



Sunrise



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IS IT WRITTEN IN THE STARS? 8:44

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1  
00:00:04,309 --> 00:00:02,149  
20 minutes at 9 o'clock well plenty of

2  
00:00:06,150 --> 00:00:04,319  
people check their horoscope each day

3  
00:00:08,470 --> 00:00:06,160  
while for some it's just a bit of fun

4  
00:00:11,270 --> 00:00:08,480  
others plan their lives by it but is

5  
00:00:13,350 --> 00:00:11,280  
there any truth to astrology and our

6  
00:00:15,589 --> 00:00:13,360  
stars i'm joined by leading astrologer

7  
00:00:17,830 --> 00:00:15,599  
milton black and richard saunders from

8  
00:00:21,269 --> 00:00:17,840  
australian skeptics good morning to you

9  
00:00:22,790 --> 00:00:21,279  
both milton milton astrology began

10  
00:00:24,870 --> 00:00:22,800  
thousands of years ago when people

11  
00:00:27,509 --> 00:00:24,880  
looked at the stars but is there much

12  
00:00:28,710 --> 00:00:27,519  
truth to it that you can run your live

13  
00:00:30,630 --> 00:00:28,720

pirate

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00:00:31,910 --> 00:00:30,640

well you don't actually run your life by

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00:00:33,510 --> 00:00:31,920

it

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00:00:36,870 --> 00:00:33,520

you actually uh

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00:00:38,709 --> 00:00:36,880

look at it as a guide basically you the

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00:00:41,030 --> 00:00:38,719

planets influence but they don't compel

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00:00:43,270 --> 00:00:41,040

you to do things and all an astrologer

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00:00:45,110 --> 00:00:43,280

is basically as a navigator it's like

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00:00:46,950 --> 00:00:45,120

going to the sydney hobart yacht race

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00:00:49,430 --> 00:00:46,960

and navigator says we turn right here we

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00:00:51,270 --> 00:00:49,440

tack there we do this and an astrologer

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00:00:54,229 --> 00:00:51,280

does exactly the same in the sea of

25

00:00:56,549 --> 00:00:54,239

destiny okay but but that means there's

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00:00:57,670 --> 00:00:56,559

a link between your life and the stars

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00:00:59,189 --> 00:00:57,680

yes

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00:01:01,430 --> 00:00:59,199

as far as astrologers are concerned

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00:01:03,510 --> 00:01:01,440

there is it's uh it's not a mundane

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00:01:06,310 --> 00:01:03,520

science like some skeptics think it is

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00:01:08,469 --> 00:01:06,320

it's basically an art and what the

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00:01:11,030 --> 00:01:08,479

astrologer is doing is putting the the

33

00:01:12,710 --> 00:01:11,040

stars or the planets into a pattern in

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00:01:14,550 --> 00:01:12,720

their destiny and interpreting them and

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00:01:16,710 --> 00:01:14,560

giving them an idea of their going in

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00:01:18,950 --> 00:01:16,720

the right direction or not right richard

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00:01:20,630 --> 00:01:18,960

the moon affects the tides is there any

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00:01:22,070 --> 00:01:20,640

possibility the stars and the planets

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00:01:24,310 --> 00:01:22,080

could affect us

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00:01:26,550 --> 00:01:24,320

to my new degree in fact the camera

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00:01:28,149 --> 00:01:26,560

you're looking at right now has far

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00:01:30,310 --> 00:01:28,159

greater effect on you

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00:01:32,069 --> 00:01:30,320

in any physical sense than all the

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00:01:34,069 --> 00:01:32,079

planets combined but it's interesting

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00:01:36,710 --> 00:01:34,079

this is the international year of

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00:01:38,710 --> 00:01:36,720

astronomy so milton it's time to put

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00:01:41,990 --> 00:01:38,720

down your horoscope and pick up your

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00:01:44,710 --> 00:01:42,000

telescope astronomy is astronomy shows

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00:01:45,990 --> 00:01:44,720

us the universe of wonder and beauty and

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00:01:48,389 --> 00:01:46,000

excitement

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00:01:51,350 --> 00:01:48,399

far greater than any psychic or

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00:01:53,670 --> 00:01:51,360

astrology fantasy well richard i'll just

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00:01:55,990 --> 00:01:53,680

explain i think the astronomers

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00:01:57,590 --> 00:01:56,000

sincerely because if it wasn't for their

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00:01:59,350 --> 00:01:57,600

ephemerisers that they put out

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00:02:01,270 --> 00:01:59,360

astrologers would be out of business

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00:02:03,030 --> 00:02:01,280

it's as simple as that no astrologers

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00:02:04,389 --> 00:02:03,040

would keep going no matter what we call

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00:02:05,910 --> 00:02:04,399

them

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00:02:08,150 --> 00:02:05,920

we've got to basically know where the

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00:02:09,830 --> 00:02:08,160

planets are and it's the astronomers

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00:02:12,070 --> 00:02:09,840

that actually put the ephemeris out and

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00:02:14,470 --> 00:02:12,080

tell us what position that planet is in

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00:02:16,309 --> 00:02:14,480

at that time and that's important

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00:02:17,830 --> 00:02:16,319

because if we don't know that we can't

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00:02:19,990 --> 00:02:17,840

predict oh yes you can you could just

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00:02:23,190 --> 00:02:20,000

make it up as you go along

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00:02:24,949 --> 00:02:23,200

i wish we could but hang on but milton

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00:02:26,869 --> 00:02:24,959

some of the the

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00:02:29,190 --> 00:02:26,879

the astrology predictions that you read

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00:02:31,990 --> 00:02:29,200

in the paper magazines just seem so

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00:02:33,509 --> 00:02:32,000

general they could apply to anyone yes i

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00:02:36,150 --> 00:02:33,519

i agree with you entirely on that

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00:02:38,309 --> 00:02:36,160

question because look the the magazines

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00:02:40,710 --> 00:02:38,319

and the the papers are basically an

76  
00:02:42,710 --> 00:02:40,720  
entertainment type of situation and and

77  
00:02:45,030 --> 00:02:42,720  
give you a guide on the sun signs for

78  
00:02:47,030 --> 00:02:45,040  
the day or the week but you've got to go

79  
00:02:48,630 --> 00:02:47,040  
to a professional astrologer sit down

80  
00:02:50,309 --> 00:02:48,640  
work out the time of birth the place of

81  
00:02:52,790 --> 00:02:50,319  
birth longitude and latitude where that

82  
00:02:54,309 --> 00:02:52,800  
person was born then the astrology gets

83  
00:02:57,030 --> 00:02:54,319  
down to the nitty-gritty and can tell

84  
00:02:59,270 --> 00:02:57,040  
you all about yourself okay all right we

85  
00:03:02,390 --> 00:02:59,280  
put you to the test we've given you

86  
00:03:04,630 --> 00:03:02,400  
richard's chart all the details

87  
00:03:06,070 --> 00:03:04,640  
now tell us what does it show well

88  
00:03:08,229 --> 00:03:06,080

actually you haven't given me richard's

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00:03:11,190 --> 00:03:08,239

chart at all what you've given me is

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00:03:12,869 --> 00:03:11,200

martin dr martin bridgesburg's chart and

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00:03:14,309 --> 00:03:12,879

this is what i did with martin so i'm

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00:03:16,390 --> 00:03:14,319

going to tell you about martin not

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00:03:18,390 --> 00:03:16,400

richard well of course

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00:03:20,309 --> 00:03:18,400

milton what use is that i mean you can

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00:03:22,070 --> 00:03:20,319

say anything you like and who's he's not

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00:03:24,550 --> 00:03:22,080

here to correct you no i didn't get you

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00:03:27,270 --> 00:03:24,560

see i i spent all last night doing the

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00:03:28,149 --> 00:03:27,280

birth date of martin's horoscope and of

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00:03:30,630 --> 00:03:28,159

course

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00:03:32,710 --> 00:03:30,640

i got his correct time his date of birth

101  
00:03:35,030 --> 00:03:32,720  
and everything

102  
00:03:37,509 --> 00:03:35,040  
milton you're also billed as australia's

103  
00:03:39,509 --> 00:03:37,519  
legion leading psychic didn't you know

104  
00:03:42,149 --> 00:03:39,519  
it would be me today

105  
00:03:44,149 --> 00:03:42,159  
no that's uh that's not true the thing

106  
00:03:45,430 --> 00:03:44,159  
is you always you're not australia's

107  
00:03:47,270 --> 00:03:45,440  
leading psychic

108  
00:03:49,110 --> 00:03:47,280  
it says that on your website

109  
00:03:50,470 --> 00:03:49,120  
more of an astrologer and psychic i

110  
00:03:52,550 --> 00:03:50,480  
suppose i suppose they put the two

111  
00:03:55,589 --> 00:03:52,560  
together okay

112  
00:03:57,270 --> 00:03:55,599  
what's your birthday who who is martin

113  
00:03:59,030 --> 00:03:57,280

dr martin bridgstock is a leading

114

00:04:01,509 --> 00:03:59,040

skeptic from queensland but he's not

115

00:04:03,350 --> 00:04:01,519

here how can he possibly confirm or deny

116

00:04:05,270 --> 00:04:03,360

anything that milton comes up with well

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00:04:06,789 --> 00:04:05,280

that's the birth date i was given

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00:04:08,470 --> 00:04:06,799

and i thought he was going to be on this

119

00:04:09,589 --> 00:04:08,480

morning so i'm sorry about that what's

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00:04:12,550 --> 00:04:09,599

your birthday didn't you let's take it

121

00:04:15,110 --> 00:04:12,560

from the top my birth date is the 28 11

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00:04:16,710 --> 00:04:15,120

uh 65 the 28th of november that makes me

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00:04:19,349 --> 00:04:16,720

a what uh

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00:04:21,270 --> 00:04:19,359

okay all right makes you a sagittarian

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00:04:24,230 --> 00:04:21,280

no it doesn't milton

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00:04:27,270 --> 00:04:24,240

that was where the sun was at the moment

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00:04:29,350 --> 00:04:27,280

i was born the sun is clearly in the

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00:04:31,749 --> 00:04:29,360

sign of scorpio how can you get it that

129

00:04:33,590 --> 00:04:31,759

wrong no no it's you're a sagittarius

130

00:04:35,670 --> 00:04:33,600

now he's got scorpio on the ascendant

131

00:04:37,270 --> 00:04:35,680

that's what you've got at born at what

132

00:04:38,629 --> 00:04:37,280

four o'clock in the morning

133

00:04:40,710 --> 00:04:38,639

how did you know that because that's the

134

00:04:44,710 --> 00:04:40,720

information i gave to the producers oh

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00:04:48,230 --> 00:04:46,150

what you see with richard is not what

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00:04:50,310 --> 00:04:48,240

you really get because deep down he's

137

00:04:53,270 --> 00:04:50,320

quite a secretive type of person now as

138

00:04:55,670 --> 00:04:53,280

a kid as a kid he he actually drove his

139

00:04:57,110 --> 00:04:55,680

teachers his parents everybody crazy and

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00:04:59,110 --> 00:04:57,120

the reason for this is because he's got

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00:05:01,030 --> 00:04:59,120

an inquisitive mind now he's a very

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00:05:03,270 --> 00:05:01,040

nostalgic guy he lives in the past a

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00:05:05,990 --> 00:05:03,280

little bit but the fact is that's fine

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00:05:08,070 --> 00:05:06,000

but he's basically a guy that always

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00:05:09,830 --> 00:05:08,080

wants to know very very curious but the

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00:05:11,909 --> 00:05:09,840

travelers he's always looking for things

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00:05:14,710 --> 00:05:11,919

kochie now if i rest

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00:05:16,150 --> 00:05:14,720

met richard saying about six years up

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00:05:18,070 --> 00:05:16,160

the track and said hi richard how you

150

00:05:19,430 --> 00:05:18,080

going he said fine thanks milt have you

151  
00:05:20,710 --> 00:05:19,440  
found what you're looking for here this

152  
00:05:22,950 --> 00:05:20,720  
is no but i'm still looking around the

153  
00:05:25,270 --> 00:05:22,960  
corner here because he's always looking

154  
00:05:27,270 --> 00:05:25,280  
for something new to do and i think

155  
00:05:29,029 --> 00:05:27,280  
basically on that date he's got a good

156  
00:05:30,790 --> 00:05:29,039  
horoscope

157  
00:05:33,029 --> 00:05:30,800  
i hear that but milton if you're such a

158  
00:05:35,430 --> 00:05:33,039  
good astrologer why are you using cold

159  
00:05:36,950 --> 00:05:35,440  
reading and barnum statements i mean any

160  
00:05:38,629 --> 00:05:36,960  
magician can do that we've got books

161  
00:05:40,790 --> 00:05:38,639  
that teach you how to do exactly the

162  
00:05:42,070 --> 00:05:40,800  
statements you've just told me now

163  
00:05:43,830 --> 00:05:42,080

actually

164

00:05:45,590 --> 00:05:43,840

when you're a professional like me 40

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00:05:47,510 --> 00:05:45,600

years in the business you you can come

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00:05:48,950 --> 00:05:47,520

to these situations

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00:05:51,029 --> 00:05:48,960

all right listen milton i'm going to

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00:05:52,950 --> 00:05:51,039

challenge you directly we can give you

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00:05:55,189 --> 00:05:52,960

the birth dates of six people six people

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00:05:57,029 --> 00:05:55,199

who believe in astrology and we can see

171

00:05:58,469 --> 00:05:57,039

how accurate you are will you take me up

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00:05:59,990 --> 00:05:58,479

on that challenge oh not not this

173

00:06:01,749 --> 00:06:00,000

morning not right because i'd have to

174

00:06:03,430 --> 00:06:01,759

sit down and do that oh no no in the

175

00:06:04,790 --> 00:06:03,440

future in the future

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00:06:06,550 --> 00:06:04,800

i'd be very happy

177

00:06:10,710 --> 00:06:06,560

in the

178

00:06:12,230 --> 00:06:10,720

how you go all right guys

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00:06:13,670 --> 00:06:12,240

well we'll check back with you then

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00:06:14,790 --> 00:06:13,680

thanks for joining us this morning

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00:06:16,070 --> 00:06:14,800

you're welcome

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00:06:18,390 --> 00:06:16,080

if you'd like more information on

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00:06:21,029 --> 00:06:18,400

milton's astrology or australian

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00:06:23,590 --> 00:06:21,039

skeptics or who on earth martin is

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00:06:25,510 --> 00:06:23,600

details are on our website i'm just as