

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:04,290
hello dr. Cal just racing to get a

2
00:00:02,609 --> 00:00:06,599
triangle just wish all these skeptic

3
00:00:04,290 --> 00:00:08,699
zone listings are happy Christmas to all

4
00:00:06,599 --> 00:00:11,308
a skipped annoyed list I wish you a

5
00:00:08,699 --> 00:00:13,439
happy Christmas even though I always

6
00:00:11,308 --> 00:00:16,350
like an excuse for a party okay thanks

7
00:00:13,439 --> 00:00:18,179
dr. cult thank you he's running for

8
00:00:16,350 --> 00:00:20,490
train I know it's very 20th century of

9
00:00:18,179 --> 00:00:21,899
in but that's what you're doing yeah you

10
00:00:20,489 --> 00:00:24,028
should be running for hovercraft or

11
00:00:21,899 --> 00:00:33,089
something with a hoverboard that's what

12
00:00:24,028 --> 00:00:35,759
I want to know welcome to the skeptic

13
00:00:33,090 --> 00:00:39,020
zone the podcast from Australia for

14
00:00:35,759 --> 00:00:39,019
science and reason

15
00:00:47,859 --> 00:00:54,200
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

16
00:00:50,390 --> 00:00:57,500
episode number 218 for the twenty-second

17
00:00:54,200 --> 00:01:00,770
of December 2012 Richard Saunders here

18
00:00:57,500 --> 00:01:03,079
with you from an echo chamber well now

19
00:01:00,770 --> 00:01:06,469
not it not exactly it's just a spare

20
00:01:03,079 --> 00:01:08,868
room here in Auckland New Zealand i'm

21
00:01:06,469 --> 00:01:11,750
making a flying visit here to auckland

22
00:01:08,868 --> 00:01:14,239
and beautiful new zealand on my way to

23
00:01:11,750 --> 00:01:17,540
the Bay Area San Francisco for Christmas

24
00:01:14,239 --> 00:01:20,179
and what's so special about the 22nd of

25
00:01:17,540 --> 00:01:22,940
december 2012 well it's the date that

26
00:01:20,180 --> 00:01:25,340
wasn't supposed to happen thank you to

27
00:01:22,939 --> 00:01:26,659
all those new-age twits who scared

28
00:01:25,340 --> 00:01:29,240
little children and talking about

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00:01:26,659 --> 00:01:31,340
scaring little children here's a piece

30
00:01:29,239 --> 00:01:33,618
about the the end of the world

31
00:01:31,340 --> 00:01:35,509
apocalypse or that shift in cosmic

32
00:01:33,618 --> 00:01:40,728
thinking or whatever the hell was going

33
00:01:35,509 --> 00:01:46,509
on for the 21st of December I recorded a

34
00:01:40,728 --> 00:01:46,509
few days ago cue the spooky music

35
00:01:55,599 --> 00:02:04,280
published online on the 19th of december

36
00:02:00,069 --> 00:02:08,419
2012 thoughts on the 21st of december

37
00:02:04,280 --> 00:02:11,090
2012 by Richard Saunders so it's almost

38
00:02:08,419 --> 00:02:13,789
here the so-called end of the world or

39
00:02:11,090 --> 00:02:18,680
the beginning of the great change or

40
00:02:13,789 --> 00:02:22,039
shift in spiritual energies or fill in

41
00:02:18,680 --> 00:02:24,500
the blanks the 21st of december will

42
00:02:22,039 --> 00:02:27,409
come and go like any other day maybe

43
00:02:24,500 --> 00:02:29,930

some newsworthy event will happen but

44

00:02:27,409 --> 00:02:32,900

somewhere around the world every week of

45

00:02:29,930 --> 00:02:36,080

the year and newsworthy event catches

46

00:02:32,900 --> 00:02:39,260

our attention the 21st of december 2012

47

00:02:36,080 --> 00:02:43,430

is destined to be the answer to a pub

48

00:02:39,259 --> 00:02:45,439

trivia night question in 2020 it will be

49

00:02:43,430 --> 00:02:48,739

largely forgotten just like all the

50

00:02:45,439 --> 00:02:51,979

other the planets will align or my

51

00:02:48,739 --> 00:02:54,319

dreams told me that on this day or our

52

00:02:51,979 --> 00:02:57,949

great spiritual leader has promised that

53

00:02:54,319 --> 00:03:01,400

on this date or the ancients knew that

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00:02:57,949 --> 00:03:03,828

on this date or this time the world is

55

00:03:01,400 --> 00:03:07,189

really coming to an end and we have the

56

00:03:03,829 --> 00:03:09,489

proof or well one of the hundreds of

57

00:03:07,189 --> 00:03:12,549

other failed prophecies and predictions

58
00:03:09,489 --> 00:03:16,280
that frighten little children and sadly

59
00:03:12,549 --> 00:03:19,219
some adults what you will hear on the

60
00:03:16,280 --> 00:03:21,709
twenty-second of december from those who

61
00:03:19,219 --> 00:03:23,780
need this state to mean something will

62
00:03:21,709 --> 00:03:26,299
be along the lines of there was a great

63
00:03:23,780 --> 00:03:29,209
change but you are a closed minded

64
00:03:26,299 --> 00:03:31,519
skeptic and cannot feel it or it has

65
00:03:29,209 --> 00:03:34,479
started just as we predicted and over

66
00:03:31,519 --> 00:03:37,430
the next so-and-so years the earth will

67
00:03:34,479 --> 00:03:40,909
we have all seen and heard this many

68
00:03:37,430 --> 00:03:43,700
times before the only sure thing is that

69
00:03:40,909 --> 00:03:46,340
before long another mystical date based

70
00:03:43,699 --> 00:03:48,560
on special insights from those who are

71
00:03:46,340 --> 00:03:53,920
enlightened will be doing the rounds and

72
00:03:48,560 --> 00:03:53,920
frightening little children once again

73
00:04:01,259 --> 00:04:05,469
so there you go the next time somebody

74
00:04:03,669 --> 00:04:09,119
tells you the world's coming to an end

75
00:04:05,469 --> 00:04:12,489
based on ancient predictions and ancient

76
00:04:09,120 --> 00:04:16,030
prophecies I want you to think very

77
00:04:12,489 --> 00:04:18,548
carefully and tell them this yeah on

78
00:04:16,029 --> 00:04:21,369
this week's show more on our story

79
00:04:18,548 --> 00:04:23,168
covered in last week by dr. HC about the

80
00:04:21,370 --> 00:04:26,259
Minister for fair trading in New South

81
00:04:23,168 --> 00:04:28,329
Wales Australia Anthony Roberts clamping

82
00:04:26,259 --> 00:04:30,819
down on the Australian vaccination

83
00:04:28,329 --> 00:04:33,069
network and telling them not asking not

84
00:04:30,819 --> 00:04:35,050
requesting telling them they have to

85
00:04:33,069 --> 00:04:37,990
change their name because their name is

86

00:04:35,050 --> 00:04:39,879
misleading I'm going to read the press

87
00:04:37,990 --> 00:04:43,030
statement from the minister and that's

88
00:04:39,879 --> 00:04:45,879
followed by a couple of media reports we

89
00:04:43,029 --> 00:04:49,509
have Tracy Spicer and Tim Webster on

90
00:04:45,879 --> 00:04:52,199
radio 2ue and they actually get a phone

91
00:04:49,509 --> 00:04:54,759
call from the Minister for Fair Trading

92
00:04:52,199 --> 00:04:58,509
following that a clip from the ABC

93
00:04:54,759 --> 00:05:01,629
program the drum all covering this issue

94
00:04:58,509 --> 00:05:04,209
I think you will really enjoy those

95
00:05:01,629 --> 00:05:07,209
clips coming up and after that it's

96
00:05:04,209 --> 00:05:09,399
Maynard spooky action at a distance not

97
00:05:07,209 --> 00:05:12,129
not a very far distance it's back to

98
00:05:09,399 --> 00:05:14,168
Melbourne where Maynard will chat to DJ

99
00:05:12,129 --> 00:05:16,629
Grothe president of the James Randi

100
00:05:14,168 --> 00:05:18,759

Educational Foundation Iran sir give

101

00:05:16,629 --> 00:05:22,329

former president of the Australian

102

00:05:18,759 --> 00:05:24,038

skeptics dr. rachel herself myself

103

00:05:22,329 --> 00:05:25,870

Richard Saunders current president of

104

00:05:24,038 --> 00:05:28,060

outlets lots of presence everywhere and

105

00:05:25,870 --> 00:05:31,629

a very strange woman who was there

106

00:05:28,060 --> 00:05:34,569

wearing Devil's horns coming up later in

107

00:05:31,629 --> 00:05:37,598

the show but for now I'm going to run to

108

00:05:34,569 --> 00:05:39,158

the other room where the fridge is not

109

00:05:37,598 --> 00:05:41,560

the same fringe I normally run to this

110

00:05:39,158 --> 00:05:42,879

is a new zealand fridge what do I find

111

00:05:41,560 --> 00:05:45,759

in that fridge i bet i find some

112

00:05:42,879 --> 00:05:48,339

Steinlager or some beautiful new zealand

113

00:05:45,759 --> 00:05:52,379

white wine I'm going to enjoy that while

114

00:05:48,339 --> 00:05:52,379

you enjoy the skeptic zone

115
00:06:11,959 --> 00:06:17,750
media release from the Honorable Anthony

116
00:06:14,939 --> 00:06:22,579
Roberts MP Minister for Fair Trading

117
00:06:17,750 --> 00:06:25,769
dated Saturday 15th of december 2012

118
00:06:22,579 --> 00:06:28,919
australian vaccination network ordered

119
00:06:25,769 --> 00:06:31,019
to change its name minister for Fair

120
00:06:28,920 --> 00:06:34,080
Trading Anthony Roberts today confirmed

121
00:06:31,019 --> 00:06:36,930
a formal order has been issued to the

122
00:06:34,079 --> 00:06:39,000
Australian vaccination network to change

123
00:06:36,930 --> 00:06:41,850
its names on the grounds it is

124
00:06:39,000 --> 00:06:44,220
misleading the public mr. Roberts said

125
00:06:41,850 --> 00:06:47,730
section 11 of the association's in

126
00:06:44,220 --> 00:06:50,220
corporations act 2009 provides the

127
00:06:47,730 --> 00:06:53,220
Commissioner for Fair Trading may direct

128
00:06:50,220 --> 00:06:55,310
an association to adopt a new name where

129
00:06:53,220 --> 00:06:58,800
the name of the Association is

130
00:06:55,310 --> 00:07:00,959
unacceptable quote New South Wales Fair

131
00:06:58,800 --> 00:07:03,540
Trading has received complaints that the

132
00:07:00,959 --> 00:07:06,359
Australian vaccination networks name is

133
00:07:03,540 --> 00:07:08,760
confusing and has misled the public as

134
00:07:06,360 --> 00:07:12,060
to its operational intention end quote

135
00:07:08,759 --> 00:07:14,819
mr. Roberts said quote the Commissioner

136
00:07:12,060 --> 00:07:16,680
for Fair Trading rod Stowe as therefore

137
00:07:14,819 --> 00:07:19,409
written to the Australian vaccination

138
00:07:16,680 --> 00:07:22,350
network directing the Association to

139
00:07:19,410 --> 00:07:24,510
change its name end quote the Australian

140
00:07:22,350 --> 00:07:26,970
vaccination network is required to lodge

141
00:07:24,509 --> 00:07:31,199
an application for registration of a new

142
00:07:26,970 --> 00:07:33,810
name by the 21st of february 2013 if an

143

00:07:31,199 --> 00:07:36,060
application for registration of a change

144
00:07:33,810 --> 00:07:38,759
of name is not made on or before that

145
00:07:36,060 --> 00:07:41,129
date Australian vaccination Network

146
00:07:38,759 --> 00:07:43,439
incorporated's registration may be

147
00:07:41,129 --> 00:07:45,209
cancelled mr. Roberts said the

148
00:07:43,439 --> 00:07:48,269
Australian vaccination networks name

149
00:07:45,209 --> 00:07:50,339
cannot be tolerated given its stance on

150
00:07:48,269 --> 00:07:53,669
vaccination and the potential for

151
00:07:50,339 --> 00:07:56,099
parents to be confused or misled quote

152
00:07:53,670 --> 00:07:58,140
the Australian vaccination network does

153
00:07:56,100 --> 00:08:00,660
not present a balanced case for

154
00:07:58,139 --> 00:08:02,370
vaccination does not present medical

155
00:08:00,660 --> 00:08:05,070
evidence to back up its claims and

156
00:08:02,370 --> 00:08:07,560
therefore poses a serious risk of

157
00:08:05,069 --> 00:08:10,469

misleading the community end quote mr.

158

00:08:07,560 --> 00:08:11,759

Roberts said quote the Australian

159

00:08:10,470 --> 00:08:14,190

vaccination network

160

00:08:11,759 --> 00:08:16,279

can therefore find a new name that is

161

00:08:14,189 --> 00:08:20,009

more appropriate given its

162

00:08:16,279 --> 00:08:22,319

anti-vaccination stance end quote mr.

163

00:08:20,009 --> 00:08:24,659

Roberts said the decision to order the

164

00:08:22,319 --> 00:08:27,300

change of name was based on concerns

165

00:08:24,660 --> 00:08:30,270

raised by parents medical professionals

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00:08:27,300 --> 00:08:32,850

and the wider community across New South

167

00:08:30,269 --> 00:08:34,829

Wales quote it is clear this

168

00:08:32,850 --> 00:08:37,409

associations name is not appropriate

169

00:08:34,830 --> 00:08:39,300

given what it stands for and the

170

00:08:37,409 --> 00:08:42,029

O'Farrell stoner government is committed

171

00:08:39,299 --> 00:08:44,250

to ensuring the community is not misled

172
00:08:42,029 --> 00:08:47,429
on a critically important public health

173
00:08:44,250 --> 00:08:50,129
issue such as vaccinations and quote mr.

174
00:08:47,429 --> 00:08:52,349
Roberts said quote we are asking the

175
00:08:50,129 --> 00:08:54,899
Australian a vaccination network to be

176
00:08:52,350 --> 00:08:58,470
honest and upfront about what they stand

177
00:08:54,899 --> 00:09:05,159
for and to choose a new name reflecting

178
00:08:58,470 --> 00:09:06,509
their beliefs end quote now I'd like to

179
00:09:05,159 --> 00:09:09,240
give a big cheerio to the New South

180
00:09:06,509 --> 00:09:11,220
Wales Government tin but ordering the

181
00:09:09,240 --> 00:09:14,310
Australian vaccination Network I don't

182
00:09:11,220 --> 00:09:15,930
often do this to change its name now if

183
00:09:14,309 --> 00:09:17,549
you followed any of my opinion pieces

184
00:09:15,929 --> 00:09:19,469
over the last couple of years I cannot

185
00:09:17,549 --> 00:09:21,359
stand this mob they call themselves the

186
00:09:19,470 --> 00:09:23,250
Australian vaccination network they're

187
00:09:21,360 --> 00:09:25,200
clearly anti-vaccination based on no

188
00:09:23,250 --> 00:09:27,450
facts whatsoever just based on some

189
00:09:25,200 --> 00:09:28,890
cockamamie theories and of course it's

190
00:09:27,450 --> 00:09:31,800
led to an increase in whooping cough and

191
00:09:28,889 --> 00:09:33,509
various other things for tiny vulnerable

192
00:09:31,799 --> 00:09:35,459
children well good on the Minister for

193
00:09:33,509 --> 00:09:37,110
Fair Trading Anthony Roberts for issuing

194
00:09:35,460 --> 00:09:39,180
a formal order for them to change their

195
00:09:37,110 --> 00:09:41,190
name saying calling themselves the

196
00:09:39,179 --> 00:09:43,349
Australian vaccination network does not

197
00:09:41,190 --> 00:09:44,790
present a balanced case for vaccination

198
00:09:43,350 --> 00:09:46,710
does not present medical evidence to

199
00:09:44,789 --> 00:09:49,319
back up its claims and therefore poses a

200

00:09:46,710 --> 00:09:52,710
serious risk of misleading the community

201
00:09:49,320 --> 00:09:54,270
yeah so their response yes do you want

202
00:09:52,710 --> 00:09:55,830
to hear they're responsible wasn't yes

203
00:09:54,269 --> 00:09:58,230
this is Meryl Dory who of course lives

204
00:09:55,830 --> 00:10:00,300
in the bar in bay region how about the

205
00:09:58,230 --> 00:10:02,700
cancer council couldn't someone be

206
00:10:00,299 --> 00:10:05,939
misled into thinking there for cancer

207
00:10:02,700 --> 00:10:07,740
what and then she has a go saying it's a

208
00:10:05,940 --> 00:10:09,630
conflict of interest because the

209
00:10:07,740 --> 00:10:11,460
original complaint about the name the

210
00:10:09,629 --> 00:10:13,439
Australian vaccination network is from

211
00:10:11,460 --> 00:10:15,120
the Australian Medical Association and

212
00:10:13,440 --> 00:10:17,400
they're going to be affected in the hip

213
00:10:15,120 --> 00:10:19,919
pocket because fewer vaccinations will

214
00:10:17,399 --> 00:10:21,629

cost them dollars you know what I had an

215

00:10:19,919 --> 00:10:24,179

exchange on Facebook with one of these

216

00:10:21,629 --> 00:10:25,139

dipstick oh did you welcome official it

217

00:10:24,179 --> 00:10:26,789

probably was

218

00:10:25,139 --> 00:10:28,970

Frankie exchange and I pointed out to

219

00:10:26,789 --> 00:10:31,528

her would you like to have polio back I

220

00:10:28,970 --> 00:10:33,899

mean I remember as a kid at school and

221

00:10:31,528 --> 00:10:35,338

my older listeners would remember this I

222

00:10:33,899 --> 00:10:37,318

think it was called something like

223

00:10:35,339 --> 00:10:39,299

saving it was an oral vaccine little

224

00:10:37,318 --> 00:10:41,248

pink vaccine and the health department

225

00:10:39,298 --> 00:10:42,808

came to the school and gave you this

226

00:10:41,249 --> 00:10:44,909

little spoonful of vaccine it wasn't a

227

00:10:42,808 --> 00:10:46,798

needle and that was a national program

228

00:10:44,909 --> 00:10:48,719

or silver certainly statewide in New

229
00:10:46,798 --> 00:10:50,428
South Wales and at the moment there's an

230
00:10:48,720 --> 00:10:53,399
epidemic and outbreak a massive outbreak

231
00:10:50,428 --> 00:10:55,948
of cholera in haiti and if you saw that

232
00:10:53,399 --> 00:10:57,629
during no I didn't so I mean we want all

233
00:10:55,948 --> 00:10:58,798
these diseases back doing that's a

234
00:10:57,629 --> 00:11:01,220
problem people have very short memories

235
00:10:58,798 --> 00:11:03,659
to get that measles used to kill very

236
00:11:01,220 --> 00:11:07,639
informal countries fruitful problem so

237
00:11:03,659 --> 00:11:07,639
this is what we think about Meryl dory

238
00:11:08,389 --> 00:11:12,568
we've got a call from Anthony Roberts

239
00:11:11,100 --> 00:11:14,609
our new south wales fair trading

240
00:11:12,568 --> 00:11:15,868
Minister how are you going Minister I'm

241
00:11:14,609 --> 00:11:17,540
very well and thank you very much for

242
00:11:15,869 --> 00:11:20,540
having me on the program those are nice

243
00:11:17,539 --> 00:11:22,769
trash tracys just given you a big rap

244
00:11:20,539 --> 00:11:24,058
well well thank you try if you've hit it

245
00:11:22,769 --> 00:11:26,009
right on the head but what we're asking

246
00:11:24,058 --> 00:11:27,808
this organization to do is to be upfront

247
00:11:26,009 --> 00:11:29,999
and honest with people and stop

248
00:11:27,808 --> 00:11:33,088
misleading people over an issue that

249
00:11:29,999 --> 00:11:35,399
puts young people you know their lives

250
00:11:33,089 --> 00:11:37,919
young children their lives at danger and

251
00:11:35,399 --> 00:11:40,528
for far too long this organization has

252
00:11:37,918 --> 00:11:43,168
been sleeping individuals and getting

253
00:11:40,528 --> 00:11:45,778
away with it yeah look mate we've got to

254
00:11:43,168 --> 00:11:47,639
rely surely on the medical professionals

255
00:11:45,778 --> 00:11:48,958
for some reason these people seem to

256
00:11:47,639 --> 00:11:52,079
think there's some sort of conspiracy

257

00:11:48,958 --> 00:11:54,388
going on with vaccinating children it's

258
00:11:52,078 --> 00:11:55,678
just mindless to me I mean the medical

259
00:11:54,389 --> 00:11:58,019
professionals we've got in this state

260
00:11:55,678 --> 00:12:00,298
are the best that I know of and you just

261
00:11:58,019 --> 00:12:02,938
go within surely I certainly and these

262
00:12:00,298 --> 00:12:04,078
people aren't about pro-choice these

263
00:12:02,938 --> 00:12:06,748
people are about pushing and

264
00:12:04,078 --> 00:12:08,399
anti-vaccination line and if you really

265
00:12:06,749 --> 00:12:11,819
hit it right on the head with respect

266
00:12:08,399 --> 00:12:14,788
for example the polio vaccine you only

267
00:12:11,818 --> 00:12:16,168
have to talk to I'm 42 have you talked

268
00:12:14,788 --> 00:12:18,239
to my parents you talk to people a

269
00:12:16,168 --> 00:12:20,068
little bit older than me the remembered

270
00:12:18,239 --> 00:12:21,418
at the times we're quite often in your

271
00:12:20,068 --> 00:12:23,759

class you would have in summoning

272

00:12:21,418 --> 00:12:26,338

calipers yes people in iron mums and

273

00:12:23,759 --> 00:12:29,149

here we have is a vaccine but this

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00:12:26,339 --> 00:12:31,410

organization is totally opposed to

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00:12:29,149 --> 00:12:33,899

minister is there anything else you can

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00:12:31,409 --> 00:12:35,818

do to actually shut them down well

277

00:12:33,899 --> 00:12:38,038

certainly what we're trying to do here

278

00:12:35,818 --> 00:12:38,729

is we're just asking them to be honest

279

00:12:38,038 --> 00:12:40,078

and

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00:12:38,730 --> 00:12:43,730

open with people because what they're

281

00:12:40,078 --> 00:12:46,259

pushing is voodoo science is causing

282

00:12:43,730 --> 00:12:47,879

causing we've had deaths whooping cough

283

00:12:46,259 --> 00:12:49,470

outbreaks but again when we had a

284

00:12:47,879 --> 00:12:51,539

measles outbreak this organization

285

00:12:49,470 --> 00:12:55,310

pushed it around that in fact it was a

286
00:12:51,539 --> 00:12:58,889
major conspiracy to push the the vaccine

287
00:12:55,309 --> 00:13:00,750
well so again to parents out there you

288
00:12:58,889 --> 00:13:02,610
know if you don't vaccinate your child

289
00:13:00,750 --> 00:13:04,379
you are putting your child at risk and

290
00:13:02,610 --> 00:13:07,230
also you're putting other other people's

291
00:13:04,379 --> 00:13:09,870
children at risk yeah so so so again if

292
00:13:07,230 --> 00:13:12,480
you want medical advice actually talk to

293
00:13:09,870 --> 00:13:15,929
a doctor don't don't talk to ruth's like

294
00:13:12,480 --> 00:13:17,190
this and don't go on the web and and get

295
00:13:15,929 --> 00:13:18,870
all this sort of the gum from the rub

296
00:13:17,190 --> 00:13:19,949
don't talk to your local doctor and

297
00:13:18,870 --> 00:13:22,620
they'll tell you the importance of

298
00:13:19,948 --> 00:13:24,479
vaccinating your child Anthony you know

299
00:13:22,620 --> 00:13:26,250
it worries the life out of me that

300
00:13:24,480 --> 00:13:28,680
people do that i mean the Internet is a

301
00:13:26,250 --> 00:13:31,019
wonderful tool i love it we all love it

302
00:13:28,679 --> 00:13:32,549
but it's full of this stuff and you just

303
00:13:31,019 --> 00:13:35,100
got to make sure it's right before you

304
00:13:32,549 --> 00:13:37,679
go with it and a lot of it's not a look

305
00:13:35,100 --> 00:13:39,690
in a lot of these nut jobs and are using

306
00:13:37,679 --> 00:13:41,849
a technical term you know these are

307
00:13:39,690 --> 00:13:43,980
people that purport and there's far too

308
00:13:41,850 --> 00:13:46,259
much of your right self-diagnosis by by

309
00:13:43,980 --> 00:13:48,180
google these days the issue here is that

310
00:13:46,259 --> 00:13:50,429
these are people that push the strange

311
00:13:48,179 --> 00:13:52,500
diets you know the brie the Aryans for

312
00:13:50,429 --> 00:13:55,439
example the sort of people you meet on

313
00:13:52,500 --> 00:13:56,789
these websites but yeah you don't eat

314

00:13:55,440 --> 00:13:57,839
all your you don't drink what you do is

315
00:13:56,789 --> 00:14:00,088
you surround yourself with positive

316
00:13:57,839 --> 00:14:02,220
vibes and and breathing natural earring

317
00:14:00,089 --> 00:14:04,410
look again people have just got to show

318
00:14:02,220 --> 00:14:05,879
some common sense and where you have

319
00:14:04,409 --> 00:14:09,328
particularly where these people are

320
00:14:05,879 --> 00:14:12,299
strong you have outbreaks of whooping

321
00:14:09,328 --> 00:14:13,620
cough and you come across those awful

322
00:14:12,299 --> 00:14:15,629
stories of people moving into these

323
00:14:13,620 --> 00:14:17,068
areas with children that are too young

324
00:14:15,629 --> 00:14:19,500
to be vaccinated of the whooping cough

325
00:14:17,068 --> 00:14:21,689
it in one case picking whooping cough

326
00:14:19,500 --> 00:14:24,179
cough up which is I've got a little boy

327
00:14:21,690 --> 00:14:26,490
who's 3 and 1 is 1 and and you've just

328
00:14:24,179 --> 00:14:28,318

got to see the images of what whooping

329

00:14:26,490 --> 00:14:30,870

cough does and if the deaths that have

330

00:14:28,318 --> 00:14:33,958

occurred to really focus you on the

331

00:14:30,870 --> 00:14:36,659

statuses people are not just not like

332

00:14:33,958 --> 00:14:38,698

not just lie these people putting young

333

00:14:36,659 --> 00:14:40,169

people's lives at risk can I just say

334

00:14:38,698 --> 00:14:42,269

Minister thank you so much for calling

335

00:14:40,169 --> 00:14:43,620

in and speaking so strongly about this

336

00:14:42,269 --> 00:14:46,589

issue that a lot of people have been

337

00:14:43,620 --> 00:14:48,299

angry about gosh forever in a day thank

338

00:14:46,589 --> 00:14:49,709

you goodnight pleasure thank you very

339

00:14:48,299 --> 00:14:51,568

much for your support thanks for jumping

340

00:14:49,708 --> 00:14:52,619

on the phone one of the great

341

00:14:51,568 --> 00:14:55,169

broadcasters vault

342

00:14:52,620 --> 00:14:57,179

lawzy had polio as a child and he'll

343
00:14:55,169 --> 00:14:58,439
tell you and we have lunch a few of us

344
00:14:57,179 --> 00:14:59,759
have lunch with us a few times a year

345
00:14:58,440 --> 00:15:02,010
and it'll tell you you know awful

346
00:14:59,759 --> 00:15:03,240
stories about that and how he thought

347
00:15:02,009 --> 00:15:05,519
his life was going to be changed forever

348
00:15:03,240 --> 00:15:07,110
he recovered thankfully but he had it I

349
00:15:05,519 --> 00:15:09,480
mean that's the thing I mean it's my

350
00:15:07,110 --> 00:15:11,190
vintage we got that vaccine and I to

351
00:15:09,480 --> 00:15:12,750
come aboard was cool but it was an oral

352
00:15:11,190 --> 00:15:15,030
one and I remember it pink a little

353
00:15:12,750 --> 00:15:18,929
spoon we all lined up in the gob and way

354
00:15:15,029 --> 00:15:21,089
you win moving on now and a

355
00:15:18,929 --> 00:15:23,099
controversial anti-vaccination group has

356
00:15:21,090 --> 00:15:25,320
been ordered to change its name because

357
00:15:23,100 --> 00:15:26,820
it's misleading the public New South

358
00:15:25,320 --> 00:15:28,740
Wales Office of Fair Trading has

359
00:15:26,820 --> 00:15:30,660
presented the Australian vaccination

360
00:15:28,740 --> 00:15:32,820
network with a formal letter of action

361
00:15:30,659 --> 00:15:35,399
it must lodge an application to register

362
00:15:32,820 --> 00:15:37,560
a new name by the 21st of february or

363
00:15:35,399 --> 00:15:39,629
face cancellation the Fair Trading

364
00:15:37,559 --> 00:15:41,849
Minister Anthony Roberts says the avian

365
00:15:39,629 --> 00:15:43,950
doesn't present a balanced case of for

366
00:15:41,850 --> 00:15:46,050
vaccination and he's liking the group's

367
00:15:43,950 --> 00:15:48,720
message to allowing a speeding motorist

368
00:15:46,049 --> 00:15:49,709
to endanger others on the road now mo

369
00:15:48,720 --> 00:15:51,870
what do you think about this is the

370
00:15:49,710 --> 00:15:53,790
right thing to do to to make this

371

00:15:51,870 --> 00:15:55,710
anti-vaccination organization change

372
00:15:53,789 --> 00:15:58,769
their their name so they don't mislead

373
00:15:55,710 --> 00:16:02,430
parents I think so I mean their message

374
00:15:58,769 --> 00:16:04,350
seems to me disastrous because the the

375
00:16:02,429 --> 00:16:06,569
child that's not vaccinated ends up

376
00:16:04,350 --> 00:16:09,330
infecting the child his vaccination

377
00:16:06,570 --> 00:16:11,580
maybe do or his vet vaccination was

378
00:16:09,330 --> 00:16:14,040
ineffective or not fully effective so

379
00:16:11,580 --> 00:16:16,050
anything we can do to at least make sure

380
00:16:14,039 --> 00:16:19,110
that they are who they claim to be or

381
00:16:16,049 --> 00:16:21,209
seem to be rather than some sort of

382
00:16:19,110 --> 00:16:23,399
information group on the issue generally

383
00:16:21,210 --> 00:16:25,290
good luck to Anthony Roberts the

384
00:16:23,399 --> 00:16:26,789
minister Katherine the minister says the

385
00:16:25,289 --> 00:16:28,679

information they provide as a matter of

386

00:16:26,789 --> 00:16:30,629

life of death is a fair enough that

387

00:16:28,679 --> 00:16:31,829

consumers know where this organization

388

00:16:30,629 --> 00:16:33,509

is coming from because if you look at

389

00:16:31,830 --> 00:16:35,009

their website they they say they're just

390

00:16:33,509 --> 00:16:37,500

promoting choice they don't actually

391

00:16:35,009 --> 00:16:40,679

admit to being anti-vaccination what a

392

00:16:37,500 --> 00:16:42,720

load of rubbish oh I'm sorry I'm not

393

00:16:40,679 --> 00:16:45,299

going to stand up for this group's human

394

00:16:42,720 --> 00:16:47,730

rights or freedom of expression you know

395

00:16:45,299 --> 00:16:50,549

parents should vaccinate their kids it's

396

00:16:47,730 --> 00:16:52,710

a public health necessity I have no

397

00:16:50,549 --> 00:16:55,409

sympathy or you know doesn't pull at my

398

00:16:52,710 --> 00:16:56,940

heartstrings Steve that that they need

399

00:16:55,409 --> 00:16:58,500

to disclose to the public what they're

400
00:16:56,940 --> 00:16:59,910
on about I think that's a good that's a

401
00:16:58,500 --> 00:17:01,440
good thing it's interesting if you look

402
00:16:59,909 --> 00:17:04,109
at their website though they do say that

403
00:17:01,440 --> 00:17:04,689
they're victims of you know their human

404
00:17:04,109 --> 00:17:07,698
rights here

405
00:17:04,689 --> 00:17:09,439
persecution yes I think not I think

406
00:17:07,699 --> 00:17:12,079
people who don't vaccinate their kids

407
00:17:09,439 --> 00:17:13,790
are perpetrating a form of persecution

408
00:17:12,078 --> 00:17:16,338
so let's stay on the main game with this

409
00:17:13,789 --> 00:17:18,558
one I think Pete the avian says forcing

410
00:17:16,338 --> 00:17:20,149
them to change their own name is not in

411
00:17:18,558 --> 00:17:21,889
the public interest it's only in the

412
00:17:20,150 --> 00:17:24,290
interest of pharmaceutical companies

413
00:17:21,890 --> 00:17:27,380
government policy and mainstream medical

414
00:17:24,289 --> 00:17:29,329
organizations taking the the specific

415
00:17:27,380 --> 00:17:31,250
issue of vaccination aside I don't know

416
00:17:29,329 --> 00:17:32,839
about Fair Trading starting to move into

417
00:17:31,250 --> 00:17:34,789
polities you can just imagine them

418
00:17:32,839 --> 00:17:36,949
calling in Labor's not labor anymore

419
00:17:34,789 --> 00:17:40,519
bringing fed know liberals left in the

420
00:17:36,950 --> 00:17:43,220
Liberal Party greens approved a damn so

421
00:17:40,519 --> 00:17:46,460
you know fair work australia essential

422
00:17:43,220 --> 00:17:48,289
media isn't essential more jobs better

423
00:17:46,460 --> 00:17:50,360
pay the legislation is well but it's

424
00:17:48,289 --> 00:17:53,210
interesting isn't it the importance of a

425
00:17:50,359 --> 00:17:55,000
name and a brand I don't know where the

426
00:17:53,210 --> 00:17:57,558
remit of Fair Trading goes with this

427
00:17:55,000 --> 00:17:59,450
well it would it would come down to the

428

00:17:57,558 --> 00:18:01,190
fact that this would be the race of

429
00:17:59,450 --> 00:18:03,200
funds community a community they're

430
00:18:01,190 --> 00:18:05,630
raising funds and also I guess it's

431
00:18:03,200 --> 00:18:07,220
about misleading the public on public

432
00:18:05,630 --> 00:18:08,929
health issues that are a matter of life

433
00:18:07,220 --> 00:18:12,048
of death recall the last heat out of

434
00:18:08,929 --> 00:18:13,850
fair trading in this space was the lobby

435
00:18:12,048 --> 00:18:16,009
group that helped to really create

436
00:18:13,849 --> 00:18:17,480
Thompson on the Central Coast and they

437
00:18:16,009 --> 00:18:19,879
certainly had the power to what they

438
00:18:17,480 --> 00:18:21,169
call yeah it wasn't around their name

439
00:18:19,880 --> 00:18:23,750
but it was about where the funds were

440
00:18:21,169 --> 00:18:26,330
going so they do regulate organizations

441
00:18:23,750 --> 00:18:28,190
that raise funds so I'm sure I'm sure

442
00:18:26,329 --> 00:18:29,990

it's within within chattering status

443

00:18:28,190 --> 00:18:32,330

yeah and Catherine it's interesting that

444

00:18:29,990 --> 00:18:34,460

the area of New South Wales where this

445

00:18:32,329 --> 00:18:38,119

organization operates has a low

446

00:18:34,460 --> 00:18:40,250

vaccination rate which below the herd

447

00:18:38,119 --> 00:18:42,139

immunity level which in dangers the

448

00:18:40,250 --> 00:18:44,029

community to issues like whooping cough

449

00:18:42,140 --> 00:18:47,030

as well you know is that right I wasn't

450

00:18:44,029 --> 00:18:50,259

aware of that well but in Bolton's the

451

00:18:47,029 --> 00:18:50,259

case for action that doesn't

452

00:19:01,460 --> 00:19:08,450

on Saturday the ninth of february 2013

453

00:19:04,640 --> 00:19:11,509

why not go to surfside summer Skepta

454

00:19:08,450 --> 00:19:14,149

camp come down the glorious Surf Coast

455

00:19:11,509 --> 00:19:17,808

for a summer skeptical event hosted by

456

00:19:14,148 --> 00:19:19,428

the great ocean road skeptics for more

457
00:19:17,808 --> 00:19:22,240
information if you're in that neck of

458
00:19:19,429 --> 00:19:27,070
the woods run to facebook and search for

459
00:19:22,240 --> 00:19:27,069
surfside summer skeptic am

460
00:19:28,970 --> 00:19:36,950
Maynard's Malays a very may not

461
00:19:32,509 --> 00:19:38,629
christmas 2012 yes mein Huns got his own

462
00:19:36,950 --> 00:19:41,538
show folks you know that I know that

463
00:19:38,630 --> 00:19:44,510
spread the word Maynard's Malays a very

464
00:19:41,538 --> 00:19:48,788
Maynard Christmas 2012 download for your

465
00:19:44,509 --> 00:19:52,548
listening pleasure visit w WM a nerd

466
00:19:48,788 --> 00:20:06,589
calm I you for Maynard's malaise and

467
00:19:52,548 --> 00:20:09,220
more here's may not spooky action at a

468
00:20:06,589 --> 00:20:09,220
distance

469
00:20:09,960 --> 00:20:15,340
look I'm talking to a man now just

470
00:20:13,058 --> 00:20:17,048
cynically near the men's toilets he's a

471
00:20:15,339 --> 00:20:18,970
man who's a shell of himself he's what

472
00:20:17,048 --> 00:20:20,980
are you saying about me because I'm just

473
00:20:18,970 --> 00:20:23,769
saying you're beaten said it is not the

474
00:20:20,980 --> 00:20:26,110
70s it's a very long weekend for someone

475
00:20:23,769 --> 00:20:28,749
like you isn't it yeah it's a long but

476
00:20:26,109 --> 00:20:31,359
gratifying weekend you know 12 hour days

477
00:20:28,749 --> 00:20:34,389
name of the game at something like this

478
00:20:31,359 --> 00:20:36,668
but it's so paradoxically invigorating

479
00:20:34,388 --> 00:20:39,368
long hours but puts wind in your sails

480
00:20:36,669 --> 00:20:42,090
talking to people who have traveled from

481
00:20:39,368 --> 00:20:44,738
all over Australia for this event and

482
00:20:42,089 --> 00:20:46,808
people are leaving renewed and sort of

483
00:20:44,739 --> 00:20:48,548
energized thinking about ways they can

484
00:20:46,808 --> 00:20:51,548
work together roll up their sleeves get

485

00:20:48,548 --> 00:20:53,769
good work done for you know advancing

486
00:20:51,548 --> 00:20:55,778
scientific skepticism in their neck of

487
00:20:53,769 --> 00:20:57,489
the woods it's exciting DJ you've got a

488
00:20:55,778 --> 00:20:59,558
lot of experience networking at these

489
00:20:57,489 --> 00:21:01,298
things you're very patient with people

490
00:20:59,558 --> 00:21:03,099
is this something you had to learn to be

491
00:21:01,298 --> 00:21:04,808
good at this or did you know I mean have

492
00:21:03,099 --> 00:21:07,388
you naturally been a good networker

493
00:21:04,808 --> 00:21:09,038
maybe have a good networker maybe I'm

494
00:21:07,388 --> 00:21:10,808
pretending maybe I'm actually an

495
00:21:09,038 --> 00:21:13,239
introvert who can't wait to get back to

496
00:21:10,808 --> 00:21:15,700
my hotel room and just read a book no

497
00:21:13,239 --> 00:21:18,909
really I like these people that these

498
00:21:15,700 --> 00:21:20,230
are my people this is my tribe we're

499
00:21:18,909 --> 00:21:23,289

social primates we like to be around

500

00:21:20,230 --> 00:21:25,868

people in general but these are the

501

00:21:23,288 --> 00:21:28,929

sorts of people that if someone has a

502

00:21:25,868 --> 00:21:31,509

good idea it gets contagious and it just

503

00:21:28,929 --> 00:21:33,190

floods conversation everybody starts

504

00:21:31,509 --> 00:21:35,710

talking about ways they can improve on

505

00:21:33,190 --> 00:21:38,350

it and make it better the skeptic

506

00:21:35,710 --> 00:21:40,778

community is not in need of good ideas

507

00:21:38,349 --> 00:21:43,778

and increasingly we're no longer in need

508

00:21:40,778 --> 00:21:46,089

of good folks to implement them either

509

00:21:43,778 --> 00:21:47,769

and that's what this weekend was all

510

00:21:46,089 --> 00:21:51,158

about you know people who won the awards

511

00:21:47,769 --> 00:21:53,319

this weekend they did so because of the

512

00:21:51,159 --> 00:21:56,049

great work they're doing citizens for

513

00:21:53,319 --> 00:22:00,388

what was that a friends of science and

514
00:21:56,048 --> 00:22:03,908
medicine right and the anti anti vax

515
00:22:00,388 --> 00:22:05,138
activities here such great work now did

516
00:22:03,909 --> 00:22:06,429
something come out of this weekend you

517
00:22:05,138 --> 00:22:08,048
didn't expect or something that will be

518
00:22:06,429 --> 00:22:10,028
great moving forward as they like to say

519
00:22:08,048 --> 00:22:11,829
well what I was very excited to hear

520
00:22:10,028 --> 00:22:14,409
about is

521
00:22:11,829 --> 00:22:17,769
the work in development for online

522
00:22:14,409 --> 00:22:20,380
citizens skepticism and of course there

523
00:22:17,769 --> 00:22:22,750
were lots of talk about plans and

524
00:22:20,380 --> 00:22:24,970
projects in the works regarding digital

525
00:22:22,750 --> 00:22:28,119
publishing and I heard someone talking

526
00:22:24,970 --> 00:22:30,579
about his really exciting plans to

527
00:22:28,119 --> 00:22:33,278
launch a new podcast on skeptical

528
00:22:30,579 --> 00:22:35,769
psychology or basically pushing back

529
00:22:33,278 --> 00:22:38,048
against pseudo psychology talked with a

530
00:22:35,769 --> 00:22:40,960
woman at the end of the sessions today

531
00:22:38,048 --> 00:22:42,490
about children's skeptical books and

532
00:22:40,960 --> 00:22:44,110
partnering with the jrf to make these

533
00:22:42,490 --> 00:22:45,548
available in the United States and

534
00:22:44,109 --> 00:22:47,288
really around the world you know when

535
00:22:45,548 --> 00:22:50,470
you're talking digital media they don't

536
00:22:47,288 --> 00:22:54,220
have nation state boundaries a podcast

537
00:22:50,470 --> 00:22:56,110
can be heard by anybody or the digital

538
00:22:54,220 --> 00:22:58,360
publications can be made available for

539
00:22:56,109 --> 00:23:00,250
anyone so I'm excited about that sort of

540
00:22:58,359 --> 00:23:02,168
stuff it is a long weekend you have to

541
00:23:00,250 --> 00:23:04,119
keep your eye on Randy because as you

542

00:23:02,169 --> 00:23:05,440
say yourself he'll talk until he drops

543
00:23:04,119 --> 00:23:06,759
you have to keep you have to just drag

544
00:23:05,440 --> 00:23:08,350
him away from people every once in a

545
00:23:06,759 --> 00:23:10,269
while well I wouldn't say drag him away

546
00:23:08,349 --> 00:23:13,888
but you know there's a balancing effort

547
00:23:10,269 --> 00:23:15,819
because he is he just feeds off the the

548
00:23:13,888 --> 00:23:17,979
sound a little new age here but the

549
00:23:15,819 --> 00:23:21,009
positive energy of these folks who care

550
00:23:17,980 --> 00:23:22,839
so much about doing good by being right

551
00:23:21,009 --> 00:23:25,629
that skepticism you know applying

552
00:23:22,839 --> 00:23:27,819
critical rationality to problems to undo

553
00:23:25,630 --> 00:23:29,350
credulity all of that stuff and we do it

554
00:23:27,819 --> 00:23:32,079
to make the world a better place that

555
00:23:29,349 --> 00:23:35,138
turns Randy on and he will talk and

556
00:23:32,079 --> 00:23:38,470

listen about it all day long few days

557

00:23:35,138 --> 00:23:40,329

ago he was giving a lecture to secondary

558

00:23:38,470 --> 00:23:41,740

college that's why I guess the high

559

00:23:40,329 --> 00:23:43,960

school and their junior high that's what

560

00:23:41,740 --> 00:23:46,538

you call it an amazing heat yeah an

561

00:23:43,960 --> 00:23:49,899

amazing heat it was a hundred degrees

562

00:23:46,538 --> 00:23:52,210

the AC was off I of course was prudently

563

00:23:49,898 --> 00:23:53,979

suggesting you know maybe no harm in

564

00:23:52,210 --> 00:23:56,620

canceling it's a hundred degrees there's

565

00:23:53,980 --> 00:23:58,269

300 kids in the in the seats you know

566

00:23:56,619 --> 00:24:01,719

they're not going to love sitting for an

567

00:23:58,269 --> 00:24:04,630

hour squirming in this heat he insisted

568

00:24:01,720 --> 00:24:07,509

no the show must go on he gave his our

569

00:24:04,630 --> 00:24:10,690

lecture we put a fan on him he did his

570

00:24:07,509 --> 00:24:12,099

escape he talked about how his

571
00:24:10,690 --> 00:24:15,220
background in magic informs his

572
00:24:12,099 --> 00:24:17,259
skeptical work he shared the stories

573
00:24:15,220 --> 00:24:20,669
about how the youngsters can apply

574
00:24:17,259 --> 00:24:23,788
skepticism to make their lives better

575
00:24:20,669 --> 00:24:27,869
and it was a smashing success despite

576
00:24:23,788 --> 00:24:30,298
the sauna heat that's Randy and so do i

577
00:24:27,868 --> 00:24:32,939
have to keep my honor certainly not but

578
00:24:30,298 --> 00:24:35,878
some times do I have to say oh it's been

579
00:24:32,940 --> 00:24:38,009
a long day I really can't wait until I

580
00:24:35,878 --> 00:24:40,589
hit the sack and sometimes he might take

581
00:24:38,009 --> 00:24:41,970
that hint yeah now look at finally just

582
00:24:40,589 --> 00:24:43,738
on a personal note here there's been a

583
00:24:41,970 --> 00:24:46,048
lot of talk about the controversy

584
00:24:43,739 --> 00:24:48,629
surrounding cam and that was your

585
00:24:46,048 --> 00:24:50,489
denialism of Bananarama your Bananarama

586
00:24:48,628 --> 00:24:52,469
denialism that came out in our interview

587
00:24:50,489 --> 00:24:55,019
and your Elton John ism which you

588
00:24:52,470 --> 00:24:57,118
blatantly pushed I you still adamant

589
00:24:55,019 --> 00:24:59,788
about that or you an apologist I you

590
00:24:57,118 --> 00:25:02,398
know I have to admit when I'm wrong and

591
00:24:59,788 --> 00:25:04,710
that's a sign of a good skeptic I have

592
00:25:02,398 --> 00:25:06,898
recently become a convert to Bananarama

593
00:25:04,710 --> 00:25:10,440
the details of which i will leave

594
00:25:06,898 --> 00:25:12,778
private because even open transparent

595
00:25:10,440 --> 00:25:14,759
skeptics like myself have to keep what

596
00:25:12,778 --> 00:25:16,349
they do with Bananarama to themselves

597
00:25:14,759 --> 00:25:17,639
okay it's great you've set the record

598
00:25:16,349 --> 00:25:20,878
straight and what do you do after a

599

00:25:17,638 --> 00:25:22,918
conference like this to one down I am

600
00:25:20,878 --> 00:25:25,769
really into comic books and I have

601
00:25:22,919 --> 00:25:28,619
thousands of them on my iPad so that you

602
00:25:25,769 --> 00:25:30,509
know that's always fun I'll tell you but

603
00:25:28,618 --> 00:25:32,009
I'm sure you won't tell anyone else yeah

604
00:25:30,509 --> 00:25:33,569
we wouldn't be a cherry popped out guy

605
00:25:32,009 --> 00:25:35,368
would you're not I don't even know what

606
00:25:33,569 --> 00:25:38,308
that means but it sounds vulgar it is

607
00:25:35,368 --> 00:25:41,178
yeah okay so make mine marvel marvel

608
00:25:38,308 --> 00:25:43,558
universe comic books that's fine and so

609
00:25:41,179 --> 00:25:47,278
I'm sure you'll keep it to yourself but

610
00:25:43,558 --> 00:25:49,079
I take baths all the time every day I

611
00:25:47,278 --> 00:25:50,999
take a bath and I read some comic books

612
00:25:49,079 --> 00:25:52,558
and that's my idea of winding down

613
00:25:50,999 --> 00:25:54,298

eating toast in the bath having cup of

614

00:25:52,558 --> 00:25:56,548

tea it's fantastic yeah yeah and when I

615

00:25:54,298 --> 00:25:58,230

learned you know after ten years of

616

00:25:56,548 --> 00:25:59,940

taking a bath every day I never take

617

00:25:58,230 --> 00:26:01,288

showers unless I'm unfortunate enough to

618

00:25:59,940 --> 00:26:04,470

be in a hotel room that doesn't have a

619

00:26:01,288 --> 00:26:06,749

bath after ten years this sort of

620

00:26:04,470 --> 00:26:08,579

lifestyle commitment learning that none

621

00:26:06,749 --> 00:26:10,230

other than the guy who's responsible for

622

00:26:08,579 --> 00:26:12,298

the world economic collapse Alan

623

00:26:10,230 --> 00:26:15,149

Greenspan also takes morning baths every

624

00:26:12,298 --> 00:26:19,108

day well I'm in good company DJ Grothe

625

00:26:15,148 --> 00:26:20,998

long may you bathe long may I bathe yes

626

00:26:19,108 --> 00:26:23,859

made it pleasure to talk to you again

627

00:26:20,999 --> 00:26:26,720

good seeing you this time

628
00:26:23,859 --> 00:26:28,849
look I'm just going to the the muses

629
00:26:26,720 --> 00:26:30,558
corner now where the mic stand set up

630
00:26:28,849 --> 00:26:32,659
for a bit of music a bit later but I

631
00:26:30,558 --> 00:26:34,279
ranza gave how are you I'm very well

632
00:26:32,660 --> 00:26:36,200
thank you how are you pretty good in

633
00:26:34,279 --> 00:26:38,329
congratulations on making the top 5

634
00:26:36,200 --> 00:26:39,980
good-looking guys in Chrissy's all the

635
00:26:38,329 --> 00:26:42,879
special list of sexy skeptical men

636
00:26:39,980 --> 00:26:46,009
yesterday yeah well the list comprised

637
00:26:42,880 --> 00:26:47,990
Randy at number 5 Lord Monckton as

638
00:26:46,009 --> 00:26:50,660
number four because he has a head like a

639
00:26:47,990 --> 00:26:53,420
goldfish giant goldfish I was at number

640
00:26:50,660 --> 00:26:55,779
three and embarrassingly Richard Dawkins

641
00:26:53,420 --> 00:26:58,340
what I was at number two ahead of me so

642
00:26:55,779 --> 00:27:00,160
so yeah well Richard Saunders was a

643
00:26:58,339 --> 00:27:02,119
number one by the way so yeah so yeah

644
00:27:00,160 --> 00:27:03,950
behind Richard Dawkins I'm not so sure

645
00:27:02,119 --> 00:27:05,899
about that I I need to have a chat with

646
00:27:03,950 --> 00:27:07,730
Krissy yeah I think she have a deep chat

647
00:27:05,900 --> 00:27:09,530
with her you've been to many of these

648
00:27:07,730 --> 00:27:11,029
over the years how does this skeptical

649
00:27:09,529 --> 00:27:12,440
conference stack up compared to other

650
00:27:11,029 --> 00:27:14,359
ones is there any different bent to it

651
00:27:12,440 --> 00:27:16,880
any different make up any different feel

652
00:27:14,359 --> 00:27:18,558
well I think I think it continues with

653
00:27:16,880 --> 00:27:22,370
the shift we've seen over several years

654
00:27:18,558 --> 00:27:24,470
now of the that can't the content being

655
00:27:22,369 --> 00:27:26,119
the kind of things that actually appeals

656

00:27:24,470 --> 00:27:28,160
more to a younger audience there's more

657
00:27:26,119 --> 00:27:29,808
about the internet about about being

658
00:27:28,160 --> 00:27:31,400
very active about skeptics in the pub

659
00:27:29,808 --> 00:27:34,639
about the kind of things that actually

660
00:27:31,400 --> 00:27:36,410
in my opinion exemplify what the

661
00:27:34,640 --> 00:27:38,600
skeptical movement the modern skeptical

662
00:27:36,410 --> 00:27:40,490
movement is and what it's all about so I

663
00:27:38,599 --> 00:27:43,909
think it's great you know we have a

664
00:27:40,490 --> 00:27:46,519
great lineup of speakers here I think so

665
00:27:43,910 --> 00:27:49,130
far every single talk was great the

666
00:27:46,519 --> 00:27:51,440
panels were great I think for me the

667
00:27:49,130 --> 00:27:55,309
highlights were Adam yesterday Adam van

668
00:27:51,440 --> 00:27:58,880
Lang about yesterday and in Lawrence

669
00:27:55,308 --> 00:28:00,349
this morning both of whom I I know and

670
00:27:58,880 --> 00:28:02,419

like and that they're funny and

671

00:28:00,349 --> 00:28:04,308

inspiring and they actually do things

672

00:28:02,419 --> 00:28:06,830

and get out there and make a difference

673

00:28:04,308 --> 00:28:08,779

so yeah it reads me great so far and

674

00:28:06,829 --> 00:28:10,308

just the listeners many of them might

675

00:28:08,779 --> 00:28:11,359

know that you've started a new job and

676

00:28:10,308 --> 00:28:12,619

that's one the reasons why you had to

677

00:28:11,359 --> 00:28:13,579

step down as president of course you

678

00:28:12,619 --> 00:28:14,629

were stabbed in the back by lots of

679

00:28:13,579 --> 00:28:15,980

people as well that's another thing that

680

00:28:14,630 --> 00:28:17,360

was blood all over the floor it was a

681

00:28:15,980 --> 00:28:18,919

hell of a time wasn't it oh it was

682

00:28:17,359 --> 00:28:20,058

fantastic it has a job coming along how

683

00:28:18,919 --> 00:28:24,320

you're balancing the work-life balance

684

00:28:20,058 --> 00:28:26,569

at the moment life all the work started

685
00:28:24,319 --> 00:28:27,889
this guys are hard work you think he

686
00:28:26,569 --> 00:28:29,418
worked hard for the skeptics imagine

687
00:28:27,890 --> 00:28:32,150
what he does for his family people well

688
00:28:29,419 --> 00:28:33,280
I'll tell you I will be arriving home

689
00:28:32,150 --> 00:28:35,890
tonight at about it

690
00:28:33,279 --> 00:28:39,309
p.m. and tomorrow morning at 8am on a

691
00:28:35,890 --> 00:28:41,740
flight to India so yeah so for two weeks

692
00:28:39,309 --> 00:28:43,059
of for work so it's it's it's a

693
00:28:41,740 --> 00:28:44,559
challenge but it's not it's you know

694
00:28:43,059 --> 00:28:46,029
it's the right you know different stages

695
00:28:44,559 --> 00:28:47,740
in life there's different things and

696
00:28:46,029 --> 00:28:49,809
this is the right thing of this moment

697
00:28:47,740 --> 00:28:51,640
so it's it so it's great now let me ask

698
00:28:49,809 --> 00:28:54,819
you about the bent spoon award that last

699
00:28:51,640 --> 00:28:56,350
night went to homeopathy plus is it does

700
00:28:54,819 --> 00:28:58,029
it ever get acknowledged by the winner

701
00:28:56,349 --> 00:28:59,500
in the history that you've been involved

702
00:28:58,029 --> 00:29:01,779
with the bent spoon award is the winner

703
00:28:59,500 --> 00:29:04,329
ever acknowledged getting it the only

704
00:29:01,779 --> 00:29:07,750
time that I know of was Meryl dori two

705
00:29:04,329 --> 00:29:09,819
years ago no sorry three years ago Meryl

706
00:29:07,750 --> 00:29:12,609
dori did acknowledge the the bent spoon

707
00:29:09,819 --> 00:29:13,659
she basically took it as a badge of

708
00:29:12,609 --> 00:29:16,359
honor which is completely understandable

709
00:29:13,660 --> 00:29:21,130
i think if if she gave us some kind of

710
00:29:16,359 --> 00:29:22,449
quack equivalent the award i think we

711
00:29:21,130 --> 00:29:24,310
would probably acknowledge it and they

712
00:29:22,450 --> 00:29:25,980
take it as a badge of honor can you

713

00:29:24,309 --> 00:29:29,349
expect a reaction from her path a plus i

714
00:29:25,980 --> 00:29:30,640
I don't know you see um Frannie's an odd

715
00:29:29,349 --> 00:29:32,559
one first by the way it wasn't

716
00:29:30,640 --> 00:29:35,320
homeopathy plastic what is it was Fran

717
00:29:32,559 --> 00:29:38,549
herself French a field fan is an odd one

718
00:29:35,319 --> 00:29:41,950
because she she displays she has she has

719
00:29:38,549 --> 00:29:45,039
moments of lucidity among all the

720
00:29:41,950 --> 00:29:47,650
craziness for example she actually came

721
00:29:45,039 --> 00:29:49,750
out against the anti-vaccination against

722
00:29:47,650 --> 00:29:51,130
the IV n for not saying they're against

723
00:29:49,750 --> 00:29:54,819
vaccines and other which seemed quite

724
00:29:51,130 --> 00:29:56,590
reasonable which is very odd I I think

725
00:29:54,819 --> 00:29:58,929
she might and she might not i wouldn't

726
00:29:56,589 --> 00:30:00,159
be surprised by either but it does

727
00:29:58,930 --> 00:30:01,900

really matter i mean we do it's an

728

00:30:00,160 --> 00:30:03,430

internal kind of thing and he provides a

729

00:30:01,900 --> 00:30:06,370

little bit of publicity and the press

730

00:30:03,430 --> 00:30:08,670

likes it and and when when we are when

731

00:30:06,369 --> 00:30:10,989

people write about us in there in the

732

00:30:08,670 --> 00:30:12,670

general press i think we often they

733

00:30:10,990 --> 00:30:14,589

refer to the bed spoon so i think it's

734

00:30:12,670 --> 00:30:16,539

it's a bit of a laugh now what do you

735

00:30:14,589 --> 00:30:20,139

find these strangest claim you've heard

736

00:30:16,539 --> 00:30:23,079

from homeopathy a few weeks ago there

737

00:30:20,140 --> 00:30:25,450

was one about homeopathy for domestic

738

00:30:23,079 --> 00:30:27,460

violence I think that's the that's the I

739

00:30:25,450 --> 00:30:31,569

think that's the weirdest one so was it

740

00:30:27,460 --> 00:30:33,250

simply a calming medicine or something

741

00:30:31,569 --> 00:30:35,289

I'm and how does it work it was quite

742
00:30:33,250 --> 00:30:38,769
quite specific it was quite specific

743
00:30:35,289 --> 00:30:41,079
it's homeopathy can treat domestic

744
00:30:38,769 --> 00:30:42,730
violence there was a whole explanation

745
00:30:41,079 --> 00:30:44,428
there but I don't think there's any need

746
00:30:42,730 --> 00:30:45,749
to go into it because so

747
00:30:44,429 --> 00:30:48,389
frankly not saying anything would be

748
00:30:45,749 --> 00:30:49,618
just as beneficial oh okay well I'll let

749
00:30:48,388 --> 00:30:51,359
you get back in there to get down there

750
00:30:49,618 --> 00:30:52,769
somebody met this weekend that you've

751
00:30:51,359 --> 00:30:56,969
enjoyed meeting you haven't bumped into

752
00:30:52,769 --> 00:30:59,159
before um no I think a look I've known a

753
00:30:56,970 --> 00:31:00,720
lot of you know I've been I quite like

754
00:30:59,159 --> 00:31:02,340
different been around the traps I've

755
00:31:00,720 --> 00:31:03,690
been around the trap so I but it's you

756
00:31:02,339 --> 00:31:05,249
know it's always great to meet the same

757
00:31:03,690 --> 00:31:07,200
people again I haven't met Lee and Kelly

758
00:31:05,249 --> 00:31:09,118
in a few years and Lynn Kelly's been

759
00:31:07,200 --> 00:31:10,679
very influential for me if she used to

760
00:31:09,118 --> 00:31:12,658
help me with some personal stuff because

761
00:31:10,679 --> 00:31:15,298
she's an educator and teacher an idea so

762
00:31:12,659 --> 00:31:17,070
things with my kids so so it was good to

763
00:31:15,298 --> 00:31:19,048
meet her again after see her again after

764
00:31:17,069 --> 00:31:21,240
quite a while but but otherwise I think

765
00:31:19,048 --> 00:31:22,679
I know most of the people that have met

766
00:31:21,240 --> 00:31:23,909
here today and but it's great to meet

767
00:31:22,679 --> 00:31:26,639
old friends again you know it's always a

768
00:31:23,909 --> 00:31:28,200
fantastic fantastic thing to to do you

769
00:31:26,638 --> 00:31:30,628
know you the same thing as we when we go

770

00:31:28,200 --> 00:31:32,700
to Tam in Vegas you know that it's more

771
00:31:30,628 --> 00:31:34,259
of the social event than it is the talks

772
00:31:32,700 --> 00:31:36,119
and all that it's like hanging with the

773
00:31:34,259 --> 00:31:37,288
like-minded people and can I just wish

774
00:31:36,118 --> 00:31:38,158
you all the best with the business and

775
00:31:37,288 --> 00:31:39,179
the work because I'm sure all the

776
00:31:38,159 --> 00:31:40,559
listeners are wondering where you've got

777
00:31:39,179 --> 00:31:44,879
to and that we all wish you the best as

778
00:31:40,558 --> 00:31:46,499
well thank you very much minute you know

779
00:31:44,878 --> 00:31:47,939
they're rushing and flushing and hashing

780
00:31:46,499 --> 00:31:50,460
is a little bit here at lunchtime here

781
00:31:47,940 --> 00:31:53,009
on day two on day two of the test of the

782
00:31:50,460 --> 00:31:54,240
skeptics versus the boredom dr. rachey

783
00:31:53,009 --> 00:31:56,460
what do you been up to here on this

784
00:31:54,240 --> 00:31:58,378

Sunday um well i'm about to give my talk

785

00:31:56,460 --> 00:32:00,058

actually made up now what are you

786

00:31:58,378 --> 00:32:01,829

talking about well what's your topic I'm

787

00:32:00,058 --> 00:32:03,628

smarter than you so just get under the

788

00:32:01,829 --> 00:32:06,298

house I believe that's the title of it

789

00:32:03,628 --> 00:32:07,699

something like that yeah no it's

790

00:32:06,298 --> 00:32:09,898

actually it's going to be about

791

00:32:07,700 --> 00:32:12,899

skepticism in science and applying the

792

00:32:09,898 --> 00:32:14,998

skeptical approach to scientific method

793

00:32:12,898 --> 00:32:17,219

and do scientists ever go too far with

794

00:32:14,999 --> 00:32:19,139

that and therefore miss maybe some

795

00:32:17,220 --> 00:32:21,600

important findings that could lead to

796

00:32:19,138 --> 00:32:23,758

some discoveries does that often happen

797

00:32:21,599 --> 00:32:25,439

when they attempted meta-analysis of a

798

00:32:23,759 --> 00:32:29,009

number of different experiments like

799
00:32:25,440 --> 00:32:31,288
I've told if you have been obviously 120

800
00:32:29,009 --> 00:32:32,669
yeah if you do a number of different if

801
00:32:31,288 --> 00:32:34,230
you observe enough from different

802
00:32:32,669 --> 00:32:35,759
experiments then just take the metadata

803
00:32:34,230 --> 00:32:38,548
and stick it all together you can make

804
00:32:35,759 --> 00:32:40,019
mistakes and meta-analysis no because

805
00:32:38,548 --> 00:32:43,769
the meta-analysis is just really the

806
00:32:40,019 --> 00:32:46,349
next stage and analysis of a bunch of

807
00:32:43,769 --> 00:32:47,879
results so mostly what happened seems

808
00:32:46,349 --> 00:32:49,879
I've read the first two chapters a bad

809
00:32:47,880 --> 00:32:52,320
farmer and I haven't read the rest so I

810
00:32:49,880 --> 00:32:54,720
saw an another first bit of the argument

811
00:32:52,319 --> 00:32:56,369
well I haven't read bad farmer at all so

812
00:32:54,720 --> 00:32:58,529
okay we should have this discussion when

813
00:32:56,369 --> 00:33:00,179
we both read the port yeah well yeah I

814
00:32:58,529 --> 00:33:01,740
thought if I'd bet the first two

815
00:33:00,180 --> 00:33:03,690
chapters that that was all you had to do

816
00:33:01,740 --> 00:33:05,670
really well I mean there are people to

817
00:33:03,690 --> 00:33:07,350
criticize people that don't like the

818
00:33:05,670 --> 00:33:08,789
results of meta-analyses will criticize

819
00:33:07,349 --> 00:33:11,909
the meta-analysis because they'll say

820
00:33:08,789 --> 00:33:13,289
the data that proved their thinking or

821
00:33:11,910 --> 00:33:15,150
belief wasn't included in the

822
00:33:13,289 --> 00:33:16,529
meta-analysis now usually there's a

823
00:33:15,150 --> 00:33:17,759
reason for that Maynard and it's a

824
00:33:16,529 --> 00:33:19,889
scientific reason and that would be

825
00:33:17,759 --> 00:33:23,339
because that study wasn't done very well

826
00:33:19,890 --> 00:33:25,530
though some controls were missing or it

827

00:33:23,339 --> 00:33:27,119
just wasn't very thoroughly conducted so

828
00:33:25,529 --> 00:33:28,920
therefore it's excluded from the final

829
00:33:27,119 --> 00:33:31,169
analysis because it was basically shoddy

830
00:33:28,920 --> 00:33:32,519
and if you happen to believe in those

831
00:33:31,170 --> 00:33:34,140
shoddy results then you'll criticize

832
00:33:32,519 --> 00:33:35,819
meta-analysis ago oh they're all biased

833
00:33:34,140 --> 00:33:37,650
I believe there was a shoddy study

834
00:33:35,819 --> 00:33:39,990
recently done on the spot on that had to

835
00:33:37,650 --> 00:33:41,730
be withdrawn oh I don't know about that

836
00:33:39,990 --> 00:33:43,819
one yeah I heard about on skeptics guide

837
00:33:41,730 --> 00:33:45,569
to the universe that they they put out a

838
00:33:43,819 --> 00:33:46,799
preliminary study that seemed to

839
00:33:45,569 --> 00:33:48,750
indicate that there was a slightly

840
00:33:46,799 --> 00:33:50,730
elevated risk of some sort of cancer

841
00:33:48,750 --> 00:33:52,589

with the Spartan but then a week later

842

00:33:50,730 --> 00:33:54,539
they withdrew it because the the

843

00:33:52,589 --> 00:33:56,879
analysis was incorrect based on the data

844

00:33:54,539 --> 00:33:59,279
that was a little bit not it wasn't good

845

00:33:56,880 --> 00:34:00,480
really yeah I members but this is the

846

00:33:59,279 --> 00:34:01,980
thing about science is why don't you

847

00:34:00,480 --> 00:34:03,089
wonder why they put out they were that

848

00:34:01,980 --> 00:34:04,529
that thing in the first place the

849

00:34:03,089 --> 00:34:06,299
marketing department must have gone hey

850

00:34:04,529 --> 00:34:07,740
let's put this out the marketing

851

00:34:06,299 --> 00:34:11,369
department marketing department for the

852

00:34:07,740 --> 00:34:12,898
survey service up the marketing

853

00:34:11,369 --> 00:34:14,250
department for the particular uni or

854

00:34:12,898 --> 00:34:16,049
whatever was it did the experiment

855

00:34:14,250 --> 00:34:17,760
that's not all we need a catchy thing to

856
00:34:16,050 --> 00:34:19,800
get people's attention so probably went

857
00:34:17,760 --> 00:34:20,970
down to the bottom of the experiment

858
00:34:19,800 --> 00:34:23,159
somewhere and grab something that wasn't

859
00:34:20,969 --> 00:34:25,230
relevant look I mean that's that can

860
00:34:23,159 --> 00:34:27,539
also be there's many many steps along

861
00:34:25,230 --> 00:34:29,269
the scientific process where results can

862
00:34:27,539 --> 00:34:31,259
be misinterpreted and one of those is

863
00:34:29,269 --> 00:34:33,179
scientists never ever say a hundred

864
00:34:31,260 --> 00:34:36,360
percent yes or no we can't do that

865
00:34:33,179 --> 00:34:38,099
because by nature of statistical

866
00:34:36,360 --> 00:34:40,500
analysis we can only ever say we're at

867
00:34:38,099 --> 00:34:42,299
ninety-five percent right there's always

868
00:34:40,500 --> 00:34:44,250
an error for plus or minus five

869
00:34:42,300 --> 00:34:46,320
so we're always very cautious and will

870
00:34:44,250 --> 00:34:47,550
say there might be in effect but then

871
00:34:46,320 --> 00:34:48,900
some people will pick that up and go but

872
00:34:47,550 --> 00:34:51,539
the scientists said it's going to kill

873
00:34:48,900 --> 00:34:53,519
me so this Chinese whispers tends to

874
00:34:51,539 --> 00:34:54,659
happen well we've said all there might

875
00:34:53,519 --> 00:34:56,610
be a connection but we're not really

876
00:34:54,659 --> 00:34:58,799
sure how we need to do more research and

877
00:34:56,610 --> 00:35:01,860
we're not sure why yet but it could be

878
00:34:58,800 --> 00:35:03,750
this maybe it's that that gets snapped

879
00:35:01,860 --> 00:35:05,940
up by a PR department here go we're all

880
00:35:03,750 --> 00:35:09,750
gonna die and that kinda thing gonna be

881
00:35:05,940 --> 00:35:12,030
talking about on stage today I know I

882
00:35:09,750 --> 00:35:13,170
didn't know Richard III bumped into you

883
00:35:12,030 --> 00:35:14,820
cuz you've been in the back room doing

884

00:35:13,170 --> 00:35:16,559
those special deals the skeptics do it

885
00:35:14,820 --> 00:35:18,600
this kind of thing you know make making

886
00:35:16,559 --> 00:35:20,429
enemies it's like it's like being voted

887
00:35:18,599 --> 00:35:21,630
off the island skeptically bigger one of

888
00:35:20,429 --> 00:35:23,279
these things is no really it's like an

889
00:35:21,630 --> 00:35:25,140
episode of Survivor I can't tell you

890
00:35:23,280 --> 00:35:27,180
about these things may notice its secret

891
00:35:25,139 --> 00:35:29,009
the secret up to the so-called green

892
00:35:27,179 --> 00:35:31,319
room three times and nobody in there

893
00:35:29,010 --> 00:35:33,090
it's full now it is a lunch up there

894
00:35:31,320 --> 00:35:34,380
with James Randi and DJ Grothe and lots

895
00:35:33,090 --> 00:35:36,870
of people so don't go up there now

896
00:35:34,380 --> 00:35:38,220
you'll be kicked out okay what Leslie

897
00:35:36,869 --> 00:35:39,539
usually thing now I spoke to rebecca

898
00:35:38,219 --> 00:35:41,399

watson earlier about some wonderful

899

00:35:39,539 --> 00:35:42,869

things including Thunder shirts for dogs

900

00:35:41,400 --> 00:35:44,430

and cats which is the shirts that they

901

00:35:42,869 --> 00:35:46,259

wear to make them stop getting at

902

00:35:44,429 --> 00:35:48,659

anxious during thunderstorms and the

903

00:35:46,260 --> 00:35:50,160

bisexuality of James Bond so we've got

904

00:35:48,659 --> 00:35:53,489

some stuff that for great stuff for the

905

00:35:50,159 --> 00:35:54,899

show what well yeah well you when you

906

00:35:53,489 --> 00:35:56,039

talk to rebecca watson you talk pure

907

00:35:54,900 --> 00:35:59,250

science and that's what i was talking

908

00:35:56,039 --> 00:36:01,679

course science pure science may not be

909

00:35:59,250 --> 00:36:03,090

us right sounds interesting that sounds

910

00:36:01,679 --> 00:36:04,259

very interesting how's your convention

911

00:36:03,090 --> 00:36:06,690

with i look pretty good it's like

912

00:36:04,260 --> 00:36:08,610

everything arm now as you know i did

913
00:36:06,690 --> 00:36:10,349
about 90 degrees when i was at am in las

914
00:36:08,610 --> 00:36:11,849
vegas here in melbourne i think we've

915
00:36:10,349 --> 00:36:14,069
done about 50 which sounds about right

916
00:36:11,849 --> 00:36:15,509
and it's interesting that australians

917
00:36:14,070 --> 00:36:17,519
aren't is open to talking as the

918
00:36:15,510 --> 00:36:19,200
Americans in fact I don't think that's a

919
00:36:17,519 --> 00:36:21,869
problem I think it's the Americans had

920
00:36:19,199 --> 00:36:23,219
the problem with oversharing well that's

921
00:36:21,869 --> 00:36:26,069
that's one way of looking at it

922
00:36:23,219 --> 00:36:28,109
oversharing is very nice yes I don't

923
00:36:26,070 --> 00:36:29,760
know try to get a couple of bottles of

924
00:36:28,110 --> 00:36:32,539
vodka into the main art and they'll talk

925
00:36:29,760 --> 00:36:34,939
to anybody again there you go

926
00:36:32,539 --> 00:36:36,169
look we're here at a skeptics convention

927
00:36:34,938 --> 00:36:37,818
I'm talking to someone now who's wearing

928
00:36:36,168 --> 00:36:39,379
devil horns so why are you coming along

929
00:36:37,818 --> 00:36:41,538
as a character that most people who

930
00:36:39,380 --> 00:36:43,579
don't even believe in any way well I

931
00:36:41,539 --> 00:36:45,528
just want anybody you know any

932
00:36:43,579 --> 00:36:48,919
detractors to know that I don't fear

933
00:36:45,528 --> 00:36:50,688
hell so bring it on bro so basically all

934
00:36:48,918 --> 00:36:53,088
your devil horns are saying keep away

935
00:36:50,688 --> 00:36:55,728
from me the hormones are running in the

936
00:36:53,088 --> 00:36:57,578
bad way yeah ha and what he was seen

937
00:36:55,728 --> 00:36:59,958
here at this conference at you enjoy Oh

938
00:36:57,579 --> 00:37:03,318
everybody i mean the the lecturers have

939
00:36:59,958 --> 00:37:06,228
been so great and the amazing Randi a

940
00:37:03,318 --> 00:37:08,268
big hero of mine did you dirty tricks

941

00:37:06,228 --> 00:37:10,989
Lloyd of you some tricks oh yeah he did

942
00:37:08,268 --> 00:37:14,478
a great trick with a levitating matchbox

943
00:37:10,989 --> 00:37:16,130
yeah and I was absolutely mystified and

944
00:37:14,478 --> 00:37:17,688
when he explained it I was so

945
00:37:16,130 --> 00:37:19,189
embarrassed because you know I I

946
00:37:17,688 --> 00:37:21,858
considered myself a little bit of an

947
00:37:19,188 --> 00:37:23,989
amateur magician but yeah he's the

948
00:37:21,858 --> 00:37:26,088
master are you gonna try it when you go

949
00:37:23,989 --> 00:37:28,130
home because it just involves the folds

950
00:37:26,088 --> 00:37:30,018
of the skin doesn't it but the way can

951
00:37:28,130 --> 00:37:31,880
it's amazing it's not oh it's absolutely

952
00:37:30,018 --> 00:37:33,468
incredible yeah I'm gonna I'm gonna try

953
00:37:31,880 --> 00:37:36,229
it on my my housemate who unfortunately

954
00:37:33,469 --> 00:37:37,938
believes all the room so maybe I

955
00:37:36,228 --> 00:37:40,038

convince her that i actually have

956

00:37:37,938 --> 00:37:41,778

telekinetic powers now so when do have

957

00:37:40,039 --> 00:37:43,489

the great discussions with your flatmate

958

00:37:41,778 --> 00:37:44,449

is in the morning over the kitchen table

959

00:37:43,489 --> 00:37:46,929

or is it while you're watching

960

00:37:44,449 --> 00:37:49,608

late-night TV the arguments break out oh

961

00:37:46,929 --> 00:37:52,969

it's anytime she's like well I went to a

962

00:37:49,608 --> 00:37:55,728

tarot reader today and yeah it was

963

00:37:52,969 --> 00:37:57,499

incredible how did she know that I must

964

00:37:55,728 --> 00:37:59,389

own my own business I'm like yeah did

965

00:37:57,498 --> 00:38:02,088

you go on a weekday in the middle of the

966

00:37:59,389 --> 00:38:03,978

day and you had enough money to pay her

967

00:38:02,088 --> 00:38:06,768

I mean you can probably deduct those

968

00:38:03,978 --> 00:38:08,239

things she's like oh oh yeah yeah but

969

00:38:06,768 --> 00:38:10,008

don't there are other things you know

970
00:38:08,239 --> 00:38:11,989
that she just couldn't possibly have

971
00:38:10,009 --> 00:38:13,400
known I'd say you got conflict at home

972
00:38:11,989 --> 00:38:15,108
what about in the workplace do you work

973
00:38:13,400 --> 00:38:17,599
somewhere where occasionally a co-worker

974
00:38:15,108 --> 00:38:20,719
will come in going well my stars are

975
00:38:17,599 --> 00:38:22,789
just so right today oh yeah sometimes I

976
00:38:20,719 --> 00:38:24,769
here in the kitchen a bit of a bit of

977
00:38:22,789 --> 00:38:26,599
talk of i went to the best psychic on

978
00:38:24,768 --> 00:38:28,728
the weekend you should go see them as

979
00:38:26,599 --> 00:38:30,949
well and i just have to bite my tongue

980
00:38:28,728 --> 00:38:32,389
you know office politics oh yes you

981
00:38:30,949 --> 00:38:33,949
usually do now what is the whew that

982
00:38:32,389 --> 00:38:36,500
gets you the most what is the one that

983
00:38:33,949 --> 00:38:39,289
annoys you the most oh absolutely

984
00:38:36,500 --> 00:38:42,949
totally anything that's going to harm

985
00:38:39,289 --> 00:38:44,900
children especially in the medical area

986
00:38:42,949 --> 00:38:46,969
like chiropractics for children

987
00:38:44,900 --> 00:38:48,920
homeopathy for children not vaccinating

988
00:38:46,969 --> 00:38:52,969
them it just drives me up the wall that

989
00:38:48,920 --> 00:38:55,550
poor like complete innocence of being

990
00:38:52,969 --> 00:38:58,819
hurt by their stupid parents who just

991
00:38:55,550 --> 00:39:00,860
don't ever question like wow wonder why

992
00:38:58,820 --> 00:39:03,110
people these days it can live till

993
00:39:00,860 --> 00:39:04,519
ninety and yet a hundred years ago when

994
00:39:03,110 --> 00:39:07,640
they already had all these herbal

995
00:39:04,519 --> 00:39:08,840
medicines only lived till 30 and here's

996
00:39:07,639 --> 00:39:11,179
let's look at it from the other angle

997
00:39:08,840 --> 00:39:13,190
here what extraordinary claimed you wish

998

00:39:11,179 --> 00:39:14,929
was real I mean of all the extraordinary

999
00:39:13,190 --> 00:39:16,250
claims you hear from your flatmate from

1000
00:39:14,929 --> 00:39:18,049
the people at work what's one that you

1001
00:39:16,250 --> 00:39:19,849
would kind of like you go hey hang on

1002
00:39:18,050 --> 00:39:21,980
flying sources that would be so cool and

1003
00:39:19,849 --> 00:39:23,750
look I I think X tres fuels are out

1004
00:39:21,980 --> 00:39:25,820
there I believe in UFOs I'm probably

1005
00:39:23,750 --> 00:39:30,199
under skip together does that's my one

1006
00:39:25,820 --> 00:39:32,960
was yours Mermaid Man why is it

1007
00:39:30,199 --> 00:39:34,399
something childhood a movie yeah I was

1008
00:39:32,960 --> 00:39:36,019
kind of obsessed with that movie The

1009
00:39:34,400 --> 00:39:38,059
Little Mermaid when I was a kid and I I

1010
00:39:36,019 --> 00:39:39,769
just wanted to be able to like find out

1011
00:39:38,059 --> 00:39:41,360
one day that I'm secretly half mermaid

1012
00:39:39,769 --> 00:39:42,949

if I get in the water I can just swim

1013

00:39:41,360 --> 00:39:44,360

away from all the stupid people that

1014

00:39:42,949 --> 00:39:45,769

wouldn't that be inconvenient but you

1015

00:39:44,360 --> 00:39:48,320

you put your best bathing suit to go

1016

00:39:45,769 --> 00:39:50,509

down to some killed up here you jump in

1017

00:39:48,320 --> 00:39:52,940

and then suddenly oh no legs anymore I'm

1018

00:39:50,510 --> 00:39:54,170

fins yeah that would be a little bit

1019

00:39:52,940 --> 00:39:55,670

embarrassing yeah I mean when you think

1020

00:39:54,170 --> 00:39:58,880

of the Tom Hanks movie it wasn't all

1021

00:39:55,670 --> 00:40:01,250

that convenient no no but you know the

1022

00:39:58,880 --> 00:40:03,980

on the outside I won't have to swim in

1023

00:40:01,250 --> 00:40:05,389

the slow lane at the pool anymore yeah

1024

00:40:03,980 --> 00:40:07,280

of course we've got rebecca watson here

1025

00:40:05,389 --> 00:40:10,190

a bit of a fan of her oh definitely a

1026

00:40:07,280 --> 00:40:11,720

huge huge fan and now the word feisty is

1027
00:40:10,190 --> 00:40:14,000
always mentioned in the same sentence as

1028
00:40:11,719 --> 00:40:17,509
rebecca watson um well yeah what does it

1029
00:40:14,000 --> 00:40:20,480
matter you like oh I'm just so glad that

1030
00:40:17,510 --> 00:40:22,520
I know she's on a big podcast like the

1031
00:40:20,480 --> 00:40:23,809
SGU where you know all the other

1032
00:40:22,519 --> 00:40:25,519
panelists and even the guests are

1033
00:40:23,809 --> 00:40:27,440
usually man it's just good to have that

1034
00:40:25,519 --> 00:40:29,420
woman's perspective because I think

1035
00:40:27,440 --> 00:40:33,679
sometimes you know even the most

1036
00:40:29,420 --> 00:40:35,869
enlightened men they're not very closely

1037
00:40:33,679 --> 00:40:37,369
following issues especially skeptical

1038
00:40:35,869 --> 00:40:39,409
issues that are going to affect where

1039
00:40:37,369 --> 00:40:41,929
so it's good that she can bring it back

1040
00:40:39,409 --> 00:40:44,420
to that when other people may not have

1041
00:40:41,929 --> 00:40:46,399
noticed now I'm are you a fan of the

1042
00:40:44,420 --> 00:40:48,619
godless bitches podcast by the Atheist

1043
00:40:46,400 --> 00:40:49,849
community of Texas Austin Texas oh I

1044
00:40:48,619 --> 00:40:51,529
haven't heard of that line I have to

1045
00:40:49,849 --> 00:40:53,059
look it up it's another bourbon and look

1046
00:40:51,530 --> 00:40:55,130
where actually can you recommend a

1047
00:40:53,059 --> 00:40:56,389
website or a podcast and a book for us

1048
00:40:55,130 --> 00:40:59,980
to go because I've been asking people

1049
00:40:56,389 --> 00:40:59,980
about that okay um

1050
00:41:00,010 --> 00:41:06,900
I don't know if I can recommend anything

1051
00:41:02,800 --> 00:41:11,590
that no one would have heard of so far

1052
00:41:06,900 --> 00:41:15,519
and if you if you want a good read I'm

1053
00:41:11,590 --> 00:41:17,320
reading god no and other signs you may

1054
00:41:15,519 --> 00:41:19,119
be an atheist by Penn Jillette I think

1055

00:41:17,320 --> 00:41:20,650
that's quite an interesting book and

1056
00:41:19,119 --> 00:41:22,779
even though I don't agree with all his

1057
00:41:20,650 --> 00:41:24,430
opinions I think let me guess you have a

1058
00:41:22,780 --> 00:41:26,080
problem with the libertarianism do you

1059
00:41:24,429 --> 00:41:28,359
yes yeah I don't know if that's just an

1060
00:41:26,079 --> 00:41:29,590
Australian thing but I think because

1061
00:41:28,360 --> 00:41:31,870
we've got a bit of a socialized medicine

1062
00:41:29,590 --> 00:41:33,490
thing here we understand safety nets a

1063
00:41:31,869 --> 00:41:35,949
good idea where libertarians are not so

1064
00:41:33,489 --> 00:41:38,049
big on that larger safety net no no I

1065
00:41:35,949 --> 00:41:39,399
may disagree with him on that but it's

1066
00:41:38,050 --> 00:41:41,740
at least good to know another

1067
00:41:39,400 --> 00:41:43,690
perspective and how other skeptics

1068
00:41:41,739 --> 00:41:45,639
around the world think an atheist think

1069
00:41:43,690 --> 00:41:47,530

well I'm gonna get well away from your

1070

00:41:45,639 --> 00:41:50,009

devil horns now have a great day thank

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00:41:47,530 --> 00:41:50,010

you bye

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00:42:00,289 --> 00:42:06,139

in a world where the truth is a matter

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00:42:08,500 --> 00:42:13,500

your messages are a seat for beyond

1074

00:42:16,320 --> 00:42:22,160

and reason is sidelined for magical

1075

00:42:19,650 --> 00:42:22,160

sinking

1076

00:42:22,469 --> 00:42:28,028

only sweet then stand between the truth

1077

00:42:25,429 --> 00:42:31,129

temples

1078

00:42:28,028 --> 00:42:32,838

what date is it seven eight several

1079

00:42:31,130 --> 00:42:34,250

thing this is impressive it's a disaster

1080

00:42:32,838 --> 00:42:36,308

stand present they're not their

1081

00:42:34,250 --> 00:42:39,469

photographs of Chinese anthem it's not

1082

00:42:36,309 --> 00:42:41,329

we are not well received good god we're

1083

00:42:39,469 --> 00:42:43,250

fully don't discuss cryptozoology on the

1084
00:42:41,329 --> 00:42:45,289
show very often because we don't know

1085
00:42:43,250 --> 00:42:47,088
anything about how the truth the price

1086
00:42:45,289 --> 00:42:49,010
gets lower and lower and lower and then

1087
00:42:47,088 --> 00:42:52,969
he hits a ceiling it's just even for the

1088
00:42:49,010 --> 00:42:54,980
Rubin law profession skeptic to the K

1089
00:42:52,969 --> 00:42:59,259
for the mostest hi skeptics society find

1090
00:42:54,980 --> 00:42:59,260
us on iTunes or you know don't

1091
00:43:09,018 --> 00:43:13,949
thank you for listening to the skeptic

1092
00:43:11,518 --> 00:43:17,699
Cernan oh I'm so glad the world didn't

1093
00:43:13,949 --> 00:43:19,169
come to an end a few days ago I wonder

1094
00:43:17,699 --> 00:43:22,710
when the next end of the world

1095
00:43:19,170 --> 00:43:24,900
prediction will be or when that mystical

1096
00:43:22,710 --> 00:43:28,469
date will be I'm sure we'll find out

1097
00:43:24,900 --> 00:43:30,269
soon enough but for now from beautiful

1098
00:43:28,469 --> 00:43:32,869
Auckland what up what a beautiful city

1099
00:43:30,268 --> 00:43:35,548
it is New Zealand land of the hobbits

1100
00:43:32,869 --> 00:43:37,769
land a land of the hobbits I tell you

1101
00:43:35,548 --> 00:43:40,288
what when I flew here on a new zealand

1102
00:43:37,768 --> 00:43:41,728
the safety video is all done by hobbits

1103
00:43:40,289 --> 00:43:44,430
when i got off at the airport hobbits

1104
00:43:41,728 --> 00:43:46,768
everywhere but that's ok can't wait to

1105
00:43:44,429 --> 00:43:49,828
see the movie but for now this is

1106
00:43:46,768 --> 00:43:56,308
Richard Saunders signing off from

1107
00:43:49,829 --> 00:43:59,700
Auckland New Zealand you've been

1108
00:43:56,309 --> 00:44:04,109
listening to the skeptic zone visit her

1109
00:43:59,699 --> 00:44:06,598
website at www skeptics on TV for

1110
00:44:04,108 --> 00:44:09,259
comments contacts and extra video

1111
00:44:06,599 --> 00:44:09,259
reports

1112

00:44:12,199 --> 00:44:14,230

Oh