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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,089  
[Music]

2  
00:00:05,929 --> 00:00:13,919  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

3  
00:00:09,089 --> 00:00:16,850  
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:13,919 --> 00:00:22,519  
[Applause]

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00:00:16,850 --> 00:00:24,990  
[Music]

6  
00:00:22,519 --> 00:00:28,230  
yes it's the skipping zone podcast

7  
00:00:24,989 --> 00:00:31,649  
episode number 478 for the 17th of

8  
00:00:28,230 --> 00:00:34,409  
December 2017 Richardson is here with

9  
00:00:31,649 --> 00:00:38,460  
you from a very thundery Sydney

10  
00:00:34,409 --> 00:00:49,548  
Australia in fact I just recorded this a

11  
00:00:38,460 --> 00:00:52,109  
moment ago you ghost unit knee Australia

12  
00:00:49,548 --> 00:00:53,789  
coming up on this week's show well it's

13  
00:00:52,109 --> 00:00:56,189  
a slightly shorter version of the show

14  
00:00:53,789 --> 00:00:58,649  
this week Christmas time coming up all

15  
00:00:56,189 --> 00:01:00,329  
sorts of things happening but never fear

16  
00:00:58,649 --> 00:01:02,670  
we can always rely on girl may not to

17  
00:01:00,329 --> 00:01:04,319  
bring us some content her last week in

18  
00:01:02,670 --> 00:01:06,750  
fact we had Sydney skeptics in the pub

19  
00:01:04,319 --> 00:01:09,329  
with our special guest the documentary

20  
00:01:06,750 --> 00:01:11,280  
filmmaker Sam Hutchinson talking about

21  
00:01:09,329 --> 00:01:14,670  
his movie he's upcoming our project

22  
00:01:11,280 --> 00:01:17,909  
conspirator ality the interesting

23  
00:01:14,670 --> 00:01:20,490  
project indeed where he spends time with

24  
00:01:17,909 --> 00:01:23,280  
true believers in UFOs and monsters and

25  
00:01:20,489 --> 00:01:26,189  
things like that and gets their point of

26  
00:01:23,280 --> 00:01:31,620  
view we have a chat to various pub goers

27  
00:01:26,189 --> 00:01:33,539  
to get their impressions of Sam's talk

28  
00:01:31,620 --> 00:01:35,660  
some people thought he was are doing a

29

00:01:33,540 --> 00:01:38,850  
good thing some people didn't in fact

30  
00:01:35,659 --> 00:01:41,609  
may not also talks to Sam about his

31  
00:01:38,849 --> 00:01:43,769  
project links in the show notes also

32  
00:01:41,609 --> 00:01:45,659  
included in that is a grain of salt with

33  
00:01:43,769 --> 00:01:47,849  
a rancer give a mini grain of salt

34  
00:01:45,659 --> 00:01:49,980  
where ron gives his thoughts and

35  
00:01:47,849 --> 00:01:53,699  
opinions on the recent changing of the

36  
00:01:49,980 --> 00:01:56,100  
law here in australia to amend the

37  
00:01:53,700 --> 00:01:57,510  
Marriage Act marriage equality following

38  
00:01:56,099 --> 00:01:59,459  
that it's a story from the Australian

39  
00:01:57,510 --> 00:02:01,320  
skeptics website by Tim Mendham about

40  
00:01:59,459 --> 00:02:05,309  
the efforts being made by the

41  
00:02:01,319 --> 00:02:07,589  
anti-vaxxers to raise more money then to

42  
00:02:05,310 --> 00:02:13,560  
round off the show it's radio clip I did

43  
00:02:07,590 --> 00:02:15,269

just last week who more Thunder here in

44

00:02:13,560 --> 00:02:17,580

Sydney where I went into the studios of

45

00:02:15,269 --> 00:02:21,209

talking lifestyle that's the name of the

46

00:02:17,580 --> 00:02:23,130

radio station and I bent some spoons

47

00:02:21,209 --> 00:02:24,870

over the good old spoon bending on the

48

00:02:23,129 --> 00:02:25,969

radio anyway it was a lot of fun I'll

49

00:02:24,870 --> 00:02:28,700

play some of that a little bit

50

00:02:25,969 --> 00:02:30,169

later on to round off the show oh hello

51

00:02:28,699 --> 00:02:35,019

Lord the cats just jumped into the

52

00:02:30,169 --> 00:02:35,019

studio you want to look out the window I

53

00:02:40,870 --> 00:02:46,009

think she's quite interested in the rain

54

00:02:43,099 --> 00:02:47,359

coming down and the Thunder well oh

55

00:02:46,009 --> 00:02:49,909

there's bright sunshine there must be a

56

00:02:47,360 --> 00:02:53,420

rainbow somewhere but now it's time for

57

00:02:49,909 --> 00:02:56,840

me to run downstairs have some nice let

58  
00:02:53,419 --> 00:02:58,000  
me see some tuna chili tuna chili tuna

59  
00:02:56,840 --> 00:03:00,379  
on toast

60  
00:02:58,000 --> 00:03:02,300  
hello another bird it's all happening

61  
00:03:00,379 --> 00:03:05,199  
here while I do that I hope you enjoy

62  
00:03:02,300 --> 00:03:05,200  
the skeptic zone

63  
00:03:16,060 --> 00:03:23,520  
his main art spooky action at the

64  
00:03:21,009 --> 00:03:23,519  
distance

65  
00:03:23,840 --> 00:03:28,848  
welcome to skeptics in the pub the

66  
00:03:26,689 --> 00:03:30,530  
exciting time where all the skeptics get

67  
00:03:28,848 --> 00:03:32,269  
together and they get they just get a

68  
00:03:30,530 --> 00:03:33,979  
bit judgey just like an Adele album you

69  
00:03:32,270 --> 00:03:35,239  
know what I mean people it's gonna be

70  
00:03:33,979 --> 00:03:36,979  
like that tonight except we're gonna

71  
00:03:35,239 --> 00:03:38,620  
have some UFOs flying around they're

72  
00:03:36,979 --> 00:03:41,329  
gonna talk about some of cryptozoology

73  
00:03:38,620 --> 00:03:43,969  
I'm just gonna find out I'm gonna ask

74  
00:03:41,330 --> 00:03:45,890  
some questions about the West all 66

75  
00:03:43,969 --> 00:03:48,650  
masts your first sighting in Melbourne

76  
00:03:45,889 --> 00:03:50,479  
because I think the skeptics left it he

77  
00:03:48,650 --> 00:03:51,830  
ate some humble pie with that one eye

78  
00:03:50,479 --> 00:03:53,268  
it's what I feel will happen tonight

79  
00:03:51,830 --> 00:03:55,280  
because it'll be big it's a big night of

80  
00:03:53,269 --> 00:03:57,890  
UFOs it's a big night and cryptids look

81  
00:03:55,280 --> 00:03:59,180  
out actually since I'm sitting here you

82  
00:03:57,889 --> 00:04:01,309  
might be thinking what are some of your

83  
00:03:59,180 --> 00:04:03,290  
favorite UFO sightings maenad well one

84  
00:04:01,310 --> 00:04:05,840  
of the ones that I've been interested in

85  
00:04:03,289 --> 00:04:08,659  
lately was one that was that recently

86

00:04:05,840 --> 00:04:10,129  
mentioned by the guy from blink 182 when

87  
00:04:08,659 --> 00:04:12,348  
he was talking about his company he's

88  
00:04:10,129 --> 00:04:14,359  
formed to go into the space and stars

89  
00:04:12,348 --> 00:04:16,339  
beyond and that is the attack shaped

90  
00:04:14,360 --> 00:04:18,919  
object that persisted during daylight

91  
00:04:16,339 --> 00:04:20,388  
and seemed to go up and down and up and

92  
00:04:18,918 --> 00:04:22,339  
down some people say it's actually a

93  
00:04:20,389 --> 00:04:24,168  
photo of a plane taken from behind from

94  
00:04:22,339 --> 00:04:26,269  
a distance but other people insist that

95  
00:04:24,168 --> 00:04:28,038  
it is genuinely an anomalous object

96  
00:04:26,269 --> 00:04:31,159  
that's from 2005 just look up the

97  
00:04:28,038 --> 00:04:34,069  
tick-tack UFO the other one I like to

98  
00:04:31,160 --> 00:04:37,570  
point out is the Chicago Airport UFO

99  
00:04:34,069 --> 00:04:41,529  
which apparently a UFO hovers over a

100  
00:04:37,569 --> 00:04:43,969

departure gate at Chicago O'Hare Airport

101

00:04:41,529 --> 00:04:45,139

and it looked a bit like a doughnut for

102

00:04:43,970 --> 00:04:47,990

a period of time and then it shot

103

00:04:45,139 --> 00:04:51,500

straight up some people say it is

104

00:04:47,990 --> 00:04:53,180

behaving like a cloudbank inversion but

105

00:04:51,500 --> 00:04:54,410

no one's actually got a good photo of it

106

00:04:53,180 --> 00:04:55,579

so we don't know so that's another one

107

00:04:54,410 --> 00:04:58,310

to look up as far as your first

108

00:04:55,579 --> 00:05:01,009

sightings go I've mentioned the West all

109

00:04:58,310 --> 00:05:04,360

66 sighting already and the other one

110

00:05:01,009 --> 00:05:04,360

that I'd like to point out would be

111

00:05:04,728 --> 00:05:09,118

Rendlesham forest that's always a famous

112

00:05:07,048 --> 00:05:11,068

one there was actually some touching of

113

00:05:09,119 --> 00:05:11,549

the UFO and a bit of an ESP thing going

114

00:05:11,069 --> 00:05:13,289

on there

115  
00:05:11,548 --> 00:05:14,608  
how do you feel about these sightings

116  
00:05:13,288 --> 00:05:16,408  
which have you've got a favorite UFO

117  
00:05:14,608 --> 00:05:18,508  
sighting you'd like to mention yeah the

118  
00:05:16,408 --> 00:05:22,259  
one I want to see next next week

119  
00:05:18,509 --> 00:05:25,169  
hopefully I I did see ah you know when I

120  
00:05:22,259 --> 00:05:27,569  
was a kid I remember waking up one night

121  
00:05:25,168 --> 00:05:32,488  
looking at the window I think and of

122  
00:05:27,569 --> 00:05:36,269  
this bright light it was falling slowly

123  
00:05:32,488 --> 00:05:38,459  
to the ground and to this day I've not

124  
00:05:36,269 --> 00:05:40,709  
yet uncovered what it was it was like a

125  
00:05:38,459 --> 00:05:42,509  
flare but there was no aircraft in the

126  
00:05:40,709 --> 00:05:44,879  
sky so that was a bit strange I'd like

127  
00:05:42,509 --> 00:05:46,649  
to see that one again actually you know

128  
00:05:44,879 --> 00:05:49,709  
there are some people who say why do you

129  
00:05:46,649 --> 00:05:51,028  
skip big deny the phenomenon of UFOs and

130  
00:05:49,709 --> 00:05:53,309  
do you think that's a fair comment to

131  
00:05:51,028 --> 00:05:54,149  
say that skeptics deny the phenomenon of

132  
00:05:53,309 --> 00:05:56,729  
UFOs

133  
00:05:54,149 --> 00:06:00,178  
well what skeptics I've never denied it

134  
00:05:56,728 --> 00:06:01,918  
I mean if you mean unidentified flying

135  
00:06:00,178 --> 00:06:03,558  
objects well of course you can't

136  
00:06:01,918 --> 00:06:06,389  
that's ridiculous of course there are

137  
00:06:03,559 --> 00:06:09,449  
unidentified flying objects and even if

138  
00:06:06,389 --> 00:06:12,509  
you stretch it and say alien spaceships

139  
00:06:09,449 --> 00:06:14,129  
so we don't deny them that's not it's

140  
00:06:12,509 --> 00:06:16,949  
not the right way to look at the court

141  
00:06:14,129 --> 00:06:19,139  
the problem or the question is that we

142  
00:06:16,949 --> 00:06:21,239  
don't accept them without credible

143

00:06:19,139 --> 00:06:23,280  
evidence that's different to denying

144  
00:06:21,238 --> 00:06:28,109  
them

145  
00:06:23,279 --> 00:06:30,509  
I ran Segovia he was a member of the

146  
00:06:28,110 --> 00:06:32,400  
shadowy elite and are you for one we're

147  
00:06:30,509 --> 00:06:35,009  
very pleased that the capital of the

148  
00:06:32,399 --> 00:06:39,569  
reduce one's been recognized our you

149  
00:06:35,009 --> 00:06:40,980  
happy about that I have you instrumental

150  
00:06:39,569 --> 00:06:42,659  
in having it moved I believe you made

151  
00:06:40,980 --> 00:06:48,060  
the call to trump and said mate Tel Aviv

152  
00:06:42,660 --> 00:06:50,550  
out Jerusalem anywhere job as a member

153  
00:06:48,060 --> 00:06:55,050  
of the shadowy elite I think Trump is a

154  
00:06:50,550 --> 00:06:57,660  
moron and I can I can I quote no

155  
00:06:55,050 --> 00:07:00,689  
allegiance from Facebook certainly can

156  
00:06:57,660 --> 00:07:02,550  
no is a guy who is very when it comes to

157  
00:07:00,689 --> 00:07:05,370

like you know Trump and foreign policy I

158

00:07:02,550 --> 00:07:07,199

think know is probably on the money no

159

00:07:05,370 --> 00:07:08,910

illusion said if the rationale behind

160

00:07:07,199 --> 00:07:10,860

recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's

161

00:07:08,910 --> 00:07:13,200

capital was to provoke Muslim terrorism

162

00:07:10,860 --> 00:07:15,300

and thus sell the travel ban and other

163

00:07:13,199 --> 00:07:17,579

draconian anti-muslim policies that

164

00:07:15,300 --> 00:07:19,079

would surprise me only in the fact there

165

00:07:17,579 --> 00:07:23,099

was a rationale behind one of Tom's

166

00:07:19,079 --> 00:07:25,228

decisions nothing there's nothing more

167

00:07:23,100 --> 00:07:26,370

to add to the whole thing now what are

168

00:07:25,228 --> 00:07:28,560

you expecting here tonight at our

169

00:07:26,370 --> 00:07:32,040

skeptics at the pub look or something

170

00:07:28,560 --> 00:07:33,720

you have to say yes because about 20

171

00:07:32,040 --> 00:07:36,290

minutes ago the Parliament of Australia

172  
00:07:33,720 --> 00:07:40,890  
passed the marriage equality bill and

173  
00:07:36,290 --> 00:07:44,220  
this is something that has been a long

174  
00:07:40,889 --> 00:07:46,228  
time coming and I'm just I'm really

175  
00:07:44,220 --> 00:07:48,060  
emotional because I'm so happy about

176  
00:07:46,228 --> 00:07:49,620  
that you know and that trumps everything

177  
00:07:48,060 --> 00:07:51,959  
else sorry I've mentioned that word

178  
00:07:49,620 --> 00:07:53,610  
again it's more important than anything

179  
00:07:51,959 --> 00:07:56,839  
else that will happen today or probably

180  
00:07:53,610 --> 00:08:00,060  
in the next month it's just wonderful

181  
00:07:56,839 --> 00:08:01,889  
I'm a little bit underwhelmed because I

182  
00:08:00,060 --> 00:08:03,899  
thought they did it two weeks ago you

183  
00:08:01,889 --> 00:08:04,409  
see so I'm like what what I thought they

184  
00:08:03,899 --> 00:08:06,569  
did already

185  
00:08:04,410 --> 00:08:07,919  
that was the Senate DA was the House of

186  
00:08:06,569 --> 00:08:09,449  
Representatives see that's when I

187  
00:08:07,918 --> 00:08:11,728  
started celebrating I've been drunk

188  
00:08:09,449 --> 00:08:12,959  
since then so I can get drunk again is

189  
00:08:11,728 --> 00:08:14,159  
that what you're saying I'm saying

190  
00:08:12,959 --> 00:08:15,989  
you've probably been drunk for the past

191  
00:08:14,160 --> 00:08:18,540  
six years

192  
00:08:15,990 --> 00:08:20,069  
you know well that's great actually out

193  
00:08:18,540 --> 00:08:21,689  
the flow-on effect through all the other

194  
00:08:20,069 --> 00:08:22,949  
laws because you can get a lot of laws

195  
00:08:21,689 --> 00:08:24,449  
that now gonna have to be changed

196  
00:08:22,949 --> 00:08:25,709  
because of this all just amended in

197  
00:08:24,449 --> 00:08:27,569  
small ways it's going to be fairly

198  
00:08:25,709 --> 00:08:30,979  
massive as they're found in the Canadian

199  
00:08:27,569 --> 00:08:34,259  
Parliament I don't know I think so

200

00:08:30,980 --> 00:08:35,700  
because now marriage is between two

201  
00:08:34,259 --> 00:08:37,649  
people so you've actually got to change

202  
00:08:35,700 --> 00:08:40,110  
what marriage is in all your other

203  
00:08:37,649 --> 00:08:41,730  
legislation because I don't have to

204  
00:08:40,110 --> 00:08:43,919  
change it to two people knows the ending

205  
00:08:41,730 --> 00:08:46,710  
is that this does not affect any other

206  
00:08:43,919 --> 00:08:48,569  
law okay I were able to thought that you

207  
00:08:46,710 --> 00:08:50,040  
just have to change subtle wording it

208  
00:08:48,570 --> 00:08:51,180  
that's all cuz where it might have man

209  
00:08:50,039 --> 00:08:52,799  
the woman you wanted to change they

210  
00:08:51,179 --> 00:08:55,139  
haven't you see that the thing is the

211  
00:08:52,799 --> 00:08:57,689  
Marriage Act was only changed to between

212  
00:08:55,139 --> 00:08:59,789  
a man and a woman in 2004 they haven't

213  
00:08:57,690 --> 00:09:01,290  
had a lot of time to make all these

214  
00:08:59,789 --> 00:09:02,429

sweeping changes throughout other Lords

215

00:09:01,289 --> 00:09:04,500

this is not like something that we've

216

00:09:02,429 --> 00:09:05,129

had for a hundred and ten years this is

217

00:09:04,500 --> 00:09:08,009

new

218

00:09:05,129 --> 00:09:09,720

that changes read to me so oh we've done

219

00:09:08,009 --> 00:09:13,679

now is we've back to where we were

220

00:09:09,720 --> 00:09:15,540

essentially in 2004 I my understanding

221

00:09:13,679 --> 00:09:17,939

from quite a lot of reading is that it's

222

00:09:15,539 --> 00:09:19,649

not going to affect any other law that's

223

00:09:17,940 --> 00:09:21,690

okay so it's basically the the Howard

224

00:09:19,649 --> 00:09:22,860

government's changing it in 2004 that

225

00:09:21,690 --> 00:09:23,730

caused the problem in the first place

226

00:09:22,860 --> 00:09:26,250

yes

227

00:09:23,730 --> 00:09:28,740

now one thing that is interesting is

228

00:09:26,250 --> 00:09:30,809

that because of all the because of all

229  
00:09:28,740 --> 00:09:34,529  
the religious objections to marriage

230  
00:09:30,809 --> 00:09:36,599  
equality that a lot of people a lot of

231  
00:09:34,529 --> 00:09:38,370  
the amendments that were raised were

232  
00:09:36,600 --> 00:09:41,970  
basically to protect people's right to

233  
00:09:38,370 --> 00:09:43,830  
be bigots these things are going to be

234  
00:09:41,970 --> 00:09:46,800  
reviewed by a commission established by

235  
00:09:43,830 --> 00:09:49,680  
Turnball headed by Phillip Roddick is

236  
00:09:46,799 --> 00:09:52,129  
actually the the Commission is actually

237  
00:09:49,679 --> 00:09:54,629  
or the panel is actually reasonably

238  
00:09:52,129 --> 00:09:55,769  
structured they believe they the head of

239  
00:09:54,629 --> 00:09:58,200  
the Human Rights Commissioner a

240  
00:09:55,769 --> 00:09:59,759  
commission is is on it and and if you

241  
00:09:58,200 --> 00:10:02,129  
are the people so I don't have a problem

242  
00:09:59,759 --> 00:10:05,730  
with a panel itself the thing is it's a

243  
00:10:02,129 --> 00:10:07,559  
panel on on religious freedoms and I do

244  
00:10:05,730 --> 00:10:10,050  
not believe that religious freedoms can

245  
00:10:07,559 --> 00:10:12,719  
be or freedom of religion cannot be

246  
00:10:10,049 --> 00:10:15,240  
discussed separately from freedom from

247  
00:10:12,720 --> 00:10:18,930  
religion it's one and one and the same

248  
00:10:15,240 --> 00:10:20,580  
and I've asked written to the prime

249  
00:10:18,929 --> 00:10:22,529  
minister into my local Member of

250  
00:10:20,580 --> 00:10:25,879  
Parliament asking them to ensure that

251  
00:10:22,529 --> 00:10:27,949  
that is discussed as well but received a

252  
00:10:25,879 --> 00:10:30,830  
this I wouldn't say it was the

253  
00:10:27,950 --> 00:10:32,720  
dismissive he was not answer it was a

254  
00:10:30,830 --> 00:10:34,190  
non answer yeah no an answer not from

255  
00:10:32,720 --> 00:10:36,259  
the prime minister but for my local

256  
00:10:34,190 --> 00:10:39,440  
member who is by the way against

257

00:10:36,259 --> 00:10:41,689  
marriage equality this would be

258  
00:10:39,440 --> 00:10:44,780  
interesting because because suddenly if

259  
00:10:41,690 --> 00:10:47,450  
you start to create a class of people

260  
00:10:44,779 --> 00:10:49,129  
who are religious that feel slighted

261  
00:10:47,450 --> 00:10:50,660  
against this diesel warmers create

262  
00:10:49,129 --> 00:10:53,029  
another group that can't be you know

263  
00:10:50,659 --> 00:10:54,949  
yeah but I feel slighted against all the

264  
00:10:53,029 --> 00:10:56,839  
time by all kinds of things that happen

265  
00:10:54,950 --> 00:10:58,310  
in Parliament there don't expect laws to

266  
00:10:56,840 --> 00:11:00,769  
be made especially to prevent me from

267  
00:10:58,309 --> 00:11:02,869  
being slighted people who want to be

268  
00:11:00,769 --> 00:11:04,129  
religious are perfectly capable of

269  
00:11:02,870 --> 00:11:06,769  
keeping their religion to themselves

270  
00:11:04,129 --> 00:11:09,110  
they're not entitled to impose it on

271  
00:11:06,769 --> 00:11:11,500

other people and their law of Australia

272

00:11:09,110 --> 00:11:14,600

now permits same-sex couples to marry

273

00:11:11,500 --> 00:11:16,940

thankfully and if you don't want to

274

00:11:14,600 --> 00:11:18,649

participate you don't have to but to

275

00:11:16,940 --> 00:11:19,790

discriminate against others is something

276

00:11:18,649 --> 00:11:26,870

that there's no is not allowed in

277

00:11:19,789 --> 00:11:28,219

Australia and that's a good just come

278

00:11:26,870 --> 00:11:30,500

into a shadowy corner here which is

279

00:11:28,220 --> 00:11:32,180

probably a great place to talk to Sam

280

00:11:30,500 --> 00:11:33,830

Hutchinson's at the kirkland race and

281

00:11:32,179 --> 00:11:35,659

look what's your experience as a TV

282

00:11:33,830 --> 00:11:36,920

producer recently well I mean what do

283

00:11:35,659 --> 00:11:38,719

you do the pay for the money to go out

284

00:11:36,919 --> 00:11:39,889

to the Blue Mountains so recently I

285

00:11:38,720 --> 00:11:41,570

finished doing a show for Discovery

286  
00:11:39,889 --> 00:11:42,139  
Channel dr. Carr's outrageous acts of

287  
00:11:41,570 --> 00:11:44,240  
science

288  
00:11:42,139 --> 00:11:46,250  
oh that was a great show really good and

289  
00:11:44,240 --> 00:11:47,960  
some really good finds from people we

290  
00:11:46,250 --> 00:11:50,450  
haven't seen on TV so the smart

291  
00:11:47,960 --> 00:11:52,820  
intelligent women on TV well done thank

292  
00:11:50,450 --> 00:11:54,200  
you yeah yeah well yeah there's some

293  
00:11:52,820 --> 00:11:55,700  
scientists I've never seen before on TV

294  
00:11:54,200 --> 00:11:57,200  
and there was trailing I was gay

295  
00:11:55,700 --> 00:11:58,490  
I it's just some English showed some

296  
00:11:57,200 --> 00:11:59,240  
footage hang on a minute that's an

297  
00:11:58,490 --> 00:12:01,190  
Australian accent

298  
00:11:59,240 --> 00:12:03,289  
yeah and Tony Martin good yeah it was

299  
00:12:01,190 --> 00:12:05,930  
probably the standout for me well yeah

300  
00:12:03,289 --> 00:12:08,209  
it wouldn't be too hard work oh yes and

301  
00:12:05,929 --> 00:12:09,709  
no some of the comedians were thrown off

302  
00:12:08,210 --> 00:12:12,610  
the meetings the scientists kind of gave

303  
00:12:09,710 --> 00:12:14,810  
him the run for the money oh really yeah

304  
00:12:12,610 --> 00:12:15,919  
well congratulations on that and I hope

305  
00:12:14,809 --> 00:12:16,639  
you get another season now that or

306  
00:12:15,919 --> 00:12:18,919  
something no thank you

307  
00:12:16,639 --> 00:12:20,929  
mmm and and also and also done some work

308  
00:12:18,919 --> 00:12:23,929  
than the ABC - yeah recently finished

309  
00:12:20,929 --> 00:12:25,819  
off a kids show with Justin Clark so

310  
00:12:23,929 --> 00:12:28,429  
it's a little bit different dr. Karl's

311  
00:12:25,820 --> 00:12:30,260  
yeah but as anyone within the Australian

312  
00:12:28,429 --> 00:12:31,849  
TV industry you've got to have range or

313  
00:12:30,259 --> 00:12:33,309  
else you're not gonna eat off your shop

314

00:12:31,850 --> 00:12:35,629  
you've gotta kind of diversify and

315  
00:12:33,309 --> 00:12:36,528  
Conspirator ality very interesting what

316  
00:12:35,629 --> 00:12:38,509  
you're working on right

317  
00:12:36,528 --> 00:12:40,129  
and what you're doing here in Australia

318  
00:12:38,509 --> 00:12:42,649  
is mirroring what's happening in the

319  
00:12:40,129 --> 00:12:44,829  
u.s. at the moment cuz the UFO scene and

320  
00:12:42,649 --> 00:12:47,658  
particularly MUFON scene in the u.s.

321  
00:12:44,828 --> 00:12:50,748  
spirituality is moving into the UFO seam

322  
00:12:47,658 --> 00:12:52,428  
there and causing quite a schism MUFON

323  
00:12:50,749 --> 00:12:54,319  
itself there's people who are leaving it

324  
00:12:52,428 --> 00:12:56,238  
in droves because it's gone on new agey

325  
00:12:54,318 --> 00:12:58,158  
instead of nuts and bolts in the sky

326  
00:12:56,239 --> 00:12:59,538  
kind of thing and this what you're

327  
00:12:58,158 --> 00:13:01,818  
looking at is kind of an Australian

328  
00:12:59,538 --> 00:13:04,068

version of that and I think it's very

329

00:13:01,818 --> 00:13:06,318

interesting there's books like refract

330

00:13:04,068 --> 00:13:08,178

reframing the debate about UFOs which

331

00:13:06,318 --> 00:13:10,009

talks about the very thing you're you're

332

00:13:08,178 --> 00:13:12,858

looking at here you just explain to the

333

00:13:10,009 --> 00:13:14,719

listener in a nutshell how you are

334

00:13:12,859 --> 00:13:16,969

combining the whole nuts and bolts UFO

335

00:13:14,719 --> 00:13:18,889

belief with the spirituality belief that

336

00:13:16,969 --> 00:13:20,299

some of the people you're meeting him so

337

00:13:18,889 --> 00:13:22,428

the guys I'm talking did they have the

338

00:13:20,298 --> 00:13:24,468

spiritual belief they're actually an

339

00:13:22,428 --> 00:13:27,168

offshoot of a u.s. organization called

340

00:13:24,469 --> 00:13:30,319

East SETI so they've just co-opted that

341

00:13:27,168 --> 00:13:31,759

name to form a city Australia I think

342

00:13:30,318 --> 00:13:34,238

it's a trend that's been happening for a

343  
00:13:31,759 --> 00:13:37,219  
while kind of this male-dominated

344  
00:13:34,239 --> 00:13:40,059  
nuts-and-bolts field as you know kind of

345  
00:13:37,219 --> 00:13:42,559  
alienating a few people and this New Age

346  
00:13:40,058 --> 00:13:43,728  
spiritual movement is kind of coming in

347  
00:13:42,558 --> 00:13:44,778  
because it's a little bit more positive

348  
00:13:43,729 --> 00:13:46,220  
if we're gonna be a little bit honest

349  
00:13:44,778 --> 00:13:47,989  
it's been confusing Duke who says

350  
00:13:46,220 --> 00:13:50,119  
there's the demand for evidence and the

351  
00:13:47,989 --> 00:13:51,798  
spiritual field doesn't require that as

352  
00:13:50,119 --> 00:13:53,269  
much that's that's correct so if you

353  
00:13:51,798 --> 00:13:55,158  
don't have evidence just knowledge

354  
00:13:53,269 --> 00:13:57,859  
becomes the capital that you trade off

355  
00:13:55,158 --> 00:13:59,838  
to you know basically I don't want to

356  
00:13:57,859 --> 00:14:01,399  
say create your own evidence but it's

357  
00:13:59,839 --> 00:14:03,379  
something that gives you power within

358  
00:14:01,399 --> 00:14:05,089  
that field and I know it's one of the

359  
00:14:03,379 --> 00:14:07,099  
great techniques you use is you would

360  
00:14:05,089 --> 00:14:09,169  
say oh well skeptics could say that this

361  
00:14:07,099 --> 00:14:10,759  
is just not quite right can you do that

362  
00:14:09,168 --> 00:14:12,168  
question twice in a row because if they

363  
00:14:10,759 --> 00:14:14,599  
do an explanation and you go well then a

364  
00:14:12,168 --> 00:14:16,338  
skeptic might say does the the skeptics

365  
00:14:14,599 --> 00:14:17,989  
aids question work twice in a row with

366  
00:14:16,339 --> 00:14:20,059  
these people it does actually

367  
00:14:17,989 --> 00:14:21,528  
oh really yeah basically just inhabit

368  
00:14:20,058 --> 00:14:24,548  
the form of a skeptic and you ask

369  
00:14:21,528 --> 00:14:27,259  
questions through that mind mouthpiece

370  
00:14:24,548 --> 00:14:28,608  
it's something I don't like to do but

371

00:14:27,259 --> 00:14:30,829  
it's something that I like to do when I

372  
00:14:28,609 --> 00:14:32,400  
don't want to ask questions that gets

373  
00:14:30,828 --> 00:14:34,349  
him off side

374  
00:14:32,399 --> 00:14:36,209  
also there's been people here that have

375  
00:14:34,350 --> 00:14:38,399  
been taking of the opinion that you

376  
00:14:36,210 --> 00:14:40,920  
should be challenging them in that the

377  
00:14:38,399 --> 00:14:43,319  
documentary makers should be challenging

378  
00:14:40,919 --> 00:14:45,389  
these thoughts and ideas that they have

379  
00:14:43,320 --> 00:14:48,210  
in some way to bring them back to

380  
00:14:45,389 --> 00:14:50,370  
reality where I'm not with that I'm with

381  
00:14:48,210 --> 00:14:52,740  
the more like you're documenting you're

382  
00:14:50,370 --> 00:14:54,629  
showing their world they may be

383  
00:14:52,740 --> 00:14:56,820  
internally consistent they may not be

384  
00:14:54,629 --> 00:14:58,830  
but that's your job to show that yeah I

385  
00:14:56,820 --> 00:15:00,450

would actually completely agree with

386

00:14:58,830 --> 00:15:03,360

that it's not my job as a filmmaker to

387

00:15:00,450 --> 00:15:05,759

get my point of view across I think it's

388

00:15:03,360 --> 00:15:08,159

just about honestly capturing their

389

00:15:05,759 --> 00:15:10,049

interpretation of reality it may or may

390

00:15:08,159 --> 00:15:12,059

not be different from mine but it's not

391

00:15:10,049 --> 00:15:13,859

my place to say and do you think there's

392

00:15:12,059 --> 00:15:15,509

a problem sometimes that you could wear

393

00:15:13,860 --> 00:15:17,639

a bit that's slipping into exploitation

394

00:15:15,509 --> 00:15:19,409

of them as well sometimes that's the

395

00:15:17,639 --> 00:15:21,419

that's the line so it's writing the line

396

00:15:19,409 --> 00:15:23,819

between having fun and making fun altima

397

00:15:21,419 --> 00:15:26,399

Lee it's very easy to take these people

398

00:15:23,820 --> 00:15:28,589

out of context yeah to ridicule them to

399

00:15:26,399 --> 00:15:29,699

make them the butt of the joke but if

400  
00:15:28,589 --> 00:15:31,260  
they say something that's a bit out

401  
00:15:29,700 --> 00:15:34,410  
there and a bit ridiculous they said it

402  
00:15:31,259 --> 00:15:36,059  
don't take it out of context I often

403  
00:15:34,409 --> 00:15:39,259  
find they come from a place of sincerity

404  
00:15:36,059 --> 00:15:40,409  
and you kind of want to embrace their

405  
00:15:39,259 --> 00:15:43,500  
sincereness

406  
00:15:40,409 --> 00:15:44,699  
and just use that to tell the story is

407  
00:15:43,500 --> 00:15:46,350  
there a point where you'd have to sort

408  
00:15:44,700 --> 00:15:47,820  
of draw a line if there was someone you

409  
00:15:46,350 --> 00:15:50,269  
were talking to and you thought gee

410  
00:15:47,820 --> 00:15:52,410  
there is really something seriously of a

411  
00:15:50,269 --> 00:15:54,149  
psychological issue going on here where

412  
00:15:52,409 --> 00:15:55,919  
you may feel you have to do something

413  
00:15:54,149 --> 00:15:57,809  
does that ever happen do you think that

414  
00:15:55,919 --> 00:16:00,479  
might happen I haven't come across that

415  
00:15:57,809 --> 00:16:02,669  
yet but I look forward to the day when

416  
00:16:00,480 --> 00:16:03,450  
that does come because then that you

417  
00:16:02,669 --> 00:16:05,338  
know I learn something new about myself

418  
00:16:03,450 --> 00:16:08,160  
and I believe you're a follower of Nisha

419  
00:16:05,339 --> 00:16:10,110  
by the sound of it I'm not overly okay

420  
00:16:08,159 --> 00:16:12,028  
because you're a bit of nihilist oh yeah

421  
00:16:10,110 --> 00:16:13,259  
this is my more existential nihilism

422  
00:16:12,028 --> 00:16:16,259  
everything is pointless that's I think

423  
00:16:13,259 --> 00:16:18,389  
that's why I don't frame what I'm doing

424  
00:16:16,259 --> 00:16:20,730  
in any sort of you know lens just let it

425  
00:16:18,389 --> 00:16:22,139  
be what it is and so you said you had a

426  
00:16:20,730 --> 00:16:24,659  
Christian upbringing and then you went

427  
00:16:22,139 --> 00:16:26,789  
to angry atheist so where are you at the

428

00:16:24,659 --> 00:16:28,708  
moment a agnostic atheist or a guy who

429  
00:16:26,789 --> 00:16:30,899  
just read chapter four of Dawkins hasn't

430  
00:16:28,708 --> 00:16:32,489  
look at so if we look at it as a

431  
00:16:30,899 --> 00:16:34,409  
spectrum and we've got I don't know

432  
00:16:32,490 --> 00:16:36,870  
maybe complete believer one end complete

433  
00:16:34,409 --> 00:16:39,360  
skeptic at the other agnostic in the

434  
00:16:36,870 --> 00:16:40,350  
middle somewhere between agnostic and

435  
00:16:39,360 --> 00:16:42,899  
scale

436  
00:16:40,350 --> 00:16:44,100  
and want to engage with you online and

437  
00:16:42,899 --> 00:16:46,528  
people listening can find out more about

438  
00:16:44,100 --> 00:16:48,149  
conspira-con spiritualities have I've

439  
00:16:46,528 --> 00:16:49,860  
got my saying that correctly that's in

440  
00:16:48,149 --> 00:16:51,239  
spirituality and you've got he got the

441  
00:16:49,860 --> 00:16:51,778  
domain going on - but where can we find

442  
00:16:51,239 --> 00:16:54,839

it

443

00:16:51,778 --> 00:16:56,578  
so best place to look is must go faster

444

00:16:54,839 --> 00:16:58,019  
on Facebook so it's a little film

445

00:16:56,578 --> 00:16:59,308  
collective of them apart off that's

446

00:16:58,019 --> 00:17:01,019  
where we get our documentaries out we

447

00:16:59,308 --> 00:17:03,178  
also do a stack and on also a stack of

448

00:17:01,019 --> 00:17:04,740  
fiction films that do festivals so check

449

00:17:03,178 --> 00:17:06,240  
us out on Facebook that's a must go

450

00:17:04,740 --> 00:17:08,519  
faster there are some people that

451

00:17:06,240 --> 00:17:10,679  
thinking up to me it's great that you're

452

00:17:08,519 --> 00:17:12,298  
documenting Outsiders I think that is

453

00:17:10,679 --> 00:17:13,140  
really good I think there a story that

454

00:17:12,298 --> 00:17:15,480  
needs to be told

455

00:17:13,140 --> 00:17:16,350  
but not gonna agrees with that do that

456

00:17:15,480 --> 00:17:18,058  
it's like why are you giving these

457  
00:17:16,349 --> 00:17:19,500  
people the time of day don't they and

458  
00:17:18,058 --> 00:17:21,568  
how do you answer that when they go and

459  
00:17:19,500 --> 00:17:23,220  
you go well because I know why you're

460  
00:17:21,568 --> 00:17:24,720  
doing it we just say to those people

461  
00:17:23,220 --> 00:17:28,169  
what kind of what makes you better than

462  
00:17:24,720 --> 00:17:30,169  
them that's a great answer that's great

463  
00:17:28,169 --> 00:17:32,880  
thank you very much no worries thank you

464  
00:17:30,169 --> 00:17:35,610  
now we're beam up watching the talk here

465  
00:17:32,880 --> 00:17:37,380  
tonight and and and you - you seem to

466  
00:17:35,609 --> 00:17:39,178  
have a bit of an issue with the role the

467  
00:17:37,380 --> 00:17:40,919  
interviewer should take in such a

468  
00:17:39,179 --> 00:17:44,700  
documentary what we what you're getting

469  
00:17:40,919 --> 00:17:45,929  
at there sorry there's a microphone

470  
00:17:44,700 --> 00:17:48,919  
that's the only way we're gonna hear

471  
00:17:45,929 --> 00:17:51,870  
it's interesting what he was saying I

472  
00:17:48,919 --> 00:17:53,429  
compared himself to lehrer thorough and

473  
00:17:51,869 --> 00:17:55,949  
who is a psychopath

474  
00:17:53,429 --> 00:17:59,130  
oh no sorry sociopath Louis Theroux is a

475  
00:17:55,950 --> 00:18:00,659  
sociopath he's a voyeur but I bet he can

476  
00:17:59,130 --> 00:18:02,159  
survive quite well in America where

477  
00:18:00,659 --> 00:18:04,230  
where everything's aggressive over there

478  
00:18:02,159 --> 00:18:06,960  
and and what Sam saber has done he

479  
00:18:04,230 --> 00:18:08,009  
participated in it and betters

480  
00:18:06,960 --> 00:18:09,690  
interesting some of the questions that

481  
00:18:08,009 --> 00:18:11,069  
will sit out words that he understood

482  
00:18:09,690 --> 00:18:13,528  
that some of these people didn't have

483  
00:18:11,069 --> 00:18:15,178  
issues so it's a bit as a very good

484  
00:18:13,528 --> 00:18:17,220  
thing he's a very good documentary went

485

00:18:15,179 --> 00:18:19,860  
out when I'll say it but I mean like

486  
00:18:17,220 --> 00:18:24,509  
these people needed

487  
00:18:19,859 --> 00:18:27,329  
support and and some of them did have

488  
00:18:24,509 --> 00:18:29,278  
charisma and so do you think in some

489  
00:18:27,329 --> 00:18:30,808  
ways he's doing some harm by not

490  
00:18:29,278 --> 00:18:32,609  
pointing out to them at the time there's

491  
00:18:30,808 --> 00:18:35,668  
something wrong I don't think he's doing

492  
00:18:32,609 --> 00:18:37,709  
any harm at all I'll be interesting

493  
00:18:35,669 --> 00:18:39,390  
seeing what he has to be if he's

494  
00:18:37,710 --> 00:18:39,960  
documented his publicize I would love to

495  
00:18:39,390 --> 00:18:41,759  
see it

496  
00:18:39,960 --> 00:18:45,120  
and what did you make of his documentary

497  
00:18:41,759 --> 00:18:48,028  
style I actually disagree I think he's

498  
00:18:45,119 --> 00:18:52,319  
doing some harm if he's showing support

499  
00:18:48,028 --> 00:18:56,548

but not providing some logical alternate

500

00:18:52,319 --> 00:18:58,439

reasoning objections to what these

501

00:18:56,548 --> 00:19:00,569

people are presenting I mean he won't be

502

00:18:58,440 --> 00:19:02,460

able to get into their world unless he

503

00:19:00,569 --> 00:19:05,730

actually plays along and he's playing

504

00:19:02,460 --> 00:19:07,350

along and that just feeds into it as one

505

00:19:05,730 --> 00:19:10,288

of our other speakers tonight said it

506

00:19:07,349 --> 00:19:12,599

creates a feedback loop on his his

507

00:19:10,288 --> 00:19:16,230

documentary style and that isn't

508

00:19:12,599 --> 00:19:18,658

necessarily going to support the people

509

00:19:16,230 --> 00:19:20,220

he's presenting and it's also not

510

00:19:18,659 --> 00:19:22,620

actually going to support any kind of

511

00:19:20,220 --> 00:19:25,169

skeptics rational view of what's really

512

00:19:22,619 --> 00:19:27,509

going on but if he does that he probably

513

00:19:25,169 --> 00:19:28,259

won't get as good a documentary because

514  
00:19:27,509 --> 00:19:32,579  
he's going to spend the whole time

515  
00:19:28,259 --> 00:19:34,319  
arguing with that agree but then again

516  
00:19:32,579 --> 00:19:35,759  
I don't think he's actually progressing

517  
00:19:34,319 --> 00:19:37,918  
anything and I think is actually helping

518  
00:19:35,759 --> 00:19:39,960  
out our understanding of what's going on

519  
00:19:37,919 --> 00:19:42,570  
and it's not helping those people that

520  
00:19:39,960 --> 00:19:44,278  
is actually making a documentary on so I

521  
00:19:42,569 --> 00:19:45,288  
see that there's no actual real value in

522  
00:19:44,278 --> 00:19:47,069  
what he's doing

523  
00:19:45,288 --> 00:19:49,288  
just come on the back here with Jessica

524  
00:19:47,069 --> 00:19:51,480  
and like I've been talking to people and

525  
00:19:49,288 --> 00:19:53,759  
we seem to be having two distinct

526  
00:19:51,480 --> 00:19:55,169  
opinions are from Sam's talk tonight

527  
00:19:53,759 --> 00:19:56,849  
this the people who think that he should

528  
00:19:55,169 --> 00:19:59,669  
be challenging these people that he's

529  
00:19:56,849 --> 00:20:02,579  
interviewing in order to offer them some

530  
00:19:59,669 --> 00:20:04,950  
help or a view into perceived consensus

531  
00:20:02,579 --> 00:20:06,898  
reality and the other view is that

532  
00:20:04,950 --> 00:20:08,370  
between his mine is that he's a he's

533  
00:20:06,898 --> 00:20:10,349  
just documenting what they do and it's

534  
00:20:08,369 --> 00:20:13,408  
not his role to challenge them now as

535  
00:20:10,349 --> 00:20:15,388  
the skeptics what do you think oh I

536  
00:20:13,409 --> 00:20:17,880  
think definitely as a documentary maker

537  
00:20:15,388 --> 00:20:20,699  
in a journalist his role is to document

538  
00:20:17,880 --> 00:20:24,330  
not to get involved and not to challenge

539  
00:20:20,700 --> 00:20:27,269  
and if you think there's a danger in

540  
00:20:24,329 --> 00:20:29,418  
enabling them by not saying anything to

541  
00:20:27,269 --> 00:20:29,419  
them

542

00:20:29,880 --> 00:20:36,280  
possibly maybe if there was it if there

543  
00:20:34,359 --> 00:20:38,439  
was a mental illness involved and there

544  
00:20:36,279 --> 00:20:41,589  
was a possibility of self-harm

545  
00:20:38,440 --> 00:20:44,710  
maybe it's journalistic ethics is

546  
00:20:41,589 --> 00:20:48,038  
actually not my not my area because I'm

547  
00:20:44,710 --> 00:20:50,740  
not not a journalist but I understand

548  
00:20:48,038 --> 00:20:53,529  
these are people who are in many ways

549  
00:20:50,740 --> 00:20:55,660  
outsiders and having a documentary about

550  
00:20:53,529 --> 00:20:57,759  
outsiders and the way they think I've

551  
00:20:55,660 --> 00:21:00,940  
not had a problem with yeah not a bad

552  
00:20:57,759 --> 00:21:04,960  
thing at all I think you know it helps

553  
00:21:00,940 --> 00:21:07,450  
in understanding them it helps in the

554  
00:21:04,960 --> 00:21:09,960  
understanding that they're human if

555  
00:21:07,450 --> 00:21:12,730  
you're we're all humans we're all flawed

556  
00:21:09,960 --> 00:21:14,919

we all have our problems maybe these

557

00:21:12,730 --> 00:21:17,259

maybe these problems maybe these people

558

00:21:14,919 --> 00:21:19,470

have more problems than other people who

559

00:21:17,259 --> 00:21:19,470

knows

560

00:21:23,529 --> 00:21:26,598

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561

00:21:30,549 --> 00:21:36,659

[Music]

562

00:21:34,039 --> 00:21:39,089

what does Christmas mean to you does it

563

00:21:36,660 --> 00:21:41,160

mean the big guy in the red suit does it

564

00:21:39,089 --> 00:21:47,639

mean get another crappy Christmas song

565

00:21:41,160 --> 00:21:49,980

like this one or does it mean getting

566

00:21:47,640 --> 00:21:51,780

along to a very bunga bunga Christmas

567

00:21:49,980 --> 00:21:53,970

that's right the happiest kingdom of

568

00:21:51,779 --> 00:21:57,599

them all will be at the mighty Howell

569

00:21:53,970 --> 00:21:59,819

Park Hotel at 7:30 on Tuesday the 19th

570

00:21:57,599 --> 00:22:01,469

of December where Tim Ferguson of the

571  
00:21:59,819 --> 00:22:03,329  
Doug Anthony all-stars of everything

572  
00:22:01,470 --> 00:22:05,519  
that's funny ever in the history of

573  
00:22:03,329 --> 00:22:08,279  
Australian comedy and myself will be on

574  
00:22:05,519 --> 00:22:10,920  
stage will be having a quiz will be

575  
00:22:08,279 --> 00:22:13,440  
mucking about will be labelling people

576  
00:22:10,920 --> 00:22:15,330  
and I can almost guarantee you that the

577  
00:22:13,440 --> 00:22:17,070  
show that is recorded on the night will

578  
00:22:15,329 --> 00:22:19,980  
only be half what we actually do find

579  
00:22:17,069 --> 00:22:22,619  
out what's so good about the other half

580  
00:22:19,980 --> 00:22:24,210  
maybe it's not well maybe a skeptic you

581  
00:22:22,619 --> 00:22:27,839  
should go along and find out it's your

582  
00:22:24,210 --> 00:22:29,039  
job to skeptically analyze comedy and to

583  
00:22:27,839 --> 00:22:31,500  
the point that it's not funny anymore

584  
00:22:29,039 --> 00:22:34,200  
that's a very bunga bunga Christmas

585  
00:22:31,500 --> 00:22:36,000  
Tuesday the 19th of December at the help

586  
00:22:34,200 --> 00:22:37,860  
her hotel in Sydney get along there

587  
00:22:36,000 --> 00:22:39,420  
tickets available online just go along

588  
00:22:37,859 --> 00:22:41,519  
and look for a very bunga bunga

589  
00:22:39,420 --> 00:22:44,340  
Christmas in the Google machine or go to

590  
00:22:41,519 --> 00:22:46,349  
Maynard com dodo you and there on the

591  
00:22:44,339 --> 00:22:47,789  
front page you'll see a post about it as

592  
00:22:46,349 --> 00:22:49,469  
well as all the other Christmas Post

593  
00:22:47,789 --> 00:22:51,029  
I've been doing a podcast today for you

594  
00:22:49,470 --> 00:22:53,190  
people you haven't even been listening

595  
00:22:51,029 --> 00:22:54,990  
you ungrateful but you will be grateful

596  
00:22:53,190 --> 00:22:57,600  
if you go along to a very bunga bunga

597  
00:22:54,990 --> 00:23:00,720  
Christmas and say inspiring things like

598  
00:22:57,599 --> 00:23:02,730  
you're tired or something like that ho

599

00:23:00,720 --> 00:23:06,130  
ho ho that's a very bunga bunga

600  
00:23:02,730 --> 00:23:23,249  
Christmas Maynard ponder a goob

601  
00:23:06,130 --> 00:23:23,249  
[Music]

602  
00:23:25,990 --> 00:23:32,038  
[Music]

603  
00:23:28,730 --> 00:23:35,339  
and evac sir Merrill Dory on the hunt

604  
00:23:32,038 --> 00:23:36,569  
for money money money and this story

605  
00:23:35,339 --> 00:23:39,269  
comes to us from the website of

606  
00:23:36,569 --> 00:23:42,178  
Australian skeptics skeptics kaamdar you

607  
00:23:39,269 --> 00:23:47,460  
published on the 29th of November by Tim

608  
00:23:42,179 --> 00:23:48,659  
Minton you too could make Merrill Dory's

609  
00:23:47,460 --> 00:23:51,629  
dream come true

610  
00:23:48,659 --> 00:23:53,990  
the anti-vaxxer and on-again-off-again

611  
00:23:51,628 --> 00:23:57,689  
head of the Australian M

612  
00:23:53,990 --> 00:24:02,220  
anti-vaccination skeptics Network a V s

613  
00:23:57,690 --> 00:24:06,179

n is trying to raise \$5,000 per month

614

00:24:02,220 --> 00:24:08,298

via patreon site to quote help make my

615

00:24:06,179 --> 00:24:11,788

dream of widespread vaccination

616

00:24:08,298 --> 00:24:14,278

education become a reality and nearly as

617

00:24:11,788 --> 00:24:16,589

important make non compulsory

618

00:24:14,278 --> 00:24:19,638

vaccination the anti-choice governments

619

00:24:16,589 --> 00:24:22,048

and farmers biggest nightmare n quote

620

00:24:19,638 --> 00:24:24,329

she says that when she reaches two

621

00:24:22,048 --> 00:24:27,960

thousand dollars per month from patreon

622

00:24:24,329 --> 00:24:30,898

she will start quote bi-weekly free

623

00:24:27,960 --> 00:24:32,519

webinars to keep everyone up to date on

624

00:24:30,898 --> 00:24:34,439

the most recent news and information

625

00:24:32,519 --> 00:24:36,740

from around the world regarding

626

00:24:34,440 --> 00:24:39,419

vaccinations and health rights in quote

627

00:24:36,740 --> 00:24:42,329

if she reaches five thousand dollars per

628  
00:24:39,419 --> 00:24:44,999  
month she will launch quote my first

629  
00:24:42,329 --> 00:24:47,849  
in-depth class free to the public

630  
00:24:44,999 --> 00:24:49,710  
unquote this class will she says provide

631  
00:24:47,849 --> 00:24:52,230  
parents and health professionals quote

632  
00:24:49,710 --> 00:24:54,899  
with a broad range of historical and

633  
00:24:52,230 --> 00:24:57,028  
up-to-date references and outlining some

634  
00:24:54,898 --> 00:25:00,058  
of the questions they need to be asking

635  
00:24:57,028 --> 00:25:02,669  
before they say yes or no to

636  
00:25:00,058 --> 00:25:04,470  
vaccinations main quote donors get

637  
00:25:02,669 --> 00:25:07,740  
nothing in return for their support

638  
00:25:04,470 --> 00:25:10,589  
apart from advanced notice of webinars

639  
00:25:07,740 --> 00:25:13,528  
and an invitation to join her private

640  
00:25:10,589 --> 00:25:15,418  
Facebook group Dory has raised money in

641  
00:25:13,528 --> 00:25:19,679  
the past which has not gone to the

642  
00:25:15,419 --> 00:25:21,720  
project described in 2016 the SAV n

643  
00:25:19,679 --> 00:25:23,330  
raised money for a high-court challenge

644  
00:25:21,720 --> 00:25:26,269  
to the no job no

645  
00:25:23,329 --> 00:25:28,399  
play legislation PSA VN was told some

646  
00:25:26,269 --> 00:25:31,960  
time after raising the money that the

647  
00:25:28,400 --> 00:25:35,690  
action was unlikely to succeed but the

648  
00:25:31,960 --> 00:25:38,000  
150,000 dollars plus raised has as of

649  
00:25:35,690 --> 00:25:41,269  
last notice not been returned to donors

650  
00:25:38,000 --> 00:25:45,410  
the SA VN reported that the total cost

651  
00:25:41,269 --> 00:25:47,240  
of the legal advice was 72 thousand five

652  
00:25:45,410 --> 00:25:50,570  
hundred and twenty-six dollars and 37

653  
00:25:47,240 --> 00:25:53,809  
cents leaving the organization with more

654  
00:25:50,569 --> 00:25:56,119  
than 70 thousand dollars this led the

655  
00:25:53,809 --> 00:25:58,429  
New South Wales government to institute

656

00:25:56,119 --> 00:26:01,519  
an investigation into the s avians

657  
00:25:58,430 --> 00:26:03,950  
fund raising activities in April of this

658  
00:26:01,519 --> 00:26:05,930  
year New South Wales innovation and

659  
00:26:03,950 --> 00:26:08,779  
better regulation Minister ordered

660  
00:26:05,930 --> 00:26:11,269  
another inquiry into the SA VN following

661  
00:26:08,779 --> 00:26:13,099  
complaints that it may have been seeking

662  
00:26:11,269 --> 00:26:16,329  
donations from the public illegally

663  
00:26:13,099 --> 00:26:19,609  
under the charitable fund raising Act

664  
00:26:16,329 --> 00:26:21,619  
1991 individuals or groups seeking

665  
00:26:19,609 --> 00:26:25,309  
donations from the public for charitable

666  
00:26:21,619 --> 00:26:26,869  
purposes may require an authority to

667  
00:26:25,309 --> 00:26:29,509  
raise funds the New South Wales

668  
00:26:26,869 --> 00:26:32,569  
Government Licensing Service had already

669  
00:26:29,509 --> 00:26:36,079  
removed the s avians charity licence in

670  
00:26:32,569 --> 00:26:39,309

2014 as of November 28 this year that

671

00:26:36,079 --> 00:26:39,309

inquiry is ongoing

672

00:26:41,200 --> 00:26:45,788

and that update comes to us from the

673

00:26:43,388 --> 00:26:47,759

website of Australian skeptics skeptics

674

00:26:45,788 --> 00:26:55,519

calm day you

675

00:26:47,759 --> 00:26:55,519

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676

00:26:59,809 --> 00:27:05,299

hi this is Heidi Robertson from the

677

00:27:03,359 --> 00:27:08,179

Northern Rivers vaccination supporters

678

00:27:05,299 --> 00:27:10,740

we are a group of concerned citizens

679

00:27:08,180 --> 00:27:13,380

dedicated to promoting good science and

680

00:27:10,740 --> 00:27:16,500

common sense in our region the far north

681

00:27:13,380 --> 00:27:18,060

coast of New South Wales this area are

682

00:27:16,500 --> 00:27:21,240

famous for its natural beauty and

683

00:27:18,059 --> 00:27:24,750

relaxed lifestyle also has the lowest

684

00:27:21,240 --> 00:27:27,029

rates of vaccination in Australia we are

685  
00:27:24,750 --> 00:27:29,369  
out to change that by challenging the

686  
00:27:27,029 --> 00:27:31,049  
myths and misinformation and by

687  
00:27:29,369 --> 00:27:34,379  
providing good evidence-based

688  
00:27:31,049 --> 00:27:36,210  
information to the community we'd love

689  
00:27:34,380 --> 00:27:39,840  
for you no matter where you are in the

690  
00:27:36,210 --> 00:27:47,610  
world to join our fight please visit our

691  
00:27:39,839 --> 00:27:50,699  
webpage at [wwlp.com](http://wwlp.com) we also have a link

692  
00:27:47,609 --> 00:27:54,569  
there to our Facebook page tweet us at

693  
00:27:50,700 --> 00:27:57,180  
in our FAQs supporters that's VIX and

694  
00:27:54,569 --> 00:27:59,819  
check us out on Wikipedia by searching

695  
00:27:57,180 --> 00:28:01,610  
for Northern Rivers vaccination

696  
00:27:59,819 --> 00:28:10,470  
supporters thank you

697  
00:28:01,609 --> 00:28:10,469  
[Music]

698  
00:28:15,739 --> 00:28:19,949  
because every Tuesday we have our man

699

00:28:18,358 --> 00:28:22,138

from the Australian skeptics Richard

700

00:28:19,949 --> 00:28:24,538

Saunders he's talked about uri geller he

701

00:28:22,138 --> 00:28:26,458

was the bloke who was causing sensations

702

00:28:24,538 --> 00:28:28,588

on the Don Lane show over those years

703

00:28:26,459 --> 00:28:30,568

when he go on there and spin spoons

704

00:28:28,588 --> 00:28:32,098

was the late 70s wasn't a try Israeli

705

00:28:30,568 --> 00:28:34,259

psychic I think he claimed that he'd

706

00:28:32,098 --> 00:28:36,148

been given this gift by visiting aliens

707

00:28:34,259 --> 00:28:38,068

and somehow was able to bend all the

708

00:28:36,148 --> 00:28:38,848

cutlery all around the world actually no

709

00:28:38,068 --> 00:28:40,378

matter where he went

710

00:28:38,848 --> 00:28:41,908

Richard joins us this morning good

711

00:28:40,378 --> 00:28:43,858

morning good morning now you're in the

712

00:28:41,909 --> 00:28:46,409

studio and you've brought CBS metal

713

00:28:43,858 --> 00:28:49,318  
spoons in here we've checked that

714  
00:28:46,409 --> 00:28:51,089  
they're metal at the mayor they media

715  
00:28:49,318 --> 00:28:52,499  
solid stand yes this solid there's

716  
00:28:51,088 --> 00:28:54,838  
nothing he doesn't have anything up his

717  
00:28:52,499 --> 00:28:57,149  
sleeve I'm gonna hand over got a couple

718  
00:28:54,838 --> 00:28:58,979  
of wrists up my sleeve keep them here I

719  
00:28:57,148 --> 00:29:04,498  
think who are listening I want to

720  
00:28:58,979 --> 00:29:05,969  
describe what happens here you're also

721  
00:29:04,499 --> 00:29:07,769  
filming this yeah so that you can have a

722  
00:29:05,969 --> 00:29:09,449  
look on their website there's nothing

723  
00:29:07,769 --> 00:29:12,838  
these spoons I'm watching them here yeah

724  
00:29:09,449 --> 00:29:15,629  
they're a new grab one to you now before

725  
00:29:12,838 --> 00:29:17,578  
we start spoon bending is great it's a

726  
00:29:15,628 --> 00:29:19,348  
wonderful trick but bear in mind your

727  
00:29:17,578 --> 00:29:21,808

eyes can be fooled and the great example

728

00:29:19,348 --> 00:29:23,548

of that is you take a an ordinary pen

729

00:29:21,808 --> 00:29:25,439

which I have here tap tap tap on the

730

00:29:23,548 --> 00:29:27,298

table it's system a cheapy pen you've

731

00:29:25,439 --> 00:29:28,679

done this trick before probably school

732

00:29:27,298 --> 00:29:30,598

kids do it you see how that looks like

733

00:29:28,679 --> 00:29:32,069

it's getting wobbly and bent it is

734

00:29:30,598 --> 00:29:33,598

bending you see that but they you know

735

00:29:32,068 --> 00:29:35,938

that's not the collusion by the way I'm

736

00:29:33,598 --> 00:29:39,208

waving the spoon yes you can get a

737

00:29:35,939 --> 00:29:40,769

similar effect with the saloon you have

738

00:29:39,209 --> 00:29:43,409

in your hand now look at that spoon yep

739

00:29:40,769 --> 00:29:45,269

bend it slightly for me just bend it

740

00:29:43,409 --> 00:29:46,919

slightly you see does it have any give

741

00:29:45,269 --> 00:29:49,259

or anything like that no I don't really

742  
00:29:46,919 --> 00:29:51,269  
know no all right so just tap it on your

743  
00:29:49,259 --> 00:29:54,509  
hand like that I'm doing that right now

744  
00:29:51,269 --> 00:29:55,858  
okay hold it by the neck yep you too

745  
00:29:54,509 --> 00:29:57,929  
every yep well holding it by the neck

746  
00:29:55,858 --> 00:29:59,848  
and just rub it here rub it with the

747  
00:29:57,929 --> 00:30:01,709  
neck and wiggle the bottom and you'll

748  
00:29:59,848 --> 00:30:03,418  
get the same optical illusion happening

749  
00:30:01,709 --> 00:30:06,778  
see how that looks like it's getting oh

750  
00:30:03,419 --> 00:30:09,899  
yeah weakly and bendy yep and just like

751  
00:30:06,778 --> 00:30:12,358  
the pen it's your eyes fooling your

752  
00:30:09,898 --> 00:30:13,708  
brain and it's such a strong effect that

753  
00:30:12,358 --> 00:30:15,269  
the more you do it you can really

754  
00:30:13,709 --> 00:30:17,759  
convince Pete yeah yeah it looks like

755  
00:30:15,269 --> 00:30:20,878  
it's doing it yo you're about to take it

756  
00:30:17,759 --> 00:30:22,099  
that it looks like it's been it does it

757  
00:30:20,878 --> 00:30:24,678  
looks like it yeah now

758  
00:30:22,099 --> 00:30:26,449  
what certain people in Israel would do

759  
00:30:24,679 --> 00:30:28,460  
many years ago say I don't know what's

760  
00:30:26,450 --> 00:30:30,769  
happening it's look it's getting rubbery

761  
00:30:28,460 --> 00:30:34,720  
and bending what's happening there look

762  
00:30:30,769 --> 00:30:37,940  
at that how are you doing that

763  
00:30:34,720 --> 00:30:39,380  
you've crap oh you've kept rubbing it

764  
00:30:37,940 --> 00:30:41,450  
there I should explain

765  
00:30:39,380 --> 00:30:42,799  
the spoon has just split and thanks any

766  
00:30:41,450 --> 00:30:44,450  
piece and take another one you've bent

767  
00:30:42,798 --> 00:30:45,829  
that yeah well there you go

768  
00:30:44,450 --> 00:30:47,720  
must be all true then I'd better pay

769  
00:30:45,829 --> 00:30:51,980  
myself the hundred thousand dollars yeah

770

00:30:47,720 --> 00:30:55,940  
this gift I did it very well I thought

771  
00:30:51,980 --> 00:30:58,429  
don't you just let's have a spoon here

772  
00:30:55,940 --> 00:31:00,860  
because now that was this menu Gabi

773  
00:30:58,429 --> 00:31:03,230  
there's another way to do it and into

774  
00:31:00,859 --> 00:31:04,579  
two pieces yeah I mean I go I go through

775  
00:31:03,230 --> 00:31:05,960  
a lot of spoons the other way to do it

776  
00:31:04,579 --> 00:31:08,149  
is simply hold it like this

777  
00:31:05,960 --> 00:31:11,360  
yes all right with your thumb layer and

778  
00:31:08,150 --> 00:31:12,890  
you start to rub it if you got one you

779  
00:31:11,359 --> 00:31:14,509  
could pick one pick one of you you start

780  
00:31:12,890 --> 00:31:16,309  
to gently rub there now you are you left

781  
00:31:14,509 --> 00:31:17,960  
the right handed right hand right hold

782  
00:31:16,308 --> 00:31:19,908  
it in your right right start to hold it

783  
00:31:17,960 --> 00:31:22,038  
in my right yeah and rub it like that on

784  
00:31:19,909 --> 00:31:24,380

brother with all sitting here by the way

785

00:31:22,038 --> 00:31:26,329

rubbing spoons this is great and can you

786

00:31:24,380 --> 00:31:28,460

explain what's happening now would your

787

00:31:26,329 --> 00:31:30,199

spoon your spoons looks like it's had a

788

00:31:28,460 --> 00:31:34,400

dose of Viagra because we handle is

789

00:31:30,200 --> 00:31:37,940

actually now isn't going out isn't going

790

00:31:34,400 --> 00:31:40,100

up what there we go look at that how did

791

00:31:37,940 --> 00:31:42,679

you do that I again I think I did it

792

00:31:40,099 --> 00:31:44,658

very well especially on radio but that's

793

00:31:42,679 --> 00:31:47,840

terrific else didn't Bend at all that

794

00:31:44,659 --> 00:31:49,549

now it would be wrong of me and I know

795

00:31:47,839 --> 00:31:51,168

everyone's dying to know how did you do

796

00:31:49,548 --> 00:31:53,329

that how did you do that to spill

797

00:31:51,169 --> 00:31:54,650

magicians secrets it's not that it's not

798

00:31:53,329 --> 00:31:57,949

a good thing to do it's unprofessional

799

00:31:54,650 --> 00:31:59,960

it's not very good but if I can come in

800

00:31:57,950 --> 00:32:01,700

here in the studio and bend and break a

801

00:31:59,960 --> 00:32:03,470

spoon for you and make one melt and bend

802

00:32:01,700 --> 00:32:05,390

over it's no stretch of the imagination

803

00:32:03,470 --> 00:32:07,159

to think the well anybody can really

804

00:32:05,390 --> 00:32:08,750

learn how to do then trick and do it so

805

00:32:07,159 --> 00:32:10,370

well that people are flabbergast so that

806

00:32:08,750 --> 00:32:11,480

is that is an amazing trick you've done

807

00:32:10,369 --> 00:32:20,509

you're going to tell us how you did it I

808

00:32:11,480 --> 00:32:23,480

maybe later business background yeah

809

00:32:20,509 --> 00:32:25,250

I've currently I do little part to do

810

00:32:23,480 --> 00:32:27,500

bit parts in fact I think I'm on home

811

00:32:25,250 --> 00:32:30,440

and away this week in am as a minor role

812

00:32:27,500 --> 00:32:32,390

really yeah and many years ago I was on

813  
00:32:30,440 --> 00:32:34,149  
the Seven Network in a show called the

814  
00:32:32,390 --> 00:32:35,739  
one the search for Australia

815  
00:32:34,148 --> 00:32:41,768  
greatest psychic or something where I

816  
00:32:35,739 --> 00:32:43,119  
was the sceptical judge of course you

817  
00:32:41,769 --> 00:32:46,388  
the guy in the corner going look I don't

818  
00:32:43,118 --> 00:32:49,838  
quite know this week I think I'm a

819  
00:32:46,388 --> 00:32:51,128  
minister so you get to do lots of

820  
00:32:49,838 --> 00:32:53,048  
different things when you do a little

821  
00:32:51,128 --> 00:32:54,488  
bit part act no we should explain the

822  
00:32:53,048 --> 00:32:56,888  
Australian skeptics we only got a minute

823  
00:32:54,489 --> 00:32:58,719  
to go but they were offering \$100,000

824  
00:32:56,888 --> 00:33:01,178  
for anyone who can prove that they do

825  
00:32:58,719 --> 00:33:03,699  
have a psychic if you were the lucky gal

826  
00:33:01,179 --> 00:33:05,379  
if you can actually bend spoons get in

827

00:33:03,699 --> 00:33:08,379  
touch with Richard and the Australian

828  
00:33:05,378 --> 00:33:10,628  
skeptics they'll set up a test to you to

829  
00:33:08,378 --> 00:33:13,118  
really determine whether or not that is

830  
00:33:10,628 --> 00:33:15,278  
correct a test completely done in

831  
00:33:13,118 --> 00:33:18,638  
cooperation with the person coming to us

832  
00:33:15,278 --> 00:33:20,318  
for the claim we work very hard to make

833  
00:33:18,638 --> 00:33:22,178  
people happy especially water diviners

834  
00:33:20,318 --> 00:33:25,028  
we've tested over the years and in the

835  
00:33:22,179 --> 00:33:28,679  
30 years plus of these tests in

836  
00:33:25,028 --> 00:33:28,679  
Australia nobody has ever come close

837  
00:33:30,269 --> 00:33:36,009  
the spoon is in two pieces

838  
00:33:32,979 --> 00:33:38,439  
and he's only used his finger on it end

839  
00:33:36,009 --> 00:33:39,699  
of one quite remarkable got me which is

840  
00:33:38,439 --> 00:33:43,229  
great to have you in this morning thank

841  
00:33:39,699 --> 00:33:43,229

you very much for doing thank you

842

00:33:44,859 --> 00:33:48,029

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843

00:34:04,299 --> 00:34:09,230

thank you for listening to the skeptic

844

00:34:06,589 --> 00:34:11,750

zone with the rain still there dripping

845

00:34:09,230 --> 00:34:13,880

down outside the window and more the cat

846

00:34:11,750 --> 00:34:16,840

in the window frame looking out at the

847

00:34:13,880 --> 00:34:20,420

world and there's another bird out there

848

00:34:16,840 --> 00:34:23,360

more thunder coming up on next week's

849

00:34:20,420 --> 00:34:26,090

show more from the recent Australian

850

00:34:23,360 --> 00:34:27,829

skeptics convention skeptic on with may

851

00:34:26,090 --> 00:34:30,800

not interviewing all sorts of people he

852

00:34:27,829 --> 00:34:32,900

did so much it's great because you get

853

00:34:30,800 --> 00:34:35,179

to enjoy his interviews over many weeks

854

00:34:32,900 --> 00:34:36,920

and again thank you to those people who

855

00:34:35,179 --> 00:34:38,750

contribute via PayPal or patreon I

856  
00:34:36,920 --> 00:34:40,490  
noticed patreon wanted to change their

857  
00:34:38,750 --> 00:34:45,230  
terms and conditions and methods of

858  
00:34:40,489 --> 00:34:46,879  
payments and percentages and all that

859  
00:34:45,230 --> 00:34:49,340  
sort of thing and there was a huge

860  
00:34:46,880 --> 00:34:51,619  
backlash and patreon wrote to all the

861  
00:34:49,340 --> 00:34:56,539  
producers and said whoops no we're not

862  
00:34:51,619 --> 00:34:58,460  
doing that after all so good and before

863  
00:34:56,539 --> 00:35:00,619  
I go because we've had a request I've

864  
00:34:58,460 --> 00:35:02,179  
had a request I'll do the dice game

865  
00:35:00,619 --> 00:35:03,500  
again for those of you who don't know

866  
00:35:02,179 --> 00:35:04,879  
every now and then every couple of

867  
00:35:03,500 --> 00:35:09,110  
months I'll roll a couple of dice here

868  
00:35:04,880 --> 00:35:13,150  
on the table and you get to predict what

869  
00:35:09,110 --> 00:35:15,970  
the number is I've got a 601 and a

870  
00:35:13,150 --> 00:35:18,619  
20-sided so we'll start with the six so

871  
00:35:15,969 --> 00:35:24,889  
here we go rolling the dice so predict

872  
00:35:18,619 --> 00:35:26,839  
predict predict four there we go lucky

873  
00:35:24,889 --> 00:35:29,539  
people who've got four and I'll roll the

874  
00:35:26,840 --> 00:35:37,160  
20-sided one now so predict number

875  
00:35:29,539 --> 00:35:38,659  
between from one to 2018 it sounds like

876  
00:35:37,159 --> 00:35:40,789  
the lotto numbers so if you got four and

877  
00:35:38,659 --> 00:35:42,889  
eighteen well done well done

878  
00:35:40,789 --> 00:35:44,929  
until next week this is Richard Saunders

879  
00:35:42,889 --> 00:35:49,359  
signing off from the Thunder and the

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00:35:44,929 --> 00:35:49,359  
birds and the cat's Sydney Australia

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