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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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00:00:22,940 --> 00:00:30,600
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:25,800 --> 00:00:34,320
episode number 222 for you numerologists

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00:00:30,600 --> 00:00:37,620
out there 222 for the twenty first of

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00:00:34,320 --> 00:00:40,980
January 2013 Richard Saunders here with

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00:00:37,619 --> 00:00:43,070
you from an overcast Sydney Australia in

8
00:00:40,979 --> 00:00:46,709
the past weeks folks in the past week

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00:00:43,070 --> 00:00:50,820
Sydney experienced on Friday its hottest

10
00:00:46,710 --> 00:00:54,509
recorded day in history oh yes what was

11
00:00:50,820 --> 00:00:56,250
it 45.8 you can do the conversion to

12
00:00:54,509 --> 00:01:01,320
Fahrenheit at some time if you wish but

13
00:00:56,250 --> 00:01:03,509
believe me it was hot oh yes not as hot

14
00:01:01,320 --> 00:01:04,790
as the skeptic zone this week we're

15
00:01:03,509 --> 00:01:07,739
going to kick off with maynards

16
00:01:04,790 --> 00:01:10,170
interview with dr. Chrissy Wilson and

17
00:01:07,739 --> 00:01:12,569
dr. Chrissy who was at the melbourne

18
00:01:10,170 --> 00:01:15,620
convention just a few months ago we'll

19
00:01:12,569 --> 00:01:20,069
be discussing her opinions on stage

20
00:01:15,620 --> 00:01:22,469
psychics for stage performers or people

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00:01:20,069 --> 00:01:25,618
who claim they have special psychic

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00:01:22,469 --> 00:01:28,429
power to talk to dead people and charge

23
00:01:25,618 --> 00:01:31,799
money now it's no shock to know that

24
00:01:28,430 --> 00:01:33,960
Chrissy is none too pleased with these

25
00:01:31,799 --> 00:01:36,390
people anyway find out more at the top

26
00:01:33,959 --> 00:01:38,819
of the show with maynards spooky action

27
00:01:36,390 --> 00:01:42,890
and then after that main ads back

28
00:01:38,819 --> 00:01:46,739
briefly with me I went to see Maynard

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00:01:42,890 --> 00:01:49,228
being the MC for a sort of a public QA

30
00:01:46,739 --> 00:01:51,569
of characters from a very popular TV

31
00:01:49,228 --> 00:01:55,468
show here in Australia called danger 5

32
00:01:51,569 --> 00:01:57,709
and I went along to see Maynard in true

33
00:01:55,468 --> 00:02:00,089
form it was really good to see him there

34
00:01:57,709 --> 00:02:02,608
handling the audience and talking to the

35
00:02:00,090 --> 00:02:05,549
cast of this crazy show if you've got

36
00:02:02,608 --> 00:02:08,340
time Google danger 5 have a look at some

37
00:02:05,549 --> 00:02:11,310
of the clips it's outrageous it's really

38
00:02:08,340 --> 00:02:12,870
it reminds me of something like Spike

39
00:02:11,310 --> 00:02:16,020
Milligan might have done all the goodies

40
00:02:12,870 --> 00:02:18,349
it's crazy world war two it's ridiculous

41
00:02:16,020 --> 00:02:20,610
it's over the top but it's good fun

42
00:02:18,349 --> 00:02:24,210
anyway a little chat with may not about

43
00:02:20,610 --> 00:02:25,620

danger 5 just for the hell of it and I

44

00:02:24,210 --> 00:02:28,349

think we want to get a campaign going

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00:02:25,620 --> 00:02:30,930

folks we want main are to appear in the

46

00:02:28,348 --> 00:02:32,539

next series of danger 5 we really do I

47

00:02:30,930 --> 00:02:34,489

think you'd be fantastic

48

00:02:32,539 --> 00:02:37,188

following that little chat with Maynard

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00:02:34,489 --> 00:02:39,289

and the reason why the skeptic zone is a

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00:02:37,188 --> 00:02:42,019

little bit late this week yesterday I

51

00:02:39,289 --> 00:02:44,688

got up nice and early went downtown here

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00:02:42,019 --> 00:02:46,968

and said they jumped on a bus at 7am and

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00:02:44,688 --> 00:02:48,739

headed for Canberra to spend the day

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00:02:46,968 --> 00:02:50,449

with the camera skeptics now they were

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00:02:48,739 --> 00:02:53,209

having a free public screening of Brian

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00:02:50,449 --> 00:02:55,639

Dunning's wonderful documentary here be

57

00:02:53,209 --> 00:02:58,310

dragons so I went along enjoyed some

58
00:02:55,639 --> 00:03:00,589
time with the camera skeptics went along

59
00:02:58,310 --> 00:03:02,209
to the screening of here be dragons with

60
00:03:00,590 --> 00:03:04,430
an audience of about 80 people which was

61
00:03:02,209 --> 00:03:07,489
fantastic and then afterwards repaired

62
00:03:04,430 --> 00:03:10,849
to King O'Malley's pub where we recorded

63
00:03:07,489 --> 00:03:12,650
a camera think tank lots of nice people

64
00:03:10,848 --> 00:03:15,530
down there in the Australian Capital

65
00:03:12,650 --> 00:03:18,260
Territory and a big shout out to laws

66
00:03:15,530 --> 00:03:20,979
Amanda and Kevin and all the people who

67
00:03:18,259 --> 00:03:24,199
came along to enjoy the day in Canberra

68
00:03:20,979 --> 00:03:25,750
coming up soon on the skeptic zone more

69
00:03:24,199 --> 00:03:28,310
news about the Australian

70
00:03:25,750 --> 00:03:32,109
anti-vaccination network or what's left

71
00:03:28,310 --> 00:03:34,819
of them it's an interesting thing to see

72
00:03:32,109 --> 00:03:37,219
they're almost disintegrating before our

73
00:03:34,818 --> 00:03:41,539
very eyes good news for children

74
00:03:37,219 --> 00:03:44,870
everywhere that this band of interesting

75
00:03:41,539 --> 00:03:47,900
people are sort of hopefully hopefully

76
00:03:44,870 --> 00:03:49,729
in their death rattle we'll keep you up

77
00:03:47,900 --> 00:03:51,799
to date and I think dr. Rach you might

78
00:03:49,729 --> 00:03:54,049
have something to say about that coming

79
00:03:51,799 --> 00:03:57,290
up very soon on the skeptic zone but for

80
00:03:54,049 --> 00:04:01,010
now I'm going to run downstairs open the

81
00:03:57,289 --> 00:04:03,408
fridge mmm apple and raspberry cordial

82
00:04:01,009 --> 00:04:06,828
with ice today because it's a little bit

83
00:04:03,408 --> 00:04:10,000
warm what I'm doing that you can listen

84
00:04:06,829 --> 00:04:10,000
to the skeptic zone

85
00:04:20,298 --> 00:04:27,279
his main art spooky action at a distance

86

00:04:27,959 --> 00:04:31,509
but we're here in the green room now

87
00:04:30,160 --> 00:04:33,040
which is not green and I'm here with

88
00:04:31,509 --> 00:04:37,000
Chrissy Wilson and a cardboard cutout

89
00:04:33,040 --> 00:04:39,100
head of Brian darling isn't it hello I'm

90
00:04:37,000 --> 00:04:42,689
right nothing from sipdroid touch me

91
00:04:39,100 --> 00:04:45,250
touch me now picture of your lose it all

92
00:04:42,689 --> 00:04:47,649
got one me in there no we haven't we

93
00:04:45,250 --> 00:04:49,689
will have the next year but look I went

94
00:04:47,649 --> 00:04:52,000
into the main hall here and you are

95
00:04:49,689 --> 00:04:54,490
getting around to chat sick sick sick

96
00:04:52,000 --> 00:04:56,410
sick carrot now what was that all about

97
00:04:54,490 --> 00:04:58,810
and who are you what what are you doing

98
00:04:56,410 --> 00:05:01,030
here making people feel sick well it

99
00:04:58,810 --> 00:05:03,220
wouldn't be my job skeptics convention

100
00:05:01,029 --> 00:05:07,209

unless I got people to pointlessly

101

00:05:03,220 --> 00:05:08,830

chance something that time two years ago

102

00:05:07,209 --> 00:05:10,810

I managed to get everybody to jot Aussie

103

00:05:08,829 --> 00:05:13,449

Aussie Aussie oi oi oi no reason

104

00:05:10,810 --> 00:05:17,649

whatsoever except that I can no it was

105

00:05:13,449 --> 00:05:20,199

actually 666 not sick right and why does

106

00:05:17,649 --> 00:05:22,870

chanting 6 make you want to say carrot

107

00:05:20,199 --> 00:05:24,579

well I don't actually know it's a dis

108

00:05:22,870 --> 00:05:28,379

dis weird little experiment and I've

109

00:05:24,579 --> 00:05:31,209

done it with students before a huge

110

00:05:28,379 --> 00:05:34,120

group of the audience will think of

111

00:05:31,209 --> 00:05:36,189

carrot it might be one of these sort of

112

00:05:34,120 --> 00:05:38,230

population stereotype things and I think

113

00:05:36,189 --> 00:05:40,319

of a number between one and ten and a

114

00:05:38,230 --> 00:05:43,360

lot of people think of three or seven

115
00:05:40,319 --> 00:05:45,310
look I remember stage shy as a part of

116
00:05:43,360 --> 00:05:47,860
there was a two envelopes which we used

117
00:05:45,310 --> 00:05:49,480
to have and think of a vegetable think

118
00:05:47,860 --> 00:05:51,340
of a tool and people would always say

119
00:05:49,480 --> 00:05:52,540
carrot and a hammer they were normally

120
00:05:51,339 --> 00:05:54,399
the two things people say when asked

121
00:05:52,540 --> 00:05:57,340
those questions yeah yeah well again

122
00:05:54,399 --> 00:06:00,219
it's probably population stereotypes and

123
00:05:57,339 --> 00:06:02,619
what's your doctorate in once again well

124
00:06:00,220 --> 00:06:05,200
I did my doctor is in psychology see and

125
00:06:02,620 --> 00:06:08,319
but the subject was memories oh I looked

126
00:06:05,199 --> 00:06:10,750
at memory biases for both normal and

127
00:06:08,319 --> 00:06:13,209
paranormal events so I did a lot of work

128
00:06:10,750 --> 00:06:14,350
on false memory creation so some of

129
00:06:13,209 --> 00:06:16,060
things actually that Richie was saying

130
00:06:14,350 --> 00:06:18,820
earlier about about how we can't trust

131
00:06:16,060 --> 00:06:20,589
our memory eyewitness testimony how

132
00:06:18,819 --> 00:06:22,719
eyewitness testimony is very vulnerable

133
00:06:20,589 --> 00:06:24,379
to all kinds of biases so that was the

134
00:06:22,720 --> 00:06:26,210
PhD

135
00:06:24,379 --> 00:06:28,420
I did and what about something like a

136
00:06:26,209 --> 00:06:30,409
police lineup is that just fraught with

137
00:06:28,420 --> 00:06:31,550
the chance everything to go horribly

138
00:06:30,410 --> 00:06:35,120
wrong because of memory as well

139
00:06:31,550 --> 00:06:37,520
absolutely I mean in America eyewitness

140
00:06:35,120 --> 00:06:40,550
testimony direct i witnessed yes it was

141
00:06:37,519 --> 00:06:42,799
him was you know as powerful as a

142
00:06:40,550 --> 00:06:44,329
smoking gun that these days because of

143

00:06:42,800 --> 00:06:46,009
people like Elizabeth Loftus who's like

144
00:06:44,329 --> 00:06:49,279
the queen of memory research and

145
00:06:46,009 --> 00:06:51,110
everybody's hero in this area she's

146
00:06:49,279 --> 00:06:52,729
shown that memory is incredibly

147
00:06:51,110 --> 00:06:54,439
vulnerable to all kinds of

148
00:06:52,730 --> 00:06:57,050
misinformation we can get misinformation

149
00:06:54,439 --> 00:06:59,420
from fellow witnesses we can get

150
00:06:57,050 --> 00:07:02,540
information because of how we're sort of

151
00:06:59,420 --> 00:07:05,150
feeling on that particular day our own

152
00:07:02,540 --> 00:07:07,640
particular belief systems all those kind

153
00:07:05,149 --> 00:07:11,479
of things will affect our memory and so

154
00:07:07,639 --> 00:07:15,050
yeah our lineup now eyewitness testimony

155
00:07:11,480 --> 00:07:17,420
is it's still obviously used in court

156
00:07:15,050 --> 00:07:19,400
but it doesn't have the same weight that

157
00:07:17,420 --> 00:07:21,680

it used to because of what we now know

158

00:07:19,399 --> 00:07:24,709

about memory so instead of thinking of

159

00:07:21,680 --> 00:07:26,389

memory as a continuously recording tape

160

00:07:24,709 --> 00:07:29,629

of something how should we think of

161

00:07:26,389 --> 00:07:33,050

memory well memory is a good analogy

162

00:07:29,629 --> 00:07:35,600

it's not this video camera camcorder in

163

00:07:33,050 --> 00:07:37,879

our heads it's a far more active fluid

164

00:07:35,600 --> 00:07:40,370

process so if I ask you now I think back

165

00:07:37,879 --> 00:07:43,399

main I think think of a time when you

166

00:07:40,370 --> 00:07:45,139

were really happy okay when you were so

167

00:07:43,399 --> 00:07:46,789

16 years old think of a time when you

168

00:07:45,139 --> 00:07:48,669

were really happy during the sixteenth

169

00:07:46,790 --> 00:07:51,920

year now what you're doing now you're

170

00:07:48,670 --> 00:07:55,550

not flicking through your camera or

171

00:07:51,920 --> 00:07:57,980

camcorder and playing back a memory with

172
00:07:55,550 --> 00:07:59,780
perfect clarity in perfect accuracy what

173
00:07:57,980 --> 00:08:02,750
you're doing is you're reconstructing

174
00:07:59,779 --> 00:08:05,479
that memory so it's a brand new memory

175
00:08:02,750 --> 00:08:06,920
if you like and it's open to all the

176
00:08:05,480 --> 00:08:09,950
things that have happened to you since

177
00:08:06,920 --> 00:08:11,110
you were 16 years old so how you are now

178
00:08:09,949 --> 00:08:13,060
as an adult

179
00:08:11,110 --> 00:08:14,889
we experience this is why when you break

180
00:08:13,060 --> 00:08:16,750
up with someone all you can think about

181
00:08:14,889 --> 00:08:17,889
them as the bad things and you tend to

182
00:08:16,750 --> 00:08:19,629
not remember the good things till a

183
00:08:17,889 --> 00:08:21,279
while later when it doesn't matter as

184
00:08:19,629 --> 00:08:24,939
much well I think that's probably

185
00:08:21,279 --> 00:08:26,799
something else that's coping mechanism a

186
00:08:24,939 --> 00:08:29,500
coping mechanism and what attracted you

187
00:08:26,800 --> 00:08:31,180
to psychology I mean the UM I mean apart

188
00:08:29,500 --> 00:08:32,409
from the electrochemical action that

189
00:08:31,180 --> 00:08:33,730
goes on there that you can physically

190
00:08:32,409 --> 00:08:35,350
tell what's going on and even then they

191
00:08:33,730 --> 00:08:37,779
can't haven't got that completely now

192
00:08:35,350 --> 00:08:39,670
down it is a little bit of it's a bit of

193
00:08:37,779 --> 00:08:41,709
a gray area for a lot of people and a

194
00:08:39,669 --> 00:08:42,879
lot of arguments over data that doesn't

195
00:08:41,710 --> 00:08:44,740
exist at the point this point in time

196
00:08:42,879 --> 00:08:47,320
yep absolutely and I think I got

197
00:08:44,740 --> 00:08:48,639
interested in psychology because I've

198
00:08:47,320 --> 00:08:50,890
always been interested in what makes

199
00:08:48,639 --> 00:08:52,990
people tick you know what is it why do

200

00:08:50,889 --> 00:08:54,370
we do the stupid things that we do and

201
00:08:52,990 --> 00:08:56,860
you know we're with such irrational

202
00:08:54,370 --> 00:09:00,340
creatures we don't make decisions based

203
00:08:56,860 --> 00:09:01,810
on on evidence you know we don't we

204
00:09:00,340 --> 00:09:03,250
don't weigh up the evidence the pros and

205
00:09:01,809 --> 00:09:05,739
cons are certain things we make

206
00:09:03,250 --> 00:09:08,470
decisions based on emotions usually and

207
00:09:05,740 --> 00:09:10,539
another reasons it's not about evidence

208
00:09:08,470 --> 00:09:13,149
we don't do that we are irrational

209
00:09:10,539 --> 00:09:14,669
creatures and so I think it was it was

210
00:09:13,149 --> 00:09:17,379
that initially I was an air stewardess

211
00:09:14,669 --> 00:09:19,929
at the time and I was trooping up and

212
00:09:17,379 --> 00:09:21,700
down 747 you know are you putting on

213
00:09:19,929 --> 00:09:23,109
that really thick makeup you had the

214
00:09:21,700 --> 00:09:25,570

really thick tights oh don't get

215

00:09:23,110 --> 00:09:27,580

thrombosis and yeah and you had that

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00:09:25,570 --> 00:09:29,350

estee lauder ESP lipstick on which they

217

00:09:27,580 --> 00:09:30,910

used to advertise that the hostesses

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00:09:29,350 --> 00:09:32,590

were as well so your skin would have

219

00:09:30,909 --> 00:09:39,029

been taking a beating for start yeah it

220

00:09:32,590 --> 00:09:39,030

did I'm actually only 27 years old don't

221

00:09:39,779 --> 00:09:43,509

know because I could imagine do you act

222

00:09:42,039 --> 00:09:45,069

is it like a stage performer when you're

223

00:09:43,509 --> 00:09:46,990

an air hostess you have to reapply make

224

00:09:45,070 --> 00:09:49,390

up a couple of times a day well yeah I

225

00:09:46,990 --> 00:09:51,669

didn't I fed up with it you know I just

226

00:09:49,389 --> 00:09:54,460

want the money and go to some exotic

227

00:09:51,669 --> 00:09:56,019

blazes you know but um it was while I

228

00:09:54,460 --> 00:09:58,509

was odd to open up and down the 747

229
00:09:56,019 --> 00:09:59,799
ortho only got an exotic places and you

230
00:09:58,509 --> 00:10:02,950
ended up in gatwick is that what

231
00:09:59,799 --> 00:10:04,870
happened well I went to a lot of really

232
00:10:02,950 --> 00:10:08,379
dodgy places in the Middle East at like

233
00:10:04,870 --> 00:10:10,840
concerned donor and dumps like that um

234
00:10:08,379 --> 00:10:13,000
sorry to anybody who's actually from

235
00:10:10,840 --> 00:10:16,030
that area and but it was tripping up and

236
00:10:13,000 --> 00:10:17,620
down a 747 that I got interested in why

237
00:10:16,029 --> 00:10:18,088
are these people behaving the way that

238
00:10:17,620 --> 00:10:19,799
they are

239
00:10:18,089 --> 00:10:21,629
you know because they're in a stressful

240
00:10:19,799 --> 00:10:23,969
situation they will behave differently

241
00:10:21,629 --> 00:10:25,980
so why does a really fat guy get the

242
00:10:23,970 --> 00:10:30,209
middle seat yeah and why does he always

243
00:10:25,980 --> 00:10:32,329
sit next to me so that's I guess that's

244
00:10:30,208 --> 00:10:36,719
that's where it started and then I did a

245
00:10:32,328 --> 00:10:38,938
degree while I was still being an edge

246
00:10:36,720 --> 00:10:41,220
dude as I did it in part time which was

247
00:10:38,938 --> 00:10:43,860
very hard you know I'd come in from a

248
00:10:41,220 --> 00:10:45,689
flight from New York race straight up to

249
00:10:43,860 --> 00:10:47,749
London and do three hours studying in

250
00:10:45,688 --> 00:10:51,448
race back again so that was interesting

251
00:10:47,749 --> 00:10:52,409
and then I just got really interesting

252
00:10:51,448 --> 00:10:55,019
thought right I'm going to make this a

253
00:10:52,409 --> 00:10:57,480
career and the PhD just was the the next

254
00:10:55,019 --> 00:10:58,948
logical step you asked earlier why do

255
00:10:57,480 --> 00:10:59,970
people do impulsive things well you've

256
00:10:58,948 --> 00:11:03,028
done a bit of an impulsive thing

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00:10:59,970 --> 00:11:06,600
yourself you went along to a psychic

258
00:11:03,028 --> 00:11:09,058
doing a show on your own and heckled him

259
00:11:06,600 --> 00:11:11,610
yeah well it was nothing impulsive about

260
00:11:09,058 --> 00:11:14,759
it really was it was research it was a

261
00:11:11,610 --> 00:11:17,370
considered risk you took well I I have I

262
00:11:14,759 --> 00:11:20,039
mean I'm a fairly reasonable leaded

263
00:11:17,370 --> 00:11:22,589
level-headed skeptic I'm not hardcore in

264
00:11:20,039 --> 00:11:25,289
any way you know I am open-minded but I

265
00:11:22,589 --> 00:11:27,600
get very very cross about psychic

266
00:11:25,289 --> 00:11:29,490
mediums the ones that know perfectly

267
00:11:27,600 --> 00:11:32,639
well that what they are doing is is

268
00:11:29,490 --> 00:11:34,379
wrong that as you know you know they're

269
00:11:32,639 --> 00:11:36,959
on they're manipulating people at their

270
00:11:34,379 --> 00:11:38,610
most vulnerable and they're con artists

271
00:11:36,958 --> 00:11:41,128

and they you know they're absolutely

272

00:11:38,610 --> 00:11:44,428
scum of the earth in my opinion um so I

273

00:11:41,129 --> 00:11:47,069
went along to to watch because it you

274

00:11:44,428 --> 00:11:48,838
know this is why this is one of the

275

00:11:47,068 --> 00:11:52,049
things that does get me riled up in

276

00:11:48,839 --> 00:11:53,970
skepticism is why I am a skeptic things

277

00:11:52,049 --> 00:11:56,188
like that I hate to see that because the

278

00:11:53,970 --> 00:11:58,759
worst of it is that in the audience

279

00:11:56,188 --> 00:12:01,230
there were people who were in tears

280

00:11:58,759 --> 00:12:04,289
really upset because they thought that

281

00:12:01,230 --> 00:12:06,178
this clown was talking to the spirits of

282

00:12:04,289 --> 00:12:09,028
their dead loved ones and I find that a

283

00:12:06,178 --> 00:12:11,999
barn well Penn Jillette has recently

284

00:12:09,028 --> 00:12:13,678
said that the great crime in that is yes

285

00:12:11,999 --> 00:12:15,629
they're being filled yes the money's

286
00:12:13,678 --> 00:12:17,220
being taken but they're also corrupting

287
00:12:15,629 --> 00:12:18,839
the memory that person had of that

288
00:12:17,220 --> 00:12:20,730
person so that the memory they had of

289
00:12:18,839 --> 00:12:23,309
them has now been changed by this

290
00:12:20,730 --> 00:12:25,709
reading yeah absolutely very good point

291
00:12:23,308 --> 00:12:28,230
and done not only that but all

292
00:12:25,708 --> 00:12:29,669
bereavement counselors bereavement

293
00:12:28,230 --> 00:12:33,450
psychologists will tell you that

294
00:12:29,669 --> 00:12:35,579
the way to deal with it is to accept

295
00:12:33,450 --> 00:12:37,470
that your loved one has gone it takes a

296
00:12:35,580 --> 00:12:39,990
long time and it is a grieving process

297
00:12:37,470 --> 00:12:41,570
to go along to psychics and constantly

298
00:12:39,990 --> 00:12:44,070
be told that oh yeah he's all right

299
00:12:41,570 --> 00:12:46,050
sending his love to you you know all

300
00:12:44,070 --> 00:12:48,780
this sort of thing it just prolongs the

301
00:12:46,049 --> 00:12:51,089
process it doesn't do them any good and

302
00:12:48,779 --> 00:12:52,740
I'm this is there ever if you do know

303
00:12:51,090 --> 00:12:54,360
the case everywhere there's a negative

304
00:12:52,740 --> 00:12:56,549
message being sent from the person from

305
00:12:54,360 --> 00:12:58,500
beyond you know beyond this life you

306
00:12:56,549 --> 00:12:59,579
know like I wish should be nicer to me

307
00:12:58,500 --> 00:13:01,799
or something or you know we could have

308
00:12:59,580 --> 00:13:03,840
gone out more yeah not never and I've

309
00:13:01,799 --> 00:13:06,389
been to I've seen Riley I've seen lots

310
00:13:03,840 --> 00:13:08,340
of them in England been to spiritualist

311
00:13:06,389 --> 00:13:10,319
church is to watch and you never you

312
00:13:08,340 --> 00:13:13,530
never get a negative message I mean if I

313
00:13:10,320 --> 00:13:15,150
was dead um hole I came back with a

314

00:13:13,529 --> 00:13:19,799
message i mean i think i'd be a bit

315
00:13:15,149 --> 00:13:22,319
annoyed romero i'm not happy update not

316
00:13:19,799 --> 00:13:25,019
where i prefer to be yeah people who

317
00:13:22,320 --> 00:13:27,330
died surely they they don't all die full

318
00:13:25,019 --> 00:13:28,919
of love for their particular their

319
00:13:27,330 --> 00:13:30,360
particular partners and their children

320
00:13:28,919 --> 00:13:32,129
it says somebody Shorty's some of them

321
00:13:30,360 --> 00:13:33,570
are a bit miffed about some actually no

322
00:13:32,129 --> 00:13:35,490
I don't forgive you for the time you

323
00:13:33,570 --> 00:13:38,129
slept with the next door neighbor alone

324
00:13:35,490 --> 00:13:40,500
annoyed about it actually so at the end

325
00:13:38,129 --> 00:13:42,450
of the show you mentioned the fact of

326
00:13:40,500 --> 00:13:44,820
cold reading during the Q&A section in

327
00:13:42,450 --> 00:13:46,950
the show and the audience turned on you

328
00:13:44,820 --> 00:13:49,050

oh yeah very much so I mean I was kind

329

00:13:46,950 --> 00:13:51,480

of expecting it but it was it was very

330

00:13:49,049 --> 00:13:53,519

very vitriolic I mean it was nasty I

331

00:13:51,480 --> 00:13:55,230

mean you know yes I guess you were

332

00:13:53,519 --> 00:13:57,139

taking away the connection with their

333

00:13:55,230 --> 00:14:01,050

loved one that's what you were doing

334

00:13:57,139 --> 00:14:02,909

well I guess I guess why they got so

335

00:14:01,049 --> 00:14:04,889

upset was because I was attacking

336

00:14:02,909 --> 00:14:08,250

somebody that they believed was real and

337

00:14:04,889 --> 00:14:10,350

but interestingly even I mean at the end

338

00:14:08,250 --> 00:14:12,269

of the show we started to troop out

339

00:14:10,350 --> 00:14:14,940

people came up to me and ask me

340

00:14:12,269 --> 00:14:17,879

questions and they they weren't shouting

341

00:14:14,940 --> 00:14:19,590

at me then they were asking questions

342

00:14:17,879 --> 00:14:21,570

they wanted to know well why do you

343
00:14:19,590 --> 00:14:23,610
think this and why do you think that

344
00:14:21,570 --> 00:14:26,220
it's not real haven't you had you know

345
00:14:23,610 --> 00:14:28,620
you aren't you open-minded to this kind

346
00:14:26,220 --> 00:14:30,870
of thing and so I was I spent a lot of

347
00:14:28,620 --> 00:14:33,480
time after the event talking to people

348
00:14:30,870 --> 00:14:35,340
because they sow the seeds of doubt may

349
00:14:33,480 --> 00:14:38,730
well have been implanted in some of them

350
00:14:35,340 --> 00:14:41,250
at least but it was it was not pleasant

351
00:14:38,730 --> 00:14:42,009
it wasn't to be in that situation I know

352
00:14:41,250 --> 00:14:44,379
I'm glad I

353
00:14:42,009 --> 00:14:47,139
would you do it again absolutely

354
00:14:44,379 --> 00:14:48,850
absolutely because a guy said I find it

355
00:14:47,139 --> 00:14:51,069
utterly abhorrent that these people are

356
00:14:48,850 --> 00:14:53,379
allowed to do this and that but it

357
00:14:51,070 --> 00:14:55,150
doesn't matter what you say if I stood

358
00:14:53,379 --> 00:14:57,399
up there and I proved all the women in

359
00:14:55,149 --> 00:14:59,220
that audience this man is a con artist I

360
00:14:57,399 --> 00:15:01,750
can prove it won't make any difference

361
00:14:59,220 --> 00:15:03,730
you know they are choosing to believe

362
00:15:01,750 --> 00:15:06,970
because they want to believe it's very

363
00:15:03,730 --> 00:15:08,590
very seductive to believe that someone

364
00:15:06,970 --> 00:15:10,210
can get in touch with your dead loved

365
00:15:08,590 --> 00:15:12,490
one I mean it's a terrible thing that we

366
00:15:10,210 --> 00:15:15,070
humans have to go through bereavement

367
00:15:12,490 --> 00:15:18,700
process is horrible it can crucify you

368
00:15:15,070 --> 00:15:20,050
can crush you so how seductive to have

369
00:15:18,700 --> 00:15:23,050
somebody you can actually communicate

370
00:15:20,049 --> 00:15:25,870
with your dead child so you have one

371

00:15:23,049 --> 00:15:28,750
last conversation with them so but it's

372
00:15:25,870 --> 00:15:30,340
it's horrible because it's not real and

373
00:15:28,750 --> 00:15:32,169
it's not the fact that they're making

374
00:15:30,340 --> 00:15:33,850
money that doesn't bother me now we'll

375
00:15:32,169 --> 00:15:37,509
make money doing something it's not that

376
00:15:33,850 --> 00:15:40,509
it's the fact that he's hurting people

377
00:15:37,509 --> 00:15:42,909
that is cheating and exploiting people

378
00:15:40,509 --> 00:15:45,279
at their most vulnerable so yes I would

379
00:15:42,909 --> 00:15:47,589
absolutely do it again well you went

380
00:15:45,279 --> 00:15:49,120
along to to a show what what can the

381
00:15:47,590 --> 00:15:50,710
average person do well you can't really

382
00:15:49,120 --> 00:15:53,679
write and complain about what they're

383
00:15:50,710 --> 00:15:56,080
doing because it's legal yeah I guess

384
00:15:53,679 --> 00:15:59,229
you can you can go on to his website you

385
00:15:56,080 --> 00:16:01,780

can look at the claims that he makes and

386

00:15:59,230 --> 00:16:04,360

you can email him and say this is this

387

00:16:01,779 --> 00:16:08,740

is nonsense you can confront him with

388

00:16:04,360 --> 00:16:11,320

with evidence that the other people like

389

00:16:08,740 --> 00:16:14,470

him have been shown to be con artists

390

00:16:11,320 --> 00:16:16,330

I've just remembered though during the

391

00:16:14,470 --> 00:16:18,610

question and answer section session when

392

00:16:16,330 --> 00:16:20,020

I was talking to him I said look what do

393

00:16:18,610 --> 00:16:21,820

you think of John Edward then don't you

394

00:16:20,019 --> 00:16:23,919

know do you think John Edward is for

395

00:16:21,820 --> 00:16:26,050

real and he he said yeah it's absolutely

396

00:16:23,919 --> 00:16:31,209

for real bit of course he's been proven

397

00:16:26,049 --> 00:16:34,209

to be this is comedy okay arrived oh

398

00:16:31,210 --> 00:16:36,490

yeah now Cristobal's need you what are

399

00:16:34,210 --> 00:16:37,720

you working on for your project can all

400
00:16:36,490 --> 00:16:38,649
get involved with your mentioning that

401
00:16:37,720 --> 00:16:40,990
are you doing something on the internet

402
00:16:38,649 --> 00:16:43,750
now just to do with these soap suds yes

403
00:16:40,990 --> 00:16:46,450
yes soap is my research unit that I set

404
00:16:43,750 --> 00:16:48,700
up this year so I'm doing various

405
00:16:46,450 --> 00:16:50,140
studies so if anybody wants to get

406
00:16:48,700 --> 00:16:51,910
involved with it they can log on to the

407
00:16:50,139 --> 00:16:54,009
website and what are the questions are

408
00:16:51,909 --> 00:16:56,049
going to be asked well the one that's up

409
00:16:54,009 --> 00:16:59,700
there at the moment is about happiness

410
00:16:56,049 --> 00:17:02,379
and general our well-being along with

411
00:16:59,700 --> 00:17:04,059
questions about belief religious belief

412
00:17:02,379 --> 00:17:05,799
and paranormal believe so it's a

413
00:17:04,059 --> 00:17:09,159
correlational study looking at whether

414
00:17:05,799 --> 00:17:10,809
or not believers happier oh that's

415
00:17:09,160 --> 00:17:12,250
difficult to work out on a scale of one

416
00:17:10,809 --> 00:17:13,599
to ten particularly when relative

417
00:17:12,250 --> 00:17:17,529
happiness is taken into account as well

418
00:17:13,599 --> 00:17:20,169
yeah well the scales that I use are from

419
00:17:17,529 --> 00:17:22,629
positive vehicle positive psychology so

420
00:17:20,170 --> 00:17:26,470
I like to because anomalistic psychology

421
00:17:22,630 --> 00:17:28,449
is such a small field I like to pick

422
00:17:26,470 --> 00:17:29,950
things from various areas within

423
00:17:28,449 --> 00:17:31,750
psychology so there's cognitive

424
00:17:29,950 --> 00:17:34,930
psychology in there as behaviorism

425
00:17:31,750 --> 00:17:36,220
there's personality and the the

426
00:17:34,930 --> 00:17:40,240
happiness scales are actually from

427
00:17:36,220 --> 00:17:42,940
positive psychology so their standard

428

00:17:40,240 --> 00:17:44,620
question is I didn't write them fairly

429
00:17:42,940 --> 00:17:46,299
lengthy and they've been used over and

430
00:17:44,619 --> 00:17:49,869
over again so they've got good validity

431
00:17:46,299 --> 00:17:51,759
but good reliability measures and the

432
00:17:49,869 --> 00:17:54,250
belief scales are the same they're

433
00:17:51,759 --> 00:17:55,960
always scales that I always use the same

434
00:17:54,250 --> 00:17:58,660
scales that other researchers have used

435
00:17:55,960 --> 00:18:01,420
for like 20 30 odd years so they've got

436
00:17:58,660 --> 00:18:03,070
good reliability the only worry I would

437
00:18:01,420 --> 00:18:04,779
have in the study is that is it what

438
00:18:03,069 --> 00:18:05,889
they call it a self-selecting study so

439
00:18:04,779 --> 00:18:08,079
you'll get a certain group of people

440
00:18:05,890 --> 00:18:09,970
that could skew it some way or something

441
00:18:08,079 --> 00:18:11,949
absolutely i mean that's that's a

442
00:18:09,970 --> 00:18:15,549

problem that all researchers have when

443

00:18:11,950 --> 00:18:17,799

you advertise for research I mean and

444

00:18:15,549 --> 00:18:19,539

there's also the question of the

445

00:18:17,799 --> 00:18:21,460

validity of using questionnaires at all

446

00:18:19,539 --> 00:18:22,839

and there's a school of thought which

447

00:18:21,460 --> 00:18:25,509

would that suggests that well

448

00:18:22,839 --> 00:18:26,949

questionnaire data how reliable is it

449

00:18:25,509 --> 00:18:29,259

because if you ask people to fill out a

450

00:18:26,950 --> 00:18:31,000

questionnaire how do you know that what

451

00:18:29,259 --> 00:18:33,759

they're actually saying is true how do

452

00:18:31,000 --> 00:18:35,289

you know that they're not skewing the

453

00:18:33,759 --> 00:18:36,940

results deliberately that are not

454

00:18:35,289 --> 00:18:38,500

sabotaging I think one of the members of

455

00:18:36,940 --> 00:18:41,049

the audience asked me this earlier in

456

00:18:38,500 --> 00:18:43,420

the question-and-answer session so you

457
00:18:41,049 --> 00:18:47,379
can't be absolutely sure I mean science

458
00:18:43,420 --> 00:18:51,330
is a human activity we do the best we

459
00:18:47,380 --> 00:18:53,860
can we try to eliminate some of the

460
00:18:51,329 --> 00:18:56,740
biases we try to eliminate any any

461
00:18:53,859 --> 00:19:00,159
potential threats to scientific control

462
00:18:56,740 --> 00:19:01,980
we do our best and in psychology we have

463
00:19:00,160 --> 00:19:04,570
this ninety-five percent probability

464
00:19:01,980 --> 00:19:07,808
factor which which helps too

465
00:19:04,569 --> 00:19:10,089
um suggests that what we've got is

466
00:19:07,808 --> 00:19:12,220
actually a real result ninety-five

467
00:19:10,089 --> 00:19:13,449
percent chance that this is real so

468
00:19:12,220 --> 00:19:14,589
there's only a five percent chance that

469
00:19:13,450 --> 00:19:16,330
it could be down to something else

470
00:19:14,589 --> 00:19:20,619
something that we haven't controlled

471
00:19:16,329 --> 00:19:23,470
full so we do our best it's it's it's

472
00:19:20,619 --> 00:19:25,359
flawed because the whole process is

473
00:19:23,470 --> 00:19:28,269
flawed no matter what kind of research

474
00:19:25,359 --> 00:19:30,819
you do because we are using human

475
00:19:28,269 --> 00:19:34,269
participants now whenever we use human

476
00:19:30,819 --> 00:19:35,980
participants you're the potential for

477
00:19:34,269 --> 00:19:36,940
bias the potential for problems is

478
00:19:35,980 --> 00:19:39,360
always going to be there and that's

479
00:19:36,940 --> 00:19:43,058
that's the same for researchers as well

480
00:19:39,359 --> 00:19:45,878
something that I've had levelled at

481
00:19:43,058 --> 00:19:48,339
myself is academics it's over Christy

482
00:19:45,878 --> 00:19:50,740
you seem to have made your mind up which

483
00:19:48,339 --> 00:19:53,528
is a terrible thing to hear so I try

484
00:19:50,740 --> 00:19:54,759
very hard when I give talks not to

485

00:19:53,528 --> 00:19:56,470
skeptics cause obviously you know

486
00:19:54,759 --> 00:19:59,048
preaching to the converted but but that

487
00:19:56,470 --> 00:20:00,819
there is that potential for experimental

488
00:19:59,048 --> 00:20:03,009
bias as well so I try to be as objective

489
00:20:00,819 --> 00:20:06,339
as possible when I'm dealing with with

490
00:20:03,009 --> 00:20:09,460
participants okay Chrissy what woo what

491
00:20:06,339 --> 00:20:11,500
paranormal what a cult thing would you

492
00:20:09,460 --> 00:20:12,879
like to be real if it could be real if

493
00:20:11,500 --> 00:20:14,409
there was something that was real it was

494
00:20:12,878 --> 00:20:16,869
scientifically tested all to be real

495
00:20:14,409 --> 00:20:23,409
that we now think isn't what would you

496
00:20:16,869 --> 00:20:25,778
like that to be a loch ness monster no I

497
00:20:23,409 --> 00:20:27,669
stay and you anyone who's being there

498
00:20:25,778 --> 00:20:29,589
will tell you if it isn't a monster day

499
00:20:27,669 --> 00:20:31,330

there should be it's it's a spooky

500

00:20:29,589 --> 00:20:34,000
countryside isn't it oh it's just

501

00:20:31,329 --> 00:20:36,128
fabulous it's just gorgeous my family

502

00:20:34,000 --> 00:20:38,319
are from from the north of Scotland and

503

00:20:36,128 --> 00:20:39,969
it would just be wonderful wouldn't it

504

00:20:38,319 --> 00:20:43,028
to think that there was its mythical

505

00:20:39,970 --> 00:20:45,278
enormous beast under the warden agus is

506

00:20:43,028 --> 00:20:47,798
very very deep I know it would just be

507

00:20:45,278 --> 00:20:49,329
wonderful there are other great locks

508

00:20:47,798 --> 00:20:51,038
around there Loch Ness is just one of

509

00:20:49,329 --> 00:20:52,509
the many great ones and then they would

510

00:20:51,038 --> 00:20:54,548
probably want their monsters in fact are

511

00:20:52,509 --> 00:20:56,139
there other monsters in that area of the

512

00:20:54,548 --> 00:20:59,648
world other than Loch Ness that we don't

513

00:20:56,138 --> 00:21:01,298
hear about uh I don't think so nobody

514
00:20:59,648 --> 00:21:03,808
gets all the press or to you know in the

515
00:21:01,298 --> 00:21:07,119
monster world um there's there's various

516
00:21:03,808 --> 00:21:10,000
cats mythical not mythical necessarily

517
00:21:07,119 --> 00:21:11,739
but there's are the ABCs the alien big

518
00:21:10,000 --> 00:21:13,480
cats I believe they're called in the UK

519
00:21:11,740 --> 00:21:15,180
yeah well there's I was thinking of like

520
00:21:13,480 --> 00:21:18,569
the Exmoor pant

521
00:21:15,180 --> 00:21:21,029
that's more the southwest of England and

522
00:21:18,569 --> 00:21:23,700
there's been sightings of a giant cat

523
00:21:21,029 --> 00:21:26,639
you know there are ohms around killing

524
00:21:23,700 --> 00:21:27,900
sheep and frightened people yeah yeah

525
00:21:26,640 --> 00:21:29,640
but the Loch Ness that's a pretty good

526
00:21:27,900 --> 00:21:31,830
one too because it's an unusual spooky

527
00:21:29,640 --> 00:21:33,420
thing that that that that who knows what

528
00:21:31,829 --> 00:21:34,649
is that all about you know and it's a

529
00:21:33,420 --> 00:21:36,390
real pity but because it would be kind

530
00:21:34,650 --> 00:21:38,640
of cute wouldn't it well it would be

531
00:21:36,390 --> 00:21:39,870
cute but it is also nice foot sort of

532
00:21:38,640 --> 00:21:41,550
from the sort of environmental

533
00:21:39,869 --> 00:21:45,000
perspective as well that there is this

534
00:21:41,549 --> 00:21:48,839
huge beast as this managed to survive

535
00:21:45,000 --> 00:21:51,569
despite everything living down there and

536
00:21:48,839 --> 00:21:52,919
maybe it's bit breeding and I mean it

537
00:21:51,569 --> 00:21:55,500
just be brilliant if it was there it

538
00:21:52,920 --> 00:21:59,460
wouldn't be amazing just drive along you

539
00:21:55,500 --> 00:22:01,619
know six copies there it is with a funny

540
00:21:59,460 --> 00:22:04,680
wacky with the head that's like Dino

541
00:22:01,619 --> 00:22:05,939
from the Flintstones here okay I have a

542

00:22:04,680 --> 00:22:07,140
good time here at the rest of the

543
00:22:05,940 --> 00:22:08,279
conference what it got plan now you're

544
00:22:07,140 --> 00:22:10,140
just gonna have the dinner tonight and

545
00:22:08,279 --> 00:22:14,819
you can relax now all the stress is over

546
00:22:10,140 --> 00:22:16,650
well I've got the panel tomorrow so I've

547
00:22:14,819 --> 00:22:18,359
got some tough questions for you then

548
00:22:16,650 --> 00:22:19,320
heavenly well yeah what about that look

549
00:22:18,359 --> 00:22:22,500
there's monster stuff you're talking

550
00:22:19,319 --> 00:22:24,359
yesterday woman you're drunk yeah so

551
00:22:22,500 --> 00:22:25,640
between now and tomorrow I've got to

552
00:22:24,359 --> 00:22:27,539
come up with something intelligent

553
00:22:25,640 --> 00:22:30,750
what's the title of the panel you're

554
00:22:27,539 --> 00:22:35,190
going to be on uh I think it's how to be

555
00:22:30,750 --> 00:22:38,250
in half an hour just behave be nice to

556
00:22:35,190 --> 00:22:40,980

people how to be an active skeptic Wow

557

00:22:38,250 --> 00:22:42,420

well well you've done it you've gone

558

00:22:40,980 --> 00:22:43,829

along and you've annoyed people that

559

00:22:42,420 --> 00:22:47,850

will otherwise having a good time at a

560

00:22:43,829 --> 00:22:50,159

psychic reading that's one element to it

561

00:22:47,849 --> 00:22:52,649

but I've got a couple of other little

562

00:22:50,160 --> 00:22:54,120

things to say from a psychological point

563

00:22:52,650 --> 00:22:55,410

of view well they enjoy the conference

564

00:22:54,119 --> 00:22:56,669

good what do you think of the makeup of

565

00:22:55,410 --> 00:22:57,930

the Melbourne conference you bend ok

566

00:22:56,670 --> 00:23:00,000

there's no one in this room yet I was

567

00:22:57,930 --> 00:23:01,049

just ring to the empty room but yeah do

568

00:23:00,000 --> 00:23:03,420

you think it's a different makeup

569

00:23:01,049 --> 00:23:05,250

there's a lot of younger kids here yes

570

00:23:03,420 --> 00:23:06,779

it's an odd mixture that shares

571
00:23:05,250 --> 00:23:10,349
different kind of mixture you've got

572
00:23:06,779 --> 00:23:12,299
your hardcore skeptic skeptic crew you

573
00:23:10,349 --> 00:23:13,980
like which it's always lovely to come

574
00:23:12,299 --> 00:23:15,480
back because it's like oh wait to get

575
00:23:13,980 --> 00:23:16,860
you guys yeah I know so that's really

576
00:23:15,480 --> 00:23:18,809
nice but there are a lot of young people

577
00:23:16,859 --> 00:23:20,909
and I felt bad during my talk because I

578
00:23:18,809 --> 00:23:23,399
i think i said in my talk I have this

579
00:23:20,910 --> 00:23:23,920
tendency to sway i'ma let you were just

580
00:23:23,400 --> 00:23:25,420
go on

581
00:23:23,920 --> 00:23:26,860
there you know she was work she's

582
00:23:25,420 --> 00:23:29,410
working blue people if you know what I

583
00:23:26,859 --> 00:23:31,059
mean she's working blue like a working

584
00:23:29,410 --> 00:23:34,890
men's club from the north of England it

585
00:23:31,059 --> 00:23:37,359
was whoever the slums of London I think

586
00:23:34,890 --> 00:23:39,850
so yeah there are a lot of young which

587
00:23:37,359 --> 00:23:41,289
is brilliant to see and the students are

588
00:23:39,849 --> 00:23:42,909
great down there you know they've got

589
00:23:41,289 --> 00:23:44,740
the science projects it's brilliant to

590
00:23:42,910 --> 00:23:46,570
see that Adams talk was fantastic

591
00:23:44,740 --> 00:23:48,670
talking about his students is 12 year

592
00:23:46,569 --> 00:23:50,950
olds learning about skepticism and and

593
00:23:48,670 --> 00:23:53,110
about critical thinking stuff yeah it's

594
00:23:50,950 --> 00:23:55,029
really nice to see that I mean I think

595
00:23:53,109 --> 00:23:57,399
the the whole movement in skepticism

596
00:23:55,029 --> 00:24:00,279
does seem to be shifting there is a much

597
00:23:57,400 --> 00:24:02,200
younger vibe about it I mean soon I'm

598
00:24:00,279 --> 00:24:04,029
gonna be able to me skeptical dinosaur

599

00:24:02,200 --> 00:24:06,850
you know having I've got about three

600
00:24:04,029 --> 00:24:09,460
years left or acting before well before

601
00:24:06,849 --> 00:24:11,619
time the tire sounds of time slip away

602
00:24:09,460 --> 00:24:15,299
down that glass will see you soon yeah

603
00:24:11,619 --> 00:24:15,299
oh I brilliant plays very much mail

604
00:24:27,099 --> 00:24:33,349
hi this is scary papi i am ross Fletcher

605
00:24:30,859 --> 00:24:36,799
okay Ross hey we're from a podcast

606
00:24:33,349 --> 00:24:38,539
called oh no Ross and Carrie we find out

607
00:24:36,799 --> 00:24:39,919
what happens when you show up and ask

608
00:24:38,539 --> 00:24:42,170
questions we've hung out with the

609
00:24:39,920 --> 00:24:44,720
Cabalists the Mormons we've gone and

610
00:24:42,170 --> 00:24:47,150
gotten ear candle gone to the Sikhs we

611
00:24:44,720 --> 00:24:48,799
show up so you don't have to so find out

612
00:24:47,150 --> 00:24:50,900
where we're going next we'll even have

613
00:24:48,799 --> 00:24:53,299

special episodes where we have famous

614

00:24:50,900 --> 00:24:55,310

guests like Brian Dalton from mr. deity

615

00:24:53,299 --> 00:24:57,349

you heard that awesome theme music he

616

00:24:55,309 --> 00:25:01,700

wrote that you should come visit us at

617

00:24:57,349 --> 00:25:04,309

Oh No podcast.com or facebook.com slash

618

00:25:01,700 --> 00:25:08,420

on rack what the hell's honor a cross Oh

619

00:25:04,309 --> 00:25:12,339

in RAC Oh Oh No Ross and Carrie that's

620

00:25:08,420 --> 00:25:12,340

our show that's a smart come join us

621

00:25:21,940 --> 00:25:27,370

all right now we're human then God in

622

00:25:24,940 --> 00:25:29,080

Newtown enough folks you know may not so

623

00:25:27,369 --> 00:25:31,209

well as the reporter from the skeptics

624

00:25:29,079 --> 00:25:33,519

only does such a great job but he

625

00:25:31,210 --> 00:25:37,778

moonlights always he moonlights on radio

626

00:25:33,519 --> 00:25:40,569

and he moonlights here doing the MC for

627

00:25:37,778 --> 00:25:42,788

danger by now the danger 5 is a

628
00:25:40,569 --> 00:25:44,710
Australian comedy show that's a retro

629
00:25:42,788 --> 00:25:46,269
comedy show if you could imagine the

630
00:25:44,710 --> 00:25:48,819
history of World War two seem through

631
00:25:46,269 --> 00:25:50,378
the eyes of Hogan's Heroes and combat

632
00:25:48,819 --> 00:25:51,970
captain scarlet and Gerry Anderson

633
00:25:50,378 --> 00:25:55,959
you've got a bit of an idea what's going

634
00:25:51,970 --> 00:25:58,089
on danger 5 is is really crazy out there

635
00:25:55,960 --> 00:25:59,620
left field it reminds me of the goons

636
00:25:58,089 --> 00:26:01,628
that reminds me of the goodies it's

637
00:25:59,619 --> 00:26:03,668
monty python all rolled into one and

638
00:26:01,628 --> 00:26:05,740
it's Australia yeah and that's the thing

639
00:26:03,669 --> 00:26:07,090
and it tries not to be Australian which

640
00:26:05,740 --> 00:26:08,740
is good to it but it's a fully

641
00:26:07,089 --> 00:26:11,500
Australian production made in Adelaide

642
00:26:08,740 --> 00:26:13,899
and I hope they do do a second season

643
00:26:11,500 --> 00:26:15,369
I've just done their first Q&A where

644
00:26:13,898 --> 00:26:17,739
their fans came to see them we had about

645
00:26:15,369 --> 00:26:19,298
160 fans here in the vanguard nightclub

646
00:26:17,740 --> 00:26:20,500
in King Street new talent Sydney and

647
00:26:19,298 --> 00:26:22,000
they asked all sorts of questions

648
00:26:20,500 --> 00:26:23,500
Richard asked a few interesting ones as

649
00:26:22,000 --> 00:26:25,089
well because of your experience in the

650
00:26:23,500 --> 00:26:26,829
industry rich yeah but let me tell you

651
00:26:25,089 --> 00:26:28,628
this was a very keen audience to see

652
00:26:26,829 --> 00:26:30,369
this and they had never been up in front

653
00:26:28,628 --> 00:26:32,168
of their fans before this is the first

654
00:26:30,369 --> 00:26:33,699
Q&A and I think they should be involved

655
00:26:32,169 --> 00:26:35,200
at comic-con or something like that I

656

00:26:33,700 --> 00:26:37,629
would love to see them at comic-con I

657
00:26:35,200 --> 00:26:40,899
love to see them at DragonCon so you see

658
00:26:37,628 --> 00:26:44,199
here's the clue USA listeners google

659
00:26:40,898 --> 00:26:45,579
danger 5 it's it is about on hulu now

660
00:26:44,200 --> 00:26:48,159
for those people who have hulu in the

661
00:26:45,579 --> 00:26:50,378
States excellent it's really out there

662
00:26:48,159 --> 00:26:52,480
it's new it's it's bizarre it's

663
00:26:50,378 --> 00:26:54,428
different it's not cease its dinosaurs

664
00:26:52,480 --> 00:26:56,200
but it's creative and I really

665
00:26:54,429 --> 00:26:58,360
appreciate that and the only copy i had

666
00:26:56,200 --> 00:27:00,580
of it on DVD i gave to georgia rub when

667
00:26:58,359 --> 00:27:01,599
move at the amazing meeting which he had

668
00:27:00,579 --> 00:27:04,058
so if you want to get a recommendation

669
00:27:01,599 --> 00:27:05,888
for the show ask your drub about danger

670
00:27:04,058 --> 00:27:07,538

fire he loves it and we're going to

671

00:27:05,888 --> 00:27:10,569

start a ground swell this is going to

672

00:27:07,538 --> 00:27:13,269

get a ground swell of fans petitioning

673

00:27:10,569 --> 00:27:15,128

danger 5 producers to have maynard guest

674

00:27:13,269 --> 00:27:16,509

star yeah i don't know who I could be

675

00:27:15,128 --> 00:27:19,119

but pretty much any character for the

676

00:27:16,509 --> 00:27:20,710

Second World War I reckon a finished ski

677

00:27:19,119 --> 00:27:22,178

trooper something like that or even a

678

00:27:20,710 --> 00:27:24,549

reptilian oh I'll be happy to play any

679

00:27:22,179 --> 00:27:26,920

of those parts and as you've done so

680

00:27:24,549 --> 00:27:41,289

in the past now back to your normal

681

00:27:26,920 --> 00:27:43,000

program this is ben Radford I'm deputy

682

00:27:41,289 --> 00:27:44,980

editor of skeptical inquirer science

683

00:27:43,000 --> 00:27:47,349

magazine author of six books including

684

00:27:44,980 --> 00:27:51,269

tracking chupacabra and you can find out

685
00:27:47,349 --> 00:27:51,269
more about me at Benjamin Radford com

686
00:28:03,079 --> 00:28:08,119
well here i am in canberra in the

687
00:28:05,220 --> 00:28:11,460
Australian Capital Territory two lovely

688
00:28:08,119 --> 00:28:14,699
lovely day here and I'm in the grounds

689
00:28:11,460 --> 00:28:16,710
of the Questacon where the local

690
00:28:14,700 --> 00:28:19,440
skeptics the camera skeptics are having

691
00:28:16,710 --> 00:28:21,690
a barbecue which is I'm really looking

692
00:28:19,440 --> 00:28:23,970
forward to and I'm just taking the

693
00:28:21,690 --> 00:28:26,460
opportunity to wander around the public

694
00:28:23,970 --> 00:28:29,339
gardens here which you beautifully laid

695
00:28:26,460 --> 00:28:30,990
out there's works of art and I noticed

696
00:28:29,339 --> 00:28:32,339
before and I'm just walking up to it now

697
00:28:30,990 --> 00:28:36,329
there's a little feature here which

698
00:28:32,339 --> 00:28:40,859
squirts sort of water droplets into a

699
00:28:36,329 --> 00:28:43,829
big sort of foamy foggy mist which isn't

700
00:28:40,859 --> 00:28:47,269
happening right now I'll come back to

701
00:28:43,829 --> 00:28:49,500
that one walk across the grass here

702
00:28:47,269 --> 00:28:51,990
looking forward to meeting lots of

703
00:28:49,500 --> 00:28:54,809
Canberra skeptics today their BBQ

704
00:28:51,990 --> 00:28:59,400
discussing the upcoming convention later

705
00:28:54,809 --> 00:29:01,079
in November and of course we're going to

706
00:28:59,400 --> 00:29:03,420
be seeing a screening of here be dragons

707
00:29:01,079 --> 00:29:06,029
by Brian Dunning a bit later on today

708
00:29:03,420 --> 00:29:08,220
now I'm walking up to a giant xylophone

709
00:29:06,029 --> 00:29:13,200
you can probably hear some kids are

710
00:29:08,220 --> 00:29:14,700
playing with it at the moment it's about

711
00:29:13,200 --> 00:29:17,150
eight feet long I guess in a curt

712
00:29:14,700 --> 00:29:17,150
pattern

713

00:29:26,279 --> 00:29:31,960
so the kids running up I'll have a go

714
00:29:29,140 --> 00:29:34,120
here um oh you can hear that interesting

715
00:29:31,960 --> 00:29:35,890
acoustics and I'm in this sort of semi

716
00:29:34,119 --> 00:29:37,808
circle of giant designer phone it's

717
00:29:35,890 --> 00:29:47,230
called the rock xylophone what if I can

718
00:29:37,808 --> 00:29:50,980
beat out the skeptic zone theme the

719
00:29:47,230 --> 00:29:58,299
answer is no you can have a turn away

720
00:29:50,980 --> 00:29:59,829
you go there we go that's for you I'll

721
00:29:58,299 --> 00:30:03,990
do you all right do you wanna have a go

722
00:29:59,829 --> 00:30:07,178
to you take that one where they go oh

723
00:30:03,990 --> 00:30:09,339
really cracking it I notice the water

724
00:30:07,179 --> 00:30:14,559
feature is now active again let me head

725
00:30:09,339 --> 00:30:17,199
back oh that's lovely on a hot day this

726
00:30:14,558 --> 00:30:22,779
would be just heavenly its water vapor

727
00:30:17,200 --> 00:30:25,299

and there's some kids playing in it sort

728

00:30:22,779 --> 00:30:33,160

of like steam I better head back to the

729

00:30:25,299 --> 00:30:35,558

BBQ well the BBQ is underway it's so

730

00:30:33,160 --> 00:30:38,140

nice you are under a sort of a large

731

00:30:35,558 --> 00:30:40,089

shelter this some barbecues free BBQs

732

00:30:38,140 --> 00:30:41,950

goodness me I do like camera the

733

00:30:40,089 --> 00:30:44,199

sausages are on the go I'm with Kevin

734

00:30:41,950 --> 00:30:45,700

Davies here Kevin it's so exciting we're

735

00:30:44,200 --> 00:30:47,890

going to be looking forward to the big

736

00:30:45,700 --> 00:30:49,269

convention later in the year thank you

737

00:30:47,890 --> 00:30:51,940

very much Richard yes well there's we'll

738

00:30:49,269 --> 00:30:54,308

get going all well according to plan at

739

00:30:51,940 --> 00:30:56,230

the moment we have organizing things as

740

00:30:54,308 --> 00:30:58,269

they come up and it's going to be a good

741

00:30:56,230 --> 00:31:01,390

show I'm really looking forward to it of

742
00:30:58,269 --> 00:31:03,910
course this year's theme is conspiracy

743
00:31:01,390 --> 00:31:07,000
theories and what a wealth of the

744
00:31:03,910 --> 00:31:08,320
options there are there one thing can be

745
00:31:07,000 --> 00:31:10,390
certain there's always going to be a

746
00:31:08,319 --> 00:31:12,730
conspiracy theory about something and of

747
00:31:10,390 --> 00:31:14,050
course this is the perfect year to be

748
00:31:12,730 --> 00:31:16,480
the 50th anniversary of the

749
00:31:14,049 --> 00:31:19,419
assassination of JFK so there really was

750
00:31:16,480 --> 00:31:21,099
no other topic yeah I it ties in quite

751
00:31:19,420 --> 00:31:23,410
well and we think about it this

752
00:31:21,099 --> 00:31:26,439
political conspiracy theories conspiracy

753
00:31:23,410 --> 00:31:28,330
theories about the climate and as we

754
00:31:26,440 --> 00:31:31,240
were chatting earlier there's a lot of

755
00:31:28,329 --> 00:31:34,480
the anti-vaxxers they're basically a hot

756
00:31:31,240 --> 00:31:36,880
conspiracy theorist and chemtrails of

757
00:31:34,480 --> 00:31:38,799
course absolutely mean obviously as we

758
00:31:36,880 --> 00:31:41,890
all know this barbecue is actually fun

759
00:31:38,799 --> 00:31:44,109
by Big Pharma I mean they get giving it

760
00:31:41,890 --> 00:31:47,520
away yeah oh sorry it's not me sorry

761
00:31:44,109 --> 00:31:50,349
good Big Pharma sausages of it you think

762
00:31:47,519 --> 00:31:52,930
it filled with who knows what designed

763
00:31:50,349 --> 00:31:55,179
to control the masses probably chemicals

764
00:31:52,930 --> 00:31:57,519
yes absolutely chemicals chemicals

765
00:31:55,180 --> 00:31:59,500
chemicals it looks good i'm just gonna

766
00:31:57,519 --> 00:32:01,089
hear some steaks and sausages on the go

767
00:31:59,500 --> 00:32:03,390
there is a nice little turn out this is

768
00:32:01,089 --> 00:32:06,220
really something you've done for the

769
00:32:03,390 --> 00:32:08,950
local skeptical members isn't it yes yes

770

00:32:06,220 --> 00:32:10,750
every year about this time we take a

771
00:32:08,950 --> 00:32:12,880
break from our monthly lecture series

772
00:32:10,750 --> 00:32:14,829
and we just put on a social event so

773
00:32:12,880 --> 00:32:16,450
sometimes it's at a pub but this year I

774
00:32:14,829 --> 00:32:18,309
thought I'd do something different so

775
00:32:16,450 --> 00:32:20,410
we'd have a barbecue first and then we

776
00:32:18,309 --> 00:32:22,299
go inside for a free screening of Brian

777
00:32:20,410 --> 00:32:23,920
Dunning's here be dragons a guide to

778
00:32:22,299 --> 00:32:27,129
critical thinking you're looking forward

779
00:32:23,920 --> 00:32:28,930
to that and that's in a just over an

780
00:32:27,130 --> 00:32:30,520
hour away we'll be heading in there the

781
00:32:28,930 --> 00:32:32,170
more people will be turning out for that

782
00:32:30,519 --> 00:32:33,940
of course which is really great but i

783
00:32:32,170 --> 00:32:35,680
really like i really like the social

784
00:32:33,940 --> 00:32:37,690

aspect of skepticism it's a good chance

785

00:32:35,680 --> 00:32:39,580

to just to have a nice relaxing time a

786

00:32:37,690 --> 00:32:43,480

glass of wine which we have absolutely

787

00:32:39,579 --> 00:32:45,009

and I can hear the sausages sizzling in

788

00:32:43,480 --> 00:32:48,370

the background it's such a nice day here

789

00:32:45,009 --> 00:32:52,000

in Canberra and yeah so folks here's the

790

00:32:48,369 --> 00:32:55,179

word keep your eye on the website which

791

00:32:52,000 --> 00:32:57,970

is scam bruh skeptics doorbell you came

792

00:32:55,180 --> 00:33:00,340

for skeptics okay you and there we are

793

00:32:57,970 --> 00:33:02,019

using the facebook page that was used

794

00:33:00,339 --> 00:33:03,490

for the convention last year we just

795

00:33:02,019 --> 00:33:06,779

took over that I'm going to be using

796

00:33:03,490 --> 00:33:09,250

that so that's the same website and

797

00:33:06,779 --> 00:33:10,720

details will be up shortly we're in the

798

00:33:09,250 --> 00:33:12,099

process of making the website for the

799
00:33:10,720 --> 00:33:13,720
convention and we've got well of course

800
00:33:12,099 --> 00:33:15,250
it's early days the convention is an

801
00:33:13,720 --> 00:33:19,120
until November but it's good for people

802
00:33:15,250 --> 00:33:21,519
to plan way ahead make the note in the

803
00:33:19,119 --> 00:33:24,339
diary absolutely 20 seconds 24th of

804
00:33:21,519 --> 00:33:26,650
November at CSIRO discovery excellent

805
00:33:24,339 --> 00:33:29,439
stuff Kevin it's going to be a fun year

806
00:33:26,650 --> 00:33:31,980
leading up to a great convention looking

807
00:33:29,440 --> 00:33:31,980
forward to it

808
00:33:44,720 --> 00:33:50,910
I'm courses hello an ally Dawson to her

809
00:33:48,059 --> 00:33:52,500
that the skeptics on podcasts boasted

810
00:33:50,910 --> 00:33:54,570
year this is alvin Deutschland and in

811
00:33:52,500 --> 00:33:57,089
skeptic affirmed gift a vital

812
00:33:54,569 --> 00:34:01,950
information Oberon's on the skeptic a

813
00:33:57,089 --> 00:34:05,699
magazine reserved vvv punt gavey oop a

814
00:34:01,950 --> 00:34:08,970
punk rock hv dejala vay vay vay pumped

815
00:34:05,700 --> 00:34:11,250
Evie rupee Paul talked on tons of

816
00:34:08,969 --> 00:34:13,579
efficient facebook twitter and google+

817
00:34:11,250 --> 00:34:13,579
side

818
00:34:20,769 --> 00:34:27,550
join us now for drinking skeptically in

819
00:34:24,168 --> 00:34:27,549
the think tank

820
00:34:46,778 --> 00:34:52,730
2002 does lime dazzle Amanda I am dazzle

821
00:34:50,210 --> 00:34:54,980
because I'm in Canberra and this I'm in

822
00:34:52,730 --> 00:34:59,048
trouble this is the very first Canberra

823
00:34:54,980 --> 00:34:59,048
think tank welcome and cheers everybody

824
00:35:00,579 --> 00:35:05,778
well half the people of glasses and half

825
00:35:03,230 --> 00:35:07,759
the people don't there's so many people

826
00:35:05,778 --> 00:35:09,768
here this is fantastic we had a showing

827

00:35:07,759 --> 00:35:11,748
of Brian Dunning's here be dragons today

828
00:35:09,768 --> 00:35:13,669
which is really good I'm gonna go around

829
00:35:11,748 --> 00:35:16,669
the room and everybody let the audience

830
00:35:13,670 --> 00:35:21,139
know who you are oh I'm Nick where I'm a

831
00:35:16,670 --> 00:35:22,999
retired scientific minion good enough my

832
00:35:21,139 --> 00:35:26,088
name's our manager Val I'm a current

833
00:35:22,998 --> 00:35:27,528
minion even better my name's Kevin

834
00:35:26,088 --> 00:35:29,719
Davies I'm the president of campus

835
00:35:27,528 --> 00:35:32,179
skeptics that's the best surfer John bun

836
00:35:29,719 --> 00:35:38,028
doc we told you to sit up Michael Green

837
00:35:32,179 --> 00:35:41,629
bomb well said sy was from Twitter loss

838
00:35:38,028 --> 00:35:43,548
from Twitter and and and ADA hello Edith

839
00:35:41,630 --> 00:35:47,720
she's clapping her hands folks trust me

840
00:35:43,548 --> 00:35:49,219
she's clever yeah she's delighted to be

841
00:35:47,719 --> 00:35:51,259

here and she's how old eight-month nine

842

00:35:49,219 --> 00:35:54,528

months all right Oh mostly get a meal

843

00:35:51,259 --> 00:35:56,239

Lauren I read almost teacher and you up

844

00:35:54,528 --> 00:36:02,960

from Twitter to I'm Cheyenne computer is

845

00:35:56,239 --> 00:36:05,179

up Victor skeptic oh it sounds yet and

846

00:36:02,960 --> 00:36:06,528

I'm Andrew I work in the aid and

847

00:36:05,179 --> 00:36:08,210

development industry and I'm on the

848

00:36:06,528 --> 00:36:10,190

committee of Canberra skeptics so you

849

00:36:08,210 --> 00:36:12,108

are and let me start with you Andrew

850

00:36:10,190 --> 00:36:13,700

because those people who went to the

851

00:36:12,108 --> 00:36:15,108

melbourne convention would have

852

00:36:13,699 --> 00:36:17,210

remembered well remembered at the end of

853

00:36:15,108 --> 00:36:19,518

the convention there was a brief teaser

854

00:36:17,210 --> 00:36:21,139

trailer for the upcoming Canberra

855

00:36:19,518 --> 00:36:22,608

skeptics convention or the Australian

856
00:36:21,139 --> 00:36:24,949
skeptical convention here in Canberra in

857
00:36:22,608 --> 00:36:26,389
November and you were responsible for

858
00:36:24,949 --> 00:36:28,879
that and that's online isn't it is

859
00:36:26,389 --> 00:36:32,058
it's online it's if you search youtube

860
00:36:28,880 --> 00:36:34,460
for the Australian connection oh yes i

861
00:36:32,059 --> 00:36:36,259
called it you'll find that under under

862
00:36:34,460 --> 00:36:38,239
my account that was a lot of fun to do

863
00:36:36,259 --> 00:36:40,309
actually yeah my friend Liz and I

864
00:36:38,239 --> 00:36:42,679
trooped around to various places in

865
00:36:40,309 --> 00:36:44,180
Canberra and I had this script

866
00:36:42,679 --> 00:36:45,919
pre-prepared you might have seen the

867
00:36:44,179 --> 00:36:48,798
script didn't reflect in blizzards

868
00:36:45,920 --> 00:36:51,739
sunglasses but it was a lot of fun to do

869
00:36:48,798 --> 00:36:53,929
so we're very happy that that it got a

870
00:36:51,739 --> 00:36:55,818
good reception and for n is that linked

871
00:36:53,929 --> 00:36:57,348
from the Canberra web skeptics website I

872
00:36:55,818 --> 00:36:59,759
think it should be if it's not I think

873
00:36:57,349 --> 00:37:00,870
it I well since I'm the one who's

874
00:36:59,760 --> 00:37:03,390
sponsible for the camera skeptics

875
00:37:00,869 --> 00:37:06,630
website I think we should probably make

876
00:37:03,389 --> 00:37:08,969
a note under undoubtedly by the time

877
00:37:06,630 --> 00:37:10,230
this goes out it will be but it's it's a

878
00:37:08,969 --> 00:37:12,779
fun video because the upcoming

879
00:37:10,230 --> 00:37:16,619
convention here in November is all about

880
00:37:12,780 --> 00:37:21,180
conspiracy theories yeah because as you

881
00:37:16,619 --> 00:37:25,529
were reminding us earlier what are you

882
00:37:21,179 --> 00:37:27,000
kidding slowly pour skeptic it's the

883
00:37:25,530 --> 00:37:29,070
50th anniversary this year of the

884

00:37:27,000 --> 00:37:32,639
assassinations kind of course yes it is

885
00:37:29,070 --> 00:37:36,230
so I what better theme for a convention

886
00:37:32,639 --> 00:37:40,469
on such an auspicious date as the as the

887
00:37:36,230 --> 00:37:42,150
assassination of JFK so it's all going

888
00:37:40,469 --> 00:37:44,539
well all going well and there are so

889
00:37:42,150 --> 00:37:46,829
many things you can weave around

890
00:37:44,539 --> 00:37:48,900
conspiracy theories it's endless we were

891
00:37:46,829 --> 00:37:50,610
discussing this earlier from chem trails

892
00:37:48,900 --> 00:37:52,650
to anti-vaccination to just about

893
00:37:50,610 --> 00:37:54,870
anything a lot a lot of the whoo crowd

894
00:37:52,650 --> 00:37:56,639
we sort of come up against it their

895
00:37:54,869 --> 00:37:59,130
heart I think a lot of my conspiracy

896
00:37:56,639 --> 00:38:01,019
theorists oh yes and you've got history

897
00:37:59,130 --> 00:38:03,720
conspiracy theories relating to history

898
00:38:01,019 --> 00:38:07,559

especially Holocaust denial oh yeah but

899

00:38:03,719 --> 00:38:10,109

also 911 conspiracy theories so there's

900

00:38:07,559 --> 00:38:14,130

a lot of conspiracy furiously 911

901

00:38:10,110 --> 00:38:16,440

conspiracy that's an awful other the way

902

00:38:14,130 --> 00:38:18,990

lots are a lot more than up in my

903

00:38:16,440 --> 00:38:20,820

line of work we what is your line of

904

00:38:18,989 --> 00:38:23,519

work Amanda for our listeners both

905

00:38:20,820 --> 00:38:28,650

generally speaking I work in the law

906

00:38:23,519 --> 00:38:32,280

enforcement / intelligence field 02 / a

907

00:38:28,650 --> 00:38:35,820

secret you you have to be cleared and

908

00:38:32,280 --> 00:38:37,560

you're not so its focus one of the arm

909

00:38:35,820 --> 00:38:39,510

training things that I've recently done

910

00:38:37,559 --> 00:38:41,969

we actually do a presentation on the 911

911

00:38:39,510 --> 00:38:44,340

conspiracy so we had to do an analysis

912

00:38:41,969 --> 00:38:46,319

on one of the conspiracy theories

913
00:38:44,340 --> 00:38:48,840
according to the Pentagon really which

914
00:38:46,320 --> 00:38:51,300
was kind of funny yeah Wow and putting

915
00:38:48,840 --> 00:38:53,550
so I had to put all my um my skepticism

916
00:38:51,300 --> 00:38:56,730
sort of a little bit back and and treat

917
00:38:53,550 --> 00:38:58,680
it as an analysis based on data rather

918
00:38:56,730 --> 00:39:00,389
than which is actually quite good

919
00:38:58,679 --> 00:39:03,869
because we were forced to look at things

920
00:39:00,389 --> 00:39:05,299
is a whole picture rather than what we

921
00:39:03,869 --> 00:39:07,889
would initially believed it ourselves

922
00:39:05,300 --> 00:39:09,780
isn't that interesting because I know

923
00:39:07,889 --> 00:39:11,679
with the moon landing so-called moon

924
00:39:09,780 --> 00:39:14,710
landing hoax conspiracy it wasn't until

925
00:39:11,679 --> 00:39:16,358
years afterwards that these things came

926
00:39:14,710 --> 00:39:17,409
up and I didn't pay the much attention

927
00:39:16,358 --> 00:39:19,328
when they first came out because I

928
00:39:17,409 --> 00:39:22,328
thought that's silly what's next and

929
00:39:19,329 --> 00:39:24,430
then they grew in popularity but I can't

930
00:39:22,329 --> 00:39:26,140
remember now how long after nine eleven

931
00:39:24,429 --> 00:39:28,299
that the conspiracy theories started

932
00:39:26,139 --> 00:39:30,549
popping is about two and a half minutes

933
00:39:28,300 --> 00:39:32,318
after yeah yeah about six months after

934
00:39:30,550 --> 00:39:33,789
it I first saw the document come around

935
00:39:32,318 --> 00:39:36,639
which claimed that there were no planes

936
00:39:33,789 --> 00:39:40,029
at the Pentagon the document came around

937
00:39:36,639 --> 00:39:42,219
it was written by some french guy but it

938
00:39:40,030 --> 00:39:44,140
was the first one that that that I saw

939
00:39:42,219 --> 00:39:45,549
saying that they were there was there

940
00:39:44,139 --> 00:39:46,929
were no plane fragments found at the

941

00:39:45,550 --> 00:39:49,839
Pentagon and had photos and everything

942
00:39:46,929 --> 00:39:53,710
and I was oh this is so credible yeah

943
00:39:49,838 --> 00:39:54,699
right I actually had a person in the

944
00:39:53,710 --> 00:39:56,619
field he probably should have known

945
00:39:54,699 --> 00:39:59,139
better actually tried to tell me why he

946
00:39:56,619 --> 00:40:00,880
believed that the the Pentagon was

947
00:39:59,139 --> 00:40:02,650
actually a missile strike and I

948
00:40:00,880 --> 00:40:05,230
literally felt like my brain was about

949
00:40:02,650 --> 00:40:08,230
to explode and I had to take a breath

950
00:40:05,230 --> 00:40:11,858
and just go don't make him cry and then

951
00:40:08,230 --> 00:40:14,369
say all right why do you have secret

952
00:40:11,858 --> 00:40:18,130
ways to inflict up how i do how you do

953
00:40:14,369 --> 00:40:20,048
but anyway moving on but yes i had to

954
00:40:18,130 --> 00:40:22,838
say to him you why do you believe this

955
00:40:20,048 --> 00:40:24,730

and and what evidence do you have now

956

00:40:22,838 --> 00:40:26,619

I'm just becoming aware of in the last

957

00:40:24,730 --> 00:40:28,539

couple of days these nutters who were

958

00:40:26,619 --> 00:40:31,119

have some sort of Sandy Hook conspiracy

959

00:40:28,539 --> 00:40:33,308

have you seen me yes are not very well

960

00:40:31,119 --> 00:40:35,650

I've seen it exists but I haven't looked

961

00:40:33,309 --> 00:40:37,750

into it for fear of my sanity we've

962

00:40:35,650 --> 00:40:39,430

gotten for Port Arthur as well Port

963

00:40:37,750 --> 00:40:41,769

Arthur of course it now Brian Dunning

964

00:40:39,429 --> 00:40:44,500

who is speaking of earlier and we always

965

00:40:41,769 --> 00:40:46,599

now when we speak of fine dining and

966

00:40:44,500 --> 00:40:48,909

stand up and sleep he did one of his

967

00:40:46,599 --> 00:40:50,950

skipped eyes on the port arthur whole

968

00:40:48,909 --> 00:40:52,420

conspiracy thing today what did you

969

00:40:50,949 --> 00:40:54,879

think I thought it was very good i

970
00:40:52,420 --> 00:40:57,730
should know what happened very well and

971
00:40:54,880 --> 00:40:58,990
he covered it very very very well and i

972
00:40:57,730 --> 00:41:00,510
took a bit personally with all the

973
00:40:58,989 --> 00:41:03,219
conspiracy theories as well as with the

974
00:41:00,510 --> 00:41:06,609
Sandy Hook one because that kind of hit

975
00:41:03,219 --> 00:41:08,828
me being in a field and I felt like um

976
00:41:06,608 --> 00:41:10,539
the people were honoring what it

977
00:41:08,829 --> 00:41:12,970
actually happened the tragedy of what

978
00:41:10,539 --> 00:41:14,920
happened by putting up all these and

979
00:41:12,969 --> 00:41:16,629
with and what the latest one is is that

980
00:41:14,920 --> 00:41:20,108
their dramatic actors who were appearing

981
00:41:16,630 --> 00:41:21,990
on at the scene to make it out like it

982
00:41:20,108 --> 00:41:24,960
was robotics

983
00:41:21,989 --> 00:41:26,309
what I'm saying sandy hook yeah dearly

984
00:41:24,960 --> 00:41:29,039
but the Port Arthur was all about the

985
00:41:26,309 --> 00:41:30,449
government plan because I don't know any

986
00:41:29,039 --> 00:41:32,969
of the details about these new ones

987
00:41:30,449 --> 00:41:34,919
about Sandy Hook I'm I wish I could say

988
00:41:32,969 --> 00:41:37,139
I was surprised that they've coming up

989
00:41:34,920 --> 00:41:38,789
with them but I am really just disgusted

990
00:41:37,139 --> 00:41:40,379
you know yeah I mean I actually was

991
00:41:38,789 --> 00:41:42,509
reading for the other night the website

992
00:41:40,380 --> 00:41:44,400
for the UM they were saying that there

993
00:41:42,510 --> 00:41:45,660
were these plants that were going in and

994
00:41:44,400 --> 00:41:48,059
they were the ones giving a mountain

995
00:41:45,659 --> 00:41:51,179
what I read one and and I actually had

996
00:41:48,059 --> 00:41:52,769
to go and had a martini because they

997
00:41:51,179 --> 00:41:54,899
actually was saying that this is one

998

00:41:52,769 --> 00:41:56,460
woman appearing on the news reports who

999
00:41:54,900 --> 00:41:59,910
was being one of the agreed he was

1000
00:41:56,460 --> 00:42:02,429
appearing with the the guy that his name

1001
00:41:59,909 --> 00:42:03,839
the guy that shot up the cinema who was

1002
00:42:02,429 --> 00:42:06,179
also appearing another thing so their

1003
00:42:03,840 --> 00:42:09,530
theory was these dramatic actors were

1004
00:42:06,179 --> 00:42:12,299
hired by the government to appear for

1005
00:42:09,530 --> 00:42:13,410
for whatever to make it the public think

1006
00:42:12,300 --> 00:42:15,740
that this thing actually happen when it

1007
00:42:13,409 --> 00:42:18,779
was all actually the intention was to

1008
00:42:15,739 --> 00:42:20,909
ignite the gun control thing or what

1009
00:42:18,780 --> 00:42:22,290
what was the others of the conspiracy

1010
00:42:20,909 --> 00:42:23,940
well there's a lot of people in America

1011
00:42:22,289 --> 00:42:25,650
who are firmly of the opinion that the

1012
00:42:23,940 --> 00:42:27,929

government are out to take all their

1013

00:42:25,650 --> 00:42:34,829

weapons away and then control the most

1014

00:42:27,929 --> 00:42:36,629

good to be the conspiracy that it is it

1015

00:42:34,829 --> 00:42:38,639

that the that the government

1016

00:42:36,630 --> 00:42:42,480

orchestrated this this whole massacre in

1017

00:42:38,639 --> 00:42:44,250

order to change manufacture that I think

1018

00:42:42,480 --> 00:42:46,349

so I think so yeah I think they still

1019

00:42:44,250 --> 00:42:47,880

own paradox basically saying that with a

1020

00:42:46,349 --> 00:42:50,000

9 11 hours say that the government

1021

00:42:47,880 --> 00:42:53,250

orchestrated the entire thing to to

1022

00:42:50,000 --> 00:42:55,170

justify invading you know invading where

1023

00:42:53,250 --> 00:42:58,380

they want to invade and go after Saddam

1024

00:42:55,170 --> 00:43:01,680

and go after yeah yeah Port Arthur was

1025

00:42:58,380 --> 00:43:04,858

could straighten to let the government

1026

00:43:01,679 --> 00:43:06,899

here relieve the population of weapons

1027
00:43:04,858 --> 00:43:08,369
it just made no sense with us though

1028
00:43:06,900 --> 00:43:10,470
there was no connection to it whatsoever

1029
00:43:08,369 --> 00:43:12,358
which was a bit disappointing because

1030
00:43:10,469 --> 00:43:14,129
I'd expect the conspiracy theorists to

1031
00:43:12,358 --> 00:43:15,960
at least put some effort in and make

1032
00:43:14,130 --> 00:43:18,510
sure that they mix it just right so well

1033
00:43:15,960 --> 00:43:19,920
they don't have to you know they can

1034
00:43:18,510 --> 00:43:21,119
come up with just about anything and

1035
00:43:19,920 --> 00:43:22,710
there'll be a certain percentage of the

1036
00:43:21,119 --> 00:43:24,358
population will jump on board with it I

1037
00:43:22,710 --> 00:43:26,220
think but a good conspiracy theory is

1038
00:43:24,358 --> 00:43:27,299
like a good cake mix here you put the

1039
00:43:26,219 --> 00:43:31,789
right amount

1040
00:43:27,300 --> 00:43:34,440
there's got fruit nuts in it yes nuts

1041
00:43:31,789 --> 00:43:37,139
you put just amount of truth in with it

1042
00:43:34,440 --> 00:43:41,159
just a matter of madness nothing this

1043
00:43:37,139 --> 00:43:43,259
guy them dope that was for you and we've

1044
00:43:41,159 --> 00:43:44,670
just was just the right amount of theory

1045
00:43:43,260 --> 00:43:46,650
was just amount of science with right

1046
00:43:44,670 --> 00:43:48,480
just amount of religion and then he'd

1047
00:43:46,650 --> 00:43:51,210
out there how long so I got distracted

1048
00:43:48,480 --> 00:43:52,590
by I must say everybody were we're

1049
00:43:51,210 --> 00:43:54,240
having a serious discussion but we're

1050
00:43:52,590 --> 00:43:56,670
all peeping out of the corner of her

1051
00:43:54,239 --> 00:43:58,529
eyes cuz little ADA is sitting up on her

1052
00:43:56,670 --> 00:44:02,610
mother's knee and she's just won all our

1053
00:43:58,530 --> 00:44:04,290
hearts hello Olin and she is the

1054
00:44:02,610 --> 00:44:06,480
youngest skeptic and she's just beaming

1055

00:44:04,289 --> 00:44:07,889
at it's all well not it she looks a

1056
00:44:06,480 --> 00:44:09,990
little bit scared of a chance I must

1057
00:44:07,889 --> 00:44:11,339
admit I'm i would like to point out that

1058
00:44:09,989 --> 00:44:13,259
i think in some ways some of the

1059
00:44:11,340 --> 00:44:15,900
conspiracy theorists actually put a lot

1060
00:44:13,260 --> 00:44:18,990
of time and effort into their heritage

1061
00:44:15,900 --> 00:44:21,000
but it's like they're try it's like

1062
00:44:18,989 --> 00:44:23,819
they've got the assumption and they're

1063
00:44:21,000 --> 00:44:26,340
trying to make the links to it and they

1064
00:44:23,820 --> 00:44:28,080
just they sure what was the conclusion

1065
00:44:26,340 --> 00:44:29,550
like creationists they start with the

1066
00:44:28,079 --> 00:44:31,199
conclusion and then manufacturer

1067
00:44:29,550 --> 00:44:33,360
siblings do it's also an industry

1068
00:44:31,199 --> 00:44:35,519
there's actually that's true element to

1069
00:44:33,360 --> 00:44:38,340

it there's a in forensics what it is is

1070

00:44:35,519 --> 00:44:39,780

human nature shots of human condition to

1071

00:44:38,340 --> 00:44:41,579

want to grab for a reason for something

1072

00:44:39,780 --> 00:44:44,490

it's what we do we all do it even you do

1073

00:44:41,579 --> 00:44:46,559

it we all do it so what they what they

1074

00:44:44,489 --> 00:44:49,139

do is and this is why a lot of them are

1075

00:44:46,559 --> 00:44:50,699

so as so successful with their

1076

00:44:49,139 --> 00:44:52,619

conspiracy theories and have such a

1077

00:44:50,699 --> 00:44:54,419

following is that it gives people a

1078

00:44:52,619 --> 00:44:56,969

reason for something that they can't

1079

00:44:54,420 --> 00:44:59,700

comprehend and if it's something as

1080

00:44:56,969 --> 00:45:03,569

heinous as a whole a lot of death and

1081

00:44:59,699 --> 00:45:06,059

injury our that they um I can't focus

1082

00:45:03,570 --> 00:45:07,950

with a cute baby she's clapping out his

1083

00:45:06,059 --> 00:45:10,829

phone Jesus is terribly but I can't

1084
00:45:07,949 --> 00:45:12,089
focus on getting it really know so

1085
00:45:10,829 --> 00:45:14,039
that's what they that's what it does

1086
00:45:12,090 --> 00:45:15,630
it's almost like an addiction in a way

1087
00:45:14,039 --> 00:45:17,460
it gets it in part of the brain that

1088
00:45:15,630 --> 00:45:19,619
sort of wants to reach for that and

1089
00:45:17,460 --> 00:45:23,570
wants to grab a reason the event has to

1090
00:45:19,619 --> 00:45:26,429
match the outcome so looking at JFK

1091
00:45:23,570 --> 00:45:28,230
assassination what's easier to believe

1092
00:45:26,429 --> 00:45:29,849
that it was some massive grand

1093
00:45:28,230 --> 00:45:32,429
conspiracy with

1094
00:45:29,849 --> 00:45:34,920
thousands of people involved or was some

1095
00:45:32,429 --> 00:45:38,250
pathetic low life which Lee Harvey

1096
00:45:34,920 --> 00:45:39,809
Oswald was a nobody and get he killed

1097
00:45:38,250 --> 00:45:42,210
one of the most popular presidents in

1098
00:45:39,809 --> 00:45:44,579
history Sam would say Diana what makes

1099
00:45:42,210 --> 00:45:49,470
more sense grand conspiracy or traveling

1100
00:45:44,579 --> 00:45:51,809
too fast no seat belt person the message

1101
00:45:49,469 --> 00:45:54,779
I mean this is one of the most lining

1102
00:45:51,809 --> 00:45:56,400
Lee stupid things and a good friend of

1103
00:45:54,780 --> 00:45:57,960
mine in fact the announcer Jim will show

1104
00:45:56,400 --> 00:46:00,720
that who announces the skeptic zone each

1105
00:45:57,960 --> 00:46:02,789
week said to me the security guard who

1106
00:46:00,719 --> 00:46:04,889
was with Diana at the time utterly

1107
00:46:02,789 --> 00:46:08,159
failed Diana was not wearing a seat belt

1108
00:46:04,889 --> 00:46:11,309
and the only reason he survived he was

1109
00:46:08,159 --> 00:46:13,409
and he's in Australia ah there's a

1110
00:46:11,309 --> 00:46:15,960
connection it's it's not so much a

1111
00:46:13,409 --> 00:46:18,269
choice if you're not just if you grow up

1112

00:46:15,960 --> 00:46:20,130
here you just always put you see that's

1113
00:46:18,269 --> 00:46:22,289
true it's automatic oh my god figured it

1114
00:46:20,130 --> 00:46:24,269
out it was called hope now for those

1115
00:46:22,289 --> 00:46:25,889
listeners listening overseas Harold Holt

1116
00:46:24,269 --> 00:46:29,639
was a prime minister in Australia in the

1117
00:46:25,889 --> 00:46:32,909
60s who went swimming one day by himself

1118
00:46:29,639 --> 00:46:34,859
not very well apparently not on the

1119
00:46:32,909 --> 00:46:36,239
diving he was scuba diving he was a

1120
00:46:34,860 --> 00:46:37,530
strong enough he was a strong enough

1121
00:46:36,239 --> 00:46:39,359
swimmer to swim right out to that

1122
00:46:37,530 --> 00:46:41,730
chinese submarine well there you go and

1123
00:46:39,360 --> 00:46:45,230
he disappeared and we honored his legacy

1124
00:46:41,730 --> 00:46:48,539
by maybe a swimming pool after him

1125
00:46:45,230 --> 00:46:50,490
there's anybody here remember that they

1126
00:46:48,539 --> 00:46:53,009

when harold holt disappeared in the UK

1127

00:46:50,489 --> 00:46:55,649

but i do remember i have been to hawaii

1128

00:46:53,010 --> 00:46:58,710

and I remember how kalica and Captain

1129

00:46:55,650 --> 00:47:01,200

Cook is remember there my god is it well

1130

00:46:58,710 --> 00:47:02,730

yes if you go to if you go to the spot

1131

00:47:01,199 --> 00:47:04,919

on which he was killed yeah you will

1132

00:47:02,730 --> 00:47:13,699

find a caravan they're selling captain

1133

00:47:04,920 --> 00:47:16,860

cook burgers years ago that is fantastic

1134

00:47:13,699 --> 00:47:19,019

well it's horse 20 years ago but I found

1135

00:47:16,860 --> 00:47:21,390

of date mater yeah but I think I think

1136

00:47:19,019 --> 00:47:23,360

there is another dimension to conspiracy

1137

00:47:21,389 --> 00:47:25,409

theories if you think about the

1138

00:47:23,360 --> 00:47:30,349

conspiracies about the moon landings

1139

00:47:25,409 --> 00:47:34,849

well there you have a fantastic

1140

00:47:30,349 --> 00:47:37,039

M true human effort yeah and there's

1141
00:47:34,849 --> 00:47:39,799
trying to be derided for some reason and

1142
00:47:37,039 --> 00:47:41,090
I was actually did quite a lot of work

1143
00:47:39,800 --> 00:47:43,190
on but in roxas when we run those

1144
00:47:41,090 --> 00:47:45,380
reasons I came out to Australia sonu my

1145
00:47:43,190 --> 00:47:47,780
boss was going to get them and hardly

1146
00:47:45,380 --> 00:47:49,130
fund oh really how come on working and I

1147
00:47:47,780 --> 00:47:50,960
was really surprised because there was

1148
00:47:49,130 --> 00:47:52,880
actually on for research teams because I

1149
00:47:50,960 --> 00:47:54,860
was regarding the only electromagnet

1150
00:47:52,880 --> 00:47:58,240
probe lab in the country the time sounds

1151
00:47:54,860 --> 00:48:01,550
great yeah anyway I found myself in a

1152
00:47:58,239 --> 00:48:04,849
certain outback town a perhaps I didn't

1153
00:48:01,550 --> 00:48:07,730
mention it and staying with the

1154
00:48:04,849 --> 00:48:09,980
secretary for the Rotary Club and he was

1155
00:48:07,730 --> 00:48:12,530
the talk secretary now he had to give a

1156
00:48:09,980 --> 00:48:14,059
talk and on moment's notice so I talked

1157
00:48:12,530 --> 00:48:16,250
about theories of the formation of the

1158
00:48:14,059 --> 00:48:17,809
moon and how we were able to cancel out

1159
00:48:16,250 --> 00:48:21,230
they captured the Aryan blah blah blah

1160
00:48:17,809 --> 00:48:23,630
blah blah and Eric talked and then the

1161
00:48:21,230 --> 00:48:27,409
questions afterwards we're all on von

1162
00:48:23,630 --> 00:48:29,599
Daniken no no yeah all on von Daniken

1163
00:48:27,409 --> 00:48:31,069
and did I think they then as the glands

1164
00:48:29,599 --> 00:48:33,679
blah blah blah all the sort of thing and

1165
00:48:31,070 --> 00:48:35,780
having a drink at the pub in there after

1166
00:48:33,679 --> 00:48:37,699
afterwards as well the one guy came up

1167
00:48:35,780 --> 00:48:39,890
to me and said do you really think they

1168
00:48:37,699 --> 00:48:42,259
actually landed on the moon and that

1169

00:48:39,889 --> 00:48:45,230
this is very you know there's only eight

1170
00:48:42,260 --> 00:48:48,350
months afterwards really yeah really i

1171
00:48:45,230 --> 00:48:50,119
thought those 19 and 19 secure yeah they

1172
00:48:48,349 --> 00:48:51,799
happen but it wasn't because we should

1173
00:48:50,119 --> 00:48:55,039
this just a certain that back time oh

1174
00:48:51,800 --> 00:48:57,590
good hands um you know in Australia well

1175
00:48:55,039 --> 00:48:58,940
that's all I'm super Dom Daniken's to

1176
00:48:57,590 --> 00:49:01,430
chariot of the gods or whatever it is

1177
00:48:58,940 --> 00:49:03,380
did them carriage is the gods ? because

1178
00:49:01,429 --> 00:49:05,359
the only coat ? have you seen that

1179
00:49:03,380 --> 00:49:08,809
relatively recent documentary called

1180
00:49:05,360 --> 00:49:11,329
ancient aliens debunked yes you've seen

1181
00:49:08,809 --> 00:49:14,119
it have you said oh it's it's quite

1182
00:49:11,329 --> 00:49:16,369
quite a work quite it was read it oh

1183
00:49:14,119 --> 00:49:20,480

it's a documentary goes for three hours

1184

00:49:16,369 --> 00:49:22,639

but it's a methodical undoing of the

1185

00:49:20,480 --> 00:49:25,340

arguments about ancient astronauts an

1186

00:49:22,639 --> 00:49:28,460

ancient technology and it's it's a work

1187

00:49:25,340 --> 00:49:29,690

of art isn't it you know I developed a

1188

00:49:28,460 --> 00:49:33,079

recent fascination with the ancient

1189

00:49:29,690 --> 00:49:36,829

alien sort of thing that people be here

1190

00:49:33,079 --> 00:49:39,110

what is nothing but that would be afraid

1191

00:49:36,829 --> 00:49:42,309

right the engineer at the ancient alien

1192

00:49:39,110 --> 00:49:42,309

he rather be called you know AAA

1193

00:49:43,420 --> 00:49:47,750

but it just it just is so completely

1194

00:49:46,130 --> 00:49:49,190

silly to me and just watching this

1195

00:49:47,750 --> 00:49:51,530

document and watching how they tear

1196

00:49:49,190 --> 00:49:54,559

because they break it down and watching

1197

00:49:51,530 --> 00:49:57,140

how people are just cling to this stupid

1198
00:49:54,559 --> 00:49:58,369
stupid stupid thing and just for the

1199
00:49:57,139 --> 00:50:01,969
sake of the fact that they've probably

1200
00:49:58,369 --> 00:50:03,589
got no girlfriend it might be true than

1201
00:50:01,969 --> 00:50:04,759
what you say now folks we normally do

1202
00:50:03,590 --> 00:50:05,900
the think tank of course from our

1203
00:50:04,760 --> 00:50:07,670
favorite club down the end of the street

1204
00:50:05,900 --> 00:50:10,639
in the Chinese restaurant today we're at

1205
00:50:07,670 --> 00:50:12,769
King O'Malley's here in Canberra which

1206
00:50:10,639 --> 00:50:14,480
is a wonderful place it says where it is

1207
00:50:12,769 --> 00:50:16,400
in a sort of a sitting room with books

1208
00:50:14,480 --> 00:50:18,920
on the shelves and leather couches and

1209
00:50:16,400 --> 00:50:20,930
hand side is it I can't read that

1210
00:50:18,920 --> 00:50:23,930
parliamentary debate I figured we could

1211
00:50:20,929 --> 00:50:26,779
do a dramatic recitation maybe we could

1212
00:50:23,929 --> 00:50:30,559
and there are no bus announcements but

1213
00:50:26,780 --> 00:50:33,350
there are people claim with dishes under

1214
00:50:30,559 --> 00:50:37,279
the desk I can pig out I'm a bigger if

1215
00:50:33,349 --> 00:50:39,500
Evans wants to be Cheryl Carter now for

1216
00:50:37,280 --> 00:50:41,420
the benefit of value for the benefit of

1217
00:50:39,500 --> 00:50:43,190
our international listeners and our

1218
00:50:41,420 --> 00:50:46,309
Australian listeners we won't be waiting

1219
00:50:43,190 --> 00:50:48,200
from inside after all you just ruin all

1220
00:50:46,309 --> 00:50:50,900
my fun day I know I just lost half your

1221
00:50:48,199 --> 00:50:53,000
listeners anyway might want to edit that

1222
00:50:50,900 --> 00:50:55,610
bit out now you have regular meetings

1223
00:50:53,000 --> 00:50:58,010
here the camera people at this pub yes

1224
00:50:55,610 --> 00:51:01,309
we have them once a month for a skeptics

1225
00:50:58,010 --> 00:51:04,160
in the pub it's a bit of a chance third

1226

00:51:01,309 --> 00:51:06,019
Sunday of every month it's andrew runs

1227
00:51:04,159 --> 00:51:07,549
the show for this one for the skeptics

1228
00:51:06,019 --> 00:51:10,909
in the pub just gives chance a bit

1229
00:51:07,550 --> 00:51:12,230
people a chance to meet up and chat it's

1230
00:51:10,909 --> 00:51:14,569
a little bit different from our monthly

1231
00:51:12,230 --> 00:51:17,510
lecture series which we also hold on

1232
00:51:14,570 --> 00:51:18,980
weekends now but I've got a few ideas

1233
00:51:17,510 --> 00:51:21,230
for things I'd like to see done

1234
00:51:18,980 --> 00:51:23,090
throughout the year so we I must admit

1235
00:51:21,230 --> 00:51:24,679
i'm quite jealous businesses are really

1236
00:51:23,090 --> 00:51:26,090
not do you come up to this room what you

1237
00:51:24,679 --> 00:51:32,239
have in the bigger room downstairs it

1238
00:51:26,090 --> 00:51:34,370
depends really we usually start out in

1239
00:51:32,239 --> 00:51:35,839
the snug because it's really nice and

1240
00:51:34,369 --> 00:51:37,849

comfortable but if we get too many

1241
00:51:35,840 --> 00:51:39,260
people will go down on okay go for the

1242
00:51:37,849 --> 00:51:41,150
rest of the pub because it's the

1243
00:51:39,260 --> 00:51:43,160
Lighting's loathe it's got green walls

1244
00:51:41,150 --> 00:51:46,430
and funny pictures and rio another bitch

1245
00:51:43,159 --> 00:51:49,099
about so it's it's good this is

1246
00:51:46,429 --> 00:51:51,829
very important Oh

1247
00:51:49,099 --> 00:51:55,880
hey des wants to go to comment station a

1248
00:51:51,829 --> 00:51:57,920
ton can you sink hand side well she

1249
00:51:55,880 --> 00:51:59,630
nearly swiped the microphone off my hand

1250
00:51:57,920 --> 00:52:07,340
she wants to say oh no she's going for a

1251
00:51:59,630 --> 00:52:08,780
drink the shoe 21 oh she 18 wasn't come

1252
00:52:07,340 --> 00:52:10,340
on I to give us what do you think of the

1253
00:52:08,780 --> 00:52:13,190
ancient it is yes what do you think of

1254
00:52:10,340 --> 00:52:14,809
ancient aliens you know everybody in the

1255
00:52:13,190 --> 00:52:16,460
room is making juice oh she's clapping

1256
00:52:14,809 --> 00:52:17,929
alright we're not trying to get a baby

1257
00:52:16,460 --> 00:52:22,280
to do something you know what that's

1258
00:52:17,929 --> 00:52:23,929
like nobody but me today so let's get

1259
00:52:22,280 --> 00:52:25,519
back to conspiracy theories because as

1260
00:52:23,929 --> 00:52:27,559
we mentioned before it is the topic of

1261
00:52:25,519 --> 00:52:29,509
the convention and as you can see just

1262
00:52:27,559 --> 00:52:31,369
by our little chat now this is an

1263
00:52:29,510 --> 00:52:33,830
endless well there's a lot of stuff mean

1264
00:52:31,369 --> 00:52:35,420
I thought John's heard a few conspiracy

1265
00:52:33,829 --> 00:52:38,569
theories to do with the law no doubt no

1266
00:52:35,420 --> 00:52:40,550
time I don't know no I not many legal of

1267
00:52:38,570 --> 00:52:42,950
conspiracy theories yeah we don't like

1268
00:52:40,550 --> 00:52:45,640
the law not into it it's a bit hard

1269
00:52:42,949 --> 00:52:49,250
because you've got solid reported cases

1270
00:52:45,639 --> 00:52:52,190
transcripts and things like me Glory's

1271
00:52:49,250 --> 00:52:53,750
behind the cases that yeah fantasies we

1272
00:52:52,190 --> 00:52:55,429
get people writing and we get the

1273
00:52:53,750 --> 00:52:57,949
benefit of reading as like to call it

1274
00:52:55,429 --> 00:52:59,449
the nut emails and people riding in

1275
00:52:57,949 --> 00:53:02,689
telling us at the various conspiracy

1276
00:52:59,449 --> 00:53:04,639
theories and they go from quite quite

1277
00:53:02,690 --> 00:53:08,720
disturbing to really entertaining and

1278
00:53:04,639 --> 00:53:11,809
one guy had actually created a bed that

1279
00:53:08,719 --> 00:53:14,059
was made of foil and because I just

1280
00:53:11,809 --> 00:53:16,279
stopped the telepathic government

1281
00:53:14,059 --> 00:53:19,940
messages from entering his head he built

1282
00:53:16,280 --> 00:53:22,070
it and he sent us the photos and then he

1283

00:53:19,940 --> 00:53:24,490
rang me later he rang out office later

1284
00:53:22,070 --> 00:53:27,050
and said that he wanted to to talk about

1285
00:53:24,489 --> 00:53:29,109
photon torpedoes and I she said dude

1286
00:53:27,050 --> 00:53:32,780
I've seen that episode of Star Trek

1287
00:53:29,110 --> 00:53:34,849
photon torpedoes I see I did know a chop

1288
00:53:32,780 --> 00:53:37,550
coming to see me when I was practicing

1289
00:53:34,849 --> 00:53:41,989
as a private solicitor and his problem

1290
00:53:37,550 --> 00:53:46,220
was that azo had implanted things in all

1291
00:53:41,989 --> 00:53:48,469
televisions whenever whenever this

1292
00:53:46,219 --> 00:53:50,480
person this month walk into a room as a

1293
00:53:48,469 --> 00:53:55,789
television there it would turn and look

1294
00:53:50,480 --> 00:53:56,990
at him I don't know what what's could he

1295
00:53:55,789 --> 00:53:59,599
could do about it he was asking about

1296
00:53:56,989 --> 00:54:01,759
legal adviser idea I advised him it was

1297
00:53:59,599 --> 00:54:03,989

not the sort of case that I I was

1298

00:54:01,760 --> 00:54:07,390
experiencing

1299

00:54:03,989 --> 00:54:09,969
we had our we get we had one guy call us

1300

00:54:07,389 --> 00:54:12,759
saying that he was actually supposed to

1301

00:54:09,969 --> 00:54:14,769
be knighted by queen elizabeth and that

1302

00:54:12,760 --> 00:54:17,290
he was owed a lamber good at lamborghini

1303

00:54:14,769 --> 00:54:19,420
and this is what he wanted and he was

1304

00:54:17,289 --> 00:54:23,320
waiting for his payment so I said that

1305

00:54:19,420 --> 00:54:25,450
was me well I got some news for you it

1306

00:54:23,320 --> 00:54:29,140
ain't good no one's going to be calling

1307

00:54:25,449 --> 00:54:30,519
you so anything but the week I think we

1308

00:54:29,139 --> 00:54:32,409
get them because people think we're

1309

00:54:30,519 --> 00:54:34,150
either a part of it or we can stuff them

1310

00:54:32,409 --> 00:54:39,009
all done it don't even know what it is

1311

00:54:34,150 --> 00:54:41,320
but we get we get people coming to us

1312
00:54:39,010 --> 00:54:43,720
saying that the that the government are

1313
00:54:41,320 --> 00:54:45,730
after them and while it's funny to joke

1314
00:54:43,719 --> 00:54:49,509
about it there's a real concerning

1315
00:54:45,730 --> 00:54:50,920
element that's attached to it and it has

1316
00:54:49,510 --> 00:54:52,450
to do it these fact that these people a

1317
00:54:50,920 --> 00:54:54,340
lot of these people just troublemakers

1318
00:54:52,449 --> 00:54:57,549
but there are some who have very real

1319
00:54:54,340 --> 00:54:59,289
mental health issues and they truly

1320
00:54:57,550 --> 00:55:01,810
believe this stuff and this is what

1321
00:54:59,289 --> 00:55:04,779
turns them into dangerous people this is

1322
00:55:01,809 --> 00:55:08,289
what happens at the end of it so while

1323
00:55:04,780 --> 00:55:10,210
I'm and also we have to we have to sort

1324
00:55:08,289 --> 00:55:12,909
of separate what's their mad ravings to

1325
00:55:10,210 --> 00:55:14,380
see there's actually any legitimacy ah

1326
00:55:12,909 --> 00:55:15,940
there could be a threat of truth there

1327
00:55:14,380 --> 00:55:17,559
right it could have been for ms so

1328
00:55:15,940 --> 00:55:19,690
therefore we have to put so we use

1329
00:55:17,559 --> 00:55:21,820
skepticism we use critical thinking in

1330
00:55:19,690 --> 00:55:23,260
order to pull it all apart not all make

1331
00:55:21,820 --> 00:55:25,539
me think it's going to be you know a

1332
00:55:23,260 --> 00:55:27,660
crazy conspiracy theory and see what if

1333
00:55:25,539 --> 00:55:29,920
there's anything there that's value and

1334
00:55:27,659 --> 00:55:32,190
it's quite sad because you have to

1335
00:55:29,920 --> 00:55:35,889
literally get into their thought patent

1336
00:55:32,190 --> 00:55:38,590
have a similar procedure I'll look I

1337
00:55:35,889 --> 00:55:41,650
used to work for sent a link at the

1338
00:55:38,590 --> 00:55:43,870
Civic offices so centerlink Canberra all

1339
00:55:41,650 --> 00:55:45,430
correspondence would come to us and of

1340

00:55:43,869 --> 00:55:48,429
course central links head office is

1341
00:55:45,429 --> 00:55:50,589
integrin on but most people just will

1342
00:55:48,429 --> 00:55:52,539
just write Centrelink Canberra and send

1343
00:55:50,590 --> 00:55:55,600
the letter of overseas this is a

1344
00:55:52,539 --> 00:55:58,570
Centrelink is the Department of Social

1345
00:55:55,599 --> 00:55:59,980
Security right yes and there are

1346
00:55:58,570 --> 00:56:05,760
payments for people who are mentally ill

1347
00:55:59,980 --> 00:56:05,760
so we would actually shins no no diet

1348
00:56:06,318 --> 00:56:09,869
curiously though we would actually have

1349
00:56:08,369 --> 00:56:13,410
to read all of the letters that came in

1350
00:56:09,869 --> 00:56:16,619
and if there was anything that was

1351
00:56:13,409 --> 00:56:19,920
threatening or anything that did have to

1352
00:56:16,619 --> 00:56:21,630
be acted upon that would be sent through

1353
00:56:19,920 --> 00:56:23,630
to relevant sections if it was actually

1354
00:56:21,630 --> 00:56:25,858

something for us which was fairly rare

1355

00:56:23,630 --> 00:56:28,079

we would get that but there was usually

1356

00:56:25,858 --> 00:56:30,690

half of the mail was just because we

1357

00:56:28,079 --> 00:56:36,150

happen to be the Canberra office would

1358

00:56:30,690 --> 00:56:39,690

be ravings really 10 basic curiously

1359

00:56:36,150 --> 00:56:42,749

though I saw a 10-page just all with

1360

00:56:39,690 --> 00:56:44,579

little cut little writing and so no hard

1361

00:56:42,748 --> 00:56:46,228

to follow at some point a lot of them

1362

00:56:44,579 --> 00:56:47,789

you can tell because you can tell by the

1363

00:56:46,228 --> 00:56:50,669

syntax of their handwriting but a lot of

1364

00:56:47,789 --> 00:56:53,579

them actually are very big writing very

1365

00:56:50,670 --> 00:56:56,729

school we had I had one anything into it

1366

00:56:53,579 --> 00:56:58,859

gets messy and large we have the crazy

1367

00:56:56,728 --> 00:57:00,449

people you wanted to come say I had a

1368

00:56:58,858 --> 00:57:03,650

psychic vision that this is where

1369
00:57:00,449 --> 00:57:05,788
jonbenet ramsey's and the closer we get

1370
00:57:03,650 --> 00:57:07,739
especially when the media comes up with

1371
00:57:05,789 --> 00:57:09,869
a new story so we will get will get the

1372
00:57:07,739 --> 00:57:11,338
emails and will get the letters so part

1373
00:57:09,869 --> 00:57:13,950
of what we have to do is actually look

1374
00:57:11,338 --> 00:57:16,558
at them analyze them and figure out if

1375
00:57:13,949 --> 00:57:18,538
there's any what exactly is going on and

1376
00:57:16,559 --> 00:57:20,278
they are written across the page down

1377
00:57:18,539 --> 00:57:22,259
the page diagonal there are pictures and

1378
00:57:20,278 --> 00:57:24,079
some guy had something that was just

1379
00:57:22,259 --> 00:57:26,639
didn't make any sense whatsoever and

1380
00:57:24,079 --> 00:57:28,920
basically they were saying that the

1381
00:57:26,639 --> 00:57:30,358
government was wanting to take her away

1382
00:57:28,920 --> 00:57:32,278
as part of this massive government

1383
00:57:30,358 --> 00:57:34,558
conspiracy that the children hidden away

1384
00:57:32,278 --> 00:57:36,210
for government use that everyone was in

1385
00:57:34,559 --> 00:57:38,759
on it and by the way the Reptoids had

1386
00:57:36,210 --> 00:57:41,338
everything to do with it Oh Reptoids

1387
00:57:38,759 --> 00:57:42,869
again always those damned Reptoids slow

1388
00:57:41,338 --> 00:57:44,969
music you must get a few conspiracy

1389
00:57:42,869 --> 00:57:49,460
theory sent your way emails and all that

1390
00:57:44,969 --> 00:57:52,349
ah well yes yeah I absolutely do but I

1391
00:57:49,460 --> 00:57:54,358
what I might do in the way of wrapping

1392
00:57:52,349 --> 00:57:55,798
up the comment on conspiracy theories is

1393
00:57:54,358 --> 00:57:57,630
getting back to the moon one because

1394
00:57:55,798 --> 00:57:59,460
it's a good case in point where I was

1395
00:57:57,630 --> 00:58:00,869
very I was really surprised when all

1396
00:57:59,460 --> 00:58:02,338
these conspiracy theories came up and

1397

00:58:00,869 --> 00:58:04,079
about 10 years ago i think they reached

1398
00:58:02,338 --> 00:58:06,389
their height and they bubbled up there

1399
00:58:04,079 --> 00:58:08,099
for a while and then it wasn't that many

1400
00:58:06,389 --> 00:58:10,108
years ago we got high resolution

1401
00:58:08,099 --> 00:58:12,088
pictures back of the landing sites which

1402
00:58:10,108 --> 00:58:13,798
we're clearly showing tire tracks and

1403
00:58:12,088 --> 00:58:15,250
footprints and the flag is still there

1404
00:58:13,798 --> 00:58:17,230
and all that sort of stuff

1405
00:58:15,250 --> 00:58:19,630
and I must admit I haven't heard much

1406
00:58:17,230 --> 00:58:21,340
people making fuss about moon landing

1407
00:58:19,630 --> 00:58:23,289
conspiracies since then some maybe it

1408
00:58:21,340 --> 00:58:24,789
helped that state that means that it's

1409
00:58:23,289 --> 00:58:26,529
all been staged you see what they do

1410
00:58:24,789 --> 00:58:28,869
they take this thing is I dis idea

1411
00:58:26,530 --> 00:58:30,550

that's fine however this is what we say

1412

00:58:28,869 --> 00:58:32,019

is there is so their footprints and

1413

00:58:30,550 --> 00:58:34,289

everything like that is obviously being

1414

00:58:32,019 --> 00:58:37,599

staged on a movie like so you did it

1415

00:58:34,289 --> 00:58:40,059

sorry I I have to play devil's advocate

1416

00:58:37,599 --> 00:58:41,980

and feel free to edit this out but when

1417

00:58:40,059 --> 00:58:44,019

nasa released the first photos from

1418

00:58:41,980 --> 00:58:46,809

viking they really shot themselves in

1419

00:58:44,019 --> 00:58:49,389

the foot they twisted the color balance

1420

00:58:46,809 --> 00:58:51,779

so that the sky would be red do they I

1421

00:58:49,389 --> 00:58:55,929

didn't say that that's why there's the

1422

00:58:51,780 --> 00:58:58,540

red white and blue US flag it's the in

1423

00:58:55,929 --> 00:59:00,279

clear shot on the yeah Viking Lander the

1424

00:58:58,539 --> 00:59:03,009

first shot is there to color balance

1425

00:59:00,280 --> 00:59:04,660

yeah yeah and you can tell from the

1426
00:59:03,010 --> 00:59:09,190
photo that colors are all out of whack

1427
00:59:04,659 --> 00:59:11,019
and they knew it no they disability for

1428
00:59:09,190 --> 00:59:14,019
reasons they thought were valid know it

1429
00:59:11,019 --> 00:59:16,090
by the boss of NASA who's a political

1430
00:59:14,019 --> 00:59:20,829
appointee exactly I'm sorry member of

1431
00:59:16,090 --> 00:59:22,180
the Illuminati yeah it's just they have

1432
00:59:20,829 --> 00:59:25,150
shot themselves in the foot in the past

1433
00:59:22,179 --> 00:59:27,489
so yeah yeah I bet you that's fair

1434
00:59:25,150 --> 00:59:29,349
enough but never put down to conspiracy

1435
00:59:27,489 --> 00:59:31,269
built that which can be explained by

1436
00:59:29,349 --> 00:59:33,969
simple in confidence yes that I like

1437
00:59:31,269 --> 00:59:34,989
that I like that one yes sometimes it's

1438
00:59:33,969 --> 00:59:37,959
not a big thing it's just sometimes

1439
00:59:34,989 --> 00:59:39,339
people screwed it up simply it's a good

1440
00:59:37,960 --> 00:59:40,690
lesson also comes back to our comes

1441
00:59:39,340 --> 00:59:42,490
razor of course you know what's more

1442
00:59:40,690 --> 00:59:45,159
easy that some guy shot the president or

1443
00:59:42,489 --> 00:59:46,359
there was this huge industry almost in

1444
00:59:45,159 --> 00:59:48,099
covering it up and planning and

1445
00:59:46,360 --> 00:59:51,010
executing and all the rest of it I i

1446
00:59:48,099 --> 00:59:57,969
think the bingo Aidan something yes ada

1447
00:59:51,010 --> 01:00:01,870
yes what do you think realizing a bill

1448
00:59:57,969 --> 01:00:04,329
cosby line is his daughter saying hello

1449
01:00:01,869 --> 01:00:08,920
so bill cosby rings up his mother so say

1450
01:00:04,329 --> 01:00:11,130
hello daughter goes hello can you say

1451
01:00:08,920 --> 01:00:11,130
something

1452
01:00:11,500 --> 01:00:17,929
I was her hitting the microphone I like

1453
01:00:14,690 --> 01:00:20,510
what Neil deGrasse Tyson said about the

1454

01:00:17,929 --> 01:00:22,639
moon conspiracy if you're sitting on top

1455
01:00:20,510 --> 01:00:28,010
of the Saturn five where else are you

1456
01:00:22,639 --> 01:00:29,659
going to go I was in one of his one of

1457
01:00:28,010 --> 01:00:31,520
his interviews I've been looking at a

1458
01:00:29,659 --> 01:00:33,139
lot of his interviews recently he's a

1459
01:00:31,519 --> 01:00:34,369
good man a good man well look I'd like

1460
01:00:33,139 --> 01:00:37,099
to thank everybody for coming along

1461
01:00:34,369 --> 01:00:38,690
today to see here be dragons and we nod

1462
01:00:37,099 --> 01:00:41,089
to Brian Dunning of course well I

1463
01:00:38,690 --> 01:00:45,289
noticed i noted it load gloat about what

1464
01:00:41,090 --> 01:00:47,480
gloat about the avian all right no we go

1465
01:00:45,289 --> 01:00:49,849
we can load quickly about the australian

1466
01:00:47,480 --> 01:00:50,990
anti-vaccination but grade who are going

1467
01:00:49,849 --> 01:00:53,329
to be called something else soon and

1468
01:00:50,989 --> 01:00:59,209

probably then disappear that's so what's

1469

01:00:53,329 --> 01:01:01,880

the sound for gloat No thank you I'm

1470

01:00:59,210 --> 01:01:03,110

glad you cut that with him I like to

1471

01:01:01,880 --> 01:01:05,390

thank everybody for coming along here

1472

01:01:03,110 --> 01:01:07,280

what a fine turnout it was for here be

1473

01:01:05,389 --> 01:01:09,589

dragons shown in Canberra which was a

1474

01:01:07,280 --> 01:01:11,540

fantastic effort and a good barbecue

1475

01:01:09,590 --> 01:01:13,280

beforehand and a lovely social

1476

01:01:11,539 --> 01:01:16,550

opportunity here at King O'Malley's

1477

01:01:13,280 --> 01:01:18,140

afterwards so from the Canberra think

1478

01:01:16,550 --> 01:01:20,510

tank I'd like to say thank you and

1479

01:01:18,139 --> 01:01:22,599

cheers everybody

1480

01:01:20,510 --> 01:01:22,600

it

1481

01:01:43,139 --> 01:01:49,989

greetings skeptics them mrs. do you know

1482

01:01:47,349 --> 01:01:53,049

what to do in August come to Stockholm

1483
01:01:49,989 --> 01:01:57,369
Sweden and meet astronaut case better

1484
01:01:53,050 --> 01:02:01,300
with lasagna activist hey Lee Stevens /

1485
01:01:57,369 --> 01:02:04,329
guru eponymously undercover health

1486
01:02:01,300 --> 01:02:07,950
journalist an abyssea peel and many more

1487
01:02:04,329 --> 01:02:11,349
and the 15th European skeptics Congress

1488
01:02:07,949 --> 01:02:15,219
Friday the twenty-third to Sunday the

1489
01:02:11,349 --> 01:02:19,900
25th of august in stockholm sweden but a

1490
01:02:15,219 --> 01:02:23,789
15th european skeptics caucus www wo

1491
01:02:19,900 --> 01:02:23,789
skeptics close with photography

1492
01:02:25,139 --> 01:02:28,139
www.yatakalti.com

1493
01:02:43,429 --> 01:02:47,548
thank you for listening to the skeptic

1494
01:02:46,259 --> 01:02:49,949
zone for another week and thank you

1495
01:02:47,548 --> 01:02:52,170
again for those people who chip in with

1496
01:02:49,949 --> 01:02:54,750
only a dollar a week or even less to

1497
01:02:52,170 --> 01:02:56,309
help keep the show ticking over it

1498
01:02:54,750 --> 01:02:58,199
really means a lot and if you want to

1499
01:02:56,309 --> 01:03:01,319
contribute to the skeptic zone you can

1500
01:02:58,199 --> 01:03:02,848
either buy us a round of drinks well you

1501
01:03:01,318 --> 01:03:06,058
can if you want to there's the option on

1502
01:03:02,849 --> 01:03:08,400
the website or you can use your micro

1503
01:03:06,059 --> 01:03:10,500
payments on paypal and chip in a dollar

1504
01:03:08,400 --> 01:03:12,960
a week or three dollars a week or a

1505
01:03:10,500 --> 01:03:15,989
little amount it really does all add up

1506
01:03:12,960 --> 01:03:19,199
and it helps very much but for now just

1507
01:03:15,989 --> 01:03:22,618
leave you with this message look out for

1508
01:03:19,199 --> 01:03:24,838
solar flare look out for solar flare and

1509
01:03:22,619 --> 01:03:30,000
might be a bit cryptic but it will make

1510
01:03:24,838 --> 01:03:32,489
sense before long solar flare but for

1511

01:03:30,000 --> 01:03:39,000
now this is Richard Saunders signing off

1512
01:03:32,489 --> 01:03:42,268
from Sydney Australia you've been

1513
01:03:39,000 --> 01:03:46,829
listening to the skeptic zone visit our

1514
01:03:42,268 --> 01:03:49,288
website at [www.skeptics on TV](http://www.skepticsontv.com) for

1515
01:03:46,829 --> 01:03:51,950
comments contacts and extra video

1516
01:03:49,289 --> 01:03:51,950
reports

1517
01:03:55,000 --> 01:03:57,030
Oh