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00:00:01,120 --> 00:00:06,340

you

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00:00:20,350 --> 00:00:09,500

welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:26,710 --> 00:00:22,930

hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:30,100 --> 00:00:26,720

show a 116 for the seventh of january

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00:00:32,470 --> 00:00:30,110

two thousand eleven yes those of you

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00:00:34,120 --> 00:00:32,480

with a keen sense of timber and a knack

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00:00:36,310 --> 00:00:34,130

for accents might realize this is not

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00:00:38,770 --> 00:00:36,320

Richard Saunders but this is George Rob

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00:00:41,140 --> 00:00:38,780

filling in for Richard Saunders who is

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00:00:43,570 --> 00:00:41,150

somewhere over the Pacific right now as

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00:00:47,470 --> 00:00:43,580

he's on his way back to Australia i

12
00:00:49,690 --> 00:00:47,480

assume he's in an airplane but that's

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00:00:52,060 --> 00:00:49,700

just an assumption so we'll see let's

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00:00:55,270 --> 00:00:52,070

see this past week has been pretty

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00:00:57,310 --> 00:00:55,280

pretty huge for us skeptics power

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00:01:01,590 --> 00:00:57,320

balance has a class action lawsuit

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00:01:03,689 --> 00:01:01,600

pending yay Andrew Wakefield recently

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00:01:07,540 --> 00:01:03,699

received another kick in his

19

00:01:10,930 --> 00:01:07,550

non-vaccinated ass and merrill dory got

20

00:01:14,080 --> 00:01:10,940

kicked off the radio see we can make a

21

00:01:15,730 --> 00:01:14,090

difference Merry Christmas but before we

22

00:01:17,560 --> 00:01:15,740

get to all that there's some more

23

00:01:20,350 --> 00:01:17,570

interviews coming up here from Tam

24

00:01:21,969 --> 00:01:20,360

Australia you know about Tam Australia

25

00:01:24,880 --> 00:01:21,979

you might have heard of this little

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00:01:27,760 --> 00:01:24,890

collection of skeptics zone reporter

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00:01:30,910 --> 00:01:27,770

Maynard has a lovely chat with james

28

00:01:33,010 --> 00:01:30,920

randi julian morrow from the chaser

29

00:01:37,000 --> 00:01:33,020

program which is on ABC TV in australia

30

00:01:40,109 --> 00:01:37,010

Simon Singh rebecca watson and Courtney

31

00:01:45,850 --> 00:01:40,119

Bergen and I think he even talks with me

32

00:01:48,789 --> 00:01:45,860

Wow neat alright sit back have a diet

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00:01:51,160 --> 00:01:48,799

coke or whatever you'd like or no you

34

00:01:52,980 --> 00:01:51,170

should have a ginger beer boy do you

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00:01:56,770 --> 00:01:52,990

people know how to make ginger beer

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00:01:59,950 --> 00:01:56,780

delish so pour yourself whatever imbibe

37

00:02:02,260 --> 00:01:59,960

meant you would enjoy have a seat fight

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00:02:05,770 --> 00:02:02,270

back the rising flood waters as needed

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00:02:22,780 --> 00:02:05,780

and enjoy this episode of the skeptic

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00:02:27,259 --> 00:02:25,250

well i'm here at tom australia and

41

00:02:29,780 --> 00:02:27,269

there's a guy at a really unusual name

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00:02:31,789 --> 00:02:29,790

amazing that is a great first name mr.

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00:02:34,580 --> 00:02:31,799

Andy yes so I've been told that many

44

00:02:36,649 --> 00:02:34,590

people there refer to in conversations

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00:02:38,630 --> 00:02:36,659

they refer to some amazing event I

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00:02:40,460 --> 00:02:38,640

always interrupt them said no no no

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00:02:43,039 --> 00:02:40,470

that's not an amazing it's astonishing

48

00:02:44,600 --> 00:02:43,049

I'm amazing you see and how did you get

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00:02:45,710 --> 00:02:44,610

that one as a magician because there's

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00:02:48,979 --> 00:02:45,720

lots of names you could have got you

51
00:02:51,470 --> 00:02:48,989
know incredible wacky kooky that guy

52
00:02:54,140 --> 00:02:51,480
over there why amazing well there's the

53
00:02:56,390 --> 00:02:54,150
insufficient that was one I I passed up

54
00:02:58,910 --> 00:02:56,400
and they disdainful that's a good one

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00:03:01,130 --> 00:02:58,920
yeah the clumsy and a few things like

56
00:03:03,020 --> 00:03:01,140
that but I finally settled on amazing as

57
00:03:04,699 --> 00:03:03,030
a matter of fact that's interesting

58
00:03:07,099 --> 00:03:04,709
because when I first entered the

59
00:03:10,460 --> 00:03:07,109
conjuring profession as I prefer to

60
00:03:12,559 --> 00:03:10,470
refer to it I was given all kinds of

61
00:03:15,229 --> 00:03:12,569
choices that there were professors in

62
00:03:18,110 --> 00:03:15,239
this and the great and so and so but I

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00:03:21,710 --> 00:03:18,120

didn't know of any Amazings and so I

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00:03:23,720 --> 00:03:21,720

decided to adopt amazing Wow and what

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00:03:26,150 --> 00:03:23,730

drew you to skip to Kennedy was because

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00:03:28,430 --> 00:03:26,160

you were a magician you knew how a lot

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00:03:30,830 --> 00:03:28,440

of illusions are made and you saw this

68

00:03:33,800 --> 00:03:30,840

going on well I've always been skeptical

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00:03:35,690 --> 00:03:33,810

Eden since I was a little kid I doubted

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00:03:38,030 --> 00:03:35,700

things that were told to me in Sunday

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00:03:41,150 --> 00:03:38,040

school and I backed out of South go very

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00:03:43,970 --> 00:03:41,160

early i can assure you i've always been

73

00:03:48,170 --> 00:03:43,980

skeptical i've always been very have

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00:03:49,759 --> 00:03:48,180

practical and rational and I I don't

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00:03:52,309 --> 00:03:49,769

know where it came from because my

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00:03:54,020 --> 00:03:52,319

family was just a regular family of real

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00:03:56,689 --> 00:03:54,030

people they weren't particularly

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00:03:59,449 --> 00:03:56,699

skeptical or they certainly weren't

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00:04:01,610 --> 00:03:59,459

atheistic or anything like that I always

80

00:04:03,559 --> 00:04:01,620

have been and I don't quite know where

81

00:04:05,780 --> 00:04:03,569

these things come from prepped from

82

00:04:08,479 --> 00:04:05,790

other examples that I absorbed around me

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00:04:09,979 --> 00:04:08,489

mmm and there must be so many challenges

84

00:04:11,539 --> 00:04:09,989

over the years there was there was some

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00:04:15,710 --> 00:04:11,549

things you're mentioning on stage that I

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00:04:17,870 --> 00:04:15,720

find interesting the fake well the

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00:04:19,670 --> 00:04:17,880

spiritual bomb detector that you do

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00:04:21,860 --> 00:04:19,680

demonstrate it i found very unusual that

89
00:04:23,210 --> 00:04:21,870
the u.s. government would spend money on

90
00:04:24,800 --> 00:04:23,220
something like that that could be so

91
00:04:26,570 --> 00:04:24,810
easily tested and be found to be true

92
00:04:28,530 --> 00:04:26,580
enough well they didn't spend the money

93
00:04:32,520 --> 00:04:28,540
out if they gave the money to around two

94
00:04:34,290 --> 00:04:32,530
item and around if a the agency that

95
00:04:37,740 --> 00:04:34,300
invested in them the interesting thing

96
00:04:40,410 --> 00:04:37,750
is that the supplier from the UK of

97
00:04:42,210 --> 00:04:40,420
these fake rods was selling them for

98
00:04:44,640 --> 00:04:42,220
something like six hundred dollars and

99
00:04:46,140 --> 00:04:44,650
the cost went up to over six thousand

100
00:04:49,020 --> 00:04:46,150
dollars by the time they actually

101
00:04:51,230 --> 00:04:49,030
reached the Iraqis because in Iraq as

102
00:04:54,180 --> 00:04:51,240
with many of those Mid Eastern countries

103
00:04:56,280 --> 00:04:54,190
everybody has to make a cut every time

104
00:04:58,860 --> 00:04:56,290
it's passed on to another official and

105
00:05:01,080 --> 00:04:58,870
they take their percentage and the price

106
00:05:03,240 --> 00:05:01,090
goes up and up and up that's their way

107
00:05:04,920 --> 00:05:03,250
of doing business and I can't have any

108
00:05:07,700 --> 00:05:04,930
complaints about it it's their country

109
00:05:11,220 --> 00:05:07,710
that's the way they do things but that

110
00:05:13,410 --> 00:05:11,230
cost American taxpayer is a huge amount

111
00:05:15,390 --> 00:05:13,420
of money and I've been an American

112
00:05:16,800 --> 00:05:15,400
taxpayer so I felt rather badly about

113
00:05:19,190 --> 00:05:16,810

that but that's not the reason I went

114

00:05:21,930 --> 00:05:19,200

after it it's because it's costing lives

115

00:05:24,300 --> 00:05:21,940

it doesn't work it doesn't detect

116

00:05:28,190 --> 00:05:24,310

explosives it doesn't detect anything

117

00:05:31,080 --> 00:05:28,200

it's simply a total outright faith and

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00:05:32,460 --> 00:05:31,090

what exactly was it you pulled it apart

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00:05:33,900 --> 00:05:32,470

it was supposed to be a bomb detector

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00:05:36,660 --> 00:05:33,910

had an aerial on it looked a bit like a

121

00:05:38,310 --> 00:05:36,670

high-tech dowsing rod yeah well that's

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00:05:40,590 --> 00:05:38,320

what it is it's a high-tech dowsing rod

123

00:05:42,570 --> 00:05:40,600

and low-tech dies Andros don't work

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00:05:45,570 --> 00:05:42,580

either nothing works in dowsing that's a

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00:05:47,690 --> 00:05:45,580

total farce and a delusion an acquired

126

00:05:50,280 --> 00:05:47,700

delusion but nonetheless a delusion and

127

00:05:52,800 --> 00:05:50,290

all they did was they connected up a

128

00:05:54,630 --> 00:05:52,810

bunch of wires and meteors and such and

129

00:05:56,760 --> 00:05:54,640

the inside of the machine nothing is

130

00:05:58,800 --> 00:05:56,770

connected up there are electronics in

131

00:06:00,540 --> 00:05:58,810

there and magnets embedded in it that

132

00:06:02,850 --> 00:06:00,550

have nothing to do with the operation of

133

00:06:05,870 --> 00:06:02,860

it because there are no operating

134

00:06:08,280 --> 00:06:05,880

principles it's simply a swivel rod and

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00:06:10,440 --> 00:06:08,290

Randy the US government did spend a lot

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00:06:12,750 --> 00:06:10,450

of money on the MKULTRA project in the

137

00:06:15,390 --> 00:06:12,760

60s and 70s where they were trying to do

138

00:06:17,520 --> 00:06:15,400

remote viewing Andy they were trying to

139

00:06:19,230 --> 00:06:17,530

get into the psychic situation there now

140

00:06:20,820 --> 00:06:19,240

you've got the inside running on that

141

00:06:22,890 --> 00:06:20,830

did they get anything out of that are

142

00:06:24,750 --> 00:06:22,900

they continuing it now though they got

143

00:06:26,040 --> 00:06:24,760

nothing out of it whatsoever and of

144

00:06:28,980 --> 00:06:26,050

course they will continue with it

145

00:06:31,650 --> 00:06:28,990

because there's always some politician

146

00:06:34,020 --> 00:06:31,660

someplace or some commanding officer who

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00:06:36,270 --> 00:06:34,030

believes in woo woo things and he will

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00:06:38,340 --> 00:06:36,280

put a an order out yes we will spend

149

00:06:39,250 --> 00:06:38,350

money on this just in case the Russians

150

00:06:41,440 --> 00:06:39,260

who got it we

151

00:06:42,850 --> 00:06:41,450

and got it and of course that gets to

152

00:06:44,410 --> 00:06:42,860

the Russians and the Russians say oh I

153

00:06:46,000 --> 00:06:44,420

guess we better start spending some

154

00:06:49,510 --> 00:06:46,010

money on it because we haven't got it

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00:06:51,850 --> 00:06:49,520

and both governments waste a huge amount

156

00:06:53,280 --> 00:06:51,860

of resources investigating things that

157

00:06:55,930 --> 00:06:53,290

were never there in the first place

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00:06:57,610 --> 00:06:55,940

ridiculous and what do you think is the

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00:06:59,650 --> 00:06:57,620

best way to approach people because I

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00:07:01,960 --> 00:06:59,660

sometimes skeptics come on a little bit

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00:07:03,910 --> 00:07:01,970

hard and put people off by throwing

162

00:07:04,930 --> 00:07:03,920

Sciences people when they're in fact

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00:07:06,460 --> 00:07:04,940

just trying to look for a bit of

164

00:07:08,710 --> 00:07:06,470

spiritual comfort in a world that

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00:07:10,300 --> 00:07:08,720

sometimes seems like it's a bit desolate

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00:07:12,100 --> 00:07:10,310

that like most of our basic needs are

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00:07:15,430 --> 00:07:12,110

taken care of people looking for their

168

00:07:18,550 --> 00:07:15,440

spiritualism yes well if all the people

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00:07:20,530 --> 00:07:18,560

want is to feel good that's okay sure

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00:07:23,650 --> 00:07:20,540

but wait a minute suppose you've got a

171

00:07:26,110 --> 00:07:23,660

deadly disease and there's no way that

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00:07:28,600 --> 00:07:26,120

you can cure it by yourself you don't

173

00:07:30,580 --> 00:07:28,610

want to go to the medical help but some

174

00:07:33,010 --> 00:07:30,590

quack comes down the lane and says oh

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00:07:35,980 --> 00:07:33,020

yes you take this magic pill pay me X

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00:07:38,770 --> 00:07:35,990

number of dollars or whatever and it'll

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00:07:41,890 --> 00:07:38,780

heal you oh if it only makes you feel

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00:07:44,770 --> 00:07:41,900

better to be seeking that kind of a cure

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00:07:46,450 --> 00:07:44,780

for your problems then and that's all

180

00:07:48,520 --> 00:07:46,460

you want well that's fine go ahead and

181

00:07:51,220 --> 00:07:48,530

die that's what all happen eventually

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00:07:53,890 --> 00:07:51,230

but if you want to be better instead of

183

00:07:56,440 --> 00:07:53,900

just feel better spend the money in the

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00:07:58,120 --> 00:07:56,450

right direction and what is the future

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00:08:00,820 --> 00:07:58,130

direction for The Skeptical movement

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00:08:02,230 --> 00:08:00,830

you're very big on education and some

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00:08:04,210 --> 00:08:02,240

people are very scared of you going into

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00:08:07,480 --> 00:08:04,220

schools and telling people godless

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00:08:09,580 --> 00:08:07,490

information well we don't preach godless

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00:08:11,500 --> 00:08:09,590

information but if we're asked about it

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00:08:13,660 --> 00:08:11,510

we certainly give our opinion on it now

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00:08:15,640 --> 00:08:13,670

I happen to be an avowed atheist and

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00:08:18,070 --> 00:08:15,650

I've thought it out and that's my

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00:08:20,410 --> 00:08:18,080

decision my decision is that I do not

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00:08:22,810 --> 00:08:20,420

believe there is a God I can't prove

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00:08:24,790 --> 00:08:22,820

that there is no God because I can't

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00:08:27,400 --> 00:08:24,800

prove there are no unicorns for example

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00:08:29,530 --> 00:08:27,410

I highly doubt it and there is no

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00:08:32,620 --> 00:08:29,540

evidence to show there is a unicorn

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00:08:34,990 --> 00:08:32,630

anywhere or ever has been but the same

201
00:08:37,690 --> 00:08:35,000
thing applies to a deity as well no

202
00:08:39,700 --> 00:08:37,700
evidence of a deity just a pleasant

203
00:08:41,980 --> 00:08:39,710
story that makes you feel better and

204
00:08:43,360 --> 00:08:41,990
when you open the paper just about every

205
00:08:45,700 --> 00:08:43,370
morning note that you must see something

206
00:08:47,470 --> 00:08:45,710
that activates your whoo-whoop alarm as

207
00:08:50,220 --> 00:08:47,480
you like to call it and by the way woo

208
00:08:51,690 --> 00:08:50,230
isn't actually a proper word yet is it

209
00:08:57,450 --> 00:08:51,700
what is not when I'm trying to make it

210
00:08:59,400 --> 00:08:57,460
one who spelled w oo is the singular who

211
00:09:01,560 --> 00:08:59,410
is the Pearl I guess with a hyphen and

212
00:09:03,630 --> 00:09:01,570
why is that because ghosts might go woo

213
00:09:05,520 --> 00:09:03,640

or you go whoo when you hear that sort

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00:09:06,990 --> 00:09:05,530

of information oh I used to use it when

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00:09:08,850 --> 00:09:07,000

I was a kid and I'm trying to get it

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00:09:10,380 --> 00:09:08,860

into Webster's dictionary which is the

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00:09:12,870 --> 00:09:10,390

standard in the United States and

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00:09:14,820 --> 00:09:12,880

perhaps Oxford might pick it up one of

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00:09:16,920 --> 00:09:14,830

these days i don't think i'll live that

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00:09:19,230 --> 00:09:16,930

long but nonetheless i'll sort of

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00:09:20,760 --> 00:09:19,240

believe it as my legacy now one of the

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00:09:22,800 --> 00:09:20,770

contemporaries of yours i'd like to

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00:09:24,630 --> 00:09:22,810

bring it up briefly because it was Doug

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00:09:26,280 --> 00:09:24,640

Henning who used to make elephants

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00:09:28,920 --> 00:09:26,290

disappear on American television and

226

00:09:29,940 --> 00:09:28,930

he's no longer with us and I was just

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00:09:31,200 --> 00:09:29,950

looking it up and I just happened to

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00:09:33,150 --> 00:09:31,210

notice that he took the path of

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00:09:35,940 --> 00:09:33,160

transcendental meditation which is

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00:09:38,310 --> 00:09:35,950

before my time Randy what was that all

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00:09:40,470 --> 00:09:38,320

about and did you know Doug and did you

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00:09:43,130 --> 00:09:40,480

have active arguments with each other I

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00:09:46,860 --> 00:09:43,140

have three letters in my files from Doug

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00:09:49,110 --> 00:09:46,870

all of them equally sad the last one

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00:09:52,920 --> 00:09:49,120

that he wrote me was not too long before

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00:09:55,950 --> 00:09:52,930

his death but the first two were from a

237

00:09:58,110 --> 00:09:55,960

kid he was only 14 16 at the time when

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00:10:00,330 --> 00:09:58,120

he wrote those two letters asking for my

239

00:10:01,950 --> 00:10:00,340

autograph and I of course sentiment

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00:10:04,410 --> 00:10:01,960

autograph I didn't know him at that time

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00:10:05,880 --> 00:10:04,420

then he got to be the doug henning and

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00:10:07,890 --> 00:10:05,890

he rose to great prominence in the

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00:10:09,540 --> 00:10:07,900

entertainment field particularly in the

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00:10:12,360 --> 00:10:09,550

conjuring field of course we all knew

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00:10:14,550 --> 00:10:12,370

him so well but along the way he picked

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00:10:17,610 --> 00:10:14,560

up this transcendental meditation club

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00:10:20,640 --> 00:10:17,620

that the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi had

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00:10:23,670 --> 00:10:20,650

brought back to life in India and it

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teaches that you can you can study the

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00:10:29,730 --> 00:10:27,700

art of TM and they call it and then you

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00:10:33,990 --> 00:10:29,740

can actually learn to live forever

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00:10:35,610 --> 00:10:34,000

that's one thing you can levitate you're

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00:10:37,560 --> 00:10:35,620

going to float above the ground and

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00:10:38,880 --> 00:10:37,570

whatnot all kinds of not tied to the

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00:10:41,280 --> 00:10:38,890

photo damages on the face that

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00:10:43,800 --> 00:10:41,290

meditation is a pretty calming and a

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00:10:45,990 --> 00:10:43,810

nice relaxation is it yes it is what

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00:10:48,750 --> 00:10:46,000

shouldn't but I do that to I call it

259

00:10:51,450 --> 00:10:48,760

taking a nap but they call it a going

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00:10:53,310 --> 00:10:51,460

into a TM state well call it whatever

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00:10:55,380 --> 00:10:53,320

you want take a nap every now and then

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00:10:57,210 --> 00:10:55,390

it can't hurt if you're going to afford

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00:10:59,420 --> 00:10:57,220

the time and you got the place to do it

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00:11:02,930 --> 00:10:59,430

just don't sit in the puddle of water

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00:11:06,470 --> 00:11:02,940

anything else like that but it seems to

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00:11:10,579 --> 00:11:06,480

be a highly exaggerated advantage to

267

00:11:14,030 --> 00:11:10,589

have studied TM the the basic philosophy

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00:11:16,970 --> 00:11:14,040

of PM is it's from the year to I think

269

00:11:18,560 --> 00:11:16,980

it's from way way back there but the

270

00:11:20,780 --> 00:11:18,570

fact that it's old doesn't make it right

271

00:11:22,639 --> 00:11:20,790

I think it somewhere along the line

272

00:11:24,829 --> 00:11:22,649

probably includes the idea of a flat

273

00:11:26,840 --> 00:11:24,839

earth and I have been around the world a

274

00:11:29,870 --> 00:11:26,850

few times I can tell you right now it

275

00:11:31,970 --> 00:11:29,880

ain't flat and what have you seen in the

276
00:11:33,230 --> 00:11:31,980
completely round and spherical Australia

277
00:11:35,630 --> 00:11:33,240
while you've been here what are you

278
00:11:38,600 --> 00:11:35,640
being up to what does the crazier Brandi

279
00:11:41,329 --> 00:11:38,610
get up to it not well I'd made not much

280
00:11:43,130 --> 00:11:41,339
I do a lot of sleeping at 82 you know

281
00:11:44,870 --> 00:11:43,140
that it sort of falls into place and I

282
00:11:46,970 --> 00:11:44,880
say tomorrow I'll have the great

283
00:11:48,440 --> 00:11:46,980
pleasure of spending the day with Dick

284
00:11:51,350 --> 00:11:48,450
Smith he'll come in and get me in his

285
00:11:53,210 --> 00:11:51,360
helicopter I will fly about a bit he's a

286
00:11:56,060 --> 00:11:53,220
good friend of mine has been for 30

287
00:11:58,699 --> 00:11:56,070
years now and he's a delight in absolute

288
00:12:00,470 --> 00:11:58,709

device and well Richard Saunders and yet

289

00:12:03,680 --> 00:12:00,480

Barry Williams and all these folks here

290

00:12:05,900 --> 00:12:03,690

are our delights of mine I I take a

291

00:12:09,199 --> 00:12:05,910

great joy in their presence I love

292

00:12:11,480 --> 00:12:09,209

visiting Australia I particularly like

293

00:12:14,000 --> 00:12:11,490

the the people of Australia the odd

294

00:12:15,710 --> 00:12:14,010

kangaroo I've tried to strike up an

295

00:12:17,900 --> 00:12:15,720

acquaintance of ship but it doesn't seem

296

00:12:19,310 --> 00:12:17,910

to work very well but i I've always

297

00:12:22,220 --> 00:12:19,320

delighted to be here I haven't been here

298

00:12:24,890 --> 00:12:22,230

in quite some years look James before

299

00:12:27,560 --> 00:12:24,900

you go um recently you came out as being

300

00:12:29,780 --> 00:12:27,570

gay this year and there was a huge so

301
00:12:31,820 --> 00:12:29,790
wat from everyone wasn't that I mean you

302
00:12:33,769 --> 00:12:31,830
know I idly should have expected people

303
00:12:35,690 --> 00:12:33,779
that you have rubbed the wrong way well

304
00:12:37,370 --> 00:12:35,700
in the skeptical field for years to have

305
00:12:40,100 --> 00:12:37,380
come out against you or said something

306
00:12:42,380 --> 00:12:40,110
but even your so-called enemies your

307
00:12:44,569 --> 00:12:42,390
nemesis whatever they might be so what

308
00:12:47,810 --> 00:12:44,579
was the big resounding answer yeah well

309
00:12:50,449 --> 00:12:47,820
I expected that I I did expect you I was

310
00:12:52,970 --> 00:12:50,459
a little leery about it just I wonder if

311
00:12:55,639 --> 00:12:52,980
it's gonna backfire on me but I had

312
00:12:57,500 --> 00:12:55,649
never felt it necessary to do that or

313
00:13:00,199 --> 00:12:57,510

even advisable to do that all of my

314

00:13:02,210 --> 00:13:00,209

acquaintances my family anyone that I

315

00:13:04,639 --> 00:13:02,220

knew my whole office and such they all

316

00:13:07,550 --> 00:13:04,649

knew about this we didn't talk about it

317

00:13:09,510 --> 00:13:07,560

wasn't anybody's business and I wasn't

318

00:13:12,660 --> 00:13:09,520

trying to keep it secret I'd never

319

00:13:15,720 --> 00:13:12,670

was but I'm coming up with my next book

320

00:13:16,830 --> 00:13:15,730

Oh within this year next year it's going

321

00:13:19,250 --> 00:13:16,840

to be called a magician of the

322

00:13:21,270 --> 00:13:19,260

laboratory and it's going to be largely

323

00:13:23,850 --> 00:13:21,280

autobiographical as well because it was

324

00:13:27,000 --> 00:13:23,860

about time yes it is a good time yes ya

325

00:13:28,620 --> 00:13:27,010

gotta hurry long hello and I thought

326

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

that it would be best to sort of clear

327

00:13:33,000 --> 00:13:30,640

the air in that respect so that I

328

00:13:35,610 --> 00:13:33,010

couldn't be accused of having kept at a

329

00:13:38,220 --> 00:13:35,620

deep dark secret and what about for

330

00:13:39,690 --> 00:13:38,230

younger kids at the moment that may be

331

00:13:40,830 --> 00:13:39,700

thinking about coming out as being gay

332

00:13:42,270 --> 00:13:40,840

it's something you didn't do when you

333

00:13:43,830 --> 00:13:42,280

were younger maybe because of the time

334

00:13:45,060 --> 00:13:43,840

whatwhat's any advice you might have to

335

00:13:46,920 --> 00:13:45,070

them because it's you know it's

336

00:13:49,170 --> 00:13:46,930

difficult for anyone who's apparently

337

00:13:50,910 --> 00:13:49,180

normal apparently what if that is yes

338

00:13:53,550 --> 00:13:50,920

whenever that is well when I was a kid

339

00:13:56,040 --> 00:13:53,560

it was almost impossible it was very

340

00:13:58,680 --> 00:13:56,050

difficult back then everything was set

341

00:14:00,780 --> 00:13:58,690

against it and I had to hide my light

342

00:14:03,990 --> 00:14:00,790

under a bushel as they say in some book

343

00:14:05,700 --> 00:14:04,000

or other but what did surprise me I'm

344

00:14:07,560 --> 00:14:05,710

glad you brought that up but really

345

00:14:09,750 --> 00:14:07,570

totally surprised that I didn't expect

346

00:14:14,340 --> 00:14:09,760

it and when I did the coming out online

347

00:14:19,830 --> 00:14:14,350

as I did I began to get email from young

348

00:14:23,040 --> 00:14:19,840

kids boys and girls who were adolescents

349

00:14:24,860 --> 00:14:23,050

in most cases who thanked me for having

350

00:14:27,630 --> 00:14:24,870

done it and said it gave them strength

351

00:14:30,480 --> 00:14:27,640

to be able to do the same thing I didn't

352

00:14:33,450 --> 00:14:30,490

expect that and the fact that it had

353

00:14:35,940 --> 00:14:33,460

that side effect is very very gratifying

354

00:14:38,400 --> 00:14:35,950

to me i'm so happy that i did it i wish

355

00:14:40,590 --> 00:14:38,410

i had done that many years ago if it had

356

00:14:42,900 --> 00:14:40,600

given the advantage to some of these

357

00:14:44,070 --> 00:14:42,910

kids who wanted to come out and where do

358

00:14:45,900 --> 00:14:44,080

you think they should find their

359

00:14:47,940 --> 00:14:45,910

strength from to come out is that their

360

00:14:50,160 --> 00:14:47,950

friends is there a trusted person in the

361

00:14:51,750 --> 00:14:50,170

community you know yeah i mean because

362

00:14:54,090 --> 00:14:51,760

we all have our different people we look

363

00:14:55,500 --> 00:14:54,100

oh yeah oh I I don't know that each

364

00:14:57,510 --> 00:14:55,510

person will have to make up their own

365

00:14:59,580 --> 00:14:57,520

minor that sometimes the family is going

366

00:15:01,380 --> 00:14:59,590

to be dead set against it or toss them

367

00:15:03,240 --> 00:15:01,390

out into the cold although oddly enough

368

00:15:05,730 --> 00:15:03,250

when most people do come out the family

369

00:15:07,560 --> 00:15:05,740

goes well you will you that okay yeah I

370

00:15:10,110 --> 00:15:07,570

be really the month I'm sure that's true

371

00:15:12,690 --> 00:15:10,120

but you've got to evaluate to whom

372

00:15:14,610 --> 00:15:12,700

you're going to add on whom you're going

373

00:15:16,740 --> 00:15:14,620

to depend from then on because young

374

00:15:19,530 --> 00:15:16,750

kids don't have their own means of doing

375

00:15:21,990 --> 00:15:19,540

this sort of thing so each one has to

376

00:15:22,630 --> 00:15:22,000

make his own say his or her own decision

377

00:15:25,240 --> 00:15:22,640

on the virus

378

00:15:28,600 --> 00:15:25,250

but I'm happy that I did if it had that

379

00:15:30,430 --> 00:15:28,610

effect on some adolescence and what are

380

00:15:32,470 --> 00:15:30,440

one last thing I would like to ask you

381

00:15:34,090 --> 00:15:32,480

about some music because skepticism

382

00:15:35,650 --> 00:15:34,100

doesn't have much music going on in it

383

00:15:37,480 --> 00:15:35,660

does it because we all talk about ideas

384

00:15:39,250 --> 00:15:37,490

all the time and I'm doing a bit of a

385

00:15:41,380 --> 00:15:39,260

thing about the music of town Australia

386

00:15:42,340 --> 00:15:41,390

and is there one song or music and it

387

00:15:44,110 --> 00:15:42,350

doesn't even have to be skeptical

388

00:15:45,520 --> 00:15:44,120

someone says something that you know boy

389

00:15:47,890 --> 00:15:45,530

sticks in your head Mandy why would you

390

00:15:50,020 --> 00:15:47,900

like to request almost anything the jury

391

00:15:52,030 --> 00:15:50,030

crabs sitting right over there I will

392

00:15:54,280 --> 00:15:52,040

come up with her he's a great fine for

393

00:15:56,740 --> 00:15:54,290

the skeptical movement and he has what

394

00:15:59,340 --> 00:15:56,750

as much hair as i have you see I don't

395

00:16:02,530 --> 00:15:59,350

know how he does that it's remarkable oh

396

00:16:05,890 --> 00:16:02,540

I special track from George oh yes yes

397

00:16:08,290 --> 00:16:05,900

yes I we took lessons together but dead

398

00:16:10,620 --> 00:16:08,300

oh he's a great musician he's a great a

399

00:16:14,290 --> 00:16:10,630

deliberate and he's great though

400

00:16:16,300 --> 00:16:14,300

donation to the skeptical community is

401
00:16:18,490 --> 00:16:16,310
there one song in particular that you

402
00:16:21,010 --> 00:16:18,500
think really sets up George's being that

403
00:16:22,600 --> 00:16:21,020
guy no but his version of happy birthday

404
00:16:25,330 --> 00:16:22,610
is a little raunchy maybe you want to

405
00:16:27,370 --> 00:16:25,340
ask him for that thank you the amazing

406
00:16:29,470 --> 00:16:27,380
Randi and like is there any adjectives

407
00:16:30,900 --> 00:16:29,480
left I can have like you know the kind

408
00:16:33,130 --> 00:16:30,910
of kooky may not all you know

409
00:16:34,420 --> 00:16:33,140
astonishing of sounding or fine with me

410
00:16:36,580 --> 00:16:34,430
because I don't know anybody who use

411
00:16:40,910 --> 00:16:36,590
them so but not amazing though that's

412
00:16:44,760 --> 00:16:43,320
I'm here without Julie Mara of the chase

413
00:16:46,850 --> 00:16:44,770

I just asked a few questions here I just

414

00:16:49,260 --> 00:16:46,860

any questions for her and someone said

415

00:16:51,630 --> 00:16:49,270

Julian dude Julian's have an affinity

416

00:16:53,850 --> 00:16:51,640

with Julian's as Simon's do with

417

00:16:55,500 --> 00:16:53,860

Simone's but you would just up at the

418

00:16:57,090 --> 00:16:55,510

skeptics there at Tammy's rally and you

419

00:16:58,920 --> 00:16:57,100

were sort of talking about communicating

420

00:17:00,660 --> 00:16:58,930

a skeptical message without appearing a

421

00:17:02,400 --> 00:17:00,670

dick that was bad yeah well yeah yeah

422

00:17:04,530 --> 00:17:02,410

look it's funny we've found over the

423

00:17:07,590 --> 00:17:04,540

years that you can you can make fun of

424

00:17:10,890 --> 00:17:07,600

people and have them not feel humiliated

425

00:17:12,960 --> 00:17:10,900

or demeaned we've also found that you

426

00:17:15,060 --> 00:17:12,970

can humanly happen to mean them and you

427

00:17:17,520 --> 00:17:15,070

kind of learn by through trial and error

428

00:17:20,250 --> 00:17:17,530

but but the reality is that skeptics are

429

00:17:23,070 --> 00:17:20,260

trying to communicate effectively and if

430

00:17:25,470 --> 00:17:23,080

by your words or simply your attitude

431

00:17:27,600 --> 00:17:25,480

you convey a sense of superiority or

432

00:17:29,370 --> 00:17:27,610

mockery that may well limit the

433

00:17:30,930 --> 00:17:29,380

effectiveness of your conversation hmm

434

00:17:32,790 --> 00:17:30,940

and how have you found working within

435

00:17:34,860 --> 00:17:32,800

the ABS system lately I became system

436

00:17:36,780 --> 00:17:34,870

lately someone works to the ABC and has

437

00:17:39,450 --> 00:17:36,790

been on the pointy end of their their

438

00:17:41,820 --> 00:17:39,460

complaint problem before um do you think

439

00:17:43,470 --> 00:17:41,830

they've changed it in any way after the

440

00:17:44,580 --> 00:17:43,480

issue they had with you because comedy

441

00:17:46,740 --> 00:17:44,590

is really not something that is

442

00:17:48,540 --> 00:17:46,750

evidence-based apart from laughter no

443

00:17:51,960 --> 00:17:48,550

that's right yeah look I haven't

444

00:17:53,280 --> 00:17:51,970

actually changed their their policies I

445

00:17:54,540 --> 00:17:53,290

think what happens is when there's a big

446

00:17:56,460 --> 00:17:54,550

controversy there's like a chill effect

447

00:18:00,480 --> 00:17:56,470

for a while and we've been through that

448

00:18:02,370 --> 00:18:00,490

cycle a number of times the last one

449

00:18:04,140 --> 00:18:02,380

obviously was was pretty intense and so

450

00:18:05,700 --> 00:18:04,150

that took a while to wear off but I

451
00:18:08,910 --> 00:18:05,710
think it does wear off generally

452
00:18:13,110 --> 00:18:08,920
speaking I find that the people who work

453
00:18:14,520 --> 00:18:13,120
at the ABC although often that they fear

454
00:18:15,540 --> 00:18:14,530
for their jobs and given that we've got

455
00:18:17,790 --> 00:18:15,550
some of them sacks that's an

456
00:18:19,440 --> 00:18:17,800
understandable thing they're generally

457
00:18:21,900 --> 00:18:19,450
supportive they want to do interesting

458
00:18:25,320 --> 00:18:21,910
an adventurous content but they're also

459
00:18:26,580 --> 00:18:25,330
aware that the ABC is kind of a target

460
00:18:28,530 --> 00:18:26,590
in the culture war and so they've got to

461
00:18:30,450 --> 00:18:28,540
cover their asses would you enjoy to

462
00:18:31,950 --> 00:18:30,460
personally reply to these complaints

463
00:18:33,360 --> 00:18:31,960

yourself because that's what I would

464

00:18:34,500 --> 00:18:33,370

like to do i would like to bypass the

465

00:18:35,970 --> 00:18:34,510

management and just reply to the

466

00:18:39,150 --> 00:18:35,980

complaints myself but i don't have to do

467

00:18:40,350 --> 00:18:39,160

you do that we can sometimes or

468

00:18:42,690 --> 00:18:40,360

sometimes they obviously freaks out if

469

00:18:44,790 --> 00:18:42,700

you do that Andrew Denton once said to

470

00:18:47,280 --> 00:18:44,800

me that the best way to respond to any

471

00:18:48,630 --> 00:18:47,290

letter of complaint is to respond by

472

00:18:50,760 --> 00:18:48,640

saying thank you for your letter you may

473

00:18:52,050 --> 00:18:50,770

be right which is completely non

474

00:18:54,210 --> 00:18:52,060

committal but doesn't really engage

475

00:18:55,980 --> 00:18:54,220

the ABC complaints department do a great

476

00:18:59,370 --> 00:18:55,990

job at actually staking out the

477

00:19:01,170 --> 00:18:59,380

territory of why the ABC thinks that the

478

00:19:03,570 --> 00:19:01,180

sort of material that we put to where

479

00:19:05,340 --> 00:19:03,580

canton should be put to where it's a

480

00:19:07,890 --> 00:19:05,350

pretty onerous job and given the number

481

00:19:09,600 --> 00:19:07,900

of complaints that we get I think that

482

00:19:11,070 --> 00:19:09,610

perhaps life's a bit too sure what to

483

00:19:12,600 --> 00:19:11,080

respond well that's why the hell'd the

484

00:19:13,770 --> 00:19:12,610

whole department there so you don't have

485

00:19:15,540 --> 00:19:13,780

to please do because when you think

486

00:19:17,130 --> 00:19:15,550

about if you did have to reply to all

487

00:19:18,510 --> 00:19:17,140

the stuff you'd be pretty busy well yeah

488

00:19:19,710 --> 00:19:18,520

you wouldn't be able to make a show in

489

00:19:21,600 --> 00:19:19,720

the audience here I noticed that there

490

00:19:23,340 --> 00:19:21,610

was a few people that seem to be asking

491

00:19:24,720 --> 00:19:23,350

you whether the show was just merely

492

00:19:26,220 --> 00:19:24,730

trying to shock and wasn't actually

493

00:19:27,960 --> 00:19:26,230

funny how do you ask that kind of

494

00:19:30,120 --> 00:19:27,970

question either I not be the person is

495

00:19:31,950 --> 00:19:30,130

the chaser just trying to shock and not

496

00:19:33,810 --> 00:19:31,960

so interested in being funny thank you

497

00:19:35,730 --> 00:19:33,820

very much it clearly sir that's what you

498

00:19:36,780 --> 00:19:35,740

believe is the answer I mean there are

499

00:19:40,050 --> 00:19:36,790

some people who just don't like

500

00:19:41,190 --> 00:19:40,060

offensive or crude comedy and you're

501
00:19:44,490 --> 00:19:41,200
never going to be able to win them over

502
00:19:46,560 --> 00:19:44,500
but if those people think that what they

503
00:19:49,590 --> 00:19:46,570
don't find funny is the limit of what is

504
00:19:50,640 --> 00:19:49,600
funny they're making a different mistake

505
00:19:53,760 --> 00:19:50,650
from the one they think you're making

506
00:19:55,620 --> 00:19:53,770
and that's the common ABC complaint it's

507
00:19:57,930 --> 00:19:55,630
someone it's not necessarily in comedy

508
00:19:59,580 --> 00:19:57,940
it can be in any editorial area you're

509
00:20:01,020 --> 00:19:59,590
talking about a topic that they don't

510
00:20:03,210 --> 00:20:01,030
think should be special about yeah and

511
00:20:05,400 --> 00:20:03,220
and like like look I really don't like

512
00:20:06,900 --> 00:20:05,410
country music I'm not big on metal but I

513
00:20:08,340 --> 00:20:06,910

don't think those two genres shouldn't

514

00:20:09,870 --> 00:20:08,350

exist that's right exactly yeah its

515

00:20:11,640 --> 00:20:09,880

horses for courses and what I mean and

516

00:20:13,050 --> 00:20:11,650

we've kind of made fun of that over the

517

00:20:14,730 --> 00:20:13,060

years we invented the caracal Philip

518

00:20:16,290 --> 00:20:14,740

highly of Adelaide who's this kind of

519

00:20:18,000 --> 00:20:16,300

command the old man over who and

520

00:20:20,810 --> 00:20:18,010

whenever we did a complaint we did a

521

00:20:23,070 --> 00:20:20,820

sketch which we thought was likely to

522

00:20:24,570 --> 00:20:23,080

prompt complaints we would have this guy

523

00:20:26,130 --> 00:20:24,580

complaining immediately afterwards

524

00:20:27,540 --> 00:20:26,140

always ending with the what a waste of

525

00:20:28,950 --> 00:20:27,550

taxpayers money because that's the kind

526

00:20:30,600 --> 00:20:28,960

of you know stick that you get beaten

527

00:20:31,890 --> 00:20:30,610

over well there was that Canadian sure

528

00:20:33,510 --> 00:20:31,900

that they used and their complaints

529

00:20:35,370 --> 00:20:33,520

would screw you taxpayer yeah that's

530

00:20:37,110 --> 00:20:35,380

right about Bonnie yeah yeah yeah now

531

00:20:38,940 --> 00:20:37,120

how do you go when you see a comic that

532

00:20:42,690 --> 00:20:38,950

isn't funny and they ask you what did

533

00:20:46,470 --> 00:20:42,700

you think a lot I mean sometime if

534

00:20:51,300 --> 00:20:46,480

you've had time you you craft a form of

535

00:20:53,310 --> 00:20:51,310

words that is not technically a lie the

536

00:20:54,840 --> 00:20:53,320

one thing I've learned not to say and I

537

00:20:57,270 --> 00:20:54,850

always used to say used to say tough

538

00:20:59,160 --> 00:20:57,280

crowd ya know exactly you don't say that

539

00:21:01,170 --> 00:20:59,170

because yeah that's your code look I

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00:21:02,400 --> 00:21:01,180

mean and there is a thing amongst comic

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00:21:02,590 --> 00:21:02,410

performers that you know that everyone

542

00:21:05,680 --> 00:21:02,600

had

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00:21:08,110 --> 00:21:05,690

a good day in a bad day and and also you

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00:21:10,000 --> 00:21:08,120

know if people are trying to be comic

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00:21:12,100 --> 00:21:10,010

performers but particularly starting off

546

00:21:15,070 --> 00:21:12,110

and not doing that well well they still

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00:21:17,230 --> 00:21:15,080

should be encouraged I try to say things

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00:21:18,940 --> 00:21:17,240

like gee the audience loved that that

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00:21:20,890 --> 00:21:18,950

was great you know that implies I didn't

550

00:21:24,130 --> 00:21:20,900

like it but well done congratulations

551
00:21:25,539 --> 00:21:24,140
you know you could be positive we

552
00:21:27,520 --> 00:21:25,549
thought about going back to prop comedy

553
00:21:28,960 --> 00:21:27,530
yeah exactly and look at to talk about

554
00:21:30,250 --> 00:21:28,970
prop comedy for sure because we don't

555
00:21:32,950 --> 00:21:30,260
see a lot of in Australia and Judith

556
00:21:34,899 --> 00:21:32,960
Lucy started as a prop comedy and she's

557
00:21:37,390 --> 00:21:34,909
I think she was a lot of prop comedy I

558
00:21:39,730 --> 00:21:37,400
mean in the second year of CNN and we

559
00:21:42,220 --> 00:21:39,740
kind of SAT us down and register ride

560
00:21:44,440 --> 00:21:42,230
act about how we were going over budget

561
00:21:45,850 --> 00:21:44,450
and we had to have simple ideas and we

562
00:21:47,380 --> 00:21:45,860
couldn't be spending all his money and

563
00:21:49,690 --> 00:21:47,390

the very next sketch we came up with

564

00:21:51,430 --> 00:21:49,700

involved a monster truck and crushing a

565

00:21:53,110 --> 00:21:51,440

car where like I we can't say that to

566

00:21:54,580 --> 00:21:53,120

him until we went in and of course he

567

00:21:57,190 --> 00:21:54,590

loves props so much like yes we're gonna

568

00:21:59,380 --> 00:21:57,200

catch carp this is gonna be cool so yeah

569

00:22:01,659 --> 00:21:59,390

you know and who is your favorite comic

570

00:22:03,010 --> 00:22:01,669

in the world ever now this is a tough

571

00:22:05,500 --> 00:22:03,020

question so I k asking what your

572

00:22:07,180 --> 00:22:05,510

favorite exactly i mean i think probably

573

00:22:08,950 --> 00:22:07,190

my favorite convenes of all time under

574

00:22:11,320 --> 00:22:08,960

the muppets get favorite guest star on

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00:22:13,240 --> 00:22:11,330

the Muppet favorite guests that are my

576
00:22:15,070 --> 00:22:13,250
was big would like least enough Peter he

577
00:22:17,049 --> 00:22:15,080
was cry John Cleese with the Morales was

578
00:22:18,220 --> 00:22:17,059
fantastic yeah Liza Minnelli do it was

579
00:22:19,810 --> 00:22:18,230
pretty funny you know there's some

580
00:22:21,340 --> 00:22:19,820
really doing Copacabana i think it was

581
00:22:23,740 --> 00:22:21,350
here excellent excellent yeah there's so

582
00:22:24,820 --> 00:22:23,750
many and and i've had a kid recently so

583
00:22:26,320 --> 00:22:24,830
i'm watching them all again and it's

584
00:22:27,970 --> 00:22:26,330
fantastic but it look great when you can

585
00:22:29,020 --> 00:22:27,980
have an excuse to watch kids too i

586
00:22:30,610 --> 00:22:29,030
absolutely because i haven't got kids

587
00:22:31,810 --> 00:22:30,620
and just people think i'm weird no not

588
00:22:33,370 --> 00:22:31,820

now well you're not weird you just you

589

00:22:35,110 --> 00:22:33,380

just get in touch with your inner child

590

00:22:36,700 --> 00:22:35,120

now as a tin foil hat okay with us

591

00:22:38,649 --> 00:22:36,710

fantastic is very funny leave us with

592

00:22:40,029 --> 00:22:38,659

like where someone or new comic we

593

00:22:41,560 --> 00:22:40,039

should have a look at because he's a

594

00:22:43,630 --> 00:22:41,570

funny guy that she's a funny girl I

595

00:22:46,299 --> 00:22:43,640

really like um the guys from fear of a

596

00:22:48,310 --> 00:22:46,309

brown planet Nazim Hussein and I forget

597

00:22:49,930 --> 00:22:48,320

the other Mars the other guy she's

598

00:22:51,850 --> 00:22:49,940

really using to see Australian Islamic

599

00:22:53,320 --> 00:22:51,860

comedy developing I I think they're

600

00:22:55,000 --> 00:22:53,330

great and i love the guys from salon

601
00:22:56,919 --> 00:22:55,010
cafe as well and next time someone tells

602
00:22:59,770 --> 00:22:56,929
you you're not funny even to you or any

603
00:23:03,190 --> 00:22:59,780
other comic but what should we say you

604
00:23:07,279 --> 00:23:05,149
alum he would someone who's on the

605
00:23:09,470 --> 00:23:07,289
pointy end of skepticism Simon Singh how

606
00:23:10,879 --> 00:23:09,480
I very well indeed very woozy I had no

607
00:23:13,700 --> 00:23:10,889
idea that chiropractors attempt to

608
00:23:15,379 --> 00:23:13,710
Detroit anything other than backs ya

609
00:23:17,419 --> 00:23:15,389
know I I mean I was in a similar

610
00:23:21,229 --> 00:23:17,429
position so four years ago five years

611
00:23:23,419 --> 00:23:21,239
ago I written books about I just read a

612
00:23:25,609 --> 00:23:23,429
book about cosmology and I knew quite a

613
00:23:26,960 --> 00:23:25,619

bit about cosmology but didn't know that

614

00:23:28,460 --> 00:23:26,970

much about alternative medicine and then

615

00:23:29,960 --> 00:23:28,470

I started hearing some weird claims and

616

00:23:31,700 --> 00:23:29,970

old claims it claims it just seemed to

617

00:23:33,889 --> 00:23:31,710

be too good to be true in fact when you

618

00:23:35,539 --> 00:23:33,899

looked at the evidence they were in fact

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00:23:37,759 --> 00:23:35,549

not not backed up by any evidence

620

00:23:39,549 --> 00:23:37,769

whatsoever and so I decide to write a

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00:23:41,840 --> 00:23:39,559

book about alternative medicine and

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00:23:44,479 --> 00:23:41,850

eventually came to riding the chapter

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00:23:46,909 --> 00:23:44,489

about chiropractic and through that um

624

00:23:48,830 --> 00:23:46,919

you ended up in court now I think I've

625

00:23:51,169 --> 00:23:48,840

come close to court a few times by

626
00:23:52,549 --> 00:23:51,179
saying things but did you anyway expect

627
00:23:54,320 --> 00:23:52,559
that you were actually writing something

628
00:24:00,049 --> 00:23:54,330
that would find you in court costing you

629
00:24:03,320 --> 00:24:00,059
money um I don't know I said I have no

630
00:24:05,509 --> 00:24:03,330
idea I have no idea why the

631
00:24:08,659 --> 00:24:05,519
chiropractor's felt so touchy about it

632
00:24:10,220 --> 00:24:08,669
sir all utterly astonished when when the

633
00:24:12,590 --> 00:24:10,230
legal threat appeared because it was

634
00:24:14,599 --> 00:24:12,600
really the last thing on our minds the

635
00:24:17,029 --> 00:24:14,609
case was dropped against me so I kind of

636
00:24:19,519 --> 00:24:17,039
feel vindicated but it was a two-year

637
00:24:21,529 --> 00:24:19,529
battle in libel is a is a horrendous and

638
00:24:23,960 --> 00:24:21,539

complicated and messy and expensive and

639

00:24:25,669 --> 00:24:23,970

time-consuming process so what I'm now

640

00:24:26,840 --> 00:24:25,679

involved with along with a lot of other

641

00:24:29,599 --> 00:24:26,850

people and a lot of other organizations

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00:24:31,340 --> 00:24:29,609

and I know people here in Australia and

643

00:24:33,889 --> 00:24:31,350

New Zealand have been very supportive is

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00:24:37,700 --> 00:24:33,899

trying to reform the libel laws so that

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00:24:39,619 --> 00:24:37,710

if somebody is sued for libel they can

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00:24:41,899 --> 00:24:39,629

afford to defend it they can afford the

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00:24:44,570 --> 00:24:41,909

time the money to defend it and that

648

00:24:46,090 --> 00:24:44,580

it's a fair justice system at the moment

649

00:24:49,700 --> 00:24:46,100

the libel laws are horrendously

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00:24:51,470 --> 00:24:49,710

one-sided so I had to fight a completely

651
00:24:53,450 --> 00:24:51,480
uphill battle for two years and I came

652
00:24:54,830 --> 00:24:53,460
very very close to losing that battle is

653
00:24:55,999 --> 00:24:54,840
their system in place somewhere in the

654
00:24:57,859 --> 00:24:56,009
world that you would point to as being

655
00:24:59,060 --> 00:24:57,869
the example because the Americans bit

656
00:25:00,710 --> 00:24:59,070
too much to other way if you're a famous

657
00:25:02,389 --> 00:25:00,720
person you can say anything about them

658
00:25:03,529 --> 00:25:02,399
and you know you can't have as much come

659
00:25:04,820 --> 00:25:03,539
back and that goes a bit more the other

660
00:25:06,379 --> 00:25:04,830
way doesn't it yeah I mean there's

661
00:25:08,599 --> 00:25:06,389
there's a spectrum see to what you've

662
00:25:10,419 --> 00:25:08,609
got is is you know there are two rights

663
00:25:13,320 --> 00:25:10,429

here there's my right of free speech and

664

00:25:15,090 --> 00:25:13,330

there's your right to reputation

665

00:25:17,430 --> 00:25:15,100

and I want to be able to say things

666

00:25:19,170 --> 00:25:17,440

about you but you clearly feel should

667

00:25:21,120 --> 00:25:19,180

feel that if I'm saying something is

668

00:25:22,350 --> 00:25:21,130

unfair and unreasonable and defaming

669

00:25:25,140 --> 00:25:22,360

your reputation you should have the

670

00:25:26,400 --> 00:25:25,150

right to protect it in America I think I

671

00:25:30,330 --> 00:25:26,410

think you could argue and I think many

672

00:25:32,460 --> 00:25:30,340

people do argue that the there's too

673

00:25:34,650 --> 00:25:32,470

much emphasis on free speech and not

674

00:25:38,100 --> 00:25:34,660

enough emphasis on on the protection of

675

00:25:39,480 --> 00:25:38,110

reputation in Britain we're completely

676
00:25:40,800 --> 00:25:39,490
the other way around to where the other

677
00:25:43,580 --> 00:25:40,810
end of the spectrum we're completely

678
00:25:45,690 --> 00:25:43,590
anti free speech and reputation is

679
00:25:48,060 --> 00:25:45,700
prioritized i would say england just

680
00:25:49,770 --> 00:25:48,070
needs to move up the scale we need to

681
00:25:53,370 --> 00:25:49,780
move up towards where places like Canada

682
00:25:56,250 --> 00:25:53,380
and Australia are whether a more

683
00:25:58,080 --> 00:25:56,260
reasonable and fair libel laws and maybe

684
00:25:59,730 --> 00:25:58,090
towards the American system but but no

685
00:26:01,320 --> 00:25:59,740
Ill think you're right now some people

686
00:26:03,510 --> 00:26:01,330
would argue the American system is to

687
00:26:05,520 --> 00:26:03,520
pro free speech but you know I think

688
00:26:08,100 --> 00:26:05,530

that's up for debate G Simon I'm just

689

00:26:09,810 --> 00:26:08,110

thinking you want to change the English

690

00:26:11,250 --> 00:26:09,820

legal system now I'll try thinking

691

00:26:13,050 --> 00:26:11,260

people have successfully done that with

692

00:26:15,060 --> 00:26:13,060

in their lifetime I pulled out three

693

00:26:17,610 --> 00:26:15,070

isn't it the way I'm not doing on my own

694

00:26:19,740 --> 00:26:17,620

I'm not it wasn't the first person to

695

00:26:21,120 --> 00:26:19,750

our key for it's like it it hasn't got

696

00:26:22,860 --> 00:26:21,130

any wheels on it it hasn't even got

697

00:26:24,900 --> 00:26:22,870

rollers you can't even drag it it seems

698

00:26:26,690 --> 00:26:24,910

like it's a tough one it you know when

699

00:26:30,210 --> 00:26:26,700

people think of libel they think of

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00:26:31,590 --> 00:26:30,220

Sunday tabloid newspapers criticizing

701

00:26:33,480 --> 00:26:31,600

celebrities celebrities yeah it's

702

00:26:35,160 --> 00:26:33,490

usually someone's reputation that it

703

00:26:36,960 --> 00:26:35,170

might mean a lot to them but it's not

704

00:26:38,670 --> 00:26:36,970

not got a societal thing as such it

705

00:26:40,440 --> 00:26:38,680

again it's about tittle-tattle and

706

00:26:42,450 --> 00:26:40,450

newspapers maybe being irresponsible and

707

00:26:45,240 --> 00:26:42,460

yeah it's it's a it's a kind of dirty

708

00:26:48,380 --> 00:26:45,250

end of journalism what the public didn't

709

00:26:51,270 --> 00:26:48,390

realize was it libel also affects

710

00:26:53,430 --> 00:26:51,280

scientific free speech and and if

711

00:26:56,610 --> 00:26:53,440

medical researchers can't speak openly

712

00:26:59,610 --> 00:26:56,620

about their concerns regarding a new

713

00:27:01,740 --> 00:26:59,620

pharmaceutical then the public don't get

714

00:27:04,110 --> 00:27:01,750

to hear those concerns and the public

715

00:27:06,570 --> 00:27:04,120

only hear half the story but but the

716

00:27:09,060 --> 00:27:06,580

fear instilled in people is so much that

717

00:27:11,880 --> 00:27:09,070

they just just won't fight these

718

00:27:13,230 --> 00:27:11,890

cases it's such a one-sided battle you

719

00:27:15,480 --> 00:27:13,240

just assume you're going to lose from

720

00:27:17,670 --> 00:27:15,490

the get-go and even when you win you

721

00:27:20,070 --> 00:27:17,680

lose with the cost yeah exactly yes sir

722

00:27:21,360 --> 00:27:20,080

you have to writer if you if you lose a

723

00:27:23,730 --> 00:27:21,370

libel case you're going to lose a

724

00:27:24,880 --> 00:27:23,740

million pounds if you win a libel case

725

00:27:27,280 --> 00:27:24,890

you're probably only one

726

00:27:29,980 --> 00:27:27,290

thousand pounds so when winning means

727

00:27:32,980 --> 00:27:29,990

losing then why bother fighting in the

728

00:27:34,090 --> 00:27:32,990

first place so does that mean you really

729

00:27:40,660 --> 00:27:34,100

watch your mouth leaving at dinner

730

00:27:43,560 --> 00:27:40,670

parties now it scared the hell outta me

731

00:27:46,480 --> 00:27:43,570

it really made me physically nauseous

732

00:27:48,580 --> 00:27:46,490

you know getting a libel threat is just

733

00:27:50,650 --> 00:27:48,590

an awful thing so you know it's made me

734

00:27:53,050 --> 00:27:50,660

incredibly conscious about the threat of

735

00:27:54,760 --> 00:27:53,060

libel but it's also made me aware of the

736

00:27:57,070 --> 00:27:54,770

fact that you know you've got to speak

737

00:27:58,690 --> 00:27:57,080

out because if you're journalist you

738

00:28:00,460 --> 00:27:58,700

can't speak at what supports the point

739

00:28:02,020 --> 00:28:00,470

of being a journalist look to finish up

740

00:28:03,700 --> 00:28:02,030

with let's give you a free kick you can

741

00:28:05,410 --> 00:28:03,710

say anything you like about me in this

742

00:28:08,260 --> 00:28:05,420

open forum here you can libel or slander

743

00:28:09,970 --> 00:28:08,270

me onto this mp3 player right now so go

744

00:28:14,920 --> 00:28:09,980

your hardest I promise no action will be

745

00:28:16,540 --> 00:28:14,930

taken I know I'm a nice guy okay I'm I

746

00:28:17,620 --> 00:28:16,550

take it up night if you catch my haircut

747

00:28:19,630 --> 00:28:17,630

you'll you'll you'll come up with

748

00:28:21,460 --> 00:28:19,640

something pretty fast do you have your

749

00:28:23,650 --> 00:28:21,470

own little bit of non evidence-based

750

00:28:25,210 --> 00:28:23,660

let's call it were in your life I mean

751

00:28:26,470 --> 00:28:25,220

do you like lights in the sky are

752

00:28:28,870 --> 00:28:26,480

interesting to you ever look up

753

00:28:29,890 --> 00:28:28,880

astrology you know do take multivitamins

754

00:28:30,730 --> 00:28:29,900

when you're feeling getting sick or

755

00:28:32,860 --> 00:28:30,740

anything that's not completely

756

00:28:34,900 --> 00:28:32,870

evidence-based it's just in the

757

00:28:37,960 --> 00:28:34,910

background of your life I don't think so

758

00:28:40,150 --> 00:28:37,970

I don't think so ah any superstitions do

759

00:28:41,890 --> 00:28:40,160

would you walk under a ladder yeah i

760

00:28:44,260 --> 00:28:41,900

think so i think that cat wouldn't

761

00:28:46,120 --> 00:28:44,270

bother you know i'm a bit allergic to

762

00:28:47,650 --> 00:28:46,130

them butBut what that's why cats brian

763

00:28:49,930 --> 00:28:47,660

cats all cats well there's evidence but

764

00:28:53,200 --> 00:28:49,940

yeah yeah now i'm not particularly

765

00:28:59,900 --> 00:28:53,210

superstitious but you are very careful

766

00:29:05,280 --> 00:29:02,760

well look now I've got a couple of skip

767

00:29:07,590 --> 00:29:05,290

chick see what's your name Courtney

768

00:29:09,690 --> 00:29:07,600

Bergen and who the hell are you i'm

769

00:29:12,030 --> 00:29:09,700

rebecca watson okay radio now as I

770

00:29:13,650 --> 00:29:12,040

mentioned 911 was inside job doesn't

771

00:29:15,390 --> 00:29:13,660

really get many people laid I've seen

772

00:29:18,720 --> 00:29:15,400

most the people in what is that movie

773

00:29:21,390 --> 00:29:18,730

the one was released recently oh you

774

00:29:25,020 --> 00:29:21,400

must know that made a couple versions of

775

00:29:27,600 --> 00:29:25,030

it so to be more specific the air the

776

00:29:28,770 --> 00:29:27,610

Apes okay right yeah there were the plan

777

00:29:30,960 --> 00:29:28,780

of the Apes where they claim to the book

778

00:29:33,060 --> 00:29:30,970

the all the big inside loose change

779

00:29:35,520 --> 00:29:33,070

obscenity balloons change they aren't

780

00:29:36,780 --> 00:29:35,530

dating a lot okay now what is and the

781

00:29:37,919 --> 00:29:36,790

Warren Commission no one that's never

782

00:29:40,020 --> 00:29:37,929

got anywhere late except the people who

783

00:29:41,880 --> 00:29:40,030

are in it back in the 60s what is the

784

00:29:43,530 --> 00:29:41,890

approach to skeptical girls what's the

785

00:29:44,880 --> 00:29:43,540

best way to endear yourself to them is

786

00:29:50,280 --> 00:29:44,890

er a topic should we study neuroscience

787

00:29:51,990 --> 00:29:50,290

oh I know it's a pretty wide very

788

00:29:54,480 --> 00:29:52,000

question with no correct answer but this

789

00:29:56,940 --> 00:29:54,490

is where wide wider speculation comes

790

00:30:00,480 --> 00:29:56,950

into its own well what did Jay say to

791

00:30:02,130 --> 00:30:00,490

you to really win your heart yes this is

792

00:30:04,890 --> 00:30:02,140

evidence based in yeah that that is

793

00:30:07,350 --> 00:30:04,900

evidence-based well uh Jay actually

794

00:30:10,580 --> 00:30:07,360

asked me out for about six months and I

795

00:30:12,600 --> 00:30:10,590

kept saying no so I guess it's tenacity

796

00:30:16,230 --> 00:30:12,610

we're going to encourage the creepy

797

00:30:17,840 --> 00:30:16,240

stalkers damn you're right advice was

798

00:30:22,080 --> 00:30:17,850

gonna be don't be a creepy stalker

799

00:30:24,060 --> 00:30:22,090

barely that work done partner wins what

800

00:30:26,250 --> 00:30:24,070

is the line between persistence and

801
00:30:30,720 --> 00:30:26,260
creepy still go start and stop by house

802
00:30:32,880 --> 00:30:30,730
causing a training order humor uh yeah

803
00:30:35,700 --> 00:30:32,890
yeah you know skeptical girls are smart

804
00:30:37,380 --> 00:30:35,710
and and funny and awesome so you just

805
00:30:40,230 --> 00:30:37,390
should be the same that's all its it

806
00:30:41,370 --> 00:30:40,240
it's a simple combination you know well

807
00:30:44,700 --> 00:30:41,380
you see you'll married how did it work

808
00:30:46,950 --> 00:30:44,710
with you um well I was a yeah we met at

809
00:30:48,330 --> 00:30:46,960
a skeptics conference so I would

810
00:30:50,400 --> 00:30:48,340
recommend you go to as many skeptics

811
00:30:51,660 --> 00:30:50,410
conferences as you can well considering

812
00:30:53,190 --> 00:30:51,670
the women on a Mac up about ten percent

813
00:30:54,780 --> 00:30:53,200

that's a lot of conference I think

814

00:30:55,850 --> 00:30:54,790

they're at least thirty-five to forty

815

00:30:58,789 --> 00:30:55,860

percent of this one

816

00:31:00,230 --> 00:30:58,799

yeah and and you know all you have to do

817

00:31:03,080 --> 00:31:00,240

is be the coolest guy in the room which

818

00:31:05,990 --> 00:31:03,090

honestly not that difficult here not

819

00:31:09,260 --> 00:31:06,000

that about low-hanging fruit the world's

820

00:31:12,049 --> 00:31:09,270

tallest [h__h] okay so let's go about be

821

00:31:15,260 --> 00:31:12,059

physically tall persistence and humor

822

00:31:16,970 --> 00:31:15,270

those are three pillars of fire I would

823

00:31:18,650 --> 00:31:16,980

recommend not don't take yourself so

824

00:31:20,030 --> 00:31:18,660

seriously I think the problem I see with

825

00:31:21,980 --> 00:31:20,040

a lot of skeptics is that they get

826
00:31:23,750 --> 00:31:21,990
really wound up about a particular issue

827
00:31:26,450 --> 00:31:23,760
that's all they want to talk about just

828
00:31:30,620 --> 00:31:26,460
relax and and let the conversation go

829
00:31:33,530 --> 00:31:30,630
where it will and just be cool and you

830
00:31:36,830 --> 00:31:33,540
recommend that us men listen oh yeah

831
00:31:39,760 --> 00:31:36,840
absolutely happy to listen I should have

832
00:31:42,110 --> 00:31:39,770
gone without saying oh yeah okay and

833
00:31:43,610 --> 00:31:42,120
okay well look that's I'll go put that

834
00:31:44,810 --> 00:31:43,620
to practice now and any marriages or

835
00:31:47,090 --> 00:31:44,820
babies that come out of this it's both

836
00:31:49,220 --> 00:31:47,100
your fault all right great great amazing

837
00:31:51,830 --> 00:31:49,230
is taking my Randy now what adjectives

838
00:31:54,049 --> 00:31:51,840

would you like oh gosh but difference I

839

00:31:55,640 --> 00:31:54,059

think that's pretty clear well I'd like

840

00:31:57,560 --> 00:31:55,650

you to give a message to my friend

841

00:31:59,600 --> 00:31:57,570

Warren common who was very excited that

842

00:32:01,130 --> 00:31:59,610

I'd be meeting you i'm warren has worked

843

00:32:02,390 --> 00:32:01,140

on a number of movies in Hollywood there

844

00:32:04,820 --> 00:32:02,400

have you got any project you'd like to

845

00:32:07,700 --> 00:32:04,830

try and float him Rebecca yeah I want a

846

00:32:09,620 --> 00:32:07,710

cartoon based on my life I want it to be

847

00:32:11,210 --> 00:32:09,630

like only like I'm superhero and I

848

00:32:13,580 --> 00:32:11,220

travel around the world I'm all your

849

00:32:18,409 --> 00:32:13,590

powers big well the powers of deduction

850

00:32:19,640 --> 00:32:18,419

and awesomeness and invisibility oh so

851
00:32:21,350 --> 00:32:19,650
you would have something in common lube

852
00:32:23,000 --> 00:32:21,360
Wonder Woman so would you have an outfit

853
00:32:24,320 --> 00:32:23,010
that's like this blatantly sexist is

854
00:32:25,820 --> 00:32:24,330
that and would you have a drug

855
00:32:27,289 --> 00:32:25,830
dependency problem like the actress

856
00:32:28,880 --> 00:32:27,299
developed later on if you gotta let plan

857
00:32:31,700 --> 00:32:28,890
to be thought that far through i have

858
00:32:33,799 --> 00:32:31,710
actually and that's I my outfit would be

859
00:32:35,659 --> 00:32:33,809
actually my everyday look which is a

860
00:32:40,310 --> 00:32:35,669
nerdy t-shirt with some sort of ironic

861
00:32:42,080 --> 00:32:40,320
saying on it jeans and those big boots

862
00:32:44,180 --> 00:32:42,090
that are good for really like kicking

863
00:32:45,770 --> 00:32:44,190

can I say can I curse yeah you can't

864

00:32:48,200 --> 00:32:45,780

really get for kicking ass my hitta cast

865

00:32:50,539 --> 00:32:48,210

explicit label now what is the thing in

866

00:32:53,000 --> 00:32:50,549

Goose you huge skip chick what is the

867

00:32:54,590 --> 00:32:53,010

thing that really gets your goat as the

868

00:32:56,630 --> 00:32:54,600

man who stared at things that gets your

869

00:32:58,880 --> 00:32:56,640

goat what what's the thing that really

870

00:33:01,909 --> 00:32:58,890

makes you go off you have to leap to its

871

00:33:03,919 --> 00:33:01,919

defense hmm I I really I'm really

872

00:33:06,230 --> 00:33:03,929

passionate about women's health and

873

00:33:08,869 --> 00:33:06,240

the politics that keep women down in

874

00:33:11,450 --> 00:33:08,879

general oh like those ads that keep you

875

00:33:13,789 --> 00:33:11,460

fresh down there exactly douche is one

876

00:33:16,100 --> 00:33:13,799

of my most popular topics actually I

877

00:33:18,169 --> 00:33:16,110

used it as a really good example of a

878

00:33:20,899 --> 00:33:18,179

product that's completely pseudoscience

879

00:33:23,359 --> 00:33:20,909

invented yeah it serves no purpose at

880

00:33:24,680 --> 00:33:23,369

all and it actually can harm people and

881

00:33:27,710 --> 00:33:24,690

that's the sort of thing as skeptics

882

00:33:29,749 --> 00:33:27,720

usually go after but douche not a common

883

00:33:31,340 --> 00:33:29,759

topic see I didn't think that that was

884

00:33:32,930 --> 00:33:31,350

people still took that stuff seriously

885

00:33:34,700 --> 00:33:32,940

but then again I didn't think power

886

00:33:37,009 --> 00:33:34,710

balance bands will be big in the 21st

887

00:33:39,379 --> 00:33:37,019

century then there was an ad in women's

888

00:33:41,690 --> 00:33:39,389

day in the US just a few months ago that

889

00:33:44,119 --> 00:33:41,700

said it was tips on how to get over ask

890

00:33:46,999 --> 00:33:44,129

for a raise at work and number one was

891

00:33:49,549 --> 00:33:47,009

do shame I don't know where you work

892

00:33:51,230 --> 00:33:49,559

what but maybe if your boss is into that

893

00:33:53,090 --> 00:33:51,240

and I have visited Tokyo where that is

894

00:33:54,950 --> 00:33:53,100

popular yeah all right maybe it's time

895

00:33:57,080 --> 00:33:54,960

to find a new job you know that's the

896

00:33:58,639 --> 00:33:57,090

first step that is pretty well and and

897

00:33:59,989 --> 00:33:58,649

do men get uncomfortable you start

898

00:34:01,159 --> 00:33:59,999

talking about this because the subject

899

00:34:03,109 --> 00:34:01,169

we obviously don't have first-hand

900

00:34:05,119 --> 00:34:03,119

knowledge of yeah and that's what what I

901
00:34:06,320 --> 00:34:05,129
love doing I love saying the word douche

902
00:34:08,480 --> 00:34:06,330
and watching all the men in the audience

903
00:34:10,520 --> 00:34:08,490
just sort of shrink back into the seats

904
00:34:13,369 --> 00:34:10,530
and also vagina vagina is really great

905
00:34:15,049 --> 00:34:13,379
word to say now so apart from going out

906
00:34:16,579 --> 00:34:15,059
and fighting the battle for dirty words

907
00:34:18,500 --> 00:34:16,589
there what is your other area like to

908
00:34:19,789 --> 00:34:18,510
work and I mean obviously you would be

909
00:34:21,530 --> 00:34:19,799
you wouldn't share much with

910
00:34:23,599 --> 00:34:21,540
anti-vaccination people I imagine oh I

911
00:34:25,639 --> 00:34:23,609
hate the anti-vaxxers and in fact we

912
00:34:27,799 --> 00:34:25,649
just destroyed them this week on skeptic

913
00:34:29,599 --> 00:34:27,809

they were trying to launch an ad

914

00:34:31,760 --> 00:34:29,609

campaign that would be in American movie

915

00:34:33,680 --> 00:34:31,770

theaters during one of the biggest weeks

916

00:34:35,180 --> 00:34:33,690

of the year for people to go out and

917

00:34:37,309 --> 00:34:35,190

watch movies the week from Thanksgiving

918

00:34:38,750 --> 00:34:37,319

on and they were going to run these ads

919

00:34:42,349 --> 00:34:38,760

and we launched a campaign just

920

00:34:44,149 --> 00:34:42,359

completely viral telling AMC that the

921

00:34:47,059 --> 00:34:44,159

big chain to not run these ads they were

922

00:34:48,379 --> 00:34:47,069

dangerous misinformation AMC listened to

923

00:34:50,299 --> 00:34:48,389

us and they pulled the ads at last

924

00:34:52,039 --> 00:34:50,309

minute so no one saw them well

925

00:34:53,659 --> 00:34:52,049

congratulations on that thank you look

926
00:34:55,730 --> 00:34:53,669
and where does William Shatner sit in

927
00:34:57,530 --> 00:34:55,740
your life on my lap usually they now

928
00:35:00,710 --> 00:34:57,540
you're big fan of the man i mean like

929
00:35:02,900 --> 00:35:00,720
he's not exactly a feminist really well

930
00:35:04,849 --> 00:35:02,910
no but I mean he's just a walking punch

931
00:35:05,800 --> 00:35:04,859
line like how could you not love the

932
00:35:07,450 --> 00:35:05,810
shat

933
00:35:09,280 --> 00:35:07,460
have you ever listened to the look who's

934
00:35:10,570 --> 00:35:09,290
but podcast the but girls that that's

935
00:35:12,640 --> 00:35:10,580
the they basically it's all about

936
00:35:14,560 --> 00:35:12,650
William Shatner and sex toys no but i

937
00:35:15,730 --> 00:35:14,570
will now okay yet look at his but check

938
00:35:17,230 --> 00:35:15,740

it out Rebecca I think you probably

939

00:35:18,880 --> 00:35:17,240

enjoyed and they have a potty mouth as

940

00:35:20,530 --> 00:35:18,890

well I they sound like my kind of girls

941

00:35:22,150 --> 00:35:20,540

well before I leave your line because

942

00:35:23,920 --> 00:35:22,160

you've got so many fans around you and

943

00:35:26,560 --> 00:35:23,930

you've got four full bottles of wine

944

00:35:27,670 --> 00:35:26,570

behind you although i have actually even

945

00:35:29,350 --> 00:35:27,680

though i was assured you were a show

946

00:35:31,030 --> 00:35:29,360

from Big Pharma you have been able to so

947

00:35:32,980 --> 00:35:31,040

many drugs even once well you haven't

948

00:35:34,120 --> 00:35:32,990

asked okay okay we'll do that in just a

949

00:35:36,010 --> 00:35:34,130

second but what do you think about

950

00:35:38,170 --> 00:35:36,020

Australian skeptics in what way are we

951
00:35:40,030 --> 00:35:38,180
different or you just have to be nice to

952
00:35:41,260 --> 00:35:40,040
us in interviews now you know I love the

953
00:35:43,210 --> 00:35:41,270
Australian skeptics because you're in

954
00:35:45,700 --> 00:35:43,220
you're in people's faces you don't back

955
00:35:47,980 --> 00:35:45,710
down very strong grassroots activism

956
00:35:50,260 --> 00:35:47,990
that's quite inspiring actually so I'm

957
00:35:51,550 --> 00:35:50,270
hoping that Americans can pay attention

958
00:35:54,370 --> 00:35:51,560
to what the Australians are doing like

959
00:35:56,980 --> 00:35:54,380
with the anti-vaccine air and and take

960
00:35:58,480 --> 00:35:56,990
them down well so i'm gonna token

961
00:35:59,920 --> 00:35:58,490
skeptic i'm a fellow traveler with them

962
00:36:02,260 --> 00:35:59,930
because i like listening to the skeptics

963
00:36:03,490 --> 00:36:02,270

God's universe but I equally love the

964

00:36:05,710 --> 00:36:03,500

damn agenda show which is like

965

00:36:07,570 --> 00:36:05,720

completely off the off the planet and I

966

00:36:08,890 --> 00:36:07,580

like the way my brain explodes and most

967

00:36:10,990 --> 00:36:08,900

people wouldn't listen to both those

968

00:36:13,390 --> 00:36:11,000

shows on their pod I've met a number of

969

00:36:15,850 --> 00:36:13,400

people in the US we have art bell coast

970

00:36:18,070 --> 00:36:15,860

to coast oh yeah and and I know a lot of

971

00:36:20,020 --> 00:36:18,080

skeptics who love listening to that and

972

00:36:21,940 --> 00:36:20,030

I I do to actually aim that's how that

973

00:36:24,070 --> 00:36:21,950

my first experience with paranormal

974

00:36:26,020 --> 00:36:24,080

stuff was on the side of wanting to

975

00:36:27,850 --> 00:36:26,030

believe in it you know cuz it's fun it's

976
00:36:29,440 --> 00:36:27,860
really cool to think about ghosts and

977
00:36:31,780 --> 00:36:29,450
goblins and psychics and things like

978
00:36:33,580 --> 00:36:31,790
that no it's normal okay okay well I

979
00:36:34,810 --> 00:36:33,590
feel a bit well Rebecca Watson said I'm

980
00:36:36,550 --> 00:36:34,820
normally don't quite have to take that

981
00:36:39,070 --> 00:36:36,560
what's your biggest challenge before you

982
00:36:40,420 --> 00:36:39,080
get on the flame cast of customs my

983
00:36:42,190 --> 00:36:40,430
biggest challenge yet is getting all

984
00:36:43,960 --> 00:36:42,200
these drugs through customs I think you

985
00:36:45,010 --> 00:36:43,970
couldn't sell them mummy ugly you gotta

986
00:36:46,810 --> 00:36:45,020
have them up you gotta have the riddle

987
00:36:47,830 --> 00:36:46,820
in there the dexamphetamine there it's

988
00:36:49,090 --> 00:36:47,840

going to be quite clear well there's

989

00:36:50,740 --> 00:36:49,100

just the stuff I need for on the plane

990

00:36:51,520 --> 00:36:50,750

it's a long ride most people sleep on

991

00:36:54,340 --> 00:36:51,530

the plane I wouldn't think that would

992

00:36:55,450 --> 00:36:54,350

help well you know I you're gonna be

993

00:36:57,040 --> 00:36:55,460

flying it by the time you get back

994

00:36:58,120 --> 00:36:57,050

that's right that's right and Rebecca is

995

00:37:00,880 --> 00:36:58,130

that some way you want to point us as a

996

00:37:04,060 --> 00:37:00,890

bit of a plug well skeptics skeptics org

997

00:37:06,340 --> 00:37:04,070

and also the skeptics guide org i also

998

00:37:08,830 --> 00:37:06,350

have curiosity aroused calm and I

999

00:37:11,650 --> 00:37:08,840

occasionally amount of podcast called

1000

00:37:13,330 --> 00:37:11,660

little atoms little Adams calm Thank You

1001
00:37:15,600 --> 00:37:13,340
a baker and get some sleep and don't

1002
00:37:20,910 --> 00:37:15,610
ever shut that potty mouth heals

1003
00:37:22,200 --> 00:37:20,920
oh man and the name that's come up a

1004
00:37:24,930 --> 00:37:22,210
long time and amount of not met before

1005
00:37:26,610 --> 00:37:24,940
Tammy Australia is George George George

1006
00:37:28,470 --> 00:37:26,620
it's all over now there's no need to

1007
00:37:29,520 --> 00:37:28,480
wear the suit you can calm down I think

1008
00:37:31,080 --> 00:37:29,530
you're pretty much got tonight in the

1009
00:37:33,210 --> 00:37:31,090
bag with a few ladies or men or whatever

1010
00:37:35,400 --> 00:37:33,220
you want really uh yeah one from column

1011
00:37:36,630 --> 00:37:35,410
a and four from column B and we'll see

1012
00:37:38,460 --> 00:37:36,640
what happens just to keep the party

1013
00:37:39,960 --> 00:37:38,470

interesting yeah I spoke to you at the

1014

00:37:41,640 --> 00:37:39,970

beginning of the whole thing and by the

1015

00:37:44,040 --> 00:37:41,650

end of it they what do you think I have

1016

00:37:45,720 --> 00:37:44,050

the exchange of Canada ourselves I think

1017

00:37:48,720 --> 00:37:45,730

you've carried yourself very well very

1018

00:37:50,370 --> 00:37:48,730

very well it's it's it's it struck me I

1019

00:37:51,780 --> 00:37:50,380

know this sounds more than I don't know

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00:37:53,880 --> 00:37:51,790

I'm supposed to be all snarky but it

1021

00:37:56,430 --> 00:37:53,890

really is wonderful really to hear the

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00:37:58,530 --> 00:37:56,440

greeting that the the skeptics got the

1023

00:37:59,940 --> 00:37:58,540

universe my friends received when they

1024

00:38:02,190 --> 00:37:59,950

were introduced to realize that these

1025

00:38:03,900 --> 00:38:02,200

are people that are on a literal

1026
00:38:05,550 --> 00:38:03,910
opposite side of the planet from us that

1027
00:38:08,340 --> 00:38:05,560
know them and it feel the influence of

1028
00:38:12,360 --> 00:38:08,350
of the novellas and Avan and Rebecca and

1029
00:38:14,550 --> 00:38:12,370
it is so it is so amazing and that word

1030
00:38:16,050 --> 00:38:14,560
keeps coming home it's the nature of

1031
00:38:17,940 --> 00:38:16,060
podcasting in some ways because you've

1032
00:38:19,770 --> 00:38:17,950
got your own geologic podcast and people

1033
00:38:20,850 --> 00:38:19,780
listened to you when I mean it's not

1034
00:38:22,560 --> 00:38:20,860
just stuff that's on the background

1035
00:38:24,000 --> 00:38:22,570
you've got your ears or you're driving

1036
00:38:25,440 --> 00:38:24,010
to work are you doing something and you

1037
00:38:26,880 --> 00:38:25,450
you're thinking of it I don't know it's

1038
00:38:28,800 --> 00:38:26,890

almost like you're more of a friend to

1039

00:38:30,540 --> 00:38:28,810

us than normal broadcast radio because

1040

00:38:32,310 --> 00:38:30,550

it's on there anyway I don't know if you

1041

00:38:33,660 --> 00:38:32,320

like isn't personal absolutely it's a

1042

00:38:35,430 --> 00:38:33,670

very intimate relationship and weekly

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00:38:36,750 --> 00:38:35,440

none of you allegedly broadcast

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00:38:38,100 --> 00:38:36,760

professionals you're doing it for

1045

00:38:39,300 --> 00:38:38,110

reasons other than you're making money

1046

00:38:41,400 --> 00:38:39,310

as a broadcaster you doing it because

1047

00:38:42,750 --> 00:38:41,410

that's what you like doing right the

1048

00:38:44,310 --> 00:38:42,760

passion comes through and I think that's

1049

00:38:46,800 --> 00:38:44,320

what people appreciate and latch onto

1050

00:38:49,260 --> 00:38:46,810

and it's a it's a one-sided friendship

1051

00:38:50,640 --> 00:38:49,270

but it is a friendship and I I consider

1052

00:38:52,530 --> 00:38:50,650

the people listen to my show my friends

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00:38:53,670 --> 00:38:52,540

the same way that the SU people do in

1054

00:38:55,890 --> 00:38:53,680

the same way that anyone who the

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00:38:58,350 --> 00:38:55,900

skeptics on people do as well okay one

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00:38:59,430 --> 00:38:58,360

last question what's the weirdest [h__\h]

1057

00:39:01,350 --> 00:38:59,440

thing that's happened to you while

1058

00:39:02,550 --> 00:39:01,360

you've been here what you go man what's

1059

00:39:04,350 --> 00:39:02,560

this all about is anything to spawn you

1060

00:39:05,760 --> 00:39:04,360

out while you've been here oh and if it

1061

00:39:06,900 --> 00:39:05,770

hasn't we were heavenly tried but I

1062

00:39:08,730 --> 00:39:06,910

thought it might have been something I

1063

00:39:10,320 --> 00:39:08,740

mean oh my goodness so you're gonna vote

1064

00:39:12,360 --> 00:39:10,330

a bunch of skeptics last night until the

1065

00:39:14,070 --> 00:39:12,370

harbor right yeah that was that was

1066

00:39:16,240 --> 00:39:14,080

quite fun that was quite lovely uh if

1067

00:39:18,700 --> 00:39:16,250

for some reason the the men's room

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00:39:20,410 --> 00:39:18,710

here in the Masonic Temple even though

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00:39:21,940 --> 00:39:20,420

geometry seems to be their main focus

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00:39:24,310 --> 00:39:21,950

they haven't figured out how to design

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00:39:25,720 --> 00:39:24,320

two doors to open together so that has

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00:39:26,860 --> 00:39:25,730

been the strangest thing so far I bet

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00:39:28,960 --> 00:39:26,870

that's probably happen to a few times

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00:39:36,270 --> 00:39:28,970

doesn't it ya sanar than that I think

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00:39:41,170 --> 00:39:39,070

look I'm over in the special dietary

1076
00:39:43,060 --> 00:39:41,180
corner and over here we have Dave the

1077
00:39:45,820 --> 00:39:43,070
happy singer and a fellow fellow

1078
00:39:47,350 --> 00:39:45,830
travelers will that be fair to say yes

1079
00:39:49,210 --> 00:39:47,360
and what have you thought of the

1080
00:39:51,040 --> 00:39:49,220
conference e it's the first one you know

1081
00:39:52,960 --> 00:39:51,050
you can be an outspoken critic of stuff

1082
00:39:55,720 --> 00:39:52,970
and we like that about you how's it been

1083
00:39:59,170 --> 00:39:55,730
for you yeah well I'm I'm going to be a

1084
00:40:00,280 --> 00:39:59,180
little bit critical but any of the

1085
00:40:02,550 --> 00:40:00,290
mishaps are just paled in comparison

1086
00:40:06,010 --> 00:40:02,560
with the quality of the speakers and the

1087
00:40:09,100 --> 00:40:06,020
the amazing community that it's here and

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00:40:12,700 --> 00:40:09,110

that's really all that matters lady the

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00:40:13,750 --> 00:40:12,710

social side is for me even more

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00:40:15,100 --> 00:40:13,760

important than the speakers because

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00:40:16,810 --> 00:40:15,110

ultimately you can read the speaker's

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00:40:18,880 --> 00:40:16,820

blogs you can see that listen to the

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00:40:21,220 --> 00:40:18,890

podcast you can see them most of them

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00:40:23,020 --> 00:40:21,230

you can see them speaking on YouTube and

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00:40:24,790 --> 00:40:23,030

there's an extra boost from seeing them

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00:40:26,710 --> 00:40:24,800

live but what really makes it so

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00:40:28,330 --> 00:40:26,720

wonderful from two for me is to be

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00:40:29,950 --> 00:40:28,340

together with so many like-minded

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00:40:31,780 --> 00:40:29,960

friends over the weekend to really fit

1100

00:40:34,300 --> 00:40:31,790

in somewhere you know it's better

1101

00:40:36,550 --> 00:40:34,310

karaoke is it using it's about the

1102

00:40:38,920 --> 00:40:36,560

karaoke as much as it is about about the

1103

00:40:40,210 --> 00:40:38,930

serious business side you know it's is

1104

00:40:41,350 --> 00:40:40,220

there something you learnt from doing

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00:40:42,880 --> 00:40:41,360

that and hanging out with them is there

1106

00:40:44,620 --> 00:40:42,890

something you didn't realize from having

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00:40:47,620 --> 00:40:44,630

so many like-minded people together I

1108

00:40:50,500 --> 00:40:47,630

didn't realize I didn't realize I'm so

1109

00:40:52,210 --> 00:40:50,510

average what do you mean what do you

1110

00:40:54,070 --> 00:40:52,220

mean maybe what you thought you're out

1111

00:40:56,140 --> 00:40:54,080

there cuz people at work avoid you yeah

1112

00:41:01,180 --> 00:40:56,150

that's all thing but here but here I'm

1113

00:41:04,000 --> 00:41:01,190

just I just surrounded by by incredible

1114

00:41:07,120 --> 00:41:04,010

geniuses who know such arcane things

1115

00:41:09,460 --> 00:41:07,130

about all kinds of things you know to

1116

00:41:11,850 --> 00:41:09,470

eat you know you speak to this it's just

1117

00:41:14,260 --> 00:41:11,860

dripping with astronomers and medics and

1118

00:41:16,540 --> 00:41:14,270

and all these fascinating people you

1119

00:41:17,560 --> 00:41:16,550

know and I'm in a room where you know if

1120

00:41:19,270 --> 00:41:17,570

I wanted to know something about

1121

00:41:21,130 --> 00:41:19,280

neuroscience I can go over there and I

1122

00:41:22,390 --> 00:41:21,140

can speak to Steve novella if I want to

1123

00:41:23,920 --> 00:41:22,400

know something about astronomy I can go

1124

00:41:27,160 --> 00:41:23,930

over there and I can speak to Pamela gay

1125

00:41:29,440 --> 00:41:27,170

you know and it it's phenomenal you know

1126

00:41:30,790 --> 00:41:29,450

is there one fact you've learnt that's

1127

00:41:32,500 --> 00:41:30,800

really blown your mind here a lot of

1128

00:41:33,790 --> 00:41:32,510

people have the astronomy lecture said

1129

00:41:36,070 --> 00:41:33,800

that they didn't know about the P

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00:41:38,680 --> 00:41:36,080

universe that stuff that really stood

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00:41:40,030 --> 00:41:38,690

out for me as well was Pamela Pamela

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00:41:42,730 --> 00:41:40,040

speech not only in terms of its

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00:41:47,650 --> 00:41:42,740

inspiration but also you know the fact

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00:41:49,510 --> 00:41:47,660

that crowdsourcing has been such a has

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00:41:50,770 --> 00:41:49,520

been such benefits of it to the research

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00:41:52,210 --> 00:41:50,780

that they've been doing in here and like

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00:41:55,480 --> 00:41:52,220

discovering the blue ellipticals and the

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00:41:57,910 --> 00:41:55,490

peach shaped galaxy things was it was

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00:41:59,290 --> 00:41:57,920

pretty cool for the internet but I'm so

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00:42:01,540 --> 00:41:59,300

trying to develop the attitude that a

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00:42:03,730 --> 00:42:01,550

lot of people have to skeptics and a lot

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00:42:05,710 --> 00:42:03,740

of it can be summed up with skeptics are

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00:42:06,760 --> 00:42:05,720

considered crackpots with evidence and

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00:42:11,430 --> 00:42:06,770

people don't really want to follow

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00:42:13,630 --> 00:42:11,440

because it's too hard yeah there's a

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00:42:15,820 --> 00:42:13,640

constant debate isn't about this this

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00:42:17,140 --> 00:42:15,830

word skeptic I mean for a start a half

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00:42:18,820 --> 00:42:17,150

the people who call themselves skeptics

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00:42:21,730 --> 00:42:18,830

armed you know you've got the climate

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00:42:23,440 --> 00:42:21,740

skeptics for example who are often just

1151
00:42:25,150 --> 00:42:23,450
nutty not even trying to follow evidence

1152
00:42:31,390 --> 00:42:25,160
they're just out of the and Annihilus the

1153
00:42:33,340 --> 00:42:31,400
crank and of course then there's the we

1154
00:42:34,690 --> 00:42:33,350
we struggle sometimes then with the the

1155
00:42:36,280 --> 00:42:34,700
massive oval up there is with the

1156
00:42:38,350 --> 00:42:36,290
atheism and the fact that so many of us

1157
00:42:40,330 --> 00:42:38,360
are also outspoken atheists doesn't mean

1158
00:42:41,680 --> 00:42:40,340
the skepticism is about atheism it just

1159
00:42:44,920 --> 00:42:41,690
means that so many of us happen to be

1160
00:42:47,080 --> 00:42:44,930
both and happen to care about both I

1161
00:42:50,740 --> 00:42:47,090
don't know what what to do about that I

1162
00:42:52,660 --> 00:42:50,750
mean I think one of the nicest phrases

1163
00:42:54,670 --> 00:42:52,670

to describe as it's free thinker but

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00:42:55,900 --> 00:42:54,680

then how free is free you know you want

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00:42:57,310 --> 00:42:55,910

to limit yourself to the evidence that

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00:42:59,530 --> 00:42:57,320

doesn't mean that anything goes you know

1167

00:43:01,150 --> 00:42:59,540

but then you start thinking 60s and like

1168

00:43:02,800 --> 00:43:01,160

swinging stuff and you're running me on

1169

00:43:04,720 --> 00:43:02,810

nuclear free think it has a bit of a 60s

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00:43:06,340 --> 00:43:04,730

year exactly that it kind of it does

1171

00:43:07,630 --> 00:43:06,350

this kind of all great i'm a fourth

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00:43:09,360 --> 00:43:07,640

swing and i'm just going to think all

1173

00:43:11,800 --> 00:43:09,370

kinds of crazy thought bring it up a

1174

00:43:14,950 --> 00:43:11,810

critical thing that I think is quite a

1175

00:43:20,089 --> 00:43:17,210

but again critical has got a negative

1176

00:43:21,530 --> 00:43:20,099

meaning as well as no sir so where to

1177

00:43:23,660 --> 00:43:21,540

from here it runs had a big conference

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00:43:25,250 --> 00:43:23,670

everyone's going rah rah where do you

1179

00:43:27,380 --> 00:43:25,260

use that energy now well I'll be very

1180

00:43:30,440 --> 00:43:27,390

surprised if some Australia doesn't

1181

00:43:32,810 --> 00:43:30,450

happen again if not next year than in a

1182

00:43:34,580 --> 00:43:32,820

couple years time I've got no inside

1183

00:43:36,650 --> 00:43:34,590

knowledge on that but it's been an

1184

00:43:38,420 --> 00:43:36,660

overwhelming success so I think so

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00:43:39,770 --> 00:43:38,430

you're the happy singer which is kind of

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00:43:41,870 --> 00:43:39,780

like the amazing Randi have you thought

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00:43:43,910 --> 00:43:41,880

of any other adjectives I've gone with

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00:43:45,620 --> 00:43:43,920

the inconsistent Maynard because people

1189

00:43:47,780 --> 00:43:45,630

can't expect too much of you it sort of

1190

00:43:49,099 --> 00:43:47,790

putting it another adjective in there in

1191

00:43:50,839 --> 00:43:49,109

my own name or if someone else is known

1192

00:43:52,640 --> 00:43:50,849

someone else's names you know that's a

1193

00:43:54,530 --> 00:43:52,650

liable thing but you know your own happy

1194

00:43:56,240 --> 00:43:54,540

is pretty good but happy world easy and

1195

00:43:58,540 --> 00:43:56,250

adequate singer the more time I spend

1196

00:44:00,950 --> 00:43:58,550

around these amazing people the more I

1197

00:44:02,180 --> 00:44:00,960

mean this two ways are looking at when

1198

00:44:03,740 --> 00:44:02,190

you meet somebody who is utterly awesome

1199

00:44:05,570 --> 00:44:03,750

you can either try and get better

1200

00:44:07,310 --> 00:44:05,580

yourself or you can just give up and I

1201

00:44:09,109 --> 00:44:07,320

always try and do the first one

1202

00:44:11,030 --> 00:44:09,119

something aspiring yeah date the

1203

00:44:12,589 --> 00:44:11,040

inspired seeing inspired singer that

1204

00:44:13,730 --> 00:44:12,599

that's probably the best word to

1205

00:44:15,349 --> 00:44:13,740

describe what the weekend's been like

1206

00:44:16,670 --> 00:44:15,359

it's been inspirational you know I've

1207

00:44:18,470 --> 00:44:16,680

got I'm very good friends with the

1208

00:44:21,230 --> 00:44:18,480

drunken man i'm jason brown and he's

1209

00:44:22,490 --> 00:44:21,240

always spurring me on to do which means

1210

00:44:27,380 --> 00:44:22,500

you're probably off your face right now

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00:44:28,880 --> 00:44:27,390

you are always always it's it's just

1212

00:44:31,579 --> 00:44:28,890

fabulous and he's always spurring me on

1213

00:44:34,760 --> 00:44:31,589

to do something even funnier or or even

1214

00:44:36,380 --> 00:44:34,770

more insightful you know he won't let me

1215

00:44:39,859 --> 00:44:36,390

relax is always raising the bar on what

1216

00:44:41,660 --> 00:44:39,869

I've got to do to compete it's it's just

1217

00:44:43,700 --> 00:44:41,670

great when it's been an aspiring weekend

1218

00:44:46,790 --> 00:44:43,710

well I'll let you get back to having you

1219

00:44:49,730 --> 00:44:46,800

borrowed I can't wait to get to the bar

1220

00:44:54,300 --> 00:44:52,590

and what about you who we got here and

1221

00:44:57,990 --> 00:44:54,310

what are you doing since Jason Brown

1222

00:45:00,360 --> 00:44:58,000

drunken mad men from Twitter I'm I'm

1223

00:45:02,580 --> 00:45:00,370

overwhelmed yet to be frank yeah I mean

1224

00:45:04,080 --> 00:45:02,590

like you know you can be critical and we

1225

00:45:05,370 --> 00:45:04,090

would expect anyone in the skeptical

1226
00:45:08,820 --> 00:45:05,380
movement to be critical of what's going

1227
00:45:10,470 --> 00:45:08,830
on here um but I don't hear a lot of

1228
00:45:12,990 --> 00:45:10,480
criticism but I think that's all that

1229
00:45:14,550 --> 00:45:13,000
crucial oh it's more like the way things

1230
00:45:16,710 --> 00:45:14,560
are done rather than what's being done

1231
00:45:18,450 --> 00:45:16,720
the people and the actual conference

1232
00:45:20,340 --> 00:45:18,460
itself of being absolutely superb a

1233
00:45:21,600 --> 00:45:20,350
couple of little things but these are

1234
00:45:24,960 --> 00:45:21,610
little things that we can probably live

1235
00:45:26,430 --> 00:45:24,970
with um you know I won't call any out

1236
00:45:27,600 --> 00:45:26,440
now but you can come to my blog that my

1237
00:45:29,160 --> 00:45:27,610
colleagues really it's not common i

1238
00:45:30,630 --> 00:45:29,170

might call them out later all right i'll

1239

00:45:31,980 --> 00:45:30,640

look but i wasn't i wasn't asking you

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00:45:33,690 --> 00:45:31,990

for Christmas my just saying what your

1241

00:45:34,980 --> 00:45:33,700

favorite bits been because you know it's

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00:45:36,900 --> 00:45:34,990

because as passionate as you are about

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00:45:38,640 --> 00:45:36,910

whinging you're pretty passionate about

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00:45:41,850 --> 00:45:38,650

what you love as well that's right yeah

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00:45:45,510 --> 00:45:41,860

I think the highlight has been today it

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00:45:47,340 --> 00:45:45,520

was it Simon Taylor uh-huh up on upon

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00:45:49,440 --> 00:45:47,350

the altar and reign with him and he was

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00:45:51,810 --> 00:45:49,450

explaining how you get across something

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00:45:53,130 --> 00:45:51,820

in an enthusiastic way by demonstrating

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00:45:54,770 --> 00:45:53,140

and enthusiastic way of getting

1251
00:45:57,750 --> 00:45:54,780
something crossed Suzie hasn't firmness

1252
00:46:00,720 --> 00:45:57,760
the correct tone for the the time and

1253
00:46:02,310 --> 00:46:00,730
that was fantastic it was just like make

1254
00:46:03,900 --> 00:46:02,320
the best point you possibly can and then

1255
00:46:05,040 --> 00:46:03,910
get it done now it's really you can take

1256
00:46:06,510 --> 00:46:05,050
away from this I mean you've really been

1257
00:46:07,860 --> 00:46:06,520
on Media Watch I mean you don't need to

1258
00:46:11,820 --> 00:46:07,870
do anything else oh well obviously I my

1259
00:46:12,840 --> 00:46:11,830
buddy now big star now there's plenty

1260
00:46:14,670 --> 00:46:12,850
you can take away from this for one

1261
00:46:16,740 --> 00:46:14,680
thing I'm doing skeptic amp sometime in

1262
00:46:18,000 --> 00:46:16,750
the next six months people who are at

1263
00:46:19,680 --> 00:46:18,010

the panel that I was on would have

1264

00:46:21,480 --> 00:46:19,690

noticed that I got money thrown at me

1265

00:46:23,880 --> 00:46:21,490

from the audience so now I'm committed

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00:46:26,520 --> 00:46:23,890

I've got to do skeptic amp so watch this

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00:46:28,860 --> 00:46:26,530

space I haven't got a website that i

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00:46:31,650 --> 00:46:28,870

will hard that's some sort of batman

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00:46:33,720 --> 00:46:31,660

based gay skipping thing yes yes is one

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00:46:37,620 --> 00:46:33,730

of those nights it's basically a day or

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00:46:41,640 --> 00:46:37,630

a half day of open presentations on

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00:46:44,250 --> 00:46:41,650

skepticism and activism and pretty much

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00:46:46,080 --> 00:46:44,260

anyone's free to come and talk it'll be

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00:46:48,690 --> 00:46:46,090

kind of a mini town kind of a thing I

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00:46:49,890 --> 00:46:48,700

guess the full details have been worked

1276

00:46:52,500 --> 00:46:49,900

out yet but I'm in discussion with

1277

00:46:54,510 --> 00:46:52,510

barcamp people and us skeptic am people

1278

00:46:55,620 --> 00:46:54,520

in Canadians get to 10 people and all of

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00:46:58,230 --> 00:46:55,630

these people flooded me and I'm just

1280

00:46:59,210 --> 00:46:58,240

completely frazzled by it that's great

1281

00:47:00,530 --> 00:46:59,220

it's brilliant

1282

00:47:01,970 --> 00:47:00,540

well look I think there's been a bit of

1283

00:47:03,589 --> 00:47:01,980

inspiration come out of this so i might

1284

00:47:05,180 --> 00:47:03,599

go chapter few other people man do so

1285

00:47:06,950 --> 00:47:05,190

thanks man it was like any good skeptic

1286

00:47:08,200 --> 00:47:06,960

we're going now i'm going to the pub

1287

00:47:10,490 --> 00:47:08,210

mate you're going to come to the pub

1288

00:47:11,990 --> 00:47:10,500

I've been barred from most immense area

1289

00:47:16,940 --> 00:47:12,000

but i'll try and sneak it right guess

1290

00:47:18,320 --> 00:47:16,950

see you there what have you learned from

1291

00:47:19,910 --> 00:47:18,330

Tam Australia where you've been here

1292

00:47:23,359 --> 00:47:19,920

apart from the fact that I'm not too

1293

00:47:25,490 --> 00:47:23,369

good at making a tinfoil hat that the

1294

00:47:27,890 --> 00:47:25,500

demographic of skeptics is a bit older

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00:47:29,359 --> 00:47:27,900

than I had thought it would be like the

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00:47:31,190 --> 00:47:29,369

average age it's a bit higher than I

1297

00:47:33,920 --> 00:47:31,200

thought it would have been okay so what

1298

00:47:35,540 --> 00:47:33,930

you expected it to be people in 20 so

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00:47:37,190 --> 00:47:35,550

what did you expect it to be I was

1300

00:47:38,780 --> 00:47:37,200

expecting more people in their twenties

1301
00:47:40,570 --> 00:47:38,790
and you might have been expecting more

1302
00:47:43,600 --> 00:47:40,580
women

1303
00:47:44,920 --> 00:47:43,610
yes and no i don't know i'm happy with

1304
00:47:46,810 --> 00:47:44,930
the number of women here i'm not

1305
00:47:47,680 --> 00:47:46,820
surprised that there's not more but it

1306
00:47:50,110 --> 00:47:47,690
would have been nice if there were more

1307
00:47:51,610 --> 00:47:50,120
and you work bag and you weren't

1308
00:47:55,300 --> 00:47:51,620
expecting so many beards was that the

1309
00:47:56,830 --> 00:47:55,310
problem i think so

1310
00:47:58,630 --> 00:47:56,840
well i mean yeah once you get to a

1311
00:48:00,400 --> 00:47:58,640
certain age like maybe growing to be is

1312
00:48:01,930 --> 00:48:00,410
not a bad idea i mean i'm thinking about

1313
00:48:04,330 --> 00:48:01,940

it myself because it probably goes well

1314

00:48:06,490 --> 00:48:04,340

with the tin foil hat it does there was

1315

00:48:09,820 --> 00:48:06,500

a lady i saw on the bus last night that

1316

00:48:11,140 --> 00:48:09,830

had quite nice beard really yes where

1317

00:48:14,050 --> 00:48:11,150

you staying here is it something near

1318

00:48:16,810 --> 00:48:14,060

lucas heights or something no my live in

1319

00:48:18,340 --> 00:48:16,820

stanmore and what's been your favorite

1320

00:48:20,080 --> 00:48:18,350

thing here while you be the town

1321

00:48:22,330 --> 00:48:20,090

australia conference apart from beard

1322

00:48:24,130 --> 00:48:22,340

cannon I think he's trying to be taught

1323

00:48:28,510 --> 00:48:24,140

this morning it's my favorite what you

1324

00:48:29,890 --> 00:48:28,520

learn from it p universes wow it sounds

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00:48:31,800 --> 00:48:29,900

like something someone when kids might

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00:48:34,420 --> 00:48:31,810

have to work on but no what is it

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00:48:37,360 --> 00:48:34,430

universes that are green or emitting

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00:48:38,920 --> 00:48:37,370

green light yes that's great i was in

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00:48:40,240 --> 00:48:38,930

here mucking about megan's tinfoil hat i

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00:48:41,290 --> 00:48:40,250

should have been in there I should have

1331

00:48:44,050 --> 00:48:41,300

done what I did at school I should

1332

00:48:45,670 --> 00:48:44,060

listen yes that is an important lesson

1333

00:48:47,560 --> 00:48:45,680

and what are you taking away from it you

1334

00:48:50,060 --> 00:48:47,570

guys you obviously the convention here

1335

00:48:53,570 --> 00:48:50,070

would he can take away from it

1336

00:48:58,190 --> 00:48:53,580

um a lot of entertainment finding out

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00:48:59,510 --> 00:48:58,200

just how much the wider accessible group

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00:49:00,830 --> 00:48:59,520

of people are interested in these sort

1339

00:49:02,930 --> 00:49:00,840

of things can actually directly help

1340

00:49:04,550 --> 00:49:02,940

science and what didn't realize those as

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00:49:06,860 --> 00:49:04,560

much as much of that is going on is

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00:49:08,420 --> 00:49:06,870

they're clearly use and what do you take

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00:49:11,900 --> 00:49:08,430

away from it you're going to go to work

1344

00:49:14,270 --> 00:49:11,910

or we're on Monday and go on I want to

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00:49:17,630 --> 00:49:14,280

promote causes that skeptics can really

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00:49:19,310 --> 00:49:17,640

actually get behind like getting a cause

1347

00:49:21,290 --> 00:49:19,320

I'm university student actually getting

1348

00:49:26,960 --> 00:49:21,300

people at university involved in causes

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00:49:28,820 --> 00:49:26,970

like stop the ATM and sort of taking

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00:49:31,220 --> 00:49:28,830

arms against naturopaths and other such

1351

00:49:32,600 --> 00:49:31,230

quacks and a little bit the more extreme

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00:49:35,540 --> 00:49:32,610

ones difficult ones like your

1353

00:49:40,670 --> 00:49:35,550

Scientology the Catholic Church extremes

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00:49:43,070 --> 00:49:40,680

land denouncing them I think and just

1355

00:49:48,519 --> 00:49:43,080

generally making people more aware of

1356

00:49:53,689 --> 00:49:51,620

look look tam Australia it's all a rap

1357

00:49:54,949 --> 00:49:53,699

now it's all done by the shouting and

1358

00:49:56,239 --> 00:49:54,959

the drinking and the being kicked out

1359

00:50:00,920 --> 00:49:56,249

there what did you make it the whole

1360

00:50:02,269 --> 00:50:00,930

thing it was wonderful yeah what was the

1361

00:50:05,329 --> 00:50:02,279

favor big lots a bit that inspired you

1362

00:50:08,029 --> 00:50:05,339

to wear your pants dr. Pamela kaze

1363

00:50:11,420 --> 00:50:08,039

always amazing love her voice and I love

1364

00:50:13,599 --> 00:50:11,430

her positivity again and for you what

1365

00:50:17,539 --> 00:50:13,609

was it like at an Australian was awesome

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00:50:19,819 --> 00:50:17,549

was the first step to and very

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00:50:21,709 --> 00:50:19,829

inspirational to Steve novella well that

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00:50:23,239 --> 00:50:21,719

was a thank you from here yeah I mean

1369

00:50:25,489 --> 00:50:23,249

hanging around with smart people doesn't

1370

00:50:26,599 --> 00:50:25,499

make me feel too bright myself but

1371

00:50:28,609 --> 00:50:26,609

that's probably more about my

1372

00:50:31,489 --> 00:50:28,619

inadequacies than actually do the event

1373

00:50:33,739 --> 00:50:31,499

no I felt the same way but it just I

1374

00:50:36,439 --> 00:50:33,749

suppose from a health care standpoint

1375

00:50:37,999 --> 00:50:36,449

and kind of like an icon from a sort of

1376
00:50:40,549 --> 00:50:38,009
health care background as well just kind

1377
00:50:43,069 --> 00:50:40,559
of makes me got me ticking ticking so

1378
00:50:45,109 --> 00:50:43,079
yeah I suppose that's what it is and

1379
00:50:46,699 --> 00:50:45,119
Lawrence had you found the whole thing

1380
00:50:49,309 --> 00:50:46,709
man you you are getting bigger in the

1381
00:50:51,589 --> 00:50:49,319
skeptical field all the time absolutely

1382
00:50:55,430 --> 00:50:51,599
you know next one is going to be the

1383
00:50:57,289 --> 00:50:55,440
amazing Lawrence festival I know it is

1384
00:50:58,849 --> 00:50:57,299
amazing and if you get a different

1385
00:51:00,799 --> 00:50:58,859
adjective you know I've gone the I've

1386
00:51:03,109 --> 00:51:00,809
gone the inconsistent Maynard they've

1387
00:51:05,749 --> 00:51:03,119
even a bit of thought to it thus well

1388
00:51:09,469 --> 00:51:05,759

against the swelling in meeting yeah

1389

00:51:11,150 --> 00:51:09,479

yeah I know it has to promise a lot if

1390

00:51:12,920 --> 00:51:11,160

you're going to have them title amazing

1391

00:51:13,940 --> 00:51:12,930

in the actual title of the conference

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00:51:16,970 --> 00:51:13,950

yeah and

1393

00:51:19,160 --> 00:51:16,980

you know it was it opened a lot of minds

1394

00:51:20,720 --> 00:51:19,170

it's good and what was your favorite

1395

00:51:23,359 --> 00:51:20,730

part of it if I would speak of the most

1396

00:51:25,040 --> 00:51:23,369

inspiring part of you I think I think

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00:51:27,970 --> 00:51:25,050

all of it was quite inspiring i miss the

1398

00:51:32,630 --> 00:51:27,980

first day but i enjoyed the dick smith

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00:51:34,310 --> 00:51:32,640

Randy chat on the second day and that's

1400

00:51:36,079 --> 00:51:34,320

a big call big dick Smith's try and do

1401

00:51:37,670 --> 00:51:36,089

isn't it they're like about population

1402

00:51:39,319 --> 00:51:37,680

growth that's a big call because the

1403

00:51:40,609 --> 00:51:39,329

political will for that work and there's

1404

00:51:43,640 --> 00:51:40,619

none like you wouldn't be many votes in

1405

00:51:47,480 --> 00:51:43,650

it what was either the dick smith

1406

00:51:48,800 --> 00:51:47,490

population like growth the DC strongly

1407

00:51:50,120 --> 00:51:48,810

like this is the almost zero population

1408

00:51:51,829 --> 00:51:50,130

growth that's going to be a hard one

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00:51:53,450 --> 00:51:51,839

yeah it will be a hard one because

1410

00:51:55,460 --> 00:51:53,460

people keep reproducing and we just

1411

00:51:57,079 --> 00:51:55,470

can't stop ourselves yeah and I'll give

1412

00:51:59,230 --> 00:51:57,089

in China where they've enforced it in a

1413

00:52:02,060 --> 00:51:59,240

very ugly way still their problems

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00:52:03,980 --> 00:52:02,070

that's right absolutely well you know

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00:52:06,800 --> 00:52:03,990

Dick Smith is a man with opinions and

1416

00:52:09,290 --> 00:52:06,810

you know good luck to him but you know

1417

00:52:11,089 --> 00:52:09,300

hey I like his electronics as well ah

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00:52:14,450 --> 00:52:11,099

all these computers probly still work

1419

00:52:16,640 --> 00:52:14,460

what is the one area of skepticism where

1420

00:52:17,930 --> 00:52:16,650

you see red where you go nonlinear as

1421

00:52:20,059 --> 00:52:17,940

they say when you hear about it you

1422

00:52:21,290 --> 00:52:20,069

can't help but butting in it at a dinner

1423

00:52:22,430 --> 00:52:21,300

party or something when someone bring

1424

00:52:23,870 --> 00:52:22,440

something up with some people it's

1425

00:52:25,520 --> 00:52:23,880

anti-vaccination with some people to

1426

00:52:29,990 --> 00:52:25,530

astrology what's the one that you feel

1427

00:52:32,089 --> 00:52:30,000

very strongly about what do I first I

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00:52:35,930 --> 00:52:32,099

think would have to be sometimes it's

1429

00:52:37,609 --> 00:52:35,940

psychics sometimes homeopathy sometimes

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00:52:39,079 --> 00:52:37,619

it's echinacea you know everyone says

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00:52:41,329 --> 00:52:39,089

you know have a bit of echinacea it's

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00:52:45,020 --> 00:52:41,339

like the wonder wonder vitamin it's not

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00:52:47,450 --> 00:52:45,030

even a vitamin and I mean I like

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00:52:49,579 --> 00:52:47,460

placebos as next as the next delusional

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00:52:52,880 --> 00:52:49,589

person and I love self-deluding myself

1436

00:52:54,370 --> 00:52:52,890

into fitness and echinacea well it's

1437

00:52:56,980 --> 00:52:54,380

just not for me

1438

00:52:58,150 --> 00:52:56,990

so if I said I mean you got to try some

1439

00:53:01,540 --> 00:52:58,160

echinacea how would you normally come

1440

00:53:02,800 --> 00:53:01,550

back other I'll take the I'll take the

1441

00:53:15,880 --> 00:53:02,810

whole bottle let's see what you see if

1442

00:53:18,190 --> 00:53:15,890

it really works where can you turn to

1443

00:53:20,800 --> 00:53:18,200

find others like yourself who appreciate

1444

00:53:23,470 --> 00:53:20,810

critical thinking you can turn to

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00:53:26,800 --> 00:53:23,480

skeptical inquirer the magazine that

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00:53:28,360 --> 00:53:26,810

separates fact from media myth it's

1447

00:53:31,300 --> 00:53:28,370

published by the committee for skeptical

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00:53:33,940 --> 00:53:31,310

inquiry find out what genuine science

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00:53:37,470 --> 00:53:33,950

has to say about the extraordinary and

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00:53:40,480 --> 00:53:37,480

the unexplained you might be surprised

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00:53:44,980 --> 00:53:40,490

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00:54:04,450 --> 00:53:56,960

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00:54:08,539 --> 00:54:04,460

org now it's time for dr. Richie reports

1457

00:54:12,890 --> 00:54:10,549

hello listeners and welcome to dr.

1458

00:54:15,109 --> 00:54:12,900

Richie reports well well another week

1459

00:54:16,880 --> 00:54:15,119

has gone by here in the land down under

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00:54:20,150 --> 00:54:16,890

and there is yet more good news to

1461

00:54:22,309 --> 00:54:20,160

report and plenty of it well where to

1462

00:54:24,199 --> 00:54:22,319

start how about with the darling of the

1463

00:54:26,359 --> 00:54:24,209

anti-vaccination movement andrew

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00:54:28,969 --> 00:54:26,369

wakefield who took another mighty blow

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00:54:30,799 --> 00:54:28,979

this week the British Medical Journal

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00:54:32,919 --> 00:54:30,809

revealed that they are to publish a

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00:54:35,329 --> 00:54:32,929

series of articles by Brian dear

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00:54:38,179 --> 00:54:35,339

alleging that Wakefield was deliberately

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00:54:40,459 --> 00:54:38,189

fraudulent in his 1998 research which

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00:54:42,999 --> 00:54:40,469

began the worldwide scared that the MMR

1471

00:54:44,929 --> 00:54:43,009

vaccine was linked to autism an

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00:54:47,449 --> 00:54:44,939

editorial in the British Medical Journal

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00:54:50,719 --> 00:54:47,459

referred to that paper as it has become

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00:54:52,939 --> 00:54:50,729

known as an elaborate fraud and worse

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00:54:55,189 --> 00:54:52,949

still the investigation concluded that

1476
00:54:57,019 --> 00:54:55,199
Wakefield misrepresented or altered the

1477
00:54:59,479 --> 00:54:57,029
medical histories of the 12 children

1478
00:55:01,279 --> 00:54:59,489
studied the editor-in-chief of the

1479
00:55:04,549 --> 00:55:01,289
British Medical Journal said Wakefield's

1480
00:55:07,249 --> 00:55:04,559
work was based not on bad science but on

1481
00:55:09,019 --> 00:55:07,259
a deliberate fraud but the media it

1482
00:55:12,439 --> 00:55:09,029
seems are losing their patients with the

1483
00:55:15,019 --> 00:55:12,449
anti-vaxxers Anderson Cooper of 360 on

1484
00:55:16,699 --> 00:55:15,029
CNN interviewed Wakefield apparently

1485
00:55:18,829 --> 00:55:16,709
from a vaccine conference held in

1486
00:55:22,309 --> 00:55:18,839
Jamaica here's an excerpt from the

1487
00:55:24,410 --> 00:55:22,319
interview sir according to this new

1488
00:55:26,599 --> 00:55:24,420

report not only did you do a study that

1489

00:55:29,209 --> 00:55:26,609

was scientifically and ethically flawed

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00:55:30,620 --> 00:55:29,219

it was quote an elaborate fraud an

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00:55:32,150 --> 00:55:30,630

award-winning investigative journalist

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00:55:34,519 --> 00:55:32,160

brian deer is published evidence that

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00:55:36,739 --> 00:55:34,529

you and i quote altered numerous facts

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00:55:38,779 --> 00:55:36,749

about patients medical histories to

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00:55:41,150 --> 00:55:38,789

support your claims of identifying a new

1496

00:55:43,880 --> 00:55:41,160

syndrome and that you also quote sought

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00:55:47,989 --> 00:55:43,890

to exploit the scare among parents for

1498

00:55:49,669 --> 00:55:47,999

financial gain how do you respond well

1499

00:55:51,380 --> 00:55:49,679

you know I've had to put up with this

1500

00:55:53,689 --> 00:55:51,390

man's false allegations for many many

1501
00:55:55,370 --> 00:55:53,699
years I've written a book and even this

1502
00:55:57,669 --> 00:55:55,380
is not as one man this is this is a

1503
00:56:00,319 --> 00:55:57,679
published in the British Medical Journal

1504
00:56:02,449 --> 00:56:00,329
ya know and I have not as yet had a

1505
00:56:04,579 --> 00:56:02,459
chance to read that but i had read his

1506
00:56:06,709 --> 00:56:04,589
multiple allegations on many occasions

1507
00:56:08,989 --> 00:56:06,719
he is a hit man he's been brought in to

1508
00:56:11,449 --> 00:56:08,999
take me down because they are very very

1509
00:56:12,949 --> 00:56:11,459
concerned about the adverse reactions to

1510
00:56:14,269 --> 00:56:12,959
vaccines that are occurring in children

1511
00:56:16,309 --> 00:56:14,279
wait a minute sir let me stop you right

1512
00:56:18,140 --> 00:56:16,319
there you say he's a hit man and he's

1513
00:56:20,240 --> 00:56:18,150

been brought in by they who

1514

00:56:22,480 --> 00:56:20,250

they who is he a hit man bro or doesn't

1515

00:56:25,849 --> 00:56:22,490

inhale journalist who's won many awards

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00:56:28,130 --> 00:56:25,859

yeah he's and he's you know who bought

1517

00:56:30,200 --> 00:56:28,140

this man in who is paying this man I

1518

00:56:32,269 --> 00:56:30,210

don't know but I do know for sure that

1519

00:56:33,470 --> 00:56:32,279

he's not a journalist Mike you are but

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00:56:36,109 --> 00:56:33,480

let's just let's talk about some of the

1521

00:56:37,579 --> 00:56:36,119

specifics that he is claiming you're

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00:56:39,470 --> 00:56:37,589

basically saying this is a some sort of

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00:56:41,569 --> 00:56:39,480

conspiracy against you is that is that

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00:56:43,819 --> 00:56:41,579

your argument conspiracy is your word

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00:56:46,190 --> 00:56:43,829

what it is is a ruthless pragmatic

1526
00:56:48,769 --> 00:56:46,200
attempt to crush any investigation into

1527
00:56:50,599 --> 00:56:48,779
valid vaccine safety concerns it's not

1528
00:56:52,819 --> 00:56:50,609
just my concerns i'm here at a meeting

1529
00:56:55,460 --> 00:56:52,829
of experts on vaccines from around the

1530
00:56:57,019 --> 00:56:55,470
world who are extremely concerned about

1531
00:56:59,059 --> 00:56:57,029
the safety of vaccines and the barrage

1532
00:57:01,010 --> 00:56:59,069
but they believe and i believe is being

1533
00:57:03,620 --> 00:57:01,020
done to children sir there's no proof of

1534
00:57:05,750 --> 00:57:03,630
that and your study is a fraud according

1535
00:57:07,519 --> 00:57:05,760
to this latest investigation which is

1536
00:57:09,140 --> 00:57:07,529
taking a quite some time an answer let

1537
00:57:10,849 --> 00:57:09,150
me just continue it's not just this one

1538
00:57:12,349 --> 00:57:10,859

journalist who's saying this who you

1539

00:57:14,420 --> 00:57:12,359

believe is some sort of a hitman it's

1540

00:57:16,700 --> 00:57:14,430

not just pharmaceutical companies or the

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00:57:18,319 --> 00:57:16,710

ama and it's not just public health

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00:57:19,700 --> 00:57:18,329

officials from around the world and it's

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00:57:21,410 --> 00:57:19,710

not just doctors from around the world

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00:57:23,210 --> 00:57:21,420

it's also other journalists have a

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00:57:24,829 --> 00:57:23,220

looked into your research and found it

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00:57:26,839 --> 00:57:24,839

simply incorrect are you saying that

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00:57:28,640 --> 00:57:26,849

they they're all in conspiracy against

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00:57:30,589 --> 00:57:28,650

you now they haven't in fact they've

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00:57:32,960 --> 00:57:30,599

taken his story and treated it as a

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00:57:34,730 --> 00:57:32,970

debate and treatment it as true and if

1551
00:57:36,710 --> 00:57:34,740
you read my book you will be able to

1552
00:57:38,599 --> 00:57:36,720
read the truth than what has the bmj

1553
00:57:40,910 --> 00:57:38,609
read my book have the doctors who

1554
00:57:43,339 --> 00:57:40,920
apparently looked at all the records

1555
00:57:45,289 --> 00:57:43,349
read my book no because the truth is in

1556
00:57:47,510 --> 00:57:45,299
that book sir I've read Bryan dears

1557
00:57:48,890 --> 00:57:47,520
award which is incredibly extensive so

1558
00:57:50,390 --> 00:57:48,900
I'm not here to let you pitch your book

1559
00:57:53,029 --> 00:57:50,400
i'm here to have you answer questions

1560
00:57:55,549 --> 00:57:53,039
brian hall has talked to the page and

1561
00:57:57,260 --> 00:57:55,559
talk to the parents has talked to the

1562
00:57:59,359 --> 00:57:57,270
parents of the patients who were in your

1563
00:58:02,150 --> 00:57:59,369

original study and he discovered that

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00:58:04,210 --> 00:58:02,160

not one of the twelve cases you claim to

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00:58:06,769 --> 00:58:04,220

have studied was free of quote

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00:58:08,990 --> 00:58:06,779

misrepresentation or alteration in no

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00:58:10,789 --> 00:58:09,000

single case to the medical records be

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00:58:13,309 --> 00:58:10,799

fully reconciled with the descriptions

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00:58:15,200 --> 00:58:13,319

diagnosis or histories published in the

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00:58:17,480 --> 00:58:15,210

journal some of the parents in your

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00:58:19,730 --> 00:58:17,490

original study say what you claimed

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00:58:22,760 --> 00:58:19,740

about their kids medical histories was

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00:58:24,589 --> 00:58:22,770

not true are those parents now line that

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00:58:28,099 --> 00:58:24,599

is false he has not interviewed the

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00:58:29,539 --> 00:58:28,109

parents that is absolutely not true so

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00:58:31,190 --> 00:58:29,549

you're saying the parent no parents I

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00:58:31,970 --> 00:58:31,200

say that what you've said about their

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00:58:35,210 --> 00:58:31,980

children's medical

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00:58:36,440 --> 00:58:35,220

trees is false no they don't well I have

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00:58:38,390 --> 00:58:36,450

said and what has been reported in that

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00:58:40,760 --> 00:58:38,400

paper beam by me and my colleagues is

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00:58:42,410 --> 00:58:40,770

exactly what we saw I want to redo some

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00:58:44,480 --> 00:58:42,420

of the other specifics from the report

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00:58:47,900 --> 00:58:44,490

three of nine children reported with

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00:58:50,300 --> 00:58:47,910

regressive autism according to to mr.

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00:58:51,950 --> 00:58:50,310

dear did not have autism diagnosed at

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00:58:54,770 --> 00:58:51,960

all only one child clearly had

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00:58:57,349 --> 00:58:54,780

regressive autism is that true no it's

1589

00:58:58,970 --> 00:58:57,359

not the diagnoses are as they were in

1590

00:59:01,099 --> 00:58:58,980

the children I did not make the

1591

00:59:03,320 --> 00:59:01,109

diagnosis of autism I did not make up

1592

00:59:05,750 --> 00:59:03,330

the diagnosis the diagnosis were taken

1593

00:59:07,550 --> 00:59:05,760

from the clinical records and review by

1594

00:59:09,530 --> 00:59:07,560

experts at the Royal Free Hospital

1595

00:59:11,150 --> 00:59:09,540

School of Medicine according to mr. here

1596

00:59:12,830 --> 00:59:11,160

some kids were reported to have

1597

00:59:16,070 --> 00:59:12,840

experienced first behavioral symptoms

1598

00:59:17,900 --> 00:59:16,080

within days of MMR the vaccine but the

1599

00:59:21,620 --> 00:59:17,910

records documented these is starting

1600

00:59:24,109 --> 00:59:21,630

some months after the vaccine if you

1601

00:59:26,690 --> 00:59:24,119

read the record that I have set out in

1602

00:59:28,790 --> 00:59:26,700

the book you will see the truth user if

1603

00:59:30,380 --> 00:59:28,800

you're lying in your book is also a lot

1604

00:59:32,690 --> 00:59:30,390

if your study is a lie your book is a

1605

00:59:34,880 --> 00:59:32,700

lie the book is not alive the study is

1606

00:59:36,859 --> 00:59:34,890

not a lie the findings that we made have

1607

00:59:38,690 --> 00:59:36,869

been replicated in five countries around

1608

00:59:40,280 --> 00:59:38,700

the world sir there's no true you've

1609

00:59:42,290 --> 00:59:40,290

been offered the chance to replicate

1610

00:59:44,359 --> 00:59:42,300

your study and you've never taken taken

1611

00:59:46,790 --> 00:59:44,369

anybody up on that you've had plenty of

1612

00:59:48,980 --> 00:59:46,800

opportunity of your start use me giving

1613

00:59:51,320 --> 00:59:48,990

you a falsehood i am telling you but

1614

00:59:53,420 --> 00:59:51,330

this work has been replicated in five

1615

00:59:55,190 --> 00:59:53,430

countries around the world why is it by

1616

00:59:56,660 --> 00:59:55,200

willingly discredited by public health

1617

00:59:58,310 --> 00:59:56,670

official and around the world okay I

1618

01:00:01,540 --> 00:59:58,320

suggest you do your investigation

1619

01:00:03,590 --> 01:00:01,550

property before making such allegations

1620

01:00:05,330 --> 01:00:03,600

speaking of the media losing their

1621

01:00:08,090 --> 01:00:05,340

patients with the anti vectors a

1622

01:00:10,099 --> 01:00:08,100

journalist in Australia today not only

1623

01:00:13,210 --> 01:00:10,109

tossed away the book on false balance

1624

01:00:15,620 --> 01:00:13,220

but set it on fire and stomped on it too

1625

01:00:18,370 --> 01:00:15,630

in an interview about the Wakefield

1626
01:00:20,870 --> 01:00:18,380
findings Tracy Spicer of radio 2ue

1627
01:00:23,390 --> 01:00:20,880
constantly interrupted Merrill Dory from

1628
01:00:25,190 --> 01:00:23,400
the avian and eventually hung up on her

1629
01:00:27,140 --> 01:00:25,200
declaring she would never be on the

1630
01:00:29,510 --> 01:00:27,150
station again with her dangerous

1631
01:00:31,370 --> 01:00:29,520
disgusting disgraceful information it

1632
01:00:33,859 --> 01:00:31,380
was one of the best interviews I've

1633
01:00:35,480 --> 01:00:33,869
heard with dori who was usually pandered

1634
01:00:37,849 --> 01:00:35,490
to by the mainstream media in the

1635
01:00:40,880 --> 01:00:37,859
interest of balance here's an excerpt

1636
01:00:42,740 --> 01:00:40,890
from the interview merrill dory lives in

1637
01:00:44,420 --> 01:00:42,750
this region she's probably the most

1638
01:00:45,890 --> 01:00:44,430

vocal critic of vaccination in this

1639

01:00:47,900 --> 01:00:45,900

country and she runs the Australia

1640

01:00:50,210 --> 01:00:47,910

vaccination Network and she's on the

1641

01:00:52,250 --> 01:00:50,220

line how are you Meryl I'm good Tracy

1642

01:00:53,870 --> 01:00:52,260

how are you good thanks Shirley after

1643

01:00:55,549 --> 01:00:53,880

all this so you must now admit that

1644

01:00:57,980 --> 01:00:55,559

you've based your scare campaign on

1645

01:01:01,460 --> 01:00:57,990

fraudulent and misleading information Oh

1646

01:01:04,099 --> 01:01:01,470

Tracy I love your language unfortunately

1647

01:01:06,650 --> 01:01:04,109

this this subject is far from put to bed

1648

01:01:08,510 --> 01:01:06,660

and the news that came out in the

1649

01:01:10,279 --> 01:01:08,520

British Medical Journal is not news at

1650

01:01:12,980 --> 01:01:10,289

all it's simply a rehashing of

1651
01:01:14,779 --> 01:01:12,990
accusations that were made previously it

1652
01:01:17,420 --> 01:01:14,789
absolutely is news Meryl it is

1653
01:01:19,309 --> 01:01:17,430
discrediting and disputing the entire

1654
01:01:20,990 --> 01:01:19,319
research upon which people have not

1655
01:01:22,490 --> 01:01:21,000
vaccinated their children and children

1656
01:01:25,039 --> 01:01:22,500
have died from whooping cough and

1657
01:01:26,630 --> 01:01:25,049
measles as a result we children in

1658
01:01:28,250 --> 01:01:26,640
Australia have died from whooping cough

1659
01:01:29,870 --> 01:01:28,260
and we have the highest level of

1660
01:01:31,789 --> 01:01:29,880
whooping cough vaccination we've ever

1661
01:01:33,440 --> 01:01:31,799
had and the majority of the people

1662
01:01:36,019 --> 01:01:33,450
getting whooping cough were vaccinated

1663
01:01:37,730 --> 01:01:36,029

but fact I get a lower dose of the week

1664

01:01:40,069 --> 01:01:37,740

whooping cough once I've been vaccinated

1665

01:01:42,579 --> 01:01:40,079

yes but it's a lower dose but anyway go

1666

01:01:45,170 --> 01:01:42,589

on I'm back to Wakefield on the

1667

01:01:48,620 --> 01:01:45,180

accusation is that Wakefield took money

1668

01:01:51,200 --> 01:01:48,630

while he was doing an investigation on

1669

01:01:54,380 --> 01:01:51,210

behalf of lawyers who were hoping to

1670

01:01:56,329 --> 01:01:54,390

take a lawsuit for children who had

1671

01:01:58,700 --> 01:01:56,339

developed regressive autism after the

1672

01:02:00,620 --> 01:01:58,710

measles mumps rubella vaccine Wakefield

1673

01:02:02,900 --> 01:02:00,630

had actually revealed that information

1674

01:02:05,269 --> 01:02:02,910

to the lancet prior to the article being

1675

01:02:06,950 --> 01:02:05,279

published and it was 50,000 pounds that

1676
01:02:09,079 --> 01:02:06,960
we're talking about and the money was

1677
01:02:11,839 --> 01:02:09,089
used to pay for tests on these children

1678
01:02:13,819 --> 01:02:11,849
it didn't go into his pocket if we think

1679
01:02:16,370 --> 01:02:13,829
that that is an unreasonable thing for

1680
01:02:18,200 --> 01:02:16,380
Wakefield to do why is Paul office in

1681
01:02:20,269 --> 01:02:18,210
the United States who made tens of

1682
01:02:22,880 --> 01:02:20,279
millions of dollars selling a patent on

1683
01:02:24,920 --> 01:02:22,890
a rotavirus vaccine for which he sat on

1684
01:02:27,349 --> 01:02:24,930
the committee to approve that vaccine in

1685
01:02:30,349 --> 01:02:27,359
the United States still in a job the

1686
01:02:33,650 --> 01:02:30,359
fact is that that vaccinations and

1687
01:02:35,900 --> 01:02:33,660
autism are linked in the minds of many

1688
01:02:37,640 --> 01:02:35,910

researchers Meryl that is an outrageous

1689

01:02:39,170 --> 01:02:37,650

thing for you to say you were ordered by

1690

01:02:41,660 --> 01:02:39,180

the Australian healthcare Complaints

1691

01:02:43,640 --> 01:02:41,670

Commission to put a disclaimer on your

1692

01:02:45,710 --> 01:02:43,650

website that's saying that saying that

1693

01:02:48,079 --> 01:02:45,720

there is no link and here you are no

1694

01:02:51,890 --> 01:02:48,089

non-metropolitan radio we were spreading

1695

01:02:53,510 --> 01:02:51,900

your misinformation I'm absolutely not

1696

01:02:55,670 --> 01:02:53,520

wrong about that Meryl our Complaints

1697

01:02:57,559 --> 01:02:55,680

Commission asked us to put a warning on

1698

01:02:59,330 --> 01:02:57,569

our website to let people know that we

1699

01:03:00,680 --> 01:02:59,340

were anti-vaccination none

1700

01:03:02,630 --> 01:03:00,690

and also they found that your website

1701

01:03:04,100 --> 01:03:02,640

contains information that is incorrect

1702

01:03:05,390 --> 01:03:04,110

and misleading and quote selectively

1703

01:03:07,280 --> 01:03:05,400

from research to suggest that

1704

01:03:09,110 --> 01:03:07,290

vaccinations are dangerous i quote that

1705

01:03:11,390 --> 01:03:09,120

word for word but you just said that

1706

01:03:13,250 --> 01:03:11,400

they asked us to put a little of war yes

1707

01:03:14,660 --> 01:03:13,260

I did you had your fundraising status

1708

01:03:16,250 --> 01:03:14,670

revoked and were ordered to post a

1709

01:03:17,540 --> 01:03:16,260

disclaimer on your website I looked at

1710

01:03:19,040 --> 01:03:17,550

your website this morning there is no

1711

01:03:21,320 --> 01:03:19,050

such disclaimer I throat and we've

1712

01:03:23,240 --> 01:03:21,330

refused to do that and we are also

1713

01:03:25,040 --> 01:03:23,250

appealing that decision with the office

1714

01:03:26,210 --> 01:03:25,050

of liquor gaming and racing but in the

1715

01:03:27,470 --> 01:03:26,220

meantime you're required to post a

1716

01:03:29,210 --> 01:03:27,480

disclaimer I'll you're not writing

1717

01:03:31,160 --> 01:03:29,220

dangerous information that can lead to

1718

01:03:32,540 --> 01:03:31,170

children being killed Merrill Tracy do

1719

01:03:34,580 --> 01:03:32,550

you want to talk about Andrew Wakefield

1720

01:03:37,220 --> 01:03:34,590

and about the measles and the fact that

1721

01:03:39,470 --> 01:03:37,230

autism has increased by something over

1722

01:03:41,630 --> 01:03:39,480

two thousand percent since the

1723

01:03:43,610 --> 01:03:41,640

introduction of multiple vaccinations

1724

01:03:45,380 --> 01:03:43,620

yes Meryl and it's coincidental it has

1725

01:03:47,240 --> 01:03:45,390

been proven there is no link autism

1726

01:03:49,160 --> 01:03:47,250

rates continue personal opinion trade

1727

01:03:50,840 --> 01:03:49,170

also with autism rates and it's my

1728

01:03:52,190 --> 01:03:50,850

opinion after doing research and

1729

01:03:54,050 --> 01:03:52,200

speaking of researchers autism rates

1730

01:03:56,060 --> 01:03:54,060

continue to rise in Japan after the

1731

01:03:57,890 --> 01:03:56,070

withdrawal of the MMR vex I'd like to

1732

01:03:59,330 --> 01:03:57,900

direct people to our website where I

1733

01:04:00,710 --> 01:03:59,340

would like you I'm not in fact let's

1734

01:04:02,060 --> 01:04:00,720

just in the interview now let's just end

1735

01:04:03,920 --> 01:04:02,070

the interview that was Meryl Dory from

1736

01:04:05,600 --> 01:04:03,930

the Australian vaccination network if

1737

01:04:07,640 --> 01:04:05,610

she continues to spread this misleading

1738

01:04:09,860 --> 01:04:07,650

and deceptive information that ends up

1739

01:04:11,990 --> 01:04:09,870

killing children we will no longer have

1740

01:04:13,820 --> 01:04:12,000

her on our program we had her on our

1741

01:04:15,290 --> 01:04:13,830

program hoping that she would finally

1742

01:04:16,730 --> 01:04:15,300

once and for all after the British

1743

01:04:18,590 --> 01:04:16,740

Medical Journal put this out this

1744

01:04:20,180 --> 01:04:18,600

morning retract the dangerous

1745

01:04:22,310 --> 01:04:20,190

information she has been disseminating

1746

01:04:23,840 --> 01:04:22,320

far from retracting the dangerous

1747

01:04:26,120 --> 01:04:23,850

information that the avn is

1748

01:04:27,800 --> 01:04:26,130

disseminating Merrill has clung even

1749

01:04:30,620 --> 01:04:27,810

tighter to the poster boy for the

1750

01:04:32,330 --> 01:04:30,630

anti-vaxxers when the audio made it to

1751

01:04:34,820 --> 01:04:32,340

Twitter there was an explosion of

1752

01:04:37,160 --> 01:04:34,830

interest and pretty soon Tracey Spicer

1753

01:04:41,030 --> 01:04:37,170

stopped the avian and Merrill Dory were

1754

01:04:42,800 --> 01:04:41,040

top trending topics in Australia very

1755

01:04:44,990 --> 01:04:42,810

quickly the word spread globally and

1756

01:04:47,900 --> 01:04:45,000

retweets from Simon Singh and Phil Plait

1757

01:04:50,810 --> 01:04:47,910

appeared and then late last night pz

1758

01:04:52,430 --> 01:04:50,820

myers also blogged the audio now the old

1759

01:04:55,100 --> 01:04:52,440

adage that all publicity is good

1760

01:04:58,190 --> 01:04:55,110

publicity does not really apply to being

1761

01:05:00,290 --> 01:04:58,200

ridiculed on pz myers website Merrill

1762

01:05:02,660 --> 01:05:00,300

has responded to the interview with a

1763

01:05:05,030 --> 01:05:02,670

blog post and also an interview in the

1764

01:05:07,880 --> 01:05:05,040

Northern Star where she explains why

1765

01:05:10,790 --> 01:05:07,890

quote she supports Andrew Wakefield one

1766

01:05:12,839 --> 01:05:10,800

hundred percent I applaud his integrity

1767

01:05:15,089 --> 01:05:12,849

ethics and desire to help

1768

01:05:17,099 --> 01:05:15,099

nobody else will which is odd because

1769

01:05:19,019 --> 01:05:17,109

when she was asked recently if she's

1770

01:05:21,269 --> 01:05:19,029

still supported wakefield she had

1771

01:05:23,190 --> 01:05:21,279

trouble answering that question this

1772

01:05:26,489 --> 01:05:23,200

excerpt comes from an interview from

1773

01:05:28,529 --> 01:05:26,499

July 2010 can I just ask you about the

1774

01:05:30,089 --> 01:05:28,539

qualifications of the group the avian

1775

01:05:31,979 --> 01:05:30,099

and what they stand for you would know

1776

01:05:33,599 --> 01:05:31,989

you'd know the name of a guy called

1777

01:05:36,120 --> 01:05:33,609

andrew wakefield i do know andrew

1778

01:05:38,880 --> 01:05:36,130

wakefield you guys still support him we

1779

01:05:41,130 --> 01:05:38,890

support any research no no no no no do

1780

01:05:42,509 --> 01:05:41,140

you still support him do I support him I

1781

01:05:45,029 --> 01:05:42,519

don't give him any money if that's what

1782

01:05:46,859 --> 01:05:45,039

you know but verbally you support him

1783

01:05:49,140 --> 01:05:46,869

his ID because he was struck off the

1784

01:05:50,729 --> 01:05:49,150

United Kingdom medical register even

1785

01:05:52,140 --> 01:05:50,739

struck off the medical register and is

1786

01:05:53,969 --> 01:05:52,150

only allowed not a practicing United

1787

01:05:55,499 --> 01:05:53,979

States of America no he day he doesn't

1788

01:05:57,719 --> 01:05:55,509

practice he's never been a practicing

1789

01:06:00,599 --> 01:05:57,729

doctor he's an academic and he's still

1790

01:06:02,430 --> 01:06:00,609

in academic and um you know we know of

1791

01:06:04,499 --> 01:06:02,440

many cases where people have been struck

1792

01:06:06,539 --> 01:06:04,509

off because they simply didn't agree

1793

01:06:08,400 --> 01:06:06,549

with what the medical community filed in

1794

01:06:10,620 --> 01:06:08,410

these duties as a responsible consultant

1795

01:06:12,690 --> 01:06:10,630

the accident acted against the interests

1796

01:06:14,579 --> 01:06:12,700

of his patients no I'm sorry that's not

1797

01:06:16,049 --> 01:06:14,589

what was fair I don't know no that's why

1798

01:06:17,910 --> 01:06:16,059

I'm quoting from the United Kingdom

1799

01:06:20,339 --> 01:06:17,920

medical register and the reason why he

1800

01:06:21,900 --> 01:06:20,349

was struck off okay what is this got to

1801
01:06:23,489 --> 01:06:21,910
do with the aged Tripel see if I can

1802
01:06:25,920 --> 01:06:23,499
well I'll tell you what it's got to do

1803
01:06:28,799 --> 01:06:25,930
with this is the fact that the avian you

1804
01:06:30,479 --> 01:06:28,809
supported him in the sense that you

1805
01:06:33,630 --> 01:06:30,489
disagreed with what the United Kingdom

1806
01:06:35,489 --> 01:06:33,640
medical register did in her interview in

1807
01:06:37,620 --> 01:06:35,499
the Northern Star Meryl claimed there

1808
01:06:40,130 --> 01:06:37,630
were dozens of peer-reviewed published

1809
01:06:42,539 --> 01:06:40,140
articles supporting Wakefield's findings

1810
01:06:44,009 --> 01:06:42,549
professor boy from the National Center

1811
01:06:46,229 --> 01:06:44,019
for immunization research and

1812
01:06:49,109 --> 01:06:46,239
surveillance described her claims as

1813
01:06:50,519 --> 01:06:49,119

laughable after what the bmj revealed

1814

01:06:52,799 --> 01:06:50,529

this week and on top of all the other

1815

01:06:54,900 --> 01:06:52,809

evidence against Wakefield those who

1816

01:06:58,140 --> 01:06:54,910

continue to cling to him succeed only in

1817

01:06:59,579 --> 01:06:58,150

making themselves irrelevant so finally

1818

01:07:02,339 --> 01:06:59,589

there was trouble in the Power Balance

1819

01:07:03,989 --> 01:07:02,349

camp this week as the a triple c story

1820

01:07:07,289 --> 01:07:03,999

eventually hit international headlines

1821

01:07:09,690 --> 01:07:07,299

when popular magazine gizmodo tweeted

1822

01:07:12,420 --> 01:07:09,700

power balance admits their wristbands

1823

01:07:14,370 --> 01:07:12,430

are a scam power ballads have been

1824

01:07:16,709 --> 01:07:14,380

laying pretty low since the a triple c

1825

01:07:18,779 --> 01:07:16,719

findings came down on december the 22nd

1826

01:07:19,950 --> 01:07:18,789

quietly removing the link to the

1827

01:07:22,650 --> 01:07:19,960

australian store from their

1828

01:07:24,359 --> 01:07:22,660

international website but as the news

1829

01:07:26,579 --> 01:07:24,369

spread and people started tweeting

1830

01:07:29,809 --> 01:07:26,589

questions they went into a kind of

1831

01:07:32,099 --> 01:07:29,819

damage control just not a very good one

1832

01:07:34,799 --> 01:07:32,109

picking up on the phrase Power Balance

1833

01:07:37,380 --> 01:07:34,809

admits there they tweeted a series of

1834

01:07:39,150 --> 01:07:37,390

comments completing the sentence for

1835

01:07:41,640 --> 01:07:39,160

example Power Balance admits their

1836

01:07:43,349 --> 01:07:41,650

international fans are awesome and Power

1837

01:07:45,359 --> 01:07:43,359

Balance admits their products are worn

1838

01:07:47,640 --> 01:07:45,369

by top athletes in every sport across

1839

01:07:49,890 --> 01:07:47,650

the globe but then Power Balance did

1840

01:07:53,130 --> 01:07:49,900

something very strange they tweeted

1841

01:07:55,979 --> 01:07:53,140

quite the existing reports out there are

1842

01:07:57,599 --> 01:07:55,989

fundamentally incorrect we did not make

1843

01:08:00,690 --> 01:07:57,609

claims that our product doesn't perform

1844

01:08:04,979 --> 01:08:00,700

we stand behind our products and then

1845

01:08:06,930 --> 01:08:04,989

Power Balance works we guarantee r which

1846

01:08:09,180 --> 01:08:06,940

simply opened the floodgates for satire

1847

01:08:11,339 --> 01:08:09,190

as people began to suggest ideas as to

1848

01:08:13,920 --> 01:08:11,349

why the magic hologram only doesn't work

1849

01:08:16,410 --> 01:08:13,930

in Australia perhaps it didn't like

1850

01:08:17,970 --> 01:08:16,420

being upside down some suggested but

1851
01:08:19,439 --> 01:08:17,980
then there was more trouble for power

1852
01:08:21,660 --> 01:08:19,449
balance as it was announced that a

1853
01:08:25,079 --> 01:08:21,670
class-action suit had been filed in the

1854
01:08:27,450 --> 01:08:25,089
US according to the popular website TMZ

1855
01:08:29,419 --> 01:08:27,460
the class-action lawsuit filed this week

1856
01:08:31,769 --> 01:08:29,429
in a federal court in Los Angeles

1857
01:08:34,439 --> 01:08:31,779
alleges consumers were duped into

1858
01:08:36,599 --> 01:08:34,449
believing the hologram embedded band was

1859
01:08:39,089 --> 01:08:36,609
scientifically proven to enhance balance

1860
01:08:40,890 --> 01:08:39,099
flexibility and strength but on the back

1861
01:08:43,769 --> 01:08:40,900
of the admission to the a triple see

1862
01:08:45,740 --> 01:08:43,779
that power balance had quote no credible

1863
01:08:48,510 --> 01:08:45,750

scientific evidence that supported the

1864

01:08:50,879 --> 01:08:48,520

representation the suit alleges unfair

1865

01:08:53,459 --> 01:08:50,889

business practices and false advertising

1866

01:08:55,769 --> 01:08:53,469

it will be interesting to see how this

1867

01:08:59,149 --> 01:08:55,779

plays out power balance have apparently

1868

01:09:01,320 --> 01:08:59,159

sold around 3 million units since 2007

1869

01:09:04,260 --> 01:09:01,330

will this be the end of a hugely

1870

01:09:07,200 --> 01:09:04,270

successful marketing campaign only time

1871

01:09:08,820 --> 01:09:07,210

will tell sadly some people are still

1872

01:09:11,099 --> 01:09:08,830

tweeting to power balance to ask where

1873

01:09:12,959 --> 01:09:11,109

they can buy their products as the

1874

01:09:15,689 --> 01:09:12,969

saying goes a fool and his money are

1875

01:09:17,519 --> 01:09:15,699

soon parted and if you'd like to comment

1876

01:09:19,740 --> 01:09:17,529

on this week's episode or read the

1877

01:09:22,769 --> 01:09:19,750

transcript please head to my blog at

1878

01:09:32,910 --> 01:09:22,779

skeptics book calm and until next time

1879

01:09:37,600 --> 01:09:35,560

hey skeptics owners Phil Plait from Bad

1880

01:09:40,060 --> 01:09:37,610

Astronomy here I've recently made a

1881

01:09:42,550 --> 01:09:40,070

career change to super villain and so I

1882

01:09:44,860 --> 01:09:42,560

haven't ultimatum for you send me all of

1883

01:09:47,560 --> 01:09:44,870

your mentees and Tim Tams or else I will

1884

01:09:49,900 --> 01:09:47,570

drop a kilometer wide asteroid right

1885

01:09:51,550 --> 01:09:49,910

into Sydney Harbour now trust me you

1886

01:09:53,170 --> 01:09:51,560

don't want to have this happen and if

1887

01:09:55,330 --> 01:09:53,180

you don't believe me tune in to the

1888

01:09:57,700 --> 01:09:55,340

discovery channel australia on January

1889

01:09:59,800 --> 01:09:57,710

sixteenth and watch bad universe where I

1890

01:10:01,570 --> 01:09:59,810

will go into loving detail about what

1891

01:10:16,530 --> 01:10:01,580

happens when an asteroid that sighs

1892

01:10:21,060 --> 01:10:18,930

well that was fun thank you for

1893

01:10:23,430 --> 01:10:21,070

downloading the skeptic zone thanks for

1894

01:10:25,560 --> 01:10:23,440

letting me be a intrusion into the

1895

01:10:27,600 --> 01:10:25,570

regular proceedings here as well and a

1896

01:10:29,790 --> 01:10:27,610

huge thank you to Maynard for his

1897

01:10:31,410 --> 01:10:29,800

amazing interviews at tam i know that

1898

01:10:32,910 --> 01:10:31,420

richard has been featuring a number of

1899

01:10:35,190 --> 01:10:32,920

these interviews recently and boy

1900

01:10:39,230 --> 01:10:35,200

Maynard was just very very generous with

1901

01:10:41,760 --> 01:10:39,240

his time and is a real character a real

1902

01:10:44,010 --> 01:10:41,770

fun character but now is a real pleasure

1903

01:10:45,990 --> 01:10:44,020

to speak with him and be sure to check

1904

01:10:47,700 --> 01:10:46,000

out all the links in the show that go to

1905

01:10:49,530 --> 01:10:47,710

all the people that work so hard to do

1906

01:10:53,820 --> 01:10:49,540

all the kind of stuff and on a personal

1907

01:10:56,640 --> 01:10:53,830

note 11 gigantic not one but another

1908

01:11:00,300 --> 01:10:56,650

huge round of thanks from me to all of

1909

01:11:02,040 --> 01:11:00,310

my Australian brethren and cistern that

1910

01:11:05,250 --> 01:11:02,050

made my experience in Australia so

1911

01:11:09,120 --> 01:11:05,260

incredibly fun and just I know the word

1912

01:11:11,190 --> 01:11:09,130

is used but boy it was amazing ok look

1913

01:11:13,800 --> 01:11:11,200

out soon for the skeptic zone email

1914

01:11:15,960 --> 01:11:13,810

newsletter yes all the zone information

1915

01:11:19,830 --> 01:11:15,970

you could possibly stand sent directly

1916

01:11:21,450 --> 01:11:19,840

to your inbox hmm don't forget I have a

1917

01:11:24,500 --> 01:11:21,460

little program called the geologic

1918

01:11:28,230 --> 01:11:24,510

podcast which is at geologicpodcast.com

1919

01:11:31,650 --> 01:11:28,240

but for now this is George Rob signing

1920

01:11:35,990 --> 01:11:31,660

off from Bethlehem Pennsylvania Dubai

1921

01:11:42,020 --> 01:11:38,000

you've been listening to the skeptic

1922

01:11:45,800 --> 01:11:42,030

zone visit our website at www.skeptics

1923

01:11:49,420 --> 01:11:45,810

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