

The Skeptic Zone

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00:00:23,210 --> 00:00:09,080
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:29,910 --> 00:00:25,950
hello and welcome to the skeptics are

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00:00:33,360 --> 00:00:29,920
for the 28th of December 2013 Richard

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00:00:37,010 --> 00:00:33,370
Saunders here with you walking along it

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00:00:40,470 --> 00:00:37,020
appears along the bayit San Francisco

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00:00:43,979 --> 00:00:40,480
lovely crispy sort of a day I guess it's

7
00:00:45,930 --> 00:00:43,989
cloudy a bit foggy maybe I'm in the bay

8
00:00:48,360 --> 00:00:45,940
area for a little while over Christmas

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00:00:51,330 --> 00:00:48,370
having a bit of a break so this episode

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00:00:53,819 --> 00:00:51,340
of the skeptic zone I guess comes to you

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00:00:55,140 --> 00:00:53,829
Curtis Lee mostly of may not maynard's

12
00:00:58,650 --> 00:00:55,150
back at the National Convention

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00:01:02,100 --> 00:00:58,660

Maynard's spooky action can be changed

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00:01:05,969 --> 00:01:02,110

to Shane green up all about the rebuttal

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00:01:08,510 --> 00:01:05,979

project we're butting things on the

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00:01:10,859 --> 00:01:08,520

internet with maybe better information

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00:01:14,880 --> 00:01:10,869

you may not also chat to some other

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00:01:18,139 --> 00:01:14,890

people at the convention then after the

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00:01:21,030 --> 00:01:18,149

break it's a a bit of a catch up Maynard

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00:01:24,330 --> 00:01:21,040

goes bag or its we're going to replay

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00:01:29,040 --> 00:01:24,340

the predictions that skeptics made way

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00:01:32,130 --> 00:01:29,050

back in January 2013 about the coming

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00:01:35,340 --> 00:01:32,140

year so let's see how accurate the

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00:01:40,080 --> 00:01:35,350

skeptics were at predicting the year

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00:01:43,980 --> 00:01:40,090

ahead now just a addendum to last week's

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00:01:45,480 --> 00:01:43,990

show I seem to recall looking at all

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00:01:47,550 --> 00:01:45,490

those predictions made by psychic

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00:01:49,309 --> 00:01:47,560

somebody said that there'd be concern or

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00:01:51,870 --> 00:01:49,319

some words that effect around

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00:01:53,160 --> 00:01:51,880

vaccinations from China now the time we

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00:01:55,920 --> 00:01:53,170

did the

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00:01:57,390 --> 00:01:55,930

the overview that really wasn't in the

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00:01:59,100 --> 00:01:57,400

news but in the last day or two I

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00:02:02,070 --> 00:01:59,110

noticed there was something in the news

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00:02:05,460 --> 00:02:02,080

regarding concern about vaccinations or

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00:02:09,120 --> 00:02:05,470

vaccines produced in China so we might

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00:02:11,309 --> 00:02:09,130

have to credit the the psychics with

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00:02:13,940 --> 00:02:11,319

another hit their which still brings

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00:02:17,430 --> 00:02:13,950

their total to around about 5 or 5.5

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00:02:21,420 --> 00:02:17,440

percent correct and not a sterling

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00:02:24,630 --> 00:02:21,430

effort anyway interests of fairness I

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00:02:29,130 --> 00:02:24,640

thought I'd better mention that so while

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00:02:32,880 --> 00:02:29,140

I stroll down here her flock of seagulls

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00:02:34,710 --> 00:02:32,890

pigeons some flying something flying in

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00:02:37,080 --> 00:02:34,720

the sky well I do that I might hunt

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00:02:51,300 --> 00:02:37,090

myself a nice clam chowder while you

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00:02:59,339 --> 00:02:56,500

here's my not spooky action at the

48

00:03:04,119 --> 00:03:02,410

well we here in the green room so called

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00:03:05,559 --> 00:03:04,129

because let me tell you just before you

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00:03:07,239 --> 00:03:05,569

go on stage and just after you come off

51
00:03:08,830 --> 00:03:07,249
stage at this conference you look green

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00:03:11,410 --> 00:03:08,840
and you look green earlier who are you

53
00:03:15,039 --> 00:03:11,420
I'm Shane green up you're the better man

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00:03:16,839 --> 00:03:15,049
look I can see you guys doing a great

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00:03:18,250 --> 00:03:16,849
grassroots campaign for this the people

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00:03:19,839 --> 00:03:18,260
that you need to talk to about Roberta

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00:03:21,580 --> 00:03:19,849
you're talking to here at a skeptics

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00:03:23,979 --> 00:03:21,590
conference skeptics are everything to us

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00:03:27,670 --> 00:03:23,989
because ultimately the whole concept of

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00:03:29,589 --> 00:03:27,680
Roberta is to you know provide arguments

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00:03:31,509 --> 00:03:29,599
and logical rational arguments against

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00:03:33,670 --> 00:03:31,519
claims and that's what skeptics do they

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00:03:35,679 --> 00:03:33,680

find claims which are false and then

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00:03:37,089 --> 00:03:35,689

explain why and just explain what we're

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00:03:39,309 --> 00:03:37,099

butter is just quickly those people that

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00:03:41,740 --> 00:03:39,319

might have missed it okay so it's a very

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00:03:43,929 --> 00:03:41,750

simple concept it's a browser plug-in so

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00:03:46,000 --> 00:03:43,939

you install it into Chrome and now we're

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00:03:47,740 --> 00:03:46,010

just about to release Firefox and then

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00:03:49,990 --> 00:03:47,750

as you browse the internet whenever you

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00:03:51,849 --> 00:03:50,000

visit a page that makes a claim that has

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00:03:54,819 --> 00:03:51,859

been disputed anywhere else on the

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00:03:56,500 --> 00:03:54,829

Internet by anyone else hope hopefully

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00:03:58,059 --> 00:03:56,510

we will have the connection made between

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00:03:59,709 --> 00:03:58,069

the claim and the rebuttal and we will

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00:04:02,259 --> 00:03:59,719
pop up an alert and say this page has

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00:04:03,819 --> 00:04:02,269
been disputed and what so far on the

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00:04:05,530 --> 00:04:03,829
Internet of all the pages that you you

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00:04:09,580 --> 00:04:05,540
know of that Roberta's looked at as

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00:04:13,479 --> 00:04:09,590
being the most busy for rebuttals the

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00:04:16,629 --> 00:04:13,489
most actively got was a study by Judy

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00:04:19,779 --> 00:04:16,639
there's a a study into GMOs in some

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00:04:23,770 --> 00:04:19,789
particular type of journal and it was

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00:04:26,680 --> 00:04:23,780
looking at rats no wasn't rats that was

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00:04:29,800 --> 00:04:26,690
the seralini study pigs pigs fed GMO

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00:04:31,420 --> 00:04:29,810
crops get ulcers in their stomach and

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00:04:33,040 --> 00:04:31,430
died was the conclusion was like the

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00:04:34,390 --> 00:04:33,050

heading of the study and the conclusion

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00:04:38,350 --> 00:04:34,400
and then the press release that was done

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00:04:40,990 --> 00:04:38,360
and yeah we've got 27 something

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00:04:43,420 --> 00:04:41,000
rebuttals to that article based on the

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00:04:45,550 --> 00:04:43,430
fact that the pigs species chosen were

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00:04:46,779 --> 00:04:45,560
ones that for Morse's naturally and if

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00:04:48,240 --> 00:04:46,789
you look at the stats that you know the

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00:04:50,800 --> 00:04:48,250
numbers of the results of different way

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00:04:53,260 --> 00:04:50,810
the evidence shows the GMO fed pigs

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00:04:56,499 --> 00:04:53,270
actually have far better life spans than

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00:04:58,149 --> 00:04:56,509
the non-gmo fed pigs like it's very the

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00:04:59,800 --> 00:04:58,159
the study was very biased and

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00:05:02,170 --> 00:04:59,810
interpreted particularly had an obvious

101
00:05:03,610 --> 00:05:02,180
agenda and that attracted a lot of

102
00:05:05,890 --> 00:05:03,620
attention and did the rounds for a long

103
00:05:07,540 --> 00:05:05,900
time it sounds like an obvious use for

104
00:05:09,700 --> 00:05:07,550
rebuttal as well that's exactly what

105
00:05:11,500 --> 00:05:09,710
it's there for yeah absolutely so a

106
00:05:12,350 --> 00:05:11,510
study gets released and it's quite clear

107
00:05:13,909 --> 00:05:12,360
that they hadn't

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00:05:15,619 --> 00:05:13,919
tent from the beginning of the study and

109
00:05:16,850 --> 00:05:15,629
the whole purpose was to get the press

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00:05:19,010 --> 00:05:16,860
release out and have that press release

111
00:05:21,379 --> 00:05:19,020
do the rounds amongst all the blogs that

112
00:05:23,899 --> 00:05:21,389
are just going to copy it without any

113
00:05:26,420 --> 00:05:23,909

critical thought and so yeah we need you

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00:05:27,709 --> 00:05:26,430

need to you need to quash that now we've

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00:05:29,420 --> 00:05:27,719

brought this issue up with a couple of

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00:05:31,879 --> 00:05:29,430

the other skeptics here so far is your

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00:05:33,350 --> 00:05:31,889

um basically your plugin is actually

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00:05:34,520 --> 00:05:33,360

going to make sure that you get very

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00:05:36,379 --> 00:05:34,530

little sleep because you'll end up

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00:05:39,740 --> 00:05:36,389

arguing with people 24-7 that that's

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00:05:42,619 --> 00:05:39,750

what this could lead to if you're a

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00:05:46,790 --> 00:05:42,629

Content producer so the people that do

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00:05:48,080 --> 00:05:46,800

the arguing other people ideally are the

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00:05:50,059 --> 00:05:48,090

people that owned the blogs or the

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00:05:51,950 --> 00:05:50,069

podcasts or the vlogs that you know the

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00:05:54,110 --> 00:05:51,960
YouTube channels that that make these

127
00:05:56,959 --> 00:05:54,120
arguments because anyone can write

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00:05:59,240 --> 00:05:56,969
comments in the comment field but

129
00:06:00,920 --> 00:05:59,250
usually they're ignore abou because

130
00:06:03,050 --> 00:06:00,930
there's there's just no investment in

131
00:06:04,790 --> 00:06:03,060
time anyone can write anything but when

132
00:06:07,429 --> 00:06:04,800
you invest the time into owning your own

133
00:06:12,589 --> 00:06:07,439
blog and maintaining and being readable

134
00:06:14,570 --> 00:06:12,599
there's some level of brands personal

135
00:06:16,579 --> 00:06:14,580
branding involved and things like that

136
00:06:18,769 --> 00:06:16,589
so there's there's extra consideration

137
00:06:20,510 --> 00:06:18,779
thought time that goes into it so it's

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00:06:22,490 --> 00:06:20,520

only those people that do that that are

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00:06:23,899 --> 00:06:22,500

doing the arguing and then all anyone

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00:06:25,450 --> 00:06:23,909

else is doing is either finding those

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00:06:28,189 --> 00:06:25,460

rebuttals and submitting them or

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00:06:29,990 --> 00:06:28,199

accessing them and then with the people

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00:06:31,550 --> 00:06:30,000

accessing and won't spend too much time

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00:06:33,619 --> 00:06:31,560

reading them because they're not going

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00:06:36,110 --> 00:06:33,629

to read the 50 different rebuttals you

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00:06:37,999 --> 00:06:36,120

just read the best mmm and hopefully you

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00:06:39,890 --> 00:06:38,009

have got the best rebuttal which is

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00:06:41,540 --> 00:06:39,900

giving you the strongest argument that

149

00:06:42,950 --> 00:06:41,550

that size has so whether you agree with

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00:06:44,689 --> 00:06:42,960

the rebuttal or not doesn't matter if

151
00:06:46,730 --> 00:06:44,699
you disagree with the rebuttal at least

152
00:06:48,860 --> 00:06:46,740
you have got the best argument that

153
00:06:50,420 --> 00:06:48,870
those people have so that then if you

154
00:06:53,390 --> 00:06:50,430
want to respond you're not responding to

155
00:06:55,730 --> 00:06:53,400
a straw man and tell me you you're

156
00:06:57,829 --> 00:06:55,740
getting out there telling people what

157
00:06:59,240 --> 00:06:57,839
Roberto is that that's been done and the

158
00:07:00,559 --> 00:06:59,250
you're trying to get the message of why

159
00:07:01,850 --> 00:07:00,569
people should use it and why they should

160
00:07:03,649 --> 00:07:01,860
have it what is the most compelling

161
00:07:05,420 --> 00:07:03,659
reason that you should have this great

162
00:07:08,300 --> 00:07:05,430
little argument starting argument

163
00:07:11,869 --> 00:07:08,310

finishing plug-in on your browser so

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00:07:13,999 --> 00:07:11,879

from a personal perspective it's simply

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00:07:15,740 --> 00:07:14,009

yeah we actually our phrase we use on

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00:07:17,749 --> 00:07:15,750

the google chrome's to always get biased

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00:07:20,159 --> 00:07:17,759

proofed because it stops you from

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00:07:22,320 --> 00:07:20,169

accidentally falling into

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00:07:24,480 --> 00:07:22,330

like I call them networks of agreeing

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00:07:26,369 --> 00:07:24,490

websites if you get a natural news and

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00:07:28,140 --> 00:07:26,379

you read that article and then you click

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00:07:30,089 --> 00:07:28,150

through to the links that they recommend

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00:07:31,379 --> 00:07:30,099

they're going to be websites that agree

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00:07:33,179 --> 00:07:31,389

with them and then you follow the links

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00:07:35,040 --> 00:07:33,189

of those websites and so on and you end

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00:07:36,330 --> 00:07:35,050

up you can read 50 different websites

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00:07:40,080 --> 00:07:36,340

and they all have the same perspective

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00:07:42,029 --> 00:07:40,090

and you know no one listening to you

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00:07:44,640 --> 00:07:42,039

know skeptic zone is going to make that

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00:07:46,589 --> 00:07:44,650

mistake with natural news but if you

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00:07:50,969 --> 00:07:46,599

know if you've never heard of something

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00:07:54,659 --> 00:07:50,979

like a red ice radio No Agenda the high

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00:07:56,339 --> 00:07:54,669

side chats all good blue podcasts that I

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00:07:58,469 --> 00:07:56,349

listened to but not many skeptics would

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00:08:00,659 --> 00:07:58,479

listen to them yeah and maybe they

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00:08:02,189 --> 00:08:00,669

present snare and you can fall into that

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00:08:03,600 --> 00:08:02,199

all the things that agree with them and

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00:08:05,670 --> 00:08:03,610

never hear the other perspectives saying

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00:08:08,909 --> 00:08:05,680

that something that they disagree with

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00:08:10,709 --> 00:08:08,919

this is we're all vulnerable to falling

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00:08:12,749 --> 00:08:10,719

into this confirmation bias sort of

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00:08:14,969 --> 00:08:12,759

neighborhood of websites so that's the

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00:08:17,429 --> 00:08:14,979

person well I'm not biased I just like a

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00:08:19,260 --> 00:08:17,439

goose up I enjoyed sty enjoy stuff that

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00:08:21,149 --> 00:08:19,270

goes on it either side i love this i

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00:08:23,189 --> 00:08:21,159

love the hopper bumper goose up of life

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00:08:26,999 --> 00:08:23,199

i have no idea what that means i don't

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00:08:29,639 --> 00:08:27,009

either i just said to kill time I don't

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00:08:31,529 --> 00:08:29,649

matter did you say that she did I look a

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00:08:32,670 --> 00:08:31,539

man is over there with the tight spin

201
00:08:35,579 --> 00:08:32,680
for the moment cuz you're talking soon

202
00:08:37,199 --> 00:08:35,589
aren't you yes afternoon yes so you can

203
00:08:38,399 --> 00:08:37,209
see it was the tides ping to club and

204
00:08:39,839 --> 00:08:38,409
actually has it fill up you've done the

205
00:08:41,909 --> 00:08:39,849
presentation yours loose as a goose now

206
00:08:45,870 --> 00:08:41,919
fantastic I'm just chilling out making

207
00:08:49,019 --> 00:08:45,880
fun of Amanda yeah so how does we better

208
00:08:51,120 --> 00:08:49,029
go with philosophical points very well

209
00:08:52,949 --> 00:08:51,130
thank you and how does it go and has it

210
00:08:54,870 --> 00:08:52,959
go with political points which are even

211
00:08:57,210 --> 00:08:54,880
more difficult to prove well that's it

212
00:08:59,130 --> 00:08:57,220
this robot is not about proving or

213
00:09:01,590 --> 00:08:59,140

necessarily the truth it is about

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00:09:03,030 --> 00:09:01,600

allowing a debate to occur so you

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00:09:05,819 --> 00:09:03,040

believe you know someone makes a claim

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00:09:08,699 --> 00:09:05,829

and asserts a truth but someone

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00:09:11,100 --> 00:09:08,709

disagrees and that's worth finding out

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00:09:12,960 --> 00:09:11,110

why whether you like the original claim

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00:09:14,939 --> 00:09:12,970

or disagree the original claim why

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00:09:16,800 --> 00:09:14,949

someone disagrees with it is important

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00:09:19,230 --> 00:09:16,810

to know because that helps you have a

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00:09:20,340 --> 00:09:19,240

better understanding of why you agree

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00:09:21,990 --> 00:09:20,350

with the original claim or why you

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00:09:25,110 --> 00:09:22,000

disagree with the original claim and

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00:09:27,420 --> 00:09:25,120

then having a counter rebuttal to that

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00:09:31,410 --> 00:09:27,430

rebuttal takes you even deeper so you

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00:09:32,550 --> 00:09:31,420

get more and more nuance and complexity

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00:09:35,610 --> 00:09:32,560

about complex

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00:09:37,200 --> 00:09:35,620

shoes is it so for some people as you

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00:09:38,940 --> 00:09:37,210

were saying rebuttal could be ova there

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00:09:41,100 --> 00:09:38,950

the evidence is the arguments finished

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00:09:43,110 --> 00:09:41,110

but for most people if particular it's

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00:09:44,430 --> 00:09:43,120

not a scientific type it could be a lot

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00:09:46,500 --> 00:09:44,440

more about the journey and a lot more

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00:09:48,900 --> 00:09:46,510

about the learning definitely different

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00:09:52,530 --> 00:09:48,910

particularly in the modern media age

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00:09:55,829 --> 00:09:52,540

which everyone focuses on the radio

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00:09:57,570 --> 00:09:55,839

bites and simplification the internet is

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00:09:59,130 --> 00:09:57,580

you know what we've got Twitter for

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00:10:02,100 --> 00:09:59,140

doing that but when you go to the blogs

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00:10:06,480 --> 00:10:02,110

and the opinion pieces in magazines and

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00:10:08,850 --> 00:10:06,490

journals and newspapers that space and

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00:10:10,200 --> 00:10:08,860

then being able to go from all that text

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00:10:11,490 --> 00:10:10,210

and going into a more nuanced

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00:10:13,530 --> 00:10:11,500

explanation of it and then a more

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00:10:15,090 --> 00:10:13,540

nuanced one you know to fight back those

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00:10:18,570 --> 00:10:15,100

sound bites and to get into the details

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00:10:20,070 --> 00:10:18,580

so I an example came to mind the other

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00:10:22,079 --> 00:10:20,080

day when when someone writes an article

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that says global global warming is real

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00:10:25,829 --> 00:10:24,580
and man-made and they'll just assert it

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00:10:27,660 --> 00:10:25,839
because it's truth with a scientific

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00:10:29,579 --> 00:10:27,670
scientists agree on and then someone

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00:10:31,740 --> 00:10:29,589
will respond to that saying no it's not

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00:10:34,680 --> 00:10:31,750
because global warming stopped 16 years

256
00:10:36,090 --> 00:10:34,690
ago and he's the graph that proves it

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00:10:38,640 --> 00:10:36,100
okay that's out there everyone's seen

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00:10:40,350 --> 00:10:38,650
that and you know and you look at that

259
00:10:42,450 --> 00:10:40,360
graph in you go what sort of looks like

260
00:10:44,700 --> 00:10:42,460
I haven't warmed and there's the

261
00:10:46,680 --> 00:10:44,710
evidence then the person who wrote the

262
00:10:48,120 --> 00:10:46,690
original articles or someone anyone

263
00:10:50,820 --> 00:10:48,130

doesn't matter who should respond to

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00:10:54,060 --> 00:10:50,830

that and go into the nuances of why that

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00:10:55,950 --> 00:10:54,070

graph is wrong and it's not that so by

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00:10:58,350 --> 00:10:55,960

having that that if that global warming

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00:11:00,150 --> 00:10:58,360

stop stop 16 years ago argument that's

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00:11:04,050 --> 00:11:00,160

it's not a bad thing to hear that it

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00:11:06,120 --> 00:11:04,060

sort of forces more detailed answers and

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00:11:08,190 --> 00:11:06,130

so for people that aren't quite sure to

271

00:11:10,079 --> 00:11:08,200

then get that oh I didn't see that

272

00:11:11,520 --> 00:11:10,089

coming and then together deeper

273

00:11:13,860 --> 00:11:11,530

explanation of why that's actually wrong

274

00:11:16,160 --> 00:11:13,870

takes them to a much better level of

275

00:11:19,079 --> 00:11:16,170

understanding and thereby makes them

276

00:11:22,890 --> 00:11:19,089

sort of immunized against misinformation

277

00:11:24,500 --> 00:11:22,900

in the future okay yeah yeah I mean so

278

00:11:27,060 --> 00:11:24,510

basically get rebuttal and get on it

279

00:11:29,280 --> 00:11:27,070

absolutely the Internet can cause a loss

280

00:11:31,980 --> 00:11:29,290

of sleep that's for my favorite XKCD

281

00:11:34,170 --> 00:11:31,990

comic are you coming to bed no no no no

282

00:11:37,199 --> 00:11:34,180

I'm on Roberta someone is wrong on the

283

00:11:38,699 --> 00:11:37,209

internet um I don't think I'm the best

284

00:11:40,620 --> 00:11:38,709

communicator on earth and I need to

285

00:11:43,770 --> 00:11:40,630

communicate this as well as possible I

286

00:11:45,110 --> 00:11:43,780

really do think that education is the

287

00:11:46,550 --> 00:11:45,120

answer to just two

288

00:11:49,040 --> 00:11:46,560

every problem on the planet in one way

289

00:11:51,170 --> 00:11:49,050

or another you can teach someone enough

290

00:11:53,450 --> 00:11:51,180

you teach them the right way and it will

291

00:11:56,030 --> 00:11:53,460

correct erroneous thinking curr and

292

00:11:58,280 --> 00:11:56,040

correct you know believing that this

293

00:11:59,570 --> 00:11:58,290

will you achieve something when it won't

294

00:12:03,680 --> 00:11:59,580

well I believe that's the theory behind

295

00:12:06,950 --> 00:12:03,690

Steiner schools I don't know enough

296

00:12:08,150 --> 00:12:06,960

about science because but but and I

297

00:12:09,650 --> 00:12:08,160

should clarify that when I say education

298

00:12:11,930 --> 00:12:09,660

I mean anything which brings people

299

00:12:13,910 --> 00:12:11,940

closer to the truth the reality of the

300

00:12:17,140 --> 00:12:13,920

universe and in their understanding and

301
00:12:20,390 --> 00:12:17,150
so what I syrah butter is doing is

302
00:12:22,880 --> 00:12:20,400
fixing the internet where the internet

303
00:12:24,890 --> 00:12:22,890
is the best equalizer we have of

304
00:12:26,690 --> 00:12:24,900
providing information to the world

305
00:12:30,320 --> 00:12:26,700
everyone has access to the same

306
00:12:31,730 --> 00:12:30,330
information poor rich it's not

307
00:12:33,829 --> 00:12:31,740
completely equal of course but it's the

308
00:12:35,720 --> 00:12:33,839
best that we have for an entire global

309
00:12:37,550 --> 00:12:35,730
presence and everyone having access to

310
00:12:39,500 --> 00:12:37,560
information the problem is is the

311
00:12:41,660 --> 00:12:39,510
information is not necessarily good

312
00:12:42,980 --> 00:12:41,670
information yeah i mean you or what if

313
00:12:45,800 --> 00:12:42,990

we use slides the lowest common

314

00:12:48,530 --> 00:12:45,810

denominator yeah so if people go in and

315

00:12:50,510 --> 00:12:48,540

keep accessing misinformation that it

316

00:12:53,480 --> 00:12:50,520

brings everyone down it's not a form of

317

00:12:55,130 --> 00:12:53,490

education as a form of an education it's

318

00:12:57,829 --> 00:12:55,140

a misinformation misinforming the

319

00:12:59,120 --> 00:12:57,839

population so the problem is is that the

320

00:13:01,100 --> 00:12:59,130

internet is a mix of good information

321

00:13:02,990 --> 00:13:01,110

and bad information and people need to

322

00:13:04,610 --> 00:13:03,000

understand how to discern them and

323

00:13:08,690 --> 00:13:04,620

that's where everybody comes in and

324

00:13:10,280 --> 00:13:08,700

fixes this subtle floor of the internet

325

00:13:12,740 --> 00:13:10,290

because it's such a powerful thing with

326
00:13:14,480 --> 00:13:12,750
this information superhighway informing

327
00:13:16,430 --> 00:13:14,490
everyone but informing indiscriminately

328
00:13:18,740 --> 00:13:16,440
with our control and we can't censor

329
00:13:21,410 --> 00:13:18,750
it's impossible and counterproductive we

330
00:13:23,900 --> 00:13:21,420
need to use that system to provide the

331
00:13:26,350 --> 00:13:23,910
information and teach people how to deal

332
00:13:28,490 --> 00:13:26,360
with that information and if the system

333
00:13:30,650 --> 00:13:28,500
do we use with roboto is just a very

334
00:13:32,570 --> 00:13:30,660
simple way of doing that because when

335
00:13:34,820 --> 00:13:32,580
people access a claim and then

336
00:13:37,790 --> 00:13:34,830
immediately able to access a rebuttal

337
00:13:39,290 --> 00:13:37,800
that rebuttal typically is not only

338
00:13:40,760 --> 00:13:39,300

about the information you know about

339

00:13:43,250 --> 00:13:40,770

climate change about vaccinations or

340

00:13:45,769 --> 00:13:43,260

ever but it's also about critical

341

00:13:49,250 --> 00:13:45,779

analysis this is a logical fallacy of

342

00:13:51,740 --> 00:13:49,260

the form of special pleading this is you

343

00:13:54,020 --> 00:13:51,750

know equivocation it teaches the reader

344

00:13:56,480 --> 00:13:54,030

Texas shop so Texas sharpshooter fallacy

345

00:13:57,740 --> 00:13:56,490

my favorite fallacy that's the one where

346

00:13:58,390 --> 00:13:57,750

you've already got the holes where he

347

00:13:59,680 --> 00:13:58,400

draws

348

00:14:02,110 --> 00:13:59,690

the target around the holes that he's

349

00:14:03,460 --> 00:14:02,120

already shot through okay then okay I

350

00:14:07,960 --> 00:14:03,470

guess it's a bit like cherry picking

351

00:14:09,880 --> 00:14:07,970

yeah barn door yeah yeah so yeah so

352

00:14:11,260 --> 00:14:09,890

teaching people how to deal with false

353

00:14:13,120 --> 00:14:11,270

information because whether you like it

354

00:14:15,370 --> 00:14:13,130

or not false information exists and it's

355

00:14:17,560 --> 00:14:15,380

going to continue to exist and the best

356

00:14:19,840 --> 00:14:17,570

we can do with it is not hide it but

357

00:14:22,990 --> 00:14:19,850

teach people how to interact with it so

358

00:14:24,760 --> 00:14:23,000

that they become more educated closer to

359

00:14:26,950 --> 00:14:24,770

the truth for having dealt with it

360

00:14:28,840 --> 00:14:26,960

because we're at a convention that deals

361

00:14:31,240 --> 00:14:28,850

with truths of many different kinds here

362

00:14:33,010 --> 00:14:31,250

is there actually a conspiracy that

363

00:14:35,110 --> 00:14:33,020

appears to be lacking in evidence

364

00:14:38,110 --> 00:14:35,120

appears that you wish was actually true

365

00:14:40,140 --> 00:14:38,120

you'd like it to be true be a hoot yes i

366

00:14:42,400 --> 00:14:40,150

think i think the roswell incident

367

00:14:44,830 --> 00:14:42,410

because if we had have met aliens

368

00:14:46,480 --> 00:14:44,840

handles being covered up that's awesome

369

00:14:48,880 --> 00:14:46,490

because that implies we've got all this

370

00:14:50,170 --> 00:14:48,890

technology underground maybe maybe this

371

00:14:52,810 --> 00:14:50,180

technology maybe this maybe they're just

372

00:14:54,670 --> 00:14:52,820

dead alien bodies but look I like the

373

00:14:57,100 --> 00:14:54,680

hot I like a whole idea about Eisenhower

374

00:14:59,080 --> 00:14:57,110

meeting an invoice from the aliens at an

375

00:15:01,600 --> 00:14:59,090

airfield sometime that's a great story

376

00:15:03,730 --> 00:15:01,610

here and the implications of aliens

377

00:15:05,080 --> 00:15:03,740

having made contact is just awesome and

378

00:15:06,160 --> 00:15:05,090

of course other countries I'm trying to

379

00:15:07,750 --> 00:15:06,170

get I'm trying to get an instant

380

00:15:09,760 --> 00:15:07,760

incidents going you I've been trying to

381

00:15:11,500 --> 00:15:09,770

get that every skeptics concert that

382

00:15:14,590 --> 00:15:11,510

every skeptics conference has an

383

00:15:16,690 --> 00:15:14,600

incident of some sort but how about who

384

00:15:18,700 --> 00:15:16,700

is the unpopular Doctor Who if there is

385

00:15:21,370 --> 00:15:18,710

a popular doctor who obviously there

386

00:15:23,740 --> 00:15:21,380

must be an unpopular doctor who I've

387

00:15:25,900 --> 00:15:23,750

worked it out it has to be Colin Baker I

388

00:15:27,850 --> 00:15:25,910

believe he was it the sixth doctor now

389

00:15:30,850 --> 00:15:27,860

the one the one with the frizzy hair man

390

00:15:32,290 --> 00:15:30,860

he was punching people and he was upset

391

00:15:34,000 --> 00:15:32,300

already we've got it without an issue

392

00:15:36,190 --> 00:15:34,010

going here now and you've got a few

393

00:15:38,320 --> 00:15:36,200

thoughts on this I've just gone through

394

00:15:40,840 --> 00:15:38,330

a whole cascade a thought I was thinking

395

00:15:42,850 --> 00:15:40,850

the Eighth Doctor the American spin off

396

00:15:44,830 --> 00:15:42,860

that's that's an easy target because you

397

00:15:46,030 --> 00:15:44,840

know sending the British series to

398

00:15:49,210 --> 00:15:46,040

America is always going to be unpopular

399

00:15:51,400 --> 00:15:49,220

hmm but have you ever gone back and

400

00:15:52,900 --> 00:15:51,410

watched the first season again but I'm

401
00:15:55,120 --> 00:15:52,910
derivative the black-and-white first

402
00:15:58,540 --> 00:15:55,130
doctor yeah it's it's very much a

403
00:16:00,700 --> 00:15:58,550
product of its times and it's really

404
00:16:03,940 --> 00:16:00,710
it's it's almost offensive to watch it

405
00:16:06,970 --> 00:16:03,950
the way you know the female sidekick and

406
00:16:08,020 --> 00:16:06,980
their roles and so it's like they come

407
00:16:09,760 --> 00:16:08,030
in fast forward a couple of decades

408
00:16:11,590 --> 00:16:09,770
you've got Tom Baker running around in

409
00:16:14,440 --> 00:16:11,600
the tribal woman in her underwear yeah

410
00:16:17,740 --> 00:16:14,450
exactly so if we if we want to judge

411
00:16:20,340 --> 00:16:17,750
things by modern standards hmm then um

412
00:16:23,530 --> 00:16:20,350
maybe maybe near the earlier doctors

413
00:16:25,720 --> 00:16:23,540

should be the most unpopular okay look

414

00:16:28,090 --> 00:16:25,730

and look and look I hope Roberto keeps

415

00:16:29,380 --> 00:16:28,100

peeps going well it's a it's a tough

416

00:16:31,420 --> 00:16:29,390

sell in some ways because you're

417

00:16:32,920 --> 00:16:31,430

actually asking two people to get

418

00:16:34,570 --> 00:16:32,930

involved in critical thinking here which

419

00:16:36,910 --> 00:16:34,580

isn't always an easy sell purcell but i

420

00:16:38,530 --> 00:16:36,920

think you know points to you yeah thanks

421

00:16:40,270 --> 00:16:38,540

so hopefully we can break into the

422

00:16:42,640 --> 00:16:40,280

education realm where they're trying to

423

00:16:44,080 --> 00:16:42,650

teach kids this anyway and just put a

424

00:16:45,520 --> 00:16:44,090

simple tool in front of them which where

425

00:16:48,130 --> 00:16:45,530

they're just going to encounter it in

426

00:16:50,260 --> 00:16:48,140

daily life i only use the browser at

427

00:16:55,600 --> 00:16:50,270

netskope 1.5 when will you be developing

428

00:16:56,770 --> 00:16:55,610

for that may third 2015 I'm just

429

00:16:59,620 --> 00:16:56,780

standing here and thumb on someone

430

00:17:01,360 --> 00:16:59,630

thrust a copy of a book from the 90s

431

00:17:03,730 --> 00:17:01,370

that I wrote into my hands for me to

432

00:17:05,620 --> 00:17:03,740

sign who we got here it's Joe alabaster

433

00:17:06,579 --> 00:17:05,630

oh look thank you so I've been seeing

434

00:17:08,170 --> 00:17:06,589

that book for a while I've got a couple

435

00:17:09,670 --> 00:17:08,180

of copies in my garage but I didn't

436

00:17:13,510 --> 00:17:09,680

think anyone actually had any I

437

00:17:15,610 --> 00:17:13,520

obviously live by it obviously yes yes

438

00:17:16,960 --> 00:17:15,620

my dad's guide to dag so look it's all a

439

00:17:19,360 --> 00:17:16,970

couple of thousand copies that's the

440

00:17:21,510 --> 00:17:19,370

thing that no one have believes me I'm

441

00:17:24,550 --> 00:17:21,520

skeptical and it's only my first book

442

00:17:27,370 --> 00:17:24,560

you have others and that is the correct

443

00:17:29,200 --> 00:17:27,380

answer now or have you found the dinner

444

00:17:31,030 --> 00:17:29,210

here tonight that's been quite nice

445

00:17:33,910 --> 00:17:31,040

actually very pleasant yes it's been

446

00:17:35,500 --> 00:17:33,920

look didn't those Daleks has inflatable

447

00:17:37,090 --> 00:17:35,510

dialect went for a lot of money they

448

00:17:38,350 --> 00:17:37,100

seem to depreciate a little bit when

449

00:17:40,180 --> 00:17:38,360

they've got signed actually which I

450

00:17:42,940 --> 00:17:40,190

found quite confusing yeah I'll be there

451
00:17:44,500 --> 00:17:42,950
look up a little bit for me tomorrow

452
00:17:47,140 --> 00:17:44,510
this is a big day of skeptical

453
00:17:48,820 --> 00:17:47,150
interviews tomorrow indeed yes we and

454
00:17:50,710 --> 00:17:48,830
what do you got planned for tomorrow i'm

455
00:17:52,660 --> 00:17:50,720
particularly looking forward to the

456
00:17:53,750 --> 00:17:52,670
philosophy Talk's Mike McRae and Patrick

457
00:17:55,310 --> 00:17:53,760
Stokes okay

458
00:17:57,530 --> 00:17:55,320
great make it make sure you get your

459
00:18:00,050 --> 00:17:57,540
sleep or what make much sense I'll do my

460
00:18:01,700 --> 00:18:00,060
best look I'm just we just have the

461
00:18:03,140 --> 00:18:01,710
auction here at the dinner and I'm

462
00:18:05,480 --> 00:18:03,150
speaking with a few of the bidders here

463
00:18:08,180 --> 00:18:05,490

what did you bid on and get served I bid

464

00:18:11,030 --> 00:18:08,190

on me George Rob DVD and a photo of

465

00:18:12,680 --> 00:18:11,040

james randi okay now goes up a big fan

466

00:18:14,810 --> 00:18:12,690

of the DVD I like the opening track when

467

00:18:17,090 --> 00:18:14,820

I was your age it's a great song one of

468

00:18:19,220 --> 00:18:17,100

the classics that in far and all the

469

00:18:21,290 --> 00:18:19,230

other brilliant songs he's a wonderful

470

00:18:23,330 --> 00:18:21,300

person and a fantastic singer songwriter

471

00:18:24,620 --> 00:18:23,340

yeah I was nervous cause I was looking

472

00:18:26,420 --> 00:18:24,630

at you and you perked up when you saw

473

00:18:28,520 --> 00:18:26,430

the DVD you are ready with the cash oh

474

00:18:30,140 --> 00:18:28,530

yeah oh yeah well I'm not gonna let this

475

00:18:31,970 --> 00:18:30,150

one go no all you go do is collect it

476

00:18:35,630 --> 00:18:31,980

now and take it home safely I'll do

477

00:18:38,390 --> 00:18:35,640

because um because revealed on stage at

478

00:18:40,100 --> 00:18:38,400

the conspiracy Conaway at was a Peter

479

00:18:42,440 --> 00:18:40,110

Peter mr. rat pack what were you doing

480

00:18:43,820 --> 00:18:42,450

out there I was simply exposing a

481

00:18:46,640 --> 00:18:43,830

conspiracy which nobody else knows about

482

00:18:48,500 --> 00:18:46,650

it except movie so it's in fact that

483

00:18:50,210 --> 00:18:48,510

Titus a pole and obviously people in did

484

00:18:52,100 --> 00:18:50,220

it conspiracy that no one else knows

485

00:18:53,240 --> 00:18:52,110

about except you would also fit the

486

00:18:56,390 --> 00:18:53,250

pattern of something that is completely

487

00:18:58,820 --> 00:18:56,400

delusional obviously the people that did

488

00:19:01,220 --> 00:18:58,830

the work in the first part and a

489

00:19:03,200 --> 00:19:01,230

suppressing or they know I've just

490

00:19:06,650 --> 00:19:03,210

applied my investigative skills to it

491

00:19:08,780 --> 00:19:06,660

and discuss and cracked in the find out

492

00:19:11,810 --> 00:19:08,790

how it was done so you busted open the

493

00:19:14,420 --> 00:19:11,820

big Snowy River Mountain conspiracy

494

00:19:17,300 --> 00:19:14,430

scheme that's right and I looked at it

495

00:19:18,260 --> 00:19:17,310

and can anybody prove to move us know at

496

00:19:20,930 --> 00:19:18,270

those tunnels in the Snowy Mountains

497

00:19:22,430 --> 00:19:20,940

rectly full of water no they can't they

498

00:19:23,840 --> 00:19:22,440

can't prove anything about it and so

499

00:19:26,390 --> 00:19:23,850

that's why i love it as a conspiracy

500

00:19:27,950 --> 00:19:26,400

theory because it just fits all the

501
00:19:30,770 --> 00:19:27,960
dates and all the times and all the

502
00:19:33,720 --> 00:19:30,780
facts just so a good how are you going

503
00:19:35,640 --> 00:19:33,730
to propagate this theory

504
00:19:40,020 --> 00:19:35,650
I have actually mentioned that the

505
00:19:41,610 --> 00:19:40,030
people at Nexus magazine mr. ratbag

506
00:19:45,480 --> 00:19:41,620
you're mucking around know what to

507
00:19:47,430 --> 00:19:45,490
publish it so actually you've actually

508
00:19:49,050 --> 00:19:47,440
had something rejected by Nexus names

509
00:19:51,650 --> 00:19:49,060
and no I haven't submitted it to them oh

510
00:19:54,390 --> 00:19:51,660
wow I think now we write it up submitter

511
00:19:55,890 --> 00:19:54,400
was I can imagine we wonderful on my CV

512
00:19:58,680 --> 00:19:55,900
I've been published here hubli to you

513
00:20:01,170 --> 00:19:58,690

published here published in nexus I mean

514

00:20:02,910 --> 00:20:01,180

the Nexus is a pretty good read it is a

515

00:20:06,120 --> 00:20:02,920

pretty out-there publication yeah I

516

00:20:07,410 --> 00:20:06,130

actually checked it once and I fair that

517

00:20:10,050 --> 00:20:07,420

actually the page numbers were all in

518

00:20:14,400 --> 00:20:10,060

sequence and so they actually is some

519

00:20:15,750 --> 00:20:14,410

truth in it oh he died yes sir now what

520

00:20:17,190 --> 00:20:15,760

is the one conspiracy theory that

521

00:20:18,990 --> 00:20:17,200

appears lacking in evidence but you

522

00:20:25,020 --> 00:20:19,000

would really like to be true Peter mr.

523

00:20:26,400 --> 00:20:25,030

ratbag that's acular difficult one I

524

00:20:28,350 --> 00:20:26,410

mean because we do have real

525

00:20:30,090 --> 00:20:28,360

conspiracies like like the movie the

526

00:20:31,350 --> 00:20:30,100

light bulb project showed out I mean

527

00:20:33,120 --> 00:20:31,360

there are there is planned obsolescence

528

00:20:34,800 --> 00:20:33,130

to a certain extent in everyday devices

529

00:20:37,110 --> 00:20:34,810

that's against Pierce it was all the

530

00:20:39,270 --> 00:20:37,120

companies do that conspiracies up now

531

00:20:41,370 --> 00:20:39,280

are all sorts of things I mean we just

532

00:20:43,010 --> 00:20:41,380

uncovered this one a conspiracy to tap

533

00:20:45,350 --> 00:20:43,020

the phones of the president of Indonesia

534

00:20:47,480 --> 00:20:45,360

yep

535

00:20:50,660 --> 00:20:47,490

we know that spires do this sort of

536

00:20:53,620 --> 00:20:50,670

thing to ethically nobody ever finds out

537

00:20:55,549 --> 00:20:53,630

people talk about what they do but

538

00:20:57,289 --> 00:20:55,559

disability case where somebody's leaked

539

00:20:58,910 --> 00:20:57,299

some informations to come out and they

540

00:21:01,100 --> 00:20:58,920

found that the conspiracy stuff about

541

00:21:04,160 --> 00:21:01,110

spy organizations tapping everybody's

542

00:21:06,470 --> 00:21:04,170

phones it's true it's kind of weird is

543

00:21:07,910 --> 00:21:06,480

because everyone should be outraged the

544

00:21:10,160 --> 00:21:07,920

government who organized this should

545

00:21:12,049 --> 00:21:10,170

have fallen but everyone's like okay

546

00:21:13,850 --> 00:21:12,059

it's weird it's a why aren't people

547

00:21:17,930 --> 00:21:13,860

angry at about that and I think with

548

00:21:18,980 --> 00:21:17,940

that one one of the jobs of spy

549

00:21:20,919 --> 00:21:18,990

organization people think it's all

550

00:21:23,210 --> 00:21:20,929

military secrets it's not it's

551

00:21:25,250 --> 00:21:23,220

commercial secrets it's knowing about

552

00:21:26,900 --> 00:21:25,260

how much people apply what people are

553

00:21:28,820 --> 00:21:26,910

bid for other projects what it will bid

554

00:21:30,470 --> 00:21:28,830

for wheat in some other country was also

555

00:21:32,210 --> 00:21:30,480

being in a position to blackmail people

556

00:21:34,159 --> 00:21:32,220

so you can get them to do stuff for you

557

00:21:36,680 --> 00:21:34,169

as well I hope we're not accusing eyes

558

00:21:38,299 --> 00:21:36,690

you out there no I'm sure that they

559

00:21:40,370 --> 00:21:38,309

would never do that well it'll say that

560

00:21:41,659 --> 00:21:40,380

in Canberra if that's more the job of

561

00:21:43,490 --> 00:21:41,669

the signals intelligence unit anyway

562

00:21:44,659 --> 00:21:43,500

isn't it well I'm saying no more in

563

00:21:47,180 --> 00:21:44,669

Canberra I've got to try and leave this

564

00:21:48,620 --> 00:21:47,190

place tomorrow I don't want have to look

565

00:21:51,680 --> 00:21:48,630

at every car that passes me on the hume

566

00:21:54,560 --> 00:21:51,690

highway to say hmm my batt be karen

567

00:21:55,820 --> 00:21:54,570

silkwood off the road here see you know

568

00:21:56,750 --> 00:21:55,830

your stuff beat no wonder you able to

569

00:21:59,570 --> 00:21:56,760

get up there to give a convincing

570

00:22:01,580 --> 00:21:59,580

lecture thank you now of course it's a

571

00:22:03,380 --> 00:22:01,590

doctor who night tonight doctor who is

572

00:22:05,600 --> 00:22:03,390

the theme of The Skeptical dinner

573

00:22:08,419 --> 00:22:05,610

tonight I didn't know that until five

574

00:22:09,919 --> 00:22:08,429

minutes ago so i will be wearing a paper

575

00:22:12,260 --> 00:22:09,929

bag on my head or something and who do

576

00:22:15,230 --> 00:22:12,270

you think is the unpopular doctor the

577

00:22:18,169 --> 00:22:15,240

doctor who is the least popular well i'm

578

00:22:20,150 --> 00:22:18,179

actually an exception in other skeptical

579

00:22:22,760 --> 00:22:20,160

movement if i'm not a doctor who fair

580

00:22:25,340 --> 00:22:22,770

well you more of a Star Trek guide or

581

00:22:28,039 --> 00:22:25,350

let me guess like seven you'd be a black

582

00:22:29,810 --> 00:22:28,049

seven found more red dwarf but her okay

583

00:22:31,130 --> 00:22:29,820

fair enough then be a writer so people

584

00:22:32,450 --> 00:22:31,140

are going to be making references to you

585

00:22:33,980 --> 00:22:32,460

all night and have no idea they're

586

00:22:35,000 --> 00:22:33,990

talking about I'm actually not coming to

587

00:22:36,220 --> 00:22:35,010

the dinner basic because I didn't want

588

00:22:38,450 --> 00:22:36,230

to be in that embarrassing position

589

00:22:39,810 --> 00:22:38,460

having to continually nod at people and

590

00:22:41,409 --> 00:22:39,820

go mmm

591

00:22:42,639 --> 00:22:41,419

like when you're talking to your

592

00:22:44,529 --> 00:22:42,649

favorite art about stuff you've heard

593

00:22:46,360 --> 00:22:44,539

before and pretending I knew what they

594

00:22:47,830 --> 00:22:46,370

were talking about I'm sure you'll be

595

00:22:50,919 --> 00:22:47,840

drunk somewhere else in Canberra tonight

596

00:22:52,360 --> 00:22:50,929

there is a possibility of that in fact

597

00:23:06,409 --> 00:22:52,370

I'm fired upon some people to conspire

598

00:23:10,759 --> 00:23:09,269

you've argued against the same woo so

599

00:23:13,289 --> 00:23:10,769

many times you can do it in your sleep

600

00:23:15,419 --> 00:23:13,299

quit trying to stop the nonsense one

601
00:23:18,180 --> 00:23:15,429
person at a time join guerrilla

602
00:23:19,980 --> 00:23:18,190
skepticism on Wikipedia help us make

603
00:23:22,350 --> 00:23:19,990
sure the best skeptical information is

604
00:23:25,619 --> 00:23:22,360
always at everyone's fingertips we need

605
00:23:27,960 --> 00:23:25,629
writers editors translators we need you

606
00:23:31,110 --> 00:23:27,970
and take as much or as little time as

607
00:23:33,210 --> 00:23:31,120
you can give us help us make Wikipedia

608
00:23:34,619 --> 00:23:33,220
as accurate as it can be and you'll

609
00:23:38,070 --> 00:23:34,629
literally be helping people while you

610
00:23:40,230 --> 00:23:38,080
sleep to join us or find out more send a

611
00:23:43,909 --> 00:23:40,240
facebook friend request to susan Berbick

612
00:23:53,100 --> 00:23:43,919
that's ger be IC guerrilla skepticism

613
00:23:54,869 --> 00:23:53,110

the time is now and now a few little our

614

00:23:57,539 --> 00:23:54,879

notes bits and pieces Wollongong

615

00:23:59,009 --> 00:23:57,549

skeptics in the pub yes Wollongong

616

00:24:01,950 --> 00:23:59,019

skeptics in the pub they're going to be

617

00:24:05,639 --> 00:24:01,960

meeting on Tuesday December the 31st at

618

00:24:08,249 --> 00:24:05,649

seven pm wow that's an interesting time

619

00:24:11,039 --> 00:24:08,259

to meet I wonder if that might lead to

620

00:24:14,460 --> 00:24:11,049

some new years eve celebrations probably

621

00:24:17,879 --> 00:24:14,470

will they meet at dicey rileys which is

622

00:24:21,259 --> 00:24:17,889

333 crown street in Wollongong and you

623

00:24:24,899 --> 00:24:21,269

can find out more by googling Wollongong

624

00:24:26,700 --> 00:24:24,909

skeptics in the pub I really must get

625

00:24:28,950 --> 00:24:26,710

down to Wollongong one day and join in

626

00:24:31,950 --> 00:24:28,960

on that and talking about skeptics in

627

00:24:36,090 --> 00:24:31,960

the pub the Sydney skeptics in the pub

628

00:24:39,119 --> 00:24:36,100

has a new meeting place well it's an old

629

00:24:41,100 --> 00:24:39,129

new cliq meeting place Sydney skeptics

630

00:24:44,700 --> 00:24:41,110

in the pub I'm moving back to the crown

631

00:24:48,749 --> 00:24:44,710

hotel the crown hotel and in January

632

00:24:51,930 --> 00:24:48,759

we'll be meeting on the 9th of January

633

00:24:54,779 --> 00:24:51,940

more information just Google Sydney

634

00:24:57,649 --> 00:24:54,789

skeptics in the pub it's on meetup so

635

00:25:00,749 --> 00:24:57,659

are no longer at the mezz bar and sneak

636

00:25:02,879 --> 00:25:00,759

we're moving back to the crown hotel and

637

00:25:05,850 --> 00:25:02,889

a quick shout out to a good friend of

638

00:25:07,720 --> 00:25:05,860

mine Spooky Quinn I Spooky has been

639

00:25:11,420 --> 00:25:07,730

doing some wonderful

640

00:25:13,700 --> 00:25:11,430

drawings visualizing the crew of the

641

00:25:15,410 --> 00:25:13,710

soul of layer the audio adventure the

642

00:25:19,400 --> 00:25:15,420

skeptic zone produced earlier in the

643

00:25:20,660 --> 00:25:19,410

year Spooky it's very flattering Captain

644

00:25:22,430 --> 00:25:20,670

Saunders there on the bridge of the

645

00:25:23,990 --> 00:25:22,440

solar flare and the crew being attacked

646

00:25:26,180 --> 00:25:24,000

by flying monkeys it's it's fantastic

647

00:25:28,160 --> 00:25:26,190

thanks very much Spooky you're great

648

00:25:35,690 --> 00:25:28,170

it's nice to know people laugh are

649

00:25:36,680 --> 00:25:35,700

listening in hey this is jay novela from

650

00:25:38,690 --> 00:25:36,690

the skeptics guide to the universe

651
00:25:40,370 --> 00:25:38,700
podcast did you know that there are

652
00:25:42,380 --> 00:25:40,380
thousands of skeptical reports

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00:25:43,970 --> 00:25:42,390
interviews and investigations going back

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second oldest skeptical magazine that's

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663
00:26:17,000 --> 00:26:13,380

Australian skeptics now join us in

664

00:26:18,890 --> 00:26:17,010

January 2013 with may nod at Sydney

665

00:26:21,260 --> 00:26:18,900

skeptics in the pub when he asked the

666

00:26:25,070 --> 00:26:21,270

skeptics what are their predictions for

667

00:26:27,290 --> 00:26:25,080

the year 2013 I'm here in perhaps are

668

00:26:28,940 --> 00:26:27,300

the most gifted people as far as like

669

00:26:30,860 --> 00:26:28,950

seeing the future possibly ever could be

670

00:26:32,300 --> 00:26:30,870

it's skeptics in the pub I'd predicted

671

00:26:34,400 --> 00:26:32,310

fairly shortly I'll go to the bar yet

672

00:26:36,050 --> 00:26:34,410

again and be refused service but yeah

673

00:26:38,660 --> 00:26:36,060

that's a repeating kind of thing like

674

00:26:40,430 --> 00:26:38,670

time is in a circle as we all know it's

675

00:26:42,380 --> 00:26:40,440

not in a straight line around you've

676
00:26:44,840 --> 00:26:42,390
looked at you've got at least a crystal

677
00:26:46,580 --> 00:26:44,850
ball that we've spoken about what do you

678
00:26:48,620 --> 00:26:46,590
got his predictions for 2013 put your

679
00:26:51,050 --> 00:26:48,630
money where your crystal ball is okay

680
00:26:53,300 --> 00:26:51,060
well I predict that Bert Newton will

681
00:26:55,610 --> 00:26:53,310
have a health scare and his son will

682
00:26:59,330 --> 00:26:55,620
have a legal square I predict that there

683
00:27:03,650 --> 00:26:59,340
will be an election in Australia in 2013

684
00:27:07,790 --> 00:27:03,660
I think Tony Abbott will win yeah I can

685
00:27:10,129 --> 00:27:07,800
make that prediction why not I pretty

686
00:27:12,749 --> 00:27:10,139
good uncanny comes to mind

687
00:27:15,899 --> 00:27:12,759
and budgie smugglers that also comes to

688
00:27:17,909 --> 00:27:15,909

mind I think I can't think of anything

689

00:27:20,639 --> 00:27:17,919

else right now just I've got budgeting

690

00:27:23,190 --> 00:27:20,649

smugglers in my mind that Jessica

691

00:27:24,930 --> 00:27:23,200

revered yes but I this is this is not

692

00:27:26,580 --> 00:27:24,940

Jessica the astrologer by the way to a

693

00:27:29,039 --> 00:27:26,590

lot of people get you mixed up this is

694

00:27:30,990 --> 00:27:29,049

jessica the skeptic I won't get mixed up

695

00:27:33,210 --> 00:27:31,000

with this an astrologer how exciting

696

00:27:34,830 --> 00:27:33,220

Jessica Adams she's been on the show

697

00:27:37,320 --> 00:27:34,840

before she's up she's my favorite

698

00:27:39,840 --> 00:27:37,330

Australian astrologer you'll be much

699

00:27:42,450 --> 00:27:39,850

more accurate than to you oh well I'm

700

00:27:44,610 --> 00:27:42,460

going to I'm going to think big I'm

701

00:27:46,139 --> 00:27:44,620

going to think tsunami I'm going to

702

00:27:49,740 --> 00:27:46,149

think of earthquake I'm going to think

703

00:27:51,419 --> 00:27:49,750

volcano why are you going so big I mean

704

00:27:54,330 --> 00:27:51,429

Jessica Adams a psychic only said that

705

00:27:55,320 --> 00:27:54,340

the Great Gatsby would be a hit I mean

706

00:27:56,909 --> 00:27:55,330

why don't you go why don't you go is

707

00:28:01,440 --> 00:27:56,919

something like that so are you saying

708

00:28:03,990 --> 00:28:01,450

that the great gatsby won't be a hit no

709

00:28:07,019 --> 00:28:04,000

no I'm sure the great gets we will be a

710

00:28:10,169 --> 00:28:07,029

fantastic head but but I like a grand

711

00:28:14,009 --> 00:28:10,179

scale two things i like i like a global

712

00:28:17,460 --> 00:28:14,019

a global perspective i like yeah okay

713

00:28:19,950 --> 00:28:17,470

yeah okay now I've got someone who we

714

00:28:21,749 --> 00:28:19,960

got here this is pretty voltage that's

715

00:28:24,899 --> 00:28:21,759

what I also matter quite to be one and i

716

00:28:26,549 --> 00:28:24,909

think i'll make this again for 2013 that

717

00:28:28,529 --> 00:28:26,559

there will be tsunamis or earthquakes

718

00:28:31,740 --> 00:28:28,539

and floods that affect nine countries

719

00:28:33,389 --> 00:28:31,750

with an eye on the nine but again I mean

720

00:28:34,919 --> 00:28:33,399

people could say like a like you were

721

00:28:36,629 --> 00:28:34,929

accused of you you've been a bit

722

00:28:39,299 --> 00:28:36,639

obviously you're actually thinking about

723

00:28:41,220 --> 00:28:39,309

what might happen and saying it I mean

724

00:28:43,830 --> 00:28:41,230

that's not prediction I predicted the

725

00:28:46,169 --> 00:28:43,840

wedding of William and Kate

726
00:28:47,760 --> 00:28:46,179
yeah yeah I predicted that well have you

727
00:28:50,750 --> 00:28:47,770
got any celebrity predictions for us

728
00:28:53,460 --> 00:28:50,760
celebrity predictions for this year I

729
00:28:55,620 --> 00:28:53,470
predict and I don't know people because

730
00:28:57,960 --> 00:28:55,630
it puts a hex on their marriages net not

731
00:29:00,240 --> 00:28:57,970
let me a guy whose name starts with M

732
00:29:01,830 --> 00:29:00,250
may leave the ABC under controversial

733
00:29:03,830 --> 00:29:01,840
circumstances is edible you bet so

734
00:29:07,080 --> 00:29:03,840
that's always on the cars what isn't

735
00:29:10,010 --> 00:29:07,090
hardly worth predicting at all now what

736
00:29:12,299 --> 00:29:10,020
I'm going to do is the two at least two

737
00:29:15,210 --> 00:29:12,309
high-profile Hollywood couples will

738
00:29:17,190 --> 00:29:15,220

separate within two weeks of the

739

00:29:18,750 --> 00:29:17,200

separation being announced one wall

740

00:29:21,810 --> 00:29:18,760

between this in seen in the company of

741

00:29:22,950 --> 00:29:21,820

another person and William idiot denial

742

00:29:25,409 --> 00:29:22,960

to that person Eddie if you live with

743

00:29:26,850 --> 00:29:25,419

the breakup I think she's stuck that

744

00:29:27,960 --> 00:29:26,860

they'll be rooms and things young astray

745

00:29:32,100 --> 00:29:27,970

Ameen because that that's about as

746

00:29:33,450 --> 00:29:32,110

likely as that one I could predict an

747

00:29:35,370 --> 00:29:33,460

election in Australia but I think that

748

00:29:36,630 --> 00:29:35,380

yeah that's pretty I won't predict the

749

00:29:37,710 --> 00:29:36,640

outcome of elections because I don't

750

00:29:39,389 --> 00:29:37,720

want to influence the outcome of

751

00:29:41,639 --> 00:29:39,399

elections oh yeah well that is possible

752

00:29:43,769 --> 00:29:41,649

so there will be an election but i'm not

753

00:29:46,649 --> 00:29:43,779

going to pretty i'm gonna be but it'll

754

00:29:48,360 --> 00:29:46,659

be a close election okay so most of the

755

00:29:50,610 --> 00:29:48,370

last one so you saying it's like a

756

00:29:52,830 --> 00:29:50,620

Heisenberg principle of elections going

757

00:29:54,269 --> 00:29:52,840

on here that if you like say who might

758

00:29:55,919 --> 00:29:54,279

win that that will actually affect the

759

00:29:58,710 --> 00:29:55,929

outcome oh I think that's certainly the

760

00:30:00,389 --> 00:29:58,720

case I've done this in the past well

761

00:30:03,779 --> 00:30:00,399

thank you a great sage and I mean that

762

00:30:05,220 --> 00:30:03,789

in this sort of it's a no I know what

763

00:30:07,320 --> 00:30:05,230

side you did some kind of her be stuck

764

00:30:10,950 --> 00:30:07,330

inside chickens that's right yeah let's

765

00:30:13,019 --> 00:30:10,960

go smoke some sage good idea i'm here

766

00:30:14,370 --> 00:30:13,029

with tim miller my team how are you very

767

00:30:16,169 --> 00:30:14,380

well thank you may not I can see that

768

00:30:17,820 --> 00:30:16,179

you're affected by the great sage as

769

00:30:19,560 --> 00:30:17,830

well tonight absolutely there a

770

00:30:21,570 --> 00:30:19,570

particular great sage between a beer yes

771

00:30:23,460 --> 00:30:21,580

yes absolutely yes I've been affected by

772

00:30:24,720 --> 00:30:23,470

the great hops I've been studying the

773

00:30:25,740 --> 00:30:24,730

great hops for many years actually I'd

774

00:30:27,690 --> 00:30:25,750

regards up with a bit of an expert

775

00:30:29,190 --> 00:30:27,700

you've seen a lot of predictions in your

776

00:30:31,080 --> 00:30:29,200

time they're actually been any

777

00:30:32,760 --> 00:30:31,090

predictions by astrologers or psychics

778

00:30:34,850 --> 00:30:32,770

that have actually been on the money

779

00:30:36,779 --> 00:30:34,860

that have surprised you in being correct

780

00:30:38,220 --> 00:30:36,789

there have been something on the money

781

00:30:40,110 --> 00:30:38,230

but that don't surprise you if you make

782

00:30:41,850 --> 00:30:40,120

enough predictions something something

783

00:30:42,810 --> 00:30:41,860

somewhere is going to come true the most

784

00:30:45,210 --> 00:30:42,820

the predictions are pretty rubbish

785

00:30:46,950 --> 00:30:45,220

either they're so vague and so general

786

00:30:48,779 --> 00:30:46,960

that they could apply to anything and

787

00:30:50,519 --> 00:30:48,789

I've dealt with a lot of people who have

788

00:30:52,620 --> 00:30:50,529

come forward to me and sort of st. say

789

00:30:55,320 --> 00:30:52,630

they're psychics my favorite one who one

790

00:30:56,590 --> 00:30:55,330

who came to me and could not tell me

791

00:31:00,790 --> 00:30:56,600

what my name was

792

00:31:02,920 --> 00:31:00,800

and she said I said hi that's not

793

00:31:04,180 --> 00:31:02,930

psychic that's just diff but I bear to

794

00:31:06,100 --> 00:31:04,190

the phone to her and say hi it's tim

795

00:31:07,300 --> 00:31:06,110

mendham from the skeptics and she come

796

00:31:10,330 --> 00:31:07,310

back about three minutes late and say

797

00:31:12,430 --> 00:31:10,340

your name is Alan I say no no no it's

798

00:31:14,470 --> 00:31:12,440

Kate no nine island I said I told you

799

00:31:16,090 --> 00:31:14,480

what my name was you don't tell me and

800

00:31:18,070 --> 00:31:16,100

so do you have talked and this happens

801
00:31:19,600 --> 00:31:18,080
several phone calls in a row this poor

802
00:31:22,930 --> 00:31:19,610
lady was sort of obviously the world's

803
00:31:24,490 --> 00:31:22,940
worst psychic and she was ringing you

804
00:31:26,020 --> 00:31:24,500
for the for the challenge for the tender

805
00:31:28,300 --> 00:31:26,030
she was bringing for the challenge and

806
00:31:30,070 --> 00:31:28,310
sort of generally to do to impress me

807
00:31:32,350 --> 00:31:30,080
with how good she wasn't being psychic

808
00:31:34,750 --> 00:31:32,360
making predictions and actually what

809
00:31:37,150 --> 00:31:34,760
would impress you from a psychic I mean

810
00:31:38,560 --> 00:31:37,160
how would you basically set up a test

811
00:31:41,470 --> 00:31:38,570
that would work that would keep you

812
00:31:44,320 --> 00:31:41,480
happy I mean I mean simply how would you

813
00:31:46,060 --> 00:31:44,330

run it are you talking predictions so

814

00:31:48,400 --> 00:31:46,070

you know yeah I mean like I mean yeah if

815

00:31:50,380 --> 00:31:48,410

you're testing a psychic what protocol

816

00:31:52,180 --> 00:31:50,390

would you put in place and to do it

817

00:31:53,770 --> 00:31:52,190

accurately and quickly just simply is

818

00:31:55,330 --> 00:31:53,780

there an answer to lay you do it well

819

00:31:56,830 --> 00:31:55,340

yeah I mean to put the prediction slide

820

00:31:57,970 --> 00:31:56,840

is pretty hard actually cuz a lot of

821

00:32:00,220 --> 00:31:57,980

people make predictions psychic

822

00:32:01,450 --> 00:32:00,230

predictions way out in the future and he

823

00:32:03,100 --> 00:32:01,460

said well i can't i can't wait ten years

824

00:32:04,930 --> 00:32:03,110

to see if something's going to happen

825

00:32:06,520 --> 00:32:04,940

that's where this psychic i'm talking to

826

00:32:09,100 --> 00:32:06,530

actually try to do i said give me a

827

00:32:12,190 --> 00:32:09,110

particular time frame make a very very

828

00:32:13,060 --> 00:32:12,200

precise prediction like you know don't

829

00:32:16,420 --> 00:32:13,070

just say there's going to be an

830

00:32:17,950 --> 00:32:16,430

earthquake pick a place of time strength

831

00:32:19,360 --> 00:32:17,960

that sort of thing right even so

832

00:32:21,070 --> 00:32:19,370

earthquakes happen AV every minute of

833

00:32:22,630 --> 00:32:21,080

every day but I mean I need something

834

00:32:25,990 --> 00:32:22,640

very very precise I need any other time

835

00:32:27,490 --> 00:32:26,000

frame which is precisely and basically

836

00:32:30,250 --> 00:32:27,500

that would be interesting to start with

837

00:32:32,020 --> 00:32:30,260

beginning a number of those with own

838

00:32:32,740 --> 00:32:32,030

generals have a psychic you just go

839

00:32:34,960 --> 00:32:32,750

through the normal sort of

840

00:32:36,910 --> 00:32:34,970

parapsychology tests but you do them

841

00:32:38,050 --> 00:32:36,920

properly and the control conditions and

842

00:32:40,660 --> 00:32:38,060

that sort of thing but there the

843

00:32:42,100 --> 00:32:40,670

prediction of stuff is fun a lot of

844

00:32:43,750 --> 00:32:42,110

people sort of follow it but then never

845

00:32:45,940 --> 00:32:43,760

follow up on it and that's the problem

846

00:32:48,310 --> 00:32:45,950

right but I met Whitney out we do it

847

00:32:50,320 --> 00:32:48,320

because we're spoiled sports now I have

848

00:32:52,360 --> 00:32:50,330

spoken to you Jessica Adams a few times

849

00:32:54,640 --> 00:32:52,370

and she has spirit guides and and she

850

00:32:56,470 --> 00:32:54,650

explains it the predictions aren't

851
00:32:59,200 --> 00:32:56,480
completely accurate because in this

852
00:33:00,940 --> 00:32:59,210
realm we aren't meant to have that kind

853
00:33:02,560 --> 00:33:00,950
of accuracy given to us from other

854
00:33:03,760 --> 00:33:02,570
people because if we did that and

855
00:33:06,010 --> 00:33:03,770
particularly when it comes to things

856
00:33:07,390 --> 00:33:06,020
like creating wealth for ourselves that

857
00:33:09,190 --> 00:33:07,400
there will be something wrong with that

858
00:33:09,880 --> 00:33:09,200
within the realms okay so that's in

859
00:33:11,170 --> 00:33:09,890
response to the

860
00:33:12,940 --> 00:33:11,180
if you know all these things why aren't

861
00:33:14,440 --> 00:33:12,950
you rich yeah yeah why can't you win a

862
00:33:16,180 --> 00:33:14,450
lot lighter or the horse race or that's

863
00:33:20,500 --> 00:33:16,190

predict the Melbourne Cup it's a nice

864

00:33:22,720 --> 00:33:20,510

out isn't it yeah the pure atmosphere

865

00:33:24,250 --> 00:33:22,730

it's a way to sort of avoid being proved

866

00:33:26,130 --> 00:33:24,260

wrong because you know you don't never

867

00:33:28,750 --> 00:33:26,140

make accurate predictions so you know

868

00:33:30,970 --> 00:33:28,760

precise predictions if I can tell you've

869

00:33:33,370 --> 00:33:30,980

encountered that one before yeah yeah

870

00:33:35,620 --> 00:33:33,380

quite a lot but I've also encounter

871

00:33:37,270 --> 00:33:35,630

though people who make firm predictions

872

00:33:39,220 --> 00:33:37,280

and have had someone who made a lot

873

00:33:42,160 --> 00:33:39,230

recently about the weather and floods in

874

00:33:43,150 --> 00:33:42,170

Brisbane etc after the fact but when

875

00:33:44,980 --> 00:33:43,160

they made these prediction that I

876

00:33:46,810 --> 00:33:44,990

pointed out the ones they were saying

877

00:33:49,240 --> 00:33:46,820

we'll come to in the future had not come

878

00:33:52,420 --> 00:33:49,250

true they would then criticize me for

879

00:33:55,180 --> 00:33:52,430

being so picky basically I mean there's

880

00:33:58,210 --> 00:33:55,190

always an excuse they will never admit

881

00:33:59,920 --> 00:33:58,220

they're wrong and looks bigger being

882

00:34:02,020 --> 00:33:59,930

wrong I'm in the recent episode the

883

00:34:04,930 --> 00:34:02,030

skeptic you criticized to the greats

884

00:34:07,060 --> 00:34:04,940

charles berlitz and erich von daniken in

885

00:34:09,610 --> 00:34:07,070

the same paragraph I believe you used

886

00:34:12,190 --> 00:34:09,620

words as unsubstantiated evidence kit

887

00:34:14,620 --> 00:34:12,200

under the house if the guys got gold of

888

00:34:16,030 --> 00:34:14,630

the gods return to the stars Chariots of

889

00:34:18,880 --> 00:34:16,040

the Gods three books what more do you

890

00:34:20,290 --> 00:34:18,890

want cherries are the gods ? he had a

891

00:34:21,310 --> 00:34:20,300

question mark at the end of it if you

892

00:34:22,990 --> 00:34:21,320

notice the book is always a question

893

00:34:25,570 --> 00:34:23,000

mark my favorite thing about Erich von

894

00:34:27,399 --> 00:34:25,580

Daniken is that anything one notices he

895

00:34:30,550 --> 00:34:27,409

just scotch drinker you've got to

896

00:34:32,800 --> 00:34:30,560

respect that he tried to be impressive

897

00:34:35,200 --> 00:34:32,810

by having a pipe but he never actually

898

00:34:36,970 --> 00:34:35,210

lit the pipe even they on TV with his

899

00:34:40,659 --> 00:34:36,980

five videos mouth making pontificating

900

00:34:42,399 --> 00:34:40,669

statements but it was never a light if

901
00:34:44,139 --> 00:34:42,409
you were filming a guides inside a small

902
00:34:45,700 --> 00:34:44,149
house would you want to be piping it up

903
00:34:47,770 --> 00:34:45,710
from and did you have a leather patch on

904
00:34:49,419 --> 00:34:47,780
his own yeah like the light of course

905
00:34:52,030 --> 00:34:49,429
Carl Sagan used to try that one on I

906
00:34:54,520 --> 00:34:52,040
think he having you had a suede suede

907
00:34:55,419 --> 00:34:54,530
coat with leather patches on then they

908
00:34:59,140 --> 00:34:55,429
get on the sort of person who had

909
00:35:01,120 --> 00:34:59,150
leather patches on a woollen jumper just

910
00:35:02,650 --> 00:35:01,130
to be different oh I think I'll let you

911
00:35:04,030 --> 00:35:02,660
get back to the great sage the great

912
00:35:05,590 --> 00:35:04,040
hops thank you thank you very much maybe

913
00:35:10,960 --> 00:35:05,600

it's calling me it's calling me a lot

914

00:35:12,280 --> 00:35:10,970

okay it winds its January skeptics in

915

00:35:13,450 --> 00:35:12,290

the pub and as you all know there's

916

00:35:15,250 --> 00:35:13,460

plenty of skeptics sitting on top of

917

00:35:17,440 --> 00:35:15,260

Christmas trees and bubbling around at

918

00:35:19,690 --> 00:35:17,450

this time of year it's a relaxed skip to

919

00:35:21,190 --> 00:35:19,700

get the pub there's actually no speed

920

00:35:24,010 --> 00:35:21,200

anyone doing anything it's just

921

00:35:25,690 --> 00:35:24,020

basically skeptics at the pub and doing

922

00:35:27,490 --> 00:35:25,700

what they do at the pub celebrating in

923

00:35:29,800 --> 00:35:27,500

the sort of alcoholic kind of way OOP we

924

00:35:31,270 --> 00:35:29,810

got here I'm Nick and look you have got

925

00:35:32,920 --> 00:35:31,280

any predictions between 13 have you

926
00:35:35,380 --> 00:35:32,930
decided to back away from that kind of

927
00:35:37,030 --> 00:35:35,390
thing well I'm not sure I wouldn't hold

928
00:35:40,690 --> 00:35:37,040
them with any certainty one prediction I

929
00:35:42,430 --> 00:35:40,700
would have is if Tony Abbott does win

930
00:35:43,810 --> 00:35:42,440
the federal election I think he's going

931
00:35:45,730 --> 00:35:43,820
to have a leadership spill fairly soon

932
00:35:48,099 --> 00:35:45,740
afterwards because i think the number of

933
00:35:49,569 --> 00:35:48,109
free thinkers and intelligent people

934
00:35:52,420 --> 00:35:49,579
would not stand for the kind of politics

935
00:35:54,460 --> 00:35:52,430
and with initials MC be anywhere in

936
00:35:56,109 --> 00:35:54,470
there i'll post quite possibly right so

937
00:35:59,020 --> 00:35:56,119
that we can have a rapper as they live

938
00:36:01,060 --> 00:35:59,030

the head of the Liberal Party it's rebel

939

00:36:04,440 --> 00:36:01,070

MC that'd be good it'll be great I love

940

00:36:07,000 --> 00:36:04,450

that MC Hammer that'll be fantastic I

941

00:36:08,500 --> 00:36:07,010

you know I'm not sure that could hold

942

00:36:09,910 --> 00:36:08,510

all with the electro I think it's a bold

943

00:36:11,890 --> 00:36:09,920

I think we can look forward to having

944

00:36:12,940 --> 00:36:11,900

those MC Hammer pirate pants stuff going

945

00:36:15,819 --> 00:36:12,950

on in Parliament that'll be fantastic

946

00:36:17,680 --> 00:36:15,829

that that in hot saw solve the whole

947

00:36:19,450 --> 00:36:17,690

skirts or shorts debater and you just

948

00:36:21,339 --> 00:36:19,460

wither MC Hammer pants in that a house

949

00:36:22,810 --> 00:36:21,349

of speakers whatever happens I'm sure

950

00:36:25,030 --> 00:36:22,820

it'll be a departure from the norm of

951

00:36:27,550 --> 00:36:25,040

the past okay well we'll see the next

952

00:36:29,109 --> 00:36:27,560

meeting hopefully look now we here are

953

00:36:31,300 --> 00:36:29,119

we here at skeptics in the pub what we

954

00:36:34,390 --> 00:36:31,310

got here I'm George yeah you do have

955

00:36:36,839 --> 00:36:34,400

some predictions for 2013 yes I do I

956

00:36:39,250 --> 00:36:36,849

believe that a celebrity will get cancer

957

00:36:42,370 --> 00:36:39,260

an australian politician will say

958

00:36:45,250 --> 00:36:42,380

something ludicrously uninformed and a

959

00:36:47,230 --> 00:36:45,260

beloved animal will go extinct hmmm

960

00:36:52,000 --> 00:36:47,240

that's pretty good a beloved animal of

961

00:36:53,589 --> 00:36:52,010

this country or a beloved animal okay do

962

00:36:56,800 --> 00:36:53,599

you want to make any more really out

963

00:36:58,480 --> 00:36:56,810

there ones yeah we heard Jessica that

964

00:37:00,910 --> 00:36:58,490

the Great Sage Jessica over there

965

00:37:04,030 --> 00:37:00,920

earlier predicting them with volcanoes

966

00:37:05,620 --> 00:37:04,040

earthquakes like a large yes large

967

00:37:06,819 --> 00:37:05,630

calculon's happening if you you won't

968

00:37:09,099 --> 00:37:06,829

even want to go on something right there

969

00:37:13,000 --> 00:37:09,109

I believes that somewhere on earth a

970

00:37:16,230 --> 00:37:13,010

meteor will hit the ground and become a

971

00:37:18,040 --> 00:37:16,240

meteorite right brave brave moves my man

972

00:37:20,650 --> 00:37:18,050

okay we're going to ride up in the book

973

00:37:23,110 --> 00:37:20,660

right now go ahead yeah you want to

974

00:37:25,390 --> 00:37:23,120

leave work on some money on this

975

00:37:27,010 --> 00:37:25,400

I I'll put five dollars on at least one

976
00:37:28,870 --> 00:37:27,020
of them happening you haven't got a

977
00:37:31,660 --> 00:37:28,880
feeling about any employees of the ABC

978
00:37:48,280 --> 00:37:31,670
have you I believe someone's going to

979
00:37:49,930 --> 00:37:48,290
get fired the hand side is a podcast of

980
00:37:53,080 --> 00:37:49,940
the monthly lectures ranbir camera

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politics and national security with an

985
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opportunity to present their views you

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can find us at WWE maryse kept its dot

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did you see that UFO sighting that made

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thinking is essential in assessing

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today's news duffel news helps you

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thank you for listening to the skeptic

1003

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zone I wonder what's on next week's show

1004

00:39:18,820 --> 00:39:14,180

or next week will be the first skeptic

1005

00:39:20,500 --> 00:39:18,830

zone for 2014 another year ahead how one

1006

00:39:25,630 --> 00:39:20,510

who are predictions will be coming forth

1007

00:39:27,310 --> 00:39:25,640

for 2014 as the traffic streams by

1008

00:39:29,050 --> 00:39:27,320

huddle heading down to Fisherman's Wharf

1009

00:39:33,100 --> 00:39:29,060

I think of this Coit Tower in the

1010

00:39:35,440 --> 00:39:33,110

background and with the oh hello coming

1011

00:39:40,420 --> 00:39:35,450

up to the ferry building the giant clock

1012

00:39:43,360 --> 00:39:40,430

on this is 22 for a nice afternoon in

1013

00:39:45,370 --> 00:39:43,370

San Francisco until next week this is

1014

00:39:52,030 --> 00:39:45,380

Richard Saunders signing off from San

1015

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Francisco California you've been

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