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00:00:20,559 --> 00:00:27,159  
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:23,329 --> 00:00:30,380  
for the twenty second of January 2010

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00:00:27,160 --> 00:00:35,170  
episode number 66 Richard Saunders here

4  
00:00:30,379 --> 00:00:40,509  
with you once again episode 66 on the

5  
00:00:35,170 --> 00:00:44,030  
twenty-second of January 6622 ok all you

6  
00:00:40,509 --> 00:00:46,009  
numerologists out there get working and

7  
00:00:44,030 --> 00:00:48,338  
speaking of numerologists you have to be

8  
00:00:46,009 --> 00:00:50,920  
a bit of a numerologist to work out the

9  
00:00:48,338 --> 00:00:54,140  
fantastic numbers involved with the

10  
00:00:50,920 --> 00:00:56,960  
ludicrous bogus and quack modality known

11  
00:00:54,140 --> 00:00:59,570  
as homeopathy I mean a bit of a win for

12  
00:00:56,960 --> 00:01:02,509  
our side this week we're two websites

13  
00:00:59,570 --> 00:01:05,030  
run by homeopathy plus in this country

14  
00:01:02,509 --> 00:01:07,969  
have been ordered to remove misleading

15  
00:01:05,030 --> 00:01:10,340  
and unverified information from their

16  
00:01:07,969 --> 00:01:12,700  
websites about homeopathic vaccinations

17  
00:01:10,340 --> 00:01:16,310  
now this order has been made by the

18  
00:01:12,700 --> 00:01:19,280  
Therapeutic Goods Administration the TGA

19  
00:01:16,310 --> 00:01:21,590  
here in this country the retraction that

20  
00:01:19,280 --> 00:01:24,280  
the homeopathy plus are required to put

21  
00:01:21,590 --> 00:01:27,259  
on their website reads as follows

22  
00:01:24,280 --> 00:01:30,228  
retraction an advertisement for

23  
00:01:27,259 --> 00:01:32,359  
homeopathic immunization products which

24  
00:01:30,228 --> 00:01:34,459  
we published on this website should not

25  
00:01:32,359 --> 00:01:36,409  
have been published in the advertisement

26  
00:01:34,459 --> 00:01:39,500  
we unlawfully made the claims that

27  
00:01:36,409 --> 00:01:42,469  
homeopathic immunization products could

28  
00:01:39,500 --> 00:01:44,840  
aid immunity were alternatives to

29

00:01:42,468 --> 00:01:47,658  
vaccination and that they could prevent

30  
00:01:44,840 --> 00:01:51,170  
or protect against infectious diseases

31  
00:01:47,659 --> 00:01:54,020  
including serious infectious diseases we

32  
00:01:51,170 --> 00:01:56,359  
also made claims that an advertised

33  
00:01:54,019 --> 00:02:00,289  
homeopathic product was more effective

34  
00:01:56,359 --> 00:02:02,209  
than antiviral medication a complaint

35  
00:02:00,289 --> 00:02:04,460  
about the advertisement was recently

36  
00:02:02,209 --> 00:02:06,589  
upheld by the complaints resolution

37  
00:02:04,459 --> 00:02:08,750  
panel we did not provide adequate

38  
00:02:06,590 --> 00:02:10,879  
evidence to support the claims made in

39  
00:02:08,750 --> 00:02:13,489  
the advertisement and the panel found

40  
00:02:10,879 --> 00:02:16,359  
that the claims were unlawful misleading

41  
00:02:13,489 --> 00:02:19,879  
and unverified and breached the

42  
00:02:16,359 --> 00:02:21,799  
therapeutics Goods advertising code the

43  
00:02:19,879 --> 00:02:25,609

panel therefore request that homeopathy

44

00:02:21,799 --> 00:02:28,549

+ publish this retraction so there you

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00:02:25,609 --> 00:02:31,879

go a bit of a win for our side this week

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00:02:28,549 --> 00:02:34,129

in Australian more news about that can

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00:02:31,879 --> 00:02:37,460

be found at ww skeptic

48

00:02:34,129 --> 00:02:39,799

calm day you or at dr. H his very own

49

00:02:37,460 --> 00:02:42,980

blog the skeptics book of poo poo at

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00:02:39,800 --> 00:02:45,260

skeptics book calm but now on to this

51

00:02:42,979 --> 00:02:47,539

week's show this week's show we've got a

52

00:02:45,259 --> 00:02:50,870

sort of a double-barrel Kyle Easter just

53

00:02:47,539 --> 00:02:53,599

interview special she starts off by

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00:02:50,870 --> 00:02:56,659

interviewing Michael Marshall from the

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00:02:53,599 --> 00:02:58,819

Merseyside skeptics there in the UK and

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00:02:56,659 --> 00:03:01,520

he's going to be talking about many

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00:02:58,819 --> 00:03:04,819

things including the upcoming 1023

58  
00:03:01,520 --> 00:03:07,070  
homeopathy campaign then Kylie

59  
00:03:04,819 --> 00:03:10,189  
interviews a famous Australian blogger

60  
00:03:07,069 --> 00:03:12,500  
Sean the blogger naught after all that

61  
00:03:10,189 --> 00:03:14,659  
we can relax in the nice hot tub with me

62  
00:03:12,500 --> 00:03:17,719  
Brian downing in a bunch of skeptics in

63  
00:03:14,659 --> 00:03:20,299  
a special Californian edition of the

64  
00:03:17,719 --> 00:03:25,240  
think tank so sit back grab that

65  
00:03:20,300 --> 00:03:25,240  
champagne and enjoy this week's skeptics

66  
00:03:34,259 --> 00:03:40,060  
I'm Carly Sturgis and I'm talking to

67  
00:03:37,419 --> 00:03:42,248  
Michael marshal Michel Marshall best

68  
00:03:40,060 --> 00:03:44,739  
known as Marsh amongst the Merseyside

69  
00:03:42,248 --> 00:03:47,468  
skeptics is a presenter of the righteous

70  
00:03:44,739 --> 00:03:52,420  
indignation podcast and skeptics with a

71  
00:03:47,468 --> 00:03:55,568  
que the 10 23 campaign found it 1023 org

72  
00:03:52,419 --> 00:03:57,128  
UK is challenging homeopathy and

73  
00:03:55,568 --> 00:04:00,548  
hopefully we'll manage to do it

74  
00:03:57,128 --> 00:04:02,348  
worldwide the 10 23 campaign aims to

75  
00:04:00,549 --> 00:04:04,900  
raise awareness about the realities of

76  
00:04:02,348 --> 00:04:07,509  
homeopathy not only investigating the

77  
00:04:04,900 --> 00:04:09,218  
claims but why people should care as a

78  
00:04:07,509 --> 00:04:11,468  
member of the Merseyside skeptics

79  
00:04:09,218 --> 00:04:13,810  
society a nonprofit organization for the

80  
00:04:11,468 --> 00:04:19,029  
promotion of scientific skepticism marsh

81  
00:04:13,810 --> 00:04:20,738  
talks to us or the skeptic zone ok Marsh

82  
00:04:19,029 --> 00:04:22,209  
I guess my first question is is there

83  
00:04:20,738 --> 00:04:25,269  
anything that you don't do for

84  
00:04:22,209 --> 00:04:27,609  
skepticism well yeah that's a very good

85  
00:04:25,269 --> 00:04:29,500  
question well first of all I help run

86

00:04:27,610 --> 00:04:32,439  
the most I'd skeptics slightly which

87  
00:04:29,500 --> 00:04:35,168  
runs local skeptics in the pub so I try

88  
00:04:32,439 --> 00:04:36,219  
as best I can and keep regular speakers

89  
00:04:35,168 --> 00:04:38,649  
come along there we've only been doing

90  
00:04:36,220 --> 00:04:40,150  
talk since I think October although

91  
00:04:38,649 --> 00:04:43,448  
we've existed since february so we had a

92  
00:04:40,149 --> 00:04:45,189  
bit of a kind of a run of basically we

93  
00:04:43,449 --> 00:04:47,020  
thought we'd try and gauge how much

94  
00:04:45,189 --> 00:04:48,610  
interest and opinion that would be in

95  
00:04:47,019 --> 00:04:50,258  
merseyside before we started and it

96  
00:04:48,610 --> 00:04:51,610  
turns out there's quite a lot so we went

97  
00:04:50,259 --> 00:04:54,009  
with it so yeah so I organized the

98  
00:04:51,610 --> 00:04:55,930  
Liverpool skeptics in the pub I'm on the

99  
00:04:54,009 --> 00:04:57,759  
skeptics with a que podcast I present

100  
00:04:55,930 --> 00:04:59,889

that with with my cam with Colin from

101

00:04:57,759 --> 00:05:02,080

from from the MSS from Mercer are

102

00:04:59,889 --> 00:05:03,908

skeptics which listeners to the skeptics

103

00:05:02,079 --> 00:05:06,550

gone yes skeptics on might have actually

104

00:05:03,908 --> 00:05:08,769

heard that's our really unprofessional

105

00:05:06,550 --> 00:05:10,210

sounding trailer in the middle of the

106

00:05:08,769 --> 00:05:11,859

skeptics on every now and again where we

107

00:05:10,209 --> 00:05:13,989

kind of just mumble and things that

108

00:05:11,860 --> 00:05:15,639

would be us i also present it yeah you

109

00:05:13,990 --> 00:05:17,259

should be tough on yourself it's great

110

00:05:15,639 --> 00:05:18,728

to be other support on the podcast it's

111

00:05:17,259 --> 00:05:21,879

great yeah well it was really fantastic

112

00:05:18,728 --> 00:05:23,019

the skeptics on to run it yeah i also am

113

00:05:21,879 --> 00:05:25,089

present the righteous indignation

114

00:05:23,019 --> 00:05:28,389

podcast as well which is a weekly show

115  
00:05:25,089 --> 00:05:30,369  
which is a bit more sort of formalized

116  
00:05:28,389 --> 00:05:33,098  
and structured and other than that i'm

117  
00:05:30,370 --> 00:05:34,718  
cold running the 10 23 campaign which is

118  
00:05:33,098 --> 00:05:36,519  
the big campaign that's happening the UK

119  
00:05:34,718 --> 00:05:39,218  
and hopefully around the rest the globe

120  
00:05:36,519 --> 00:05:41,168  
at the moment to bring homeopathy to

121  
00:05:39,218 --> 00:05:43,870  
light in order for our audience to get a

122  
00:05:41,168 --> 00:05:45,399  
bit of context what exactly is boots

123  
00:05:43,870 --> 00:05:47,949  
why are they in particular being

124  
00:05:45,399 --> 00:05:50,620  
challenged by the first leg of the 10 23

125  
00:05:47,949 --> 00:05:52,959  
campaign boots are and the leading

126  
00:05:50,620 --> 00:05:54,189  
pharmacy in the UK they're they're huge

127  
00:05:52,959 --> 00:05:55,659  
they're on every high street and they're

128  
00:05:54,189 --> 00:05:59,529  
synonymous with health care really so

129  
00:05:55,660 --> 00:06:02,230  
they've got a incredibly incredible

130  
00:05:59,529 --> 00:06:04,569  
reputation and incredibly legitimate

131  
00:06:02,230 --> 00:06:06,220  
reputation there where people turn first

132  
00:06:04,569 --> 00:06:07,899  
and foremost for their pharmaceuticals

133  
00:06:06,220 --> 00:06:10,270  
which is why it's incredibly

134  
00:06:07,899 --> 00:06:12,579  
disappointing that they sell their own

135  
00:06:10,269 --> 00:06:14,560  
brand of Paul myopathy as well as a

136  
00:06:12,579 --> 00:06:16,240  
leading brand of homeopathy right there

137  
00:06:14,560 --> 00:06:18,610  
in the in the shop next to the real

138  
00:06:16,240 --> 00:06:20,110  
medicines I was wondering if like in

139  
00:06:18,610 --> 00:06:22,750  
Australia there's several different

140  
00:06:20,110 --> 00:06:24,960  
pharmacies or drug stores that could

141  
00:06:22,750 --> 00:06:27,850  
possibly be targeted in this campaign

142  
00:06:24,959 --> 00:06:29,769  
well there are but not with a legitimacy

143

00:06:27,850 --> 00:06:31,450  
that a pharmacy with the reputation of

144  
00:06:29,769 --> 00:06:33,099  
boots can lend it there are there are

145  
00:06:31,449 --> 00:06:34,420  
other shops in the UK things like

146  
00:06:33,100 --> 00:06:36,910  
Holland and Barrett sand health food

147  
00:06:34,420 --> 00:06:39,009  
shops that sell homeopathy but they

148  
00:06:36,910 --> 00:06:40,960  
don't sell prescription medicines and

149  
00:06:39,009 --> 00:06:43,269  
cough medicines and flu remedies that

150  
00:06:40,959 --> 00:06:44,969  
are a genuine medicine in boot it's very

151  
00:06:43,269 --> 00:06:47,139  
very difficult to distinguish between

152  
00:06:44,970 --> 00:06:48,820  
the real medicines in the alternative

153  
00:06:47,139 --> 00:06:52,479  
medicines there's just a little a little

154  
00:06:48,819 --> 00:06:54,250  
side side stole a shelf with the words

155  
00:06:52,480 --> 00:06:56,500  
alternate medicines and all the

156  
00:06:54,250 --> 00:06:58,000  
homeopathy and the herbal stuff right on

157  
00:06:56,500 --> 00:06:59,740

there and there's nothing to say that

158

00:06:58,000 --> 00:07:01,389  
this stuff isn't proven if i'm not

159

00:06:59,740 --> 00:07:03,400  
mistaken there's quite a history of

160

00:07:01,389 --> 00:07:06,699  
political and popular support for

161

00:07:03,399 --> 00:07:09,370  
homeopathy in the UK isn't there yeah

162

00:07:06,699 --> 00:07:10,990  
it's it's um I'd say it's more perfect

163

00:07:09,370 --> 00:07:12,879  
if that a lot of people would realize I

164

00:07:10,990 --> 00:07:14,590  
don't think it's necessarily something

165

00:07:12,879 --> 00:07:17,500  
that you're ever your average man istry

166

00:07:14,589 --> 00:07:19,239  
has tried but it's the industry's worth

167

00:07:17,500 --> 00:07:21,550  
around about 40 million pounds I believe

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00:07:19,240 --> 00:07:24,160  
plus the NHS actually supports

169

00:07:21,550 --> 00:07:26,770  
homeopathy it spends around four million

170

00:07:24,160 --> 00:07:29,350  
pounds a year on for homeopathic

171

00:07:26,769 --> 00:07:31,329  
hospitals one of which is actually

172  
00:07:29,350 --> 00:07:33,310  
situated Liverpool which is a where

173  
00:07:31,329 --> 00:07:36,399  
where where I live which is why it's a

174  
00:07:33,310 --> 00:07:37,720  
particular bugbear of ours also if yeah

175  
00:07:36,399 --> 00:07:40,329  
I can imagine why it would be quite

176  
00:07:37,720 --> 00:07:42,190  
insulting to have that be right yeah it

177  
00:07:40,329 --> 00:07:44,589  
all state it's absolutely crazy that

178  
00:07:42,189 --> 00:07:45,939  
that that the government Health Service

179  
00:07:44,589 --> 00:07:47,199  
the National Health Service actually

180  
00:07:45,939 --> 00:07:49,420  
supports this stuff even though it's

181  
00:07:47,199 --> 00:07:51,009  
been proven and whenever they're asked

182  
00:07:49,420 --> 00:07:52,569  
about it they tend to say well people

183  
00:07:51,009 --> 00:07:54,219  
wanted so we provide it which is a bit

184  
00:07:52,569 --> 00:07:56,560  
of a cop-out when it comes to medicine

185  
00:07:54,220 --> 00:07:57,820  
because you don't give people what they

186  
00:07:56,560 --> 00:08:00,009  
want you given what can

187  
00:07:57,819 --> 00:08:03,189  
proven to work so what initially

188  
00:08:00,009 --> 00:08:04,360  
inspired the 1023 campaign that's a very

189  
00:08:03,189 --> 00:08:06,219  
good question actually it was it was

190  
00:08:04,360 --> 00:08:07,540  
something I came up while we were at one

191  
00:08:06,220 --> 00:08:09,940  
of our skeptics and pub socials up in

192  
00:08:07,540 --> 00:08:11,290  
Liverpool and we saw that although there

193  
00:08:09,939 --> 00:08:13,899  
were many bloggers doing some great work

194  
00:08:11,290 --> 00:08:15,520  
when it came to the Simon Singh case and

195  
00:08:13,899 --> 00:08:18,639  
the chiropractic that the general

196  
00:08:15,519 --> 00:08:19,930  
chiropractic counselor and the BCA there

197  
00:08:18,639 --> 00:08:21,430  
were some great bloggers who were taking

198  
00:08:19,930 --> 00:08:23,350  
apart the claims of chiropractors and

199  
00:08:21,430 --> 00:08:25,420  
calling in to task for some of the more

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00:08:23,350 --> 00:08:27,810  
outrageous statements you're making and

201  
00:08:25,420 --> 00:08:30,670  
it occurred to us that that was a really

202  
00:08:27,810 --> 00:08:32,590  
powerful way for your average stop

203  
00:08:30,670 --> 00:08:34,570  
skeptic to get involved into really lend

204  
00:08:32,590 --> 00:08:36,038  
a hand but while everyone's attention

205  
00:08:34,570 --> 00:08:38,110  
was turned to chiropractic manipulation

206  
00:08:36,038 --> 00:08:40,059  
and chiropractors there was a real

207  
00:08:38,110 --> 00:08:41,500  
possibility that other forms of

208  
00:08:40,059 --> 00:08:44,168  
pseudoscience and pseudo medicine might

209  
00:08:41,500 --> 00:08:45,610  
hook sort of a flourish with the the

210  
00:08:44,168 --> 00:08:48,039  
spotlight turned off them so we thought

211  
00:08:45,610 --> 00:08:49,330  
why not let other people take care of

212  
00:08:48,039 --> 00:08:51,370  
the chiropractors and we'll try and put

213  
00:08:49,330 --> 00:08:52,690  
something together we're a similar band

214  
00:08:51,370 --> 00:08:54,460

of bloggers anyone who wants to get

215

00:08:52,690 --> 00:08:56,110

involved can gather together under the

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00:08:54,460 --> 00:08:58,540

umbrella of one campaign and take a look

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00:08:56,110 --> 00:09:00,310

at homeopathy I've noticed on social

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00:08:58,539 --> 00:09:02,199

networking sites like Twitter that

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00:09:00,309 --> 00:09:05,169

there's even an effort to get overseas

220

00:09:02,200 --> 00:09:06,430

people involved absolutely we try to

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00:09:05,169 --> 00:09:08,889

encourage it to spread as wide as

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00:09:06,429 --> 00:09:10,629

possible although the campaign itself is

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00:09:08,889 --> 00:09:12,159

largely UK focus we really want to

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00:09:10,629 --> 00:09:14,230

support international international

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00:09:12,159 --> 00:09:16,539

bloggers and international skeptics so

226

00:09:14,230 --> 00:09:19,509

it's a case of look around you know keep

227

00:09:16,539 --> 00:09:21,279

an eye out for claims nearby homeopaths

228

00:09:19,509 --> 00:09:23,049

visit your local homeopaths visit

229  
00:09:21,279 --> 00:09:25,539  
pharmacies that sell homeopathic

230  
00:09:23,049 --> 00:09:27,490  
remedies and try and get a good a good

231  
00:09:25,539 --> 00:09:30,490  
idea with the libel and locally and then

232  
00:09:27,490 --> 00:09:33,159  
usually 10 23 umbrella the 10 23 band

233  
00:09:30,490 --> 00:09:35,259  
two to start taking apart the claims of

234  
00:09:33,159 --> 00:09:36,850  
homeopaths to start drawing attention to

235  
00:09:35,259 --> 00:09:39,490  
them and and subjecting them to

236  
00:09:36,850 --> 00:09:41,230  
criticism and analysis and also to make

237  
00:09:39,490 --> 00:09:43,389  
people aware of what homeopathy is and

238  
00:09:41,230 --> 00:09:45,519  
fundamentally what it isn't which is it

239  
00:09:43,389 --> 00:09:47,080  
isn't real medicine I've read in the

240  
00:09:45,519 --> 00:09:49,419  
news that the House of Commons

241  
00:09:47,080 --> 00:09:51,820  
parliamentary science watchdog about

242  
00:09:49,419 --> 00:09:53,949  
boots insistence on selling homeopathic

243  
00:09:51,820 --> 00:09:55,600  
preparations they're cheap pharmacist

244  
00:09:53,950 --> 00:09:57,490  
professional standards director Paul

245  
00:09:55,600 --> 00:09:59,529  
Bennett admitted that they had no

246  
00:09:57,490 --> 00:10:01,779  
evidence so doesn't this possibly

247  
00:09:59,529 --> 00:10:03,669  
contravene consumer rights or trade

248  
00:10:01,779 --> 00:10:05,470  
practices acts well that's certainly

249  
00:10:03,669 --> 00:10:06,789  
something we're looking into what we're

250  
00:10:05,470 --> 00:10:10,210  
doing at the moment with the campaign

251  
00:10:06,789 --> 00:10:11,679  
and I will stress at a 10 23 campaign

252  
00:10:10,210 --> 00:10:13,750  
and is more directed to hold me

253  
00:10:11,679 --> 00:10:15,069  
paths in general to homeopathy that the

254  
00:10:13,750 --> 00:10:16,720  
system called me opting in general but

255  
00:10:15,070 --> 00:10:18,940  
at the moment we've chosen to focus an

256  
00:10:16,720 --> 00:10:21,040  
arm of the campaign on boots because in

257

00:10:18,940 --> 00:10:23,500  
part of this admission by by Paul Bedard

258  
00:10:21,039 --> 00:10:25,569  
that boot sell homeopathy not because

259  
00:10:23,500 --> 00:10:27,610  
they can prove it works are because the

260  
00:10:25,570 --> 00:10:30,160  
the evidence is there to support it but

261  
00:10:27,610 --> 00:10:32,560  
just because it sells and yeah i mean i

262  
00:10:30,159 --> 00:10:33,639  
could never he's an absolutely yeah it's

263  
00:10:32,559 --> 00:10:35,889  
really not a good enough reason at all

264  
00:10:33,639 --> 00:10:38,019  
and it certainly doesn't some stand to

265  
00:10:35,889 --> 00:10:41,289  
the the policy of exceptional patient

266  
00:10:38,019 --> 00:10:43,870  
care which the pharmacy proclaims so i

267  
00:10:41,289 --> 00:10:47,649  
think absolutely that it's worth taking

268  
00:10:43,870 --> 00:10:48,820  
a look at whether it is a remit there of

269  
00:10:47,649 --> 00:10:50,080  
trading standards and advertising

270  
00:10:48,820 --> 00:10:52,120  
standards and things like that i know in

271  
00:10:50,080 --> 00:10:54,610

the UK you have to make direct claims of

272

00:10:52,120 --> 00:10:56,440

efficacy and direct claims of what it

273

00:10:54,610 --> 00:10:58,870

can cure before you can be called to

274

00:10:56,440 --> 00:10:59,980

action call to task but that's something

275

00:10:58,870 --> 00:11:02,350

we're definitely looking into but i

276

00:10:59,980 --> 00:11:03,789

think as much as anything the what we

277

00:11:02,350 --> 00:11:06,909

have on the side which is an open letter

278

00:11:03,789 --> 00:11:09,009

appealing to boots to to reconsider the

279

00:11:06,909 --> 00:11:10,360

sale of homeopathy i think that's the

280

00:11:09,009 --> 00:11:13,809

first step because we don't want to go

281

00:11:10,360 --> 00:11:15,519

in all guns blazing and start laying

282

00:11:13,809 --> 00:11:17,259

down the law it's a much much better

283

00:11:15,519 --> 00:11:19,299

situation if boots realized that this

284

00:11:17,259 --> 00:11:21,039

but selling something that they can't

285

00:11:19,299 --> 00:11:23,769

prove works and has been proven not to

286  
00:11:21,039 --> 00:11:25,088  
work is bad patient care and if they can

287  
00:11:23,769 --> 00:11:26,769  
take it off the shelves themselves you

288  
00:11:25,089 --> 00:11:28,870  
know we we will continue to support

289  
00:11:26,769 --> 00:11:31,179  
boots and their their excellent

290  
00:11:28,870 --> 00:11:33,039  
reputation but until that happens it's a

291  
00:11:31,179 --> 00:11:34,599  
bit of a bit a bit of a big black mark

292  
00:11:33,039 --> 00:11:36,370  
on their on their conscience on their

293  
00:11:34,600 --> 00:11:38,560  
reputation i think when i first heard

294  
00:11:36,370 --> 00:11:40,419  
about the campaign i was reminded of the

295  
00:11:38,559 --> 00:11:43,259  
australian skeptics open letter to

296  
00:11:40,419 --> 00:11:46,569  
pharmacy yes I mean I we did actually

297  
00:11:43,259 --> 00:11:48,669  
admit we lifted fairly wholesale from

298  
00:11:46,570 --> 00:11:51,970  
your from your letter certain about ear

299  
00:11:48,669 --> 00:11:53,289  
candling and near the end you'll be

300  
00:11:51,970 --> 00:11:56,350  
getting a letter from Richard Saunders

301  
00:11:53,289 --> 00:11:58,120  
now yeah well fortunately enough once we

302  
00:11:56,350 --> 00:11:59,740  
have put our letters boots out actually

303  
00:11:58,120 --> 00:12:01,600  
got an email from from a runnin from

304  
00:11:59,740 --> 00:12:03,730  
Richard who were they were supportive of

305  
00:12:01,600 --> 00:12:07,180  
our campaign and were quite happy for us

306  
00:12:03,730 --> 00:12:09,399  
to use a the the jumping grow that

307  
00:12:07,179 --> 00:12:11,139  
jumping but a lot of make sense and

308  
00:12:09,399 --> 00:12:12,700  
we're quite happy prestige their lesson

309  
00:12:11,139 --> 00:12:13,929  
the launching pad that's the what they

310  
00:12:12,700 --> 00:12:15,370  
were quite happy for us to use your

311  
00:12:13,929 --> 00:12:17,859  
letter is a launching pad for our letter

312  
00:12:15,370 --> 00:12:19,600  
because if I think ultimately what we

313  
00:12:17,860 --> 00:12:21,450  
what we as skeptics need to do in

314

00:12:19,600 --> 00:12:23,350  
general is is stop reinventing the wheel

315  
00:12:21,450 --> 00:12:25,360  
and I think that was something that we

316  
00:12:23,350 --> 00:12:26,528  
were trying to do with a 10 23 campaign

317  
00:12:25,360 --> 00:12:28,240  
there were a lot of people who were

318  
00:12:26,528 --> 00:12:31,179  
individually taking homie update

319  
00:12:28,240 --> 00:12:32,528  
homeopathy in the claims made apart but

320  
00:12:31,179 --> 00:12:34,328  
they were doing it individually in the

321  
00:12:32,528 --> 00:12:35,649  
same kind of ways each other whereas now

322  
00:12:34,328 --> 00:12:37,389  
we've tried to sort of put a little

323  
00:12:35,649 --> 00:12:39,070  
system in place waiting so right this

324  
00:12:37,389 --> 00:12:40,600  
one's done someone's done this part of

325  
00:12:39,070 --> 00:12:42,250  
it so you can focus your attention

326  
00:12:40,600 --> 00:12:44,500  
elsewhere and everyone doesn't have to

327  
00:12:42,250 --> 00:12:46,419  
be doing the same thing the ground works

328  
00:12:44,500 --> 00:12:49,089

there is already done for them and they

329

00:12:46,419 --> 00:12:51,009

can use it to to go further really so

330

00:12:49,089 --> 00:12:52,779

this is just the beginning of the 10 23

331

00:12:51,009 --> 00:12:55,088

campaign and I'm certain that you've got

332

00:12:52,778 --> 00:12:57,820

a lot more on the cards can overseas

333

00:12:55,089 --> 00:13:00,130

people perhaps contribute more yeah

334

00:12:57,820 --> 00:13:01,300

absolutely if anyone wants to check out

335

00:13:00,129 --> 00:13:03,309

what we've got on the site at the moment

336

00:13:01,299 --> 00:13:06,129

we've got an explanation of what

337

00:13:03,309 --> 00:13:09,039

homeopathy is about we've also got 10

338

00:13:06,129 --> 00:13:11,009

reasons not to use homeopathy which is

339

00:13:09,039 --> 00:13:13,059

something that we felt was a strong

340

00:13:11,009 --> 00:13:14,230

piece of content to the site because a

341

00:13:13,059 --> 00:13:16,119

lot of people say well you know we can

342

00:13:14,230 --> 00:13:18,610

still use homeopathy it works alongside

343  
00:13:16,120 --> 00:13:20,110  
real medicine well it doesn't and if you

344  
00:13:18,610 --> 00:13:22,300  
check out those 10 reasons it's things

345  
00:13:20,110 --> 00:13:24,039  
like it's a waste of your money as a

346  
00:13:22,299 --> 00:13:25,599  
customer but it's also a waste of

347  
00:13:24,039 --> 00:13:28,179  
everyone's money with with the tax

348  
00:13:25,600 --> 00:13:30,040  
dollar the tax our money going into it

349  
00:13:28,179 --> 00:13:31,359  
from the NHS and also to waste of your

350  
00:13:30,039 --> 00:13:32,620  
time you could be getting better care

351  
00:13:31,360 --> 00:13:33,789  
and it's a waste of everyone's time

352  
00:13:32,620 --> 00:13:35,078  
because we could be researching

353  
00:13:33,789 --> 00:13:37,360  
something else you know we could spend

354  
00:13:35,078 --> 00:13:39,429  
that time actually finding molecules

355  
00:13:37,360 --> 00:13:41,528  
more medicines more treatments that

356  
00:13:39,429 --> 00:13:43,448  
actually work so on the site there's a

357  
00:13:41,528 --> 00:13:44,828  
there's an essay on that and there's

358  
00:13:43,448 --> 00:13:46,809  
also a way of getting involved we've got

359  
00:13:44,828 --> 00:13:49,448  
videos up there so there's there's

360  
00:13:46,809 --> 00:13:50,679  
plenty on there for people to to to pick

361  
00:13:49,448 --> 00:13:52,419  
up information on homeopathy and

362  
00:13:50,679 --> 00:13:54,009  
hopefully then spread it around people

363  
00:13:52,419 --> 00:13:56,309  
in or so next time someone's

364  
00:13:54,009 --> 00:13:58,990  
recommending homeopathy or or

365  
00:13:56,309 --> 00:14:00,969  
contemplating trying it people can be in

366  
00:13:58,990 --> 00:14:03,070  
a position to to explain what it is and

367  
00:14:00,970 --> 00:14:05,949  
what it isn't well it started already if

368  
00:14:03,070 --> 00:14:08,379  
you go to the the website 10 20 30 UK

369  
00:14:05,948 --> 00:14:10,659  
that's all in numbers 1 or 2 3 2 octo UK

370  
00:14:08,379 --> 00:14:13,240  
there's a there's a form there's people

371

00:14:10,659 --> 00:14:15,039  
to get involved so far we've put our

372  
00:14:13,240 --> 00:14:16,659  
first piece of activism out becks you

373  
00:14:15,039 --> 00:14:18,669  
want to try and set people there small

374  
00:14:16,659 --> 00:14:20,189  
actions that they can get involved in

375  
00:14:18,669 --> 00:14:22,778  
and hopefully it will contribute to a

376  
00:14:20,190 --> 00:14:24,220  
larger movement so the first piece of

377  
00:14:22,778 --> 00:14:26,769  
action is to sign the letter to boots

378  
00:14:24,220 --> 00:14:28,360  
and and appeal to them to stop selling

379  
00:14:26,769 --> 00:14:29,948  
something that doesn't work yes that's

380  
00:14:28,360 --> 00:14:32,050  
the first piece of action we've actually

381  
00:14:29,948 --> 00:14:34,000  
just launched the second piece of action

382  
00:14:32,049 --> 00:14:36,250  
which involves a few little task of

383  
00:14:34,000 --> 00:14:38,559  
people to do one of which is to sign the

384  
00:14:36,250 --> 00:14:39,519  
petition to the government to have the

385  
00:14:38,559 --> 00:14:40,959

the government regular

386

00:14:39,519 --> 00:14:42,449

body take a look at homeopathy and

387

00:14:40,960 --> 00:14:44,470

whether it should be funded by the NHS

388

00:14:42,450 --> 00:14:46,720

so they can sign a petition if you're

389

00:14:44,470 --> 00:14:50,560

based in the UK we also have up there a

390

00:14:46,720 --> 00:14:52,000

flyer which can be downloaded and given

391

00:14:50,559 --> 00:14:54,849

to people given to people given to

392

00:14:52,000 --> 00:14:58,000

homeopaths left in pharmacies in that

393

00:14:54,850 --> 00:14:59,680

that sell homeopathy which explains what

394

00:14:58,000 --> 00:15:01,149

homeopathy is and what it isn't and why

395

00:14:59,679 --> 00:15:02,469

it shouldn't be considered an

396

00:15:01,149 --> 00:15:04,379

alternative to real medicine so you can

397

00:15:02,470 --> 00:15:07,230

download that flyer and distribute that

398

00:15:04,379 --> 00:15:09,789

and we also are encouraging people to

399

00:15:07,230 --> 00:15:11,789

not stare quiet so if they see a story

400  
00:15:09,789 --> 00:15:14,259  
on in an online newspaper or on a blog

401  
00:15:11,789 --> 00:15:15,579  
feel free to comment on that blog to

402  
00:15:14,259 --> 00:15:18,220  
point them to the in the direction of

403  
00:15:15,580 --> 00:15:22,240  
our website to explain to them the rules

404  
00:15:18,220 --> 00:15:24,460  
behind homeopathy and to to stop being

405  
00:15:22,240 --> 00:15:25,899  
as much as possible the armchair skeptic

406  
00:15:24,460 --> 00:15:27,940  
and to sort of roll up their sleeves and

407  
00:15:25,899 --> 00:15:29,620  
try and help out well I'm very pleased

408  
00:15:27,940 --> 00:15:31,270  
to say that there's a few Australian

409  
00:15:29,620 --> 00:15:34,509  
skeptical groups out there who are

410  
00:15:31,269 --> 00:15:36,879  
hoping to test out the efficacy or in

411  
00:15:34,509 --> 00:15:39,100  
efficacy of homeopathy over the weekend

412  
00:15:36,879 --> 00:15:41,049  
I think it's particularly wonderful that

413  
00:15:39,100 --> 00:15:44,620  
we've just started hearing about how

414  
00:15:41,049 --> 00:15:46,419  
websites like homeopathy + + d NH org

415  
00:15:44,620 --> 00:15:48,210  
have been ordered to remove information

416  
00:15:46,419 --> 00:15:51,009  
suggesting that they can provide

417  
00:15:48,210 --> 00:15:52,810  
homeopathic immunization after there was

418  
00:15:51,009 --> 00:15:54,939  
a complaint made to the Therapeutic

419  
00:15:52,809 --> 00:15:57,669  
Goods Administration absolutely I think

420  
00:15:54,940 --> 00:16:00,430  
the Internet is is proving more and more

421  
00:15:57,669 --> 00:16:02,019  
to be the the most amazing tool for

422  
00:16:00,429 --> 00:16:03,639  
getting people involved and we see that

423  
00:16:02,019 --> 00:16:05,949  
time and time again with bloggers and

424  
00:16:03,639 --> 00:16:08,379  
and and even with the advent of with the

425  
00:16:05,950 --> 00:16:09,700  
advent of Twitter I think this campaign

426  
00:16:08,379 --> 00:16:11,200  
is really taking off as much as I thing

427  
00:16:09,700 --> 00:16:14,500  
on Twitter if people want to check out

428

00:16:11,200 --> 00:16:17,140  
on Twitter search lehash 1023 that's

429  
00:16:14,500 --> 00:16:18,789  
tn23 because Twitter doesn't really like

430  
00:16:17,139 --> 00:16:20,169  
numbers too much if you want to search

431  
00:16:18,789 --> 00:16:22,000  
for that hashtag on Twitter you'll see

432  
00:16:20,169 --> 00:16:24,939  
there's a whole flurry of activity on a

433  
00:16:22,000 --> 00:16:26,919  
fairly constant basis of people putting

434  
00:16:24,940 --> 00:16:30,100  
up information about the site and about

435  
00:16:26,919 --> 00:16:32,469  
the the campaign's 10 20 30 UK and

436  
00:16:30,100 --> 00:16:33,790  
that's 10 23 in numbers thanks again

437  
00:16:32,470 --> 00:16:35,529  
Marsh for being a part of our show

438  
00:16:33,789 --> 00:16:37,659  
excellent thank you very much and you

439  
00:16:35,529 --> 00:16:40,029  
can find more of his work on the

440  
00:16:37,659 --> 00:16:42,129  
righteous indignation podcast the

441  
00:16:40,029 --> 00:16:44,860  
skeptics with a que podcast the

442  
00:16:42,129 --> 00:16:49,409

Merseyside skeptics and of course the 10

443

00:16:44,860 --> 00:16:49,409  
20 30 UK side

444

00:17:00,919 --> 00:17:04,980  
astronomy cast who takes a fact space

445

00:17:03,269 --> 00:17:07,048  
journey through the costumes as it

446

00:17:04,980 --> 00:17:09,720  
offers listeners weekly discussions on

447

00:17:07,048 --> 00:17:12,689  
astronomical topics ranging from planets

448

00:17:09,720 --> 00:17:14,939  
to cosmology hosted by Fraser Cain of

449

00:17:12,689 --> 00:17:15,959  
Universe Today and myself dr. Pamela

450

00:17:14,939 --> 00:17:18,630  
gave southern illinois university

451

00:17:15,959 --> 00:17:20,490  
edwardsville this show brings the

452

00:17:18,630 --> 00:17:22,919  
questions of an avid astronomy lover

453

00:17:20,490 --> 00:17:25,019  
directly to an astronomer together

454

00:17:22,919 --> 00:17:26,549  
Fraser and I explore what is known and

455

00:17:25,019 --> 00:17:29,308  
being discovered about the universe

456

00:17:26,548 --> 00:17:31,410  
around us join us each week as we take a

457  
00:17:29,308 --> 00:17:42,629  
fax space journey through the cosmos at

458  
00:17:31,410 --> 00:17:46,470  
astronomy cast calm I'm Kylie Sturgis

459  
00:17:42,630 --> 00:17:48,960  
and I'm talking to Sean ride in 2009

460  
00:17:46,470 --> 00:17:51,808  
Sean ride one the Nexus Monte Miller

461  
00:17:48,960 --> 00:17:54,090  
award it is named after a prominent 19th

462  
00:17:51,808 --> 00:17:55,950  
century free lord advocate Monty Miller

463  
00:17:54,089 --> 00:17:58,259  
and is presented annually to an

464  
00:17:55,950 --> 00:18:00,000  
Australian New Zealand or South Pacific

465  
00:17:58,259 --> 00:18:02,160  
atheist who has made an outstanding

466  
00:18:00,000 --> 00:18:04,529  
contribution to advancing the cause of

467  
00:18:02,160 --> 00:18:06,230  
free thought in this region it may

468  
00:18:04,529 --> 00:18:09,660  
involve work in fields of atheism

469  
00:18:06,230 --> 00:18:13,200  
skepticism humanism rationalism or in

470  
00:18:09,660 --> 00:18:15,298  
the case of 2009 all of these thanks for

471  
00:18:13,200 --> 00:18:17,009  
joining us on the skeptic zone Sean now

472  
00:18:15,298 --> 00:18:18,779  
people might recognize your name as the

473  
00:18:17,009 --> 00:18:21,480  
author of a rather spiffy looking

474  
00:18:18,779 --> 00:18:23,369  
steampunk themed blog in the press

475  
00:18:21,480 --> 00:18:25,380  
release from the atheist nexus for the

476  
00:18:23,369 --> 00:18:27,209  
Monte Miller award you're described as

477  
00:18:25,380 --> 00:18:30,030  
an advocate for those survivors of the

478  
00:18:27,210 --> 00:18:31,679  
mercy ministries church and also an

479  
00:18:30,029 --> 00:18:33,569  
investigator of the activities of

480  
00:18:31,679 --> 00:18:35,640  
Hillsong Church and committed to

481  
00:18:33,569 --> 00:18:38,428  
challenging the claims of Merrill dories

482  
00:18:35,640 --> 00:18:40,770  
Australian vaccination network so how

483  
00:18:38,429 --> 00:18:44,759  
would you describe yourself how would I

484  
00:18:40,769 --> 00:18:46,619  
describe myself I always find that sort

485

00:18:44,759 --> 00:18:49,529  
of question a bit bit difficult it's

486  
00:18:46,619 --> 00:18:51,449  
like answering an interview question

487  
00:18:49,529 --> 00:18:55,139  
when they ask you to tell us about

488  
00:18:51,450 --> 00:18:57,720  
yourself tell us what I know you think

489  
00:18:55,140 --> 00:19:00,540  
you're good enough for the position

490  
00:18:57,720 --> 00:19:01,980  
whatever so yeah I suppose it's a bit

491  
00:19:00,539 --> 00:19:06,700  
difficult but

492  
00:19:01,980 --> 00:19:11,950  
on my blog I have myself down as an

493  
00:19:06,700 --> 00:19:14,740  
atheist a skeptic and a humanist I guess

494  
00:19:11,950 --> 00:19:18,220  
that's that is how I describe myself I

495  
00:19:14,740 --> 00:19:21,130  
think it necessary to the upfront and

496  
00:19:18,220 --> 00:19:23,049  
open about my atheism I'd like to see

497  
00:19:21,130 --> 00:19:24,730  
that change in the long term perhaps 20

498  
00:19:23,049 --> 00:19:29,919  
30 years down the track where you don't

499  
00:19:24,730 --> 00:19:34,990

have to to be so upfront about that part

500

00:19:29,920 --> 00:19:38,080

of your your lifer what we believe in

501

00:19:34,990 --> 00:19:42,099

but yeah I think at this point in time

502

00:19:38,079 --> 00:19:44,500

it's necessary to be upfront to say as

503

00:19:42,099 --> 00:19:47,379

an atheist here I am I'm a good person

504

00:19:44,500 --> 00:19:52,150

I'm a community minded person on a deep

505

00:19:47,380 --> 00:19:55,350

thinker and none of that is down to an

506

00:19:52,150 --> 00:19:59,410

addition to all knowing all seeing all

507

00:19:55,349 --> 00:20:01,750

doing god so it's worth it's important

508

00:19:59,410 --> 00:20:04,900

to be open and upfront as an atheist as

509

00:20:01,750 --> 00:20:08,559

a skeptic yeah I think I see skepticism

510

00:20:04,900 --> 00:20:11,019

as tied in with my atheism I like to

511

00:20:08,559 --> 00:20:13,990

think I the decisions I'm making life

512

00:20:11,019 --> 00:20:17,769

are based on thinking deeply about a

513

00:20:13,990 --> 00:20:20,890

situation examining all the claims so

514  
00:20:17,769 --> 00:20:23,799  
yeah and being aware of you know the

515  
00:20:20,890 --> 00:20:26,500  
things about our humanity you know

516  
00:20:23,799 --> 00:20:29,829  
cognitive bias is that sort of thing the

517  
00:20:26,500 --> 00:20:31,960  
way perception can be altered by our

518  
00:20:29,829 --> 00:20:35,409  
emotional state at the time that sort of

519  
00:20:31,960 --> 00:20:37,210  
thing being aware that those things are

520  
00:20:35,410 --> 00:20:40,000  
out there and affect our views on the

521  
00:20:37,210 --> 00:20:43,720  
world and yes I think I defined myself

522  
00:20:40,000 --> 00:20:45,789  
as a biggest skeptic as as as opposed to

523  
00:20:43,720 --> 00:20:49,690  
a little less skeptic I think I think

524  
00:20:45,789 --> 00:20:51,399  
I've always been skeptical about most

525  
00:20:49,690 --> 00:20:53,570  
things I think a good decent education

526  
00:20:51,400 --> 00:20:57,210  
that's right

527  
00:20:53,569 --> 00:20:59,519  
sort of does give you a reasonable

528  
00:20:57,210 --> 00:21:01,650  
skepticism and then as a humanist I'm

529  
00:20:59,519 --> 00:21:05,180  
not not a card-carrying member of any

530  
00:21:01,650 --> 00:21:08,220  
humanist organization but i suppose that

531  
00:21:05,180 --> 00:21:10,799  
that's the opposite to my atheism my

532  
00:21:08,220 --> 00:21:13,170  
atheism is what I don't believe in

533  
00:21:10,799 --> 00:21:18,029  
whereas the humanist side of me is you

534  
00:21:13,170 --> 00:21:20,460  
know these are the the aspirations you

535  
00:21:18,029 --> 00:21:23,250  
know the principles that I that I yeah

536  
00:21:20,460 --> 00:21:26,480  
try to live by so in a general sense I'd

537  
00:21:23,250 --> 00:21:28,380  
say I'm humanist I I I believe in being

538  
00:21:26,480 --> 00:21:30,809  
active in the community and that's

539  
00:21:28,380 --> 00:21:32,790  
active for everyone not just skeptics

540  
00:21:30,809 --> 00:21:36,720  
all right yes you know I believe in

541  
00:21:32,789 --> 00:21:39,839  
doing the least harm in all situations

542

00:21:36,720 --> 00:21:41,670  
or do no harm but sometimes we don't

543  
00:21:39,839 --> 00:21:43,139  
have that choice but to some of the

544  
00:21:41,670 --> 00:21:45,120  
topics you've investigated in your

545  
00:21:43,140 --> 00:21:47,520  
writings include Hillsong Church and

546  
00:21:45,119 --> 00:21:49,229  
their activities in Australia can you

547  
00:21:47,519 --> 00:21:51,180  
tell us how you came to be interested I

548  
00:21:49,230 --> 00:21:53,460  
suppose I've been writing about them

549  
00:21:51,180 --> 00:21:54,720  
over the last two years i think it

550  
00:21:53,460 --> 00:21:57,000  
probably comes down to a number of

551  
00:21:54,720 --> 00:21:58,829  
different circumstance led me to write

552  
00:21:57,000 --> 00:22:01,440  
about Ilsa one that sticks out in my

553  
00:21:58,829 --> 00:22:03,659  
mind is course reading Daniel Evans book

554  
00:22:01,440 --> 00:22:05,640  
people in glass houses they gave me a

555  
00:22:03,660 --> 00:22:09,029  
sort of a broader background on the

556  
00:22:05,640 --> 00:22:13,200

church I've always been somewhat weary

557

00:22:09,029 --> 00:22:16,799

of evangelical churches are their stems

558

00:22:13,200 --> 00:22:19,080

from earlier experiences in my formative

559

00:22:16,799 --> 00:22:21,569

years I guess you'd say what I was so

560

00:22:19,079 --> 00:22:23,909

acticin christian i was invited along by

561

00:22:21,569 --> 00:22:26,429

a couple of friends to an Assemblies of

562

00:22:23,910 --> 00:22:28,740

God Church the Assemblies of God word a

563

00:22:26,430 --> 00:22:32,060

precursor to to the group of churches of

564

00:22:28,740 --> 00:22:35,190

which Hillsong is a more prominent

565

00:22:32,059 --> 00:22:37,679

member but yeah I was invited onto this

566

00:22:35,190 --> 00:22:41,370

Assemblies of God Church didn't mind the

567

00:22:37,680 --> 00:22:43,650

the rock band rock style music I was

568

00:22:41,369 --> 00:22:46,079

kind of a lack that the lyrics are a bit

569

00:22:43,650 --> 00:22:49,019

naff and a bit bit out of place I guess

570

00:22:46,079 --> 00:22:53,369

you could say but he had no that side of

571  
00:22:49,019 --> 00:22:54,990  
it the jubilant nature of the service I

572  
00:22:53,369 --> 00:22:58,019  
suppose was was interesting and

573  
00:22:54,990 --> 00:22:59,009  
refreshing what scared me and scared me

574  
00:22:58,019 --> 00:23:03,269  
in a sense that

575  
00:22:59,009 --> 00:23:06,599  
so I was actually in fear of the Holy

576  
00:23:03,269 --> 00:23:08,389  
Spirit or some sort of spirit possessing

577  
00:23:06,599 --> 00:23:11,849  
people would but it was witnessing

578  
00:23:08,390 --> 00:23:14,670  
adults and income some cases people that

579  
00:23:11,849 --> 00:23:17,029  
I knew waving their hands in the air and

580  
00:23:14,670 --> 00:23:20,250  
then and then talking in tongues that

581  
00:23:17,029 --> 00:23:23,879  
scared me because he were intelligent

582  
00:23:20,250 --> 00:23:26,730  
adults some of them are I had respect

583  
00:23:23,880 --> 00:23:30,090  
for behaving in a way that I i thought

584  
00:23:26,730 --> 00:23:32,670  
was extremely weird I suppose oh yeah

585  
00:23:30,089 --> 00:23:34,980  
I've always had a certain degree of

586  
00:23:32,670 --> 00:23:38,610  
skepticism in earth that that

587  
00:23:34,980 --> 00:23:41,190  
demonstration just felt I suppose

588  
00:23:38,609 --> 00:23:44,759  
dishonest to me so yeah I've had this

589  
00:23:41,190 --> 00:23:46,590  
wariness of the evangelical approach to

590  
00:23:44,759 --> 00:23:48,119  
things and then of course my two friends

591  
00:23:46,589 --> 00:23:50,939  
had invited me along to that service

592  
00:23:48,119 --> 00:23:54,809  
then went on to to join another church

593  
00:23:50,940 --> 00:23:57,750  
even more evangelical even more extreme

594  
00:23:54,809 --> 00:23:59,490  
than Hillsong called the potter's house

595  
00:23:57,750 --> 00:24:03,000  
and they're they're still active in my

596  
00:23:59,490 --> 00:24:06,089  
my hometown and I've had run-ins with

597  
00:24:03,000 --> 00:24:08,750  
their pastor on the street and use

598  
00:24:06,089 --> 00:24:10,769  
pretty underhanded preaching techniques

599

00:24:08,750 --> 00:24:13,079  
emotional steamrolling that sort of

600  
00:24:10,769 --> 00:24:15,839  
thing so even as a Christian thing to do

601  
00:24:13,079 --> 00:24:19,019  
on when I became an atheist over I've

602  
00:24:15,839 --> 00:24:21,480  
had an awareness surrounding evangelical

603  
00:24:19,019 --> 00:24:22,920  
style churches and then of course

604  
00:24:21,480 --> 00:24:25,140  
watching the media and following

605  
00:24:22,920 --> 00:24:26,880  
Hillsong is has been a number of things

606  
00:24:25,140 --> 00:24:29,009  
that put them in the spotlight for the

607  
00:24:26,880 --> 00:24:30,780  
wrong reasons and and I suppose

608  
00:24:29,009 --> 00:24:34,160  
supporters of the church like the claim

609  
00:24:30,779 --> 00:24:37,950  
that they're persecuted but I think

610  
00:24:34,160 --> 00:24:40,590  
there is criticism artists definitely go

611  
00:24:37,950 --> 00:24:42,600  
back even into the early church history

612  
00:24:40,589 --> 00:24:45,750  
you've got Frank Houston brightens

613  
00:24:42,599 --> 00:24:50,490

father's admitted to sexually molesting

614

00:24:45,750 --> 00:24:52,859

a young boy it despite the law currently

615

00:24:50,490 --> 00:24:54,660

under the law at the time that nothing

616

00:24:52,859 --> 00:24:57,809

was ever reported to police he never

617

00:24:54,660 --> 00:25:01,080

faced any charges he was just put to the

618

00:24:57,809 --> 00:25:02,730

side swept away and not dealt with aside

619

00:25:01,079 --> 00:25:05,369

from that you've got scandals

620

00:25:02,730 --> 00:25:07,650

surrounding the misappropriation of

621

00:25:05,369 --> 00:25:09,389

funds for indigenous program

622

00:25:07,650 --> 00:25:12,690

you've got infiltration into schools

623

00:25:09,390 --> 00:25:15,750

through the shine program and through XO

624

00:25:12,690 --> 00:25:18,539

days ah so yeah I think there's there is

625

00:25:15,750 --> 00:25:20,460

definite criticism wanted of them they

626

00:25:18,539 --> 00:25:23,099

put themselves out there is as

627

00:25:20,460 --> 00:25:25,920

Christians as you know people filled

628  
00:25:23,099 --> 00:25:27,899  
with with the Holy Spirit and therefore

629  
00:25:25,920 --> 00:25:29,220  
the Lord and you know I think if you

630  
00:25:27,900 --> 00:25:32,250  
could put yourself up on a pedestal

631  
00:25:29,220 --> 00:25:33,420  
you'd be prepared to take some knocks

632  
00:25:32,250 --> 00:25:35,730  
when you're doing the wrong thing

633  
00:25:33,420 --> 00:25:38,220  
recently it seems Australia somewhat

634  
00:25:35,730 --> 00:25:40,410  
secular identity is being challenged on

635  
00:25:38,220 --> 00:25:42,059  
a variety of France what do you think

636  
00:25:40,410 --> 00:25:43,620  
are some of the big concerns Australia

637  
00:25:42,059 --> 00:25:47,129  
should have about the intersection of

638  
00:25:43,619 --> 00:25:49,979  
religion and politics well I don't have

639  
00:25:47,130 --> 00:25:54,050  
any issues with anyone of any religion

640  
00:25:49,980 --> 00:25:57,000  
faith or non faith going into politics

641  
00:25:54,049 --> 00:25:59,609  
attempting to stand as a member I guess

642  
00:25:57,000 --> 00:26:03,059  
I where I start to get concerned is

643  
00:25:59,609 --> 00:26:09,059  
where instead of a person's faith or

644  
00:26:03,059 --> 00:26:12,019  
belief informing their actions I get

645  
00:26:09,059 --> 00:26:15,059  
concerned when it seems those beliefs

646  
00:26:12,019 --> 00:26:16,859  
left faith seems to dictate actions and

647  
00:26:15,059 --> 00:26:18,779  
the most recent example I can think of

648  
00:26:16,859 --> 00:26:22,199  
that is Tony Abbott and he's called for

649  
00:26:18,779 --> 00:26:24,899  
the Bible to be studied in in school

650  
00:26:22,200 --> 00:26:26,789  
another area of concern and this has

651  
00:26:24,900 --> 00:26:30,600  
happened probably as far as i can see

652  
00:26:26,789 --> 00:26:34,319  
fast the last decade in australia it's

653  
00:26:30,599 --> 00:26:36,990  
where deference or special sort of

654  
00:26:34,319 --> 00:26:39,990  
significance is given to to certain

655  
00:26:36,990 --> 00:26:42,390  
religious groups above others most

656

00:26:39,990 --> 00:26:44,789  
recently the australian christian lobby

657  
00:26:42,390 --> 00:26:48,150  
and senator Conroy's talking with them

658  
00:26:44,789 --> 00:26:51,809  
over his release of the filtering report

659  
00:26:48,150 --> 00:26:54,060  
as as to why they get special special

660  
00:26:51,809 --> 00:26:56,220  
significance of special treatment on his

661  
00:26:54,059 --> 00:26:57,569  
ear rather than just issuing a standard

662  
00:26:56,220 --> 00:27:00,210  
sort of release the report to all

663  
00:26:57,569 --> 00:27:04,289  
interested stakeholders another big

664  
00:27:00,210 --> 00:27:06,960  
example that is concerning to me is both

665  
00:27:04,289 --> 00:27:09,599  
Rudd and before Tim Howard's addressing

666  
00:27:06,960 --> 00:27:12,900  
of evangelical church leaders in

667  
00:27:09,599 --> 00:27:17,189  
Australia help there by by hilton and

668  
00:27:12,900 --> 00:27:18,140  
also also previously howard's a special

669  
00:27:17,190 --> 00:27:20,720  
treatment of

670  
00:27:18,140 --> 00:27:23,540

the exclusive president so they're mice

671

00:27:20,720 --> 00:27:27,950

from my areas of concern where politics

672

00:27:23,539 --> 00:27:30,980

is so the walking too tightly hand in

673

00:27:27,950 --> 00:27:33,950

hand with with religion other areas of

674

00:27:30,980 --> 00:27:37,220

concern of course to when you get people

675

00:27:33,950 --> 00:27:40,039

like Cardinal Pell attempting to

676

00:27:37,220 --> 00:27:41,960

influence influence Catholic members of

677

00:27:40,039 --> 00:27:44,480

parliament to devote in a particular way

678

00:27:41,960 --> 00:27:47,380

you know by perhaps threatening or

679

00:27:44,480 --> 00:27:51,110

insinuating that he might withdraw

680

00:27:47,380 --> 00:27:53,360

certain religious privileges or acts

681

00:27:51,109 --> 00:27:55,909

from them if they go ahead and vote a

682

00:27:53,359 --> 00:27:58,490

certain way immediately springs to mind

683

00:27:55,910 --> 00:28:01,570

it's there's new I mean there's always

684

00:27:58,490 --> 00:28:05,269

been an issue as far as I can see with

685  
00:28:01,569 --> 00:28:08,480  
chaplains in schools is actually no no

686  
00:28:05,269 --> 00:28:10,220  
really good evidence that a credible

687  
00:28:08,480 --> 00:28:12,500  
evidence that there's been a benefit to

688  
00:28:10,220 --> 00:28:14,569  
having chaplains in state schools and

689  
00:28:12,500 --> 00:28:17,539  
then of course the whole idea of having

690  
00:28:14,569 --> 00:28:19,849  
religious scripture classes in state

691  
00:28:17,539 --> 00:28:22,339  
schools is a conservative they've been

692  
00:28:19,849 --> 00:28:24,169  
around for relatively long period of

693  
00:28:22,339 --> 00:28:26,509  
time certainly wouldn't are all

694  
00:28:24,170 --> 00:28:28,340  
religious believers with the same brush

695  
00:28:26,509 --> 00:28:30,710  
but certain religious people that don't

696  
00:28:28,339 --> 00:28:33,409  
understand the value of having a secular

697  
00:28:30,710 --> 00:28:36,799  
and by secular I don't mean 80s but near

698  
00:28:33,410 --> 00:28:38,360  
a secular playing field for lack of a

699

00:28:36,799 --> 00:28:40,399

better word you've done a little

700

00:28:38,359 --> 00:28:42,439

investigation into how to raise the

701

00:28:40,400 --> 00:28:43,880

profile of a blog do you have any advice

702

00:28:42,440 --> 00:28:45,860

for people who are hoping to make a

703

00:28:43,880 --> 00:28:48,890

difference fire online networking or

704

00:28:45,859 --> 00:28:51,469

blogging yeah quite recently I've been

705

00:28:48,890 --> 00:28:56,000

attempting to raise the profile of all

706

00:28:51,470 --> 00:28:58,640

of my blog I've been using a workbook

707

00:28:56,000 --> 00:29:01,490

and put out by an Australian gentleman

708

00:28:58,640 --> 00:29:03,470

Darren rouse Christian and problogger

709

00:29:01,490 --> 00:29:05,509

the guy makes an astounding amount of

710

00:29:03,470 --> 00:29:09,950

money through blogging the top bloggers

711

00:29:05,509 --> 00:29:12,650

in the world but his work but to me is a

712

00:29:09,950 --> 00:29:14,600

good sort of series of our exercises and

713

00:29:12,650 --> 00:29:17,120  
activities that basically it gets you

714  
00:29:14,599 --> 00:29:20,179  
into good habits for blogging and I

715  
00:29:17,119 --> 00:29:22,129  
think probably in the science the

716  
00:29:20,180 --> 00:29:25,179  
skeptic and the atheist community we

717  
00:29:22,130 --> 00:29:28,519  
were all reasonably capable

718  
00:29:25,179 --> 00:29:30,769  
and Tom of this more so than others of

719  
00:29:28,519 --> 00:29:34,028  
writing well and writing good engaging

720  
00:29:30,769 --> 00:29:36,409  
content I'm not sure how many of us

721  
00:29:34,028 --> 00:29:38,659  
actively seek to promote our blogs

722  
00:29:36,409 --> 00:29:41,240  
perhaps in the same way that commercial

723  
00:29:38,659 --> 00:29:43,100  
bloggers do and I think perhaps the

724  
00:29:41,240 --> 00:29:45,048  
message what we're trying to get across

725  
00:29:43,099 --> 00:29:47,269  
my suffer some respect something

726  
00:29:45,048 --> 00:29:49,609  
something like PZ Myers certainly the

727  
00:29:47,269 --> 00:29:51,980

going to have any trouble but there are

728

00:29:49,609 --> 00:29:54,648

other equally good writers out there

729

00:29:51,980 --> 00:29:57,798

that probably don't get the level of

730

00:29:54,648 --> 00:30:00,729

coverage that that he would end you know

731

00:29:57,798 --> 00:30:03,589

their material is just as worthwhile

732

00:30:00,730 --> 00:30:06,470

I'll bear in some cases so in that sense

733

00:30:03,589 --> 00:30:07,548

yes I've been using Darren rouses I'm

734

00:30:06,470 --> 00:30:09,379

just trying to think of it off the top

735

00:30:07,548 --> 00:30:11,808

mate I think it's 31 days to building

736

00:30:09,378 --> 00:30:13,548

booting a better blog and it's not

737

00:30:11,808 --> 00:30:16,460

rocket science it's just a series of

738

00:30:13,548 --> 00:30:18,740

activities or habits that or techniques

739

00:30:16,460 --> 00:30:21,590

that you can use here so I mean

740

00:30:18,740 --> 00:30:23,509

essentially my investigations are

741

00:30:21,589 --> 00:30:24,798

ongoing I had some real success in the

742  
00:30:23,509 --> 00:30:26,659  
first couple of weeks a couple weeks ago

743  
00:30:24,798 --> 00:30:29,240  
I had a post that went absolutely

744  
00:30:26,659 --> 00:30:33,620  
ballistic try the same technique a

745  
00:30:29,240 --> 00:30:35,028  
couple of days ago and knowing near the

746  
00:30:33,619 --> 00:30:37,250  
same sort of results so it's something

747  
00:30:35,028 --> 00:30:39,919  
that I think requires aside from just

748  
00:30:37,250 --> 00:30:41,990  
implementing certain techniques or

749  
00:30:39,919 --> 00:30:43,899  
certain habits you really need to look

750  
00:30:41,990 --> 00:30:46,099  
at your stats look at your blog look at

751  
00:30:43,898 --> 00:30:48,288  
you know look at who's looking at you

752  
00:30:46,099 --> 00:30:50,178  
basically and try and figure out some

753  
00:30:48,288 --> 00:30:53,960  
patterns of your own and be persistent

754  
00:30:50,179 --> 00:30:57,320  
and consistent I'm just thinking back to

755  
00:30:53,960 --> 00:30:59,690  
my mercy ministries coverage which did

756  
00:30:57,319 --> 00:31:01,398  
it really benefit from the from block

757  
00:30:59,690 --> 00:31:05,028  
promotion or anything like that but I

758  
00:31:01,398 --> 00:31:07,908  
think benefited from persistence and and

759  
00:31:05,028 --> 00:31:11,750  
been consistent in in the writing that

760  
00:31:07,909 --> 00:31:14,240  
will be verging on coming up to two

761  
00:31:11,750 --> 00:31:17,119  
years two years writing about the issue

762  
00:31:14,240 --> 00:31:20,028  
and it's just chipping away writing

763  
00:31:17,119 --> 00:31:22,219  
every day and you know writing engaging

764  
00:31:20,028 --> 00:31:25,819  
relevant information so at the moment

765  
00:31:22,220 --> 00:31:28,069  
twitter is probably tutor and submission

766  
00:31:25,819 --> 00:31:30,399  
to read it probably my best sources for

767  
00:31:28,069 --> 00:31:31,839  
views in six months time

768  
00:31:30,400 --> 00:31:34,630  
change and I think always keeping a

769  
00:31:31,839 --> 00:31:37,000  
weather eye out for for technological

770

00:31:34,630 --> 00:31:38,680  
changes is a good idea finally

771  
00:31:37,000 --> 00:31:41,380  
congratulations again on winning the

772  
00:31:38,680 --> 00:31:43,060  
2009 Monte Miller freethought advocacy

773  
00:31:41,380 --> 00:31:46,840  
award what are some of the goals you

774  
00:31:43,059 --> 00:31:48,579  
have for 2010 yeah thanks so you know

775  
00:31:46,839 --> 00:31:52,990  
that was that was that was quite a shock

776  
00:31:48,579 --> 00:31:57,579  
as to my goals for 2010 to write better

777  
00:31:52,990 --> 00:31:59,740  
perhaps to delay my posting on one of

778  
00:31:57,579 --> 00:32:03,129  
the terrible things about blogging

779  
00:31:59,740 --> 00:32:05,019  
technology for myself as a passionate

780  
00:32:03,130 --> 00:32:07,630  
writer is that I'll write something down

781  
00:32:05,019 --> 00:32:12,069  
and read through once or twice think

782  
00:32:07,630 --> 00:32:14,020  
everything's edited perfectly and then

783  
00:32:12,069 --> 00:32:16,029  
publish it and then only to realize I've

784  
00:32:14,019 --> 00:32:19,539

made an absolutely simple glaring

785

00:32:16,029 --> 00:32:23,019

mistake so I think perhaps yeah right

786

00:32:19,539 --> 00:32:25,899

better and relax a bit not be so you get

787

00:32:23,019 --> 00:32:26,920

to publish so quickly I'd like to

788

00:32:25,900 --> 00:32:30,880

increase that leadership but also

789

00:32:26,920 --> 00:32:33,610

maintain my perspective a gentleman over

790

00:32:30,880 --> 00:32:36,790

at Bruce over at the thinker's podium

791

00:32:33,609 --> 00:32:39,729

WordPress mentioned that you know he

792

00:32:36,789 --> 00:32:42,339

thought I had a rather unique take on

793

00:32:39,730 --> 00:32:43,299

things and that you know that was one of

794

00:32:42,339 --> 00:32:45,099

the things that he really appreciated

795

00:32:43,299 --> 00:32:48,490

about my blog and I think that's

796

00:32:45,099 --> 00:32:51,849

important that in in particular for me

797

00:32:48,490 --> 00:32:53,589

if I'm chasing more readership I you

798

00:32:51,849 --> 00:32:56,319

know I don't want to lose what

799  
00:32:53,589 --> 00:32:59,859  
essentially makes you know my writing

800  
00:32:56,319 --> 00:33:02,500  
different just for the sake of having

801  
00:32:59,859 --> 00:33:04,419  
more people see what a right to big

802  
00:33:02,500 --> 00:33:06,609  
things I'd like to do this year possible

803  
00:33:04,420 --> 00:33:09,070  
and one is attend the globe globalized

804  
00:33:06,609 --> 00:33:10,689  
is convention in Melbourne which I've

805  
00:33:09,069 --> 00:33:13,149  
got the tickets for plane tickets and

806  
00:33:10,690 --> 00:33:15,670  
convention tickets I'd like to do that

807  
00:33:13,150 --> 00:33:20,350  
just for networking social reasons but

808  
00:33:15,670 --> 00:33:22,330  
I'd also like something big to come out

809  
00:33:20,349 --> 00:33:24,849  
of it something important to come out of

810  
00:33:22,329 --> 00:33:28,240  
this meeting of atheists from around the

811  
00:33:24,849 --> 00:33:30,549  
world and around Australia I'm also

812  
00:33:28,240 --> 00:33:31,509  
hoping to do something with the group of

813  
00:33:30,549 --> 00:33:34,599  
Australian and you

814  
00:33:31,509 --> 00:33:36,730  
practice bloggers have some coverage of

815  
00:33:34,599 --> 00:33:38,740  
the event awesome reporting on it

816  
00:33:36,730 --> 00:33:41,740  
haven't quite made up my mind still

817  
00:33:38,740 --> 00:33:43,809  
waiting for the the program details to

818  
00:33:41,740 --> 00:33:44,859  
be sorted out there and see what see

819  
00:33:43,809 --> 00:33:48,190  
what we might be able to do as a group

820  
00:33:44,859 --> 00:33:51,490  
about this bloggers in the long term I'd

821  
00:33:48,190 --> 00:33:54,730  
love to get paid for doing some sort of

822  
00:33:51,490 --> 00:33:57,190  
writing work I I'm hoping that this will

823  
00:33:54,730 --> 00:34:00,549  
be a big year for for osseous and

824  
00:33:57,190 --> 00:34:02,980  
actually for the skeptics in Australia

825  
00:34:00,549 --> 00:34:05,169  
with Tam later in the year I'd love to

826  
00:34:02,980 --> 00:34:07,599  
be able to make it to town it could

827

00:34:05,170 --> 00:34:09,460  
really kick off to areas that I'm

828  
00:34:07,599 --> 00:34:12,549  
passionate about that thing I thism and

829  
00:34:09,460 --> 00:34:14,829  
and skepticism thanks again Sean for

830  
00:34:12,550 --> 00:34:17,050  
joining us well thanks Carly has been a

831  
00:34:14,829 --> 00:34:19,509  
pleasure talking to you and best of luck

832  
00:34:17,050 --> 00:34:23,769  
to yourself and the skeptic zone and

833  
00:34:19,510 --> 00:34:25,780  
skipping zone Lister's the 2010 learn

834  
00:34:23,769 --> 00:34:30,360  
more about Sean's ongoing adventures

835  
00:34:25,780 --> 00:34:30,360  
head to Sean the blog inaud com

836  
00:34:34,070 --> 00:34:36,130  
you

837  
00:34:43,150 --> 00:34:48,820  
this is Eugenie Scott National Center

838  
00:34:45,980 --> 00:34:54,260  
for Science Education you can find us at

839  
00:34:48,820 --> 00:34:56,180  
ww ncsc com come see us if you want to

840  
00:34:54,260 --> 00:34:58,430  
know anything about the creationism and

841  
00:34:56,179 --> 00:35:01,429

evolution conflict in the United States

842

00:34:58,429 --> 00:35:03,199

or more's the pity internationally these

843

00:35:01,429 --> 00:35:06,469

days we are a clearinghouse for

844

00:35:03,199 --> 00:35:09,139

information on this vexing but certainly

845

00:35:06,469 --> 00:35:11,559

very interesting problem come and find

846

00:35:09,139 --> 00:35:11,559

out more about

847

00:35:15,659 --> 00:35:28,869

join us now for drinking skeptically in

848

00:35:19,150 --> 00:35:32,050

the think tank and add kangaroos most

849

00:35:28,869 --> 00:35:35,170

things are better cheers everybody shoes

850

00:35:32,050 --> 00:35:37,030

kangaroos to more soup eNOS wasted you

851

00:35:35,170 --> 00:35:42,940

want yours sitting right there and okay

852

00:35:37,030 --> 00:35:46,120

it sad funny and welcome to the think

853

00:35:42,940 --> 00:35:48,519

tub think tub think tub i'm with brian

854

00:35:46,119 --> 00:35:50,980

dunning hello hello Brian could you

855

00:35:48,519 --> 00:35:54,699

introduce everybody for oh boy we've got

856  
00:35:50,980 --> 00:35:58,179  
Gus and Sarah and Lizzie and Lisa hi hi

857  
00:35:54,699 --> 00:35:59,500  
hey sup you want full introductions is

858  
00:35:58,179 --> 00:36:02,409  
everyone embarrassed to use their full

859  
00:35:59,500 --> 00:36:03,940  
name or I'm not that embarrassed now now

860  
00:36:02,409 --> 00:36:06,759  
this must be one of the more enjoyable

861  
00:36:03,940 --> 00:36:08,200  
think tank I've done we're calling it

862  
00:36:06,760 --> 00:36:10,660  
and think tub because we're all sitting

863  
00:36:08,199 --> 00:36:12,549  
in Brian's hot tub with the microphone

864  
00:36:10,659 --> 00:36:15,190  
hanging over with on a piece of string

865  
00:36:12,550 --> 00:36:17,410  
it's very classy that's a good rig I

866  
00:36:15,190 --> 00:36:20,019  
gotta say it is a slanted all worried

867  
00:36:17,409 --> 00:36:23,289  
about the fate of the microphone this is

868  
00:36:20,019 --> 00:36:27,719  
in fact they famous kept toid hot tub it

869  
00:36:23,289 --> 00:36:31,630  
is famous or infamous expensive you ask

870  
00:36:27,719 --> 00:36:34,389  
abigail is where many well well designed

871  
00:36:31,630 --> 00:36:35,650  
experiments have been performed you

872  
00:36:34,389 --> 00:36:37,269  
realize there's some people who are

873  
00:36:35,650 --> 00:36:44,590  
downloading this podcast for the first

874  
00:36:37,269 --> 00:36:46,690  
time nice poor poor sods yeah what I

875  
00:36:44,590 --> 00:36:48,850  
always try to stress in them in the show

876  
00:36:46,690 --> 00:36:51,760  
is that skeptics like to have fun like

877  
00:36:48,849 --> 00:36:55,449  
anybody else parties and and our fun is

878  
00:36:51,760 --> 00:36:57,010  
less guilt ridden that's true we don't

879  
00:36:55,449 --> 00:36:58,869  
have to say Hail Marys we have to work

880  
00:36:57,010 --> 00:37:00,610  
tomorrow morning we do not have to go to

881  
00:36:58,869 --> 00:37:04,420  
confession oh yes and we ask sipping

882  
00:37:00,610 --> 00:37:08,920  
champagne Oh master cheers and everyone

883  
00:37:04,420 --> 00:37:13,150  
is naked except for that part that part

884

00:37:08,920 --> 00:37:15,700  
does require confession oh this is this

885  
00:37:13,150 --> 00:37:17,470  
is theater of the imagination well

886  
00:37:15,699 --> 00:37:19,480  
listen is now are imagining us in this

887  
00:37:17,469 --> 00:37:22,250  
hot tub sipping champagne naked yes the

888  
00:37:19,480 --> 00:37:25,380  
champagne is naked

889  
00:37:22,250 --> 00:37:28,500  
naked his skin the champagne is scantily

890  
00:37:25,380 --> 00:37:30,329  
clothed well I had such a great time

891  
00:37:28,500 --> 00:37:33,119  
tonight in the pub I hope everybody did

892  
00:37:30,329 --> 00:37:35,068  
it was a nice turnout right it was a

893  
00:37:33,119 --> 00:37:37,650  
fabulous turn out it was probably the it

894  
00:37:35,068 --> 00:37:39,329  
was certainly the busiest pub night in

895  
00:37:37,650 --> 00:37:43,559  
the skeptics in the OC that we've ever

896  
00:37:39,329 --> 00:37:47,010  
had she had people from 40 50 miles away

897  
00:37:43,559 --> 00:37:51,450  
Oh at least or or farther how far did

898  
00:37:47,010 --> 00:37:55,260

you come Oh a long way I think I think

899

00:37:51,449 --> 00:37:57,509

just of everyone's got this you know

900

00:37:55,260 --> 00:37:58,530

an Indian is incredible images floating

901

00:37:57,510 --> 00:38:00,930

around in their head right now it's

902

00:37:58,530 --> 00:38:02,460

worth pointing out that those of us

903

00:38:00,929 --> 00:38:04,348

sitting in the hot tub have caused huge

904

00:38:02,460 --> 00:38:07,740

volumes of water to spill out over the

905

00:38:04,349 --> 00:38:11,519

edge because we're very unsightly people

906

00:38:07,739 --> 00:38:14,429

in general finger yourself an Omega some

907

00:38:11,519 --> 00:38:16,440

more water as we speak I think I did

908

00:38:14,429 --> 00:38:20,279

that it didn't give our listeners any um

909

00:38:16,440 --> 00:38:22,858

any inside gossip in the sneak peeks as

910

00:38:20,280 --> 00:38:24,269

to your projects coming up uh my

911

00:38:22,858 --> 00:38:26,278

projects coming up well when is this

912

00:38:24,269 --> 00:38:29,880

coming out cuz it might be old news by

913  
00:38:26,278 --> 00:38:32,730  
then Oh probably later well probably

914  
00:38:29,880 --> 00:38:35,430  
about the same time then is I'm going to

915  
00:38:32,730 --> 00:38:39,179  
be doing a a full first season of in

916  
00:38:35,429 --> 00:38:42,980  
fact my new video podcast I might put

917  
00:38:39,179 --> 00:38:45,298  
out three pilot episodes Oh late

918  
00:38:42,980 --> 00:38:47,130  
mid-2009 and I'm going to be doing a

919  
00:38:45,298 --> 00:38:50,130  
full season a 13 episodes starting in

920  
00:38:47,130 --> 00:38:51,630  
January and they're about three minutes

921  
00:38:50,130 --> 00:38:53,970  
long and probably by the time you hear

922  
00:38:51,630 --> 00:38:57,210  
this they should be available at in fact

923  
00:38:53,969 --> 00:38:59,129  
video com in fact video com yes all

924  
00:38:57,210 --> 00:39:00,690  
fantasy which which a domain name for

925  
00:38:59,130 --> 00:39:02,818  
which up by the way I was searching in

926  
00:39:00,690 --> 00:39:04,559  
fact TV and everything else was long

927  
00:39:02,818 --> 00:39:06,869  
been taken but oh so i was searching for

928  
00:39:04,559 --> 00:39:09,210  
in fact video calm and it was taken to

929  
00:39:06,869 --> 00:39:11,309  
and so I was quite upset by that and i

930  
00:39:09,210 --> 00:39:13,470  
went to godaddy to do a one of those

931  
00:39:11,309 --> 00:39:16,440  
domain purchase things you know where

932  
00:39:13,469 --> 00:39:18,538  
you can link bid on it and found out

933  
00:39:16,440 --> 00:39:23,880  
that the current owner was already

934  
00:39:18,539 --> 00:39:26,970  
myself you have to call him up and

935  
00:39:23,880 --> 00:39:28,950  
threatening i did i had to beat my own

936  
00:39:26,969 --> 00:39:32,730  
ass I dragged myself your

937  
00:39:28,949 --> 00:39:34,199  
were you sleep coding or something huh I

938  
00:39:32,730 --> 00:39:35,969  
don't know I can I think I probably

939  
00:39:34,199 --> 00:39:39,328  
registered it two years ago or something

940  
00:39:35,969 --> 00:39:40,949  
and had forgotten all about it yeah so

941

00:39:39,329 --> 00:39:43,710  
that's really exciting it's because I

942  
00:39:40,949 --> 00:39:45,739  
really enjoyed the first three you

943  
00:39:43,710 --> 00:39:48,449  
produced and hopefully these will be

944  
00:39:45,739 --> 00:39:50,338  
less less sickening to those who did not

945  
00:39:48,449 --> 00:39:52,949  
enjoy the moving background in the first

946  
00:39:50,338 --> 00:39:55,289  
three nada moving I was just thinking

947  
00:39:52,949 --> 00:39:56,848  
about that yes I likes the back I didn't

948  
00:39:55,289 --> 00:39:58,559  
I didn't mind it you had complaints

949  
00:39:56,849 --> 00:40:00,838  
about them I had quite a lot of

950  
00:39:58,559 --> 00:40:04,108  
complaints about them like I had mostly

951  
00:40:00,838 --> 00:40:06,389  
complaints from from viewers I I had a

952  
00:40:04,108 --> 00:40:08,909  
lot of directorial feedback to from like

953  
00:40:06,389 --> 00:40:10,199  
guys who were actual movie directors and

954  
00:40:08,909 --> 00:40:12,539  
people who knew what they were doing and

955  
00:40:10,199 --> 00:40:15,000

none of them had any issues with your

956

00:40:12,539 --> 00:40:17,369

moving background yeah um I mean it

957

00:40:15,000 --> 00:40:20,789

wasn't racing no was his racing

958

00:40:17,369 --> 00:40:23,940

Mattingly yeah it was moving sickeningly

959

00:40:20,789 --> 00:40:25,320

one might say the same type of people

960

00:40:23,940 --> 00:40:26,820

who can't play the first person shoot

961

00:40:25,320 --> 00:40:28,740

him up games had the same had the

962

00:40:26,820 --> 00:40:31,769

similar problems with my scrolling

963

00:40:28,739 --> 00:40:33,209

background so that so that's gone some

964

00:40:31,769 --> 00:40:35,009

other things have been changed and what

965

00:40:33,210 --> 00:40:36,269

topics can we look forward to hearing a

966

00:40:35,010 --> 00:40:38,190

battle seeing about well they're

967

00:40:36,269 --> 00:40:40,889

actually they're all based on old

968

00:40:38,190 --> 00:40:42,210

scaphoid previous kept Roy depa sodes

969

00:40:40,889 --> 00:40:44,429

that were some of the more popular and

970  
00:40:42,210 --> 00:40:46,050  
universally appealing ones so it's not

971  
00:40:44,429 --> 00:40:49,399  
going for the same audience as my

972  
00:40:46,050 --> 00:40:54,750  
podcast it's going for a new audience

973  
00:40:49,400 --> 00:40:55,980  
basically or watch no we give it you

974  
00:40:54,750 --> 00:40:58,670  
know there's a lot more people who watch

975  
00:40:55,980 --> 00:41:01,170  
videos youtube for example I mean has an

976  
00:40:58,670 --> 00:41:02,909  
incredibly huge audience by itself well

977  
00:41:01,170 --> 00:41:04,800  
yeah you've got the potential to reach a

978  
00:41:02,909 --> 00:41:06,088  
lot more people yeah so that's why I'm

979  
00:41:04,800 --> 00:41:09,000  
doing it it's not that I'm trying to

980  
00:41:06,088 --> 00:41:09,989  
bring something extra to sceptile if

981  
00:41:09,000 --> 00:41:11,730  
sinners or something like that it's just

982  
00:41:09,989 --> 00:41:14,429  
trying to go for a new audience a new

983  
00:41:11,730 --> 00:41:15,990  
broader audience fantastic well I'm

984  
00:41:14,429 --> 00:41:17,848  
looking forward to seeing those because

985  
00:41:15,989 --> 00:41:20,909  
I've seen your production studio and

986  
00:41:17,849 --> 00:41:25,109  
that's impressive it certainly is he's

987  
00:41:20,909 --> 00:41:31,980  
winking as you sing give you guys listen

988  
00:41:25,108 --> 00:41:35,389  
to Brian winco us and more importantly

989  
00:41:31,980 --> 00:41:37,130  
do you listen to Richard yeah yeah

990  
00:41:35,389 --> 00:41:39,078  
absolutely I just three o'clock this

991  
00:41:37,130 --> 00:41:41,869  
afternoon that was a smattering of yeses

992  
00:41:39,079 --> 00:41:44,359  
yes I think it was evidenced by people

993  
00:41:41,869 --> 00:41:46,910  
singing his intro tune at the pump

994  
00:41:44,358 --> 00:41:49,880  
tonight yeah that definitely best intro

995  
00:41:46,909 --> 00:41:51,679  
ever no it's in the podcast world can we

996  
00:41:49,880 --> 00:41:54,559  
hear around without mal pas from those

997  
00:41:51,679 --> 00:41:56,629  
people who were not coming to the tub in

998

00:41:54,559 --> 00:41:58,430  
the car park i heard a rendition of the

999  
00:41:56,630 --> 00:42:04,309  
skeptical zone I thought I heard that too

1000  
00:41:58,429 --> 00:42:05,929  
but he's not singing it that's why you

1001  
00:42:04,309 --> 00:42:07,250  
know what now you you you three people

1002  
00:42:05,929 --> 00:42:10,278  
over here who are meeting for the first

1003  
00:42:07,250 --> 00:42:13,880  
time what's your interest in what we do

1004  
00:42:10,278 --> 00:42:15,679  
the The Skeptical lion I think I knew I

1005  
00:42:13,880 --> 00:42:18,619  
was a skeptic before I had a word for it

1006  
00:42:15,679 --> 00:42:21,500  
in that I I understood that I didn't

1007  
00:42:18,619 --> 00:42:24,019  
really believe in the supernatural per

1008  
00:42:21,500 --> 00:42:26,630  
se yeah but no one I ever articulated

1009  
00:42:24,018 --> 00:42:27,500  
that to really understood that and

1010  
00:42:26,630 --> 00:42:28,760  
they're like so you don't believe in

1011  
00:42:27,500 --> 00:42:30,260  
ghosts and I was like well yeah I guess

1012  
00:42:28,760 --> 00:42:31,730

I don't believe in ghosts and I said so

1013

00:42:30,260 --> 00:42:33,680

you don't believe in like you know

1014

00:42:31,730 --> 00:42:36,440

crystal healing either and I said no I

1015

00:42:33,679 --> 00:42:40,038

guess I don't and after a while until I

1016

00:42:36,440 --> 00:42:42,440

you know by the time I was like 25 or 26

1017

00:42:40,039 --> 00:42:44,329

I finally figured out that what I what I

1018

00:42:42,440 --> 00:42:48,019

believe in if you want to use that word

1019

00:42:44,329 --> 00:42:50,480

is what I can basically say that I have

1020

00:42:48,018 --> 00:42:52,508

solid evidence for or that someone can

1021

00:42:50,480 --> 00:42:55,278

give me solid evidence for it right so

1022

00:42:52,509 --> 00:42:58,130

and then somehow I guess through I just

1023

00:42:55,278 --> 00:43:01,190

sort of ran across kept I'd randomly and

1024

00:42:58,130 --> 00:43:04,490

I was like these people understand what

1025

00:43:01,190 --> 00:43:07,250

what I they think the way I think yes

1026

00:43:04,489 --> 00:43:08,899

and yes it in a way it doesn't matter

1027  
00:43:07,250 --> 00:43:10,460  
what conclusions they draw it just

1028  
00:43:08,900 --> 00:43:12,380  
matters that they use the same sort of

1029  
00:43:10,460 --> 00:43:13,909  
processes to get there and I'm not a

1030  
00:43:12,380 --> 00:43:16,880  
scientist I have no science background

1031  
00:43:13,909 --> 00:43:20,149  
I'm an artist but what was important to

1032  
00:43:16,880 --> 00:43:21,890  
me was that they sort of really try and

1033  
00:43:20,150 --> 00:43:24,108  
think about what what people tell them

1034  
00:43:21,889 --> 00:43:27,679  
and try and sort of crank up their

1035  
00:43:24,108 --> 00:43:30,380  
detector in terms of like okay

1036  
00:43:27,679 --> 00:43:32,598  
you know that sounds interesting but why

1037  
00:43:30,380 --> 00:43:34,220  
don't we try and prove it or what you

1038  
00:43:32,599 --> 00:43:36,798  
told me sounds great but let's see if

1039  
00:43:34,219 --> 00:43:38,209  
there's any evidence for it um and you

1040  
00:43:36,798 --> 00:43:40,518  
thought I didn't have the word skeptic

1041  
00:43:38,210 --> 00:43:42,259  
for it until probably like two years ago

1042  
00:43:40,518 --> 00:43:44,750  
did you find the topics really

1043  
00:43:42,259 --> 00:43:48,800  
interesting I do oh yeah any pretty much

1044  
00:43:44,750 --> 00:43:50,869  
any topic um I mean my real sort of

1045  
00:43:48,800 --> 00:43:52,820  
my passion is art but when I when I

1046  
00:43:50,869 --> 00:43:56,329  
think about science what really like

1047  
00:43:52,820 --> 00:43:57,800  
fills me with a kind of religious and I

1048  
00:43:56,329 --> 00:44:00,319  
use that in quotation marks religious

1049  
00:43:57,800 --> 00:44:02,510  
awe is astronomy so anytime I learned

1050  
00:44:00,320 --> 00:44:05,800  
anything about astronomy that fills me

1051  
00:44:02,510 --> 00:44:10,730  
with a kind of like you know existential

1052  
00:44:05,800 --> 00:44:12,740  
dread / feel a feeling of amazement and

1053  
00:44:10,730 --> 00:44:14,690  
and I think dread and amazement kind of

1054  
00:44:12,739 --> 00:44:17,329  
go hand in hand I think that Carl Sagan

1055

00:44:14,690 --> 00:44:19,760  
called it an ominous yeah the numinous

1056  
00:44:17,329 --> 00:44:21,340  
and absolutely oh and reading contact

1057  
00:44:19,760 --> 00:44:23,330  
when I was in high school wet was

1058  
00:44:21,340 --> 00:44:26,240  
absolutely groundbreaking you've seen

1059  
00:44:23,329 --> 00:44:27,980  
cosmos the series yes and I read cosmos

1060  
00:44:26,239 --> 00:44:30,319  
probably last year I finally read the

1061  
00:44:27,980 --> 00:44:32,960  
book and I was accused of being a dork

1062  
00:44:30,320 --> 00:44:35,809  
which is absolutely true and all of the

1063  
00:44:32,960 --> 00:44:37,220  
nerds in it amen brother oh my they told

1064  
00:44:35,809 --> 00:44:38,719  
me anything they like if i watch the

1065  
00:44:37,219 --> 00:44:41,449  
cosmos I don't kill yeah it does he

1066  
00:44:38,719 --> 00:44:42,799  
exactly um I forget what my point was

1067  
00:44:41,449 --> 00:44:44,389  
but it really doesn't matter someone

1068  
00:44:42,800 --> 00:44:45,470  
handed me champagne a while ago but it's

1069  
00:44:44,389 --> 00:44:47,329

interesting you should mention that

1070

00:44:45,469 --> 00:44:50,239

because if I just look up into the sky

1071

00:44:47,329 --> 00:44:53,539

right now over my shoulder I can see

1072

00:44:50,239 --> 00:44:58,699

Orion the constellation of Orion upside

1073

00:44:53,539 --> 00:45:01,610

down which is pretty win yeah there it

1074

00:44:58,699 --> 00:45:05,049

is no no it is it is summer right now in

1075

00:45:01,610 --> 00:45:07,760

Australia yeah i think i can see mars

1076

00:45:05,050 --> 00:45:10,220

just up a little bit i can confirm that

1077

00:45:07,760 --> 00:45:13,700

later on with my handy iphone app casio

1078

00:45:10,219 --> 00:45:15,259

guys over there oh yeah that w i think

1079

00:45:13,699 --> 00:45:17,689

the reason they appear upside down is

1080

00:45:15,260 --> 00:45:21,650

that Nibiru must have passed close to

1081

00:45:17,690 --> 00:45:24,230

the earth and rotated it isn't he a

1082

00:45:21,650 --> 00:45:27,079

little early I know late he's laid in

1083

00:45:24,230 --> 00:45:30,559

you 2003 wasn't this early or don't oh

1084  
00:45:27,079 --> 00:45:33,949  
boy no it relates a starry night and I

1085  
00:45:30,559 --> 00:45:35,299  
can I can see that the constellations I

1086  
00:45:33,949 --> 00:45:37,369  
know but they're upside down so it's

1087  
00:45:35,300 --> 00:45:39,650  
really interest well there's the UMP IDs

1088  
00:45:37,369 --> 00:45:41,869  
over there see that one do you know that

1089  
00:45:39,650 --> 00:45:44,360  
the term Subaru is the Japanese were my

1090  
00:45:41,869 --> 00:45:46,339  
buddies yeah yeah yeah which shouting no

1091  
00:45:44,360 --> 00:45:48,740  
kidding i drove a Subaru if you look

1092  
00:45:46,340 --> 00:45:50,690  
pathetic spleens there's no logo guard

1093  
00:45:48,739 --> 00:45:52,789  
for six years I could drive a drove of

1094  
00:45:50,690 --> 00:45:54,650  
Subaru yeah finally learned what the

1095  
00:45:52,789 --> 00:45:57,279  
plea DS were in that it was the logo and

1096  
00:45:54,650 --> 00:46:00,550  
is really very exciting to it to a young

1097  
00:45:57,280 --> 00:46:00,550  
blossoming dork

1098  
00:46:01,099 --> 00:46:08,029  
that was Brian yeah with us pretty much

1099  
00:46:05,639 --> 00:46:12,809  
any disaster that happens is my fault oh

1100  
00:46:08,030 --> 00:46:14,480  
no all possible speed rear foot Oh glass

1101  
00:46:12,809 --> 00:46:17,489  
and bare feet what could go wrong

1102  
00:46:14,480 --> 00:46:19,619  
nothing you've seen people walking over

1103  
00:46:17,489 --> 00:46:24,599  
glass before captain shipping I thought

1104  
00:46:19,619 --> 00:46:26,489  
was hot coals hot glass wasn't for glass

1105  
00:46:24,599 --> 00:46:30,480  
well we'll find out we'll be right

1106  
00:46:26,489 --> 00:46:34,319  
behind you yeah go ahead thank you know

1107  
00:46:30,480 --> 00:46:36,480  
what about you um I think what started

1108  
00:46:34,320 --> 00:46:39,180  
me into the idea of critical thinking

1109  
00:46:36,480 --> 00:46:42,090  
particularly was um I worked as a

1110  
00:46:39,179 --> 00:46:44,250  
research assistant on people on working

1111  
00:46:42,090 --> 00:46:47,070  
on an idea of invisible or unidentified

1112

00:46:44,250 --> 00:46:49,980  
skin parasites which kind of brought to

1113  
00:46:47,070 --> 00:46:51,780  
the surface people who had kind of a

1114  
00:46:49,980 --> 00:46:54,659  
some people while some people did have

1115  
00:46:51,780 --> 00:46:57,050  
been skin parasites some individuals had

1116  
00:46:54,659 --> 00:47:00,119  
a persistent unshakeable belief that

1117  
00:46:57,050 --> 00:47:01,769  
insects were inside their skin to the

1118  
00:47:00,119 --> 00:47:05,759  
contrary to persistent evidence

1119  
00:47:01,769 --> 00:47:07,170  
otherwise and it was like experiencing

1120  
00:47:05,760 --> 00:47:08,550  
their suffering you know and I don't

1121  
00:47:07,170 --> 00:47:10,680  
really have words for understanding that

1122  
00:47:08,550 --> 00:47:13,470  
concept of critical thinking and how

1123  
00:47:10,679 --> 00:47:16,799  
people perceive and come to what is true

1124  
00:47:13,469 --> 00:47:18,509  
for them and so that was very very

1125  
00:47:16,800 --> 00:47:20,760  
interesting and very exciting and

1126  
00:47:18,510 --> 00:47:22,350

confusing and learning about skepticism

1127

00:47:20,760 --> 00:47:24,960

and it's thought about how people attain

1128

00:47:22,349 --> 00:47:26,699

knowledge was very important for my work

1129

00:47:24,960 --> 00:47:29,070

therein and now that I'm working on my

1130

00:47:26,699 --> 00:47:31,139

doctorate in clinical psychology it's I

1131

00:47:29,070 --> 00:47:33,450

think very relevant for me to understand

1132

00:47:31,139 --> 00:47:36,109

how people individuals i work with come

1133

00:47:33,449 --> 00:47:38,699

to their reality and their truths and

1134

00:47:36,110 --> 00:47:42,960

it's helpful as a cognitive behavioral

1135

00:47:38,699 --> 00:47:44,309

therapist to find dissonance with

1136

00:47:42,960 --> 00:47:45,599

people's beliefs and how they come to

1137

00:47:44,309 --> 00:47:48,480

believe but their lives is very helpful

1138

00:47:45,599 --> 00:47:50,250

for therapy to be skeptical in my

1139

00:47:48,480 --> 00:47:52,289

experience this is a very interesting

1140

00:47:50,250 --> 00:47:53,670

issue raised these sort of topics

1141  
00:47:52,289 --> 00:47:56,519  
because we've been discussing this today

1142  
00:47:53,670 --> 00:47:58,920  
Brian the way people convince themselves

1143  
00:47:56,519 --> 00:48:00,480  
into believing things yeah and I was

1144  
00:47:58,920 --> 00:48:02,039  
discussing the feedback they get the

1145  
00:48:00,480 --> 00:48:04,199  
positive feedback with the kinesiology

1146  
00:48:02,039 --> 00:48:05,519  
for example here but I've seen this with

1147  
00:48:04,199 --> 00:48:07,589  
with all sorts of people from

1148  
00:48:05,519 --> 00:48:10,380  
astrologist to psych external sources

1149  
00:48:07,590 --> 00:48:11,809  
well as a reformed hypochondriac i can

1150  
00:48:10,380 --> 00:48:13,760  
say that

1151  
00:48:11,809 --> 00:48:15,980  
what what's amazing is is that you can

1152  
00:48:13,760 --> 00:48:18,890  
think critically about almost any other

1153  
00:48:15,980 --> 00:48:21,349  
topic besides what you yourself have

1154  
00:48:18,889 --> 00:48:23,480  
convinced to be true I mean I I was an

1155  
00:48:21,349 --> 00:48:25,719  
atheist by the time I was around 13 so I

1156  
00:48:23,480 --> 00:48:28,369  
didn't think of God but I was convinced

1157  
00:48:25,719 --> 00:48:31,119  
convinced at age 19 that I have brain

1158  
00:48:28,369 --> 00:48:34,639  
tumor that I was dying in any any

1159  
00:48:31,119 --> 00:48:37,579  
headache or symptom was it was the tumor

1160  
00:48:34,639 --> 00:48:39,619  
and by the time I was about around 22 I

1161  
00:48:37,579 --> 00:48:41,539  
realized like okay no I'm probably not

1162  
00:48:39,619 --> 00:48:44,329  
dying of a brain tumor but it's amazing

1163  
00:48:41,539 --> 00:48:47,869  
that it took me three years to to figure

1164  
00:48:44,329 --> 00:48:50,509  
out that the the symptoms that I thought

1165  
00:48:47,869 --> 00:48:53,329  
were true were actually false and that

1166  
00:48:50,510 --> 00:48:55,370  
the things that I thought were were you

1167  
00:48:53,329 --> 00:48:57,319  
know just I mean I it was literally the

1168  
00:48:55,369 --> 00:49:00,769  
idea of like you know the false

1169

00:48:57,320 --> 00:49:02,120  
positives and remembering what exactly

1170  
00:49:00,769 --> 00:49:03,650  
confirmation bias remembering what was

1171  
00:49:02,119 --> 00:49:05,900  
true and what was versus what was false

1172  
00:49:03,650 --> 00:49:07,490  
yep and really and it was you know I

1173  
00:49:05,900 --> 00:49:10,250  
learned later was really a symptom of

1174  
00:49:07,489 --> 00:49:12,379  
like a poor body image like I figured

1175  
00:49:10,250 --> 00:49:14,119  
that my body some something wrong with

1176  
00:49:12,380 --> 00:49:16,970  
my body not the way it looked but the

1177  
00:49:14,119 --> 00:49:18,710  
way it was you know health-wise and I

1178  
00:49:16,969 --> 00:49:21,019  
was willing to think critically about

1179  
00:49:18,710 --> 00:49:22,610  
God about Jesus about religion about

1180  
00:49:21,019 --> 00:49:24,739  
crystal healing about anything you'd

1181  
00:49:22,610 --> 00:49:26,210  
give me except for my own body and as

1182  
00:49:24,739 --> 00:49:28,339  
convinced that something was wrong with

1183  
00:49:26,210 --> 00:49:31,220

my own body and it actually turned out

1184

00:49:28,340 --> 00:49:33,500

not to be so it's amazing how individual

1185

00:49:31,219 --> 00:49:35,569

people can be skeptical about almost

1186

00:49:33,500 --> 00:49:38,480

anything except that there except their

1187

00:49:35,570 --> 00:49:40,760

own personal sort of you know Cal

1188

00:49:38,480 --> 00:49:41,809

exactly their own sacred cows even if

1189

00:49:40,760 --> 00:49:43,940

it's a negative thing even into

1190

00:49:41,809 --> 00:49:47,299

something they think is firming them hmm

1191

00:49:43,940 --> 00:49:50,690

now it's a really good point because I

1192

00:49:47,300 --> 00:49:53,060

often wonder if I'm the same in what way

1193

00:49:50,690 --> 00:49:56,269

did I have something that I haven't

1194

00:49:53,059 --> 00:49:58,699

blocked about yeah and why wouldn't I be

1195

00:49:56,269 --> 00:50:00,409

I'm human like everybody else and it's

1196

00:49:58,699 --> 00:50:01,819

up for other people to tell me what it

1197

00:50:00,409 --> 00:50:04,789

is and then for me to go whole know that

1198  
00:50:01,820 --> 00:50:07,580  
silly yeah you know well I think part of

1199  
00:50:04,789 --> 00:50:09,559  
it I mean I I as I said I was a skeptic

1200  
00:50:07,579 --> 00:50:12,469  
even before I had the word for it so I

1201  
00:50:09,559 --> 00:50:14,929  
had had read about people dismissing

1202  
00:50:12,469 --> 00:50:16,879  
their own symptoms and then having it

1203  
00:50:14,929 --> 00:50:18,980  
turned out to be real well so all I

1204  
00:50:16,880 --> 00:50:20,360  
could think was like and then the same

1205  
00:50:18,980 --> 00:50:21,710  
thing has to me like I don't like to fly

1206  
00:50:20,360 --> 00:50:23,630  
but I do it on a regular basis because

1207  
00:50:21,710 --> 00:50:24,980  
my family lives 3,000 miles away so I go

1208  
00:50:23,630 --> 00:50:26,570  
at least twice a year to go visit

1209  
00:50:24,980 --> 00:50:27,829  
and I always think if I'm missing a

1210  
00:50:26,570 --> 00:50:29,300  
flight or I'm trying desperately to

1211  
00:50:27,829 --> 00:50:31,099  
catch that last flight out to the east

1212  
00:50:29,300 --> 00:50:33,920  
coast like oh my god am I desperately

1213  
00:50:31,099 --> 00:50:36,889  
trying to catch the death flight and or

1214  
00:50:33,920 --> 00:50:38,450  
am I desperately convincing myself that

1215  
00:50:36,889 --> 00:50:42,319  
I'm healthy when in fact I am really

1216  
00:50:38,449 --> 00:50:43,969  
sick and I mean you know the human brain

1217  
00:50:42,320 --> 00:50:47,720  
i love it i think it's one of the most

1218  
00:50:43,969 --> 00:50:50,659  
fascinating objects ever created at the

1219  
00:50:47,719 --> 00:50:54,108  
same time it's totally screws me up on a

1220  
00:50:50,659 --> 00:50:56,839  
regular basis it's you know I I think

1221  
00:50:54,108 --> 00:50:59,090  
myself out of trying new things

1222  
00:50:56,840 --> 00:51:01,160  
sometimes and I think myself into trying

1223  
00:50:59,090 --> 00:51:02,390  
crazy things and what I have to work on

1224  
00:51:01,159 --> 00:51:03,679  
convincing myself and I think most

1225  
00:51:02,389 --> 00:51:07,429  
humans have to work on convincing

1226

00:51:03,679 --> 00:51:11,419  
themselves is that your brain will lead

1227  
00:51:07,429 --> 00:51:14,029  
you astray and sometimes if you try and

1228  
00:51:11,420 --> 00:51:16,970  
research how it works you can override

1229  
00:51:14,030 --> 00:51:19,130  
those those systems can pick us to show

1230  
00:51:16,969 --> 00:51:21,199  
how your mind is or your brain is like a

1231  
00:51:19,130 --> 00:51:22,519  
meaning making machine yes and how

1232  
00:51:21,199 --> 00:51:23,659  
you're trying to make meaning out of all

1233  
00:51:22,519 --> 00:51:26,239  
these things and how it serves you

1234  
00:51:23,659 --> 00:51:28,129  
syllable shaking which makes positive

1235  
00:51:26,239 --> 00:51:30,259  
skeptical Saturn really difficult

1236  
00:51:28,130 --> 00:51:31,700  
especially in self-reflection oh the

1237  
00:51:30,260 --> 00:51:34,790  
discipline of it I think is what makes

1238  
00:51:31,699 --> 00:51:36,649  
the discipline so I'm important yeah

1239  
00:51:34,789 --> 00:51:39,050  
well you can't pick it up overnight

1240  
00:51:36,650 --> 00:51:41,389

no it's I think it's a lifelong process

1241  
00:51:39,050 --> 00:51:42,410  
I look tomorrow yeah why don't you ever

1242  
00:51:41,389 --> 00:51:45,259  
talk about I'll go to all about our

1243  
00:51:42,409 --> 00:51:47,868  
Wikipedia okay well that yeah but yellow

1244  
00:51:45,260 --> 00:51:55,250  
daal abide it on Brian's show oh yeah oh

1245  
00:51:47,869 --> 00:51:57,500  
and get your zone kiky clunky might dial

1246  
00:51:55,250 --> 00:51:59,300  
it's about to kill me as I was as I was

1247  
00:51:57,500 --> 00:52:02,690  
as i was telling you Richard earlier

1248  
00:51:59,300 --> 00:52:04,940  
today most of probably the probably the

1249  
00:52:02,690 --> 00:52:07,700  
whole first two years of sceptile i

1250  
00:52:04,940 --> 00:52:10,159  
would grab gladly throw away mmm because

1251  
00:52:07,699 --> 00:52:12,710  
i would do them all what i think is a

1252  
00:52:10,159 --> 00:52:13,819  
lot better now and I'm sure the two

1253  
00:52:12,710 --> 00:52:15,559  
years from now I'll be saying the same

1254  
00:52:13,820 --> 00:52:17,359  
thing about the show's undo possibly

1255  
00:52:15,559 --> 00:52:18,949  
today possibly don't be surprised if

1256  
00:52:17,358 --> 00:52:20,989  
there's a lot of stuff like that you

1257  
00:52:18,949 --> 00:52:22,730  
think you'd look back on say no that's

1258  
00:52:20,989 --> 00:52:25,639  
good i'm happy with that yeah some of it

1259  
00:52:22,730 --> 00:52:27,079  
by me night when i go back and read the

1260  
00:52:25,639 --> 00:52:29,509  
transcripts or listen to the old ones i

1261  
00:52:27,079 --> 00:52:31,309  
know that you know I was guilty of some

1262  
00:52:29,510 --> 00:52:32,930  
a lot of the same things that I'm trying

1263  
00:52:31,309 --> 00:52:34,670  
to do something about now well you're

1264  
00:52:32,929 --> 00:52:36,769  
learning now that's true but almost

1265  
00:52:34,670 --> 00:52:38,539  
anything you pursue I mean I as an

1266  
00:52:36,769 --> 00:52:40,759  
artist which I really

1267  
00:52:38,539 --> 00:52:43,070  
my kind of get grossed out by but it

1268  
00:52:40,760 --> 00:52:45,980  
reluctantly has been applied to me so

1269  
00:52:43,070 --> 00:52:49,010  
I'll own it there she draws lockheed

1270  
00:52:45,980 --> 00:52:53,150  
p-38 yeah shut up about the p-38 my god

1271  
00:52:49,010 --> 00:52:54,890  
um is this oh like two years ago the

1272  
00:52:53,150 --> 00:52:57,920  
stuff I was drawing this was absolute

1273  
00:52:54,889 --> 00:53:00,139  
crap and you know but I thought it was

1274  
00:52:57,920 --> 00:53:02,659  
great at the time and the stuff i think

1275  
00:53:00,139 --> 00:53:05,869  
is great now i'll probably think is crap

1276  
00:53:02,659 --> 00:53:08,059  
in two years but that's I mean that

1277  
00:53:05,869 --> 00:53:09,650  
what's the great the gift about the

1278  
00:53:08,059 --> 00:53:12,949  
human brain which is why you know I

1279  
00:53:09,650 --> 00:53:14,630  
think I'll hang on to mine is that and

1280  
00:53:12,949 --> 00:53:16,939  
not have a tumor after all I don't think

1281  
00:53:14,630 --> 00:53:20,480  
so okay it turns out I'm pretty healthy

1282  
00:53:16,940 --> 00:53:23,030  
is that it's able to to learn from

1283

00:53:20,480 --> 00:53:25,730  
itself in that we think and there's

1284  
00:53:23,030 --> 00:53:27,620  
there's conclusions we drew its Kate

1285  
00:53:25,730 --> 00:53:29,869  
some stuff which could not it doesn't

1286  
00:53:27,619 --> 00:53:31,519  
always happen well there's conclusions i

1287  
00:53:29,869 --> 00:53:33,799  
drew when i was 12 and when i was 15 and

1288  
00:53:31,519 --> 00:53:37,130  
when i was 18 and when I was 25 that

1289  
00:53:33,800 --> 00:53:39,260  
sound ridiculous to me now and at age 28

1290  
00:53:37,130 --> 00:53:41,780  
you know I'm drawing conclusions that

1291  
00:53:39,260 --> 00:53:43,340  
will probably seem ridiculous at 35 but

1292  
00:53:41,780 --> 00:53:44,900  
I'm always able to look back at those

1293  
00:53:43,340 --> 00:53:46,430  
conclusions and see what was correct

1294  
00:53:44,900 --> 00:53:49,460  
about them and what was wrong about them

1295  
00:53:46,429 --> 00:53:50,869  
well most skeptics and most people who

1296  
00:53:49,460 --> 00:53:52,880  
work really hard to thinking about that

1297  
00:53:50,869 --> 00:53:54,199

would agree with me well I think that

1298

00:53:52,880 --> 00:53:57,079

what we've all been talking about is

1299

00:53:54,199 --> 00:54:00,109

that our brain is able to change into

1300

00:53:57,079 --> 00:54:02,659

shift and to grow I'm an artist too and

1301

00:54:00,110 --> 00:54:04,960

I look back on my quilt making and their

1302

00:54:02,659 --> 00:54:07,759

stuff that I do not like the way I did

1303

00:54:04,960 --> 00:54:09,740

but at the time it was good and since

1304

00:54:07,760 --> 00:54:12,890

Ted thing you know I grew up my dad is a

1305

00:54:09,739 --> 00:54:15,109

physicist I questions a lot and and I

1306

00:54:12,889 --> 00:54:16,909

have grown since then and so I think

1307

00:54:15,110 --> 00:54:17,720

that what we're saying is all the same

1308

00:54:16,909 --> 00:54:19,699

thing we're growing and changing

1309

00:54:17,719 --> 00:54:21,079

constantly we always look back and say I

1310

00:54:19,699 --> 00:54:23,419

could have would have should have but

1311

00:54:21,079 --> 00:54:25,159

now i'm going to which is so interesting

1312  
00:54:23,420 --> 00:54:26,480  
cuz as someone who's seen your quilts it

1313  
00:54:25,159 --> 00:54:28,789  
is so who senior art at least on

1314  
00:54:26,480 --> 00:54:31,730  
facebook I'm like oh wow that's really

1315  
00:54:28,789 --> 00:54:33,019  
great and you know and I apply to yours

1316  
00:54:31,730 --> 00:54:36,199  
when I would think that's really great

1317  
00:54:33,019 --> 00:54:38,599  
but i would i would see you interacting

1318  
00:54:36,199 --> 00:54:41,000  
with with a crazy person as a clinical

1319  
00:54:38,599 --> 00:54:43,449  
psychologist hell does she do that

1320  
00:54:41,000 --> 00:54:45,650  
nobody thinking i right now Liz I

1321  
00:54:43,449 --> 00:54:47,689  
there is that now we don't use the term

1322  
00:54:45,650 --> 00:54:51,380  
crazy person anymore I'm sorry what do

1323  
00:54:47,690 --> 00:54:53,990  
we use like what is that is that an

1324  
00:54:51,380 --> 00:54:55,579  
Australian word yeah yeah boo you idiot

1325  
00:54:53,989 --> 00:54:57,529  
Brian and I were having this discussion

1326  
00:54:55,579 --> 00:54:59,179  
today and Australian listeners

1327  
00:54:57,530 --> 00:55:01,940  
appreciate this but how many words we

1328  
00:54:59,179 --> 00:55:04,369  
have in Australia which mean idiot yes I

1329  
00:55:01,940 --> 00:55:08,599  
came up any language that your drum go

1330  
00:55:04,369 --> 00:55:11,359  
get bogan mug or some airlines I don't

1331  
00:55:08,599 --> 00:55:14,000  
know do they all have their y la sort of

1332  
00:55:11,360 --> 00:55:16,760  
saw subtly or slightly after their shape

1333  
00:55:14,000 --> 00:55:18,829  
idiot brilliant yeah absolutely they saw

1334  
00:55:16,760 --> 00:55:20,180  
much cuter and yeah yeah well

1335  
00:55:18,829 --> 00:55:22,099  
introducing because you use the word

1336  
00:55:20,179 --> 00:55:24,169  
Yankee in your podcast announcing this

1337  
00:55:22,099 --> 00:55:25,309  
particular event and what's what's funny

1338  
00:55:24,170 --> 00:55:28,190  
to me is that from the east coast

1339  
00:55:25,309 --> 00:55:30,559  
northeast area a Yankee is from and from

1340

00:55:28,190 --> 00:55:32,329  
the Northeast yeah but thanks to

1341  
00:55:30,559 --> 00:55:35,000  
alienate but to an Australian exactly

1342  
00:55:32,329 --> 00:55:36,679  
one yankees is any American you call

1343  
00:55:35,000 --> 00:55:38,989  
someone from Georgia Yankee and you

1344  
00:55:36,679 --> 00:55:42,409  
might want to leave the room get your

1345  
00:55:38,989 --> 00:55:44,089  
ass kicked yeah yeah just for

1346  
00:55:42,409 --> 00:55:46,489  
clarification know psychology does not

1347  
00:55:44,090 --> 00:55:48,620  
call people crazy sorry well I'm an

1348  
00:55:46,489 --> 00:55:50,899  
artist what is the word on the ud um I

1349  
00:55:48,619 --> 00:55:51,980  
mean these people have day typical not

1350  
00:55:50,900 --> 00:55:54,410  
even like us people have different

1351  
00:55:51,980 --> 00:55:56,030  
issues mmm yeah yeah issue so thinking

1352  
00:55:54,409 --> 00:55:57,500  
you have a tumor when you're 19 that's

1353  
00:55:56,030 --> 00:56:00,410  
an issue man it's an issue as an issue

1354  
00:55:57,500 --> 00:56:04,969

it's cool different play advantage for

1355

00:56:00,409 --> 00:56:09,799

the differently whacked out fortunately

1356

00:56:04,969 --> 00:56:13,669

Wow yeah okay i refer whacked out hmm no

1357

00:56:09,800 --> 00:56:16,610

how did you come across over um well I

1358

00:56:13,670 --> 00:56:18,849

grew up Catholic and I still kind of

1359

00:56:16,610 --> 00:56:21,590

consider myself ethnically Catholic in

1360

00:56:18,849 --> 00:56:24,769

Beverly k culturally cat yeah yeah it's

1361

00:56:21,590 --> 00:56:28,570

a better time I understand um but I was

1362

00:56:24,769 --> 00:56:31,570

also very much into science and as I

1363

00:56:28,570 --> 00:56:34,220

progressed through that field I'm now

1364

00:56:31,570 --> 00:56:40,490

trying in the process of getting my

1365

00:56:34,219 --> 00:56:44,349

doctorate in molecular biology the the

1366

00:56:40,489 --> 00:56:48,319

age of the earth came into play oh yeah

1367

00:56:44,349 --> 00:56:51,679

evolution and many many things that were

1368

00:56:48,320 --> 00:56:54,559

written down in that great book as truth

1369  
00:56:51,679 --> 00:56:56,058  
just magic Alex long oh no that one no

1370  
00:56:54,559 --> 00:56:59,929  
42 still true

1371  
00:56:56,059 --> 00:57:04,130  
I was right um the other book uh seemed

1372  
00:56:59,929 --> 00:57:07,088  
patently at odds with reality many many

1373  
00:57:04,130 --> 00:57:10,818  
many many lines of evidence yes and I

1374  
00:57:07,088 --> 00:57:16,369  
think from there I kind of dropped the

1375  
00:57:10,818 --> 00:57:19,400  
Jehovah complex and I just kind of

1376  
00:57:16,369 --> 00:57:25,130  
wandered around for a while until in the

1377  
00:57:19,400 --> 00:57:27,709  
desert for forty or forty really take

1378  
00:57:25,130 --> 00:57:31,489  
I'll go with the shrubbery shrubbery the

1379  
00:57:27,708 --> 00:57:35,198  
singing bush you must cut down the long

1380  
00:57:31,489 --> 00:57:40,429  
history in the forests of the herring um

1381  
00:57:35,199 --> 00:57:42,949  
this is he gotta I was like for movie

1382  
00:57:40,429 --> 00:57:46,938  
reference 75 so yeah and geeky movies

1383  
00:57:42,949 --> 00:57:49,219  
all the better yeah the only someone was

1384  
00:57:46,938 --> 00:57:53,958  
saying something whoever was discussed

1385  
00:57:49,219 --> 00:57:56,298  
yeah that was Gus that's me um and I you

1386  
00:57:53,958 --> 00:58:00,558  
know I think the first podcast I caught

1387  
00:57:56,298 --> 00:58:02,420  
was the skeptics guide yep and a lot of

1388  
00:58:00,559 --> 00:58:04,579  
people come to us when the skeptic yeah

1389  
00:58:02,420 --> 00:58:06,318  
and that's sort of like I can't I don't

1390  
00:58:04,579 --> 00:58:09,278  
know remember if it was easier right

1391  
00:58:06,318 --> 00:58:12,380  
away from that specific they graduate

1392  
00:58:09,278 --> 00:58:15,679  
already cited what happened um you know

1393  
00:58:12,380 --> 00:58:20,059  
that's important God opened my eyes to

1394  
00:58:15,679 --> 00:58:21,679  
the quote community and branched out

1395  
00:58:20,059 --> 00:58:23,989  
from there well did you know the

1396  
00:58:21,679 --> 00:58:25,729  
experience of knowing that you were a

1397

00:58:23,989 --> 00:58:27,079  
skeptic before he had a word for it or

1398  
00:58:25,728 --> 00:58:29,118  
knowing that you were an atheist before

1399  
00:58:27,079 --> 00:58:32,209  
you know I knew I was a scientist see

1400  
00:58:29,119 --> 00:58:34,429  
but and I never really put skeptic to it

1401  
00:58:32,208 --> 00:58:36,379  
I saw Michael Shermer talk and you know

1402  
00:58:34,429 --> 00:58:42,499  
when I was younger I would see him talk

1403  
00:58:36,380 --> 00:58:46,818  
and go and do as so many do and uh sort

1404  
00:58:42,498 --> 00:58:48,409  
of add cynic on top of the skeptic yeah

1405  
00:58:46,818 --> 00:58:51,259  
and then I would hear him talking to

1406  
00:58:48,409 --> 00:58:53,149  
this guy's making sense you know that's

1407  
00:58:51,259 --> 00:58:54,769  
true actually what one of my early

1408  
00:58:53,150 --> 00:58:56,420  
experiences with the Australian skeptics

1409  
00:58:54,768 --> 00:58:59,088  
as I went to a public talk about UFOs

1410  
00:58:56,420 --> 00:59:01,579  
and the guy speaking just made so much

1411  
00:58:59,088 --> 00:59:03,858

clearer sense it didn't sound like a

1412

00:59:01,579 --> 00:59:06,140

jerk he didn't sound like cantankerous I

1413

00:59:03,858 --> 00:59:07,308

just mean you're crazy so Richard I have

1414

00:59:06,139 --> 00:59:08,989

a question for you that I've wanted to

1415

00:59:07,309 --> 00:59:09,860

know is is my understanding is that an

1416

00:59:08,989 --> 00:59:12,789

Australia

1417

00:59:09,860 --> 00:59:15,650

there's a lot less sort of religious

1418

00:59:12,789 --> 00:59:19,190

fundamentalism and a lot of sort of less

1419

00:59:15,650 --> 00:59:20,720

religious you know belief yeah and more

1420

00:59:19,190 --> 00:59:22,179

sort of what what we and America would

1421

00:59:20,719 --> 00:59:25,250

refer to as woo woo a lot of like

1422

00:59:22,179 --> 00:59:27,379

crystal healing etc at whereas here we

1423

00:59:25,250 --> 00:59:30,969

have a lot of religious fundamentalist a

1424

00:59:27,380 --> 00:59:33,320

lot of like hardcore christians yeah um

1425

00:59:30,969 --> 00:59:36,079

who would denounce in the same breath

1426  
00:59:33,320 --> 00:59:38,150  
crystal healing exactly yeah so I want

1427  
00:59:36,079 --> 00:59:41,659  
to know what we have done we are pockets

1428  
00:59:38,150 --> 00:59:43,340  
of of fundamentalists okay when I guess

1429  
00:59:41,659 --> 00:59:45,829  
love our country stuff for that problem

1430  
00:59:43,340 --> 00:59:48,650  
right um but I want us Christians yeah

1431  
00:59:45,829 --> 00:59:50,630  
yeah um well we got the Colts too yeah

1432  
00:59:48,650 --> 00:59:53,599  
but everything sort of turned down a bit

1433  
00:59:50,630 --> 00:59:55,430  
your mainstream religion is just part of

1434  
00:59:53,599 --> 00:59:56,719  
the background really it's interesting

1435  
00:59:55,429 --> 01:00:00,109  
because here it seems like mainstream

1436  
00:59:56,719 --> 01:00:01,669  
religion is sort of like in a dream it

1437  
01:00:00,110 --> 01:00:03,980  
means it Oh kind of like kicks itself

1438  
01:00:01,670 --> 01:00:05,480  
back up periodically it is I find it

1439  
01:00:03,980 --> 01:00:07,699  
interesting that this country has laws

1440  
01:00:05,480 --> 01:00:09,829  
it with the separation of church and

1441  
01:00:07,699 --> 01:00:11,359  
state but you've got these well that was

1442  
01:00:09,829 --> 01:00:12,949  
an eye on my questions as I'm a guy

1443  
01:00:11,360 --> 01:00:14,660  
things really you know separation of

1444  
01:00:12,949 --> 01:00:16,819  
church and state doesn't exist in say

1445  
01:00:14,659 --> 01:00:19,489  
the UK and Arlis what the law is in this

1446  
01:00:16,820 --> 01:00:21,380  
area and yet it seems that the

1447  
01:00:19,489 --> 01:00:23,809  
government there is less influence too

1448  
01:00:21,380 --> 01:00:26,900  
much absolutely religion whereas here

1449  
01:00:23,809 --> 01:00:29,570  
you know we have like the family scary

1450  
01:00:26,900 --> 01:00:31,430  
prayer breakfasts the family and and

1451  
01:00:29,570 --> 01:00:33,500  
that's that's sort of terrifying to me

1452  
01:00:31,429 --> 01:00:35,509  
just about any politician in Australia

1453  
01:00:33,500 --> 01:00:38,030  
can get elected and no one really gives

1454

01:00:35,510 --> 01:00:39,500  
a rat's about there so you think an

1455  
01:00:38,030 --> 01:00:41,390  
atheist could get elected nostril I know

1456  
01:00:39,500 --> 01:00:43,039  
you like that we've had atheist Prime

1457  
01:00:41,389 --> 01:00:46,969  
Minister I don't think that's not an

1458  
01:00:43,039 --> 01:00:50,420  
issue because here there there are and

1459  
01:00:46,969 --> 01:00:52,369  
you know I'm gonna do a cardinal sin and

1460  
01:00:50,420 --> 01:00:55,639  
quote some statistic without knowing

1461  
01:00:52,369 --> 01:00:59,000  
where it came from but uh that it would

1462  
01:00:55,639 --> 01:01:01,489  
be harder for an atheist to get oh yeah

1463  
01:00:59,000 --> 01:01:03,110  
to get elected here than in a Muslim oh

1464  
01:01:01,489 --> 01:01:04,879  
absolutely because the Muslim could

1465  
01:01:03,110 --> 01:01:06,440  
still say like well we won't believe I

1466  
01:01:04,880 --> 01:01:08,000  
mean was nothing but I'm not saying

1467  
01:01:06,440 --> 01:01:09,920  
anything about Muslims say that I know

1468  
01:01:08,000 --> 01:01:11,570

this is about disenfranchised population

1469

01:01:09,920 --> 01:01:14,269

and what the freddie is on united state

1470

01:01:11,570 --> 01:01:15,890

a lot of sort of liberal uh you know and

1471

01:01:14,269 --> 01:01:18,949

I count myself as a liberal or leftist

1472

01:01:15,889 --> 01:01:22,219

um you know religion in that sense is

1473

01:01:18,949 --> 01:01:23,659

that some people try to quote like well

1474

01:01:22,219 --> 01:01:25,939

we all believe in one God

1475

01:01:23,659 --> 01:01:28,519

it's all one God and it's it immediately

1476

01:01:25,940 --> 01:01:31,460

instantly negates those of us who don't

1477

01:01:28,519 --> 01:01:33,409

believe in a God at all yeah and yeah

1478

01:01:31,460 --> 01:01:35,389

you know on one level I can agree with

1479

01:01:33,409 --> 01:01:37,578

them like yes we should take care of our

1480

01:01:35,389 --> 01:01:39,348

fellow man but just for a very different

1481

01:01:37,579 --> 01:01:41,390

reason and and it's it's really

1482

01:01:39,349 --> 01:01:43,519

distressing to hear you know when people

1483  
01:01:41,389 --> 01:01:44,868  
talk about all one God immediately

1484  
01:01:43,519 --> 01:01:46,639  
eliminating those of us don't believe in

1485  
01:01:44,869 --> 01:01:47,720  
any God at all but I think also in this

1486  
01:01:46,639 --> 01:01:49,848  
conversation that we've eliminated

1487  
01:01:47,719 --> 01:01:51,769  
people who are skeptics who identifies

1488  
01:01:49,849 --> 01:01:53,960  
skeptics with still are religious that's

1489  
01:01:51,769 --> 01:01:56,210  
true I don't think it's anonymous to say

1490  
01:01:53,960 --> 01:01:57,858  
are skeptical and atheist but it's not

1491  
01:01:56,210 --> 01:02:00,199  
always now just getting back to the

1492  
01:01:57,858 --> 01:02:02,239  
topic of the the elective of someone I

1493  
01:02:00,199 --> 01:02:04,068  
was just thinking about it it it really

1494  
01:02:02,239 --> 01:02:05,899  
even comes up in interviews when they're

1495  
01:02:04,068 --> 01:02:07,788  
talking to politicians what their

1496  
01:02:05,900 --> 01:02:10,220  
religious views are no sir is not an

1497  
01:02:07,789 --> 01:02:12,500  
issue so I can you fix the taxes what

1498  
01:02:10,219 --> 01:02:13,818  
happen about the roads there you go to

1499  
01:02:12,500 --> 01:02:16,159  
church oh that's nice now what about

1500  
01:02:13,818 --> 01:02:17,480  
this issue but the Kangaroos what are

1501  
01:02:16,159 --> 01:02:20,179  
you gonna do at the bloody kangaroos

1502  
01:02:17,480 --> 01:02:21,679  
well here it's like you know what I mean

1503  
01:02:20,179 --> 01:02:24,769  
we have the whole big government small

1504  
01:02:21,679 --> 01:02:25,759  
government issue you know we have

1505  
01:02:24,769 --> 01:02:28,068  
conservatives who are worried about

1506  
01:02:25,760 --> 01:02:30,200  
quote big government getting the way of

1507  
01:02:28,068 --> 01:02:33,440  
our businesses and yet at the same

1508  
01:02:30,199 --> 01:02:35,000  
breath they will say we want you know

1509  
01:02:33,440 --> 01:02:36,289  
gay people not to be able to get married

1510  
01:02:35,000 --> 01:02:38,838  
and we want government to control who

1511

01:02:36,289 --> 01:02:40,789  
can marry food and then there's the

1512  
01:02:38,838 --> 01:02:42,259  
issue of like well liberals want you

1513  
01:02:40,789 --> 01:02:44,960  
know a small government some sense in a

1514  
01:02:42,260 --> 01:02:46,730  
big government in other sense but what

1515  
01:02:44,960 --> 01:02:48,470  
happens what there's a soul as this

1516  
01:02:46,730 --> 01:02:50,269  
umbrella issue of like well as long as

1517  
01:02:48,469 --> 01:02:53,449  
he has a he has some sort of fate he's

1518  
01:02:50,269 --> 01:02:54,769  
always a he I mean honestly you know as

1519  
01:02:53,449 --> 01:02:57,318  
long as there's some sort of case as

1520  
01:02:54,769 --> 01:03:00,349  
long as he he trusts some sort of you

1521  
01:02:57,318 --> 01:03:04,579  
know deity it's gonna be okay and like

1522  
01:03:00,349 --> 01:03:06,798  
mr. DG such a funny show and I as a

1523  
01:03:04,579 --> 01:03:09,740  
woman I fully support his show about

1524  
01:03:06,798 --> 01:03:13,690  
either we shout out to NASA we enjoy

1525  
01:03:09,739 --> 01:03:16,939

your show how you doing sir surfing

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01:03:13,690 --> 01:03:18,528

Brian call of duty sir Ryan I think I'm

1527

01:03:16,940 --> 01:03:20,000

gonna have to come back in the

1528

01:03:18,528 --> 01:03:24,349

not-too-distant future and do another

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01:03:20,000 --> 01:03:26,000

think tub think tubs are tabs are good

1530

01:03:24,349 --> 01:03:28,068

well worth while they could no bus

1531

01:03:26,000 --> 01:03:30,710

announcements but that's just mmhmm yeah

1532

01:03:28,068 --> 01:03:32,838

a couple of people here can put their

1533

01:03:30,710 --> 01:03:32,990

clothes back on that would really kind

1534

01:03:32,838 --> 01:03:35,269

of

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01:03:32,989 --> 01:03:36,859

oh my gosh my mother can never listens I

1536

01:03:35,269 --> 01:03:40,940

mean I find the Milan thinking has been

1537

01:03:36,860 --> 01:03:45,050

you know somewhat like screw it up by

1538

01:03:40,940 --> 01:03:46,789

the tub by the time I the champagne is

1539

01:03:45,050 --> 01:03:48,800

it the energy gel I'm sorry your rights

1540  
01:03:46,789 --> 01:03:51,259  
probably the energy crystal likessee

1541  
01:03:48,800 --> 01:03:56,600  
Ricci it is and it's the Vegemite I made

1542  
01:03:51,260 --> 01:04:00,170  
it later the aisle a Vegemite violation

1543  
01:03:56,599 --> 01:04:04,849  
my sister she's not out whatever it says

1544  
01:04:00,170 --> 01:04:07,010  
them molecular bowels what on that

1545  
01:04:04,849 --> 01:04:08,929  
cultural note I'd like to thank every

1546  
01:04:07,010 --> 01:04:13,280  
everybody for joining me in Bryan and

1547  
01:04:08,929 --> 01:04:16,639  
this is hot tub tonight here and Brian

1548  
01:04:13,280 --> 01:04:20,410  
I'll try to make my mark I hope so make

1549  
01:04:16,639 --> 01:04:20,409  
this a monthly event thank you everybody

1550  
01:04:21,639 --> 01:04:25,618  
we don't have any glasses to quinto

1551  
01:04:37,550 --> 01:04:42,030  
hi I'm Jason and I'm Andrew from the

1552  
01:04:40,469 --> 01:04:44,819  
nonsense podcast bringing you a

1553  
01:04:42,030 --> 01:04:46,620  
skeptical overview of news religion and

1554  
01:04:44,820 --> 01:04:48,420  
all forms of pseudoscience we're

1555  
01:04:46,619 --> 01:04:49,980  
defending science and reason against the

1556  
01:04:48,420 --> 01:04:51,780  
onslaught of medical and spiritual

1557  
01:04:49,980 --> 01:04:53,849  
nonsense all week we are busy

1558  
01:04:51,780 --> 01:04:56,519  
researching and debunking pseudoscience

1559  
01:04:53,849 --> 01:04:58,409  
but on the seventh day we listened to

1560  
01:04:56,519 --> 01:05:01,590  
the skeptic zone check us out at

1561  
01:04:58,409 --> 01:05:05,509  
nonsense podcast libsyn com or search

1562  
01:05:01,590 --> 01:05:05,510  
for the nonsense podcast on itunes

1563  
01:05:14,630 --> 01:05:19,278  
thanks for joining me for this week's

1564  
01:05:16,518 --> 01:05:22,308  
skeptic zone don't forget to check out

1565  
01:05:19,278 --> 01:05:25,969  
the new podcast by Kylie Sturgis token

1566  
01:05:22,309 --> 01:05:28,220  
skeptic at token skeptic dot org and

1567  
01:05:25,969 --> 01:05:30,828  
thanks to Carly for putting together our

1568

01:05:28,219 --> 01:05:33,199  
recent skeptic zone survey and thank you

1569  
01:05:30,829 --> 01:05:36,200  
to everybody who I wrote in and took

1570  
01:05:33,199 --> 01:05:38,000  
part in the survey many interesting

1571  
01:05:36,199 --> 01:05:40,518  
results for us to look through I'm glad

1572  
01:05:38,000 --> 01:05:42,380  
most of you seemed like the show lots of

1573  
01:05:40,518 --> 01:05:44,268  
good comments lots of good constructive

1574  
01:05:42,380 --> 01:05:46,970  
criticism which we take on board and

1575  
01:05:44,268 --> 01:05:50,088  
just one point all the ads you hear on

1576  
01:05:46,969 --> 01:05:52,308  
the skeptic zone are actually done

1577  
01:05:50,088 --> 01:05:54,798  
favors there is no paid advertising on

1578  
01:05:52,309 --> 01:05:57,259  
the skeptic zone we advertise people we

1579  
01:05:54,798 --> 01:05:59,538  
think you might like to hear about just

1580  
01:05:57,259 --> 01:06:01,909  
so you know I'm of course if you want to

1581  
01:05:59,539 --> 01:06:06,289  
help the skeptic zone you can contribute

1582  
01:06:01,909 --> 01:06:09,018

by donation or subscribe via wwc a

1583

01:06:06,289 --> 01:06:11,539

petting zoo TV well enough of all that

1584

01:06:09,018 --> 01:06:13,250

thanks again for listening and until

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01:06:11,539 --> 01:06:17,140

next time this is Richard Saunders

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01:06:13,250 --> 01:06:17,139

signing off from Sydney Australia

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01:06:18,869 --> 01:06:24,839

you've been listening to the skeptic

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01:06:20,849 --> 01:06:28,650

zone visit our website at [www scripting](http://www.scripting)

1589

01:06:24,840 --> 01:06:31,099

zone TV for comments contacts an extra

1590

01:06:28,650 --> 01:06:34,869

video reports

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01:06:31,099 --> 01:06:34,869

I skin

1592

01:06:36,280 --> 01:06:38,340

Oh

1593

01:06:49,949 --> 01:06:52,009

you