

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,080
and now a message from the inside of

2
00:00:01,949 --> 00:00:06,080
Richard Saunders walk-in refrigerator

3
00:00:24,190 --> 00:00:31,910
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

4
00:00:26,929 --> 00:00:35,689
episode number 62 for the yeah the 25th

5
00:00:31,910 --> 00:00:38,450
of december 2009 and for those of you

6
00:00:35,689 --> 00:00:40,670
enjoying Christmas Merry Christmas this

7
00:00:38,450 --> 00:00:42,109
is the first of our winter specials if

8
00:00:40,670 --> 00:00:44,090
you're in the northern hemisphere or

9
00:00:42,109 --> 00:00:46,250
summer specials if you're in the

10
00:00:44,090 --> 00:00:47,750
southern hemisphere the skeptic zone

11
00:00:46,250 --> 00:00:49,549
team are taking a little break for a few

12
00:00:47,750 --> 00:00:52,250
weeks but don't worry the show keeps

13
00:00:49,549 --> 00:00:54,589
getting produced on today's show we have

14
00:00:52,250 --> 00:00:58,609
a lecture given at the recent breeze

15
00:00:54,590 --> 00:01:01,550
skepticon convention in brisbane

16
00:00:58,609 --> 00:01:03,738
australia by dr. chrissy wilson a good

17
00:01:01,549 --> 00:01:07,459
friend of the skeptics and the skeptic

18
00:01:03,738 --> 00:01:10,549
zone so sit back have a nice glass of

19
00:01:07,459 --> 00:01:13,189
eggnog if you're in North America an ice

20
00:01:10,549 --> 00:01:15,379
cold beer if you're in Australia and

21
00:01:13,189 --> 00:01:17,329
wherever you are in the world drink

22
00:01:15,379 --> 00:01:20,949
whatever you want and enjoy this episode

23
00:01:17,329 --> 00:01:20,950
of the skeptic zone

24
00:01:33,870 --> 00:01:40,410
and now we bring you dr. Chrissy Wilson

25
00:01:37,810 --> 00:01:43,150
from the University of Tasmania I

26
00:01:40,409 --> 00:01:46,019
researcher in anomalistic psychology as

27
00:01:43,150 --> 00:01:48,370
she gives her presentation at the recent

28
00:01:46,019 --> 00:01:50,519
skeptical convention in Brisbane

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00:01:48,370 --> 00:01:50,520
Australia

30
00:01:56,730 --> 00:02:03,120
those of you who were at the Tasmanian

31
00:02:00,209 --> 00:02:05,429
skeptics conference two years ago would

32
00:02:03,120 --> 00:02:07,920
have been lucky enough to watch dr.

33
00:02:05,430 --> 00:02:11,780
Chrissy Wilson a very vibrant and

34
00:02:07,920 --> 00:02:14,699
accomplished presenter and person

35
00:02:11,780 --> 00:02:17,189
Chrissy had just arrived in Australia

36
00:02:14,699 --> 00:02:19,319
from the UK to join the Department of

37
00:02:17,189 --> 00:02:23,669
Psychology at the University of Tasmania

38
00:02:19,319 --> 00:02:25,769
as one of their lecturers she's had a

39
00:02:23,669 --> 00:02:27,449
very interesting life and that she's

40
00:02:25,770 --> 00:02:30,540
been everything from a professional

41
00:02:27,449 --> 00:02:33,060
actress to training staff with british

42
00:02:30,539 --> 00:02:34,799
airways but today she's here to talk

43
00:02:33,060 --> 00:02:38,490

about a topic very dear to my heart

44

00:02:34,800 --> 00:02:40,110

which is the psychology of belief so i'd

45

00:02:38,490 --> 00:02:48,629

like to introduce christie to come and

46

00:02:40,110 --> 00:02:57,780

have a look have a chat like the morning

47

00:02:48,629 --> 00:02:59,490

skeptics ok now before i start i wanted

48

00:02:57,780 --> 00:03:03,509

to ask you if you wouldn't mind doing me

49

00:02:59,490 --> 00:03:05,790

a little favor as Retta said i emigrated

50

00:03:03,509 --> 00:03:09,209

two years ago and haven't been back to

51

00:03:05,789 --> 00:03:10,979

London sins and um this the audio of

52

00:03:09,209 --> 00:03:15,479

this lecture is actually going to be

53

00:03:10,979 --> 00:03:17,759

played on a BBC radio 4 program back in

54

00:03:15,479 --> 00:03:20,699

England now those of you that don't know

55

00:03:17,759 --> 00:03:22,739

BBC Radio 4 is quite prestigious media

56

00:03:20,699 --> 00:03:25,679

outlet so it's a really good thing for

57

00:03:22,739 --> 00:03:28,259

my career so I was gonna ask if you

58
00:03:25,680 --> 00:03:30,390
wouldn't mind that Richard or edit out

59
00:03:28,259 --> 00:03:32,649
over all my chattering at the beginning

60
00:03:30,389 --> 00:03:38,078
it you wouldn't mind it may be nice

61
00:03:32,650 --> 00:03:41,379
me daddy applause just go absolutely

62
00:03:38,079 --> 00:03:43,150
crazy bluefin charge premises when they

63
00:03:41,378 --> 00:03:45,709
hear that back home I think glad you

64
00:03:43,150 --> 00:03:48,560
know she's done well

65
00:03:45,710 --> 00:03:51,580
she's because I'm beggin important okay

66
00:03:48,560 --> 00:03:58,689
so I'm gonna count to three and then go

67
00:03:51,580 --> 00:03:58,690
absolutely one two three

68
00:04:07,099 --> 00:04:16,089
I can't believe if you felt

69
00:04:16,629 --> 00:04:25,560
is getting

70
00:04:20,069 --> 00:04:27,990
I was our fault I and it wasn't the

71
00:04:25,560 --> 00:04:29,759
booze from fantastic evening last night

72
00:04:27,990 --> 00:04:33,900
it was I can't get that Tim Minchin

73
00:04:29,759 --> 00:04:36,629
thing thing out of my head um storm I

74
00:04:33,899 --> 00:04:38,789
think I'm sorry for storm but she said

75
00:04:36,629 --> 00:04:39,810
well I got a good girl to me I mean

76
00:04:38,790 --> 00:04:42,150
anyone who can actually quote

77
00:04:39,810 --> 00:04:44,339
Shakespeare didn't have dinner party

78
00:04:42,149 --> 00:04:46,769
early unless quite impressive I was

79
00:04:44,339 --> 00:04:48,269
thinking about Tim mentions wife there

80
00:04:46,769 --> 00:04:50,299
are one of the reasons why I think she

81
00:04:48,269 --> 00:04:53,099
was pissed off it wasn't because Tim

82
00:04:50,300 --> 00:04:56,189
interrupted the dinner party he just

83
00:04:53,100 --> 00:04:58,560
spent the last 10 minutes chatting up I

84
00:04:56,189 --> 00:05:00,060
was by own admission extremely

85
00:04:58,560 --> 00:05:04,170
attractive woman no I think that's

86

00:05:00,060 --> 00:05:09,780
watching this pistol on the topic Jim

87
00:05:04,170 --> 00:05:13,620
what wrong with Chardonnay didn't I miss

88
00:05:09,779 --> 00:05:17,009
a memo sorry ok get on with it wasn't

89
00:05:13,620 --> 00:05:20,430
real ok oh now those of you who have

90
00:05:17,009 --> 00:05:23,069
heard me talk before you'll know that

91
00:05:20,430 --> 00:05:24,480
area is an ominous stick psychology not

92
00:05:23,069 --> 00:05:26,009
only go on too much about long list

93
00:05:24,480 --> 00:05:28,610
excited d this is the branch of

94
00:05:26,009 --> 00:05:31,349
psychology that I'm interested in North

95
00:05:28,610 --> 00:05:33,060
parapsychology is looking at skip a

96
00:05:31,350 --> 00:05:35,010
skeptical approach to belief in the

97
00:05:33,060 --> 00:05:37,500
paranormal stuff from a psychological

98
00:05:35,009 --> 00:05:40,709
and physiological perspectives and

99
00:05:37,500 --> 00:05:43,459
that's that's what I do my work at the

100
00:05:40,709 --> 00:05:43,459

University of Tasmania

101

00:05:43,759 --> 00:05:50,909
and I finally finally managed to

102

00:05:47,579 --> 00:05:53,849
convince the psychology department that

103

00:05:50,910 --> 00:05:55,650
some I can teach animalistic psychology

104

00:05:53,850 --> 00:05:57,480
to to my students that I'm not a

105

00:05:55,649 --> 00:05:58,620
parapsychologist though I'm not going to

106

00:05:57,480 --> 00:06:01,650
be starting telling them all about

107

00:05:58,620 --> 00:06:04,079
psychic stuff I'm actually skeptical so

108

00:06:01,649 --> 00:06:06,389
they're finally allowed me to them it's

109

00:06:04,079 --> 00:06:09,240
finally allowed me to to present an

110

00:06:06,389 --> 00:06:12,539
enormous dick course at you tears and

111

00:06:09,240 --> 00:06:14,850
and set up a research laboratory so

112

00:06:12,540 --> 00:06:18,080
according it the center of research for

113

00:06:14,850 --> 00:06:18,080
anomalistic psychology

114

00:06:22,370 --> 00:06:29,519
yes how'd you do i'm dr. Christie Wilson

115
00:06:25,709 --> 00:06:35,698
head of crap and uses and the email was

116
00:06:29,519 --> 00:06:38,490
braided well crap at utah's ng dati now

117
00:06:35,699 --> 00:06:40,319
before I carry on with about the

118
00:06:38,490 --> 00:06:42,360
psychology of belief which I will get to

119
00:06:40,319 --> 00:06:43,949
eventually I do tend to waffle on little

120
00:06:42,360 --> 00:06:45,479
bit i will get there in the end but i

121
00:06:43,949 --> 00:06:49,560
have to tell you a little bit about

122
00:06:45,478 --> 00:06:52,969
tasmania it's a wonderful wonderful one

123
00:06:49,560 --> 00:06:56,250
place but I've discovered talking to

124
00:06:52,970 --> 00:06:59,639
mainlanders but there seems to be this

125
00:06:56,250 --> 00:07:03,139
notion amongst mainlanders that that

126
00:06:59,639 --> 00:07:08,460
Tasmania is this weird slightly strange

127
00:07:03,139 --> 00:07:11,660
rather backward freezing cold lump of

128
00:07:08,459 --> 00:07:14,659
rock at the end of a good fit and well

129

00:07:11,660 --> 00:07:14,660

yeah

130

00:07:16,709 --> 00:07:22,930

yeah that pretty much sums it up for

131

00:07:19,088 --> 00:07:26,019

exactly just in case you're not sure

132

00:07:22,930 --> 00:07:28,598

where is there it is shaped like a

133

00:07:26,019 --> 00:07:31,418

little heart I'm shining in the bass

134

00:07:28,598 --> 00:07:34,149

strait and then oh but I like that for

135

00:07:31,418 --> 00:07:37,899

you because Tasmania wonderful wonderful

136

00:07:34,149 --> 00:07:42,338

place it is very very weird it's very

137

00:07:37,899 --> 00:07:44,739

strange it's a psychologist dream when

138

00:07:42,338 --> 00:07:48,728

we first landed I thought oh my god I'm

139

00:07:44,740 --> 00:07:51,278

in belief heaven it's very very strange

140

00:07:48,728 --> 00:07:53,408

Oh every day since I've been there I

141

00:07:51,278 --> 00:07:56,110

have ridden through the valley of the

142

00:07:53,408 --> 00:07:59,259

beguiled I danced in the fields of

143

00:07:56,110 --> 00:08:03,278
delusion I'm dummy with the mentally

144
00:07:59,259 --> 00:08:08,069
alienated and that's just the Utah staff

145
00:08:03,278 --> 00:08:10,689
room right it's a wonderful place

146
00:08:08,069 --> 00:08:13,718
absolutely wonderful i love it but I've

147
00:08:10,689 --> 00:08:16,809
had some of the strangest strangest

148
00:08:13,718 --> 00:08:20,588
experiences of my life over the last two

149
00:08:16,809 --> 00:08:23,139
years one day there was a knock on my

150
00:08:20,588 --> 00:08:26,499
office door hi Kristi connect another

151
00:08:23,139 --> 00:08:29,949
word yeah yeah and it was a really nice

152
00:08:26,499 --> 00:08:31,330
girl a PhD student Tasmanian go very

153
00:08:29,949 --> 00:08:33,610
sweet Mary and I swords got on with it

154
00:08:31,329 --> 00:08:35,620
really well Oh Christy a lot message for

155
00:08:33,610 --> 00:08:38,139
you I don't GUI we going I thought well

156
00:08:35,620 --> 00:08:40,360
this is some other bit of administrative

157
00:08:38,139 --> 00:08:42,940

finality that is the bane of most

158

00:08:40,360 --> 00:08:44,680

academics life so all right our what is

159

00:08:42,940 --> 00:08:46,449

it which is a Brighton I've got a

160

00:08:44,679 --> 00:08:49,078

message but I've got a message for you

161

00:08:46,448 --> 00:08:49,078

from God

162

00:08:49,529 --> 00:08:57,309

what if Roy well you better come in then

163

00:08:53,759 --> 00:08:58,779

so she sat down and she was by 10 so

164

00:08:57,309 --> 00:09:01,329

those are quite nervous oh god what on

165

00:08:58,779 --> 00:09:03,850

earth is she going to tell me as I well

166

00:09:01,330 --> 00:09:05,770

you know what's the message that I on

167

00:09:03,850 --> 00:09:07,300

Chrissy but though God has given me this

168

00:09:05,769 --> 00:09:08,740

message for you and if you don't mind

169

00:09:07,299 --> 00:09:12,759

I'd like to tell you what it was what do

170

00:09:08,740 --> 00:09:15,250

what it is yeah sure okay um and she

171

00:09:12,759 --> 00:09:17,259

told me the message and although I feel

172
00:09:15,250 --> 00:09:18,340
that we've bonded you and I now that

173
00:09:17,259 --> 00:09:19,899
especially the point the audience

174
00:09:18,340 --> 00:09:21,220
participation then I don't feel

175
00:09:19,899 --> 00:09:24,730
confident enough to tell you what the

176
00:09:21,220 --> 00:09:28,450
message was that's between me and heard

177
00:09:24,730 --> 00:09:29,980
God okay Barry gave me the message and I

178
00:09:28,450 --> 00:09:34,690
said well thank you for that given up

179
00:09:29,980 --> 00:09:37,000
and she said can I pray for you Jen and

180
00:09:34,690 --> 00:09:39,580
fine so she got down on her knees is

181
00:09:37,000 --> 00:09:42,700
absolutely true got down on her knees in

182
00:09:39,580 --> 00:09:45,970
my office put a hand on my hand and

183
00:09:42,700 --> 00:09:50,620
prayed for me I that was an interesting

184
00:09:45,970 --> 00:09:53,259
10 min again then there was more

185
00:09:50,620 --> 00:09:56,289
encounter with the TV lady of Epping

186
00:09:53,259 --> 00:09:58,179
Forest and when I arrived my students at

187
00:09:56,289 --> 00:09:59,889
our Christie Christie you've got to go

188
00:09:58,179 --> 00:10:02,799
and see the Tea Leaf Lady of Epping

189
00:09:59,889 --> 00:10:06,120
Forest why okay she's absolutely

190
00:10:02,799 --> 00:10:10,750
fantastic she'll definitely convince you

191
00:10:06,120 --> 00:10:13,090
game on mrs. read the tea leaves lady of

192
00:10:10,750 --> 00:10:15,460
Epping Forest what a wonderful title I

193
00:10:13,090 --> 00:10:18,399
mean come dedup for me this fantastic

194
00:10:15,460 --> 00:10:20,980
sort of my best like scene of a blasted

195
00:10:18,399 --> 00:10:23,470
Heath and some toothless old hags that

196
00:10:20,980 --> 00:10:25,860
rather be called Ronia I after we are

197
00:10:23,470 --> 00:10:26,879
Stephanie don't you know but um

198
00:10:25,860 --> 00:10:29,899
it was nothing like that at all

199
00:10:26,879 --> 00:10:33,480
unfortunately we sat in a front room and

200

00:10:29,899 --> 00:10:37,620
well I'm sorry to say that the financial

201
00:10:33,480 --> 00:10:41,778
crisis has finally hit Tasmania and a

202
00:10:37,620 --> 00:10:47,700
tea leaf lady had actually run out of TV

203
00:10:41,778 --> 00:10:49,828
so she had a team back so that their way

204
00:10:47,700 --> 00:10:51,829
there and she says to me I'm gonna do an

205
00:10:49,828 --> 00:10:54,629
Australian accent not going to solve it

206
00:10:51,828 --> 00:10:55,889
she said what I can hear from your

207
00:10:54,629 --> 00:11:00,409
accident you're not you're actually from

208
00:10:55,889 --> 00:11:00,409
Tasmania una vela what done shot

209
00:11:00,990 --> 00:11:06,419
I'm actually all right english i arrived

210
00:11:03,929 --> 00:11:10,439
from Teddy Boy from England them couple

211
00:11:06,419 --> 00:11:12,599
years ago and five minutes later she's

212
00:11:10,440 --> 00:11:14,130
tearing at this tea bag holding it up

213
00:11:12,600 --> 00:11:17,070
you know getting a residual energy

214
00:11:14,129 --> 00:11:19,559

getting the messages and she says right

215

00:11:17,070 --> 00:11:26,459

I'm saying I'm not travel when you're

216

00:11:19,559 --> 00:11:29,729

longer 11,000 bleeding miles actually um

217

00:11:26,458 --> 00:11:35,269

she said oh well you say the tea bag

218

00:11:29,730 --> 00:11:38,330

never lies that was a useful afternoon

219

00:11:35,269 --> 00:11:42,590

and then then there was the night I gave

220

00:11:38,330 --> 00:11:45,200

a talk to the pagan society the pagan

221

00:11:42,590 --> 00:11:50,629

society they meet in a British pub

222

00:11:45,200 --> 00:11:53,620

called the cotton ball in launceston I

223

00:11:50,629 --> 00:11:57,279

mean that alone is enough for a book

224

00:11:53,620 --> 00:11:59,929

anyway not surprisingly they hated me

225

00:11:57,279 --> 00:12:01,939

can't think why I'm being told that

226

00:11:59,929 --> 00:12:03,649

you're deluded idiots you know what's

227

00:12:01,940 --> 00:12:06,140

the problem that but now I absolutely

228

00:12:03,649 --> 00:12:09,139

hated me the only thing that remotely

229
00:12:06,139 --> 00:12:10,809
impressed them was when I told and I

230
00:12:09,139 --> 00:12:14,230
want to play to prostitute on the bill

231
00:12:10,809 --> 00:12:16,939
they broke into spontaneous applause

232
00:12:14,230 --> 00:12:18,769
which was terribly disappointing because

233
00:12:16,940 --> 00:12:20,840
you know I have again these visions I

234
00:12:18,769 --> 00:12:23,449
have a lot of it I have this vision of

235
00:12:20,840 --> 00:12:24,980
all these pagans you know I comporting

236
00:12:23,450 --> 00:12:27,230
about in the mood light every night

237
00:12:24,980 --> 00:12:28,550
rationing each other's your dog but no

238
00:12:27,230 --> 00:12:34,279
they're all at home watching reruns of

239
00:12:28,549 --> 00:12:37,789
the bills very disappointing and then

240
00:12:34,279 --> 00:12:40,339
the best of all I came this close ladies

241
00:12:37,789 --> 00:12:43,699
and gents this close to a religious

242
00:12:40,340 --> 00:12:47,930
experience please God please please

243
00:12:43,700 --> 00:12:55,160
engine with yashas do anything I'll give

244
00:12:47,929 --> 00:12:57,500
up alcohol from what you're laughing but

245
00:12:55,159 --> 00:13:01,610
has made a whole month it does mania

246
00:12:57,500 --> 00:13:05,120
with no booze is no joke right get on

247
00:13:01,610 --> 00:13:06,639
with it okay right and aside from having

248
00:13:05,120 --> 00:13:09,429
lots are very weird and wonderful

249
00:13:06,639 --> 00:13:15,370
experiences in Tasmania

250
00:13:09,429 --> 00:13:17,079
doesn't work and can't earn credit

251
00:13:15,370 --> 00:13:18,759
they're cartoons i'm not going into big

252
00:13:17,080 --> 00:13:22,270
trouble copyright gotten yourself off

253
00:13:18,759 --> 00:13:25,470
google very common thing you know

254
00:13:22,269 --> 00:13:25,470
questions don't get it

255
00:13:26,360 --> 00:13:30,769
I don't get it which is a very worried

256
00:13:28,100 --> 00:13:33,829
if there are some creationist int Aziz

257

00:13:30,769 --> 00:13:36,200
um but over the last two years I've done

258
00:13:33,828 --> 00:13:38,588
lots of studies bump interviewed lots of

259
00:13:36,200 --> 00:13:40,610
Tasmanians and carried out various

260
00:13:38,589 --> 00:13:42,769
experiments here in there and I've

261
00:13:40,610 --> 00:13:46,220
actually managed to test about 1,500

262
00:13:42,769 --> 00:13:47,839
people now which is quite a good sample

263
00:13:46,220 --> 00:13:49,519
size those of you that both your

264
00:13:47,839 --> 00:13:51,800
research considering that the population

265
00:13:49,519 --> 00:13:53,389
that as he's actually just half a

266
00:13:51,799 --> 00:13:56,088
million I was a key quite quite a good

267
00:13:53,389 --> 00:13:57,980
sample size so this was just looking at

268
00:13:56,089 --> 00:14:00,470
religious belief in towson i just want

269
00:13:57,980 --> 00:14:03,620
to give you a flavor of what we're

270
00:14:00,470 --> 00:14:05,959
looking at so the top percentage not

271
00:14:03,620 --> 00:14:07,578

surprisingly christian but only

272

00:14:05,958 --> 00:14:10,429
thirty-five percent now within

273

00:14:07,578 --> 00:14:13,429
Christians i've included anglican as

274

00:14:10,429 --> 00:14:16,750
Protestants Catholics my case that's all

275

00:14:13,429 --> 00:14:21,500
within that thirty-five percent

276

00:14:16,750 --> 00:14:24,100
less than one set Muslims built

277

00:14:21,500 --> 00:14:27,889
dissident quite well to six percent

278

00:14:24,100 --> 00:14:38,629
Mormons couldn't do better 2.5 not too

279

00:14:27,889 --> 00:14:41,299
bad 16 is a wicker I had to look it up

280

00:14:38,629 --> 00:14:42,769
and then learn one way of pagans of

281

00:14:41,299 --> 00:14:45,349
course they fill me in and told me what

282

00:14:42,769 --> 00:14:48,590
weaker is they basically sit around

283

00:14:45,350 --> 00:14:50,779
basket weaving and hang out and do stuff

284

00:14:48,590 --> 00:14:53,450
by that's why I got you over sixteen

285

00:14:50,779 --> 00:14:58,399
percent of them in Tasmania from this

286
00:14:53,450 --> 00:15:02,000
sample and ellemir anybody heard of

287
00:14:58,399 --> 00:15:04,429
felonies ten point five percent of women

288
00:15:02,000 --> 00:15:06,460
are in Tasmania okay I know what they

289
00:15:04,429 --> 00:15:06,459
are

290
00:15:10,350 --> 00:15:14,970
are you from Tasmania

291
00:15:15,289 --> 00:15:19,649
okay actually I have another one I had

292
00:15:17,669 --> 00:15:21,719
to look up they they they're very sort

293
00:15:19,649 --> 00:15:23,549
of new AEG not surprisingly it's a bit

294
00:15:21,720 --> 00:15:26,278
sore Scientology they believe in some

295
00:15:23,549 --> 00:15:29,309
sort of higher powers and there's some

296
00:15:26,278 --> 00:15:31,500
guru or other usual nocturnes but anyway

297
00:15:29,309 --> 00:15:34,139
2.5% so they're doing quite one in

298
00:15:31,500 --> 00:15:37,710
Tassie but thank heavens something we

299
00:15:34,139 --> 00:15:40,230
can be leaving us deal with Satanists

300
00:15:37,710 --> 00:15:44,670
just don't understand thank heaven for

301
00:15:40,230 --> 00:15:46,889
that and no religion twenty-five percent

302
00:15:44,669 --> 00:15:48,659
so about a quarter of them have no

303
00:15:46,889 --> 00:15:51,210
religion but look at the spread the

304
00:15:48,659 --> 00:15:53,659
diversity and I know it doesn't add up

305
00:15:51,210 --> 00:15:57,450
to a hundred smart asses in the audience

306
00:15:53,659 --> 00:16:00,120
the rest were either very strange things

307
00:15:57,450 --> 00:16:01,740
or things that I've never heard of all

308
00:16:00,120 --> 00:16:03,778
they were spelling mistakes or I'm you

309
00:16:01,740 --> 00:16:09,839
or run there were people that claim to

310
00:16:03,778 --> 00:16:11,189
be agnostics or an imposter that one

311
00:16:09,839 --> 00:16:16,040
when you don't believe in anything

312
00:16:11,190 --> 00:16:16,040
begins with an ex candy

313
00:16:16,259 --> 00:16:21,730
all right paranormal believe in tears I

314

00:16:19,509 --> 00:16:24,039
know I couldn't wait to get to this I

315
00:16:21,730 --> 00:16:27,580
could not wait to do the analysis right

316
00:16:24,039 --> 00:16:30,629
sixty percent believe in life after day

317
00:16:27,580 --> 00:16:33,759
they're not surprising because it's it's

318
00:16:30,629 --> 00:16:35,409
it's such a religious place that it's

319
00:16:33,759 --> 00:16:38,080
not surprising that sixty percent

320
00:16:35,409 --> 00:16:39,370
believe in life after death you know I'm

321
00:16:38,080 --> 00:16:40,750
not all that's the point believe in

322
00:16:39,370 --> 00:16:44,679
religion isn't it's like a look forward

323
00:16:40,750 --> 00:16:46,629
to and forty percent believe for the

324
00:16:44,679 --> 00:16:52,589
paranormal is real so almost half

325
00:16:46,629 --> 00:16:55,990
believe that panel real 22% a cena goes

326
00:16:52,590 --> 00:16:59,290
so there's our one in one in five I've

327
00:16:55,990 --> 00:17:01,060
seen a ghost Oh again not surprising

328
00:16:59,289 --> 00:17:03,069

because tasmat everything is haunting

329

00:17:01,059 --> 00:17:04,720

Tasmania crikey my toilet haunted

330

00:17:03,070 --> 00:17:08,259

apparently I mean that everything is

331

00:17:04,720 --> 00:17:14,980

haunted over there and eight percent per

332

00:17:08,259 --> 00:17:17,410

seat UFO yes / 23 percent so a quarter

333

00:17:14,980 --> 00:17:20,680

of those people that I tested have had a

334

00:17:17,410 --> 00:17:23,220

psychic experience seven percent can

335

00:17:20,680 --> 00:17:23,220

communicate

336

00:17:23,269 --> 00:17:28,210

don't talk back I don't know but in many

337

00:17:25,970 --> 00:17:31,009

ways seven central communicate with them

338

00:17:28,210 --> 00:17:32,809

sixteen percent visit fortune tellers

339

00:17:31,009 --> 00:17:37,250

tarot card readers and the Tea Leaf

340

00:17:32,809 --> 00:17:39,919

ladies or the tea bag lady seven percent

341

00:17:37,250 --> 00:17:43,460

playing to be psychic believe they are

342

00:17:39,920 --> 00:17:46,730

psychic and this next one is my favorite

343
00:17:43,460 --> 00:17:48,680
statistic ever in all the years I've

344
00:17:46,730 --> 00:17:57,130
been doing this this is my favorite ever

345
00:17:48,680 --> 00:17:59,000
statistic two percent have met an

346
00:17:57,130 --> 00:18:03,260
extraterrestrial I'm no mathematician

347
00:17:59,000 --> 00:18:07,099
but I work that out to be 30 people 30

348
00:18:03,259 --> 00:18:09,650
people have met an extraterrestrial it's

349
00:18:07,099 --> 00:18:11,329
just amazing now all of these characters

350
00:18:09,650 --> 00:18:14,200
have actually written on their paper I

351
00:18:11,329 --> 00:18:14,199
am one

352
00:18:17,058 --> 00:18:24,138
in room so you can see why Tasmania is

353
00:18:21,398 --> 00:18:25,219
it's a psychologist room it's wonderful

354
00:18:24,138 --> 00:18:27,939
lots of lovely stuff to work with

355
00:18:25,220 --> 00:18:31,639
they're all right so enough about tally

356
00:18:27,940 --> 00:18:33,830
the psychology of belief now being a

357
00:18:31,638 --> 00:18:34,969
psychologist being a social scientist I

358
00:18:33,829 --> 00:18:37,878
have to approach this thing

359
00:18:34,970 --> 00:18:40,879
scientifically so we have to first off

360
00:18:37,878 --> 00:18:43,099
start off with a definition what is

361
00:18:40,878 --> 00:18:45,048
belief okay so i looked it up in a

362
00:18:43,099 --> 00:18:48,019
dictionary psychologists dictionary any

363
00:18:45,048 --> 00:18:51,499
proposition that is accepted as true on

364
00:18:48,019 --> 00:18:53,659
the basis of inconclusive evidence now

365
00:18:51,499 --> 00:18:56,360
I'd like you to think about that because

366
00:18:53,659 --> 00:18:57,980
I think I've heard a couple of those

367
00:18:56,359 --> 00:19:00,288
over the last couple of days that's

368
00:18:57,980 --> 00:19:02,440
funny they just just keep that in mind

369
00:19:00,288 --> 00:19:05,179
as we go through some of these slides

370
00:19:02,440 --> 00:19:07,399
there's just some examples of the type

371

00:19:05,179 --> 00:19:09,159
of beliefs that are everywhere the sort

372
00:19:07,398 --> 00:19:10,908
of things that we come across

373
00:19:09,159 --> 00:19:15,460
conspiracies this is my favorite

374
00:19:10,909 --> 00:19:17,629
conspiracy theory i think the 911 towers

375
00:19:15,460 --> 00:19:21,200
when the planes hit there was this

376
00:19:17,628 --> 00:19:23,118
enormous cloud of smoke and some people

377
00:19:21,200 --> 00:19:25,909
believed got a lot of people believe

378
00:19:23,118 --> 00:19:29,480
that the smoke cloud looks like either

379
00:19:25,909 --> 00:19:32,360
the devil or Osama bin Laden so I think

380
00:19:29,480 --> 00:19:38,529
that's a nice one

381
00:19:32,359 --> 00:19:43,099
this is another one of my favorites this

382
00:19:38,529 --> 00:19:48,099
intergalactic race of perverts are

383
00:19:43,099 --> 00:19:53,178
flying through the galaxy visiting earth

384
00:19:48,099 --> 00:19:57,069
only probing hapless Americans and then

385
00:19:53,179 --> 00:19:59,630

worst of all messing up that crop fields

386

00:19:57,069 --> 00:20:06,079

so that's my problem probably my

387

00:19:59,630 --> 00:20:07,580

favorite religious figures sorry he's

388

00:20:06,079 --> 00:20:11,058

not here obviously thought you would

389

00:20:07,579 --> 00:20:13,909

walk walked out um yeah really just

390

00:20:11,058 --> 00:20:16,339

figures and I it's not entirely humorous

391

00:20:13,910 --> 00:20:22,610

that I put that up there we're just to

392

00:20:16,339 --> 00:20:24,470

rub it you know football and sport it's

393

00:20:22,609 --> 00:20:26,689

more about life isn't it it's all about

394

00:20:24,470 --> 00:20:28,940

tribalism is all about blue so it's not

395

00:20:26,690 --> 00:20:32,240

just about religion it's our religious

396

00:20:28,940 --> 00:20:34,808

affiliations with the town and this is

397

00:20:32,240 --> 00:20:34,808

another of my favorite

398

00:20:37,440 --> 00:20:42,870

those Domingo hurdle talked before you

399

00:20:39,509 --> 00:20:46,019

tell me talk before you come across this

400
00:20:42,869 --> 00:20:49,709
one before wrong apology the ancient art

401
00:20:46,019 --> 00:20:53,759
of wrong pology the art of divination

402
00:20:49,710 --> 00:20:57,450
based upon the pimples lumps and bumps

403
00:20:53,759 --> 00:20:59,069
on someone's butt okay it's absolutely

404
00:20:57,450 --> 00:21:01,590
true i'm not making this up over

405
00:20:59,069 --> 00:21:06,019
oncology this is the famous european

406
00:21:01,589 --> 00:21:06,019
drunk ologist who's actually blind

407
00:21:12,940 --> 00:21:17,799
there's an American a very famous

408
00:21:14,980 --> 00:21:20,380
American from apologist called jaclyn

409
00:21:17,799 --> 00:21:23,319
Stallone spookley or maybe not so

410
00:21:20,380 --> 00:21:26,380
spookily Sylvester Stallone's mother she

411
00:21:23,319 --> 00:21:29,619
is a very unwell practice run apologist

412
00:21:26,380 --> 00:21:31,480
and for 125 american dollars if you sent

413
00:21:29,619 --> 00:21:34,209
her a digital photograph of your bomb

414
00:21:31,480 --> 00:21:36,450
she will give you a reading or I'll do

415
00:21:34,210 --> 00:21:36,450
at the time

416
00:21:38,140 --> 00:21:44,620
they're this going to be an idea for an

417
00:21:40,750 --> 00:21:47,069
experiment and ladies and gentlemen

418
00:21:44,619 --> 00:21:51,159
you're very fortunate today because

419
00:21:47,069 --> 00:21:52,659
today is the birth of a brand new form

420
00:21:51,160 --> 00:21:54,880
of divination which I'm going to

421
00:21:52,660 --> 00:21:57,220
introduce you today and I thought right

422
00:21:54,880 --> 00:21:59,320
what part of that body what part of our

423
00:21:57,220 --> 00:22:04,480
bodies have we not exploited for

424
00:21:59,319 --> 00:22:07,750
divination purposes don't worry we'll be

425
00:22:04,480 --> 00:22:10,029
there body can we use the means we won't

426
00:22:07,750 --> 00:22:13,329
get arrested so ladies and gentlemen I

427
00:22:10,029 --> 00:22:19,329
want to introduce you to today the the

428

00:22:13,329 --> 00:22:21,839
ancient art of L Balaji yes show me your

429
00:22:19,329 --> 00:22:26,019
elbow and I'll show you who you are oh

430
00:22:21,839 --> 00:22:29,230
yeah devil bit phony phony there yeah

431
00:22:26,019 --> 00:22:32,309
yeah but not going on there they're not

432
00:22:29,230 --> 00:22:32,309
traveling and you

433
00:22:34,450 --> 00:22:40,519
down here aha but a bad skin yeah bit

434
00:22:38,210 --> 00:22:43,789
drive the psoriasis yes I can definitely

435
00:22:40,519 --> 00:22:45,470
see a handsome educated well-dressed

436
00:22:43,789 --> 00:22:53,029
stranger is going to come into your life

437
00:22:45,470 --> 00:22:55,759
yeah it's called a dermatologist it's

438
00:22:53,029 --> 00:22:58,879
easy to mock oh boy is it easy to mock

439
00:22:55,759 --> 00:23:00,980
um but how long do you think especially

440
00:22:58,880 --> 00:23:02,690
given after what we heard from Rachel

441
00:23:00,980 --> 00:23:05,029
yesterday about you know twittering

442
00:23:02,690 --> 00:23:07,460

Facebook and all these new forms of

443

00:23:05,029 --> 00:23:10,819

communication imagine if I set up a

444

00:23:07,460 --> 00:23:13,549

website on El Monte and I wrote up lots

445

00:23:10,819 --> 00:23:17,509

of silly testimonials Oh babaji changed

446

00:23:13,549 --> 00:23:19,309

my life yellow um all wrote that sort of

447

00:23:17,509 --> 00:23:21,140

things set it all up how long do you

448

00:23:19,309 --> 00:23:23,990

think it would be before I started

449

00:23:21,140 --> 00:23:26,990

getting emails staying in digital

450

00:23:23,990 --> 00:23:29,390

photographs of people's elbows or five

451

00:23:26,990 --> 00:23:31,910

minutes yeah dear dr. Wilson here's a

452

00:23:29,390 --> 00:23:35,110

photograph my elbow taken six months ago

453

00:23:31,910 --> 00:23:35,110

should I marry Ted

454

00:23:35,630 --> 00:23:43,940

will I ever find love no so L Balaji

455

00:23:41,059 --> 00:23:46,490

okay I am going on today tonight with

456

00:23:43,940 --> 00:23:48,049

this one definitely okay I think it's

457
00:23:46,490 --> 00:23:51,620
going to work so watch out our apologies

458
00:23:48,049 --> 00:23:53,119
coming to a town near you okay right now

459
00:23:51,619 --> 00:23:56,449
the point of all of that is to

460
00:23:53,119 --> 00:23:59,419
illustrate a ubiquitous nature of belief

461
00:23:56,450 --> 00:24:03,170
okay it's everywhere it's in everything

462
00:23:59,420 --> 00:24:06,440
we do it's all around us imagine order

463
00:24:03,170 --> 00:24:10,759
we didn't have belief now I personally

464
00:24:06,440 --> 00:24:12,559
think that researchers included and I

465
00:24:10,759 --> 00:24:15,319
include myself in this we've had the

466
00:24:12,559 --> 00:24:17,359
wrong approach to study in belief we

467
00:24:15,319 --> 00:24:21,019
approach it from the idea that believes

468
00:24:17,359 --> 00:24:22,849
a bad thing um and we asked well why do

469
00:24:21,019 --> 00:24:24,680
people believe why do people believe in

470
00:24:22,849 --> 00:24:26,929
this stuff but I wonder if we're not

471
00:24:24,680 --> 00:24:28,730
asking the wrong question maybe we

472
00:24:26,930 --> 00:24:31,370
should ask well why is it that some

473
00:24:28,730 --> 00:24:35,299
people don't believe and I don't believe

474
00:24:31,369 --> 00:24:37,879
I don't think I don't think the belief

475
00:24:35,299 --> 00:24:39,799
is actually the enmity belief itself is

476
00:24:37,880 --> 00:24:42,740
not the end of it hopefully all I'll

477
00:24:39,799 --> 00:24:45,769
explain why as we go through all right

478
00:24:42,740 --> 00:24:48,680
if this was a psychology lecture and you

479
00:24:45,769 --> 00:24:50,839
were all my undergrads um I would say

480
00:24:48,680 --> 00:24:53,090
right okay boys girls ladies and

481
00:24:50,839 --> 00:24:55,909
gentlemen um we're going to talk about

482
00:24:53,089 --> 00:24:59,019
psychology of belief and whenever you

483
00:24:55,910 --> 00:25:01,000
talk about the psychology of any human

484
00:24:59,019 --> 00:25:04,250
characteristic we always talk about

485

00:25:01,000 --> 00:25:07,309
multifaceted criteria okay so

486
00:25:04,250 --> 00:25:09,049
multifaceted ideological criteria which

487
00:25:07,309 --> 00:25:11,240
simply means you know the reasons was

488
00:25:09,049 --> 00:25:12,859
something the causes of something the

489
00:25:11,240 --> 00:25:15,380
only wanted to use the dinner parties

490
00:25:12,859 --> 00:25:17,949
that multifaceted inti illogical

491
00:25:15,380 --> 00:25:19,750
criteria oh yes

492
00:25:17,950 --> 00:25:21,308
you know there's a multi-faceted eat

493
00:25:19,750 --> 00:25:23,919
illogical criteria for the global

494
00:25:21,308 --> 00:25:26,859
financial crisis you know if you say

495
00:25:23,919 --> 00:25:29,889
that that she's really all they'll think

496
00:25:26,859 --> 00:25:33,339
I she's right geek nice one to try

497
00:25:29,888 --> 00:25:35,918
though so anyway the ETP etiological

498
00:25:33,339 --> 00:25:38,168
criteria for belief i'm going to give

499
00:25:35,919 --> 00:25:40,960

you today biological cognitive and

500

00:25:38,169 --> 00:25:45,870

environmental so let's have a look at

501

00:25:40,960 --> 00:25:50,308

biology and welcome biology tell us um

502

00:25:45,869 --> 00:25:50,308

well i wouldn't any great

503

00:25:51,750 --> 00:25:58,079

wouldn't it be great if it was all down

504

00:25:55,079 --> 00:26:00,299

to brain chemistry if it was all down to

505

00:25:58,079 --> 00:26:03,029

the usual suspects dopamine and

506

00:26:00,299 --> 00:26:04,980

serotonin right taken take a pill the

507

00:26:03,029 --> 00:26:08,690

belief goes away now of course in

508

00:26:04,980 --> 00:26:12,089

extreme cases that's exactly what we do

509

00:26:08,690 --> 00:26:14,910

antipsychotic drugs have been helping

510

00:26:12,089 --> 00:26:17,699

out schizophrenics and the clinically

511

00:26:14,910 --> 00:26:21,660

dilute it psychotic see for example over

512

00:26:17,700 --> 00:26:26,069

since the 1950s so so neurotransmitters

513

00:26:21,660 --> 00:26:27,570

key do have some element to this but

514
00:26:26,069 --> 00:26:29,329
we're not talking about it clinically

515
00:26:27,569 --> 00:26:34,439
deluded we're not talking about

516
00:26:29,329 --> 00:26:36,329
schizophrenics sidekicks are absolutely

517
00:26:34,440 --> 00:26:39,180
the scum of the earth and deserve to die

518
00:26:36,329 --> 00:26:43,169
in Windows ourselves yes but they're not

519
00:26:39,180 --> 00:26:45,509
mad they're not mad Oh house why so you

520
00:26:43,170 --> 00:26:47,759
think they see dead people I'm not

521
00:26:45,509 --> 00:26:51,150
insane they're not suffering from mental

522
00:26:47,759 --> 00:26:52,529
disorders and either indeed our alien

523
00:26:51,150 --> 00:26:54,960
abductees so you think they've been

524
00:26:52,529 --> 00:26:57,299
abducted by aliens and there's no real

525
00:26:54,960 --> 00:27:01,410
pathology there they're just they're

526
00:26:57,299 --> 00:27:05,369
usually you're saying rational people as

527
00:27:01,410 --> 00:27:07,470
what personality then personality has a

528
00:27:05,369 --> 00:27:09,809
largely genetic component so what can

529
00:27:07,470 --> 00:27:12,059
personality trying to tell us is there a

530
00:27:09,809 --> 00:27:16,019
personality that is particularly prone

531
00:27:12,059 --> 00:27:18,750
to believe for example well um

532
00:27:16,019 --> 00:27:21,150
researchers such as myself all over the

533
00:27:18,750 --> 00:27:23,970
world spin last 30-odd years really

534
00:27:21,150 --> 00:27:26,420
looking at the potential correlation

535
00:27:23,970 --> 00:27:28,170
between certain personality

536
00:27:26,420 --> 00:27:31,140
characteristics and belief in the

537
00:27:28,170 --> 00:27:33,050
paranormal and these three of typically

538
00:27:31,140 --> 00:27:36,060
the ones that are looked at so

539
00:27:33,049 --> 00:27:40,319
dissociation of fancy proneness

540
00:27:36,059 --> 00:27:43,079
and suggestibility now the the findings

541
00:27:40,319 --> 00:27:47,099
that you get produce a very mixed

542

00:27:43,079 --> 00:27:49,470
picture and yes some things correlate

543
00:27:47,099 --> 00:27:51,029
and fantasy prime nurse in all of the

544
00:27:49,470 --> 00:27:52,799
studies that I've done in the seven

545
00:27:51,029 --> 00:27:56,309
years I've been doing this all of the

546
00:27:52,799 --> 00:27:58,470
studies include my PhD yes I found a

547
00:27:56,309 --> 00:28:00,059
very strong correlation strong a

548
00:27:58,470 --> 00:28:03,420
significant correlation between fantasy

549
00:28:00,059 --> 00:28:05,669
Primus and belief in the paranormal and

550
00:28:03,420 --> 00:28:07,769
when I looked at as Manian sample they

551
00:28:05,670 --> 00:28:10,560
were off the jar with Francis Ieronis

552
00:28:07,769 --> 00:28:13,549
not surprisingly but the rest of it yeah

553
00:28:10,559 --> 00:28:16,980
there's a very mixed picture so this

554
00:28:13,549 --> 00:28:20,149
attempt the skeptical researchers have

555
00:28:16,980 --> 00:28:22,500
had to try and show that believers are

556
00:28:20,150 --> 00:28:24,240

falling critical thinking that they've

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00:28:22,500 --> 00:28:26,759

got personality defects that they're

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00:28:24,240 --> 00:28:28,740

particularly prone to believe in the

559

00:28:26,759 --> 00:28:30,690

paranormal is simply not true it's just

560

00:28:28,740 --> 00:28:36,120

not there so there's something else

561

00:28:30,690 --> 00:28:39,029

going on ok the role of cognition now I

562

00:28:36,119 --> 00:28:42,929

blame the what we call the cognitive

563

00:28:39,029 --> 00:28:46,289

revolution in the 50s and 60s for the

564

00:28:42,930 --> 00:28:49,830

idea that our brains function like

565

00:28:46,289 --> 00:28:53,279

computers the chords of revolution came

566

00:28:49,829 --> 00:28:56,159

about as a kind of swinging away from

567

00:28:53,279 --> 00:28:58,680

behaviorism which was the fashion of the

568

00:28:56,160 --> 00:29:01,800

day in psychology so cognitive

569

00:28:58,680 --> 00:29:04,230

revolution said that some sated that

570

00:29:01,799 --> 00:29:05,639

it's all about information processing

571
00:29:04,230 --> 00:29:07,110
that that's what we're all about that's

572
00:29:05,640 --> 00:29:09,570
why we do the things we do because it's

573
00:29:07,109 --> 00:29:12,809
all down to information processing such

574
00:29:09,569 --> 00:29:15,509
as memory and problem-solving etc etc

575
00:29:12,809 --> 00:29:17,759
etc so but they were the ones who came

576
00:29:15,509 --> 00:29:19,039
up with this analogy that our brains are

577
00:29:17,759 --> 00:29:21,660
like computer

578
00:29:19,039 --> 00:29:24,349
which is led to all kinds of erroneous

579
00:29:21,660 --> 00:29:28,920
thinking about how our brains work

580
00:29:24,349 --> 00:29:32,309
memory for example is not fallible we

581
00:29:28,920 --> 00:29:34,650
don't record events in our lives with

582
00:29:32,309 --> 00:29:36,659
perfect accuracy and perfect clarity

583
00:29:34,650 --> 00:29:38,850
that we can play back over and over

584
00:29:36,660 --> 00:29:41,240
again is a fluid constructive process

585
00:29:38,849 --> 00:29:44,389
and it's the same with our other

586
00:29:41,240 --> 00:29:48,450
cognitive abilities with perception etc

587
00:29:44,390 --> 00:29:50,759
we see often what we haven't seen we

588
00:29:48,450 --> 00:29:53,819
hear what we haven't actually heard and

589
00:29:50,759 --> 00:29:57,000
as I said we can even recall events that

590
00:29:53,819 --> 00:29:58,710
never even took place that again those

591
00:29:57,000 --> 00:30:01,259
of you going to talk for you'll have

592
00:29:58,710 --> 00:30:02,789
seen and heard this one before apologies

593
00:30:01,259 --> 00:30:05,099
have shown it to you again but is so

594
00:30:02,789 --> 00:30:06,779
good it's so good that I never get bored

595
00:30:05,099 --> 00:30:08,609
listen to it i'm sure you'll enjoy it

596
00:30:06,779 --> 00:30:12,149
again as well this is a fantastic

597
00:30:08,609 --> 00:30:15,029
example of hearing something that we

598
00:30:12,150 --> 00:30:16,620
haven't actually heard but when you when

599

00:30:15,029 --> 00:30:18,990
it's in a certain context when you're

600
00:30:16,619 --> 00:30:20,849
told what you're actually hearing and

601
00:30:18,990 --> 00:30:23,339
you can actually hear it it's an

602
00:30:20,849 --> 00:30:26,069
allegedly a backward satanic message

603
00:30:23,339 --> 00:30:28,980
which was found in the 1980s that allora

604
00:30:26,069 --> 00:30:31,109
rock bands were accused of putting

605
00:30:28,980 --> 00:30:32,519
satanic messages in their music and you

606
00:30:31,109 --> 00:30:35,069
only hear the pic you actually played it

607
00:30:32,519 --> 00:30:38,089
backwards this is the best example I've

608
00:30:35,069 --> 00:30:38,089
found um

609
00:30:39,700 --> 00:30:45,519
most one man so there is it's from

610
00:30:42,548 --> 00:30:48,480
stairway to heaven this is that play for

611
00:30:45,519 --> 00:30:48,480
words first of all

612
00:31:04,710 --> 00:31:07,610
good

613
00:31:09,859 --> 00:31:12,639

hey

614

00:31:15,269 --> 00:31:20,859

okay anything satanic and I think nils

615

00:31:17,740 --> 00:31:22,599

d lurking in their home okay right this

616

00:31:20,859 --> 00:31:24,929

is it the same bit music playing

617

00:31:22,599 --> 00:31:24,929

backwards

618

00:31:30,609 --> 00:31:33,449

quickly

619

00:31:36,269 --> 00:31:39,558

oh yes they

620

00:31:52,509 --> 00:32:00,589

so this time listen to again but read

621

00:31:57,019 --> 00:32:02,809

this and for those listening along on

622

00:32:00,589 --> 00:32:04,459

the podcast the words coming up on the

623

00:32:02,809 --> 00:32:08,509

screen which you might hear in the song

624

00:32:04,460 --> 00:32:10,850

are here's to my sweet Satan the one

625

00:32:08,509 --> 00:32:15,799

whose little path would make me sad

626

00:32:10,849 --> 00:32:18,769

whose power is Satan he'll give you 666

627

00:32:15,799 --> 00:32:23,349

there was a little tool shed where he

628
00:32:18,769 --> 00:32:23,349
made us suffer sad Satan

629
00:32:56,019 --> 00:33:00,470
you only hear it because I've told you

630
00:32:58,819 --> 00:33:02,509
what you'll hear it of course he's not

631
00:33:00,470 --> 00:33:04,819
saying these things but you hear it very

632
00:33:02,509 --> 00:33:06,229
very clearly there are some other

633
00:33:04,819 --> 00:33:18,798
examples on the internet but that's the

634
00:33:06,229 --> 00:33:22,049
best one we've ever found it always said

635
00:33:18,798 --> 00:33:24,410
I never get tired of hearing it

636
00:33:22,049 --> 00:33:24,409
I live

637
00:33:33,869 --> 00:33:39,949
you agree more all right so five minutes

638
00:33:37,829 --> 00:33:44,129
environmental factors is the other

639
00:33:39,950 --> 00:33:47,069
etiology yet obviously the media loves

640
00:33:44,130 --> 00:33:50,430
the paranormal absolutely loves it and

641
00:33:47,069 --> 00:33:53,308
hit the sheer volume of the stuff that

642
00:33:50,430 --> 00:33:55,680
we have on TV and in films about the

643
00:33:53,308 --> 00:33:58,529
paranormal is obviously going to create

644
00:33:55,680 --> 00:34:01,950
some atmosphere of acceptance that this

645
00:33:58,529 --> 00:34:04,500
stuff is real so um media also has a big

646
00:34:01,950 --> 00:34:05,850
part to play and so all right why do we

647
00:34:04,500 --> 00:34:07,859
believe in this stuff there well

648
00:34:05,849 --> 00:34:11,219
obviously there's lots of reasons why we

649
00:34:07,859 --> 00:34:13,289
believe those were the sort of textbook

650
00:34:11,219 --> 00:34:15,359
if you like psychological reasons but

651
00:34:13,289 --> 00:34:17,849
there's all kinds of other reasons why

652
00:34:15,360 --> 00:34:19,169
we believe in these things and one of

653
00:34:17,849 --> 00:34:22,679
the reasons I personally believe

654
00:34:19,168 --> 00:34:25,109
personally think it will account this is

655
00:34:22,679 --> 00:34:29,010
that we we desperately want to search

656

00:34:25,110 --> 00:34:30,990
for meaning in what is meaning less you

657
00:34:29,010 --> 00:34:33,960
know we look the patterns in things as

658
00:34:30,989 --> 00:34:36,449
human beings we look for for pictures of

659
00:34:33,960 --> 00:34:40,168
faces in object you know we see visions

660
00:34:36,449 --> 00:34:41,699
of the Virgin Mary in Doritos and things

661
00:34:40,168 --> 00:34:43,829
you know we're always looking for

662
00:34:41,699 --> 00:34:48,719
patterns are looking for reasons to

663
00:34:43,829 --> 00:34:51,628
explain all of this so some tentative

664
00:34:48,719 --> 00:34:54,769
conclusions then and belief for me is

665
00:34:51,628 --> 00:34:56,210
not the enemy even though we we tend to

666
00:34:54,769 --> 00:34:59,210
think that it is we tend to think that

667
00:34:56,210 --> 00:35:03,619
it's a bad thing but belief is not the

668
00:34:59,210 --> 00:35:06,769
enemy it's who we are it's as much part

669
00:35:03,619 --> 00:35:10,250
of the human condition for me as hunger

670
00:35:06,769 --> 00:35:12,530

and need for intimacy and a drive for

671

00:35:10,250 --> 00:35:16,099

accomplishment it's part of who we are

672

00:35:12,530 --> 00:35:18,850

as part of the human maker and believers

673

00:35:16,099 --> 00:35:21,799

are not significantly different from

674

00:35:18,849 --> 00:35:25,400

non-believers I think with all believers

675

00:35:21,800 --> 00:35:30,230

we all believe in something because when

676

00:35:25,400 --> 00:35:33,440

we believe we feel strong and we feel

677

00:35:30,230 --> 00:35:36,409

strong when we exclude others so we've

678

00:35:33,440 --> 00:35:41,170

got believers non-believers Christians

679

00:35:36,409 --> 00:35:44,389

Muslims Sydney Melbourne AFL NRL

680

00:35:41,170 --> 00:35:46,670

Chardonnay Sauvignon Blanc you know we

681

00:35:44,389 --> 00:35:50,449

feel better about ourselves ourselves

682

00:35:46,670 --> 00:35:54,099

when we exclude a group again absolutely

683

00:35:50,449 --> 00:35:54,099

fundamental to the human condition

684

00:36:14,300 --> 00:36:18,930

examining the truth in exposing the

685
00:36:16,409 --> 00:36:20,789
frauds but psychics co uk is the website

686
00:36:18,929 --> 00:36:22,858
that critically examines mediums

687
00:36:20,789 --> 00:36:24,719
clairvoyants and psychics follow the

688
00:36:22,858 --> 00:36:26,789
controversies news and discussions in

689
00:36:24,719 --> 00:36:28,319
the lively forum community and now you

690
00:36:26,789 --> 00:36:30,000
can download your weekly fix of

691
00:36:28,320 --> 00:36:32,369
righteous indignation the official

692
00:36:30,000 --> 00:36:33,599
podcast of bad psychics khodet UK that

693
00:36:32,369 --> 00:36:36,750
talks hard and critically about

694
00:36:33,599 --> 00:36:38,088
paranormal bad psychics doctor at UK the

695
00:36:36,750 --> 00:36:42,260
UK's largest and most respected

696
00:36:38,088 --> 00:36:42,259
skeptical site looking at psychics

697
00:36:55,000 --> 00:37:00,650
well thank you very much for listening

698
00:36:57,320 --> 00:37:03,019
to go away thank you very much for

699
00:37:00,650 --> 00:37:06,769
listening to this episode of the skeptic

700
00:37:03,019 --> 00:37:08,960
zone and join me again let me have a

701
00:37:06,769 --> 00:37:11,539
look at my calendar holy mackerel next

702
00:37:08,960 --> 00:37:15,650
week it's New Years so join me again on

703
00:37:11,539 --> 00:37:19,340
the first of January 2010 for the

704
00:37:15,650 --> 00:37:22,730
skeptic zone number 63 2010 the year of

705
00:37:19,340 --> 00:37:26,950
Tam Australia that's exciting until then

706
00:37:22,730 --> 00:37:26,949
this is Richard Saunders signing off

707
00:37:27,760 --> 00:37:34,160
you've been listening to the skeptic

708
00:37:30,170 --> 00:37:37,970
zone visit our website at wwc a petting

709
00:37:34,159 --> 00:37:40,379
zoo TV for comments contacts and extra

710
00:37:37,969 --> 00:37:44,149
video reports

711
00:37:40,380 --> 00:37:44,150
I get

712
00:37:52,110 --> 00:37:54,110
Oh

713

00:37:57,550 --> 00:37:59,610
you