

The Skeptic Zone



Joel Pittman

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00:00:23,590 --> 00:00:09,080
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:28,850 --> 00:00:26,540
hello from Sydney Australia Richard

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00:00:32,650 --> 00:00:28,860
Saunders here for the skeptic Zone

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00:00:38,979 --> 00:00:32,660
episode number 155 for the eighth of

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00:00:42,920 --> 00:00:38,989
October 2011 and yes I have a cold Oh

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00:00:46,790 --> 00:00:42,930
modern science hurry up and discover the

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00:00:48,470 --> 00:00:46,800
cure the cure for the common cold well

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00:00:50,900 --> 00:00:48,480
this is very common cold this one it's

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00:00:53,660 --> 00:00:50,910
particularly common it's a stuffed up

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00:00:56,570 --> 00:00:53,670
nose a bit of sneezing feeling slightly

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00:01:01,430 --> 00:00:56,580
tired bad sleep yeah pretty

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00:01:03,740 --> 00:01:01,440
run-of-the-mill cold oh well I'll forget

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00:01:06,830 --> 00:01:03,750

about it for the next hour because

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00:01:09,020 --> 00:01:06,840

coming up on this episode of the skeptic

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00:01:11,929 --> 00:01:09,030

zone very shortly I'm going to tell you

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00:01:14,719 --> 00:01:11,939

all about some great skeptical activism

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00:01:18,580 --> 00:01:14,729

success here in Australia with another

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00:01:22,460 --> 00:01:18,590

one of these wacko crazy bizarre energy

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00:01:24,230 --> 00:01:22,470

bands it's coming up very soon and also

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00:01:26,929 --> 00:01:24,240

on the show we have a talk by Joel

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00:01:30,200 --> 00:01:26,939

Pittman has given it Sydney skeptics in

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00:01:34,810 --> 00:01:30,210

the pub all about what it was like not

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00:01:37,700 --> 00:01:34,820

so many years ago to be a an outreach

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00:01:40,969 --> 00:01:37,710

person and outreach with the youth

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00:01:43,849 --> 00:01:40,979

ministry of a Pentecostal church very

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00:01:45,739 --> 00:01:43,859
interesting stuff and now their mindset

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00:01:49,520 --> 00:01:45,749
was when they went into schools and I

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00:01:54,319 --> 00:01:49,530
was quite horrified to learn how easy it

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00:01:56,899 --> 00:01:54,329
is for people with the badge of religion

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00:01:59,630 --> 00:01:56,909
how easy it is for them sometimes to

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00:02:02,989 --> 00:01:59,640
have access to children in schools we

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00:02:08,660 --> 00:02:02,999
will learn more a little bit later in

33
00:02:11,630 --> 00:02:08,670
the show and to wrap up the show we have

34
00:02:13,850 --> 00:02:11,640
a series of our little interviews sort

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00:02:16,370 --> 00:02:13,860
of sparked off by a discussion that our

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00:02:21,280 --> 00:02:16,380
reporter main our head with me a few

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00:02:24,680 --> 00:02:21,290
days ago about the term debunker and

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00:02:26,570 --> 00:02:24,690

what people think of that term is it

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00:02:29,270 --> 00:02:26,580

better than skeptic is it worse than

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00:02:32,720 --> 00:02:29,280

skeptic should we not use it when is it

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00:02:33,980 --> 00:02:32,730

their appropriate to use it skeptics and

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00:02:36,890 --> 00:02:33,990

deep bunkers

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00:02:39,890 --> 00:02:36,900

a series of interviews of lots of people

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00:02:44,030 --> 00:02:39,900

at skeptics in the pub coming up but to

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00:02:53,080 --> 00:02:44,040

wrap up the show but first some news the

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00:02:56,090 --> 00:02:53,090

website of Mamma Mia wwm am a Mau Mau

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00:02:58,070 --> 00:02:56,100

has almost gone into meltdown if sites

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00:03:00,830 --> 00:02:58,080

can go into meltdown these days because

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00:03:04,550 --> 00:03:00,840

our very own dr. Richie wrote a blog

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00:03:09,530 --> 00:03:04,560

post there called nine vaccination myths

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00:03:13,970 --> 00:03:09,540
busted with science and it's been widely

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00:03:17,510 --> 00:03:13,980
reported it's a it's an excellent blog

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00:03:20,030 --> 00:03:17,520
post if you just Google nine vaccination

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00:03:21,620 --> 00:03:20,040
myths and Rachel Dunlop you'll find the

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00:03:24,620 --> 00:03:21,630
article very easily because the URLs

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00:03:27,470 --> 00:03:24,630
very long just google it but what's very

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00:03:30,950 --> 00:03:27,480
interesting is that the number of

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00:03:35,540 --> 00:03:30,960
comments it's insane oh boy what is it

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00:03:38,230 --> 00:03:35,550
as I look now it's 745 and Brian the

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00:03:40,670 --> 00:03:38,240
anti-vaxxers have got on their big time

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00:03:42,350 --> 00:03:40,680
accusing Rachel of being in the pocket

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00:03:45,290 --> 00:03:42,360
of big pharma well that's nothing new

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00:03:47,120 --> 00:03:45,300

she's been accused of that long time so

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00:03:49,880 --> 00:03:47,130

have I I think so has anybody with a

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00:03:55,220 --> 00:03:49,890

skeptical mind pushing real medicine and

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00:03:58,700 --> 00:03:55,230

vaccination anyway ah so much attention

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00:04:01,190 --> 00:03:58,710

was given to this blog post by the sheer

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00:04:04,160 --> 00:04:01,200

volume of traffic going through that

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00:04:07,060 --> 00:04:04,170

Rachel was invited on the television

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00:04:10,670 --> 00:04:07,070

program of mia freedman the lady behind

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00:04:13,160 --> 00:04:10,680

mamma mia website and she was in the

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00:04:16,220 --> 00:04:13,170

studio just a few days ago and that I

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00:04:20,450 --> 00:04:16,230

believe will be on Sky News here in

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Australia this coming Friday fear not if

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00:04:26,120 --> 00:04:24,450

you go to mama mia condotta you next

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00:04:28,670 --> 00:04:26,130
week you can probably see that episode

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00:04:32,750 --> 00:04:28,680
as they archive it and make it available

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00:04:36,410 --> 00:04:32,760
for you anyway worth checking out so

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00:04:38,540 --> 00:04:36,420
Google Rachel Dunlop nine vaccination

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00:04:40,940 --> 00:04:38,550
myths and you'll find out more now a

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00:04:44,090 --> 00:04:40,950
good friend and former skeptic zone

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00:04:46,420 --> 00:04:44,100
reporter Michael will hand has asked me

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00:04:49,060 --> 00:04:46,430
to mention that

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00:04:52,810 --> 00:04:49,070
in November November the second in fact

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00:04:56,830 --> 00:04:52,820
at the parliament house in canberra we

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00:04:59,530 --> 00:04:56,840
have cults in australia facing the

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00:05:01,930 --> 00:04:59,540
realities a national conference and this

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00:05:07,600 --> 00:05:01,940

is by the cold information and family

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00:05:10,090 --> 00:05:07,610

support inc or C ifs the objective of

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00:05:12,670 --> 00:05:10,100

the conference is to focus attention on

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and recommend safeguards against a

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serious harm caused by destructive cults

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in Australia now if you're interested or

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concerned about this sort of thing maybe

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00:05:26,740 --> 00:05:23,780

you know somebody who has got themselves

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a tangled up in a cult the best thing to

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do is to go to the website for more

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information and that's wwc ifs oga you

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00:05:42,010 --> 00:05:40,460

so remember that's early November

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00:05:46,060 --> 00:05:42,020

Wednesday the second of November

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00:05:50,140 --> 00:05:46,070
starting at 9am in our nation's capital

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00:05:52,960 --> 00:05:50,150
and now we get to the successful

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00:05:55,540 --> 00:05:52,970
skeptical activism I mentioned a little

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00:05:58,240 --> 00:05:55,550
while ago now it came to our attention

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00:06:01,180 --> 00:05:58,250
not so long ago that the rebels sport

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00:06:05,560 --> 00:06:01,190
the rebel sport chain here in Australia

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00:06:08,080 --> 00:06:05,570
which sell shoes and socks and running

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00:06:11,140 --> 00:06:08,090
the equipment and exercise machines and

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00:06:15,450 --> 00:06:11,150
all great things for sport we're selling

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00:06:19,410 --> 00:06:15,460
something called the NRG the NRG

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00:06:23,170 --> 00:06:19,420
titanium ion band and it looks

112
00:06:25,830 --> 00:06:23,180
surprisingly similar well sort of to the

113
00:06:30,610 --> 00:06:25,840

old power balance band the one that was

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00:06:34,600 --> 00:06:30,620

debunked and shut down here in Australia

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00:06:36,970 --> 00:06:34,610

now as it happens rebel sport last year

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00:06:40,330 --> 00:06:36,980

were selling the power balance band so

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00:06:43,410 --> 00:06:40,340

we were surprised very surprised to see

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00:06:47,050 --> 00:06:43,420

that they had simply taken up the next

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00:06:48,820 --> 00:06:47,060

band making all sorts of amazing claim

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00:06:51,310 --> 00:06:48,830

so we were quite surprised and saddened

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00:06:54,310 --> 00:06:51,320

to see this so we thought would take

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00:06:57,550 --> 00:06:54,320

some pretty quick and direct action so

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00:07:00,310 --> 00:06:57,560

here is the letter we wrote to both

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00:07:03,280 --> 00:07:00,320

rebel sport and to the ni

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00:07:06,940 --> 00:07:03,290

gee company the producers of this rubber

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00:07:10,930 --> 00:07:06,950

wristband and also publish on our

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00:07:13,420 --> 00:07:10,940

website as an open letter Ozzy's love

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00:07:17,110 --> 00:07:13,430

their support and love affair go for all

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00:07:19,750 --> 00:07:17,120

rebel sport provides a range of sporting

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00:07:22,300 --> 00:07:19,760

accessories on which everyday people and

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00:07:24,640 --> 00:07:22,310

athletes rely to get the most out of

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00:07:27,280 --> 00:07:24,650

their sporting life it is therefore

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00:07:29,050 --> 00:07:27,290

disappointing to see that rebel sport is

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00:07:32,500 --> 00:07:29,060

selling something that in our opinion

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00:07:35,980 --> 00:07:32,510

does not and cannot live up to the

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00:07:39,040 --> 00:07:35,990

marketing claims the NRG titanium iron

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00:07:41,410 --> 00:07:39,050

band currently being sold via rebel

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00:07:43,900 --> 00:07:41,420

sports outlets seems to be yet another

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00:07:46,570 --> 00:07:43,910

in the long line of so-called power

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00:07:50,170 --> 00:07:46,580

bands rubber wristbands that claim to

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00:07:53,080 --> 00:07:50,180

aid sporting performance and health it

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00:07:55,690 --> 00:07:53,090

was not so long ago rebel sport was

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00:07:59,140 --> 00:07:55,700

selling the now debunked power balance

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00:08:01,900 --> 00:07:59,150

band if this wristband was merely being

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00:08:03,850 --> 00:08:01,910

touted as a fashion accessory we would

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00:08:05,890 --> 00:08:03,860

have no objections to rebel sports

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00:08:09,910 --> 00:08:05,900

decision to stock and promote it to

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00:08:12,880 --> 00:08:09,920

customers however NRG and rebel sport as

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00:08:16,450 --> 00:08:12,890

stockists are selling a product which is

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00:08:20,470 --> 00:08:16,460

making questionable but testable medical

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00:08:23,800 --> 00:08:20,480
claims NRG publicly states that it quote

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00:08:27,550 --> 00:08:23,810
has made a breakthrough in negative ion

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00:08:29,380 --> 00:08:27,560
technology and quote if so we would very

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00:08:32,530 --> 00:08:29,390
much like to see the peer-reviewed

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00:08:35,740 --> 00:08:32,540
scientific studies it sounds very much

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00:08:38,290 --> 00:08:35,750
to us that NRG are simply using

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00:08:42,219 --> 00:08:38,300
scientific sounding words and terms in

158
00:08:44,530 --> 00:08:42,229
order to market their product some of

159
00:08:47,910 --> 00:08:44,540
the medical claims made by the NRG

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00:08:50,800 --> 00:08:47,920
company are that benefits may include

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00:08:54,340 --> 00:08:50,810
increased blood flow increased

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00:08:59,230 --> 00:08:54,350
circulation revitalization of red blood

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00:09:01,240 --> 00:08:59,240

cells neutralize free radicals there is

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00:09:03,130 --> 00:09:01,250

no credible evidence that this product

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00:09:05,980 --> 00:09:03,140

can alter the physiology of the human

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00:09:08,230 --> 00:09:05,990

body and until the manufacturer

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00:09:10,600 --> 00:09:08,240

demonstrates this with actual scientific

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00:09:13,420 --> 00:09:10,610

studies then they are potentially

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00:09:15,820 --> 00:09:13,430

misleading customers with claims about

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00:09:19,389 --> 00:09:15,830

benefits which their product may not

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00:09:22,960 --> 00:09:19,399

have upon reviewing the medical evidence

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put forward by NRG dr. Steven novella

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00:09:30,000 --> 00:09:26,600

assistant professor of neurology at Yale

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00:09:33,160 --> 00:09:30,010

University School of Medicine said quote

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none of the proper controls are in place

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00:09:39,070 --> 00:09:35,959
to make the information anything other

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00:09:41,050 --> 00:09:39,080
than a marketing demonstration similar

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00:09:44,530 --> 00:09:41,060
to the parlor tricks used by power

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00:09:46,750 --> 00:09:44,540
balance end quote and quote there is

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00:09:49,480 --> 00:09:46,760
every reason to believe that these

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00:09:53,110 --> 00:09:49,490
titanium bands are medically worthless

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00:09:55,840 --> 00:09:53,120
and quote just like the ill-fated Power

183
00:09:58,329 --> 00:09:55,850
Balance product before them NRG rely

184
00:10:02,199 --> 00:09:58,339
heavily on testimonials from sporting

185
00:10:05,410 --> 00:10:02,209
stars notably from the NRL that's the

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00:10:08,260 --> 00:10:05,420
National Rugby League however while no

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00:10:10,570 --> 00:10:08,270
doubt heartfelt and sincere they are not

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00:10:14,320 --> 00:10:10,580

evidence that the product works as

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00:10:17,199 --> 00:10:14,330

claimed Australian skeptics urge rebel

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00:10:20,440 --> 00:10:17,209

sport to reconsider their decision to

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sell the NRG titanium ion band if

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00:10:25,360 --> 00:10:23,060

however NRG and rebel sports stand

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00:10:29,310 --> 00:10:25,370

behind the claims of the titanium iron

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00:10:33,870 --> 00:10:29,320

band we invite them to apply for our

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00:10:36,820 --> 00:10:33,880

\$100,000 prize Australian skeptics Inc

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now that open letter was posted on the

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00:10:45,190 --> 00:10:39,740

Australian skeptics website on sep

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00:10:48,820 --> 00:10:45,200

tember 26th and on sep tember 30th rebel

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00:10:51,460 --> 00:10:48,830

sport twittered the following we

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00:10:54,370 --> 00:10:51,470

appreciate feedback regarding and RG

201
00:10:57,940 --> 00:10:54,380
titanium iron bands we are discussing

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00:11:01,470 --> 00:10:57,950
with energy and have decided to remove

203
00:11:03,640 --> 00:11:01,480
the product from sale in our stores I

204
00:11:08,400 --> 00:11:03,650
think we need to thank all those people

205
00:11:10,540 --> 00:11:08,410
who are retweeted our original posting

206
00:11:13,690 --> 00:11:10,550
certainly brought it to the attention of

207
00:11:16,030 --> 00:11:13,700
rebel sport and Australian skeptics also

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00:11:18,639 --> 00:11:16,040
congratulate rebel sport for taking this

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00:11:21,550 --> 00:11:18,649
action one that puts their customers

210
00:11:25,720 --> 00:11:21,560
first it is another good example of

211
00:11:26,510 --> 00:11:25,730
skeptical activism at work well on that

212
00:11:29,650 --> 00:11:26,520
six

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00:11:32,360 --> 00:11:29,660

full of that very successful night I

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00:11:34,970 --> 00:11:32,370

will leave you now as I run downstairs

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00:11:38,150 --> 00:11:34,980

to for my what will it be this week

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00:11:40,910 --> 00:11:38,160

vodka martini stirred not shaken down

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00:11:46,160 --> 00:11:40,920

gin and tonic hot chocolate in the air

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00:11:47,390 --> 00:11:46,170

chicken soup mmm cold medicine ah I'm

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00:11:50,360 --> 00:11:47,400

gonna sit down and have some cold

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medicine and let you enjoy the skeptics

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00:12:11,450 --> 00:12:08,060

a recent speaker at Sydney's skeptics in

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the pub was Joel Pittman now his family

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00:12:16,370 --> 00:12:13,529

joined a Pentecostal church when he was

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only four and he himself was actively

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involved in youth ministry leadership

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from the age of 15 well I actually want

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to start tonight what I'm gonna be

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talking about is the Evangelic or

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movement and I would take that sort of

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encompass you know charismatic San

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Pentecostals who would see themselves a

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slightly different as well as and I want

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to I want to talk about them but

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00:12:52,100 --> 00:12:48,960

slightly through the frame of their

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00:12:55,280 --> 00:12:52,110

involvement with Scripture and scripture

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00:12:56,870 --> 00:12:55,290

and in public high schools now for

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00:12:59,150 --> 00:12:56,880

anyone who hasn't met me before it

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doesn't know me I was a youth pastor for

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a couple of years I grew up in a

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00:13:06,860 --> 00:13:05,460

Pentecostal evangelical church and my

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00:13:08,480 --> 00:13:06,870

involvement is sort of extended to

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00:13:11,780 --> 00:13:08,490

teaching Scripture and a couple of state

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high schools in the western suburbs III

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00:13:15,110 --> 00:13:13,560

thought what might be good and for

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00:13:17,600 --> 00:13:15,120

anyone who had me speak at skeptic camp

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this is what I did at skeptic amp was to

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00:13:26,210 --> 00:13:21,960

talk about how the Avenger local church

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00:13:28,910 --> 00:13:26,220

works in high schools and also on that

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00:13:32,120 --> 00:13:28,920

ground how they work on indoctrinating

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00:13:35,060 --> 00:13:32,130

children with both state and community

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00:13:39,140 --> 00:13:35,070

funding to get young children to join

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00:13:41,240 --> 00:13:39,150

their churches now this seems too many

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00:13:44,060 --> 00:13:41,250

people when I talk to them they often

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00:13:45,410 --> 00:13:44,070

say that doesn't happen or or you see a

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00:13:46,760 --> 00:13:45,420

little bit about like say access

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00:13:48,350 --> 00:13:46,770

ministries and things like that and they

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00:13:50,329 --> 00:13:48,360

make a slip up at a conference but

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00:13:51,800 --> 00:13:50,339

surely most of the people that go in a

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00:13:55,460 --> 00:13:51,810

trained and they have some understanding

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00:13:57,050 --> 00:13:55,470

of what they're doing so I thought what

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00:13:58,970 --> 00:13:57,060

I might do tonight is a very abridged

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version of taking you through what it

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might be like for you as a student in a

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school going to one of the scripture

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classes that I taught we would start

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week one where we'd introduce the

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00:14:10,400 --> 00:14:08,970

concept of God that would mean basically

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00:14:11,710 --> 00:14:10,410

introduced I'm Adam of course I mean the

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00:14:15,730 --> 00:14:11,720

Christian God because there isn't

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00:14:17,499 --> 00:14:15,740

other one and an explaining why he is

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00:14:19,420 --> 00:14:17,509

actually the right God and that if

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00:14:20,980 --> 00:14:19,430

you've chosen another one then you know

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00:14:23,439 --> 00:14:20,990

well don't worry we'll get to that in a

274

00:14:25,569 --> 00:14:23,449

couple of weeks time but explaining who

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00:14:28,269 --> 00:14:25,579

God is and starting to introduce who

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00:14:30,309 --> 00:14:28,279

Jesus is etc now at this point it's all

277

00:14:32,290 --> 00:14:30,319

very nice and quite rosy and you know

278

00:14:34,090 --> 00:14:32,300

well this is just you know some of our

279

00:14:35,530 --> 00:14:34,100

beliefs and we're great and we're all

280

00:14:37,300 --> 00:14:35,540

interested in all your opinions about

281

00:14:39,759 --> 00:14:37,310

everything and isn't it you know nice

282

00:14:41,350 --> 00:14:39,769

and then the next week they come in and

283

00:14:43,420 --> 00:14:41,360

we start we talk about what we would

284

00:14:45,069 --> 00:14:43,430

have deemed loosely as morality and i

285

00:14:46,990 --> 00:14:45,079

suppose what what they're trying to

286

00:14:49,090 --> 00:14:47,000

argue now is what what Scripture teaches

287

00:14:50,530 --> 00:14:49,100

currently do is teach a form of ethics

288

00:14:51,910 --> 00:14:50,540

which is where we would come in and then

289

00:14:55,509 --> 00:14:51,920

we'd say introducing the Ten

290

00:14:57,610 --> 00:14:55,519

Commandments now what anyone who is not

291

00:14:59,470 --> 00:14:57,620

read the Ten Commandments not

292

00:15:01,449 --> 00:14:59,480

particularly good but will most of them

293

00:15:03,519 --> 00:15:01,459

are particularly good so and we'd make

294

00:15:05,439 --> 00:15:03,529

the you know pretty false argument now

295

00:15:08,259 --> 00:15:05,449

that I would understand now is that you

296

00:15:10,329 --> 00:15:08,269

know most of our law is based on content

297

00:15:13,420 --> 00:15:10,339

commandments of course large parts of it

298

00:15:15,129 --> 00:15:13,430

or not now we would go through then with

299

00:15:16,530 --> 00:15:15,139

them and explain this would be by week

300

00:15:19,689 --> 00:15:16,540

three would be explaining to them how

301

00:15:23,439 --> 00:15:19,699

whether they know it or not they've

302

00:15:24,790 --> 00:15:23,449

broken all these Commandments you know

303

00:15:26,860 --> 00:15:24,800

if you ever had a if you ever been

304

00:15:28,090 --> 00:15:26,870

really angry at you did you know ever

305

00:15:29,679 --> 00:15:28,100

had that moment you've just told your

306

00:15:31,240 --> 00:15:29,689

dad you're going you know stick it and

307

00:15:32,470 --> 00:15:31,250

you've been really mad and you've

308

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

thought something really badly about

309

00:15:36,699 --> 00:15:34,490

anymore you've ever you know thought

310

00:15:38,019 --> 00:15:36,709

about having sex with someone you know

311

00:15:39,460 --> 00:15:38,029

if you just think about these things

312

00:15:43,809 --> 00:15:39,470

you've actually committed the crime and

313

00:15:45,999 --> 00:15:43,819

you're guilty and I find it really hard

314

00:15:48,249 --> 00:15:46,009

now I mean this is for me this is it

315

00:15:49,929 --> 00:15:48,259

seems quite recent history but so far

316

00:15:52,900 --> 00:15:49,939

removed that I've struggled to say it

317

00:15:54,970 --> 00:15:52,910

now with a straight face no I really do

318

00:15:56,619 --> 00:15:54,980

like you know to me it seems so removed

319

00:15:58,540 --> 00:15:56,629

from where i am now that to send here

320

00:16:00,850 --> 00:15:58,550

and talk to you it seems like i might be

321

00:16:02,949 --> 00:16:00,860

setting up for a really bad joke but I'm

322

00:16:04,900 --> 00:16:02,959

not this is quite seriously what they

323

00:16:05,829 --> 00:16:04,910

would come in until and then of course

324

00:16:08,259 --> 00:16:05,839

you know so you go through the Ten

325

00:16:09,699 --> 00:16:08,269

Commandments and then you know the one

326

00:16:12,160 --> 00:16:09,709

of the worst discussions that i can

327

00:16:14,199 --> 00:16:12,170

remember which was a common discussion

328

00:16:16,150 --> 00:16:14,209

would be better us there was there was a

329

00:16:17,470 --> 00:16:16,160

section in our course we actually are

330

00:16:19,480 --> 00:16:17,480

students if they had lost the virginity

331

00:16:21,429 --> 00:16:19,490

or not and explaining how that was

332

00:16:22,809 --> 00:16:21,439

really an affront to God and how you

333

00:16:24,199 --> 00:16:22,819

know you can't repair that and how it's

334

00:16:26,239 --> 00:16:24,209

going to damage and ruin your life

335

00:16:30,559 --> 00:16:26,249

you know forever because you've you've

336

00:16:32,900 --> 00:16:30,569

taken these steps now they move pretty

337

00:16:34,460 --> 00:16:32,910

quickly past that and then you know by

338

00:16:36,879 --> 00:16:34,470

this point yeah at this point the kids

339

00:16:39,230 --> 00:16:36,889

of course are well and truly going will

340

00:16:40,759 --> 00:16:39,240

holy crap you know what do we what do we

341

00:16:42,199 --> 00:16:40,769

do we've pissed off we've pissed off

342

00:16:47,030 --> 00:16:42,209

this guy that we didn't know existed

343

00:16:48,439 --> 00:16:47,040

until a few weeks ago and and what are

344

00:16:50,809 --> 00:16:48,449

we supposed to do you know is there

345

00:16:52,939 --> 00:16:50,819

anything we can do well actually because

346

00:16:54,230 --> 00:16:52,949

you've done these things it's not that

347

00:16:56,350 --> 00:16:54,240

doesn't stop there because you've done

348

00:16:59,090 --> 00:16:56,360

these things you know so weak week five

349

00:17:01,220 --> 00:16:59,100

there's this place called Hill which is

350

00:17:04,639 --> 00:17:01,230

reserved for people who have broken

351

00:17:07,960 --> 00:17:04,649

these laws so unfortunately because

352

00:17:10,639 --> 00:17:07,970

you've done these things um hell is um

353

00:17:12,829 --> 00:17:10,649

so I mean I'm I'm just telling you I

354

00:17:15,139 --> 00:17:12,839

have to tell you because I really love

355

00:17:17,029 --> 00:17:15,149

you and I really care about you and I

356

00:17:18,799 --> 00:17:17,039

really hope that you know you get this

357

00:17:20,569 --> 00:17:18,809

right and yeah well what do we do well

358

00:17:24,490 --> 00:17:20,579

fortunately there's this guy called

359

00:17:26,899 --> 00:17:24,500

Jesus right and you know if you just

360

00:17:31,490 --> 00:17:26,909

tell him that you love him and you're

361

00:17:33,889 --> 00:17:31,500

sorry then he will take away all those

362

00:17:35,450 --> 00:17:33,899

things that you did and everything will

363

00:17:38,810 --> 00:17:35,460

be wonderful again so we create a

364

00:17:40,460 --> 00:17:38,820

problem than we solve it and and what we

365

00:17:41,779 --> 00:17:40,470

would do in the last week and this

366

00:17:45,470 --> 00:17:41,789

usually gets people's hackles up

367

00:17:47,060 --> 00:17:45,480

including my own now is in the last last

368

00:17:49,159 --> 00:17:47,070

session what we do is we'd have the

369

00:17:52,010 --> 00:17:49,169

whole group we'd have a whole class of

370

00:17:55,159 --> 00:17:52,020

kids about 30 kids at a time we'd have

371

00:17:56,659 --> 00:17:55,169

30 kids who would we'd go guys would you

372

00:17:58,340 --> 00:17:56,669

mind just you know closing your eyes for

373

00:17:59,870 --> 00:17:58,350

a moment and we want to give you some

374

00:18:02,149 --> 00:17:59,880

thought about everything that we spoken

375

00:18:04,490 --> 00:18:02,159

about in the last few weeks you know and

376

00:18:06,260 --> 00:18:04,500

if you if you're serious about moving

377

00:18:09,919 --> 00:18:06,270

past all those awful things that you've

378

00:18:13,460 --> 00:18:09,929

done and you're serious about making

379

00:18:17,240 --> 00:18:13,470

things right then what we want you to do

380

00:18:18,649 --> 00:18:17,250

is accept Jesus into your life and you

381

00:18:19,880 --> 00:18:18,659

know while your eyes are all closed we

382

00:18:23,450 --> 00:18:19,890

won't just pop your hand up if you'd

383

00:18:25,690 --> 00:18:23,460

like to do that now at a guess how many

384

00:18:30,649 --> 00:18:25,700

people would you say pop their hands up

385

00:18:32,269 --> 00:18:30,659

30 yeah exactly 30 30 easily ever if we

386

00:18:34,190 --> 00:18:32,279

if we didn't have one it was usually

387

00:18:36,500 --> 00:18:34,200

yeah we had one out every now and then

388

00:18:37,430 --> 00:18:36,510

it was a surprise but invariably the

389

00:18:40,039 --> 00:18:37,440

whole room went

390

00:18:41,419 --> 00:18:40,049

and then that was good because and this

391

00:18:43,159 --> 00:18:41,429

was in school while you know it's all in

392

00:18:45,980 --> 00:18:43,169

school times I was never supervised by

393

00:18:47,269 --> 00:18:45,990

teachers at any stage of the game no one

394

00:18:50,049 --> 00:18:47,279

seemed to be interested that I was in

395

00:18:53,419 --> 00:18:50,059

classes telling kids these things at all

396

00:18:55,029 --> 00:18:53,429

you know and I say I just be happily go

397

00:18:57,769 --> 00:18:55,039

away and we'd hand them permission slips

398

00:18:59,240 --> 00:18:57,779

which they could then take home to their

399

00:19:00,680 --> 00:18:59,250

parents to sign once they'd made this

400

00:19:03,320 --> 00:19:00,690

wonderful decision to commit their lives

401
00:19:05,869 --> 00:19:03,330
to Jesus they could take this permission

402
00:19:07,249 --> 00:19:05,879
slip home and if their parents send them

403
00:19:09,710 --> 00:19:07,259
back they get sent away to this

404
00:19:11,930 --> 00:19:09,720
wonderful church camp which we used to

405
00:19:14,240 --> 00:19:11,940
call encounter weekends now has anyone

406
00:19:15,649 --> 00:19:14,250
been involved in the Avenger willful

407
00:19:17,990 --> 00:19:15,659
movement at all and heard of these

408
00:19:22,340 --> 00:19:18,000
things for encounter Wiccans I mean

409
00:19:23,539 --> 00:19:22,350
account of weekend is kind of like well

410
00:19:26,720 --> 00:19:23,549
now I would loosely term it as

411
00:19:28,580 --> 00:19:26,730
brainwashing now but but they the idea

412
00:19:30,830 --> 00:19:28,590
of an encounter weekend so you come away

413
00:19:31,940 --> 00:19:30,840

with the church and you're separated

414

00:19:33,619 --> 00:19:31,950

male and female you're not allowed to

415

00:19:35,570 --> 00:19:33,629

have mobile phones you don't have any

416

00:19:39,499 --> 00:19:35,580

contact with your family and you spend a

417

00:19:42,440 --> 00:19:39,509

weekend away where basically you get

418

00:19:44,299 --> 00:19:42,450

this huge form when you come in and they

419

00:19:46,009 --> 00:19:44,309

teach you how to speak in tongues they

420

00:19:47,869 --> 00:19:46,019

spend a weekend casting demons out of

421

00:19:49,389 --> 00:19:47,879

kids who might have been them and

422

00:19:52,580 --> 00:19:49,399

possessed without their knowledge

423

00:19:54,320 --> 00:19:52,590

throughout that xperia and and then we

424

00:19:55,759 --> 00:19:54,330

spend this time with a they do this sort

425

00:19:56,960 --> 00:19:55,769

of ceremonial it's almost like a Tony

426

00:19:58,669 --> 00:19:56,970

Robbins kind of meeting you know were

427

00:19:59,930 --> 00:19:58,679

they they write down all their ticket

428

00:20:01,039 --> 00:19:59,940

like a ticket boxing where they tick off

429

00:20:02,450 --> 00:20:01,049

all the sins and things that they've

430

00:20:04,580 --> 00:20:02,460

committed or or their family members

431

00:20:06,470 --> 00:20:04,590

might have committed so so generational

432

00:20:08,389 --> 00:20:06,480

sins will they call it and you took off

433

00:20:09,649 --> 00:20:08,399

all those things and then you keep on

434

00:20:11,119 --> 00:20:09,659

your hot little hand they make a big

435

00:20:12,769 --> 00:20:11,129

fire and you chuck your sins into the

436

00:20:17,930 --> 00:20:12,779

fire and then you thank God for giving

437

00:20:20,749 --> 00:20:17,940

you now so you get to the end of that

438

00:20:22,009 --> 00:20:20,759

and then you know the kids come back and

439

00:20:23,509 --> 00:20:22,019

then they go straight into something

440

00:20:25,820 --> 00:20:23,519

which used to be called cell groups and

441

00:20:28,129 --> 00:20:25,830

which became really unpopular after

442

00:20:29,119 --> 00:20:28,139

September September 11 so that's what

443

00:20:31,580 --> 00:20:29,129

that will call this is what they were

444

00:20:33,980 --> 00:20:31,590

called I'm sorry so we have this cell

445

00:20:35,419 --> 00:20:33,990

group meetings yes over its own is a

446

00:20:37,639 --> 00:20:35,429

wonderful thing you know I'm strong

447

00:20:40,279 --> 00:20:37,649

we're on a watch list somewhere just

448

00:20:41,930 --> 00:20:40,289

because of the name but but no they go

449

00:20:43,249 --> 00:20:41,940

through that they'd join us over for a

450

00:20:46,039 --> 00:20:43,259

small group and they do one-on-one

451

00:20:47,930 --> 00:20:46,049

discipleship I was on I'm still now

452

00:20:49,789 --> 00:20:47,940

quite astounded by the amount of parents

453

00:20:51,739 --> 00:20:49,799

who are quite happy

454

00:20:54,409 --> 00:20:51,749

just to let someone they didn't know on

455

00:20:56,930 --> 00:20:54,419

the basis that though from a church just

456

00:20:59,470 --> 00:20:56,940

come and spend isolated time with their

457

00:21:03,259 --> 00:20:59,480

children without any questions at all

458

00:21:05,600 --> 00:21:03,269

now it you know for them they're quite

459

00:21:08,899 --> 00:21:05,610

fortunate that it was me because I'm not

460

00:21:10,399 --> 00:21:08,909

criminal but um I often wonder how given

461

00:21:13,220 --> 00:21:10,409

everything in the media the parents are

462

00:21:15,979 --> 00:21:13,230

still quite willing to say yeah whatever

463

00:21:18,739 --> 00:21:15,989

please Soph you go spend time alone in

464

00:21:20,749 --> 00:21:18,749

um in their bedroom with kids talking

465

00:21:23,180 --> 00:21:20,759

about God I'm sure that's what you're

466

00:21:28,430 --> 00:21:23,190

doing and we won't check on you at all

467

00:21:30,859 --> 00:21:28,440

and and so for mine I often ask like

468

00:21:33,049 --> 00:21:30,869

what are the implications of that you

469

00:21:35,720 --> 00:21:33,059

know from that experience now most

470

00:21:37,399 --> 00:21:35,730

people here be looking now going well

471

00:21:40,159 --> 00:21:37,409

that's all that's well a nice now we can

472

00:21:42,799 --> 00:21:40,169

see the obvious problems but now I've

473

00:21:45,229 --> 00:21:42,809

spoken to so many people now where

474

00:21:47,450 --> 00:21:45,239

there's no actual solutions that are in

475

00:21:51,049 --> 00:21:47,460

place to actually deal with what's going

476

00:21:52,580 --> 00:21:51,059

on now my problem at the moment my main

477

00:21:54,619 --> 00:21:52,590

problem at the moment I don't know that

478

00:21:56,119 --> 00:21:54,629

I'd really be that upset if the Uniting

479

00:21:57,919 --> 00:21:56,129

Church just decided hey we're going to

480

00:21:59,599 --> 00:21:57,929

go do scripture in high schools now I

481

00:22:01,249 --> 00:21:59,609

get the sense about the Uniting Church

482

00:22:03,200 --> 00:22:01,259

that it might probably just be more

483

00:22:05,029 --> 00:22:03,210

about you know philosophy and ethics and

484

00:22:06,349 --> 00:22:05,039

the most uniting church people I know

485

00:22:08,359 --> 00:22:06,359

aren't even really sure if there's a God

486

00:22:11,210 --> 00:22:08,369

themselves so they don't tend to be that

487

00:22:12,889 --> 00:22:11,220

but the evangelical church is much

488

00:22:16,159 --> 00:22:12,899

different to that and they're cashed-up

489

00:22:18,529 --> 00:22:16,169

much really cashed up most of the money

490

00:22:21,109 --> 00:22:18,539

for us when we were going at teaching

491

00:22:23,149 --> 00:22:21,119

Scripture came from the large mega

492

00:22:26,090 --> 00:22:23,159

church that was you know on the corner

493

00:22:28,340 --> 00:22:26,100

wasn't Hillsong for the record that so

494

00:22:29,749 --> 00:22:28,350

it was very similar actually the bulk of

495

00:22:31,580 --> 00:22:29,759

what you see at Hillsong actually arose

496

00:22:32,389 --> 00:22:31,590

out of a church cord wasn't the time

497

00:22:35,419 --> 00:22:32,399

called penrith christian fellowship

498

00:22:38,960 --> 00:22:35,429

center and most of the ministry that

499

00:22:41,149 --> 00:22:38,970

exists in Hillsong outside of the

500

00:22:43,789 --> 00:22:41,159

Houstons was from kind of christian

501
00:22:45,560 --> 00:22:43,799
fellowship center and they started a

502
00:22:48,590 --> 00:22:45,570
huge amount of this and that's sort of

503
00:22:50,570 --> 00:22:48,600
where I grew up so you look outside of

504
00:22:53,359 --> 00:22:50,580
that whole behavior that demonology and

505
00:22:55,580 --> 00:22:53,369
everything else and this is a society

506
00:22:57,769 --> 00:22:55,590
outside of a few small small group of

507
00:23:00,049 --> 00:22:57,779
people are quite happy for people who

508
00:23:02,990 --> 00:23:00,059
are like me to go around teaching people

509
00:23:06,670 --> 00:23:03,000
is so I suppose my

510
00:23:09,980 --> 00:23:06,680
question is as more to the group is

511
00:23:14,300 --> 00:23:09,990
what's wrong with that and and why do we

512
00:23:20,270 --> 00:23:14,310
not make more noise about it and because

513
00:23:21,980 --> 00:23:20,280

I I mean I was never trained I ever I

514

00:23:24,500 --> 00:23:21,990

was never presented with any sort of

515

00:23:25,640 --> 00:23:24,510

legal guidelines or framework we're told

516

00:23:27,410 --> 00:23:25,650

that there was things that I wasn't

517

00:23:29,270 --> 00:23:27,420

allowed to say I wasn't allowed to do I

518

00:23:31,850 --> 00:23:29,280

was allowed into the school five days a

519

00:23:33,890 --> 00:23:31,860

week I was able to run my groups inside

520

00:23:36,980 --> 00:23:33,900

the school without any question or any

521

00:23:38,390 --> 00:23:36,990

supervision at any point and that wasn't

522

00:23:40,100 --> 00:23:38,400

just in one school wasn't just an

523

00:23:42,320 --> 00:23:40,110

anomaly of you know this one school and

524

00:23:44,540 --> 00:23:42,330

it was quite common for these things to

525

00:23:47,210 --> 00:23:44,550

take place where either the teachers are

526

00:23:50,510 --> 00:23:47,220

too exhausted to either have the time to

527

00:23:51,890 --> 00:23:50,520

supervise or you know the or their

528

00:23:54,680 --> 00:23:51,900

disinterested because they're not really

529

00:23:56,000 --> 00:23:54,690

paid enough to care well I suppose I

530

00:23:57,800 --> 00:23:56,010

don't know if that's fair fair to say

531

00:23:59,510 --> 00:23:57,810

that I mean you can't be everywhere and

532

00:24:01,370 --> 00:23:59,520

I'm married to a teacher and I'm she'll

533

00:24:02,480 --> 00:24:01,380

be the first person told me that she

534

00:24:06,740 --> 00:24:02,490

can't be everywhere and has no

535

00:24:08,120 --> 00:24:06,750

inclination to be so on that I think

536

00:24:12,460 --> 00:24:08,130

that sort of leaves enough for me to

537

00:24:14,690 --> 00:24:12,470

answer questions if there are any oh

538

00:24:16,970 --> 00:24:14,700

there's no no I mean there's the there's

539

00:24:18,920 --> 00:24:16,980

the the the main guy as in you're

540

00:24:20,360 --> 00:24:18,930

working with children's check but though

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00:24:21,770 --> 00:24:20,370

like when I work for the church that was

542

00:24:24,740 --> 00:24:21,780

a standard form for the church that we

543

00:24:26,230 --> 00:24:24,750

saw it so we we could produce a copy of

544

00:24:28,790 --> 00:24:26,240

that that said that they will checked

545

00:24:31,700 --> 00:24:28,800

but and so to that extent that's one

546

00:24:35,420 --> 00:24:31,710

thing but outside of I don't remember in

547

00:24:37,040 --> 00:24:35,430

two years I can't remember a I can't

548

00:24:38,690 --> 00:24:37,050

remember a teacher I think I had one

549

00:24:40,790 --> 00:24:38,700

teacher maybe in two years sort of pop

550

00:24:43,070 --> 00:24:40,800

their head in the door and show a little

551
00:24:48,710 --> 00:24:43,080
bit of being a disgruntled about what we

552
00:24:50,840 --> 00:24:48,720
were saying but it was me no no actually

553
00:24:52,430 --> 00:24:50,850
one school one school principal was was

554
00:24:56,440 --> 00:24:52,440
part of the church that was funding us

555
00:25:00,470 --> 00:24:56,450
so um he was quite ecstatic to see us

556
00:25:02,210 --> 00:25:00,480
yeah holy public public schools and so

557
00:25:04,850 --> 00:25:02,220
the money was coming from cuz this was

558
00:25:07,940 --> 00:25:04,860
in in penrith there was a protestant

559
00:25:09,200 --> 00:25:07,950
churches education board in penrith so

560
00:25:10,580 --> 00:25:09,210
we had about it's about fourteen

561
00:25:13,130 --> 00:25:10,590
thousand dollars a year that was coming

562
00:25:14,810 --> 00:25:13,140
and the bulk of that money was something

563
00:25:16,169 --> 00:25:14,820

around like 11 thousand for fourteen

564

00:25:18,840 --> 00:25:16,179

thousand dollars was coming for

565

00:25:22,109 --> 00:25:18,850

the one church who had the money the

566

00:25:23,549 --> 00:25:22,119

money to spend and so while they used to

567

00:25:24,840 --> 00:25:23,559

say it was kind of you know democratic

568

00:25:26,609 --> 00:25:24,850

you know we're all here to help each

569

00:25:29,430 --> 00:25:26,619

other and everything the bulk of the

570

00:25:30,629 --> 00:25:29,440

bulk of the students that went through

571

00:25:32,220 --> 00:25:30,639

they either went to that church will

572

00:25:34,619 --> 00:25:32,230

they they went to my youth group for a

573

00:25:36,359 --> 00:25:34,629

short period of time as well when we

574

00:25:38,129 --> 00:25:36,369

started teaching scripture I'd started

575

00:25:40,590 --> 00:25:38,139

out I had five kids in the youth program

576

00:25:43,169 --> 00:25:40,600

within a term I had 90 you know just

577

00:25:44,840 --> 00:25:43,179

from from one set of scripture classes

578

00:25:47,460 --> 00:25:44,850

that was a 10 week a 10 week program

579

00:25:50,519 --> 00:25:47,470

sorry if so question how did the kids

580

00:25:52,710 --> 00:25:50,529

actually come to oh well what we did we

581

00:25:55,019 --> 00:25:52,720

sent a we had a note that was actually

582

00:25:57,989 --> 00:25:55,029

sent out a notice that the parents had

583

00:25:59,999 --> 00:25:57,999

to opt out so they had a note sent out

584

00:26:02,340 --> 00:26:00,009

that basically said it's police sent us

585

00:26:03,570 --> 00:26:02,350

back if you have a problem not police

586

00:26:05,549 --> 00:26:03,580

send us back if you would like your

587

00:26:06,480 --> 00:26:05,559

child to attend which I would have

588

00:26:09,600 --> 00:26:06,490

thought would have been the normal way

589

00:26:11,639 --> 00:26:09,610

around but it's where we sent it yeah no

590

00:26:13,470 --> 00:26:11,649

co high school it's they though there

591

00:26:14,970 --> 00:26:13,480

was the entitlement no no we didn't know

592

00:26:17,970 --> 00:26:14,980

we had no involvement with primary

593

00:26:19,470 --> 00:26:17,980

school at all the primary school in our

594

00:26:21,960 --> 00:26:19,480

primary schools in our area where

595

00:26:24,570 --> 00:26:21,970

actually serviced by a Catholic group

596

00:26:26,369 --> 00:26:24,580

that did the whole thing and we didn't

597

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

seem largely interested it was year 7

598

00:26:37,680 --> 00:26:28,389

was where we wanted where we wanted to

599

00:26:39,239 --> 00:26:37,690

be and um I think I don't think 13 year

600

00:26:43,200 --> 00:26:39,249

olds disposable incomes any higher than

601
00:26:44,249 --> 00:26:43,210
a 10 year olds but but they know the I

602
00:26:45,210 --> 00:26:44,259
don't think it was I think it was more

603
00:26:48,419 --> 00:26:45,220
the age that they could actually

604
00:26:50,220 --> 00:26:48,429
understand the concept of of sin and

605
00:26:51,810 --> 00:26:50,230
there was nothing like there was nothing

606
00:26:53,999 --> 00:26:51,820
about me at the time I mean this is

607
00:26:56,669 --> 00:26:54,009
something that I was I was more or less

608
00:26:58,350 --> 00:26:56,679
born into there was no concept that you

609
00:26:59,940 --> 00:26:58,360
know that I was being manipulative or

610
00:27:02,159 --> 00:26:59,950
doing something untoward and I thought I

611
00:27:03,749 --> 00:27:02,169
was doing these kids a favor you know I

612
00:27:06,210 --> 00:27:03,759
was saving them from something that was

613
00:27:08,460 --> 00:27:06,220

perfectly awful for all the time you

614

00:27:10,499 --> 00:27:08,470

know so there was no sense and there was

615

00:27:12,419 --> 00:27:10,509

no one that I've known ever that that

616

00:27:15,239 --> 00:27:12,429

taught scripture who was teaching

617

00:27:17,879 --> 00:27:15,249

scripture and saying this is awful where

618

00:27:19,950 --> 00:27:17,889

are we you know snide and evil the

619

00:27:22,019 --> 00:27:19,960

bastards for doing this there was no

620

00:27:31,009 --> 00:27:22,029

sense of that at all we were doing good

621

00:27:37,289 --> 00:27:36,029

well the church is basically I they tell

622

00:27:40,350 --> 00:27:37,299

anyone who will listen not to have

623

00:27:42,090 --> 00:27:40,360

anything to do with me so that like a

624

00:27:44,090 --> 00:27:42,100

church I grew up in so socially you just

625

00:27:46,139 --> 00:27:44,100

you have no friends pretty quickly

626

00:27:48,840 --> 00:27:46,149

because which is not such a bad thing

627

00:27:50,279 --> 00:27:48,850

because I don't really have a lot in

628

00:27:51,690 --> 00:27:50,289

common with them anymore I've actually

629

00:27:55,409 --> 00:27:51,700

it's quite funny I've actually become

630

00:27:58,590 --> 00:27:55,419

the I've become like the church groups

631

00:28:00,930 --> 00:27:58,600

have become their little black priest I

632

00:28:03,389 --> 00:28:00,940

suppose in the sensor it's like you know

633

00:28:05,519 --> 00:28:03,399

because the idea is that things are

634

00:28:08,220 --> 00:28:05,529

meant to be perfect neither yeah because

635

00:28:10,799 --> 00:28:08,230

God is good and then you know it's got

636

00:28:12,659 --> 00:28:10,809

about you know having everything you

637

00:28:14,460 --> 00:28:12,669

want having a perfect life and things if

638

00:28:16,320 --> 00:28:14,470

you just do these things and everything

639

00:28:18,149 --> 00:28:16,330

works out perfectly which everyone here

640

00:28:19,619 --> 00:28:18,159

knows that they don't you know life just

641

00:28:22,379 --> 00:28:19,629

happens regardless of whether you

642

00:28:24,779 --> 00:28:22,389

professor belief or or otherwise now

643

00:28:26,970 --> 00:28:24,789

what I find now is that I the people

644

00:28:28,499 --> 00:28:26,980

will just swear what they have nothing

645

00:28:30,930 --> 00:28:28,509

to do and they will ignore me have

646

00:28:32,999 --> 00:28:30,940

nothing nothing at all to do it you know

647

00:28:34,859 --> 00:28:33,009

to the point of just out of rudeness and

648

00:28:36,269 --> 00:28:34,869

then something happens they do something

649

00:28:38,580 --> 00:28:36,279

catastrophic and they realize that if

650

00:28:40,109 --> 00:28:38,590

they tell the pastor of the church that

651
00:28:41,730 --> 00:28:40,119
they've done that they might be excluded

652
00:28:46,379 --> 00:28:41,740
from activities or isolated from people

653
00:28:48,029 --> 00:28:46,389
so they tell me instead my favorite one

654
00:28:49,499 --> 00:28:48,039
of course was the associate pastors wife

655
00:28:51,930 --> 00:28:49,509
who was like sleeping with five

656
00:28:54,119 --> 00:28:51,940
different people in the church and and

657
00:28:57,629 --> 00:28:54,129
you know she was feeling quite guilty

658
00:28:59,039 --> 00:28:57,639
about about that or so so she told me

659
00:29:01,139 --> 00:28:59,049
you know it was going on I had another

660
00:29:03,749 --> 00:29:01,149
one like the worship the worship pastor

661
00:29:07,830 --> 00:29:03,759
the worship pastor in the church as well

662
00:29:09,810 --> 00:29:07,840
who her marriage had broken down and and

663
00:29:11,600 --> 00:29:09,820

she hadn't had sex in a long time so

664

00:29:14,279 --> 00:29:11,610

it's off just doing anything with legs

665

00:29:16,320 --> 00:29:14,289

and as she was another one who calls me

666

00:29:18,690 --> 00:29:16,330

in the middle of her breakdown and and

667

00:29:20,159 --> 00:29:18,700

then of course you know the the crisis

668

00:29:21,960 --> 00:29:20,169

ends and then they go back to forgetting

669

00:29:24,810 --> 00:29:21,970

that I pretending that I don't exist in

670

00:29:29,510 --> 00:29:24,820

and and living life like it's wonderful

671

00:29:34,250 --> 00:29:29,520

and Jesus's wants me for something yeah

672

00:29:35,510 --> 00:29:34,260

oh yeah sorry what my person of what was

673

00:29:39,980 --> 00:29:35,520

my personal epiphany was the question

674

00:29:43,400 --> 00:29:39,990

and I do as it was a few I would always

675

00:29:45,200 --> 00:29:43,410

tell people that my belief in my faith

676

00:29:48,380 --> 00:29:45,210

was grounded he was not just grounded in

677

00:29:51,440 --> 00:29:48,390

one one particular thing but I'd gone to

678

00:29:52,910 --> 00:29:51,450

a you know a Pentecostal school where

679

00:29:54,740 --> 00:29:52,920

they taught something called me gwa

680

00:29:57,530 --> 00:29:54,750

which is called man in God's world there

681

00:29:59,810 --> 00:29:57,540

was no science classes and of course

682

00:30:01,280 --> 00:29:59,820

you're indoctrinated taught so well that

683

00:30:02,960 --> 00:30:01,290

when you when I didn't end up going to a

684

00:30:04,520 --> 00:30:02,970

state high school I was taught very well

685

00:30:07,640 --> 00:30:04,530

just to ignore exclude myself from

686

00:30:09,470 --> 00:30:07,650

anything that was resembling science at

687

00:30:11,770 --> 00:30:09,480

any rate so I had absolutely up until my

688

00:30:16,250 --> 00:30:11,780

mid 20s I had no concept at all of what

689

00:30:19,730 --> 00:30:16,260

evolution was in slightest so the first

690

00:30:21,290 --> 00:30:19,740

the first point was when the church made

691

00:30:23,210 --> 00:30:21,300

this big fuss about this book called The

692

00:30:26,570 --> 00:30:23,220

God Delusion and how we shouldn't read

693

00:30:28,910 --> 00:30:26,580

it and I know there was that but prior

694

00:30:30,440 --> 00:30:28,920

to that I mean there's all these things

695

00:30:32,270 --> 00:30:30,450

there's always this constant challenges

696

00:30:35,180 --> 00:30:32,280

that that that stopped making your world

697

00:30:37,760 --> 00:30:35,190

perfect you know I think from my early

698

00:30:39,860 --> 00:30:37,770

teens I'd started having anxiety attacks

699

00:30:41,420 --> 00:30:39,870

and and the church should always just

700

00:30:43,400 --> 00:30:41,430

said no that's you know the devil

701
00:30:45,560 --> 00:30:43,410
attacking you and you know demonic

702
00:30:47,510 --> 00:30:45,570
harassment you know we don't who do all

703
00:30:48,710 --> 00:30:47,520
this prayer and everything else and do

704
00:30:50,780 --> 00:30:48,720
everything that the Bible would say to

705
00:30:52,460 --> 00:30:50,790
get your life into water and that the

706
00:30:54,020 --> 00:30:52,470
problems are still occurring and so

707
00:30:55,880 --> 00:30:54,030
you'd pray some more and end up chasing

708
00:30:59,180 --> 00:30:55,890
your tail and it just makes us it even

709
00:31:00,770 --> 00:30:59,190
worse so there was that and to the point

710
00:31:01,760 --> 00:31:00,780
where i first went actually saw someone

711
00:31:03,320 --> 00:31:01,770
who knew what they were talking about

712
00:31:04,790 --> 00:31:03,330
who said well have you tried doing X Y

713
00:31:10,250 --> 00:31:04,800

Zed and they stopped almost straightaway

714

00:31:13,340 --> 00:31:10,260

oh ok so that's nice and then when I was

715

00:31:16,100 --> 00:31:13,350

about 18 my father tried to kill himself

716

00:31:18,020 --> 00:31:16,110

when my parents were divorcing and that

717

00:31:20,300 --> 00:31:18,030

kind of didn't fit into the whole church

718

00:31:21,530 --> 00:31:20,310

world view about what life was meant to

719

00:31:23,210 --> 00:31:21,540

be like and how it was meant to be

720

00:31:27,860 --> 00:31:23,220

perfect so there was there and then

721

00:31:29,450 --> 00:31:27,870

there was the persistent just crazy

722

00:31:31,400 --> 00:31:29,460

morals which I could never quite

723

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

understand I mean I told you I mean the

724

00:31:36,110 --> 00:31:33,840

first one about that young that young

725

00:31:38,030 --> 00:31:36,120

lady and how to me I still it still just

726

00:31:40,400 --> 00:31:38,040

makes me shudder that people could

727

00:31:41,780 --> 00:31:40,410

actually these are genuine people you

728

00:31:42,380 --> 00:31:41,790

had meet in a street and go I won't they

729

00:31:45,140 --> 00:31:42,390

warm

730

00:31:47,510 --> 00:31:45,150

in nice you know otherwise normal people

731

00:31:49,190 --> 00:31:47,520

and their beliefs and the morality is so

732

00:31:50,570 --> 00:31:49,200

twisted and so I mean one of the other

733

00:31:52,100 --> 00:31:50,580

ones of course when I was nuclear in the

734

00:31:55,130 --> 00:31:52,110

church I started dating and decided I

735

00:31:57,950 --> 00:31:55,140

really like having sex and and the

736

00:32:02,780 --> 00:31:57,960

church frowns on that you know so that

737

00:32:04,220 --> 00:32:02,790

was annoying yeah so i had to find a way

738

00:32:08,960 --> 00:32:04,230

around that and i thought a theist and

739

00:32:10,670 --> 00:32:08,970

was as good as anything else no no

740

00:32:12,470 --> 00:32:10,680

science science is the next big one for

741

00:32:13,760 --> 00:32:12,480

me that no I think once you know once

742

00:32:15,260 --> 00:32:13,770

what you'd sort of take two of those

743

00:32:17,750 --> 00:32:15,270

legs down things were a bit shaky and

744

00:32:19,190 --> 00:32:17,760

then you know someone I remember I was

745

00:32:21,500 --> 00:32:19,200

talking with the guy from answers in

746

00:32:23,480 --> 00:32:21,510

genesis in he'd come out he was a

747

00:32:25,160 --> 00:32:23,490

regular out at our church a lot of for a

748

00:32:26,600 --> 00:32:25,170

lot of the time and he was coming out

749

00:32:29,630 --> 00:32:26,610

doing this talking I remember him saying

750

00:32:32,450 --> 00:32:29,640

to me I'm using as an example in the

751

00:32:35,120 --> 00:32:32,460

church talking about the evolution of of

752

00:32:36,380 --> 00:32:35,130

bats and how they would have fly it at

753

00:32:39,800 --> 00:32:36,390

the cave and how they didn't always have

754

00:32:41,900 --> 00:32:39,810

wings and how many how many bats had to

755

00:32:44,650 --> 00:32:41,910

jump fall to their death before the one

756

00:32:49,850 --> 00:32:44,660

behind them when all of all wings and

757

00:32:51,590 --> 00:32:49,860

and and I you go well you know but even

758

00:32:54,380 --> 00:32:51,600

then I went no I don't think it works

759

00:32:55,610 --> 00:32:54,390

that way and I'm I don't even know

760

00:32:58,210 --> 00:32:55,620

anything but no that doesn't make sense

761

00:33:00,620 --> 00:32:58,220

I don't think that's how it works and

762

00:33:01,760 --> 00:33:00,630

and by then you know it's I'd been

763

00:33:03,260 --> 00:33:01,770

obviously sure how to answer people

764

00:33:05,480 --> 00:33:03,270

articulately and say I don't think this

765

00:33:07,670 --> 00:33:05,490

is right I came across this is quite I

766

00:33:08,990 --> 00:33:07,680

came across this excellent minister

767

00:33:11,900 --> 00:33:09,000

who'd come down who'd been completely

768

00:33:13,910 --> 00:33:11,910

outside of our little group of people

769

00:33:16,610 --> 00:33:13,920

for you know 20 odd years of my life and

770

00:33:17,870 --> 00:33:16,620

he'd come as they complete outsider and

771

00:33:19,130 --> 00:33:17,880

the first day into the church he's gone

772

00:33:21,020 --> 00:33:19,140

oh tell us all about you tell us about

773

00:33:22,940 --> 00:33:21,030

you but do you believe in everything

774

00:33:24,830 --> 00:33:22,950

else and so I just basically started

775

00:33:26,420 --> 00:33:24,840

reciting the aog Creed more or less you

776

00:33:27,980 --> 00:33:26,430

know you know the inerrant Word of God

777

00:33:30,470 --> 00:33:27,990

you have six and a half thousand years

778

00:33:32,750 --> 00:33:30,480

older they're bouncing and he looked at

779

00:33:34,190 --> 00:33:32,760

me like I had rocks in my head and he'd

780

00:33:37,010 --> 00:33:34,200

never heard he didn't know that people

781

00:33:38,630 --> 00:33:37,020

were that you know full-on he's like no

782

00:33:40,250 --> 00:33:38,640

you know evolution is kind of like a

783

00:33:43,250 --> 00:33:40,260

it's not really you're not just an idea

784

00:33:44,240 --> 00:33:43,260

and because that you know because you

785

00:33:45,860 --> 00:33:44,250

know we'd always think we're really

786

00:33:48,080 --> 00:33:45,870

intelligent you know telling people that

787

00:33:49,130 --> 00:33:48,090

you know I evolution is just a theory

788

00:33:51,170 --> 00:33:49,140

you know

789

00:33:52,490 --> 00:33:51,180

which like I said now it's been about

790

00:33:54,860 --> 00:33:52,500

four and a half years from in allen

791

00:33:56,990 --> 00:33:54,870

others I can't even imagine saying it

792

00:33:58,490 --> 00:33:57,000

now it just seems so remote to even

793

00:34:01,000 --> 00:33:58,500

suggest for a second that you would say

794

00:34:22,340 --> 00:34:01,010

that someone with a straight face but

795

00:34:25,610 --> 00:34:22,350

the Here I am nonetheless hi I'm a

796

00:34:27,200 --> 00:34:25,620

skeptic hell nurse a the wee beastie who

797

00:34:29,750 --> 00:34:27,210

lives in the look I want to talk about

798

00:34:32,300 --> 00:34:29,760

monster talk the podcast skeptically

799

00:34:34,790 --> 00:34:32,310

examines monster story oh listen to your

800

00:34:36,919 --> 00:34:34,800

fancy talk why are you just watching the

801
00:34:40,669 --> 00:34:36,929
Lulu monster shows on the teller last

802
00:34:41,990 --> 00:34:40,679
night huh oh yeah but but I watched

803
00:34:44,389 --> 00:34:42,000
those because they helped me hone my

804
00:34:46,760 --> 00:34:44,399
skeptical donut bit telling me out far

805
00:34:48,290 --> 00:34:46,770
keep eyes live look why don't you go

806
00:34:49,850 --> 00:34:48,300
back in that water over there and let me

807
00:34:52,070 --> 00:34:49,860
talk to people about monster talk Oh

808
00:34:54,649 --> 00:34:52,080
does that interest oh it doesn't have

809
00:34:56,690 --> 00:34:54,659
pictures as a podcast I like fixtures

810
00:34:58,220 --> 00:34:56,700
miss Elvis brought for television look

811
00:34:59,840 --> 00:34:58,230
if you like pictures so much the how

812
00:35:01,700 --> 00:34:59,850
come all the photos of you are so blurry

813
00:35:03,770 --> 00:35:01,710

I don't know what you're talking about

814

00:35:06,080 --> 00:35:03,780

i've never had any picture taken that's

815

00:35:08,600 --> 00:35:06,090

that's probably true I don't want to be

816

00:35:11,270 --> 00:35:08,610

on your show I wanna be on britain's got

817

00:35:13,910 --> 00:35:11,280

talent like Susan Boyle I want to sing a

818

00:35:15,350 --> 00:35:13,920

proper Scottish song anyway please check

819

00:35:17,660 --> 00:35:15,360

out monster talk from your preferred

820

00:35:24,270 --> 00:35:17,670

podcast aggregator apart from monster

821

00:35:35,470 --> 00:35:28,710

years may not spooky action at a

822

00:35:40,370 --> 00:35:38,360

I'm just cruising along in what has been

823

00:35:42,470 --> 00:35:40,380

known as it's the skeptic nabil

824

00:35:44,270 --> 00:35:42,480

basically what happens is Richard

825

00:35:46,820 --> 00:35:44,280

Saunders wakes up in the morning puts on

826

00:35:49,550 --> 00:35:46,830

some sort of cargo pants and pulls back

827

00:35:51,890 --> 00:35:49,560

a bust of Shakespeare and slides down

828

00:35:53,570 --> 00:35:51,900

his jrf pole which is actually shaped

829

00:35:55,940 --> 00:35:53,580

like the letters J ref which is very

830

00:35:57,470 --> 00:35:55,950

painful for him and into the Saunders

831

00:35:59,180 --> 00:35:57,480

nabil now this is a pretty impressive

832

00:36:00,920 --> 00:35:59,190

you've got here I mean I tell you what

833

00:36:03,710 --> 00:36:00,930

when people see you pull up at the front

834

00:36:07,100 --> 00:36:03,720

their place in a Mitsubishi they must

835

00:36:08,900 --> 00:36:07,110

really quiver they're skeptical you will

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00:36:10,760 --> 00:36:08,910

never make it on top gear Richard well

837

00:36:12,560 --> 00:36:10,770

that's true but that's on another

838

00:36:15,050 --> 00:36:12,570

network you see I'm on the seven network

839

00:36:16,700 --> 00:36:15,060

and Top Gear's on the nine network so we

840

00:36:18,470 --> 00:36:16,710

got a problem there I've been hanging

841

00:36:21,170 --> 00:36:18,480

out with Richard today because he said

842

00:36:23,480 --> 00:36:21,180

hey you gotta buy bargains you gotta buy

843

00:36:26,720 --> 00:36:23,490

in bulk Maynard you've been he he is

844

00:36:28,670 --> 00:36:26,730

debunking my going down to the Thai shop

845

00:36:29,960 --> 00:36:28,680

and buying a five-dollar salad of runts

846

00:36:31,160 --> 00:36:29,970

in a while and making that last for a

847

00:36:33,380 --> 00:36:31,170

couple of days because I'm a bachelor

848

00:36:35,630 --> 00:36:33,390

live alone my place is the size of a

849

00:36:38,660 --> 00:36:35,640

postage stamp he goes nothing that let's

850

00:36:40,490 --> 00:36:38,670

go to costco you can buy five kilograms

851
00:36:42,950 --> 00:36:40,500
of tomato sauce there at bargain prices

852
00:36:45,890 --> 00:36:42,960
but I saw I saw people running out of

853
00:36:48,380 --> 00:36:45,900
there with no joke 5 litre containers of

854
00:36:50,390 --> 00:36:48,390
barbecue sauce it's astounding I love

855
00:36:52,310 --> 00:36:50,400
going to costco it's just good fun apart

856
00:36:54,410 --> 00:36:52,320
from anything else and for buying bulk

857
00:36:57,500 --> 00:36:54,420
Vegemite of course and let me tell you I

858
00:36:59,990 --> 00:36:57,510
only saw two pairs of pajama jeans there

859
00:37:02,720 --> 00:37:00,000
and girls if you're going on there it's

860
00:37:04,850 --> 00:37:02,730
probably a very loose sloppy joe as we

861
00:37:07,790 --> 00:37:04,860
might call them in Australia as the top

862
00:37:09,860 --> 00:37:07,800
and footless tights I think I go that's

863
00:37:11,570 --> 00:37:09,870

what you wear I think that's the style

864

00:37:13,820 --> 00:37:11,580

may not I think that's a start but we

865

00:37:15,380 --> 00:37:13,830

were just discussing actually and this

866

00:37:17,260 --> 00:37:15,390

is something that we might continue

867

00:37:20,900 --> 00:37:17,270

later in skeptics in the pub this week

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00:37:24,650 --> 00:37:20,910

but I'm beginning to have thoughts about

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00:37:26,600 --> 00:37:24,660

the public perception of two words we

870

00:37:28,310 --> 00:37:26,610

know that the public have a very hard

871

00:37:30,170 --> 00:37:28,320

understand i'm getting the groups of

872

00:37:33,530 --> 00:37:30,180

words skeptic because and they all think

873

00:37:35,840 --> 00:37:33,540

it means the cynical non-believer but

874

00:37:38,480 --> 00:37:35,850

the public also

875

00:37:40,070 --> 00:37:38,490

no very well the word debunker or

876

00:37:41,720 --> 00:37:40,080

debunking and they know what that means

877

00:37:43,130 --> 00:37:41,730

you know something's rubbish and someone

878

00:37:46,460 --> 00:37:43,140

comes along says look it's rubbish and

879

00:37:48,530 --> 00:37:46,470

he is wise rubbish now a lot of the

880

00:37:50,600 --> 00:37:48,540

schedule skeptical community don't like

881

00:37:51,980 --> 00:37:50,610

the word debunking or debunker because

882

00:37:54,350 --> 00:37:51,990

it sets you up from the beginning of

883

00:37:56,450 --> 00:37:54,360

someone who's out to to disprove

884

00:37:58,850 --> 00:37:56,460

something whereas in reality we

885

00:38:02,840 --> 00:37:58,860

investigate now if something happens to

886

00:38:05,600 --> 00:38:02,850

be bunk that we can say well look it

887

00:38:08,780 --> 00:38:05,610

doesn't work but i'm i'm wondering

888

00:38:11,870 --> 00:38:08,790

whether the word debunking has got an

889

00:38:13,850 --> 00:38:11,880

unnecessarily bad rap look you know I

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00:38:16,280 --> 00:38:13,860

feel sometimes about skeptical movement

891

00:38:18,560 --> 00:38:16,290

I reckon the term crackpots with

892

00:38:21,290 --> 00:38:18,570

evidence fits perfectly because you are

893

00:38:22,820 --> 00:38:21,300

very intense and almost sometimes you

894

00:38:24,680 --> 00:38:22,830

come across as being on some sort of

895

00:38:26,660 --> 00:38:24,690

they'll use a word crusade about

896

00:38:28,340 --> 00:38:26,670

something well and so you know you like

897

00:38:30,380 --> 00:38:28,350

you might get a UFO believer on the

898

00:38:32,030 --> 00:38:30,390

radio you get you guys on the radio

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00:38:34,460 --> 00:38:32,040

people will give you equal weight

900

00:38:35,510 --> 00:38:34,470

because it's the media yeah oh yeah they

901
00:38:37,520 --> 00:38:35,520
give the media will give you that way

902
00:38:39,230 --> 00:38:37,530
because you have an equal intensity and

903
00:38:41,540 --> 00:38:39,240
you can just proved your point with

904
00:38:43,490 --> 00:38:41,550
evidence more easily well I mean into a

905
00:38:46,100 --> 00:38:43,500
lot of the media you're right we are

906
00:38:47,810 --> 00:38:46,110
crackpots the UFO believer will be a

907
00:38:49,550 --> 00:38:47,820
crackpot oh let's get them and the

908
00:38:51,440 --> 00:38:49,560
skeptics who a lot of media just think

909
00:38:53,030 --> 00:38:51,450
are the other sort of crackpots who

910
00:38:54,620 --> 00:38:53,040
don't believe anything blah blah blah

911
00:38:57,260 --> 00:38:54,630
and we'll get them together and that'll

912
00:39:00,530 --> 00:38:57,270
be our segment now I think more and more

913
00:39:02,210 --> 00:39:00,540

meat there's a lot of media well ones I

914

00:39:04,010 --> 00:39:02,220

know realize that's not the way it works

915

00:39:05,540 --> 00:39:04,020

but they'll still do it because they

916

00:39:08,420 --> 00:39:05,550

know that's what is a quick and easy

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00:39:10,160 --> 00:39:08,430

story so with debunking the problem is

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00:39:12,110 --> 00:39:10,170

that that's a potentially negative

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00:39:14,060 --> 00:39:12,120

connotation straight out of the gate

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00:39:16,280 --> 00:39:14,070

because you're taking something away

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00:39:17,960 --> 00:39:16,290

from people that they believe in that

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00:39:21,890 --> 00:39:17,970

might actually give them some comfort

923

00:39:23,810 --> 00:39:21,900

comfort yes but then again in the public

924

00:39:27,500 --> 00:39:23,820

imagination the word skeptics probably

925

00:39:29,030 --> 00:39:27,510

worse well skeptic means well we know

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00:39:32,150 --> 00:39:29,040

what it we know what it means how

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00:39:34,310 --> 00:39:32,160

listeners know what it means but people

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00:39:35,960 --> 00:39:34,320

like Randy and Joe Nickell I've seen on

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00:39:39,110 --> 00:39:35,970

frequently on interviews having to

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00:39:41,900 --> 00:39:39,120

explain to the interviewer why they're

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00:39:43,790 --> 00:39:41,910

not debunkers you know what I mean why

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00:39:46,160 --> 00:39:43,800

they don't you set out to do that

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00:39:48,380 --> 00:39:46,170

I'm just I'm interested to know and this

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00:39:51,350 --> 00:39:48,390

is why later on this week in skeptics in

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00:39:53,630 --> 00:39:51,360

the pub will be asking pub goes what

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00:39:55,490 --> 00:39:53,640

they think of this very issue often i

937

00:39:58,880 --> 00:39:55,500

say skeptics to people and they almost

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00:40:00,590 --> 00:39:58,890

roll their eyes yeah yeah I get that all

939

00:40:02,240 --> 00:40:00,600

the time yeah ma you could because

940

00:40:04,520 --> 00:40:02,250

they're talking to me and I've just

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00:40:06,050 --> 00:40:04,530

bought a year supply Vegemite it could

942

00:40:07,880 --> 00:40:06,060

be at all the hat you're wearing I don't

943

00:40:10,490 --> 00:40:07,890

know for our Australian distance I'm

944

00:40:16,859 --> 00:40:10,500

sporting the Leonard teal look from

945

00:40:23,740 --> 00:40:19,359

for our American listeners I'm sporting

946

00:40:25,809 --> 00:40:23,750

pepsin and extra from dragnet could be

947

00:40:27,880 --> 00:40:25,819

yeah you look like a men in black today

948

00:40:32,050 --> 00:40:27,890

go when I walk in the room people go

949

00:40:33,309 --> 00:40:32,060

down danna anyway so why not just get

950

00:40:36,609 --> 00:40:33,319

the Hat and be done with it but you

951

00:40:38,290 --> 00:40:36,619

stopped me buying a blue plaid trilby

952

00:40:39,910 --> 00:40:38,300

hat today I could have looked like you

953

00:40:42,069 --> 00:40:39,920

know something from a wham film clip a

954

00:40:43,900 --> 00:40:42,079

white cool cat in a trilby hat I mean

955

00:40:45,940 --> 00:40:43,910

you gotta be cruel to be kind man I mean

956

00:40:48,430 --> 00:40:45,950

you would have looked at you were to cut

957

00:40:51,309 --> 00:40:48,440

a dash in your blue plaid at but you

958

00:40:52,750 --> 00:40:51,319

know we have to draw a little fence so

959

00:40:54,339 --> 00:40:52,760

instead i bought a doctor who stick a

960

00:40:56,140 --> 00:40:54,349

book for five bucks it was the weeping

961

00:40:58,300 --> 00:40:56,150

angels episode 2 i'm gonna go stick that

962

00:40:59,770 --> 00:40:58,310

all over my flat now i think you should

963

00:41:02,920 --> 00:40:59,780

may not i think you should and let's

964

00:41:04,510 --> 00:41:02,930

catch up again later in the week or for

965

00:41:06,370 --> 00:41:04,520

our listeners in a couple of seconds

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00:41:09,460 --> 00:41:06,380

time and skeptics in the pub where we

967

00:41:12,370 --> 00:41:09,470

will ask the pub goers about this very

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00:41:16,830 --> 00:41:12,380

debunking skeptical topic next time you

969

00:41:22,270 --> 00:41:19,780

look up at the skeptics meeting now I

970

00:41:23,470 --> 00:41:22,280

had have had 18 Cosmopolitan's in fact

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00:41:25,120 --> 00:41:23,480

there are no more left behind the bar

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00:41:27,040 --> 00:41:25,130

and I'm here with a remnant how are you

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00:41:28,300 --> 00:41:27,050

are you are like let's get the skeptic

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00:41:30,730 --> 00:41:28,310

man in Australia how do you feel about

975

00:41:32,470 --> 00:41:30,740

using the word debunkers instead of

976
00:41:34,330 --> 00:41:32,480
using the word skeptic because a lot of

977
00:41:35,890 --> 00:41:34,340
people skip big is a nebulous word that

978
00:41:37,420 --> 00:41:35,900
doesn't mean as much and debunkers like

979
00:41:38,860 --> 00:41:37,430
oh that's someone who finds out

980
00:41:41,800 --> 00:41:38,870
something that's not real how do you

981
00:41:44,080 --> 00:41:41,810
feel about is well it's a difficult one

982
00:41:45,940 --> 00:41:44,090
because skeptic does to some extent

983
00:41:47,770 --> 00:41:45,950
means somebody who doesn't believe but

984
00:41:50,410 --> 00:41:47,780
methodological skepticism which is what

985
00:41:52,210 --> 00:41:50,420
we practice which is what we do that

986
00:41:54,010 --> 00:41:52,220
means looking for evidence and making

987
00:41:55,690 --> 00:41:54,020
decisions based on evidence which so

988
00:41:57,760 --> 00:41:55,700

it's not believing but it's not

989

00:41:59,740 --> 00:41:57,770

believing until there is appropriate

990

00:42:01,930 --> 00:41:59,750

amount of evidence or good enough

991

00:42:03,400 --> 00:42:01,940

evidence so what is the is the quick

992

00:42:05,380 --> 00:42:03,410

description you give people when I ask

993

00:42:07,230 --> 00:42:05,390

who the skeptics were they about what is

994

00:42:10,090 --> 00:42:07,240

normally say I say we seek the evidence

995

00:42:12,790 --> 00:42:10,100

and and debunkers you think is that

996

00:42:14,590 --> 00:42:12,800

feeling of negativity been yes he does

997

00:42:17,050 --> 00:42:14,600

have a negative feeling about it and I

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00:42:18,880 --> 00:42:17,060

believe it is negative if you set out to

999

00:42:20,710 --> 00:42:18,890

investigate something believing you're

1000

00:42:22,720 --> 00:42:20,720

going to debunk it then you're not a

1001
00:42:24,760 --> 00:42:22,730
skeptical now of course there are cases

1002
00:42:27,430 --> 00:42:24,770
when we know something is not true

1003
00:42:28,360 --> 00:42:27,440
before we set out to talk when before we

1004
00:42:31,360 --> 00:42:28,370
start talking about it for example

1005
00:42:34,120 --> 00:42:31,370
homeopathy unless we are in the process

1006
00:42:35,290 --> 00:42:34,130
of investigating homeopathy in a

1007
00:42:36,700 --> 00:42:35,300
scientific from a scientific perspective

1008
00:42:38,890 --> 00:42:36,710
okay doing it going to do another

1009
00:42:40,960 --> 00:42:38,900
research in which case we have to be 0

1010
00:42:43,420 --> 00:42:40,970
completely open-minded about it and say

1011
00:42:45,580 --> 00:42:43,430
whatever the results are that that's

1012
00:42:48,250 --> 00:42:45,590
where we'll go based on all the

1013
00:42:50,470 --> 00:42:48,260

available evidence to date we can debunk

1014

00:42:52,810 --> 00:42:50,480

homeopathy we know what the results of a

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00:42:55,180 --> 00:42:52,820

homeopathy study are likely to be and we

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00:42:56,560 --> 00:42:55,190

can say homeopathy does not work and if

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00:42:58,090 --> 00:42:56,570

somebody tries to mislead the public

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00:42:59,729 --> 00:42:58,100

into believing on where but it does work

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00:43:02,529 --> 00:42:59,739

then we can can

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00:43:05,769 --> 00:43:02,539

debunk them without without it being

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00:43:08,170 --> 00:43:05,779

wrong but if you are if you're going to

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00:43:10,599 --> 00:43:08,180

investigate something and your goal is

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00:43:12,579 --> 00:43:10,609

to debunk it then that's not real

1024

00:43:14,529 --> 00:43:12,589

skepticism that's not what a skeptic who

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00:43:15,849 --> 00:43:14,539

do oh you're basically looking for

1026
00:43:18,910 --> 00:43:15,859
something to boost your argument yeah

1027
00:43:20,259 --> 00:43:18,920
absolutely yeah and when I came up to

1028
00:43:21,430 --> 00:43:20,269
you said it's perfect you should ask me

1029
00:43:24,009 --> 00:43:21,440
this question today is it something we

1030
00:43:26,019 --> 00:43:24,019
can talk about a microphone ok that's

1031
00:43:27,910 --> 00:43:26,029
the secrets at secret basically that

1032
00:43:29,559 --> 00:43:27,920
secret skeptics ghia what I can say is

1033
00:43:31,509 --> 00:43:29,569
that I believe the word skeptic has been

1034
00:43:33,549 --> 00:43:31,519
hijacked first of all by the climate

1035
00:43:35,890 --> 00:43:33,559
change skeptics but also by people

1036
00:43:38,109 --> 00:43:35,900
saying this you know oh I've been a

1037
00:43:40,390 --> 00:43:38,119
skeptic but you know until I saw this

1038
00:43:42,400 --> 00:43:40,400

and I but skepticism means something

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00:43:43,269 --> 00:43:42,410

beyond just not believing and that is

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00:43:45,880 --> 00:43:43,279

something that people have got to

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00:43:47,559 --> 00:43:45,890

realize and it is something that I've

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00:43:48,789 --> 00:43:47,569

been thinking about and it's a property

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00:43:50,769 --> 00:43:48,799

because I'm going to do something about

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00:43:53,380 --> 00:43:50,779

it now with the discovery to discern

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00:43:54,489 --> 00:43:53,390

that neutrinos may travel faster than

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00:43:56,140 --> 00:43:54,499

the speed of light does that mean I've

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00:43:57,700 --> 00:43:56,150

got to take down my poster of Einstein

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00:44:01,420 --> 00:43:57,710

for my wall and put one up of Deepak

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00:44:03,969 --> 00:44:01,430

Chopra I don't think Deepak Chopra would

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00:44:06,579 --> 00:44:03,979

have said that new cleaners fly faster

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00:44:08,049 --> 00:44:06,589

than light no I don't think it wasn't

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00:44:09,969 --> 00:44:08,059

that specific but I think he would tell

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00:44:12,099 --> 00:44:09,979

you that things can go fast in leiden he

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00:44:13,539 --> 00:44:12,109

knew it all are I'm sure he would say

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00:44:15,519 --> 00:44:13,549

that it doesn't mean that he had said it

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00:44:17,289 --> 00:44:15,529

before that discovery the point is that

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00:44:19,539 --> 00:44:17,299

this discovery is still preliminary in

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00:44:21,400 --> 00:44:19,549

all 170 scientists who are involved in

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00:44:22,900 --> 00:44:21,410

this discovery will say that it's

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00:44:25,329 --> 00:44:22,910

preliminaries to get still got to be

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00:44:27,279 --> 00:44:25,339

verified they've done their best to find

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00:44:29,079 --> 00:44:27,289

holes in their findings they have been

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00:44:30,729 --> 00:44:29,089

able to which is know why now after

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00:44:33,339 --> 00:44:30,739

about three years of research they've

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00:44:36,849 --> 00:44:33,349

opened it up to the not to the public no

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00:44:38,410 --> 00:44:36,859

mind you the Venus goddess but I've got

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00:44:39,700 --> 00:44:38,420

a calculator on my iPhone and I'm

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00:44:41,079 --> 00:44:39,710

willing to work this one out for them

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00:44:43,779 --> 00:44:41,089

I've got a few hours spare light it or

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00:44:46,569 --> 00:44:43,789

not yeah well it's obviously a lot more

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00:44:50,200 --> 00:44:46,579

complicated than that but look I think

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00:44:52,749 --> 00:44:50,210

odds are then they they most of those

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00:44:54,670 --> 00:44:52,759

scientists also will say that odds are

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00:44:57,069 --> 00:44:54,680

that all chances are that this will be

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00:44:59,229 --> 00:44:57,079

discovered to be some kind of mistake of

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00:45:01,150 --> 00:44:59,239

some sort measuring mistake a

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00:45:03,489 --> 00:45:01,160

calculating mistake a statistical error

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00:45:05,859 --> 00:45:03,499

of some sort but that doesn't mean that

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00:45:07,029 --> 00:45:05,869

he can't actually be true mmm it could

1080

00:45:09,089 --> 00:45:07,039

actually be true in which case that's

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00:45:11,499 --> 00:45:09,099

fantastic again and it doesn't disprove

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00:45:12,480 --> 00:45:11,509

Einstein and that's important to point

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00:45:14,790 --> 00:45:12,490

out what it means

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00:45:16,740 --> 00:45:14,800

there will be a refining of the theory

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00:45:18,030 --> 00:45:16,750

well there's actually just this week

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00:45:21,960 --> 00:45:18,040

there was another research that actually

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00:45:24,450 --> 00:45:21,970

proved again that lights is actually II

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00:45:28,020 --> 00:45:24,460

really as light photons are restricted

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00:45:30,470 --> 00:45:28,030

to the speed of light okay so so an

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00:45:33,109 --> 00:45:30,480

Einstein's theory is one of the most

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00:45:36,060 --> 00:45:33,119

confirmed in the history of science

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00:45:38,130 --> 00:45:36,070

second only to quantum mechanics in

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00:45:40,980 --> 00:45:38,140

terms of the number of number of digits

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00:45:44,010 --> 00:45:40,990

to the right of the decimal point so

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00:45:46,200 --> 00:45:44,020

it's it's confirmed it Einstein was not

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00:45:48,750 --> 00:45:46,210

wrong what could happen is that Einstein

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00:45:50,970 --> 00:45:48,760

was wrong on some minut elements of the

1098

00:45:54,180 --> 00:45:50,980

theory and those will need to be refined

1099

00:45:56,670 --> 00:45:54,190

it's similar to the way Einstein did not

1100

00:45:59,220 --> 00:45:56,680

prove Newton wrong what he did was he

1101
00:46:00,870 --> 00:45:59,230
proved that there could be a refining of

1102
00:46:04,350 --> 00:46:00,880
Newton's theory we still use use

1103
00:46:08,250 --> 00:46:04,360
Newtonian mechanics to send rockets to

1104
00:46:09,660 --> 00:46:08,260
Mars okay so you know that a lot of

1105
00:46:13,260 --> 00:46:09,670
other people that are jumping up and

1106
00:46:15,030 --> 00:46:13,270
down now going aha you are believers in

1107
00:46:15,990 --> 00:46:15,040
science you're not treating it like it

1108
00:46:17,609 --> 00:46:16,000
should be treated you should be

1109
00:46:18,660 --> 00:46:17,619
skeptical about these new findings on

1110
00:46:20,430 --> 00:46:18,670
that sort of thing and they're going

1111
00:46:21,870 --> 00:46:20,440
that's it space aliens obviously real

1112
00:46:24,200 --> 00:46:21,880
because Einstein was wrong and I've

1113
00:46:29,970 --> 00:46:24,210

heard people say that another podcast

1114

00:46:31,470 --> 00:46:29,980

nothing ours well they good on them for

1115

00:46:32,820 --> 00:46:31,480

their open-mindedness but this is

1116

00:46:35,609 --> 00:46:32,830

exactly a case where the mind is so open

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00:46:37,349 --> 00:46:35,619

keep your mind open your head so open

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00:46:40,680 --> 00:46:37,359

that the brain spills out that's exactly

1119

00:46:42,840 --> 00:46:40,690

one of those cases so what do you think

1120

00:46:44,910 --> 00:46:42,850

about the skeptics versus debunkers

1121

00:46:46,380 --> 00:46:44,920

debate I mean I mean they're both useful

1122

00:46:48,300 --> 00:46:46,390

words for the movement but do you think

1123

00:46:51,630 --> 00:46:48,310

that one should be moved used more than

1124

00:46:54,270 --> 00:46:51,640

the other well I think the debunking is

1125

00:46:56,130 --> 00:46:54,280

a very limiting label to put on oneself

1126

00:46:57,750 --> 00:46:56,140

I mean limits you to one activity of

1127

00:47:00,090 --> 00:46:57,760

being a skeptic money you know it's not

1128

00:47:02,010 --> 00:47:00,100

just about proving other people wrong

1129

00:47:04,140 --> 00:47:02,020

would take as you say taking ideas away

1130

00:47:05,790 --> 00:47:04,150

from them but you think it's also bit

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00:47:07,800 --> 00:47:05,800

hard to explain to people exactly what a

1132

00:47:11,010 --> 00:47:07,810

skeptic is usually because it's not a

1133

00:47:14,690 --> 00:47:11,020

not usually a short answer yes it is

1134

00:47:17,100 --> 00:47:14,700

hard and I've failed on many occasions

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00:47:18,560 --> 00:47:17,110

because something's hard doesn't mean it

1136

00:47:20,910 --> 00:47:18,570

doesn't need to solve a valuable label

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00:47:24,480 --> 00:47:20,920

okay and what do you think about that

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00:47:30,180 --> 00:47:24,490

issue well the word debunk implies that

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00:47:33,750 --> 00:47:30,190

the person not making the claim has to

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00:47:36,720 --> 00:47:33,760

disprove the claim and we all know that

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00:47:41,460 --> 00:47:36,730

you can't disprove you can't prove the

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00:47:43,380 --> 00:47:41,470

negatives so skip that this word skeptic

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00:47:45,540 --> 00:47:43,390

as much as much better title and you

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00:47:48,800 --> 00:47:45,550

have to wait for the evidence the

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00:47:51,540 --> 00:47:48,810

climate has to prove it not the skeptic

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00:47:53,460 --> 00:47:51,550

ok and then what's your name Naomi

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00:47:55,590 --> 00:47:53,470

hutchman ok now I mean now what what's

1148

00:47:57,300 --> 00:47:55,600

your view on the whole Dabanga versus

1149

00:47:59,190 --> 00:47:57,310

skeptic labeling I do know that

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00:48:01,080 --> 00:47:59,200

sometimes we're confused with global

1151

00:48:04,200 --> 00:48:01,090

warming skeptics and I really really

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00:48:05,640 --> 00:48:04,210

really hate that mmm what what's your

1153

00:48:07,950 --> 00:48:05,650

quick way of explaining yourself out of

1154

00:48:09,450 --> 00:48:07,960

that I come from a family of

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00:48:11,010 --> 00:48:09,460

creationists and global warming deniers

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00:48:14,010 --> 00:48:11,020

and it's very hard to get a word in

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00:48:16,260 --> 00:48:14,020

Christmas must be hell for you oh we

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00:48:17,580 --> 00:48:16,270

don't talk about that again so it's

1159

00:48:19,410 --> 00:48:17,590

mainly what what everyone's been doing

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00:48:21,810 --> 00:48:19,420

during the year is discussed oh yeah

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00:48:23,550 --> 00:48:21,820

yeah keep it nice so if you are trying

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00:48:25,620 --> 00:48:23,560

to say to people do i'm hanging with the

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00:48:27,300 --> 00:48:25,630

skeptics and people normally that they

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00:48:29,520 --> 00:48:27,310

get all climate skeptics they think do

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00:48:33,180 --> 00:48:29,530

they don't one really encountered anyone

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00:48:34,620 --> 00:48:33,190

who's asked me that so if you had to

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00:48:35,760 --> 00:48:34,630

describe the skeptic movement briefly

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00:48:38,160 --> 00:48:35,770

what do you normally used to say all

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00:48:40,590 --> 00:48:38,170

their bunch of people there let's say we

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00:48:42,150 --> 00:48:40,600

follow the science that's the easiest

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00:48:44,790 --> 00:48:42,160

way to describe oh just follow what the

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00:48:46,440 --> 00:48:44,800

science says what's been tested rather

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00:48:48,570 --> 00:48:46,450

than just hearsay a lot of people can be

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00:48:49,800 --> 00:48:48,580

very very very convinced of what's true

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00:48:52,800 --> 00:48:49,810

but you don't really really know until

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00:48:54,270 --> 00:48:52,810

it's been properly tested okay so how do

1177

00:48:56,610 --> 00:48:54,280

you feel about use the word skeptic

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00:48:58,680 --> 00:48:56,620

versus to bunker how much for the word

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00:49:00,330 --> 00:48:58,690

skeptics because the Dabangg come there

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00:49:02,430 --> 00:49:00,340

are very negative connotations with two

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00:49:03,960 --> 00:49:02,440

bunkers and crackpots with evidence you

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00:49:06,090 --> 00:49:03,970

know I like that term crackpots with

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00:49:07,710 --> 00:49:06,100

evidence okay currently skeptics have

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00:49:10,800 --> 00:49:07,720

already got the view

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00:49:12,300 --> 00:49:10,810

being more cynics and so we really need

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00:49:14,040 --> 00:49:12,310

to try and reclaim the word rather than

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00:49:17,130 --> 00:49:14,050

go for other words and debunk is just

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00:49:19,740 --> 00:49:17,140

another very negative words so I've got

1189

00:49:24,180 --> 00:49:19,750

an opinion on this would you know one

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00:49:26,460 --> 00:49:24,190

sure it is obviously something you've

1191

00:49:28,290 --> 00:49:26,470

come up cross over the years skeptics to

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00:49:29,849 --> 00:49:28,300

bunkers being interchangeable but how do

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00:49:31,109 --> 00:49:29,859

you feel about using debunkers to

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00:49:32,670 --> 00:49:31,119

explain it to people who don't know who

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00:49:34,790 --> 00:49:32,680

skipped exam I always thought to bankers

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00:49:37,230 --> 00:49:34,800

with people who throw you out of bed

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00:49:39,060 --> 00:49:37,240

it's a very American word to it is i

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00:49:40,770 --> 00:49:39,070

know it is a very negative work because

1199

00:49:43,790 --> 00:49:40,780

it only has one outcome you actually are

1200

00:49:46,500 --> 00:49:43,800

debunking where skepticism is

1201

00:49:50,400 --> 00:49:46,510

traditionally about looking at the

1202

00:49:51,510 --> 00:49:50,410

evidence and judging it either way so

1203

00:49:54,599 --> 00:49:51,520

what about when you get something like

1204

00:49:56,220 --> 00:49:54,609

you get climate skeptics that that the

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00:49:58,560 --> 00:49:56,230

regular skeptics claim aren't real

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00:50:00,000 --> 00:49:58,570

skeptics you get like a schism like that

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00:50:01,320 --> 00:50:00,010

and that really confuses people it

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00:50:02,460 --> 00:50:01,330

confuses people quite a lot they

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00:50:04,890 --> 00:50:02,470

basically getting skeptics and

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00:50:06,870 --> 00:50:04,900

non-believers that's the attitude that's

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00:50:09,089 --> 00:50:06,880

why we differentiate ourselves through

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00:50:11,460 --> 00:50:09,099

the clever process of spelling that

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00:50:12,960 --> 00:50:11,470

there's SC skeptics and then there's sk

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00:50:15,630 --> 00:50:12,970

skeptics with a little less a little k

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00:50:16,980 --> 00:50:15,640

then there's capital s k skeptics and

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00:50:18,690 --> 00:50:16,990

that's make there's major differences

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00:50:20,010 --> 00:50:18,700

between the three actually it so it's

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00:50:21,630 --> 00:50:20,020

very confusing but i've actually had to

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00:50:24,120 --> 00:50:21,640

explain it to people a great length at

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00:50:25,620 --> 00:50:24,130

various times what do you think which is

1221

00:50:27,599 --> 00:50:25,630

performance on the one the other night

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00:50:28,920 --> 00:50:27,609

there cuz i mean because it because

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00:50:30,870 --> 00:50:28,930

people are gonna go you didn't see it I

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00:50:34,370 --> 00:50:30,880

didn't say I'm luckily no I'm just a lot

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00:50:37,320 --> 00:50:34,380

of great ad see oh really yeah I believe

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00:50:39,870 --> 00:50:37,330

and you did miss out on seeing some data

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00:50:41,280 --> 00:50:39,880

say wacko the dillio on television BGC

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00:50:43,470 --> 00:50:41,290

whack out the dillio sounded just like

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00:50:44,910 --> 00:50:43,480

Flanders you're absolutely fantastic I'm

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00:50:46,440 --> 00:50:44,920

pleased to hear that i'm gonna click bad

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00:50:48,720 --> 00:50:46,450

is still used actually wacko that it'll

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00:50:50,430 --> 00:50:48,730

open I'm actually quite pleased to hit

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00:50:52,950 --> 00:50:50,440

to know that the word is a dual ally is

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00:50:54,450 --> 00:50:52,960

still used actually quite a lot Wow was

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00:50:55,770 --> 00:50:54,460

that one exert dual ally is that the

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00:50:57,150 --> 00:50:55,780

australian one no no it's actually in

1237

00:50:59,010 --> 00:50:57,160

regional things actually been so we've

1238

00:51:00,930 --> 00:50:59,020

actually Hugh Laurie use it the other

1239

00:51:02,790 --> 00:51:00,940

day in house but it must have confused

1240

00:51:06,150 --> 00:51:02,800

the Yanks totally and what does it

1241

00:51:08,190 --> 00:51:06,160

describe crazy guys IAM off with the

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00:51:09,660 --> 00:51:08,200

fairings blue alley that's a good word

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00:51:11,849 --> 00:51:09,670

use that one it's been great talking to

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00:51:15,329 --> 00:51:11,859

you dr. Chomsky my pleasure entirely

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00:51:18,450 --> 00:51:15,339

okay so how do you feel about the the

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00:51:19,710 --> 00:51:18,460

skeptic versus debunker label for a

1247

00:51:22,800 --> 00:51:19,720

well what's going on here tonight for

1248

00:51:25,349 --> 00:51:22,810

example look the problem over the term

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00:51:26,400 --> 00:51:25,359

to bunker is that it gives the idea that

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00:51:30,359 --> 00:51:26,410

you're going in with a preconceived

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00:51:33,120 --> 00:51:30,369

notion so if I was going to go in and

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00:51:36,870 --> 00:51:33,130

debunk something then that automatically

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00:51:37,920 --> 00:51:36,880

sets a a this you know preconceived idea

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00:51:40,859 --> 00:51:37,930

that I'm going to go and i'm going to

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00:51:42,300 --> 00:51:40,869

dismiss it knock it down shoot it shoot

1256

00:51:44,579 --> 00:51:42,310

it in the foot whatever i need to do

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00:51:47,520 --> 00:51:44,589

right that's not what we're about what

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00:51:49,320 --> 00:51:47,530

we do is we go in and we look yeah the

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00:51:52,530 --> 00:51:49,330

evidence each side left and right and

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00:51:54,210 --> 00:51:52,540

make a decision on that you think some

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00:51:55,890 --> 00:51:54,220

critical thinking also confuses people

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00:51:58,500 --> 00:51:55,900

too because a lot of people don't know

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00:51:59,910 --> 00:51:58,510

what that means as well well it sounds

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00:52:01,560 --> 00:51:59,920

too highbrow I think the turn of

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00:52:03,540 --> 00:52:01,570

critical thinking oh you're a critical

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00:52:05,730 --> 00:52:03,550

thinker you you must be you know one of

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00:52:08,730 --> 00:52:05,740

those smart guys you might use the word

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00:52:10,050 --> 00:52:08,740

philosophy yeah that's right yeah and I

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00:52:12,359 --> 00:52:10,060

think it's shoots over people's heads

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00:52:14,550 --> 00:52:12,369

too much and but the people we need to

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00:52:16,560 --> 00:52:14,560

aim towards other people that wouldn't

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00:52:18,960 --> 00:52:16,570

use a term like critical think your day

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00:52:20,490 --> 00:52:18,970

to day hmm but how else do you get that

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00:52:23,010 --> 00:52:20,500

message across I don't I don't

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00:52:25,079 --> 00:52:23,020

understand it is a bit of a quandary and

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00:52:27,000 --> 00:52:25,089

what do you think on the whole debunker

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00:52:29,040 --> 00:52:27,010

this is skeptic it's really interesting

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00:52:30,810 --> 00:52:29,050

one because I don't like the term

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00:52:32,190 --> 00:52:30,820

skeptic the more I'm getting into the

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00:52:34,200 --> 00:52:32,200

skeptical community the more I

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00:52:36,359 --> 00:52:34,210

appreciate that it is actually probably

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00:52:38,430 --> 00:52:36,369

the best word um do you think there is

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00:52:41,460 --> 00:52:38,440

another one or as someone who's just

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00:52:43,470 --> 00:52:41,470

recently been on the committee how do

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00:52:45,450 --> 00:52:43,480

you describe to your friends what you're

1286

00:52:47,040 --> 00:52:45,460

doing but without using the words it's

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00:52:48,300 --> 00:52:47,050

quite funny when I use the word skeptic

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00:52:50,160 --> 00:52:48,310

because I work in an environmentally

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00:52:52,109 --> 00:52:50,170

institution automatically people think

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00:52:53,609 --> 00:52:52,119

skeptic gum climate change skeptics so

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00:52:55,470 --> 00:52:53,619

run look at me looks at me with this

1292

00:52:56,640 --> 00:52:55,480

horrified look on their face going what

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00:52:57,960 --> 00:52:56,650

are you doing in an environmental

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00:52:59,670 --> 00:52:57,970

organization if you don't believe in

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00:53:01,680 --> 00:52:59,680

climate change and it's like no no it's

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00:53:03,120 --> 00:53:01,690

not about got nothing to do with that so

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00:53:05,250 --> 00:53:03,130

it is really difficult because the word

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00:53:07,230 --> 00:53:05,260

was probably running along quite well

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00:53:09,390 --> 00:53:07,240

and then it kind of got hijacked by a

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00:53:12,150 --> 00:53:09,400

group of people that don't sit in the

1301
00:53:13,980 --> 00:53:12,160
same camp as us anyway I do like

1302
00:53:15,750 --> 00:53:13,990
critical thinking I think I do tend to

1303
00:53:16,920 --> 00:53:15,760
use that when I'm describing what I'm

1304
00:53:18,450 --> 00:53:16,930
doing

1305
00:53:20,280 --> 00:53:18,460
you know and when I explain it to people

1306
00:53:21,870 --> 00:53:20,290
is it's something that we all do every

1307
00:53:24,030 --> 00:53:21,880
day you just sometimes don't know that

1308
00:53:26,250 --> 00:53:24,040
you're doing it and debunking is a term

1309
00:53:28,740 --> 00:53:26,260
you defer to stay away from yeah i don't

1310
00:53:31,140 --> 00:53:28,750
think i would use it myself but i think

1311
00:53:33,089 --> 00:53:31,150
each of us has to have something that

1312
00:53:34,799 --> 00:53:33,099
we're comfortable with explained to

1313
00:53:36,270 --> 00:53:34,809

other people what the what we're up to

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00:53:37,140 --> 00:53:36,280

and what we're doing so if it is a

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00:53:39,540 --> 00:53:37,150

matter of using critical thinking

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00:53:41,700 --> 00:53:39,550

skeptics or debunking I think if they're

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00:53:44,000 --> 00:53:41,710

all valid if it helps one person

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00:53:46,290 --> 00:53:44,010

explained to another what the point is

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00:53:48,569 --> 00:53:46,300

now what do you think of the issue as to

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00:53:50,309 --> 00:53:48,579

whether skeptics should perhaps better

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00:53:52,829 --> 00:53:50,319

be known as debunkers because the term

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00:53:54,329 --> 00:53:52,839

debunking is more widely known and

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00:53:55,530 --> 00:53:54,339

accepted when if you say well I'm a

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00:53:59,460 --> 00:53:55,540

skeptic people don't always know what

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00:54:01,829 --> 00:53:59,470

that means um that puts the onus on the

1326
00:54:03,960 --> 00:54:01,839
skeptic to debunk rather than the person

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00:54:06,569 --> 00:54:03,970
making the claim to prove so it's not

1328
00:54:07,680 --> 00:54:06,579
quite right and so what do you use when

1329
00:54:09,210 --> 00:54:07,690
people ask you all who are those

1330
00:54:10,980 --> 00:54:09,220
skeptics people you hang out and what's

1331
00:54:12,930 --> 00:54:10,990
the quick description pocket description

1332
00:54:14,339 --> 00:54:12,940
you usually give them because sometimes

1333
00:54:17,870 --> 00:54:14,349
people roll arise and go oh it's like

1334
00:54:21,210 --> 00:54:17,880
some weird geeky thing or something I

1335
00:54:22,829 --> 00:54:21,220
still use the term skeptic so but I just

1336
00:54:25,680 --> 00:54:22,839
explained that they're not out to debunk

1337
00:54:28,049 --> 00:54:25,690
the route to to get people to prove

1338
00:54:29,880 --> 00:54:28,059

their claims mm-hmm and do you think the

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00:54:33,030 --> 00:54:29,890

term critical thinking confuses people

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00:54:34,710 --> 00:54:33,040

even more sometimes yeah it sort of has

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00:54:38,789 --> 00:54:34,720

the connotations of criticism rather

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00:54:39,960 --> 00:54:38,799

than then what it actually means so

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00:54:43,200 --> 00:54:39,970

people might take it the wrong way

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00:54:45,059 --> 00:54:43,210

mm-hmm I probably agree with the the

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00:54:48,839 --> 00:54:45,069

idea that debunking is perhaps a little

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00:54:50,549 --> 00:54:48,849

bit negative because when you see minds

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00:54:52,289 --> 00:54:50,559

about crackpots with evidence I still

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00:54:55,829 --> 00:54:52,299

think is the best one ever for skeptics

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00:54:57,750 --> 00:54:55,839

that is really good that is crack

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00:54:59,309 --> 00:54:57,760

pockets with evidence that's us even

1351
00:55:01,470 --> 00:54:59,319
Michael Shermer liked it he wasn't even

1352
00:55:07,289 --> 00:55:01,480
drunk yeah yeah no that's that's us

1353
00:55:08,940 --> 00:55:07,299
that's us um yeah well whenever you say

1354
00:55:11,130 --> 00:55:08,950
you're a skeptic and then you explain

1355
00:55:12,470 --> 00:55:11,140
what it is and debunking necessarily

1356
00:55:14,570 --> 00:55:12,480
comes into that you

1357
00:55:16,370 --> 00:55:14,580
then get told you all you get all the

1358
00:55:17,990 --> 00:55:16,380
jokes are you skeptical about being

1359
00:55:20,810 --> 00:55:18,000
skeptical and you know what are you

1360
00:55:22,700 --> 00:55:20,820
skeptical about and you know and then

1361
00:55:24,830 --> 00:55:22,710
sometimes it gets called City Hall I

1362
00:55:27,950 --> 00:55:24,840
think maybe it's it's more interesting

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00:55:30,859 --> 00:55:27,960

to think of ourselves as critical

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00:55:32,359 --> 00:55:30,869

thinkers because you think a lot of

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00:55:33,950 --> 00:55:32,369

people have trouble grasping at as well

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00:55:37,849 --> 00:55:33,960

they think honest just more philosophy

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00:55:40,160 --> 00:55:37,859

I've got to learn possibly possibly I

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00:55:42,800 --> 00:55:40,170

think if you if you if you're a critical

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00:55:46,130 --> 00:55:42,810

thinker then well firstly it's

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00:55:51,950 --> 00:55:46,140

interesting then debunking may or may

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00:55:55,460 --> 00:55:51,960

not flow from that it's um I think it's

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00:55:58,370 --> 00:55:55,470

still more positive yeah but in terms of

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00:56:00,920 --> 00:55:58,380

a label as to an all-encompassing label

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00:56:03,710 --> 00:56:00,930

to explain to people what we are in a in

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00:56:07,670 --> 00:56:03,720

a little you know a little single bite a

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00:56:11,090 --> 00:56:07,680

little sound right hmm difficult really

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00:56:12,770 --> 00:56:11,100

difficult I can understand the argument

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00:56:14,180 --> 00:56:12,780

yeah and you can see what my crackpots

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00:56:15,320 --> 00:56:14,190

whatever and seems to be gaining no

1380

00:56:17,900 --> 00:56:15,330

traction whatsoever but I'm going to

1381

00:56:19,730 --> 00:56:17,910

keep trying ah look I'll of crackpots

1382

00:56:39,620 --> 00:56:19,740

with evidence I think we should adopt it

1383

00:56:44,700 --> 00:56:42,900

have you heard about QED the exciting

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00:56:48,060 --> 00:56:44,710

skeptical conference 10 to 11 4 March

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00:56:50,370 --> 00:56:48,070

2012 quite exciting days you're probably

1386

00:56:52,560 --> 00:56:50,380

wondering why should i go to QED while

1387

00:56:54,360 --> 00:56:52,570

the existential dilemma will have the

1388

00:56:56,010 --> 00:56:54,370

investigator and legend Joe Nickell

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00:56:58,140 --> 00:56:56,020

quite extraordinary detective

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00:57:00,750 --> 00:56:58,150

alternative medicine expert Ed's orders

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00:57:02,790 --> 00:57:00,760

quacks in Deward difficulties monsters

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00:57:05,760 --> 00:57:02,800

werewolves and lucid dreaming from debra

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00:57:08,970 --> 00:57:05,770

hi working theory demons Massimo

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00:57:11,190 --> 00:57:08,980

polidoro head of the Italians questo a

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00:57:13,110 --> 00:57:11,200

garage auditory davidr Anna [h__h] and

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00:57:15,900 --> 00:57:13,120

conspiracy theories whitey beatable

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00:57:18,180 --> 00:57:15,910

secular campaign Miriam namazi well

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00:57:19,650 --> 00:57:18,190

equality detractors sara angeles will

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00:57:22,100 --> 00:57:19,660

shows how to play the Federman with

1400

00:57:24,150 --> 00:57:22,110

robots withering electronic devices

1401

00:57:26,340 --> 00:57:24,160

ufologist ian ridpath with

1402

00:57:28,230 --> 00:57:26,350

extraterrestrial details professor steve

1403

00:57:30,210 --> 00:57:28,240

jones and white creationism is not some

1404

00:57:31,500 --> 00:57:30,220

quiet and evolution deniers podcaster

1405

00:57:33,960 --> 00:57:31,510

and spoon bender Richard Saunders

1406

00:57:35,640 --> 00:57:33,970

questions ESP demonstrations there are

1407

00:57:37,950 --> 00:57:35,650

filia Benson Queen existentialist

1408

00:57:39,720 --> 00:57:37,960

debater and we'll have comedy from Robin

1409

00:57:42,090 --> 00:57:39,730

Ince and gas quality entertainment

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00:57:44,070 --> 00:57:42,100

definitely tickets are 89 pounds in

1411

00:57:47,970 --> 00:57:44,080

there going fast so re queue everybody

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00:57:50,930 --> 00:57:47,980

directly would you cut that out you can

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00:57:54,210 --> 00:57:50,940

get your ticket from QED calm dot org

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00:57:55,440 --> 00:57:54,220

court event dome in marsh seriously if

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00:57:57,720 --> 00:57:55,450

you don't stop bang enough to hurt

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00:58:01,420 --> 00:57:57,730

quickly end discussion comes QED

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00:58:14,390 --> 00:58:01,430

Manchester question explore discover

1418

00:58:20,820 --> 00:58:16,860

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:58:25,050 --> 00:58:20,830

zone I had some tried-and-true medicine

1420

00:58:28,230 --> 00:58:25,060

for colds a drink of water maybe it was

1421

00:58:30,090 --> 00:58:28,240

homeopathic water yes homeopathic water

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00:58:32,700 --> 00:58:30,100

it's like dehydrated water just add

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00:58:35,790 --> 00:58:32,710

water anyway I'm sure I'll be feeling

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00:58:37,230 --> 00:58:35,800

better before long I hope I'm feeling

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00:58:39,300 --> 00:58:37,240

better before long because soon I'll be

1426
00:58:43,290 --> 00:58:39,310
packing my bags as I make my way to the

1427
00:58:44,970 --> 00:58:43,300
United States to take part in Saigon yes

1428
00:58:48,630 --> 00:58:44,980
the conference for the committee for

1429
00:58:50,970 --> 00:58:48,640
skeptical inquiry where I'm lucky enough

1430
00:58:53,820 --> 00:58:50,980
to be a speaker if you want to find out

1431
00:58:55,950 --> 00:58:53,830
more about this conference I've never

1432
00:58:58,140 --> 00:58:55,960
been to New Orleans before I am looking

1433
00:59:01,950 --> 00:58:58,150
forward to it it's on at the end of our

1434
00:59:09,860 --> 00:59:01,960
October October 27th to 30th I check out

1435
00:59:14,460 --> 00:59:09,870
the website CSI conf e r e in ze sie

1436
00:59:16,950 --> 00:59:14,470
conference got org really looking

1437
00:59:19,770 --> 00:59:16,960
forward to that and after that after

1438
00:59:21,330 --> 00:59:19,780

that in early november i'll be in the

1439

00:59:24,660 --> 00:59:21,340

orange county visiting my good old

1440

00:59:26,190 --> 00:59:24,670

friend from scribd oi com Brian Dunning

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00:59:27,570 --> 00:59:26,200

and i'll be giving a few talks down

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00:59:30,090 --> 00:59:27,580

there and i'll try to get some

1443

00:59:32,910 --> 00:59:30,100

information about those are into next

1444

00:59:37,280 --> 00:59:32,920

week's show but i think it's time for me

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00:59:40,620 --> 00:59:37,290

to to get that hot water bottle and

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00:59:46,890 --> 00:59:40,630

climb under the covers and wish you all

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00:59:50,100 --> 00:59:46,900

a very good night desire recover from my

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00:59:52,290 --> 00:59:50,110

cold ample next week this is Richard

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00:59:58,500 --> 00:59:52,300

Saunders signing off from Sydney

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01:00:00,059 --> 00:59:58,510

Australia you've been listening to the

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01:00:04,769 --> 01:00:00,069

skeptic zone

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01:00:08,099 --> 01:00:04,779

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