

The Skeptic Zone

Show 222 - 21 Jan 2013



Dr Krissy Wilson

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00:00:22,930 --> 00:00:09,110
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:30,590 --> 00:00:25,790
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:34,310 --> 00:00:30,600
episode number 222 for you numerologists

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00:00:37,610 --> 00:00:34,320
out there 222 for the twenty first of

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00:00:40,970 --> 00:00:37,620
January 2013 Richard Saunders here with

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00:00:43,060 --> 00:00:40,980
you from an overcast Sydney Australia in

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00:00:46,700 --> 00:00:43,070
the past weeks folks in the past week

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00:00:50,810 --> 00:00:46,710
Sydney experienced on Friday its hottest

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00:00:54,500 --> 00:00:50,820
recorded day in history oh yes what was

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00:00:56,240 --> 00:00:54,510
it 45.8 you can do the conversion to

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00:01:01,310 --> 00:00:56,250
Fahrenheit at some time if you wish but

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00:01:03,500 --> 00:01:01,320
believe me it was hot oh yes not as hot

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00:01:04,780 --> 00:01:03,510

as the skeptic zone this week we're

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00:01:07,730 --> 00:01:04,790

going to kick off with maynards

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00:01:10,160 --> 00:01:07,740

interview with dr. Chrissy Wilson and

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00:01:12,560 --> 00:01:10,170

dr. Chrissy who was at the melbourne

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00:01:15,610 --> 00:01:12,570

convention just a few months ago we'll

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00:01:20,060 --> 00:01:15,620

be discussing her opinions on stage

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00:01:22,460 --> 00:01:20,070

psychics for stage performers or people

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00:01:25,609 --> 00:01:22,470

who claim they have special psychic

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00:01:28,420 --> 00:01:25,619

power to talk to dead people and charge

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00:01:31,789 --> 00:01:28,430

money now it's no shock to know that

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00:01:33,950 --> 00:01:31,799

Chrissy is none too pleased with these

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00:01:36,380 --> 00:01:33,960

people anyway find out more at the top

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00:01:38,810 --> 00:01:36,390

of the show with maynards spooky action

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00:01:42,880 --> 00:01:38,820

and then after that main ads back

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00:01:46,730 --> 00:01:42,890

briefly with me I went to see Maynard

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00:01:49,219 --> 00:01:46,740

being the MC for a sort of a public QA

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00:01:51,560 --> 00:01:49,229

of characters from a very popular TV

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00:01:55,459 --> 00:01:51,570

show here in Australia called danger 5

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00:01:57,700 --> 00:01:55,469

and I went along to see Maynard in true

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00:02:00,080 --> 00:01:57,710

form it was really good to see him there

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00:02:02,599 --> 00:02:00,090

handling the audience and talking to the

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00:02:05,539 --> 00:02:02,609

cast of this crazy show if you've got

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00:02:08,330 --> 00:02:05,549

time Google danger 5 have a look at some

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00:02:11,300 --> 00:02:08,340

of the clips it's outrageous it's really

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00:02:12,860 --> 00:02:11,310

it reminds me of something like Spike

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00:02:16,010 --> 00:02:12,870

Milligan might have done all the goodies

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00:02:18,340 --> 00:02:16,020

it's crazy world war two it's ridiculous

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00:02:20,600 --> 00:02:18,350

it's over the top but it's good fun

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00:02:24,200 --> 00:02:20,610

anyway a little chat with may not about

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00:02:25,610 --> 00:02:24,210

danger 5 just for the hell of it and I

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00:02:28,339 --> 00:02:25,620

think we want to get a campaign going

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00:02:30,920 --> 00:02:28,349

folks we want main are to appear in the

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00:02:32,530 --> 00:02:30,930

next series of danger 5 we really do I

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00:02:34,479 --> 00:02:32,540

think you'd be fantastic

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00:02:37,179 --> 00:02:34,489

following that little chat with Maynard

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00:02:39,280 --> 00:02:37,189

and the reason why the skeptic zone is a

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00:02:42,009 --> 00:02:39,290

little bit late this week yesterday I

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00:02:44,679 --> 00:02:42,019

got up nice and early went downtown here

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00:02:46,959 --> 00:02:44,689
and said they jumped on a bus at 7am and

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00:02:48,729 --> 00:02:46,969
headed for Canberra to spend the day

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00:02:50,440 --> 00:02:48,739
with the camera skeptics now they were

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00:02:53,199 --> 00:02:50,450
having a free public screening of Brian

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00:02:55,630 --> 00:02:53,209
Dunning's wonderful documentary here be

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00:02:58,300 --> 00:02:55,640
dragons so I went along enjoyed some

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00:03:00,580 --> 00:02:58,310
time with the camera skeptics went along

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00:03:02,199 --> 00:03:00,590
to the screening of here be dragons with

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00:03:04,420 --> 00:03:02,209
an audience of about 80 people which was

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00:03:07,479 --> 00:03:04,430
fantastic and then afterwards repaired

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00:03:10,839 --> 00:03:07,489
to King O'Malley's pub where we recorded

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00:03:12,640 --> 00:03:10,849
a camera think tank lots of nice people

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00:03:15,520 --> 00:03:12,650

down there in the Australian Capital

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00:03:18,250 --> 00:03:15,530

Territory and a big shout out to laws

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00:03:20,970 --> 00:03:18,260

Amanda and Kevin and all the people who

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00:03:24,190 --> 00:03:20,980

came along to enjoy the day in Canberra

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00:03:25,740 --> 00:03:24,200

coming up soon on the skeptic zone more

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00:03:28,300 --> 00:03:25,750

news about the Australian

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00:03:32,099 --> 00:03:28,310

anti-vaccination network or what's left

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00:03:34,809 --> 00:03:32,109

of them it's an interesting thing to see

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00:03:37,210 --> 00:03:34,819

they're almost disintegrating before our

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00:03:41,530 --> 00:03:37,220

very eyes good news for children

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00:03:44,860 --> 00:03:41,540

everywhere that this band of interesting

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00:03:47,890 --> 00:03:44,870

people are sort of hopefully hopefully

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00:03:49,719 --> 00:03:47,900

in their death rattle we'll keep you up

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00:03:51,789 --> 00:03:49,729

to date and I think dr. Rach you might

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00:03:54,039 --> 00:03:51,799

have something to say about that coming

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00:03:57,280 --> 00:03:54,049

up very soon on the skeptic zone but for

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00:04:01,000 --> 00:03:57,290

now I'm going to run downstairs open the

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00:04:03,399 --> 00:04:01,010

fridge mmm apple and raspberry cordial

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00:04:06,819 --> 00:04:03,409

with ice today because it's a little bit

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00:04:20,289 --> 00:04:06,829

warm what I'm doing that you can listen

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00:04:20,299 --> 00:04:27,950

his main art spooky action at a distance

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00:04:31,500 --> 00:04:30,150

but we're here in the green room now

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00:04:33,030 --> 00:04:31,510

which is not green and I'm here with

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00:04:36,990 --> 00:04:33,040

Chrissy Wilson and a cardboard cutout

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00:04:39,090 --> 00:04:37,000

head of Brian darling isn't it hello I'm

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00:04:42,680 --> 00:04:39,100

right nothing from sipdroid touch me

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00:04:45,240 --> 00:04:42,690

touch me now picture of your lose it all

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00:04:47,640 --> 00:04:45,250

got one me in there no we haven't we

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00:04:49,680 --> 00:04:47,650

will have the next year but look I went

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00:04:51,990 --> 00:04:49,690

into the main hall here and you are

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00:04:54,480 --> 00:04:52,000

getting around to chat sick sick sick

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00:04:56,400 --> 00:04:54,490

sick carrot now what was that all about

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00:04:58,800 --> 00:04:56,410

and who are you what what are you doing

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00:05:01,020 --> 00:04:58,810

here making people feel sick well it

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00:05:03,210 --> 00:05:01,030

wouldn't be my job skeptics convention

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00:05:07,200 --> 00:05:03,220

unless I got people to pointlessly

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00:05:08,820 --> 00:05:07,210

chance something that time two years ago

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00:05:10,800 --> 00:05:08,830

I managed to get everybody to jot Aussie

101
00:05:13,440 --> 00:05:10,810
Aussie Aussie oi oi oi no reason

102
00:05:17,640 --> 00:05:13,450
whatsoever except that I can no it was

103
00:05:20,190 --> 00:05:17,650
actually 666 not sick right and why does

104
00:05:22,860 --> 00:05:20,200
chanting 6 make you want to say carrot

105
00:05:24,570 --> 00:05:22,870
well I don't actually know it's a dis

106
00:05:28,370 --> 00:05:24,580
dis weird little experiment and I've

107
00:05:31,200 --> 00:05:28,380
done it with students before a huge

108
00:05:34,110 --> 00:05:31,210
group of the audience will think of

109
00:05:36,180 --> 00:05:34,120
carrot it might be one of these sort of

110
00:05:38,220 --> 00:05:36,190
population stereotype things and I think

111
00:05:40,310 --> 00:05:38,230
of a number between one and ten and a

112
00:05:43,350 --> 00:05:40,320
lot of people think of three or seven

113
00:05:45,300 --> 00:05:43,360

look I remember stage shy as a part of

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00:05:47,850 --> 00:05:45,310

there was a two envelopes which we used

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00:05:49,470 --> 00:05:47,860

to have and think of a vegetable think

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00:05:51,330 --> 00:05:49,480

of a tool and people would always say

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00:05:52,530 --> 00:05:51,340

carrot and a hammer they were normally

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00:05:54,390 --> 00:05:52,540

the two things people say when asked

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00:05:57,330 --> 00:05:54,400

those questions yeah yeah well again

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00:06:00,210 --> 00:05:57,340

it's probably population stereotypes and

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00:06:02,610 --> 00:06:00,220

what's your doctorate in once again well

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00:06:05,190 --> 00:06:02,620

I did my doctor is in psychology see and

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00:06:08,310 --> 00:06:05,200

but the subject was memories oh I looked

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00:06:10,740 --> 00:06:08,320

at memory biases for both normal and

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00:06:13,200 --> 00:06:10,750

paranormal events so I did a lot of work

126
00:06:14,340 --> 00:06:13,210
on false memory creation so some of

127
00:06:16,050 --> 00:06:14,350
things actually that Richie was saying

128
00:06:18,810 --> 00:06:16,060
earlier about about how we can't trust

129
00:06:20,580 --> 00:06:18,820
our memory eyewitness testimony how

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00:06:22,710 --> 00:06:20,590
eyewitness testimony is very vulnerable

131
00:06:24,370 --> 00:06:22,720
to all kinds of biases so that was the

132
00:06:26,200 --> 00:06:24,380
PhD

133
00:06:28,410 --> 00:06:26,210
I did and what about something like a

134
00:06:30,400 --> 00:06:28,420
police lineup is that just fraught with

135
00:06:31,540 --> 00:06:30,410
the chance everything to go horribly

136
00:06:35,110 --> 00:06:31,550
wrong because of memory as well

137
00:06:37,510 --> 00:06:35,120
absolutely I mean in America eyewitness

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00:06:40,540 --> 00:06:37,520

testimony direct i witnessed yes it was

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00:06:42,790 --> 00:06:40,550

him was you know as powerful as a

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00:06:44,320 --> 00:06:42,800

smoking gun that these days because of

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00:06:46,000 --> 00:06:44,330

people like Elizabeth Loftus who's like

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00:06:49,270 --> 00:06:46,010

the queen of memory research and

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00:06:51,100 --> 00:06:49,280

everybody's hero in this area she's

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00:06:52,720 --> 00:06:51,110

shown that memory is incredibly

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00:06:54,430 --> 00:06:52,730

vulnerable to all kinds of

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00:06:57,040 --> 00:06:54,440

misinformation we can get misinformation

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00:06:59,410 --> 00:06:57,050

from fellow witnesses we can get

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00:07:02,530 --> 00:06:59,420

information because of how we're sort of

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00:07:05,140 --> 00:07:02,540

feeling on that particular day our own

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00:07:07,630 --> 00:07:05,150

particular belief systems all those kind

151
00:07:11,470 --> 00:07:07,640
of things will affect our memory and so

152
00:07:15,040 --> 00:07:11,480
yeah our lineup now eyewitness testimony

153
00:07:17,410 --> 00:07:15,050
is it's still obviously used in court

154
00:07:19,390 --> 00:07:17,420
but it doesn't have the same weight that

155
00:07:21,670 --> 00:07:19,400
it used to because of what we now know

156
00:07:24,700 --> 00:07:21,680
about memory so instead of thinking of

157
00:07:26,380 --> 00:07:24,710
memory as a continuously recording tape

158
00:07:29,620 --> 00:07:26,390
of something how should we think of

159
00:07:33,040 --> 00:07:29,630
memory well memory is a good analogy

160
00:07:35,590 --> 00:07:33,050
it's not this video camera camcorder in

161
00:07:37,870 --> 00:07:35,600
our heads it's a far more active fluid

162
00:07:40,360 --> 00:07:37,880
process so if I ask you now I think back

163
00:07:43,390 --> 00:07:40,370

main I think think of a time when you

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00:07:45,130 --> 00:07:43,400

were really happy okay when you were so

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00:07:46,780 --> 00:07:45,140

16 years old think of a time when you

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00:07:48,660 --> 00:07:46,790

were really happy during the sixteenth

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00:07:51,910 --> 00:07:48,670

year now what you're doing now you're

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00:07:55,540 --> 00:07:51,920

not flicking through your camera or

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00:07:57,970 --> 00:07:55,550

camcorder and playing back a memory with

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00:07:59,770 --> 00:07:57,980

perfect clarity in perfect accuracy what

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00:08:02,740 --> 00:07:59,780

you're doing is you're reconstructing

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00:08:05,470 --> 00:08:02,750

that memory so it's a brand new memory

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00:08:06,910 --> 00:08:05,480

if you like and it's open to all the

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00:08:09,940 --> 00:08:06,920

things that have happened to you since

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00:08:11,100 --> 00:08:09,950

you were 16 years old so how you are now

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00:08:13,050 --> 00:08:11,110

as an adult

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00:08:14,880 --> 00:08:13,060

we experience this is why when you break

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00:08:16,740 --> 00:08:14,890

up with someone all you can think about

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00:08:17,880 --> 00:08:16,750

them as the bad things and you tend to

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00:08:19,620 --> 00:08:17,890

not remember the good things till a

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00:08:21,270 --> 00:08:19,630

while later when it doesn't matter as

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much well I think that's probably

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00:08:26,790 --> 00:08:24,940

something else that's coping mechanism a

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00:08:29,490 --> 00:08:26,800

coping mechanism and what attracted you

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00:08:31,170 --> 00:08:29,500

to psychology I mean the UM I mean apart

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00:08:32,400 --> 00:08:31,180

from the electrochemical action that

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00:08:33,720 --> 00:08:32,410

goes on there that you can physically

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00:08:35,340 --> 00:08:33,730

tell what's going on and even then they

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00:08:37,770 --> 00:08:35,350

can't haven't got that completely now

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00:08:39,660 --> 00:08:37,780

down it is a little bit of it's a bit of

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00:08:41,700 --> 00:08:39,670

a gray area for a lot of people and a

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00:08:42,870 --> 00:08:41,710

lot of arguments over data that doesn't

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00:08:44,730 --> 00:08:42,880

exist at the point this point in time

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00:08:47,310 --> 00:08:44,740

yep absolutely and I think I got

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00:08:48,630 --> 00:08:47,320

interested in psychology because I've

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00:08:50,880 --> 00:08:48,640

always been interested in what makes

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00:08:52,980 --> 00:08:50,890

people tick you know what is it why do

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00:08:54,360 --> 00:08:52,990

we do the stupid things that we do and

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00:08:56,850 --> 00:08:54,370

you know we're with such irrational

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00:09:00,330 --> 00:08:56,860

creatures we don't make decisions based

201
00:09:01,800 --> 00:09:00,340
on on evidence you know we don't we

202
00:09:03,240 --> 00:09:01,810
don't weigh up the evidence the pros and

203
00:09:05,730 --> 00:09:03,250
cons are certain things we make

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00:09:08,460 --> 00:09:05,740
decisions based on emotions usually and

205
00:09:10,530 --> 00:09:08,470
another reasons it's not about evidence

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00:09:13,140 --> 00:09:10,540
we don't do that we are irrational

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00:09:14,660 --> 00:09:13,150
creatures and so I think it was it was

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00:09:17,370 --> 00:09:14,670
that initially I was an air stewardess

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00:09:19,920 --> 00:09:17,380
at the time and I was trooping up and

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00:09:21,690 --> 00:09:19,930
down 747 you know are you putting on

211
00:09:23,100 --> 00:09:21,700
that really thick makeup you had the

212
00:09:25,560 --> 00:09:23,110
really thick tights oh don't get

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00:09:27,570 --> 00:09:25,570

thrombosis and yeah and you had that

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00:09:29,340 --> 00:09:27,580

estee lauder ESP lipstick on which they

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00:09:30,900 --> 00:09:29,350

used to advertise that the hostesses

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00:09:32,580 --> 00:09:30,910

were as well so your skin would have

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00:09:39,770 --> 00:09:32,590

been taking a beating for start yeah it

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know because I could imagine do you act

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is it like a stage performer when you're

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an air hostess you have to reapply make

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00:09:49,380 --> 00:09:46,990

up a couple of times a day well yeah I

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00:09:51,660 --> 00:09:49,390

didn't I fed up with it you know I just

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00:09:54,450 --> 00:09:51,670

want the money and go to some exotic

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00:09:56,010 --> 00:09:54,460

blazes you know but um it was while I

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00:09:58,500 --> 00:09:56,020

was odd to open up and down the 747

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00:09:59,790 --> 00:09:58,510

ortho only got an exotic places and you

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00:10:02,940 --> 00:09:59,800

ended up in gatwick is that what

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happened well I went to a lot of really

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00:10:08,370 --> 00:10:04,870

dodgy places in the Middle East at like

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00:10:10,830 --> 00:10:08,380

concerned donor and dumps like that um

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00:10:12,990 --> 00:10:10,840

sorry to anybody who's actually from

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00:10:16,020 --> 00:10:13,000

that area and but it was tripping up and

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00:10:17,610 --> 00:10:16,030

down a 747 that I got interested in why

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00:10:18,079 --> 00:10:17,620

are these people behaving the way that

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00:10:19,790 --> 00:10:18,089

they are

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00:10:21,619 --> 00:10:19,800

you know because they're in a stressful

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00:10:23,960 --> 00:10:21,629

situation they will behave differently

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00:10:25,970 --> 00:10:23,970

so why does a really fat guy get the

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00:10:30,199 --> 00:10:25,980

middle seat yeah and why does he always

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00:10:32,319 --> 00:10:30,209

sit next to me so that's I guess that's

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00:10:36,710 --> 00:10:32,329

that's where it started and then I did a

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degree while I was still being an edge

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dude as I did it in part time which was

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very hard you know I'd come in from a

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flight from New York race straight up to

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00:10:47,739 --> 00:10:45,689

London and do three hours studying in

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00:10:51,439 --> 00:10:47,749

race back again so that was interesting

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and then I just got really interesting

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thought right I'm going to make this a

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career and the PhD just was the the next

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logical step you asked earlier why do

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people do impulsive things well you've

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done a bit of an impulsive thing

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yourself you went along to a psychic

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doing a show on your own and heckled him

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yeah well it was nothing impulsive about

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it really was it was research it was a

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considered risk you took well I I have I

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mean I'm a fairly reasonable leaded

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level-headed skeptic I'm not hardcore in

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any way you know I am open-minded but I

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get very very cross about psychic

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mediums the ones that know perfectly

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well that what they are doing is is

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wrong that as you know you know they're

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on they're manipulating people at their

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most vulnerable and they're con artists

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and they you know they're absolutely

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00:11:44,419 --> 00:11:41,129

scum of the earth in my opinion um so I

270

00:11:47,059 --> 00:11:44,429

went along to to watch because it you

271

00:11:48,829 --> 00:11:47,069

know this is why this is one of the

272

00:11:52,040 --> 00:11:48,839

things that does get me riled up in

273

00:11:53,960 --> 00:11:52,050

skepticism is why I am a skeptic things

274

00:11:56,179 --> 00:11:53,970

like that I hate to see that because the

275

00:11:58,749 --> 00:11:56,189

worst of it is that in the audience

276

00:12:01,220 --> 00:11:58,759

there were people who were in tears

277

00:12:04,280 --> 00:12:01,230

really upset because they thought that

278

00:12:06,169 --> 00:12:04,290

this clown was talking to the spirits of

279

00:12:09,019 --> 00:12:06,179

their dead loved ones and I find that a

280

00:12:11,989 --> 00:12:09,029

barn well Penn Jillette has recently

281

00:12:13,669 --> 00:12:11,999

said that the great crime in that is yes

282

00:12:15,619 --> 00:12:13,679

they're being filled yes the money's

283

00:12:17,210 --> 00:12:15,629

being taken but they're also corrupting

284

00:12:18,829 --> 00:12:17,220

the memory that person had of that

285

00:12:20,720 --> 00:12:18,839

person so that the memory they had of

286

00:12:23,299 --> 00:12:20,730

them has now been changed by this

287

00:12:25,699 --> 00:12:23,309

reading yeah absolutely very good point

288

00:12:28,220 --> 00:12:25,709

and done not only that but all

289

00:12:29,660 --> 00:12:28,230

bereavement counselors bereavement

290

00:12:33,440 --> 00:12:29,670

psychologists will tell you that

291

00:12:35,570 --> 00:12:33,450

the way to deal with it is to accept

292

00:12:37,460 --> 00:12:35,580

that your loved one has gone it takes a

293

00:12:39,980 --> 00:12:37,470

long time and it is a grieving process

294

00:12:41,560 --> 00:12:39,990

to go along to psychics and constantly

295

00:12:44,060 --> 00:12:41,570

be told that oh yeah he's all right

296

00:12:46,040 --> 00:12:44,070

sending his love to you you know all

297

00:12:48,770 --> 00:12:46,050

this sort of thing it just prolongs the

298

00:12:51,080 --> 00:12:48,780

process it doesn't do them any good and

299

00:12:52,730 --> 00:12:51,090

I'm this is there ever if you do know

300

00:12:54,350 --> 00:12:52,740

the case everywhere there's a negative

301
00:12:56,540 --> 00:12:54,360
message being sent from the person from

302
00:12:58,490 --> 00:12:56,550
beyond you know beyond this life you

303
00:12:59,570 --> 00:12:58,500
know like I wish should be nicer to me

304
00:13:01,790 --> 00:12:59,580
or something or you know we could have

305
00:13:03,830 --> 00:13:01,800
gone out more yeah not never and I've

306
00:13:06,380 --> 00:13:03,840
been to I've seen Riley I've seen lots

307
00:13:08,330 --> 00:13:06,390
of them in England been to spiritualist

308
00:13:10,310 --> 00:13:08,340
church is to watch and you never you

309
00:13:13,520 --> 00:13:10,320
never get a negative message I mean if I

310
00:13:15,140 --> 00:13:13,530
was dead um hole I came back with a

311
00:13:19,790 --> 00:13:15,150
message i mean i think i'd be a bit

312
00:13:22,310 --> 00:13:19,800
annoyed romero i'm not happy update not

313
00:13:25,010 --> 00:13:22,320

where i prefer to be yeah people who

314

00:13:27,320 --> 00:13:25,020

died surely they they don't all die full

315

00:13:28,910 --> 00:13:27,330

of love for their particular their

316

00:13:30,350 --> 00:13:28,920

particular partners and their children

317

00:13:32,120 --> 00:13:30,360

it says somebody Shorty's some of them

318

00:13:33,560 --> 00:13:32,130

are a bit miffed about some actually no

319

00:13:35,480 --> 00:13:33,570

I don't forgive you for the time you

320

00:13:38,120 --> 00:13:35,490

slept with the next door neighbor alone

321

00:13:40,490 --> 00:13:38,130

annoyed about it actually so at the end

322

00:13:42,440 --> 00:13:40,500

of the show you mentioned the fact of

323

00:13:44,810 --> 00:13:42,450

cold reading during the Q&A section in

324

00:13:46,940 --> 00:13:44,820

the show and the audience turned on you

325

00:13:49,040 --> 00:13:46,950

oh yeah very much so I mean I was kind

326

00:13:51,470 --> 00:13:49,050

of expecting it but it was it was very

327

00:13:53,510 --> 00:13:51,480

very vitriolic I mean it was nasty I

328

00:13:55,220 --> 00:13:53,520

mean you know yes I guess you were

329

00:13:57,130 --> 00:13:55,230

taking away the connection with their

330

00:14:01,040 --> 00:13:57,140

loved one that's what you were doing

331

00:14:02,900 --> 00:14:01,050

well I guess I guess why they got so

332

00:14:04,880 --> 00:14:02,910

upset was because I was attacking

333

00:14:08,240 --> 00:14:04,890

somebody that they believed was real and

334

00:14:10,340 --> 00:14:08,250

but interestingly even I mean at the end

335

00:14:12,260 --> 00:14:10,350

of the show we started to troop out

336

00:14:14,930 --> 00:14:12,270

people came up to me and ask me

337

00:14:17,870 --> 00:14:14,940

questions and they they weren't shouting

338

00:14:19,580 --> 00:14:17,880

at me then they were asking questions

339

00:14:21,560 --> 00:14:19,590

they wanted to know well why do you

340

00:14:23,600 --> 00:14:21,570

think this and why do you think that

341

00:14:26,210 --> 00:14:23,610

it's not real haven't you had you know

342

00:14:28,610 --> 00:14:26,220

you aren't you open-minded to this kind

343

00:14:30,860 --> 00:14:28,620

of thing and so I was I spent a lot of

344

00:14:33,470 --> 00:14:30,870

time after the event talking to people

345

00:14:35,330 --> 00:14:33,480

because they sow the seeds of doubt may

346

00:14:38,720 --> 00:14:35,340

well have been implanted in some of them

347

00:14:41,240 --> 00:14:38,730

at least but it was it was not pleasant

348

00:14:42,000 --> 00:14:41,250

it wasn't to be in that situation I know

349

00:14:44,370 --> 00:14:42,010

I'm glad I

350

00:14:47,130 --> 00:14:44,380

would you do it again absolutely

351

00:14:48,840 --> 00:14:47,140

absolutely because a guy said I find it

352

00:14:51,060 --> 00:14:48,850

utterly abhorrent that these people are

353

00:14:53,370 --> 00:14:51,070

allowed to do this and that but it

354

00:14:55,140 --> 00:14:53,380

doesn't matter what you say if I stood

355

00:14:57,390 --> 00:14:55,150

up there and I proved all the women in

356

00:14:59,210 --> 00:14:57,400

that audience this man is a con artist I

357

00:15:01,740 --> 00:14:59,220

can prove it won't make any difference

358

00:15:03,720 --> 00:15:01,750

you know they are choosing to believe

359

00:15:06,960 --> 00:15:03,730

because they want to believe it's very

360

00:15:08,580 --> 00:15:06,970

very seductive to believe that someone

361

00:15:10,200 --> 00:15:08,590

can get in touch with your dead loved

362

00:15:12,480 --> 00:15:10,210

one I mean it's a terrible thing that we

363

00:15:15,060 --> 00:15:12,490

humans have to go through bereavement

364

00:15:18,690 --> 00:15:15,070

process is horrible it can crucify you

365

00:15:20,040 --> 00:15:18,700

can crush you so how seductive to have

366

00:15:23,040 --> 00:15:20,050

somebody you can actually communicate

367

00:15:25,860 --> 00:15:23,050

with your dead child so you have one

368

00:15:28,740 --> 00:15:25,870

last conversation with them so but it's

369

00:15:30,330 --> 00:15:28,750

it's horrible because it's not real and

370

00:15:32,160 --> 00:15:30,340

it's not the fact that they're making

371

00:15:33,840 --> 00:15:32,170

money that doesn't bother me now we'll

372

00:15:37,500 --> 00:15:33,850

make money doing something it's not that

373

00:15:40,500 --> 00:15:37,510

it's the fact that he's hurting people

374

00:15:42,900 --> 00:15:40,510

that is cheating and exploiting people

375

00:15:45,270 --> 00:15:42,910

at their most vulnerable so yes I would

376

00:15:47,580 --> 00:15:45,280

absolutely do it again well you went

377

00:15:49,110 --> 00:15:47,590

along to to a show what what can the

378

00:15:50,700 --> 00:15:49,120

average person do well you can't really

379

00:15:53,670 --> 00:15:50,710

write and complain about what they're

380

00:15:56,070 --> 00:15:53,680

doing because it's legal yeah I guess

381

00:15:59,220 --> 00:15:56,080

you can you can go on to his website you

382

00:16:01,770 --> 00:15:59,230

can look at the claims that he makes and

383

00:16:04,350 --> 00:16:01,780

you can email him and say this is this

384

00:16:08,730 --> 00:16:04,360

is nonsense you can confront him with

385

00:16:11,310 --> 00:16:08,740

with evidence that the other people like

386

00:16:14,460 --> 00:16:11,320

him have been shown to be con artists

387

00:16:16,320 --> 00:16:14,470

I've just remembered though during the

388

00:16:18,600 --> 00:16:16,330

question and answer section session when

389

00:16:20,010 --> 00:16:18,610

I was talking to him I said look what do

390

00:16:21,810 --> 00:16:20,020

you think of John Edward then don't you

391

00:16:23,910 --> 00:16:21,820

know do you think John Edward is for

392

00:16:26,040 --> 00:16:23,920

real and he he said yeah it's absolutely

393

00:16:31,200 --> 00:16:26,050

for real bit of course he's been proven

394

00:16:34,200 --> 00:16:31,210

to be this is comedy okay arrived oh

395

00:16:36,480 --> 00:16:34,210

yeah now Cristobal's need you what are

396

00:16:37,710 --> 00:16:36,490

you working on for your project can all

397

00:16:38,640 --> 00:16:37,720

get involved with your mentioning that

398

00:16:40,980 --> 00:16:38,650

are you doing something on the internet

399

00:16:43,740 --> 00:16:40,990

now just to do with these soap suds yes

400

00:16:46,440 --> 00:16:43,750

yes soap is my research unit that I set

401
00:16:48,690 --> 00:16:46,450
up this year so I'm doing various

402
00:16:50,130 --> 00:16:48,700
studies so if anybody wants to get

403
00:16:51,900 --> 00:16:50,140
involved with it they can log on to the

404
00:16:54,000 --> 00:16:51,910
website and what are the questions are

405
00:16:56,040 --> 00:16:54,010
going to be asked well the one that's up

406
00:16:59,690 --> 00:16:56,050
there at the moment is about happiness

407
00:17:02,370 --> 00:16:59,700
and general our well-being along with

408
00:17:04,050 --> 00:17:02,380
questions about belief religious belief

409
00:17:05,790 --> 00:17:04,060
and paranormal believe so it's a

410
00:17:09,150 --> 00:17:05,800
correlational study looking at whether

411
00:17:10,800 --> 00:17:09,160
or not believers happier oh that's

412
00:17:12,240 --> 00:17:10,810
difficult to work out on a scale of one

413
00:17:13,590 --> 00:17:12,250

to ten particularly when relative

414

00:17:17,520 --> 00:17:13,600

happiness is taken into account as well

415

00:17:20,160 --> 00:17:17,530

yeah well the scales that I use are from

416

00:17:22,620 --> 00:17:20,170

positive vehicle positive psychology so

417

00:17:26,460 --> 00:17:22,630

I like to because anomalous psychology

418

00:17:28,439 --> 00:17:26,470

is such a small field I like to pick

419

00:17:29,940 --> 00:17:28,449

things from various areas within

420

00:17:31,740 --> 00:17:29,950

psychology so there's cognitive

421

00:17:34,920 --> 00:17:31,750

psychology in there as behaviorism

422

00:17:36,210 --> 00:17:34,930

there's personality and the the

423

00:17:40,230 --> 00:17:36,220

happiness scales are actually from

424

00:17:42,930 --> 00:17:40,240

positive psychology so their standard

425

00:17:44,610 --> 00:17:42,940

question is I didn't write them fairly

426
00:17:46,290 --> 00:17:44,620
lengthy and they've been used over and

427
00:17:49,860 --> 00:17:46,300
over again so they've got good validity

428
00:17:51,750 --> 00:17:49,870
but good reliability measures and the

429
00:17:54,240 --> 00:17:51,760
belief scales are the same they're

430
00:17:55,950 --> 00:17:54,250
always scales that I always use the same

431
00:17:58,650 --> 00:17:55,960
scales that other researchers have used

432
00:18:01,410 --> 00:17:58,660
for like 20 30 odd years so they've got

433
00:18:03,060 --> 00:18:01,420
good reliability the only worry I would

434
00:18:04,770 --> 00:18:03,070
have in the study is that is it what

435
00:18:05,880 --> 00:18:04,780
they call it a self-selecting study so

436
00:18:08,070 --> 00:18:05,890
you'll get a certain group of people

437
00:18:09,960 --> 00:18:08,080
that could skew it some way or something

438
00:18:11,940 --> 00:18:09,970

absolutely i mean that's that's a

439

00:18:15,540 --> 00:18:11,950

problem that all researchers have when

440

00:18:17,790 --> 00:18:15,550

you advertise for research I mean and

441

00:18:19,530 --> 00:18:17,800

there's also the question of the

442

00:18:21,450 --> 00:18:19,540

validity of using questionnaires at all

443

00:18:22,830 --> 00:18:21,460

and there's a school of thought which

444

00:18:25,500 --> 00:18:22,840

would that suggests that well

445

00:18:26,940 --> 00:18:25,510

questionnaire data how reliable is it

446

00:18:29,250 --> 00:18:26,950

because if you ask people to fill out a

447

00:18:30,990 --> 00:18:29,260

questionnaire how do you know that what

448

00:18:33,750 --> 00:18:31,000

they're actually saying is true how do

449

00:18:35,280 --> 00:18:33,760

you know that they're not skewing the

450

00:18:36,930 --> 00:18:35,290

results deliberately that are not

451
00:18:38,490 --> 00:18:36,940
sabotaging I think one of the members of

452
00:18:41,040 --> 00:18:38,500
the audience asked me this earlier in

453
00:18:43,410 --> 00:18:41,050
the question-and-answer session so you

454
00:18:47,370 --> 00:18:43,420
can't be absolutely sure I mean science

455
00:18:51,320 --> 00:18:47,380
is a human activity we do the best we

456
00:18:53,850 --> 00:18:51,330
can we try to eliminate some of the

457
00:18:56,730 --> 00:18:53,860
biases we try to eliminate any any

458
00:19:00,150 --> 00:18:56,740
potential threats to scientific control

459
00:19:01,970 --> 00:19:00,160
we do our best and in psychology we have

460
00:19:04,560 --> 00:19:01,980
this ninety-five percent probability

461
00:19:07,799 --> 00:19:04,570
factor which which helps too

462
00:19:10,080 --> 00:19:07,809
um suggests that what we've got is

463
00:19:12,210 --> 00:19:10,090

actually a real result ninety-five

464

00:19:13,440 --> 00:19:12,220

percent chance that this is real so

465

00:19:14,580 --> 00:19:13,450

there's only a five percent chance that

466

00:19:16,320 --> 00:19:14,590

it could be down to something else

467

00:19:20,610 --> 00:19:16,330

something that we haven't controlled

468

00:19:23,460 --> 00:19:20,620

full so we do our best it's it's it's

469

00:19:25,350 --> 00:19:23,470

flawed because the whole process is

470

00:19:28,259 --> 00:19:25,360

flawed no matter what kind of research

471

00:19:30,810 --> 00:19:28,269

you do because we are using human

472

00:19:34,259 --> 00:19:30,820

participants now whenever we use human

473

00:19:35,970 --> 00:19:34,269

participants you're the potential for

474

00:19:36,930 --> 00:19:35,980

bias the potential for problems is

475

00:19:39,350 --> 00:19:36,940

always going to be there and that's

476

00:19:43,049 --> 00:19:39,360

that's the same for researchers as well

477

00:19:45,869 --> 00:19:43,059

something that I've had levelled at

478

00:19:48,330 --> 00:19:45,879

myself is academics it's over Christy

479

00:19:50,730 --> 00:19:48,340

you seem to have made your mind up which

480

00:19:53,519 --> 00:19:50,740

is a terrible thing to hear so I try

481

00:19:54,749 --> 00:19:53,529

very hard when I give talks not to

482

00:19:56,460 --> 00:19:54,759

skeptics cause obviously you know

483

00:19:59,039 --> 00:19:56,470

preaching to the converted but but that

484

00:20:00,810 --> 00:19:59,049

there is that potential for experimental

485

00:20:02,999 --> 00:20:00,820

bias as well so I try to be as objective

486

00:20:06,330 --> 00:20:03,009

as possible when I'm dealing with with

487

00:20:09,450 --> 00:20:06,340

participants okay Chrissy what woo what

488

00:20:11,490 --> 00:20:09,460

paranormal what a cult thing would you

489

00:20:12,869 --> 00:20:11,500

like to be real if it could be real if

490

00:20:14,399 --> 00:20:12,879

there was something that was real it was

491

00:20:16,860 --> 00:20:14,409

scientifically tested all to be real

492

00:20:23,399 --> 00:20:16,870

that we now think isn't what would you

493

00:20:25,769 --> 00:20:23,409

like that to be a loch ness monster no I

494

00:20:27,659 --> 00:20:25,779

stay and you anyone who's being there

495

00:20:29,580 --> 00:20:27,669

will tell you if it isn't a monster day

496

00:20:31,320 --> 00:20:29,590

there should be it's it's a spooky

497

00:20:33,990 --> 00:20:31,330

countryside isn't it oh it's just

498

00:20:36,119 --> 00:20:34,000

fabulous it's just gorgeous my family

499

00:20:38,310 --> 00:20:36,129

are from from the north of Scotland and

500

00:20:39,960 --> 00:20:38,320

it would just be wonderful wouldn't it

501
00:20:43,019 --> 00:20:39,970
to think that there was its mythical

502
00:20:45,269 --> 00:20:43,029
enormous beast under the warden agus is

503
00:20:47,789 --> 00:20:45,279
very very deep I know it would just be

504
00:20:49,320 --> 00:20:47,799
wonderful there are other great locks

505
00:20:51,029 --> 00:20:49,330
around there Loch Ness is just one of

506
00:20:52,499 --> 00:20:51,039
the many great ones and then they would

507
00:20:54,539 --> 00:20:52,509
probably want their monsters in fact are

508
00:20:56,129 --> 00:20:54,549
there other monsters in that area of the

509
00:20:59,639 --> 00:20:56,139
world other than Loch Ness that we don't

510
00:21:01,289 --> 00:20:59,649
hear about uh I don't think so nobody

511
00:21:03,799 --> 00:21:01,299
gets all the press or to you know in the

512
00:21:07,110 --> 00:21:03,809
monster world um there's there's various

513
00:21:09,990 --> 00:21:07,120

cats mythical not mythical necessarily

514

00:21:11,730 --> 00:21:10,000

but there's are the ABCs the alien big

515

00:21:13,470 --> 00:21:11,740

cats I believe they're called in the UK

516

00:21:15,170 --> 00:21:13,480

yeah well there's I was thinking of like

517

00:21:18,560 --> 00:21:15,180

the Exmoor pant

518

00:21:21,020 --> 00:21:18,570

that's more the southwest of England and

519

00:21:23,690 --> 00:21:21,030

there's been sightings of a giant cat

520

00:21:26,630 --> 00:21:23,700

you know there are ohms around killing

521

00:21:27,890 --> 00:21:26,640

sheep and frightened people yeah yeah

522

00:21:29,630 --> 00:21:27,900

but the Loch Ness that's a pretty good

523

00:21:31,820 --> 00:21:29,640

one too because it's an unusual spooky

524

00:21:33,410 --> 00:21:31,830

thing that that that that who knows what

525

00:21:34,640 --> 00:21:33,420

is that all about you know and it's a

526

00:21:36,380 --> 00:21:34,650

real pity but because it would be kind

527

00:21:38,630 --> 00:21:36,390

of cute wouldn't it well it would be

528

00:21:39,860 --> 00:21:38,640

cute but it is also nice foot sort of

529

00:21:41,540 --> 00:21:39,870

from the sort of environmental

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00:21:44,990 --> 00:21:41,550

perspective as well that there is this

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00:21:48,830 --> 00:21:45,000

huge beast as this managed to survive

532

00:21:51,560 --> 00:21:48,840

despite everything living down there and

533

00:21:52,910 --> 00:21:51,570

maybe it's bit breeding and I mean it

534

00:21:55,490 --> 00:21:52,920

just be brilliant if it was there it

535

00:21:59,450 --> 00:21:55,500

wouldn't be amazing just drive along you

536

00:22:01,610 --> 00:21:59,460

know six copies there it is with a funny

537

00:22:04,670 --> 00:22:01,620

wacky with the head that's like Dino

538

00:22:05,930 --> 00:22:04,680

from the Flintstones here okay I have a

539

00:22:07,130 --> 00:22:05,940

good time here at the rest of the

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00:22:08,270 --> 00:22:07,140

conference what it got plan now you're

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00:22:10,130 --> 00:22:08,280

just gonna have the dinner tonight and

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00:22:14,810 --> 00:22:10,140

you can relax now all the stress is over

543

00:22:16,640 --> 00:22:14,820

well I've got the panel tomorrow so I've

544

00:22:18,350 --> 00:22:16,650

got some tough questions for you then

545

00:22:19,310 --> 00:22:18,360

heavenly well yeah what about that look

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00:22:22,490 --> 00:22:19,320

there's monster stuff you're talking

547

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

yesterday woman you're drunk yeah so

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00:22:25,630 --> 00:22:24,360

between now and tomorrow I've got to

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00:22:27,530 --> 00:22:25,640

come up with something intelligent

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00:22:30,740 --> 00:22:27,540

what's the title of the panel you're

551

00:22:35,180 --> 00:22:30,750

going to be on uh I think it's how to be

552

00:22:38,240 --> 00:22:35,190

in half an hour just behave be nice to

553

00:22:40,970 --> 00:22:38,250

people how to be an active skeptic Wow

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00:22:42,410 --> 00:22:40,980

well well you've done it you've gone

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00:22:43,820 --> 00:22:42,420

along and you've annoyed people that

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00:22:47,840 --> 00:22:43,830

will otherwise having a good time at a

557

00:22:50,150 --> 00:22:47,850

psychic reading that's one element to it

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00:22:52,640 --> 00:22:50,160

but I've got a couple of other little

559

00:22:54,110 --> 00:22:52,650

things to say from a psychological point

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00:22:55,400 --> 00:22:54,120

of view well they enjoy the conference

561

00:22:56,660 --> 00:22:55,410

good what do you think of the makeup of

562

00:22:57,920 --> 00:22:56,670

the Melbourne conference you bend ok

563

00:22:59,990 --> 00:22:57,930

there's no one in this room yet I was

564

00:23:01,040 --> 00:23:00,000

just ring to the empty room but yeah do

565

00:23:03,410 --> 00:23:01,050

you think it's a different makeup

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00:23:05,240 --> 00:23:03,420

there's a lot of younger kids here yes

567

00:23:06,770 --> 00:23:05,250

it's an odd mixture that shares

568

00:23:10,340 --> 00:23:06,780

different kind of mixture you've got

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00:23:12,290 --> 00:23:10,350

your hardcore skeptic skeptic crew you

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00:23:13,970 --> 00:23:12,300

like which it's always lovely to come

571

00:23:15,470 --> 00:23:13,980

back because it's like oh wait to get

572

00:23:16,850 --> 00:23:15,480

you guys yeah I know so that's really

573

00:23:18,800 --> 00:23:16,860

nice but there are a lot of young people

574

00:23:20,900 --> 00:23:18,810

and I felt bad during my talk because I

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00:23:23,390 --> 00:23:20,910

i think i said in my talk I have this

576

00:23:23,910 --> 00:23:23,400

tendency to sway i'ma let you were just

577

00:23:25,410 --> 00:23:23,920

go on

578

00:23:26,850 --> 00:23:25,420

there you know she was work she's

579

00:23:29,400 --> 00:23:26,860

working blue people if you know what I

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00:23:31,050 --> 00:23:29,410

mean she's working blue like a working

581

00:23:34,880 --> 00:23:31,060

men's club from the north of England it

582

00:23:37,350 --> 00:23:34,890

was whoever the slums of London I think

583

00:23:39,840 --> 00:23:37,360

so yeah there are a lot of young which

584

00:23:41,280 --> 00:23:39,850

is brilliant to see and the students are

585

00:23:42,900 --> 00:23:41,290

great down there you know they've got

586

00:23:44,730 --> 00:23:42,910

the science projects it's brilliant to

587

00:23:46,560 --> 00:23:44,740

see that Adams talk was fantastic

588

00:23:48,660 --> 00:23:46,570

talking about his students is 12 year

589

00:23:50,940 --> 00:23:48,670

olds learning about skepticism and and

590

00:23:53,100 --> 00:23:50,950

about critical thinking stuff yeah it's

591

00:23:55,020 --> 00:23:53,110

really nice to see that I mean I think

592

00:23:57,390 --> 00:23:55,030

the the whole movement in skepticism

593

00:24:00,270 --> 00:23:57,400

does seem to be shifting there is a much

594

00:24:02,190 --> 00:24:00,280

younger vibe about it I mean soon I'm

595

00:24:04,020 --> 00:24:02,200

gonna be able to me skeptical dinosaur

596

00:24:06,840 --> 00:24:04,030

you know having I've got about three

597

00:24:09,450 --> 00:24:06,850

years left or acting before well before

598

00:24:11,610 --> 00:24:09,460

time the tire sounds of time slip away

599

00:24:27,090 --> 00:24:11,620

down that glass will see you soon yeah

600

00:24:33,340 --> 00:24:30,850

hi this is scary papi i am ross Fletcher

601
00:24:36,790 --> 00:24:33,350
okay Ross hey we're from a podcast

602
00:24:38,530 --> 00:24:36,800
called oh no Ross and Carrie we find out

603
00:24:39,910 --> 00:24:38,540
what happens when you show up and ask

604
00:24:42,160 --> 00:24:39,920
questions we've hung out with the

605
00:24:44,710 --> 00:24:42,170
Cabalists the Mormons we've gone and

606
00:24:47,140 --> 00:24:44,720
gotten ear candle gone to the Sikhs we

607
00:24:48,790 --> 00:24:47,150
show up so you don't have to so find out

608
00:24:50,890 --> 00:24:48,800
where we're going next we'll even have

609
00:24:53,290 --> 00:24:50,900
special episodes where we have famous

610
00:24:55,300 --> 00:24:53,300
guests like Brian Dalton from mr. deity

611
00:24:57,340 --> 00:24:55,310
you heard that awesome theme music he

612
00:25:01,690 --> 00:24:57,350
wrote that you should come visit us at

613
00:25:04,300 --> 00:25:01,700

Oh No podcast.com or facebook.com slash

614

00:25:08,410 --> 00:25:04,310

on rack what the hell's honor a cross Oh

615

00:25:21,930 --> 00:25:08,420

in RAC Oh Oh No Ross and Carrie that's

616

00:25:27,360 --> 00:25:24,930

all right now we're human then God in

617

00:25:29,070 --> 00:25:27,370

Newtown enough folks you know may not so

618

00:25:31,200 --> 00:25:29,080

well as the reporter from the skeptics

619

00:25:33,509 --> 00:25:31,210

only does such a great job but he

620

00:25:37,769 --> 00:25:33,519

moonlights always he moonlights on radio

621

00:25:40,560 --> 00:25:37,779

and he moonlights here doing the MC for

622

00:25:42,779 --> 00:25:40,570

danger by now the danger 5 is a

623

00:25:44,700 --> 00:25:42,789

Australian comedy show that's a retro

624

00:25:46,259 --> 00:25:44,710

comedy show if you could imagine the

625

00:25:48,810 --> 00:25:46,269

history of World War two seem through

626
00:25:50,369 --> 00:25:48,820
the eyes of Hogan's Heroes and combat

627
00:25:51,960 --> 00:25:50,379
captain scarlet and Gerry Anderson

628
00:25:55,950 --> 00:25:51,970
you've got a bit of an idea what's going

629
00:25:58,080 --> 00:25:55,960
on danger 5 is is really crazy out there

630
00:25:59,610 --> 00:25:58,090
left field it reminds me of the goons

631
00:26:01,619 --> 00:25:59,620
that reminds me of the goodies it's

632
00:26:03,659 --> 00:26:01,629
monty python all rolled into one and

633
00:26:05,730 --> 00:26:03,669
it's Australia yeah and that's the thing

634
00:26:07,080 --> 00:26:05,740
and it tries not to be Australian which

635
00:26:08,730 --> 00:26:07,090
is good to it but it's a fully

636
00:26:11,490 --> 00:26:08,740
Australian production made in Adelaide

637
00:26:13,889 --> 00:26:11,500
and I hope they do do a second season

638
00:26:15,360 --> 00:26:13,899

I've just done their first Q&A where

639

00:26:17,730 --> 00:26:15,370

their fans came to see them we had about

640

00:26:19,289 --> 00:26:17,740

160 fans here in the vanguard nightclub

641

00:26:20,490 --> 00:26:19,299

in King Street new talent Sydney and

642

00:26:21,990 --> 00:26:20,500

they asked all sorts of questions

643

00:26:23,490 --> 00:26:22,000

Richard asked a few interesting ones as

644

00:26:25,080 --> 00:26:23,500

well because of your experience in the

645

00:26:26,820 --> 00:26:25,090

industry rich yeah but let me tell you

646

00:26:28,619 --> 00:26:26,830

this was a very keen audience to see

647

00:26:30,360 --> 00:26:28,629

this and they had never been up in front

648

00:26:32,159 --> 00:26:30,370

of their fans before this is the first

649

00:26:33,690 --> 00:26:32,169

Q&A and I think they should be involved

650

00:26:35,190 --> 00:26:33,700

at comic-con or something like that I

651
00:26:37,619 --> 00:26:35,200
would love to see them at comic-con I

652
00:26:40,889 --> 00:26:37,629
love to see them at DragonCon so you see

653
00:26:44,190 --> 00:26:40,899
here's the clue USA listeners google

654
00:26:45,570 --> 00:26:44,200
danger 5 it's it is about on hulu now

655
00:26:48,149 --> 00:26:45,580
for those people who have hulu in the

656
00:26:50,369 --> 00:26:48,159
States excellent it's really out there

657
00:26:52,470 --> 00:26:50,379
it's new it's it's bizarre it's

658
00:26:54,419 --> 00:26:52,480
different it's not cease its dinosaurs

659
00:26:56,190 --> 00:26:54,429
but it's creative and I really

660
00:26:58,350 --> 00:26:56,200
appreciate that and the only copy i had

661
00:27:00,570 --> 00:26:58,360
of it on DVD i gave to georgia rub when

662
00:27:01,590 --> 00:27:00,580
move at the amazing meeting which he had

663
00:27:04,049 --> 00:27:01,600

so if you want to get a recommendation

664

00:27:05,879 --> 00:27:04,059

for the show ask your drub about danger

665

00:27:07,529 --> 00:27:05,889

fire he loves it and we're going to

666

00:27:10,560 --> 00:27:07,539

start a ground swell this is going to

667

00:27:13,259 --> 00:27:10,570

get a ground swell of fans petitioning

668

00:27:15,119 --> 00:27:13,269

danger 5 producers to have maynard guest

669

00:27:16,499 --> 00:27:15,129

star yeah i don't know who I could be

670

00:27:19,110 --> 00:27:16,509

but pretty much any character for the

671

00:27:20,700 --> 00:27:19,120

Second World War I reckon a finished ski

672

00:27:22,169 --> 00:27:20,710

trooper something like that or even a

673

00:27:24,540 --> 00:27:22,179

reptilian oh I'll be happy to play any

674

00:27:26,910 --> 00:27:24,550

of those parts and as you've done so

675

00:27:41,280 --> 00:27:26,920

in the past now back to your normal

676

00:27:42,990 --> 00:27:41,290

program this is ben Radford I'm deputy

677

00:27:44,970 --> 00:27:43,000

editor of skeptical inquirer science

678

00:27:47,340 --> 00:27:44,980

magazine author of six books including

679

00:28:03,070 --> 00:27:47,350

tracking chupacabra and you can find out

680

00:28:08,110 --> 00:28:05,210

well here i am in canberra in the

681

00:28:11,450 --> 00:28:08,120

Australian Capital Territory two lovely

682

00:28:14,690 --> 00:28:11,460

lovely day here and I'm in the grounds

683

00:28:16,700 --> 00:28:14,700

of the Questacon where the local

684

00:28:19,430 --> 00:28:16,710

skeptics the camera skeptics are having

685

00:28:21,680 --> 00:28:19,440

a barbecue which is I'm really looking

686

00:28:23,960 --> 00:28:21,690

forward to and I'm just taking the

687

00:28:26,450 --> 00:28:23,970

opportunity to wander around the public

688

00:28:29,330 --> 00:28:26,460

gardens here which you beautifully laid

689

00:28:30,980 --> 00:28:29,340

out there's works of art and I noticed

690

00:28:32,330 --> 00:28:30,990

before and I'm just walking up to it now

691

00:28:36,320 --> 00:28:32,340

there's a little feature here which

692

00:28:40,850 --> 00:28:36,330

squirts sort of water droplets into a

693

00:28:43,820 --> 00:28:40,860

big sort of foamy foggy mist which isn't

694

00:28:47,260 --> 00:28:43,830

happening right now I'll come back to

695

00:28:49,490 --> 00:28:47,270

that one walk across the grass here

696

00:28:51,980 --> 00:28:49,500

looking forward to meeting lots of

697

00:28:54,800 --> 00:28:51,990

Canberra skeptics today their BBQ

698

00:28:59,390 --> 00:28:54,810

discussing the upcoming convention later

699

00:29:01,070 --> 00:28:59,400

in November and of course we're going to

700

00:29:03,410 --> 00:29:01,080

be seeing a screening of here be dragons

701
00:29:06,020 --> 00:29:03,420
by Brian Dunning a bit later on today

702
00:29:08,210 --> 00:29:06,030
now I'm walking up to a giant xylophone

703
00:29:13,190 --> 00:29:08,220
you can probably hear some kids are

704
00:29:14,690 --> 00:29:13,200
playing with it at the moment it's about

705
00:29:26,270 --> 00:29:14,700
eight feet long I guess in a curt

706
00:29:31,950 --> 00:29:29,130
so the kids running up I'll have a go

707
00:29:34,110 --> 00:29:31,960
here um oh you can hear that interesting

708
00:29:35,880 --> 00:29:34,120
acoustics and I'm in this sort of semi

709
00:29:37,799 --> 00:29:35,890
circle of giant designer phone it's

710
00:29:47,220 --> 00:29:37,809
called the rock xylophone what if I can

711
00:29:50,970 --> 00:29:47,230
beat out the skeptic zone theme the

712
00:29:58,290 --> 00:29:50,980
answer is no you can have a turn away

713
00:29:59,820 --> 00:29:58,300

you go there we go that's for you I'll

714

00:30:03,980 --> 00:29:59,830

do you all right do you wanna have a go

715

00:30:07,169 --> 00:30:03,990

to you take that one where they go oh

716

00:30:09,330 --> 00:30:07,179

really cracking it I notice the water

717

00:30:14,549 --> 00:30:09,340

feature is now active again let me head

718

00:30:17,190 --> 00:30:14,559

back oh that's lovely on a hot day this

719

00:30:22,770 --> 00:30:17,200

would be just heavenly its water vapor

720

00:30:25,290 --> 00:30:22,780

and there's some kids playing in it sort

721

00:30:33,150 --> 00:30:25,300

of like steam I better head back to the

722

00:30:35,549 --> 00:30:33,160

BBQ well the BBQ is underway it's so

723

00:30:38,130 --> 00:30:35,559

nice you are under a sort of a large

724

00:30:40,080 --> 00:30:38,140

shelter this some barbecues free BBQs

725

00:30:41,940 --> 00:30:40,090

goodness me I do like camera the

726

00:30:44,190 --> 00:30:41,950

sausages are on the go I'm with Kevin

727

00:30:45,690 --> 00:30:44,200

Davies here Kevin it's so exciting we're

728

00:30:47,880 --> 00:30:45,700

going to be looking forward to the big

729

00:30:49,260 --> 00:30:47,890

convention later in the year thank you

730

00:30:51,930 --> 00:30:49,270

very much Richard yes well there's we'll

731

00:30:54,299 --> 00:30:51,940

get going all well according to plan at

732

00:30:56,220 --> 00:30:54,309

the moment we have organizing things as

733

00:30:58,260 --> 00:30:56,230

they come up and it's going to be a good

734

00:31:01,380 --> 00:30:58,270

show I'm really looking forward to it of

735

00:31:03,900 --> 00:31:01,390

course this year's theme is conspiracy

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00:31:06,990 --> 00:31:03,910

theories and what a wealth of the

737

00:31:08,310 --> 00:31:07,000

options there are there one thing can be

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00:31:10,380 --> 00:31:08,320

certain there's always going to be a

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00:31:12,720 --> 00:31:10,390

conspiracy theory about something and of

740

00:31:14,040 --> 00:31:12,730

course this is the perfect year to be

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00:31:16,470 --> 00:31:14,050

the 50th anniversary of the

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00:31:19,410 --> 00:31:16,480

assassination of JFK so there really was

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00:31:21,090 --> 00:31:19,420

no other topic yeah I it ties in quite

744

00:31:23,400 --> 00:31:21,100

well and we think about it this

745

00:31:26,430 --> 00:31:23,410

political conspiracy theories conspiracy

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00:31:28,320 --> 00:31:26,440

theories about the climate and as we

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00:31:31,230 --> 00:31:28,330

were chatting earlier there's a lot of

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00:31:34,470 --> 00:31:31,240

the anti-vaxxers they're basically a hot

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00:31:36,870 --> 00:31:34,480

conspiracy theorist and chemtrails of

750

00:31:38,790 --> 00:31:36,880

course absolutely mean obviously as we

751

00:31:41,880 --> 00:31:38,800

all know this barbecue is actually fun

752

00:31:44,100 --> 00:31:41,890

by Big Pharma I mean they get giving it

753

00:31:47,510 --> 00:31:44,110

away yeah oh sorry it's not me sorry

754

00:31:50,340 --> 00:31:47,520

good Big Pharma sausages of it you think

755

00:31:52,920 --> 00:31:50,350

it filled with who knows what designed

756

00:31:55,170 --> 00:31:52,930

to control the masses probably chemicals

757

00:31:57,510 --> 00:31:55,180

yes absolutely chemicals chemicals

758

00:31:59,490 --> 00:31:57,520

chemicals it looks good i'm just gonna

759

00:32:01,080 --> 00:31:59,500

hear some steaks and sausages on the go

760

00:32:03,380 --> 00:32:01,090

there is a nice little turn out this is

761

00:32:06,210 --> 00:32:03,390

really something you've done for the

762

00:32:08,940 --> 00:32:06,220

local skeptical members isn't it yes yes

763

00:32:10,740 --> 00:32:08,950

every year about this time we take a

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00:32:12,870 --> 00:32:10,750

break from our monthly lecture series

765

00:32:14,820 --> 00:32:12,880

and we just put on a social event so

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00:32:16,440 --> 00:32:14,830

sometimes it's at a pub but this year I

767

00:32:18,300 --> 00:32:16,450

thought I'd do something different so

768

00:32:20,400 --> 00:32:18,310

we'd have a barbecue first and then we

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00:32:22,290 --> 00:32:20,410

go inside for a free screening of Brian

770

00:32:23,910 --> 00:32:22,300

Dunning's here be dragons a guide to

771

00:32:27,120 --> 00:32:23,920

critical thinking you're looking forward

772

00:32:28,920 --> 00:32:27,130

to that and that's in a just over an

773

00:32:30,510 --> 00:32:28,930

hour away we'll be heading in there the

774

00:32:32,160 --> 00:32:30,520

more people will be turning out for that

775

00:32:33,930 --> 00:32:32,170

of course which is really great but i

776

00:32:35,670 --> 00:32:33,940

really like i really like the social

777

00:32:37,680 --> 00:32:35,680

aspect of skepticism it's a good chance

778

00:32:39,570 --> 00:32:37,690

to just to have a nice relaxing time a

779

00:32:43,470 --> 00:32:39,580

glass of wine which we have absolutely

780

00:32:45,000 --> 00:32:43,480

and I can hear the sausages sizzling in

781

00:32:48,360 --> 00:32:45,010

the background it's such a nice day here

782

00:32:51,990 --> 00:32:48,370

in Canberra and yeah so folks here's the

783

00:32:55,170 --> 00:32:52,000

word keep your eye on the website which

784

00:32:57,960 --> 00:32:55,180

is scam bruh skeptics doorbell you came

785

00:33:00,330 --> 00:32:57,970

for skeptics okay you and there we are

786

00:33:02,010 --> 00:33:00,340

using the facebook page that was used

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00:33:03,480 --> 00:33:02,020

for the convention last year we just

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00:33:06,770 --> 00:33:03,490

took over that I'm going to be using

789

00:33:09,240 --> 00:33:06,780

that so that's the same website and

790

00:33:10,710 --> 00:33:09,250

details will be up shortly we're in the

791

00:33:12,090 --> 00:33:10,720

process of making the website for the

792

00:33:13,710 --> 00:33:12,100

convention and we've got well of course

793

00:33:15,240 --> 00:33:13,720

it's early days the convention is an

794

00:33:19,110 --> 00:33:15,250

until November but it's good for people

795

00:33:21,510 --> 00:33:19,120

to plan way ahead make the note in the

796

00:33:24,330 --> 00:33:21,520

diary absolutely 20 seconds 24th of

797

00:33:26,640 --> 00:33:24,340

November at CSIRO discovery excellent

798

00:33:29,430 --> 00:33:26,650

stuff Kevin it's going to be a fun year

799

00:33:44,710 --> 00:33:29,440

leading up to a great convention looking

800

00:33:50,900 --> 00:33:48,050

I'm courses hello an ally Dawson to her

801
00:33:52,490 --> 00:33:50,910
that the skeptics on podcasts boasted

802
00:33:54,560 --> 00:33:52,500
year this is alvin Deutschland and in

803
00:33:57,080 --> 00:33:54,570
skeptic affirmed gift a vital

804
00:34:01,940 --> 00:33:57,090
information Oberon's on the skeptic a

805
00:34:05,690 --> 00:34:01,950
magazine reserved vvv punt gavey oop a

806
00:34:08,960 --> 00:34:05,700
punk rock hv dejala vay vay vay pumped

807
00:34:11,240 --> 00:34:08,970
Evie rupee Paul talked on tons of

808
00:34:20,760 --> 00:34:11,250
efficient facebook twitter and google+

809
00:34:46,769 --> 00:34:24,159
join us now for drinking skeptically in

810
00:34:52,720 --> 00:34:50,200
2002 does lime dazzle Amanda I am dazzle

811
00:34:54,970 --> 00:34:52,730
because I'm in Canberra and this I'm in

812
00:35:00,569 --> 00:34:54,980
trouble this is the very first Canberra

813
00:35:05,769 --> 00:35:03,220

well half the people of glasses and half

814

00:35:07,749 --> 00:35:05,779

the people don't there's so many people

815

00:35:09,759 --> 00:35:07,759

here this is fantastic we had a showing

816

00:35:11,739 --> 00:35:09,769

of Brian Dunning's here be dragons today

817

00:35:13,660 --> 00:35:11,749

which is really good I'm gonna go around

818

00:35:16,660 --> 00:35:13,670

the room and everybody let the audience

819

00:35:21,130 --> 00:35:16,670

know who you are oh I'm Nick where I'm a

820

00:35:22,989 --> 00:35:21,140

retired scientific minion good enough my

821

00:35:26,079 --> 00:35:22,999

name's our manager Val I'm a current

822

00:35:27,519 --> 00:35:26,089

minion even better my name's Kevin

823

00:35:29,710 --> 00:35:27,529

Davies I'm the president of campus

824

00:35:32,170 --> 00:35:29,720

skeptics that's the best surfer John bun

825

00:35:38,019 --> 00:35:32,180

doc we told you to sit up Michael Green

826

00:35:41,620 --> 00:35:38,029

bomb well said sy was from Twitter loss

827

00:35:43,539 --> 00:35:41,630

from Twitter and and and ADA hello Edith

828

00:35:47,710 --> 00:35:43,549

she's clapping her hands folks trust me

829

00:35:49,210 --> 00:35:47,720

she's clever yeah she's delighted to be

830

00:35:51,249 --> 00:35:49,220

here and she's how old eight-month nine

831

00:35:54,519 --> 00:35:51,259

months all right Oh mostly get a meal

832

00:35:56,229 --> 00:35:54,529

Lauren I read almost teacher and you up

833

00:36:02,950 --> 00:35:56,239

from Twitter to I'm Cheyenne computer is

834

00:36:05,170 --> 00:36:02,960

up Victor skeptic oh it sounds yet and

835

00:36:06,519 --> 00:36:05,180

I'm Andrew I work in the aid and

836

00:36:08,200 --> 00:36:06,529

development industry and I'm on the

837

00:36:10,180 --> 00:36:08,210

committee of Canberra skeptics so you

838

00:36:12,099 --> 00:36:10,190

are and let me start with you Andrew

839

00:36:13,690 --> 00:36:12,109

because those people who went to the

840

00:36:15,099 --> 00:36:13,700

melbourne convention would have

841

00:36:17,200 --> 00:36:15,109

remembered well remembered at the end of

842

00:36:19,509 --> 00:36:17,210

the convention there was a brief teaser

843

00:36:21,130 --> 00:36:19,519

trailer for the upcoming Canberra

844

00:36:22,599 --> 00:36:21,140

skeptics convention or the Australian

845

00:36:24,940 --> 00:36:22,609

skeptic convention here in Canberra in

846

00:36:26,380 --> 00:36:24,950

November and you were responsible for

847

00:36:28,870 --> 00:36:26,390

that and that's online isn't it it is

848

00:36:32,049 --> 00:36:28,880

it's online it's if you search youtube

849

00:36:34,450 --> 00:36:32,059

for the Australian connection oh yes i

850

00:36:36,249 --> 00:36:34,460

called it you'll find that under under

851
00:36:38,229 --> 00:36:36,259
my account that was a lot of fun to do

852
00:36:40,299 --> 00:36:38,239
actually yeah my friend Liz and I

853
00:36:42,670 --> 00:36:40,309
trooped around to various places in

854
00:36:44,170 --> 00:36:42,680
Canberra and I had this script

855
00:36:45,910 --> 00:36:44,180
pre-prepared you might have seen the

856
00:36:48,789 --> 00:36:45,920
script didn't reflected in blizzards

857
00:36:51,729 --> 00:36:48,799
sunglasses but it was a lot of fun to do

858
00:36:53,920 --> 00:36:51,739
so we're very happy that that it got a

859
00:36:55,809 --> 00:36:53,930
good reception and for n is that linked

860
00:36:57,339 --> 00:36:55,819
from the Canberra web skeptics website I

861
00:36:59,750 --> 00:36:57,349
think it should be if it's not I think

862
00:37:00,860 --> 00:36:59,760
it I well since I'm the one who's

863
00:37:03,380 --> 00:37:00,870

sponsible for the camera skeptics

864

00:37:06,620 --> 00:37:03,390

website I think we should probably make

865

00:37:08,960 --> 00:37:06,630

a note under undoubtedly by the time

866

00:37:10,220 --> 00:37:08,970

this goes out it will be but it's it's a

867

00:37:12,770 --> 00:37:10,230

fun video because the upcoming

868

00:37:16,610 --> 00:37:12,780

convention here in November is all about

869

00:37:21,170 --> 00:37:16,620

conspiracy theories yeah because as you

870

00:37:25,520 --> 00:37:21,180

were reminding us earlier what are you

871

00:37:26,990 --> 00:37:25,530

kidding slowly pour skeptic it's the

872

00:37:29,060 --> 00:37:27,000

50th anniversary this year of the

873

00:37:32,630 --> 00:37:29,070

assassinations kind of course yes it is

874

00:37:36,220 --> 00:37:32,640

so I what better theme for a convention

875

00:37:40,460 --> 00:37:36,230

on such an auspicious date as the as the

876

00:37:42,140 --> 00:37:40,470

assassination of JFK so it's all going

877

00:37:44,530 --> 00:37:42,150

well all going well and there are so

878

00:37:46,820 --> 00:37:44,540

many things you can weave around

879

00:37:48,890 --> 00:37:46,830

conspiracy theories it's endless we were

880

00:37:50,600 --> 00:37:48,900

discussing this earlier from chem trails

881

00:37:52,640 --> 00:37:50,610

to anti-vaccination to just about

882

00:37:54,860 --> 00:37:52,650

anything a lot a lot of the whoo crowd

883

00:37:56,630 --> 00:37:54,870

we sort of come up against it their

884

00:37:59,120 --> 00:37:56,640

heart I think a lot of my conspiracy

885

00:38:01,010 --> 00:37:59,130

theorists oh yes and you've got history

886

00:38:03,710 --> 00:38:01,020

conspiracy theories relating to history

887

00:38:07,550 --> 00:38:03,720

especially Holocaust denial oh yeah but

888

00:38:10,100 --> 00:38:07,560

also 911 conspiracy theories so there's

889

00:38:14,120 --> 00:38:10,110

a lot of conspiracy furiously 911

890

00:38:16,430 --> 00:38:14,130

conspiracy that's an awful other the way

891

00:38:18,980 --> 00:38:16,440

lots are a lot more than up in my

892

00:38:20,810 --> 00:38:18,990

line of work we what is your line of

893

00:38:23,510 --> 00:38:20,820

work Amanda for our listeners both

894

00:38:28,640 --> 00:38:23,520

generally speaking I work in the law

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00:38:32,270 --> 00:38:28,650

enforcement / intelligence field 02 / a

896

00:38:35,810 --> 00:38:32,280

secret you you have to be cleared and

897

00:38:37,550 --> 00:38:35,820

you're not so its focus one of the arm

898

00:38:39,500 --> 00:38:37,560

training things that I've recently done

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00:38:41,960 --> 00:38:39,510

we actually do a presentation on the 911

900

00:38:44,330 --> 00:38:41,970

conspiracy so we had to do an analysis

901
00:38:46,310 --> 00:38:44,340
on one of the conspiracy theories

902
00:38:48,830 --> 00:38:46,320
according to the Pentagon really which

903
00:38:51,290 --> 00:38:48,840
was kind of funny yeah Wow and putting

904
00:38:53,540 --> 00:38:51,300
so I had to put all my um my skepticism

905
00:38:56,720 --> 00:38:53,550
sort of a little bit back and and treat

906
00:38:58,670 --> 00:38:56,730
it as an analysis based on data rather

907
00:39:00,380 --> 00:38:58,680
than which is actually quite good

908
00:39:03,860 --> 00:39:00,390
because we were forced to look at things

909
00:39:05,290 --> 00:39:03,870
is a whole picture rather than what we

910
00:39:07,880 --> 00:39:05,300
would initially believed it ourselves

911
00:39:09,770 --> 00:39:07,890
isn't that interesting because I know

912
00:39:11,670 --> 00:39:09,780
with the moon landing so-called moon

913
00:39:14,700 --> 00:39:11,680

landing hoax conspiracy it wasn't until

914

00:39:16,349 --> 00:39:14,710

years afterwards that these things came

915

00:39:17,400 --> 00:39:16,359

up and I didn't pay the much attention

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00:39:19,319 --> 00:39:17,410

when they first came out because I

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00:39:22,319 --> 00:39:19,329

thought that's silly what's next and

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00:39:24,420 --> 00:39:22,329

then they grew in popularity but I can't

919

00:39:26,130 --> 00:39:24,430

remember now how long after nine eleven

920

00:39:28,290 --> 00:39:26,140

that the conspiracy theories started

921

00:39:30,540 --> 00:39:28,300

popping is about two and a half minutes

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00:39:32,309 --> 00:39:30,550

after yeah yeah about six months after

923

00:39:33,780 --> 00:39:32,319

it I first saw the document come around

924

00:39:36,630 --> 00:39:33,790

which claimed that there were no planes

925

00:39:40,020 --> 00:39:36,640

at the Pentagon the document came around

926
00:39:42,210 --> 00:39:40,030
it was written by some french guy but it

927
00:39:44,130 --> 00:39:42,220
was the first one that that that I saw

928
00:39:45,540 --> 00:39:44,140
saying that they were there was there

929
00:39:46,920 --> 00:39:45,550
were no plane fragments found at the

930
00:39:49,829 --> 00:39:46,930
Pentagon and had photos and everything

931
00:39:53,700 --> 00:39:49,839
and I was oh this is so credible yeah

932
00:39:54,690 --> 00:39:53,710
right I actually had a person in the

933
00:39:56,609 --> 00:39:54,700
field he probably should have known

934
00:39:59,130 --> 00:39:56,619
better actually tried to tell me why he

935
00:40:00,870 --> 00:39:59,140
believed that the the Pentagon was

936
00:40:02,640 --> 00:40:00,880
actually a missile strike and I

937
00:40:05,220 --> 00:40:02,650
literally felt like my brain was about

938
00:40:08,220 --> 00:40:05,230

to explode and I had to take a breath

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00:40:11,849 --> 00:40:08,230

and just go don't make him cry and then

940

00:40:14,359 --> 00:40:11,859

say all right why do you have secret

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00:40:18,120 --> 00:40:14,369

ways to inflict up how i do how you do

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00:40:20,039 --> 00:40:18,130

but anyway moving on but yes i had to

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00:40:22,829 --> 00:40:20,049

say to him you why do you believe this

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00:40:24,720 --> 00:40:22,839

and and what evidence do you have now

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00:40:26,609 --> 00:40:24,730

I'm just becoming aware of in the last

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00:40:28,530 --> 00:40:26,619

couple of days these nutters who were

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00:40:31,109 --> 00:40:28,540

have some sort of Sandy Hook conspiracy

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00:40:33,299 --> 00:40:31,119

have you seen me yes are not very well

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00:40:35,640 --> 00:40:33,309

I've seen it exists but I haven't looked

950

00:40:37,740 --> 00:40:35,650

into it for fear of my sanity we've

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00:40:39,420 --> 00:40:37,750

gotten for Port Arthur as well Port

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00:40:41,760 --> 00:40:39,430

Arthur of course it now Brian Dunning

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00:40:44,490 --> 00:40:41,770

who is speaking of earlier and we always

954

00:40:46,589 --> 00:40:44,500

now when we speak of fine dining and

955

00:40:48,900 --> 00:40:46,599

stand up and sleep he did one of his

956

00:40:50,940 --> 00:40:48,910

skipped eyes on the port arthur whole

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00:40:52,410 --> 00:40:50,950

conspiracy thing today what did you

958

00:40:54,870 --> 00:40:52,420

think I thought it was very good i

959

00:40:57,720 --> 00:40:54,880

should know what happened very well and

960

00:40:58,980 --> 00:40:57,730

he covered it very very very well and i

961

00:41:00,500 --> 00:40:58,990

took a bit personally with all the

962

00:41:03,210 --> 00:41:00,510

conspiracy theories as well as with the

963

00:41:06,599 --> 00:41:03,220

Sandy Hook one because that kind of hit

964

00:41:08,819 --> 00:41:06,609

me being in a field and I felt like um

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00:41:10,530 --> 00:41:08,829

the people were honoring what it

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00:41:12,960 --> 00:41:10,540

actually happened the tragedy of what

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00:41:14,910 --> 00:41:12,970

happened by putting up all these and

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00:41:16,620 --> 00:41:14,920

with and what the latest one is is that

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00:41:20,099 --> 00:41:16,630

their dramatic actors who were appearing

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00:41:21,980 --> 00:41:20,109

on at the scene to make it out like it

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00:41:24,950 --> 00:41:21,990

was robotics

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00:41:26,300 --> 00:41:24,960

what I'm saying sandy hook yeah dearly

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00:41:29,030 --> 00:41:26,310

but the Port Arthur was all about the

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00:41:30,440 --> 00:41:29,040

government plan because I don't know any

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00:41:32,960 --> 00:41:30,450

of the details about these new ones

976
00:41:34,910 --> 00:41:32,970
about Sandy Hook I'm I wish I could say

977
00:41:37,130 --> 00:41:34,920
I was surprised that they've coming up

978
00:41:38,780 --> 00:41:37,140
with them but I am really just disgusted

979
00:41:40,370 --> 00:41:38,790
you know yeah I mean I actually was

980
00:41:42,500 --> 00:41:40,380
reading for the other night the website

981
00:41:44,390 --> 00:41:42,510
for the UM they were saying that there

982
00:41:45,650 --> 00:41:44,400
were these plants that were going in and

983
00:41:48,050 --> 00:41:45,660
they were the ones giving a mountain

984
00:41:51,170 --> 00:41:48,060
what I read one and and I actually had

985
00:41:52,760 --> 00:41:51,180
to go and had a martini because they

986
00:41:54,890 --> 00:41:52,770
actually was saying that this is one

987
00:41:56,450 --> 00:41:54,900
woman appearing on the news reports who

988
00:41:59,900 --> 00:41:56,460

was being one of the agreed he was

989

00:42:02,420 --> 00:41:59,910

appearing with the the guy that his name

990

00:42:03,830 --> 00:42:02,430

the guy that shot up the cinema who was

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00:42:06,170 --> 00:42:03,840

also appearing another thing so their

992

00:42:09,520 --> 00:42:06,180

theory was these dramatic actors were

993

00:42:12,290 --> 00:42:09,530

hired by the government to appear for

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00:42:13,400 --> 00:42:12,300

for whatever to make it the public think

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00:42:15,730 --> 00:42:13,410

that this thing actually happen when it

996

00:42:18,770 --> 00:42:15,740

was all actually the intention was to

997

00:42:20,900 --> 00:42:18,780

ignite the gun control thing or what

998

00:42:22,280 --> 00:42:20,910

what was the others of the conspiracy

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00:42:23,930 --> 00:42:22,290

well there's a lot of people in America

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00:42:25,640 --> 00:42:23,940

who are firmly of the opinion that the

1001

00:42:27,920 --> 00:42:25,650

government are out to take all their

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00:42:34,820 --> 00:42:27,930

weapons away and then control the most

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00:42:36,620 --> 00:42:34,830

good to be the conspiracy that it is it

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00:42:38,630 --> 00:42:36,630

that the that the government

1005

00:42:42,470 --> 00:42:38,640

orchestrated this this whole massacre in

1006

00:42:44,240 --> 00:42:42,480

order to change manufacture that I think

1007

00:42:46,340 --> 00:42:44,250

so I think so yeah I think they still

1008

00:42:47,870 --> 00:42:46,350

own paradox basically saying that with a

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00:42:49,990 --> 00:42:47,880

9 11 hours say that the government

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00:42:53,240 --> 00:42:50,000

orchestrated the entire thing to to

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00:42:55,160 --> 00:42:53,250

justify invading you know invading where

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00:42:58,370 --> 00:42:55,170

they want to invade and go after Saddam

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00:43:01,670 --> 00:42:58,380

and go after yeah yeah Port Arthur was

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00:43:04,849 --> 00:43:01,680

could straighten to let the government

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00:43:06,890 --> 00:43:04,859

here relieve the population of weapons

1016

00:43:08,359 --> 00:43:06,900

it just made no sense with us though

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00:43:10,460 --> 00:43:08,369

there was no connection to it whatsoever

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00:43:12,349 --> 00:43:10,470

which was a bit disappointing because

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00:43:14,120 --> 00:43:12,359

I'd expect the conspiracy theorists to

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00:43:15,950 --> 00:43:14,130

at least put some effort in and make

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00:43:18,500 --> 00:43:15,960

sure that they mix it just right so well

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00:43:19,910 --> 00:43:18,510

they don't have to you know they can

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00:43:21,109 --> 00:43:19,920

come up with just about anything and

1024

00:43:22,700 --> 00:43:21,119

there'll be a certain percentage of the

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00:43:24,349 --> 00:43:22,710

population will jump on board with it I

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00:43:26,210 --> 00:43:24,359

think but a good conspiracy theory is

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00:43:27,290 --> 00:43:26,220

like a good cake mix here you put the

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00:43:31,780 --> 00:43:27,300

right amount

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00:43:34,430 --> 00:43:31,790

there's got fruit nuts in it yes nuts

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00:43:37,130 --> 00:43:34,440

you put just amount of truth in with it

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00:43:41,150 --> 00:43:37,140

just a matter of madness nothing this

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00:43:43,250 --> 00:43:41,160

guy them dope that was for you and we've

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00:43:44,660 --> 00:43:43,260

just was just the right amount of theory

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00:43:46,640 --> 00:43:44,670

was just amount of science with right

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00:43:48,470 --> 00:43:46,650

just amount of religion and then he'd

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00:43:51,200 --> 00:43:48,480

out there how long so I got distracted

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00:43:52,580 --> 00:43:51,210

by I must say everybody were we're

1038

00:43:54,230 --> 00:43:52,590

having a serious discussion but we're

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00:43:56,660 --> 00:43:54,240

all peeping out of the corner of her

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00:43:58,520 --> 00:43:56,670

eyes cuz little ADA is sitting up on her

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00:44:02,600 --> 00:43:58,530

mother's knee and she's just won all our

1042

00:44:04,280 --> 00:44:02,610

hearts hello Olin and she is the

1043

00:44:06,470 --> 00:44:04,290

youngest skeptic and she's just beaming

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00:44:07,880 --> 00:44:06,480

at it's all well not it she looks a

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00:44:09,980 --> 00:44:07,890

little bit scared of a chance I must

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00:44:11,330 --> 00:44:09,990

admit I'm i would like to point out that

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00:44:13,250 --> 00:44:11,340

i think in some ways some of the

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00:44:15,890 --> 00:44:13,260

conspiracy theorists actually put a lot

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00:44:18,980 --> 00:44:15,900

of time and effort into their heritage

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00:44:20,990 --> 00:44:18,990

but it's like they're try it's like

1051
00:44:23,810 --> 00:44:21,000
they've got the assumption and they're

1052
00:44:26,330 --> 00:44:23,820
trying to make the links to it and they

1053
00:44:28,070 --> 00:44:26,340
just they sure what was the conclusion

1054
00:44:29,540 --> 00:44:28,080
like creationists they start with the

1055
00:44:31,190 --> 00:44:29,550
conclusion and then manufacturer

1056
00:44:33,350 --> 00:44:31,200
siblings do it's also an industry

1057
00:44:35,510 --> 00:44:33,360
there's actually that's true element to

1058
00:44:38,330 --> 00:44:35,520
it there's a in forensics what it is is

1059
00:44:39,770 --> 00:44:38,340
human nature shots of human condition to

1060
00:44:41,570 --> 00:44:39,780
want to grab for a reason for something

1061
00:44:44,480 --> 00:44:41,580
it's what we do we all do it even you do

1062
00:44:46,550 --> 00:44:44,490
it we all do it so what they what they

1063
00:44:49,130 --> 00:44:46,560

do is and this is why a lot of them are

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00:44:50,690 --> 00:44:49,140

so as so successful with their

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00:44:52,610 --> 00:44:50,700

conspiracy theories and have such a

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00:44:54,410 --> 00:44:52,620

following is that it gives people a

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00:44:56,960 --> 00:44:54,420

reason for something that they can't

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00:44:59,690 --> 00:44:56,970

comprehend and if it's something as

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00:45:03,560 --> 00:44:59,700

heinous as a whole a lot of death and

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00:45:06,050 --> 00:45:03,570

injury our that they um I can't focus

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00:45:07,940 --> 00:45:06,060

with a cute baby she's clapping out his

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00:45:10,820 --> 00:45:07,950

phone Jesus is terribly but I can't

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00:45:12,080 --> 00:45:10,830

focus on getting it really know so

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00:45:14,030 --> 00:45:12,090

that's what they that's what it does

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00:45:15,620 --> 00:45:14,040

it's almost like an addiction in a way

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00:45:17,450 --> 00:45:15,630

it gets it in part of the brain that

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00:45:19,610 --> 00:45:17,460

sort of wants to reach for that and

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00:45:23,560 --> 00:45:19,620

wants to grab a reason the event has to

1079

00:45:26,420 --> 00:45:23,570

match the outcome so looking at JFK

1080

00:45:28,220 --> 00:45:26,430

assassination what's easier to believe

1081

00:45:29,840 --> 00:45:28,230

that it was some massive grand

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00:45:32,420 --> 00:45:29,850

conspiracy with

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00:45:34,910 --> 00:45:32,430

thousands of people involved or was some

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00:45:38,240 --> 00:45:34,920

pathetic low life which Lee Harvey

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00:45:39,800 --> 00:45:38,250

Oswald was a nobody and get he killed

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00:45:42,200 --> 00:45:39,810

one of the most popular presidents in

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00:45:44,570 --> 00:45:42,210

history Sam would say Diana what makes

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00:45:49,460 --> 00:45:44,580

more sense grand conspiracy or traveling

1089

00:45:51,800 --> 00:45:49,470

too fast no seat belt person the message

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00:45:54,770 --> 00:45:51,810

I mean this is one of the most lining

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00:45:56,390 --> 00:45:54,780

Lee stupid things and a good friend of

1092

00:45:57,950 --> 00:45:56,400

mine in fact the announcer Jim will show

1093

00:46:00,710 --> 00:45:57,960

that who announces the skeptic zone each

1094

00:46:02,780 --> 00:46:00,720

week said to me the security guard who

1095

00:46:04,880 --> 00:46:02,790

was with Diana at the time utterly

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00:46:08,150 --> 00:46:04,890

failed Diana was not wearing a seat belt

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00:46:11,300 --> 00:46:08,160

and the only reason he survived he was

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00:46:13,400 --> 00:46:11,310

and he's in Australia ah there's a

1099

00:46:15,950 --> 00:46:13,410

connection it's it's not so much a

1100

00:46:18,260 --> 00:46:15,960

choice if you're not just if you grow up

1101
00:46:20,120 --> 00:46:18,270
here you just always put you see that's

1102
00:46:22,280 --> 00:46:20,130
true it's automatic oh my god figured it

1103
00:46:24,260 --> 00:46:22,290
out it was called hope now for those

1104
00:46:25,880 --> 00:46:24,270
listeners listening overseas Harold Holt

1105
00:46:29,630 --> 00:46:25,890
was a prime minister in Australia in the

1106
00:46:32,900 --> 00:46:29,640
60s who went swimming one day by himself

1107
00:46:34,850 --> 00:46:32,910
not very well apparently not on the

1108
00:46:36,230 --> 00:46:34,860
diving he was scuba diving he was a

1109
00:46:37,520 --> 00:46:36,240
strong enough he was a strong enough

1110
00:46:39,350 --> 00:46:37,530
swimmer to swim right out to that

1111
00:46:41,720 --> 00:46:39,360
chinese submarine well there you go and

1112
00:46:45,220 --> 00:46:41,730
he disappeared and we honored his legacy

1113
00:46:48,530 --> 00:46:45,230

by maybe a swimming pool after him

1114

00:46:50,480 --> 00:46:48,540

there's anybody here remember that they

1115

00:46:53,000 --> 00:46:50,490

when harold holt disappeared in the UK

1116

00:46:55,640 --> 00:46:53,010

but i do remember i have been to hawaii

1117

00:46:58,700 --> 00:46:55,650

and I remember how kalica and Captain

1118

00:47:01,190 --> 00:46:58,710

Cook is remember there my god is it well

1119

00:47:02,720 --> 00:47:01,200

yes if you go to if you go to the spot

1120

00:47:04,910 --> 00:47:02,730

on which he was killed yeah you will

1121

00:47:13,690 --> 00:47:04,920

find a caravan they're selling captain

1122

00:47:16,850 --> 00:47:13,700

cook burgers years ago that is fantastic

1123

00:47:19,010 --> 00:47:16,860

well it's horse 20 years ago but I found

1124

00:47:21,380 --> 00:47:19,020

of date mater yeah but I think I think

1125

00:47:23,350 --> 00:47:21,390

there is another dimension to conspiracy

1126

00:47:25,400 --> 00:47:23,360

theories if you think about the

1127

00:47:30,340 --> 00:47:25,410

conspiracies about the moon landings

1128

00:47:34,840 --> 00:47:30,350

well there you have a fantastic

1129

00:47:37,030 --> 00:47:34,850

M true human effort yeah and there's

1130

00:47:39,790 --> 00:47:37,040

trying to be derided for some reason and

1131

00:47:41,080 --> 00:47:39,800

I was actually did quite a lot of work

1132

00:47:43,180 --> 00:47:41,090

on but in roxas when we run those

1133

00:47:45,370 --> 00:47:43,190

reasons I came out to Australia sonu my

1134

00:47:47,770 --> 00:47:45,380

boss was going to get them and hardly

1135

00:47:49,120 --> 00:47:47,780

fund oh really how come on working and I

1136

00:47:50,950 --> 00:47:49,130

was really surprised because there was

1137

00:47:52,870 --> 00:47:50,960

actually on for research teams because I

1138

00:47:54,850 --> 00:47:52,880

was regarding the only electromagnet

1139

00:47:58,230 --> 00:47:54,860

probe lab in the country the time sounds

1140

00:48:01,540 --> 00:47:58,240

great yeah anyway I found myself in a

1141

00:48:04,840 --> 00:48:01,550

certain outback town a perhaps I didn't

1142

00:48:07,720 --> 00:48:04,850

mention it and staying with the

1143

00:48:09,970 --> 00:48:07,730

secretary for the Rotary Club and he was

1144

00:48:12,520 --> 00:48:09,980

the talk secretary now he had to give a

1145

00:48:14,050 --> 00:48:12,530

talk and on moment's notice so I talked

1146

00:48:16,240 --> 00:48:14,060

about theories of the formation of the

1147

00:48:17,800 --> 00:48:16,250

moon and how we were able to cancel out

1148

00:48:21,220 --> 00:48:17,810

they captured the Aryan blah blah blah

1149

00:48:23,620 --> 00:48:21,230

blah blah and Eric talked and then the

1150

00:48:27,400 --> 00:48:23,630

questions afterwards we're all on von

1151
00:48:29,590 --> 00:48:27,410
Daniken no no yeah all on von Daniken

1152
00:48:31,060 --> 00:48:29,600
and did I think they then as the glands

1153
00:48:33,670 --> 00:48:31,070
blah blah blah all the sort of thing and

1154
00:48:35,770 --> 00:48:33,680
having a drink at the pub in there after

1155
00:48:37,690 --> 00:48:35,780
afterwards as well the one guy came up

1156
00:48:39,880 --> 00:48:37,700
to me and said do you really think they

1157
00:48:42,250 --> 00:48:39,890
actually landed on the moon and that

1158
00:48:45,220 --> 00:48:42,260
this is very you know there's only eight

1159
00:48:48,340 --> 00:48:45,230
months afterwards really yeah really i

1160
00:48:50,110 --> 00:48:48,350
thought those 19 and 19 secure yeah they

1161
00:48:51,790 --> 00:48:50,120
happen but it wasn't because we should

1162
00:48:55,030 --> 00:48:51,800
this just a certain that back time oh

1163
00:48:57,580 --> 00:48:55,040

good hands um you know in Australia well

1164

00:48:58,930 --> 00:48:57,590

that's all I'm super Dom Daniken's to

1165

00:49:01,420 --> 00:48:58,940

chariot of the gods or whatever it is

1166

00:49:03,370 --> 00:49:01,430

did them carriage is the gods ? because

1167

00:49:05,350 --> 00:49:03,380

the only coat ? have you seen that

1168

00:49:08,800 --> 00:49:05,360

relatively recent documentary called

1169

00:49:11,320 --> 00:49:08,810

ancient aliens debunked yes you've seen

1170

00:49:14,110 --> 00:49:11,330

it have you said oh it's it's quite

1171

00:49:16,360 --> 00:49:14,120

quite a work quite it was read it oh

1172

00:49:20,470 --> 00:49:16,370

it's a documentary goes for three hours

1173

00:49:22,630 --> 00:49:20,480

but it's a methodical undoing of the

1174

00:49:25,330 --> 00:49:22,640

arguments about ancient astronauts an

1175

00:49:28,450 --> 00:49:25,340

ancient technology and it's it's a work

1176

00:49:29,680 --> 00:49:28,460

of art isn't it you know I developed a

1177

00:49:33,070 --> 00:49:29,690

recent fascination with the ancient

1178

00:49:36,820 --> 00:49:33,080

alien sort of thing that people be here

1179

00:49:39,100 --> 00:49:36,830

what is nothing but that would be afraid

1180

00:49:43,410 --> 00:49:39,110

right the engineer at the ancient alien

1181

00:49:47,740 --> 00:49:46,120

but it just it just is so completely

1182

00:49:49,180 --> 00:49:47,750

silly to me and just watching this

1183

00:49:51,520 --> 00:49:49,190

document and watching how they tear

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00:49:54,550 --> 00:49:51,530

because they break it down and watching

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00:49:57,130 --> 00:49:54,560

how people are just cling to this stupid

1186

00:49:58,360 --> 00:49:57,140

stupid stupid thing and just for the

1187

00:50:01,960 --> 00:49:58,370

sake of the fact that they've probably

1188

00:50:03,580 --> 00:50:01,970

got no girlfriend it might be true than

1189

00:50:04,750 --> 00:50:03,590

what you say now folks we normally do

1190

00:50:05,890 --> 00:50:04,760

the think tank of course from our

1191

00:50:07,660 --> 00:50:05,900

favorite club down the end of the street

1192

00:50:10,630 --> 00:50:07,670

in the Chinese restaurant today we're at

1193

00:50:12,760 --> 00:50:10,640

King O'Malley's here in Canberra which

1194

00:50:14,470 --> 00:50:12,770

is a wonderful place it says where it is

1195

00:50:16,390 --> 00:50:14,480

in a sort of a sitting room with books

1196

00:50:18,910 --> 00:50:16,400

on the shelves and leather couches and

1197

00:50:20,920 --> 00:50:18,920

hand side is it I can't read that

1198

00:50:23,920 --> 00:50:20,930

parliamentary debate I figured we could

1199

00:50:26,770 --> 00:50:23,930

do a dramatic recitation maybe we could

1200

00:50:30,550 --> 00:50:26,780

and there are no bus announcements but

1201
00:50:33,340 --> 00:50:30,560
there are people claim with dishes under

1202
00:50:37,270 --> 00:50:33,350
the desk I can pig out I'm a bigger if

1203
00:50:39,490 --> 00:50:37,280
Evans wants to be Cheryl Carter now for

1204
00:50:41,410 --> 00:50:39,500
the benefit of value for the benefit of

1205
00:50:43,180 --> 00:50:41,420
our international listeners and our

1206
00:50:46,300 --> 00:50:43,190
Australian listeners we won't be waiting

1207
00:50:48,190 --> 00:50:46,310
from inside after all you just ruin all

1208
00:50:50,890 --> 00:50:48,200
my fun day I know I just lost half your

1209
00:50:52,990 --> 00:50:50,900
listeners anyway might want to edit that

1210
00:50:55,600 --> 00:50:53,000
bit out now you have regular meetings

1211
00:50:58,000 --> 00:50:55,610
here the camera people at this pub yes

1212
00:51:01,300 --> 00:50:58,010
we have them once a month for a skeptics

1213
00:51:04,150 --> 00:51:01,310

in the pub it's a bit of a chance third

1214

00:51:06,010 --> 00:51:04,160

Sunday of every month it's andrew runs

1215

00:51:07,540 --> 00:51:06,020

the show for this one for the skeptics

1216

00:51:10,900 --> 00:51:07,550

in the pub just gives chance a bit

1217

00:51:12,220 --> 00:51:10,910

people a chance to meet up and chat it's

1218

00:51:14,560 --> 00:51:12,230

a little bit different from our monthly

1219

00:51:17,500 --> 00:51:14,570

lecture series which we also hold on

1220

00:51:18,970 --> 00:51:17,510

weekends now but I've got a few ideas

1221

00:51:21,220 --> 00:51:18,980

for things I'd like to see done

1222

00:51:23,080 --> 00:51:21,230

throughout the year so we I must admit

1223

00:51:24,670 --> 00:51:23,090

i'm quite jealous businesses are really

1224

00:51:26,080 --> 00:51:24,680

not do you come up to this room what you

1225

00:51:32,230 --> 00:51:26,090

have in the bigger room downstairs it

1226

00:51:34,360 --> 00:51:32,240

depends really we usually start out in

1227

00:51:35,830 --> 00:51:34,370

the snug because it's really nice and

1228

00:51:37,840 --> 00:51:35,840

comfortable but if we get too many

1229

00:51:39,250 --> 00:51:37,850

people will go down on okay go for the

1230

00:51:41,140 --> 00:51:39,260

rest of the pub because it's the

1231

00:51:43,150 --> 00:51:41,150

Lighting's loathe it's got green walls

1232

00:51:46,420 --> 00:51:43,160

and funny pictures and rio another

1233

00:51:49,090 --> 00:51:46,430

about so it's it's good this is

1234

00:51:51,820 --> 00:51:49,100

very important Oh

1235

00:51:55,870 --> 00:51:51,830

hey des wants to go to comment station a

1236

00:51:57,910 --> 00:51:55,880

ton can you sink hand side well she

1237

00:51:59,620 --> 00:51:57,920

nearly swiped the microphone off my hand

1238

00:52:07,330 --> 00:51:59,630

she wants to say oh no she's going for a

1239

00:52:08,770 --> 00:52:07,340

drink the shoe 21 oh she 18 wasn't come

1240

00:52:10,330 --> 00:52:08,780

on I to give us what do you think of the

1241

00:52:13,180 --> 00:52:10,340

ancient it is yes what do you think of

1242

00:52:14,800 --> 00:52:13,190

ancient aliens you know everybody in the

1243

00:52:16,450 --> 00:52:14,810

room is making juice oh she's clapping

1244

00:52:17,920 --> 00:52:16,460

alright we're not trying to get a baby

1245

00:52:22,270 --> 00:52:17,930

to do something you know what that's

1246

00:52:23,920 --> 00:52:22,280

like nobody but me today so let's get

1247

00:52:25,510 --> 00:52:23,930

back to conspiracy theories because as

1248

00:52:27,550 --> 00:52:25,520

we mentioned before it is the topic of

1249

00:52:29,500 --> 00:52:27,560

the convention and as you can see just

1250

00:52:31,360 --> 00:52:29,510

by our little chat now this is an

1251

00:52:33,820 --> 00:52:31,370

endless well there's a lot of stuff mean

1252

00:52:35,410 --> 00:52:33,830

I thought John's heard a few conspiracy

1253

00:52:38,560 --> 00:52:35,420

theories to do with the law no doubt no

1254

00:52:40,540 --> 00:52:38,570

time I don't know no I not many legal of

1255

00:52:42,940 --> 00:52:40,550

conspiracy theories yeah we don't like

1256

00:52:45,630 --> 00:52:42,950

the law not into it it's a bit hard

1257

00:52:49,240 --> 00:52:45,640

because you've got solid reported cases

1258

00:52:52,180 --> 00:52:49,250

transcripts and things like me Glory's

1259

00:52:53,740 --> 00:52:52,190

behind the cases that yeah fantasies we

1260

00:52:55,420 --> 00:52:53,750

get people writing and we get the

1261

00:52:57,940 --> 00:52:55,430

benefit of reading as like to call it

1262

00:52:59,440 --> 00:52:57,950

the nut emails and people riding in

1263

00:53:02,680 --> 00:52:59,450

telling us at the various conspiracy

1264

00:53:04,630 --> 00:53:02,690

theories and they go from quite quite

1265

00:53:08,710 --> 00:53:04,640

disturbing to really entertaining and

1266

00:53:11,800 --> 00:53:08,720

one guy had actually created a bed that

1267

00:53:14,050 --> 00:53:11,810

was made of foil and because I just

1268

00:53:16,270 --> 00:53:14,060

stopped the telepathic government

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00:53:19,930 --> 00:53:16,280

messages from entering his head he built

1270

00:53:22,060 --> 00:53:19,940

it and he sent us the photos and then he

1271

00:53:24,480 --> 00:53:22,070

rang me later he rang out office later

1272

00:53:27,040 --> 00:53:24,490

and said that he wanted to talk about

1273

00:53:29,100 --> 00:53:27,050

photon torpedoes and I she said dude

1274

00:53:32,770 --> 00:53:29,110

I've seen that episode of Star Trek

1275

00:53:34,840 --> 00:53:32,780

photon torpedoes I see I did know a chop

1276
00:53:37,540 --> 00:53:34,850
coming to see me when I was practicing

1277
00:53:41,980 --> 00:53:37,550
as a private solicitor and his problem

1278
00:53:46,210 --> 00:53:41,990
was that azo had implanted things in all

1279
00:53:48,460 --> 00:53:46,220
televisions whenever whenever this

1280
00:53:50,470 --> 00:53:48,470
person this month walk into a room as a

1281
00:53:55,780 --> 00:53:50,480
television there it would turn and look

1282
00:53:56,980 --> 00:53:55,790
at him I don't know what what's could he

1283
00:53:59,590 --> 00:53:56,990
could do about it he was asking about

1284
00:54:01,750 --> 00:53:59,600
legal adviser idea I advised him it was

1285
00:54:03,980 --> 00:54:01,760
not the sort of case that I I was

1286
00:54:07,380 --> 00:54:03,990
experiencing

1287
00:54:09,960 --> 00:54:07,390
we had our we get we had one guy call us

1288
00:54:12,750 --> 00:54:09,970

saying that he was actually supposed to

1289

00:54:14,760 --> 00:54:12,760

be knighted by queen elizabeth and that

1290

00:54:17,280 --> 00:54:14,770

he was owed a lamber good at lamborghini

1291

00:54:19,410 --> 00:54:17,290

and this is what he wanted and he was

1292

00:54:23,310 --> 00:54:19,420

waiting for his payment so I said that

1293

00:54:25,440 --> 00:54:23,320

was me well I got some news for you it

1294

00:54:29,130 --> 00:54:25,450

ain't good no one's going to be calling

1295

00:54:30,510 --> 00:54:29,140

you so anything but the week I think we

1296

00:54:32,400 --> 00:54:30,520

get them because people think we're

1297

00:54:34,140 --> 00:54:32,410

either a part of it or we can stuff them

1298

00:54:39,000 --> 00:54:34,150

all done it don't even know what it is

1299

00:54:41,310 --> 00:54:39,010

but we get we get people coming to us

1300

00:54:43,710 --> 00:54:41,320

saying that the that the government are

1301
00:54:45,720 --> 00:54:43,720
after them and while it's funny to joke

1302
00:54:49,500 --> 00:54:45,730
about it there's a real concerning

1303
00:54:50,910 --> 00:54:49,510
element that's attached to it and it has

1304
00:54:52,440 --> 00:54:50,920
to do it these fact that these people a

1305
00:54:54,330 --> 00:54:52,450
lot of these people just troublemakers

1306
00:54:57,540 --> 00:54:54,340
but there are some who have very real

1307
00:54:59,280 --> 00:54:57,550
mental health issues and they truly

1308
00:55:01,800 --> 00:54:59,290
believe this stuff and this is what

1309
00:55:04,770 --> 00:55:01,810
turns them into dangerous people this is

1310
00:55:08,280 --> 00:55:04,780
what happens at the end of it so while

1311
00:55:10,200 --> 00:55:08,290
I'm and also we have to we have to sort

1312
00:55:12,900 --> 00:55:10,210
of separate what's their mad ravings to

1313
00:55:14,370 --> 00:55:12,910

see there's actually any legitimacy ah

1314

00:55:15,930 --> 00:55:14,380

there could be a threat of truth there

1315

00:55:17,550 --> 00:55:15,940

right it could have been for ms so

1316

00:55:19,680 --> 00:55:17,560

therefore we have to put so we use

1317

00:55:21,810 --> 00:55:19,690

skepticism we use critical thinking in

1318

00:55:23,250 --> 00:55:21,820

order to pull it all apart not all make

1319

00:55:25,530 --> 00:55:23,260

me think it's going to be you know a

1320

00:55:27,650 --> 00:55:25,540

crazy conspiracy theory and see what if

1321

00:55:29,910 --> 00:55:27,660

there's anything there that's value and

1322

00:55:32,180 --> 00:55:29,920

it's quite sad because you have to

1323

00:55:35,880 --> 00:55:32,190

literally get into their thought patent

1324

00:55:38,580 --> 00:55:35,890

have a similar procedure I'll look I

1325

00:55:41,640 --> 00:55:38,590

used to work for sent a link at the

1326

00:55:43,860 --> 00:55:41,650

Civic offices so centerlink Canberra all

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00:55:45,420 --> 00:55:43,870

correspondence would come to us and of

1328

00:55:48,420 --> 00:55:45,430

course central links head office is

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00:55:50,580 --> 00:55:48,430

integrin on but most people just will

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00:55:52,530 --> 00:55:50,590

just write Centrelink Canberra and send

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00:55:55,590 --> 00:55:52,540

the letter of overseas this is a

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00:55:58,560 --> 00:55:55,600

Centrelink is the Department of Social

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00:55:59,970 --> 00:55:58,570

Security right yes and there are

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00:56:06,309 --> 00:55:59,980

payments for people who are mentally ill

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00:56:09,859 --> 00:56:08,359

curiously though we would actually have

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00:56:13,400 --> 00:56:09,869

to read all of the letters that came in

1337

00:56:16,609 --> 00:56:13,410

and if there was anything that was

1338

00:56:19,910 --> 00:56:16,619

threatening or anything that did have to

1339

00:56:21,620 --> 00:56:19,920

be acted upon that would be sent through

1340

00:56:23,620 --> 00:56:21,630

to relevant sections if it was actually

1341

00:56:25,849 --> 00:56:23,630

something for us which was fairly rare

1342

00:56:28,069 --> 00:56:25,859

we would get that but there was usually

1343

00:56:30,680 --> 00:56:28,079

half of the mail was just because we

1344

00:56:36,140 --> 00:56:30,690

happen to be the Canberra office would

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00:56:39,680 --> 00:56:36,150

be ravings really 10 basic curiously

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00:56:42,739 --> 00:56:39,690

though I saw a 10-page just all with

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00:56:44,569 --> 00:56:42,749

little cut little writing and so no hard

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00:56:46,219 --> 00:56:44,579

to follow at some point a lot of them

1349

00:56:47,779 --> 00:56:46,229

you can tell because you can tell by the

1350

00:56:50,660 --> 00:56:47,789

syntax of their handwriting but a lot of

1351

00:56:53,569 --> 00:56:50,670

them actually are very big writing very

1352

00:56:56,719 --> 00:56:53,579

school we had I had one anything into it

1353

00:56:58,849 --> 00:56:56,729

gets messy and large we have the crazy

1354

00:57:00,440 --> 00:56:58,859

people you wanted to come say I had a

1355

00:57:03,640 --> 00:57:00,450

psychic vision that this is where

1356

00:57:05,779 --> 00:57:03,650

jonbenet ramsey's and the closer we get

1357

00:57:07,729 --> 00:57:05,789

especially when the media comes up with

1358

00:57:09,859 --> 00:57:07,739

a new story so we will get will get the

1359

00:57:11,329 --> 00:57:09,869

emails and will get the letters so part

1360

00:57:13,940 --> 00:57:11,339

of what we have to do is actually look

1361

00:57:16,549 --> 00:57:13,950

at them analyze them and figure out if

1362

00:57:18,529 --> 00:57:16,559

there's any what exactly is going on and

1363

00:57:20,269 --> 00:57:18,539

they are written across the page down

1364

00:57:22,249 --> 00:57:20,279

the page diagonal there are pictures and

1365

00:57:24,069 --> 00:57:22,259

some guy had something that was just

1366

00:57:26,630 --> 00:57:24,079

didn't make any sense whatsoever and

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00:57:28,910 --> 00:57:26,640

basically they were saying that the

1368

00:57:30,349 --> 00:57:28,920

government was wanting to take her away

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00:57:32,269 --> 00:57:30,359

as part of this massive government

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00:57:34,549 --> 00:57:32,279

conspiracy that the children hidden away

1371

00:57:36,200 --> 00:57:34,559

for government use that everyone was in

1372

00:57:38,749 --> 00:57:36,210

on it and by the way the Reptoids had

1373

00:57:41,329 --> 00:57:38,759

everything to do with it Oh Reptoids

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00:57:42,859 --> 00:57:41,339

again always those damned Reptoids slow

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00:57:44,959 --> 00:57:42,869

music you must get a few conspiracy

1376
00:57:49,450 --> 00:57:44,969
theory sent your way emails and all that

1377
00:57:52,339 --> 00:57:49,460
ah well yes yeah I absolutely do but I

1378
00:57:54,349 --> 00:57:52,349
what I might do in the way of wrapping

1379
00:57:55,789 --> 00:57:54,359
up the comment on conspiracy theories is

1380
00:57:57,620 --> 00:57:55,799
getting back to the moon one because

1381
00:57:59,450 --> 00:57:57,630
it's a good case in point where I was

1382
00:58:00,859 --> 00:57:59,460
very I was really surprised when all

1383
00:58:02,329 --> 00:58:00,869
these conspiracy theories came up and

1384
00:58:04,069 --> 00:58:02,339
about 10 years ago i think they reached

1385
00:58:06,380 --> 00:58:04,079
their height and they bubbled up there

1386
00:58:08,089 --> 00:58:06,390
for a while and then it wasn't that many

1387
00:58:10,099 --> 00:58:08,099
years ago we got high resolution

1388
00:58:12,079 --> 00:58:10,109

pictures back of the landing sites which

1389

00:58:13,789 --> 00:58:12,089

we're clearly showing tire tracks and

1390

00:58:15,240 --> 00:58:13,799

footprints and the flag is still there

1391

00:58:17,220 --> 00:58:15,250

and all that sort of stuff

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00:58:19,620 --> 00:58:17,230

and I must admit I haven't heard much

1393

00:58:21,330 --> 00:58:19,630

people making fuss about moon landing

1394

00:58:23,280 --> 00:58:21,340

conspiracies since then some maybe it

1395

00:58:24,780 --> 00:58:23,290

helped that state that means that it's

1396

00:58:26,520 --> 00:58:24,790

all been staged you see what they do

1397

00:58:28,860 --> 00:58:26,530

they take this thing is I dis idea

1398

00:58:30,540 --> 00:58:28,870

that's fine however this is what we say

1399

00:58:32,010 --> 00:58:30,550

is there is so their footprints and

1400

00:58:34,280 --> 00:58:32,020

everything like that is obviously being

1401

00:58:37,590 --> 00:58:34,290

staged on a movie like so you did it

1402

00:58:40,050 --> 00:58:37,600

sorry I I have to play devil's advocate

1403

00:58:41,970 --> 00:58:40,060

and feel free to edit this out but when

1404

00:58:44,010 --> 00:58:41,980

nasa released the first photos from

1405

00:58:46,800 --> 00:58:44,020

viking they really shot themselves in

1406

00:58:49,380 --> 00:58:46,810

the foot they twisted the color balance

1407

00:58:51,770 --> 00:58:49,390

so that the sky would be red do they I

1408

00:58:55,920 --> 00:58:51,780

didn't say that that's why there's the

1409

00:58:58,530 --> 00:58:55,930

red white and blue US flag it's the in

1410

00:59:00,270 --> 00:58:58,540

clear shot on the yeah Viking Lander the

1411

00:59:03,000 --> 00:59:00,280

first shot is there to color balance

1412

00:59:04,650 --> 00:59:03,010

yeah yeah and you can tell from the

1413

00:59:09,180 --> 00:59:04,660

photo that colors are all out of whack

1414

00:59:11,010 --> 00:59:09,190

and they knew it no they disability for

1415

00:59:14,010 --> 00:59:11,020

reasons they thought were valid know it

1416

00:59:16,080 --> 00:59:14,020

by the boss of NASA who's a political

1417

00:59:20,820 --> 00:59:16,090

appointee exactly I'm sorry member of

1418

00:59:22,170 --> 00:59:20,830

the Illuminati yeah it's just they have

1419

00:59:25,140 --> 00:59:22,180

shot themselves in the foot in the past

1420

00:59:27,480 --> 00:59:25,150

so yeah yeah I bet you that's fair

1421

00:59:29,340 --> 00:59:27,490

enough but never put down to conspiracy

1422

00:59:31,260 --> 00:59:29,350

built that which can be explained by

1423

00:59:33,960 --> 00:59:31,270

simple in confidence yes that I like

1424

00:59:34,980 --> 00:59:33,970

that I like that one yes sometimes it's

1425

00:59:37,950 --> 00:59:34,990

not a big thing it's just sometimes

1426
00:59:39,330 --> 00:59:37,960
people screwed it up simply it's a good

1427
00:59:40,680 --> 00:59:39,340
lesson also comes back to our comes

1428
00:59:42,480 --> 00:59:40,690
razor of course you know what's more

1429
00:59:45,150 --> 00:59:42,490
easy that some guy shot the president or

1430
00:59:46,350 --> 00:59:45,160
there was this huge industry almost in

1431
00:59:48,090 --> 00:59:46,360
covering it up and planning and

1432
00:59:51,000 --> 00:59:48,100
executing and all the rest of it I i

1433
00:59:57,960 --> 00:59:51,010
think the bingo Aidan something yes ada

1434
01:00:01,860 --> 00:59:57,970
yes what do you think realizing a bill

1435
01:00:04,320 --> 01:00:01,870
cosby line is his daughter saying hello

1436
01:00:08,910 --> 01:00:04,330
so bill cosby rings up his mother so say

1437
01:00:11,490 --> 01:00:08,920
hello daughter goes hello can you say

1438
01:00:17,920 --> 01:00:14,680

I was her hitting the microphone I like

1439

01:00:20,500 --> 01:00:17,930

what Neil deGrasse Tyson said about the

1440

01:00:22,630 --> 01:00:20,510

moon conspiracy if you're sitting on top

1441

01:00:28,000 --> 01:00:22,640

of the Saturn five where else are you

1442

01:00:29,650 --> 01:00:28,010

going to go I was in one of his one of

1443

01:00:31,510 --> 01:00:29,660

his interviews I've been looking at a

1444

01:00:33,130 --> 01:00:31,520

lot of his interviews recently he's a

1445

01:00:34,360 --> 01:00:33,140

good man a good man well look I'd like

1446

01:00:37,090 --> 01:00:34,370

to thank everybody for coming along

1447

01:00:38,680 --> 01:00:37,100

today to see here be dragons and we nod

1448

01:00:41,080 --> 01:00:38,690

to Brian Dunning of course well I

1449

01:00:45,280 --> 01:00:41,090

noticed i noted it load gloat about what

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01:00:47,470 --> 01:00:45,290

gloat about the avian all right no we go

1451

01:00:49,840 --> 01:00:47,480

we can load quickly about the Australian

1452

01:00:50,980 --> 01:00:49,850

anti-vaccination but grade who are going

1453

01:00:53,320 --> 01:00:50,990

to be called something else soon and

1454

01:00:59,200 --> 01:00:53,330

probably then disappear that's so what's

1455

01:01:01,870 --> 01:00:59,210

the sound for gloat No thank you I'm

1456

01:01:03,100 --> 01:01:01,880

glad you cut that with him I like to

1457

01:01:05,380 --> 01:01:03,110

thank everybody for coming along here

1458

01:01:07,270 --> 01:01:05,390

what a fine turnout it was for here be

1459

01:01:09,580 --> 01:01:07,280

dragons shown in Canberra which was a

1460

01:01:11,530 --> 01:01:09,590

fantastic effort and a good barbecue

1461

01:01:13,270 --> 01:01:11,540

beforehand and a lovely social

1462

01:01:16,540 --> 01:01:13,280

opportunity here at King O'Malley's

1463

01:01:18,130 --> 01:01:16,550

afterwards so from the Canberra think

1464

01:01:20,500 --> 01:01:18,140

tank I'd like to say thank you and

1465

01:01:43,130 --> 01:01:20,510

cheers everybody

1466

01:01:49,980 --> 01:01:47,340

greetings skeptics them mrs. do you know

1467

01:01:53,040 --> 01:01:49,990

what to do in August come to Stockholm

1468

01:01:57,360 --> 01:01:53,050

Sweden and meet astronaut case better

1469

01:02:01,290 --> 01:01:57,370

with lasagna activist hey Lee Stevens /

1470

01:02:04,320 --> 01:02:01,300

guru eponymously undercover health

1471

01:02:07,940 --> 01:02:04,330

journalist an abyssea peel and many more

1472

01:02:11,340 --> 01:02:07,950

and the 15th European skeptics Congress

1473

01:02:15,210 --> 01:02:11,350

Friday the twenty-third to Sunday the

1474

01:02:19,890 --> 01:02:15,220

25th of august in stockholm sweden but a

1475

01:02:25,130 --> 01:02:19,900

15th european skeptics caucus www wo

1476

01:02:25,140 --> 01:02:43,420

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01:02:47,539 --> 01:02:46,249

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1478

01:02:49,940 --> 01:02:47,549

zone for another week and thank you

1479

01:02:52,160 --> 01:02:49,950

again for those people who chip in with

1480

01:02:54,740 --> 01:02:52,170

only a dollar a week or even less to

1481

01:02:56,299 --> 01:02:54,750

help keep the show ticking over it

1482

01:02:58,190 --> 01:02:56,309

really means a lot and if you want to

1483

01:03:01,309 --> 01:02:58,200

contribute to the skeptic zone you can

1484

01:03:02,839 --> 01:03:01,319

either buy us a round of drinks well you

1485

01:03:06,049 --> 01:03:02,849

can if you want to there's the option on

1486

01:03:08,390 --> 01:03:06,059

the website or you can use your micro

1487

01:03:10,490 --> 01:03:08,400

payments on paypal and chip in a dollar

1488

01:03:12,950 --> 01:03:10,500

a week or three dollars a week or a

1489

01:03:15,980 --> 01:03:12,960

little amount it really does all add up

1490

01:03:19,190 --> 01:03:15,990

and it helps very much but for now just

1491

01:03:22,609 --> 01:03:19,200

leave you with this message look out for

1492

01:03:24,829 --> 01:03:22,619

solar flare look out for solar flare and

1493

01:03:29,990 --> 01:03:24,839

might be a bit cryptic but it will make

1494

01:03:32,480 --> 01:03:30,000

sense before long solar flare but for

1495

01:03:38,990 --> 01:03:32,490

now this is Richard Saunders signing off

1496

01:03:42,259 --> 01:03:39,000

from Sydney Australia you've been

1497

01:03:46,819 --> 01:03:42,269

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01:03:49,279 --> 01:03:46,829

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