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00:00:05,960 --> 00:00:11,879
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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from Australia for science and reason

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yes it's the skeptics own podcast

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episode number 552 for the 19th of May

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2019 happy birthday Margaret you know

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who you are coming up on this week's

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show we're going to be interviewing Mick

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00:00:38,030 --> 00:00:44,929
West Mick west from Mehta Bank Mick West

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00:00:41,149 --> 00:00:47,539
the author where's here we are this book

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00:00:44,929 --> 00:00:50,149
I have escaping the rabbit hole how to

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00:00:47,539 --> 00:00:53,960
debunk conspiracy theories using facts

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00:00:50,149 --> 00:00:56,149
logic and respect what an interesting

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book it is I particularly enjoyed the

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00:00:56,149 --> 00:01:03,320
section on chemtrails those naughty

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00:00:59,920 --> 00:01:05,780
chemicals that naughty evil governments

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are disseminating throughout the world

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00:01:05,780 --> 00:01:11,540
trying to change the weather

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via jet airliners mick west also has a

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00:01:11,540 --> 00:01:16,340
new podcast which you can listen to when

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00:01:14,719 --> 00:01:18,140
you're not listening to the skeptics oh

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00:01:16,340 --> 00:01:20,420
and find out all about that at the top

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00:01:18,140 --> 00:01:23,409
of the show when I interview author Mick

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00:01:20,420 --> 00:01:27,228
West and then following that a

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00:01:23,409 --> 00:01:29,179
cautionary tale from many years ago from

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over thirty years ago in the early days

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00:01:29,179 --> 00:01:36,560
of the Australian skeptics when members

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00:01:31,879 --> 00:01:40,218
in Victoria decided to take on a psychic

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00:01:36,560 --> 00:01:43,969
surgeon to bust him to tumble him to

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00:01:40,218 --> 00:01:47,149
rumble him to expose him by going

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00:01:43,968 --> 00:01:51,259
undercover as it were with the full

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00:01:47,149 --> 00:01:54,459
knowledge of the police force did they

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00:01:51,259 --> 00:01:57,498
succeed what was the outcome an

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00:01:54,459 --> 00:02:00,259
interesting and unexpected twist in this

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00:01:57,498 --> 00:02:02,149
story coming up from the pages of the

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00:02:00,259 --> 00:02:04,399
skeptic magazine the journal from

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00:02:02,149 --> 00:02:06,289
Australian skeptics but now it's time

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00:02:04,399 --> 00:02:13,449
for me to run downstairs and have a nice

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00:02:06,289 --> 00:02:16,580
simple clean salad mmm with wasabi sauce

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00:02:13,449 --> 00:02:19,848
well what I do is I make a nice salad i

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00:02:16,580 --> 00:02:23,750
buy and I sell it to be honest and I mix

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00:02:19,848 --> 00:02:27,189

myself up some special dressing which

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00:02:23,750 --> 00:02:30,889

consists of a tin of tuna yeah well and

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00:02:27,189 --> 00:02:32,780

with a healthy dose of wasabi sauce

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00:02:30,889 --> 00:02:33,839

because I like wasabi sauce mix it all

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00:02:32,780 --> 00:02:35,789

together

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00:02:33,840 --> 00:02:38,009

munch that down while I do that I hope

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00:02:35,789 --> 00:03:01,030

you enjoy the skeptic zone

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00:03:01,030 --> 00:03:07,039

and joining me now on the line all the

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00:03:04,250 --> 00:03:10,219

way from Sacramento California it's the

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00:03:07,039 --> 00:03:12,799

author Mick West hello Mick no Richard

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00:03:10,219 --> 00:03:15,650

glad to be here nice to have you back on

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00:03:12,800 --> 00:03:17,930

the show again I think we spoke all the

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best part of a year ago when you are

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going to bring out the book which I have

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00:03:20,090 --> 00:03:24,200
in my hand escaping the rabbit hole how

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00:03:22,400 --> 00:03:27,560
to debunk conspiracy theories using

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00:03:24,199 --> 00:03:31,549
facts logic and respect how is that book

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00:03:27,560 --> 00:03:34,610
being received very well by the people

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00:03:31,550 --> 00:03:36,740
who are read it I think if you go by the

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00:03:34,610 --> 00:03:40,100
Amazon reviews which there's only about

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00:03:36,740 --> 00:03:42,260
15 or so I think there's one person who

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00:03:40,099 --> 00:03:45,530
really hated it because he thinks I'm

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00:03:42,259 --> 00:03:48,169
some kind of Illuminati she'll write

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00:03:45,530 --> 00:03:50,270
trying to try to brainwash people but

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00:03:48,169 --> 00:03:52,250
everybody else seems to like it quite a

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00:03:50,270 --> 00:03:55,040
lot and you know if it even had good

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00:03:52,250 --> 00:03:57,439
reactions from people who are conspiracy

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00:03:55,039 --> 00:03:59,389
theorists themselves and they read the

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00:03:57,439 --> 00:04:00,979
book and they you know they don't

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00:03:59,389 --> 00:04:04,609
obviously agree with everything in it

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00:04:00,979 --> 00:04:06,679
because I'm debunking things but you

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00:04:04,610 --> 00:04:08,630
know they like the general tone of it I

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00:04:06,680 --> 00:04:13,129
think and how long is that book being

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00:04:08,629 --> 00:04:14,599
out now oh it came out in September so I

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00:04:13,129 --> 00:04:18,230
guess that's about or seven or eight

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00:04:14,599 --> 00:04:19,909
months or so right okay okay yes it's

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00:04:18,230 --> 00:04:22,580
it's a great read folks if you want to

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00:04:19,910 --> 00:04:24,260
get your hands on a copy of escaping the

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00:04:22,579 --> 00:04:28,579
rabbit hole I'll certainly add a link in

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00:04:24,259 --> 00:04:30,259
this week's show notes and you've

84
00:04:28,579 --> 00:04:33,740
recently sort of come to my attention

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00:04:30,259 --> 00:04:36,649
because I in my travels was watching

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00:04:33,740 --> 00:04:38,660
some videos from conferences and one

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00:04:36,649 --> 00:04:40,310
talk that you gave was particularly

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00:04:38,660 --> 00:04:42,110
interesting and I'd like you to expand a

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00:04:40,310 --> 00:04:44,839
but upon this a little bit for our

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00:04:42,110 --> 00:04:47,810
audience talking about 9/11 truthers

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00:04:44,839 --> 00:04:50,228
that conspiracy in this situation and

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00:04:47,810 --> 00:04:52,189
you bring up the fascinating topic of

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00:04:50,228 --> 00:04:56,300
microspheres can you tell us all about

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00:04:52,189 --> 00:04:59,060
that yeah iron microspheres this is

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00:04:56,300 --> 00:05:02,060
something that the 9/11 truth community

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00:04:59,060 --> 00:05:04,250
has put forward as being conclusive

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00:05:02,060 --> 00:05:07,550
evidence that there was controlled

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00:05:04,250 --> 00:05:08,579
demolition on 9/11 and what iron

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00:05:07,550 --> 00:05:09,720
microspheres are

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00:05:08,579 --> 00:05:13,069

I think you know what they sound like

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00:05:09,720 --> 00:05:15,360

they're microscopic iron spheres and

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00:05:13,069 --> 00:05:17,610

they are things that get left behind

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00:05:15,360 --> 00:05:20,189

when iron gets really really hot gets

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00:05:17,610 --> 00:05:21,600

molten basically because it forms into

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00:05:20,189 --> 00:05:24,930

these little Spears just cause of the

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00:05:21,600 --> 00:05:27,600

surface tension and so if iron has been

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00:05:24,930 --> 00:05:30,800

melted for example if you are cutting

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some through some steel with a blowtorch

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it will make these iron microspheres but

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00:05:34,110 --> 00:05:39,840

the 9/11 truth community is kind of

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glommed onto this as being proof of what

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00:05:39,839 --> 00:05:44,669

they referred to as nano thermite which

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00:05:43,050 --> 00:05:47,009

is a super special type of thermite

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00:05:44,670 --> 00:05:49,020

which they say can cut through steel and

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00:05:47,009 --> 00:05:52,079
they think that these spheres are

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00:05:49,019 --> 00:05:55,109
absolute proof that this has happened is

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00:05:52,079 --> 00:05:58,469
nono thermite a thing is that does this

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00:05:55,110 --> 00:06:00,540
exist it is a thing but you don't really

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00:05:58,470 --> 00:06:01,800
hear about people actually using it

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00:06:00,540 --> 00:06:05,510
because it's kind of almost like a

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00:06:01,800 --> 00:06:08,189
theoretical thing you hear about people

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00:06:05,509 --> 00:06:11,899
doing computer modeling using nano

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00:06:08,189 --> 00:06:15,899
thermite with hypotheticals hypothetical

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00:06:11,899 --> 00:06:17,789
configurations of atoms but really it's

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00:06:15,899 --> 00:06:19,589
not a practical thing that people

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00:06:17,790 --> 00:06:23,250
actually use it's more of a theoretical

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00:06:19,589 --> 00:06:26,939
thing so they've been using these iron

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00:06:23,250 --> 00:06:29,850
microspheres to their mind as conclusive

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00:06:26,939 --> 00:06:32,370
evidence that something untoward

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00:06:29,850 --> 00:06:34,200
happened at the World Trade Center yeah

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00:06:32,370 --> 00:06:35,819
and in fact there's another as a group

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00:06:34,199 --> 00:06:38,599
of people called I think the lawyers

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Committee for 9/11 truth who recently

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00:06:38,600 --> 00:06:45,930
sued the FBI and this is a group of

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00:06:42,209 --> 00:06:47,879
proper lawyers and also Ed Asner is

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00:06:45,930 --> 00:06:51,689
involved for some reason I think he is

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00:06:47,879 --> 00:06:53,550
the the financier of a lot of this stuff

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00:06:51,689 --> 00:06:54,719
Edison is an American actor he's quite

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00:06:53,550 --> 00:06:57,509
famous in America I'm not sure he's

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00:06:54,720 --> 00:07:01,920
quite the famous in in Australia he was

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00:06:57,509 --> 00:07:04,019
on Mary Tyler yes yes I recall yes yeah

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00:07:01,920 --> 00:07:07,860
Mary Tyler Moore he was the grumpy old

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00:07:04,019 --> 00:07:11,370
guy anyway so they these lawyers have

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00:07:07,860 --> 00:07:14,040
sued the FBI and in the lawsuits they

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00:07:11,370 --> 00:07:16,290
specifically say the presence of iron

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00:07:14,040 --> 00:07:20,360
microspheres in the 911 World Trade

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00:07:16,290 --> 00:07:21,510
Center dust is can only be explained by

148
00:07:20,360 --> 00:07:23,910
now

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00:07:21,509 --> 00:07:26,430
thermite so they're putting this in an

150
00:07:23,910 --> 00:07:28,950
actual lawsuit that they've filed in the

151
00:07:26,430 --> 00:07:31,139
New York district courts against the FBI

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00:07:28,949 --> 00:07:33,629
as being absolute proof and really it

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00:07:31,139 --> 00:07:36,389
isn't and the reason I know it isn't is

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00:07:33,629 --> 00:07:38,360
that I myself have made iron

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00:07:36,389 --> 00:07:41,639
microspheres about 10 different ways

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00:07:38,360 --> 00:07:43,350
yeah yeah it's it's it's it's an

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00:07:41,639 --> 00:07:46,469

interesting thing you bring up on many

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levels I mean we you know you can

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demonstrate how these things can be made

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00:07:48,810 --> 00:07:52,800

in other ways but to get into the mind

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00:07:51,389 --> 00:07:56,069

of the people who would go to such

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00:07:52,800 --> 00:07:58,050

extraordinary lengths as to put together

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00:07:56,069 --> 00:08:00,750

a lawsuit mmm

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00:07:58,050 --> 00:08:03,300

and these people you would think would

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be normal respectable everyday people

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00:08:03,300 --> 00:08:09,930

yet they still have this mindset yeah

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yeah they are in fact just normal people

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I mean they're not normal everyday

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people because they are generally

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lawyers these people right absolutely

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doing this so you know you think they

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00:08:17,189 --> 00:08:21,629
would you know the lawyers they know

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00:08:19,410 --> 00:08:23,490
about the law they don't know very much

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00:08:21,629 --> 00:08:27,600
about physics and chemistry and iron

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00:08:23,490 --> 00:08:30,030
microspheres so they have been convinced

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00:08:27,600 --> 00:08:31,560
that there is this big conspiracy going

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00:08:30,029 --> 00:08:33,269
on and that the World Trade Center was

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00:08:31,560 --> 00:08:35,729
brought down by controlled demolition

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00:08:33,269 --> 00:08:38,309
and they get convinced just the same as

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00:08:35,729 --> 00:08:42,330
ordinary people done right it's just

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00:08:38,309 --> 00:08:44,939
regular Joe's get convinced by watching

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00:08:42,330 --> 00:08:48,150
videos essentially and listening to

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00:08:44,940 --> 00:08:50,550
people who are just presenting one side

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00:08:48,149 --> 00:08:52,049
of the argument like you've got this big

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00:08:50,549 --> 00:08:55,019
group architects and engineers for 9/11

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00:08:52,049 --> 00:08:58,379
truth and they put out a lot of videos

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that make the case that 9/11 was a

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00:08:58,379 --> 00:09:03,000
controlled demolition if all you do is

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00:09:00,539 --> 00:09:04,740
is watch these videos you'll be

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00:09:03,000 --> 00:09:06,870
convinced and that's what happens to

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00:09:04,740 --> 00:09:08,970
these people and then they think oh I'll

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00:09:06,870 --> 00:09:10,529
use my lawyer inabilities and try to do

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00:09:08,970 --> 00:09:13,379
something about it and try to make the

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00:09:10,529 --> 00:09:16,799
world a better place we're talking about

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00:09:13,379 --> 00:09:19,559
movies like loose change I think yeah

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00:09:16,799 --> 00:09:22,409
like loose changes as a classic example

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00:09:19,559 --> 00:09:24,269
of a movie there are lots of people

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00:09:22,409 --> 00:09:27,480
actually cite as being the first thing

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00:09:24,269 --> 00:09:30,509
they watched that got them into 9/11

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they talk about it as a red pill moment

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00:09:30,509 --> 00:09:36,360
at the moment that they discovered that

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there was something else going on their

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eyes were opened and red pill of course

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00:09:38,879 --> 00:09:44,460
is a reference to to the matrix him dude

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00:09:41,970 --> 00:09:46,529
when neo takes the red pill and in the

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00:09:44,460 --> 00:09:48,870
true reality it's revealed to him and

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00:09:46,529 --> 00:09:52,679
they feel the same way and you know in

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00:09:48,870 --> 00:09:54,810
the matrix neo is a messiah character

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00:09:52,679 --> 00:09:57,659
essentially he's the guy who's going to

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00:09:54,809 --> 00:10:01,169
save the world and some of these people

211
00:09:57,659 --> 00:10:02,699
a lot of the people I think feel that

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00:10:01,169 --> 00:10:04,949
that's what they are doing either

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00:10:02,700 --> 00:10:06,870
individually or as part of a group that

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00:10:04,950 --> 00:10:10,800

they are trying to save the world from

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00:10:06,870 --> 00:10:12,720

these evil conspiracists yeah they've

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00:10:10,799 --> 00:10:14,370

uncovered the truth their eyes have been

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open they know the inside knowledge

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00:10:14,370 --> 00:10:19,590

they're fighting for what's that's

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00:10:16,830 --> 00:10:20,759

what's right so it's wrong for some

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00:10:19,590 --> 00:10:23,490

skeptics to think that all these people

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00:10:20,759 --> 00:10:28,139

are raving lunatics or nutters or have

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00:10:23,490 --> 00:10:30,090

bad intentions I guess we can say being

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charitable about it a lot of them are

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simply misled yeah absolutely and I

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00:10:32,730 --> 00:10:37,950

think pretty much all the people who are

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00:10:35,909 --> 00:10:40,350

into things like 9/11 truth except for

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the very very small minority who have

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some kind of you know extreme mental

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00:10:42,029 --> 00:10:47,519
illness most so much as ordinary people

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00:10:44,610 --> 00:10:49,740
with ordinary cognitive biases that you

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00:10:47,519 --> 00:10:51,659
know you and I have to and it's just

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00:10:49,740 --> 00:10:53,519
they have been exposed to material

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00:10:51,659 --> 00:10:55,740
insert in such a way that it's kind of

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00:10:53,519 --> 00:10:58,710
triggered these biases and got them

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00:10:55,740 --> 00:10:59,940
stuck in this way of thinking but you

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00:10:58,710 --> 00:11:02,700
know if you talk to people who used to

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00:10:59,940 --> 00:11:04,500
be conspiracy theorists they'd come out

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00:11:02,700 --> 00:11:05,670
just being like normal people and there

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00:11:04,500 --> 00:11:08,190
were normal people going in

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00:11:05,669 --> 00:11:10,740
it's just now they've realized that they

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00:11:08,190 --> 00:11:13,410
were were being misled and actually have

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00:11:10,740 --> 00:11:15,509
a kind of inverse red pill reaction

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where they come out of it not exactly

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00:11:15,509 --> 00:11:20,399
taking the blue pill but taking almost

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00:11:17,399 --> 00:11:21,990
like another red pill which bumps them

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00:11:20,399 --> 00:11:24,269
up to the next level of the real real

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00:11:21,990 --> 00:11:26,190
reality where they they they're they're

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00:11:24,269 --> 00:11:28,529
now aware of these conspiracy theories

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00:11:26,190 --> 00:11:29,700
but they recognize them as being you

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00:11:28,529 --> 00:11:32,730
know essentially nonsense

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00:11:29,700 --> 00:11:35,160
so yeah about sadder and wiser at the

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00:11:32,730 --> 00:11:38,129
end of it it must be quite a process and

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00:11:35,159 --> 00:11:39,689
just as an aside the matrix a large

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00:11:38,129 --> 00:11:41,580
parts of it was shot right here in

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00:11:39,690 --> 00:11:43,730
Sydney and sometimes I take great

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00:11:41,580 --> 00:11:46,639
delight in taking guests downtown

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00:11:43,730 --> 00:11:48,859
to the very fountain where all the or a

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00:11:46,639 --> 00:11:50,720
lot of the action takes place the famous

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00:11:48,859 --> 00:11:52,489
fountain in the matrix and if you're

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00:11:50,720 --> 00:11:54,829
visiting Sydney that can be found in

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00:11:52,489 --> 00:11:57,739
Martin place now let's move on to

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00:11:54,828 --> 00:11:59,688
another topic which is an evergreen you

263
00:11:57,739 --> 00:12:03,259
know it's a it's an oldie but a goodie

264
00:11:59,688 --> 00:12:04,789
which is chemtrails and I know just now

265
00:12:03,259 --> 00:12:08,449
turning to your book you've got a whole

266
00:12:04,789 --> 00:12:11,048
section in the book about chemtrails and

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00:12:08,448 --> 00:12:13,308
again just for the benefit of everybody

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00:12:11,048 --> 00:12:17,119
chemtrails are basically the idea that

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00:12:13,308 --> 00:12:20,149
there are evil substances being ejected

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00:12:17,119 --> 00:12:22,160
from jet airliners yeah that's right the

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00:12:20,149 --> 00:12:25,220

idea is that the government is secretly

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spraying and the long white trails that

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00:12:25,220 --> 00:12:29,839

you see behind the planes are actually

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00:12:28,039 --> 00:12:32,629

some kind of secret spraying program and

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00:12:29,839 --> 00:12:35,419

the the most common theory is that the

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00:12:32,629 --> 00:12:38,778

secret spraying is to alter the climate

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00:12:35,418 --> 00:12:40,428

in some way to either protect from

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00:12:38,778 --> 00:12:43,668

global warming or to cause global

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00:12:40,428 --> 00:12:45,139

warming or just to yeah make the climate

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00:12:43,668 --> 00:12:46,338

better for Monsanto's plants or

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00:12:45,139 --> 00:12:48,318

something like that but that's that the

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00:12:46,339 --> 00:12:50,779

common theory is that the white trails

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00:12:48,318 --> 00:12:52,578

are some kind of climate altering

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00:12:50,778 --> 00:12:55,458

substance when in reality they're just

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00:12:52,578 --> 00:12:57,138

normal contrails yeah that's interesting

286
00:12:55,458 --> 00:12:58,849
because I was under the impression now

287
00:12:57,139 --> 00:13:03,068
for many years that the the major

288
00:12:58,850 --> 00:13:06,819
conspiracy was trying to alter the

289
00:13:03,068 --> 00:13:09,979
population by inserting microchips or

290
00:13:06,818 --> 00:13:11,509
chemicals that would alter your brain or

291
00:13:09,980 --> 00:13:14,449
thinking or something like that so

292
00:13:11,509 --> 00:13:16,249
you're saying that it's more people are

293
00:13:14,448 --> 00:13:18,469
saying that it's a justing the weather

294
00:13:16,249 --> 00:13:21,139
yeah I think you know you get that

295
00:13:18,470 --> 00:13:22,668
impression that it is some kind of

296
00:13:21,139 --> 00:13:23,839
poison or something crazy and

297
00:13:22,668 --> 00:13:25,698
mind-altering or something like that

298
00:13:23,839 --> 00:13:28,249
simply because that's the more

299
00:13:25,698 --> 00:13:30,948
entertaining theory so that's the one

300
00:13:28,249 --> 00:13:33,558
the media reports on and see right

301
00:13:30,948 --> 00:13:35,868
people like to talk about and the actual

302
00:13:33,558 --> 00:13:38,538
rather boring idea that they're trying

303
00:13:35,869 --> 00:13:40,819
to alter the weather is it's not so

304
00:13:38,538 --> 00:13:42,678
entertaining so yeah a lot of the times

305
00:13:40,818 --> 00:13:45,979
people get this misconception and then

306
00:13:42,678 --> 00:13:48,078
when debunkers the skeptics kind of wade

307
00:13:45,980 --> 00:13:50,119
into this topic they start off on the

308
00:13:48,078 --> 00:13:52,188
wrong foot and they say well it wouldn't

309
00:13:50,119 --> 00:13:54,769
be very effective to spray poison from

310
00:13:52,188 --> 00:13:56,719
30,000 feet when really that's not the

311
00:13:54,769 --> 00:13:57,879
actual theory that people are putting

312
00:13:56,720 --> 00:14:00,190
forward so that debunk

313
00:13:57,879 --> 00:14:02,259
the wrong thing so yeah you need to

314

00:14:00,190 --> 00:14:03,220
start off debunking the right thing if

315
00:14:02,259 --> 00:14:06,250
you're going to be a debugger of

316
00:14:03,220 --> 00:14:08,170
chemtrails it's a very very good point

317
00:14:06,250 --> 00:14:11,200
you make because there you know I have

318
00:14:08,169 --> 00:14:13,329
therefore somewhat being in error I'm

319
00:14:11,200 --> 00:14:15,430
thinking that was the major thinking

320
00:14:13,330 --> 00:14:18,790
behind the chemtrail conspiracies which

321
00:14:15,429 --> 00:14:21,309
was population control and when you

322
00:14:18,789 --> 00:14:23,889
think about it for a while I thought

323
00:14:21,309 --> 00:14:26,649
that we could control the weather to any

324
00:14:23,889 --> 00:14:28,090
great extent is well I guess it's still

325
00:14:26,649 --> 00:14:31,449
in the realms of Star Trek science

326
00:14:28,090 --> 00:14:32,950
fiction but I guess in in in an odd sort

327
00:14:31,450 --> 00:14:36,009
of way it makes more sense that people

328
00:14:32,950 --> 00:14:37,690

would latch onto that yeah well it's not

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00:14:36,009 --> 00:14:39,659

really changing the weather as such it's

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00:14:37,690 --> 00:14:42,520

actually changing the climate which is

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00:14:39,659 --> 00:14:44,439

the kind of the average of the weather

332

00:14:42,519 --> 00:14:46,779

the long-term weather so you know the

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00:14:44,440 --> 00:14:48,460

same way that carbon dioxide is changing

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00:14:46,779 --> 00:14:50,889

the climate they're suggesting that

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00:14:48,460 --> 00:14:53,680

they're essentially simulating a large

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00:14:50,889 --> 00:14:55,389

volcano and injecting a bunch of stuff

337

00:14:53,679 --> 00:14:57,250

in the into the stratosphere and this

338

00:14:55,389 --> 00:15:00,189

this is a you know so science of

339

00:14:57,250 --> 00:15:02,620

geoengineering is something that people

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00:15:00,190 --> 00:15:03,700

actually real scientists do look at and

341

00:15:02,620 --> 00:15:05,799

you know the thing that might actually

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00:15:03,700 --> 00:15:07,870

be done in the future if things get bad

343
00:15:05,799 --> 00:15:10,599
enough and the scientists right now

344
00:15:07,870 --> 00:15:13,120
doing experiments I think a bunch of

345
00:15:10,600 --> 00:15:14,769
scientists at Harvard they're about to

346
00:15:13,120 --> 00:15:16,360
do an experiment releasing like a few

347
00:15:14,769 --> 00:15:18,370
kilograms of stuff into the upper

348
00:15:16,360 --> 00:15:20,230
atmosphere to see what it's like they

349
00:15:18,370 --> 00:15:22,750
you know really that's that kind of a

350
00:15:20,230 --> 00:15:25,899
good debunking thing really because we

351
00:15:22,750 --> 00:15:28,990
are in the very very early stages of the

352
00:15:25,899 --> 00:15:30,459
science of geoengineering and yet this

353
00:15:28,990 --> 00:15:32,440
theory says it's been done for the last

354
00:15:30,460 --> 00:15:34,780
you know 20 years

355
00:15:32,440 --> 00:15:36,430
wait a minute yeah if no one actually

356
00:15:34,779 --> 00:15:38,199
knew how to do it and we're just

357
00:15:36,429 --> 00:15:39,399
figuring it out now it really doesn't

358
00:15:38,200 --> 00:15:42,070
make any sense that they would have

359
00:15:39,399 --> 00:15:45,159
started it 20 years ago absolutely

360
00:15:42,070 --> 00:15:48,910
now you discuss these topics and many

361
00:15:45,159 --> 00:15:50,949
more on a relatively new undertaking you

362
00:15:48,909 --> 00:15:53,079
have your own podcast please tell us

363
00:15:50,950 --> 00:15:53,680
about that yeah it's very new is any one

364
00:15:53,080 --> 00:15:55,960
week old

365
00:15:53,679 --> 00:15:58,149
it's called tales from the rabbit hole

366
00:15:55,960 --> 00:15:59,290
and it kind of grew out of the book

367
00:15:58,149 --> 00:16:01,209
you know if the books escaping the

368
00:15:59,289 --> 00:16:02,769
rabbit hole and kind of the backbone of

369
00:16:01,210 --> 00:16:05,590
the book is all these interviews I did

370
00:16:02,769 --> 00:16:07,210
with people who are conspiracy theorists

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00:16:05,590 --> 00:16:10,570
so it used to be conspiracy theorists

372
00:16:07,210 --> 00:16:11,139
and so I you know I thought that's one

373
00:16:10,570 --> 00:16:13,149
of the more interesting

374
00:16:11,139 --> 00:16:14,499
in parts of the book and it's actually

375
00:16:13,149 --> 00:16:15,909
reasonably straightforward to do you

376
00:16:14,499 --> 00:16:18,249
just you know find someone you interview

377
00:16:15,909 --> 00:16:21,249
them and have an interesting chat so I

378
00:16:18,249 --> 00:16:24,220
started a podcast and what I wanted to

379
00:16:21,249 --> 00:16:25,869
do really is to try to increase the

380
00:16:24,220 --> 00:16:28,600
amount of Understanding between the

381
00:16:25,869 --> 00:16:30,519
different cultures in conspiracy

382
00:16:28,600 --> 00:16:32,678
theories there's the skeptics on the one

383
00:16:30,519 --> 00:16:36,308
hand yeah skeptics and debunkers and

384
00:16:32,678 --> 00:16:37,688
then there are the believers and then

385
00:16:36,308 --> 00:16:39,938

there's a form of believers and there's

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00:16:37,688 --> 00:16:41,649

also people who whose family members

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00:16:39,938 --> 00:16:43,448

whose loved ones are conspiracy

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00:16:41,649 --> 00:16:44,739

theorists right so there's all these

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00:16:43,448 --> 00:16:46,958

different people whose lives have been

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00:16:44,739 --> 00:16:49,480

affected one way or another and there's

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00:16:46,958 --> 00:16:50,888

some very interesting stories coming out

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00:16:49,480 --> 00:16:53,499

of it

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00:16:50,889 --> 00:16:57,039

I've done three episodes so far and I've

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00:16:53,499 --> 00:16:58,629

got another one in the can and yeah some

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00:16:57,039 --> 00:17:01,418

interesting stuffs come out of it one of

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00:16:58,629 --> 00:17:04,588

the things that I found is that people

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00:17:01,418 --> 00:17:07,328

talk a lot about kind of peer pressure

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00:17:04,588 --> 00:17:10,448

by the social group that they get into

399

00:17:07,328 --> 00:17:12,490

with conspiracy theorists becomes kind

400
00:17:10,449 --> 00:17:16,028
of a very important part of their life

401
00:17:12,490 --> 00:17:17,500
and they don't like to give it up and so

402
00:17:16,028 --> 00:17:19,088
they're kind of pressured into believing

403
00:17:17,500 --> 00:17:21,638
these things even though they kind of

404
00:17:19,088 --> 00:17:23,648
skeptical about it and then if they push

405
00:17:21,638 --> 00:17:26,469
back they you know people get angry at

406
00:17:23,648 --> 00:17:29,048
them and then they they either back off

407
00:17:26,470 --> 00:17:30,970
or the end up leaving the group so this

408
00:17:29,048 --> 00:17:32,349
is very interesting group dynamic which

409
00:17:30,970 --> 00:17:34,210
I think people don't think about a lot

410
00:17:32,349 --> 00:17:36,788
when they're thinking about conspiracy

411
00:17:34,210 --> 00:17:40,179
theories I think this is common across

412
00:17:36,788 --> 00:17:41,829
many walks of life this the idea that

413
00:17:40,179 --> 00:17:43,630
you belong to a group of similar minded

414
00:17:41,829 --> 00:17:46,949
people when you push back against that

415
00:17:43,630 --> 00:17:49,480
you're going to get you're going to get

416
00:17:46,950 --> 00:17:51,038
some trouble from other members in the

417
00:17:49,480 --> 00:17:55,569
group and I think that happens across

418
00:17:51,038 --> 00:17:57,669
society yeah I think so and some of the

419
00:17:55,569 --> 00:17:59,439
stuff I was you're talking about with

420
00:17:57,669 --> 00:18:01,149
one of the guys Stephen my last

421
00:17:59,440 --> 00:18:03,429
interviewee he used to be very

422
00:18:01,148 --> 00:18:05,199
interested in crop circles which isn't

423
00:18:03,429 --> 00:18:08,559
really a conspiracy theory is kind of

424
00:18:05,200 --> 00:18:11,380
this kind of supernatural type thing but

425
00:18:08,558 --> 00:18:13,869
he got the same kind of pushback from

426
00:18:11,380 --> 00:18:16,299
other people when they found out that he

427
00:18:13,869 --> 00:18:17,788
had been talking to the people who had

428

00:18:16,298 --> 00:18:20,648
actually made crop circles

429
00:18:17,788 --> 00:18:22,028
there's a group of people whose yes sit

430
00:18:20,648 --> 00:18:24,308
around in the pubs in Britain and then

431
00:18:22,028 --> 00:18:24,999
go out at night and actually make crop

432
00:18:24,308 --> 00:18:28,239
circles and

433
00:18:24,999 --> 00:18:29,769
he chatted to a few of them but because

434
00:18:28,239 --> 00:18:31,808
the the group thought that this was

435
00:18:29,769 --> 00:18:34,358
discrediting the entire movement they

436
00:18:31,808 --> 00:18:36,068
they ostracized him after he they found

437
00:18:34,358 --> 00:18:39,338
out they talk to these people so this is

438
00:18:36,068 --> 00:18:43,178
very very very strict kind of one-sided

439
00:18:39,338 --> 00:18:46,598
insular nature too to a lot of beliefs

440
00:18:43,179 --> 00:18:48,219
like this yes and again we can see this

441
00:18:46,598 --> 00:18:51,308
across many walks of life I'm afraid

442
00:18:48,219 --> 00:18:54,159

this is somewhat entrenched part of

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00:18:51,308 --> 00:18:56,408

human behavior anyway folks you can find

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00:18:54,159 --> 00:18:58,119

out all about that and listen to lots of

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00:18:56,409 --> 00:19:00,129

very interesting interviews there three

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00:18:58,118 --> 00:19:01,328

episodes up so far as we record all of

447

00:19:00,128 --> 00:19:03,608

them very interesting I've been

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00:19:01,328 --> 00:19:05,229

listening to them today in fact I just

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00:19:03,608 --> 00:19:07,118

been listening to them today because

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00:19:05,229 --> 00:19:10,149

I've only recently discovered you have a

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00:19:07,118 --> 00:19:13,118

podcast I will link to all those in the

452

00:19:10,148 --> 00:19:16,418

show notes and I can only say good luck

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00:19:13,118 --> 00:19:18,158

to you or I be producing a podcast is a

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00:19:16,419 --> 00:19:20,079

lot of fun a lot of stress and a lot of

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00:19:18,159 --> 00:19:24,278

fun I think he'll enjoy it ultimately

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00:19:20,078 --> 00:19:26,798

and people can see you in fact in a only

457
00:19:24,278 --> 00:19:30,038
a couple of weeks time at in in San

458
00:19:26,798 --> 00:19:33,249
Francisco yeah that's about three weeks

459
00:19:30,038 --> 00:19:34,898
time I think in in San Francisco I'm

460
00:19:33,249 --> 00:19:37,598
going to be appearing at this sceptical

461
00:19:34,898 --> 00:19:42,638
conference and I'm going to be talking

462
00:19:37,598 --> 00:19:44,489
about conspiracy theorists and science

463
00:19:42,638 --> 00:19:47,228
communication how do you communicate

464
00:19:44,489 --> 00:19:50,709
science to believers in conspiracy

465
00:19:47,229 --> 00:19:52,778
theories it's very tricky topic so folks

466
00:19:50,709 --> 00:19:55,419
if you're in the Bay Area you don't need

467
00:19:52,778 --> 00:19:57,179
anymore excuses now get your tickets and

468
00:19:55,419 --> 00:20:00,459
we'll be linking this week's show notes

469
00:19:57,179 --> 00:20:02,319
but for now mick west in sacramento

470
00:20:00,459 --> 00:20:05,219
california thank you very much

471
00:20:02,318 --> 00:20:05,219
thank you very much

472
00:20:05,240 --> 00:20:15,680
[Music]

473
00:20:12,549 --> 00:20:16,879
i'm mick west in my podcast tells from

474
00:20:15,680 --> 00:20:18,259
the rabbit-hole i have extended

475
00:20:16,880 --> 00:20:20,630
conversations with people who've been

476
00:20:18,259 --> 00:20:21,650
involved in conspiracy culture i do this

477
00:20:20,630 --> 00:20:23,180
for a couple of reasons

478
00:20:21,650 --> 00:20:24,710
firstly because it's really interesting

479
00:20:23,180 --> 00:20:26,390
these people have great stories about

480
00:20:24,710 --> 00:20:28,190
how they fell down the conspiracy theory

481
00:20:26,390 --> 00:20:29,360
rabbit hole or they did down there and

482
00:20:28,190 --> 00:20:31,160
what it was that helped them out

483
00:20:29,359 --> 00:20:32,839
sometimes i also talked to people who

484
00:20:31,160 --> 00:20:34,340
investigate conspiracy theories and they

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00:20:32,839 --> 00:20:35,149
have equally fascinating stories from

486
00:20:34,339 --> 00:20:37,189
the other side

487
00:20:35,150 --> 00:20:38,720
secondly i want to understand how best

488
00:20:37,190 --> 00:20:40,250
to prevent the spread of conspiracy

489
00:20:38,720 --> 00:20:41,779
there is a misinformation which is an

490
00:20:40,250 --> 00:20:44,269
increasing problem in a time when

491
00:20:41,779 --> 00:20:45,500
alternative media is exploding the best

492
00:20:44,269 --> 00:20:47,809
way to do this is to communicate

493
00:20:45,500 --> 00:20:50,029
effectively with the people involved and

494
00:20:47,809 --> 00:20:53,179
the best way to do that with a nice long

495
00:20:50,029 --> 00:20:56,220
chat check it out tales from the rabbit

496
00:20:53,180 --> 00:21:08,990
hole TFT Rh calm

497
00:20:56,220 --> 00:21:11,940
[Music]

498
00:21:08,990 --> 00:21:16,048
this week we continue with our series of

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00:21:11,940 --> 00:21:18,269

articles items reports interviews from

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00:21:16,048 --> 00:21:20,398

the skeptic magazine the journal from

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00:21:18,269 --> 00:21:24,298

Australian skeptics this week we're

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00:21:20,398 --> 00:21:28,528

going to go back many years to 1985 to

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00:21:24,298 --> 00:21:31,259

volume number 5 issue number one and an

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00:21:28,528 --> 00:21:35,190

interesting story revolving sceptics

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00:21:31,259 --> 00:21:36,990

psychic surgery and a court case it

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could be said this is a cautionary tale

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when things don't turn out the way you

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00:21:39,778 --> 00:21:47,538

expect psychic surgery a fraud

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00:21:48,679 --> 00:21:54,870

mr. ramen Lopez legal counsel for

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00:21:52,019 --> 00:21:57,599

Filipino psychic surgeon large kacheng

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00:21:54,869 --> 00:22:00,268

and spiritualist Margaret Kingsland

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00:21:57,599 --> 00:22:03,240

stated that psychic surgery my

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00:22:00,269 --> 00:22:05,009

definition involves a fraud the

514
00:22:03,240 --> 00:22:07,380
statement came in a recent Victorian

515
00:22:05,009 --> 00:22:10,169
court case in which charges against

516
00:22:07,380 --> 00:22:13,289
catching and Kingsland of obtaining

517
00:22:10,169 --> 00:22:16,019
money by deception by pretending to

518
00:22:13,288 --> 00:22:19,048
perform psychic surgery were dismissed a

519
00:22:16,019 --> 00:22:21,690
charge against husband Colin Kingsland

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00:22:19,048 --> 00:22:25,200
of aiding and abetting was also

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00:22:21,690 --> 00:22:27,720
dismissed to committee members of the

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00:22:25,200 --> 00:22:31,919
Australian skeptics Janet the Silva and

523
00:22:27,720 --> 00:22:37,889
Joe Rubinstein volunteered for psychic

524
00:22:31,919 --> 00:22:40,679
surgery by catching in July 1984 both

525
00:22:37,888 --> 00:22:42,869
believed that psychic surgery is fake

526
00:22:40,679 --> 00:22:46,169
and that it is not possible to

527
00:22:42,869 --> 00:22:49,229
physically open up bodies with the bare

528
00:22:46,169 --> 00:22:51,630
hands extract allegedly diseased tissue

529
00:22:49,230 --> 00:22:55,409
then closed the body without surgical

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00:22:51,630 --> 00:22:58,139
procedures or anesthesia mr. Lopez said

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00:22:55,409 --> 00:23:01,230
the Silva and Rubenstein had not been

532
00:22:58,138 --> 00:23:04,138
deceived because they had expected to

533
00:23:01,230 --> 00:23:07,019
receive psychic surgery quote which by

534
00:23:04,138 --> 00:23:10,109
definition involves a fraud end quote

535
00:23:07,019 --> 00:23:13,640
lopez said they received what they asked

536
00:23:10,109 --> 00:23:16,199
for background to the

537
00:23:13,640 --> 00:23:18,960
since its inception the Australian

538
00:23:16,200 --> 00:23:22,019
skeptics have campaigned extensively on

539
00:23:18,960 --> 00:23:24,450
the issue of psychic surgery this is

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00:23:22,019 --> 00:23:26,910
because the claims of psychic surgery do

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00:23:24,450 --> 00:23:29,009
not stand up to scientific investigation

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00:23:26,910 --> 00:23:31,350
the techniques of psychic surgery

543
00:23:29,009 --> 00:23:34,079
involves sleight of hand and fakery and

544
00:23:31,349 --> 00:23:35,939
can be demonstrated by magicians more

545
00:23:34,079 --> 00:23:38,730
importantly the Australian skeptics see

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00:23:35,940 --> 00:23:40,830
psychic surgery as an issue of public

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00:23:38,730 --> 00:23:42,839
interest because people who have

548
00:23:40,829 --> 00:23:45,449
accepted the diagnosis of a psychic

549
00:23:42,839 --> 00:23:48,240
surgeon may well be accepting the wrong

550
00:23:45,450 --> 00:23:50,789
diagnosis of someone with no medical

551
00:23:48,240 --> 00:23:53,279
training at all if they undergo psychic

552
00:23:50,789 --> 00:23:55,339
surgery they may believe they have been

553
00:23:53,279 --> 00:23:57,869
cured and thus neglect proper

554
00:23:55,339 --> 00:23:59,849
life-saving medical treatment the

555
00:23:57,869 --> 00:24:02,459
medical risks inherent in psychic

556
00:23:59,849 --> 00:24:04,980

surgery were well documented in the

557

00:24:02,460 --> 00:24:08,009

American trade commission case travelled

558

00:24:04,980 --> 00:24:10,259

King @al which ordered for American

559

00:24:08,009 --> 00:24:13,970

travel agencies to cease making false

560

00:24:10,259 --> 00:24:17,879

claims about psychic surgery

561

00:24:13,970 --> 00:24:19,589

the skeptics campaign when the chief

562

00:24:17,880 --> 00:24:21,810

investigator for the committee for

563

00:24:19,589 --> 00:24:24,629

scientific investigations of claims of

564

00:24:21,809 --> 00:24:27,230

the paranormal magician James Randi made

565

00:24:24,630 --> 00:24:30,000

his first visit to Australia in 1980 he

566

00:24:27,230 --> 00:24:31,860

demonstrated psychic surgery at public

567

00:24:30,000 --> 00:24:34,410

meetings and on television

568

00:24:31,859 --> 00:24:36,869

the Australian skeptics were formed at

569

00:24:34,410 --> 00:24:39,060

the end of this visit since then

570

00:24:36,869 --> 00:24:41,669

Australian skeptics magicians danny

571
00:24:39,059 --> 00:24:43,579
varney and mike wilton have given public

572
00:24:41,670 --> 00:24:46,320
demonstrations of psychic surgery

573
00:24:43,579 --> 00:24:47,759
articles exposing psychic surgery have

574
00:24:46,319 --> 00:24:50,250
appeared in the skeptic

575
00:24:47,759 --> 00:24:53,640
The Bulletin Australian Penthouse and

576
00:24:50,250 --> 00:24:55,829
other magazines the Australian Medical

577
00:24:53,640 --> 00:24:59,250
Association joined with the w a

578
00:24:55,829 --> 00:25:01,980
secretary stating it was merely quote

579
00:24:59,250 --> 00:25:05,069
sleight of hand and quote and a lot of

580
00:25:01,980 --> 00:25:07,170
rubbish in 1984 the Australian skeptics

581
00:25:05,069 --> 00:25:09,450
invited the chair of the Bay Area San

582
00:25:07,170 --> 00:25:11,400
Francisco skeptics Bob Steiner to

583
00:25:09,450 --> 00:25:13,259
Australia when he made his final

584
00:25:11,400 --> 00:25:15,870
appearance on Australian television in

585
00:25:13,259 --> 00:25:18,390
May film clips of psychic surgery were

586
00:25:15,869 --> 00:25:21,629
shown with Bob explaining the fakery

587
00:25:18,390 --> 00:25:24,030
this massive television coverage created

588
00:25:21,630 --> 00:25:26,010
considerable doubt among people who had

589
00:25:24,029 --> 00:25:26,369
formerly believed that psychic surgery

590
00:25:26,009 --> 00:25:29,308
did

591
00:25:26,369 --> 00:25:32,339
not involve deception shortly after Bob

592
00:25:29,308 --> 00:25:34,200
left Australia a spiritualist informed a

593
00:25:32,339 --> 00:25:36,480
skeptics committee member that a

594
00:25:34,200 --> 00:25:40,069
visiting Filipino psychic surgeon

595
00:25:36,480 --> 00:25:44,460
Lawrence King was operating in Doncaster

596
00:25:40,069 --> 00:25:46,950
Victoria the National Committee of

597
00:25:44,460 --> 00:25:50,880
Australian skeptics decided to send in

598
00:25:46,950 --> 00:25:54,330
two volunteers Janet the silver and Joe

599

00:25:50,880 --> 00:25:58,590
Rubinstein Janet was accompanied by her

600
00:25:54,329 --> 00:26:00,750
quote father in quote and Jo who posed

601
00:25:58,589 --> 00:26:04,678
as an immigrant who barely spoke English

602
00:26:00,750 --> 00:26:05,789
by a quote friend main quote actually a

603
00:26:04,679 --> 00:26:08,910
professional magician

604
00:26:05,789 --> 00:26:11,670
the police were informed and both the

605
00:26:08,910 --> 00:26:14,130
parties were fitted with sophisticated

606
00:26:11,670 --> 00:26:16,110
sound recording equipment the volunteers

607
00:26:14,130 --> 00:26:19,250
were examined by the assistant police

608
00:26:16,109 --> 00:26:23,428
surgeon before and after their quote

609
00:26:19,250 --> 00:26:25,589
operation unquote after the operations

610
00:26:23,429 --> 00:26:27,480
the police raided the premises and

611
00:26:25,589 --> 00:26:31,558
arrested the Kingsland

612
00:26:27,480 --> 00:26:33,990
and kacheng the hearing in court

613
00:26:31,558 --> 00:26:36,058

Janet stated that she told the psychic

614

00:26:33,990 --> 00:26:38,759

surgeon that she had a lump in her

615

00:26:36,058 --> 00:26:41,160

abdomen the psychic surgeon chanted a

616

00:26:38,759 --> 00:26:43,769

prayer and then proceeded to massage the

617

00:26:41,160 --> 00:26:45,900

abdomen mrs. Kingsland held her hand on

618

00:26:43,769 --> 00:26:48,299

Janet's head making any movement

619

00:26:45,900 --> 00:26:51,870

impossible and preventing her from

620

00:26:48,299 --> 00:26:53,909

observing the operation Janet told the

621

00:26:51,869 --> 00:26:57,599

court she heard a ripping sound and then

622

00:26:53,910 --> 00:27:01,259

a pop this was followed by liquid oozing

623

00:26:57,599 --> 00:27:04,189

across her abdomen and Kijang said quote

624

00:27:01,259 --> 00:27:06,690

I have cut the roots when quote an

625

00:27:04,190 --> 00:27:09,509

object was whisked past

626

00:27:06,690 --> 00:27:12,330

Janet's head and there was a swishing

627

00:27:09,509 --> 00:27:14,670

sound in a basin at this point mrs.

628
00:27:12,329 --> 00:27:17,339
Kingsland repeated quote he's cut the

629
00:27:14,670 --> 00:27:19,890
roots in quote the two defendants then

630
00:27:17,339 --> 00:27:22,740
reassured the patient that with further

631
00:27:19,890 --> 00:27:24,780
treatment the lump would disappear Jo

632
00:27:22,740 --> 00:27:27,720
Rubenstein's visit to the psychic

633
00:27:24,779 --> 00:27:30,869
surgery was similarly described in court

634
00:27:27,720 --> 00:27:32,400
but Jo's altercation with the defense

635
00:27:30,869 --> 00:27:35,579
counsel was more heated

636
00:27:32,400 --> 00:27:38,100
in fact Jo was awarded by mr. Lopez in

637
00:27:35,579 --> 00:27:39,629
his final submission for the defense the

638
00:27:38,099 --> 00:27:42,029
title of quote

639
00:27:39,630 --> 00:27:44,250
prints of the skeptics end quote for his

640
00:27:42,029 --> 00:27:44,730
spirited presentation in the witness

641
00:27:44,250 --> 00:27:47,250
stand

642
00:27:44,730 --> 00:27:50,220
the first dispute arose prior to the

643
00:27:47,250 --> 00:27:52,529
description of his operation when Joe

644
00:27:50,220 --> 00:27:55,980
was asked by mr. Lopez whether he

645
00:27:52,529 --> 00:27:57,869
believed in God mr. Lopez had noted that

646
00:27:55,980 --> 00:28:00,930
Joe made an affirmation instead of

647
00:27:57,869 --> 00:28:02,909
taking the oath Joe stoutly objected to

648
00:28:00,930 --> 00:28:05,519
what he considered to be an invasion of

649
00:28:02,910 --> 00:28:07,620
his privacy but the magistrate ruled he

650
00:28:05,519 --> 00:28:10,879
had to answer because the defendant

651
00:28:07,619 --> 00:28:14,250
kacheng had recited a religious prayer

652
00:28:10,880 --> 00:28:16,800
after the discussion of the lump and the

653
00:28:14,250 --> 00:28:19,200
treatment massage followed by popping

654
00:28:16,799 --> 00:28:22,139
sound and flowing liquid Joe gave

655
00:28:19,200 --> 00:28:24,240
evidence that a piece of meat was held

656

00:28:22,140 --> 00:28:26,910
in front of his eyes by the psychic

657
00:28:24,240 --> 00:28:30,059
surgeon Joe stated that it looked most

658
00:28:26,910 --> 00:28:33,480
unpleasant and was brownish in color

659
00:28:30,059 --> 00:28:36,119
he told council that no knife or scalpel

660
00:28:33,480 --> 00:28:39,150
was produced during this time Joe told

661
00:28:36,119 --> 00:28:42,059
the court that the tissue or meat was

662
00:28:39,150 --> 00:28:44,820
certainly not his flesh as he would have

663
00:28:42,059 --> 00:28:46,849
to have been dead for several days in

664
00:28:44,819 --> 00:28:50,490
order to produce tissue of that hue

665
00:28:46,849 --> 00:28:53,369
defense counsel Lopez asked Joe if he

666
00:28:50,490 --> 00:28:56,730
had ever seen human tissue and Joe

667
00:28:53,369 --> 00:28:59,639
replied quote of course during the war I

668
00:28:56,730 --> 00:29:02,400
saw many people blown to pieces or shot

669
00:28:59,640 --> 00:29:05,880
in quote no further questions by the

670
00:29:02,400 --> 00:29:08,160

defense on this subject Joe then related

671

00:29:05,880 --> 00:29:10,710

how the flesh was thrown away and a

672

00:29:08,160 --> 00:29:12,560

little more massaging followed during

673

00:29:10,710 --> 00:29:16,140

the period he was on the operating

674

00:29:12,559 --> 00:29:19,079

trestle table Joe said mrs. Kingsland

675

00:29:16,140 --> 00:29:21,330

acted as a nurse after resuming his

676

00:29:19,079 --> 00:29:24,569

clothes shirts had been removed prior to

677

00:29:21,329 --> 00:29:27,149

the operation Joe was instructed by mrs.

678

00:29:24,569 --> 00:29:29,970

Kingsland not to drink coffee or alcohol

679

00:29:27,150 --> 00:29:32,490

and was given a glass of milky liquid to

680

00:29:29,970 --> 00:29:35,670

drink it was suggested that another

681

00:29:32,490 --> 00:29:38,940

appointment be made immediately after

682

00:29:35,670 --> 00:29:42,330

this Joe's friend skeptic magician Mike

683

00:29:38,940 --> 00:29:45,269

Wilton was asked for \$30 which he

684

00:29:42,329 --> 00:29:47,399

tendered before they left the tapes of

685
00:29:45,269 --> 00:29:49,500
both encounters were handed after the

686
00:29:47,400 --> 00:29:51,960
operations to the police who

687
00:29:49,500 --> 00:29:53,579
subsequently raided the Kingsland home

688
00:29:51,960 --> 00:29:58,319
and arrested Kerching

689
00:29:53,579 --> 00:30:00,899
and the Kingsland the decision the

690
00:29:58,319 --> 00:30:03,439
admission in the case by the defendants

691
00:30:00,900 --> 00:30:06,390
through their counsel now makes it

692
00:30:03,440 --> 00:30:09,150
indisputable and crystal clear that the

693
00:30:06,390 --> 00:30:12,270
spiritualist promoters and the filipino

694
00:30:09,150 --> 00:30:15,660
psychic surgeon all know that psychic

695
00:30:12,269 --> 00:30:18,809
surgery is fakery and involves a fraud

696
00:30:15,660 --> 00:30:21,060
the court held that because de Silva and

697
00:30:18,809 --> 00:30:24,000
Rubenstein knew that psychic surgery

698
00:30:21,059 --> 00:30:26,819
involved a fraud and had expected to

699
00:30:24,000 --> 00:30:30,390
receive fraudulent treatment there was

700
00:30:26,819 --> 00:30:33,149
no criminal deception it would now

701
00:30:30,390 --> 00:30:35,430
appear that all promoters and psychic

702
00:30:33,150 --> 00:30:37,290
surgeons in Australia have to ensure

703
00:30:35,430 --> 00:30:40,799
that each and every one of their

704
00:30:37,289 --> 00:30:43,920
patients are aware that psychic surgery

705
00:30:40,799 --> 00:30:46,379
by definition involves a fraud this

706
00:30:43,920 --> 00:30:50,160
should be made clear before accepting

707
00:30:46,380 --> 00:30:53,700
any monies by fee or donation providing

708
00:30:50,160 --> 00:30:56,759
the paying patient knows he or she is

709
00:30:53,700 --> 00:30:59,880
being deceived and the exact nature of

710
00:30:56,759 --> 00:31:02,549
the deception the criminal offence of

711
00:30:59,880 --> 00:31:07,790
obtaining a financial advantage by

712
00:31:02,549 --> 00:31:07,789
deception is not being committed

713

00:31:14,029 --> 00:31:20,519
now some years ago as it happens when I

714
00:31:17,369 --> 00:31:24,539
was researching other stories in the

715
00:31:20,519 --> 00:31:28,950
history of Australian skeptics I came

716
00:31:24,539 --> 00:31:32,519
across some newspaper items published at

717
00:31:28,950 --> 00:31:34,980
the time to do with this story and so I

718
00:31:32,519 --> 00:31:39,859
quote now from the aged newspaper

719
00:31:34,980 --> 00:31:43,230
published on the 6th of November 1984

720
00:31:39,859 --> 00:31:47,959
psychic surgery patients were skeptics

721
00:31:43,230 --> 00:31:50,819
SM told a story by olga Fernley a

722
00:31:47,960 --> 00:31:53,190
Filipino man and a dong cast a couple

723
00:31:50,819 --> 00:31:55,740
appeared in the Box Hill magistrate's

724
00:31:53,190 --> 00:31:57,269
court yesterday on charges relating to

725
00:31:55,740 --> 00:32:00,779
obtaining money by deception

726
00:31:57,269 --> 00:32:02,490
after alleged psychic surgery on two

727
00:32:00,779 --> 00:32:03,079

members of the Australian skeptic

728

00:32:02,490 --> 00:32:06,180

Society

729

00:32:03,079 --> 00:32:08,579

Joseph Rubinstein of Glen Waverley an

730

00:32:06,180 --> 00:32:10,950

engineer and treasurer of the Society

731

00:32:08,579 --> 00:32:13,740

said he went to the home of Margaret and

732

00:32:10,950 --> 00:32:16,009

Colin Kingsland of Palo Crescent

733

00:32:13,740 --> 00:32:19,079

Doncaster on the 17th of July

734

00:32:16,009 --> 00:32:21,930

complaining of stomach pains he told the

735

00:32:19,079 --> 00:32:24,659

court that he had lied about the pain he

736

00:32:21,930 --> 00:32:26,519

had none and that he had been examined

737

00:32:24,660 --> 00:32:28,980

by a medical practitioner at the

738

00:32:26,519 --> 00:32:31,740

Doncaster police station he said mrs.

739

00:32:28,980 --> 00:32:35,299

Kingsland told him to remove his jacket

740

00:32:31,740 --> 00:32:38,700

shirt and singlet and lie on a bench a

741

00:32:35,299 --> 00:32:42,240

Filipino whom he identified in court as

742
00:32:38,700 --> 00:32:45,120
Lawrence kacheng recited a prayer and

743
00:32:42,240 --> 00:32:49,170
then began to massage his stomach mr.

744
00:32:45,119 --> 00:32:50,879
Rubinstein said quote I heard a pop like

745
00:32:49,170 --> 00:32:53,340
a little balloon bursting and

746
00:32:50,880 --> 00:32:55,920
immediately liquid began to reign over

747
00:32:53,339 --> 00:32:59,069
my abdomen this liquid was wiped off

748
00:32:55,920 --> 00:33:01,980
with a towel by mrs Kingsland end quote

749
00:32:59,069 --> 00:33:05,369
mr. rubenstein said the procedure was

750
00:33:01,980 --> 00:33:08,759
repeated there was another pop and then

751
00:33:05,369 --> 00:33:10,769
mr. kacheng quote raised his hands and

752
00:33:08,759 --> 00:33:12,750
showed me a piece of meat it was not a

753
00:33:10,769 --> 00:33:13,680
fresh piece of meat it looked rather

754
00:33:12,750 --> 00:33:16,650
unpleasant

755
00:33:13,680 --> 00:33:18,180
it was brownish instead of red and in my

756
00:33:16,650 --> 00:33:20,610
opinion it looked like a piece of

757
00:33:18,180 --> 00:33:23,610
chicken liver and quote mr. Rubenstein

758
00:33:20,609 --> 00:33:25,240
said mr. Rubenstein said he had been in

759
00:33:23,609 --> 00:33:27,639
a forced lay

760
00:33:25,240 --> 00:33:30,519
a camp in Germany and had seen people

761
00:33:27,640 --> 00:33:32,710
blown up quote I know what human tissue

762
00:33:30,519 --> 00:33:35,410
looks like it certainly was not flesh

763
00:33:32,710 --> 00:33:39,069
and it certainly was not my tissue in

764
00:33:35,410 --> 00:33:41,080
quote mister catching 44 residing at

765
00:33:39,069 --> 00:33:43,929
Palo Crescent Doncaster while in

766
00:33:41,079 --> 00:33:47,500
Australia and missus Kingsland 48 faced

767
00:33:43,930 --> 00:33:50,170
charges of dishonestly obtaining \$30.00

768
00:33:47,500 --> 00:33:53,380
by pretending they performed psychic

769
00:33:50,170 --> 00:33:55,450
surgery on mr. Rubenstein and \$30.00 by

770

00:33:53,380 --> 00:33:57,310
pretending they performed psychic

771
00:33:55,450 --> 00:34:00,039
surgery on another member of the

772
00:33:57,309 --> 00:34:03,490
Australian skeptics Miss Janet da Silva

773
00:34:00,039 --> 00:34:06,369
mr. Kingsland 49 is charged with aiding

774
00:34:03,490 --> 00:34:09,369
and abetting in the alleged deception

775
00:34:06,369 --> 00:34:12,759
the case being heard by mr. Lionel

776
00:34:09,369 --> 00:34:15,460
Wilton Smith SM was adjourned to the

777
00:34:12,760 --> 00:34:17,290
30th of January the next news item again

778
00:34:15,460 --> 00:34:21,550
comes from the age this time published

779
00:34:17,289 --> 00:34:24,940
on the 31st of January 1985 no deception

780
00:34:21,550 --> 00:34:27,550
in psychic surgery ASM by Patric

781
00:34:24,940 --> 00:34:30,250
Smithers charges of obtaining money by

782
00:34:27,550 --> 00:34:33,070
deception by pretending to perform

783
00:34:30,250 --> 00:34:35,739
psychic surgery were dismissed in a box

784
00:34:33,070 --> 00:34:38,769

Hill magistrate's court yesterday mr.

785

00:34:35,739 --> 00:34:41,500

Lionel Wilton Smith SM said he was

786

00:34:38,769 --> 00:34:43,420

satisfied that what was known as psychic

787

00:34:41,500 --> 00:34:44,739

surgery had been performed on two

788

00:34:43,420 --> 00:34:47,050

members of the Australian skeptic

789

00:34:44,739 --> 00:34:48,039

Society but not that there was a

790

00:34:47,050 --> 00:34:51,130

deception

791

00:34:48,039 --> 00:34:55,150

Margaret Kingsland 48 of Paula Crescent

792

00:34:51,130 --> 00:34:57,130

East Doncaster and Lawrence King 44 were

793

00:34:55,150 --> 00:35:00,579

charged with obtaining \$30.00 by

794

00:34:57,130 --> 00:35:02,740

deception Colin James Kingsland 49 of

795

00:35:00,579 --> 00:35:04,569

Pollock resin Easton castor was charged

796

00:35:02,739 --> 00:35:07,929

with aiding and abetting in the alleged

797

00:35:04,570 --> 00:35:12,039

deception counsel for mr. King and mrs.

798

00:35:07,929 --> 00:35:14,230

Kingsland mr. Raymond Lopez said the

799
00:35:12,039 --> 00:35:16,929
society members had not been deceived

800
00:35:14,230 --> 00:35:19,539
because they had expected to receive

801
00:35:16,929 --> 00:35:22,449
psychic surgery the two people got what

802
00:35:19,539 --> 00:35:24,159
they asked for he said Mr Lopez said it

803
00:35:22,449 --> 00:35:26,230
was not a question of where the psychic

804
00:35:24,159 --> 00:35:28,569
surgery worked or could be proved

805
00:35:26,230 --> 00:35:31,179
scientifically he said faith healing was

806
00:35:28,570 --> 00:35:34,059
practiced in the Uniting Anglican and

807
00:35:31,179 --> 00:35:36,440
Roman Catholic churches but was not seen

808
00:35:34,059 --> 00:35:38,838
as deception

809
00:35:36,440 --> 00:35:43,010
and the final newspaper clipping I

810
00:35:38,838 --> 00:35:44,269
discovered again comes from 1985 this

811
00:35:43,010 --> 00:35:47,530
time in The Sydney Morning Herald

812
00:35:44,269 --> 00:35:51,650
published on the 1st of February and

813
00:35:47,530 --> 00:35:54,950
this is in the stay in touch segment of

814
00:35:51,650 --> 00:35:56,690
the newspaper legal precedents to

815
00:35:54,949 --> 00:35:59,149
members of the Australian skeptic

816
00:35:56,690 --> 00:36:02,750
society who set out to prove that a

817
00:35:59,150 --> 00:36:04,639
Filipino psychic surgeon was a fraud got

818
00:36:02,750 --> 00:36:06,858
a shock this week when a Melbourne

819
00:36:04,639 --> 00:36:09,469
magistrate dismissed charges of

820
00:36:06,858 --> 00:36:11,929
obtaining money by deception against the

821
00:36:09,469 --> 00:36:15,048
healer in Box Hill Court

822
00:36:11,929 --> 00:36:18,078
Lawrence catching 44 of East Doncaster

823
00:36:15,048 --> 00:36:21,108
had been charged with obtaining \$30 by

824
00:36:18,079 --> 00:36:24,349
deception Raman Lopes representing mr.

825
00:36:21,108 --> 00:36:26,598
kucheng said the skeptic Society members

826
00:36:24,349 --> 00:36:28,910
had not been deceived because they had

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00:36:26,599 --> 00:36:32,990
expected to receive psychic surgery

828
00:36:28,909 --> 00:36:34,429
quote which by definition involves a

829
00:36:32,989 --> 00:36:36,858
fraud end quote

830
00:36:34,429 --> 00:36:39,199
quote the two people got what they asked

831
00:36:36,858 --> 00:36:43,130
for in quote mr. Lopez said the

832
00:36:39,199 --> 00:36:45,108
magistrate Lionel Wilton Smith said he

833
00:36:43,130 --> 00:36:47,690
was satisfied that what was known as

834
00:36:45,108 --> 00:36:50,778
psychic surgery had been performed on

835
00:36:47,690 --> 00:36:57,650
the two skeptics but not that there had

836
00:36:50,778 --> 00:37:00,679
been a deception and you can read the

837
00:36:57,650 --> 00:37:05,240
original article in the skeptic magazine

838
00:37:00,679 --> 00:37:07,788
vol 5 number 1 from 1985 together with

839
00:37:05,239 --> 00:37:10,308
other items and articles on psychic

840
00:37:07,789 --> 00:37:15,049
surgery and it's all available to you

841
00:37:10,309 --> 00:37:19,819

for free if you visit WWF dicks calm day

842

00:37:15,048 --> 00:37:21,349

you and I guess it's a lesson for us all

843

00:37:19,818 --> 00:37:24,009

even when you think that you've got

844

00:37:21,349 --> 00:37:26,539

somebody as they say bang to rights a

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00:37:24,010 --> 00:37:29,289

classic case of fraud which psychic

846

00:37:26,539 --> 00:37:31,579

surgery is there's no two ways about it

847

00:37:29,289 --> 00:37:33,860

in fact it's one of the things that I

848

00:37:31,579 --> 00:37:36,860

often comment on

849

00:37:33,860 --> 00:37:39,019

when we say well is this a fraud or is

850

00:37:36,860 --> 00:37:41,210

this a fake or what's going on some

851

00:37:39,019 --> 00:37:42,769

people can be innocently deceived in

852

00:37:41,210 --> 00:37:44,360

thinking they have magical psychic

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00:37:42,769 --> 00:37:48,940

powers in fact I think a lot of people

854

00:37:44,360 --> 00:37:51,890

like that but I always bring up two

855

00:37:48,940 --> 00:37:54,860

paranormal feats one being spoon bending

856
00:37:51,889 --> 00:37:56,659
you can't accidentally fool yourself

857
00:37:54,860 --> 00:37:59,000
that you can bend spoons you have to

858
00:37:56,659 --> 00:38:01,940
learn the trick and the other is psychic

859
00:37:59,000 --> 00:38:03,590
surgery you can't innocently deceive

860
00:38:01,940 --> 00:38:06,019
yourself into thinking that you are

861
00:38:03,590 --> 00:38:08,500
performing psychic surgery it's a

862
00:38:06,019 --> 00:38:10,579
sleight-of-hand trick you have to learn

863
00:38:08,500 --> 00:38:12,440
although it is worth noting there is

864
00:38:10,579 --> 00:38:16,250
another group of psychics out there who

865
00:38:12,440 --> 00:38:18,740
call themselves psychic surgeons but say

866
00:38:16,250 --> 00:38:20,210
they do it completely by psychic means

867
00:38:18,739 --> 00:38:22,519
in other words I'll sit in the chair and

868
00:38:20,210 --> 00:38:24,440
hum and concentrate or wave their hands

869
00:38:22,519 --> 00:38:27,079
over somebody and say they are at that

870
00:38:24,440 --> 00:38:34,670
moment performing surgery inside

871
00:38:27,079 --> 00:38:36,980
somebody's body and to this day classic

872
00:38:34,670 --> 00:38:38,840
psychic surgery is certainly still being

873
00:38:36,980 --> 00:38:42,760
performed in the Philippines and Brazil

874
00:38:38,840 --> 00:38:54,070
but also right here in Australia

875
00:38:42,760 --> 00:38:57,020
[Music]

876
00:38:54,070 --> 00:38:59,990
crop circles are so intricate and

877
00:38:57,019 --> 00:39:02,150
complex it is not possible for humans to

878
00:38:59,989 --> 00:39:04,519
make them you're not really getting the

879
00:39:02,150 --> 00:39:07,340
complete holistic birth experience

880
00:39:04,519 --> 00:39:09,230
unless you eat your placenta I mean

881
00:39:07,340 --> 00:39:11,780
animals do it and mother nature always

882
00:39:09,230 --> 00:39:13,849
knows best of course the world is

883
00:39:11,780 --> 00:39:16,460
haunted by ghosts and demons that

884

00:39:13,849 --> 00:39:18,799
explains so much so easily that I barely

885
00:39:16,460 --> 00:39:20,510
have to do any thinking I've watched a

886
00:39:18,800 --> 00:39:22,910
whole lot of Flat Earth videos on

887
00:39:20,510 --> 00:39:25,040
YouTube you know they convinced me it's

888
00:39:22,909 --> 00:39:28,159
all a conspiracy there's no way we live

889
00:39:25,039 --> 00:39:30,289
on a spinning ball we all have friends

890
00:39:28,159 --> 00:39:33,379
and family who believe these things and

891
00:39:30,289 --> 00:39:35,960
much more well if you're a rational

892
00:39:33,380 --> 00:39:38,240
thinker who's tired of arguing on social

893
00:39:35,960 --> 00:39:39,349
media and never getting anywhere we have

894
00:39:38,239 --> 00:39:41,509
a solution for you

895
00:39:39,349 --> 00:39:43,699
join the guerrilla skepticism on

896
00:39:41,510 --> 00:39:46,430
wikipedia team and we will teach you how

897
00:39:43,699 --> 00:39:48,169
to add reliable scientific and skeptical

898
00:39:46,429 --> 00:39:51,649

information to the world's number-one

899

00:39:48,170 --> 00:39:53,829

source of information Wikipedia we write

900

00:39:51,650 --> 00:39:56,720

you articles and improve existing ones

901

00:39:53,829 --> 00:39:58,880

we removed pseudoscience paranormal and

902

00:39:56,719 --> 00:40:01,149

altmed claims substituting the actual

903

00:39:58,880 --> 00:40:04,070

facts and we operate in many languages

904

00:40:01,150 --> 00:40:06,470

we've already reached tens of millions

905

00:40:04,070 --> 00:40:08,450

of people searching for information but

906

00:40:06,469 --> 00:40:11,809

as you can imagine we can never do

907

00:40:08,449 --> 00:40:14,659

enough so please join us all you need is

908

00:40:11,809 --> 00:40:17,420

a PC and the desire to help educate the

909

00:40:14,659 --> 00:40:18,670

planet in fact you'll be educating the

910

00:40:17,420 --> 00:40:24,010

world while you sleep

911

00:40:18,670 --> 00:40:27,409

contact us at GS o W team @ gmail.com

912

00:40:24,010 --> 00:40:31,420

guerrilla skepticism the time is now

913
00:40:27,409 --> 00:40:31,420
music by purple planet calm

914
00:40:40,409 --> 00:40:44,589
thank you for listening to the skeptic

915
00:40:42,880 --> 00:40:47,769
zone now don't forget there's all sorts

916
00:40:44,590 --> 00:40:50,170
of sceptical events coming up for the

917
00:40:47,769 --> 00:40:54,280
rest of the year we've gots kept the cow

918
00:40:50,170 --> 00:40:58,510
con in San Francisco early next month

919
00:40:54,280 --> 00:41:01,269
there's the psyche on which I will play

920
00:40:58,510 --> 00:41:04,420
periodic promotions for for the next few

921
00:41:01,269 --> 00:41:06,369
months in Las Vegas PD I won't be going

922
00:41:04,420 --> 00:41:10,000
to either of those unfortunately just

923
00:41:06,369 --> 00:41:12,250
the way things work out timewise we have

924
00:41:10,000 --> 00:41:14,170
Dragon Con in Atlanta Georgia and I'm

925
00:41:12,250 --> 00:41:15,909
scheduled to appear there on The

926
00:41:14,170 --> 00:41:20,550
Skeptical track with my old friends

927
00:41:15,909 --> 00:41:23,409
Derek Colin dunno and dr. Angie Matt key

928
00:41:20,550 --> 00:41:27,610
just need to sort out my accommodation

929
00:41:23,409 --> 00:41:29,469
hmm and in fact you may recall or

930
00:41:27,610 --> 00:41:31,390
certainly longtime listeners may recall

931
00:41:29,469 --> 00:41:34,239
the very first episode of the skeptics

932
00:41:31,389 --> 00:41:38,409
owned was recorded in Atlanta Georgia at

933
00:41:34,239 --> 00:41:40,929
at Dragon Con in 2008 and of course we

934
00:41:38,409 --> 00:41:44,079
have the Australian skeptics National

935
00:41:40,929 --> 00:41:47,559
Convention skeptic on and you can find

936
00:41:44,079 --> 00:41:49,809
out more about that at skeptic on.org au

937
00:41:47,559 --> 00:41:53,019
and that's in Melbourne from the 6th to

938
00:41:49,809 --> 00:41:55,210
the 8th of December special guests the

939
00:41:53,019 --> 00:41:57,579
skeptics guide to the universe all of

940
00:41:55,210 --> 00:42:00,220
them susan gerbic from guerrilla

941

00:41:57,579 --> 00:42:03,009
skepticism and many more to be announced

942
00:42:00,219 --> 00:42:06,579
and with your help your generous help

943
00:42:03,010 --> 00:42:08,650
over the years I should be able to get

944
00:42:06,579 --> 00:42:11,230
our reporter Maynard down there to run

945
00:42:08,650 --> 00:42:14,710
around with his microphone and grab the

946
00:42:11,230 --> 00:42:15,130
odd 60 or 70 interviews like he normally

947
00:42:14,710 --> 00:42:18,519
does

948
00:42:15,130 --> 00:42:21,849
and speaking of Maynard check out his

949
00:42:18,519 --> 00:42:24,309
podcasts and other shows at Maynard comm

950
00:42:21,849 --> 00:42:27,039
today you I noticed he's got a few more

951
00:42:24,309 --> 00:42:29,619
events coming up here in Sydney in glebe

952
00:42:27,039 --> 00:42:31,750
in the red bar lots of fun but for this

953
00:42:29,619 --> 00:42:35,579
week this is Richard Saunders signing

954
00:42:31,750 --> 00:42:35,579
off from Sydney Australia

955
00:42:37,489 --> 00:42:43,669

you've been listening to the skeptic

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review on itunes

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podcast is an independent production

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reviews and opinions expressed on the

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skeptic zone are not necessarily those

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00:43:15,510 --> 00:43:19,720

of Australian skeptics or any other

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00:43:17,849 --> 00:43:26,420

skeptical organization

970
00:43:19,719 --> 00:43:26,419
[Music]

971
00:43:30,750 --> 00:43:34,719
hello to people who listen after the

972
00:43:33,039 --> 00:43:36,820
music yes it's the dice game once again

973
00:43:34,719 --> 00:43:38,739
I've got a ten sided die here

974
00:43:36,820 --> 00:43:40,990
I don't where's it gone I've got a

975
00:43:38,739 --> 00:43:45,519
20-sided die huh

976
00:43:40,989 --> 00:43:47,769
I must look at wait a minute this is my

977
00:43:45,519 --> 00:43:50,590
box of die here dice diced I always get

978
00:43:47,769 --> 00:43:55,030
those confused here we go there's a 10

979
00:43:50,590 --> 00:43:57,760
sided one what's this a six-sided 20

980
00:43:55,030 --> 00:43:58,180
I've got 60 sided one in there good

981
00:43:57,760 --> 00:43:59,590
grief

982
00:43:58,179 --> 00:44:01,750
anyway we'll go yeah we'll do

983
00:43:59,590 --> 00:44:04,960
traditional and go with a 10 sided die

984
00:44:01,750 --> 00:44:07,119
I'm gonna roll this die 10 times no

985
00:44:04,960 --> 00:44:09,340
that's wrong I'm gonna run maybe if I

986
00:44:07,119 --> 00:44:11,349
had a three sided die I could roll it 10

987
00:44:09,340 --> 00:44:16,809
times I do have a three sided die

988
00:44:11,349 --> 00:44:19,659
where's that is that it no now let me

989
00:44:16,809 --> 00:44:21,070
roll a ten sided die three times and

990
00:44:19,659 --> 00:44:24,489
this is where you get to use your

991
00:44:21,070 --> 00:44:26,890
predicting power your psychic magical

992
00:44:24,489 --> 00:44:29,049
powers to see if you can foresee the

993
00:44:26,889 --> 00:44:31,509
future and predict what numbers gonna

994
00:44:29,050 --> 00:44:35,140
come up I'm gonna put it in this little

995
00:44:31,510 --> 00:44:37,270
tub do it differently today

996
00:44:35,139 --> 00:44:39,969
all right so predict away the first

997
00:44:37,269 --> 00:44:41,789
number it will be one two three four

998

00:44:39,969 --> 00:44:44,609
five six seven eight nine or ten

999
00:44:41,789 --> 00:44:48,039
predicting here we go

1000
00:44:44,610 --> 00:44:50,380
and it's rest come to rest on number

1001
00:44:48,039 --> 00:44:54,579
three I always have to write these down

1002
00:44:50,380 --> 00:45:01,930
because I okay number three second one

1003
00:44:54,579 --> 00:45:06,069
coming up here we go one three and one

1004
00:45:01,929 --> 00:45:15,609
okay and the last number predicting here

1005
00:45:06,070 --> 00:45:17,260
we go five so this week's lucky numbers

1006
00:45:15,610 --> 00:45:22,440
are lucky ah

1007
00:45:17,260 --> 00:45:22,440
three one and five