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00:00:05,929 --> 00:00:12,589
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:09,089 --> 00:00:16,439
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:12,589 --> 00:00:35,579
urea hosts Richard Saunders and Stefan

4
00:00:16,440 --> 00:00:39,030
cyka hello Richard don't tell me you've

5
00:00:35,579 --> 00:00:41,460
got an ipad 2 I our email an iPad as

6
00:00:39,030 --> 00:00:45,620
well as well yes I have an iPad and you

7
00:00:41,460 --> 00:00:48,509
have an iPad 2 as well and you've got

8
00:00:45,619 --> 00:00:51,390
what is Baxter ah that's my new Moog

9
00:00:48,509 --> 00:00:53,159
synthesizer yeah it's a that's quite a

10
00:00:51,390 --> 00:00:54,719
nice little app actually it's not bad

11
00:00:53,159 --> 00:00:58,558
and you were trying to do the skeptic

12
00:00:54,719 --> 00:01:02,570
sample was very badly very badly this is

13
00:00:58,558 --> 00:01:02,570
the nice yeah

14
00:01:07,429 --> 00:01:13,228
sort of like the class dr. bus stop by

15
00:01:10,289 --> 00:01:14,968
to see you back in the zone step I can't

16
00:01:13,228 --> 00:01:16,858
believe I'm here again I don't know

17
00:01:14,968 --> 00:01:19,078
whatever I disappeared it to some sort

18
00:01:16,858 --> 00:01:21,780
of play all of existence you do from

19
00:01:19,078 --> 00:01:23,428
time but I do it so do you but when you

20
00:01:21,780 --> 00:01:25,200
disappear another universe there's

21
00:01:23,429 --> 00:01:27,179
actually something there when I

22
00:01:25,200 --> 00:01:28,799
disappeared other universe it's actually

23
00:01:27,179 --> 00:01:30,118
a black hole of nothingness but you've

24
00:01:28,799 --> 00:01:31,649
actually been somewhere I've been

25
00:01:30,118 --> 00:01:34,200
somewhere in fact you and I are just

26
00:01:31,649 --> 00:01:36,539
looking at your giant monitor here on

27
00:01:34,200 --> 00:01:38,039
your desk and it's a huge map of Death

28
00:01:36,539 --> 00:01:40,859
Valley and I was just pointing out some

29

00:01:38,039 --> 00:01:43,049
of the amazing places it's a phenomenal

30
00:01:40,859 --> 00:01:44,578
place amazing as you posted a few nights

31
00:01:43,049 --> 00:01:47,489
interesting little videos here on the

32
00:01:44,578 --> 00:01:49,438
old skeptic zone vodcast podcaster you

33
00:01:47,489 --> 00:01:51,149
to be thinking I have that's the Death

34
00:01:49,438 --> 00:01:53,878
Valley Adventures of me and Brian

35
00:01:51,149 --> 00:01:55,500
Dunning from skip boy dot-com and I also

36
00:01:53,879 --> 00:01:57,868
put those into the feed a good fun

37
00:01:55,500 --> 00:02:00,118
couple of funny videos and videos so

38
00:01:57,868 --> 00:02:01,590
have you been it's been a while that's

39
00:02:00,118 --> 00:02:04,078
the year the years just sort of

40
00:02:01,590 --> 00:02:06,239
disappeared oh they always do like the

41
00:02:04,078 --> 00:02:08,639
come November you always think yourself

42
00:02:06,239 --> 00:02:11,159
what what happened what happened wasn't

43
00:02:08,639 --> 00:02:12,479

it just like Christmas and I know it's

44

00:02:11,159 --> 00:02:14,310

just like but you have been actually

45

00:02:12,479 --> 00:02:17,608

doing consuming some fun stuff with the

46

00:02:14,310 --> 00:02:20,159

old TV show I have yeah and the one has

47

00:02:17,609 --> 00:02:22,889

got one more week to run thank God for

48

00:02:20,159 --> 00:02:24,449

that and then then I'll be a former as

49

00:02:22,889 --> 00:02:26,069

Brian Dunning says I'll be a former

50

00:02:24,449 --> 00:02:28,798

Kelly celebrity after that performance

51

00:02:26,068 --> 00:02:30,238

living but that is actually quite i find

52

00:02:28,799 --> 00:02:32,219

myself laughing my head off watching

53

00:02:30,239 --> 00:02:33,930

that show not at you Richard yeah I

54

00:02:32,219 --> 00:02:36,509

think you're doing a great job for

55

00:02:33,930 --> 00:02:38,000

skepticism the world over but the

56

00:02:36,509 --> 00:02:41,068

contestants are quite amusing if

57

00:02:38,000 --> 00:02:43,439

international Lister's haven't had the

58
00:02:41,068 --> 00:02:46,348
chance to see the one the TV show i'm

59
00:02:43,439 --> 00:02:48,719
currently on there's clips on youtube

60
00:02:46,348 --> 00:02:51,418
yes miss clips on you yeah yeah and it's

61
00:02:48,719 --> 00:02:53,609
good it's basically a search for

62
00:02:51,419 --> 00:02:55,739
Australia's greatest psychic most gifted

63
00:02:53,609 --> 00:02:57,030
so no I'll most gifted psychic and you

64
00:02:55,739 --> 00:03:00,329
can't see my fingers by making little

65
00:02:57,030 --> 00:03:03,269
low quotation marks psychic but yeah

66
00:03:00,329 --> 00:03:04,769
it's been it's fun it's fun so what's

67
00:03:03,269 --> 00:03:06,599
what's in store for the show this week

68
00:03:04,769 --> 00:03:08,730
well coming up this week our main

69
00:03:06,598 --> 00:03:10,828
artists scored an interview with edward

70
00:03:08,729 --> 00:03:13,679
maya who is one of the editors of

71
00:03:10,829 --> 00:03:16,980
ripley's believe it or not he is not yes

72
00:03:13,680 --> 00:03:19,200
no it's not yes yeah believe it or not

73
00:03:16,979 --> 00:03:22,769
oh oh

74
00:03:19,199 --> 00:03:24,689
oh that's a bad one so actually believe

75
00:03:22,770 --> 00:03:26,219
it or not the actual show yes I so I

76
00:03:24,689 --> 00:03:28,139
need the actual book is that still

77
00:03:26,219 --> 00:03:29,280
running I don't the show is but there's

78
00:03:28,139 --> 00:03:31,229
the book i'm sure the book still

79
00:03:29,280 --> 00:03:34,019
ripley's believe it or not is is being

80
00:03:31,229 --> 00:03:36,000
printed it's like I think he mentions in

81
00:03:34,019 --> 00:03:38,489
the interview that they're sort of in

82
00:03:36,000 --> 00:03:39,930
competition with guinness book of world

83
00:03:38,489 --> 00:03:41,580
records but they have sort of different

84
00:03:39,930 --> 00:03:43,200
areas yeah right i believe it or not

85
00:03:41,580 --> 00:03:45,480
they'll have something which is really

86

00:03:43,199 --> 00:03:47,729
bizarre doesn't even doesn't have to be

87
00:03:45,479 --> 00:03:49,289
a record right okay well if that sounds

88
00:03:47,729 --> 00:03:51,359
like a lot so he talks about some of the

89
00:03:49,289 --> 00:03:53,039
strange things he's so i remember that

90
00:03:51,360 --> 00:03:55,590
show like many many years I was always

91
00:03:53,039 --> 00:03:58,348
fascinating as it as a kid growing up so

92
00:03:55,590 --> 00:04:01,140
that that's coming up and then what we

93
00:03:58,348 --> 00:04:04,109
have is a little clip i went to new town

94
00:04:01,139 --> 00:04:05,609
festival here in sydney oh oh yes for

95
00:04:04,110 --> 00:04:07,680
those who haven't been a new town it's a

96
00:04:05,610 --> 00:04:09,690
freaky place it's a great place is good

97
00:04:07,680 --> 00:04:12,150
fun it attracts all cut all sorts the

98
00:04:09,689 --> 00:04:14,189
new town festival is huge the thousands

99
00:04:12,150 --> 00:04:16,709
of people turned up and I went along and

100
00:04:14,189 --> 00:04:20,040

had a quick word to the people who were

101

00:04:16,709 --> 00:04:22,889

staffing the three thought Alliance tent

102

00:04:20,040 --> 00:04:24,689

so three thought Alliance tent say that

103

00:04:22,889 --> 00:04:26,910

quickly they that's not just up the road

104

00:04:24,689 --> 00:04:30,120

from the happy hi herb shop is it which

105

00:04:26,910 --> 00:04:31,680

is in new tax free thought with the

106

00:04:30,120 --> 00:04:33,509

heavy haider there is a place called

107

00:04:31,680 --> 00:04:35,490

happy higher as beauty area there is

108

00:04:33,509 --> 00:04:37,288

amazing yourself Oh that'll be a lot of

109

00:04:35,490 --> 00:04:39,750

fun yeah that was great to go along

110

00:04:37,288 --> 00:04:42,740

there and have a chat to them and after

111

00:04:39,750 --> 00:04:46,259

that after that we have a little clip

112

00:04:42,740 --> 00:04:48,870

from me this is shows dings all around

113

00:04:46,259 --> 00:04:51,149

the world I go back to New Orleans oh so

114

00:04:48,870 --> 00:04:54,209

is there a few weeks ago everywhere to

115
00:04:51,149 --> 00:04:56,429
the this icon right the committee for

116
00:04:54,209 --> 00:04:57,689
skeptical inquiry convention and I

117
00:04:56,430 --> 00:05:00,060
talked to a good friend of ours been

118
00:04:57,689 --> 00:05:03,029
Radford ah about his impressions of the

119
00:05:00,060 --> 00:05:04,228
Convention and then we go back around

120
00:05:03,029 --> 00:05:06,089
the other side of the world from

121
00:05:04,228 --> 00:05:09,029
Melbourne Australia where Maynard

122
00:05:06,089 --> 00:05:11,819
continues his interviews and insights

123
00:05:09,029 --> 00:05:14,489
from skeptic amp Melbourne gee this is

124
00:05:11,819 --> 00:05:16,500
truly becoming an international show

125
00:05:14,490 --> 00:05:18,090
that the BB by having them coming this

126
00:05:16,500 --> 00:05:20,160
little microphone the head that you got

127
00:05:18,089 --> 00:05:23,279
here are you everywhere it has or

128
00:05:20,160 --> 00:05:25,410
someone's microphones me it travels

129
00:05:23,279 --> 00:05:28,348
around a lot so that's it's a big show

130
00:05:25,410 --> 00:05:29,790
and we must say that before we even get

131
00:05:28,348 --> 00:05:32,279
into this big show happy

132
00:05:29,790 --> 00:05:34,410
birthday dr. H oh happy birthday that's

133
00:05:32,279 --> 00:05:36,809
why she did so birthday today the 19th

134
00:05:34,410 --> 00:05:39,030
of November 93rd of Ember yeah happy

135
00:05:36,810 --> 00:05:42,709
puppy to you very good they do your

136
00:05:39,029 --> 00:05:42,709
birthday dr. Richie a good day to you

137
00:05:44,930 --> 00:05:50,720
it's not happy but it's not as fast as I

138
00:05:48,029 --> 00:05:50,719
can get them

139
00:05:51,040 --> 00:05:57,199
that same it was racing like a doctor

140
00:05:53,660 --> 00:06:00,979
who ah yes it did the skeptics and have

141
00:05:57,199 --> 00:06:02,840
one episode is this again 1611 g61 that

142
00:06:00,978 --> 00:06:05,839
is just ridiculous now don't forget

143

00:06:02,839 --> 00:06:09,319
everybody that we still are now drive to

144
00:06:05,839 --> 00:06:12,439
get Maynard to go to Las Vegas obvious i

145
00:06:09,319 --> 00:06:14,930
made a fundraiser fundraiser oh how

146
00:06:12,439 --> 00:06:16,699
close we got we got 15 20 bucks yeah we

147
00:06:14,930 --> 00:06:18,769
got about that we got to need about 2

148
00:06:16,699 --> 00:06:21,110
grand we need a bit more site about two

149
00:06:18,769 --> 00:06:23,389
and it's gonna be good value if you can

150
00:06:21,110 --> 00:06:25,639
help may not get there he is very good

151
00:06:23,389 --> 00:06:28,370
value in person he's great value for the

152
00:06:25,639 --> 00:06:30,680
show it is actually because as I was my

153
00:06:28,370 --> 00:06:33,709
listeners know once may not get to say

154
00:06:30,680 --> 00:06:35,329
Las Vegas what it does it means that our

155
00:06:33,709 --> 00:06:37,638
listeners will get heaps and heaps of

156
00:06:35,329 --> 00:06:40,519
great interviews to enjoy for weeks and

157
00:06:37,639 --> 00:06:42,259

weeks to come and people like dr. Richie

158

00:06:40,519 --> 00:06:44,329

and myself and other members of the zone

159

00:06:42,259 --> 00:06:45,769

team can concentrate on being at the

160

00:06:44,329 --> 00:06:48,259

convention other things there are lakes

161

00:06:45,769 --> 00:06:50,180

and also good and in Maine arts case

162

00:06:48,259 --> 00:06:52,579

what happens in vegas won't stay in

163

00:06:50,180 --> 00:06:55,668

vegas be broadcast on the skeptics

164

00:06:52,579 --> 00:06:58,250

island there you go folks if you want to

165

00:06:55,668 --> 00:06:59,719

help get maynard las vegas so you can

166

00:06:58,250 --> 00:07:02,899

enjoy more great interviews run to

167

00:06:59,720 --> 00:07:05,510

skeptics own TV and consider donating

168

00:07:02,899 --> 00:07:08,299

all a bit of money away or if you you

169

00:07:05,509 --> 00:07:12,050

can just donate 99 cents a week you know

170

00:07:08,300 --> 00:07:13,370

is micro focus on payment plan ya do

171

00:07:12,050 --> 00:07:15,530

that for a little while you aren't even

172
00:07:13,370 --> 00:07:17,990
miss 99 cents a week but it all does

173
00:07:15,529 --> 00:07:20,209
help us if enough people do that yeah i

174
00:07:17,990 --> 00:07:24,650
know it will will send into the moon was

175
00:07:20,209 --> 00:07:26,478
it or death valley one of the other no

176
00:07:24,649 --> 00:07:27,649
that's it not enough people do alright

177
00:07:26,478 --> 00:07:30,620
well Richard let's get on with the show

178
00:07:27,649 --> 00:07:32,509
no I want to learn how to use this one

179
00:07:30,620 --> 00:07:34,220
little bit more thing okay while we're

180
00:07:32,509 --> 00:07:38,269
doing that and having this nice string

181
00:07:34,220 --> 00:07:39,590
of capital of magic water will play this

182
00:07:38,269 --> 00:07:41,740
and we'll get on to the show down to the

183
00:07:39,589 --> 00:07:41,739
show

184
00:08:03,769 --> 00:08:11,509
here's may not spooky action at the

185
00:08:08,999 --> 00:08:11,509
distance

186
00:08:15,279 --> 00:08:20,359
ladies and gentlemen I have a man on the

187
00:08:17,689 --> 00:08:22,159
phone now I you the editor the chief

188
00:08:20,360 --> 00:08:24,680
cheese at Ripley's Believe It or Not

189
00:08:22,158 --> 00:08:27,050
book publishing division one of the

190
00:08:24,680 --> 00:08:29,150
chief Jesus it's very much a group

191
00:08:27,050 --> 00:08:30,860
effort to put together our books every

192
00:08:29,149 --> 00:08:33,110
mile when you walk down the corridor do

193
00:08:30,860 --> 00:08:36,349
people you know shudder they certainly

194
00:08:33,110 --> 00:08:38,329
stare at me sometimes the last couple of

195
00:08:36,349 --> 00:08:40,339
days I've been walking around the

196
00:08:38,328 --> 00:08:44,419
streets of melbourne with a two-headed

197
00:08:40,339 --> 00:08:46,820
three winged three-legged crow and if it

198
00:08:44,419 --> 00:08:48,469
doesn't turn in nothing will as a kid

199
00:08:46,820 --> 00:08:50,180
and as an adult it's the kind of book

200

00:08:48,470 --> 00:08:51,860
you glance at every once in a while it's

201
00:08:50,179 --> 00:08:54,169
just all you'll do is look at one page

202
00:08:51,860 --> 00:08:55,700
and it's supposed to blow your mind when

203
00:08:54,169 --> 00:08:57,110
did you get involved with it and you

204
00:08:55,700 --> 00:08:59,778
remember looking at it as a kid yourself

205
00:08:57,110 --> 00:09:01,879
well I do the booking question is called

206
00:08:59,778 --> 00:09:03,828
strikingly true and we've been in the

207
00:09:01,879 --> 00:09:05,838
book publishing business since nineteen

208
00:09:03,828 --> 00:09:08,389
twenty nine but this is our latest and

209
00:09:05,839 --> 00:09:10,190
greatest I remember very distinctly from

210
00:09:08,389 --> 00:09:12,649
a very early age that was in our

211
00:09:10,190 --> 00:09:15,949
newspaper I got involved with the

212
00:09:12,649 --> 00:09:19,159
company almost 34 years ago now I

213
00:09:15,948 --> 00:09:21,049
actually spend most of my time acquiring

214
00:09:19,159 --> 00:09:22,850

the exhibits that are in our museums

215

00:09:21,049 --> 00:09:24,948

around the world what has been your

216

00:09:22,850 --> 00:09:27,440

favorite exhibit I mean you must have

217

00:09:24,948 --> 00:09:29,299

seen so many weird and ghoulish things

218

00:09:27,440 --> 00:09:31,699

well I've seen a little bit of

219

00:09:29,299 --> 00:09:35,120

everything about how about a full-size

220

00:09:31,698 --> 00:09:37,338

Ferrari carved out of wood and is

221

00:09:35,120 --> 00:09:39,169

actually a motorboat and of course you

222

00:09:37,339 --> 00:09:41,060

would make the people often who create

223

00:09:39,169 --> 00:09:43,669

these things is as a commonality between

224

00:09:41,059 --> 00:09:44,989

the people who make and are obsessed

225

00:09:43,669 --> 00:09:47,629

with these unusual things for example

226

00:09:44,990 --> 00:09:49,490

you just said it the commonality is

227

00:09:47,629 --> 00:09:52,429

obsessed that whatever it is they're

228

00:09:49,490 --> 00:09:54,709

after it is so important to them that

229
00:09:52,429 --> 00:09:56,509
all the rest of the world can go on

230
00:09:54,708 --> 00:09:59,088
without them they they want to make

231
00:09:56,509 --> 00:10:00,500
something to make them immortal makes

232
00:09:59,089 --> 00:10:02,329
them a little different than you and me

233
00:10:00,500 --> 00:10:06,919
the one that I could not get my eyes off

234
00:10:02,328 --> 00:10:10,669
is the statue of Kevin Bacon made out of

235
00:10:06,919 --> 00:10:13,069
bacon pretty good i like the portrait of

236
00:10:10,669 --> 00:10:16,338
a young boy in a cowboy outfit made from

237
00:10:13,070 --> 00:10:18,980
the corpses of two hundred thousand ants

238
00:10:16,339 --> 00:10:22,069
and you know it's just to me it's but

239
00:10:18,980 --> 00:10:24,649
why the finished product is is pretty

240
00:10:22,068 --> 00:10:26,028
good art but it's just plain weird

241
00:10:24,649 --> 00:10:27,679
and what is the stuff you've had to

242
00:10:26,028 --> 00:10:29,419
reject what is the stuff that's just

243
00:10:27,679 --> 00:10:31,368
been off the edge that you go now I'm

244
00:10:29,419 --> 00:10:33,498
afraid that that's either too dangerous

245
00:10:31,369 --> 00:10:35,869
to weed or just to flat-out impractical

246
00:10:33,499 --> 00:10:37,550
we've had to turn down well there is

247
00:10:35,869 --> 00:10:40,220
stuff that fits all of those categories

248
00:10:37,549 --> 00:10:42,469
once in a while we don't do a lot of

249
00:10:40,220 --> 00:10:45,050
work with aliens because you can't prove

250
00:10:42,470 --> 00:10:47,269
it everything in our book or our museums

251
00:10:45,049 --> 00:10:49,399
or our TV shows of our brand name

252
00:10:47,269 --> 00:10:50,769
ripley's believe it or not is on it we

253
00:10:49,399 --> 00:10:53,240
want to make sure it's a hundred percent

254
00:10:50,769 --> 00:10:55,999
authenticated that's tough to do with

255
00:10:53,240 --> 00:10:57,799
witchcraft type stories and aliens and

256
00:10:55,999 --> 00:10:59,540
so you know there are a few things that

257

00:10:57,799 --> 00:11:01,698
don't quite make it but as long as it's

258
00:10:59,539 --> 00:11:02,868
true and it's unbelievable we're

259
00:11:01,698 --> 00:11:05,359
certainly going to take a look at it

260
00:11:02,869 --> 00:11:06,980
what was mr. Ripley I assume there was a

261
00:11:05,360 --> 00:11:08,720
mr. Ripley originally what was his idea

262
00:11:06,980 --> 00:11:10,369
was he trying to do an interesting

263
00:11:08,720 --> 00:11:12,079
cartoon series that was different from

264
00:11:10,369 --> 00:11:14,269
what was around at the time why did he

265
00:11:12,078 --> 00:11:17,599
started up well I think you've hit the

266
00:11:14,269 --> 00:11:20,419
nail on the head there initially he was

267
00:11:17,600 --> 00:11:22,670
doing sports stories he was a would-be

268
00:11:20,419 --> 00:11:25,428
baseball player himself so sports is

269
00:11:22,669 --> 00:11:28,308
what he knew early in the 1920s he took

270
00:11:25,428 --> 00:11:31,669
a trip around the world and you know was

271
00:11:28,308 --> 00:11:33,558

introduced to cultures and religions and

272

00:11:31,669 --> 00:11:36,019

architecture that you know the average

273

00:11:33,558 --> 00:11:38,948

American hadn't seen and probably never

274

00:11:36,019 --> 00:11:41,839

would he wrote them in a diary format

275

00:11:38,948 --> 00:11:45,438

published it in the first book in 1929

276

00:11:41,839 --> 00:11:47,179

and the world was just fascinated his

277

00:11:45,438 --> 00:11:49,759

readers were just fascinated that the

278

00:11:47,178 --> 00:11:52,458

world was such a strange unusual place

279

00:11:49,759 --> 00:11:54,139

and came up with the not just the term

280

00:11:52,458 --> 00:11:56,659

believe it or not but truth is stranger

281

00:11:54,139 --> 00:11:58,909

than fiction he he was literally a

282

00:11:56,659 --> 00:12:00,980

newspaper reporter but because he could

283

00:11:58,909 --> 00:12:03,049

draw he was telling the story a little

284

00:12:00,980 --> 00:12:04,730

differently than everybody else is the

285

00:12:03,049 --> 00:12:07,338

Guinness Book of Records got a bit of a

286
00:12:04,730 --> 00:12:09,499
crossover with you guys or not well it's

287
00:12:07,339 --> 00:12:11,870
a little bit I consider them our

288
00:12:09,499 --> 00:12:14,389
competition you know what is different

289
00:12:11,870 --> 00:12:16,100
there is that they're totally into

290
00:12:14,389 --> 00:12:18,289
superlatives it has to be the biggest

291
00:12:16,100 --> 00:12:20,928
the best whatever ours just has to be

292
00:12:18,289 --> 00:12:22,849
unbelievable and I don't think I've seen

293
00:12:20,928 --> 00:12:24,438
the Guinness Book of Records the picture

294
00:12:22,850 --> 00:12:27,139
of the cat have been struck by lightning

295
00:12:24,438 --> 00:12:29,509
and lives that's you know the kind of

296
00:12:27,139 --> 00:12:31,999
thing that isn't a record but clearly is

297
00:12:29,509 --> 00:12:34,399
worth noting and in this case

298
00:12:31,999 --> 00:12:36,620
unbelievable and amazing now what he's

299
00:12:34,399 --> 00:12:38,120
been chasing up in Australia and what it

300
00:12:36,620 --> 00:12:40,190
had people getting contact you

301
00:12:38,120 --> 00:12:41,990
do they try and do something that's in

302
00:12:40,190 --> 00:12:44,600
the photo how does it normally go well

303
00:12:41,990 --> 00:12:47,000
photo is probably the first step in most

304
00:12:44,600 --> 00:12:50,509
cases you can contact me directly at

305
00:12:47,000 --> 00:12:54,889
meijer meu ier a trip please calm or

306
00:12:50,509 --> 00:12:57,259
through our website w WR please calm we

307
00:12:54,889 --> 00:12:59,240
are constantly searching both for our

308
00:12:57,259 --> 00:13:00,980
books and our museums and we'd love to

309
00:12:59,240 --> 00:13:03,350
talk to anybody that has a weird story

310
00:13:00,980 --> 00:13:05,389
here in Australia chances are we can get

311
00:13:03,350 --> 00:13:07,430
you in our next book we like to see it

312
00:13:05,389 --> 00:13:09,980
and think about it before we send

313
00:13:07,429 --> 00:13:12,469
somebody out to verify it but again has

314

00:13:09,980 --> 00:13:14,269
to be authenticated has to be true if

315
00:13:12,470 --> 00:13:16,639
someone's sitting here thinking okay I

316
00:13:14,269 --> 00:13:18,370
should make something for them what area

317
00:13:16,639 --> 00:13:21,439
are you looking for what is a an

318
00:13:18,370 --> 00:13:22,610
unrequited area of bullet ripley's

319
00:13:21,440 --> 00:13:23,839
believe it or not that you really need

320
00:13:22,610 --> 00:13:26,750
something for that someone could work

321
00:13:23,839 --> 00:13:29,960
towards alright well in terms of Ripley

322
00:13:26,750 --> 00:13:32,179
art the medium is usually more important

323
00:13:29,960 --> 00:13:33,889
than the final product you know we're

324
00:13:32,179 --> 00:13:36,139
not our critics it doesn't matter if

325
00:13:33,889 --> 00:13:37,730
it's a best looking portrait if you

326
00:13:36,139 --> 00:13:38,990
hadn't told me that was Kevin Bacon

327
00:13:37,730 --> 00:13:40,820
might have a bike and I would've thought

328
00:13:38,990 --> 00:13:42,649

it was Elvis my database well there you

329

00:13:40,820 --> 00:13:44,870
go but the the bacon being more

330

00:13:42,649 --> 00:13:47,120
important than this the person in that

331

00:13:44,870 --> 00:13:49,370
case but portraits made at aunts I

332

00:13:47,120 --> 00:13:51,620
mentioned already there's a fantastic

333

00:13:49,370 --> 00:13:54,080
representation of da Vinci's Last Supper

334

00:13:51,620 --> 00:13:56,570
made out of laundry lint we get things

335

00:13:54,080 --> 00:13:59,209
made out of recycled objects all the

336

00:13:56,570 --> 00:14:01,310
time you know thinking green is a good

337

00:13:59,208 --> 00:14:03,489
way to get into Ripley's we also

338

00:14:01,309 --> 00:14:05,929
currently looking for three-dimensional

339

00:14:03,490 --> 00:14:08,060
sculpture more than wall paintings

340

00:14:05,929 --> 00:14:09,889
making something that can stand in the

341

00:14:08,059 --> 00:14:11,869
middle of the room it's got a little bit

342

00:14:09,889 --> 00:14:14,419
of edge and we're also looking for

343
00:14:11,870 --> 00:14:16,339
things that move interactivity is a big

344
00:14:14,419 --> 00:14:17,689
part of our new museums when you're in

345
00:14:16,339 --> 00:14:19,310
the shower in the morning or as you're

346
00:14:17,690 --> 00:14:21,350
drifting off to sleep in the night is

347
00:14:19,309 --> 00:14:23,239
there one thing you imagine is something

348
00:14:21,350 --> 00:14:25,430
that could really blow your mind that

349
00:14:23,240 --> 00:14:28,100
hasn't come along yet well the holy

350
00:14:25,429 --> 00:14:30,979
grail for me is something with three

351
00:14:28,100 --> 00:14:33,680
heads we've had animal oddities all our

352
00:14:30,980 --> 00:14:36,200
lives we commonly see two-headed cows

353
00:14:33,679 --> 00:14:38,088
two-headed sheep six legged pig whatever

354
00:14:36,200 --> 00:14:40,820
but somewhere out there there must be an

355
00:14:38,089 --> 00:14:43,250
animal with three heads and I'll

356
00:14:40,820 --> 00:14:45,379
consider retiring what I see that good

357
00:14:43,250 --> 00:14:49,240
luck with your DNA based adventures

358
00:14:45,379 --> 00:14:49,240
edward maya thank you very much

359
00:14:59,749 --> 00:15:06,569
you're listening to the skeptic zone I'm

360
00:15:03,058 --> 00:15:08,850
Brian Dunning from sceptile calm when

361
00:15:06,568 --> 00:15:11,789
I'm not tuned into the skeptic zone I'm

362
00:15:08,850 --> 00:15:13,619
recording thus kept I'd podcast doing

363
00:15:11,789 --> 00:15:15,438
what I can to further knowledge by

364
00:15:13,619 --> 00:15:17,939
blasting away the widespread

365
00:15:15,438 --> 00:15:20,789
pseudo-sciences that infect popular

366
00:15:17,938 --> 00:15:22,860
culture I've also compiled a 40-minute

367
00:15:20,789 --> 00:15:26,099
educational video on critical thinking

368
00:15:22,860 --> 00:15:29,818
called here be dragons at here be

369
00:15:26,100 --> 00:15:32,819
dragons movie.com I hope you check those

370
00:15:29,818 --> 00:15:35,118
out and I hope you enjoy the skeptic

371

00:15:32,818 --> 00:15:35,118
zone

372
00:15:44,159 --> 00:15:50,500
No

373
00:15:46,448 --> 00:15:50,500
but is turning

374
00:15:58,389 --> 00:16:03,610
what I'm trying to convey hey can you

375
00:16:02,899 --> 00:16:07,208
hear

376
00:16:03,610 --> 00:16:09,269
what I'm saying I can't seem to get

377
00:16:07,208 --> 00:16:09,268
through

378
00:16:18,980 --> 00:16:22,860
Rohit's the new town there's a little

379
00:16:21,328 --> 00:16:24,899
time again you see that's what I want

380
00:16:22,860 --> 00:16:26,399
you to say in the first place you're

381
00:16:24,899 --> 00:16:29,039
laughing because this is take two hello

382
00:16:26,399 --> 00:16:32,938
Ian bryce from Australian skipping hello

383
00:16:29,039 --> 00:16:36,958
Richard hello now we here at the Western

384
00:16:32,938 --> 00:16:40,558
Sydney freethinkers Sydney atheists

385
00:16:36,958 --> 00:16:42,508

circular party stand tint that's right

386

00:16:40,558 --> 00:16:44,759

it's basically that the freethought

387

00:16:42,509 --> 00:16:46,379

groups have got together and got to

388

00:16:44,759 --> 00:16:47,909

stand at the festival so we're handing

389

00:16:46,379 --> 00:16:49,409

out the picture and speaking to the

390

00:16:47,909 --> 00:16:51,208

people and it's a great day we're all

391

00:16:49,409 --> 00:16:52,620

having a good time it is pretty good

392

00:16:51,208 --> 00:16:54,328

actually there's lots of be there are

393

00:16:52,620 --> 00:16:56,610

thousands of people here in this huge

394

00:16:54,328 --> 00:16:58,318

Park in Newtown fella hundreds of stores

395

00:16:56,610 --> 00:17:01,919

people milling about and you got the

396

00:16:58,318 --> 00:17:04,619

Pope ah the Pope he's back yes indeed

397

00:17:01,919 --> 00:17:06,359

the dying Pope looks have a look oh yeah

398

00:17:04,619 --> 00:17:08,188

he's looking quite well he's on his

399

00:17:06,359 --> 00:17:11,428

golden telephone which goes to a

400
00:17:08,189 --> 00:17:12,839
satellite dish yes indeed we think we

401
00:17:11,429 --> 00:17:14,939
object to the Pope claiming to have a

402
00:17:12,838 --> 00:17:16,500
hotline to God basically so we've made a

403
00:17:14,939 --> 00:17:19,259
parody of that we've got a model of the

404
00:17:16,500 --> 00:17:22,828
Pope here resplendent with the mitre hat

405
00:17:19,259 --> 00:17:24,929
yes and lots of robes and sashes and a

406
00:17:22,828 --> 00:17:27,240
gold satellite dish with a gold

407
00:17:24,929 --> 00:17:28,798
telephone and is claiming to be looking

408
00:17:27,240 --> 00:17:31,470
for God so he can get some advice from

409
00:17:28,798 --> 00:17:33,509
the Bell so we think that that's we know

410
00:17:31,470 --> 00:17:34,798
that morals a man-made and we think it's

411
00:17:33,509 --> 00:17:37,109
appalling that some religious groups

412
00:17:34,798 --> 00:17:39,210
came to claim that they have the only

413
00:17:37,109 --> 00:17:41,788
hot line to God and they know best of

414
00:17:39,210 --> 00:17:44,009
course there's thinks they do things

415
00:17:41,788 --> 00:17:45,359
they do those that's the thing well this

416
00:17:44,009 --> 00:17:48,058
is really good now we go people some

417
00:17:45,359 --> 00:17:49,678
people lined up some people getting some

418
00:17:48,058 --> 00:17:51,210
badges there even as we speak this to

419
00:17:49,679 --> 00:17:53,940
some interest here so that's pretty good

420
00:17:51,210 --> 00:17:57,390
to see yes the Badgers say is a number

421
00:17:53,940 --> 00:18:00,570
of things is a tunnel as I just say when

422
00:17:57,390 --> 00:18:02,278
that's the Darwin fish Darwin fish they

423
00:18:00,569 --> 00:18:04,740
say I love science yeah that's pretty

424
00:18:02,278 --> 00:18:06,089
good and we've got Richard Dawkins skala

425
00:18:04,740 --> 00:18:08,669
day yes

426
00:18:06,089 --> 00:18:11,609
science for the winner says over there

427
00:18:08,669 --> 00:18:13,740
sir oh really that's really nice and as

428

00:18:11,609 --> 00:18:16,668
you did have a few years back on come

429
00:18:13,740 --> 00:18:20,370
around to the other side we have the

430
00:18:16,669 --> 00:18:24,020
Octagon that's right the sign says hit

431
00:18:20,369 --> 00:18:24,019
the gong if you don't believe in God's

432
00:18:24,079 --> 00:18:28,710
that's that's reach God you don't

433
00:18:26,400 --> 00:18:31,980
believe it won't reach John sweetman

434
00:18:28,710 --> 00:18:34,079
hello John the ones for each God one

435
00:18:31,980 --> 00:18:36,720
page count God that you don't believe it

436
00:18:34,079 --> 00:18:42,839
okay come back in a few hours and see

437
00:18:36,720 --> 00:18:44,700
how you go it's a really good occasion

438
00:18:42,839 --> 00:18:46,379
for outreach I think letting people know

439
00:18:44,700 --> 00:18:49,470
that the circular party here and the

440
00:18:46,380 --> 00:18:51,028
other people are here and yes the tent

441
00:18:49,470 --> 00:18:52,319
the little stand he is getting a lot of

442
00:18:51,028 --> 00:18:54,240

interest

443

00:18:52,319 --> 00:18:57,329

all right now Zoe and yes all the best

444

00:18:54,240 --> 00:18:59,490

with your where does he hear I think

445

00:18:57,329 --> 00:19:01,888

that the affair the festival in new job

446

00:18:59,490 --> 00:19:03,419

could you see that the science and

447

00:19:01,888 --> 00:19:05,339

reason being represented good to hear

448

00:19:03,419 --> 00:19:10,470

thanks for coming in during the door

449

00:19:05,339 --> 00:19:16,079

check can you hear what I'm saying I can

450

00:19:10,470 --> 00:19:19,610

seem to get through can you hear what

451

00:19:16,079 --> 00:19:23,919

I'm saying

452

00:19:19,609 --> 00:19:27,000

in here when I'm trying to do they

453

00:19:23,920 --> 00:19:31,550

and here when I'm saying

454

00:19:27,000 --> 00:19:31,549

I can seem to get through

455

00:19:31,799 --> 00:19:35,240

I can't seem to get through

456

00:19:38,650 --> 00:19:48,290

thank you thanks guys pull the polls out

457
00:19:43,339 --> 00:19:50,359
soon so wait what's this concert you're

458
00:19:48,289 --> 00:19:53,359
talking about it's George prob and the

459
00:19:50,359 --> 00:19:55,189
geologic abstract you know Gio he's that

460
00:19:53,359 --> 00:19:57,649
skeptic guy who writes music in produces

461
00:19:55,190 --> 00:19:59,630
the geologic podcast oh great now this

462
00:19:57,650 --> 00:20:00,830
is gonna be awesome row check it out

463
00:19:59,630 --> 00:20:03,890
they're putting on a show and they're

464
00:20:00,829 --> 00:20:07,730
calling it to 1812 y ver that's the date

465
00:20:03,890 --> 00:20:09,650
februari 18 2012 to 1812 and it just

466
00:20:07,730 --> 00:20:11,240
happens to be a palindrome or would a

467
00:20:09,650 --> 00:20:12,650
palindrome you know it's something

468
00:20:11,240 --> 00:20:15,370
that's the same forwards as backwards

469
00:20:12,650 --> 00:20:18,530
like go hang a salami i'ma lasagna hog

470
00:20:15,369 --> 00:20:21,589
and get this lit calling it a nice night

471
00:20:18,529 --> 00:20:25,549
out over yeah but it's not nice like n

472
00:20:21,589 --> 00:20:28,339
IC e it's nice like GN e is get it it's

473
00:20:25,549 --> 00:20:30,440
like a type of rock Ryan so this is a

474
00:20:28,339 --> 00:20:31,939
concert about geology I know it's George

475
00:20:30,440 --> 00:20:33,470
Rob in the geological mr. it's a

476
00:20:31,940 --> 00:20:35,180
nine-piece rock band with horns and

477
00:20:33,470 --> 00:20:37,160
their funky and geeky and incredible

478
00:20:35,180 --> 00:20:39,320
musicians and they do a ton of Gio's

479
00:20:37,160 --> 00:20:41,390
original music road you know stuff like

480
00:20:39,319 --> 00:20:43,460
fire When I was your age everything

481
00:20:41,390 --> 00:20:45,890
alive will die someday brains body both

482
00:20:43,460 --> 00:20:47,750
okay and they're taping the concert

483
00:20:45,890 --> 00:20:49,880
friend DVD releasing a live albums to

484
00:20:47,750 --> 00:20:51,349
get to actually be on the DVD or at

485

00:20:49,880 --> 00:20:53,780
least the back of your head might be in

486
00:20:51,349 --> 00:20:55,609
a DVD Wow all right give me the details

487
00:20:53,779 --> 00:20:57,619
George Rob and the geologic Orchestra

488
00:20:55,609 --> 00:21:01,069
live in Bethlehem Pennsylvania Saturday

489
00:20:57,619 --> 00:21:03,439
februari 18 2012 go to geologic concert

490
00:21:01,069 --> 00:21:09,339
calm for tickets and constantly updated

491
00:21:03,440 --> 00:21:09,340
constant information oh nice I get it

492
00:21:20,029 --> 00:21:25,710
and now we take you back to New Orleans

493
00:21:23,519 --> 00:21:28,079
a couple of weeks ago for the psych on

494
00:21:25,710 --> 00:21:31,350
convention the committee for skeptical

495
00:21:28,079 --> 00:21:33,689
inquiry a really fantastic convention

496
00:21:31,349 --> 00:21:37,709
can't wait to go back next year right

497
00:21:33,690 --> 00:21:46,740
now I catch up with our investigator and

498
00:21:37,710 --> 00:21:48,750
noted skeptic been radford last day oh

499
00:21:46,740 --> 00:21:51,150

how sad been read but it's the last day

500

00:21:48,750 --> 00:21:53,849

of this wonderful convention and I've

501

00:21:51,150 --> 00:21:55,920

been on a tram surrounded by scantily

502

00:21:53,849 --> 00:21:57,359

clad women last night which was

503

00:21:55,920 --> 00:21:58,710

interesting and interesting look at new

504

00:21:57,359 --> 00:22:01,139

orleans what have you been up to you've

505

00:21:58,710 --> 00:22:03,600

been investigating goods and voodoo and

506

00:22:01,140 --> 00:22:05,940

things well I came out a couple days

507

00:22:03,599 --> 00:22:07,949

ahead so that I could investigate one of

508

00:22:05,940 --> 00:22:11,070

America's most haunted plantations the

509

00:22:07,950 --> 00:22:15,660

Myrtle's plantation wanted firstly crops

510

00:22:11,069 --> 00:22:18,210

goes to the ghostly crap yes I a little

511

00:22:15,660 --> 00:22:20,490

sore tongue there so I went and did that

512

00:22:18,210 --> 00:22:22,140

today a two night investigation in two

513

00:22:20,490 --> 00:22:24,420

days two nights and got some interesting

514
00:22:22,140 --> 00:22:26,460
information there and then I came back

515
00:22:24,420 --> 00:22:29,250
here of course and this is when cyclin

516
00:22:26,460 --> 00:22:31,230
all four coalesced came together mmm and

517
00:22:29,250 --> 00:22:33,569
it's been it's been a great great

518
00:22:31,230 --> 00:22:35,610
conference so far it's clean I packed

519
00:22:33,569 --> 00:22:38,159
schedule has nest it has been very I

520
00:22:35,609 --> 00:22:40,349
tell you what from the moment you start

521
00:22:38,160 --> 00:22:42,090
and then at various times you're looking

522
00:22:40,349 --> 00:22:44,339
at the program there are two sessions at

523
00:22:42,089 --> 00:22:45,869
what you want to go to both honestly

524
00:22:44,339 --> 00:22:47,308
yeah I would say it's a little too

525
00:22:45,869 --> 00:22:49,500
packed just between the two of us

526
00:22:47,308 --> 00:22:51,240
because which is not a bad thing right

527
00:22:49,500 --> 00:22:53,549
it's not it's good that it is packed but

528
00:22:51,240 --> 00:22:55,410
yeah I agree it's it's a lot for a young

529
00:22:53,549 --> 00:22:58,678
and and and especially for people who

530
00:22:55,410 --> 00:23:00,090
haven't renewed to the whole thing and

531
00:22:58,679 --> 00:23:01,530
they don't know they don't know what

532
00:23:00,089 --> 00:23:02,819
they want to see yeah they don't want to

533
00:23:01,529 --> 00:23:04,289
see they want to Richard Saunders of

534
00:23:02,819 --> 00:23:06,799
course you do he's Richard Saunders I

535
00:23:04,289 --> 00:23:09,629
guess but I get the session to myself oh

536
00:23:06,799 --> 00:23:12,089
right right yeah you managed to pull

537
00:23:09,630 --> 00:23:13,410
that one off but no I said it's a it's a

538
00:23:12,089 --> 00:23:14,579
good eclectic mix we have you know

539
00:23:13,410 --> 00:23:16,410
people talking about everything from

540
00:23:14,579 --> 00:23:17,730
conspiracy theories to UFOs to

541
00:23:16,410 --> 00:23:19,710
alternative medicine claims

542

00:23:17,730 --> 00:23:21,039
investigations things like that so it

543
00:23:19,710 --> 00:23:23,289
was a wide

544
00:23:21,039 --> 00:23:25,180
engine and it's still going to it's the

545
00:23:23,289 --> 00:23:27,460
last morning this morning and I'm the

546
00:23:25,180 --> 00:23:29,380
next speaker in fact after whoever's

547
00:23:27,460 --> 00:23:31,690
going to be speaking before me yes yes

548
00:23:29,380 --> 00:23:33,850
so we have a moment to just chat about

549
00:23:31,690 --> 00:23:36,970
and saying hello and goodbye to a few

550
00:23:33,849 --> 00:23:38,799
people but it the range is really

551
00:23:36,970 --> 00:23:40,509
impressed me everything from as you're

552
00:23:38,799 --> 00:23:43,419
saying UFOs to alternative medicines

553
00:23:40,509 --> 00:23:45,339
conspiracy theories to the media it's

554
00:23:43,420 --> 00:23:48,070
fantastic and i think that's that's

555
00:23:45,339 --> 00:23:50,049
important for capturing and keeping a

556
00:23:48,069 --> 00:23:51,759

skeptical audience because not everybody

557

00:23:50,049 --> 00:23:53,230

cares about UFO yeah not everyone cares

558

00:23:51,759 --> 00:23:56,140

about you know alternative medicine

559

00:23:53,230 --> 00:23:57,970

plaintiff rounds but but in community

560

00:23:56,140 --> 00:23:59,440

like this there's always someone talking

561

00:23:57,970 --> 00:24:01,839

about not only is everything inherently

562

00:23:59,440 --> 00:24:03,370

interesting at least to me do you but

563

00:24:01,839 --> 00:24:05,709

but it's you know but to somebody who's

564

00:24:03,369 --> 00:24:07,449

just coming in the you know they can

565

00:24:05,710 --> 00:24:09,430

find something they can latch onto and

566

00:24:07,450 --> 00:24:10,960

say yes I don't care about Bigfoot but I

567

00:24:09,430 --> 00:24:13,060

do care about alternative medicine or I

568

00:24:10,960 --> 00:24:14,259

don't care about UFOs but dammit what

569

00:24:13,059 --> 00:24:16,839

about these these damn psychic

570

00:24:14,259 --> 00:24:19,480

detectives yeah absolutely absolutely

571
00:24:16,839 --> 00:24:21,220
and the people on hand here that the

572
00:24:19,480 --> 00:24:23,349
delegates can come up let me chat too I

573
00:24:21,220 --> 00:24:26,140
mean I'm sure Joe Nickell has been

574
00:24:23,349 --> 00:24:28,179
holding court Randy the other night at

575
00:24:26,140 --> 00:24:30,940
dinner you surrounded by people he was

576
00:24:28,180 --> 00:24:33,160
doing wonderful trick he can't help me I

577
00:24:30,940 --> 00:24:35,140
do give that man a deck of cards that's

578
00:24:33,160 --> 00:24:38,410
it yeah anything gone right right right

579
00:24:35,140 --> 00:24:40,870
it will fit will sit there of transfix

580
00:24:38,410 --> 00:24:42,070
yeah yeah I saw that I mean he's giving

581
00:24:40,869 --> 00:24:45,219
demonstration to Bill Nye the Science

582
00:24:42,069 --> 00:24:46,509
Guy yes like how cool is that that was

583
00:24:45,220 --> 00:24:50,370
pretty cool but I tell you what was

584
00:24:46,509 --> 00:24:52,410
pretty freaky later on that evening and

585
00:24:50,369 --> 00:24:54,599
when I was with Phil Plait and some

586
00:24:52,410 --> 00:24:57,269
other people just relaxing with some

587
00:24:54,599 --> 00:24:59,759
speakers and there was Bill Nye and I

588
00:24:57,269 --> 00:25:02,369
was demonstrating to Bill Nye we feel

589
00:24:59,759 --> 00:25:05,369
played the power balance tricks mmm yeah

590
00:25:02,369 --> 00:25:06,719
that's pretty cool yeah and that's the

591
00:25:05,369 --> 00:25:08,250
thing and that's that's one thing that

592
00:25:06,720 --> 00:25:10,200
I've really heard from a lot of the

593
00:25:08,250 --> 00:25:12,269
attendees that they really appreciate

594
00:25:10,200 --> 00:25:14,279
the fact that that many that the

595
00:25:12,269 --> 00:25:17,099
skeptical activists and researchers are

596
00:25:14,279 --> 00:25:18,839
accessible Vera it's not a matter of you

597
00:25:17,099 --> 00:25:20,939
know oh you can't speak to him because

598
00:25:18,839 --> 00:25:23,069
he's my nigga people are here I mean I'm

599

00:25:20,940 --> 00:25:24,960
here you're here about young people in

600
00:25:23,069 --> 00:25:27,210
there I think it really fosters a sense

601
00:25:24,960 --> 00:25:31,140
of community it's such a different

602
00:25:27,210 --> 00:25:34,200
animal to the amazing meeting and as you

603
00:25:31,140 --> 00:25:35,880
I think it would be you'd be going down

604
00:25:34,200 --> 00:25:37,950
a blind alley to try and compare them

605
00:25:35,880 --> 00:25:40,410
too much at this stage they're different

606
00:25:37,950 --> 00:25:43,380
beast something they are there and and

607
00:25:40,410 --> 00:25:44,730
you know i think that the plan as far as

608
00:25:43,380 --> 00:25:47,010
i understand is to have this be the

609
00:25:44,730 --> 00:25:49,200
first of many I here in New Orleans yeah

610
00:25:47,009 --> 00:25:51,029
the first of several anyway and so you

611
00:25:49,200 --> 00:25:53,220
know like any like any time you're

612
00:25:51,029 --> 00:25:55,019
establishing a new continuing conference

613
00:25:53,220 --> 00:25:57,779

in an area you have to start out

614

00:25:55,019 --> 00:25:59,339

somewhere you know you you you build on

615

00:25:57,779 --> 00:26:01,529

the previous year it's not going to be

616

00:25:59,339 --> 00:26:03,569

success out of the gate so and I think

617

00:26:01,529 --> 00:26:05,399

that people here recognize it I think so

618

00:26:03,569 --> 00:26:08,189

and but i think the organizers have done

619

00:26:05,400 --> 00:26:10,470

the right thing by pulling in the big

620

00:26:08,190 --> 00:26:12,269

names so the people who have come here

621

00:26:10,470 --> 00:26:15,329

we've got a really big bang for their

622

00:26:12,269 --> 00:26:17,670

buck I think they absolutely haven't

623

00:26:15,329 --> 00:26:21,569

even breakfast look at that I know ye

624

00:26:17,670 --> 00:26:23,490

you can grab an egg or in coffee

625

00:26:21,569 --> 00:26:25,139

fantastic bread I have to say well and

626

00:26:23,490 --> 00:26:26,519

of course you know here here here where

627

00:26:25,140 --> 00:26:28,080

we are New Orleans mean there there a

628
00:26:26,519 --> 00:26:30,058
million great restaurants within within

629
00:26:28,079 --> 00:26:32,939
a few feet that's train and some crappy

630
00:26:30,058 --> 00:26:35,609
ones too but we won't talk about us but

631
00:26:32,940 --> 00:26:38,220
but no I mean and you know so everything

632
00:26:35,609 --> 00:26:41,549
is right here and coffees downstairs and

633
00:26:38,220 --> 00:26:43,529
yeah it's uh it's going even well it is

634
00:26:41,549 --> 00:26:45,599
going well and it's got one more day and

635
00:26:43,529 --> 00:26:47,519
then you're here for one more night yes

636
00:26:45,599 --> 00:26:51,149
do some more fun and interesting things

637
00:26:47,519 --> 00:26:54,359
I have to be on a plane heading for Los

638
00:26:51,150 --> 00:26:55,620
Angeles okay there you go

639
00:26:54,359 --> 00:26:57,569
where I'm going to be catching up with

640
00:26:55,619 --> 00:26:58,799
Brian Dunning so that should it be he

641
00:26:57,569 --> 00:27:00,809
said he's going to take me to death

642
00:26:58,799 --> 00:27:03,599
valley you see wow you didn't show you

643
00:27:00,809 --> 00:27:06,599
take me back but it's a one-way street

644
00:27:03,599 --> 00:27:07,679
one day it'll be awesome what do you

645
00:27:06,599 --> 00:27:11,129
what do you think which it'll be great

646
00:27:07,680 --> 00:27:12,840
yeah I can't wait yeah Oh Ben you are

647
00:27:11,130 --> 00:27:14,370
only on our show a few weeks ago but

648
00:27:12,839 --> 00:27:16,109
just for those people who have

649
00:27:14,369 --> 00:27:18,239
short-term memory problems where can

650
00:27:16,109 --> 00:27:20,309
people find out more about you well

651
00:27:18,240 --> 00:27:23,069
let's see probably the easiest place

652
00:27:20,309 --> 00:27:24,839
would be on facebook under been radford

653
00:27:23,069 --> 00:27:26,909
there's there's me and there's a couple

654
00:27:24,839 --> 00:27:28,349
other ones but you know I'm the one

655
00:27:26,910 --> 00:27:33,120
that's doing interesting things frankly

656

00:27:28,349 --> 00:27:35,639
i like it is true then there's course

657
00:27:33,119 --> 00:27:38,069
Benjamin Radford calm and I'm also a

658
00:27:35,640 --> 00:27:41,009
co-host of the monster talks but monster

659
00:27:38,069 --> 00:27:42,689
talk podcast so you know I'm around and

660
00:27:41,009 --> 00:27:44,099
people are welcome to look at my stuff

661
00:27:42,690 --> 00:27:47,039
and you know Alfred columns for

662
00:27:44,099 --> 00:27:48,179
Discovery News and life science so you

663
00:27:47,039 --> 00:27:52,289
know there's plenty of stuff out there

664
00:27:48,180 --> 00:27:54,840
band Radford until how next meeting on

665
00:27:52,289 --> 00:28:07,950
some isolated part of the globe yep

666
00:27:54,839 --> 00:28:11,429
thank you certainly hi this is surly Amy

667
00:28:07,950 --> 00:28:13,769
from skeptic org I make ceramic jewelry

668
00:28:11,430 --> 00:28:16,410
it's hand formed and hand-painted it's

669
00:28:13,769 --> 00:28:19,410
inspired by science and skepticism you

670
00:28:16,410 --> 00:28:24,420

can find it at surly romics com s you

671

00:28:19,410 --> 00:28:26,990

are ly are am ICS com thanks and be

672

00:28:24,420 --> 00:28:26,990

skeptical

673

00:28:31,119 --> 00:28:36,169

thanks to everybody who entered the

674

00:28:33,589 --> 00:28:39,799

witchdoctor DVD contest this is the

675

00:28:36,170 --> 00:28:42,740

contest to win a 4 DVD set of the witch

676

00:28:39,799 --> 00:28:45,379

doctor will see you now as seen on

677

00:28:42,740 --> 00:28:47,390

national geographic channel and it was a

678

00:28:45,380 --> 00:28:51,560

Twitter competition and the winner is

679

00:28:47,390 --> 00:28:53,150

twitter user welsh and grumpy welsh and

680

00:28:51,559 --> 00:28:56,809

grumpy who came up with a great new

681

00:28:53,150 --> 00:28:59,269

alternative medicine audio pathy tell a

682

00:28:56,809 --> 00:29:01,599

website your ailment pay money put glass

683

00:28:59,269 --> 00:29:05,509

of water by the speaker site plays

684

00:29:01,599 --> 00:29:07,759

vitalizing sound drink the cure sounds

685
00:29:05,509 --> 00:29:09,559
just as effective as most alternative

686
00:29:07,759 --> 00:29:11,569
medicines i hear about thanks very much

687
00:29:09,559 --> 00:29:15,109
will SH and grumpy I'll be contacting

688
00:29:11,569 --> 00:29:19,629
you soon and sending off the 4 DVD set

689
00:29:15,109 --> 00:29:19,629
of the witch doctor will see you now

690
00:29:33,900 --> 00:29:40,600
back around the other side of the planet

691
00:29:36,789 --> 00:29:42,700
we go now to join Mina once again for

692
00:29:40,599 --> 00:29:45,549
his interviews and reports from the

693
00:29:42,700 --> 00:29:52,180
highly successful skeptic camp in

694
00:29:45,549 --> 00:29:54,309
Melbourne I look I'm hanging outside

695
00:29:52,180 --> 00:29:55,509
once again where all the action goes on

696
00:29:54,309 --> 00:29:56,859
at Melbourne University of a

697
00:29:55,509 --> 00:29:59,440
particularly oh they would skeptic am

698
00:29:56,859 --> 00:30:01,509
people got here Ilyas and how coming

699
00:29:59,440 --> 00:30:03,250
along here today Liz while I was giving

700
00:30:01,509 --> 00:30:04,690
a speech today now which one did you

701
00:30:03,250 --> 00:30:08,079
give I might have missed that one I

702
00:30:04,690 --> 00:30:10,120
think he did not like what cuz I've been

703
00:30:08,079 --> 00:30:11,589
in and that was your topic I actually

704
00:30:10,119 --> 00:30:14,889
have at the topic of coming out of the

705
00:30:11,589 --> 00:30:18,369
closet the skeptical closet Oh a bit of

706
00:30:14,890 --> 00:30:21,070
a group participation session Allah of

707
00:30:18,369 --> 00:30:22,569
SBS inside was giant Brockie that sort

708
00:30:21,069 --> 00:30:24,519
of started asking questions of the

709
00:30:22,569 --> 00:30:26,679
audience and actually saying what their

710
00:30:24,519 --> 00:30:28,150
journey was in reaching the point where

711
00:30:26,680 --> 00:30:30,430
they realized they felt skeptical

712
00:30:28,150 --> 00:30:31,750
eyebrow whatever it was around them and

713

00:30:30,430 --> 00:30:36,430
how they actually felt that their age

714
00:30:31,750 --> 00:30:38,109
their lives have actually then fell

715
00:30:36,430 --> 00:30:39,400
today related to the world around them

716
00:30:38,109 --> 00:30:40,839
you know whether or not they felt that

717
00:30:39,400 --> 00:30:43,090
that sort of all of your old tubes is

718
00:30:40,839 --> 00:30:44,379
accepted around got people talking and

719
00:30:43,089 --> 00:30:45,519
what you just couple is the common

720
00:30:44,380 --> 00:30:48,250
ground want seem to be the difficult

721
00:30:45,519 --> 00:30:49,509
coming out did people at Christmas

722
00:30:48,250 --> 00:30:50,650
dinners stop talking to them because

723
00:30:49,509 --> 00:30:52,119
they knew they were going to go on about

724
00:30:50,650 --> 00:30:54,340
something almost a common problem they

725
00:30:52,119 --> 00:30:56,679
all seem to have a lot of misconceptions

726
00:30:54,339 --> 00:30:59,709
a lot of misconceptions about what just

727
00:30:56,680 --> 00:31:02,650

the word skeptic is because it's been

728

00:30:59,710 --> 00:31:06,069

misappropriated by many many different

729

00:31:02,650 --> 00:31:07,630

conspiracy theorists lobby groups and

730

00:31:06,069 --> 00:31:10,299

also people think are there going to be

731

00:31:07,630 --> 00:31:12,880

a long-winded troublemaker yeah yeah yes

732

00:31:10,299 --> 00:31:14,349

absolutely and sort of strident so this

733

00:31:12,880 --> 00:31:16,000

is one of the big barriers of social

734

00:31:14,349 --> 00:31:17,439

barriers that just gives you think there

735

00:31:16,000 --> 00:31:19,059

needs to be new word or something

736

00:31:17,440 --> 00:31:20,620

another word that can be used as well we

737

00:31:19,059 --> 00:31:22,569

had a debate on the podcast other week

738

00:31:20,619 --> 00:31:23,949

about using the word debunker which is

739

00:31:22,569 --> 00:31:25,299

kind of true but it's got negative

740

00:31:23,950 --> 00:31:27,880

connotations as well and it's an

741

00:31:25,299 --> 00:31:29,169

American word well you know the fact

742
00:31:27,880 --> 00:31:31,410
that it's an American waiter means it

743
00:31:29,170 --> 00:31:34,150
can't be accepted grudgingly burton's

744
00:31:31,410 --> 00:31:35,740
yes oh did you try to use a different

745
00:31:34,150 --> 00:31:36,330
word I mean we've got the free thought

746
00:31:35,740 --> 00:31:37,740
of line

747
00:31:36,329 --> 00:31:39,148
over there we use the term critical

748
00:31:37,740 --> 00:31:41,190
thinking is there another phrase or word

749
00:31:39,148 --> 00:31:42,359
you think could be used instead I think

750
00:31:41,190 --> 00:31:44,100
free thought and critical thinking

751
00:31:42,359 --> 00:31:46,379
really summed it up well I'm at the

752
00:31:44,099 --> 00:31:49,288
original words skeptic actually means to

753
00:31:46,380 --> 00:31:51,990
ask questions to try to put any ideas

754
00:31:49,288 --> 00:31:53,490
through logical thought process is 0 it

755
00:31:51,990 --> 00:31:55,409
seems like quite a positive word it's an

756
00:31:53,490 --> 00:31:57,450
it's an active word in the sense that

757
00:31:55,409 --> 00:32:00,240
you're trying to think about whatever

758
00:31:57,450 --> 00:32:03,808
ideas you have in your head but

759
00:32:00,240 --> 00:32:05,429
somewhere along lines it's you no matter

760
00:32:03,808 --> 00:32:07,798
to get all these negative connotations

761
00:32:05,429 --> 00:32:09,360
and it's difficult to protrude but not

762
00:32:07,798 --> 00:32:11,819
just the word itself and I'm into the

763
00:32:09,359 --> 00:32:15,089
ideology that comes with it it comes

764
00:32:11,819 --> 00:32:18,119
with not necessarily taking things at

765
00:32:15,089 --> 00:32:19,589
face value which is pretty hard you know

766
00:32:18,119 --> 00:32:21,689
for the average person to do I'm not

767
00:32:19,589 --> 00:32:23,750
that we're above average but you know

768
00:32:21,690 --> 00:32:26,038
there's this a certain ideology that

769
00:32:23,750 --> 00:32:27,538
skepticism is spouses and that is to

770

00:32:26,038 --> 00:32:30,509
actually really sit down and have a

771
00:32:27,538 --> 00:32:32,519
think and try to find information good

772
00:32:30,509 --> 00:32:34,079
information on whatever it is you're

773
00:32:32,519 --> 00:32:36,028
being presented on all sort of

774
00:32:34,079 --> 00:32:37,528
observable phenomena that is exactly

775
00:32:36,028 --> 00:32:39,298
what Daniel from the three thought

776
00:32:37,528 --> 00:32:40,888
through thought University alliance

777
00:32:39,298 --> 00:32:43,259
tommy said like something both

778
00:32:40,888 --> 00:32:44,638
themselves and the Christians have in

779
00:32:43,259 --> 00:32:46,019
common is that they've sat down had a

780
00:32:44,638 --> 00:32:47,699
bit think about it for a while first

781
00:32:46,019 --> 00:32:51,359
before they've committed to an ideology

782
00:32:47,700 --> 00:32:53,850
or form of thought and a lot of people

783
00:32:51,359 --> 00:32:55,829
can't be asked to and that hmm I can't

784
00:32:53,849 --> 00:32:59,548

be asked no no and that's fair enough

785

00:32:55,829 --> 00:33:01,500

look good to each their own it's not

786

00:32:59,548 --> 00:33:03,450

necessarily about committing to a

787

00:33:01,500 --> 00:33:05,278

particular ideology as it is about

788

00:33:03,450 --> 00:33:08,130

asking questions and this is what's

789

00:33:05,278 --> 00:33:10,980

where skepticism differs quite markedly

790

00:33:08,130 --> 00:33:12,570

from most of the other social movement

791

00:33:10,980 --> 00:33:15,569

said it's not actually about giving the

792

00:33:12,569 --> 00:33:19,079

ideas about asking the questions it's

793

00:33:15,569 --> 00:33:21,298

the actual full process of asking

794

00:33:19,079 --> 00:33:23,490

questions of inquiry is what skepticism

795

00:33:21,298 --> 00:33:25,769

is about isn't not necessarily reaching

796

00:33:23,490 --> 00:33:26,909

the final conclusion have you yourself

797

00:33:25,769 --> 00:33:29,399

ever had any what you might have thought

798

00:33:26,909 --> 00:33:31,500

was paranormal experience you know I

799

00:33:29,398 --> 00:33:34,229
used to think that years and years and

800

00:33:31,500 --> 00:33:36,869
years ago I really felt that it was

801

00:33:34,230 --> 00:33:39,990
before I sort of sudden then barking on

802

00:33:36,869 --> 00:33:41,638
my experience with the sceptical free

803

00:33:39,990 --> 00:33:43,589
thinking you know if we thought critical

804

00:33:41,638 --> 00:33:44,879
analysis so it was so-called thinking

805

00:33:43,589 --> 00:33:47,879
but

806

00:33:44,880 --> 00:33:52,650
I thought I had and I thought it was a

807

00:33:47,880 --> 00:33:53,910
ghost but then you know there's when you

808

00:33:52,650 --> 00:33:55,830
have those sorts of experience this is

809

00:33:53,910 --> 00:33:58,230
very easy to lump an explanation that's

810

00:33:55,829 --> 00:34:00,689
the the most recognizable I most

811

00:33:58,230 --> 00:34:02,849
digestible one and more often than not

812

00:34:00,690 --> 00:34:04,799
it's in line with cultural values and

813
00:34:02,849 --> 00:34:06,689
what is your own personal whoo that gets

814
00:34:04,799 --> 00:34:08,279
you the most what's the one that fires

815
00:34:06,690 --> 00:34:11,340
your up the most every skeptics got

816
00:34:08,280 --> 00:34:13,200
theirs what's yours anti-vaccination is

817
00:34:11,340 --> 00:34:14,850
it because of the way it's represented

818
00:34:13,199 --> 00:34:16,799
because of the possible harm it can do

819
00:34:14,849 --> 00:34:18,569
or just the misrepresentation of science

820
00:34:16,800 --> 00:34:20,879
generally the misrepresentation of

821
00:34:18,570 --> 00:34:22,440
science I don't look I don't care

822
00:34:20,878 --> 00:34:24,569
anything being lambasted every within

823
00:34:22,440 --> 00:34:26,490
the scientific circles if something's

824
00:34:24,570 --> 00:34:28,350
not correct and it's not true in a

825
00:34:26,489 --> 00:34:29,908
demonstrable way it's not true no

826
00:34:28,349 --> 00:34:33,599
vaccination if there were good data

827

00:34:29,909 --> 00:34:36,450
showing that vaccinations were not event

828
00:34:33,599 --> 00:34:38,039
use and that it was harmful if that

829
00:34:36,449 --> 00:34:40,559
would be sent to me tomorrow it's a trot

830
00:34:38,039 --> 00:34:42,509
it's crap you know get rid of it but

831
00:34:40,559 --> 00:34:45,739
there's an enormous amount of data

832
00:34:42,510 --> 00:34:48,600
showing that it works and that the risks

833
00:34:45,739 --> 00:34:51,148
whilst present are so minimal they're

834
00:34:48,599 --> 00:34:52,500
far far lower than the risks of actually

835
00:34:51,148 --> 00:34:54,929
contracting any of the preventable

836
00:34:52,500 --> 00:34:56,610
diseases the anti-vaccination movement

837
00:34:54,929 --> 00:35:00,690
however is completely misrepresented

838
00:34:56,610 --> 00:35:03,360
data and has in fact tried to use data

839
00:35:00,690 --> 00:35:06,869
that is fraudulent the like Wakefield

840
00:35:03,360 --> 00:35:09,030
study orbs making up data sets that are

841
00:35:06,869 --> 00:35:11,130

totally out of line with anything that's

842

00:35:09,030 --> 00:35:13,230

ever been documented do you think I

843

00:35:11,130 --> 00:35:15,990

fires me up did you think that they've

844

00:35:13,230 --> 00:35:18,809

allowed their mistrust of large industry

845

00:35:15,989 --> 00:35:21,779

to overcome their logic yes yes

846

00:35:18,809 --> 00:35:23,460

absolutely that's goes hand in hand with

847

00:35:21,780 --> 00:35:26,100

the anti-vaccination movement there's a

848

00:35:23,460 --> 00:35:27,990

paranoia about the corruption of

849

00:35:26,099 --> 00:35:30,929

pharmaceutical industry there's paranoia

850

00:35:27,989 --> 00:35:33,419

about the corruption of medical services

851

00:35:30,929 --> 00:35:36,149

or the health services industry as well

852

00:35:33,420 --> 00:35:38,280

so it's not just you know Pfizer and

853

00:35:36,150 --> 00:35:40,260

Roche who are mistrusted but also

854

00:35:38,280 --> 00:35:43,890

doctors and there is evidence that this

855

00:35:40,260 --> 00:35:47,340

does go on there is there is evidence

856
00:35:43,889 --> 00:35:49,259
but there is evidence that the the

857
00:35:47,340 --> 00:35:51,600
process which is the scientific process

858
00:35:49,260 --> 00:35:53,610
which is about maintaining integrity is

859
00:35:51,599 --> 00:35:55,860
actually been compromised and I think

860
00:35:53,610 --> 00:35:57,440
the argumentative oxidation lobbyists

861
00:35:55,860 --> 00:36:00,559
use that if

862
00:35:57,440 --> 00:36:02,750
this happens it means science is bad and

863
00:36:00,559 --> 00:36:05,838
what we're saying is that no it does not

864
00:36:02,750 --> 00:36:08,989
mean science as bad it means science is

865
00:36:05,838 --> 00:36:10,489
actually not being used properly if and

866
00:36:08,989 --> 00:36:13,009
when this does good and it does not

867
00:36:10,489 --> 00:36:15,799
represent the majority and what takes

868
00:36:13,010 --> 00:36:17,089
place so and the sorts of issues that

869
00:36:15,800 --> 00:36:18,589
they represent they've tried to

870
00:36:17,088 --> 00:36:22,489
represent as you know being indicative

871
00:36:18,588 --> 00:36:24,318
of vaccinations being this you know

872
00:36:22,489 --> 00:36:26,419
great evil has been unleashed upon

873
00:36:24,318 --> 00:36:28,519
society has not actually been through

874
00:36:26,420 --> 00:36:30,190
any factual information it's been

875
00:36:28,519 --> 00:36:33,559
through other sources that have been

876
00:36:30,190 --> 00:36:35,900
uniquely their own now you've spoken on

877
00:36:33,559 --> 00:36:38,029
coming out as a skeptic what's the best

878
00:36:35,900 --> 00:36:39,650
way to do it with minimal friction to

879
00:36:38,030 --> 00:36:41,930
your friends at work who like astrology

880
00:36:39,650 --> 00:36:44,150
and UPN your parents at the Christmas

881
00:36:41,929 --> 00:36:45,588
table it like to talk about perhaps non

882
00:36:44,150 --> 00:36:47,389
atheistic things if you're an atheist

883
00:36:45,588 --> 00:36:48,440
what's that what's the way to reduce the

884

00:36:47,389 --> 00:36:50,838
friction of you and the people around

885
00:36:48,440 --> 00:36:53,829
you coming out look at I think there's

886
00:36:50,838 --> 00:36:56,029
any prescribed way that you can actually

887
00:36:53,829 --> 00:36:57,289
recommend for anyone to come out

888
00:36:56,030 --> 00:36:59,690
everyone circumstances are different

889
00:36:57,289 --> 00:37:03,529
they're simple friends and family are

890
00:36:59,690 --> 00:37:05,329
different and one person may be

891
00:37:03,530 --> 00:37:07,760
comfortable with the next person may not

892
00:37:05,329 --> 00:37:08,990
i mean i think for any individual it's

893
00:37:07,760 --> 00:37:10,790
important to feel a sense of pride and

894
00:37:08,989 --> 00:37:13,159
being able to assert themselves in a

895
00:37:10,789 --> 00:37:14,960
positive and constructive way and so no

896
00:37:13,159 --> 00:37:16,868
I don't necessarily agree with this but

897
00:37:14,960 --> 00:37:19,760
you don't have necessarily have to be

898
00:37:16,869 --> 00:37:22,010

militant about it or make any formal

899

00:37:19,760 --> 00:37:24,650

announcements about it it's entirely up

900

00:37:22,010 --> 00:37:30,170

to the individual us what they do i do

901

00:37:24,650 --> 00:37:31,849

think that when it comes to you know

902

00:37:30,170 --> 00:37:34,909

making any declarations for example to

903

00:37:31,849 --> 00:37:36,380

family you know you've got to gauge what

904

00:37:34,909 --> 00:37:39,259

your family attitudes are like if

905

00:37:36,380 --> 00:37:42,318

they're extremely anti establishment and

906

00:37:39,260 --> 00:37:44,329

anti medicine then you're much less

907

00:37:42,318 --> 00:37:45,858

likely it's feel comfortable doing it

908

00:37:44,329 --> 00:37:48,500

you know whilst you're living at home

909

00:37:45,858 --> 00:37:49,789

and many many young people still are hmm

910

00:37:48,500 --> 00:37:51,050

well look what are you looking forward

911

00:37:49,789 --> 00:37:52,759

to the rest of the day I mean we've got

912

00:37:51,050 --> 00:37:55,010

the drinks afterwards of course oh yeah

913
00:37:52,760 --> 00:37:57,319
yeah but it's a couple of the few talks

914
00:37:55,010 --> 00:37:59,150
you looking forward to oh you know the

915
00:37:57,318 --> 00:38:01,159
new the talks have actually been moved

916
00:37:59,150 --> 00:38:03,108
around so I'm not sure who's up next but

917
00:38:01,159 --> 00:38:05,509
I've really enjoyed all the talks at off

918
00:38:03,108 --> 00:38:07,199
its I think Jason Browns on an air get

919
00:38:05,510 --> 00:38:08,520
causing their trouble right now I'm

920
00:38:07,199 --> 00:38:10,980
I go in there might have to drag him out

921
00:38:08,519 --> 00:38:13,409
perfect because I'm hoping that someone

922
00:38:10,980 --> 00:38:15,150
will go on start saying some stuff go

923
00:38:13,409 --> 00:38:16,710
crazy and three people have to drag them

924
00:38:15,150 --> 00:38:17,940
from the room that is yet to happen it's

925
00:38:16,710 --> 00:38:19,980
a write-off already called security

926
00:38:17,940 --> 00:38:23,849
don't worry about it movie and thanks

927
00:38:19,980 --> 00:38:26,039
for time oh thank you thank you look to

928
00:38:23,849 --> 00:38:28,859
general attendees here today what's been

929
00:38:26,039 --> 00:38:31,889
the best talk gives in so far definitely

930
00:38:28,858 --> 00:38:34,259
Adams talk about running a high school

931
00:38:31,889 --> 00:38:36,539
skeptical society he was really

932
00:38:34,260 --> 00:38:38,250
entertaining and some great advice for

933
00:38:36,539 --> 00:38:40,108
reaching out to young people in a

934
00:38:38,250 --> 00:38:41,400
respectful way I'm hoping to talk to him

935
00:38:40,108 --> 00:38:42,779
cuz I was busy talking Lucas the

936
00:38:41,400 --> 00:38:43,889
organizer out in the hallway when that

937
00:38:42,780 --> 00:38:45,300
was going on Andrew well what do you

938
00:38:43,889 --> 00:38:47,009
think was the big tip you took away from

939
00:38:45,300 --> 00:38:49,260
getting younger people involved with

940
00:38:47,010 --> 00:38:50,640
skepticism what is the hook the care to

941

00:38:49,260 --> 00:38:53,700
get people in that might tweak their

942
00:38:50,639 --> 00:38:55,049
interest make it fun and engaging talk

943
00:38:53,699 --> 00:38:58,078
about things that they want to talk

944
00:38:55,050 --> 00:39:00,630
about he lets his lessons go off track a

945
00:38:58,079 --> 00:39:03,390
lot big based on what the students want

946
00:39:00,630 --> 00:39:04,858
to talk about what's your favorite whoo

947
00:39:03,389 --> 00:39:06,239
I'm asking it over on that today what is

948
00:39:04,858 --> 00:39:07,650
the whew that gets their goat that a

949
00:39:06,239 --> 00:39:12,239
noise and the most is there one you've

950
00:39:07,650 --> 00:39:14,608
got here is a skipping not particularly

951
00:39:12,239 --> 00:39:18,299
i gave up chiropractic when I learn more

952
00:39:14,608 --> 00:39:20,098
about it yes I until I became involved

953
00:39:18,300 --> 00:39:21,599
the skeptic my law practice are just

954
00:39:20,099 --> 00:39:24,809
people who helped you back whenever saw

955
00:39:21,599 --> 00:39:27,809

you know but no apparently no not any

956

00:39:24,809 --> 00:39:29,699

better than physiotherapy yes sometimes

957

00:39:27,809 --> 00:39:31,259

worse yeah and what's your name I'm

958

00:39:29,699 --> 00:39:33,929

Natalie Natalie have you traveled here

959

00:39:31,260 --> 00:39:35,460

from Sydney from Adelaide actually so

960

00:39:33,929 --> 00:39:40,199

you made the eight-hour Drive did you

961

00:39:35,460 --> 00:39:42,030

fly I flew a special flying person well

962

00:39:40,199 --> 00:39:43,318

I flew in last night too and got him

963

00:39:42,030 --> 00:39:45,510

really late and everything that if your

964

00:39:43,318 --> 00:39:48,269

flight girl from time I I've actually

965

00:39:45,510 --> 00:39:50,400

been here for a whole week so she's been

966

00:39:48,269 --> 00:39:53,579

lording it over people I'm from Adelaide

967

00:39:50,400 --> 00:39:56,220

bow down to me exactly know what have

968

00:39:53,579 --> 00:39:58,500

you enjoyed so far well i was actually i

969

00:39:56,219 --> 00:40:00,779

really loved the taught by adam the

970
00:39:58,500 --> 00:40:05,039
teacher as well that's definitely my

971
00:40:00,780 --> 00:40:06,930
favorite so far too and I do he's just a

972
00:40:05,039 --> 00:40:09,358
very light approach to children I think

973
00:40:06,929 --> 00:40:12,629
he engages with them really in a light

974
00:40:09,358 --> 00:40:14,489
and funny way and also lets them and it

975
00:40:12,630 --> 00:40:18,119
has a huge amount of respect to children

976
00:40:14,489 --> 00:40:21,779
he was saying how really and I

977
00:40:18,119 --> 00:40:23,849
completely agree that you know sometimes

978
00:40:21,780 --> 00:40:26,269
people talk down to children in school

979
00:40:23,849 --> 00:40:28,710
and he was saying just really respect

980
00:40:26,269 --> 00:40:30,659
respect them and you know they've got

981
00:40:28,710 --> 00:40:32,579
too often got a lot to say and he's it

982
00:40:30,659 --> 00:40:34,769
sounds like he's actually learnt a lot

983
00:40:32,579 --> 00:40:37,170
from his children as well 30 teachers

984
00:40:34,769 --> 00:40:40,358
and whatever you work in do you work in

985
00:40:37,170 --> 00:40:43,358
an area where skepticism can be applied

986
00:40:40,358 --> 00:40:45,608
yes I do actually I hadn't thought about

987
00:40:43,358 --> 00:40:47,739
that but but I think skepticism can be

988
00:40:45,608 --> 00:40:50,259
applied and whatever is that I work in a

989
00:40:47,739 --> 00:40:53,440
university for a center for accounting

990
00:40:50,259 --> 00:40:55,509
governance and sustainability so what

991
00:40:53,440 --> 00:40:57,730
sort of woo goes on there do they get

992
00:40:55,509 --> 00:41:02,318
people in to do weed management courses

993
00:40:57,730 --> 00:41:03,548
or something or have to be a bit of

994
00:41:02,318 --> 00:41:05,288
astrology there they'll be able to

995
00:41:03,548 --> 00:41:07,119
astrology in the office wouldn't that oh

996
00:41:05,289 --> 00:41:13,450
there's always astrology in every office

997
00:41:07,119 --> 00:41:17,048
I think I find my pet thing is is

998

00:41:13,449 --> 00:41:19,419
genetically modified organisms and the

999
00:41:17,048 --> 00:41:22,748
whole debate about whether organic food

1000
00:41:19,420 --> 00:41:24,338
is better have a fewer ganic organic

1001
00:41:22,748 --> 00:41:27,098
devotees in the office it you have an

1002
00:41:24,338 --> 00:41:29,650
argument with people that feel very

1003
00:41:27,099 --> 00:41:34,539
strongly or don't understand genetically

1004
00:41:29,650 --> 00:41:35,889
modified technology yeah I do so if you

1005
00:41:34,539 --> 00:41:41,369
think it's a bit of an unnecessary fear

1006
00:41:35,889 --> 00:41:44,230
yes I think it's got a huge benefit for

1007
00:41:41,369 --> 00:41:46,450
helping the feed the world at the moment

1008
00:41:44,230 --> 00:41:50,318
I think it's and people that campaign

1009
00:41:46,449 --> 00:41:51,998
against it they're actually stopping you

1010
00:41:50,318 --> 00:41:53,858
know stopping from better crops from

1011
00:41:51,998 --> 00:41:58,889
being grown in areas that need to

1012
00:41:53,858 --> 00:42:02,348

drought resistant crops and vitamin a

1013

00:41:58,889 --> 00:42:04,028

fortified rice freaks out oh yeah and

1014

00:42:02,349 --> 00:42:05,318

now what do you make of other people who

1015

00:42:04,028 --> 00:42:07,528

have you been meeting other skeptics

1016

00:42:05,318 --> 00:42:10,869

today we've been having a skeptical time

1017

00:42:07,528 --> 00:42:12,730

I've skipped the fest this is this is a

1018

00:42:10,869 --> 00:42:13,749

really social time for me as well as one

1019

00:42:12,730 --> 00:42:16,659

of the main reasons I wanted to come

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00:42:13,748 --> 00:42:17,798

along with the networking it's great to

1021

00:42:16,659 --> 00:42:19,449

actually connect with so many people

1022

00:42:17,798 --> 00:42:22,059

like natto who i have met at other

1023

00:42:19,449 --> 00:42:23,469

events as well hmm and he shoulda been

1024

00:42:22,059 --> 00:42:25,420

lauding the fact she's from Adelaide

1025

00:42:23,469 --> 00:42:27,578

over you oh definitely the first thing

1026

00:42:25,420 --> 00:42:29,079

she said I'm from South Australia we are

1027
00:42:27,579 --> 00:42:31,539
the driest stayed in the driest

1028
00:42:29,079 --> 00:42:32,330
continent in the world except this year

1029
00:42:31,539 --> 00:42:35,240
yeah

1030
00:42:32,329 --> 00:42:37,219
here it's been very wet look both have a

1031
00:42:35,239 --> 00:42:38,569
good time here and look now we have to

1032
00:42:37,219 --> 00:42:40,699
protect the food you think there's

1033
00:42:38,570 --> 00:42:43,100
enough food here if it got way too much

1034
00:42:40,699 --> 00:42:44,500
food here well I'm going to eat some

1035
00:42:43,099 --> 00:42:49,309
more of it have a good day ok thanks

1036
00:42:44,500 --> 00:42:50,900
thank you I look and that look at the

1037
00:42:49,309 --> 00:42:53,299
end of the day now ever thoughts turned

1038
00:42:50,900 --> 00:42:55,490
to serious drinking but thoughts turn to

1039
00:42:53,300 --> 00:42:57,230
to organizing tipis ism on the level at

1040
00:42:55,489 --> 00:42:58,729
school Adam you gave a great talk in

1041
00:42:57,230 --> 00:43:00,260
there which I could me to places once

1042
00:42:58,730 --> 00:43:01,960
and I missed what was the topic of your

1043
00:43:00,260 --> 00:43:04,100
talking I was just talking about the

1044
00:43:01,960 --> 00:43:05,809
skeptical society I've started up in my

1045
00:43:04,099 --> 00:43:07,940
school mill site in the mckean and

1046
00:43:05,809 --> 00:43:09,079
secondary skeptical society and trying

1047
00:43:07,940 --> 00:43:10,940
to give a little bit of advice and

1048
00:43:09,079 --> 00:43:12,319
feedback on how to actually go about

1049
00:43:10,940 --> 00:43:14,539
doing that and what things to keep in

1050
00:43:12,320 --> 00:43:16,160
mind while running such a club what was

1051
00:43:14,539 --> 00:43:19,039
the hardest hurdle you had to overcome

1052
00:43:16,159 --> 00:43:21,529
to get it going in high school to be

1053
00:43:19,039 --> 00:43:23,960
honest so far I haven't had any hurdles

1054
00:43:21,530 --> 00:43:25,490
yet it was a really great turnout we had

1055

00:43:23,960 --> 00:43:27,110
about 100 kids turning up to the first

1056
00:43:25,489 --> 00:43:28,429
stage actually I suppose 100 kids was a

1057
00:43:27,110 --> 00:43:30,890
hurdle because i was on each speaking

1058
00:43:28,429 --> 00:43:34,129
about 30 but now that it's come down to

1059
00:43:30,889 --> 00:43:35,299
more manageable numbers the i suppose a

1060
00:43:34,130 --> 00:43:37,329
hurdle that i would have had is just

1061
00:43:35,300 --> 00:43:39,560
constantly trying to keep it interesting

1062
00:43:37,329 --> 00:43:41,059
engage and how did you tweak their

1063
00:43:39,559 --> 00:43:42,289
interest to get 100 of them turning up

1064
00:43:41,059 --> 00:43:44,119
with what do you think wasn't that fire

1065
00:43:42,289 --> 00:43:45,829
their imagination because that they

1066
00:43:44,119 --> 00:43:47,420
might have put on just like extra school

1067
00:43:45,829 --> 00:43:50,119
work or it's just going to be philosophy

1068
00:43:47,420 --> 00:43:52,159
or something you know yeah partially

1069
00:43:50,119 --> 00:43:53,989

i've got a reputation at the school as

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00:43:52,159 --> 00:43:55,460

being the teacher who's a little bit odd

1071

00:43:53,989 --> 00:43:58,250

and a little bit strange so a

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00:43:55,460 --> 00:43:59,720

troublemaker a little bit yeah and few

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00:43:58,250 --> 00:44:01,280

of the kids actually said they turned up

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00:43:59,719 --> 00:44:03,679

just to see what mr. v was going to be

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00:44:01,280 --> 00:44:05,600

doing but I tried to make a bit of a

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00:44:03,679 --> 00:44:06,980

funny talk at school talk about aliens

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00:44:05,599 --> 00:44:09,500

and things like that tried to get the

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00:44:06,980 --> 00:44:10,309

kids laughing and told them that I was

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00:44:09,500 --> 00:44:12,349

going to be setting up with the

1080

00:44:10,309 --> 00:44:14,900

experiment to try to see anybody at

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00:44:12,349 --> 00:44:16,699

school what psychic or not and we ran

1082

00:44:14,900 --> 00:44:17,990

that experiment through about 60 or so

1083

00:44:16,699 --> 00:44:20,419

kids none of them was psychic

1084
00:44:17,989 --> 00:44:21,799
unfortunately but it was still a good

1085
00:44:20,420 --> 00:44:23,240
time it was still a lot of fun trying to

1086
00:44:21,800 --> 00:44:24,079
find out you know what was going to

1087
00:44:23,239 --> 00:44:26,449
happen

1088
00:44:24,079 --> 00:44:28,039
so you're doing what Michael Sherman was

1089
00:44:26,449 --> 00:44:30,528
saying another week on the show that the

1090
00:44:28,039 --> 00:44:32,690
paranormal is a gateway drug to science

1091
00:44:30,528 --> 00:44:34,818
yeah just about that was one of their

1092
00:44:32,690 --> 00:44:36,259
points i'm hating my talk was that if

1093
00:44:34,818 --> 00:44:38,599
you're going to run a skepticism club

1094
00:44:36,259 --> 00:44:40,309
for kids don't make it a science club if

1095
00:44:38,599 --> 00:44:41,329
you say hey kids i'm starting a science

1096
00:44:40,309 --> 00:44:43,069
club you're going to get a lot of them

1097
00:44:41,329 --> 00:44:44,989
doing science that's crap i'm not going

1098
00:44:43,068 --> 00:44:47,119
to turn up you make it an interesting

1099
00:44:44,989 --> 00:44:48,108
sounding skepticism club kids are going

1100
00:44:47,119 --> 00:44:50,509
to come in and they're going to learn

1101
00:44:48,108 --> 00:44:52,728
science without even realizing it so try

1102
00:44:50,509 --> 00:44:54,769
to trick them into becoming more

1103
00:44:52,728 --> 00:44:56,478
scientifically minded we're trying to

1104
00:44:54,768 --> 00:44:59,118
think of a way on the show too we're

1105
00:44:56,478 --> 00:45:00,558
thinking maybe skepticism or debunking

1106
00:44:59,119 --> 00:45:01,880
maybe then it needs to a different word

1107
00:45:00,559 --> 00:45:03,739
because when you talk critical thinking

1108
00:45:01,880 --> 00:45:05,838
or skepticism people think that there's

1109
00:45:03,739 --> 00:45:07,249
a lot of work involved with thinking or

1110
00:45:05,838 --> 00:45:08,778
philosophy or something new there's

1111
00:45:07,248 --> 00:45:10,608
another word we could use or a term we

1112

00:45:08,778 --> 00:45:13,759
could use it would be a bit more public

1113
00:45:10,608 --> 00:45:15,108
friendly yeah I suppose I mean I only

1114
00:45:13,759 --> 00:45:17,059
think about these things from me you

1115
00:45:15,108 --> 00:45:18,348
know the point of view of a teenager and

1116
00:45:17,059 --> 00:45:19,819
I think from the point of view of a

1117
00:45:18,349 --> 00:45:21,528
teenager we don't use any of those words

1118
00:45:19,818 --> 00:45:22,940
at all I haven't heard anybody say

1119
00:45:21,528 --> 00:45:24,679
debunking in the only time I hear the

1120
00:45:22,940 --> 00:45:27,048
word skepticism is when they refer to

1121
00:45:24,679 --> 00:45:28,669
that as the name of the club it's more

1122
00:45:27,048 --> 00:45:30,559
about from the kids point of view

1123
00:45:28,670 --> 00:45:32,449
getting together and having fun laughing

1124
00:45:30,559 --> 00:45:34,099
at some of the wacky things that people

1125
00:45:32,449 --> 00:45:35,869
get into and then every now and again

1126
00:45:34,099 --> 00:45:37,630

nodding our heads seriously when we

1127
00:45:35,869 --> 00:45:40,849
realize how dangerous that stuff can be

1128
00:45:37,630 --> 00:45:42,559
so I think the promotion of the idea of

1129
00:45:40,849 --> 00:45:44,359
how fun it can be and how interesting

1130
00:45:42,559 --> 00:45:46,009
that type of stuff is that's what seems

1131
00:45:44,358 --> 00:45:47,239
to be getting them and is there

1132
00:45:46,009 --> 00:45:48,769
something the kids have brought to you

1133
00:45:47,239 --> 00:45:51,380
that that found that it's even missed

1134
00:45:48,768 --> 00:45:52,879
your radar that you going back that yeah

1135
00:45:51,380 --> 00:45:54,739
actually just a couple of weeks ago I

1136
00:45:52,880 --> 00:45:56,358
had a comment from a 12 year old girl

1137
00:45:54,739 --> 00:45:57,798
who said mr. v you're trying to teach us

1138
00:45:56,358 --> 00:45:59,630
how to be critical and how to you know

1139
00:45:57,798 --> 00:46:01,190
analyze everything we hear but you

1140
00:45:59,630 --> 00:46:03,949
realize that we all believe everything

1141
00:46:01,190 --> 00:46:05,838
you say without question and that really

1142
00:46:03,949 --> 00:46:07,699
made me step back a bit and go oh yeah

1143
00:46:05,838 --> 00:46:10,248
actually I suppose I'm inadvertently

1144
00:46:07,699 --> 00:46:11,838
teaching me bad habits while trying to

1145
00:46:10,248 --> 00:46:14,298
teach you good habits so that was a very

1146
00:46:11,838 --> 00:46:15,650
good observation there I survived you

1147
00:46:14,298 --> 00:46:17,179
started putting a few extra foot notes

1148
00:46:15,650 --> 00:46:19,489
at the ends of your comments towards

1149
00:46:17,179 --> 00:46:20,989
them well now I've been based on that

1150
00:46:19,489 --> 00:46:22,249
idea I did think one of these days I'm

1151
00:46:20,989 --> 00:46:23,749
going to have to run a session from them

1152
00:46:22,248 --> 00:46:25,759
where I try to teach them something

1153
00:46:23,748 --> 00:46:27,528
that's just absolute crap and see how

1154
00:46:25,759 --> 00:46:29,269
long it takes the kids to go hang on a

1155
00:46:27,528 --> 00:46:30,829
minute that doesn't sound quite right

1156
00:46:29,268 --> 00:46:33,018
what's so you're actually going to run

1157
00:46:30,829 --> 00:46:34,700
the argument from Authority test in

1158
00:46:33,018 --> 00:46:36,259
public with real people

1159
00:46:34,699 --> 00:46:38,389
yeah yeah absolutely try to convince

1160
00:46:36,260 --> 00:46:41,570
Lamu of something that's clearly not

1161
00:46:38,389 --> 00:46:42,559
true and speaking of had a great day

1162
00:46:41,570 --> 00:46:44,119
there's been a lot of arguments from

1163
00:46:42,559 --> 00:46:45,980
Authority and non authority here today

1164
00:46:44,119 --> 00:46:47,420
what do you make it skeptic out Melman I

1165
00:46:45,980 --> 00:46:49,550
think it's been absolutely fantastic

1166
00:46:47,420 --> 00:46:50,990
this has been actually only the second

1167
00:46:49,550 --> 00:46:53,060
skeptical thing I've ever really been to

1168
00:46:50,989 --> 00:46:54,319
I've been really impressed at the the

1169

00:46:53,059 --> 00:46:55,929
quality of the people that have come

1170
00:46:54,320 --> 00:46:57,950
along toward the quality of the talks

1171
00:46:55,929 --> 00:47:00,440
one thing that I'm really thrilled out

1172
00:46:57,949 --> 00:47:01,879
this is about how friendly people are as

1173
00:47:00,440 --> 00:47:03,320
i said on in the second time i've been

1174
00:47:01,880 --> 00:47:05,809
around these people and I felt really

1175
00:47:03,320 --> 00:47:07,338
really welcomed people have come up to

1176
00:47:05,809 --> 00:47:08,989
me and spoken to me been really polite

1177
00:47:07,338 --> 00:47:10,849
really friendly really interesting so

1178
00:47:08,989 --> 00:47:12,348
that's what I've enjoyed more about is

1179
00:47:10,849 --> 00:47:14,450
actually the social aspect and getting

1180
00:47:12,349 --> 00:47:16,579
to meet a whole bunch of people who feel

1181
00:47:14,449 --> 00:47:18,230
the same way about this what is the word

1182
00:47:16,579 --> 00:47:19,400
that tweaked your anger the most in the

1183
00:47:18,230 --> 00:47:25,250

public what's the one that you usually

1184

00:47:19,400 --> 00:47:27,889

makes you see read the fastest I think

1185

00:47:25,250 --> 00:47:29,929

anything that hurts children anything

1186

00:47:27,889 --> 00:47:31,940

that if an adult wants to make a

1187

00:47:29,929 --> 00:47:33,710

decision if it is if an adult decides

1188

00:47:31,940 --> 00:47:35,869

I'm going to follow astrology I'm gonna

1189

00:47:33,710 --> 00:47:37,639

follow homeopathy that upsets me but

1190

00:47:35,869 --> 00:47:38,960

it's their decision it's an adult but

1191

00:47:37,639 --> 00:47:40,309

when I hear about things that are

1192

00:47:38,960 --> 00:47:42,230

affecting children that they're not

1193

00:47:40,309 --> 00:47:44,000

knowledgeable enough or they don't have

1194

00:47:42,230 --> 00:47:45,440

enough power to fighter games that's

1195

00:47:44,000 --> 00:47:47,389

what really gets me when I hear about

1196

00:47:45,440 --> 00:47:49,460

parents forcing their children to take

1197

00:47:47,389 --> 00:47:51,348

homeopathy when I hear about companies

1198
00:47:49,460 --> 00:47:53,210
conning children into buying the power

1199
00:47:51,349 --> 00:47:54,650
balance bracelets those types of things

1200
00:47:53,210 --> 00:47:56,420
where the kids don't have the skills

1201
00:47:54,650 --> 00:47:58,099
that they need to actually recognize it

1202
00:47:56,420 --> 00:47:59,960
for what it is that's what gets nothing

1203
00:47:58,099 --> 00:48:01,818
that's the that's the lowest of the low

1204
00:47:59,960 --> 00:48:03,920
to be hurting kids with that type of

1205
00:48:01,818 --> 00:48:05,690
thing and they look and they you come

1206
00:48:03,920 --> 00:48:07,099
across the international theory it I

1207
00:48:05,690 --> 00:48:09,679
love that one I mean as Erich von

1208
00:48:07,099 --> 00:48:11,539
Daniken be mentioned in your class ah no

1209
00:48:09,679 --> 00:48:13,129
that hasn't come up and honestly it's

1210
00:48:11,539 --> 00:48:14,690
because I don't know enough about it I

1211
00:48:13,130 --> 00:48:15,920
always make sure if I'm going to talk

1212
00:48:14,690 --> 00:48:17,358
about anything it's something that I've

1213
00:48:15,920 --> 00:48:19,309
researched so do you think you could

1214
00:48:17,358 --> 00:48:20,838
possibly bring someone who is on that

1215
00:48:19,309 --> 00:48:22,849
side of the paranormal to give a chat

1216
00:48:20,838 --> 00:48:23,989
and then you debate them do you think it

1217
00:48:22,849 --> 00:48:25,160
ever gets someone that we were willing

1218
00:48:23,989 --> 00:48:27,019
to do that or whether you'd want to do

1219
00:48:25,159 --> 00:48:29,328
that it I would be a little bit

1220
00:48:27,019 --> 00:48:30,710
concerned about that I do plan on one

1221
00:48:29,329 --> 00:48:32,690
day having a debate between two of our

1222
00:48:30,710 --> 00:48:34,639
teachers one of our on climate change

1223
00:48:32,690 --> 00:48:37,159
we've got one teacher who's a very

1224
00:48:34,639 --> 00:48:39,108
hardcore climate denied climate change

1225
00:48:37,159 --> 00:48:40,368
denier and another teacher who's going

1226

00:48:39,108 --> 00:48:42,559
along well with the scientific consensus

1227
00:48:40,369 --> 00:48:44,660
and both of them have actually agreed to

1228
00:48:42,559 --> 00:48:46,000
have a one-on-one public debate in front

1229
00:48:44,659 --> 00:48:47,920
of the students so that's

1230
00:48:46,000 --> 00:48:50,320
that could be an interesting one for the

1231
00:48:47,920 --> 00:48:51,610
future and just before we go I'm just

1232
00:48:50,320 --> 00:48:52,690
wondering if somebody what if other

1233
00:48:51,610 --> 00:48:53,980
people want to get involved in what

1234
00:48:52,690 --> 00:48:54,970
you're doing what's the best way to do

1235
00:48:53,980 --> 00:48:58,000
that if you got a website or something

1236
00:48:54,969 --> 00:48:59,859
we do have a website it's just a Google

1237
00:48:58,000 --> 00:49:01,960
site you can go on to google and do a

1238
00:48:59,860 --> 00:49:04,840
search for McKinnon secondary skeptical

1239
00:49:01,960 --> 00:49:08,170
society or you can find me on Twitter my

1240
00:49:04,840 --> 00:49:09,789

name is van a damn it's VA in a DA mm II

1241
00:49:08,170 --> 00:49:12,010
like van den but with an extra a in

1242
00:49:09,789 --> 00:49:13,449
there and what I'd really love is if

1243
00:49:12,010 --> 00:49:14,860
there's anybody out there that would be

1244
00:49:13,449 --> 00:49:16,480
interested in coming along and giving a

1245
00:49:14,860 --> 00:49:18,430
presentation giving a talk to the kids

1246
00:49:16,480 --> 00:49:19,900
or if they have any resources that they

1247
00:49:18,429 --> 00:49:21,639
think might be useful in giving

1248
00:49:19,900 --> 00:49:23,380
presentations or just having a bit of

1249
00:49:21,639 --> 00:49:25,719
fun educating the students that would be

1250
00:49:23,380 --> 00:49:26,980
absolutely amazing so any air in

1251
00:49:25,719 --> 00:49:29,199
particular you're looking for is there

1252
00:49:26,980 --> 00:49:30,900
any scientific discipline you're looking

1253
00:49:29,199 --> 00:49:34,329
into is if you want a physics teacher

1254
00:49:30,900 --> 00:49:36,010
cosmology not absolutely not i'm happy

1255
00:49:34,329 --> 00:49:37,299
for anybody that things that they've got

1256
00:49:36,010 --> 00:49:38,890
something to share something that they

1257
00:49:37,300 --> 00:49:41,050
think would be beneficial for high

1258
00:49:38,889 --> 00:49:42,429
school students to learn about i'm more

1259
00:49:41,050 --> 00:49:45,220
than happy to have anybody come along

1260
00:49:42,429 --> 00:49:46,539
and have a chat well i think you should

1261
00:49:45,219 --> 00:49:47,769
get a high distinction for just getting

1262
00:49:46,539 --> 00:49:49,300
those kids thinking in the first place

1263
00:49:47,769 --> 00:49:51,869
that's great ah thank you very much

1264
00:49:49,300 --> 00:49:51,870
appreciate that

1265
00:49:52,590 --> 00:49:56,400
I'm just up the back with the cool kids

1266
00:49:54,539 --> 00:49:59,489
at the very end of the day who we got

1267
00:49:56,400 --> 00:50:01,110
here Fiona and Monica okay now what's

1268
00:49:59,489 --> 00:50:03,569
been your favorite part that I so far

1269
00:50:01,110 --> 00:50:05,700
Fiona you've then got one and no it's

1270
00:50:03,570 --> 00:50:07,350
all been really good now with the talks

1271
00:50:05,699 --> 00:50:10,379
what you expected or whether some topics

1272
00:50:07,349 --> 00:50:14,369
you've surprisingly enjoyed I did enjoy

1273
00:50:10,380 --> 00:50:16,920
the one about enemas I was very

1274
00:50:14,369 --> 00:50:18,869
interested that was very interested and

1275
00:50:16,920 --> 00:50:21,420
what about those 18th century like bal

1276
00:50:18,869 --> 00:50:24,329
tickling stuffs with radium in here yeah

1277
00:50:21,420 --> 00:50:25,710
that's a bit scary actually particular

1278
00:50:24,329 --> 00:50:27,150
when they said actual size and the

1279
00:50:25,710 --> 00:50:29,250
things about three feet that was very

1280
00:50:27,150 --> 00:50:31,940
scary oz now yes the gentleman in the

1281
00:50:29,250 --> 00:50:34,380
cartoon did look a bit sorry let's say

1282
00:50:31,940 --> 00:50:36,179
and and what do you make it the the

1283

00:50:34,380 --> 00:50:38,970
people are here tonight today what do

1284
00:50:36,179 --> 00:50:42,329
you think I'm pleasantly surprised about

1285
00:50:38,969 --> 00:50:44,730
how much intelligent four threes and

1286
00:50:42,329 --> 00:50:46,829
there were these irregular faces you'd

1287
00:50:44,730 --> 00:50:49,139
see in a skeptical people there are some

1288
00:50:46,829 --> 00:50:51,420
familiar faces but there's quite a good

1289
00:50:49,139 --> 00:50:53,940
mix of people actually from all walks of

1290
00:50:51,420 --> 00:50:55,409
life by the looks of things and I've

1291
00:50:53,940 --> 00:50:56,639
been asking everyone the key question

1292
00:50:55,409 --> 00:50:58,679
days I've been asking what their

1293
00:50:56,639 --> 00:51:00,269
favorite woo is like it is a kind of

1294
00:50:58,679 --> 00:51:01,500
whoo that you that really get your

1295
00:51:00,269 --> 00:51:02,880
dander up for some people it's the

1296
00:51:01,500 --> 00:51:05,280
anti-vaccination from the people's

1297
00:51:02,880 --> 00:51:06,660

astrology for various UFOs is the one

1298

00:51:05,280 --> 00:51:08,850
that really you you have to fly it

1299

00:51:06,659 --> 00:51:10,969
whenever you said auntie facts and why

1300

00:51:08,849 --> 00:51:14,420
is that exactly because i work in

1301

00:51:10,969 --> 00:51:17,399
disability care and the link between

1302

00:51:14,420 --> 00:51:19,019
vaccinations and autism and you would

1303

00:51:17,400 --> 00:51:20,400
often be getting that from mothers so

1304

00:51:19,019 --> 00:51:22,440
that would be a difficult thing to talk

1305

00:51:20,400 --> 00:51:24,300
about because it's so close to them well

1306

00:51:22,440 --> 00:51:26,909
for order them done Deanna factors are

1307

00:51:24,300 --> 00:51:29,280
playing on their own guilt of having a

1308

00:51:26,909 --> 00:51:31,558
child with a disability and these people

1309

00:51:29,280 --> 00:51:35,400
are targeting vacuum and that

1310

00:51:31,559 --> 00:51:36,509
pisses me off can hear the anger in

1311

00:51:35,400 --> 00:51:38,579
there have you got a will you were

1312
00:51:36,509 --> 00:51:40,889
elegans you know I'm pretty annoyed at

1313
00:51:38,579 --> 00:51:42,900
most of them well perhaps I can ask you

1314
00:51:40,889 --> 00:51:44,518
I'm there was one bit of research that

1315
00:51:42,900 --> 00:51:47,369
came out earlier this year and there

1316
00:51:44,518 --> 00:51:48,988
seemed to be a possible serotonin link

1317
00:51:47,369 --> 00:51:50,818
with autism and I'm just wondering is

1318
00:51:48,989 --> 00:51:53,789
that been investigated at all no it

1319
00:51:50,818 --> 00:51:55,048
hasn't yeah we're about to get in

1320
00:51:53,789 --> 00:51:59,209
trouble I have to go sit down thank you

1321
00:51:55,048 --> 00:51:59,208
enjoy the best either see the pump oh

1322
00:51:59,778 --> 00:52:03,719
that's okay now look I'm talking to

1323
00:52:01,949 --> 00:52:05,459
everyone who's coming along and the few

1324
00:52:03,719 --> 00:52:06,479
people hanging around maybe pick up some

1325
00:52:05,458 --> 00:52:07,889
stuff that was left behind we've got

1326
00:52:06,478 --> 00:52:09,389
Lawrence heal the Highlands how are you

1327
00:52:07,889 --> 00:52:11,308
hey good how are you pretty good now

1328
00:52:09,389 --> 00:52:13,618
how's the tour going is it continuing on

1329
00:52:11,309 --> 00:52:16,079
ah not just finish my tour of my live

1330
00:52:13,619 --> 00:52:18,150
show although I might do some extra

1331
00:52:16,079 --> 00:52:19,739
dates may be in Hobart so there's a bit

1332
00:52:18,150 --> 00:52:22,469
of an exclusive there so what so is

1333
00:52:19,739 --> 00:52:24,809
Hobart like a secret den of skepticism

1334
00:52:22,469 --> 00:52:26,338
we don't know about no my show isn't a

1335
00:52:24,809 --> 00:52:29,099
skepticism show this one is the launch

1336
00:52:26,338 --> 00:52:30,659
loan wants a jetpack show oh I know I'm

1337
00:52:29,099 --> 00:52:32,039
skeptical about that the title but I

1338
00:52:30,659 --> 00:52:33,688
mean well this most scientists are

1339
00:52:32,039 --> 00:52:36,059
skeptical of jet packs they only seem to

1340

00:52:33,688 --> 00:52:37,469
go for like 30 seconds and such but you

1341
00:52:36,059 --> 00:52:39,449
know there are a lot a lot of new jet

1342
00:52:37,469 --> 00:52:41,130
packs around these days I'm going New

1343
00:52:39,449 --> 00:52:43,170
Zealand and money this one goes for

1344
00:52:41,130 --> 00:52:44,670
about half an hour so but is it strictly

1345
00:52:43,170 --> 00:52:46,499
speaking a jet pack it looks like he's

1346
00:52:44,670 --> 00:52:48,659
got a helicopter in the back of it

1347
00:52:46,498 --> 00:52:50,129
where's the jet but you know it's

1348
00:52:48,659 --> 00:52:51,568
strictly speaking it does fly and take

1349
00:52:50,130 --> 00:52:53,849
her from the ground well see you've got

1350
00:52:51,568 --> 00:52:56,130
me one to come to the show oh cool yeah

1351
00:52:53,849 --> 00:52:57,509
yeah so come down to Tasmania if I do it

1352
00:52:56,130 --> 00:52:59,369
in Tasmania we haven't booked it yet but

1353
00:52:57,509 --> 00:53:02,699
I've been all around Australia with the

1354
00:52:59,369 --> 00:53:05,400

show I did in Sydney and Adelaide

1355

00:53:02,699 --> 00:53:07,559

Brisbane Perth and also came back from

1356

00:53:05,400 --> 00:53:08,579

London I did it in London and I saw that

1357

00:53:07,559 --> 00:53:10,528

that's pretty cool what do you make of

1358

00:53:08,579 --> 00:53:12,179

skip de Kamp melbourne today skincare

1359

00:53:10,528 --> 00:53:13,349

melbourne fantastic you know really well

1360

00:53:12,179 --> 00:53:14,999

organized them up going to a conference

1361

00:53:13,349 --> 00:53:17,068

which is free I love going to a

1362

00:53:14,998 --> 00:53:18,988

conference which you know food food yeah

1363

00:53:17,068 --> 00:53:21,449

and also anyone can get up if they want

1364

00:53:18,989 --> 00:53:22,559

to talk about something whatever they're

1365

00:53:21,449 --> 00:53:24,298

passionate about or whatever feel

1366

00:53:22,559 --> 00:53:26,699

they're involved in the whole sort of

1367

00:53:24,298 --> 00:53:28,920

skepticism critical thinking movement

1368

00:53:26,699 --> 00:53:30,358

they they got up there and they talked a

1369
00:53:28,920 --> 00:53:32,489
few issues what was their talk to

1370
00:53:30,358 --> 00:53:34,759
particularly rang your bell quite like

1371
00:53:32,489 --> 00:53:37,440
this this guy could um

1372
00:53:34,760 --> 00:53:40,200
langeberg he's a schoolteacher his math

1373
00:53:37,440 --> 00:53:44,190
teacher actually it's kids called mr. v

1374
00:53:40,199 --> 00:53:45,809
and yeah he did a talk about using

1375
00:53:44,190 --> 00:53:48,470
skepticism in the classroom and he sort

1376
00:53:45,809 --> 00:53:51,929
of holds a little like lunchtime

1377
00:53:48,469 --> 00:53:53,429
skepticism 101 basically classes I was

1378
00:53:51,929 --> 00:53:54,719
talking to him and the way he motivates

1379
00:53:53,429 --> 00:53:56,069
kid is it just by getting them

1380
00:53:54,719 --> 00:53:57,509
interested in stuff doesn't use were

1381
00:53:56,070 --> 00:53:59,039
skepticism critical thinking or

1382
00:53:57,510 --> 00:54:01,170
philosophy doesn't use any of that and

1383
00:53:59,039 --> 00:54:03,000
he uses lots of jokes to which which I

1384
00:54:01,170 --> 00:54:05,420
like yeah so that was really good

1385
00:54:03,000 --> 00:54:09,090
because it's kind of the future of

1386
00:54:05,420 --> 00:54:11,369
skepticism I guess comes from the kids

1387
00:54:09,090 --> 00:54:12,780
since comes from our education so and I

1388
00:54:11,369 --> 00:54:14,820
wish I had classes like that when I was

1389
00:54:12,780 --> 00:54:16,440
a kid me too but right now it's down

1390
00:54:14,820 --> 00:54:18,210
it's down the pub time no that's right

1391
00:54:16,440 --> 00:54:20,130
that's right when I was a kid I was just

1392
00:54:18,210 --> 00:54:22,230
like reading james randi books in the

1393
00:54:20,130 --> 00:54:23,760
library but this it's great to see that

1394
00:54:22,230 --> 00:54:24,900
there's teachers out there who are sort

1395
00:54:23,760 --> 00:54:27,660
of you know teaching critical thinking

1396
00:54:24,900 --> 00:54:29,220
as well look you've done a show on the

1397

00:54:27,659 --> 00:54:30,868
paranormal is there still one area the

1398
00:54:29,219 --> 00:54:32,069
paranormal that still attracts you even

1399
00:54:30,869 --> 00:54:34,470
though you know it's probably not real

1400
00:54:32,070 --> 00:54:36,960
ah yeah well you know there's a lot of

1401
00:54:34,469 --> 00:54:38,789
amazing things out there and you know

1402
00:54:36,960 --> 00:54:41,880
maybe who knows what's going to be out

1403
00:54:38,789 --> 00:54:44,099
there in the future I wouldn't want to

1404
00:54:41,880 --> 00:54:46,680
say too much about that now ok Roddy but

1405
00:54:44,099 --> 00:54:49,349
um ya know but unbelievable was a really

1406
00:54:46,679 --> 00:54:51,569
enjoyable show to make it's kind of good

1407
00:54:49,349 --> 00:54:54,329
to have a I guess it was it's like a

1408
00:54:51,570 --> 00:54:55,680
psychology science-based comedy show and

1409
00:54:54,329 --> 00:54:57,059
of course I couldn't say it was that

1410
00:54:55,679 --> 00:54:58,919
when when I was pitching it i just

1411
00:54:57,059 --> 00:55:01,049

wanted to a show about no testing

1412

00:54:58,920 --> 00:55:03,119

psychics and looking at psychology and

1413

00:55:01,050 --> 00:55:06,690

but without using the word psychology so

1414

00:55:03,119 --> 00:55:09,030

it's kind of a fun way to I guess I want

1415

00:55:06,690 --> 00:55:10,500

say educate people but you know show

1416

00:55:09,030 --> 00:55:12,330

people things that they may not have

1417

00:55:10,500 --> 00:55:14,449

thought of before but in an entertaining

1418

00:55:12,329 --> 00:55:14,449

night

1419

00:55:30,400 --> 00:55:35,269

Richard our seven i can't believe i'm

1420

00:55:33,199 --> 00:55:37,939

back but it's so good to be back how was

1421

00:55:35,269 --> 00:55:40,789

your um your during the show there you

1422

00:55:37,940 --> 00:55:43,909

were practicing your mobile app well no

1423

00:55:40,789 --> 00:55:47,090

the up actually I say moog but it

1424

00:55:43,909 --> 00:55:49,849

probably is mug I was probably mugu yeah

1425

00:55:47,090 --> 00:55:51,680

probably the upshot of the whole

1426
00:55:49,849 --> 00:55:57,469
experience throughout the show is I need

1427
00:55:51,679 --> 00:55:59,089
more practice that was Richard he's

1428
00:55:57,469 --> 00:56:01,489
doing much better than I i well know

1429
00:55:59,090 --> 00:56:03,440
it's good fun it is a lot of fun it's

1430
00:56:01,489 --> 00:56:05,359
like hey I haven't heard many inquiries

1431
00:56:03,440 --> 00:56:07,579
about the the Third Eye Hospital I

1432
00:56:05,360 --> 00:56:09,230
really did expect a few more inquires

1433
00:56:07,579 --> 00:56:11,090
boo to get the Octus difference so I

1434
00:56:09,230 --> 00:56:13,940
could get their fur die if it looked at

1435
00:56:11,090 --> 00:56:16,850
but we need it we need a new a new dr.

1436
00:56:13,940 --> 00:56:18,950
Stefan char he's got to come back well

1437
00:56:16,849 --> 00:56:20,539
the good thing is that that the holidays

1438
00:56:18,949 --> 00:56:22,549
are coming here in Australia the summer

1439
00:56:20,539 --> 00:56:24,259
the summer time is coming the weather's

1440
00:56:22,550 --> 00:56:26,000
getting good and I'm actually a bit of

1441
00:56:24,260 --> 00:56:27,290
time off so there's a bit of chance that

1442
00:56:26,000 --> 00:56:31,219
we might actually get together a bit

1443
00:56:27,289 --> 00:56:33,349
more often I think too that the skeptic

1444
00:56:31,219 --> 00:56:35,899
zone team doctor rachey Joanne been amoo

1445
00:56:33,349 --> 00:56:37,759
Iran and our regulars we're gonna have

1446
00:56:35,900 --> 00:56:39,079
another think tank soon because it's

1447
00:56:37,760 --> 00:56:41,000
very hard to do these days have

1448
00:56:39,079 --> 00:56:43,009
everybody so business so busy but we

1449
00:56:41,000 --> 00:56:44,599
want to sort of plan it normally we meet

1450
00:56:43,010 --> 00:56:46,100
at our favorite club down the end of the

1451
00:56:44,599 --> 00:56:48,110
street can appear elston park ourselves

1452
00:56:46,099 --> 00:56:49,969
the listeners know but this time the

1453
00:56:48,110 --> 00:56:53,120
next time we're gonna do it up in the

1454

00:56:49,969 --> 00:56:56,059
North Shore Oh closer to you ah up the

1455
00:56:53,119 --> 00:56:57,769
road I'll beat it so so Joan around and

1456
00:56:56,059 --> 00:56:59,900
the others don't have to travel to see

1457
00:56:57,769 --> 00:57:01,610
us will travel up to see them find a

1458
00:56:59,900 --> 00:57:03,590
nice club oh that's gonna be awesome a

1459
00:57:01,610 --> 00:57:05,570
big dinner there's a good 1c north ryde

1460
00:57:03,590 --> 00:57:07,880
ourselves quite not yeah we should do

1461
00:57:05,570 --> 00:57:09,380
well we're gonna have to get to you what

1462
00:57:07,880 --> 00:57:11,599
do we'll do it we'll do it think tank

1463
00:57:09,380 --> 00:57:13,280
pretty soon done locked in thanks

1464
00:57:11,599 --> 00:57:15,739
Lissa's thank you Richard thank you good

1465
00:57:13,280 --> 00:57:19,310
to see you back in the country huh i'm

1466
00:57:15,739 --> 00:57:21,919
on i'm going back to a california in

1467
00:57:19,309 --> 00:57:24,889
january and then i'm going to manchester

1468
00:57:21,920 --> 00:57:27,030

in march well how QED or your body clock

1469

00:57:24,889 --> 00:57:31,259
must be totally Kyle Oh

1470

00:57:27,030 --> 00:57:33,960
gone hit the reset button only are on

1471

00:57:31,260 --> 00:57:36,060
the ipad i wish i wish i could i wish i

1472

00:57:33,960 --> 00:57:38,220
wish my bonnie clonk was like the ipad

1473

00:57:36,059 --> 00:57:40,619
reset button in time zones what did I

1474

00:57:38,219 --> 00:57:43,230
return am I now quickly that's done I'm

1475

00:57:40,619 --> 00:57:45,750
done I really well we'll see you at

1476

00:57:43,230 --> 00:57:48,449
another in the same time zone hopefully

1477

00:57:45,750 --> 00:57:54,690
in a week or so time I think so catch a

1478

00:57:48,449 --> 00:57:58,609
soon bye bye you've been listening to

1479

00:57:54,690 --> 00:58:03,300
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00:57:58,610 --> 00:58:07,160
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