

The Skeptic Zone

Show 218 - 22 Dec 2012

Northern Star
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012

**VACCINE
GROUP'S
NAME
MISLEADS**

1
00:00:04,280 --> 00:00:02,600
hello dr. Cal just racing to get a

2
00:00:06,590 --> 00:00:04,290
triangle just wish all these skeptic

3
00:00:08,690 --> 00:00:06,600
zone listings are happy Christmas to all

4
00:00:11,299 --> 00:00:08,700
a skipped annoyed list I wish you a

5
00:00:13,430 --> 00:00:11,309
happy Christmas even though I always

6
00:00:16,340 --> 00:00:13,440
like an excuse for a party okay thanks

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00:00:18,170 --> 00:00:16,350
dr. cult thank you he's running for

8
00:00:20,480 --> 00:00:18,180
train I know it's very 20th century of

9
00:00:21,890 --> 00:00:20,490
in but that's what you're doing yeah you

10
00:00:24,019 --> 00:00:21,900
should be running for hovercraft or

11
00:00:33,080 --> 00:00:24,029
something with a hoverboard that's what

12
00:00:35,750 --> 00:00:33,090
I want to know welcome to the skeptic

13
00:00:47,850 --> 00:00:35,760

zone the podcast from Australia for

14

00:00:54,190 --> 00:00:50,380

hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:57,490 --> 00:00:54,200

episode number 218 for the twenty-second

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00:01:00,760 --> 00:00:57,500

of December 2012 Richard Saunders here

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00:01:03,070 --> 00:01:00,770

with you from an echo chamber well now

18

00:01:06,460 --> 00:01:03,080

not it not exactly it's just a spare

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00:01:08,859 --> 00:01:06,470

room here in Auckland New Zealand i'm

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00:01:11,740 --> 00:01:08,869

making a flying visit here to auckland

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00:01:14,230 --> 00:01:11,750

and beautiful new zealand on my way to

22

00:01:17,530 --> 00:01:14,240

the Bay Area San Francisco for Christmas

23

00:01:20,170 --> 00:01:17,540

and what's so special about the 22nd of

24

00:01:22,930 --> 00:01:20,180

december 2012 well it's the date that

25

00:01:25,330 --> 00:01:22,940

wasn't supposed to happen thank you to

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00:01:26,650 --> 00:01:25,340

all those new-age twits who scared

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00:01:29,230 --> 00:01:26,660

little children and talking about

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00:01:31,330 --> 00:01:29,240

scaring little children here's a piece

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00:01:33,609 --> 00:01:31,340

about the the end of the world

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00:01:35,499 --> 00:01:33,619

apocalypse or that shift in cosmic

31

00:01:40,719 --> 00:01:35,509

thinking or whatever the hell was going

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00:01:55,590 --> 00:01:40,729

on for the 21st of December I recorded a

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00:02:04,270 --> 00:02:00,060

published online on the 19th of december

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00:02:08,410 --> 00:02:04,280

2012 thoughts on the 21st of december

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00:02:11,080 --> 00:02:08,420

2012 by Richard Saunders so it's almost

36

00:02:13,780 --> 00:02:11,090

here the so-called end of the world or

37

00:02:18,670 --> 00:02:13,790

the beginning of the great change or

38

00:02:22,030 --> 00:02:18,680

shift in spiritual energies or fill in

39

00:02:24,490 --> 00:02:22,040

the blanks the 21st of december will

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00:02:27,400 --> 00:02:24,500

come and go like any other day maybe

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00:02:29,920 --> 00:02:27,410

some newsworthy event will happen but

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00:02:32,890 --> 00:02:29,930

somewhere around the world every week of

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00:02:36,070 --> 00:02:32,900

the year and newsworthy event catches

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00:02:39,250 --> 00:02:36,080

our attention the 21st of december 2012

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00:02:43,420 --> 00:02:39,260

is destined to be the answer to a pub

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00:02:45,430 --> 00:02:43,430

trivia night question in 2020 it will be

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00:02:48,729 --> 00:02:45,440

largely forgotten just like all the

48

00:02:51,970 --> 00:02:48,739

other the planets will align or my

49

00:02:54,310 --> 00:02:51,980

dreams told me that on this day or our

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00:02:57,940 --> 00:02:54,320

great spiritual leader has promised that

51
00:03:01,390 --> 00:02:57,950
on this date or the ancients knew that

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00:03:03,819 --> 00:03:01,400
on this date or this time the world is

53
00:03:07,180 --> 00:03:03,829
really coming to an end and we have the

54
00:03:09,479 --> 00:03:07,190
proof or well one of the hundreds of

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00:03:12,539 --> 00:03:09,489
other failed prophecies and predictions

56
00:03:16,270 --> 00:03:12,549
that frighten little children and sadly

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00:03:19,210 --> 00:03:16,280
some adults what you will hear on the

58
00:03:21,699 --> 00:03:19,220
twenty-second of december from those who

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00:03:23,770 --> 00:03:21,709
need this state to mean something will

60
00:03:26,289 --> 00:03:23,780
be along the lines of there was a great

61
00:03:29,199 --> 00:03:26,299
change but you are a closed minded

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00:03:31,509 --> 00:03:29,209
skeptic and cannot feel it or it has

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00:03:34,470 --> 00:03:31,519

started just as we predicted and over

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00:03:37,420 --> 00:03:34,480

the next so-and-so years the earth will

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00:03:40,900 --> 00:03:37,430

we have all seen and heard this many

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00:03:43,690 --> 00:03:40,910

times before the only sure thing is that

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00:03:46,330 --> 00:03:43,700

before long another mystical date based

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00:03:48,550 --> 00:03:46,340

on special insights from those who are

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00:04:01,250 --> 00:03:48,560

enlightened will be doing the rounds and

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00:04:05,460 --> 00:04:03,660

so there you go the next time somebody

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00:04:09,110 --> 00:04:05,470

tells you the world's coming to an end

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00:04:12,479 --> 00:04:09,120

based on ancient predictions and ancient

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00:04:16,020 --> 00:04:12,489

prophecies I want you to think very

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00:04:18,539 --> 00:04:16,030

carefully and tell them this yeah on

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00:04:21,360 --> 00:04:18,549

this week's show more on our story

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00:04:23,159 --> 00:04:21,370

covered in last week by dr. HC about the

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00:04:26,250 --> 00:04:23,169

Minister for fair trading in New South

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00:04:28,320 --> 00:04:26,260

Wales Australia Anthony Roberts clamping

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00:04:30,810 --> 00:04:28,330

down on the Australian vaccination

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00:04:33,060 --> 00:04:30,820

network and telling them not asking not

81

00:04:35,040 --> 00:04:33,070

requesting telling them they have to

82

00:04:37,980 --> 00:04:35,050

change their name because their name is

83

00:04:39,870 --> 00:04:37,990

misleading I'm going to read the press

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00:04:43,020 --> 00:04:39,880

statement from the minister and that's

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00:04:45,870 --> 00:04:43,030

followed by a couple of media reports we

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00:04:49,500 --> 00:04:45,880

have Tracy Spicer and Tim Webster on

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00:04:52,189 --> 00:04:49,510

radio 2ue and they actually get a phone

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00:04:54,750 --> 00:04:52,199

call from the Minister for Fair Trading

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00:04:58,500 --> 00:04:54,760

following that a clip from the ABC

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00:05:01,620 --> 00:04:58,510

program the drum all covering this issue

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00:05:04,200 --> 00:05:01,630

I think you will really enjoy those

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00:05:07,200 --> 00:05:04,210

clips coming up and after that it's

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00:05:09,390 --> 00:05:07,210

Maynard spooky action at a distance not

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00:05:12,120 --> 00:05:09,400

not a very far distance it's back to

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00:05:14,159 --> 00:05:12,130

Melbourne where Maynard will chat to DJ

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00:05:16,620 --> 00:05:14,169

Grothe president of the James Randi

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00:05:18,750 --> 00:05:16,630

Educational Foundation Iran sir give

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00:05:22,320 --> 00:05:18,760

former president of the Australian

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00:05:24,029 --> 00:05:22,330

skeptics dr. rachel herself myself

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00:05:25,860 --> 00:05:24,039

Richard Saunders current president of

101
00:05:28,050 --> 00:05:25,870
outlets lots of presence everywhere and

102
00:05:31,620 --> 00:05:28,060
a very strange woman who was there

103
00:05:34,560 --> 00:05:31,630
wearing Devil's horns coming up later in

104
00:05:37,589 --> 00:05:34,570
the show but for now I'm going to run to

105
00:05:39,149 --> 00:05:37,599
the other room where the fridge is not

106
00:05:41,550 --> 00:05:39,159
the same fringe I normally run to this

107
00:05:42,870 --> 00:05:41,560
is a new zealand fridge what do I find

108
00:05:45,750 --> 00:05:42,880
in that fridge i bet i find some

109
00:05:48,330 --> 00:05:45,760
Steinlager or some beautiful new zealand

110
00:06:11,950 --> 00:05:48,340
white wine I'm going to enjoy that while

111
00:06:17,740 --> 00:06:14,930
media release from the Honorable Anthony

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00:06:22,570 --> 00:06:17,750
Roberts MP Minister for Fair Trading

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00:06:25,760 --> 00:06:22,580

dated Saturday 15th of december 2012

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00:06:28,910 --> 00:06:25,770

australian vaccination network ordered

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00:06:31,010 --> 00:06:28,920

to change its name minister for Fair

116

00:06:34,070 --> 00:06:31,020

Trading Anthony Roberts today confirmed

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00:06:36,920 --> 00:06:34,080

a formal order has been issued to the

118

00:06:38,990 --> 00:06:36,930

Australian vaccination network to change

119

00:06:41,840 --> 00:06:39,000

its names on the grounds it is

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00:06:44,210 --> 00:06:41,850

misleading the public mr. Roberts said

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00:06:47,720 --> 00:06:44,220

section 11 of the association's in

122

00:06:50,210 --> 00:06:47,730

corporations act 2009 provides the

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00:06:53,210 --> 00:06:50,220

Commissioner for Fair Trading may direct

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00:06:55,300 --> 00:06:53,220

an association to adopt a new name where

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00:06:58,790 --> 00:06:55,310

the name of the Association is

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00:07:00,950 --> 00:06:58,800

unacceptable quote New South Wales Fair

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00:07:03,530 --> 00:07:00,960

Trading has received complaints that the

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00:07:06,350 --> 00:07:03,540

Australian vaccination networks name is

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00:07:08,750 --> 00:07:06,360

confusing and has misled the public as

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00:07:12,050 --> 00:07:08,760

to its operational intention end quote

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00:07:14,810 --> 00:07:12,060

mr. Roberts said quote the Commissioner

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00:07:16,670 --> 00:07:14,820

for Fair Trading rod Stowe as therefore

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00:07:19,400 --> 00:07:16,680

written to the Australian vaccination

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00:07:22,340 --> 00:07:19,410

network directing the Association to

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00:07:24,500 --> 00:07:22,350

change its name end quote the Australian

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00:07:26,960 --> 00:07:24,510

vaccination network is required to lodge

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00:07:31,190 --> 00:07:26,970

an application for registration of a new

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00:07:33,800 --> 00:07:31,200

name by the 21st of february 2013 if an

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00:07:36,050 --> 00:07:33,810

application for registration of a change

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00:07:38,750 --> 00:07:36,060

of name is not made on or before that

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00:07:41,120 --> 00:07:38,760

date Australian vaccination Network

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00:07:43,430 --> 00:07:41,130

incorporated's registration may be

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00:07:45,200 --> 00:07:43,440

cancelled mr. Roberts said the

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00:07:48,260 --> 00:07:45,210

Australian vaccination networks name

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00:07:50,330 --> 00:07:48,270

cannot be tolerated given its stance on

146

00:07:53,660 --> 00:07:50,340

vaccination and the potential for

147

00:07:56,090 --> 00:07:53,670

parents to be confused or misled quote

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00:07:58,130 --> 00:07:56,100

the Australian vaccination network does

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00:08:00,650 --> 00:07:58,140

not present a balanced case for

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00:08:02,360 --> 00:08:00,660

vaccination does not present medical

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00:08:05,060 --> 00:08:02,370

evidence to back up its claims and

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00:08:07,550 --> 00:08:05,070

therefore poses a serious risk of

153

00:08:10,460 --> 00:08:07,560

misleading the community end quote mr.

154

00:08:11,750 --> 00:08:10,470

Roberts said quote the Australian

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00:08:14,180 --> 00:08:11,760

vaccination network

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00:08:16,270 --> 00:08:14,190

can therefore find a new name that is

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00:08:20,000 --> 00:08:16,280

more appropriate given its

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00:08:22,310 --> 00:08:20,010

anti-vaccination stance end quote mr.

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00:08:24,650 --> 00:08:22,320

Roberts said the decision to order the

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00:08:27,290 --> 00:08:24,660

change of name was based on concerns

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00:08:30,260 --> 00:08:27,300

raised by parents medical professionals

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00:08:32,840 --> 00:08:30,270

and the wider community across New South

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00:08:34,820 --> 00:08:32,850

Wales quote it is clear this

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00:08:37,400 --> 00:08:34,830

associations name is not appropriate

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00:08:39,290 --> 00:08:37,410

given what it stands for and the

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00:08:42,020 --> 00:08:39,300

O'Farrell stoner government is committed

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00:08:44,240 --> 00:08:42,030

to ensuring the community is not misled

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00:08:47,420 --> 00:08:44,250

on a critically important public health

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00:08:50,120 --> 00:08:47,430

issue such as vaccinations and quote mr.

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00:08:52,340 --> 00:08:50,130

Roberts said quote we are asking the

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00:08:54,890 --> 00:08:52,350

Australian a vaccination network to be

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00:08:58,460 --> 00:08:54,900

honest and upfront about what they stand

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00:09:05,150 --> 00:08:58,470

for and to choose a new name reflecting

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00:09:06,500 --> 00:09:05,160

their beliefs end quote now I'd like to

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00:09:09,230 --> 00:09:06,510

give a big cheerio to the New South

176
00:09:11,210 --> 00:09:09,240
Wales Government tin but ordering the

177
00:09:14,300 --> 00:09:11,220
Australian vaccination Network I don't

178
00:09:15,920 --> 00:09:14,310
often do this to change its name now if

179
00:09:17,540 --> 00:09:15,930
you followed any of my opinion pieces

180
00:09:19,460 --> 00:09:17,550
over the last couple of years I cannot

181
00:09:21,350 --> 00:09:19,470
stand this mob they call themselves the

182
00:09:23,240 --> 00:09:21,360
Australian vaccination network they're

183
00:09:25,190 --> 00:09:23,250
clearly anti-vaccination based on no

184
00:09:27,440 --> 00:09:25,200
facts whatsoever just based on some

185
00:09:28,880 --> 00:09:27,450
cockamamie theories and of course it's

186
00:09:31,790 --> 00:09:28,890
led to an increase in whooping cough and

187
00:09:33,500 --> 00:09:31,800
various other things for tiny vulnerable

188
00:09:35,450 --> 00:09:33,510

children well good on the Minister for

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00:09:37,100 --> 00:09:35,460

Fair Trading Anthony Roberts for issuing

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00:09:39,170 --> 00:09:37,110

a formal order for them to change their

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00:09:41,180 --> 00:09:39,180

name saying calling themselves the

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00:09:43,340 --> 00:09:41,190

Australian vaccination network does not

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00:09:44,780 --> 00:09:43,350

present a balanced case for vaccination

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00:09:46,700 --> 00:09:44,790

does not present medical evidence to

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00:09:49,310 --> 00:09:46,710

back up its claims and therefore poses a

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00:09:52,700 --> 00:09:49,320

serious risk of misleading the community

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00:09:54,260 --> 00:09:52,710

yeah so their response yes do you want

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00:09:55,820 --> 00:09:54,270

to hear they're responsible wasn't yes

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00:09:58,220 --> 00:09:55,830

this is Meryl Dory who of course lives

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00:10:00,290 --> 00:09:58,230

in the bar in bay region how about the

201
00:10:02,690 --> 00:10:00,300
cancer council couldn't someone be

202
00:10:05,930 --> 00:10:02,700
misled into thinking there for cancer

203
00:10:07,730 --> 00:10:05,940
what and then she has a go saying it's a

204
00:10:09,620 --> 00:10:07,740
conflict of interest because the

205
00:10:11,450 --> 00:10:09,630
original complaint about the name the

206
00:10:13,430 --> 00:10:11,460
Australian vaccination network is from

207
00:10:15,110 --> 00:10:13,440
the Australian Medical Association and

208
00:10:17,390 --> 00:10:15,120
they're going to be affected in the hip

209
00:10:19,910 --> 00:10:17,400
pocket because fewer vaccinations will

210
00:10:21,620 --> 00:10:19,920
cost them dollars you know what I had an

211
00:10:24,170 --> 00:10:21,630
exchange on Facebook with one of these

212
00:10:25,129 --> 00:10:24,180
dipstick oh did you welcome official it

213
00:10:26,780 --> 00:10:25,139

probably was

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00:10:28,960 --> 00:10:26,790

Frankie exchange and I pointed out to

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00:10:31,519 --> 00:10:28,970

her would you like to have polio back I

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00:10:33,889 --> 00:10:31,529

mean I remember as a kid at school and

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00:10:35,329 --> 00:10:33,899

my older listeners would remember this I

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00:10:37,309 --> 00:10:35,339

think it was called something like

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00:10:39,289 --> 00:10:37,319

saving it was an oral vaccine little

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00:10:41,239 --> 00:10:39,299

pink vaccine and the health department

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00:10:42,799 --> 00:10:41,249

came to the school and gave you this

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00:10:44,900 --> 00:10:42,809

little spoonful of vaccine it wasn't a

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00:10:46,789 --> 00:10:44,910

needle and that was a national program

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00:10:48,710 --> 00:10:46,799

or silver certainly statewide in New

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00:10:50,419 --> 00:10:48,720

South Wales and at the moment there's an

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00:10:53,389 --> 00:10:50,429

epidemic and outbreak a massive outbreak

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00:10:55,939 --> 00:10:53,399

of cholera in haiti and if you saw that

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00:10:57,619 --> 00:10:55,949

during no I didn't so I mean we want all

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00:10:58,789 --> 00:10:57,629

these diseases back doing that's a

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00:11:01,210 --> 00:10:58,799

problem people have very short memories

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00:11:03,650 --> 00:11:01,220

to get that measles used to kill very

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00:11:08,379 --> 00:11:03,660

informal countries fruitful problem so

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00:11:12,559 --> 00:11:11,090

we've got a call from Anthony Roberts

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00:11:14,599 --> 00:11:12,569

our new south wales fair trading

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00:11:15,859 --> 00:11:14,609

Minister how are you going Minister I'm

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00:11:17,530 --> 00:11:15,869

very well and thank you very much for

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00:11:20,530 --> 00:11:17,540

having me on the program those are nice

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00:11:22,759 --> 00:11:20,540

trash tracys just given you a big rap

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00:11:24,049 --> 00:11:22,769

well well thank you try if you've hit it

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00:11:25,999 --> 00:11:24,059

right on the head but what we're asking

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00:11:27,799 --> 00:11:26,009

this organization to do is to be upfront

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00:11:29,989 --> 00:11:27,809

and honest with people and stop

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00:11:33,079 --> 00:11:29,999

misleading people over an issue that

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00:11:35,389 --> 00:11:33,089

puts young people you know their lives

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00:11:37,909 --> 00:11:35,399

young children their lives at danger and

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00:11:40,519 --> 00:11:37,919

for far too long this organization has

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00:11:43,159 --> 00:11:40,529

been sleeping individuals and getting

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00:11:45,769 --> 00:11:43,169

away with it yeah look mate we've got to

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00:11:47,629 --> 00:11:45,779

rely surely on the medical professionals

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00:11:48,949 --> 00:11:47,639

for some reason these people seem to

251
00:11:52,069 --> 00:11:48,959
think there's some sort of conspiracy

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00:11:54,379 --> 00:11:52,079
going on with vaccinating children it's

253
00:11:55,669 --> 00:11:54,389
just mindless to me I mean the medical

254
00:11:58,009 --> 00:11:55,679
professionals we've got in this state

255
00:12:00,289 --> 00:11:58,019
are the best that I know of and you just

256
00:12:02,929 --> 00:12:00,299
go within surely I certainly and these

257
00:12:04,069 --> 00:12:02,939
people aren't about pro-choice these

258
00:12:06,739 --> 00:12:04,079
people are about pushing and

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00:12:08,389 --> 00:12:06,749
anti-vaccination line and if you really

260
00:12:11,809 --> 00:12:08,399
hit it right on the head with respect

261
00:12:14,779 --> 00:12:11,819
for example the polio vaccine you only

262
00:12:16,159 --> 00:12:14,789
have to talk to I'm 42 have you talked

263
00:12:18,229 --> 00:12:16,169

to my parents you talk to people a

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00:12:20,059 --> 00:12:18,239

little bit older than me the remembered

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00:12:21,409 --> 00:12:20,069

at the times we're quite often in your

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00:12:23,749 --> 00:12:21,419

class you would have in summoning

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00:12:26,329 --> 00:12:23,759

calipers yes people in iron mums and

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00:12:29,139 --> 00:12:26,339

here we have is a vaccine but this

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00:12:31,400 --> 00:12:29,149

organization is totally opposed to

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00:12:33,889 --> 00:12:31,410

minister is there anything else you can

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00:12:35,809 --> 00:12:33,899

do to actually shut them down well

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00:12:38,029 --> 00:12:35,819

certainly what we're trying to do here

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00:12:38,720 --> 00:12:38,039

is we're just asking them to be honest

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00:12:40,069 --> 00:12:38,730

and

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00:12:43,720 --> 00:12:40,079

open with people because what they're

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00:12:46,250 --> 00:12:43,730

pushing is voodoo science is causing

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00:12:47,870 --> 00:12:46,260

causing we've had deaths whooping cough

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00:12:49,460 --> 00:12:47,880

outbreaks but again when we had a

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00:12:51,530 --> 00:12:49,470

measles outbreak this organization

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00:12:55,300 --> 00:12:51,540

pushed it around that in fact it was a

281

00:12:58,879 --> 00:12:55,310

major conspiracy to push the the vaccine

282

00:13:00,740 --> 00:12:58,889

well so again to parents out there you

283

00:13:02,600 --> 00:13:00,750

know if you don't vaccinate your child

284

00:13:04,370 --> 00:13:02,610

you are putting your child at risk and

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00:13:07,220 --> 00:13:04,380

also you're putting other other people's

286

00:13:09,860 --> 00:13:07,230

children at risk yeah so so so again if

287

00:13:12,470 --> 00:13:09,870

you want medical advice actually talk to

288

00:13:15,920 --> 00:13:12,480

a doctor don't don't talk to ruth's like

289

00:13:17,180 --> 00:13:15,930

this and don't go on the web and and get

290

00:13:18,860 --> 00:13:17,190

all this sort of the gum from the rub

291

00:13:19,939 --> 00:13:18,870

don't talk to your local doctor and

292

00:13:22,610 --> 00:13:19,949

they'll tell you the importance of

293

00:13:24,470 --> 00:13:22,620

vaccinating your child Anthony you know

294

00:13:26,240 --> 00:13:24,480

it worries the life out of me that

295

00:13:28,670 --> 00:13:26,250

people do that i mean the Internet is a

296

00:13:31,009 --> 00:13:28,680

wonderful tool i love it we all love it

297

00:13:32,540 --> 00:13:31,019

but it's full of this stuff and you just

298

00:13:35,090 --> 00:13:32,550

got to make sure it's right before you

299

00:13:37,670 --> 00:13:35,100

go with it and a lot of it's not a look

300

00:13:39,680 --> 00:13:37,680

in a lot of these nut jobs and are using

301

00:13:41,840 --> 00:13:39,690

a technical term you know these are

302

00:13:43,970 --> 00:13:41,850

people that purport and there's far too

303

00:13:46,250 --> 00:13:43,980

much of your right self-diagnosis by by

304

00:13:48,170 --> 00:13:46,260

google these days the issue here is that

305

00:13:50,420 --> 00:13:48,180

these are people that push the strange

306

00:13:52,490 --> 00:13:50,430

diets you know the brie the Aryans for

307

00:13:55,430 --> 00:13:52,500

example the sort of people you meet on

308

00:13:56,780 --> 00:13:55,440

these websites but yeah you don't eat

309

00:13:57,829 --> 00:13:56,790

all your you don't drink what you do is

310

00:14:00,079 --> 00:13:57,839

you surround yourself with positive

311

00:14:02,210 --> 00:14:00,089

vibes and and breathing natural earring

312

00:14:04,400 --> 00:14:02,220

look again people have just got to show

313

00:14:05,870 --> 00:14:04,410

some common sense and where you have

314

00:14:09,319 --> 00:14:05,880

particularly where these people are

315

00:14:12,290 --> 00:14:09,329

strong you have outbreaks of whooping

316

00:14:13,610 --> 00:14:12,300

cough and you come across those awful

317

00:14:15,620 --> 00:14:13,620

stories of people moving into these

318

00:14:17,059 --> 00:14:15,630

areas with children that are too young

319

00:14:19,490 --> 00:14:17,069

to be vaccinated of the whooping cough

320

00:14:21,680 --> 00:14:19,500

it in one case picking whooping cough

321

00:14:24,170 --> 00:14:21,690

cough up which is I've got a little boy

322

00:14:26,480 --> 00:14:24,180

who's 3 and 1 is 1 and and you've just

323

00:14:28,309 --> 00:14:26,490

got to see the images of what whooping

324

00:14:30,860 --> 00:14:28,319

cough does and if the deaths that have

325

00:14:33,949 --> 00:14:30,870

occurred to really focus you on the

326

00:14:36,650 --> 00:14:33,959

statuses people are not just not like

327

00:14:38,689 --> 00:14:36,660

not just lie these people putting young

328

00:14:40,160 --> 00:14:38,699

people's lives at risk can I just say

329

00:14:42,259 --> 00:14:40,170

Minister thank you so much for calling

330

00:14:43,610 --> 00:14:42,269

in and speaking so strongly about this

331

00:14:46,579 --> 00:14:43,620

issue that a lot of people have been

332

00:14:48,290 --> 00:14:46,589

angry about gosh forever in a day thank

333

00:14:49,699 --> 00:14:48,300

you goodnight pleasure thank you very

334

00:14:51,559 --> 00:14:49,709

much for your support thanks for jumping

335

00:14:52,610 --> 00:14:51,569

on the phone one of the great

336

00:14:55,160 --> 00:14:52,620

broadcasters vault

337

00:14:57,170 --> 00:14:55,170

lawzy had polio as a child and he'll

338

00:14:58,430 --> 00:14:57,180

tell you and we have lunch a few of us

339

00:14:59,750 --> 00:14:58,440

have lunch with us a few times a year

340

00:15:02,000 --> 00:14:59,760

and it'll tell you you know awful

341

00:15:03,230 --> 00:15:02,010

stories about that and how he thought

342

00:15:05,510 --> 00:15:03,240

his life was going to be changed forever

343

00:15:07,100 --> 00:15:05,520

he recovered thankfully but he had it I

344

00:15:09,470 --> 00:15:07,110

mean that's the thing I mean it's my

345

00:15:11,180 --> 00:15:09,480

vintage we got that vaccine and I to

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00:15:12,740 --> 00:15:11,190

come aboard was cool but it was an oral

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00:15:15,020 --> 00:15:12,750

one and I remember it pink a little

348

00:15:18,920 --> 00:15:15,030

spoon we all lined up in the gob and way

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00:15:21,080 --> 00:15:18,930

you win moving on now and a

350

00:15:23,090 --> 00:15:21,090

controversial anti-vaccination group has

351
00:15:25,310 --> 00:15:23,100
been ordered to change its name because

352
00:15:26,810 --> 00:15:25,320
it's misleading the public New South

353
00:15:28,730 --> 00:15:26,820
Wales Office of Fair Trading has

354
00:15:30,650 --> 00:15:28,740
presented the Australian vaccination

355
00:15:32,810 --> 00:15:30,660
network with a formal letter of action

356
00:15:35,390 --> 00:15:32,820
it must lodge an application to register

357
00:15:37,550 --> 00:15:35,400
a new name by the 21st of february or

358
00:15:39,620 --> 00:15:37,560
face cancellation the Fair Trading

359
00:15:41,840 --> 00:15:39,630
Minister Anthony Roberts says the avian

360
00:15:43,940 --> 00:15:41,850
doesn't present a balanced case of for

361
00:15:46,040 --> 00:15:43,950
vaccination and he's liking the group's

362
00:15:48,710 --> 00:15:46,050
message to allowing a speeding motorist

363
00:15:49,700 --> 00:15:48,720

to endanger others on the road now mo

364

00:15:51,860 --> 00:15:49,710

what do you think about this is the

365

00:15:53,780 --> 00:15:51,870

right thing to do to to make this

366

00:15:55,700 --> 00:15:53,790

anti-vaccination organization change

367

00:15:58,760 --> 00:15:55,710

their their name so they don't mislead

368

00:16:02,420 --> 00:15:58,770

parents I think so I mean their message

369

00:16:04,340 --> 00:16:02,430

seems to me disastrous because the the

370

00:16:06,560 --> 00:16:04,350

child that's not vaccinated ends up

371

00:16:09,320 --> 00:16:06,570

infecting the child his vaccination

372

00:16:11,570 --> 00:16:09,330

maybe do or his vet vaccination was

373

00:16:14,030 --> 00:16:11,580

ineffective or not fully effective so

374

00:16:16,040 --> 00:16:14,040

anything we can do to at least make sure

375

00:16:19,100 --> 00:16:16,050

that they are who they claim to be or

376

00:16:21,200 --> 00:16:19,110

seem to be rather than some sort of

377

00:16:23,390 --> 00:16:21,210

information group on the issue generally

378

00:16:25,280 --> 00:16:23,400

good luck to Anthony Roberts the

379

00:16:26,780 --> 00:16:25,290

minister Katherine the minister says the

380

00:16:28,670 --> 00:16:26,790

information they provide as a matter of

381

00:16:30,620 --> 00:16:28,680

life of death is a fair enough that

382

00:16:31,820 --> 00:16:30,630

consumers know where this organization

383

00:16:33,500 --> 00:16:31,830

is coming from because if you look at

384

00:16:35,000 --> 00:16:33,510

their website they they say they're just

385

00:16:37,490 --> 00:16:35,010

promoting choice they don't actually

386

00:16:40,670 --> 00:16:37,500

admit to being anti-vaccination what a

387

00:16:42,710 --> 00:16:40,680

load of rubbish oh I'm sorry I'm not

388

00:16:45,290 --> 00:16:42,720

going to stand up for this group's human

389

00:16:47,720 --> 00:16:45,300

rights or freedom of expression you know

390

00:16:50,540 --> 00:16:47,730

parents should vaccinate their kids it's

391

00:16:52,700 --> 00:16:50,550

a public health necessity I have no

392

00:16:55,400 --> 00:16:52,710

sympathy or you know doesn't pull at my

393

00:16:56,930 --> 00:16:55,410

heartstrings Steve that that they need

394

00:16:58,490 --> 00:16:56,940

to disclose to the public what they're

395

00:16:59,900 --> 00:16:58,500

on about I think that's a good that's a

396

00:17:01,430 --> 00:16:59,910

good thing it's interesting if you look

397

00:17:04,100 --> 00:17:01,440

at their website though they do say that

398

00:17:04,679 --> 00:17:04,110

they're victims of you know their human

399

00:17:07,689 --> 00:17:04,689

rights here

400

00:17:09,429 --> 00:17:07,699

persecution yes I think not I think

401
00:17:12,069 --> 00:17:09,439
people who don't vaccinate their kids

402
00:17:13,780 --> 00:17:12,079
are perpetrating a form of persecution

403
00:17:16,329 --> 00:17:13,790
so let's stay on the main game with this

404
00:17:18,549 --> 00:17:16,339
one I think Pete the avian says forcing

405
00:17:20,140 --> 00:17:18,559
them to change their own name is not in

406
00:17:21,880 --> 00:17:20,150
the public interest it's only in the

407
00:17:24,280 --> 00:17:21,890
interest of pharmaceutical companies

408
00:17:27,370 --> 00:17:24,290
government policy and mainstream medical

409
00:17:29,320 --> 00:17:27,380
organizations taking the the specific

410
00:17:31,240 --> 00:17:29,330
issue of vaccination aside I don't know

411
00:17:32,830 --> 00:17:31,250
about Fair Trading starting to move into

412
00:17:34,780 --> 00:17:32,840
polities you can just imagine them

413
00:17:36,940 --> 00:17:34,790

calling in Labor's not labor anymore

414

00:17:40,510 --> 00:17:36,950

bringing fed know liberals left in the

415

00:17:43,210 --> 00:17:40,520

Liberal Party greens approved a damn so

416

00:17:46,450 --> 00:17:43,220

you know fair work australia essential

417

00:17:48,280 --> 00:17:46,460

media isn't essential more jobs better

418

00:17:50,350 --> 00:17:48,290

pay the legislation is well but it's

419

00:17:53,200 --> 00:17:50,360

interesting isn't it the importance of a

420

00:17:54,990 --> 00:17:53,210

name and a brand I don't know where the

421

00:17:57,549 --> 00:17:55,000

remit of Fair Trading goes with this

422

00:17:59,440 --> 00:17:57,559

well it would it would come down to the

423

00:18:01,180 --> 00:17:59,450

fact that this would be the race of

424

00:18:03,190 --> 00:18:01,190

funds community a community they're

425

00:18:05,620 --> 00:18:03,200

raising funds and also I guess it's

426

00:18:07,210 --> 00:18:05,630

about misleading the public on public

427

00:18:08,919 --> 00:18:07,220

health issues that are a matter of life

428

00:18:12,039 --> 00:18:08,929

of death recall the last heat out of

429

00:18:13,840 --> 00:18:12,049

fair trading in this space was the lobby

430

00:18:16,000 --> 00:18:13,850

group that helped to really create

431

00:18:17,470 --> 00:18:16,010

Thompson on the Central Coast and they

432

00:18:19,870 --> 00:18:17,480

certainly had the power to what they

433

00:18:21,159 --> 00:18:19,880

call yeah it wasn't around their name

434

00:18:23,740 --> 00:18:21,169

but it was about where the funds were

435

00:18:26,320 --> 00:18:23,750

going so they do regulate organizations

436

00:18:28,180 --> 00:18:26,330

that raise funds so I'm sure I'm sure

437

00:18:29,980 --> 00:18:28,190

it's within within chattering status

438

00:18:32,320 --> 00:18:29,990

yeah and Catherine it's interesting that

439

00:18:34,450 --> 00:18:32,330

the area of New South Wales where this

440

00:18:38,110 --> 00:18:34,460

organization operates has a low

441

00:18:40,240 --> 00:18:38,120

vaccination rate which below the herd

442

00:18:42,130 --> 00:18:40,250

immunity level which in dangers the

443

00:18:44,020 --> 00:18:42,140

community to issues like whooping cough

444

00:18:47,020 --> 00:18:44,030

as well you know is that right I wasn't

445

00:19:01,450 --> 00:18:47,030

aware of that well but in Bolton's the

446

00:19:08,440 --> 00:19:04,630

on Saturday the ninth of february 2013

447

00:19:11,500 --> 00:19:08,450

why not go to surfside summer Skepta

448

00:19:14,139 --> 00:19:11,510

camp come down the glorious Surf Coast

449

00:19:17,799 --> 00:19:14,149

for a summer skeptical event hosted by

450

00:19:19,419 --> 00:19:17,809

the great ocean road skeptics for more

451

00:19:22,230 --> 00:19:19,429

information if you're in that neck of

452

00:19:28,960 --> 00:19:22,240

the woods run to facebook and search for

453

00:19:36,940 --> 00:19:32,500

Maynard's Malays a very may not

454

00:19:38,620 --> 00:19:36,950

christmas 2012 yes mein Huns got his own

455

00:19:41,529 --> 00:19:38,630

show folks you know that I know that

456

00:19:44,500 --> 00:19:41,539

spread the word Maynard's Malays a very

457

00:19:48,779 --> 00:19:44,510

Maynard Christmas 2012 download for your

458

00:19:52,539 --> 00:19:48,789

listening pleasure visit w WM a nerd

459

00:20:06,580 --> 00:19:52,549

calm I you for Maynard's malaise and

460

00:20:09,950 --> 00:20:06,590

more here's may not spooky action at a

461

00:20:15,330 --> 00:20:13,049

look I'm talking to a man now just

462

00:20:17,039 --> 00:20:15,340

cynically near the men's toilets he's a

463

00:20:18,960 --> 00:20:17,049

man who's a shell of himself he's what

464

00:20:20,970 --> 00:20:18,970

are you saying about me because I'm just

465

00:20:23,759 --> 00:20:20,980

saying you're beaten said it is not the

466

00:20:26,100 --> 00:20:23,769

70s it's a very long weekend for someone

467

00:20:28,739 --> 00:20:26,110

like you isn't it yeah it's a long but

468

00:20:31,350 --> 00:20:28,749

gratifying weekend you know 12 hour days

469

00:20:34,379 --> 00:20:31,360

name of the game at something like this

470

00:20:36,659 --> 00:20:34,389

but it's so paradoxically invigorating

471

00:20:39,359 --> 00:20:36,669

long hours but puts wind in your sails

472

00:20:42,080 --> 00:20:39,369

talking to people who have traveled from

473

00:20:44,729 --> 00:20:42,090

all over Australia for this event and

474

00:20:46,799 --> 00:20:44,739

people are leaving renewed and sort of

475

00:20:48,539 --> 00:20:46,809

energized thinking about ways they can

476

00:20:51,539 --> 00:20:48,549

work together roll up their sleeves get

477

00:20:53,759 --> 00:20:51,549

good work done for you know advancing

478

00:20:55,769 --> 00:20:53,769

scientific skepticism in their neck of

479

00:20:57,479 --> 00:20:55,779

the woods it's exciting DJ you've got a

480

00:20:59,549 --> 00:20:57,489

lot of experience networking at these

481

00:21:01,289 --> 00:20:59,559

things you're very patient with people

482

00:21:03,090 --> 00:21:01,299

is this something you had to learn to be

483

00:21:04,799 --> 00:21:03,100

good at this or did you know I mean have

484

00:21:07,379 --> 00:21:04,809

you naturally been a good networker

485

00:21:09,029 --> 00:21:07,389

maybe have a good networker maybe I'm

486

00:21:10,799 --> 00:21:09,039

pretending maybe I'm actually an

487

00:21:13,229 --> 00:21:10,809

introvert who can't wait to get back to

488

00:21:15,690 --> 00:21:13,239

my hotel room and just read a book no

489

00:21:18,899 --> 00:21:15,700

really I like these people that these

490

00:21:20,220 --> 00:21:18,909

are my people this is my tribe we're

491

00:21:23,279 --> 00:21:20,230

social primates we like to be around

492

00:21:25,859 --> 00:21:23,289

people in general but these are the

493

00:21:28,919 --> 00:21:25,869

sorts of people that if someone has a

494

00:21:31,499 --> 00:21:28,929

good idea it gets contagious and it just

495

00:21:33,180 --> 00:21:31,509

floods conversation everybody starts

496

00:21:35,700 --> 00:21:33,190

talking about ways they can improve on

497

00:21:38,340 --> 00:21:35,710

it and make it better the skeptic

498

00:21:40,769 --> 00:21:38,350

community is not in need of good ideas

499

00:21:43,769 --> 00:21:40,779

and increasingly we're no longer in need

500

00:21:46,080 --> 00:21:43,779

of good folks to implement them either

501
00:21:47,759 --> 00:21:46,090
and that's what this weekend was all

502
00:21:51,149 --> 00:21:47,769
about you know people who won the awards

503
00:21:53,310 --> 00:21:51,159
this weekend they did so because of the

504
00:21:56,039 --> 00:21:53,320
great work they're doing citizens for

505
00:22:00,379 --> 00:21:56,049
what was that a friends of science and

506
00:22:03,899 --> 00:22:00,389
medicine right and the anti anti vax

507
00:22:05,129 --> 00:22:03,909
activities here such great work now did

508
00:22:06,419 --> 00:22:05,139
something come out of this weekend you

509
00:22:08,039 --> 00:22:06,429
didn't expect or something that will be

510
00:22:10,019 --> 00:22:08,049
great moving forward as they like to say

511
00:22:11,820 --> 00:22:10,029
well what I was very excited to hear

512
00:22:14,399 --> 00:22:11,830
about is

513
00:22:17,759 --> 00:22:14,409

the work in development for online

514

00:22:20,370 --> 00:22:17,769

citizens skepticism and of course there

515

00:22:22,740 --> 00:22:20,380

were lots of talk about plans and

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00:22:24,960 --> 00:22:22,750

projects in the works regarding digital

517

00:22:28,110 --> 00:22:24,970

publishing and I heard someone talking

518

00:22:30,570 --> 00:22:28,120

about his really exciting plans to

519

00:22:33,269 --> 00:22:30,580

launch a new podcast on skeptical

520

00:22:35,759 --> 00:22:33,279

psychology or basically pushing back

521

00:22:38,039 --> 00:22:35,769

against pseudo psychology talked with a

522

00:22:40,950 --> 00:22:38,049

woman at the end of the sessions today

523

00:22:42,480 --> 00:22:40,960

about children's skeptical books and

524

00:22:44,100 --> 00:22:42,490

partnering with the jrf to make these

525

00:22:45,539 --> 00:22:44,110

available in the United States and

526

00:22:47,279 --> 00:22:45,549

really around the world you know when

527

00:22:50,460 --> 00:22:47,289

you're talking digital media they don't

528

00:22:54,210 --> 00:22:50,470

have nation state boundaries a podcast

529

00:22:56,100 --> 00:22:54,220

can be heard by anybody or the digital

530

00:22:58,350 --> 00:22:56,110

publications can be made available for

531

00:23:00,240 --> 00:22:58,360

anyone so I'm excited about that sort of

532

00:23:02,159 --> 00:23:00,250

stuff it is a long weekend you have to

533

00:23:04,110 --> 00:23:02,169

keep your eye on Randy because as you

534

00:23:05,430 --> 00:23:04,120

say yourself he'll talk until he drops

535

00:23:06,750 --> 00:23:05,440

you have to keep you have to just drag

536

00:23:08,340 --> 00:23:06,760

him away from people every once in a

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00:23:10,259 --> 00:23:08,350

while well I wouldn't say drag him away

538

00:23:13,879 --> 00:23:10,269

but you know there's a balancing effort

539

00:23:15,810 --> 00:23:13,889

because he is he just feeds off the the

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00:23:17,970 --> 00:23:15,820

sound a little new age here but the

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00:23:21,000 --> 00:23:17,980

positive energy of these folks who care

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00:23:22,830 --> 00:23:21,010

so much about doing good by being right

543

00:23:25,620 --> 00:23:22,840

that skepticism you know applying

544

00:23:27,810 --> 00:23:25,630

critical rationality to problems to undo

545

00:23:29,340 --> 00:23:27,820

credulity all of that stuff and we do it

546

00:23:32,070 --> 00:23:29,350

to make the world a better place that

547

00:23:35,129 --> 00:23:32,080

turns Randy on and he will talk and

548

00:23:38,460 --> 00:23:35,139

listen about it all day long few days

549

00:23:40,320 --> 00:23:38,470

ago he was giving a lecture to secondary

550

00:23:41,730 --> 00:23:40,330

college that's why I guess the high

551
00:23:43,950 --> 00:23:41,740
school and their junior high that's what

552
00:23:46,529 --> 00:23:43,960
you call it an amazing heat yeah an

553
00:23:49,889 --> 00:23:46,539
amazing heat it was a hundred degrees

554
00:23:52,200 --> 00:23:49,899
the AC was off I of course was prudently

555
00:23:53,970 --> 00:23:52,210
suggesting you know maybe no harm in

556
00:23:56,610 --> 00:23:53,980
canceling it's a hundred degrees there's

557
00:23:58,259 --> 00:23:56,620
300 kids in the in the seats you know

558
00:24:01,710 --> 00:23:58,269
they're not going to love sitting for an

559
00:24:04,620 --> 00:24:01,720
hour squirming in this heat he insisted

560
00:24:07,500 --> 00:24:04,630
no the show must go on he gave his our

561
00:24:10,680 --> 00:24:07,510
lecture we put a fan on him he did his

562
00:24:12,090 --> 00:24:10,690
escape he talked about how his

563
00:24:15,210 --> 00:24:12,100

background in magic informs his

564

00:24:17,250 --> 00:24:15,220

skeptical work he shared the stories

565

00:24:20,659 --> 00:24:17,260

about how the youngsters can apply

566

00:24:23,779 --> 00:24:20,669

skepticism to make their lives better

567

00:24:27,859 --> 00:24:23,789

and it was a smashing success despite

568

00:24:30,289 --> 00:24:27,869

the sauna heat that's Randy and so do i

569

00:24:32,930 --> 00:24:30,299

have to keep my honor certainly not but

570

00:24:35,869 --> 00:24:32,940

some times do I have to say oh it's been

571

00:24:37,999 --> 00:24:35,879

a long day I really can't wait until I

572

00:24:40,580 --> 00:24:38,009

hit the sack and sometimes he might take

573

00:24:41,960 --> 00:24:40,590

that hint yeah now look at finally just

574

00:24:43,729 --> 00:24:41,970

on a personal note here there's been a

575

00:24:46,039 --> 00:24:43,739

lot of talk about the controversy

576

00:24:48,619 --> 00:24:46,049

surrounding cam and that was your

577

00:24:50,479 --> 00:24:48,629

denialism of Bananarama your Bananarama

578

00:24:52,460 --> 00:24:50,489

denialism that came out in our interview

579

00:24:55,009 --> 00:24:52,470

and your Elton John ism which you

580

00:24:57,109 --> 00:24:55,019

blatantly pushed I you still adamant

581

00:24:59,779 --> 00:24:57,119

about that or you an apologist I you

582

00:25:02,389 --> 00:24:59,789

know I have to admit when I'm wrong and

583

00:25:04,700 --> 00:25:02,399

that's a sign of a good skeptic I have

584

00:25:06,889 --> 00:25:04,710

recently become a convert to Bananarama

585

00:25:10,430 --> 00:25:06,899

the details of which i will leave

586

00:25:12,769 --> 00:25:10,440

private because even open transparent

587

00:25:14,749 --> 00:25:12,779

skeptics like myself have to keep what

588

00:25:16,340 --> 00:25:14,759

they do with Bananarama to themselves

589

00:25:17,629 --> 00:25:16,350

okay it's great you've set the record

590

00:25:20,869 --> 00:25:17,639

straight and what do you do after a

591

00:25:22,909 --> 00:25:20,879

conference like this to one down I am

592

00:25:25,759 --> 00:25:22,919

really into comic books and I have

593

00:25:28,609 --> 00:25:25,769

thousands of them on my iPad so that you

594

00:25:30,499 --> 00:25:28,619

know that's always fun I'll tell you but

595

00:25:31,999 --> 00:25:30,509

I'm sure you won't tell anyone else yeah

596

00:25:33,560 --> 00:25:32,009

we wouldn't be a cherry popped out guy

597

00:25:35,359 --> 00:25:33,570

would you're not I don't even know what

598

00:25:38,299 --> 00:25:35,369

that means but it sounds vulgar it is

599

00:25:41,169 --> 00:25:38,309

yeah okay so make mine marvel marvel

600

00:25:43,549 --> 00:25:41,179

universe comic books that's fine and so

601
00:25:47,269 --> 00:25:43,559
I'm sure you'll keep it to yourself but

602
00:25:49,070 --> 00:25:47,279
I take baths all the time every day I

603
00:25:50,989 --> 00:25:49,080
take a bath and I read some comic books

604
00:25:52,549 --> 00:25:50,999
and that's my idea of winding down

605
00:25:54,289 --> 00:25:52,559
eating toast in the bath having cup of

606
00:25:56,539 --> 00:25:54,299
tea it's fantastic yeah yeah and when I

607
00:25:58,220 --> 00:25:56,549
learned you know after ten years of

608
00:25:59,930 --> 00:25:58,230
taking a bath every day I never take

609
00:26:01,279 --> 00:25:59,940
showers unless I'm unfortunate enough to

610
00:26:04,460 --> 00:26:01,289
be in a hotel room that doesn't have a

611
00:26:06,739 --> 00:26:04,470
bath after ten years this sort of

612
00:26:08,570 --> 00:26:06,749
lifestyle commitment learning that none

613
00:26:10,220 --> 00:26:08,580

other than the guy who's responsible for

614

00:26:12,289 --> 00:26:10,230

the world economic collapse Alan

615

00:26:15,139 --> 00:26:12,299

Greenspan also takes morning baths every

616

00:26:19,099 --> 00:26:15,149

day well I'm in good company DJ Grothe

617

00:26:20,989 --> 00:26:19,109

long may you bathe long may I bathe yes

618

00:26:23,850 --> 00:26:20,999

made it pleasure to talk to you again

619

00:26:26,710 --> 00:26:23,860

good seeing you this time

620

00:26:28,840 --> 00:26:26,720

look I'm just going to the the muses

621

00:26:30,549 --> 00:26:28,850

corner now where the mic stand set up

622

00:26:32,650 --> 00:26:30,559

for a bit of music a bit later but I

623

00:26:34,270 --> 00:26:32,660

ranza gave how are you I'm very well

624

00:26:36,190 --> 00:26:34,280

thank you how are you pretty good in

625

00:26:38,320 --> 00:26:36,200

congratulations on making the top 5

626

00:26:39,970 --> 00:26:38,330

good-looking guys in Chrissy's all the

627

00:26:42,870 --> 00:26:39,980

special list of sexy skeptical men

628

00:26:46,000 --> 00:26:42,880

yesterday yeah well the list comprised

629

00:26:47,980 --> 00:26:46,010

Randy at number 5 Lord Monckton as

630

00:26:50,650 --> 00:26:47,990

number four because he has a head like a

631

00:26:53,410 --> 00:26:50,660

goldfish giant goldfish I was at number

632

00:26:55,770 --> 00:26:53,420

three and embarrassingly Richard Dawkins

633

00:26:58,330 --> 00:26:55,780

what I was at number two ahead of me so

634

00:27:00,150 --> 00:26:58,340

so yeah well Richard Saunders was a

635

00:27:02,110 --> 00:27:00,160

number one by the way so yeah so yeah

636

00:27:03,940 --> 00:27:02,120

behind Richard Dawkins I'm not so sure

637

00:27:05,890 --> 00:27:03,950

about that I I need to have a chat with

638

00:27:07,720 --> 00:27:05,900

Krissy yeah I think she have a deep chat

639

00:27:09,520 --> 00:27:07,730

with her you've been to many of these

640

00:27:11,020 --> 00:27:09,530

over the years how does this skeptical

641

00:27:12,430 --> 00:27:11,030

conference stack up compared to other

642

00:27:14,350 --> 00:27:12,440

ones is there any different bent to it

643

00:27:16,870 --> 00:27:14,360

any different make up any different feel

644

00:27:18,549 --> 00:27:16,880

well I think I think it continues with

645

00:27:22,360 --> 00:27:18,559

the shift we've seen over several years

646

00:27:24,460 --> 00:27:22,370

now of the that can't the content being

647

00:27:26,110 --> 00:27:24,470

the kind of things that actually appeals

648

00:27:28,150 --> 00:27:26,120

more to a younger audience there's more

649

00:27:29,799 --> 00:27:28,160

about the internet about about being

650

00:27:31,390 --> 00:27:29,809

very active about skeptics in the pub

651
00:27:34,630 --> 00:27:31,400
about the kind of things that actually

652
00:27:36,400 --> 00:27:34,640
in my opinion exemplify what the

653
00:27:38,590 --> 00:27:36,410
skeptical movement the modern skeptical

654
00:27:40,480 --> 00:27:38,600
movement is and what it's all about so I

655
00:27:43,900 --> 00:27:40,490
think it's great you know we have a

656
00:27:46,510 --> 00:27:43,910
great lineup of speakers here I think so

657
00:27:49,120 --> 00:27:46,520
far every single talk was great the

658
00:27:51,430 --> 00:27:49,130
panels were great I think for me the

659
00:27:55,299 --> 00:27:51,440
highlights were Adam yesterday Adam van

660
00:27:58,870 --> 00:27:55,309
Lang about yesterday and in Lawrence

661
00:28:00,340 --> 00:27:58,880
this morning both of whom I I know and

662
00:28:02,409 --> 00:28:00,350
like and that they're funny and

663
00:28:04,299 --> 00:28:02,419

inspiring and they actually do things

664

00:28:06,820 --> 00:28:04,309

and get out there and make a difference

665

00:28:08,770 --> 00:28:06,830

so yeah it reads me great so far and

666

00:28:10,299 --> 00:28:08,780

just the listeners many of them might

667

00:28:11,350 --> 00:28:10,309

know that you've started a new job and

668

00:28:12,610 --> 00:28:11,360

that's one the reasons why you had to

669

00:28:13,570 --> 00:28:12,620

step down as president of course you

670

00:28:14,620 --> 00:28:13,580

were stabbed in the back by lots of

671

00:28:15,970 --> 00:28:14,630

people as well that's another thing that

672

00:28:17,350 --> 00:28:15,980

was blood all over the floor it was a

673

00:28:18,909 --> 00:28:17,360

hell of a time wasn't it oh it was

674

00:28:20,049 --> 00:28:18,919

fantastic it has a job coming along how

675

00:28:24,310 --> 00:28:20,059

you're balancing the work-life balance

676
00:28:26,560 --> 00:28:24,320
at the moment life all the work started

677
00:28:27,880 --> 00:28:26,570
this guys are hard work you think he

678
00:28:29,409 --> 00:28:27,890
worked hard for the skeptics imagine

679
00:28:32,140 --> 00:28:29,419
what he does for his family people well

680
00:28:33,270 --> 00:28:32,150
I'll tell you I will be arriving home

681
00:28:35,880 --> 00:28:33,280
tonight at about it

682
00:28:39,300 --> 00:28:35,890
p.m. and tomorrow morning at 8am on a

683
00:28:41,730 --> 00:28:39,310
flight to India so yeah so for two weeks

684
00:28:43,050 --> 00:28:41,740
of for work so it's it's it's a

685
00:28:44,550 --> 00:28:43,060
challenge but it's not it's you know

686
00:28:46,020 --> 00:28:44,560
it's the right you know different stages

687
00:28:47,730 --> 00:28:46,030
in life there's different things and

688
00:28:49,800 --> 00:28:47,740

this is the right thing of this moment

689

00:28:51,630 --> 00:28:49,810

so it's it so it's great now let me ask

690

00:28:54,810 --> 00:28:51,640

you about the bent spoon award that last

691

00:28:56,340 --> 00:28:54,820

night went to homeopathy plus is it does

692

00:28:58,020 --> 00:28:56,350

it ever get acknowledged by the winner

693

00:28:59,490 --> 00:28:58,030

in the history that you've been involved

694

00:29:01,770 --> 00:28:59,500

with the bent spoon award is the winner

695

00:29:04,320 --> 00:29:01,780

ever acknowledged getting it the only

696

00:29:07,740 --> 00:29:04,330

time that I know of was Meryl dori two

697

00:29:09,810 --> 00:29:07,750

years ago no sorry three years ago Meryl

698

00:29:12,600 --> 00:29:09,820

dori did acknowledge the the bent spoon

699

00:29:13,650 --> 00:29:12,610

she basically took it as a badge of

700

00:29:16,350 --> 00:29:13,660

honor which is completely understandable

701

00:29:21,120 --> 00:29:16,360

i think if if she gave us some kind of

702

00:29:22,440 --> 00:29:21,130

quack equivalent the award i think we

703

00:29:24,300 --> 00:29:22,450

would probably acknowledge it and they

704

00:29:25,970 --> 00:29:24,310

take it as a badge of honor can you

705

00:29:29,340 --> 00:29:25,980

expect a reaction from her path a plus i

706

00:29:30,630 --> 00:29:29,350

I don't know you see um Frannie's an odd

707

00:29:32,550 --> 00:29:30,640

one first by the way it wasn't

708

00:29:35,310 --> 00:29:32,560

homeopathy plastic what is it was Fran

709

00:29:38,540 --> 00:29:35,320

herself French a field fan is an odd one

710

00:29:41,940 --> 00:29:38,550

because she she displays she has she has

711

00:29:45,030 --> 00:29:41,950

moments of lucidity among all the

712

00:29:47,640 --> 00:29:45,040

craziness for example she actually came

713

00:29:49,740 --> 00:29:47,650

out against the anti-vaccination against

714

00:29:51,120 --> 00:29:49,750

the IV n for not saying they're against

715

00:29:54,810 --> 00:29:51,130

vaccines and other which seemed quite

716

00:29:56,580 --> 00:29:54,820

reasonable which is very odd I I think

717

00:29:58,920 --> 00:29:56,590

she might and she might not i wouldn't

718

00:30:00,150 --> 00:29:58,930

be surprised by either but it does

719

00:30:01,890 --> 00:30:00,160

really matter i mean we do it's an

720

00:30:03,420 --> 00:30:01,900

internal kind of thing and he provides a

721

00:30:06,360 --> 00:30:03,430

little bit of publicity and the press

722

00:30:08,660 --> 00:30:06,370

likes it and and when when we are when

723

00:30:10,980 --> 00:30:08,670

people write about us in there in the

724

00:30:12,660 --> 00:30:10,990

general press i think we often they

725

00:30:14,580 --> 00:30:12,670

refer to the bed spoon so i think it's

726

00:30:16,530 --> 00:30:14,590

it's a bit of a laugh now what do you

727

00:30:20,130 --> 00:30:16,540

find these strangest claim you've heard

728

00:30:23,070 --> 00:30:20,140

from homeopathy a few weeks ago there

729

00:30:25,440 --> 00:30:23,080

was one about homeopathy for domestic

730

00:30:27,450 --> 00:30:25,450

violence I think that's the that's the I

731

00:30:31,560 --> 00:30:27,460

think that's the weirdest one so was it

732

00:30:33,240 --> 00:30:31,570

simply a calming medicine or something

733

00:30:35,280 --> 00:30:33,250

I'm and how does it work it was quite

734

00:30:38,760 --> 00:30:35,290

quite specific it was quite specific

735

00:30:41,070 --> 00:30:38,770

it's homeopathy can treat domestic

736

00:30:42,720 --> 00:30:41,080

violence there was a whole explanation

737

00:30:44,419 --> 00:30:42,730

there but I don't think there's any need

738

00:30:45,739 --> 00:30:44,429

to go into it because so

739

00:30:48,379 --> 00:30:45,749

frankly not saying anything would be

740

00:30:49,609 --> 00:30:48,389

just as beneficial oh okay well I'll let

741

00:30:51,350 --> 00:30:49,619

you get back in there to get down there

742

00:30:52,759 --> 00:30:51,360

somebody met this weekend that you've

743

00:30:56,960 --> 00:30:52,769

enjoyed meeting you haven't bumped into

744

00:30:59,149 --> 00:30:56,970

before um no I think a look I've known a

745

00:31:00,710 --> 00:30:59,159

lot of you know I've been I quite like

746

00:31:02,330 --> 00:31:00,720

different been around the traps I've

747

00:31:03,680 --> 00:31:02,340

been around the trap so I but it's you

748

00:31:05,239 --> 00:31:03,690

know it's always great to meet the same

749

00:31:07,190 --> 00:31:05,249

people again I haven't met Lee and Kelly

750

00:31:09,109 --> 00:31:07,200

in a few years and Lynn Kelly's been

751

00:31:10,669 --> 00:31:09,119

very influential for me if she used to

752

00:31:12,649 --> 00:31:10,679

help me with some personal stuff because

753

00:31:15,289 --> 00:31:12,659

she's an educator and teacher an idea so

754

00:31:17,060 --> 00:31:15,299

things with my kids so so it was good to

755

00:31:19,039 --> 00:31:17,070

meet her again after see her again after

756

00:31:21,230 --> 00:31:19,049

quite a while but but otherwise I think

757

00:31:22,669 --> 00:31:21,240

I know most of the people that have met

758

00:31:23,899 --> 00:31:22,679

here today and but it's great to meet

759

00:31:26,629 --> 00:31:23,909

old friends again you know it's always a

760

00:31:28,190 --> 00:31:26,639

fantastic fantastic thing to to do you

761

00:31:30,619 --> 00:31:28,200

know you the same thing as we when we go

762

00:31:32,690 --> 00:31:30,629

to Tam in Vegas you know that it's more

763

00:31:34,249 --> 00:31:32,700

of the social event than it is the talks

764

00:31:36,109 --> 00:31:34,259

and all that it's like hanging with the

765

00:31:37,279 --> 00:31:36,119

like-minded people and can I just wish

766

00:31:38,149 --> 00:31:37,289

you all the best with the business and

767

00:31:39,169 --> 00:31:38,159

the work because I'm sure all the

768

00:31:40,549 --> 00:31:39,179

listeners are wondering where you've got

769

00:31:44,869 --> 00:31:40,559

to and that we all wish you the best as

770

00:31:46,489 --> 00:31:44,879

well thank you very much minute you know

771

00:31:47,930 --> 00:31:46,499

they're rushing and flushing and hashing

772

00:31:50,450 --> 00:31:47,940

is a little bit here at lunchtime here

773

00:31:52,999 --> 00:31:50,460

on day two on day two of the test of the

774

00:31:54,230 --> 00:31:53,009

skeptics versus the boredom dr. rachey

775

00:31:56,450 --> 00:31:54,240

what do you been up to here on this

776

00:31:58,369 --> 00:31:56,460

Sunday um well i'm about to give my talk

777

00:32:00,049 --> 00:31:58,379

actually made up now what are you

778

00:32:01,820 --> 00:32:00,059

talking about well what's your topic I'm

779

00:32:03,619 --> 00:32:01,830

smarter than you so just get under the

780

00:32:06,289 --> 00:32:03,629

house I believe that's the title of it

781

00:32:07,690 --> 00:32:06,299

something like that yeah no it's

782

00:32:09,889 --> 00:32:07,700

actually it's going to be about

783

00:32:12,889 --> 00:32:09,899

skepticism in science and applying the

784

00:32:14,989 --> 00:32:12,899

skeptical approach to scientific method

785

00:32:17,210 --> 00:32:14,999

and do scientists ever go too far with

786

00:32:19,129 --> 00:32:17,220

that and therefore miss maybe some

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00:32:21,590 --> 00:32:19,139

important findings that could lead to

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00:32:23,749 --> 00:32:21,600

some discoveries does that often happen

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00:32:25,430 --> 00:32:23,759

when they attempted meta-analysis of a

790

00:32:28,999 --> 00:32:25,440

number of different experiments like

791

00:32:31,279 --> 00:32:29,009

I've told if you have been obviously 120

792

00:32:32,659 --> 00:32:31,289

yeah if you do a number of different if

793

00:32:34,220 --> 00:32:32,669

you observe enough from different

794

00:32:35,749 --> 00:32:34,230

experiments then just take the metadata

795

00:32:38,539 --> 00:32:35,759

and stick it all together you can make

796

00:32:40,009 --> 00:32:38,549

mistakes and meta-analysis no because

797

00:32:43,760 --> 00:32:40,019

the meta-analysis is just really the

798

00:32:46,340 --> 00:32:43,770

next stage and analysis of a bunch of

799

00:32:47,870 --> 00:32:46,350

results so mostly what happened seems

800

00:32:49,870 --> 00:32:47,880

I've read the first two chapters a bad

801
00:32:52,310 --> 00:32:49,880
farmer and I haven't read the rest so I

802
00:32:54,710 --> 00:32:52,320
saw an another first bit of the argument

803
00:32:56,360 --> 00:32:54,720
well I haven't read bad farmer at all so

804
00:32:58,520 --> 00:32:56,370
okay we should have this discussion when

805
00:33:00,170 --> 00:32:58,530
we both read the port yeah well yeah I

806
00:33:01,730 --> 00:33:00,180
thought if I'd bet the first two

807
00:33:03,680 --> 00:33:01,740
chapters that that was all you had to do

808
00:33:05,660 --> 00:33:03,690
really well I mean there are people to

809
00:33:07,340 --> 00:33:05,670
criticize people that don't like the

810
00:33:08,780 --> 00:33:07,350
results of meta-analyses will criticize

811
00:33:11,900 --> 00:33:08,790
the meta-analysis because they'll say

812
00:33:13,280 --> 00:33:11,910
the data that proved their thinking or

813
00:33:15,140 --> 00:33:13,290

belief wasn't included in the

814

00:33:16,520 --> 00:33:15,150

meta-analysis now usually there's a

815

00:33:17,750 --> 00:33:16,530

reason for that Maynard and it's a

816

00:33:19,880 --> 00:33:17,760

scientific reason and that would be

817

00:33:23,330 --> 00:33:19,890

because that study wasn't done very well

818

00:33:25,520 --> 00:33:23,340

though some controls were missing or it

819

00:33:27,110 --> 00:33:25,530

just wasn't very thoroughly conducted so

820

00:33:28,910 --> 00:33:27,120

therefore it's excluded from the final

821

00:33:31,160 --> 00:33:28,920

analysis because it was basically shoddy

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00:33:32,510 --> 00:33:31,170

and if you happen to believe in those

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00:33:34,130 --> 00:33:32,520

shoddy results then you'll criticize

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00:33:35,810 --> 00:33:34,140

meta-analysis ago oh they're all biased

825

00:33:37,640 --> 00:33:35,820

I believe there was a shoddy study

826
00:33:39,980 --> 00:33:37,650
recently done on the spot on that had to

827
00:33:41,720 --> 00:33:39,990
be withdrawn oh I don't know about that

828
00:33:43,810 --> 00:33:41,730
one yeah I heard about on skeptics guide

829
00:33:45,560 --> 00:33:43,820
to the universe that they they put out a

830
00:33:46,790 --> 00:33:45,570
preliminary study that seemed to

831
00:33:48,740 --> 00:33:46,800
indicate that there was a slightly

832
00:33:50,720 --> 00:33:48,750
elevated risk of some sort of cancer

833
00:33:52,580 --> 00:33:50,730
with the Spartan but then a week later

834
00:33:54,530 --> 00:33:52,590
they withdrew it because the the

835
00:33:56,870 --> 00:33:54,540
analysis was incorrect based on the data

836
00:33:59,270 --> 00:33:56,880
that was a little bit not it wasn't good

837
00:34:00,470 --> 00:33:59,280
really yeah I members but this is the

838
00:34:01,970 --> 00:34:00,480

thing about science is why don't you

839

00:34:03,080 --> 00:34:01,980

wonder why they put out they were that

840

00:34:04,520 --> 00:34:03,090

that thing in the first place the

841

00:34:06,290 --> 00:34:04,530

marketing department must have gone hey

842

00:34:07,730 --> 00:34:06,300

let's put this out the marketing

843

00:34:11,360 --> 00:34:07,740

department marketing department for the

844

00:34:12,889 --> 00:34:11,370

survey service up the marketing

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00:34:14,240 --> 00:34:12,899

department for the particular uni or

846

00:34:16,040 --> 00:34:14,250

whatever was it did the experiment

847

00:34:17,750 --> 00:34:16,050

that's not all we need a catchy thing to

848

00:34:19,790 --> 00:34:17,760

get people's attention so probably went

849

00:34:20,960 --> 00:34:19,800

down to the bottom of the experiment

850

00:34:23,149 --> 00:34:20,970

somewhere and grab something that wasn't

851

00:34:25,220 --> 00:34:23,159

relevant look I mean that's that can

852

00:34:27,530 --> 00:34:25,230

also be there's many many steps along

853

00:34:29,260 --> 00:34:27,540

the scientific process where results can

854

00:34:31,250 --> 00:34:29,270

be misinterpreted and one of those is

855

00:34:33,169 --> 00:34:31,260

scientists never ever say a hundred

856

00:34:36,350 --> 00:34:33,179

percent yes or no we can't do that

857

00:34:38,090 --> 00:34:36,360

because by nature of statistical

858

00:34:40,490 --> 00:34:38,100

analysis we can only ever say we're at

859

00:34:42,290 --> 00:34:40,500

ninety-five percent right there's always

860

00:34:44,240 --> 00:34:42,300

an error for plus or minus five

861

00:34:46,310 --> 00:34:44,250

so we're always very cautious and will

862

00:34:47,540 --> 00:34:46,320

say there might be in effect but then

863

00:34:48,890 --> 00:34:47,550

some people will pick that up and go but

864

00:34:51,530 --> 00:34:48,900

the scientists said it's going to kill

865

00:34:53,510 --> 00:34:51,540

me so this Chinese whispers tends to

866

00:34:54,650 --> 00:34:53,520

happen well we've said all there might

867

00:34:56,600 --> 00:34:54,660

be a connection but we're not really

868

00:34:58,790 --> 00:34:56,610

sure how we need to do more research and

869

00:35:01,850 --> 00:34:58,800

we're not sure why yet but it could be

870

00:35:03,740 --> 00:35:01,860

this maybe it's that that gets snapped

871

00:35:05,930 --> 00:35:03,750

up by a PR department here go we're all

872

00:35:09,740 --> 00:35:05,940

gonna die and that kinda thing gonna be

873

00:35:12,020 --> 00:35:09,750

talking about on stage today I know I

874

00:35:13,160 --> 00:35:12,030

didn't know Richard III bumped into you

875

00:35:14,810 --> 00:35:13,170

cuz you've been in the back room doing

876

00:35:16,550 --> 00:35:14,820

those special deals the skeptics do it

877

00:35:18,590 --> 00:35:16,560

this kind of thing you know make making

878

00:35:20,420 --> 00:35:18,600

enemies it's like it's like being voted

879

00:35:21,620 --> 00:35:20,430

off the island skeptically bigger one of

880

00:35:23,270 --> 00:35:21,630

these things is no really it's like an

881

00:35:25,130 --> 00:35:23,280

episode of Survivor I can't tell you

882

00:35:27,170 --> 00:35:25,140

about these things may notice its secret

883

00:35:29,000 --> 00:35:27,180

the secret up to the so-called green

884

00:35:31,310 --> 00:35:29,010

room three times and nobody in there

885

00:35:33,080 --> 00:35:31,320

it's full now it is a lunch up there

886

00:35:34,370 --> 00:35:33,090

with James Randi and DJ Grothe and lots

887

00:35:36,860 --> 00:35:34,380

of people so don't go up there now

888

00:35:38,210 --> 00:35:36,870

you'll be kicked out okay what Leslie

889

00:35:39,530 --> 00:35:38,220

usually thing now I spoke to rebecca

890

00:35:41,390 --> 00:35:39,540

watson earlier about some wonderful

891

00:35:42,860 --> 00:35:41,400

things including Thunder shirts for dogs

892

00:35:44,420 --> 00:35:42,870

and cats which is the shirts that they

893

00:35:46,250 --> 00:35:44,430

wear to make them stop getting at

894

00:35:48,650 --> 00:35:46,260

anxious during thunderstorms and the

895

00:35:50,150 --> 00:35:48,660

bisexuality of James Bond so we've got

896

00:35:53,480 --> 00:35:50,160

some stuff that for great stuff for the

897

00:35:54,890 --> 00:35:53,490

show what well yeah well you when you

898

00:35:56,030 --> 00:35:54,900

talk to rebecca watson you talk pure

899

00:35:59,240 --> 00:35:56,040

science and that's what i was talking

900

00:36:01,670 --> 00:35:59,250

course science pure science may not be

901
00:36:03,080 --> 00:36:01,680
us right sounds interesting that sounds

902
00:36:04,250 --> 00:36:03,090
very interesting how's your convention

903
00:36:06,680 --> 00:36:04,260
with i look pretty good it's like

904
00:36:08,600 --> 00:36:06,690
everything arm now as you know i did

905
00:36:10,340 --> 00:36:08,610
about 90 degrees when i was at am in las

906
00:36:11,840 --> 00:36:10,350
vegas here in melbourne i think we've

907
00:36:14,060 --> 00:36:11,850
done about 50 which sounds about right

908
00:36:15,500 --> 00:36:14,070
and it's interesting that australians

909
00:36:17,510 --> 00:36:15,510
aren't is open to talking as the

910
00:36:19,190 --> 00:36:17,520
Americans in fact I don't think that's a

911
00:36:21,860 --> 00:36:19,200
problem I think it's the Americans had

912
00:36:23,210 --> 00:36:21,870
the problem with oversharing well that's

913
00:36:26,060 --> 00:36:23,220

that's one way of looking at it

914

00:36:28,100 --> 00:36:26,070

oversharing is very nice yes I don't

915

00:36:29,750 --> 00:36:28,110

know try to get a couple of bottles of

916

00:36:32,529 --> 00:36:29,760

vodka into the main art and they'll talk

917

00:36:34,929 --> 00:36:32,539

to anybody again there you go

918

00:36:36,159 --> 00:36:34,939

look we're here at a skeptics convention

919

00:36:37,809 --> 00:36:36,169

I'm talking to someone now who's wearing

920

00:36:39,370 --> 00:36:37,819

devil horns so why are you coming along

921

00:36:41,529 --> 00:36:39,380

as a character that most people who

922

00:36:43,569 --> 00:36:41,539

don't even believe in any way well I

923

00:36:45,519 --> 00:36:43,579

just want anybody you know any

924

00:36:48,909 --> 00:36:45,529

detractors to know that I don't fear

925

00:36:50,679 --> 00:36:48,919

hell so bring it on bro so basically all

926

00:36:53,079 --> 00:36:50,689

your devil horns are saying keep away

927

00:36:55,719 --> 00:36:53,089

from me the hormones are running in the

928

00:36:57,569 --> 00:36:55,729

bad way yeah ha and what he was seen

929

00:36:59,949 --> 00:36:57,579

here at this conference at you enjoy Oh

930

00:37:03,309 --> 00:36:59,959

everybody i mean the the lecturers have

931

00:37:06,219 --> 00:37:03,319

been so great and the amazing Randi a

932

00:37:08,259 --> 00:37:06,229

big hero of mine did you dirty tricks

933

00:37:10,979 --> 00:37:08,269

Lloyd of you some tricks oh yeah he did

934

00:37:14,469 --> 00:37:10,989

a great trick with a levitating matchbox

935

00:37:16,120 --> 00:37:14,479

yeah and I was absolutely mystified and

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00:37:17,679 --> 00:37:16,130

when he explained it I was so

937

00:37:19,179 --> 00:37:17,689

embarrassed because you know I I

938

00:37:21,849 --> 00:37:19,189

considered myself a little bit of an

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00:37:23,979 --> 00:37:21,859

amateur magician but yeah he's the

940

00:37:26,079 --> 00:37:23,989

master are you gonna try it when you go

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00:37:28,120 --> 00:37:26,089

home because it just involves the folds

942

00:37:30,009 --> 00:37:28,130

of the skin doesn't it but the way can

943

00:37:31,870 --> 00:37:30,019

it's amazing it's not oh it's absolutely

944

00:37:33,459 --> 00:37:31,880

incredible yeah I'm gonna I'm gonna try

945

00:37:36,219 --> 00:37:33,469

it on my my housemate who unfortunately

946

00:37:37,929 --> 00:37:36,229

believes all the room so maybe I

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00:37:40,029 --> 00:37:37,939

convince her that i actually have

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00:37:41,769 --> 00:37:40,039

telekinetic powers now so when do have

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00:37:43,479 --> 00:37:41,779

the great discussions with your flatmate

950

00:37:44,439 --> 00:37:43,489

is in the morning over the kitchen table

951
00:37:46,919 --> 00:37:44,449
or is it while you're watching

952
00:37:49,599 --> 00:37:46,929
late-night TV the arguments break out oh

953
00:37:52,959 --> 00:37:49,609
it's anytime she's like well I went to a

954
00:37:55,719 --> 00:37:52,969
tarot reader today and yeah it was

955
00:37:57,489 --> 00:37:55,729
incredible how did she know that I must

956
00:37:59,380 --> 00:37:57,499
own my own business I'm like yeah did

957
00:38:02,079 --> 00:37:59,390
you go on a weekday in the middle of the

958
00:38:03,969 --> 00:38:02,089
day and you had enough money to pay her

959
00:38:06,759 --> 00:38:03,979
I mean you can probably deduct those

960
00:38:08,229 --> 00:38:06,769
things she's like oh oh yeah yeah but

961
00:38:09,999 --> 00:38:08,239
don't there are other things you know

962
00:38:11,979 --> 00:38:10,009
that she just couldn't possibly have

963
00:38:13,390 --> 00:38:11,989

known I'd say you got conflict at home

964

00:38:15,099 --> 00:38:13,400

what about in the workplace do you work

965

00:38:17,589 --> 00:38:15,109

somewhere where occasionally a co-worker

966

00:38:20,709 --> 00:38:17,599

will come in going well my stars are

967

00:38:22,779 --> 00:38:20,719

just so right today oh yeah sometimes I

968

00:38:24,759 --> 00:38:22,789

here in the kitchen a bit of a bit of

969

00:38:26,589 --> 00:38:24,769

talk of i went to the best psychic on

970

00:38:28,719 --> 00:38:26,599

the weekend you should go see them as

971

00:38:30,939 --> 00:38:28,729

well and i just have to bite my tongue

972

00:38:32,380 --> 00:38:30,949

you know office politics oh yes you

973

00:38:33,939 --> 00:38:32,390

usually do now what is the whew that

974

00:38:36,490 --> 00:38:33,949

gets you the most what is the one that

975

00:38:39,280 --> 00:38:36,500

annoys you the most oh absolutely

976

00:38:42,940 --> 00:38:39,290

totally anything that's going to harm

977

00:38:44,890 --> 00:38:42,950

children especially in the medical area

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00:38:46,960 --> 00:38:44,900

like chiropractics for children

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00:38:48,910 --> 00:38:46,970

homeopathy for children not vaccinating

980

00:38:52,960 --> 00:38:48,920

them it just drives me up the wall that

981

00:38:55,540 --> 00:38:52,970

poor like complete innocence of being

982

00:38:58,810 --> 00:38:55,550

hurt by their stupid parents who just

983

00:39:00,850 --> 00:38:58,820

don't ever question like wow wonder why

984

00:39:03,100 --> 00:39:00,860

people these days it can live till

985

00:39:04,510 --> 00:39:03,110

ninety and yet a hundred years ago when

986

00:39:07,630 --> 00:39:04,520

they already had all these herbal

987

00:39:08,830 --> 00:39:07,640

medicines only lived till 30 and here's

988

00:39:11,170 --> 00:39:08,840

let's look at it from the other angle

989

00:39:13,180 --> 00:39:11,180

here what extraordinary claimed you wish

990

00:39:14,920 --> 00:39:13,190

was real I mean of all the extraordinary

991

00:39:16,240 --> 00:39:14,930

claims you hear from your flatmate from

992

00:39:18,040 --> 00:39:16,250

the people at work what's one that you

993

00:39:19,840 --> 00:39:18,050

would kind of like you go hey hang on

994

00:39:21,970 --> 00:39:19,850

flying sources that would be so cool and

995

00:39:23,740 --> 00:39:21,980

look I I think X tres fuels are out

996

00:39:25,810 --> 00:39:23,750

there I believe in UFOs I'm probably

997

00:39:30,190 --> 00:39:25,820

under skip together does that's my one

998

00:39:32,950 --> 00:39:30,200

was yours Mermaid Man why is it

999

00:39:34,390 --> 00:39:32,960

something childhood a movie yeah I was

1000

00:39:36,010 --> 00:39:34,400

kind of obsessed with that movie The

1001
00:39:38,050 --> 00:39:36,020
Little Mermaid when I was a kid and I I

1002
00:39:39,760 --> 00:39:38,060
just wanted to be able to like find out

1003
00:39:41,350 --> 00:39:39,770
one day that I'm secretly half mermaid

1004
00:39:42,940 --> 00:39:41,360
if I get in the water I can just swim

1005
00:39:44,350 --> 00:39:42,950
away from all the stupid people that

1006
00:39:45,760 --> 00:39:44,360
wouldn't that be inconvenient but you

1007
00:39:48,310 --> 00:39:45,770
you put your best bathing suit to go

1008
00:39:50,500 --> 00:39:48,320
down to some killed up here you jump in

1009
00:39:52,930 --> 00:39:50,510
and then suddenly oh no legs anymore I'm

1010
00:39:54,160 --> 00:39:52,940
fins yeah that would be a little bit

1011
00:39:55,660 --> 00:39:54,170
embarrassing yeah I mean when you think

1012
00:39:58,870 --> 00:39:55,670
of the Tom Hanks movie it wasn't all

1013
00:40:01,240 --> 00:39:58,880

that convenient no no but you know the

1014

00:40:03,970 --> 00:40:01,250

on the outside I won't have to swim in

1015

00:40:05,380 --> 00:40:03,980

the slow lane at the pool anymore yeah

1016

00:40:07,270 --> 00:40:05,390

of course we've got rebecca watson here

1017

00:40:10,180 --> 00:40:07,280

a bit of a fan of her oh definitely a

1018

00:40:11,710 --> 00:40:10,190

huge huge fan and now the word feisty is

1019

00:40:13,990 --> 00:40:11,720

always mentioned in the same sentence as

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00:40:17,500 --> 00:40:14,000

rebecca watson um well yeah what does it

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00:40:20,470 --> 00:40:17,510

matter you like oh I'm just so glad that

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00:40:22,510 --> 00:40:20,480

I know she's on a big podcast like the

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00:40:23,800 --> 00:40:22,520

SGU where you know all the other

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00:40:25,510 --> 00:40:23,810

panelists and even the guests are

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00:40:27,430 --> 00:40:25,520

usually man it's just good to have that

1026
00:40:29,410 --> 00:40:27,440
woman's perspective because I think

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00:40:33,670 --> 00:40:29,420
sometimes you know even the most

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00:40:35,860 --> 00:40:33,680
enlightened men they're not very closely

1029
00:40:37,360 --> 00:40:35,870
following issues especially skeptical

1030
00:40:39,400 --> 00:40:37,370
issues that are going to affect where

1031
00:40:41,920 --> 00:40:39,410
so it's good that she can bring it back

1032
00:40:44,410 --> 00:40:41,930
to that when other people may not have

1033
00:40:46,390 --> 00:40:44,420
noticed now I'm are you a fan of the

1034
00:40:48,610 --> 00:40:46,400
godless [h__\h] podcast by the Atheist

1035
00:40:49,840 --> 00:40:48,620
community of Texas Austin Texas oh I

1036
00:40:51,520 --> 00:40:49,850
haven't heard of that line I have to

1037
00:40:53,050 --> 00:40:51,530
look it up it's another bourbon and look

1038
00:40:55,120 --> 00:40:53,060

where actually can you recommend a

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00:40:56,380 --> 00:40:55,130

website or a podcast and a book for us

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00:41:00,000 --> 00:40:56,390

to go because I've been asking people

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00:41:06,890 --> 00:41:02,790

I don't know if I can recommend anything

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00:41:11,580 --> 00:41:06,900

that no one would have heard of so far

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00:41:15,510 --> 00:41:11,590

and if you if you want a good read I'm

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00:41:17,310 --> 00:41:15,520

reading god no and other signs you may

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00:41:19,110 --> 00:41:17,320

be an atheist by Penn Jillette I think

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00:41:20,640 --> 00:41:19,120

that's quite an interesting book and

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00:41:22,770 --> 00:41:20,650

even though I don't agree with all his

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00:41:24,420 --> 00:41:22,780

opinions I think let me guess you have a

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00:41:26,070 --> 00:41:24,430

problem with the libertarianism do you

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00:41:28,350 --> 00:41:26,080

yes yeah I don't know if that's just an

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00:41:29,580 --> 00:41:28,360

Australian thing but I think because

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00:41:31,860 --> 00:41:29,590

we've got a bit of a socialized medicine

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00:41:33,480 --> 00:41:31,870

thing here we understand safety nets a

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00:41:35,940 --> 00:41:33,490

good idea where libertarians are not so

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00:41:38,040 --> 00:41:35,950

big on that larger safety net no no I

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00:41:39,390 --> 00:41:38,050

may disagree with him on that but it's

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00:41:41,730 --> 00:41:39,400

at least good to know another

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00:41:43,680 --> 00:41:41,740

perspective and how other skeptics

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00:41:45,630 --> 00:41:43,690

around the world think an atheist think

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00:41:47,520 --> 00:41:45,640

well I'm gonna get well away from your

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00:42:00,280 --> 00:41:47,530

devil horns now have a great day thank

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00:42:00,290 --> 00:42:08,490

in a world where the truth is a matter

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00:42:08,500 --> 00:42:16,310

your messages are a seat for beyond

1064

00:42:22,460 --> 00:42:19,640

and reason is sidelined for magical

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00:42:28,019 --> 00:42:25,420

only sweet then stand between the truth

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00:42:31,120 --> 00:42:28,029

temples

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00:42:32,829 --> 00:42:31,130

what date is it seven eight several

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00:42:34,240 --> 00:42:32,839

thing this is impressive it's a disaster

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00:42:36,299 --> 00:42:34,250

stand present they're not their

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00:42:39,460 --> 00:42:36,309

photographs of Chinese anthem it's not

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00:42:41,319 --> 00:42:39,470

we are not well received good god we're

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00:42:43,240 --> 00:42:41,329

fully don't discuss cryptozoology on the

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00:42:45,279 --> 00:42:43,250

show very often because we don't know

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00:42:47,079 --> 00:42:45,289

anything about how the truth the price

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00:42:49,000 --> 00:42:47,089

gets lower and lower and lower and then

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00:42:52,960 --> 00:42:49,010

he hits a ceiling it's just even for the

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00:42:54,970 --> 00:42:52,970

Rubin law profession skeptic to the K

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00:43:09,009 --> 00:42:54,980

for the mostest hi skeptics society find

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00:43:13,940 --> 00:43:11,509

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:43:17,690 --> 00:43:13,950

Cernan oh I'm so glad the world didn't

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00:43:19,160 --> 00:43:17,700

come to an end a few days ago I wonder

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00:43:22,700 --> 00:43:19,170

when the next end of the world

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00:43:24,890 --> 00:43:22,710

prediction will be or when that mystical

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00:43:28,459 --> 00:43:24,900

date will be I'm sure we'll find out

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00:43:30,259 --> 00:43:28,469

soon enough but for now from beautiful

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00:43:32,859 --> 00:43:30,269

Auckland what up what a beautiful city

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00:43:35,539 --> 00:43:32,869

it is New Zealand land of the hobbits

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00:43:37,759 --> 00:43:35,549

land a land of the hobbits I tell you

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00:43:40,279 --> 00:43:37,769

what when I flew here on a new zealand

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00:43:41,719 --> 00:43:40,289

the safety video is all done by hobbits

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00:43:44,420 --> 00:43:41,729

when i got off at the airport hobbits

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00:43:46,759 --> 00:43:44,430

everywhere but that's ok can't wait to

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00:43:49,819 --> 00:43:46,769

see the movie but for now this is

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00:43:56,299 --> 00:43:49,829

Richard Saunders signing off from

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00:43:59,690 --> 00:43:56,309

Auckland New Zealand you've been

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00:44:04,099 --> 00:43:59,700

listening to the skeptic zone visit her

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00:44:06,589 --> 00:44:04,109

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