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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,099
[Music]

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00:00:06,009 --> 00:00:11,839
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:09,099 --> 00:00:13,899
from Australia for science and reason

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[Music]

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00:00:13,900 --> 00:00:23,240
[Applause]

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00:00:23,239 --> 00:00:29,969
yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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00:00:25,800 --> 00:00:32,820
episode number 469 for the 15th of

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00:00:29,969 --> 00:00:35,460
October 2017 richardsaunders here with

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00:00:32,820 --> 00:00:36,960
you from Sydney Australia and for those

11
00:00:35,460 --> 00:00:39,780
people who want to keep a check on

12
00:00:36,960 --> 00:00:41,969
things overcast and a bit cool today

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00:00:39,780 --> 00:00:44,549
coming up on this week's show I talked

14
00:00:41,969 --> 00:00:47,670
to a cool customer talking about cool

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00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:49,198
Ben Radford the investigator the psychic

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00:00:47,670 --> 00:00:51,300
investigator he's not a psychic who

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00:00:49,198 --> 00:00:55,019
investigates now he investigates

18
00:00:51,299 --> 00:00:57,419
psychics or people who claim they're

19
00:00:55,020 --> 00:01:00,120
psychic I should say and especially when

20
00:00:57,420 --> 00:01:02,670
if he's interests especially is people

21
00:01:00,119 --> 00:01:05,609
who claim to help police psychics

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00:01:02,670 --> 00:01:07,140
hang on we'll start again people who

23
00:01:05,609 --> 00:01:09,329
claim their psychic claiming to help

24
00:01:07,140 --> 00:01:11,399
police people here yeah I think I've

25
00:01:09,329 --> 00:01:13,170
read that right something like that

26
00:01:11,399 --> 00:01:17,159
anyway mens gonna be talking about that

27
00:01:13,170 --> 00:01:20,219
and also the latest sort of news with

28
00:01:17,159 --> 00:01:22,349
the UFOs another one of Ben's great

29

00:01:20,219 --> 00:01:24,030
interests following that it's a story

30
00:01:22,349 --> 00:01:27,000
from the Australian skeptics a very

31
00:01:24,030 --> 00:01:29,420
important story really as it turns out

32
00:01:27,000 --> 00:01:32,659
because the government have prosecuted

33
00:01:29,420 --> 00:01:35,909
an outfit making false health claims

34
00:01:32,659 --> 00:01:38,879
this is very important it's it's a great

35
00:01:35,909 --> 00:01:42,598
precedent because so many of the people

36
00:01:38,879 --> 00:01:46,368
we are concerned about skeptical of I'm

37
00:01:42,599 --> 00:01:49,340
making what we consider to be very

38
00:01:46,368 --> 00:01:52,349
suspicious or dodgy claims about health

39
00:01:49,340 --> 00:01:54,840
be it with magic pills or devices that

40
00:01:52,349 --> 00:01:57,590
don't work and so on so to see some

41
00:01:54,840 --> 00:02:02,039
government action taken against people

42
00:01:57,590 --> 00:02:04,739
spooking bogus health advice is very

43
00:02:02,039 --> 00:02:07,289

important find out more coming up soon

44

00:02:04,739 --> 00:02:11,250

then it's a grain of salt with Iran so

45

00:02:07,289 --> 00:02:12,780

give one of the continuing series of

46

00:02:11,250 --> 00:02:15,930

interviews around conducted in the

47

00:02:12,780 --> 00:02:19,169

recent skeptics Congress in Poland and

48

00:02:15,930 --> 00:02:24,620

this week Iran talks to the African

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00:02:19,169 --> 00:02:28,049

skeptic Leo egg way about witchcraft and

50

00:02:24,620 --> 00:02:30,299

fighting superstition now Leo is a man

51

00:02:28,050 --> 00:02:33,150

we all admire because he really puts his

52

00:02:30,299 --> 00:02:36,840

life on the line when it comes to

53

00:02:33,150 --> 00:02:39,569

battling superstition and these sort of

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00:02:36,840 --> 00:02:42,150

things in Africa then some news from

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00:02:39,568 --> 00:02:44,518

Maynard our reporter Maynard he and Tim

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00:02:42,150 --> 00:02:46,799

Ferguson are going to be doing a live

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00:02:44,519 --> 00:02:50,250

presentation of their award-winning

58
00:02:46,799 --> 00:02:52,769
podcast bunga bunga that's happening in

59
00:02:50,250 --> 00:02:55,318
November here in Sydney at the Herald

60
00:02:52,769 --> 00:02:57,239
Park Hotel lots of details coming up a

61
00:02:55,318 --> 00:03:00,899
bit later on in the show I'll be there

62
00:02:57,239 --> 00:03:02,400
and I hope you will be too then we have

63
00:03:00,900 --> 00:03:05,310
another interview from the

64
00:03:02,400 --> 00:03:08,359
globe-trotting susan gerbic susan was

65
00:03:05,310 --> 00:03:13,140
recently in Italy and she met up with

66
00:03:08,359 --> 00:03:15,209
Chiara Pasquini from Chico the Italian

67
00:03:13,139 --> 00:03:17,938
committee for investigation of claims of

68
00:03:15,209 --> 00:03:20,579
the paranormal yes it's no surprise that

69
00:03:17,938 --> 00:03:22,888
skeptics are everywhere everywhere even

70
00:03:20,579 --> 00:03:25,769
in Italy and we can find out more about

71
00:03:22,889 --> 00:03:26,159
that organization coming up with susan

72
00:03:25,769 --> 00:03:28,468
gerbic

73
00:03:26,158 --> 00:03:31,429
then to round off the show we hear from

74
00:03:28,468 --> 00:03:34,680
dr. angie matt key with the question a

75
00:03:31,430 --> 00:03:36,209
question for me from dr. angie right at

76
00:03:34,680 --> 00:03:38,370
the end of the show in the loose end

77
00:03:36,209 --> 00:03:42,090
segment I make hello to all those people

78
00:03:38,370 --> 00:03:44,700
who are at the QED question explore

79
00:03:42,090 --> 00:03:48,569
discover in Manchester right now as I

80
00:03:44,699 --> 00:03:50,818
speak and maybe some of you will be

81
00:03:48,568 --> 00:03:53,278
downloading the skeptic zone for a bit

82
00:03:50,818 --> 00:03:55,528
of late night listening I wish I was

83
00:03:53,278 --> 00:03:58,229
there but now it's time for me to run

84
00:03:55,528 --> 00:04:00,150
downstairs and in honor of my dear

85
00:03:58,229 --> 00:04:02,938
friend ilithya Dean who got married

86

00:04:00,150 --> 00:04:05,099
yesterday to Nathan Lee congratulations

87
00:04:02,938 --> 00:04:07,590
you two ilithya is a member of the

88
00:04:05,098 --> 00:04:10,199
Australian skeptics committee and they

89
00:04:07,590 --> 00:04:11,639
did it in secret and it was a bit of a

90
00:04:10,199 --> 00:04:13,949
surprise we all turned up for the

91
00:04:11,639 --> 00:04:17,370
engagement party and it turned out to be

92
00:04:13,949 --> 00:04:21,329
a wedding party well done you two in

93
00:04:17,370 --> 00:04:24,389
honor of your wedding yesterday I'll run

94
00:04:21,329 --> 00:04:27,240
downstairs and have a bit of cake why

95
00:04:24,389 --> 00:04:28,918
not then I'll run straight back upstairs

96
00:04:27,240 --> 00:04:32,540
again will I do all that I hope you

97
00:04:28,918 --> 00:04:32,539
enjoy the skeptic zone

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00:04:40,920 --> 00:04:52,949
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99
00:04:49,699 --> 00:04:55,800
and joining me now all the way from

100
00:04:52,949 --> 00:04:57,779

Albuquerque and New Mexico one day one

101

00:04:55,800 --> 00:05:01,259

day Ben I promise I'll visit Albuquerque

102

00:04:57,779 --> 00:05:03,509

New Mexico Ben Radford hello hello there

103

00:05:01,259 --> 00:05:06,029

Richard yes yes good good - I'm actually

104

00:05:03,509 --> 00:05:07,529

good to speak to you I think because of

105

00:05:06,029 --> 00:05:13,529

the the time line and I'm actually

106

00:05:07,529 --> 00:05:15,899

speaking from your past sort of form of

107

00:05:13,529 --> 00:05:17,579

time travel if I'm not mistaken because

108

00:05:15,899 --> 00:05:19,919

I think your day ahead of me which I

109

00:05:17,579 --> 00:05:22,219

always find baffling even though you

110

00:05:19,920 --> 00:05:24,870

know a science might as fellow well

111

00:05:22,220 --> 00:05:31,200

let's be frank here I'm always a day

112

00:05:24,870 --> 00:05:33,209

ahead of you and probably a dollar a

113

00:05:31,199 --> 00:05:34,589

dollar ahead of me as well but I'm

114

00:05:33,209 --> 00:05:37,370

always a day ahead of you but always

115
00:05:34,589 --> 00:05:39,899
trying to catch up work that one out

116
00:05:37,370 --> 00:05:42,300
now I wanted to catch up with you

117
00:05:39,899 --> 00:05:43,769
because some months ago we interviewed

118
00:05:42,300 --> 00:05:46,860
you when you were just starting this

119
00:05:43,769 --> 00:05:50,849
strange new podcast called squaring the

120
00:05:46,860 --> 00:05:53,250
strange and as I've been listening every

121
00:05:50,850 --> 00:05:54,629
week and enjoying that I've noticed the

122
00:05:53,250 --> 00:05:56,870
show is going from strength to strength

123
00:05:54,629 --> 00:06:00,060
how's it going from your point of view

124
00:05:56,870 --> 00:06:02,370
it's going pretty well and we certainly

125
00:06:00,060 --> 00:06:04,199
appreciate you know you're mentioning it

126
00:06:02,370 --> 00:06:06,000
on the show and and I know at least a

127
00:06:04,199 --> 00:06:08,849
few of your listeners have tuned in we

128
00:06:06,000 --> 00:06:11,220
we were very much appreciate it it's

129
00:06:08,850 --> 00:06:13,710
going quite well I think last I heard we

130
00:06:11,220 --> 00:06:16,590
just recently surpassed 30,000 downloads

131
00:06:13,709 --> 00:06:19,349
right which is you know I mean for a

132
00:06:16,589 --> 00:06:22,049
relatively recent start up in the

133
00:06:19,350 --> 00:06:24,210
skeptical crowd you know it's it's not

134
00:06:22,050 --> 00:06:26,160
spectacular but I it's sort of thing you

135
00:06:24,209 --> 00:06:29,430
know something to be be pleased about

136
00:06:26,160 --> 00:06:31,500
and of course we've also had the more

137
00:06:29,430 --> 00:06:35,639
frequent participation of Celestia Ward

138
00:06:31,500 --> 00:06:38,370
yes the occasional content producer and

139
00:06:35,639 --> 00:06:41,009
she's be giving us commentary and

140
00:06:38,370 --> 00:06:42,600
skeptical fortune cookies and all sorts

141
00:06:41,009 --> 00:06:44,730
of fun stuff like that so it's it's

142
00:06:42,600 --> 00:06:46,680
going pretty well I love it I think that

143

00:06:44,730 --> 00:06:48,450
you all do a great job but I do like

144
00:06:46,680 --> 00:06:49,860
this thing when Celestia is on

145
00:06:48,449 --> 00:06:51,990
I think apart from

146
00:06:49,860 --> 00:06:53,300
anything else she has she's quite

147
00:06:51,990 --> 00:06:55,800
knowledgeable but she has a wonderful

148
00:06:53,300 --> 00:06:58,978
wonderful voice for podcasting I think

149
00:06:55,800 --> 00:07:01,949
yeah yeah absolutely it was nice to sort

150
00:06:58,978 --> 00:07:05,008
of bring in another another angle to it

151
00:07:01,949 --> 00:07:07,288
and and of course you know as some of

152
00:07:05,009 --> 00:07:08,819
our listeners know you know Celestion I

153
00:07:07,288 --> 00:07:12,538
have done a couple investigations

154
00:07:08,819 --> 00:07:15,509
together including of John Edward and

155
00:07:12,538 --> 00:07:19,438
his techniques both cold and hot reading

156
00:07:15,509 --> 00:07:21,479
in his his performances is probably the

157
00:07:19,439 --> 00:07:23,639

most yeah the most gracious way to put

158

00:07:21,478 --> 00:07:27,110

it and she and I actually sort of went

159

00:07:23,639 --> 00:07:30,000

undercover at one of one of John Edwards

160

00:07:27,110 --> 00:07:32,069

performances and saw how he manipulated

161

00:07:30,000 --> 00:07:33,360

the audience and pivoted on certain

162

00:07:32,069 --> 00:07:35,968

things and that was what there was a

163

00:07:33,360 --> 00:07:37,770

topic of a recent show so it's it's been

164

00:07:35,968 --> 00:07:39,658

fun to sort of be able to engage her as

165

00:07:37,769 --> 00:07:41,339

well it certainly wasn't folks I

166

00:07:39,658 --> 00:07:44,459

encourage you to listen to squaring the

167

00:07:41,339 --> 00:07:47,728

strange it is a very interesting podcast

168

00:07:44,459 --> 00:07:50,218

indeed especially for the skeptically

169

00:07:47,728 --> 00:07:52,709

minded which I think many of the skeptic

170

00:07:50,218 --> 00:07:55,408

zone listeners are then another another

171

00:07:52,709 --> 00:07:58,258

topic just quickly before we move on to

172
00:07:55,408 --> 00:08:01,098
chat about psychic detectives his there

173
00:07:58,259 --> 00:08:03,778
the other day a couple of days ago I

174
00:08:01,098 --> 00:08:07,050
bothered you because I was asked to

175
00:08:03,778 --> 00:08:10,379
comment on the latest the latest rehash

176
00:08:07,050 --> 00:08:14,069
of the Roswell incident where this

177
00:08:10,379 --> 00:08:17,370
mysterious film Grady overexposed film

178
00:08:14,069 --> 00:08:19,800
emerged purporting to be of the alien

179
00:08:17,370 --> 00:08:21,838
from Roswell being stretch it away or

180
00:08:19,800 --> 00:08:25,379
taken somewhere on a stretcher which

181
00:08:21,838 --> 00:08:29,278
apparently turns out to be area 51 it

182
00:08:25,379 --> 00:08:30,870
has all the makings of an obvious fraud

183
00:08:29,278 --> 00:08:33,028
and obvious fake I mean we've got

184
00:08:30,870 --> 00:08:35,038
Roswell we've got area 51 we've got the

185
00:08:33,028 --> 00:08:39,929
alien look that looks like a human dummy

186
00:08:35,038 --> 00:08:42,328
on a bed well I mean is this the gift

187
00:08:39,929 --> 00:08:44,370
that just keeps on giving what why why

188
00:08:42,328 --> 00:08:47,250
do you think that Roswell and area 51

189
00:08:44,370 --> 00:08:50,610
haven't sort of you know settled down

190
00:08:47,250 --> 00:08:51,958
into folklore more by now you know

191
00:08:50,610 --> 00:08:54,209
that's a good question I think there's a

192
00:08:51,958 --> 00:08:56,759
couple things and of course living here

193
00:08:54,208 --> 00:09:00,359
in New Mexico Roswell is only about you

194
00:08:56,759 --> 00:09:02,189
know three four hours away and for New

195
00:09:00,360 --> 00:09:03,629
Mexico skeptics as you said it's the

196
00:09:02,190 --> 00:09:06,810
keep that keeps giving

197
00:09:03,629 --> 00:09:08,789
annoying depending on your point of view

198
00:09:06,809 --> 00:09:10,169
you know it is it's fast in there

199
00:09:08,789 --> 00:09:12,029
there's a couple reasons for that one of

200

00:09:10,169 --> 00:09:14,429
them the most obvious of course is that

201
00:09:12,029 --> 00:09:17,549
it's a moneymaker yeah it's a moneymaker

202
00:09:14,429 --> 00:09:20,669
for Roswell they have an annual of

203
00:09:17,549 --> 00:09:24,199
course UFO Roswell crash Festival and in

204
00:09:20,669 --> 00:09:26,549
Roswell I've attended I think twice and

205
00:09:24,200 --> 00:09:27,990
it's actually been interesting from a

206
00:09:26,549 --> 00:09:30,990
skeptical point of view because you know

207
00:09:27,990 --> 00:09:32,789
I'm going there and and I'm of course

208
00:09:30,990 --> 00:09:34,970
you know sort of the that the token or

209
00:09:32,789 --> 00:09:37,079
only skeptic you know wandering around

210
00:09:34,970 --> 00:09:40,110
people are skeptical but of course if

211
00:09:37,080 --> 00:09:42,450
you're if you're gonna drive a Roswell

212
00:09:40,110 --> 00:09:44,909
it's it's it's it's it's a it's a nice

213
00:09:42,450 --> 00:09:46,290
enough town but you're not going it's

214
00:09:44,909 --> 00:09:48,509

not a stopover you're not you're not

215

00:09:46,289 --> 00:09:51,559

going to Los Angeles through Roswell you

216

00:09:48,509 --> 00:09:54,569

know it's the honestly it's sort of like

217

00:09:51,559 --> 00:09:56,069

Inverness in Scotland I mean the the the

218

00:09:54,570 --> 00:09:58,050

main reason you go to Inverness is to

219

00:09:56,070 --> 00:10:00,360

see Loch Ness and the monster the main

220

00:09:58,049 --> 00:10:02,639

reason you go to Roswell is to see you

221

00:10:00,360 --> 00:10:06,120

know your own alien stuff okay why not

222

00:10:02,639 --> 00:10:09,449

it's very much yeah why it's very much

223

00:10:06,120 --> 00:10:12,899

been promoted by but by by not only the

224

00:10:09,450 --> 00:10:15,270

town itself but of course by by authors

225

00:10:12,899 --> 00:10:17,669

and and and and people like that and so

226

00:10:15,269 --> 00:10:19,860

you know they they you know they have to

227

00:10:17,669 --> 00:10:21,899

keep rehashing it because they've

228

00:10:19,860 --> 00:10:25,980

already sold the books and so it's a

229
00:10:21,899 --> 00:10:28,079
case of where you know it's you can't

230
00:10:25,980 --> 00:10:29,519
just say well yes I we everything has

231
00:10:28,080 --> 00:10:31,830
been written about Roswell they have to

232
00:10:29,519 --> 00:10:34,470
keep reading reacted rehashing and of

233
00:10:31,830 --> 00:10:37,170
course the the irony is that you know if

234
00:10:34,470 --> 00:10:40,230
you as you know having the backstory to

235
00:10:37,169 --> 00:10:42,719
the Roswell Roswell incident you know it

236
00:10:40,230 --> 00:10:46,740
was it was a non-event for for 30 years

237
00:10:42,720 --> 00:10:49,170
between 47 in the in the 70s 30 40 years

238
00:10:46,740 --> 00:10:51,149
so it was it was it was a it was a case

239
00:10:49,169 --> 00:10:54,509
of where no one really talked about it

240
00:10:51,149 --> 00:10:55,620
for it was it's just a non it was a non

241
00:10:54,509 --> 00:10:58,200
thing and then all of a sudden people

242
00:10:55,620 --> 00:11:00,840
were digging it up and turning it into

243
00:10:58,200 --> 00:11:03,000
you know rehashing these these your

244
00:11:00,840 --> 00:11:04,620
fabrications and these exaggerations and

245
00:11:03,000 --> 00:11:06,690
of course it just becomes this

246
00:11:04,620 --> 00:11:08,340
self-perpetuating prophecy so that's

247
00:11:06,690 --> 00:11:10,560
that's part of it well you know what I

248
00:11:08,340 --> 00:11:15,690
did I was asked to comment on this new

249
00:11:10,559 --> 00:11:16,919
video last week I'm on a radio segment I

250
00:11:15,690 --> 00:11:19,439
do here in Australia

251
00:11:16,919 --> 00:11:21,659
and I I you know in my head I sort of I

252
00:11:19,438 --> 00:11:23,519
know the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle but

253
00:11:21,659 --> 00:11:25,139
just to make sure what I did is I went

254
00:11:23,519 --> 00:11:27,149
back and I listened read listen to

255
00:11:25,139 --> 00:11:29,548
episode six I think of squaring the

256
00:11:27,149 --> 00:11:32,578
strange where you cover this in detail

257

00:11:29,548 --> 00:11:35,448
the whole Roswell story in the timelines

258
00:11:32,578 --> 00:11:37,979
and the various crashes plural and the

259
00:11:35,448 --> 00:11:39,988
fact that there was a big 30 year gap so

260
00:11:37,980 --> 00:11:41,609
that helped me immensely so it's what

261
00:11:39,989 --> 00:11:43,649
influenced that you know in the back of

262
00:11:41,609 --> 00:11:45,778
my head I hope that people occasionally

263
00:11:43,649 --> 00:11:47,339
will go back to past episodes of the

264
00:11:45,778 --> 00:11:49,379
skeptical zone to hear interviews and

265
00:11:47,339 --> 00:11:51,839
reports and things for research purposes

266
00:11:49,379 --> 00:11:54,239
so I think we're doing we're doing a

267
00:11:51,839 --> 00:11:56,129
service having these podcasts out there

268
00:11:54,239 --> 00:11:59,100
just to have some information which is

269
00:11:56,129 --> 00:12:00,899
freely available for people young I'm

270
00:11:59,100 --> 00:12:02,699
glad you brought that up I do think it's

271
00:12:00,899 --> 00:12:07,230

very important and and I know that

272

00:12:02,698 --> 00:12:09,118

sounds self-serving of course it really

273

00:12:07,230 --> 00:12:10,649

is true I mean for example you know

274

00:12:09,119 --> 00:12:12,239

skeptical Inquirer magazine which of

275

00:12:10,649 --> 00:12:15,178

course I'm the deputy editor of and have

276

00:12:12,239 --> 00:12:18,119

been for going on 20 years now um you

277

00:12:15,178 --> 00:12:19,738

know you can go back and reread and

278

00:12:18,119 --> 00:12:21,389

sometimes I go back and reread I don't

279

00:12:19,739 --> 00:12:24,149

unfortunately don't have as much time as

280

00:12:21,389 --> 00:12:26,278

I would like none of us do but but if

281

00:12:24,149 --> 00:12:28,589

you go back and reread articles in the

282

00:12:26,278 --> 00:12:31,048

magazine from late seventies and

283

00:12:28,589 --> 00:12:34,709

throughout the 80s and even the 90s many

284

00:12:31,048 --> 00:12:36,269

the articles are are fresh they're you

285

00:12:34,708 --> 00:12:38,458

know occasionally there's some sort of

286
00:12:36,269 --> 00:12:40,918
some some stale you know event that was

287
00:12:38,458 --> 00:12:42,568
only at the time but so much of that

288
00:12:40,918 --> 00:12:44,850
content and not just kept poking

289
00:12:42,568 --> 00:12:46,828
quarrels of skeptic magazine you know

290
00:12:44,850 --> 00:12:49,558
the British version and of course the

291
00:12:46,828 --> 00:12:52,558
Australian magazine there's there's so

292
00:12:49,558 --> 00:12:55,469
much of this really interesting in-depth

293
00:12:52,558 --> 00:12:57,659
quality sceptical material that you know

294
00:12:55,470 --> 00:13:00,178
just because it was published in 83 or

295
00:12:57,659 --> 00:13:02,278
97 doesn't mean it's not incredibly

296
00:13:00,178 --> 00:13:03,958
relevant today you're absolutely right

297
00:13:02,278 --> 00:13:06,149
and as we remind listeners of the

298
00:13:03,958 --> 00:13:09,719
skeptic zone that skeptics calm today

299
00:13:06,149 --> 00:13:14,159
you there are free pdf download which

300
00:13:09,720 --> 00:13:16,528
are the magazines going back to 1981 so

301
00:13:14,159 --> 00:13:18,118
yes I and I use that myself for various

302
00:13:16,528 --> 00:13:19,558
research purposes so it's nice to know

303
00:13:18,119 --> 00:13:21,329
this sort of thing is out there for

304
00:13:19,558 --> 00:13:23,368
everybody to use and one of the topics

305
00:13:21,328 --> 00:13:24,659
that of course is mentioned in the pages

306
00:13:23,369 --> 00:13:27,480
of all those magazines

307
00:13:24,659 --> 00:13:28,798
it's the perennial the evergreen the one

308
00:13:27,480 --> 00:13:30,269
that will not die it's psychic

309
00:13:28,798 --> 00:13:32,579
detectives and I bring this top

310
00:13:30,269 --> 00:13:37,259
pick up because just in the last couple

311
00:13:32,580 --> 00:13:39,480
of weeks one of the prominent members of

312
00:13:37,259 --> 00:13:42,629
the police force here in New South Wales

313
00:13:39,480 --> 00:13:45,060
Australia Detective Chief Inspector

314

00:13:42,629 --> 00:13:47,850
Gary deublin made this statement in

315
00:13:45,059 --> 00:13:51,029
relation to a missing child case he said

316
00:13:47,850 --> 00:13:53,580
quote but please do not waste our time

317
00:13:51,029 --> 00:13:56,100
we are not interested in information

318
00:13:53,580 --> 00:13:58,379
from clairvoyance or people who have had

319
00:13:56,100 --> 00:14:00,930
dreams and he also said in a press

320
00:13:58,379 --> 00:14:02,939
statement quote and I'll remind the

321
00:14:00,929 --> 00:14:05,879
public that the New South Wales Police

322
00:14:02,940 --> 00:14:08,790
Force does not seek help from psychics

323
00:14:05,879 --> 00:14:12,899
mediums and clairvoyance end quote

324
00:14:08,789 --> 00:14:15,269
that is pretty strong stuff pin Bravo

325
00:14:12,899 --> 00:14:18,269
Bravo yeah we need more we need much

326
00:14:15,269 --> 00:14:19,889
more of that in my opinion that's I'm so

327
00:14:18,269 --> 00:14:22,949
glad to hear that because you know too

328
00:14:19,889 --> 00:14:25,919

often I come across and you come across

329

00:14:22,950 --> 00:14:27,870

and also of course other Joe Nickell and

330

00:14:25,919 --> 00:14:31,429

Gary possum and others who follow it and

331

00:14:27,870 --> 00:14:34,409

you could say dogged psychic detectives

332

00:14:31,429 --> 00:14:37,439

for for literally decades you know too

333

00:14:34,409 --> 00:14:40,079

often the you you find these these sort

334

00:14:37,440 --> 00:14:41,880

of often cherry-picked quotes from a

335

00:14:40,080 --> 00:14:44,910

police officer or a constable somewhere

336

00:14:41,879 --> 00:14:47,309

who makes some statement that appears at

337

00:14:44,909 --> 00:14:50,370

least superficially to to validate

338

00:14:47,309 --> 00:14:54,119

psychics and I've come across probably a

339

00:14:50,370 --> 00:14:55,950

half dozen of them or so where there's a

340

00:14:54,120 --> 00:14:57,269

go well you know so I could give us

341

00:14:55,950 --> 00:14:58,680

information that you know that and

342

00:14:57,269 --> 00:15:00,689

they'll phrase it in a way that you know

343
00:14:58,679 --> 00:15:03,299
it turned out to be right well yes but

344
00:15:00,690 --> 00:15:05,040
that doesn't mean anything that's not it

345
00:15:03,299 --> 00:15:06,629
may have turned out to be right but that

346
00:15:05,039 --> 00:15:08,339
was because it was so general and vague

347
00:15:06,629 --> 00:15:10,230
that of course it was right but

348
00:15:08,340 --> 00:15:12,750
unfortunately the those those are

349
00:15:10,230 --> 00:15:14,100
exactly the sorts of quotes that the

350
00:15:12,750 --> 00:15:16,830
psychic detectives used to promote

351
00:15:14,100 --> 00:15:18,840
themselves and they shy away of course

352
00:15:16,830 --> 00:15:20,820
from from the much stronger statements

353
00:15:18,840 --> 00:15:23,639
by people like the you know the New

354
00:15:20,820 --> 00:15:26,730
South Wales officer that their their

355
00:15:23,639 --> 00:15:29,189
crystal clear you know do not bring us

356
00:15:26,730 --> 00:15:31,170
dreams we can't use that don't give us

357
00:15:29,190 --> 00:15:33,660
hunches don't if you have actionable

358
00:15:31,169 --> 00:15:35,879
information then that's wonderful but

359
00:15:33,659 --> 00:15:38,009
but I mean I could just imagine a

360
00:15:35,879 --> 00:15:39,450
beleaguered a police officer you're

361
00:15:38,009 --> 00:15:41,100
trying to do their best to find a

362
00:15:39,450 --> 00:15:43,110
missing person maybe alive maybe dead

363
00:15:41,100 --> 00:15:45,750
who knows and there

364
00:15:43,110 --> 00:15:48,028
inundated by often well-meaning people

365
00:15:45,750 --> 00:15:50,789
who saw something on the on the news

366
00:15:48,028 --> 00:15:54,389
report and that night had a dream about

367
00:15:50,789 --> 00:15:56,849
the missing child or what happened with

368
00:15:54,389 --> 00:15:58,889
no anchor in reality whatsoever and then

369
00:15:56,850 --> 00:16:01,528
there they're obligated or expected to

370
00:15:58,889 --> 00:16:03,629
follow up on that they are and it is as

371

00:16:01,528 --> 00:16:06,659
I've mentioned on the the script exam

372
00:16:03,629 --> 00:16:08,429
podcast and other outlets it's a waste

373
00:16:06,659 --> 00:16:10,350
of police time where the police should

374
00:16:08,429 --> 00:16:12,000
be in doing some investigations that

375
00:16:10,350 --> 00:16:13,950
could really help solve the case they're

376
00:16:12,000 --> 00:16:17,250
wasting time dealing with people who

377
00:16:13,950 --> 00:16:19,290
well as we say had dreams or people who

378
00:16:17,250 --> 00:16:20,940
think they're genuinely psychic and a

379
00:16:19,289 --> 00:16:23,370
lot of people out there that I deal with

380
00:16:20,940 --> 00:16:25,170
especially really do have the delusion

381
00:16:23,370 --> 00:16:27,509
that they're they have psychic magic

382
00:16:25,169 --> 00:16:29,610
psychic powers and another one I've come

383
00:16:27,509 --> 00:16:31,649
across which is a favorite when I've

384
00:16:29,610 --> 00:16:34,019
said well certainly the of course police

385
00:16:31,649 --> 00:16:35,850

don't use psychics to solve crimes the

386

00:16:34,019 --> 00:16:37,399

answer is oh yes they do but you know

387

00:16:35,850 --> 00:16:40,259

they wouldn't talk about it would they

388

00:16:37,399 --> 00:16:41,970

yes I that I'm glad you brought that up

389

00:16:40,259 --> 00:16:45,360

that's one of my favorite pet peeves

390

00:16:41,970 --> 00:16:47,100

about these is is is you find over and

391

00:16:45,360 --> 00:16:48,870

over again as you mentioned a conspiracy

392

00:16:47,100 --> 00:16:52,560

theory and that that's exactly what it

393

00:16:48,870 --> 00:16:54,629

is it's a conspiracy and this came I

394

00:16:52,559 --> 00:16:56,549

that this I've ever come across this

395

00:16:54,629 --> 00:17:01,198

many times including there was a famous

396

00:16:56,549 --> 00:17:04,828

psychic Allison Dubois who may recognize

397

00:17:01,198 --> 00:17:08,159

she was the the the alleged inspiration

398

00:17:04,828 --> 00:17:10,500

for the TV show medium which starred one

399

00:17:08,160 --> 00:17:14,759

of the Arquette sisters on NBC I think

400
00:17:10,500 --> 00:17:16,048
ran first for many seasons and and I at

401
00:17:14,759 --> 00:17:17,369
one point I won't go into the whole

402
00:17:16,048 --> 00:17:18,929
story because you can read about

403
00:17:17,369 --> 00:17:21,298
elsewhere but at one point she made

404
00:17:18,929 --> 00:17:23,100
claims about having solved crimes for

405
00:17:21,298 --> 00:17:26,369
the Texas Rangers and the Glendale

406
00:17:23,099 --> 00:17:28,649
Police Department spoiler alert I called

407
00:17:26,369 --> 00:17:32,428
them up and they refuted her claims

408
00:17:28,650 --> 00:17:35,309
flatly yeah and and I again there's

409
00:17:32,429 --> 00:17:37,679
going to the whole story but it but when

410
00:17:35,308 --> 00:17:39,960
when she was asked about that her answer

411
00:17:37,679 --> 00:17:41,759
was well they just they don't want you

412
00:17:39,960 --> 00:17:44,100
to know that I'm working with them they

413
00:17:41,759 --> 00:17:45,720
don't then they don't want the public to

414
00:17:44,099 --> 00:17:47,189
know that I'm solving crimes for them

415
00:17:45,720 --> 00:17:48,839
know would just make a whole TV show

416
00:17:47,190 --> 00:17:51,870
about it but we don't want the public to

417
00:17:48,839 --> 00:17:53,639
know right right and and first of all I

418
00:17:51,869 --> 00:17:55,019
mean there's so many levels is the first

419
00:17:53,640 --> 00:17:56,610
one is that's incredibly insulting

420
00:17:55,019 --> 00:17:58,558
they're hard-working

421
00:17:56,609 --> 00:18:01,769
investigators and police officers who

422
00:17:58,558 --> 00:18:05,250
actually solve these cases it's it's

423
00:18:01,769 --> 00:18:06,660
just slap in the face to people who do -

424
00:18:05,250 --> 00:18:09,450
you know people who are doing their best

425
00:18:06,660 --> 00:18:12,120
to interview witnesses in canvas areas

426
00:18:09,450 --> 00:18:14,220
and analyze evidence to have some

427
00:18:12,119 --> 00:18:16,289
self-proclaimed psychics swoop in say

428

00:18:14,220 --> 00:18:17,789
well I I told them where to find the

429
00:18:16,289 --> 00:18:20,129
suspect right Knowlton where to find the

430
00:18:17,789 --> 00:18:22,980
body when when that's what's entirely

431
00:18:20,130 --> 00:18:26,400
untrue and of course in many cases the

432
00:18:22,980 --> 00:18:27,690
police are bound to confidentiality you

433
00:18:26,400 --> 00:18:30,720
know they're they're not they're not

434
00:18:27,690 --> 00:18:32,250
free to publicly give information

435
00:18:30,720 --> 00:18:34,019
especially if it's a high-profile crime

436
00:18:32,250 --> 00:18:36,240
you you don't want to give too much

437
00:18:34,019 --> 00:18:38,308
information I even made jeopardize at

438
00:18:36,240 --> 00:18:41,400
trial things like that and so oftentimes

439
00:18:38,308 --> 00:18:43,289
they're gagged in in their ability to to

440
00:18:41,400 --> 00:18:45,809
refute and respond to these psychics who

441
00:18:43,289 --> 00:18:47,940
who claimed this this overall conspiracy

442
00:18:45,808 --> 00:18:49,950

theory about how well we're actually

443

00:18:47,940 --> 00:18:51,360
solving all these crimes with NATO wants

444

00:18:49,950 --> 00:18:53,220
you to know about it why wouldn't they

445

00:18:51,359 --> 00:18:55,409
want you to know about I mean if if you

446

00:18:53,220 --> 00:18:58,798
can solve these crimes if you can

447

00:18:55,410 --> 00:19:00,950
actually find missing persons um then in

448

00:18:58,798 --> 00:19:03,808
my opinion you should be a highly paid

449

00:19:00,950 --> 00:19:06,390
you know contractor for the police and

450

00:19:03,808 --> 00:19:08,279
the FBI and and and the you know the

451

00:19:06,390 --> 00:19:10,910
Federal Police I mean if you can do this

452

00:19:08,279 --> 00:19:13,558
that's an incredibly important powerful

453

00:19:10,910 --> 00:19:15,929
expertise to have on the other hand if

454

00:19:13,558 --> 00:19:17,519
you can't do it then shut up yeah well

455

00:19:15,929 --> 00:19:19,740
there's a classic case I remember years

456

00:19:17,519 --> 00:19:21,569
ago in Australia where a psychic

457
00:19:19,740 --> 00:19:24,058
so-called psychic was interviewed on TV

458
00:19:21,569 --> 00:19:26,129
who said they helped the police with

459
00:19:24,058 --> 00:19:28,200
this inquiry or that murder case or

460
00:19:26,130 --> 00:19:30,620
whatever and when pressed they said well

461
00:19:28,200 --> 00:19:33,808
like we sent the police a letter with

462
00:19:30,619 --> 00:19:35,279
information I got things wrong in it and

463
00:19:33,808 --> 00:19:36,839
they said well really what did the

464
00:19:35,279 --> 00:19:38,250
police act on the information and the

465
00:19:36,839 --> 00:19:41,039
psychic said well I don't know

466
00:19:38,250 --> 00:19:42,269
and but later they go around saying I

467
00:19:41,039 --> 00:19:43,829
help the police in other words they

468
00:19:42,269 --> 00:19:45,269
write police wrong information they

469
00:19:43,829 --> 00:19:47,308
don't know whether it was received or

470
00:19:45,269 --> 00:19:50,759
read or acted upon but they still they

471
00:19:47,308 --> 00:19:52,889
help the police yeah it's it's so

472
00:19:50,759 --> 00:19:56,339
frustrating it and I'm some of that on

473
00:19:52,890 --> 00:19:59,370
journalists and reporters I see Easley

474
00:19:56,339 --> 00:20:02,819
I see poorly written headlines a few

475
00:19:59,369 --> 00:20:04,939
times a year where it'll be in it's not

476
00:20:02,819 --> 00:20:07,019
intentional it's just it's just sloppy

477
00:20:04,940 --> 00:20:10,590
journalism and it will the headline will

478
00:20:07,019 --> 00:20:13,798
be psychic aids police in

479
00:20:10,589 --> 00:20:16,528
in missing persons search and and what

480
00:20:13,798 --> 00:20:18,599
what they mean is that a psychic has

481
00:20:16,528 --> 00:20:20,638
ingratiated themselves or sort of

482
00:20:18,599 --> 00:20:24,119
inserted themselves into the search

483
00:20:20,638 --> 00:20:26,849
which is not uncommon that does not mean

484
00:20:24,119 --> 00:20:28,949
be crystal clear that does not mean that

485

00:20:26,849 --> 00:20:31,138
the information found the person and

486
00:20:28,950 --> 00:20:32,940
over and over again I see this you know

487
00:20:31,138 --> 00:20:34,769
it's like you know psychic helps in

488
00:20:32,940 --> 00:20:36,899
search and then you read the article

489
00:20:34,769 --> 00:20:38,878
they haven't found the person well if

490
00:20:36,898 --> 00:20:41,969
they haven't found the person how do you

491
00:20:38,878 --> 00:20:43,648
know if they've helped they've given him

492
00:20:41,970 --> 00:20:46,079
information which may be true may not be

493
00:20:43,648 --> 00:20:47,729
true who knows it's they haven't helped

494
00:20:46,079 --> 00:20:50,308
at all and it's so frustrating because

495
00:20:47,730 --> 00:20:51,839
again it's you know the reporters in the

496
00:20:50,308 --> 00:20:53,730
in the headline writers I mean they

497
00:20:51,839 --> 00:20:55,439
they're not trying to mislead the public

498
00:20:53,730 --> 00:20:57,480
they just don't know how to phrase it

499
00:20:55,440 --> 00:21:00,419

yeah and unfortunately that ends up

500

00:20:57,480 --> 00:21:02,639

perpetuating this this myth oh and it

501

00:21:00,419 --> 00:21:03,840

sells newspapers so to speak yeah yeah

502

00:21:02,638 --> 00:21:06,839

yeah absolutely

503

00:21:03,839 --> 00:21:10,319

there's a great quote I love from Samuel

504

00:21:06,839 --> 00:21:12,209

Clemens Mark Twain and it's I believe

505

00:21:10,319 --> 00:21:13,189

it's a true quote it may be attributed

506

00:21:12,210 --> 00:21:16,139

to him

507

00:21:13,190 --> 00:21:18,360

it's about reputations he says if a man

508

00:21:16,138 --> 00:21:21,298

has a reputation as an early riser he

509

00:21:18,359 --> 00:21:22,618

can sleep until noon which which you

510

00:21:21,298 --> 00:21:25,168

understand as long as you have the

511

00:21:22,618 --> 00:21:27,028

reputation and some people are labeled

512

00:21:25,169 --> 00:21:29,850

in the press as so and so and so on so

513

00:21:27,028 --> 00:21:32,398

the psychic detective which is their

514
00:21:29,849 --> 00:21:34,740
moniker right and and then in the public

515
00:21:32,398 --> 00:21:37,258
imagination they're a sight that they're

516
00:21:34,740 --> 00:21:39,329
real they're the psychic detective yeah

517
00:21:37,259 --> 00:21:40,980
absolutely absolutely and and you know

518
00:21:39,329 --> 00:21:42,898
again just just to go back to the

519
00:21:40,980 --> 00:21:45,839
previous point about you know the the

520
00:21:42,898 --> 00:21:48,508
real-world absence of psychics you know

521
00:21:45,839 --> 00:21:49,949
I I I see this all the time recently as

522
00:21:48,509 --> 00:21:51,990
you know in the past few weeks we've had

523
00:21:49,950 --> 00:21:54,179
a string of natural disasters we had

524
00:21:51,990 --> 00:21:55,679
flooding in Texas we have the Hurricanes

525
00:21:54,179 --> 00:21:58,379
in Puerto Rico and elsewhere in the

526
00:21:55,679 --> 00:22:00,929
Caribbean we had the the earthquake in

527
00:21:58,378 --> 00:22:03,808
Mexico in all these cases you have

528
00:22:00,929 --> 00:22:05,548
missing persons you have people whose

529
00:22:03,808 --> 00:22:07,138
families don't know if they're alive or

530
00:22:05,548 --> 00:22:08,519
dead or if they're trapped in trouble or

531
00:22:07,138 --> 00:22:11,490
if they're safe somewhere because of

532
00:22:08,519 --> 00:22:13,349
poor communication these are exactly the

533
00:22:11,490 --> 00:22:15,599
sorts of cases that psychics should be

534
00:22:13,349 --> 00:22:18,569
first on the ground for right is that

535
00:22:15,599 --> 00:22:21,089
this is this is a real world case where

536
00:22:18,569 --> 00:22:22,980
if you can find missing persons you can

537
00:22:21,089 --> 00:22:24,000
save these search and rescue teams

538
00:22:22,980 --> 00:22:26,970
countless

539
00:22:24,000 --> 00:22:29,220
hours of fruitless labour but by finding

540
00:22:26,970 --> 00:22:31,230
these people but yeah I think their

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00:22:29,220 --> 00:22:32,789
their absences is conspicuous and

542

00:22:31,230 --> 00:22:35,819
telling well there's an old expression

543
00:22:32,789 --> 00:22:37,920
that we use frequently here what if it

544
00:22:35,819 --> 00:22:39,990
were true we play the scenario okay

545
00:22:37,920 --> 00:22:41,910
let's let's envisage a world where your

546
00:22:39,990 --> 00:22:43,650
claim be it psychic detective or

547
00:22:41,910 --> 00:22:45,630
predicting the future or word of

548
00:22:43,650 --> 00:22:47,130
divining or whatever what if it was true

549
00:22:45,630 --> 00:22:48,720
what if that's the way physics and the

550
00:22:47,130 --> 00:22:51,030
universe really worked we'd expect to

551
00:22:48,720 --> 00:22:53,789
see this this this and this it's a good

552
00:22:51,029 --> 00:22:56,250
mind exercise absolutely that's

553
00:22:53,789 --> 00:22:58,049
brilliant I love it well Ben thank you

554
00:22:56,250 --> 00:23:01,109
so much for sparing a little bit of time

555
00:22:58,049 --> 00:23:03,779
all the way from New Mexico one day Ben

556
00:23:01,109 --> 00:23:06,750

one day people can hear your podcast

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00:23:03,779 --> 00:23:09,210

where can they hear your podcast we are

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00:23:06,750 --> 00:23:12,150

at squaring the strange you can also

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00:23:09,210 --> 00:23:16,170

find us on facebook on itunes lips in

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00:23:12,150 --> 00:23:17,580

various other podcast e places and I am

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00:23:16,170 --> 00:23:19,410

of course bouncing around I'm doing

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00:23:17,579 --> 00:23:21,809

articles and columns and blogs and

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00:23:19,410 --> 00:23:22,710

whatnot I do have a new book coming out

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00:23:21,809 --> 00:23:24,779

in a few months

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00:23:22,710 --> 00:23:28,049

titled investigating ghosts which is

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00:23:24,779 --> 00:23:30,960

specifically on ghost investigations and

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00:23:28,049 --> 00:23:33,539

yeah I'm just I'm still just slogging

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00:23:30,960 --> 00:23:35,250

away the skeptics thing is as you have

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00:23:33,539 --> 00:23:37,319

for many years as well my friend and

570

00:23:35,250 --> 00:23:39,210

it's much appreciated that's great Ben

571
00:23:37,319 --> 00:23:41,669
will give my best to Pascual he does a

572
00:23:39,210 --> 00:23:45,620
great job co-hosting with you and the

573
00:23:41,670 --> 00:23:48,870
the ever interesting Celestia Ward

574
00:23:45,619 --> 00:23:51,059
indeed I'll do so Ben Radford thank you

575
00:23:48,869 --> 00:23:53,689
very much thank you very much Richard oh

576
00:23:51,059 --> 00:23:53,690
is that stop

577
00:23:54,029 --> 00:24:10,180
[Music]

578
00:24:06,779 --> 00:24:13,029
hi this is dr. Pamela gay from astronomy

579
00:24:10,180 --> 00:24:14,950
cast each week Fraser Cain and I take

580
00:24:13,029 --> 00:24:17,139
our listeners on a fact-based journey

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00:24:14,950 --> 00:24:19,900
through the cosmos with our weekly

582
00:24:17,140 --> 00:24:22,690
podcast we explain not just what we know

583
00:24:19,900 --> 00:24:25,540
but how we know what we know about this

584
00:24:22,690 --> 00:24:28,000
universe that we share check us out at

585
00:24:25,539 --> 00:24:30,399
astronomy cast calm and look for us in

586
00:24:28,000 --> 00:24:33,109
itunes google play and wherever you

587
00:24:30,400 --> 00:24:36,660
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588
00:24:33,109 --> 00:24:38,949
[Music]

589
00:24:36,660 --> 00:24:44,080
[Applause]

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00:24:38,950 --> 00:24:44,080
[Music]

591
00:24:46,740 --> 00:24:52,420
Australian first penalties for male

592
00:24:49,599 --> 00:24:54,969
hormone clinic and this story comes to

593
00:24:52,420 --> 00:24:57,580
us from sceptics calm au written by Tim

594
00:24:54,970 --> 00:25:02,650
mendon published on the 5th of October

595
00:24:57,579 --> 00:25:05,919
2017 wellness enterprises proprietary

596
00:25:02,650 --> 00:25:08,680
limited which traded as Australian male

597
00:25:05,920 --> 00:25:10,600
hormone clinic has been fined one

598
00:25:08,680 --> 00:25:12,730
hundred and twenty seven thousand five

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00:25:10,599 --> 00:25:15,719
hundred dollars plus costs after being

600
00:25:12,730 --> 00:25:18,839
found guilty and convicted of 17 charges

601
00:25:15,720 --> 00:25:21,640
related to unlawful advertising of

602
00:25:18,839 --> 00:25:22,990
regulated health services charges

603
00:25:21,640 --> 00:25:26,140
brought by the Australian health

604
00:25:22,990 --> 00:25:28,539
practitioner regulatory agency AHPRA

605
00:25:26,140 --> 00:25:30,520
followed advertisements the business

606
00:25:28,539 --> 00:25:33,099
published in newspapers around Australia

607
00:25:30,519 --> 00:25:35,650
between February and August 2017 for

608
00:25:33,099 --> 00:25:38,199
treatment of testosterone deficiency the

609
00:25:35,650 --> 00:25:40,870
full page ad vitória style

610
00:25:38,200 --> 00:25:42,850
advertisements made a number of claims

611
00:25:40,869 --> 00:25:45,599
about the benefits of treatment

612
00:25:42,849 --> 00:25:48,219
including increased energy focused

613
00:25:45,599 --> 00:25:51,759

masculinity and strength and the ability

614

00:25:48,220 --> 00:25:54,009
to satisfy sexual partners AHPRA

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00:25:51,759 --> 00:25:57,339
challenged the validity of the claims

616

00:25:54,009 --> 00:26:00,160
citing best available evidence in what

617

00:25:57,339 --> 00:26:01,990
the AHPRA describes as quote and

618

00:26:00,160 --> 00:26:03,790
Australian first end quote the

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00:26:01,990 --> 00:26:06,910
corporation was found guilty and

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00:26:03,789 --> 00:26:09,519
convicted on 17 charges magistrate

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00:26:06,910 --> 00:26:12,720
atkinson cited the seriousness of the

622

00:26:09,519 --> 00:26:14,559
offenses in fining the corporation

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00:26:12,720 --> 00:26:16,839
\$75,000 on each charge

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00:26:14,559 --> 00:26:18,759
totaling one hundred and twenty seven

625

00:26:16,839 --> 00:26:20,740
thousand five hundred dollars the

626

00:26:18,759 --> 00:26:23,170
corporation was also ordered to pay

627

00:26:20,740 --> 00:26:25,390
court costs of three thousand dollars

628
00:26:23,170 --> 00:26:28,120
and professional costs of up to three

629
00:26:25,390 --> 00:26:30,730
thousand dollars this is the first time

630
00:26:28,119 --> 00:26:32,979
that a corporation not an individual

631
00:26:30,730 --> 00:26:35,349
health practitioner has been convicted

632
00:26:32,980 --> 00:26:36,339
following advertising charges brought by

633
00:26:35,349 --> 00:26:39,189
the AHPRA

634
00:26:36,339 --> 00:26:41,919
under Section 133 of the National Law

635
00:26:39,190 --> 00:26:44,170
one issue is that wellness enterprises

636
00:26:41,920 --> 00:26:47,019
was placed in voluntary liquidation on

637
00:26:44,170 --> 00:26:51,100
September the 12th and it is uncertain

638
00:26:47,019 --> 00:26:53,740
if it will ever pay the fine section 133

639
00:26:51,099 --> 00:26:56,109
of the National law states that a person

640
00:26:53,740 --> 00:26:57,490
must not advertise a regulated health

641
00:26:56,109 --> 00:26:59,558
service or a business

642
00:26:57,490 --> 00:27:03,039
that provides a regulated health service

643
00:26:59,558 --> 00:27:05,379
in a way that point is false misleading

644
00:27:03,039 --> 00:27:08,440
or deceptive or likely to be misleading

645
00:27:05,380 --> 00:27:11,080
or deceptive or point offers a gift

646
00:27:08,440 --> 00:27:13,539
discount or other inducement to attract

647
00:27:11,079 --> 00:27:16,449
a person to use the service or business

648
00:27:13,539 --> 00:27:19,230
unless the advertisement also states the

649
00:27:16,450 --> 00:27:22,509
terms and conditions of the author or

650
00:27:19,230 --> 00:27:24,370
point uses testimonials or purported

651
00:27:22,509 --> 00:27:26,950
testimonials about the service or

652
00:27:24,369 --> 00:27:29,199
business or point creates an

653
00:27:26,950 --> 00:27:32,230
unreasonable expectation now of

654
00:27:29,200 --> 00:27:34,240
beneficial treatment or point directly

655
00:27:32,230 --> 00:27:36,390
or indirectly encourages the

656

00:27:34,240 --> 00:27:39,160
indiscriminant or unnecessary use of

657
00:27:36,390 --> 00:27:41,230
regulated health services a person or

658
00:27:39,160 --> 00:27:43,808
business providing a regulated health

659
00:27:41,230 --> 00:27:46,390
service whose advertising breaches the

660
00:27:43,808 --> 00:27:49,389
national law may be prosecuted and

661
00:27:46,390 --> 00:27:52,690
ordered by a court to pay \$5,000 penalty

662
00:27:49,390 --> 00:27:55,150
per offense for an individual or a ten

663
00:27:52,690 --> 00:27:58,058
thousand dollar penalty per offense for

664
00:27:55,150 --> 00:27:59,950
a body corporate when a registered

665
00:27:58,058 --> 00:28:02,829
health practitioner has breached the

666
00:27:59,950 --> 00:28:05,230
advertising requirements a national

667
00:28:02,829 --> 00:28:07,569
board may also decide that this raises

668
00:28:05,230 --> 00:28:10,000
concern about the practitioners conduct

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00:28:07,569 --> 00:28:12,250
action under the national law can

670
00:28:10,000 --> 00:28:13,808

include placing restrictions on an

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00:28:12,250 --> 00:28:16,779
individual health practitioners

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00:28:13,808 --> 00:28:19,079
registration which may affect their

673

00:28:16,779 --> 00:28:22,178
ability to advertise their services

674

00:28:19,079 --> 00:28:24,699
regulated health service means a service

675

00:28:22,179 --> 00:28:27,009
provided by or usually provided by a

676

00:28:24,700 --> 00:28:29,679
health practitioner as defined in the

677

00:28:27,009 --> 00:28:31,629
National Law the advertising provisions

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00:28:29,679 --> 00:28:33,400
of the national law cover the

679

00:28:31,630 --> 00:28:35,559
advertising of a regulated health

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00:28:33,400 --> 00:28:37,220
service or a business that provides a

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00:28:35,558 --> 00:28:39,849
regulated health service

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00:28:37,220 --> 00:28:42,100
[Music]

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00:28:39,849 --> 00:28:44,980
and accompanying the story at skeptics

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00:28:42,099 --> 00:28:48,399
dot-com today you is a picture of one of

685
00:28:44,980 --> 00:28:50,860
the advertisements mentioned full page

686
00:28:48,400 --> 00:28:52,980
it says breakthrough hope has arrived

687
00:28:50,859 --> 00:28:56,429
for men over 30 with low testosterone

688
00:28:52,980 --> 00:28:58,930
now as part of a new health dr

689
00:28:56,430 --> 00:29:01,210
australian male hormone clinic is

690
00:28:58,930 --> 00:29:05,140
offering free medical assessments

691
00:29:01,210 --> 00:29:08,400
limited number of places available so

692
00:29:05,140 --> 00:29:10,570
there you go a good case of people

693
00:29:08,400 --> 00:29:14,830
advertising something that they can't

694
00:29:10,569 --> 00:29:15,419
deliver being chased and prosecuted by

695
00:29:14,829 --> 00:29:27,759
the lord

696
00:29:15,420 --> 00:29:29,470
[Music]

697
00:29:27,759 --> 00:29:32,869
[Applause]

698
00:29:29,470 --> 00:29:35,269
calling all skeptics or listeners do you

699
00:29:32,869 --> 00:29:37,579
live end or near Glasgow or are you

700
00:29:35,269 --> 00:29:39,798
planning to visit something then you're

701
00:29:37,579 --> 00:29:43,189
in luck because the Glasgow skeptics

702
00:29:39,798 --> 00:29:44,359
have got your Monday nights sorted we

703
00:29:43,190 --> 00:29:47,090
are committed to filling up every

704
00:29:44,359 --> 00:29:49,939
available Monday night talks on science

705
00:29:47,089 --> 00:29:52,278
and skepticism huh speakers include the

706
00:29:49,940 --> 00:29:54,500
Eugenie Scott jelly coin maker Marshall

707
00:29:52,278 --> 00:29:57,648
Nate Phelps Tom and Cecil from cognitive

708
00:29:54,500 --> 00:29:59,990
dissonance PZ Myers Richard Wiseman AC

709
00:29:57,648 --> 00:30:02,538
grilling nor Heath and Eli from the

710
00:29:59,990 --> 00:30:04,819
scaling atheist Simon Singh Rebecca

711
00:30:02,538 --> 00:30:07,640
Watson and a multitude of local

712
00:30:04,819 --> 00:30:09,528
academics and skeptics there's literally

713

00:30:07,640 --> 00:30:11,600
nothing better you can do on a Monday

714
00:30:09,528 --> 00:30:13,940
night in Glasgow it doesn't involve

715
00:30:11,599 --> 00:30:15,918
taking your clothes off so come join us

716
00:30:13,940 --> 00:30:18,048
we've also got a vibrant online

717
00:30:15,919 --> 00:30:19,880
community you can find us on Facebook

718
00:30:18,048 --> 00:30:22,940
Twitter and get involved with the

719
00:30:19,880 --> 00:30:24,980
discussion Glasgow skeptics self-help

720
00:30:22,940 --> 00:30:26,250
for your brain

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00:30:24,980 --> 00:30:33,660
[Music]

722
00:30:26,250 --> 00:30:33,660
[Applause]

723
00:30:36,559 --> 00:30:42,129
[Music]

724
00:30:38,970 --> 00:30:50,950
let's all take this with a grain of salt

725
00:30:42,130 --> 00:30:51,910
here's around ticket Leo Eagle a very

726
00:30:50,950 --> 00:30:53,470
nice to see you again

727
00:30:51,910 --> 00:30:56,500

Ida nice to see you it's time in Poland

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00:30:53,470 --> 00:30:58,480

yes we are here for the European skeptic

729

00:30:56,500 --> 00:30:59,759

is Congress yep you've spoken even a

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00:30:58,480 --> 00:31:04,210

talk today what would you talk about

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00:30:59,759 --> 00:31:05,980

well I spoke about how religion religion

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00:31:04,210 --> 00:31:08,620

here now defined as Christianity in

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00:31:05,980 --> 00:31:11,250

Islam how religion is hampering

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00:31:08,619 --> 00:31:13,239

scientific thinking you know because

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00:31:11,250 --> 00:31:15,730

particularly as situated within the

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00:31:13,240 --> 00:31:17,799

discourse the discussion about or the

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00:31:15,730 --> 00:31:20,829

study of Africa because the notion there

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00:31:17,799 --> 00:31:23,139

is that the Christian Islam these are

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00:31:20,829 --> 00:31:26,109

modernizing forces and when you hear

740

00:31:23,140 --> 00:31:30,250

modernizing you expect forces that could

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00:31:26,109 --> 00:31:33,429

dispel magic and superstition but for me

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00:31:30,250 --> 00:31:35,039
that doesn't hold because religion

743
00:31:33,430 --> 00:31:37,570
Christianity and Islam arada

744
00:31:35,039 --> 00:31:40,809
superstition and forcing mechanisms and

745
00:31:37,569 --> 00:31:43,779
ideology so and I tried to illustrate

746
00:31:40,809 --> 00:31:46,480
this using certain cases like claims and

747
00:31:43,779 --> 00:31:49,839
reports where people turn into gold you

748
00:31:46,480 --> 00:31:51,759
could get back to frog sources and and

749
00:31:49,839 --> 00:31:54,459
even we those who call themselves

750
00:31:51,759 --> 00:31:56,200
Christian pastors the claim they

751
00:31:54,460 --> 00:32:00,279
resurrected people from the dead and one

752
00:31:56,200 --> 00:32:03,430
claim that he walked on and and also we

753
00:32:00,279 --> 00:32:05,440
have Islamic Malibu's they are now there

754
00:32:03,430 --> 00:32:06,100
are the producers of Angie bullets

755
00:32:05,440 --> 00:32:09,549
chance

756
00:32:06,099 --> 00:32:10,480
so christianism a kind of appropriation

757
00:32:09,549 --> 00:32:12,490
or reappropriation

758
00:32:10,480 --> 00:32:14,349
taking over some of the roles and

759
00:32:12,490 --> 00:32:16,299
marketed some of these paranormal claims

760
00:32:14,349 --> 00:32:18,969
that we associated with traditional

761
00:32:16,299 --> 00:32:21,789
superstitious beliefs so that's why my

762
00:32:18,970 --> 00:32:23,470
argument here today is that no Christian

763
00:32:21,789 --> 00:32:26,289
is an Islam they are not modernizing

764
00:32:23,470 --> 00:32:28,630
forces they're actually reinforcing the

765
00:32:26,289 --> 00:32:32,829
Dark Age superstitious and devious

766
00:32:28,630 --> 00:32:34,900
blips so this sounds to a western ear

767
00:32:32,829 --> 00:32:37,329
yeah that sounds a little bit obvious

768
00:32:34,900 --> 00:32:39,670
yeah so you're speaking about it

769
00:32:37,329 --> 00:32:42,129
specifically within the context of of

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00:32:39,670 --> 00:32:43,960
Africa which is not just where you were

771
00:32:42,130 --> 00:32:46,000
born in Nigeria but also your field of

772
00:32:43,960 --> 00:32:52,029
study you've just completed your PhD a

773
00:32:46,000 --> 00:32:54,420
PhD is about actually mantises analyzed

774
00:32:52,029 --> 00:32:58,230
and explained accusations of witchcraft

775
00:32:54,420 --> 00:33:00,480
from the accused perspective because

776
00:32:58,230 --> 00:33:02,799
overwhelmingly the studies are big

777
00:33:00,480 --> 00:33:04,960
studies have looked at accusation to

778
00:33:02,799 --> 00:33:06,789
have studied accusation scholars of

779
00:33:04,960 --> 00:33:08,529
studied accusation from the accusers

780
00:33:06,789 --> 00:33:12,009
perspective and they have tried to

781
00:33:08,529 --> 00:33:14,829
analyze the situation in Africa at a

782
00:33:12,009 --> 00:33:18,129
situation where those who use witchcraft

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00:33:14,829 --> 00:33:21,399
Assad power are the definers of morality

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00:33:18,130 --> 00:33:23,890

definers of social order but they ignore

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00:33:21,400 --> 00:33:27,300

the fact that there are people who these

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00:33:23,890 --> 00:33:30,460

accusations are applied and these people

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00:33:27,299 --> 00:33:32,409

suffer a lot and be a family

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00:33:30,460 --> 00:33:34,930

relationship is social relationship

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00:33:32,410 --> 00:33:36,910

suffer a loss and mr. Moran I looked at

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00:33:34,930 --> 00:33:39,580

accusation from that huge perspective

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00:33:36,910 --> 00:33:42,640

and how the negotiate accusation in such

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00:33:39,579 --> 00:33:46,149

cases and you've just completed it so I

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00:33:42,640 --> 00:33:49,120

can call you dr. Lior equate now yes you

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00:33:46,150 --> 00:33:51,280

can call me that they said that until

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00:33:49,119 --> 00:33:53,829

you submit the corrected version of your

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00:33:51,279 --> 00:33:56,259

thesis and they're now issue you that

797

00:33:53,829 --> 00:33:59,079

certificate in other words if you have

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00:33:56,259 --> 00:34:01,930

not issued a certificate you should just

799
00:33:59,079 --> 00:34:04,329
hold on answering a doctor even though

800
00:34:01,930 --> 00:34:13,539
you have all the rights okay Richard do

801
00:34:04,329 --> 00:34:15,190
not release this interview until you've

802
00:34:13,539 --> 00:34:17,378
been associated with this area skeptics

803
00:34:15,190 --> 00:34:19,000
for a very long time yeah you you've

804
00:34:17,378 --> 00:34:22,960
been writing for a magazine for probably

805
00:34:19,000 --> 00:34:27,010
what 12 13 years yeah you visited

806
00:34:22,960 --> 00:34:29,289
Australia in 2011 yeah

807
00:34:27,010 --> 00:34:31,630
and it was a very successful tour of

808
00:34:29,289 --> 00:34:33,398
Australia yeah is there anything that

809
00:34:31,630 --> 00:34:34,898
you anything that you want to say to the

810
00:34:33,398 --> 00:34:37,888
sceptics of Australia who are listening

811
00:34:34,898 --> 00:34:41,079
to this in terms of how I mean clearly

812
00:34:37,889 --> 00:34:44,620
the situation in Africa in particular

813
00:34:41,079 --> 00:34:47,648
yeah is significantly worse by any

814
00:34:44,619 --> 00:34:49,480
measure yeah then the situation that we

815
00:34:47,648 --> 00:34:51,579
as skeptics in the western counties yes

816
00:34:49,480 --> 00:34:53,648
what can we as skeptics in the West who

817
00:34:51,579 --> 00:34:55,509
care about not just our little patch of

818
00:34:53,648 --> 00:34:56,529
the of the wood just but we also care

819
00:34:55,510 --> 00:34:58,720
about what's happening around the world

820
00:34:56,530 --> 00:35:03,460
in particular Africa what can we do to

821
00:34:58,719 --> 00:35:06,459
assist today like that saying the world

822
00:35:03,460 --> 00:35:08,980
is a global village Australia used to be

823
00:35:06,460 --> 00:35:10,389
far from us even by the time you get by

824
00:35:08,980 --> 00:35:11,860
the time I was invited to visit those

825
00:35:10,389 --> 00:35:13,750
felt like was that Wow

826
00:35:11,860 --> 00:35:15,220
because when I look at the map it's like

827

00:35:13,750 --> 00:35:16,840
no nothing will ever take me to this

828
00:35:15,219 --> 00:35:18,279
part of the world you know because I

829
00:35:16,840 --> 00:35:20,050
didn't have the money and the

830
00:35:18,280 --> 00:35:22,150
connections and the people there who

831
00:35:20,050 --> 00:35:24,789
knows literally we live in understand

832
00:35:22,150 --> 00:35:26,710
what's going on in Africa not getting

833
00:35:24,789 --> 00:35:30,610
interested but I think that this is

834
00:35:26,710 --> 00:35:32,500
changing so the world is not far apart

835
00:35:30,610 --> 00:35:36,430
as far apart as you used to be or as we

836
00:35:32,500 --> 00:35:38,380
think you know the world it used to be

837
00:35:36,429 --> 00:35:40,239
or something so but what I'm saying is

838
00:35:38,380 --> 00:35:43,059
that we are coming closer and this is

839
00:35:40,239 --> 00:35:45,159
happening in Africa get publicized

840
00:35:43,059 --> 00:35:47,019
people get to know in Australia you know

841
00:35:45,159 --> 00:35:50,259

now quicker values to be the same case

842

00:35:47,019 --> 00:35:53,349

and I used to be the case so I think

843

00:35:50,260 --> 00:35:56,050

that it is important that those skeptics

844

00:35:53,349 --> 00:35:58,179

in Australia also keep highlights in

845

00:35:56,050 --> 00:35:59,769

what is happening in Africa particularly

846

00:35:58,179 --> 00:36:01,210

when it comes to superstition when it

847

00:35:59,769 --> 00:36:03,130

comes to paranormal claims and let me

848

00:36:01,210 --> 00:36:04,840

let me tell you why it's very important

849

00:36:03,130 --> 00:36:07,840

if you if you have been following the

850

00:36:04,840 --> 00:36:09,850

trend in Europe today they they are

851

00:36:07,840 --> 00:36:11,590

trying to addressing the problem of

852

00:36:09,849 --> 00:36:13,809

witchcraft within the migrant

853

00:36:11,590 --> 00:36:15,400

communities yes a lot of people are

854

00:36:13,809 --> 00:36:17,320

leaving and I understand Australia is

855

00:36:15,400 --> 00:36:19,389

also a country where you have a lot of

856
00:36:17,320 --> 00:36:19,840
people coming from other regions of the

857
00:36:19,389 --> 00:36:22,539
world

858
00:36:19,840 --> 00:36:23,420
and when they come they come with their

859
00:36:22,539 --> 00:36:26,058
beliefs

860
00:36:23,420 --> 00:36:27,470
and apparently they may not actually on

861
00:36:26,059 --> 00:36:29,839
arrival when they're still being treated

862
00:36:27,469 --> 00:36:31,399
as refugees or process may be really

863
00:36:29,838 --> 00:36:33,108
relaxed on practice those yet believes

864
00:36:31,400 --> 00:36:35,389
but as soon as they begin to settle down

865
00:36:33,108 --> 00:36:37,219
the side reconnected and they start

866
00:36:35,389 --> 00:36:38,358
openly manifesting those beliefs and I

867
00:36:37,219 --> 00:36:40,548
clearly just believe they could be

868
00:36:38,358 --> 00:36:42,409
traditional beliefs so Australian

869
00:36:40,548 --> 00:36:45,048
skeptics could not just be looking at

870
00:36:42,409 --> 00:36:48,588
these issues like superstition and

871
00:36:45,048 --> 00:36:48,980
religious extremism or things happening

872
00:36:48,588 --> 00:36:51,920
out there

873
00:36:48,980 --> 00:36:53,838
yeah because the way through migration

874
00:36:51,920 --> 00:36:56,720
and through a lot of influences

875
00:36:53,838 --> 00:36:58,788
sometimes online influences many people

876
00:36:56,719 --> 00:37:00,409
who are in Australia may also be

877
00:36:58,789 --> 00:37:02,990
affected so it's important they

878
00:37:00,409 --> 00:37:04,909
understand that it is not just happening

879
00:37:02,989 --> 00:37:08,298
in Africa it could also happen in

880
00:37:04,909 --> 00:37:12,230
Australia so it we should see we should

881
00:37:08,298 --> 00:37:14,210
bring a global angle to scepticism rabbi

882
00:37:12,230 --> 00:37:16,250
we try to highlight some of these issues

883
00:37:14,210 --> 00:37:17,720
so because they may actually be

884

00:37:16,250 --> 00:37:20,449
happening in Australia while you may not

885
00:37:17,719 --> 00:37:22,098
know yeah they may see they may simply

886
00:37:20,449 --> 00:37:25,489
have me but you may not know so it is

887
00:37:22,099 --> 00:37:27,500
all important that we're not just focus

888
00:37:25,489 --> 00:37:30,169
on you could boss trillion skepticism

889
00:37:27,500 --> 00:37:32,000
will give it a global touch a global

890
00:37:30,170 --> 00:37:33,950
angle a global perspective my

891
00:37:32,000 --> 00:37:35,838
highlighting was going on in other parts

892
00:37:33,949 --> 00:37:37,759
of the world okay now on a personal

893
00:37:35,838 --> 00:37:41,509
level so you've not really finished your

894
00:37:37,759 --> 00:37:47,449
PhD yeah it took a while now what next

895
00:37:41,509 --> 00:37:48,019
for you I think is going in two

896
00:37:47,449 --> 00:37:50,838
directions

897
00:37:48,018 --> 00:37:53,598
I would love to get I would like to have

898
00:37:50,838 --> 00:37:56,599

it that way I would like to be doing

899

00:37:53,599 --> 00:37:59,690

some postdoctoral work seal going back

900

00:37:56,599 --> 00:38:02,088

to look at the phenomena of witchcraft

901

00:37:59,690 --> 00:38:05,960

from other perspectives that's one

902

00:38:02,088 --> 00:38:08,690

interest the notion of no religion no

903

00:38:05,960 --> 00:38:10,009

religion is also a fueled an imagined

904

00:38:08,690 --> 00:38:12,289

field where I am trying to do that

905

00:38:10,009 --> 00:38:15,409

because Africa has always been described

906

00:38:12,289 --> 00:38:17,990

in religious of magical terms so but we

907

00:38:15,409 --> 00:38:20,058

have no religious people not religious

908

00:38:17,989 --> 00:38:22,219

Africans today imagine so I'm trying to

909

00:38:20,059 --> 00:38:22,940

look at that field and see if I could at

910

00:38:22,219 --> 00:38:25,788

least

911

00:38:22,940 --> 00:38:27,858

pioneer some study in that area so these

912

00:38:25,789 --> 00:38:29,180

are two topics that I find of interest

913
00:38:27,858 --> 00:38:32,130
and of course they're also of interest

914
00:38:29,179 --> 00:38:34,500
to me in terms of my activism you know

915
00:38:32,130 --> 00:38:36,150
Amma's are trying to see how the

916
00:38:34,500 --> 00:38:38,518
knowledge we've generated in terms of

917
00:38:36,150 --> 00:38:41,190
the research in witchcraft accusation

918
00:38:38,518 --> 00:38:43,288
could help to change the situation cool

919
00:38:41,190 --> 00:38:45,690
how serve a lot of people who help

920
00:38:43,289 --> 00:38:48,000
provide support to some people you know

921
00:38:45,690 --> 00:38:52,260
who are being victimized in them of

922
00:38:48,000 --> 00:38:54,210
witchcraft so I have my my life going

923
00:38:52,260 --> 00:38:56,730
into it in these two directions and I

924
00:38:54,210 --> 00:39:00,358
hope to keep it that way you know as

925
00:38:56,730 --> 00:39:05,849
long as I can okay so it sounds like

926
00:39:00,358 --> 00:39:07,108
your activism will continue and some of

927

00:39:05,849 --> 00:39:09,980
our listeners may know that you've

928

00:39:07,108 --> 00:39:12,298
actually put yourself in physical danger

929

00:39:09,980 --> 00:39:14,460
which is something that skeptics in the

930

00:39:12,298 --> 00:39:16,259
West generally don't face I mean we

931

00:39:14,460 --> 00:39:19,409
face some nasty comments on Facebook but

932

00:39:16,260 --> 00:39:23,490
yeah but maybe you can quickly tell us

933

00:39:19,409 --> 00:39:25,980
about what happened is that there are

934

00:39:23,489 --> 00:39:28,439
people with vested interests in

935

00:39:25,980 --> 00:39:30,510
superstitious Africa there are people

936

00:39:28,440 --> 00:39:32,970
with vested interests in the in the

937

00:39:30,510 --> 00:39:36,000
dogmatic Africa and who feel threatened

938

00:39:32,969 --> 00:39:38,399
by the critical Africa by the skeptical

939

00:39:36,000 --> 00:39:40,710
Africa in other words Africans who

940

00:39:38,400 --> 00:39:42,358
questioned African superstitious

941

00:39:40,710 --> 00:39:43,889
believed era there are people who feel

942
00:39:42,358 --> 00:39:45,838
threatened and these are sometimes

943
00:39:43,889 --> 00:39:46,949
medicine men these are sometimes pastors

944
00:39:45,838 --> 00:39:50,548
these are sometimes

945
00:39:46,949 --> 00:39:53,699
shakes Malibu's because they don't just

946
00:39:50,548 --> 00:39:55,349
have vested interests in superstitious

947
00:39:53,699 --> 00:39:58,409
religious Africa just for the sake of a

948
00:39:55,349 --> 00:40:00,240
BIA because is also a narrative of power

949
00:39:58,409 --> 00:40:01,828
is also a business narrative nor was

950
00:40:00,239 --> 00:40:04,739
there generate money for me major

951
00:40:01,829 --> 00:40:06,390
political importance from it and and

952
00:40:04,739 --> 00:40:07,739
they will no want to lose because change

953
00:40:06,389 --> 00:40:10,288
will mean that they have to lose this

954
00:40:07,739 --> 00:40:12,868
status yeah so these people that they

955
00:40:10,289 --> 00:40:14,730

react with hostility towards anybody who

956

00:40:12,869 --> 00:40:16,650

tries to challenge these narratives and

957

00:40:14,730 --> 00:40:20,278

their views and you if they've used that

958

00:40:16,650 --> 00:40:22,289

the the state against abuse the state

959

00:40:20,278 --> 00:40:24,088

against me they have attacked me they

960

00:40:22,289 --> 00:40:26,250

have threatened and attacked me

961

00:40:24,088 --> 00:40:28,108

only at all bye and here I'm talking

962

00:40:26,250 --> 00:40:30,389

about the Liberty Gospel Church and

963

00:40:28,108 --> 00:40:32,778

they mobilize the church members and in

964

00:40:30,389 --> 00:40:34,469

the developer we organize an event and

965

00:40:32,778 --> 00:40:36,150

took me to court

966

00:40:34,469 --> 00:40:38,219

they even though they lost then they

967

00:40:36,150 --> 00:40:40,318

also have used the stage by trying to

968

00:40:38,219 --> 00:40:41,879

make the state understand that by

969

00:40:40,318 --> 00:40:43,349

highlighting some of this problem we are

970
00:40:41,880 --> 00:40:45,630
giving this set a bad name

971
00:40:43,349 --> 00:40:48,869
so this is this is how you actually

972
00:40:45,630 --> 00:40:50,240
ended up in prison at some point yes yes

973
00:40:48,869 --> 00:40:52,859
because because what happened is that

974
00:40:50,239 --> 00:40:54,329
state officials were not happy the fur

975
00:40:52,860 --> 00:40:58,590
that they could clamp down on us and

976
00:40:54,329 --> 00:41:00,239
they arrested me as I said and they took

977
00:40:58,590 --> 00:41:02,160
me and the detent being at the place a

978
00:41:00,239 --> 00:41:05,669
mile I was staying there for two or

979
00:41:02,159 --> 00:41:09,539
three days with suspects and criminals

980
00:41:05,670 --> 00:41:10,980
and order so but yeah personally I never

981
00:41:09,539 --> 00:41:12,809
expected it was going to be a small

982
00:41:10,980 --> 00:41:14,039
right from the beginning I knew that was

983
00:41:12,809 --> 00:41:15,719
going to be challenges even though I

984
00:41:14,039 --> 00:41:17,579
didn't know exactly what which what the

985
00:41:15,719 --> 00:41:19,559
nature of the challenges would be but

986
00:41:17,579 --> 00:41:22,619
when the challenges we are coming I

987
00:41:19,559 --> 00:41:25,110
think I had an idea that I was going to

988
00:41:22,619 --> 00:41:27,329
face a lot stiff resistance from a lot

989
00:41:25,110 --> 00:41:29,760
from people who have vested interest the

990
00:41:27,329 --> 00:41:32,940
superstitious dogmatic and irrational

991
00:41:29,760 --> 00:41:34,830
Africa yeah well I admire your

992
00:41:32,940 --> 00:41:37,050
persistence and I wish you all the best

993
00:41:34,829 --> 00:41:37,949
and so great to see you again I hope to

994
00:41:37,050 --> 00:41:40,230
see you again in the not-too-distant

995
00:41:37,949 --> 00:41:42,569
future yeah thank you so much Andy I

996
00:41:40,230 --> 00:41:46,289
also want to thank Australian skeptics

997
00:41:42,570 --> 00:41:48,539
for the support they gave me and I will

998

00:41:46,289 --> 00:41:52,739
never forget it and let me say this I

999
00:41:48,539 --> 00:41:55,619
will never forget the fact that you and

1000
00:41:52,739 --> 00:41:58,649
other friends put through a call to a

1001
00:41:55,619 --> 00:42:01,259
police station where I was detained some

1002
00:41:58,650 --> 00:42:04,380
time and I know that that call made a

1003
00:42:01,260 --> 00:42:06,720
difference yes because locals when they

1004
00:42:04,380 --> 00:42:08,430
are when they are trying to be funny

1005
00:42:06,719 --> 00:42:10,799
they always afraid of anything

1006
00:42:08,429 --> 00:42:12,329
international they don't want that they

1007
00:42:10,800 --> 00:42:15,360
want to do everything on their maybe

1008
00:42:12,329 --> 00:42:17,489
pi/8 and let nobody get to know so when

1009
00:42:15,360 --> 00:42:19,019
they know that all the outside world has

1010
00:42:17,489 --> 00:42:21,269
got to know about this they become very

1011
00:42:19,019 --> 00:42:24,420
careful they try to do it so I know that

1012
00:42:21,269 --> 00:42:26,280

I got a phone call from the an official

1013

00:42:24,420 --> 00:42:29,250
from the Australian from the Australian

1014

00:42:26,280 --> 00:42:31,170
Embassy in Nigeria and I know sort of

1015

00:42:29,250 --> 00:42:33,769
what you do and I know that it made a

1016

00:42:31,170 --> 00:42:38,170
difference and I want to tell you

1017

00:42:33,769 --> 00:42:41,739
Australia skeptics I knew you were we

1018

00:42:38,170 --> 00:42:52,059
never never forget excellent thank you

1019

00:42:41,739 --> 00:42:54,159
very much Leah a pleasure the skeptic

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00:42:52,059 --> 00:42:57,130
magazine the journal from Australian

1021

00:42:54,159 --> 00:42:59,589
skeptics subscribe online to the world's

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00:42:57,130 --> 00:43:03,329
second oldest skeptical magazine

1023

00:42:59,590 --> 00:43:03,329
visit www.sap.com/learnbi

1024

00:43:05,550 --> 00:43:13,630
you can also find there over 30 years on

1025

00:43:09,670 --> 00:43:22,720
back issues free to download the skeptic

1026

00:43:13,630 --> 00:43:34,329
magazine from Australian skeptics on

1027
00:43:22,719 --> 00:43:37,480
Manor comm don't you hey you we are

1028
00:43:34,329 --> 00:43:38,569
doing a live bunga bunga at the Herald

1029
00:43:37,480 --> 00:43:41,869
Park Hotel

1030
00:43:38,570 --> 00:43:47,900
[Music]

1031
00:43:41,869 --> 00:43:50,359
oh my god oh my god I know bunga bunga

1032
00:43:47,900 --> 00:43:53,150
live if you want to be part of us

1033
00:43:50,360 --> 00:43:55,039
recording an entire episode of bunga

1034
00:43:53,150 --> 00:43:56,690
bunga well you'll be invited to make

1035
00:43:55,039 --> 00:43:59,719
your own comments you'll be invited to

1036
00:43:56,690 --> 00:44:01,039
ask us questions the crank mail section

1037
00:43:59,719 --> 00:44:02,389
we're throwing it over to you we're

1038
00:44:01,039 --> 00:44:04,159
gonna be doing it live in front of

1039
00:44:02,389 --> 00:44:05,869
people there'll be special guests we've

1040
00:44:04,159 --> 00:44:07,699
decided to go live

1041
00:44:05,869 --> 00:44:10,299
definitely worth putting in your diary

1042
00:44:07,699 --> 00:44:13,219
it's gonna be at the Herald Park Hotel

1043
00:44:10,300 --> 00:44:14,870
upstairs in Sydney and if you think

1044
00:44:13,219 --> 00:44:17,119
getting upstairs is a problem for you

1045
00:44:14,869 --> 00:44:18,949
wait till you see how they winch me and

1046
00:44:17,119 --> 00:44:21,589
from the helicopter yes that's right

1047
00:44:18,949 --> 00:44:24,589
it's the festival of dumb ideas at the

1048
00:44:21,590 --> 00:44:27,650
Hammer Park Hotel the 14th of November

1049
00:44:24,590 --> 00:44:31,460
really soon get tickets now tickets are

1050
00:44:27,650 --> 00:44:33,500
available at Tri booking.com or all

1051
00:44:31,460 --> 00:44:37,010
information you need is on the front

1052
00:44:33,500 --> 00:44:37,489
page of Maynard comm that I you see you

1053
00:44:37,010 --> 00:44:41,420
there

1054
00:44:37,489 --> 00:44:43,189
bring your crank mail bring your mom if

1055

00:44:41,420 --> 00:44:44,389
you do like it we're gonna do it about

1056
00:44:43,190 --> 00:44:46,789
once a month at me too

1057
00:44:44,389 --> 00:44:49,639
yeah yeah if people come along we want

1058
00:44:46,789 --> 00:44:51,349
to do one live bunga bunga or a month so

1059
00:44:49,639 --> 00:44:53,059
you get the comedy you get the music you

1060
00:44:51,349 --> 00:44:54,860
get the fun you get the insights you get

1061
00:44:53,059 --> 00:44:59,719
the opinions you get the politics and

1062
00:44:54,860 --> 00:45:01,490
you get the pants all the information at

1063
00:44:59,719 --> 00:45:03,259
Maynard com that are you and it's all

1064
00:45:01,489 --> 00:45:05,119
there for you or go to the bunga bunga

1065
00:45:03,260 --> 00:45:14,470
Facebook page and it's all happening on

1066
00:45:05,119 --> 00:45:14,469
Maynard com do you are you

1067
00:45:20,969 --> 00:45:26,799
hello skeptics and listeners this is

1068
00:45:23,559 --> 00:45:28,420
susan gerbic and I'm in Italy I have a

1069
00:45:26,800 --> 00:45:30,820

really interesting interview with you

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00:45:28,420 --> 00:45:33,970

from one of the one of the staff here at

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00:45:30,820 --> 00:45:36,610

chica hello my name is Kayla I'm a

1072

00:45:33,969 --> 00:45:40,959

volunteer and I'm here at the kick up

1073

00:45:36,610 --> 00:45:42,700

conference and I just handled the North

1074

00:45:40,960 --> 00:45:45,250

Italy territories but I'm here twice

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00:45:42,699 --> 00:45:47,859

today and we've had so many people at

1076

00:45:45,250 --> 00:45:50,409

the conference we have 800 people about

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00:45:47,860 --> 00:45:52,900

800 people yesterday and we expect more

1078

00:45:50,409 --> 00:45:55,269

people today and tomorrow conferencing

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00:45:52,900 --> 00:45:57,519

is in two theaters so this is a very big

1080

00:45:55,269 --> 00:46:00,369

event and we have a lot of very

1081

00:45:57,519 --> 00:46:02,289

important guests and many young people

1082

00:46:00,369 --> 00:46:06,609

coming to see them which is absolutely

1083

00:46:02,289 --> 00:46:09,610

amazing I believe we have the honor to

1084
00:46:06,610 --> 00:46:14,530
have Keo Angela here and he's one of our

1085
00:46:09,610 --> 00:46:17,349
founders and he started doing science

1086
00:46:14,530 --> 00:46:20,110
talking about science to people on TV

1087
00:46:17,349 --> 00:46:23,739
it is Saturday years ago when tens of

1088
00:46:20,110 --> 00:46:26,410
years ago when when we had very few

1089
00:46:23,739 --> 00:46:29,409
channels TV channels in Italy so

1090
00:46:26,409 --> 00:46:31,949
everybody knows him and we all grow

1091
00:46:29,409 --> 00:46:34,690
we've all grown up with him and

1092
00:46:31,949 --> 00:46:36,939
everybody loves me he's like our father

1093
00:46:34,690 --> 00:46:38,800
or grandfather and if you talk to

1094
00:46:36,940 --> 00:46:40,750
anybody here they would say I've grown

1095
00:46:38,800 --> 00:46:43,210
up with him on my TV is talking about

1096
00:46:40,750 --> 00:46:46,090
science and he doesn't be in such a

1097
00:46:43,210 --> 00:46:48,039
simple but accurate way it's it's so

1098
00:46:46,090 --> 00:46:50,740
good because this is bringing science to

1099
00:46:48,039 --> 00:46:52,809
people in a way they can understand and

1100
00:46:50,739 --> 00:46:55,809
they can appreciate and he makes

1101
00:46:52,809 --> 00:46:57,670
everything interesting and what you re

1102
00:46:55,809 --> 00:47:01,029
doing about it what's very exciting is

1103
00:46:57,670 --> 00:47:04,059
seeing young teenagers queuing outside

1104
00:47:01,030 --> 00:47:05,830
of the theater to meet him and if you

1105
00:47:04,059 --> 00:47:08,799
talk about him to people here they just

1106
00:47:05,829 --> 00:47:11,380
their faces like hop and they just smile

1107
00:47:08,800 --> 00:47:13,810
and I'm so happy to meet him we have

1108
00:47:11,380 --> 00:47:17,500
teenagers in tears because they are so

1109
00:47:13,809 --> 00:47:19,139
excited to see him and we are all trying

1110
00:47:17,500 --> 00:47:23,369
to learn from him because

1111
00:47:19,139 --> 00:47:26,879
he's such a kind person and he has this

1112

00:47:23,369 --> 00:47:30,449
very simple way of talking to people

1113
00:47:26,880 --> 00:47:32,670
that really reaches them and and we want

1114
00:47:30,449 --> 00:47:34,409
to learn from him and he's good for the

1115
00:47:32,670 --> 00:47:37,980
conference so far has been absolutely

1116
00:47:34,409 --> 00:47:41,009
amazing and we've all enjoyed it we had

1117
00:47:37,980 --> 00:47:45,389
yesterday a nice a great show with

1118
00:47:41,010 --> 00:47:48,330
musicians and two of our two scientists

1119
00:47:45,389 --> 00:47:51,420
to dr. spoke at the same time as the

1120
00:47:48,329 --> 00:47:55,469
musicians so they've done is kind of

1121
00:47:51,420 --> 00:47:57,450
musical together with science talking

1122
00:47:55,469 --> 00:47:59,509
about science and I believe that was

1123
00:47:57,449 --> 00:48:01,889
also very great way to reach people

1124
00:47:59,510 --> 00:48:04,140
because if you can add we can show

1125
00:48:01,889 --> 00:48:06,179
people that you can have fun and talk

1126
00:48:04,139 --> 00:48:07,799

about science and learn new things and I

1127

00:48:06,179 --> 00:48:09,839

think that's also very important so

1128

00:48:07,800 --> 00:48:12,539

everything has been very excited so far

1129

00:48:09,840 --> 00:48:14,880

that exciting so far with all that I had

1130

00:48:12,539 --> 00:48:18,509

to believe in one really and this is

1131

00:48:14,880 --> 00:48:21,690

just yes just a first full day yes yes

1132

00:48:18,510 --> 00:48:24,210

yes and we are here tomorrow to hope

1133

00:48:21,690 --> 00:48:27,300

these people are going to have fun and

1134

00:48:24,210 --> 00:48:29,400

learn new things I'm really looking

1135

00:48:27,300 --> 00:48:32,970

forward to tomorrow is when I speak so

1136

00:48:29,400 --> 00:48:35,519

the entire conference is in Italian and

1137

00:48:32,969 --> 00:48:38,069

so this has been an experience for mark

1138

00:48:35,519 --> 00:48:40,369

Edward and I because we don't speak any

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00:48:38,070 --> 00:48:43,680

Italian but everybody's so friendly and

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00:48:40,369 --> 00:48:46,799

they they many people speak enough

1141
00:48:43,679 --> 00:48:49,919
English that were fine I understand the

1142
00:48:46,800 --> 00:48:51,930
Pope's coming in tomorrow yes yes so

1143
00:48:49,920 --> 00:48:55,200
that was a bit of a surprise this is a

1144
00:48:51,929 --> 00:48:58,049
very small town the theatre is beautiful

1145
00:48:55,199 --> 00:49:01,469
and it's very very big but the town

1146
00:48:58,050 --> 00:49:06,330
itself even if it's by the seaside is a

1147
00:49:01,469 --> 00:49:09,359
very small town and oh yes so the town

1148
00:49:06,329 --> 00:49:11,819
is Cesena and it's a very small town

1149
00:49:09,360 --> 00:49:13,800
near near the seaside bit far from the

1150
00:49:11,820 --> 00:49:16,350
coast compared to other towns but a

1151
00:49:13,800 --> 00:49:18,870
totally sick centre anyway and suddenly

1152
00:49:16,349 --> 00:49:20,690
the Pope decided to visit is only going

1153
00:49:18,869 --> 00:49:23,250
to be here a couple of hours but is

1154
00:49:20,690 --> 00:49:25,500
probably going to walk right in front of

1155
00:49:23,250 --> 00:49:27,630
the theatre where we are

1156
00:49:25,500 --> 00:49:32,730
that is going to be a bit of a challenge

1157
00:49:27,630 --> 00:49:35,990
I think but maybe some people will just

1158
00:49:32,730 --> 00:49:35,990
be interested in Eisen and

1159
00:49:40,159 --> 00:49:45,509
the Pope's visiting because it's the

1160
00:49:42,869 --> 00:49:49,559
third 300th anniversary of the birth of

1161
00:49:45,510 --> 00:49:52,260
Pope Pius the 6th who was born in this

1162
00:49:49,559 --> 00:49:55,349
town and that's how come the Pope is

1163
00:49:52,260 --> 00:50:12,750
visiting tomorrow on a Sunday here so it

1164
00:49:55,349 --> 00:50:14,730
should be really interesting hi this is

1165
00:50:12,750 --> 00:50:17,969
Heidi Robertson from the Northern Rivers

1166
00:50:14,730 --> 00:50:20,190
vaccination supporters we are a group of

1167
00:50:17,969 --> 00:50:22,289
concerned citizens dedicated to

1168
00:50:20,190 --> 00:50:24,929
promoting good science and common sense

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00:50:22,289 --> 00:50:28,050
in our region the far north coast of New

1170
00:50:24,929 --> 00:50:30,299
South Wales this area are famous for its

1171
00:50:28,050 --> 00:50:32,970
natural beauty and relaxed lifestyle

1172
00:50:30,300 --> 00:50:36,870
also has the lowest rates of vaccination

1173
00:50:32,969 --> 00:50:38,339
in Australia we are out to change that

1174
00:50:36,869 --> 00:50:41,069
by challenging the myths and

1175
00:50:38,340 --> 00:50:43,289
misinformation and by providing good

1176
00:50:41,070 --> 00:50:46,140
evidence-based information to the

1177
00:50:43,289 --> 00:50:48,570
community we'd love for you no matter

1178
00:50:46,139 --> 00:50:51,730
where you are in the world to join our

1179
00:50:48,570 --> 00:50:53,480
fight please visit our web page at

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00:50:51,730 --> 00:50:58,829
[Music]

1181
00:50:53,480 --> 00:51:02,639
wwlp.com we also have a link there to

1182
00:50:58,829 --> 00:51:06,389
our Facebook page tweet us at in our

1183
00:51:02,639 --> 00:51:08,299

FAQs supporters that's vix and check us

1184

00:51:06,389 --> 00:51:11,219
out on wikipedia by searching for

1185

00:51:08,300 --> 00:51:12,470
Northern Rivers vaccination supporters

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00:51:11,219 --> 00:51:20,448
thank you

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00:51:12,469 --> 00:51:20,448
[Music]

1188

00:51:26,869 --> 00:51:31,170
thank you for listening to the skeptic

1189

00:51:29,248 --> 00:51:33,328
zone now here's some fabulous news if

1190

00:51:31,170 --> 00:51:35,309
you're in Sydney and you're coming to

1191

00:51:33,329 --> 00:51:38,400
the Australian skeptics convention

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00:51:35,309 --> 00:51:40,920
skeptic on or if you're not if you're

1193

00:51:38,400 --> 00:51:43,048
not if you are or if you're not you can

1194

00:51:40,920 --> 00:51:45,858
still come to the pre-conference drinks

1195

00:51:43,048 --> 00:51:48,778
and this will be at the Occidental hotel

1196

00:51:45,858 --> 00:51:51,869
at York Street Sydney where we normally

1197

00:51:48,778 --> 00:51:55,289
have skeptics in the pub Friday the 17th

1198
00:51:51,869 --> 00:51:57,239
of November details at skeptics calm

1199
00:51:55,289 --> 00:51:59,999
delay you you can mingle the speakers

1200
00:51:57,239 --> 00:52:01,469
mingle with other skeptics so whether

1201
00:51:59,998 --> 00:52:03,659
you're coming to the convention or not

1202
00:52:01,469 --> 00:52:06,358
please join us for the pre-conference

1203
00:52:03,659 --> 00:52:09,088
drinks and great social opportunity and

1204
00:52:06,358 --> 00:52:11,670
don't forget that on the 18th of

1205
00:52:09,088 --> 00:52:13,318
November is the grand dinner for the

1206
00:52:11,670 --> 00:52:15,239
convention which you can attend whether

1207
00:52:13,318 --> 00:52:18,119
you're coming to the convention or not

1208
00:52:15,239 --> 00:52:21,358
again tickets are available at skeptics

1209
00:52:18,119 --> 00:52:23,489
calm today you and that looks like to be

1210
00:52:21,358 --> 00:52:25,318
a really a really great night both

1211
00:52:23,489 --> 00:52:27,599
nights I think for those people

1212
00:52:25,318 --> 00:52:32,639
listening in Australia if you tuned in

1213
00:52:27,599 --> 00:52:34,709
to talking life style Tuesdays at 8

1214
00:52:32,639 --> 00:52:36,598
o'clock about ten past eight in fact you

1215
00:52:34,708 --> 00:52:38,728
can hear myself and Tim Mendham from the

1216
00:52:36,599 --> 00:52:41,219
Australian skeptics we have a regular

1217
00:52:38,728 --> 00:52:43,468
weekly radio spot on talking life style

1218
00:52:41,219 --> 00:52:45,389
the talking lifestyle Network Tuesdays

1219
00:52:43,469 --> 00:52:47,369
it's just after 8 o'clock in the morning

1220
00:52:45,389 --> 00:52:50,400
about 8:10 and for those Sydney

1221
00:52:47,369 --> 00:52:52,920
listeners that is a 95 for on the dial

1222
00:52:50,400 --> 00:52:55,318
that used to be called to UE and not

1223
00:52:52,920 --> 00:52:57,599
forgetting of course that we have also a

1224
00:52:55,318 --> 00:52:59,880
late night very early morning segment on

1225
00:52:57,599 --> 00:53:03,059
the Macquarie network with Mike Williams

1226

00:52:59,880 --> 00:53:06,239
and that's every weekend he does the

1227
00:53:03,059 --> 00:53:08,309
weekend night time shift links on the

1228
00:53:06,239 --> 00:53:11,579
show notes and here is a message that

1229
00:53:08,309 --> 00:53:14,519
came in from the USA from dr. Angie

1230
00:53:11,579 --> 00:53:16,890
Mackay hi Richard I can't make it to

1231
00:53:14,518 --> 00:53:18,058
psych on in Las Vegas but I wanted to

1232
00:53:16,889 --> 00:53:20,548
know if you'll be interviewing the

1233
00:53:18,059 --> 00:53:23,329
speakers for the skeptics oh thank you

1234
00:53:20,548 --> 00:53:26,478
for that question Angie yes absolutely

1235
00:53:23,329 --> 00:53:30,359
try and stop me I'll be running around

1236
00:53:26,478 --> 00:53:32,038
the convention saikhan in Las Vegas in

1237
00:53:30,358 --> 00:53:34,380
about two little under two weeks now

1238
00:53:32,039 --> 00:53:37,259
with my microphone getting as many

1239
00:53:34,380 --> 00:53:38,760
interviews from prominent skeptics and

1240
00:53:37,259 --> 00:53:42,690

other people people

1241
00:53:38,760 --> 00:53:44,940
just going along as I can to play on the

1242
00:53:42,690 --> 00:53:46,920
sceptic zone over the coming months and

1243
00:53:44,940 --> 00:53:48,210
I'm sorry I won't see you there but it

1244
00:53:46,920 --> 00:53:50,700
sounds like it's gonna be a great

1245
00:53:48,210 --> 00:53:52,980
convention I can't wait to catch up with

1246
00:53:50,699 --> 00:53:55,949
all my friends including skeptic zone

1247
00:53:52,980 --> 00:53:57,900
reporter dr. Ricci and speaking of

1248
00:53:55,949 --> 00:54:00,679
skeptic zone reporters a big thank you

1249
00:53:57,900 --> 00:54:03,150
to Shelley stockin for your wonderful

1250
00:54:00,679 --> 00:54:03,809
take stock reports over the last couple

1251
00:54:03,150 --> 00:54:07,019
of years

1252
00:54:03,809 --> 00:54:09,150
Shelley has decided to concentrate on

1253
00:54:07,019 --> 00:54:10,860
other things at the moment who knows one

1254
00:54:09,150 --> 00:54:13,110
day we might be able to tempt her back

1255
00:54:10,860 --> 00:54:15,660
to being part of the skeptic zone but

1256
00:54:13,110 --> 00:54:25,230
for now Shelley thank you so much for

1257
00:54:15,659 --> 00:54:28,349
being part of the fun next week on the

1258
00:54:25,230 --> 00:54:31,920
show I hope to bring you updates about a

1259
00:54:28,349 --> 00:54:34,199
story which is really just broken in the

1260
00:54:31,920 --> 00:54:35,789
last couple of days and this is the

1261
00:54:34,199 --> 00:54:37,409
federal government has announced the

1262
00:54:35,789 --> 00:54:40,650
biggest shake-up in private health

1263
00:54:37,409 --> 00:54:43,349
insurance in decades including an end to

1264
00:54:40,650 --> 00:54:46,639
subsidies for natural therapies such as

1265
00:54:43,349 --> 00:54:49,190
homeopathy aromatherapy Pilates and yoga

1266
00:54:46,639 --> 00:54:52,339
it's a very new story we're trying to

1267
00:54:49,190 --> 00:54:54,750
find out more about it but it looks like

1268
00:54:52,340 --> 00:54:55,950
from our point of view from a skeptical

1269
00:54:54,750 --> 00:54:56,849
point of view it's certainly a step in

1270
00:54:55,949 --> 00:54:58,889
the right direction

1271
00:54:56,849 --> 00:55:01,409
we'll be concentrating I think on the

1272
00:54:58,889 --> 00:55:04,109
news that homeopathy and aromatherapy

1273
00:55:01,409 --> 00:55:06,569
iridology is another one the government

1274
00:55:04,110 --> 00:55:11,010
will be ending subsidies for these

1275
00:55:06,570 --> 00:55:13,800
therapies more news next week as we find

1276
00:55:11,010 --> 00:55:16,410
out more about exactly what this will

1277
00:55:13,800 --> 00:55:18,360
mean and the implications and next

1278
00:55:16,409 --> 00:55:21,359
week's show we'll be coming to you from

1279
00:55:18,360 --> 00:55:23,550
the Bay Area in San Francisco as I fly

1280
00:55:21,360 --> 00:55:26,190
over to the US and have a few days to

1281
00:55:23,550 --> 00:55:29,340
relax and get over jetlag before heading

1282
00:55:26,190 --> 00:55:30,929
to Las Vegas for the saikhan although I

1283

00:55:29,340 --> 00:55:33,180
hear there's a lot of smoke and fires

1284
00:55:30,929 --> 00:55:35,009
around the Bay Area at the moment so I

1285
00:55:33,179 --> 00:55:37,230
hope that the situation improves for

1286
00:55:35,010 --> 00:55:39,840
everyone's sake but until then this is

1287
00:55:37,230 --> 00:55:42,289
Richard Saunders signing off from Sydney

1288
00:55:39,840 --> 00:55:42,289
Australia

1289
00:55:43,880 --> 00:55:50,090
you've been listening to the skeptic

1290
00:55:46,409 --> 00:55:55,079
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00:55:50,090 --> 00:55:57,780
WWDC be with show notes contacts and to

1292
00:55:55,079 --> 00:56:01,529
access the bat catalog of episodes going

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00:55:57,780 --> 00:56:04,340
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00:56:15,210 --> 00:56:22,199

the show by downloading the voice byte

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00:56:17,789 --> 00:56:25,559

app at Voice bite comm and using the

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00:56:22,199 --> 00:56:28,279

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00:56:25,559 --> 00:56:30,659

podcast is an independent production

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00:56:28,280 --> 00:56:32,760

reviews and opinions expressed on the

1304

00:56:30,659 --> 00:56:35,129

skeptic zone are not necessarily those

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00:56:32,760 --> 00:56:36,920

of Australian skeptics or any other

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00:56:35,130 --> 00:56:43,389

sceptical organization

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00:56:36,920 --> 00:56:43,389

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