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

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

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00:00:22,640 --> 00:00:30,269
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:25,440 --> 00:00:33,270
episode number 203 for the 8th of sep

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00:00:30,269 --> 00:00:36,560
tember 2012 Richard Saunders here with

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00:00:33,270 --> 00:00:39,420
you from a very young overcast and windy

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00:00:36,560 --> 00:00:42,270
strong winds gale force winds gusty

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00:00:39,420 --> 00:00:46,469
winds Sydney Australia on this week's

9
00:00:42,270 --> 00:00:49,530
show well more about Susie now you might

10
00:00:46,469 --> 00:00:51,409
remember I'll episode 200 in fact I read

11
00:00:49,530 --> 00:00:54,030
out day a report that i wrote for

12
00:00:51,409 --> 00:00:56,879
Australian skeptics about our adventures

13
00:00:54,030 --> 00:00:59,969
with the shoes e-band the Shu Zi Qi or

14
00:00:56,880 --> 00:01:01,440
Susie Q I one of these magic response

15
00:00:59,969 --> 00:01:03,420
you strap on your wrist and gives you

16
00:01:01,439 --> 00:01:06,718
more balanced strength flexibility

17
00:01:03,420 --> 00:01:10,109
mental power and unclamp seeeeeee your

18
00:01:06,718 --> 00:01:13,888
blood apparently now at the same time I

19
00:01:10,108 --> 00:01:15,658
was chasing Susie in this country for

20
00:01:13,888 --> 00:01:19,349
the story and hopefully to test which

21
00:01:15,659 --> 00:01:21,740
they didn't do our colleagues in the UK

22
00:01:19,349 --> 00:01:24,358
the Merseyside skeptics society and

23
00:01:21,739 --> 00:01:27,649
don't forget to listen to skeptics with

24
00:01:24,358 --> 00:01:31,048
a que their podcast they were also

25
00:01:27,649 --> 00:01:34,069
trying to get Susie in the UK to come up

26
00:01:31,049 --> 00:01:37,439
and be tested but surprise surprise

27
00:01:34,069 --> 00:01:39,868
Susie have not stepped up to be tested

28
00:01:37,438 --> 00:01:42,508
to put their magical wristband to a

29

00:01:39,868 --> 00:01:46,618
simple test so the Merseyside skeptics

30
00:01:42,509 --> 00:01:48,929
went ahead and tested the band anyway so

31
00:01:46,618 --> 00:01:51,179
to kick off this week's show Michael

32
00:01:48,929 --> 00:01:53,399
Marshall from the Merseyside skeptics

33
00:01:51,179 --> 00:01:56,159
will read the press release accompanying

34
00:01:53,399 --> 00:01:57,899
their video and this has gone viral and

35
00:01:56,159 --> 00:01:59,880
the news has gone viral I'm so happy

36
00:01:57,899 --> 00:02:01,649
lots of news agencies around the world

37
00:01:59,879 --> 00:02:04,458
are covering the fact the Merseyside

38
00:02:01,649 --> 00:02:07,228
skeptics put Susie to a test and

39
00:02:04,459 --> 00:02:09,569
ironically even here in Australia it

40
00:02:07,228 --> 00:02:12,270
made the news which is ironic because in

41
00:02:09,568 --> 00:02:13,949
the press release they quote the work by

42
00:02:12,270 --> 00:02:16,319
Australian skeptics that there you go

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00:02:13,949 --> 00:02:18,748

who cares who cares

44

00:02:16,318 --> 00:02:22,310

Susie Susie where are you come and be

45

00:02:18,748 --> 00:02:26,188

tested no all right that story coming up

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00:02:22,310 --> 00:02:27,810

after that it's back to Tam Las Vegas

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00:02:26,188 --> 00:02:29,938

now I said on last week's show we'd

48

00:02:27,810 --> 00:02:32,819

might have Brian Dunning or Ben Radford

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00:02:29,938 --> 00:02:36,209

I've decided to put on an interview with

50

00:02:32,818 --> 00:02:37,798

Iran sir give instead our very own Iran

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00:02:36,209 --> 00:02:40,378

sir give president of Australian

52

00:02:37,799 --> 00:02:42,659

skeptics and the occasional grain of

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00:02:40,378 --> 00:02:45,858

salt right here on the skeptic zone now

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00:02:42,658 --> 00:02:48,658

Iran has some news for us about his

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00:02:45,859 --> 00:02:50,730

presidency of Australian skeptics so

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00:02:48,658 --> 00:02:53,848

that's a bit of a scoop for the skeptic

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00:02:50,729 --> 00:02:57,030

zone podcast coming up another tan

58
00:02:53,848 --> 00:02:59,789
interview by Maynard then to wrap up the

59
00:02:57,030 --> 00:03:01,560
show I interview Ben and Steve makin all

60
00:02:59,789 --> 00:03:04,168
the way from Edinburgh who were just

61
00:03:01,560 --> 00:03:06,870
visiting Sydney the other day and spoke

62
00:03:04,169 --> 00:03:08,969
at our sydney skeptics in the pub all

63
00:03:06,870 --> 00:03:11,009
about alternative medicine and their

64
00:03:08,968 --> 00:03:13,590
adventures in investigating and even

65
00:03:11,009 --> 00:03:15,959
trying alternative medicine so I have a

66
00:03:13,590 --> 00:03:17,878
nice chat with their meaner in the High

67
00:03:15,959 --> 00:03:20,400
Park which is the big park in the centre

68
00:03:17,878 --> 00:03:22,078
of Sydney about Edinburgh and what they

69
00:03:20,400 --> 00:03:24,569
get up to there and a little bit about

70
00:03:22,079 --> 00:03:27,569
that talk and then we catch up after the

71
00:03:24,568 --> 00:03:29,638
talk may not interviews been makin about

72
00:03:27,568 --> 00:03:31,738
what she thinks about skeptics and bub

73
00:03:29,639 --> 00:03:34,439
and how the talk went and then another

74
00:03:31,739 --> 00:03:35,819
newcomer to skeptics in the pub now

75
00:03:34,438 --> 00:03:40,888
before we start the show a few little

76
00:03:35,818 --> 00:03:42,598
messages visit w WC optics com au for a

77
00:03:40,889 --> 00:03:45,509
number of reasons but if you live in

78
00:03:42,598 --> 00:03:47,518
Sydney the skeptics dinner meeting is

79
00:03:45,508 --> 00:03:50,728
coming up at the end of sep tember

80
00:03:47,519 --> 00:03:54,000
September the 29th more details at the

81
00:03:50,729 --> 00:03:55,079
website now our friends and no Canberra

82
00:03:54,000 --> 00:03:57,840
tell me that there's an interesting

83
00:03:55,079 --> 00:04:01,139
public lecture coming up the WHA thurs

84
00:03:57,840 --> 00:04:02,789
guide to the periodic table well it

85
00:04:01,139 --> 00:04:05,129
sounds lowa good one for budding

86

00:04:02,789 --> 00:04:07,500
scientists out there you can find out

87
00:04:05,128 --> 00:04:10,679
more about that lecture coming up on the

88
00:04:07,500 --> 00:04:12,870
fourteenth of September in the acct at

89
00:04:10,680 --> 00:04:17,009
the Australian National University by

90
00:04:12,870 --> 00:04:20,989
visiting billboard got a nu dot ed u dot

91
00:04:17,009 --> 00:04:24,949
au and clicking the calendar link and

92
00:04:20,988 --> 00:04:27,658
scrolling down to the 14th of sep tember

93
00:04:24,949 --> 00:04:29,400
also from Canberra I've heard word that

94
00:04:27,658 --> 00:04:31,728
there's a newly formed univ

95
00:04:29,399 --> 00:04:34,589
versity of Canberra skeptical society

96
00:04:31,728 --> 00:04:37,740
and well they're very nice sleeper

97
00:04:34,589 --> 00:04:39,060
invited me down for a barbecue I think I

98
00:04:37,740 --> 00:04:42,030
better take them up on that offer

99
00:04:39,060 --> 00:04:44,069
sometime barbecuing that sounds pretty

100
00:04:42,029 --> 00:04:46,758

good to find out more best thing to do

101

00:04:44,069 --> 00:04:50,279

is simply Google University of Canberra

102

00:04:46,759 --> 00:04:53,220

skeptical society they do have a

103

00:04:50,279 --> 00:04:55,469

facebook presence and one last thing

104

00:04:53,220 --> 00:04:57,870

before we get into the skeptic zone the

105

00:04:55,470 --> 00:05:01,289

James Randi Educational Foundation on

106

00:04:57,870 --> 00:05:03,478

their online magazine Swift have

107

00:05:01,288 --> 00:05:07,228

published my account of the recent

108

00:05:03,478 --> 00:05:10,228

million dollar challenge at tam 2012 tam

109

00:05:07,228 --> 00:05:12,538

tam tam in Las Vegas where I helped take

110

00:05:10,228 --> 00:05:18,300

part in testing one Andrew needles and

111

00:05:12,538 --> 00:05:20,129

his directive SR power band you can read

112

00:05:18,300 --> 00:05:24,660

my report and see the video now online

113

00:05:20,129 --> 00:05:26,909

at Randy dot org thank you to everybody

114

00:05:24,660 --> 00:05:30,919

who was involved with that too and now

115
00:05:26,910 --> 00:05:34,410
it's time for me to run downstairs

116
00:05:30,918 --> 00:05:36,299
bypassed the fridge entirely open the

117
00:05:34,410 --> 00:05:40,800
pantry get out the ingredients for

118
00:05:36,300 --> 00:05:43,430
lentil soup cook that and enjoy the

119
00:05:40,800 --> 00:05:43,430
skeptic zone

120
00:06:02,870 --> 00:06:08,780
sport wristband claims nonsensical

121
00:06:06,209 --> 00:06:10,799
technobabble says consumer rights group

122
00:06:08,779 --> 00:06:12,869
sports performance technology

123
00:06:10,800 --> 00:06:15,030
manufacturers shoes Ichi came under fire

124
00:06:12,870 --> 00:06:16,860
today after product tests revealed their

125
00:06:15,029 --> 00:06:19,529
performance enhancing wristband to be

126
00:06:16,860 --> 00:06:21,840
ineffective the 60-pound wristband

127
00:06:19,529 --> 00:06:23,849
spotted by dancing and I star jennifer

128
00:06:21,839 --> 00:06:26,069
ellison on the ITV show earlier in the

129
00:06:23,850 --> 00:06:28,500
year is claimed to contain a proprietary

130
00:06:26,069 --> 00:06:30,810
chip programmed to resonate with blood

131
00:06:28,500 --> 00:06:33,540
cells natural frequencies causing blood

132
00:06:30,810 --> 00:06:34,889
cells to separate a nun clump cleanse

133
00:06:33,540 --> 00:06:36,840
which have been dismissed as meaningless

134
00:06:34,889 --> 00:06:39,659
technobabble by the Merseyside skeptic

135
00:06:36,839 --> 00:06:41,099
society in a video released today the

136
00:06:39,660 --> 00:06:42,900
group enlisted assembly professional

137
00:06:41,100 --> 00:06:44,850
rugby player to pit the real shoes eve

138
00:06:42,899 --> 00:06:47,310
and against an identical the activated

139
00:06:44,850 --> 00:06:49,320
band despite marketing claims that the

140
00:06:47,310 --> 00:06:50,519
product is a player's performance the

141
00:06:49,319 --> 00:06:52,349
demonstration showed that when a player

142
00:06:50,519 --> 00:06:54,449
is unsure which band he's wearing the

143

00:06:52,350 --> 00:06:57,870
60-pound product makes no discernible

144
00:06:54,449 --> 00:06:59,250
difference Michael Marshall verzi vice

145
00:06:57,870 --> 00:07:01,290
president of the Merseyside skeptics

146
00:06:59,250 --> 00:07:02,490
Society explained if the claims shoes

147
00:07:01,290 --> 00:07:04,170
you make about their product are true

148
00:07:02,490 --> 00:07:05,759
we'd expect to see a marked improvement

149
00:07:04,170 --> 00:07:08,550
in the performance of our athlete when

150
00:07:05,759 --> 00:07:10,110
wearing the real band that there was no

151
00:07:08,550 --> 00:07:12,300
clear difference suggests to us what we

152
00:07:10,110 --> 00:07:14,550
suspected all along the bands are little

153
00:07:12,300 --> 00:07:16,530
more than an expensive sports fad backed

154
00:07:14,550 --> 00:07:17,939
up by a raft of claims which may sound

155
00:07:16,529 --> 00:07:21,239
like science but are actually

156
00:07:17,939 --> 00:07:23,040
nonsensical technobabble during the test

157
00:07:21,240 --> 00:07:24,900

the player took 50 kicks wearing the

158

00:07:23,040 --> 00:07:26,970

shoes he flat black sports bracelet and

159

00:07:24,899 --> 00:07:29,250

50 wearing identical bracelet with the

160

00:07:26,970 --> 00:07:31,500

chip removed throughout the test neither

161

00:07:29,250 --> 00:07:33,480

player nor the testers knew which band

162

00:07:31,500 --> 00:07:36,689

was which in order to ensure accuracy

163

00:07:33,480 --> 00:07:38,910

and remove buyers after 100 kicks the

164

00:07:36,689 --> 00:07:40,589

results showed no significant difference

165

00:07:38,910 --> 00:07:42,930

between the Sham band and the real band

166

00:07:40,589 --> 00:07:44,819

casting severe doubt over the company's

167

00:07:42,930 --> 00:07:46,620

claims that the chip stimulates the

168

00:07:44,819 --> 00:07:48,959

separation of blood cells in a person's

169

00:07:46,620 --> 00:07:52,170

body which can help increase blood cell

170

00:07:48,959 --> 00:07:54,149

circulation the video comes in the wake

171

00:07:52,170 --> 00:07:55,140

of consumer action in Australia where

172
00:07:54,149 --> 00:07:56,969
shoes these products have been

173
00:07:55,139 --> 00:07:58,439
challenged resulting in the company

174
00:07:56,970 --> 00:08:00,690
withdrawing their trade from the country

175
00:07:58,439 --> 00:08:02,699
after an investigation by the Australian

176
00:08:00,689 --> 00:08:04,259
skeptics shoes were offered a hundred

177
00:08:02,699 --> 00:08:05,969
thousand dollars to prove their product

178
00:08:04,259 --> 00:08:08,819
worked a challenge they initially

179
00:08:05,970 --> 00:08:09,990
accepted for later back tracking the

180
00:08:08,819 --> 00:08:11,909
latest test was carried out by the

181
00:08:09,990 --> 00:08:15,000
Merseyside skeptics society after

182
00:08:11,910 --> 00:08:16,439
to work with Suzy directly stalled we

183
00:08:15,000 --> 00:08:18,660
originally approached using in June

184
00:08:16,439 --> 00:08:20,189
voicing our concerns at first there

185
00:08:18,660 --> 00:08:21,600
seemed keen to offer us proof that their

186
00:08:20,189 --> 00:08:24,779
products were anything more than another

187
00:08:21,600 --> 00:08:26,310
expensive sports fat said Marshall when

188
00:08:24,779 --> 00:08:28,229
shoes he stopped returning our emails

189
00:08:26,310 --> 00:08:30,149
and calls we decided to test their

190
00:08:28,230 --> 00:08:31,950
bracelet for ourselves and it's fair to

191
00:08:30,149 --> 00:08:34,500
say the results didn't surprise us too

192
00:08:31,949 --> 00:08:36,689
much if shoes he still believed their

193
00:08:34,500 --> 00:08:38,399
product really works we'd love to see

194
00:08:36,690 --> 00:08:39,870
their evidence and I'd certainly be

195
00:08:38,399 --> 00:08:42,779
happy to work with him in conducting

196
00:08:39,870 --> 00:08:44,340
another test otherwise consumers should

197
00:08:42,779 --> 00:08:52,439
be aware that these products simply

198
00:08:44,340 --> 00:08:53,820
don't live up to the marketing hype yeah

199
00:08:52,440 --> 00:08:55,710
aight guys i was talking to Richard

200

00:08:53,820 --> 00:08:57,810
solvency today all right he said if we

201
00:08:55,710 --> 00:08:59,940
record a trailer for our podcast

202
00:08:57,809 --> 00:09:01,589
skeptics with a que he'd play it on

203
00:08:59,940 --> 00:09:03,000
there unless you're nice nice of him

204
00:09:01,590 --> 00:09:04,139
that's very generous it's pretty good

205
00:09:03,000 --> 00:09:06,269
i'm not sure what we could do though I

206
00:09:04,139 --> 00:09:08,639
mean well suppose you tell people shows

207
00:09:06,269 --> 00:09:10,889
about but it's basically this yeah but

208
00:09:08,639 --> 00:09:12,539
yeah but you know we talk about science

209
00:09:10,889 --> 00:09:13,740
and skepticism and things that's that's

210
00:09:12,539 --> 00:09:15,689
true as fuzzier you mentioned the

211
00:09:13,740 --> 00:09:17,399
website address what merseyside skeptics

212
00:09:15,690 --> 00:09:19,020
talk about UK yeah yeah just like

213
00:09:17,399 --> 00:09:20,699
searches night UN's oh and then we could

214
00:09:19,019 --> 00:09:24,480

end with like a big song like the

215

00:09:20,700 --> 00:09:31,650

skeptics with okay god no no no no don't

216

00:09:24,480 --> 00:09:33,129

don't do that here's may not spooky

217

00:09:31,649 --> 00:09:36,240

action

218

00:09:33,129 --> 00:09:36,240

at the distance

219

00:09:36,360 --> 00:09:40,778

well we're in the back room now and I'll

220

00:09:38,649 --> 00:09:42,639

tell you what all the the backroom

221

00:09:40,778 --> 00:09:43,958

things are here which means nothing

222

00:09:42,639 --> 00:09:46,060

basically the rooms pretty much empty

223

00:09:43,958 --> 00:09:48,429

like my head I've been talking to so

224

00:09:46,059 --> 00:09:52,059

many people here at tam but not this guy

225

00:09:48,429 --> 00:09:54,188

here who we got here hi it's Iran he's

226

00:09:52,059 --> 00:09:55,568

here and he's wearing his pink shirt is

227

00:09:54,188 --> 00:09:58,688

this some sort of in celebration of

228

00:09:55,568 --> 00:10:00,179

something celebrating the fact that the

229
00:09:58,688 --> 00:10:02,620
pink shirt was at the top of the pile

230
00:10:00,179 --> 00:10:04,479
now look now look and as you can tell

231
00:10:02,620 --> 00:10:06,220
I've made an effort with my wardrobe

232
00:10:04,480 --> 00:10:08,139
here most of you skeptic to just been

233
00:10:06,220 --> 00:10:10,509
wearing the same thing every day day in

234
00:10:08,139 --> 00:10:13,568
day out even dr. rachy up at me I'm

235
00:10:10,509 --> 00:10:15,579
three outfits a day and I must admit I

236
00:10:13,568 --> 00:10:17,799
got this on because I got tired of

237
00:10:15,578 --> 00:10:19,688
wearing shirts that look like I you know

238
00:10:17,799 --> 00:10:21,698
like I'm in college I'm be too old for

239
00:10:19,688 --> 00:10:24,188
that I suppose from t-shirts with

240
00:10:21,698 --> 00:10:25,659
slogans on them yes and but there have

241
00:10:24,188 --> 00:10:27,338
been some good slogans here have you

242
00:10:25,659 --> 00:10:29,620
seen some t-shirts or some slogan

243
00:10:27,339 --> 00:10:31,389
tonight's a good one I like the ones

244
00:10:29,620 --> 00:10:33,578
that have some some science on them

245
00:10:31,389 --> 00:10:35,799
there was there's a t-shirt that that's

246
00:10:33,578 --> 00:10:38,578
quite well known that shows the graph of

247
00:10:35,799 --> 00:10:41,620
what's predicted weather you know

248
00:10:38,578 --> 00:10:43,899
background radiation from the big band

249
00:10:41,620 --> 00:10:45,278
where that's supposed to be and it shows

250
00:10:43,899 --> 00:10:47,740
what the prediction was and where it

251
00:10:45,278 --> 00:10:49,929
actually is in under it it says science

252
00:10:47,740 --> 00:10:52,000
it works which is which is great and

253
00:10:49,929 --> 00:10:53,799
there's now a similar one for the Higgs

254
00:10:52,000 --> 00:10:55,120
boson where it was predicted to be and

255
00:10:53,799 --> 00:10:57,969
he chose the graph for where it actually

256
00:10:55,120 --> 00:10:59,828
is so I like these kind of shirts I

257

00:10:57,970 --> 00:11:02,170
haven't seen any particularly funny ones

258
00:10:59,828 --> 00:11:03,878
this time but look I like all the photos

259
00:11:02,169 --> 00:11:06,669
of Carl Sagan on the shirts to it

260
00:11:03,879 --> 00:11:08,740
looking pretty cool yeah I would like

261
00:11:06,669 --> 00:11:10,509
that but again photos and things brought

262
00:11:08,740 --> 00:11:13,028
it'll probably do not go for that now

263
00:11:10,509 --> 00:11:16,449
you were very inspired by the keynote

264
00:11:13,028 --> 00:11:19,000
talk yesterday I thought I'm not sure it

265
00:11:16,448 --> 00:11:21,758
was you know did Jamy Ian Swiss yeah

266
00:11:19,000 --> 00:11:23,799
Jamie and Swiss I thought he's talked

267
00:11:21,759 --> 00:11:25,928
you know I came out of the room and I

268
00:11:23,799 --> 00:11:29,349
said this is the best talk I've heard at

269
00:11:25,928 --> 00:11:32,980
am you know that's four times now three

270
00:11:29,350 --> 00:11:34,540
in Vegas and one in Australia and then

271
00:11:32,980 --> 00:11:36,819

after a few minutes weren't thinking

272

00:11:34,539 --> 00:11:39,068

about even more I thought no this is

273

00:11:36,818 --> 00:11:42,568

actually the best talk about skepticism

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00:11:39,068 --> 00:11:47,428

I've ever heard it was a combination of

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00:11:42,568 --> 00:11:51,519

insightful passionate enthusiastic

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00:11:47,428 --> 00:11:52,870

clever it was it was just inspiring this

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00:11:51,519 --> 00:11:55,269

there's no other way to describe it i

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00:11:52,870 --> 00:11:56,889

hope they'll put I spoke to DJ and I

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00:11:55,269 --> 00:11:59,078

hope they'll put it online very very

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00:11:56,889 --> 00:12:00,579

soon because I think people need to see

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00:11:59,078 --> 00:12:02,318

it people within this skeptical movement

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00:12:00,578 --> 00:12:03,578

need to see it because it addresses a

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00:12:02,318 --> 00:12:06,759

lot of the issues because this has been

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00:12:03,578 --> 00:12:08,229

a controversial tam in some ways but for

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00:12:06,759 --> 00:12:09,639

lots of different reasons that there was

286
00:12:08,230 --> 00:12:11,438
the Rebecca issue but there's also been

287
00:12:09,639 --> 00:12:13,568
different issues with libertarians and

288
00:12:11,438 --> 00:12:15,669
different issues with various types of

289
00:12:13,568 --> 00:12:17,798
atheists and secular humanists which I

290
00:12:15,669 --> 00:12:19,028
don't understand I don't quite get all

291
00:12:17,798 --> 00:12:21,039
the differences of the going on there

292
00:12:19,028 --> 00:12:23,259
and he was pulling them all together and

293
00:12:21,039 --> 00:12:25,058
saying that yes they're allies but but

294
00:12:23,259 --> 00:12:26,678
don't come into the skeptical movement

295
00:12:25,058 --> 00:12:29,879
and try and change a skeptical movement

296
00:12:26,678 --> 00:12:32,500
yeah and he used it used a very nice

297
00:12:29,879 --> 00:12:35,558
analogy where you basically said he said

298
00:12:32,500 --> 00:12:37,448
I'm happy to invite you into my tent and

299
00:12:35,558 --> 00:12:39,730
I'm happy to accommodate your beliefs

300
00:12:37,448 --> 00:12:41,528
with in my tent if even if they're

301
00:12:39,730 --> 00:12:43,839
different from mine but don't come into

302
00:12:41,528 --> 00:12:45,399
my tent and declare you moving it and I

303
00:12:43,839 --> 00:12:49,899
thought that was that was very strong

304
00:12:45,399 --> 00:12:52,480
and look I I i can but my impression was

305
00:12:49,899 --> 00:12:54,909
that he was referring to yeah feminism

306
00:12:52,480 --> 00:12:57,850
is really important and the fighting

307
00:12:54,909 --> 00:12:59,678
sexism is very important I think that's

308
00:12:57,850 --> 00:13:01,028
the thing he was mostly referring to but

309
00:12:59,678 --> 00:13:02,470
I don't think it was the only thing he

310
00:13:01,028 --> 00:13:03,850
was referring to okay so I think that's

311
00:13:02,470 --> 00:13:05,649
very important I think there were other

312
00:13:03,850 --> 00:13:07,360
political issues going on that I'm not

313
00:13:05,649 --> 00:13:08,740
aware yeah but I think that that's

314

00:13:07,360 --> 00:13:10,149
probably because that that's the primary

315
00:13:08,740 --> 00:13:12,009
one I think he was probably things that

316
00:13:10,149 --> 00:13:14,409
what I think it was trying to say is

317
00:13:12,009 --> 00:13:16,389
don't make that the core issue of The

318
00:13:14,409 --> 00:13:18,188
Skeptical movement because it isn't but

319
00:13:16,389 --> 00:13:19,870
he also referred to atheists of and

320
00:13:18,188 --> 00:13:21,669
secular humanist stuff in and

321
00:13:19,870 --> 00:13:23,278
rationalist and he basically said you

322
00:13:21,669 --> 00:13:26,798
know that there is a reason why I'm

323
00:13:23,278 --> 00:13:28,028
asked why I'm a capital skeptic and it's

324
00:13:26,798 --> 00:13:30,068
that's actually a term that I use quite

325
00:13:28,028 --> 00:13:32,438
a lot capital s skeptic as opposed to

326
00:13:30,068 --> 00:13:34,568
just skeptic with a small s because I

327
00:13:32,438 --> 00:13:36,159
think that it's that that passion for

328
00:13:34,568 --> 00:13:38,678

the idea and all that and discuss the

329

00:13:36,159 --> 00:13:41,198

fact that skepticism is an idea in the

330

00:13:38,678 --> 00:13:44,500

process rather than a position and I

331

00:13:41,198 --> 00:13:48,370

completely agree with him and what he

332

00:13:44,500 --> 00:13:50,860

said was atheism for example said yeah

333

00:13:48,370 --> 00:13:52,839

well I'm an atheist I said I'm an

334

00:13:50,860 --> 00:13:54,220

atheist with an attitude again I could

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00:13:52,839 --> 00:13:55,600

be very easily agree with him on that

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00:13:54,220 --> 00:13:58,298

i'm also an atheist with an attitude

337

00:13:55,600 --> 00:13:59,870

except i'm not an atheist in the sense

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00:13:58,298 --> 00:14:02,389

that i'm not a capital a

339

00:13:59,870 --> 00:14:05,750

I do not believe I don't feel a need to

340

00:14:02,389 --> 00:14:08,419

be active around my atheism plus i think

341

00:14:05,750 --> 00:14:10,639

it's just one thing out of a lot of

342

00:14:08,419 --> 00:14:13,969

things that skepticism has to offer and

343
00:14:10,639 --> 00:14:15,889
that a skepticism encompasses atheism in

344
00:14:13,970 --> 00:14:18,100
a sense because what a tsa is is

345
00:14:15,889 --> 00:14:20,169
skepticism about one specific thing

346
00:14:18,100 --> 00:14:23,540
whereas he believes that skepticism

347
00:14:20,169 --> 00:14:25,250
should be about everything and i

348
00:14:23,539 --> 00:14:27,740
completely agree with him on that hmm

349
00:14:25,250 --> 00:14:30,620
and also he drew on I believe some of

350
00:14:27,740 --> 00:14:32,509
his Southern Baptist upbringing or his

351
00:14:30,620 --> 00:14:34,730
father he's had some religion in his

352
00:14:32,509 --> 00:14:36,019
life because the way he was or he's been

353
00:14:34,730 --> 00:14:37,310
to a couple of religious meetings that's

354
00:14:36,019 --> 00:14:38,899
for sure because the way he was firing

355
00:14:37,309 --> 00:14:42,229
it up towards the end and he really

356
00:14:38,899 --> 00:14:43,429
dumped it on bill maher too yeah well I

357
00:14:42,230 --> 00:14:45,528
agree with him on that as well I think

358
00:14:43,429 --> 00:14:47,449
Bill Maher I can't bear to watch Bill

359
00:14:45,528 --> 00:14:49,309
Maher because he's an atheist in he's

360
00:14:47,450 --> 00:14:50,990
very funny and especially when he talks

361
00:14:49,309 --> 00:14:52,609
about religion it's obviously very funny

362
00:14:50,990 --> 00:14:55,070
to somebody who's in 80s you know like

363
00:14:52,610 --> 00:14:56,899
on our side but I but he's a crackpot

364
00:14:55,070 --> 00:14:58,129
he's a crackpot in every other way and I

365
00:14:56,899 --> 00:15:00,199
don't think that we should embrace

366
00:14:58,129 --> 00:15:04,519
somebody because he agrees with us on

367
00:15:00,200 --> 00:15:06,589
that sees narrow sliver of an idea to

368
00:15:04,519 --> 00:15:08,000
say yes he's one of us one of us no I

369
00:15:06,589 --> 00:15:10,070
don't think he's one of us I don't

370
00:15:08,000 --> 00:15:12,589
consider went to consider him to be a

371

00:15:10,070 --> 00:15:17,720
role model for me or for anyone else

372
00:15:12,589 --> 00:15:20,300
that I that I talk to and I think he's

373
00:15:17,720 --> 00:15:21,889
yeah he's a crackpot he's definitely not

374
00:15:20,299 --> 00:15:23,870
part of this too skeptical movement

375
00:15:21,889 --> 00:15:25,669
despite being an atheist and I think

376
00:15:23,870 --> 00:15:27,500
Steve novella actually said that about

377
00:15:25,669 --> 00:15:31,719
him a long time ago in one of the

378
00:15:27,500 --> 00:15:35,089
podcasts he said that he he is in his an

379
00:15:31,720 --> 00:15:38,240
atheist for the wrong reasons and you

380
00:15:35,089 --> 00:15:39,770
know how you say about you say it's a

381
00:15:38,240 --> 00:15:42,169
common saying that you can't reason

382
00:15:39,769 --> 00:15:43,789
somebody out of the position that they

383
00:15:42,169 --> 00:15:46,879
didn't reason themselves into in the

384
00:15:43,789 --> 00:15:49,610
first place and I am quite sure that

385
00:15:46,879 --> 00:15:51,769

bill maher did not reason himself into

386

00:15:49,610 --> 00:15:54,379

atheism he did not think about the

387

00:15:51,769 --> 00:15:56,269

evidence for God and perhaps the

388

00:15:54,379 --> 00:15:59,659

evidence against god and dutton way that

389

00:15:56,269 --> 00:16:02,179

he just feels that it's you know that

390

00:15:59,659 --> 00:16:04,399

there is no God and similarly he feels

391

00:16:02,179 --> 00:16:06,919

that vaccines are dangerous and he feels

392

00:16:04,399 --> 00:16:08,480

all kinds of other crackpots stuff so I

393

00:16:06,919 --> 00:16:09,559

don't care what he believes I don't care

394

00:16:08,480 --> 00:16:11,690

if you agree you know what I actually

395

00:16:09,559 --> 00:16:12,369

don't care if he agrees me on agrees me

396

00:16:11,690 --> 00:16:14,920

with me on

397

00:16:12,370 --> 00:16:16,839

everything if he agrees with me for the

398

00:16:14,919 --> 00:16:20,049

wrong reasons then I is not part of my

399

00:16:16,839 --> 00:16:23,230

jersey the words of Jamie and Swiss is

400
00:16:20,049 --> 00:16:25,449
not welcome in my tent now it's because

401
00:16:23,230 --> 00:16:27,789
because kepta scizzum is not a position

402
00:16:25,450 --> 00:16:29,440
it is a process and if he doesn't follow

403
00:16:27,789 --> 00:16:31,209
the process then he's not part of the

404
00:16:29,440 --> 00:16:33,160
movement I think this is part of the

405
00:16:31,210 --> 00:16:34,750
problem that the movement has is that

406
00:16:33,159 --> 00:16:36,549
getting across that it's part of a

407
00:16:34,750 --> 00:16:37,480
process because a lot of people don't

408
00:16:36,549 --> 00:16:39,819
want to take part in that process

409
00:16:37,480 --> 00:16:41,980
because it requires hard work or they

410
00:16:39,820 --> 00:16:46,028
perceive it's hard work it is hard work

411
00:16:41,980 --> 00:16:48,190
oh that's why I like it serious I don't

412
00:16:46,028 --> 00:16:53,769
know many things in life that are really

413
00:16:48,190 --> 00:16:56,320
fun really rewarding really give you

414
00:16:53,769 --> 00:16:58,870
something in the long term that are not

415
00:16:56,320 --> 00:17:02,320
hard work hmm which is the opposite of

416
00:16:58,870 --> 00:17:04,990
what we're bombarded with H time um yeah

417
00:17:02,320 --> 00:17:06,370
but again you know it small wins I find

418
00:17:04,990 --> 00:17:08,140
some small little things you know you

419
00:17:06,369 --> 00:17:10,509
have ice cream it's great and all that

420
00:17:08,140 --> 00:17:12,429
but would you live for ice cream I mean

421
00:17:10,509 --> 00:17:16,599
axwell maybe actually maybe that was

422
00:17:12,429 --> 00:17:18,579
wrong about example but the guy from ben

423
00:17:16,599 --> 00:17:20,649
& jerry's actually probably died because

424
00:17:18,578 --> 00:17:23,649
of ice cream than half of the mere no

425
00:17:20,650 --> 00:17:27,189
but my point is that anything really if

426
00:17:23,650 --> 00:17:30,370
you want to do first okay maybe I should

427
00:17:27,189 --> 00:17:32,650
probably say maybe not everybody needs a

428

00:17:30,369 --> 00:17:35,709
cause in their life or something big to

429
00:17:32,650 --> 00:17:38,740
walk towards um and that's fine I

430
00:17:35,710 --> 00:17:41,679
believe that for for me and for a lot of

431
00:17:38,740 --> 00:17:43,329
people around me to have something that

432
00:17:41,679 --> 00:17:45,370
they're passionate about something that

433
00:17:43,329 --> 00:17:48,759
they believe in and he doesn't have to

434
00:17:45,369 --> 00:17:51,159
be a big idea it can be family your

435
00:17:48,759 --> 00:17:53,769
family could be just reading great books

436
00:17:51,160 --> 00:17:57,400
you know it doesn't have to be something

437
00:17:53,769 --> 00:18:00,308
like a big social cause okay but to have

438
00:17:57,400 --> 00:18:03,250
something that you do that rewards you

439
00:18:00,308 --> 00:18:05,289
not just in that very instant when you

440
00:18:03,250 --> 00:18:07,960
do something I think that's really

441
00:18:05,289 --> 00:18:09,730
important I think that it's it's a

442
00:18:07,960 --> 00:18:12,190

richer life you have a richer life if

443

00:18:09,730 --> 00:18:14,079

you have some something like that in

444

00:18:12,190 --> 00:18:17,200

your life where you look at this beyond

445

00:18:14,079 --> 00:18:19,210

the immediate present and apart from

446

00:18:17,200 --> 00:18:20,890

Jamie and swishes talk is it something

447

00:18:19,210 --> 00:18:23,740

that's enriched your enjoyment of the

448

00:18:20,890 --> 00:18:25,840

skeptics movement here this weekend well

449

00:18:23,740 --> 00:18:28,900

you know being being in

450

00:18:25,839 --> 00:18:30,428

this kind of event it so it always makes

451

00:18:28,900 --> 00:18:32,669

me feel really good it's just in terms

452

00:18:30,429 --> 00:18:35,950

of meeting so many people and i've

453

00:18:32,669 --> 00:18:39,759

participated in the workshop and in arm

454

00:18:35,950 --> 00:18:42,278

and you know i gave a paper presentation

455

00:18:39,759 --> 00:18:46,119

this morning and you know what was your

456

00:18:42,278 --> 00:18:47,859

paper about and how was it received my

457
00:18:46,119 --> 00:18:49,839
paper was about the whole ken harvey

458
00:18:47,859 --> 00:18:51,908
affair where you know he was sued and we

459
00:18:49,839 --> 00:18:55,028
helped him cover the costs of the

460
00:18:51,909 --> 00:18:57,789
lawsuit because the despite winning he

461
00:18:55,028 --> 00:19:00,278
was awarded costs by the company went

462
00:18:57,788 --> 00:19:04,658
bankrupt and did not pay him his legal

463
00:19:00,278 --> 00:19:06,788
costs so we organized a donation drive

464
00:19:04,659 --> 00:19:08,260
and lots of people donated so we were

465
00:19:06,788 --> 00:19:09,579
not the ones donating the money but we

466
00:19:08,259 --> 00:19:12,700
arranged the pledge drive and cover his

467
00:19:09,579 --> 00:19:15,428
costs so that was what the talk was

468
00:19:12,700 --> 00:19:17,740
about in essence the reaction to the

469
00:19:15,429 --> 00:19:22,570
talk you see I had me stand on stage you

470
00:19:17,740 --> 00:19:24,099
hardly see the audience oh yeah but you

471
00:19:22,569 --> 00:19:26,500
know the lights in your eyes it's dark

472
00:19:24,099 --> 00:19:28,000
out there maybe afterwards someone might

473
00:19:26,500 --> 00:19:31,869
have come up to or something so there's

474
00:19:28,000 --> 00:19:33,730
two things first of all I heard the the

475
00:19:31,869 --> 00:19:37,329
response from the audience and that

476
00:19:33,730 --> 00:19:40,210
seemed to be good I mean I did they be I

477
00:19:37,329 --> 00:19:41,439
expected obviously some applause at the

478
00:19:40,210 --> 00:19:43,840
end but there were a couple of places

479
00:19:41,440 --> 00:19:46,149
along along the way where the

480
00:19:43,839 --> 00:19:47,859
achievements were applauded rather than

481
00:19:46,148 --> 00:19:52,209
my talk and I thought that was really

482
00:19:47,859 --> 00:19:54,668
good but I've had since then probably I

483
00:19:52,210 --> 00:19:57,278
would say 10 or 12 people already

484
00:19:54,669 --> 00:19:59,049
approached me just to shake my hand and

485

00:19:57,278 --> 00:20:01,119
thanked me for both for the talk and

486
00:19:59,048 --> 00:20:05,288
fall for what we've done with Ken and

487
00:20:01,119 --> 00:20:07,148
you know what it's just this is it

488
00:20:05,288 --> 00:20:09,250
that's enough for six months of hard

489
00:20:07,148 --> 00:20:12,819
work seriously it's just I'm having that

490
00:20:09,250 --> 00:20:14,470
appreciation knowing that people pay you

491
00:20:12,819 --> 00:20:15,879
know we don't do it for that okay we do

492
00:20:14,470 --> 00:20:17,500
it because we think it's important to

493
00:20:15,880 --> 00:20:19,750
help care no we it's important to fight

494
00:20:17,500 --> 00:20:21,250
the anti-vaxxers and all that but you do

495
00:20:19,750 --> 00:20:22,419
need you do need that acknowledgement

496
00:20:21,250 --> 00:20:24,609
anybody who says that they don't need

497
00:20:22,419 --> 00:20:25,720
that acknowledgement is lying and you

498
00:20:24,609 --> 00:20:27,490
know there's some people we see who are

499
00:20:25,720 --> 00:20:30,579

more in the public eye and all that then

500

00:20:27,490 --> 00:20:33,190

me but and I'm happy usually happy to do

501

00:20:30,579 --> 00:20:35,048

things more in the background but I'd be

502

00:20:33,190 --> 00:20:37,720

lying if I would say that it's not you

503

00:20:35,048 --> 00:20:38,509

know it's great it's it's fuel for for

504

00:20:37,720 --> 00:20:40,279

long

505

00:20:38,509 --> 00:20:41,809

time do you think you sometimes feel a

506

00:20:40,279 --> 00:20:44,180

bit more isolated in Australia because

507

00:20:41,809 --> 00:20:46,639

of our physical distance and you know

508

00:20:44,180 --> 00:20:48,529

how the environment we're in there

509

00:20:46,640 --> 00:20:53,050

they're like like scientifically at all

510

00:20:48,529 --> 00:20:56,059

no no we have great contacts with

511

00:20:53,049 --> 00:20:57,950

skeptics in the UK in the u.s. in

512

00:20:56,059 --> 00:21:01,159

particular but in other countries as

513

00:20:57,950 --> 00:21:02,660

well I think we know what we do well I

514
00:21:01,160 --> 00:21:04,700
certainly people have come to the table

515
00:21:02,660 --> 00:21:06,110
and they seem to think that the

516
00:21:04,700 --> 00:21:07,789
Australians have more grassroots

517
00:21:06,109 --> 00:21:10,099
approach and we're doing things that

518
00:21:07,789 --> 00:21:12,829
many skeptics groups elsewhere in the

519
00:21:10,099 --> 00:21:15,109
world aren't doing I think we have a

520
00:21:12,829 --> 00:21:16,699
good reputation in the skeptical

521
00:21:15,109 --> 00:21:19,459
movement as punching above our weight

522
00:21:16,700 --> 00:21:21,019
and getting things done and it's

523
00:21:19,460 --> 00:21:23,299
something that I don't know that it's

524
00:21:21,019 --> 00:21:25,609
actually true that we do more perhaps we

525
00:21:23,299 --> 00:21:29,359
just do things in a different way that

526
00:21:25,609 --> 00:21:31,909
make has more impact or perhaps because

527
00:21:29,359 --> 00:21:33,740
they don't hear about things where we

528
00:21:31,910 --> 00:21:35,360
fail but doesn't happen a lot but you

529
00:21:33,740 --> 00:21:37,430
know I'm surely sometimes we try to do

530
00:21:35,359 --> 00:21:39,740
things and we fail and and they don't

531
00:21:37,430 --> 00:21:42,110
hear it here whether here they they see

532
00:21:39,740 --> 00:21:43,910
both the failures and the successors I

533
00:21:42,109 --> 00:21:46,490
think you know sometimes something

534
00:21:43,910 --> 00:21:48,320
that's further away you tend to have a

535
00:21:46,490 --> 00:21:51,620
different view of it than the objective

536
00:21:48,319 --> 00:21:53,329
view so it's quite possible that their

537
00:21:51,619 --> 00:21:54,589
view is a little bit skewed but you know

538
00:21:53,329 --> 00:21:56,269
what it doesn't really matter that's the

539
00:21:54,589 --> 00:21:58,099
reputation we have and it's a great

540
00:21:56,269 --> 00:22:01,849
reputation to have I'm very pleased with

541
00:21:58,099 --> 00:22:03,529
that I think part of the perhaps problem

542

00:22:01,849 --> 00:22:05,449
it's not a sort of huge problem but I

543
00:22:03,529 --> 00:22:06,889
think too much credit is given to the

544
00:22:05,450 --> 00:22:09,680
organization whereas a lot of the

545
00:22:06,890 --> 00:22:11,210
activities that done by individuals that

546
00:22:09,680 --> 00:22:13,460
are either affiliated with the

547
00:22:11,210 --> 00:22:15,259
organization or not and they could be

548
00:22:13,460 --> 00:22:16,430
supported by us they could be they could

549
00:22:15,259 --> 00:22:18,349
like us and all that but they're

550
00:22:16,430 --> 00:22:20,090
actually doing their own thing ken

551
00:22:18,349 --> 00:22:21,799
MacLeod is obviously a prime example you

552
00:22:20,089 --> 00:22:23,209
know he does a huge amount of work and

553
00:22:21,799 --> 00:22:24,619
he's a member of the skeptic Cesar

554
00:22:23,210 --> 00:22:28,279
subscribe to the magazine but he's not

555
00:22:24,619 --> 00:22:29,959
working on our behalf and he gets help

556
00:22:28,279 --> 00:22:31,639

from us from time to time but he's

557

00:22:29,960 --> 00:22:34,549

definitely not you know part of the

558

00:22:31,640 --> 00:22:37,790

organization in any meaningful way and

559

00:22:34,549 --> 00:22:40,519

we you know and somebody looking from

560

00:22:37,789 --> 00:22:42,559

afar it looks like you know we're

561

00:22:40,519 --> 00:22:44,389

getting credit I think we're getting

562

00:22:42,559 --> 00:22:46,460

credit for his work because he seems to

563

00:22:44,390 --> 00:22:47,960

be working with us hmm and that Richard

564

00:22:46,460 --> 00:22:49,400

Saunders is going to be involved in a

565

00:22:47,960 --> 00:22:50,900

million dollar challenge at sky

566

00:22:49,400 --> 00:22:54,950

only later today I believe is that is

567

00:22:50,900 --> 00:22:56,720

that true yes the Challenger actually

568

00:22:54,950 --> 00:22:59,809

approached Richard because of his work

569

00:22:56,720 --> 00:23:01,130

on the power balance bracelets so

570

00:22:59,809 --> 00:23:03,889

despite the fact that the Challenger is

571
00:23:01,130 --> 00:23:05,720
actually in the US Richard is the one

572
00:23:03,890 --> 00:23:08,540
who was approached and it's a great it's

573
00:23:05,720 --> 00:23:10,460
a great item to test it says it's a

574
00:23:08,539 --> 00:23:13,129
really good one a very brave of him to

575
00:23:10,460 --> 00:23:15,710
come to the the J ref conference and

576
00:23:13,130 --> 00:23:18,110
putting yeah but it happens at every

577
00:23:15,710 --> 00:23:19,069
time so it happened oh I'm not sure

578
00:23:18,109 --> 00:23:20,959
every time but it's happened several

579
00:23:19,069 --> 00:23:24,980
times before where there was a public

580
00:23:20,960 --> 00:23:29,350
million dollar challenge because the the

581
00:23:24,980 --> 00:23:31,579
thing is that these people who come here

582
00:23:29,349 --> 00:23:33,349
believe that they can really do it

583
00:23:31,579 --> 00:23:35,449
people who don't who don't really

584
00:23:33,349 --> 00:23:37,819
believe who know that what they're doing

585
00:23:35,450 --> 00:23:40,160
is a scam or whatever they won't be

586
00:23:37,819 --> 00:23:43,220
tested people who make money out of it

587
00:23:40,160 --> 00:23:46,220
generally won't be tested because they

588
00:23:43,220 --> 00:23:47,900
don't to be proven wrong whereas you

589
00:23:46,220 --> 00:23:51,140
know this is a guy who's quite clearly

590
00:23:47,900 --> 00:23:52,640
may be deluded if it doesn't work if it

591
00:23:51,140 --> 00:23:56,030
turns out that he doesn't work and i

592
00:23:52,640 --> 00:23:57,830
have a hunch on that but see it's a

593
00:23:56,029 --> 00:24:00,049
win-win because if it doesn't work it'll

594
00:23:57,829 --> 00:24:02,299
prove our well that science is ready if

595
00:24:00,049 --> 00:24:03,740
it if it for some reason does work that

596
00:24:02,299 --> 00:24:05,750
means we've discovered a new physical

597
00:24:03,740 --> 00:24:07,130
property that could be at we're all in

598
00:24:05,750 --> 00:24:08,890
for a Nobel Prize i know i'll be putting

599

00:24:07,130 --> 00:24:11,150
my hand up just for being in the room

600
00:24:08,890 --> 00:24:15,290
it's absolutely true but I wouldn't hold

601
00:24:11,150 --> 00:24:16,370
my breath and what we want our prime

602
00:24:15,289 --> 00:24:19,129
minister used to say during last

603
00:24:16,369 --> 00:24:20,659
election campaign so moving forward what

604
00:24:19,130 --> 00:24:21,920
do you think will be happening over the

605
00:24:20,660 --> 00:24:25,870
next couple of months given the

606
00:24:21,920 --> 00:24:28,519
inspiration you've gotten out of time oh

607
00:24:25,869 --> 00:24:30,289
if I'd you did too because you're also

608
00:24:28,519 --> 00:24:31,639
starting a new job so personally you've

609
00:24:30,289 --> 00:24:34,009
got a very challenging a period of

610
00:24:31,640 --> 00:24:35,710
coming up yeah look I've been the

611
00:24:34,009 --> 00:24:41,089
president now for just over three years

612
00:24:35,710 --> 00:24:45,259
started in tune of 2009 and we'll have

613
00:24:41,089 --> 00:24:47,419

our AGM in September and I don't know i

614

00:24:45,259 --> 00:24:49,849

don't think i will be continuing past

615

00:24:47,420 --> 00:24:53,500

that point think three years is long

616

00:24:49,849 --> 00:24:55,459

enough so i will continue to be active

617

00:24:53,500 --> 00:24:57,589

within the committee and all that but

618

00:24:55,460 --> 00:24:59,840

probably not as president so we'll see i

619

00:24:57,589 --> 00:25:01,679

don't know yet as you mentioned I've

620

00:24:59,839 --> 00:25:03,869

started a new job

621

00:25:01,680 --> 00:25:05,400

was it's very hard work it's so hard

622

00:25:03,869 --> 00:25:07,649

actually this new job that I've worked

623

00:25:05,400 --> 00:25:12,630

monday and tuesday and then on Wednesday

624

00:25:07,650 --> 00:25:14,670

went to the u.s. to town oh that guy was

625

00:25:12,630 --> 00:25:18,120

here earlier in the week where's the new

626

00:25:14,670 --> 00:25:20,519

guy so so yeah obviously they knew about

627

00:25:18,119 --> 00:25:23,699

this trip in advance but but yeah but I

628
00:25:20,519 --> 00:25:25,349
wanna it's a it's a good it's a good

629
00:25:23,700 --> 00:25:27,210
professional move for me and I want to

630
00:25:25,349 --> 00:25:29,399
make sure that he works for me I'm for

631
00:25:27,210 --> 00:25:31,380
long-term not just not just for a short

632
00:25:29,400 --> 00:25:32,970
time so I want to dedicate myself to

633
00:25:31,380 --> 00:25:34,590
that you know it took different periods

634
00:25:32,970 --> 00:25:38,130
in your life you want to spend more or

635
00:25:34,589 --> 00:25:39,959
less time on specific things and while

636
00:25:38,130 --> 00:25:41,340
I'm happy to continue to act to be

637
00:25:39,960 --> 00:25:43,230
active within the skeptical movement

638
00:25:41,339 --> 00:25:45,569
I'll probably the specific things that

639
00:25:43,230 --> 00:25:48,390
will probably continue to do the role of

640
00:25:45,569 --> 00:25:50,909
president requires a significant amount

641
00:25:48,390 --> 00:25:52,860
of my time it's at a minimum we're

642
00:25:50,910 --> 00:25:54,900
talking about 3-4 hours a week that's

643
00:25:52,859 --> 00:25:58,409
the bare minimum on very very quiet

644
00:25:54,900 --> 00:26:00,810
weeks and I i need those hours now

645
00:25:58,410 --> 00:26:02,040
perhaps for other things so i don't

646
00:26:00,809 --> 00:26:04,980
think i will be continued i haven't

647
00:26:02,039 --> 00:26:07,259
fully officially decided yet and you

648
00:26:04,980 --> 00:26:08,640
know that the reality is that even if i

649
00:26:07,259 --> 00:26:11,730
don't decide I mean it could be voted

650
00:26:08,640 --> 00:26:13,980
out but but my inclination that this

651
00:26:11,730 --> 00:26:15,779
stage is not to stand against oh I don't

652
00:26:13,980 --> 00:26:17,420
know yes I don't know I again I'll

653
00:26:15,779 --> 00:26:19,649
continue to be active within the

654
00:26:17,420 --> 00:26:22,410
movement and within the committee so

655
00:26:19,650 --> 00:26:24,450
I'll still be around look and I want to

656

00:26:22,410 --> 00:26:25,950
thank people in the movement and

657
00:26:24,450 --> 00:26:27,900
listeners to the skeptic zone for

658
00:26:25,950 --> 00:26:29,910
putting in to get me here and I just

659
00:26:27,900 --> 00:26:31,140
hope I've given enough back I hope

660
00:26:29,910 --> 00:26:32,400
there's enough interviews coming out

661
00:26:31,140 --> 00:26:33,870
here I mean I'm seeing you a couple of

662
00:26:32,400 --> 00:26:35,430
times but you've been doing special

663
00:26:33,869 --> 00:26:37,019
backroom skeptic stuff while you've been

664
00:26:35,430 --> 00:26:38,789
here I guess that's part of in my job

665
00:26:37,019 --> 00:26:40,289
I've been I've being the distraction of

666
00:26:38,789 --> 00:26:41,549
the week to run else while you and

667
00:26:40,289 --> 00:26:44,549
Richard and rates you get on with some

668
00:26:41,549 --> 00:26:47,099
deals going down there yeah well I think

669
00:26:44,549 --> 00:26:49,889
considering the fact that you know this

670
00:26:47,099 --> 00:26:51,899

is now today it's the 15th of July 2012

671

00:26:49,890 --> 00:26:53,910

and because of the amount of interviews

672

00:26:51,900 --> 00:26:58,560

you did this is being played some time

673

00:26:53,910 --> 00:27:00,690

in 2014 it's because I'm flying back to

674

00:26:58,559 --> 00:27:02,279

Australia via soul probably you know I

675

00:27:00,690 --> 00:27:03,779

you know I probably won't get back there

676

00:27:02,279 --> 00:27:06,420

till then I'd say I'm gonna be in my

677

00:27:03,779 --> 00:27:09,299

sixties about how am I get back home is

678

00:27:06,420 --> 00:27:10,460

that a bad thing are you looking back to

679

00:27:09,299 --> 00:27:13,690

get him back to work

680

00:27:10,460 --> 00:27:13,690

looking forward to getting back to work

681

00:27:13,809 --> 00:27:17,690

thank you for time and and more choice

682

00:27:16,400 --> 00:27:19,460

you would put your final message to the

683

00:27:17,690 --> 00:27:21,019

people here like the people that haven't

684

00:27:19,460 --> 00:27:22,519

been to tan before people out there

685
00:27:21,019 --> 00:27:23,569
listening to this going G know what I

686
00:27:22,519 --> 00:27:26,059
don't went on there how would you

687
00:27:23,569 --> 00:27:30,409
describe it just briefly it's the

688
00:27:26,059 --> 00:27:32,509
greatest social gathering of skeptics in

689
00:27:30,410 --> 00:27:34,220
the world and you know the great ox

690
00:27:32,509 --> 00:27:36,259
there were some really fantastic talks

691
00:27:34,220 --> 00:27:38,360
and panels and I've really enjoyed them

692
00:27:36,259 --> 00:27:41,690
but in the end from my perspective the

693
00:27:38,359 --> 00:27:45,079
thing that does this that makes this

694
00:27:41,690 --> 00:27:46,880
kind of conference into the amazing

695
00:27:45,079 --> 00:27:48,199
thing that it is and I'm you know it's

696
00:27:46,880 --> 00:27:50,330
not because the amazing meeting it was

697
00:27:48,200 --> 00:27:53,990
amazing even if it weren't called that

698
00:27:50,329 --> 00:27:56,089
is the social interaction having so many

699
00:27:53,990 --> 00:27:58,370
skeptics in the room at the same time

700
00:27:56,089 --> 00:28:00,019
all talking to each other feeding off

701
00:27:58,369 --> 00:28:02,989
each other telling each other stories

702
00:28:00,019 --> 00:28:06,170
and jokes and and drinking and eating

703
00:28:02,990 --> 00:28:09,349
and going to the pool and you just just

704
00:28:06,170 --> 00:28:12,500
hanging out with with people who we I

705
00:28:09,349 --> 00:28:14,059
would almost say that you feel if you

706
00:28:12,500 --> 00:28:15,589
just feel comfortable you know you can

707
00:28:14,059 --> 00:28:16,779
you know that these people understand

708
00:28:15,589 --> 00:28:20,480
the kind of things that you talk about

709
00:28:16,779 --> 00:28:22,430
the challenges or the skeptical moment

710
00:28:20,480 --> 00:28:24,410
are similar in different countries and

711
00:28:22,430 --> 00:28:26,660
to be able to share all of that is

712
00:28:24,410 --> 00:28:28,040
really fantastic it know it like you

713

00:28:26,660 --> 00:28:29,779
don't want to be with like minded people

714
00:28:28,039 --> 00:28:31,849
all the time that would just be not good

715
00:28:29,779 --> 00:28:33,769
for your personality but occasionally i

716
00:28:31,849 --> 00:28:35,679
can see everyone here it's good to be

717
00:28:33,769 --> 00:28:37,910
with people that are on the same page

718
00:28:35,680 --> 00:28:41,450
absolutely yeah i completely agree with

719
00:28:37,910 --> 00:28:43,750
you you know what an echo chamber is the

720
00:28:41,450 --> 00:28:47,029
worst thing you can have for a skeptic

721
00:28:43,750 --> 00:28:48,529
you do not want people who say yes to

722
00:28:47,029 --> 00:28:49,460
each other all the time but you know one

723
00:28:48,529 --> 00:28:50,839
of the good think one of the things I

724
00:28:49,460 --> 00:28:52,490
really like about skeptical movement is

725
00:28:50,839 --> 00:28:54,589
that it's not it's never even in a

726
00:28:52,490 --> 00:28:56,630
meeting like this it's not an echo

727
00:28:54,589 --> 00:28:58,279

chamber it is you know there are

728

00:28:56,630 --> 00:28:59,780
disagreements people air then people

729

00:28:58,279 --> 00:29:01,700
actually talk about them openly and

730

00:28:59,779 --> 00:29:02,990
freely and it's it's not considered rude

731

00:29:01,700 --> 00:29:04,940
because that's part of being a skeptic

732

00:29:02,990 --> 00:29:06,230
you know and we see that all the time

733

00:29:04,940 --> 00:29:07,940
actually within that you like for

734

00:29:06,230 --> 00:29:09,589
example within the committee like I

735

00:29:07,940 --> 00:29:11,690
can't count I mean I mean the committee

736

00:29:09,589 --> 00:29:14,059
now for about 10 years and I I can't I

737

00:29:11,690 --> 00:29:16,580
couldn't possibly count the number of

738

00:29:14,059 --> 00:29:19,039
times that we have really serious

739

00:29:16,579 --> 00:29:21,409
disagreements and then we go and have

740

00:29:19,039 --> 00:29:23,579
drank together and work on things that

741

00:29:21,410 --> 00:29:25,259
we agree on it just be

742
00:29:23,579 --> 00:29:27,750
having a disagreement within the

743
00:29:25,259 --> 00:29:29,490
skeptical movement is not an indictable

744
00:29:27,750 --> 00:29:32,579
offense it's it's part of being a

745
00:29:29,490 --> 00:29:34,319
skeptic and I find that very very good I

746
00:29:32,579 --> 00:29:36,899
think that's what it's all about well I

747
00:29:34,319 --> 00:29:39,710
ran let's go have a drink okay let's

748
00:29:36,900 --> 00:29:39,710
drink mate

749
00:29:52,980 --> 00:29:58,990
the skeptic magazine the journal from

750
00:29:55,839 --> 00:30:01,178
Australian skeptics subscribe online to

751
00:29:58,990 --> 00:30:05,798
the world's second oldest skeptical

752
00:30:01,179 --> 00:30:09,100
magazine visit w WC apx cambiare you and

753
00:30:05,798 --> 00:30:12,700
click the publication's league you can

754
00:30:09,099 --> 00:30:16,028
also find their over 30 years of back

755
00:30:12,700 --> 00:30:20,519
issues free to download the skeptic

756
00:30:16,028 --> 00:30:20,519
magazine from Australian skeptics

757
00:30:37,470 --> 00:30:42,038
there's nothing like authentic noise

758
00:30:40,000 --> 00:30:43,450
listeners and that dog barking in the

759
00:30:42,038 --> 00:30:45,819
background might give you a clue that

760
00:30:43,450 --> 00:30:47,230
we're in the middle of this park but

761
00:30:45,819 --> 00:30:50,378
we're in the middle of the park in the

762
00:30:47,230 --> 00:30:52,210
middle of Sydney Hyde Park it's sort of

763
00:30:50,378 --> 00:30:54,009
just turning into rush hour there are

764
00:30:52,210 --> 00:30:56,200
buses going about taxis but it's a

765
00:30:54,009 --> 00:30:58,659
beautiful day it was a warm hot sunny

766
00:30:56,200 --> 00:31:00,970
day for this time of year I'm with Ben

767
00:30:58,659 --> 00:31:02,889
and Steve making all the way from one of

768
00:31:00,970 --> 00:31:04,419
my favorite cities in the world we're

769
00:31:02,888 --> 00:31:08,469
from Edinburgh she's jumping the gun

770

00:31:04,419 --> 00:31:11,409
there and as my listeners may well

771
00:31:08,470 --> 00:31:14,048
remember I was very lucky i visited in

772
00:31:11,409 --> 00:31:15,549
bur earlier this year and in fact I

773
00:31:14,048 --> 00:31:17,888
spoke at your skeptics in the pub which

774
00:31:15,548 --> 00:31:20,619
was such a thrill wow did I enjoy that

775
00:31:17,888 --> 00:31:22,778
Ron Levin bro it was a great place so

776
00:31:20,619 --> 00:31:24,289
first of all what brings you to the

777
00:31:22,778 --> 00:31:28,549
middle of Sydney

778
00:31:24,289 --> 00:31:31,759
well I'm a researcher in stroke medicine

779
00:31:28,549 --> 00:31:34,279
and I was lucky enough to win a prize at

780
00:31:31,759 --> 00:31:37,400
the UK stroke from last year and the

781
00:31:34,279 --> 00:31:40,460
prize was to present at the Sydney

782
00:31:37,400 --> 00:31:42,740
australasian stroke for him 2012 which

783
00:31:40,460 --> 00:31:45,019
have in Sydney this year and we thought

784
00:31:42,740 --> 00:31:46,460

what if one of us gets a pain to get

785

00:31:45,019 --> 00:31:48,379

paid for the other one is better come

786

00:31:46,460 --> 00:31:51,620

for a holiday so that's exactly why we

787

00:31:48,380 --> 00:31:53,870

came here good thinking so absolutely so

788

00:31:51,619 --> 00:31:56,719

we're here for a visit we are visiting

789

00:31:53,869 --> 00:32:00,199

Sydney and we're also taking opportunity

790

00:31:56,720 --> 00:32:02,360

to go up to collect cans and queenly

791

00:32:00,200 --> 00:32:04,519

good Oh beautiful yes I've stunningly

792

00:32:02,359 --> 00:32:05,979

beautiful place in the world absolutely

793

00:32:04,519 --> 00:32:08,450

and I'm not getting paid for you

794

00:32:05,980 --> 00:32:11,210

Queensland tourist board now we'll get

795

00:32:08,450 --> 00:32:13,220

to while what you're going to be doing

796

00:32:11,210 --> 00:32:15,259

here in Sydney for us tonight this very

797

00:32:13,220 --> 00:32:19,309

night at the Sydney skeptics in the pub

798

00:32:15,259 --> 00:32:20,990

soon but just before we made our way to

799
00:32:19,309 --> 00:32:22,369
this park we were having a little bit of

800
00:32:20,990 --> 00:32:25,789
a chat about all the wonderful things

801
00:32:22,369 --> 00:32:29,269
that the skeptics get up to in Edinburgh

802
00:32:25,789 --> 00:32:32,180
and I again I just wish I I could fly

803
00:32:29,269 --> 00:32:33,889
there every other week it's just all the

804
00:32:32,180 --> 00:32:35,720
things you get up to that well we're

805
00:32:33,890 --> 00:32:38,870
very very fortunate with Edinburgh

806
00:32:35,720 --> 00:32:41,690
because without Emirates it is the

807
00:32:38,869 --> 00:32:43,399
festival city we have the international

808
00:32:41,690 --> 00:32:45,259
festival we have the fringe which I

809
00:32:43,400 --> 00:32:48,350
think everyone very by thinks of

810
00:32:45,259 --> 00:32:51,559
Edinburgh for and we also have a silence

811
00:32:48,349 --> 00:32:54,109
festival so as well as our monthly

812
00:32:51,559 --> 00:32:56,629
skeptics in the pub talks we also put on

813
00:32:54,109 --> 00:32:59,329
talks and events during the French so

814
00:32:56,630 --> 00:33:02,210
which is just finished it finished a run

815
00:32:59,329 --> 00:33:06,289
through august and we had 21 talks we

816
00:33:02,210 --> 00:33:09,590
had 21 21 20 different talks by

817
00:33:06,289 --> 00:33:13,220
different people not the same talk 21

818
00:33:09,589 --> 00:33:14,899
time we also had cash price is the

819
00:33:13,220 --> 00:33:16,940
founder Edinburgh skeptics put on cash

820
00:33:14,900 --> 00:33:17,980
price i had the pleasure of interviewing

821
00:33:16,940 --> 00:33:21,730
a shoe

822
00:33:17,980 --> 00:33:24,700
yeah yeah so he did his psychic con man

823
00:33:21,730 --> 00:33:26,589
shows and how to talk to the dead yes

824
00:33:24,700 --> 00:33:29,558
and get them to talk back which is

825
00:33:26,589 --> 00:33:33,639
difficult bit and how to predict the

826
00:33:29,558 --> 00:33:38,048
future and how to be a psychic on map

827

00:33:33,640 --> 00:33:40,509
yet rich ash ash and he also did what

828
00:33:38,048 --> 00:33:43,779
about to walking towards that we did he

829
00:33:40,509 --> 00:33:47,379
did the ghost busted tour ghost busted

830
00:33:43,779 --> 00:33:49,690
yes edinburgh trade on being the most

831
00:33:47,380 --> 00:33:52,360
haunted city in Europe or having the

832
00:33:49,690 --> 00:33:53,890
most creative tourist industry depending

833
00:33:52,359 --> 00:33:56,349
on how you look at it and in a huge

834
00:33:53,890 --> 00:33:58,540
industry of ghost tours that take

835
00:33:56,349 --> 00:34:00,519
gullible people round dark and

836
00:33:58,539 --> 00:34:02,798
supposedly haunted locations frighten

837
00:34:00,519 --> 00:34:05,740
them and tell get them to 10 they've had

838
00:34:02,798 --> 00:34:08,500
an experience and ash takes you around

839
00:34:05,740 --> 00:34:11,050
the same locations and tells you the

840
00:34:08,500 --> 00:34:15,340
truth about the ghost which isn't as

841
00:34:11,050 --> 00:34:16,929

popular sadness about Scotland you sort

842

00:34:15,340 --> 00:34:20,649

of cornering the market here on strange

843

00:34:16,929 --> 00:34:22,750

things I mean I you may know I do a show

844

00:34:20,648 --> 00:34:25,179

for schools for school kids and varying

845

00:34:22,750 --> 00:34:26,559

ages and it never fails all the years

846

00:34:25,179 --> 00:34:28,510

I've been doing this show no matter how

847

00:34:26,559 --> 00:34:30,699

young the kids are I say who's heard of

848

00:34:28,510 --> 00:34:32,919

the Loch Ness monster all the kids and

849

00:34:30,699 --> 00:34:35,559

after all these years it's just amazing

850

00:34:32,918 --> 00:34:40,690

but one of our talks at the other thing

851

00:34:35,559 --> 00:34:43,119

was by John Saxton and he's actually he

852

00:34:40,690 --> 00:34:44,800

trained as a zoologist photo his illness

853

00:34:43,119 --> 00:34:47,050

Phyllis a zoologist but he's got a very

854

00:34:44,800 --> 00:34:50,800

nice little sideline in research that he

855

00:34:47,050 --> 00:34:53,320

does for fun which is about Messi's

856
00:34:50,800 --> 00:34:57,340
about the Loch Ness monster and he's he

857
00:34:53,320 --> 00:34:59,289
looks at the sightings of the Loch Ness

858
00:34:57,340 --> 00:35:02,289
monster how many of them there have been

859
00:34:59,289 --> 00:35:04,090
and how far away and so on so now the

860
00:35:02,289 --> 00:35:07,179
thing that was really nice about this

861
00:35:04,090 --> 00:35:10,030
for us putting on a dress skeptics and

862
00:35:07,179 --> 00:35:13,059
skeptics on the fringe was the Charles

863
00:35:10,030 --> 00:35:16,420
is managed to get himself sponsored he

864
00:35:13,059 --> 00:35:17,650
sponsored you could say kind of by drug

865
00:35:16,420 --> 00:35:21,490
company

866
00:35:17,650 --> 00:35:24,820
Oh big farmer um no cry chorus lorem

867
00:35:21,489 --> 00:35:27,159
yeah Craig Kraken rum I see which is

868
00:35:24,820 --> 00:35:30,220
very nice lung and we have emerged a

869
00:35:27,159 --> 00:35:32,710
fairy tale yeah on the monster sea

870
00:35:30,219 --> 00:35:36,009
monster was named that right in LA can

871
00:35:32,710 --> 00:35:40,690
Kraken Kraken I think try it today hey

872
00:35:36,010 --> 00:35:42,700
Mike it something I did KRA que en or

873
00:35:40,690 --> 00:35:44,940
sounds good we're not paid by them no

874
00:35:42,699 --> 00:35:47,710
but if it happened to send at the bottle

875
00:35:44,940 --> 00:35:50,800
so we serve a Charles came to speak for

876
00:35:47,710 --> 00:35:52,059
us for skeptics on the fringe we had we

877
00:35:50,800 --> 00:35:53,920
had a really we've just had a really

878
00:35:52,059 --> 00:35:55,570
really really great festival what is it

879
00:35:53,920 --> 00:35:57,970
about Edinburgh man when I was there I

880
00:35:55,570 --> 00:35:59,320
certainly the response i received that

881
00:35:57,969 --> 00:36:00,579
skeptics in the pub was great was a big

882
00:35:59,320 --> 00:36:02,620
turnout and i thought to myself this is

883
00:36:00,579 --> 00:36:07,469
a city that really likes interesting

884

00:36:02,619 --> 00:36:10,869
things you know it is there's a lot of

885
00:36:07,469 --> 00:36:13,209
things going on we've got a really

886
00:36:10,869 --> 00:36:15,759
active local humanists group who

887
00:36:13,210 --> 00:36:17,679
sponsored something those really great

888
00:36:15,760 --> 00:36:20,170
mentally generous and very very kind of

889
00:36:17,679 --> 00:36:22,599
us of those it may enable us to bring

890
00:36:20,170 --> 00:36:24,599
some much bigger names yeah we're very

891
00:36:22,599 --> 00:36:26,889
grateful to the humanists for that um

892
00:36:24,599 --> 00:36:29,199
what it is about any but I don't know

893
00:36:26,889 --> 00:36:31,599
it's it's it was this because it's

894
00:36:29,199 --> 00:36:33,489
smallish city was this start of it when

895
00:36:31,599 --> 00:36:35,829
it was the city where the Enlightenment

896
00:36:33,489 --> 00:36:40,239
tap started if you have to like people

897
00:36:35,829 --> 00:36:42,009
and it's got a buena idea I've got a

898
00:36:40,239 --> 00:36:44,349

number of universities quite a small

899

00:36:42,010 --> 00:36:46,090

city and there's a lot of people there

900

00:36:44,349 --> 00:36:49,389

who are interested in a lot of things

901

00:36:46,090 --> 00:36:51,370

and a lot of people there who are

902

00:36:49,389 --> 00:36:54,039

curious and in many respects it is a

903

00:36:51,369 --> 00:36:55,719

capital city we do have we have on

904

00:36:54,039 --> 00:37:00,519

Scottish Parliament there will you do it

905

00:36:55,719 --> 00:37:02,049

lovely p.m. so we we do have people who

906

00:37:00,519 --> 00:37:04,690

might otherwise gravitate to other

907

00:37:02,050 --> 00:37:07,300

cities either stay in Edinburgh or

908

00:37:04,690 --> 00:37:09,220

gravitate to it over itself so they're

909

00:37:07,300 --> 00:37:11,560

there just is a lot going on and I think

910

00:37:09,219 --> 00:37:13,209

I really do think that the fact that

911

00:37:11,559 --> 00:37:15,190

we've got the festival's they're really

912

00:37:13,210 --> 00:37:17,818

helps as well on the keepers and then

913
00:37:15,190 --> 00:37:20,969
tell me have they fixed princess 3w

914
00:37:17,818 --> 00:37:23,068
no still a mess SMS we still don't have

915
00:37:20,969 --> 00:37:24,449
any trans now as the folks are building

916
00:37:23,068 --> 00:37:26,038
trams and when I was there earlier in

917
00:37:24,449 --> 00:37:28,440
the year it was like a construction site

918
00:37:26,039 --> 00:37:31,109
was just awful and I thought well they

919
00:37:28,440 --> 00:37:32,699
must be nearly finished no but the trams

920
00:37:31,108 --> 00:37:35,489
have been going on for four years they

921
00:37:32,699 --> 00:37:41,180
are actually if you cited you're more

922
00:37:35,489 --> 00:37:41,179
likely to cite Nessie inside the tram

923
00:37:41,268 --> 00:37:46,288
that's very good I like that thank you

924
00:37:44,059 --> 00:37:47,880
remember that one folks it was like and

925
00:37:46,289 --> 00:37:49,559
they keep changing the closing down

926
00:37:47,880 --> 00:37:51,298
those without any warning if you drive

927
00:37:49,559 --> 00:37:54,359
longer if I doesn't work anymore how

928
00:37:51,298 --> 00:37:56,548
else can I get to now it was a pleasure

929
00:37:54,358 --> 00:37:58,798
as i said to visit any but despite the

930
00:37:56,548 --> 00:38:02,818
trams workings and not being finished

931
00:37:58,798 --> 00:38:04,199
and I really sincerely did enjoy getting

932
00:38:02,818 --> 00:38:07,190
my talk which was about general

933
00:38:04,199 --> 00:38:10,499
skepticism to skeptics in the pub as a

934
00:38:07,190 --> 00:38:13,139
local skateboarder goes by and which

935
00:38:10,498 --> 00:38:15,478
brings you to the topic of tonight

936
00:38:13,139 --> 00:38:17,368
because you're speaking at all skeptics

937
00:38:15,478 --> 00:38:20,669
in the pub guarantee he'll tell me all

938
00:38:17,369 --> 00:38:24,239
about that well we are doing a joint

939
00:38:20,670 --> 00:38:26,099
talk oh um alt Madsen alternative

940
00:38:24,239 --> 00:38:29,728
medicine and entitled where's the harm

941

00:38:26,099 --> 00:38:32,789
and the reason for this is that save as

942
00:38:29,728 --> 00:38:36,028
a doctor knows well meet him about about

943
00:38:32,789 --> 00:38:37,859
medicine yes all right I hope so and I

944
00:38:36,028 --> 00:38:42,630
know rather worrying amount about alt

945
00:38:37,858 --> 00:38:44,788
because I I suffer from migraines and or

946
00:38:42,630 --> 00:38:48,358
join the club yeah and one of the things

947
00:38:44,789 --> 00:38:50,069
with migraines is that you a lot of

948
00:38:48,358 --> 00:38:55,108
plate people will say that they can

949
00:38:50,068 --> 00:38:57,599
treat them or can help with them and

950
00:38:55,108 --> 00:39:01,498
over the years I've tried a short list

951
00:38:57,599 --> 00:39:05,338
of about 31 different things we have on

952
00:39:01,498 --> 00:39:06,988
our list really III only I'm just

953
00:39:05,338 --> 00:39:09,538
showing me the list now I look I don't

954
00:39:06,989 --> 00:39:11,130
doubt it because as my listeners know

955
00:39:09,539 --> 00:39:12,630

who do unfortunately suffer from

956

00:39:11,130 --> 00:39:14,219

migraines when you're in the grip of

957

00:39:12,630 --> 00:39:15,809

wine it's like well I don't care what

958

00:39:14,219 --> 00:39:17,519

what are you going to get I just want

959

00:39:15,809 --> 00:39:20,749

this to stop you know it's debilitating

960

00:39:17,518 --> 00:39:24,448

and also I think a lot of the debater on

961

00:39:20,748 --> 00:39:26,608

Ahmed can be very very polarized and you

962

00:39:24,449 --> 00:39:27,720

can it's very easy to think that people

963

00:39:26,608 --> 00:39:28,829

that are

964

00:39:27,719 --> 00:39:31,949

using alternative or complementary

965

00:39:28,829 --> 00:39:33,719

medicine are two thumb and it's also

966

00:39:31,949 --> 00:39:36,569

very easy to think that the people that

967

00:39:33,719 --> 00:39:39,000

work in that area are deliberate

968

00:39:36,570 --> 00:39:41,760

charlatans yes it's too black and white

969

00:39:39,000 --> 00:39:45,570

yeah and my feeling very strong is it's

970
00:39:41,760 --> 00:39:47,130
a lot more nuanced than that so we we

971
00:39:45,570 --> 00:39:48,960
look at some of those things it's a fun

972
00:39:47,130 --> 00:39:51,480
tool yeah we look at the things where

973
00:39:48,960 --> 00:39:53,280
you've tried and then we look at why

974
00:39:51,480 --> 00:39:56,250
they may have seemed to work at the time

975
00:39:53,280 --> 00:39:59,430
and then we briefly look at what's the

976
00:39:56,250 --> 00:40:01,108
harm but she's usually fairly obvious I

977
00:39:59,429 --> 00:40:03,750
think most people in Australia be aware

978
00:40:01,108 --> 00:40:05,608
of the Penelope Dingle okay I'm

979
00:40:03,750 --> 00:40:09,210
certainly in certainly yes and the

980
00:40:05,608 --> 00:40:10,829
homeopathy yeah those terrible um so

981
00:40:09,210 --> 00:40:14,730
it's even been have a domestic on

982
00:40:10,829 --> 00:40:17,098
stainless reliving our first few days 30

983
00:40:14,730 --> 00:40:18,690
days which recursively saying but I've

984
00:40:17,099 --> 00:40:22,380
tried this and it helped and I'm going

985
00:40:18,690 --> 00:40:26,159
but no other and culminating is with

986
00:40:22,380 --> 00:40:27,690
suggesting some effective so now the

987
00:40:26,159 --> 00:40:31,440
migraines are under control with

988
00:40:27,690 --> 00:40:35,179
triptans and aspirin and beta blockers

989
00:40:31,440 --> 00:40:37,079
so I guess I'm lucky in a way because

990
00:40:35,179 --> 00:40:40,919
they're very common over-the-counter

991
00:40:37,079 --> 00:40:44,789
drug here paracetamol yeah that that

992
00:40:40,920 --> 00:40:47,159
usually at least nulla dumbs it down

993
00:40:44,789 --> 00:40:48,630
that's not the right turn turn hey thr

994
00:40:47,159 --> 00:40:49,949
takes the edge off and I can sort of

995
00:40:48,630 --> 00:40:51,750
operate it's still sort of hanging on

996
00:40:49,949 --> 00:40:53,759
yeah but normally just have to wait

997
00:40:51,750 --> 00:40:56,608
clickers yeah i mean that's that's very

998

00:40:53,760 --> 00:40:58,140
much been my experience as well so your

999
00:40:56,608 --> 00:41:00,029
parakeet or doesn't work for you and you

1000
00:40:58,139 --> 00:41:02,009
have to take four novels know which is

1001
00:41:00,030 --> 00:41:05,700
the thing that that's calling for me is

1002
00:41:02,010 --> 00:41:11,609
that a that the normal dose of aspirin

1003
00:41:05,699 --> 00:41:15,189
is is 300 600 is it yeah 300 his job I'm

1004
00:41:11,608 --> 00:41:17,049
sure she knows yeah and uh

1005
00:41:15,190 --> 00:41:18,490
what are you know year dr. hey other

1006
00:41:17,050 --> 00:41:20,318
lies that you should be taking note then

1007
00:41:18,489 --> 00:41:22,419
who the study showing 900 with actually

1008
00:41:20,318 --> 00:41:23,829
the most effective dates that my brain

1009
00:41:22,420 --> 00:41:25,539
so which I could have been taking all

1010
00:41:23,829 --> 00:41:27,849
the time 20 years I could have been

1011
00:41:25,539 --> 00:41:29,349
taking aspirin and didn't know well I'm

1012
00:41:27,849 --> 00:41:30,880

sure there are migraines and there are

1013

00:41:29,349 --> 00:41:32,200

migraines I must be all individual beast

1014

00:41:30,880 --> 00:41:35,200

depending on the ponder on the

1015

00:41:32,199 --> 00:41:37,659

individual person yeah I think they

1016

00:41:35,199 --> 00:41:41,559

should be probably true and fair I'm

1017

00:41:37,659 --> 00:41:45,639

very very much of the opinion that a lot

1018

00:41:41,559 --> 00:41:48,659

of the topics that of interest of

1019

00:41:45,639 --> 00:41:51,549

skeptics are much more nuanced than we

1020

00:41:48,659 --> 00:41:52,838

give them credit for particularly when

1021

00:41:51,550 --> 00:41:53,950

we're in the company of other skeptics

1022

00:41:52,838 --> 00:41:56,469

because when we're in the company of

1023

00:41:53,949 --> 00:41:59,529

other skeptics we we can end up talking

1024

00:41:56,469 --> 00:42:00,699

in a shorthand along star selves yes one

1025

00:41:59,530 --> 00:42:02,619

of the things that I want to do with

1026

00:42:00,699 --> 00:42:05,439

this talk is just to say well you know

1027
00:42:02,619 --> 00:42:07,210
it's in the words of Ben Goldacre it's a

1028
00:42:05,440 --> 00:42:08,858
little bit more complicated than that I

1029
00:42:07,210 --> 00:42:10,720
like that with that expression he's come

1030
00:42:08,858 --> 00:42:14,019
up yet and it's absolutely so true it's

1031
00:42:10,719 --> 00:42:15,399
so true and and indeed we were on our

1032
00:42:14,019 --> 00:42:18,068
stroll here to the park we were chatting

1033
00:42:15,400 --> 00:42:19,930
about the media and I can tell you for

1034
00:42:18,068 --> 00:42:21,309
the media sake they need things to be

1035
00:42:19,929 --> 00:42:23,828
black and white quite a lot of the time

1036
00:42:21,309 --> 00:42:25,150
so when you introduce something like

1037
00:42:23,829 --> 00:42:26,890
well it's a little bit more complicated

1038
00:42:25,150 --> 00:42:29,710
than that there with them we're not

1039
00:42:26,889 --> 00:42:32,078
interested are they ghosts yes I know

1040
00:42:29,710 --> 00:42:35,740
can you debunk it yes or no yeah sort of

1041
00:42:32,079 --> 00:42:37,839
attitude so yeah so that's really what

1042
00:42:35,739 --> 00:42:39,129
we're trying to do with a talk boom and

1043
00:42:37,838 --> 00:42:41,529
that's great and I notice you've been

1044
00:42:39,130 --> 00:42:43,690
giving this talk in other locations yes

1045
00:42:41,530 --> 00:42:45,700
we're all a bit of a tour we've started

1046
00:42:43,690 --> 00:42:47,139
off in Cork skeptics of of skeptics in

1047
00:42:45,699 --> 00:42:49,899
the castle and they have an amazing

1048
00:42:47,139 --> 00:42:52,179
group there that with in July that was

1049
00:42:49,900 --> 00:42:54,119
in July and the Irish guys are really

1050
00:42:52,179 --> 00:42:57,759
good and really interesting because

1051
00:42:54,119 --> 00:43:00,150
they've I mean them obviously they've

1052
00:42:57,760 --> 00:43:04,030
got their own circumstances in Ireland

1053
00:43:00,150 --> 00:43:07,720
with a very strong Catholic Church that

1054
00:43:04,030 --> 00:43:11,980
they're sort of slowly moving away from

1055

00:43:07,719 --> 00:43:14,649
the we didn't give the talk in skeptics

1056
00:43:11,980 --> 00:43:16,690
in the pub in Dublin mainly because

1057
00:43:14,650 --> 00:43:19,930
skeptics in the pub in Dublin for a long

1058
00:43:16,690 --> 00:43:23,710
time has been just skeptics drinking in

1059
00:43:19,929 --> 00:43:24,879
the pub I'm sure which is great I me

1060
00:43:23,710 --> 00:43:26,829
that's awesome

1061
00:43:24,880 --> 00:43:29,160
so we've given it that we've obviously

1062
00:43:26,829 --> 00:43:32,650
given it time group in Edinburgh yeah

1063
00:43:29,159 --> 00:43:34,838
and now here we are taking it around the

1064
00:43:32,650 --> 00:43:36,838
world yes we can have a big shout out to

1065
00:43:34,838 --> 00:43:39,099
our friends at the skipper corns podcast

1066
00:43:36,838 --> 00:43:41,768
absolutely absolutely it's a great

1067
00:43:39,099 --> 00:43:44,890
podcast skipper course yes that's the

1068
00:43:41,768 --> 00:43:49,899
skeptic of course yeah and corn dog this

1069
00:43:44,889 --> 00:43:51,670

is jaimie or possibly done though these

1070

00:43:49,900 --> 00:43:55,690

colts get chicks a really great great

1071

00:43:51,670 --> 00:43:58,329

we've known comb who runs them for quite

1072

00:43:55,690 --> 00:44:02,519

a long time because we initially met him

1073

00:43:58,329 --> 00:44:05,980

on douglas adams the HD GT website in

1074

00:44:02,518 --> 00:44:08,739

1999 yes well so a long time ago if

1075

00:44:05,980 --> 00:44:10,298

other viable but for your skeptics

1076

00:44:08,739 --> 00:44:13,028

captain well now I've always but I've

1077

00:44:10,298 --> 00:44:16,179

always been critical in my thinking yes

1078

00:44:13,028 --> 00:44:17,710

just not effective they're doing the act

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00:44:16,179 --> 00:44:19,960

already folks that they're just they're

1080

00:44:17,710 --> 00:44:21,639

warming up as we speak what I'm really

1081

00:44:19,960 --> 00:44:23,259

looking forward to tonight store I'm

1082

00:44:21,639 --> 00:44:25,358

sure all the people who come to Sydney

1083

00:44:23,259 --> 00:44:27,730

skeptics in the pub are going to enjoy

1084
00:44:25,358 --> 00:44:30,190
it immensely are you going to take it

1085
00:44:27,730 --> 00:44:32,500
anywhere else maybe well anyone wanted

1086
00:44:30,190 --> 00:44:35,528
to invite herself yes absolutely yes

1087
00:44:32,500 --> 00:44:37,210
definitely open for invitations I'm very

1088
00:44:35,528 --> 00:44:40,690
happy obviously to do it anywhere in the

1089
00:44:37,210 --> 00:44:42,970
UK and very happy whenever we go on our

1090
00:44:40,690 --> 00:44:44,650
travels to try and find another skeptics

1091
00:44:42,969 --> 00:44:46,209
group yes I haven't heard it haven't

1092
00:44:44,650 --> 00:44:48,220
seen it but I can sincerely recommend it

1093
00:44:46,210 --> 00:44:50,528
works if you're having a skeptics

1094
00:44:48,219 --> 00:44:52,028
convention or a conference I just look

1095
00:44:50,528 --> 00:44:54,099
at the the show notes for this episode

1096
00:44:52,028 --> 00:44:56,768
to find out more well Baron Steve what a

1097
00:44:54,099 --> 00:44:59,710
pleasure it is to see you here in in

1098
00:44:56,768 --> 00:45:02,229
sunny sunny Sydney beautiful day a

1099
00:44:59,710 --> 00:45:05,259
gorgeous day a huge climate shock for us

1100
00:45:02,230 --> 00:45:07,298
having come off of one of the longest

1101
00:45:05,259 --> 00:45:11,079
coldest wettest most horrible summers in

1102
00:45:07,298 --> 00:45:12,849
Edinburgh mmm to see sunshine yeah it's

1103
00:45:11,079 --> 00:45:13,560
great we had about a week of Sun shone

1104
00:45:12,849 --> 00:45:17,340
ended with

1105
00:45:13,559 --> 00:45:20,429
yeah yes week I actually I was probably

1106
00:45:17,340 --> 00:45:22,740
a day to be and that was in a crush yeah

1107
00:45:20,429 --> 00:45:26,099
may don't something have either of you

1108
00:45:22,739 --> 00:45:28,019
been to Loch Ness yes yes we have no but

1109
00:45:26,099 --> 00:45:30,960
we didn't see the monster no you know

1110
00:45:28,019 --> 00:45:35,159
but nice run up further use the rum

1111
00:45:30,960 --> 00:45:37,650
again then cry likes them okay thank you

1112

00:45:35,159 --> 00:45:41,339
once again and oh wow why don't we

1113
00:45:37,650 --> 00:45:46,139
slowly make our way to the pub hey thank

1114
00:45:41,340 --> 00:45:47,820
you very much well hey we've got a

1115
00:45:46,139 --> 00:45:50,069
Scottish visitor what's your name my

1116
00:45:47,820 --> 00:45:52,230
name is been makin and look I heard you

1117
00:45:50,070 --> 00:45:54,059
talk about leg waxing there and I

1118
00:45:52,230 --> 00:45:55,559
couldn't agree more they're just just

1119
00:45:54,059 --> 00:45:57,389
listens let me fill you in she was

1120
00:45:55,559 --> 00:45:58,799
talking about various different ways and

1121
00:45:57,389 --> 00:46:00,839
alternative treatments you've had and

1122
00:45:58,800 --> 00:46:02,640
you brought up leg waxing and look I've

1123
00:46:00,840 --> 00:46:05,130
had the the back crack and sack myself

1124
00:46:02,639 --> 00:46:07,409
and I've got to say you do get in a very

1125
00:46:05,130 --> 00:46:11,460
intimate relationship with your with

1126
00:46:07,409 --> 00:46:16,170

your genital waxer don't you sir yes yes

1127

00:46:11,460 --> 00:46:19,230

you see it happens doesn't it indeed I

1128

00:46:16,170 --> 00:46:23,519

do feel very strongly that leg waxes and

1129

00:46:19,230 --> 00:46:25,740

any kind of waxes underappreciated in

1130

00:46:23,519 --> 00:46:28,860

terms of providing a therapeutic service

1131

00:46:25,739 --> 00:46:30,449

and the therapeutic support because it

1132

00:46:28,860 --> 00:46:32,490

is as you say such an intimate

1133

00:46:30,449 --> 00:46:35,730

relationship and they need to distract

1134

00:46:32,489 --> 00:46:39,959

you from the pain so they they ask

1135

00:46:35,730 --> 00:46:42,990

caring kind considerations and it's the

1136

00:46:39,960 --> 00:46:45,090

exact equivalent to doctors sort of say

1137

00:46:42,989 --> 00:46:47,759

just a little prick with a needle bang

1138

00:46:45,090 --> 00:46:49,559

so there we go and what did you make

1139

00:46:47,760 --> 00:46:51,000

about crowd here tonight what kind of

1140

00:46:49,559 --> 00:46:52,619

people do we get along here is it a

1141
00:46:51,000 --> 00:46:56,130
fairly rough crowd you think there are

1142
00:46:52,619 --> 00:46:58,469
rum drinkers late into the night and the

1143
00:46:56,130 --> 00:47:01,860
the skeptics right here I have to say

1144
00:46:58,469 --> 00:47:04,049
I've been really lovely we we've done is

1145
00:47:01,860 --> 00:47:08,099
talk in coral reef dammit in Edinburgh

1146
00:47:04,050 --> 00:47:10,289
and in Edinburgh it was we had much much

1147
00:47:08,099 --> 00:47:12,539
tougher set of questions yeah we've been

1148
00:47:10,289 --> 00:47:14,789
very welcome to being made very very

1149
00:47:12,539 --> 00:47:17,250
friendly we've been fed we've been we've

1150
00:47:14,789 --> 00:47:19,559
been provided with with with drink and

1151
00:47:17,250 --> 00:47:22,050
look I've been to the Edinburgh Festival

1152
00:47:19,559 --> 00:47:24,059
number of times and the rivalry between

1153
00:47:22,050 --> 00:47:25,818
Edinburgh and Glasgow is just amazing

1154
00:47:24,059 --> 00:47:29,659
but Glasgow they fight dirty

1155
00:47:25,818 --> 00:47:33,528
they they will they do Tai Chi I mean

1156
00:47:29,659 --> 00:47:35,690
they do well can you set it yeah no I i

1157
00:47:33,528 --> 00:47:37,608
lived in class go for a while I really

1158
00:47:35,690 --> 00:47:39,829
like Glasgow City I'm not living in

1159
00:47:37,608 --> 00:47:42,009
Edinburgh and that's also great as you

1160
00:47:39,829 --> 00:47:46,519
can tell I'm English I'm not Scottish

1161
00:47:42,009 --> 00:47:48,889
and are very very much like both cities

1162
00:47:46,518 --> 00:47:50,208
they both got amazing qualities about

1163
00:47:48,889 --> 00:47:53,958
them but they have it such a rivalry

1164
00:47:50,208 --> 00:47:55,728
that they they do indeed and I'm way off

1165
00:47:53,958 --> 00:47:57,048
to hereafter and what would you like

1166
00:47:55,728 --> 00:47:58,489
you're skeptical journey to take you

1167
00:47:57,048 --> 00:47:59,838
next you're going around the world you

1168
00:47:58,489 --> 00:48:01,219
want to do a bit of Scandinavia think

1169

00:47:59,838 --> 00:48:02,778
the Arctic Circle where's your

1170
00:48:01,219 --> 00:48:04,190
skepticism man take your next well I

1171
00:48:02,778 --> 00:48:05,478
lived in Sweden for a while and

1172
00:48:04,190 --> 00:48:08,239
thoroughly enjoyed it they'll have

1173
00:48:05,478 --> 00:48:10,548
actually been above the Arctic Circle in

1174
00:48:08,239 --> 00:48:12,108
the in both summer and winter so that

1175
00:48:10,548 --> 00:48:14,630
was good but not particularly with a

1176
00:48:12,108 --> 00:48:16,068
skeptic journey in terms of a skeptic

1177
00:48:14,630 --> 00:48:18,829
journey where would I like to go next

1178
00:48:16,068 --> 00:48:21,409
and while we're going up to Cannes and

1179
00:48:18,829 --> 00:48:23,420
we're going to Queensland and then we're

1180
00:48:21,409 --> 00:48:25,608
going back to edinboro we will buckle

1181
00:48:23,420 --> 00:48:27,199
down for the winter and batten down the

1182
00:48:25,608 --> 00:48:28,909
hatches all you can really do in

1183
00:48:27,199 --> 00:48:30,409

Edinburgh in fact I must remind people

1184

00:48:28,909 --> 00:48:32,958

if you're drinking in Edinburgh in

1185

00:48:30,409 --> 00:48:34,848

winter don't fall asleep outside cuz

1186

00:48:32,958 --> 00:48:37,788

you'll die indeed and you there's no

1187

00:48:34,849 --> 00:48:39,650

need to put ice and drinks because they

1188

00:48:37,789 --> 00:48:42,049

will be that cold and I see you've got

1189

00:48:39,650 --> 00:48:44,209

some badges on a denim jacket very early

1190

00:48:42,048 --> 00:48:46,670

Bananarama style there now I can't see

1191

00:48:44,208 --> 00:48:48,528

any Duran Duran or classic Nouveau or

1192

00:48:46,670 --> 00:48:50,059

Vizag badgers there there's no new

1193

00:48:48,528 --> 00:48:54,380

romantic badges on your jacket at all

1194

00:48:50,059 --> 00:48:57,769

but i do have a sketch is impalas match

1195

00:48:54,380 --> 00:49:01,608

ah and i also have a badge for QED which

1196

00:48:57,768 --> 00:49:04,968

is the conference that was put on by

1197

00:49:01,608 --> 00:49:07,338

mercy skeptics and the skeptics in

1198
00:49:04,969 --> 00:49:09,409
Manchester yeah and they had the hardest

1199
00:49:07,338 --> 00:49:12,170
quiz show podcast to that mu Z skeptics

1200
00:49:09,409 --> 00:49:16,699
a quiz show podcast is really hard and

1201
00:49:12,170 --> 00:49:18,318
they do they do indeed how can you

1202
00:49:16,699 --> 00:49:20,509
answer those questions well we look

1203
00:49:18,318 --> 00:49:22,639
forward to having you back again I we

1204
00:49:20,509 --> 00:49:25,519
very much look forward to being here we

1205
00:49:22,639 --> 00:49:27,108
have had such a great time and we have

1206
00:49:25,518 --> 00:49:28,939
such a warm welcome from Australian

1207
00:49:27,108 --> 00:49:31,819
skeptics Oh give my regards to Hadrian's

1208
00:49:28,940 --> 00:49:34,190
Wall I'm out of course

1209
00:49:31,820 --> 00:49:35,990
and now we've got a first timer hits

1210
00:49:34,190 --> 00:49:38,150
kept against in the publisher name my

1211
00:49:35,989 --> 00:49:39,769
name is Mickel now what makes a merchant

1212
00:49:38,150 --> 00:49:41,210
bank I want to come along to a skeptics

1213
00:49:39,769 --> 00:49:43,219
night because there's a fair bit of whoo

1214
00:49:41,210 --> 00:49:44,929
who involved in merchant banking a lot

1215
00:49:43,219 --> 00:49:46,789
of holding on and praying at the market

1216
00:49:44,929 --> 00:49:50,089
goes up or whatever well that's true i

1217
00:49:46,789 --> 00:49:51,710
think for me the biggest the thing that

1218
00:49:50,090 --> 00:49:53,570
pisses me off really is when your work

1219
00:49:51,710 --> 00:49:55,220
in a bank as a lot of regulation the

1220
00:49:53,570 --> 00:49:57,289
things you can't do you can shut down a

1221
00:49:55,219 --> 00:50:00,799
bank if we sell people things that we

1222
00:49:57,289 --> 00:50:04,039
lied about but in like medicine you can

1223
00:50:00,800 --> 00:50:07,490
you can make lots of claims and get away

1224
00:50:04,039 --> 00:50:09,199
with it at least in fake medicine okay

1225
00:50:07,489 --> 00:50:11,029
and you heard a bit about alternative

1226

00:50:09,199 --> 00:50:13,099
medicine here what is the is that the

1227
00:50:11,030 --> 00:50:16,190
area of whew that interests you the most

1228
00:50:13,099 --> 00:50:18,099
is alternative medicine no I think it's

1229
00:50:16,190 --> 00:50:21,110
just that that's the area that gets me

1230
00:50:18,099 --> 00:50:23,900
annoyed more I think a lot of them are

1231
00:50:21,110 --> 00:50:25,220
fun like UFOs or goes that that's more

1232
00:50:23,900 --> 00:50:28,460
like funny thing that's the sort of

1233
00:50:25,219 --> 00:50:30,829
thing we all want to be true but if it

1234
00:50:28,460 --> 00:50:32,960
isn't and how did you find out about it

1235
00:50:30,829 --> 00:50:35,539
here you skipping zone list now how did

1236
00:50:32,960 --> 00:50:38,240
you find out about the whole scene ah

1237
00:50:35,539 --> 00:50:39,889
when I came to Australia I started

1238
00:50:38,239 --> 00:50:43,159
searching for podcast and I found

1239
00:50:39,889 --> 00:50:46,279
scientific podcasts so like a lot of

1240
00:50:43,159 --> 00:50:48,829

other people I'd listened to st you

1241
00:50:46,280 --> 00:50:51,019
first and they talked about the skeptic

1242
00:50:48,829 --> 00:50:53,210
zone and that's where i got into and i

1243
00:50:51,019 --> 00:50:57,409
thought was like living in Sydney this

1244
00:50:53,210 --> 00:50:59,809
is a local podcast and this is a not my

1245
00:50:57,409 --> 00:51:01,579
local localist pub by the heat spike

1246
00:50:59,809 --> 00:51:03,320
closer yeah I will look we do have a

1247
00:51:01,579 --> 00:51:04,940
problem with the piezo it's like with it

1248
00:51:03,320 --> 00:51:06,500
was credibly at a set of the back didn't

1249
00:51:04,940 --> 00:51:09,050
we for you know your see it was a really

1250
00:51:06,500 --> 00:51:10,219
good presentation though oh now now just

1251
00:51:09,050 --> 00:51:11,960
as someone who's come in the room for

1252
00:51:10,219 --> 00:51:14,149
the first time in seen all the skeptics

1253
00:51:11,960 --> 00:51:16,070
ear is there a certain type I mean

1254
00:51:14,150 --> 00:51:18,470
there's not as many beads as here as you

1255
00:51:16,070 --> 00:51:22,690
expected was it no I just think it would

1256
00:51:18,469 --> 00:51:25,009
be lots of enemy t-shirts and opiates

1257
00:51:22,690 --> 00:51:27,110
but the periodic table on my t-shirt

1258
00:51:25,010 --> 00:51:30,260
what a small so exciting ski t-shirt

1259
00:51:27,110 --> 00:51:32,630
yeah that's perfect I know dude have you

1260
00:51:30,260 --> 00:51:34,430
into any other skeptics podcasts what

1261
00:51:32,630 --> 00:51:36,079
else have you discovered you said the

1262
00:51:34,429 --> 00:51:38,089
skeptics guard the universe skeptic zone

1263
00:51:36,079 --> 00:51:39,409
in the monster talk what about the ones

1264
00:51:38,090 --> 00:51:40,950
that are the other side like mysterious

1265
00:51:39,409 --> 00:51:42,509
universe that's all

1266
00:51:40,949 --> 00:51:44,189
I know I know that would be the right

1267
00:51:42,510 --> 00:51:47,760
thing to do by having got the patient's

1268
00:51:44,190 --> 00:51:49,889
so I stay with the site the scientific

1269
00:51:47,760 --> 00:51:54,060
based ones of a the medicine ones like

1270
00:51:49,889 --> 00:51:55,710
quite cast okay Craig cast is great yeah

1271
00:51:54,059 --> 00:51:58,588
I particularly when he's out on his

1272
00:51:55,710 --> 00:52:00,510
front porch Nick knew his dog barking no

1273
00:51:58,588 --> 00:52:02,519
I really like his podcast as he's I very

1274
00:52:00,510 --> 00:52:04,829
well researched as well that's mark

1275
00:52:02,519 --> 00:52:06,088
Crispin isn't it yeah yeah yeah oh look

1276
00:52:04,829 --> 00:52:07,710
thanks for coming along I hope you can

1277
00:52:06,088 --> 00:52:18,509
see with another skeptics meeting in the

1278
00:52:07,710 --> 00:52:20,670
near future oh definitely I'm Eugenie

1279
00:52:18,510 --> 00:52:22,980
Scott executive director of the National

1280
00:52:20,670 --> 00:52:25,858
Center for Science Education in oakland

1281
00:52:22,980 --> 00:52:27,719
california we defend and support the

1282
00:52:25,858 --> 00:52:29,789
teaching of evolution and climate change

1283

00:52:27,719 --> 00:52:32,129
when it comes under attack for religious

1284
00:52:29,789 --> 00:52:34,559
and political reasons we help teachers

1285
00:52:32,130 --> 00:52:37,200
parents school boards and other citizens

1286
00:52:34,559 --> 00:52:40,710
defend good science in the schools come

1287
00:52:37,199 --> 00:52:43,319
visit us at NCSE calm and on youtube and

1288
00:52:40,710 --> 00:52:45,119
facebook and let us know if science

1289
00:52:43,320 --> 00:52:48,559
comes under attack in your community

1290
00:52:45,119 --> 00:52:48,559
we're here to help

1291
00:52:58,940 --> 00:53:03,869
thank you for listening to the skeptic

1292
00:53:01,380 --> 00:53:06,119
zone and a big thank you a big thank you

1293
00:53:03,869 --> 00:53:08,010
to Iran's together who as you heard is

1294
00:53:06,119 --> 00:53:09,568
stepping down as president of the

1295
00:53:08,010 --> 00:53:11,609
Australian skeptics that's the New South

1296
00:53:09,568 --> 00:53:13,019
Wales Australia pics in New South Wales

1297
00:53:11,608 --> 00:53:15,150

because there are the Australian

1298

00:53:13,019 --> 00:53:18,869

skeptics groups around the country this

1299

00:53:15,150 --> 00:53:20,818

is the new south wales one ah what a

1300

00:53:18,869 --> 00:53:23,608

great job he's done over the last three

1301

00:53:20,818 --> 00:53:26,608

or four years introduced many good

1302

00:53:23,608 --> 00:53:30,210

initiatives and has been helping us

1303

00:53:26,608 --> 00:53:32,670

fight the armies of darkness now who

1304

00:53:30,210 --> 00:53:34,769

said the armies of darkness was it Isaac

1305

00:53:32,670 --> 00:53:36,180

Asimov or something like that that's

1306

00:53:34,769 --> 00:53:38,838

what I like doing folks that's what the

1307

00:53:36,179 --> 00:53:41,909

Australian skeptics like doing is like

1308

00:53:38,838 --> 00:53:43,619

fighting the baddies or is our friends

1309

00:53:41,909 --> 00:53:47,929

from the Merseyside skeptics put it so

1310

00:53:43,619 --> 00:53:49,588

well consumer protection I like that

1311

00:53:47,929 --> 00:53:51,629

don't know if you could hear in the

1312
00:53:49,588 --> 00:53:53,608
background but that winds picking up a

1313
00:53:51,630 --> 00:53:56,130
run outside and batten down the hatches

1314
00:53:53,608 --> 00:53:58,679
for next week's show and coming up on

1315
00:53:56,130 --> 00:54:01,920
next week's show maybe i will have those

1316
00:53:58,679 --> 00:54:05,068
interviews with ben Redford and brian

1317
00:54:01,920 --> 00:54:07,409
dunning until then thank you once again

1318
00:54:05,068 --> 00:54:09,150
for listening and thank you to those

1319
00:54:07,409 --> 00:54:12,358
people who chip in with a dollar a week

1320
00:54:09,150 --> 00:54:13,980
helps keep the show going no joke it

1321
00:54:12,358 --> 00:54:16,318
really does help to keep the show going

1322
00:54:13,980 --> 00:54:19,469
in fact I'm using some of that money

1323
00:54:16,318 --> 00:54:21,679
right now I'm about to purchase video

1324
00:54:19,469 --> 00:54:23,548
editing software to help me make the

1325
00:54:21,679 --> 00:54:27,899
vaccination chronicles this ongoing

1326
00:54:23,548 --> 00:54:29,548
project I hope I hope that's going to be

1327
00:54:27,900 --> 00:54:31,139
finished in a couple of months that

1328
00:54:29,548 --> 00:54:33,750
should just about see it out i'm filming

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00:54:31,139 --> 00:54:35,879
more about that tomorrow in fact now i

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00:54:33,750 --> 00:54:38,219
can't afford the top line video editing

1331
00:54:35,880 --> 00:54:39,599
software cross over a thousand dollars

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00:54:38,219 --> 00:54:42,088
never mind but i am getting something

1333
00:54:39,599 --> 00:54:44,400
that's quite good can now let me do some

1334
00:54:42,088 --> 00:54:47,130
high definition work and i'm looking

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00:54:44,400 --> 00:54:49,858
forward to that so thank you for those

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00:54:47,130 --> 00:54:51,740
people who do contribute and until next

1337
00:54:49,858 --> 00:54:55,670
week's show this is Richard Saunders

1338
00:54:51,739 --> 00:54:55,669
signing off from Sydney Australia

1339
00:54:56,579 --> 00:55:03,969
you've been listening to the skeptic

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00:54:58,989 --> 00:55:07,750
zone visit her website at [www skeptics](http://www.skeptics)

1341
00:55:03,969 --> 00:55:10,709
on TV for comments contacts and extra

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00:55:07,750 --> 00:55:10,710
video reports

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00:55:13,639 --> 00:55:15,670
Oh