazing claim

121
00:06:47,060 --> 00:06:51,319
so we were quite surprised and saddened

122
00:06:48,829 --> 00:06:54,319
to see this so we thought would take

123
00:06:51,319 --> 00:06:57,560
some pretty quick and direct action so

124
00:06:54,319 --> 00:07:00,319
here is the letter we wrote to both

125
00:06:57,560 --> 00:07:03,290
rebel sport and to the ni

126
00:07:00,319 --> 00:07:06,949
gee company the producers of this rubber

127
00:07:03,290 --> 00:07:10,939
wristband and also publish on our

128
00:07:06,949 --> 00:07:13,430
website as an open letter Ozzy's love

129
00:07:10,939 --> 00:07:17,120
their support and love affair go for all

130
00:07:13,430 --> 00:07:19,759
rebel sport provides a range of sporting

131
00:07:17,120 --> 00:07:22,310
accessories on which everyday people and

132
00:07:19,759 --> 00:07:24,649
athletes rely to get the most out of

133
00:07:22,310 --> 00:07:27,290
their sporting life it is therefore

134
00:07:24,649 --> 00:07:29,060
disappointing to see that rebel sport is

135
00:07:27,290 --> 00:07:32,510
selling something that in our opinion

136
00:07:29,060 --> 00:07:35,990
does not and cannot live up to the

137
00:07:32,509 --> 00:07:39,050
marketing claims the NRG titanium iron

138
00:07:35,990 --> 00:07:41,420
band currently being sold via rebel

139
00:07:39,050 --> 00:07:43,910
sports outlets seems to be yet another

140
00:07:41,420 --> 00:07:46,580
in the long line of so-called power

141
00:07:43,910 --> 00:07:50,180
bands rubber wristbands that claim to

142
00:07:46,579 --> 00:07:53,089
aid sporting performance and health it

143

00:07:50,180 --> 00:07:55,699
was not so long ago rebel sport was

144
00:07:53,089 --> 00:07:59,149
selling the now debunked power balance

145
00:07:55,699 --> 00:08:01,909
band if this wristband was merely being

146
00:07:59,149 --> 00:08:03,859
touted as a fashion accessory we would

147
00:08:01,910 --> 00:08:05,900
have no objections to rebel sports

148
00:08:03,860 --> 00:08:09,920
decision to stock and promote it to

149
00:08:05,899 --> 00:08:12,889
customers however NRG and rebel sport as

150
00:08:09,920 --> 00:08:16,460
stockists are selling a product which is

151
00:08:12,889 --> 00:08:20,479
making questionable but testable medical

152
00:08:16,459 --> 00:08:23,810
claims NRG publicly states that it quote

153
00:08:20,480 --> 00:08:27,560
has made a breakthrough in negative ion

154
00:08:23,810 --> 00:08:29,389
technology and quote if so we would very

155
00:08:27,560 --> 00:08:32,539
much like to see the peer-reviewed

156
00:08:29,389 --> 00:08:35,750
scientific studies it sounds very much

157
00:08:32,539 --> 00:08:38,299

to us that NRG are simply using

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00:08:35,750 --> 00:08:42,229

scientific sounding words and terms in

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00:08:38,299 --> 00:08:44,539

order to market their product some of

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00:08:42,229 --> 00:08:47,920

the medical claims made by the NRG

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00:08:44,539 --> 00:08:50,809

company are that benefits may include

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00:08:47,919 --> 00:08:54,349

increased blood flow increased

163

00:08:50,809 --> 00:08:59,239

circulation revitalization of red blood

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00:08:54,350 --> 00:09:01,250

cells neutralize free radicals there is

165

00:08:59,240 --> 00:09:03,139

no credible evidence that this product

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00:09:01,250 --> 00:09:05,990

can alter the physiology of the human

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00:09:03,139 --> 00:09:08,240

body and until the manufacturer

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00:09:05,990 --> 00:09:10,610

demonstrates this with actual scientific

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00:09:08,240 --> 00:09:13,430

studies then they are potentially

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00:09:10,610 --> 00:09:15,830

misleading customers with claims about

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00:09:13,429 --> 00:09:19,399

benefits which their product may not

172
00:09:15,830 --> 00:09:22,970
have upon reviewing the medical evidence

173
00:09:19,399 --> 00:09:26,600
put forward by NRG dr. Steven novella

174
00:09:22,970 --> 00:09:30,009
assistant professor of neurology at Yale

175
00:09:26,600 --> 00:09:33,170
University School of Medicine said quote

176
00:09:30,009 --> 00:09:35,958
none of the proper controls are in place

177
00:09:33,169 --> 00:09:39,079
to make the information anything other

178
00:09:35,958 --> 00:09:41,059
than a marketing demonstration similar

179
00:09:39,080 --> 00:09:44,540
to the parlor tricks used by power

180
00:09:41,059 --> 00:09:46,759
balance end quote and quote there is

181
00:09:44,539 --> 00:09:49,490
every reason to believe that these

182
00:09:46,759 --> 00:09:53,120
titanium bands are medically worthless

183
00:09:49,490 --> 00:09:55,850
and quote just like the ill-fated Power

184
00:09:53,120 --> 00:09:58,339
Balance product before them NRG rely

185
00:09:55,850 --> 00:10:02,209
heavily on testimonials from sporting

186
00:09:58,339 --> 00:10:05,420
stars notably from the NRL that's the

187
00:10:02,208 --> 00:10:08,269
National Rugby League however while no

188
00:10:05,419 --> 00:10:10,579
doubt heartfelt and sincere they are not

189
00:10:08,269 --> 00:10:14,329
evidence that the product works as

190
00:10:10,580 --> 00:10:17,209
claimed Australian skeptics urge rebel

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00:10:14,330 --> 00:10:20,450
sport to reconsider their decision to

192
00:10:17,208 --> 00:10:23,059
sell the NRG titanium ion band if

193
00:10:20,450 --> 00:10:25,370
however NRG and rebel sports stand

194
00:10:23,059 --> 00:10:29,319
behind the claims of the titanium iron

195
00:10:25,370 --> 00:10:33,879
band we invite them to apply for our

196
00:10:29,320 --> 00:10:36,830
\$100,000 prize Australian skeptics Inc

197
00:10:33,879 --> 00:10:39,740
now that open letter was posted on the

198
00:10:36,830 --> 00:10:45,200
Australian skeptics website on sep

199
00:10:39,740 --> 00:10:48,830
tember 26th and on sep tember 30th rebel

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00:10:45,200 --> 00:10:51,470
sport twittered the following we

201
00:10:48,830 --> 00:10:54,379
appreciate feedback regarding and RG

202
00:10:51,470 --> 00:10:57,950
titanium iron bands we are discussing

203
00:10:54,379 --> 00:11:01,480
with energy and have decided to remove

204
00:10:57,950 --> 00:11:03,650
the product from sale in our stores I

205
00:11:01,480 --> 00:11:08,409
think we need to thank all those people

206
00:11:03,649 --> 00:11:10,549
who are retweeted our original posting

207
00:11:08,409 --> 00:11:13,699
certainly brought it to the attention of

208
00:11:10,549 --> 00:11:16,039
rebel sport and Australian skeptics also

209
00:11:13,700 --> 00:11:18,649
congratulate rebel sport for taking this

210
00:11:16,039 --> 00:11:21,559
action one that puts their customers

211
00:11:18,649 --> 00:11:25,730
first it is another good example of

212
00:11:21,559 --> 00:11:26,519
skeptical activism at work well on that

213
00:11:25,730 --> 00:11:29,659
six

214
00:11:26,519 --> 00:11:32,370

full of that very successful night I

215

00:11:29,659 --> 00:11:34,980

will leave you now as I run downstairs

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00:11:32,370 --> 00:11:38,159

to for my what will it be this week

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00:11:34,980 --> 00:11:40,920

vodka martini stirred not shaken down

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00:11:38,159 --> 00:11:46,169

gin and tonic hot chocolate in the air

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00:11:40,919 --> 00:11:47,399

chicken soup mmm cold medicine ah I'm

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00:11:46,169 --> 00:11:50,370

gonna sit down and have some cold

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00:11:47,399 --> 00:11:52,549

medicine and let you enjoy the skeptics

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00:11:50,370 --> 00:11:52,549

own

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00:11:59,309 --> 00:12:11,459

a recent speaker at Sydney's skeptics in

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00:12:08,070 --> 00:12:13,528

the pub was Joel Pittman now his family

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00:12:11,460 --> 00:12:16,379

joined a Pentecostal church when he was

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00:12:13,528 --> 00:12:18,480

only four and he himself was actively

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00:12:16,379 --> 00:12:32,039

involved in youth ministry leadership

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00:12:18,480 --> 00:12:34,289

from the age of 15 well I actually want

229
00:12:32,039 --> 00:12:36,389
to start tonight what I'm gonna be

230
00:12:34,289 --> 00:12:38,639
talking about is the Evangelic or

231
00:12:36,389 --> 00:12:40,830
movement and I would take that sort of

232
00:12:38,639 --> 00:12:42,419
encompass you know charismatic San

233
00:12:40,830 --> 00:12:45,360
Pentecostals who would see themselves a

234
00:12:42,419 --> 00:12:46,469
slightly different as well as and I want

235
00:12:45,360 --> 00:12:48,960
to I want to talk about them but

236
00:12:46,470 --> 00:12:52,110
slightly through the frame of their

237
00:12:48,960 --> 00:12:55,290
involvement with Scripture and scripture

238
00:12:52,110 --> 00:12:56,879
and in public high schools now for

239
00:12:55,289 --> 00:12:59,159
anyone who hasn't met me before it

240
00:12:56,879 --> 00:13:01,350
doesn't know me I was a youth pastor for

241
00:12:59,159 --> 00:13:05,459
a couple of years I grew up in a

242
00:13:01,350 --> 00:13:06,870
Pentecostal evangelical church and my

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00:13:05,460 --> 00:13:08,490
involvement is sort of extended to

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00:13:06,870 --> 00:13:11,789
teaching Scripture and a couple of state

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00:13:08,490 --> 00:13:13,560
high schools in the western suburbs III

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00:13:11,789 --> 00:13:15,120
thought what might be good and for

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00:13:13,559 --> 00:13:17,609
anyone who had me speak at skeptic camp

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00:13:15,120 --> 00:13:21,960
this is what I did at skeptic amp was to

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00:13:17,610 --> 00:13:26,220
talk about how the Avenger local church

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00:13:21,960 --> 00:13:28,920
works in high schools and also on that

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00:13:26,220 --> 00:13:32,129
ground how they work on indoctrinating

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00:13:28,919 --> 00:13:35,069
children with both state and community

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00:13:32,129 --> 00:13:39,149
funding to get young children to join

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00:13:35,070 --> 00:13:41,250
their churches now this seems too many

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00:13:39,149 --> 00:13:44,069
people when I talk to them they often

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00:13:41,250 --> 00:13:45,419
say that doesn't happen or or you see a

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00:13:44,070 --> 00:13:46,770
little bit about like say access

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00:13:45,419 --> 00:13:48,360
ministries and things like that and they

259
00:13:46,769 --> 00:13:50,338
make a slip up at a conference but

260
00:13:48,360 --> 00:13:51,810
surely most of the people that go in a

261
00:13:50,339 --> 00:13:55,470
trained and they have some understanding

262
00:13:51,809 --> 00:13:57,059
of what they're doing so I thought what

263
00:13:55,470 --> 00:13:58,980
I might do tonight is a very abridged

264
00:13:57,059 --> 00:14:01,559
version of taking you through what it

265
00:13:58,980 --> 00:14:02,820
might be like for you as a student in a

266
00:14:01,559 --> 00:14:04,979
school going to one of the scripture

267
00:14:02,820 --> 00:14:06,420
classes that I taught we would start

268
00:14:04,980 --> 00:14:08,970
week one where we'd introduce the

269
00:14:06,419 --> 00:14:10,409
concept of God that would mean basically

270
00:14:08,970 --> 00:14:11,720
introduced I'm Adam of course I mean the

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00:14:10,409 --> 00:14:15,740

Christian God because there isn't

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00:14:11,720 --> 00:14:17,509

other one and an explaining why he is

273

00:14:15,740 --> 00:14:19,430

actually the right God and that if

274

00:14:17,509 --> 00:14:20,990

you've chosen another one then you know

275

00:14:19,429 --> 00:14:23,448

well don't worry we'll get to that in a

276

00:14:20,990 --> 00:14:25,579

couple of weeks time but explaining who

277

00:14:23,448 --> 00:14:28,278

God is and starting to introduce who

278

00:14:25,578 --> 00:14:30,318

Jesus is etc now at this point it's all

279

00:14:28,278 --> 00:14:32,299

very nice and quite rosy and you know

280

00:14:30,318 --> 00:14:34,099

well this is just you know some of our

281

00:14:32,299 --> 00:14:35,539

beliefs and we're great and we're all

282

00:14:34,100 --> 00:14:37,310

interested in all your opinions about

283

00:14:35,539 --> 00:14:39,769

everything and isn't it you know nice

284

00:14:37,309 --> 00:14:41,359

and then the next week they come in and

285

00:14:39,769 --> 00:14:43,429

we start we talk about what we would

286
00:14:41,360 --> 00:14:45,079
have deemed loosely as morality and i

287
00:14:43,429 --> 00:14:47,000
suppose what what they're trying to

288
00:14:45,078 --> 00:14:49,099
argue now is what what Scripture teaches

289
00:14:47,000 --> 00:14:50,539
currently do is teach a form of ethics

290
00:14:49,100 --> 00:14:51,920
which is where we would come in and then

291
00:14:50,539 --> 00:14:55,519
we'd say introducing the Ten

292
00:14:51,919 --> 00:14:57,620
Commandments now what anyone who is not

293
00:14:55,519 --> 00:14:59,480
read the Ten Commandments not

294
00:14:57,620 --> 00:15:01,459
particularly good but will most of them

295
00:14:59,480 --> 00:15:03,528
are particularly good so and we'd make

296
00:15:01,458 --> 00:15:05,448
the you know pretty false argument now

297
00:15:03,528 --> 00:15:08,269
that I would understand now is that you

298
00:15:05,448 --> 00:15:10,338
know most of our law is based on content

299
00:15:08,269 --> 00:15:13,429
commandments of course large parts of it

300
00:15:10,339 --> 00:15:15,139
or not now we would go through then with

301
00:15:13,429 --> 00:15:16,539
them and explain this would be by week

302
00:15:15,139 --> 00:15:19,698
three would be explaining to them how

303
00:15:16,539 --> 00:15:23,448
whether they know it or not they've

304
00:15:19,698 --> 00:15:24,799
broken all these Commandments you know

305
00:15:23,448 --> 00:15:26,870
if you ever had a if you ever been

306
00:15:24,799 --> 00:15:28,099
really angry at you did you know ever

307
00:15:26,870 --> 00:15:29,688
had that moment you've just told your

308
00:15:28,100 --> 00:15:31,250
dad you're going you know stick it and

309
00:15:29,688 --> 00:15:32,480
you've been really mad and you've

310
00:15:31,250 --> 00:15:34,490
thought something really badly about

311
00:15:32,480 --> 00:15:36,709
anymore you've ever you know thought

312
00:15:34,490 --> 00:15:38,028
about having sex with someone you know

313
00:15:36,708 --> 00:15:39,469
if you just think about these things

314

00:15:38,028 --> 00:15:43,818
you've actually committed the crime and

315
00:15:39,470 --> 00:15:46,009
you're guilty and I find it really hard

316
00:15:43,818 --> 00:15:48,259
now I mean this is for me this is it

317
00:15:46,009 --> 00:15:49,938
seems quite recent history but so far

318
00:15:48,259 --> 00:15:52,909
removed that I've struggled to say it

319
00:15:49,938 --> 00:15:54,980
now with a straight face no I really do

320
00:15:52,909 --> 00:15:56,629
like you know to me it seems so removed

321
00:15:54,980 --> 00:15:58,550
from where i am now that to send here

322
00:15:56,629 --> 00:16:00,860
and talk to you it seems like i might be

323
00:15:58,549 --> 00:16:02,958
setting up for a really bad joke but I'm

324
00:16:00,860 --> 00:16:04,909
not this is quite seriously what they

325
00:16:02,958 --> 00:16:05,838
would come in until and then of course

326
00:16:04,909 --> 00:16:08,269
you know so you go through the Ten

327
00:16:05,839 --> 00:16:09,709
Commandments and then you know the one

328
00:16:08,269 --> 00:16:12,169

of the worst discussions that i can

329

00:16:09,708 --> 00:16:14,208

remember which was a common discussion

330

00:16:12,169 --> 00:16:16,159

would be better us there was there was a

331

00:16:14,208 --> 00:16:17,479

section in our course we actually are

332

00:16:16,159 --> 00:16:19,490

students if they had lost the virginity

333

00:16:17,480 --> 00:16:21,438

or not and explaining how that was

334

00:16:19,490 --> 00:16:22,818

really an affront to God and how you

335

00:16:21,438 --> 00:16:24,208

know you can't repair that and how it's

336

00:16:22,818 --> 00:16:26,248

going to damage and ruin your life

337

00:16:24,208 --> 00:16:30,568

you know forever because you've you've

338

00:16:26,249 --> 00:16:32,909

taken these steps now they move pretty

339

00:16:30,568 --> 00:16:34,469

quickly past that and then you know by

340

00:16:32,909 --> 00:16:36,889

this point yeah at this point the kids

341

00:16:34,470 --> 00:16:39,240

of course are well and truly going will

342

00:16:36,889 --> 00:16:40,769

holy crap you know what do we what do we

343
00:16:39,240 --> 00:16:42,209
do we've pissed off we've pissed off

344
00:16:40,769 --> 00:16:47,039
this guy that we didn't know existed

345
00:16:42,208 --> 00:16:48,448
until a few weeks ago and and what are

346
00:16:47,039 --> 00:16:50,818
we supposed to do you know is there

347
00:16:48,448 --> 00:16:52,948
anything we can do well actually because

348
00:16:50,818 --> 00:16:54,240
you've done these things it's not that

349
00:16:52,948 --> 00:16:56,359
doesn't stop there because you've done

350
00:16:54,240 --> 00:16:59,100
these things you know so weak week five

351
00:16:56,360 --> 00:17:01,230
there's this place called Hill which is

352
00:16:59,100 --> 00:17:04,649
reserved for people who have broken

353
00:17:01,230 --> 00:17:07,970
these laws so unfortunately because

354
00:17:04,648 --> 00:17:10,648
you've done these things um hell is um

355
00:17:07,970 --> 00:17:12,838
so I mean I'm I'm just telling you I

356
00:17:10,648 --> 00:17:15,148
have to tell you because I really love

357
00:17:12,838 --> 00:17:17,038
you and I really care about you and I

358
00:17:15,148 --> 00:17:18,808
really hope that you know you get this

359
00:17:17,038 --> 00:17:20,578
right and yeah well what do we do well

360
00:17:18,808 --> 00:17:24,500
fortunately there's this guy called

361
00:17:20,578 --> 00:17:26,908
Jesus right and you know if you just

362
00:17:24,500 --> 00:17:31,500
tell him that you love him and you're

363
00:17:26,909 --> 00:17:33,899
sorry then he will take away all those

364
00:17:31,500 --> 00:17:35,460
things that you did and everything will

365
00:17:33,898 --> 00:17:38,819
be wonderful again so we create a

366
00:17:35,460 --> 00:17:40,470
problem than we solve it and and what we

367
00:17:38,819 --> 00:17:41,788
would do in the last week and this

368
00:17:40,470 --> 00:17:45,480
usually gets people's hackles up

369
00:17:41,788 --> 00:17:47,069
including my own now is in the last last

370
00:17:45,480 --> 00:17:49,169
session what we do is we'd have the

371

00:17:47,069 --> 00:17:52,019
whole group we'd have a whole class of

372
00:17:49,169 --> 00:17:55,169
kids about 30 kids at a time we'd have

373
00:17:52,019 --> 00:17:56,668
30 kids who would we'd go guys would you

374
00:17:55,169 --> 00:17:58,350
mind just you know closing your eyes for

375
00:17:56,669 --> 00:17:59,880
a moment and we want to give you some

376
00:17:58,349 --> 00:18:02,158
thought about everything that we spoken

377
00:17:59,880 --> 00:18:04,500
about in the last few weeks you know and

378
00:18:02,159 --> 00:18:06,270
if you if you're serious about moving

379
00:18:04,500 --> 00:18:09,929
past all those awful things that you've

380
00:18:06,269 --> 00:18:13,470
done and you're serious about making

381
00:18:09,929 --> 00:18:17,250
things right then what we want you to do

382
00:18:13,470 --> 00:18:18,659
is accept Jesus into your life and you

383
00:18:17,250 --> 00:18:19,890
know while your eyes are all closed we

384
00:18:18,659 --> 00:18:23,460
won't just pop your hand up if you'd

385
00:18:19,890 --> 00:18:25,700

like to do that now at a guess how many

386

00:18:23,460 --> 00:18:30,659

people would you say pop their hands up

387

00:18:25,700 --> 00:18:32,278

30 yeah exactly 30 30 easily ever if we

388

00:18:30,659 --> 00:18:34,200

if we didn't have one it was usually

389

00:18:32,278 --> 00:18:36,509

yeah we had one out every now and then

390

00:18:34,200 --> 00:18:37,440

it was a surprise but invariably the

391

00:18:36,509 --> 00:18:40,048

whole room went

392

00:18:37,440 --> 00:18:41,429

and then that was good because and this

393

00:18:40,048 --> 00:18:43,168

was in school while you know it's all in

394

00:18:41,429 --> 00:18:45,990

school times I was never supervised by

395

00:18:43,169 --> 00:18:47,278

teachers at any stage of the game no one

396

00:18:45,990 --> 00:18:50,058

seemed to be interested that I was in

397

00:18:47,278 --> 00:18:53,429

classes telling kids these things at all

398

00:18:50,058 --> 00:18:55,038

you know and I say I just be happily go

399

00:18:53,429 --> 00:18:57,778

away and we'd hand them permission slips

400
00:18:55,038 --> 00:18:59,250
which they could then take home to their

401
00:18:57,778 --> 00:19:00,690
parents to sign once they'd made this

402
00:18:59,250 --> 00:19:03,329
wonderful decision to commit their lives

403
00:19:00,690 --> 00:19:05,879
to Jesus they could take this permission

404
00:19:03,329 --> 00:19:07,259
slip home and if their parents send them

405
00:19:05,878 --> 00:19:09,719
back they get sent away to this

406
00:19:07,259 --> 00:19:11,940
wonderful church camp which we used to

407
00:19:09,720 --> 00:19:14,250
call encounter weekends now has anyone

408
00:19:11,940 --> 00:19:15,659
been involved in the Avenger willful

409
00:19:14,250 --> 00:19:18,000
movement at all and heard of these

410
00:19:15,659 --> 00:19:22,350
things for encounter Wiccans I mean

411
00:19:18,000 --> 00:19:23,548
account of weekend is kind of like well

412
00:19:22,349 --> 00:19:26,730
now I would loosely term it as

413
00:19:23,548 --> 00:19:28,589
brainwashing now but but they the idea

414
00:19:26,730 --> 00:19:30,839
of an encounter weekend so you come away

415
00:19:28,589 --> 00:19:31,949
with the church and you're separated

416
00:19:30,839 --> 00:19:33,628
male and female you're not allowed to

417
00:19:31,950 --> 00:19:35,580
have mobile phones you don't have any

418
00:19:33,628 --> 00:19:39,509
contact with your family and you spend a

419
00:19:35,579 --> 00:19:42,449
weekend away where basically you get

420
00:19:39,509 --> 00:19:44,308
this huge form when you come in and they

421
00:19:42,450 --> 00:19:46,019
teach you how to speak in tongues they

422
00:19:44,308 --> 00:19:47,878
spend a weekend casting demons out of

423
00:19:46,019 --> 00:19:49,399
kids who might have been them and

424
00:19:47,878 --> 00:19:52,589
possessed without their knowledge

425
00:19:49,398 --> 00:19:54,329
throughout that xperia and and then we

426
00:19:52,589 --> 00:19:55,769
spend this time with a they do this sort

427
00:19:54,329 --> 00:19:56,970
of ceremonial it's almost like a Tony

428

00:19:55,769 --> 00:19:58,679
Robbins kind of meeting you know were

429
00:19:56,970 --> 00:19:59,940
they they write down all their ticket

430
00:19:58,679 --> 00:20:01,048
like a ticket boxing where they tick off

431
00:19:59,940 --> 00:20:02,460
all the sins and things that they've

432
00:20:01,048 --> 00:20:04,589
committed or or their family members

433
00:20:02,460 --> 00:20:06,480
might have committed so so generational

434
00:20:04,589 --> 00:20:08,398
sins will they call it and you took off

435
00:20:06,480 --> 00:20:09,659
all those things and then you keep on

436
00:20:08,398 --> 00:20:11,128
your hot little hand they make a big

437
00:20:09,659 --> 00:20:12,778
fire and you chuck your sins into the

438
00:20:11,128 --> 00:20:17,939
fire and then you thank God for giving

439
00:20:12,778 --> 00:20:20,759
you now so you get to the end of that

440
00:20:17,940 --> 00:20:22,019
and then you know the kids come back and

441
00:20:20,759 --> 00:20:23,519
then they go straight into something

442
00:20:22,019 --> 00:20:25,829

which used to be called cell groups and

443

00:20:23,519 --> 00:20:28,138

which became really unpopular after

444

00:20:25,829 --> 00:20:29,128

September September 11 so that's what

445

00:20:28,138 --> 00:20:31,589

that will call this is what they were

446

00:20:29,128 --> 00:20:33,990

called I'm sorry so we have this cell

447

00:20:31,589 --> 00:20:35,428

group meetings yes over its own is a

448

00:20:33,990 --> 00:20:37,649

wonderful thing you know I'm strong

449

00:20:35,429 --> 00:20:40,288

we're on a watch list somewhere just

450

00:20:37,648 --> 00:20:41,939

because of the name but but no they go

451

00:20:40,288 --> 00:20:43,259

through that they'd join us over for a

452

00:20:41,940 --> 00:20:46,048

small group and they do one-on-one

453

00:20:43,259 --> 00:20:47,940

discipleship I was on I'm still now

454

00:20:46,048 --> 00:20:49,798

quite astounded by the amount of parents

455

00:20:47,940 --> 00:20:51,749

who are quite happy

456

00:20:49,798 --> 00:20:54,418

just to let someone they didn't know on

457
00:20:51,749 --> 00:20:56,940
the basis that though from a church just

458
00:20:54,419 --> 00:20:59,480
come and spend isolated time with their

459
00:20:56,940 --> 00:21:03,269
children without any questions at all

460
00:20:59,480 --> 00:21:05,610
now if you know for them they're quite

461
00:21:03,269 --> 00:21:08,909
fortunate that it was me because I'm not

462
00:21:05,609 --> 00:21:10,408
criminal but um I often wonder how given

463
00:21:08,909 --> 00:21:13,230
everything in the media the parents are

464
00:21:10,409 --> 00:21:15,989
still quite willing to say yeah whatever

465
00:21:13,230 --> 00:21:18,749
please Soph you go spend time alone in

466
00:21:15,989 --> 00:21:20,759
um in their bedroom with kids talking

467
00:21:18,749 --> 00:21:23,190
about God I'm sure that's what you're

468
00:21:20,759 --> 00:21:28,440
doing and we won't check on you at all

469
00:21:23,190 --> 00:21:30,869
and and so for mine I often ask like

470
00:21:28,440 --> 00:21:33,058
what are the implications of that you

471
00:21:30,868 --> 00:21:35,730
know from that experience now most

472
00:21:33,058 --> 00:21:37,408
people here be looking now going well

473
00:21:35,730 --> 00:21:40,169
that's all that's well a nice now we can

474
00:21:37,409 --> 00:21:42,809
see the obvious problems but now I've

475
00:21:40,169 --> 00:21:45,239
spoken to so many people now where

476
00:21:42,808 --> 00:21:47,460
there's no actual solutions that are in

477
00:21:45,239 --> 00:21:51,058
place to actually deal with what's going

478
00:21:47,460 --> 00:21:52,590
on now my problem at the moment my main

479
00:21:51,058 --> 00:21:54,628
problem at the moment I don't know that

480
00:21:52,589 --> 00:21:56,128
I'd really be that upset if the Uniting

481
00:21:54,628 --> 00:21:57,928
Church just decided hey we're going to

482
00:21:56,128 --> 00:21:59,608
go do scripture in high schools now I

483
00:21:57,929 --> 00:22:01,259
get the sense about the Uniting Church

484
00:21:59,608 --> 00:22:03,210
that it might probably just be more

485

00:22:01,259 --> 00:22:05,038
about you know philosophy and ethics and

486
00:22:03,210 --> 00:22:06,358
the most uniting church people I know

487
00:22:05,038 --> 00:22:08,368
aren't even really sure if there's a God

488
00:22:06,358 --> 00:22:11,220
themselves so they don't tend to be that

489
00:22:08,368 --> 00:22:12,898
but the evangelical church is much

490
00:22:11,220 --> 00:22:16,169
different to that and they're cashed-up

491
00:22:12,898 --> 00:22:18,538
much really cashed up most of the money

492
00:22:16,169 --> 00:22:21,119
for us when we were going at teaching

493
00:22:18,538 --> 00:22:23,158
Scripture came from the large mega

494
00:22:21,118 --> 00:22:26,099
church that was you know on the corner

495
00:22:23,159 --> 00:22:28,350
wasn't Hillsong for the record that so

496
00:22:26,099 --> 00:22:29,759
it was very similar actually the bulk of

497
00:22:28,349 --> 00:22:31,589
what you see at Hillsong actually arose

498
00:22:29,759 --> 00:22:32,399
out of a church cord wasn't the time

499
00:22:31,589 --> 00:22:35,428

called penrith christian fellowship

500

00:22:32,398 --> 00:22:38,969

center and most of the ministry that

501

00:22:35,429 --> 00:22:41,159

exists in Hillsong outside of the

502

00:22:38,970 --> 00:22:43,798

Houstons was from kind of christian

503

00:22:41,159 --> 00:22:45,570

fellowship center and they started a

504

00:22:43,798 --> 00:22:48,599

huge amount of this and that's sort of

505

00:22:45,569 --> 00:22:50,579

where I grew up so you look outside of

506

00:22:48,599 --> 00:22:53,368

that whole behavior that demonology and

507

00:22:50,579 --> 00:22:55,589

everything else and this is a society

508

00:22:53,368 --> 00:22:57,778

outside of a few small small group of

509

00:22:55,589 --> 00:23:00,058

people are quite happy for people who

510

00:22:57,778 --> 00:23:03,000

are like me to go around teaching people

511

00:23:00,058 --> 00:23:06,680

is so I suppose my

512

00:23:03,000 --> 00:23:09,990

question is as more to the group is

513

00:23:06,680 --> 00:23:14,310

what's wrong with that and and why do we

514
00:23:09,990 --> 00:23:20,279
not make more noise about it and because

515
00:23:14,309 --> 00:23:21,990
I I mean I was never trained I ever I

516
00:23:20,279 --> 00:23:24,509
was never presented with any sort of

517
00:23:21,990 --> 00:23:25,650
legal guidelines or framework we're told

518
00:23:24,509 --> 00:23:27,420
that there was things that I wasn't

519
00:23:25,650 --> 00:23:29,280
allowed to say I wasn't allowed to do I

520
00:23:27,420 --> 00:23:31,860
was allowed into the school five days a

521
00:23:29,279 --> 00:23:33,899
week I was able to run my groups inside

522
00:23:31,859 --> 00:23:36,990
the school without any question or any

523
00:23:33,900 --> 00:23:38,400
supervision at any point and that wasn't

524
00:23:36,990 --> 00:23:40,109
just in one school wasn't just an

525
00:23:38,400 --> 00:23:42,330
anomaly of you know this one school and

526
00:23:40,109 --> 00:23:44,549
it was quite common for these things to

527
00:23:42,329 --> 00:23:47,220
take place where either the teachers are

528
00:23:44,549 --> 00:23:50,519
too exhausted to either have the time to

529
00:23:47,220 --> 00:23:51,900
supervise or you know the or their

530
00:23:50,519 --> 00:23:54,690
disinterested because they're not really

531
00:23:51,900 --> 00:23:56,009
paid enough to care well I suppose I

532
00:23:54,690 --> 00:23:57,809
don't know if that's fair fair to say

533
00:23:56,009 --> 00:23:59,519
that I mean you can't be everywhere and

534
00:23:57,809 --> 00:24:01,379
I'm married to a teacher and I'm she'll

535
00:23:59,519 --> 00:24:02,490
be the first person told me that she

536
00:24:01,380 --> 00:24:06,750
can't be everywhere and has no

537
00:24:02,490 --> 00:24:08,130
inclination to be so on that I think

538
00:24:06,750 --> 00:24:12,470
that sort of leaves enough for me to

539
00:24:08,130 --> 00:24:14,700
answer questions if there are any oh

540
00:24:12,470 --> 00:24:16,980
there's no no I mean there's the there's

541
00:24:14,700 --> 00:24:18,930
the the the main guy as in you're

542

00:24:16,980 --> 00:24:20,370
working with children's check but though

543
00:24:18,930 --> 00:24:21,779
like when I work for the church that was

544
00:24:20,369 --> 00:24:24,750
a standard form for the church that we

545
00:24:21,779 --> 00:24:26,240
saw it so we we could produce a copy of

546
00:24:24,750 --> 00:24:28,799
that that said that they will checked

547
00:24:26,240 --> 00:24:31,710
but and so to that extent that's one

548
00:24:28,799 --> 00:24:35,430
thing but outside of I don't remember in

549
00:24:31,710 --> 00:24:37,049
two years I can't remember a I can't

550
00:24:35,430 --> 00:24:38,700
remember a teacher I think I had one

551
00:24:37,049 --> 00:24:40,799
teacher maybe in two years sort of pop

552
00:24:38,700 --> 00:24:43,080
their head in the door and show a little

553
00:24:40,799 --> 00:24:48,720
bit of being a disgruntled about what we

554
00:24:43,079 --> 00:24:50,849
were saying but it was me no no actually

555
00:24:48,720 --> 00:24:52,440
one school one school principal was was

556
00:24:50,849 --> 00:24:56,449

part of the church that was funding us

557

00:24:52,440 --> 00:25:00,480

so um he was quite ecstatic to see us

558

00:24:56,450 --> 00:25:02,220

yeah holy public public schools and so

559

00:25:00,480 --> 00:25:04,860

the money was coming from cuz this was

560

00:25:02,220 --> 00:25:07,950

in in penrith there was a protestant

561

00:25:04,859 --> 00:25:09,209

churches education board in penrith so

562

00:25:07,950 --> 00:25:10,590

we had about it's about fourteen

563

00:25:09,210 --> 00:25:13,140

thousand dollars a year that was coming

564

00:25:10,589 --> 00:25:14,819

and the bulk of that money was something

565

00:25:13,140 --> 00:25:16,179

around like 11 thousand for fourteen

566

00:25:14,819 --> 00:25:18,849

thousand dollars was coming for

567

00:25:16,179 --> 00:25:22,119

the one church who had the money the

568

00:25:18,849 --> 00:25:23,558

money to spend and so while they used to

569

00:25:22,118 --> 00:25:24,849

say it was kind of you know democratic

570

00:25:23,558 --> 00:25:26,618

you know we're all here to help each

571
00:25:24,849 --> 00:25:29,439
other and everything the bulk of the

572
00:25:26,618 --> 00:25:30,638
bulk of the students that went through

573
00:25:29,440 --> 00:25:32,230
they either went to that church will

574
00:25:30,638 --> 00:25:34,628
they they went to my youth group for a

575
00:25:32,230 --> 00:25:36,368
short period of time as well when we

576
00:25:34,628 --> 00:25:38,138
started teaching scripture I'd started

577
00:25:36,368 --> 00:25:40,599
out I had five kids in the youth program

578
00:25:38,138 --> 00:25:43,178
within a term I had 90 you know just

579
00:25:40,599 --> 00:25:44,849
from from one set of scripture classes

580
00:25:43,179 --> 00:25:47,470
that was a 10 week a 10 week program

581
00:25:44,849 --> 00:25:50,528
sorry if so question how did the kids

582
00:25:47,470 --> 00:25:52,720
actually come to oh well what we did we

583
00:25:50,528 --> 00:25:55,028
sent a we had a note that was actually

584
00:25:52,720 --> 00:25:57,999
sent out a notice that the parents had

585
00:25:55,028 --> 00:26:00,009
to opt out so they had a note sent out

586
00:25:57,999 --> 00:26:02,350
that basically said it's police sent us

587
00:26:00,009 --> 00:26:03,579
back if you have a problem not police

588
00:26:02,349 --> 00:26:05,558
send us back if you would like your

589
00:26:03,579 --> 00:26:06,490
child to attend which I would have

590
00:26:05,558 --> 00:26:09,609
thought would have been the normal way

591
00:26:06,490 --> 00:26:11,649
around but it's where we sent it yeah no

592
00:26:09,609 --> 00:26:13,479
co high school it's they though there

593
00:26:11,648 --> 00:26:14,979
was the entitlement no no we didn't know

594
00:26:13,480 --> 00:26:17,980
we had no involvement with primary

595
00:26:14,980 --> 00:26:19,480
school at all the primary school in our

596
00:26:17,980 --> 00:26:21,970
primary schools in our area where

597
00:26:19,480 --> 00:26:24,579
actually serviced by a Catholic group

598
00:26:21,970 --> 00:26:26,379
that did the whole thing and we didn't

599

00:26:24,579 --> 00:26:28,388
seem largely interested it was year 7

600
00:26:26,378 --> 00:26:37,689
was where we wanted where we wanted to

601
00:26:28,388 --> 00:26:39,248
be and um I think I don't think 13 year

602
00:26:37,690 --> 00:26:43,210
olds disposable incomes any higher than

603
00:26:39,249 --> 00:26:44,259
a 10 year olds but but they know the I

604
00:26:43,210 --> 00:26:45,220
don't think it was I think it was more

605
00:26:44,259 --> 00:26:48,429
the age that they could actually

606
00:26:45,220 --> 00:26:50,230
understand the concept of of sin and

607
00:26:48,429 --> 00:26:51,820
there was nothing like there was nothing

608
00:26:50,230 --> 00:26:54,009
about me at the time I mean this is

609
00:26:51,819 --> 00:26:56,678
something that I was I was more or less

610
00:26:54,009 --> 00:26:58,360
born into there was no concept that you

611
00:26:56,679 --> 00:26:59,950
know that I was being manipulative or

612
00:26:58,359 --> 00:27:02,168
doing something untoward and I thought I

613
00:26:59,950 --> 00:27:03,759

was doing these kids a favor you know I

614

00:27:02,169 --> 00:27:06,220

was saving them from something that was

615

00:27:03,759 --> 00:27:08,470

perfectly awful for all the time you

616

00:27:06,220 --> 00:27:10,509

know so there was no sense and there was

617

00:27:08,470 --> 00:27:12,429

no one that I've known ever that that

618

00:27:10,509 --> 00:27:15,249

taught scripture who was teaching

619

00:27:12,429 --> 00:27:17,889

scripture and saying this is awful where

620

00:27:15,249 --> 00:27:19,960

are we you know snide and evil the

621

00:27:17,888 --> 00:27:22,028

bastards for doing this there was no

622

00:27:19,960 --> 00:27:26,909

sense of that at all we were doing good

623

00:27:22,028 --> 00:27:26,909

stuff as far as when you yeah

624

00:27:31,019 --> 00:27:37,298

well the church is basically I they tell

625

00:27:36,038 --> 00:27:40,359

anyone who will listen not to have

626

00:27:37,298 --> 00:27:42,099

anything to do with me so that like a

627

00:27:40,359 --> 00:27:44,099

church I grew up in so socially you just

628
00:27:42,099 --> 00:27:46,148
you have no friends pretty quickly

629
00:27:44,099 --> 00:27:48,849
because which is not such a bad thing

630
00:27:46,148 --> 00:27:50,288
because I don't really have a lot in

631
00:27:48,849 --> 00:27:51,699
common with them anymore I've actually

632
00:27:50,288 --> 00:27:55,419
it's quite funny I've actually become

633
00:27:51,700 --> 00:27:58,600
the I've become like the church groups

634
00:27:55,419 --> 00:28:00,940
have become their little black priest I

635
00:27:58,599 --> 00:28:03,398
suppose in the sensor it's like you know

636
00:28:00,940 --> 00:28:05,528
because the idea is that things are

637
00:28:03,398 --> 00:28:08,229
meant to be perfect neither yeah because

638
00:28:05,528 --> 00:28:10,808
God is good and then you know it's got

639
00:28:08,230 --> 00:28:12,669
about you know having everything you

640
00:28:10,808 --> 00:28:14,470
want having a perfect life and things if

641
00:28:12,669 --> 00:28:16,330
you just do these things and everything

642
00:28:14,470 --> 00:28:18,159
works out perfectly which everyone here

643
00:28:16,329 --> 00:28:19,628
knows that they don't you know life just

644
00:28:18,159 --> 00:28:22,389
happens regardless of whether you

645
00:28:19,628 --> 00:28:24,788
professor belief or or otherwise now

646
00:28:22,388 --> 00:28:26,979
what I find now is that I the people

647
00:28:24,788 --> 00:28:28,509
will just swear what they have nothing

648
00:28:26,980 --> 00:28:30,940
to do and they will ignore me have

649
00:28:28,509 --> 00:28:33,009
nothing nothing at all to do it you know

650
00:28:30,940 --> 00:28:34,869
to the point of just out of rudeness and

651
00:28:33,009 --> 00:28:36,278
then something happens they do something

652
00:28:34,868 --> 00:28:38,589
catastrophic and they realize that if

653
00:28:36,278 --> 00:28:40,118
they tell the pastor of the church that

654
00:28:38,589 --> 00:28:41,740
they've done that they might be excluded

655
00:28:40,118 --> 00:28:46,388
from activities or isolated from people

656

00:28:41,740 --> 00:28:48,038
so they tell me instead my favorite one

657
00:28:46,388 --> 00:28:49,508
of course was the associate pastors wife

658
00:28:48,038 --> 00:28:51,940
who was like sleeping with five

659
00:28:49,509 --> 00:28:54,128
different people in the church and and

660
00:28:51,940 --> 00:28:57,639
you know she was feeling quite guilty

661
00:28:54,128 --> 00:28:59,048
about about that or so so she told me

662
00:28:57,638 --> 00:29:01,148
you know it was going on I had another

663
00:28:59,048 --> 00:29:03,759
one like the worship the worship pastor

664
00:29:01,148 --> 00:29:07,839
the worship pastor in the church as well

665
00:29:03,759 --> 00:29:09,819
who her marriage had broken down and and

666
00:29:07,839 --> 00:29:11,609
she hadn't had sex in a long time so

667
00:29:09,819 --> 00:29:14,288
it's off just doing anything with legs

668
00:29:11,609 --> 00:29:16,329
and as she was another one who calls me

669
00:29:14,288 --> 00:29:18,700
in the middle of her breakdown and and

670
00:29:16,329 --> 00:29:20,168

then of course you know the the crisis

671

00:29:18,700 --> 00:29:21,970

ends and then they go back to forgetting

672

00:29:20,169 --> 00:29:24,820

that I pretending that I don't exist in

673

00:29:21,970 --> 00:29:29,519

and and living life like it's wonderful

674

00:29:24,819 --> 00:29:34,259

and Jesus's wants me for something yeah

675

00:29:29,519 --> 00:29:35,519

oh yeah sorry what my person of what was

676

00:29:34,259 --> 00:29:39,990

my personal epiphany was the question

677

00:29:35,519 --> 00:29:43,410

and I do as it was a few I would always

678

00:29:39,990 --> 00:29:45,210

tell people that my belief in my faith

679

00:29:43,410 --> 00:29:48,390

was grounded he was not just grounded in

680

00:29:45,210 --> 00:29:51,450

one one particular thing but I'd gone to

681

00:29:48,390 --> 00:29:52,920

a you know a Pentecostal school where

682

00:29:51,450 --> 00:29:54,750

they taught something called me gwa

683

00:29:52,920 --> 00:29:57,539

which is called man in God's world there

684

00:29:54,750 --> 00:29:59,819

was no science classes and of course

685
00:29:57,539 --> 00:30:01,289
you're indoctrinated taught so well that

686
00:29:59,819 --> 00:30:02,970
when you when I didn't end up going to a

687
00:30:01,289 --> 00:30:04,529
state high school I was taught very well

688
00:30:02,970 --> 00:30:07,650
just to ignore exclude myself from

689
00:30:04,529 --> 00:30:09,480
anything that was resembling science at

690
00:30:07,650 --> 00:30:11,780
any rate so I had absolutely up until my

691
00:30:09,480 --> 00:30:16,259
mid 20s I had no concept at all of what

692
00:30:11,779 --> 00:30:19,740
evolution was in slightest so the first

693
00:30:16,259 --> 00:30:21,299
the first point was when the church made

694
00:30:19,740 --> 00:30:23,220
this big fuss about this book called The

695
00:30:21,299 --> 00:30:26,579
God Delusion and how we shouldn't read

696
00:30:23,220 --> 00:30:28,920
it and I know there was that but prior

697
00:30:26,579 --> 00:30:30,449
to that I mean there's all these things

698
00:30:28,920 --> 00:30:32,279
there's always this constant challenges

699
00:30:30,450 --> 00:30:35,190
that that that stopped making your world

700
00:30:32,279 --> 00:30:37,769
perfect you know I think from my early

701
00:30:35,190 --> 00:30:39,870
teens I'd started having anxiety attacks

702
00:30:37,769 --> 00:30:41,430
and and the church should always just

703
00:30:39,869 --> 00:30:43,409
said no that's you know the devil

704
00:30:41,430 --> 00:30:45,570
attacking you and you know demonic

705
00:30:43,410 --> 00:30:47,519
harassment you know we don't who do all

706
00:30:45,569 --> 00:30:48,720
this prayer and everything else and do

707
00:30:47,519 --> 00:30:50,789
everything that the Bible would say to

708
00:30:48,720 --> 00:30:52,470
get your life into water and that the

709
00:30:50,789 --> 00:30:54,029
problems are still occurring and so

710
00:30:52,470 --> 00:30:55,890
you'd pray some more and end up chasing

711
00:30:54,029 --> 00:30:59,190
your tail and it just makes us it even

712
00:30:55,890 --> 00:31:00,780
worse so there was that and to the point

713

00:30:59,190 --> 00:31:01,769
where i first went actually saw someone

714
00:31:00,779 --> 00:31:03,329
who knew what they were talking about

715
00:31:01,769 --> 00:31:04,799
who said well have you tried doing X Y

716
00:31:03,329 --> 00:31:10,259
Zed and they stopped almost straightaway

717
00:31:04,799 --> 00:31:13,349
oh ok so that's nice and then when I was

718
00:31:10,259 --> 00:31:16,109
about 18 my father tried to kill himself

719
00:31:13,349 --> 00:31:18,029
when my parents were divorcing and that

720
00:31:16,109 --> 00:31:20,309
kind of didn't fit into the whole church

721
00:31:18,029 --> 00:31:21,539
world view about what life was meant to

722
00:31:20,309 --> 00:31:23,220
be like and how it was meant to be

723
00:31:21,539 --> 00:31:27,869
perfect so there was there and then

724
00:31:23,220 --> 00:31:29,460
there was the persistent just crazy

725
00:31:27,869 --> 00:31:31,409
morals which I could never quite

726
00:31:29,460 --> 00:31:33,840
understand I mean I told you I mean the

727
00:31:31,410 --> 00:31:36,120

first one about that young that young

728

00:31:33,839 --> 00:31:38,039

lady and how to me I still it still just

729

00:31:36,119 --> 00:31:40,409

makes me shudder that people could

730

00:31:38,039 --> 00:31:41,789

actually these are genuine people you

731

00:31:40,410 --> 00:31:42,390

had meet in a street and go I won't they

732

00:31:41,789 --> 00:31:45,149

warm

733

00:31:42,390 --> 00:31:47,520

in nice you know otherwise normal people

734

00:31:45,150 --> 00:31:49,200

and their beliefs and the morality is so

735

00:31:47,519 --> 00:31:50,579

twisted and so I mean one of the other

736

00:31:49,200 --> 00:31:52,110

ones of course when I was nuclear in the

737

00:31:50,579 --> 00:31:55,139

church I started dating and decided I

738

00:31:52,109 --> 00:31:57,959

really like having sex and and the

739

00:31:55,140 --> 00:32:02,790

church frowns on that you know so that

740

00:31:57,960 --> 00:32:04,230

was annoying yeah so i had to find a way

741

00:32:02,789 --> 00:32:08,970

around that and i thought a theist and

742
00:32:04,230 --> 00:32:10,680
was as good as anything else no no

743
00:32:08,970 --> 00:32:12,480
science science is the next big one for

744
00:32:10,680 --> 00:32:13,769
me that no I think once you know once

745
00:32:12,480 --> 00:32:15,269
what you'd sort of take two of those

746
00:32:13,769 --> 00:32:17,759
legs down things were a bit shaky and

747
00:32:15,269 --> 00:32:19,200
then you know someone I remember I was

748
00:32:17,759 --> 00:32:21,509
talking with the guy from answers in

749
00:32:19,200 --> 00:32:23,490
genesis in he'd come out he was a

750
00:32:21,509 --> 00:32:25,170
regular out at our church a lot of for a

751
00:32:23,490 --> 00:32:26,609
lot of the time and he was coming out

752
00:32:25,170 --> 00:32:29,640
doing this talking I remember him saying

753
00:32:26,609 --> 00:32:32,459
to me I'm using as an example in the

754
00:32:29,640 --> 00:32:35,130
church talking about the evolution of of

755
00:32:32,460 --> 00:32:36,390
bats and how they would have fly it at

756
00:32:35,130 --> 00:32:39,810
the cave and how they didn't always have

757
00:32:36,390 --> 00:32:41,910
wings and how many how many bats had to

758
00:32:39,809 --> 00:32:44,659
jump fall to their death before the one

759
00:32:41,910 --> 00:32:49,860
behind them when all of all wings and

760
00:32:44,660 --> 00:32:51,600
and and I you go well you know but even

761
00:32:49,859 --> 00:32:54,389
then I went no I don't think it works

762
00:32:51,599 --> 00:32:55,619
that way and I'm I don't even know

763
00:32:54,390 --> 00:32:58,220
anything but no that doesn't make sense

764
00:32:55,619 --> 00:33:00,629
I don't think that's how it works and

765
00:32:58,220 --> 00:33:01,769
and by then you know it's I'd been

766
00:33:00,630 --> 00:33:03,270
obviously sure how to answer people

767
00:33:01,769 --> 00:33:05,490
articulately and say I don't think this

768
00:33:03,269 --> 00:33:07,680
is right I came across this is quite I

769
00:33:05,490 --> 00:33:09,000
came across this excellent minister

770

00:33:07,680 --> 00:33:11,910
who'd come down who'd been completely

771
00:33:09,000 --> 00:33:13,920
outside of our little group of people

772
00:33:11,910 --> 00:33:16,620
for you know 20 odd years of my life and

773
00:33:13,920 --> 00:33:17,880
he'd come as they complete outsider and

774
00:33:16,619 --> 00:33:19,139
the first day into the church he's gone

775
00:33:17,880 --> 00:33:21,030
oh tell us all about you tell us about

776
00:33:19,140 --> 00:33:22,950
you but do you believe in everything

777
00:33:21,029 --> 00:33:24,839
else and so I just basically started

778
00:33:22,950 --> 00:33:26,430
reciting the aog Creed more or less you

779
00:33:24,839 --> 00:33:27,990
know you know the inerrant Word of God

780
00:33:26,430 --> 00:33:30,480
you have six and a half thousand years

781
00:33:27,990 --> 00:33:32,759
older they're bouncing and he looked at

782
00:33:30,480 --> 00:33:34,200
me like I had rocks in my head and he'd

783
00:33:32,759 --> 00:33:37,019
never heard he didn't know that people

784
00:33:34,200 --> 00:33:38,640

were that you know full-on he's like no

785

00:33:37,019 --> 00:33:40,259

you know evolution is kind of like a

786

00:33:38,640 --> 00:33:43,259

it's not really you're not just an idea

787

00:33:40,259 --> 00:33:44,250

and because that you know because you

788

00:33:43,259 --> 00:33:45,869

know we'd always think we're really

789

00:33:44,250 --> 00:33:48,089

intelligent you know telling people that

790

00:33:45,869 --> 00:33:49,139

you know I evolution is just a theory

791

00:33:48,089 --> 00:33:51,179

you know

792

00:33:49,140 --> 00:33:52,500

which like I said now it's been about

793

00:33:51,180 --> 00:33:54,870

four and a half years from in allen

794

00:33:52,500 --> 00:33:57,000

others I can't even imagine saying it

795

00:33:54,869 --> 00:33:58,500

now it just seems so remote to even

796

00:33:57,000 --> 00:34:01,009

suggest for a second that you would say

797

00:33:58,500 --> 00:34:22,349

that someone with a straight face but

798

00:34:01,009 --> 00:34:25,619

the Here I am nonetheless hi I'm a

799
00:34:22,349 --> 00:34:27,210
skeptic hell nurse a the wee beastie who

800
00:34:25,619 --> 00:34:29,759
lives in the look I want to talk about

801
00:34:27,210 --> 00:34:32,309
monster talk the podcast skeptically

802
00:34:29,760 --> 00:34:34,800
examines monster story oh listen to your

803
00:34:32,309 --> 00:34:36,929
fancy talk why are you just watching the

804
00:34:34,800 --> 00:34:40,679
Lulu monster shows on the teller last

805
00:34:36,929 --> 00:34:42,000
night huh oh yeah but but I watched

806
00:34:40,679 --> 00:34:44,398
those because they helped me hone my

807
00:34:42,000 --> 00:34:46,769
skeptical donut bit telling me out far

808
00:34:44,398 --> 00:34:48,299
keep eyes live look why don't you go

809
00:34:46,769 --> 00:34:49,860
back in that water over there and let me

810
00:34:48,300 --> 00:34:52,080
talk to people about monster talk Oh

811
00:34:49,860 --> 00:34:54,659
does that interest oh it doesn't have

812
00:34:52,079 --> 00:34:56,699
pictures as a podcast I like fixtures

813
00:34:54,659 --> 00:34:58,230
miss Elvis brought for television look

814
00:34:56,699 --> 00:34:59,849
if you like pictures so much the how

815
00:34:58,230 --> 00:35:01,710
come all the photos of you are so blurry

816
00:34:59,849 --> 00:35:03,779
I don't know what you're talking about

817
00:35:01,710 --> 00:35:06,090
i've never had any picture taken that's

818
00:35:03,780 --> 00:35:08,610
that's probably true I don't want to be

819
00:35:06,090 --> 00:35:11,280
on your show I wanna be on britain's got

820
00:35:08,610 --> 00:35:13,920
talent like Susan Boyle I want to sing a

821
00:35:11,280 --> 00:35:15,360
proper Scottish song anyway please check

822
00:35:13,920 --> 00:35:17,670
out monster talk from your preferred

823
00:35:15,360 --> 00:35:21,710
podcast aggregator apart from monster

824
00:35:17,670 --> 00:35:21,710
talk org I'm gonna be right

825
00:35:24,280 --> 00:35:31,230
years may not spooky action at a

826
00:35:28,719 --> 00:35:31,230
distance

827

00:35:35,480 --> 00:35:40,380
I'm just cruising along in what has been

828
00:35:38,369 --> 00:35:42,480
known as it's the skeptic nabil

829
00:35:40,380 --> 00:35:44,280
basically what happens is Richard

830
00:35:42,480 --> 00:35:46,829
Saunders wakes up in the morning puts on

831
00:35:44,280 --> 00:35:49,560
some sort of cargo pants and pulls back

832
00:35:46,829 --> 00:35:51,900
a bust of Shakespeare and slides down

833
00:35:49,559 --> 00:35:53,579
his jrf pole which is actually shaped

834
00:35:51,900 --> 00:35:55,950
like the letters J ref which is very

835
00:35:53,579 --> 00:35:57,480
painful for him and into the Saunders

836
00:35:55,949 --> 00:35:59,189
nabil now this is a pretty impressive

837
00:35:57,480 --> 00:36:00,929
you've got here I mean I tell you what

838
00:35:59,190 --> 00:36:03,720
when people see you pull up at the front

839
00:36:00,929 --> 00:36:07,109
their place in a Mitsubishi they must

840
00:36:03,719 --> 00:36:08,909
really quiver they're skeptical you will

841
00:36:07,110 --> 00:36:10,769

never make it on top gear Richard well

842

00:36:08,909 --> 00:36:12,569
that's true but that's on another

843

00:36:10,769 --> 00:36:15,059
network you see I'm on the seven network

844

00:36:12,570 --> 00:36:16,710
and Top Gear's on the nine network so we

845

00:36:15,059 --> 00:36:18,480
got a problem there I've been hanging

846

00:36:16,710 --> 00:36:21,179
out with Richard today because he said

847

00:36:18,480 --> 00:36:23,490
hey you gotta buy bargains you gotta buy

848

00:36:21,179 --> 00:36:26,730
in bulk Maynard you've been he he is

849

00:36:23,489 --> 00:36:28,679
debunking my going down to the Thai shop

850

00:36:26,730 --> 00:36:29,969
and buying a five-dollar salad of runts

851

00:36:28,679 --> 00:36:31,169
in a while and making that last for a

852

00:36:29,969 --> 00:36:33,389
couple of days because I'm a bachelor

853

00:36:31,170 --> 00:36:35,639
live alone my place is the size of a

854

00:36:33,389 --> 00:36:38,670
postage stamp he goes nothing that let's

855

00:36:35,639 --> 00:36:40,500
go to costco you can buy five kilograms

856
00:36:38,670 --> 00:36:42,960
of tomato sauce there at bargain prices

857
00:36:40,500 --> 00:36:45,900
but I saw I saw people running out of

858
00:36:42,960 --> 00:36:48,389
there with no joke 5 litre containers of

859
00:36:45,900 --> 00:36:50,400
barbecue sauce it's astounding I love

860
00:36:48,389 --> 00:36:52,319
going to costco it's just good fun apart

861
00:36:50,400 --> 00:36:54,420
from anything else and for buying bulk

862
00:36:52,320 --> 00:36:57,510
Vegemite of course and let me tell you I

863
00:36:54,420 --> 00:37:00,000
only saw two pairs of pajama jeans there

864
00:36:57,510 --> 00:37:02,730
and girls if you're going on there it's

865
00:37:00,000 --> 00:37:04,860
probably a very loose sloppy joe as we

866
00:37:02,730 --> 00:37:07,800
might call them in Australia as the top

867
00:37:04,860 --> 00:37:09,870
and footless tights I think I go that's

868
00:37:07,800 --> 00:37:11,580
what you wear I think that's the style

869
00:37:09,869 --> 00:37:13,829
may not I think that's a start but we

870
00:37:11,579 --> 00:37:15,389
were just discussing actually and this

871
00:37:13,829 --> 00:37:17,269
is something that we might continue

872
00:37:15,389 --> 00:37:20,909
later in skeptics in the pub this week

873
00:37:17,269 --> 00:37:24,659
but I'm beginning to have thoughts about

874
00:37:20,909 --> 00:37:26,609
the public perception of two words we

875
00:37:24,659 --> 00:37:28,319
know that the public have a very hard

876
00:37:26,610 --> 00:37:30,180
understand i'm getting the groups of

877
00:37:28,320 --> 00:37:33,539
words skeptic because and they all think

878
00:37:30,179 --> 00:37:35,849
it means the cynical non-believer but

879
00:37:33,539 --> 00:37:38,489
the public also

880
00:37:35,849 --> 00:37:40,079
no very well the word debunker or

881
00:37:38,489 --> 00:37:41,729
debunking and they know what that means

882
00:37:40,079 --> 00:37:43,139
you know something's rubbish and someone

883
00:37:41,730 --> 00:37:46,469
comes along says look it's rubbish and

884

00:37:43,139 --> 00:37:48,539
he is wise rubbish now a lot of the

885
00:37:46,469 --> 00:37:50,609
schedule skeptical community don't like

886
00:37:48,539 --> 00:37:51,989
the word debunking or debunker because

887
00:37:50,610 --> 00:37:54,360
it sets you up from the beginning of

888
00:37:51,989 --> 00:37:56,459
someone who's out to to disprove

889
00:37:54,360 --> 00:37:58,860
something whereas in reality we

890
00:37:56,460 --> 00:38:02,849
investigate now if something happens to

891
00:37:58,860 --> 00:38:05,610
be bunk that we can say well look it

892
00:38:02,849 --> 00:38:08,789
doesn't work but i'm i'm wondering

893
00:38:05,610 --> 00:38:11,880
whether the word debunking has got an

894
00:38:08,789 --> 00:38:13,860
unnecessarily bad rap look you know I

895
00:38:11,880 --> 00:38:16,289
feel sometimes about skeptical movement

896
00:38:13,860 --> 00:38:18,570
I reckon the term crackpots with

897
00:38:16,289 --> 00:38:21,300
evidence fits perfectly because you are

898
00:38:18,570 --> 00:38:22,830

very intense and almost sometimes you

899

00:38:21,300 --> 00:38:24,690

come across as being on some sort of

900

00:38:22,829 --> 00:38:26,670

they'll use a word crusade about

901

00:38:24,690 --> 00:38:28,349

something well and so you know you like

902

00:38:26,670 --> 00:38:30,389

you might get a UFO believer on the

903

00:38:28,349 --> 00:38:32,039

radio you get you guys on the radio

904

00:38:30,389 --> 00:38:34,469

people will give you equal weight

905

00:38:32,039 --> 00:38:35,519

because it's the media yeah oh yeah they

906

00:38:34,469 --> 00:38:37,529

give the media will give you that way

907

00:38:35,519 --> 00:38:39,239

because you have an equal intensity and

908

00:38:37,530 --> 00:38:41,550

you can just proved your point with

909

00:38:39,239 --> 00:38:43,500

evidence more easily well I mean into a

910

00:38:41,550 --> 00:38:46,110

lot of the media you're right we are

911

00:38:43,500 --> 00:38:47,820

crackpots the UFO believer will be a

912

00:38:46,110 --> 00:38:49,559

crackpot oh let's get them and the

913
00:38:47,820 --> 00:38:51,450
skeptics who a lot of media just think

914
00:38:49,559 --> 00:38:53,039
are the other sort of crackpots who

915
00:38:51,449 --> 00:38:54,629
don't believe anything blah blah blah

916
00:38:53,039 --> 00:38:57,269
and we'll get them together and that'll

917
00:38:54,630 --> 00:39:00,539
be our segment now I think more and more

918
00:38:57,269 --> 00:39:02,219
meat there's a lot of media well ones I

919
00:39:00,539 --> 00:39:04,019
know realize that's not the way it works

920
00:39:02,219 --> 00:39:05,549
but they'll still do it because they

921
00:39:04,019 --> 00:39:08,429
know that's what is a quick and easy

922
00:39:05,550 --> 00:39:10,170
story so with debunking the problem is

923
00:39:08,429 --> 00:39:12,119
that that's a potentially negative

924
00:39:10,170 --> 00:39:14,070
connotation straight out of the gate

925
00:39:12,119 --> 00:39:16,289
because you're taking something away

926
00:39:14,070 --> 00:39:17,970
from people that they believe in that

927
00:39:16,289 --> 00:39:21,900
might actually give them some comfort

928
00:39:17,969 --> 00:39:23,819
comfort yes but then again in the public

929
00:39:21,900 --> 00:39:27,510
imagination the word skeptics probably

930
00:39:23,820 --> 00:39:29,039
worse well skeptic means well we know

931
00:39:27,510 --> 00:39:32,160
what it we know what it means how

932
00:39:29,039 --> 00:39:34,320
listeners know what it means but people

933
00:39:32,159 --> 00:39:35,969
like Randy and Joe Nickell I've seen on

934
00:39:34,320 --> 00:39:39,120
frequently on interviews having to

935
00:39:35,969 --> 00:39:41,909
explain to the interviewer why they're

936
00:39:39,119 --> 00:39:43,799
not debunkers you know what I mean why

937
00:39:41,909 --> 00:39:46,170
they don't you set out to do that

938
00:39:43,800 --> 00:39:48,390
I'm just I'm interested to know and this

939
00:39:46,170 --> 00:39:51,360
is why later on this week in skeptics in

940
00:39:48,389 --> 00:39:53,639
the pub will be asking pub goes what

941

00:39:51,360 --> 00:39:55,500
they think of this very issue often i

942
00:39:53,639 --> 00:39:58,889
say skeptics to people and they almost

943
00:39:55,500 --> 00:40:00,599
roll their eyes yeah yeah I get that all

944
00:39:58,889 --> 00:40:02,250
the time yeah ma you could because

945
00:40:00,599 --> 00:40:04,529
they're talking to me and I've just

946
00:40:02,250 --> 00:40:06,059
bought a year supply Vegemite it could

947
00:40:04,530 --> 00:40:07,890
be at all the hat you're wearing I don't

948
00:40:06,059 --> 00:40:10,500
know for our Australian distance I'm

949
00:40:07,889 --> 00:40:12,829
sporting the Leonard teal look from

950
00:40:10,500 --> 00:40:12,829
homicide

951
00:40:16,869 --> 00:40:23,750
for our American listeners I'm sporting

952
00:40:19,369 --> 00:40:25,818
pepsin and extra from dragnet could be

953
00:40:23,750 --> 00:40:27,889
yeah you look like a men in black today

954
00:40:25,818 --> 00:40:32,059
go when I walk in the room people go

955
00:40:27,889 --> 00:40:33,318

down danna anyway so why not just get

956

00:40:32,059 --> 00:40:36,619

the Hat and be done with it but you

957

00:40:33,318 --> 00:40:38,300

stopped me buying a blue plaid trilby

958

00:40:36,619 --> 00:40:39,920

hat today I could have looked like you

959

00:40:38,300 --> 00:40:42,079

know something from a wham film clip a

960

00:40:39,920 --> 00:40:43,909

white cool cat in a trilby hat I mean

961

00:40:42,079 --> 00:40:45,950

you gotta be cruel to be kind man I mean

962

00:40:43,909 --> 00:40:48,440

you would have looked at you were to cut

963

00:40:45,949 --> 00:40:51,318

a dash in your blue plaid at but you

964

00:40:48,440 --> 00:40:52,760

know we have to draw a little fence so

965

00:40:51,318 --> 00:40:54,349

instead i bought a doctor who stick a

966

00:40:52,760 --> 00:40:56,150

book for five bucks it was the weeping

967

00:40:54,349 --> 00:40:58,309

angels episode 2 i'm gonna go stick that

968

00:40:56,150 --> 00:40:59,780

all over my flat now i think you should

969

00:40:58,309 --> 00:41:02,929

may not i think you should and let's

970
00:40:59,780 --> 00:41:04,519
catch up again later in the week or for

971
00:41:02,929 --> 00:41:06,379
our listeners in a couple of seconds

972
00:41:04,519 --> 00:41:09,469
time and skeptics in the pub where we

973
00:41:06,380 --> 00:41:12,380
will ask the pub goers about this very

974
00:41:09,469 --> 00:41:15,789
debunking skeptical topic next time you

975
00:41:12,380 --> 00:41:15,789
hear my voice I'll be drunk

976
00:41:16,840 --> 00:41:22,280
look up at the skeptics meeting now I

977
00:41:19,789 --> 00:41:23,480
had have had 18 Cosmopolitan's in fact

978
00:41:22,280 --> 00:41:25,130
there are no more left behind the bar

979
00:41:23,480 --> 00:41:27,050
and I'm here with a remnant how are you

980
00:41:25,130 --> 00:41:28,309
are you are like let's get the skeptic

981
00:41:27,050 --> 00:41:30,740
man in Australia how do you feel about

982
00:41:28,309 --> 00:41:32,480
using the word debunkers instead of

983
00:41:30,739 --> 00:41:34,339
using the word skeptic because a lot of

984
00:41:32,480 --> 00:41:35,900
people skip big is a nebulous word that

985
00:41:34,340 --> 00:41:37,430
doesn't mean as much and debunkers like

986
00:41:35,900 --> 00:41:38,869
oh that's someone who finds out

987
00:41:37,429 --> 00:41:41,809
something that's not real how do you

988
00:41:38,869 --> 00:41:44,089
feel about is well it's a difficult one

989
00:41:41,809 --> 00:41:45,949
because skeptic does to some extent

990
00:41:44,090 --> 00:41:47,780
means somebody who doesn't believe but

991
00:41:45,949 --> 00:41:50,419
methodological skepticism which is what

992
00:41:47,780 --> 00:41:52,220
we practice which is what we do that

993
00:41:50,420 --> 00:41:54,019
means looking for evidence and making

994
00:41:52,219 --> 00:41:55,699
decisions based on evidence which so

995
00:41:54,019 --> 00:41:57,769
it's not believing but it's not

996
00:41:55,699 --> 00:41:59,750
believing until there is appropriate

997
00:41:57,769 --> 00:42:01,940
amount of evidence or good enough

998

00:41:59,750 --> 00:42:03,409
evidence so what is the is the quick

999
00:42:01,940 --> 00:42:05,389
description you give people when I ask

1000
00:42:03,409 --> 00:42:07,239
who the skeptics were they about what is

1001
00:42:05,389 --> 00:42:10,099
normally say I say we seek the evidence

1002
00:42:07,239 --> 00:42:12,799
and and debunkers you think is that

1003
00:42:10,099 --> 00:42:14,599
feeling of negativity been yes he does

1004
00:42:12,800 --> 00:42:17,060
have a negative feeling about it and I

1005
00:42:14,599 --> 00:42:18,889
believe it is negative if you set out to

1006
00:42:17,059 --> 00:42:20,719
investigate something believing you're

1007
00:42:18,889 --> 00:42:22,730
going to debunk it then you're not a

1008
00:42:20,719 --> 00:42:24,769
skeptic now of course there are cases

1009
00:42:22,730 --> 00:42:27,440
when we know something is not true

1010
00:42:24,769 --> 00:42:28,369
before we set out to talk when before we

1011
00:42:27,440 --> 00:42:31,369
start talking about it for example

1012
00:42:28,369 --> 00:42:34,130

homeopathy unless we are in the process

1013

00:42:31,369 --> 00:42:35,299

of investigating homeopathy in a

1014

00:42:34,130 --> 00:42:36,710

scientific from a scientific perspective

1015

00:42:35,300 --> 00:42:38,900

okay doing it going to do another

1016

00:42:36,710 --> 00:42:40,970

research in which case we have to be 0

1017

00:42:38,900 --> 00:42:43,430

completely open-minded about it and say

1018

00:42:40,969 --> 00:42:45,589

whatever the results are that that's

1019

00:42:43,429 --> 00:42:48,259

where we'll go based on all the

1020

00:42:45,590 --> 00:42:50,480

available evidence to date we can debunk

1021

00:42:48,260 --> 00:42:52,820

homeopathy we know what the results of a

1022

00:42:50,480 --> 00:42:55,190

homeopathy study are likely to be and we

1023

00:42:52,820 --> 00:42:56,570

can say homeopathy does not work and if

1024

00:42:55,190 --> 00:42:58,099

somebody tries to mislead the public

1025

00:42:56,570 --> 00:42:59,739

into believing on where but it does work

1026

00:42:58,099 --> 00:43:02,538

then we can can

1027
00:42:59,739 --> 00:43:05,778
debunk them without without it being

1028
00:43:02,539 --> 00:43:08,180
wrong but if you are if you're going to

1029
00:43:05,778 --> 00:43:10,608
investigate something and your goal is

1030
00:43:08,179 --> 00:43:12,588
to debunk it then that's not real

1031
00:43:10,608 --> 00:43:14,538
skepticism that's not what a skeptic who

1032
00:43:12,588 --> 00:43:15,858
do oh you're basically looking for

1033
00:43:14,539 --> 00:43:18,920
something to boost your argument yeah

1034
00:43:15,858 --> 00:43:20,268
absolutely yeah and when I came up to

1035
00:43:18,920 --> 00:43:21,440
you said it's perfect you should ask me

1036
00:43:20,268 --> 00:43:24,018
this question today is it something we

1037
00:43:21,440 --> 00:43:26,028
can talk about a microphone ok that's

1038
00:43:24,018 --> 00:43:27,919
the secrets at secret basically that

1039
00:43:26,028 --> 00:43:29,568
secret skeptics ghia what I can say is

1040
00:43:27,920 --> 00:43:31,519
that I believe the word skeptic has been

1041
00:43:29,568 --> 00:43:33,558
hijacked first of all by the climate

1042
00:43:31,518 --> 00:43:35,899
change skeptics but also by people

1043
00:43:33,559 --> 00:43:38,119
saying this you know oh I've been a

1044
00:43:35,900 --> 00:43:40,400
skeptic but you know until I saw this

1045
00:43:38,119 --> 00:43:42,410
and I but skepticism means something

1046
00:43:40,400 --> 00:43:43,278
beyond just not believing and that is

1047
00:43:42,409 --> 00:43:45,889
something that people have got to

1048
00:43:43,278 --> 00:43:47,568
realize and it is something that I've

1049
00:43:45,889 --> 00:43:48,798
been thinking about and it's a property

1050
00:43:47,568 --> 00:43:50,778
because I'm going to do something about

1051
00:43:48,798 --> 00:43:53,389
it now with the discovery to discern

1052
00:43:50,778 --> 00:43:54,498
that neutrinos may travel faster than

1053
00:43:53,389 --> 00:43:56,150
the speed of light does that mean I've

1054
00:43:54,498 --> 00:43:57,709
got to take down my poster of Einstein

1055

00:43:56,150 --> 00:44:01,430
for my wall and put one up of Deepak

1056
00:43:57,710 --> 00:44:03,978
Chopra I don't think Deepak Chopra would

1057
00:44:01,429 --> 00:44:06,588
have said that new cleaners fly faster

1058
00:44:03,978 --> 00:44:08,058
than light no I don't think it wasn't

1059
00:44:06,588 --> 00:44:09,978
that specific but I think he would tell

1060
00:44:08,059 --> 00:44:12,109
you that things can go fast in leiden he

1061
00:44:09,978 --> 00:44:13,548
knew it all are I'm sure he would say

1062
00:44:12,108 --> 00:44:15,528
that it doesn't mean that he had said it

1063
00:44:13,548 --> 00:44:17,298
before that discovery the point is that

1064
00:44:15,528 --> 00:44:19,548
this discovery is still preliminary in

1065
00:44:17,298 --> 00:44:21,409
all 170 scientists who are involved in

1066
00:44:19,548 --> 00:44:22,909
this discovery will say that it's

1067
00:44:21,409 --> 00:44:25,338
preliminaries to get still got to be

1068
00:44:22,909 --> 00:44:27,288
verified they've done their best to find

1069
00:44:25,338 --> 00:44:29,088

holes in their findings they have been

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00:44:27,289 --> 00:44:30,739

able to which is know why now after

1071

00:44:29,088 --> 00:44:33,349

about three years of research they've

1072

00:44:30,739 --> 00:44:36,858

opened it up to the not to the public no

1073

00:44:33,349 --> 00:44:38,420

mind you the Venus goddess but I've got

1074

00:44:36,858 --> 00:44:39,710

a calculator on my iPhone and I'm

1075

00:44:38,420 --> 00:44:41,088

willing to work this one out for them

1076

00:44:39,710 --> 00:44:43,789

I've got a few hours spare light it or

1077

00:44:41,088 --> 00:44:46,578

not yeah well it's obviously a lot more

1078

00:44:43,789 --> 00:44:50,210

complicated than that but look I think

1079

00:44:46,579 --> 00:44:52,759

odds are then they they most of those

1080

00:44:50,210 --> 00:44:54,679

scientists also will say that odds are

1081

00:44:52,759 --> 00:44:57,079

that all chances are that this will be

1082

00:44:54,679 --> 00:44:59,239

discovered to be some kind of mistake of

1083

00:44:57,079 --> 00:45:01,160

some sort measuring mistake a

1084
00:44:59,239 --> 00:45:03,499
calculating mistake a statistical error

1085
00:45:01,159 --> 00:45:05,868
of some sort but that doesn't mean that

1086
00:45:03,498 --> 00:45:07,038
he can't actually be true mmm it could

1087
00:45:05,869 --> 00:45:09,099
actually be true in which case that's

1088
00:45:07,039 --> 00:45:11,509
fantastic again and it doesn't disprove

1089
00:45:09,099 --> 00:45:12,490
Einstein and that's important to point

1090
00:45:11,509 --> 00:45:14,800
out what it means

1091
00:45:12,489 --> 00:45:16,750
there will be a refining of the theory

1092
00:45:14,800 --> 00:45:18,039
well there's actually just this week

1093
00:45:16,750 --> 00:45:21,969
there was another research that actually

1094
00:45:18,039 --> 00:45:24,460
proved again that lights is actually II

1095
00:45:21,969 --> 00:45:28,029
really as light photons are restricted

1096
00:45:24,460 --> 00:45:30,480
to the speed of light okay so so an

1097
00:45:28,030 --> 00:45:33,119
Einstein's theory is one of the most

1098
00:45:30,480 --> 00:45:36,070
confirmed in the history of science

1099
00:45:33,119 --> 00:45:38,140
second only to quantum mechanics in

1100
00:45:36,070 --> 00:45:40,990
terms of the number of number of digits

1101
00:45:38,139 --> 00:45:44,019
to the right of the decimal point so

1102
00:45:40,989 --> 00:45:46,209
it's it's confirmed it Einstein was not

1103
00:45:44,019 --> 00:45:48,759
wrong what could happen is that Einstein

1104
00:45:46,210 --> 00:45:50,980
was wrong on some minut elements of the

1105
00:45:48,760 --> 00:45:54,190
theory and those will need to be refined

1106
00:45:50,980 --> 00:45:56,679
it's similar to the way Einstein did not

1107
00:45:54,190 --> 00:45:59,230
prove Newton wrong what he did was he

1108
00:45:56,679 --> 00:46:00,879
proved that there could be a refining of

1109
00:45:59,230 --> 00:46:04,360
Newton's theory we still use use

1110
00:46:00,880 --> 00:46:08,260
Newtonian mechanics to send rockets to

1111
00:46:04,360 --> 00:46:09,670
Mars okay so you know that a lot of

1112

00:46:08,260 --> 00:46:13,270
other people that are jumping up and

1113
00:46:09,670 --> 00:46:15,039
down now going aha you are believers in

1114
00:46:13,269 --> 00:46:16,000
science you're not treating it like it

1115
00:46:15,039 --> 00:46:17,619
should be treated you should be

1116
00:46:16,000 --> 00:46:18,670
skeptical about these new findings on

1117
00:46:17,619 --> 00:46:20,440
that sort of thing and they're going

1118
00:46:18,670 --> 00:46:21,880
that's it space aliens obviously real

1119
00:46:20,440 --> 00:46:24,210
because Einstein was wrong and I've

1120
00:46:21,880 --> 00:46:29,980
heard people say that another podcast

1121
00:46:24,210 --> 00:46:31,480
nothing ours well they good on them for

1122
00:46:29,980 --> 00:46:32,829
their open-mindedness but this is

1123
00:46:31,480 --> 00:46:35,619
exactly a case where the mind is so open

1124
00:46:32,829 --> 00:46:37,358
keep your mind open your head so open

1125
00:46:35,619 --> 00:46:40,690
that the brain spills out that's exactly

1126
00:46:37,358 --> 00:46:42,849

one of those cases so what do you think

1127

00:46:40,690 --> 00:46:44,920

about the skeptics versus debunkers

1128

00:46:42,849 --> 00:46:46,389

debate I mean I mean they're both useful

1129

00:46:44,920 --> 00:46:48,309

words for the movement but do you think

1130

00:46:46,389 --> 00:46:51,639

that one should be moved used more than

1131

00:46:48,309 --> 00:46:54,279

the other well I think the debunking is

1132

00:46:51,639 --> 00:46:56,139

a very limiting label to put on oneself

1133

00:46:54,280 --> 00:46:57,760

I mean limits you to one activity of

1134

00:46:56,139 --> 00:47:00,099

being a skeptic money you know it's not

1135

00:46:57,760 --> 00:47:02,020

just about proving other people wrong

1136

00:47:00,099 --> 00:47:04,150

would take as you say taking ideas away

1137

00:47:02,019 --> 00:47:05,800

from them but you think it's also bit

1138

00:47:04,150 --> 00:47:07,809

hard to explain to people exactly what a

1139

00:47:05,800 --> 00:47:11,019

skeptic is usually because it's not a

1140

00:47:07,809 --> 00:47:14,699

not usually a short answer yes it is

1141
00:47:11,019 --> 00:47:17,110
hard and I've failed on many occasions

1142
00:47:14,699 --> 00:47:18,569
because something's hard doesn't mean it

1143
00:47:17,110 --> 00:47:20,920
doesn't need to solve a valuable label

1144
00:47:18,570 --> 00:47:24,490
okay and what do you think about that

1145
00:47:20,920 --> 00:47:30,190
issue well the word debunk implies that

1146
00:47:24,489 --> 00:47:33,759
the person not making the claim has to

1147
00:47:30,190 --> 00:47:36,730
disprove the claim and we all know that

1148
00:47:33,760 --> 00:47:41,470
you can't disprove you can't prove the

1149
00:47:36,730 --> 00:47:43,389
negatives so skip that this word skeptic

1150
00:47:41,469 --> 00:47:45,549
as much as much better title and you

1151
00:47:43,389 --> 00:47:48,809
have to wait for the evidence the

1152
00:47:45,550 --> 00:47:51,550
climate has to prove it not the skeptic

1153
00:47:48,809 --> 00:47:53,469
ok and then what's your name Naomi

1154
00:47:51,550 --> 00:47:55,600
hutchman ok now I mean now what what's

1155
00:47:53,469 --> 00:47:57,309
your view on the whole Dabanga versus

1156
00:47:55,599 --> 00:47:59,199
skeptical labeling I do know that

1157
00:47:57,309 --> 00:48:01,090
sometimes we're confused with global

1158
00:47:59,199 --> 00:48:04,210
warming skeptics and I really really

1159
00:48:01,090 --> 00:48:05,650
really hate that mmm what what's your

1160
00:48:04,210 --> 00:48:07,960
quick way of explaining yourself out of

1161
00:48:05,650 --> 00:48:09,460
that I come from a family of

1162
00:48:07,960 --> 00:48:11,019
creationists and global warming deniers

1163
00:48:09,460 --> 00:48:14,019
and it's very hard to get a word in

1164
00:48:11,019 --> 00:48:16,269
Christmas must be hell for you oh we

1165
00:48:14,019 --> 00:48:17,590
don't talk about that again so it's

1166
00:48:16,269 --> 00:48:19,420
mainly what what everyone's been doing

1167
00:48:17,590 --> 00:48:21,820
during the year is discussed oh yeah

1168
00:48:19,420 --> 00:48:23,559
yeah keep it nice so if you are trying

1169

00:48:21,820 --> 00:48:25,630
to say to people do i'm hanging with the

1170
00:48:23,559 --> 00:48:27,309
skeptics and people normally that they

1171
00:48:25,630 --> 00:48:29,530
get all climate skeptics they think do

1172
00:48:27,309 --> 00:48:33,190
they don't one really encountered anyone

1173
00:48:29,530 --> 00:48:34,630
who's asked me that so if you had to

1174
00:48:33,190 --> 00:48:35,769
describe the skeptic movement briefly

1175
00:48:34,630 --> 00:48:38,170
what do you normally used to say all

1176
00:48:35,769 --> 00:48:40,599
their bunch of people there let's say we

1177
00:48:38,170 --> 00:48:42,159
follow the science that's the easiest

1178
00:48:40,599 --> 00:48:44,799
way to describe oh just follow what the

1179
00:48:42,159 --> 00:48:46,449
science says what's been tested rather

1180
00:48:44,800 --> 00:48:48,580
than just hearsay a lot of people can be

1181
00:48:46,449 --> 00:48:49,809
very very very convinced of what's true

1182
00:48:48,579 --> 00:48:52,809
but you don't really really know until

1183
00:48:49,809 --> 00:48:54,279

it's been properly tested okay so how do

1184

00:48:52,809 --> 00:48:56,619

you feel about use the word skeptic

1185

00:48:54,280 --> 00:48:58,690

versus to bunker how much for the word

1186

00:48:56,619 --> 00:49:00,339

skeptics because the Dabangg come there

1187

00:48:58,690 --> 00:49:02,440

are very negative connotations with two

1188

00:49:00,340 --> 00:49:03,970

bunkers and crackpots with evidence you

1189

00:49:02,440 --> 00:49:06,099

know I like that term crackpots with

1190

00:49:03,969 --> 00:49:07,719

evidence okay currently skeptics have

1191

00:49:06,099 --> 00:49:10,809

already got the view

1192

00:49:07,719 --> 00:49:12,309

being more cynics and so we really need

1193

00:49:10,809 --> 00:49:14,049

to try and reclaim the word rather than

1194

00:49:12,309 --> 00:49:17,139

go for other words and debunk is just

1195

00:49:14,050 --> 00:49:19,750

another very negative words so I've got

1196

00:49:17,139 --> 00:49:24,190

an opinion on this would you know one

1197

00:49:19,750 --> 00:49:26,469

sure it is obviously something you've

1198
00:49:24,190 --> 00:49:28,300
come up cross over the years skeptics to

1199
00:49:26,469 --> 00:49:29,858
bunkers being interchangeable but how do

1200
00:49:28,300 --> 00:49:31,119
you feel about using debunkers to

1201
00:49:29,858 --> 00:49:32,679
explain it to people who don't know who

1202
00:49:31,119 --> 00:49:34,800
skipped exam I always thought to bankers

1203
00:49:32,679 --> 00:49:37,239
with people who throw you out of bed

1204
00:49:34,800 --> 00:49:39,070
it's a very American word to it is i

1205
00:49:37,239 --> 00:49:40,779
know it is a very negative work because

1206
00:49:39,070 --> 00:49:43,800
it only has one outcome you actually are

1207
00:49:40,780 --> 00:49:46,510
debunking where skepticism is

1208
00:49:43,800 --> 00:49:50,410
traditionally about looking at the

1209
00:49:46,510 --> 00:49:51,520
evidence and judging it either way so

1210
00:49:50,409 --> 00:49:54,608
what about when you get something like

1211
00:49:51,519 --> 00:49:56,230
you get climate skeptics that that the

1212
00:49:54,608 --> 00:49:58,569
regular skeptics claim aren't real

1213
00:49:56,230 --> 00:50:00,010
skeptics you get like a schism like that

1214
00:49:58,570 --> 00:50:01,330
and that really confuses people it

1215
00:50:00,010 --> 00:50:02,470
confuses people quite a lot they

1216
00:50:01,329 --> 00:50:04,900
basically getting skeptics and

1217
00:50:02,469 --> 00:50:06,879
non-believers that's the attitude that's

1218
00:50:04,900 --> 00:50:09,099
why we differentiate ourselves through

1219
00:50:06,880 --> 00:50:11,470
the clever process of spelling that

1220
00:50:09,099 --> 00:50:12,970
there's SC skeptics and then there's sk

1221
00:50:11,469 --> 00:50:15,639
skeptics with a little less a little k

1222
00:50:12,969 --> 00:50:16,989
then there's capital s k skeptics and

1223
00:50:15,639 --> 00:50:18,699
that's make there's major differences

1224
00:50:16,989 --> 00:50:20,019
between the three actually it so it's

1225
00:50:18,699 --> 00:50:21,639
very confusing but i've actually had to

1226

00:50:20,019 --> 00:50:24,130
explain it to people a great length at

1227
00:50:21,639 --> 00:50:25,629
various times what do you think which is

1228
00:50:24,130 --> 00:50:27,608
performance on the one the other night

1229
00:50:25,630 --> 00:50:28,930
there cuz i mean because it because

1230
00:50:27,608 --> 00:50:30,880
people are gonna go you didn't see it I

1231
00:50:28,929 --> 00:50:34,379
didn't say I'm luckily no I'm just a lot

1232
00:50:30,880 --> 00:50:37,329
of great ad see oh really yeah I believe

1233
00:50:34,380 --> 00:50:39,880
and you did miss out on seeing some data

1234
00:50:37,329 --> 00:50:41,289
say wacko the dillio on television BGC

1235
00:50:39,880 --> 00:50:43,480
whack out the dillio sounded just like

1236
00:50:41,289 --> 00:50:44,920
Flanders you're absolutely fantastic I'm

1237
00:50:43,480 --> 00:50:46,449
pleased to hear that i'm gonna click bad

1238
00:50:44,920 --> 00:50:48,730
is still used actually wacko that it'll

1239
00:50:46,449 --> 00:50:50,439
open I'm actually quite pleased to hit

1240
00:50:48,730 --> 00:50:52,960

to know that the word is a dual ally is

1241
00:50:50,440 --> 00:50:54,460
still used actually quite a lot Wow was

1242
00:50:52,960 --> 00:50:55,780
that one exert dual ally is that the

1243
00:50:54,460 --> 00:50:57,159
australian one no no it's actually in

1244
00:50:55,780 --> 00:50:59,019
regional things actually been so we've

1245
00:50:57,159 --> 00:51:00,940
actually Hugh Laurie use it the other

1246
00:50:59,019 --> 00:51:02,800
day in house but it must have confused

1247
00:51:00,940 --> 00:51:06,159
the Yanks totally and what does it

1248
00:51:02,800 --> 00:51:08,200
describe crazy guys IAM off with the

1249
00:51:06,159 --> 00:51:09,670
fairings blue alley that's a good word

1250
00:51:08,199 --> 00:51:11,858
use that one it's been great talking to

1251
00:51:09,670 --> 00:51:15,338
you dr. Chomsky my pleasure entirely

1252
00:51:11,858 --> 00:51:18,460
okay so how do you feel about the the

1253
00:51:15,338 --> 00:51:19,719
skeptic versus debunker label for a

1254
00:51:18,460 --> 00:51:22,809
well what's going on here tonight for

1255
00:51:19,719 --> 00:51:25,358
example look the problem over the term

1256
00:51:22,809 --> 00:51:26,409
to bunker is that it gives the idea that

1257
00:51:25,358 --> 00:51:30,369
you're going in with a preconceived

1258
00:51:26,409 --> 00:51:33,129
notion so if I was going to go in and

1259
00:51:30,369 --> 00:51:36,880
debunk something then that automatically

1260
00:51:33,130 --> 00:51:37,930
sets a a this you know preconceived idea

1261
00:51:36,880 --> 00:51:40,869
that I'm going to go and i'm going to

1262
00:51:37,929 --> 00:51:42,309
dismiss it knock it down shoot it shoot

1263
00:51:40,869 --> 00:51:44,588
it in the foot whatever i need to do

1264
00:51:42,309 --> 00:51:47,529
right that's not what we're about what

1265
00:51:44,588 --> 00:51:49,329
we do is we go in and we look yeah the

1266
00:51:47,530 --> 00:51:52,540
evidence each side left and right and

1267
00:51:49,329 --> 00:51:54,219
make a decision on that you think some

1268
00:51:52,539 --> 00:51:55,900
critical thinking also confuses people

1269
00:51:54,219 --> 00:51:58,509
too because a lot of people don't know

1270
00:51:55,900 --> 00:51:59,920
what that means as well well it sounds

1271
00:51:58,510 --> 00:52:01,570
too highbrow I think the turn of

1272
00:51:59,920 --> 00:52:03,550
critical thinking oh you're a critical

1273
00:52:01,570 --> 00:52:05,740
thinker you you must be you know one of

1274
00:52:03,550 --> 00:52:08,740
those smart guys you might use the word

1275
00:52:05,739 --> 00:52:10,059
philosophy yeah that's right yeah and I

1276
00:52:08,739 --> 00:52:12,368
think it's shoots over people's heads

1277
00:52:10,059 --> 00:52:14,559
too much and but the people we need to

1278
00:52:12,369 --> 00:52:16,570
aim towards other people that wouldn't

1279
00:52:14,559 --> 00:52:18,969
use a term like critical think your day

1280
00:52:16,570 --> 00:52:20,500
to day hmm but how else do you get that

1281
00:52:18,969 --> 00:52:23,019
message across I don't I don't

1282
00:52:20,500 --> 00:52:25,088
understand it is a bit of a quandary and

1283

00:52:23,019 --> 00:52:27,009
what do you think on the whole debunker

1284
00:52:25,088 --> 00:52:29,049
this is skeptic it's really interesting

1285
00:52:27,010 --> 00:52:30,820
one because I don't like the term

1286
00:52:29,050 --> 00:52:32,200
skeptic the more I'm getting into the

1287
00:52:30,820 --> 00:52:34,210
skeptical community the more I

1288
00:52:32,199 --> 00:52:36,368
appreciate that it is actually probably

1289
00:52:34,210 --> 00:52:38,440
the best word um do you think there is

1290
00:52:36,369 --> 00:52:41,470
another one or as someone who's just

1291
00:52:38,440 --> 00:52:43,480
recently been on the committee how do

1292
00:52:41,469 --> 00:52:45,459
you describe to your friends what you're

1293
00:52:43,480 --> 00:52:47,050
doing but without using the words it's

1294
00:52:45,460 --> 00:52:48,309
quite funny when I use the word skeptic

1295
00:52:47,050 --> 00:52:50,170
because I work in an environmentally

1296
00:52:48,309 --> 00:52:52,119
institution automatically people think

1297
00:52:50,170 --> 00:52:53,619

skeptic gum climate change skeptics so

1298

00:52:52,119 --> 00:52:55,480

run look at me looks at me with this

1299

00:52:53,619 --> 00:52:56,650

horrified look on their face going what

1300

00:52:55,480 --> 00:52:57,969

are you doing in an environmental

1301

00:52:56,650 --> 00:52:59,680

organization if you don't believe in

1302

00:52:57,969 --> 00:53:01,689

climate change and it's like no no it's

1303

00:52:59,679 --> 00:53:03,129

not about got nothing to do with that so

1304

00:53:01,690 --> 00:53:05,260

it is really difficult because the word

1305

00:53:03,130 --> 00:53:07,240

was probably running along quite well

1306

00:53:05,260 --> 00:53:09,400

and then it kind of got hijacked by a

1307

00:53:07,239 --> 00:53:12,159

group of people that don't sit in the

1308

00:53:09,400 --> 00:53:13,990

same camp as us anyway I do like

1309

00:53:12,159 --> 00:53:15,759

critical thinking I think I do tend to

1310

00:53:13,989 --> 00:53:16,929

use that when I'm describing what I'm

1311

00:53:15,760 --> 00:53:18,460

doing

1312
00:53:16,929 --> 00:53:20,289
you know and when I explain it to people

1313
00:53:18,460 --> 00:53:21,880
is it's something that we all do every

1314
00:53:20,289 --> 00:53:24,039
day you just sometimes don't know that

1315
00:53:21,880 --> 00:53:26,260
you're doing it and debunking is a term

1316
00:53:24,039 --> 00:53:28,750
you defer to stay away from yeah i don't

1317
00:53:26,260 --> 00:53:31,150
think i would use it myself but i think

1318
00:53:28,750 --> 00:53:33,099
each of us has to have something that

1319
00:53:31,150 --> 00:53:34,809
we're comfortable with explained to

1320
00:53:33,099 --> 00:53:36,280
other people what the what we're up to

1321
00:53:34,809 --> 00:53:37,150
and what we're doing so if it is a

1322
00:53:36,280 --> 00:53:39,550
matter of using critical thinking

1323
00:53:37,150 --> 00:53:41,710
skeptics or debunking I think if they're

1324
00:53:39,550 --> 00:53:44,010
all valid if it helps one person

1325
00:53:41,710 --> 00:53:46,300
explained to another what the point is

1326
00:53:44,010 --> 00:53:48,579
now what do you think of the issue as to

1327
00:53:46,300 --> 00:53:50,318
whether skeptics should perhaps better

1328
00:53:48,579 --> 00:53:52,839
be known as debunkers because the term

1329
00:53:50,318 --> 00:53:54,338
debunking is more widely known and

1330
00:53:52,838 --> 00:53:55,539
accepted when if you say well I'm a

1331
00:53:54,338 --> 00:53:59,469
skeptic people don't always know what

1332
00:53:55,539 --> 00:54:01,838
that means um that puts the onus on the

1333
00:53:59,469 --> 00:54:03,969
skeptic to debunk rather than the person

1334
00:54:01,838 --> 00:54:06,578
making the claim to prove so it's not

1335
00:54:03,969 --> 00:54:07,689
quite right and so what do you use when

1336
00:54:06,579 --> 00:54:09,220
people ask you all who are those

1337
00:54:07,690 --> 00:54:10,990
skeptics people you hang out and what's

1338
00:54:09,219 --> 00:54:12,939
the quick description pocket description

1339
00:54:10,989 --> 00:54:14,348
you usually give them because sometimes

1340

00:54:12,940 --> 00:54:17,880
people roll arise and go oh it's like

1341
00:54:14,349 --> 00:54:21,220
some weird geeky thing or something I

1342
00:54:17,880 --> 00:54:22,838
still use the term skeptic so but I just

1343
00:54:21,219 --> 00:54:25,689
explained that they're not out to debunk

1344
00:54:22,838 --> 00:54:28,058
the route to to get people to prove

1345
00:54:25,690 --> 00:54:29,889
their claims mm-hmm and do you think the

1346
00:54:28,059 --> 00:54:33,040
term critical thinking confuses people

1347
00:54:29,889 --> 00:54:34,719
even more sometimes yeah it sort of has

1348
00:54:33,039 --> 00:54:38,798
the connotations of criticism rather

1349
00:54:34,719 --> 00:54:39,969
than then what it actually means so

1350
00:54:38,798 --> 00:54:43,210
people might take it the wrong way

1351
00:54:39,969 --> 00:54:45,068
mm-hmm I probably agree with the the

1352
00:54:43,210 --> 00:54:48,849
idea that debunking is perhaps a little

1353
00:54:45,068 --> 00:54:50,558
bit negative because when you see minds

1354
00:54:48,849 --> 00:54:52,298

about crackpots with evidence I still

1355

00:54:50,559 --> 00:54:55,839

think is the best one ever for skeptics

1356

00:54:52,298 --> 00:54:57,759

that is really good that is crack

1357

00:54:55,838 --> 00:54:59,318

pockets with evidence that's us even

1358

00:54:57,760 --> 00:55:01,480

Michael Shermer liked it he wasn't even

1359

00:54:59,318 --> 00:55:07,298

drunk yeah yeah no that's that's us

1360

00:55:01,480 --> 00:55:08,949

that's us um yeah well whenever you say

1361

00:55:07,298 --> 00:55:11,139

you're a skeptic and then you explain

1362

00:55:08,949 --> 00:55:12,480

what it is and debunking necessarily

1363

00:55:11,139 --> 00:55:14,579

comes into that you

1364

00:55:12,480 --> 00:55:16,380

then get told you all you get all the

1365

00:55:14,579 --> 00:55:18,000

jokes are you skeptical about being

1366

00:55:16,380 --> 00:55:20,820

skeptical and you know what are you

1367

00:55:18,000 --> 00:55:22,710

skeptical about and you know and then

1368

00:55:20,820 --> 00:55:24,840

sometimes it gets called City Hall I

1369
00:55:22,710 --> 00:55:27,960
think maybe it's it's more interesting

1370
00:55:24,840 --> 00:55:30,869
to think of ourselves as critical

1371
00:55:27,960 --> 00:55:32,369
thinkers because you think a lot of

1372
00:55:30,869 --> 00:55:33,960
people have trouble grasping at as well

1373
00:55:32,369 --> 00:55:37,858
they think honest just more philosophy

1374
00:55:33,960 --> 00:55:40,170
I've got to learn possibly possibly I

1375
00:55:37,858 --> 00:55:42,809
think if you if you if you're a critical

1376
00:55:40,170 --> 00:55:46,139
thinker then well firstly it's

1377
00:55:42,809 --> 00:55:51,960
interesting then debunking may or may

1378
00:55:46,139 --> 00:55:55,469
not flow from that it's um I think it's

1379
00:55:51,960 --> 00:55:58,380
still more positive yeah but in terms of

1380
00:55:55,469 --> 00:56:00,929
a label as to an all-encompassing label

1381
00:55:58,380 --> 00:56:03,720
to explain to people what we are in a in

1382
00:56:00,929 --> 00:56:07,679
a little you know a little single bite a

1383
00:56:03,719 --> 00:56:11,099
little sound right hmm difficult really

1384
00:56:07,679 --> 00:56:12,779
difficult I can understand the argument

1385
00:56:11,099 --> 00:56:14,190
yeah and you can see what my crackpots

1386
00:56:12,780 --> 00:56:15,330
whatever and seems to be gaining no

1387
00:56:14,190 --> 00:56:17,909
traction whatsoever but I'm going to

1388
00:56:15,329 --> 00:56:19,739
keep trying ah look I'll of crackpots

1389
00:56:17,909 --> 00:56:24,920
with evidence I think we should adopt it

1390
00:56:19,739 --> 00:56:24,919
as our as our secondary official motto

1391
00:56:39,630 --> 00:56:44,710
have you heard about QED the exciting

1392
00:56:42,909 --> 00:56:48,069
skeptical conference 10 to 11 4 March

1393
00:56:44,710 --> 00:56:50,380
2012 quite exciting days you're probably

1394
00:56:48,070 --> 00:56:52,570
wondering why should i go to QED while

1395
00:56:50,380 --> 00:56:54,369
the existential dilemma will have the

1396
00:56:52,570 --> 00:56:56,019
investigator and legend Joe Nickell

1397

00:56:54,369 --> 00:56:58,150
quite extraordinary detective

1398
00:56:56,019 --> 00:57:00,759
alternative medicine expert Ed's orders

1399
00:56:58,150 --> 00:57:02,800
quacks in Deward difficulties monsters

1400
00:57:00,760 --> 00:57:05,770
werewolves and lucid dreaming from debra

1401
00:57:02,800 --> 00:57:08,980
hi working theory demons Massimo

1402
00:57:05,769 --> 00:57:11,199
polidoro head of the Italians questo a

1403
00:57:08,980 --> 00:57:13,119
garage auditory davidr Anna bitch and

1404
00:57:11,199 --> 00:57:15,909
conspiracy theories whitey beatable

1405
00:57:13,119 --> 00:57:18,190
secular campaign Miriam namazi well

1406
00:57:15,909 --> 00:57:19,659
equality detractors sara angeles will

1407
00:57:18,190 --> 00:57:22,110
shows how to play the Federman with

1408
00:57:19,659 --> 00:57:24,159
robots withering electronic devices

1409
00:57:22,110 --> 00:57:26,349
ufologist ian ridpath with

1410
00:57:24,159 --> 00:57:28,239
extraterrestrial details professor steve

1411
00:57:26,349 --> 00:57:30,219

jones and white creationism is not some

1412

00:57:28,239 --> 00:57:31,509

quiet and evolution deniers podcaster

1413

00:57:30,219 --> 00:57:33,969

and spoon bender Richard Saunders

1414

00:57:31,510 --> 00:57:35,650

questions ESP demonstrations there are

1415

00:57:33,969 --> 00:57:37,959

filia Benson Queen existentialist

1416

00:57:35,650 --> 00:57:39,730

debater and we'll have comedy from Robin

1417

00:57:37,960 --> 00:57:42,099

Ince and gas quality entertainment

1418

00:57:39,730 --> 00:57:44,079

definitely tickets are 89 pounds in

1419

00:57:42,099 --> 00:57:47,980

there going fast so re queue everybody

1420

00:57:44,079 --> 00:57:50,940

directly would you cut that out you can

1421

00:57:47,980 --> 00:57:54,219

get your ticket from QED calm dot org

1422

00:57:50,940 --> 00:57:55,450

court event dome in marsh seriously if

1423

00:57:54,219 --> 00:57:57,730

you don't stop bang enough to hurt

1424

00:57:55,449 --> 00:58:01,429

quickly end discussion comes QED

1425

00:57:57,730 --> 00:58:03,490

Manchester question explore discover

1426
00:58:01,429 --> 00:58:03,489
you

1427
00:58:14,400 --> 00:58:20,829
thank you for listening to the skeptic

1428
00:58:16,869 --> 00:58:25,059
zone I had some tried-and-true medicine

1429
00:58:20,829 --> 00:58:28,239
for colds a drink of water maybe it was

1430
00:58:25,059 --> 00:58:30,099
homeopathic water yes homeopathic water

1431
00:58:28,239 --> 00:58:32,709
it's like dehydrated water just add

1432
00:58:30,099 --> 00:58:35,799
water anyway I'm sure I'll be feeling

1433
00:58:32,710 --> 00:58:37,240
better before long I hope I'm feeling

1434
00:58:35,800 --> 00:58:39,310
better before long because soon I'll be

1435
00:58:37,239 --> 00:58:43,299
packing my bags as I make my way to the

1436
00:58:39,309 --> 00:58:44,980
United States to take part in Saigon yes

1437
00:58:43,300 --> 00:58:48,640
the conference for the committee for

1438
00:58:44,980 --> 00:58:50,980
skeptical inquiry where I'm lucky enough

1439
00:58:48,639 --> 00:58:53,829
to be a speaker if you want to find out

1440
00:58:50,980 --> 00:58:55,960
more about this conference I've never

1441
00:58:53,829 --> 00:58:58,150
been to New Orleans before I am looking

1442
00:58:55,960 --> 00:59:01,960
forward to it it's on at the end of our

1443
00:58:58,150 --> 00:59:09,869
October October 27th to 30th I check out

1444
00:59:01,960 --> 00:59:14,470
the website CSI conf e r e in ze sie

1445
00:59:09,869 --> 00:59:16,960
conference got org really looking

1446
00:59:14,469 --> 00:59:19,779
forward to that and after that after

1447
00:59:16,960 --> 00:59:21,340
that in early november i'll be in the

1448
00:59:19,780 --> 00:59:24,670
orange county visiting my good old

1449
00:59:21,340 --> 00:59:26,200
friend from scribd oi com Brian Dunning

1450
00:59:24,670 --> 00:59:27,579
and i'll be giving a few talks down

1451
00:59:26,199 --> 00:59:30,099
there and i'll try to get some

1452
00:59:27,579 --> 00:59:32,920
information about those are into next

1453
00:59:30,099 --> 00:59:37,289
week's show but i think it's time for me

1454

00:59:32,920 --> 00:59:40,630
to to get that hot water bottle and

1455
00:59:37,289 --> 00:59:46,900
climb under the covers and wish you all

1456
00:59:40,630 --> 00:59:50,110
a very good night desire recover from my

1457
00:59:46,900 --> 00:59:52,300
cold ample next week this is Richard

1458
00:59:50,110 --> 00:59:58,510
Saunders signing off from Sydney

1459
00:59:52,300 --> 01:00:00,068
Australia you've been listening to the

1460
00:59:58,510 --> 01:00:04,778
skeptic zone

1461
01:00:00,068 --> 01:00:08,108
visit our website at www.skeptic.zoomtv

1462
01:00:04,778 --> 01:00:10,739
the comments contacts and extra video

1463
01:00:08,108 --> 01:00:10,739
reports

1464
01:00:13,699 --> 01:00:15,730
Oh