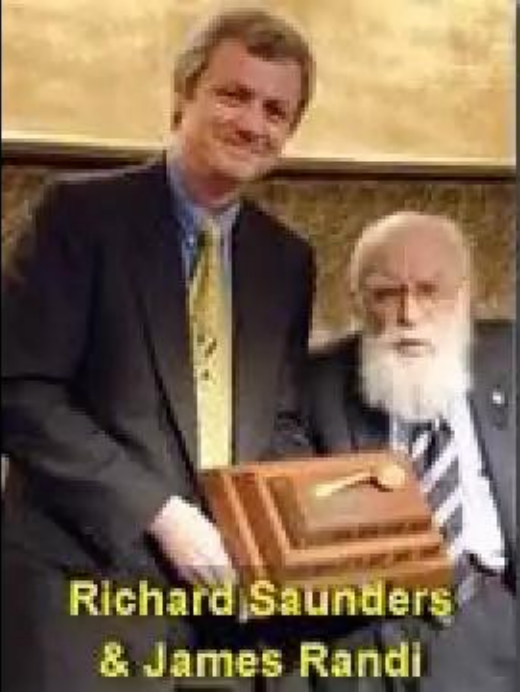


The Skeptic Zone

Show 216 - 8 Dec 2012



**Richard Saunders
& James Randi**

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00:00:07,810 --> 00:00:03,439
like I folks listen to that noise listen

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00:00:14,130 --> 00:00:10,930
that's the noise of 300 skeptics eating

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00:00:16,740 --> 00:00:14,140
biscuits at morning tea

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00:00:27,929 --> 00:00:16,750
eerie scary chilling isn't it

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00:00:44,460 --> 00:00:31,089
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:50,560 --> 00:00:47,110
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:54,070 --> 00:00:50,570
episode number 216 for the eighth of

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00:00:56,500 --> 00:00:54,080
December 2012 Richard Saunders here with

9
00:00:59,620 --> 00:00:56,510
you from a partly cloudy Sydney

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00:01:02,470 --> 00:00:59,630
Australia and oh lucky me I'm right

11
00:01:06,640 --> 00:01:02,480
under the flight path today for some

12
00:01:08,920 --> 00:01:06,650
reason so here the odd 747 or a 380 or

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00:01:10,750 --> 00:01:08,930

whatever it is overhead you'll

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00:01:12,490 --> 00:01:10,760

understand why every now and then it

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00:01:15,219 --> 00:01:12,500

just seems to be my turn for the flight

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00:01:17,710 --> 00:01:15,229

path never mind now on this week's show

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00:01:19,600 --> 00:01:17,720

the first of some of our reports from

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00:01:21,370 --> 00:01:19,610

the Australian skeptics National

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00:01:23,680 --> 00:01:21,380

Convention held last weekend in

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00:01:25,270 --> 00:01:23,690

melbourne australia and well I really

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00:01:27,280 --> 00:01:25,280

must congratulate the organizing

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00:01:29,440 --> 00:01:27,290

committee for the the convention down

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00:01:31,630 --> 00:01:29,450

there in Melbourne what an effort what

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00:01:35,170 --> 00:01:31,640

an effort what a wonderful event they

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00:01:37,150 --> 00:01:35,180

put on and was a little mark of how good

26

00:01:40,420 --> 00:01:37,160

it was even though I wasn't really part

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00:01:42,910 --> 00:01:40,430

of putting it all together I was getting

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00:01:45,010 --> 00:01:42,920

lots of compliments as I've sort of a

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00:01:47,380 --> 00:01:45,020

representative of Australian skeptics by

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00:01:49,450 --> 00:01:47,390

people who went telling me what a great

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00:01:51,460 --> 00:01:49,460

time it was and they loved the speakers

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00:01:54,609 --> 00:01:51,470

and the atmosphere was really good the

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00:01:56,830 --> 00:01:54,619

the venue was fantastic what a wonderful

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00:01:58,419 --> 00:01:56,840

place to have the convention so all

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00:02:00,100 --> 00:01:58,429

those people who bought tickets over the

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00:02:02,109 --> 00:02:00,110

last few months thank you and it was

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00:02:04,300 --> 00:02:02,119

great to meet so many skeptics own fans

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00:02:06,400 --> 00:02:04,310

there at the convention and for all you

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00:02:08,620 --> 00:02:06,410

people who missed out don't worry

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00:02:10,749 --> 00:02:08,630

there's another convention coming up in

41

00:02:12,850 --> 00:02:10,759

a year's time in Canberra and I guess

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00:02:16,090 --> 00:02:12,860

we'll be talking more about that in the

43

00:02:18,190 --> 00:02:16,100

months to come but for now we have many

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00:02:19,809 --> 00:02:18,200

wonderful interviews and insights and

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00:02:21,400 --> 00:02:19,819

reports coming up from the Australian

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00:02:24,700 --> 00:02:21,410

skeptics National Convention thanks

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00:02:26,470 --> 00:02:24,710

again thanks again to me nerd who was

48

00:02:28,350 --> 00:02:26,480

there running around and people who were

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00:02:31,030 --> 00:02:28,360

at the convention will know what I mean

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00:02:32,770 --> 00:02:31,040

running around with his microphone we're

51
00:02:36,340 --> 00:02:32,780
going to kick off today's show however

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00:02:38,770 --> 00:02:36,350
with the report from the awards The

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00:02:41,080 --> 00:02:38,780
Skeptical Awards the bent spoon award

54
00:02:43,960 --> 00:02:41,090
the skeptic of the year award special

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00:02:46,330 --> 00:02:43,970
life memberships and a very special life

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00:02:48,430 --> 00:02:46,340
achievement award that were given at the

57
00:02:50,680 --> 00:02:48,440
convention that's coming up at the top

58
00:02:52,420 --> 00:02:50,690
of the show and also in today's show we

59
00:02:55,270 --> 00:02:52,430
include a report from our good friend

60
00:02:56,220 --> 00:02:55,280
and reporter Tory Shepherd who is at the

61
00:02:58,890 --> 00:02:56,230
skeptic

62
00:03:02,309 --> 00:02:58,900
convention for what it's worth Tory

63
00:03:03,960 --> 00:03:02,319

Shepherd on the skeptics has appeared in

64

00:03:06,030 --> 00:03:03,970

and I've got it right here in front of

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00:03:08,699 --> 00:03:06,040

me online of course at the punch calm

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00:03:10,949 --> 00:03:08,709

today you and just the other day Friday

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00:03:12,809 --> 00:03:10,959

the seventh of December in the MX

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00:03:15,360 --> 00:03:12,819

magazine which is handed out to

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00:03:18,509 --> 00:03:15,370

thousands and thousands of commuters in

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00:03:21,119 --> 00:03:18,519

Sydney Melbourne I think other capital

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00:03:23,190 --> 00:03:21,129

cities as well so thousands of people

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00:03:25,920 --> 00:03:23,200

would have heard Tories report which

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00:03:27,600 --> 00:03:25,930

I'll read out a bit later then after

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00:03:30,360 --> 00:03:27,610

that we have a report an interview with

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00:03:33,059 --> 00:03:30,370

Brian Dunning brian dunning from skept

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00:03:36,059 --> 00:03:33,069
tide has some very big news about skep

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00:03:38,670 --> 00:03:36,069
tight and it's increasing outreach into

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00:03:40,530 --> 00:03:38,680
the world not to be missed special

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00:03:43,080 --> 00:03:40,540
interview and insights with Brian

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00:03:45,000 --> 00:03:43,090
Dunning and a very major announcement

81
00:03:47,520 --> 00:03:45,010
and then to wrap up the show it's a

82
00:03:51,330 --> 00:03:47,530
Maynard special report from the day that

83
00:03:53,360 --> 00:03:51,340
Maynard and i joined james randi DJ

84
00:03:56,339 --> 00:03:53,370
Grothe and a bunch of other skeptics and

85
00:03:58,229 --> 00:03:56,349
visited McKinnon Secondary College in

86
00:04:00,780 --> 00:03:58,239
Melbourne so Randy could speak to the

87
00:04:03,569 --> 00:04:00,790
children there it turned out that that

88
00:04:05,629 --> 00:04:03,579

day happened to be a heat wave and the

89

00:04:09,300 --> 00:04:05,639

air conditioning broke down in me Hall

90

00:04:13,589 --> 00:04:09,310

wasn't quite up to it what a day it was

91

00:04:15,750 --> 00:04:13,599

folks Wow full report coming up at the

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00:04:17,879 --> 00:04:15,760

end of the show James Randi visits a

93

00:04:21,180 --> 00:04:17,889

high school but for now it's time for me

94

00:04:24,570 --> 00:04:21,190

to run downstairs run down I'll put on

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00:04:27,120 --> 00:04:24,580

some shoes first open the fridge maybe

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00:04:30,960 --> 00:04:27,130

maybe make myself a pineapple and banana

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00:04:39,910 --> 00:04:30,970

smoothie maybe now let you enjoy the

98

00:04:50,770 --> 00:04:48,820

a tradition of the Australian skeptics

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00:04:53,530 --> 00:04:50,780

National Convention for many years has

100

00:04:56,050 --> 00:04:53,540

been the awarding of various skeptical

101
00:04:58,270 --> 00:04:56,060
of wards chief amongst these is the bed

102
00:05:00,330 --> 00:04:58,280
spoon ward for the perpetrator of the

103
00:05:03,580 --> 00:05:00,340
most posterous piece of paranormal

104
00:05:06,460 --> 00:05:03,590
pseudo-scientific piffle and of course

105
00:05:09,610 --> 00:05:06,470
the more recent award skeptic of the

106
00:05:12,370 --> 00:05:09,620
year I together with Victorian skeptics

107
00:05:20,380 --> 00:05:12,380
president Terry Kelly were delighted to

108
00:05:23,830 --> 00:05:20,390
present some of the awards copy would

109
00:05:33,250 --> 00:05:23,840
start tomorrow i would probably not like

110
00:05:40,100 --> 00:05:36,500
and somebody who has worked tirelessly

111
00:05:42,680 --> 00:05:40,110
to turn the music down somebody that's

112
00:05:45,320 --> 00:05:42,690
been working tirelessly for the skeptic

113
00:05:48,170 --> 00:05:45,330

of course and it's a wonderful example

114

00:05:50,810 --> 00:05:48,180

of his dedication his enthusiasm and

115

00:05:53,090 --> 00:05:50,820

without whom the skipping zone podcast

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00:05:54,890 --> 00:05:53,100

would be probably fizzled by now can you

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00:06:08,480 --> 00:05:54,900

please join me in publicly thanking

118

00:06:10,310 --> 00:06:08,490

manner I'm seriously though his

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00:06:12,500 --> 00:06:10,320

enthusiasm a number of reports he's

120

00:06:14,150 --> 00:06:12,510

given me for the skeptics and podcasters

121

00:06:15,469 --> 00:06:14,160

really kept the show going I really

122

00:06:16,850 --> 00:06:15,479

appreciate that I appreciate all the

123

00:06:18,830 --> 00:06:16,860

work of the reporters on the skipping

124

00:06:27,560 --> 00:06:18,840

zone but I may not have really been

125

00:06:29,960 --> 00:06:27,570

above and beyond the call of duty let's

126

00:06:32,930 --> 00:06:29,970

get to the fun part of the evening and

127

00:06:35,779 --> 00:06:32,940

I'm going to kick off with the boat

128

00:06:38,900 --> 00:06:35,789

spoon one of them's the bed sweet one it

129

00:06:42,710 --> 00:06:38,910

is getting heavy it's got its got for 28

130

00:06:44,960 --> 00:06:42,720

28 years or so of plots on there so full

131

00:06:47,659 --> 00:06:44,970

of energy I'm to sign for them to heart

132

00:06:51,200 --> 00:06:47,669

of science it's the room was built by a

133

00:06:52,969 --> 00:06:51,210

magician we believe and the woods from

134

00:06:54,249 --> 00:06:52,979

Noah's Ark it's all happening is all

135

00:07:01,040 --> 00:06:54,259

about

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00:07:04,100 --> 00:07:01,050

alright so you look it's we can't

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00:07:05,749 --> 00:07:04,110

mention them there are beds bone what's

138

00:07:07,309 --> 00:07:05,759

been it's been a favor of the Australian

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00:07:10,480 --> 00:07:07,319

skeptics for many years has been some

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00:07:12,379 --> 00:07:10,490

great winners over the years all the

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00:07:16,040 --> 00:07:12,389

not-so-great winners over the years

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00:07:18,379 --> 00:07:16,050

maybe we have a interesting list this

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00:07:22,249 --> 00:07:18,389

year for the full list for the full list

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00:07:23,989 --> 00:07:22,259

please visit [www.pay XCOM](http://www.payXCOM.com) donate you can

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00:07:28,549 --> 00:07:23,999

read all the lists all the nominations

146

00:07:32,689 --> 00:07:28,559

the finalists as voted on by various

147

00:07:36,499 --> 00:07:32,699

skeptics are Gary good fellow and choose

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00:07:41,059 --> 00:07:36,509

eq powerbands branch every would have

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00:07:44,649 --> 00:07:41,069

homeopathy plus more kisses nature's way

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00:07:49,700 --> 00:07:44,659

natural medicines homeopathic products

151
00:07:53,059 --> 00:07:49,710
I'm detecting a thing here now ladies

152
00:07:55,909 --> 00:07:53,069
and gentlemen the spoon itself there's a

153
00:07:58,219 --> 00:07:55,919
right on the top here that says the

154
00:08:02,269 --> 00:07:58,229
Australian skeptic Spencer an award

155
00:08:05,600 --> 00:08:02,279
presented by james randi dick smith and

156
00:08:19,950 --> 00:08:05,610
Phil Adams in that sense i would like to

157
00:08:32,260 --> 00:08:29,680
alright envelope yes Vince dude I have

158
00:08:35,469 --> 00:08:32,270
no idea who this honor goes to but I'm

159
00:08:39,610 --> 00:08:35,479
finding out very shortly because I've

160
00:08:43,750 --> 00:08:39,620
done this sort of thing before let me

161
00:08:47,290 --> 00:08:43,760
see is he Judea and angry no it's just

162
00:08:48,910 --> 00:08:47,300
simply written with a ballpoint pen the

163
00:08:57,340 --> 00:08:48,920

winner ladies and gentlemen oh my

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00:09:00,930 --> 00:08:57,350

goodness friendship you very very much

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00:09:03,040 --> 00:09:00,940

deserve I'm of saying very much dessert

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00:09:06,310 --> 00:09:03,050

he's some topics from their latest

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00:09:08,770 --> 00:09:06,320

newsletter the homeopathic option for

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00:09:12,010 --> 00:09:08,780

whooping cough I homie up the

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00:09:16,240 --> 00:09:12,020

homeopathic history of malaria do

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00:09:19,840 --> 00:09:16,250

antibiotics make people fat all the

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00:09:23,829 --> 00:09:19,850

skeptic now true believer treating

172

00:09:28,780 --> 00:09:23,839

trauma naturally who you homeopathy for

173

00:09:31,720 --> 00:09:28,790

ringing ears and you're sitting down

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00:09:38,110 --> 00:09:31,730

good tell me off with the rabbit plagues

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00:09:46,389 --> 00:09:43,960

I am NOT making this up

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00:09:50,930 --> 00:09:46,399

ladies get him Lee please join me in a

177

00:09:59,570 --> 00:09:56,320

thank you the skeptic of the year is a

178

00:10:03,380 --> 00:09:59,580

really important award the winner this

179

00:10:06,380 --> 00:10:03,390

year and to me is is really important as

180

00:10:07,790 --> 00:10:06,390

I actually was pushing fairly hard it

181

00:10:10,970 --> 00:10:07,800

can be a person important being

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00:10:13,460 --> 00:10:10,980

organized action and this year it's

183

00:10:16,550 --> 00:10:13,470

actually an organization you actually

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00:10:18,920 --> 00:10:16,560

heard a presentation today about these

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00:10:21,290 --> 00:10:18,930

people there they're involved in really

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00:10:24,230 --> 00:10:21,300

big issues they're already hard work and

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00:10:28,640 --> 00:10:24,240

busy people but they've been really

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00:10:31,100 --> 00:10:28,650

important and influential and the person

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00:10:34,850 --> 00:10:31,110

who is actually going to come up and

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00:10:37,960 --> 00:10:34,860

receive the award on their behalf has

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00:10:41,360 --> 00:10:37,970

won the skeptic of the award before

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00:10:44,180 --> 00:10:41,370

twice I believe I want to announce with

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00:10:46,490 --> 00:10:44,190

great pride and pleasure that the

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00:10:53,879 --> 00:10:46,500

skeptic of the Year award has been won

195

00:10:53,889 --> 00:11:07,610

and the award for the man

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00:11:12,660 --> 00:11:10,140

this is terrific because one thing I

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00:11:14,940 --> 00:11:12,670

forgot today was to acknowledge the

198

00:11:18,210 --> 00:11:14,950

graph that the skeptics gave our group

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00:11:19,740 --> 00:11:18,220

to keep this going later so thank you

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00:11:21,420 --> 00:11:19,750

very much for the skeptics for doing

201

00:11:23,850 --> 00:11:21,430

that it was very important we

202

00:11:25,320 --> 00:11:23,860

self-funded in fact we started with

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00:11:26,820 --> 00:11:25,330

giving one hundred and fifty dollars

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00:11:29,790 --> 00:11:26,830

each and that really paid for post

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00:11:32,010 --> 00:11:29,800

office boxes and postage the son of s

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00:11:36,270 --> 00:11:32,020

that's just wonderful for us to do that

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00:11:39,390 --> 00:11:36,280

and I'm accepting this on behalf of four

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00:11:41,370 --> 00:11:39,400

amazing professors professor john dwyer

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00:11:44,280 --> 00:11:41,380

i believe you won the skeptics of the

210

00:11:46,620 --> 00:11:44,290

year award in 2001 alliston mclennan

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00:11:49,560 --> 00:11:46,630

professor marcelo costa and professor

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00:11:53,370 --> 00:11:49,570

Rob Morrison no more recently dr.

213

00:11:57,300 --> 00:11:53,380

cameraman so thank you very much it's

214

00:11:59,040 --> 00:11:57,310

been a lot of work this year a bit

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00:12:01,650 --> 00:11:59,050

something that we hope we've established

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00:12:03,270 --> 00:12:01,660

an organization that will go on for a

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00:12:15,590 --> 00:12:03,280

long time and things like this will

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00:12:21,480 --> 00:12:18,660

other awards on the night were life

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00:12:23,580 --> 00:12:21,490

memberships to dr. Richard Gordon former

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00:12:26,060 --> 00:12:23,590

president of the Australian skeptics

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00:12:28,910 --> 00:12:26,070

here in New South Wales and two longtime

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00:12:31,530 --> 00:12:28,920

Victorian skeptic Ken Greatorex

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00:12:33,450 --> 00:12:31,540

congratulations to both men and thank

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00:12:36,870 --> 00:12:33,460

you for many many many years of

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00:12:40,050 --> 00:12:36,880

contribution and then there was the Fred

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00:12:42,600 --> 00:12:40,060

Thor net award given for the promotion

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00:12:45,720 --> 00:12:42,610

of reason to a member of the public this

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00:12:48,390 --> 00:12:45,730

year the Fred as it's called went to

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00:12:50,180 --> 00:12:48,400

teacher adam van langenberg from

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00:12:53,490 --> 00:12:50,190

McKinnon Secondary College

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00:12:56,040 --> 00:12:53,500

congratulations Adam and now we come to

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00:13:02,880 --> 00:12:56,050

the very special Lifetime Achievement

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00:13:05,760 --> 00:13:02,890

Award so particularly special award in

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00:13:07,500 --> 00:13:05,770

fact it's only been given in the entire

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00:13:09,900 --> 00:13:07,510

history of Australia skeptics this will

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00:13:13,710 --> 00:13:09,910

work only been given once before this is

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00:13:15,480 --> 00:13:13,720

how rare and special this award is we're

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00:13:17,370 --> 00:13:15,490

going to Bali too much with it the

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00:13:19,770 --> 00:13:17,380

previous recipient was Barry Williams

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00:13:22,830 --> 00:13:19,780

the mainstay of Australian skeptics too

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00:13:25,560 --> 00:13:22,840

many many years and we presented them

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00:13:27,810 --> 00:13:25,570

with a little urn of ashes specific

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00:13:32,980 --> 00:13:27,820

cricket tragic of course

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00:13:35,770 --> 00:13:32,990

so i would like to present the special

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00:13:39,220 --> 00:13:35,780

Lifetime Achievement Award lead to

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00:13:41,470 --> 00:13:39,230

somebody who literally was just family

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00:13:51,319 --> 00:13:41,480

ladies and gentlemen the recipient is

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00:13:56,269 --> 00:13:54,169

not only is Jane gives James give this

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00:13:58,340 --> 00:13:56,279

wonderful certificate which will take

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00:14:00,739 --> 00:13:58,350

pride of place in the in the office down

251

00:14:03,889 --> 00:14:00,749

I'm sure he gets a very special little

252

00:14:07,129 --> 00:14:03,899

award we calling this the straightened

253

00:14:10,729 --> 00:14:07,139

remain as opposed in the beta spoon it's

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00:14:11,809 --> 00:14:10,739

actually a bull-roarer if you swing this

255

00:14:13,579 --> 00:14:11,819

around your head it makes a wonderful

256

00:14:15,379 --> 00:14:13,589

sound and the little inscription on the

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00:14:17,479 --> 00:14:15,389

back Australian skeptics Lifetime

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00:14:29,139 --> 00:14:17,489

Achievement Award James the amazing

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00:14:29,149 --> 00:14:38,920

it's gonna win 90 night in the hotel

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00:14:50,930 --> 00:14:47,050

just imagine the walls from next door

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00:14:53,720 --> 00:14:50,940

ladies and gentleman and didn't ever

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00:14:58,280 --> 00:14:53,730

want to do first of all I have to say

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00:15:02,150 --> 00:14:58,290

that to have been invited here along

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00:15:05,600 --> 00:15:02,160

with my two colleagues in front and DJ

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00:15:10,430 --> 00:15:05,610

of course having been so singularly

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00:15:14,980 --> 00:15:10,440

honored in this way I came a long way

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00:15:17,540 --> 00:15:14,990

for a long period of time and then

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00:15:21,860 --> 00:15:17,550

wondered all the way on the way how am I

269

00:15:24,620 --> 00:15:21,870

going to say thank you this inspires me

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00:15:27,860 --> 00:15:24,630

even more and on behalf of my two

271

00:15:32,990 --> 00:15:27,870

colleagues I want to express our very

272

00:15:37,700 --> 00:15:33,000

sincere gratitude for your signal of

273

00:15:41,510 --> 00:15:37,710

appreciation of our efforts we have I've

274

00:15:44,990 --> 00:15:41,520

worked very hard over the years to make

275

00:15:47,990 --> 00:15:45,000

sure that our message is carried from

276

00:15:51,860 --> 00:15:48,000

pole to pole and from one side of the

277

00:15:55,580 --> 00:15:51,870

earth to the other end that we we've

278

00:15:59,210 --> 00:15:55,590

done well but there's much more to be

279

00:16:01,550 --> 00:15:59,220

done because there are tens of thousands

280

00:16:05,150 --> 00:16:01,560

of people in countries all over this

281

00:16:09,580 --> 00:16:05,160

globe he still hasn't quite bird the

282

00:16:13,480 --> 00:16:09,590

message that superstition

283

00:16:15,540 --> 00:16:13,490

is not to be tolerated it is very

284

00:16:18,880 --> 00:16:15,550

negative for society for any

285

00:16:21,730 --> 00:16:18,890

civilization and has led to the downfall

286

00:16:26,260 --> 00:16:21,740

of civilization Dover history and we

287

00:16:29,170 --> 00:16:26,270

have not learned well from that I'm very

288

00:16:31,150 --> 00:16:29,180

proud to have this award and you have

289

00:16:34,930 --> 00:16:31,160

been invited here because I saying with

290

00:16:38,530 --> 00:16:34,940

my colleagues and it's very hard for me

291

00:16:41,220 --> 00:16:38,540

to express my gratitude thank you ladies

292

00:17:07,549 --> 00:16:41,230

and gentlemen thank you again AB again

293

00:17:14,579 --> 00:17:11,279

why wallowing in woo woo is bad for your

294

00:17:19,529 --> 00:17:14,589

health by Tori Shevin has appeared on

295

00:17:23,909 --> 00:17:19,539

the punch come you and in MX magazine

296

00:17:25,980 --> 00:17:23,919

on December 7 2012 it's not often I

297

00:17:28,830 --> 00:17:25,990

spend a weekend with people happily

298

00:17:31,470 --> 00:17:28,840

clapping and speaking in ord tones about

299

00:17:33,960 --> 00:17:31,480

a venerable dude but I overcame my fears

300

00:17:35,909 --> 00:17:33,970

of group thinking and circle jerking to

301

00:17:39,060 --> 00:17:35,919

go to the Australian skeptics National

302

00:17:41,370 --> 00:17:39,070

Convention featuring James the amazing

303

00:17:43,710 --> 00:17:41,380

Randi some friends of mine were pretty

304

00:17:46,019 --> 00:17:43,720

skeptical about the skeptics why they

305

00:17:47,879 --> 00:17:46,029

wondered would people be so overly eager

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00:17:50,850 --> 00:17:47,889

to run around and interfere with other

307

00:17:53,700 --> 00:17:50,860

people's lives and beliefs they had a

308

00:17:56,850 --> 00:17:53,710

point there is such a thing as Skepta

309

00:17:58,680 --> 00:17:56,860

fighter a glee of ruining the fun of

310

00:18:01,730 --> 00:17:58,690

others of punching holes in their

311

00:18:06,299 --> 00:18:01,740

trusted rituals and treatments we ah

312

00:18:08,700 --> 00:18:06,309

okay I can be just a tad righteous if

313

00:18:12,180 --> 00:18:08,710

people want to wallow in woo woo where's

314

00:18:14,970 --> 00:18:12,190

the harm as Randy a legendary magician

315

00:18:17,759 --> 00:18:14,980

turned paranormal investigator points

316

00:18:20,159 --> 00:18:17,769

out believers in Buncombe are unsinkable

317

00:18:23,039 --> 00:18:20,169

rubber ducks who will always pop back up

318

00:18:26,250 --> 00:18:23,049

again no matter how often their beliefs

319

00:18:28,259 --> 00:18:26,260

a puncture so why are skeptics so keen

320

00:18:30,060 --> 00:18:28,269

to hold them under most people are

321

00:18:32,549 --> 00:18:30,070

skeptics not because they enjoy ruining

322

00:18:36,119 --> 00:18:32,559

someone's day but because they know that

323

00:18:39,000 --> 00:18:36,129

false beliefs do cause harm people die

324

00:18:42,119 --> 00:18:39,010

of dodgy health treatments people spend

325

00:18:43,769 --> 00:18:42,129

billions on rubbish pills oh and there's

326

00:18:46,070 --> 00:18:43,779

this whole notion of truth that is

327

00:18:48,600 --> 00:18:46,080

generally considered quite important

328

00:18:51,690 --> 00:18:48,610

take the winner of the bent spoon award

329

00:18:53,909 --> 00:18:51,700

for example Fran Sheffield is a Sydney

330

00:18:56,279 --> 00:18:53,919

homeopath who claims among other things

331

00:18:59,639 --> 00:18:56,289

that homeopathy can be helpful in

332

00:19:01,500 --> 00:18:59,649

treating domestic violence our website

333

00:19:03,360 --> 00:19:01,510

claims that homeopathic medicines can be

334

00:19:07,440 --> 00:19:03,370

used in first aid for

335

00:19:09,360 --> 00:19:07,450

tis amor they can't they don't work

336

00:19:11,850 --> 00:19:09,370

they're mostly a mixture of water and

337

00:19:13,670 --> 00:19:11,860

magical thinking and if you've tried to

338

00:19:16,170 --> 00:19:13,680

treat someone with anaphylactic shock

339

00:19:18,600 --> 00:19:16,180

with a bit of diluted flower petal

340

00:19:22,620 --> 00:19:18,610

you've had some very clear example of

341

00:19:25,140 --> 00:19:22,630

harm woo woo can do comedian and skeptic

342

00:19:27,990 --> 00:19:25,150

Lawrence loom pointed out that psychics

343

00:19:30,840 --> 00:19:28,000

who believe I'll pretend that they can

344

00:19:33,090 --> 00:19:30,850

talk to dead people are not just taking

345

00:19:36,180 --> 00:19:33,100

vulnerable people's money they are also

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00:19:38,930 --> 00:19:36,190

interrupting the grieving process their

347

00:19:41,430 --> 00:19:38,940

deceit stops the wound healing properly

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00:19:43,530 --> 00:19:41,440

dr. ken harvey adjunct associate

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00:19:46,650 --> 00:19:43,540

professor of Public Health at latrobe

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00:19:49,169 --> 00:19:46,660

University and serial pain in the pga

351

00:19:52,380 --> 00:19:49,179

das argued that the Therapeutic Goods

352

00:19:54,840 --> 00:19:52,390

Administration is complicit in fooling

353

00:19:57,480 --> 00:19:54,850

consumers by approving unproven

354

00:19:59,250 --> 00:19:57,490

treatments he says they'll register a

355

00:20:01,830 --> 00:19:59,260

product if it's shown not to be

356

00:20:03,810 --> 00:20:01,840

dangerous and Miss imprimatur can give

357

00:20:06,510 --> 00:20:03,820

the impression that a machine that just

358

00:20:09,450 --> 00:20:06,520

goes Bing actually does something when

359

00:20:11,660 --> 00:20:09,460

in fact its efficacy is untested and

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00:20:14,549 --> 00:20:11,670

then of course there's the harm done by

361

00:20:17,610 --> 00:20:14,559

anti-vaxxers of whom we've all heard

362

00:20:20,700 --> 00:20:17,620

quite enough over the past weeks months

363

00:20:23,400 --> 00:20:20,710

and years and as we end the date of the

364

00:20:25,460 --> 00:20:23,410

hoax ellipse December 21st when the

365

00:20:28,260 --> 00:20:25,470

vulnerable the gullible and the

366

00:20:30,419 --> 00:20:28,270

defrauded believe the world will end

367

00:20:32,820 --> 00:20:30,429

there are reports that young people are

368

00:20:35,549 --> 00:20:32,830

so worried they're feeling suicidal if

369

00:20:38,400 --> 00:20:35,559

you haven't heard of the doomsday hoax

370

00:20:40,260 --> 00:20:38,410

it goes as follows an ancient Mayan

371

00:20:42,480 --> 00:20:40,270

calendar runs out on that date and

372

00:20:45,299 --> 00:20:42,490

therefore a planet will smash into the

373

00:20:48,120 --> 00:20:45,309

earth and obliterate us there are some

374

00:20:50,580 --> 00:20:48,130

pseudo scientific details but it's all

375

00:20:52,110 --> 00:20:50,590

fear mongering in essence last week the

376

00:20:54,120 --> 00:20:52,120

Russian government had to deal with a

377

00:20:57,090 --> 00:20:54,130

panicking population trying to stock up

378

00:20:59,669 --> 00:20:57,100

for the end times belief in this

379

00:21:01,950 --> 00:20:59,679

scenario is so widespread that nASA has

380

00:21:04,440 --> 00:21:01,960

had to work very hard to debunk it and

381

00:21:07,770 --> 00:21:04,450

to respond to worried emails from all

382

00:21:09,840 --> 00:21:07,780

over the world NASA astrobiologist David

383

00:21:12,090 --> 00:21:09,850

Morrison said he'd been contacted by

384

00:21:16,080 --> 00:21:12,100

young people too worried to sleep or eat

385

00:21:18,029 --> 00:21:16,090

and buy some who is suicidal with fear

386

00:21:19,830 --> 00:21:18,039

so the travel day Shania felt on the

387

00:21:22,560 --> 00:21:19,840

weekend about watching a bunch of

388

00:21:25,470 --> 00:21:22,570

skeptics all furiously agreeing with

389

00:21:29,669 --> 00:21:25,480

each other disappeared because they're

390

00:21:33,299 --> 00:21:29,679

right truth matters [h__\h] causes harm

391

00:21:35,940 --> 00:21:33,309

and it is vitally important that we try

392

00:21:41,880 --> 00:21:35,950

to pull the plug on all those unsinkable

393

00:21:46,049 --> 00:21:41,890

rubber ducks you can follow Tory

394

00:22:02,899 --> 00:21:46,059

Shepherd on Twitter simply at Torrey

395

00:22:10,580 --> 00:22:06,840

hey Kenny oh hi Tom I save this park

396

00:22:12,989 --> 00:22:10,590

yeah yes great weather oh look a unicorn

397

00:22:16,169 --> 00:22:12,999

unicorn there are no such things as

398

00:22:18,360 --> 00:22:16,179

unicorns silly yes there is no there

399

00:22:21,480 --> 00:22:18,370

isn't hey guys what are you arguing

400

00:22:23,730 --> 00:22:21,490

about tom thinks unicorns are real say

401
00:22:26,789 --> 00:22:23,740
so our let's look this up in the

402
00:22:28,499 --> 00:22:26,799
skeptics dictionary the what how can we

403
00:22:30,180 --> 00:22:28,509
do this in this park there is the

404
00:22:31,889 --> 00:22:30,190
computer here you guys probably don't

405
00:22:34,950 --> 00:22:31,899
know about the skeptics dictionary app

406
00:22:38,879 --> 00:22:34,960
available now for iPhone iPad and iPod

407
00:22:40,440 --> 00:22:38,889
touch in the app store Wow cool the app

408
00:22:42,659 --> 00:22:40,450
lets you access all of the great

409
00:22:45,239 --> 00:22:42,669
skeptics dictionary articles when you're

410
00:22:47,970 --> 00:22:45,249
on the go here let me look up unicorns

411
00:22:50,489 --> 00:22:47,980
sound cool Kenny prepare to be proven

412
00:22:54,629 --> 00:22:50,499
wrong it says here the Unicorn is a

413
00:22:55,889 --> 00:22:54,639

creature from fables aha actually I see

414

00:22:58,499 --> 00:22:55,899

now that someone just dumped their ice

415

00:23:09,100 --> 00:22:58,509

cream cone on that horse's head thanks

416

00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:11,480

well folks here i am in beautiful

417

00:23:15,260 --> 00:23:13,440

california i know i've been back in

418

00:23:16,789 --> 00:23:15,270

australia better i've flown back

419

00:23:18,590 --> 00:23:16,799

secretly to California well now I

420

00:23:21,289 --> 00:23:18,600

haven't it's all alive I'm here with

421

00:23:23,870 --> 00:23:21,299

another great light Brian daddy oh my

422

00:23:25,820 --> 00:23:23,880

what a terrible insult I work so hard

423

00:23:28,160 --> 00:23:25,830

and getting my information correct and

424

00:23:30,620 --> 00:23:28,170

you know Here I am being lamb basted

425

00:23:32,480 --> 00:23:30,630

publicly yeah well I mean get used to it

426

00:23:34,549 --> 00:23:32,490

I mean you are used to it out here no

427

00:23:36,200 --> 00:23:34,559

scary but of course skip toid is one of

428

00:23:38,000 --> 00:23:36,210

our favorite podcasts in the for the

429

00:23:40,909 --> 00:23:38,010

past few weeks we've been hinting and

430

00:23:42,470 --> 00:23:40,919

alluding to a very interesting and

431

00:23:44,030 --> 00:23:42,480

important announcement from skipped

432

00:23:47,150 --> 00:23:44,040

ahead Brian and well here's your

433

00:23:49,850 --> 00:23:47,160

opportunity to tell the world as many

434

00:23:52,340 --> 00:23:49,860

many of my listeners know i am trying to

435

00:23:54,500 --> 00:23:52,350

i would love to get skip tied to reach a

436

00:23:58,039 --> 00:23:54,510

broader market so i often choose topics

437

00:24:00,169 --> 00:23:58,049

that are in various genres various

438

00:24:02,060 --> 00:24:00,179

industries hoping to attract new markets

439

00:24:04,630 --> 00:24:02,070

and finally i'm taking probably the

440

00:24:08,060 --> 00:24:04,640

biggest step in reaching a new market

441

00:24:11,180 --> 00:24:08,070

this is a usually usually the listeners

442

00:24:13,370 --> 00:24:11,190

to scupper use to hearing may say you're

443

00:24:17,090 --> 00:24:13,380

listening to skip tide i'm brian dunning

444

00:24:20,060 --> 00:24:17,100

from sceptile calm and now they're going

445

00:24:23,299 --> 00:24:20,070

to hear you can i say tennis escaped I

446

00:24:27,200 --> 00:24:23,309

wish ELISA Julie just kept i commed

447

00:24:31,370 --> 00:24:27,210

aussie yen wow wow and you did that so

448

00:24:33,260 --> 00:24:31,380

well brighter Thank You attention I so

449

00:24:35,690 --> 00:24:33,270

I'm taking selected scaphoid episodes

450

00:24:38,270 --> 00:24:35,700

and I'm bringing them to China and I'd

451
00:24:41,780 --> 00:24:38,280
like to introduce to you today my

452
00:24:45,919 --> 00:24:41,790
Chinese host hi everyone my name is Lisa

453
00:24:48,380 --> 00:24:45,929
and I'm from mainland China I have been

454
00:24:51,680 --> 00:24:48,390
living in the United States for about

455
00:24:53,780 --> 00:24:51,690
five years okay and I studied

456
00:24:56,450 --> 00:24:53,790
translation and rotation and also i'm

457
00:24:57,919 --> 00:24:56,460
always a big fan of signs so that's what

458
00:25:00,409 --> 00:24:57,929
interests me about the show that can

459
00:25:03,830 --> 00:25:00,419
combine my interest in my skill together

460
00:25:06,049 --> 00:25:03,840
and to help to deliver the show in

461
00:25:07,520 --> 00:25:06,059
chinese that's that's that [h__h] that's

462
00:25:11,310 --> 00:25:07,530
such a good attitude and you've got such

463
00:25:13,560 --> 00:25:11,320

a lovely soft speaking voice i think it

464

00:25:16,440 --> 00:25:13,570

you do you do it's really easy to listen

465

00:25:19,560 --> 00:25:16,450

to no wonder people favored your voice I

466

00:25:21,480 --> 00:25:19,570

think that I was yeah I was really

467

00:25:24,690 --> 00:25:21,490

flattering to know that people liked my

468

00:25:27,750 --> 00:25:24,700

voice and do you find it after five

469

00:25:29,460 --> 00:25:27,760

years living in the United States I know

470

00:25:32,670 --> 00:25:29,470

I've tried to learn a different language

471

00:25:34,650 --> 00:25:32,680

I can sort of get by an in German as a

472

00:25:36,150 --> 00:25:34,660

matter of fact but after living in a

473

00:25:38,550 --> 00:25:36,160

country for five years it must be

474

00:25:40,920 --> 00:25:38,560

interesting to have two languages going

475

00:25:43,830 --> 00:25:40,930

on inside your head all the time yeah

476
00:25:46,140 --> 00:25:43,840
actually that's especially when I was in

477
00:25:49,560 --> 00:25:46,150
school receiving my training translation

478
00:25:52,800 --> 00:25:49,570
always have to you know like a switch

479
00:25:54,450 --> 00:25:52,810
from English to Chinese yeah in the

480
00:25:56,370 --> 00:25:54,460
other way around the other way around

481
00:25:59,010 --> 00:25:56,380
have you used to that you have to get

482
00:26:03,300 --> 00:25:59,020
you do absolutely and when you've been

483
00:26:05,190 --> 00:26:03,310
recording the episodes in Chinese and

484
00:26:07,140 --> 00:26:05,200
it's a silly question of course it's all

485
00:26:09,330 --> 00:26:07,150
written out in Chinese so you're just

486
00:26:10,890 --> 00:26:09,340
reading the characters as as they're

487
00:26:13,080 --> 00:26:10,900
written up that must be an interesting

488
00:26:14,460 --> 00:26:13,090

project so are you actually doing the

489

00:26:17,370 --> 00:26:14,470

translating yourself where you're just

490

00:26:21,000 --> 00:26:17,380

reading the dream both the true home

491

00:26:22,430 --> 00:26:21,010

part in the recording part so I think

492

00:26:24,540 --> 00:26:22,440

it's very important because I can

493

00:26:27,660 --> 00:26:24,550

understand if i'm just reading out

494

00:26:29,430 --> 00:26:27,670

something i never you know seen before

495

00:26:32,610 --> 00:26:29,440

in English there probably won't make

496

00:26:35,670 --> 00:26:32,620

sense to me why is in that way because a

497

00:26:38,760 --> 00:26:35,680

lot of topics are really has a lot

498

00:26:42,420 --> 00:26:38,770

professional knowledge and true

499

00:26:45,330 --> 00:26:42,430

knowledge so it's not an easy job it's

500

00:26:48,180 --> 00:26:45,340

not an easy job to get a huge chunk of

501
00:26:50,040 --> 00:26:48,190
text or information and then translated

502
00:26:52,710 --> 00:26:50,050
into another language and make it sound

503
00:26:55,140 --> 00:26:52,720
good and make sense no it's actually a

504
00:26:57,960 --> 00:26:55,150
lot of work yeah it's only like a

505
00:27:00,570 --> 00:26:57,970
dimensional English might be shorter

506
00:27:02,300 --> 00:27:00,580
it's varies from each episode but

507
00:27:04,770 --> 00:27:02,310
actually a lot of work we have done

508
00:27:07,260 --> 00:27:04,780
background yeah because you have to get

509
00:27:08,940 --> 00:27:07,270
the meaning right yeah yeah at the end

510
00:27:10,800 --> 00:27:08,950
of the day it still has to say the same

511
00:27:12,150 --> 00:27:10,810
thing that the original English episode

512
00:27:14,010 --> 00:27:12,160
said you can't have a different

513
00:27:15,360 --> 00:27:14,020

conclusion of the hinton so now of

514

00:27:17,430 --> 00:27:15,370

course it has to be one hundred percent

515

00:27:20,909 --> 00:27:17,440

faithful to the original

516

00:27:23,039 --> 00:27:20,919

source material but it's also we have to

517

00:27:25,019 --> 00:27:23,049

adjust the language style so people can

518

00:27:28,200 --> 00:27:25,029

understand better because you have to

519

00:27:31,560 --> 00:27:28,210

taking into consideration sideration the

520

00:27:35,100 --> 00:27:31,570

let the culture difference in different

521

00:27:40,049 --> 00:27:35,110

structure of language and yeah and what

522

00:27:43,080 --> 00:27:40,059

people used to hear in their radio well

523

00:27:45,899 --> 00:27:43,090

prop but you know podcast yes yes

524

00:27:47,909 --> 00:27:45,909

absolutely right and of course well it's

525

00:27:50,730 --> 00:27:47,919

interesting because I'm so used to

526

00:27:52,680 --> 00:27:50,740

listening to skip toyed with Brian's

527

00:27:54,180 --> 00:27:52,690

voice oh yeah it's quite something

528

00:27:56,009 --> 00:27:54,190

that's that's quite interesting said

529

00:28:00,810 --> 00:27:56,019

hear it in another voice let alone in

530

00:28:02,159 --> 00:28:00,820

Chinese completely different so so

531

00:28:03,480 --> 00:28:02,169

basically the idea is we're just going

532

00:28:05,549 --> 00:28:03,490

to take ESCA point and we're going to

533

00:28:07,769 --> 00:28:05,559

put it in the chinese itunes store which

534

00:28:09,690 --> 00:28:07,779

is a fantastic opportunity because it's

535

00:28:13,320 --> 00:28:09,700

pretty much wide open there are very

536

00:28:15,799 --> 00:28:13,330

very few podcasts in in the chinese

537

00:28:18,480 --> 00:28:15,809

itunes store certainly in this category

538

00:28:20,399 --> 00:28:18,490

and i think this is going to be a huge

539

00:28:22,529 --> 00:28:20,409

opportunity for us to reach basically

540

00:28:24,480 --> 00:28:22,539

the world's largest market well this is

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00:28:26,340 --> 00:28:24,490

quite a coup for the skeptics on podcast

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00:28:29,039 --> 00:28:26,350

I'm i say i'm actually speaking to the

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00:28:32,190 --> 00:28:29,049

two voices of skip toid know about that

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00:28:33,779 --> 00:28:32,200

that's very exciting i think that i

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00:28:35,490 --> 00:28:33,789

think the biggest challenge here and

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00:28:39,869 --> 00:28:35,500

something that probably a lot of people

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00:28:42,210 --> 00:28:39,879

are wondering is what about the topics a

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00:28:43,830 --> 00:28:42,220

lot of people have said to me oh the

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00:28:46,590 --> 00:28:43,840

chinese government is going to block

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00:28:48,899 --> 00:28:46,600

your website or a lot of the topics

551
00:28:52,889 --> 00:28:48,909
aren't going to have any meaning for a

552
00:28:55,529 --> 00:28:52,899
Chinese audience Lizzy what do you think

553
00:28:57,749 --> 00:28:55,539
about about that from the topics we

554
00:29:01,590 --> 00:28:57,759
selected so far I don't see anything

555
00:29:03,840 --> 00:29:01,600
that will cause that problem because we

556
00:29:08,970 --> 00:29:03,850
are just focus on general scientific

557
00:29:12,180 --> 00:29:08,980
topics and it's nothing really sensitive

558
00:29:13,930 --> 00:29:12,190
yeah yeah political I you're really

559
00:29:16,029 --> 00:29:13,940
religious group in terms

560
00:29:18,909 --> 00:29:16,039
and I think that's a pretty wise move

561
00:29:21,399 --> 00:29:18,919
because okay that's a that's a fight or

562
00:29:23,320 --> 00:29:21,409
a topic for another occasion may be

563
00:29:25,389 --> 00:29:23,330

initially you just want to get good

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00:29:27,490 --> 00:29:25,399

interest in good interesting science and

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00:29:29,080 --> 00:29:27,500

the sort of things you do reach a

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00:29:30,999 --> 00:29:29,090

broader audience you know there's a lot

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00:29:33,610 --> 00:29:31,009

of there's a lot of topics that I've

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00:29:36,070 --> 00:29:33,620

done on skept tight that cover like a

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00:29:38,110 --> 00:29:36,080

small ghost story in some city in

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00:29:40,389 --> 00:29:38,120

America well of course nobody in China

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00:29:42,100 --> 00:29:40,399

is going to have ever heard of that so

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00:29:44,740 --> 00:29:42,110

that's not one of the topics that we're

573

00:29:47,019 --> 00:29:44,750

going to choose how did you decide out

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00:29:49,060 --> 00:29:47,029

of the 300-plus episodes of skip toid

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00:29:50,889 --> 00:29:49,070

how did you decide which ones to stop

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00:29:53,379 --> 00:29:50,899

it's a good point you mentioned that

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00:29:56,769 --> 00:29:53,389

there's just three hundred and I don't

578

00:29:57,970 --> 00:29:56,779

know 350 or so episodes right now and so

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00:30:00,310 --> 00:29:57,980

that gives us a lot to choose from

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00:30:03,220 --> 00:30:00,320

because a lot of those we have to

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00:30:05,230 --> 00:30:03,230

scratch off the list right away we're

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00:30:08,669 --> 00:30:05,240

not doing student questions we're not

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00:30:11,830 --> 00:30:08,679

doing Corrections we're not doing

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00:30:15,210 --> 00:30:11,840

listener feedback and of course we're

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00:30:19,389 --> 00:30:15,220

not doing any of the topics that are to

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00:30:21,639 --> 00:30:19,399

United States centric or two European

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00:30:25,389 --> 00:30:21,649

Central so these are these are ones that

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00:30:28,480 --> 00:30:25,399

are just general general interests that

589

00:30:31,389 --> 00:30:28,490

we think anyone in the world would enjoy

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00:30:34,149 --> 00:30:31,399

wow that's fantastic now that Lee and

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00:30:36,610 --> 00:30:34,159

forgive my ignorance here but the

592

00:30:39,820 --> 00:30:36,620

Chinese language which these are in is

593

00:30:42,580 --> 00:30:39,830

mandarin yes there you go so what do we

594

00:30:45,100 --> 00:30:42,590

use mainland China okay at your part

595

00:30:47,169 --> 00:30:45,110

yeah okay I should also talk about how

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00:30:50,799 --> 00:30:47,179

how we chose Liz Lee for this for this

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00:30:55,600 --> 00:30:50,809

project I had I guess a total of I

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00:30:58,090 --> 00:30:55,610

talked to a lot of Chinese hosts and I

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00:31:03,279 --> 00:30:58,100

got voice recordings from five of them

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00:31:06,340 --> 00:31:03,289

and we sent those five to a focus group

601
00:31:08,680 --> 00:31:06,350
of people that I have in China and they

602
00:31:12,369 --> 00:31:08,690
listened to the mall and overwhelmingly

603
00:31:16,629 --> 00:31:12,379
they they preferred Lizzy's voice so

604
00:31:20,549 --> 00:31:16,639
it's nice how about that how about that

605
00:31:23,230 --> 00:31:20,559
business and just just buy raw chance

606
00:31:24,759 --> 00:31:23,240
Lizzy lives about two blocks away from

607
00:31:26,590 --> 00:31:24,769
me that in the whole United States

608
00:31:31,330 --> 00:31:26,600
delicious ice you know that

609
00:31:33,010 --> 00:31:31,340
absolute chance amazing that's excellent

610
00:31:35,080 --> 00:31:33,020
that's very good to know well this is

611
00:31:38,080 --> 00:31:35,090
really exciting and somebody who has a

612
00:31:40,900 --> 00:31:38,090
very keen interest in sceptile sceptile

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00:31:42,520 --> 00:31:40,910

podcast as i do and a good friend of

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00:31:45,970 --> 00:31:42,530

brian i'm so delighted that you've come

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00:31:48,580 --> 00:31:45,980

on board and I I will listen to the

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00:31:50,350 --> 00:31:48,590

episode of course I may not understand

617

00:31:52,630 --> 00:31:50,360

it in fact I won't but I will loved it

618

00:31:55,090 --> 00:31:52,640

to know it's out there and I haven't

619

00:31:57,039 --> 00:31:55,100

listened to it and I encourage all the

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00:31:59,470 --> 00:31:57,049

skeptics own listeners for heaven's sake

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00:32:01,690 --> 00:31:59,480

if you know somebody in China or Chinese

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00:32:03,880 --> 00:32:01,700

yourself or you spread the word and

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00:32:09,070 --> 00:32:03,890

what's that website they should run to

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00:32:10,600 --> 00:32:09,080

brian it is Sceptile com CN and you say

625

00:32:12,100 --> 00:32:10,610

the same way you pronounce it the same

626

00:32:15,460 --> 00:32:12,110

way in chinese right on them on the

627

00:32:17,590 --> 00:32:15,470

podcast you actually say scam toy dog um

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00:32:19,480 --> 00:32:17,600

dos en and people in trying to know what

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00:32:21,940 --> 00:32:19,490

that means yeah there's nowhere to go

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00:32:23,770 --> 00:32:21,950

Wow how about that I tried to get

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00:32:26,710 --> 00:32:23,780

sceptile CN but someone was

632

00:32:30,850 --> 00:32:26,720

cybersquatting it oh really yeah that's

633

00:32:33,310 --> 00:32:30,860

a bad it's too bad well yeah as I say

634

00:32:36,159 --> 00:32:33,320

again it's very exciting news and I hope

635

00:32:37,899 --> 00:32:36,169

you get a thousands of more listen is it

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00:32:39,730 --> 00:32:37,909

that would be fantastic please I mean

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00:32:41,799 --> 00:32:39,740

that's that's the idea so yeah anyone

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00:32:44,470 --> 00:32:41,809

who knows if you're Chinese just like

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00:32:46,720 --> 00:32:44,480

Richard said if we want to spread the

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00:32:50,169 --> 00:32:46,730

word within China and the whole Chinese

641

00:32:52,120 --> 00:32:50,179

speaking world as much as possible this

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00:32:54,460 --> 00:32:52,130

is you know I think it has the potential

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00:32:56,980 --> 00:32:54,470

to be enormous I think we're very

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00:32:59,529 --> 00:32:56,990

excited about well Brian and Lizzie

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00:33:02,409 --> 00:32:59,539

great to see you here in sunny

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00:33:17,650 --> 00:33:02,419

California and all success to Chinese

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00:33:25,280 --> 00:33:21,320

ning xia shot indicia skeptic zone watch

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00:33:29,630 --> 00:33:25,290

alyssa Amida want escape toy talk on da

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00:33:32,150 --> 00:33:29,640

CA n sceptile shaker crucially podcast

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00:33:35,240 --> 00:33:32,160

GMO a momentito with hardened sinner

651
00:33:38,750 --> 00:33:35,250
hearty pocket and Helios in the atlantic

652
00:33:42,020 --> 00:33:38,760
ocean in more'n chodesh attention charts

653
00:33:46,220 --> 00:33:42,030
Alana cncl link Li Dao itunes the

654
00:33:51,260 --> 00:33:46,230
Chihuahua Jan SATs I sceptile photo 7 11

655
00:33:56,930 --> 00:33:54,560
the sceptile science podcast by brian

656
00:33:59,450 --> 00:33:56,940
dunning is now available for Chinese

657
00:34:02,990 --> 00:33:59,460
audience please tell your Chinese

658
00:34:05,840 --> 00:34:03,000
friends to visit skip tight hun sen a

659
00:34:20,560 --> 00:34:05,850
fine skip toyed and a chinese itunes

660
00:34:28,819 --> 00:34:25,250
here's my not spooky action at a

661
00:34:33,899 --> 00:34:31,529
really this what do you get when you mix

662
00:34:36,809 --> 00:34:33,909
300 high school students a heat wave and

663
00:34:38,760 --> 00:34:36,819

James Randi yes I know it has a

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00:34:40,740 --> 00:34:38,770

potential to be smelly but it's not what

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00:34:42,149 --> 00:34:40,750

you think we thought would actually find

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00:34:43,889 --> 00:34:42,159

out what would happen if we did this on

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00:34:45,960 --> 00:34:43,899

the twenty-ninth of November and we made

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00:34:47,609 --> 00:34:45,970

our way with mr. Richard Saunders in the

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00:34:48,809 --> 00:34:47,619

boot of the car and a whole bunch of

670

00:34:50,879 --> 00:34:48,819

other skeptics to actually got to sit

671

00:34:52,829 --> 00:34:50,889

inside to the concert hall at McKinnon

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00:34:54,960 --> 00:34:52,839

Secondary College in Melbourne now this

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00:34:57,930 --> 00:34:54,970

is a school with its own skeptical club

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00:35:00,960 --> 00:34:57,940

founded by mr. adam van langenberg or

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00:35:02,579 --> 00:35:00,970

mr. v as the students call him now he's

676

00:35:03,990 --> 00:35:02,589

the same teacher who won the Fred award

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00:35:05,910 --> 00:35:04,000

this year so you can just imagine how

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00:35:08,010 --> 00:35:05,920

excited the students were to have James

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00:35:09,870 --> 00:35:08,020

Randi speak I caught up with some of

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00:35:13,589 --> 00:35:09,880

them just before James Randi took the

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00:35:15,089 --> 00:35:13,599

stage look where are we and what is

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00:35:17,180 --> 00:35:15,099

going on here I think I might talk to

683

00:35:21,359 --> 00:35:17,190

the only person in the room who knows oh

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00:35:24,299 --> 00:35:21,369

we're here to listen to james randi at

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00:35:25,980 --> 00:35:24,309

mccann secretary to college um he's

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00:35:29,069 --> 00:35:25,990

gonna give us a lecture about skeptics

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00:35:31,740 --> 00:35:29,079

and you're all in a group what group you

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00:35:33,779 --> 00:35:31,750

in skeptics society now why did you join

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00:35:36,029 --> 00:35:33,789

the skeptic society because it's awesome

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00:35:37,769 --> 00:35:36,039

okay and what put your interest go hang

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00:35:39,779 --> 00:35:37,779

on I'll come along to this and use my

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00:35:41,069 --> 00:35:39,789

own time why did you get into it because

693

00:35:44,400 --> 00:35:41,079

it sounded like a fun thing to do

694

00:35:46,109 --> 00:35:44,410

recesses and lunches and if you learnt

695

00:35:49,500 --> 00:35:46,119

anything interesting in the society so

696

00:35:52,589 --> 00:35:49,510

far yes so much um things on alternative

697

00:35:55,410 --> 00:35:52,599

medicine on ghosts on this yeah and tell

698

00:35:58,829 --> 00:35:55,420

us what's Adam really like his jokes are

699

00:35:59,880 --> 00:35:58,839

horrible yeah here's somebody look

700

00:36:02,609 --> 00:35:59,890

you've got the gossip on him what's he

701

00:36:06,170 --> 00:36:02,619

like as my math teacher it's just so

702

00:36:09,839 --> 00:36:06,180

painful to put up with him for so many

703

00:36:12,960 --> 00:36:09,849

told us he was English literature he's

704

00:36:14,940 --> 00:36:12,970

also IT as well but no no he's great yes

705

00:36:16,980 --> 00:36:14,950

and what have you learnt being in the

706

00:36:19,680 --> 00:36:16,990

skeptics society I've learned a lot such

707

00:36:22,950 --> 00:36:19,690

as the fact that unicorns don't exist no

708

00:36:25,200 --> 00:36:22,960

what what and unicorns do exist ah yes

709

00:36:27,779 --> 00:36:25,210

but i'll go drawing one on my wall it's

710

00:36:29,670 --> 00:36:27,789

pink well exactly exactly you can't you

711

00:36:32,220 --> 00:36:29,680

have no evidence of that unicorns don't

712

00:36:35,370 --> 00:36:32,230

exist it can't be proven okay copy

713

00:36:37,049 --> 00:36:35,380

definitively disproven sorry this sounds

714

00:36:38,460 --> 00:36:37,059

like a skeptic class to me hey did you

715

00:36:40,670 --> 00:36:38,470

participate in the bucket on the head

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00:36:42,290 --> 00:36:40,680

test well technically I

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00:36:43,640 --> 00:36:42,300

it I didn't sit with the bucket on my

718

00:36:45,589 --> 00:36:43,650

head but I didn't share with the people

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00:36:48,170 --> 00:36:45,599

with buckets on their heads that was a

720

00:36:50,359 --> 00:36:48,180

great experiment to do yes but it's not

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00:36:52,520 --> 00:36:50,369

very accurate no well you gotta start

722

00:36:54,230 --> 00:36:52,530

somewhere hey it's raw data i think they

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00:36:56,180 --> 00:36:54,240

call it i'll make my way along the line

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00:36:57,559 --> 00:36:56,190

of people thanks for that everybody yeah

725

00:36:58,520 --> 00:36:57,569

we're here to see around you today what

726

00:37:01,400 --> 00:36:58,530

do you reckon is down talk about you

727

00:37:03,470 --> 00:37:01,410

want take a guess um I actually have no

728

00:37:05,900 --> 00:37:03,480

idea to be honest but it's good to be

729

00:37:08,690 --> 00:37:05,910

out the Sun it's about 127 outside isn't

730

00:37:11,450 --> 00:37:08,700

it well yeah in Fahrenheit probably a

731

00:37:12,200 --> 00:37:11,460

good that's a skeptic for you now what

732

00:37:14,390 --> 00:37:12,210

have you learned from being in the

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00:37:19,670 --> 00:37:14,400

skeptics society um I learned a lot

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00:37:22,309 --> 00:37:19,680

actually like ghosts like psychics yeah

735

00:37:25,160 --> 00:37:22,319

and why did you get involved in the

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00:37:28,700 --> 00:37:25,170

skeptics society initially I just

737

00:37:32,270 --> 00:37:28,710

thought it was kind of interesting yeah

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00:37:33,410 --> 00:37:32,280

yeahs papacy yeah okay now and why did

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00:37:35,089 --> 00:37:33,420

you get involved in the skeptics group

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00:37:37,339 --> 00:37:35,099

and what you are you and by the way I'm

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00:37:38,870 --> 00:37:37,349

in year 7 and I got involved in the

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00:37:40,250 --> 00:37:38,880

skeptical society because it sounded

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00:37:42,680 --> 00:37:40,260

nice and I've learned all kinds of nice

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00:37:46,370 --> 00:37:42,690

things till that but since then whatever

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00:37:50,299 --> 00:37:46,380

I not good with tenses but you but

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00:37:52,250 --> 00:37:50,309

science yes scientists okay like

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00:37:53,809 --> 00:37:52,260

actually while we're here at the skeptic

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00:37:55,099 --> 00:37:53,819

dhruva mckinnon in high school I've

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00:37:56,210 --> 00:37:55,109

actually got some women that are

750

00:37:57,710 --> 00:37:56,220

involved in the skeptics group and

751
00:37:59,270 --> 00:37:57,720
interested in science and people always

752
00:38:01,339 --> 00:37:59,280
saying how can we get more women

753
00:38:02,599 --> 00:38:01,349
involved in science or learning about

754
00:38:04,220 --> 00:38:02,609
science and how it can we get them

755
00:38:05,510 --> 00:38:04,230
involved in skepticism and here's a

756
00:38:06,559 --> 00:38:05,520
couple of them that could probably give

757
00:38:09,740 --> 00:38:06,569
us the answer because you're doing it

758
00:38:12,500 --> 00:38:09,750
absolutely well teenagers actually which

759
00:38:15,170 --> 00:38:12,510
is also not exactly the demographic

760
00:38:16,910 --> 00:38:15,180
usually for skeptics but I fan

761
00:38:18,620 --> 00:38:16,920
skepticism through podcasts actually and

762
00:38:20,089 --> 00:38:18,630
may not I'm a big fan of yours actually

763
00:38:22,190 --> 00:38:20,099

have to say i love your interviewing

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00:38:24,559 --> 00:38:22,200

style what the what the actual Maynard

765

00:38:25,819 --> 00:38:24,569

malaise podcasts absolutely well yeah

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00:38:28,549 --> 00:38:25,829

that's one of the ones I listened to you

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00:38:31,700 --> 00:38:28,559

I initially it was the SGU and now I've

768

00:38:33,829 --> 00:38:31,710

the whole podcasting is all network now

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00:38:36,380 --> 00:38:33,839

so I listen to everything really and I'm

770

00:38:37,609 --> 00:38:36,390

a big fan of yours well thank you and so

771

00:38:39,109 --> 00:38:37,619

if you found your way through this

772

00:38:40,970 --> 00:38:39,119

skepticism through listening to stuff

773

00:38:43,579 --> 00:38:40,980

like that as well um no I found my way

774

00:38:46,099 --> 00:38:43,589

because when mr. be at the start of last

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00:38:48,890 --> 00:38:46,109

year he might that so called mr. v it's

776

00:38:51,069 --> 00:38:48,900

just like mr. Cunningham like the Fonz

777

00:38:53,559 --> 00:38:51,079

always called him mr. v as well

778

00:38:56,109 --> 00:38:53,569

it's very happy days of you anyway sir

779

00:38:58,479 --> 00:38:56,119

see he called it that's right mm-hmm at

780

00:39:00,009 --> 00:38:58,489

the start of last year he like said a

781

00:39:03,430 --> 00:39:00,019

speech in front of the whole school and

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00:39:05,140 --> 00:39:03,440

he just said he was really funny and so

783

00:39:07,150 --> 00:39:05,150

it got cut a lot of people into it and

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00:39:09,279 --> 00:39:07,160

then eventually I just found myself

785

00:39:10,660 --> 00:39:09,289

interested in the things that we would

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00:39:12,910 --> 00:39:10,670

talk about them because I found myself

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00:39:14,920 --> 00:39:12,920

relating okay and why did you get

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00:39:16,089 --> 00:39:14,930

involved with the group and how come you

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00:39:18,400 --> 00:39:16,099

think there are more women involved in

790

00:39:21,219 --> 00:39:18,410

skepticism I honestly don't know I mean

791

00:39:23,859 --> 00:39:21,229

it's a great thing I got involved with

792

00:39:25,599 --> 00:39:23,869

his speech originally and I came on off

793

00:39:27,789 --> 00:39:25,609

because I was busy with other stuff and

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00:39:30,009 --> 00:39:27,799

then my friend here Torin he decided to

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00:39:32,410 --> 00:39:30,019

drag me along and so I've been there

796

00:39:33,699 --> 00:39:32,420

every week all year so what's the area

797

00:39:35,559 --> 00:39:33,709

you're most interested in is that the

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00:39:37,690 --> 00:39:35,569

paranormal the way science is applied to

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00:39:39,489 --> 00:39:37,700

everyday life I think it's more the

800

00:39:42,039 --> 00:39:39,499

health sciences are applied to everyday

801
00:39:44,890 --> 00:39:42,049
life because I've grown up with a lot of

802
00:39:47,469 --> 00:39:44,900
science background so what's the field

803
00:39:49,959 --> 00:39:47,479
you're interested in um chemistry no

804
00:39:52,870 --> 00:39:49,969
yeah you can you see a career in that

805
00:39:54,099 --> 00:39:52,880
yep most definitely and what do you

806
00:39:55,299 --> 00:39:54,109
think there aren't more women coming

807
00:39:57,789 --> 00:39:55,309
along and getting involved in the

808
00:40:00,009 --> 00:39:57,799
sciences or is that just a myth I think

809
00:40:03,849 --> 00:40:00,019
there have been more women in science

810
00:40:06,900 --> 00:40:03,859
nowadays I like our group because it's

811
00:40:09,900 --> 00:40:06,910
not purely skeptical there's also social

812
00:40:12,069 --> 00:40:09,910
aspects and a lot of banter which is fun

813
00:40:13,359 --> 00:40:12,079

mmm oh and did I mean that's one of the

814

00:40:14,559 --> 00:40:13,369

reason why the church has done so well

815

00:40:15,939 --> 00:40:14,569

over the years because as well as all

816

00:40:17,799 --> 00:40:15,949

the doctrine they've got the fellowship

817

00:40:18,999 --> 00:40:17,809

and I think the fellowship is part of

818

00:40:21,370 --> 00:40:19,009

the skeptic thing is a great thing to

819

00:40:24,699 --> 00:40:21,380

have as well yeah definitely I'm feeling

820

00:40:27,519 --> 00:40:24,709

of community really and well I suppose

821

00:40:29,620 --> 00:40:27,529

some women wouldn't find so much in the

822

00:40:31,809 --> 00:40:29,630

skeptics movement but I do I think there

823

00:40:34,959 --> 00:40:31,819

is a community there people are willing

824

00:40:37,359 --> 00:40:34,969

to see it is like sitting with all these

825

00:40:39,999 --> 00:40:37,369

skeptic heavy weights around me it's

826

00:40:42,130 --> 00:40:40,009

really exciting for me butts up but if

827

00:40:44,259 --> 00:40:42,140

people that just don't appreciate that

828

00:40:47,170 --> 00:40:44,269

community yet wouldn't appreciate that

829

00:40:48,400 --> 00:40:47,180

as much you can look I'm big fan of the

830

00:40:49,930 --> 00:40:48,410

Discovery Channel and as lot of ghost

831

00:40:52,209 --> 00:40:49,940

shows on there that make it would get my

832

00:40:54,489 --> 00:40:52,219

goat sometimes yeah I hate all the ghost

833

00:40:56,319 --> 00:40:54,499

shows and then chasing UFOs it's all

834

00:40:58,449 --> 00:40:56,329

about doing stuff in the dark and hiding

835

00:40:59,440 --> 00:40:58,459

I found the mind of entertaining

836

00:41:00,970 --> 00:40:59,450

actually I

837

00:41:02,560 --> 00:41:00,980

they make me laugh they make me laugh a

838

00:41:04,840 --> 00:41:02,570

lot yeah I don't think that craptastic

839

00:41:06,730 --> 00:41:04,850

is the word we're looking for that's one

840

00:41:09,730 --> 00:41:06,740

of those things which like it's so bad

841

00:41:12,310 --> 00:41:09,740

you laugh so hard but I'm one of the

842

00:41:15,190 --> 00:41:12,320

best shows is Mythbusters oh yeah great

843

00:41:16,780 --> 00:41:15,200

show great show look thank you for your

844

00:41:20,290 --> 00:41:16,790

time I'm Chris quickly what's your names

845

00:41:22,210 --> 00:41:20,300

again Ronnie Elizabeth aya Lisa okay

846

00:41:24,430 --> 00:41:22,220

thank you now the temperature outside

847

00:41:26,680 --> 00:41:24,440

heating 38 degrees Celsius or around

848

00:41:28,720 --> 00:41:26,690

about a hundred degrees Fahrenheit over

849

00:41:30,040 --> 00:41:28,730

300 students poured into the hall and

850

00:41:31,660 --> 00:41:30,050

I'm afraid the air-conditioning just

851

00:41:33,490 --> 00:41:31,670

couldn't handle it on the day in fact it

852

00:41:36,430 --> 00:41:33,500

may not have been working at all but it

853

00:41:37,720 --> 00:41:36,440

may it was submitted smelly in there the

854

00:41:41,440 --> 00:41:37,730

air-conditioning just couldn't handle it

855

00:41:44,320 --> 00:41:41,450

and then got harder and harder even DJ

856

00:41:46,060 --> 00:41:44,330

Grothe was reduced to a puddle and that

857

00:41:48,220 --> 00:41:46,070

doesn't happen easily but nevertheless

858

00:41:50,380 --> 00:41:48,230

the show went on let me tell you people

859

00:41:53,050 --> 00:41:50,390

there was a sweating in the underwear

860

00:41:54,820 --> 00:41:53,060

and not in the good way but first before

861

00:41:57,580 --> 00:41:54,830

you want one mangas i would like to

862

00:42:00,490 --> 00:41:57,590

introduce somebody to you this is DJ

863

00:42:08,390 --> 00:42:00,500

Grothe all the way from the other side

864

00:42:13,019 --> 00:42:11,309

everyone is my big pleasure to introduce

865

00:42:16,079 --> 00:42:13,029

the speaker for this afternoon's

866

00:42:18,120 --> 00:42:16,089

presentation the founder of the James

867

00:42:19,650 --> 00:42:18,130

Randi Educational Foundation known

868

00:42:23,370 --> 00:42:19,660

throughout the world for his tireless

869

00:42:26,099 --> 00:42:23,380

efforts combating unreason charlatans

870

00:42:27,420 --> 00:42:26,109

the people who will lie to you and take

871

00:42:29,009 --> 00:42:27,430

your money pretending to have

872

00:42:31,859 --> 00:42:29,019

supernatural powers that they don't

873

00:42:53,339 --> 00:42:31,869

actually have please join me in

874

00:42:56,880 --> 00:42:53,349

welcoming james randi don't have any

875

00:42:59,130 --> 00:42:56,890

amplification and that 84 I think I need

876

00:43:01,769 --> 00:42:59,140

a bit of applicator the ways i'd like to

877

00:43:03,599 --> 00:43:01,779

be taller the one about 10 i haven't

878

00:43:07,039 --> 00:43:03,609

found out i do that if anyone knows the

879

00:43:09,120 --> 00:43:07,049

secret I'd be happy to talk to you our

880

00:43:12,420 --> 00:43:09,130

what I really going to be basically

881

00:43:16,230 --> 00:43:12,430

talking to you about today is that how

882

00:43:18,269 --> 00:43:16,240

do we know things everybody says well I

883

00:43:23,190 --> 00:43:18,279

know this I know that it took us really

884

00:43:25,769 --> 00:43:23,200

cool except for endo things like that

885

00:43:27,960 --> 00:43:25,779

and they can top this age but how do we

886

00:43:29,789 --> 00:43:27,970

know that we know things and how do we

887

00:43:33,539 --> 00:43:29,799

go about making decisions on whether or

888

00:43:37,170 --> 00:43:33,549

not this is your truth more specifically

889

00:43:39,509 --> 00:43:37,180

as a professional magician I have a

890

00:43:42,259 --> 00:43:39,519

little bit of knowledge about the

891

00:43:45,420 --> 00:43:42,269

psychology of the average person and

892

00:43:48,059 --> 00:43:45,430

there's a huge crowd here today and I i

893

00:43:50,279 --> 00:43:48,069

think i may have already fooled you

894

00:43:54,059 --> 00:43:50,289

could you imagine that but i didn't even

895

00:43:55,859 --> 00:43:54,069

try James Randi spoke for an hour almost

896

00:43:57,690 --> 00:43:55,869

passing out in the heat how to get some

897

00:43:59,670 --> 00:43:57,700

water up there to him buddy amazed the

898

00:44:01,710 --> 00:43:59,680

student for these stories and shocked

899

00:44:05,309 --> 00:44:01,720

them with videos of psychic surgery and

900

00:44:07,019 --> 00:44:05,319

the famous fake healer peter Popoff and

901
00:44:08,640 --> 00:44:07,029
just when we're ready to carry him off

902
00:44:11,009 --> 00:44:08,650
and cooling down and put him in a coffin

903
00:44:13,109 --> 00:44:11,019
insist on performing his rope escape and

904
00:44:14,789 --> 00:44:13,119
card trick for the students and just how

905
00:44:16,370 --> 00:44:14,799
was it will he is one of the

906
00:44:21,060 --> 00:44:16,380
announcements that came over the PA

907
00:44:27,250 --> 00:44:24,310
we'll be running a chosen lunchtime and

908
00:44:30,130 --> 00:44:27,260
finishing school of it earlier so we'll

909
00:44:37,180 --> 00:44:30,140
be running with a with a timetable due

910
00:44:40,270 --> 00:44:37,190
to the heat for the students who like a

911
00:44:42,550 --> 00:44:40,280
bit of shade please make sure today the

912
00:44:44,950 --> 00:44:42,560
true you stay out of the direct Sun now

913
00:44:50,860 --> 00:44:44,960

it is very extreme very unusual when

914

00:44:52,870 --> 00:44:50,870

there's time of the year is out now so

915

00:44:57,220 --> 00:44:52,880

the boys can take the its eyes off for

916

00:44:59,080 --> 00:44:57,230

the best sound days thank you look well

917

00:45:00,730 --> 00:44:59,090

in melbourne now it's currently 36

918

00:45:02,350 --> 00:45:00,740

degrees outside but certainly a lot more

919

00:45:03,700 --> 00:45:02,360

than that inside the MacKinnon high

920

00:45:06,490 --> 00:45:03,710

school hall but you had a couple of

921

00:45:09,190 --> 00:45:06,500

hundred restless kids yes indeed I did

922

00:45:11,410 --> 00:45:09,200

and I unrest old them or something like

923

00:45:13,240 --> 00:45:11,420

that I I I got through to them

924

00:45:14,980 --> 00:45:13,250

eventually I guess but it was very very

925

00:45:16,630 --> 00:45:14,990

difficult to do yeah all the temperature

926

00:45:19,120 --> 00:45:16,640

inside that hole was very hot actually

927

00:45:20,590 --> 00:45:19,130

you a show must go on guy have you ever

928

00:45:21,880 --> 00:45:20,600

had to stop a show halfway through god

929

00:45:23,350 --> 00:45:21,890

that's it i'm not going to get up there

930

00:45:25,180 --> 00:45:23,360

in Niagara Falls of that jacket on sooo

931

00:45:26,680 --> 00:45:25,190

cold you don't know how many times I

932

00:45:29,050 --> 00:45:26,690

said the hell with it but that I only

933

00:45:31,390 --> 00:45:29,060

say that backstage and then the lights

934

00:45:34,270 --> 00:45:31,400

come up and the music starts to play an

935

00:45:36,990 --> 00:45:34,280

arm out there like a fool yes I know

936

00:45:40,810 --> 00:45:37,000

I've never never missed a show that I

937

00:45:42,670 --> 00:45:40,820

didn't have a temperature of I got it

938

00:45:45,040 --> 00:45:42,680

gonna be careful how I name temperatures

939

00:45:47,740 --> 00:45:45,050

now using it was a small number you know

940

00:45:50,170 --> 00:45:47,750

no hahaha well whatever body temperature

941

00:45:52,780 --> 00:45:50,180

is and what is body temperature in

942

00:45:54,940 --> 00:45:52,790

Celsius it's usually slightly above the

943

00:45:57,190 --> 00:45:54,950

hotel room air conditioning I see him

944

00:45:59,230 --> 00:45:57,200

okay gotcha well we won't argue about

945

00:46:01,930 --> 00:45:59,240

that will we know but I had a wonderful

946

00:46:05,260 --> 00:46:01,940

time here I exchanged some good moments

947

00:46:06,940 --> 00:46:05,270

and I hope I made my point it was very

948

00:46:09,160 --> 00:46:06,950

difficult it was very awkward because of

949

00:46:11,200 --> 00:46:09,170

the humidity and the temperature but we

950

00:46:13,290 --> 00:46:11,210

managed it look after all these years

951
00:46:15,280 --> 00:46:13,300
you said critical thinking is

952
00:46:16,750 --> 00:46:15,290
potentially boring things to the kids

953
00:46:18,430 --> 00:46:16,760
there I think it needs to happen to be

954
00:46:20,080 --> 00:46:18,440
given a different word critical thinking

955
00:46:22,240 --> 00:46:20,090
to warm kids up to it so it doesn't seem

956
00:46:24,220 --> 00:46:22,250
like it's hard work yeah maybe a we

957
00:46:28,030 --> 00:46:24,230
should get some glamour going on

958
00:46:29,410 --> 00:46:28,040
yeah get good yeah yeah yeah but look it

959
00:46:30,760 --> 00:46:29,420
was great the kids enjoyed the tricks

960
00:46:32,050 --> 00:46:30,770
and everything and I can see them going

961
00:46:34,480 --> 00:46:32,060
what's this going on here and then when

962
00:46:37,180 --> 00:46:34,490
you did your stuff your 1 i'm over well

963
00:46:39,490 --> 00:46:37,190

getting spiked might be a good yeah

964

00:46:41,500 --> 00:46:39,500

that's a good way let's let's work on

965

00:46:45,130 --> 00:46:41,510

that shall we yeah okay thanks Randy go

966

00:46:46,840 --> 00:46:45,140

get cooled i will i'll go Justin ass up

967

00:46:48,550 --> 00:46:46,850

as an aside here we're in a corridor and

968

00:46:49,960 --> 00:46:48,560

then this IT worker here at McKinnon

969

00:46:51,790 --> 00:46:49,970

high school came through been how are

970

00:46:53,109 --> 00:46:51,800

you I'm fantastic thank you you found

971

00:46:54,609 --> 00:46:53,119

out that James Randi was coming to your

972

00:46:56,740 --> 00:46:54,619

school you're going to be excited yes I

973

00:46:59,170 --> 00:46:56,750

did I had no idea until about five what

974

00:47:00,400 --> 00:46:59,180

20 minutes ago and what excited me and

975

00:47:02,800 --> 00:47:00,410

what I really want to talk to you about

976
00:47:04,720 --> 00:47:02,810
was you went on my family a young earth

977
00:47:06,609 --> 00:47:04,730
creationists and you here and you had a

978
00:47:08,920 --> 00:47:06,619
chat with him what led you to the path

979
00:47:10,390 --> 00:47:08,930
of critical thinking and the comp

980
00:47:14,020 --> 00:47:10,400
potential confrontation with your family

981
00:47:15,880 --> 00:47:14,030
well essentially I read the Bible which

982
00:47:19,599 --> 00:47:15,890
was something I don't think they've

983
00:47:20,620 --> 00:47:19,609
actually ever done yeah and from yeah

984
00:47:22,180 --> 00:47:20,630
essentially well there's no

985
00:47:25,630 --> 00:47:22,190
confrontation i choose to let them live

986
00:47:27,820 --> 00:47:25,640
and well they don't but we'll just you

987
00:47:29,770 --> 00:47:27,830
know christmas time is no fun for me oh

988
00:47:31,780 --> 00:47:29,780

yeah i find it's a good time just just

989

00:47:33,310 --> 00:47:31,790

to be quiet and let it go yeah that's

990

00:47:36,340 --> 00:47:33,320

right i let them let them think what

991

00:47:37,840 --> 00:47:36,350

they think and try to get so obviously

992

00:47:39,520 --> 00:47:37,850

James Rahon has been around for a lot

993

00:47:42,300 --> 00:47:39,530

longer than you how did you discover him

994

00:47:46,050 --> 00:47:42,310

and the whole skeptical atheist movement

995

00:47:50,590 --> 00:47:46,060

so will the internet for most people and

996

00:47:53,200 --> 00:47:50,600

essentially Richard Dawkins books got me

997

00:47:56,800 --> 00:47:53,210

started and just watching YouTube videos

998

00:47:59,050 --> 00:47:56,810

and debates well I found religion had no

999

00:48:01,060 --> 00:47:59,060

answer for well anyone really I don't

1000

00:48:02,380 --> 00:48:01,070

understand myself personally I never

1001
00:48:03,940 --> 00:48:02,390
understood why in the first place always

1002
00:48:05,770 --> 00:48:03,950
felt it was there a moment was there a

1003
00:48:07,780 --> 00:48:05,780
part was a part of the Bible where you

1004
00:48:08,950 --> 00:48:07,790
went hang on well it was it when dudes

1005
00:48:10,570 --> 00:48:08,960
remember the moment that you thought

1006
00:48:14,950 --> 00:48:10,580
I've got to start questioning this a bit

1007
00:48:17,560 --> 00:48:14,960
further I attended a mega church in

1008
00:48:19,920 --> 00:48:17,570
Melbourne and there was a large it was a

1009
00:48:24,100 --> 00:48:19,930
part of in there was a large children's

1010
00:48:26,470 --> 00:48:24,110
thing and the day they started pushing

1011
00:48:27,820 --> 00:48:26,480
what you can and can't do Harry Potter

1012
00:48:29,050 --> 00:48:27,830
things like that I was just old enough

1013
00:48:31,570 --> 00:48:29,060

when that had just started coming out

1014

00:48:32,860 --> 00:48:31,580

and so guys had so that you know said

1015

00:48:35,320 --> 00:48:32,870

don't don't watch harry potter

1016

00:48:39,220 --> 00:48:35,330

witchcraft is real blah blah blah and it

1017

00:48:41,110 --> 00:48:39,230

was hang on a minute no it isn't i feel

1018

00:48:43,270 --> 00:48:41,120

weird here I always felt weird praying

1019

00:48:44,680 --> 00:48:43,280

with the group and sort of it's

1020

00:48:48,070 --> 00:48:44,690

something in the back of my mind was

1021

00:48:50,620 --> 00:48:48,080

always why are you doing this you're not

1022

00:48:52,870 --> 00:48:50,630

doing anything nothing over asked for

1023

00:48:54,070 --> 00:48:52,880

happened or anything along those lines

1024

00:48:57,280 --> 00:48:54,080

and so I just sort of continued from

1025

00:48:59,070 --> 00:48:57,290

there much of an atheist activist or you

1026
00:49:01,510 --> 00:48:59,080
just quietly doing in the background I

1027
00:49:04,720 --> 00:49:01,520
am as much of an atheist activist as I

1028
00:49:07,780 --> 00:49:04,730
possibly can be I other than my family

1029
00:49:10,690 --> 00:49:07,790
I'm quite vocal street preachers and the

1030
00:49:13,210 --> 00:49:10,700
like get a right royal bashing from me

1031
00:49:16,450 --> 00:49:13,220
verbal obviously if they do decide to

1032
00:49:18,490 --> 00:49:16,460
solicit my attention most more often

1033
00:49:21,400 --> 00:49:18,500
than not I don't appreciate that sort of

1034
00:49:25,090 --> 00:49:21,410
thing and can you quote viable vs it can

1035
00:49:26,299 --> 00:49:25,100
they do no not really my partner however

1036
00:49:29,089 --> 00:49:26,309
has

1037
00:49:31,429 --> 00:49:29,099
a biblical verbal diarrhea she can

1038
00:49:33,229 --> 00:49:31,439

absolutely ream them it's amazing and

1039

00:49:34,670 --> 00:49:33,239

what's her favorite book of the Bible I

1040

00:49:36,279 --> 00:49:34,680

was like asking people this one timothy

1041

00:49:38,449 --> 00:49:36,289

i believe is well no she just sort of

1042

00:49:40,519 --> 00:49:38,459

see that's a bit of an obscure one yeah

1043

00:49:42,259 --> 00:49:40,529

that's right yeah she all of the the

1044

00:49:43,910 --> 00:49:42,269

Chiefs of female of a seaside and the

1045

00:49:46,339 --> 00:49:43,920

women cannot hold Authority other men

1046

00:49:48,529 --> 00:49:46,349

etc etc thing is what does a 1 Timothy 2

1047

00:49:51,319 --> 00:49:48,539

12 or something like I remember really

1048

00:49:53,029 --> 00:49:51,329

oh yeah and she likes to quote that one

1049

00:49:55,219 --> 00:49:53,039

quite a lot over anyone that's female

1050

00:49:56,630 --> 00:49:55,229

outside preaching etc accenture Wow look

1051
00:49:58,759 --> 00:49:56,640
better think of your time you let you

1052
00:50:01,009 --> 00:49:58,769
have a chat around it and good luck with

1053
00:50:15,680 --> 00:50:01,019
your street preaching action boom well

1054
00:50:20,520 --> 00:50:18,270
did you see that UFO sighting that made

1055
00:50:22,230 --> 00:50:20,530
the news what did that latest study

1056
00:50:24,660 --> 00:50:22,240
about alternative treatments really say

1057
00:50:27,600 --> 00:50:24,670
is this photo making the rounds real or

1058
00:50:29,490 --> 00:50:27,610
hoax doubtful news is a unique website

1059
00:50:31,650 --> 00:50:29,500
featuring news about pseudoscience the

1060
00:50:33,350 --> 00:50:31,660
paranormal anomalies and questionable

1061
00:50:36,300 --> 00:50:33,360
claims framed with the skeptical view

1062
00:50:38,060 --> 00:50:36,310
come visit doubtful newscom every day

1063
00:50:41,790 --> 00:50:38,070

for news about cryptozoology

1064

00:50:44,700 --> 00:50:41,800

conspiracies shams scams and more follow

1065

00:50:46,260 --> 00:50:44,710

us on twitter at doubtful news critical

1066

00:50:48,540 --> 00:50:46,270

thinking is essential in assessing

1067

00:51:03,740 --> 00:50:48,550

today's news duffel news helps you

1068

00:51:09,450 --> 00:51:06,240

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:51:11,040 --> 00:51:09,460

zone folks I tell you what that day at

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00:51:14,250 --> 00:51:11,050

the the high school and James Randi

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00:51:16,590 --> 00:51:14,260

you're speaking it was hot like in hot

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00:51:20,040 --> 00:51:16,600

like when you think wow that's a hot day

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00:51:22,500 --> 00:51:20,050

it was even hotter than that but Randy

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00:51:25,500 --> 00:51:22,510

carried on it was quite remarkable dare

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00:51:27,990 --> 00:51:25,510

I say amazing congratulations Randy for

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00:51:30,300 --> 00:51:28,000

making it through that incredible

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00:51:32,940 --> 00:51:30,310

experience and congratulations once

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00:51:36,090 --> 00:51:32,950

again to teacher adam van langenberg a

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00:51:38,700 --> 00:51:36,100

well-deserved award the Fred pornete

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00:51:42,240 --> 00:51:38,710

award he received and congratulations to

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00:51:44,130 --> 00:51:42,250

his skeptical club and hi Elizabeth on

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00:51:46,410 --> 00:51:44,140

next week's show more insights and

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00:51:48,120 --> 00:51:46,420

interviews from the Australian skeptics

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00:51:50,550 --> 00:51:48,130

National Convention there are so many

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00:51:52,470 --> 00:51:50,560

things lined up so many people in the

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00:51:54,540 --> 00:51:52,480

coming weeks like DJ Grothe and brian

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00:51:55,920 --> 00:51:54,550

thompson and rebecca watson and lots of

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00:51:57,300 --> 00:51:55,930

the other speakers who were there lots

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00:52:00,330 --> 00:51:57,310

of people who were just there to have a

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00:52:02,370 --> 00:52:00,340

good time and enjoy the convention once

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00:52:04,110 --> 00:52:02,380

again congratulations to the Victorian

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00:52:07,590 --> 00:52:04,120

skeptics there in Melbourne for putting

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00:52:09,750 --> 00:52:07,600

on a really great event and before I go

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00:52:13,140 --> 00:52:09,760

remember that the skeptics own podcast

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00:52:16,290 --> 00:52:13,150

is a listener supported show if you feel

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00:52:19,140 --> 00:52:16,300

like contributing head for www skeptics

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00:52:21,060 --> 00:52:19,150

on TV and you can buy us a drink which

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00:52:23,250 --> 00:52:21,070

is really in effect sending us a little

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00:52:25,500 --> 00:52:23,260

bit of donation or you can chip in with

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00:52:28,500 --> 00:52:25,510

micro payments less than a dollar a week

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00:52:31,530 --> 00:52:28,510

for as long or as short as you like it

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00:52:34,940 --> 00:52:31,540

really does help keep the show going but

1103

00:52:42,120 --> 00:52:34,950

it'll show 217 this is Richard Saunders

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00:52:44,720 --> 00:52:42,130

signing off from Sydney Australia you've

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00:52:49,280 --> 00:52:44,730

been listening to the skeptics over

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00:52:52,610 --> 00:52:49,290

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