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**The Skeptic Zone**  
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00:00:12,580 --> 00:00:09,080  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:16,430 --> 00:00:12,590  
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:35,569 --> 00:00:16,440  
urea hosts Richard Saunders and Stefan

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00:00:39,020 --> 00:00:35,579  
cyka hello Richard don't tell me you've

5  
00:00:41,450 --> 00:00:39,030  
got an ipad 2 I our email an iPad as

6  
00:00:45,610 --> 00:00:41,460  
well as well yes I have an iPad and you

7  
00:00:48,500 --> 00:00:45,620  
have an iPad 2 as well and you've got

8  
00:00:51,380 --> 00:00:48,510  
what is Baxter ah that's my new Moog

9  
00:00:53,150 --> 00:00:51,390  
synthesizer yeah it's a that's quite a

10  
00:00:54,709 --> 00:00:53,160  
nice little app actually it's not bad

11  
00:00:58,549 --> 00:00:54,719  
and you were trying to do the skeptic

12  
00:01:07,419 --> 00:00:58,559  
sample was very badly very badly this is

13  
00:01:13,219 --> 00:01:10,279

sort of like the class dr. bus stop by

14

00:01:14,959 --> 00:01:13,229

to see you back in the zone step I can't

15

00:01:16,849 --> 00:01:14,969

believe I'm here again I don't know

16

00:01:19,069 --> 00:01:16,859

whatever I disappeared it to some sort

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00:01:21,770 --> 00:01:19,079

of play all of existence you do from

18

00:01:23,419 --> 00:01:21,780

time but I do it so do you but when you

19

00:01:25,190 --> 00:01:23,429

disappear another universe there's

20

00:01:27,169 --> 00:01:25,200

actually something there when I

21

00:01:28,789 --> 00:01:27,179

disappeared other universe it's actually

22

00:01:30,109 --> 00:01:28,799

a black hole of nothingness but you've

23

00:01:31,639 --> 00:01:30,119

actually been somewhere I've been

24

00:01:34,190 --> 00:01:31,649

somewhere in fact you and I are just

25

00:01:36,529 --> 00:01:34,200

looking at your giant monitor here on

26  
00:01:38,029 --> 00:01:36,539  
your desk and it's a huge map of Death

27  
00:01:40,850 --> 00:01:38,039  
Valley and I was just pointing out some

28  
00:01:43,039 --> 00:01:40,860  
of the amazing places it's a phenomenal

29  
00:01:44,569 --> 00:01:43,049  
place amazing as you posted a few nights

30  
00:01:47,479 --> 00:01:44,579  
interesting little videos here on the

31  
00:01:49,429 --> 00:01:47,489  
old skeptic zone vodcast podcaster you

32  
00:01:51,139 --> 00:01:49,439  
to be thinking I have that's the Death

33  
00:01:53,869 --> 00:01:51,149  
Valley Adventures of me and Brian

34  
00:01:55,490 --> 00:01:53,879  
Dunning from skip boy dot-com and I also

35  
00:01:57,859 --> 00:01:55,500  
put those into the feed a good fun

36  
00:02:00,109 --> 00:01:57,869  
couple of funny videos and videos so

37  
00:02:01,580 --> 00:02:00,119  
have you been it's been a while that's

38  
00:02:04,069 --> 00:02:01,590

the year the years just sort of

39

00:02:06,229 --> 00:02:04,079

disappeared oh they always do like the

40

00:02:08,630 --> 00:02:06,239

come November you always think yourself

41

00:02:11,150 --> 00:02:08,640

what what happened what happened wasn't

42

00:02:12,470 --> 00:02:11,160

it just like Christmas and I know it's

43

00:02:14,300 --> 00:02:12,480

just like but you have been actually

44

00:02:17,599 --> 00:02:14,310

doing consuming some fun stuff with the

45

00:02:20,150 --> 00:02:17,609

old TV show I have yeah and the one has

46

00:02:22,879 --> 00:02:20,160

got one more week to run thank God for

47

00:02:24,440 --> 00:02:22,889

that and then then I'll be a former as

48

00:02:26,059 --> 00:02:24,450

Brian Dunning says I'll be a former

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00:02:28,789 --> 00:02:26,069

Kelly celebrity after that performance

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00:02:30,229 --> 00:02:28,799

living but that is actually quite i find

51  
00:02:32,210 --> 00:02:30,239  
myself laughing my head off watching

52  
00:02:33,920 --> 00:02:32,220  
that show not at you Richard yeah I

53  
00:02:36,500 --> 00:02:33,930  
think you're doing a great job for

54  
00:02:37,990 --> 00:02:36,510  
skepticism the world over but the

55  
00:02:41,059 --> 00:02:38,000  
contestants are quite amusing if

56  
00:02:43,430 --> 00:02:41,069  
international Lister's haven't had the

57  
00:02:46,339 --> 00:02:43,440  
chance to see the one the TV show i'm

58  
00:02:48,710 --> 00:02:46,349  
currently on there's clips on youtube

59  
00:02:51,409 --> 00:02:48,720  
yes miss clips on you yeah yeah and it's

60  
00:02:53,599 --> 00:02:51,419  
good it's basically a search for

61  
00:02:55,729 --> 00:02:53,609  
Australia's greatest psychic most gifted

62  
00:02:57,020 --> 00:02:55,739  
so no I'll most gifted psychic and you

63  
00:03:00,319 --> 00:02:57,030

can't see my fingers by making little

64

00:03:03,259 --> 00:03:00,329

low quotation marks psychic but yeah

65

00:03:04,759 --> 00:03:03,269

it's been it's fun it's fun so what's

66

00:03:06,589 --> 00:03:04,769

what's in store for the show this week

67

00:03:08,720 --> 00:03:06,599

well coming up this week our main

68

00:03:10,819 --> 00:03:08,730

artists scored an interview with edward

69

00:03:13,670 --> 00:03:10,829

maya who is one of the editors of

70

00:03:16,970 --> 00:03:13,680

ripley's believe it or not he is not yes

71

00:03:19,190 --> 00:03:16,980

no it's not yes yeah believe it or not

72

00:03:22,760 --> 00:03:19,200

oh oh

73

00:03:24,680 --> 00:03:22,770

oh that's a bad one so actually believe

74

00:03:26,210 --> 00:03:24,690

it or not the actual show yes I so I

75

00:03:28,130 --> 00:03:26,220

need the actual book is that still

76

00:03:29,270 --> 00:03:28,140

running I don't the show is but there's

77

00:03:31,220 --> 00:03:29,280

the book i'm sure the book still

78

00:03:34,009 --> 00:03:31,230

ripley's believe it or not is is being

79

00:03:35,990 --> 00:03:34,019

printed it's like I think he mentions in

80

00:03:38,479 --> 00:03:36,000

the interview that they're sort of in

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00:03:39,920 --> 00:03:38,489

competition with guinness book of world

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00:03:41,570 --> 00:03:39,930

records but they have sort of different

83

00:03:43,190 --> 00:03:41,580

areas yeah right i believe it or not

84

00:03:45,470 --> 00:03:43,200

they'll have something which is really

85

00:03:47,720 --> 00:03:45,480

bizarre doesn't even doesn't have to be

86

00:03:49,280 --> 00:03:47,730

a record right okay well if that sounds

87

00:03:51,350 --> 00:03:49,290

like a lot so he talks about some of the

88

00:03:53,030 --> 00:03:51,360

strange things he's so i remember that

89

00:03:55,580 --> 00:03:53,040

show like many many years I was always

90

00:03:58,339 --> 00:03:55,590

fascinating as it as a kid growing up so

91

00:04:01,130 --> 00:03:58,349

that that's coming up and then what we

92

00:04:04,100 --> 00:04:01,140

have is a little clip i went to new town

93

00:04:05,600 --> 00:04:04,110

festival here in sydney oh oh yes for

94

00:04:07,670 --> 00:04:05,610

those who haven't been a new town it's a

95

00:04:09,680 --> 00:04:07,680

freaky place it's a great place is good

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00:04:12,140 --> 00:04:09,690

fun it attracts all cut all sorts the

97

00:04:14,180 --> 00:04:12,150

new town festival is huge the thousands

98

00:04:16,699 --> 00:04:14,190

of people turned up and I went along and

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00:04:20,030 --> 00:04:16,709

had a quick word to the people who were

100

00:04:22,879 --> 00:04:20,040

staffing the three thought Alliance tent

101  
00:04:24,680 --> 00:04:22,889  
so three thought Alliance tent say that

102  
00:04:26,900 --> 00:04:24,690  
quickly they that's not just up the road

103  
00:04:30,110 --> 00:04:26,910  
from the happy hi herb shop is it which

104  
00:04:31,670 --> 00:04:30,120  
is in new tax free thought with the

105  
00:04:33,500 --> 00:04:31,680  
heavy haider there is a place called

106  
00:04:35,480 --> 00:04:33,510  
happy higher as beauty area there is

107  
00:04:37,279 --> 00:04:35,490  
amazing yourself Oh that'll be a lot of

108  
00:04:39,740 --> 00:04:37,289  
fun yeah that was great to go along

109  
00:04:42,730 --> 00:04:39,750  
there and have a chat to them and after

110  
00:04:46,250 --> 00:04:42,740  
that after that we have a little clip

111  
00:04:48,860 --> 00:04:46,260  
from me this is shows dings all around

112  
00:04:51,140 --> 00:04:48,870  
the world I go back to New Orleans oh so

113  
00:04:54,200 --> 00:04:51,150

is there a few weeks ago everywhere to

114

00:04:56,420 --> 00:04:54,210

the this icon right the committee for

115

00:04:57,680 --> 00:04:56,430

skeptical inquiry convention and I

116

00:05:00,050 --> 00:04:57,690

talked to a good friend of ours been

117

00:05:03,020 --> 00:05:00,060

Radford ah about his impressions of the

118

00:05:04,219 --> 00:05:03,030

Convention and then we go back around

119

00:05:06,080 --> 00:05:04,229

the other side of the world from

120

00:05:09,020 --> 00:05:06,090

Melbourne Australia where Maynard

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00:05:11,810 --> 00:05:09,030

continues his interviews and insights

122

00:05:14,480 --> 00:05:11,820

from skeptic amp Melbourne gee this is

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00:05:16,490 --> 00:05:14,490

truly becoming an international show

124

00:05:18,080 --> 00:05:16,500

that the BB by having them coming this

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00:05:20,150 --> 00:05:18,090

little microphone the head that you got

126

00:05:23,270 --> 00:05:20,160

here are you everywhere it has or

127

00:05:25,400 --> 00:05:23,280

someone's microphones me it travels

128

00:05:28,339 --> 00:05:25,410

around a lot so that's it's a big show

129

00:05:29,780 --> 00:05:28,349

and we must say that before we even get

130

00:05:32,270 --> 00:05:29,790

into this big show happy

131

00:05:34,400 --> 00:05:32,280

birthday dr. H oh happy birthday that's

132

00:05:36,800 --> 00:05:34,410

why she did so birthday today the 19th

133

00:05:39,020 --> 00:05:36,810

of November 93rd of Ember yeah happy

134

00:05:44,920 --> 00:05:39,030

puppy to you very good they do your

135

00:05:51,030 --> 00:05:48,020

it's not happy but it's not as fast as I

136

00:05:57,189 --> 00:05:53,650

that same it was racing like a doctor

137

00:06:00,969 --> 00:05:57,199

who ah yes it did the skeptics and have

138

00:06:02,830 --> 00:06:00,979

one episode is this again 1611 g61 that

139

00:06:05,830 --> 00:06:02,840

is just ridiculous now don't forget

140

00:06:09,310 --> 00:06:05,840

everybody that we still are now drive to

141

00:06:12,430 --> 00:06:09,320

get Maynard to go to Las Vegas obvious i

142

00:06:14,920 --> 00:06:12,440

made a fundraiser fundraiser oh how

143

00:06:16,689 --> 00:06:14,930

close we got we got 15 20 bucks yeah we

144

00:06:18,760 --> 00:06:16,699

got about that we got to need about 2

145

00:06:21,100 --> 00:06:18,770

grand we need a bit more site about two

146

00:06:23,379 --> 00:06:21,110

and it's gonna be good value if you can

147

00:06:25,629 --> 00:06:23,389

help may not get there he is very good

148

00:06:28,360 --> 00:06:25,639

value in person he's great value for the

149

00:06:30,670 --> 00:06:28,370

show it is actually because as I was my

150

00:06:33,700 --> 00:06:30,680

listeners know once may not get to say

151  
00:06:35,320 --> 00:06:33,710  
Las Vegas what it does it means that our

152  
00:06:37,629 --> 00:06:35,330  
listeners will get heaps and heaps of

153  
00:06:40,510 --> 00:06:37,639  
great interviews to enjoy for weeks and

154  
00:06:42,250 --> 00:06:40,520  
weeks to come and people like dr. Richie

155  
00:06:44,320 --> 00:06:42,260  
and myself and other members of the zone

156  
00:06:45,760 --> 00:06:44,330  
team can concentrate on being at the

157  
00:06:48,250 --> 00:06:45,770  
convention other things there are lakes

158  
00:06:50,170 --> 00:06:48,260  
and also good and in Maine arts case

159  
00:06:52,570 --> 00:06:50,180  
what happens in vegas won't stay in

160  
00:06:55,659 --> 00:06:52,580  
vegas be broadcast on the skeptics

161  
00:06:58,240 --> 00:06:55,669  
island there you go folks if you want to

162  
00:06:59,710 --> 00:06:58,250  
help get maynard las vegas so you can

163  
00:07:02,890 --> 00:06:59,720

enjoy more great interviews run to

164

00:07:05,500 --> 00:07:02,900

skeptics own TV and consider donating

165

00:07:08,290 --> 00:07:05,510

all a bit of money away or if you you

166

00:07:12,040 --> 00:07:08,300

can just donate 99 cents a week you know

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00:07:13,360 --> 00:07:12,050

is micro focus on payment plan ya do

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00:07:15,520 --> 00:07:13,370

that for a little while you aren't even

169

00:07:17,980 --> 00:07:15,530

miss 99 cents a week but it all does

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00:07:20,200 --> 00:07:17,990

help us if enough people do that yeah i

171

00:07:24,640 --> 00:07:20,210

know it will will send into the moon was

172

00:07:26,469 --> 00:07:24,650

it or death valley one of the other no

173

00:07:27,640 --> 00:07:26,479

that's it not enough people do alright

174

00:07:30,610 --> 00:07:27,650

well Richard let's get on with the show

175

00:07:32,500 --> 00:07:30,620

no I want to learn how to use this one

176

00:07:34,210 --> 00:07:32,510

little bit more thing okay while we're

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00:07:38,260 --> 00:07:34,220

doing that and having this nice string

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00:07:39,580 --> 00:07:38,270

of capital of magic water will play this

179

00:08:03,759 --> 00:07:39,590

and we'll get on to the show down to the

180

00:08:15,270 --> 00:08:08,989

here's may not spooky action at the

181

00:08:20,350 --> 00:08:17,679

ladies and gentlemen I have a man on the

182

00:08:22,149 --> 00:08:20,360

phone now I you the editor the chief

183

00:08:24,670 --> 00:08:22,159

cheese at Ripley's Believe It or Not

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00:08:27,040 --> 00:08:24,680

book publishing division one of the

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00:08:29,140 --> 00:08:27,050

chief Jesus it's very much a group

186

00:08:30,850 --> 00:08:29,150

effort to put together our books every

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00:08:33,100 --> 00:08:30,860

mile when you walk down the corridor do

188

00:08:36,339 --> 00:08:33,110

people you know shudder they certainly

189

00:08:38,319 --> 00:08:36,349

stare at me sometimes the last couple of

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00:08:40,329 --> 00:08:38,329

days I've been walking around the

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00:08:44,410 --> 00:08:40,339

streets of melbourne with a two-headed

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00:08:46,810 --> 00:08:44,420

three winged three-legged crow and if it

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00:08:48,460 --> 00:08:46,820

doesn't turn in nothing will as a kid

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00:08:50,170 --> 00:08:48,470

and as an adult it's the kind of book

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00:08:51,850 --> 00:08:50,180

you glance at every once in a while it's

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00:08:54,160 --> 00:08:51,860

just all you'll do is look at one page

197

00:08:55,690 --> 00:08:54,170

and it's supposed to blow your mind when

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00:08:57,100 --> 00:08:55,700

did you get involved with it and you

199

00:08:59,769 --> 00:08:57,110

remember looking at it as a kid yourself

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00:09:01,870 --> 00:08:59,779

well I do the booking question is called

201

00:09:03,819 --> 00:09:01,880

strikingly true and we've been in the

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00:09:05,829 --> 00:09:03,829

book publishing business since nineteen

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00:09:08,380 --> 00:09:05,839

twenty nine but this is our latest and

204

00:09:10,180 --> 00:09:08,390

greatest I remember very distinctly from

205

00:09:12,639 --> 00:09:10,190

a very early age that was in our

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00:09:15,939 --> 00:09:12,649

newspaper I got involved with the

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00:09:19,150 --> 00:09:15,949

company almost 34 years ago now I

208

00:09:21,040 --> 00:09:19,160

actually spend most of my time acquiring

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00:09:22,840 --> 00:09:21,050

the exhibits that are in our museums

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00:09:24,939 --> 00:09:22,850

around the world what has been your

211

00:09:27,430 --> 00:09:24,949

favorite exhibit I mean you must have

212

00:09:29,290 --> 00:09:27,440

seen so many weird and ghoulish things

213

00:09:31,689 --> 00:09:29,300

well I've seen a little bit of

214

00:09:35,110 --> 00:09:31,699

everything about how about a full-size

215

00:09:37,329 --> 00:09:35,120

Ferrari carved out of wood and is

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00:09:39,160 --> 00:09:37,339

actually a motorboat and of course you

217

00:09:41,050 --> 00:09:39,170

would make the people often who create

218

00:09:43,660 --> 00:09:41,060

these things is as a commonality between

219

00:09:44,980 --> 00:09:43,670

the people who make and are obsessed

220

00:09:47,620 --> 00:09:44,990

with these unusual things for example

221

00:09:49,480 --> 00:09:47,630

you just said it the commonality is

222

00:09:52,420 --> 00:09:49,490

obsessed that whatever it is they're

223

00:09:54,699 --> 00:09:52,430

after it is so important to them that

224

00:09:56,500 --> 00:09:54,709

all the rest of the world can go on

225

00:09:59,079 --> 00:09:56,510

without them they they want to make

226

00:10:00,490 --> 00:09:59,089

something to make them immortal makes

227

00:10:02,319 --> 00:10:00,500

them a little different than you and me

228

00:10:06,910 --> 00:10:02,329

the one that I could not get my eyes off

229

00:10:10,660 --> 00:10:06,920

is the statue of Kevin Bacon made out of

230

00:10:13,060 --> 00:10:10,670

bacon pretty good i like the portrait of

231

00:10:16,329 --> 00:10:13,070

a young boy in a cowboy outfit made from

232

00:10:18,970 --> 00:10:16,339

the corpses of two hundred thousand ants

233

00:10:22,059 --> 00:10:18,980

and you know it's just to me it's but

234

00:10:24,639 --> 00:10:22,069

why the finished product is is pretty

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00:10:26,019 --> 00:10:24,649

good art but it's just plain weird

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00:10:27,670 --> 00:10:26,029

and what is the stuff you've had to

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00:10:29,410 --> 00:10:27,680

reject what is the stuff that's just

238

00:10:31,359 --> 00:10:29,420

been off the edge that you go now I'm

239

00:10:33,489 --> 00:10:31,369

afraid that that's either too dangerous

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00:10:35,859 --> 00:10:33,499

to weed or just to flat-out impractical

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00:10:37,540 --> 00:10:35,869

we've had to turn down well there is

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00:10:40,210 --> 00:10:37,550

stuff that fits all of those categories

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00:10:42,460 --> 00:10:40,220

once in a while we don't do a lot of

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00:10:45,040 --> 00:10:42,470

work with aliens because you can't prove

245

00:10:47,259 --> 00:10:45,050

it everything in our book or our museums

246

00:10:49,389 --> 00:10:47,269

or our TV shows of our brand name

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00:10:50,759 --> 00:10:49,399

ripley's believe it or not is on it we

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00:10:53,230 --> 00:10:50,769

want to make sure it's a hundred percent

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00:10:55,989 --> 00:10:53,240

authenticated that's tough to do with

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00:10:57,790 --> 00:10:55,999

witchcraft type stories and aliens and

251  
00:10:59,530 --> 00:10:57,800  
so you know there are a few things that

252  
00:11:01,689 --> 00:10:59,540  
don't quite make it but as long as it's

253  
00:11:02,859 --> 00:11:01,699  
true and it's unbelievable we're

254  
00:11:05,350 --> 00:11:02,869  
certainly going to take a look at it

255  
00:11:06,970 --> 00:11:05,360  
what was mr. Ripley I assume there was a

256  
00:11:08,710 --> 00:11:06,980  
mr. Ripley originally what was his idea

257  
00:11:10,359 --> 00:11:08,720  
was he trying to do an interesting

258  
00:11:12,069 --> 00:11:10,369  
cartoon series that was different from

259  
00:11:14,259 --> 00:11:12,079  
what was around at the time why did he

260  
00:11:17,590 --> 00:11:14,269  
started up well I think you've hit the

261  
00:11:20,410 --> 00:11:17,600  
nail on the head there initially he was

262  
00:11:22,660 --> 00:11:20,420  
doing sports stories he was a would-be

263  
00:11:25,419 --> 00:11:22,670

baseball player himself so sports is

264

00:11:28,299 --> 00:11:25,429

what he knew early in the 1920s he took

265

00:11:31,660 --> 00:11:28,309

a trip around the world and you know was

266

00:11:33,549 --> 00:11:31,670

introduced to cultures and religions and

267

00:11:36,009 --> 00:11:33,559

architecture that you know the average

268

00:11:38,939 --> 00:11:36,019

American hadn't seen and probably never

269

00:11:41,829 --> 00:11:38,949

would he wrote them in a diary format

270

00:11:45,429 --> 00:11:41,839

published it in the first book in 1929

271

00:11:47,169 --> 00:11:45,439

and the world was just fascinated his

272

00:11:49,749 --> 00:11:47,179

readers were just fascinated that the

273

00:11:52,449 --> 00:11:49,759

world was such a strange unusual place

274

00:11:54,129 --> 00:11:52,459

and came up with the not just the term

275

00:11:56,650 --> 00:11:54,139

believe it or not but truth is stranger

276

00:11:58,900 --> 00:11:56,660

than fiction he he was literally a

277

00:12:00,970 --> 00:11:58,910

newspaper reporter but because he could

278

00:12:03,040 --> 00:12:00,980

draw he was telling the story a little

279

00:12:04,720 --> 00:12:03,050

differently than everybody else is the

280

00:12:07,329 --> 00:12:04,730

Guinness Book of Records got a bit of a

281

00:12:09,489 --> 00:12:07,339

crossover with you guys or not well it's

282

00:12:11,860 --> 00:12:09,499

a little bit I consider them our

283

00:12:14,379 --> 00:12:11,870

competition you know what is different

284

00:12:16,090 --> 00:12:14,389

there is that they're totally into

285

00:12:18,280 --> 00:12:16,100

superlatives it has to be the biggest

286

00:12:20,919 --> 00:12:18,290

the best whatever ours just has to be

287

00:12:22,840 --> 00:12:20,929

unbelievable and I don't think I've seen

288

00:12:24,429 --> 00:12:22,850

the Guinness Book of Records the picture

289

00:12:27,129 --> 00:12:24,439

of the cat have been struck by lightning

290

00:12:29,499 --> 00:12:27,139

and lives that's you know the kind of

291

00:12:31,989 --> 00:12:29,509

thing that isn't a record but clearly is

292

00:12:34,389 --> 00:12:31,999

worth noting and in this case

293

00:12:36,610 --> 00:12:34,399

unbelievable and amazing now what he's

294

00:12:38,110 --> 00:12:36,620

been chasing up in Australia and what it

295

00:12:40,180 --> 00:12:38,120

had people getting contact you

296

00:12:41,980 --> 00:12:40,190

do they try and do something that's in

297

00:12:44,590 --> 00:12:41,990

the photo how does it normally go well

298

00:12:46,990 --> 00:12:44,600

photo is probably the first step in most

299

00:12:50,500 --> 00:12:47,000

cases you can contact me directly at

300

00:12:54,880 --> 00:12:50,510

meijer meu ier a trip please calm or

301  
00:12:57,250 --> 00:12:54,890  
through our website w WR please calm we

302  
00:12:59,230 --> 00:12:57,260  
are constantly searching both for our

303  
00:13:00,970 --> 00:12:59,240  
books and our museums and we'd love to

304  
00:13:03,340 --> 00:13:00,980  
talk to anybody that has a weird story

305  
00:13:05,380 --> 00:13:03,350  
here in Australia chances are we can get

306  
00:13:07,420 --> 00:13:05,390  
you in our next book we like to see it

307  
00:13:09,970 --> 00:13:07,430  
and think about it before we send

308  
00:13:12,460 --> 00:13:09,980  
somebody out to verify it but again has

309  
00:13:14,260 --> 00:13:12,470  
to be authenticated has to be true if

310  
00:13:16,630 --> 00:13:14,270  
someone's sitting here thinking okay I

311  
00:13:18,360 --> 00:13:16,640  
should make something for them what area

312  
00:13:21,430 --> 00:13:18,370  
are you looking for what is a an

313  
00:13:22,600 --> 00:13:21,440

unrequited area of bullet ripley's

314

00:13:23,829 --> 00:13:22,610

believe it or not that you really need

315

00:13:26,740 --> 00:13:23,839

something for that someone could work

316

00:13:29,950 --> 00:13:26,750

towards alright well in terms of Ripley

317

00:13:32,170 --> 00:13:29,960

art the medium is usually more important

318

00:13:33,880 --> 00:13:32,180

than the final product you know we're

319

00:13:36,130 --> 00:13:33,890

not our critics it doesn't matter if

320

00:13:37,720 --> 00:13:36,140

it's a best looking portrait if you

321

00:13:38,980 --> 00:13:37,730

hadn't told me that was Kevin Bacon

322

00:13:40,810 --> 00:13:38,990

might have a bike and I would've thought

323

00:13:42,640 --> 00:13:40,820

it was Elvis my database well there you

324

00:13:44,860 --> 00:13:42,650

go but the the bacon being more

325

00:13:47,110 --> 00:13:44,870

important than this the person in that

326

00:13:49,360 --> 00:13:47,120

case but portraits made at aunts I

327

00:13:51,610 --> 00:13:49,370

mentioned already there's a fantastic

328

00:13:54,070 --> 00:13:51,620

representation of da Vinci's Last Supper

329

00:13:56,560 --> 00:13:54,080

made out of laundry lint we get things

330

00:13:59,199 --> 00:13:56,570

made out of recycled objects all the

331

00:14:01,300 --> 00:13:59,209

time you know thinking green is a good

332

00:14:03,480 --> 00:14:01,310

way to get into Ripley's we also

333

00:14:05,920 --> 00:14:03,490

currently looking for three-dimensional

334

00:14:08,050 --> 00:14:05,930

sculpture more than wall paintings

335

00:14:09,880 --> 00:14:08,060

making something that can stand in the

336

00:14:11,860 --> 00:14:09,890

middle of the room it's got a little bit

337

00:14:14,410 --> 00:14:11,870

of edge and we're also looking for

338

00:14:16,329 --> 00:14:14,420

things that move interactivity is a big

339

00:14:17,680 --> 00:14:16,339

part of our new museums when you're in

340

00:14:19,300 --> 00:14:17,690

the shower in the morning or as you're

341

00:14:21,340 --> 00:14:19,310

drifting off to sleep in the night is

342

00:14:23,230 --> 00:14:21,350

there one thing you imagine is something

343

00:14:25,420 --> 00:14:23,240

that could really blow your mind that

344

00:14:28,090 --> 00:14:25,430

hasn't come along yet well the holy

345

00:14:30,970 --> 00:14:28,100

grail for me is something with three

346

00:14:33,670 --> 00:14:30,980

heads we've had animal oddities all our

347

00:14:36,190 --> 00:14:33,680

lives we commonly see two-headed cows

348

00:14:38,079 --> 00:14:36,200

two-headed sheep six legged pig whatever

349

00:14:40,810 --> 00:14:38,089

but somewhere out there there must be an

350

00:14:43,240 --> 00:14:40,820

animal with three heads and I'll

351  
00:14:45,370 --> 00:14:43,250  
consider retiring what I see that good

352  
00:14:59,739 --> 00:14:45,380  
luck with your DNA based adventures

353  
00:15:06,559 --> 00:15:03,049  
you're listening to the skeptic zone I'm

354  
00:15:08,840 --> 00:15:06,569  
Brian Dunning from sceptile calm when

355  
00:15:11,780 --> 00:15:08,850  
I'm not tuned into the skeptic zone I'm

356  
00:15:13,609 --> 00:15:11,790  
recording thus kept I'd podcast doing

357  
00:15:15,429 --> 00:15:13,619  
what I can to further knowledge by

358  
00:15:17,929 --> 00:15:15,439  
blasting away the widespread

359  
00:15:20,780 --> 00:15:17,939  
pseudo-sciences that infect popular

360  
00:15:22,850 --> 00:15:20,790  
culture I've also compiled a 40-minute

361  
00:15:26,090 --> 00:15:22,860  
educational video on critical thinking

362  
00:15:29,809 --> 00:15:26,100  
called here be dragons at here be

363  
00:15:32,809 --> 00:15:29,819

dragons movie.com I hope you check those

364

00:15:44,150 --> 00:15:32,819

out and I hope you enjoy the skeptic

365

00:15:58,379 --> 00:15:46,439

No

366

00:16:03,600 --> 00:16:02,889

what I'm trying to convey hey can you

367

00:16:07,199 --> 00:16:03,610

hear

368

00:16:18,970 --> 00:16:07,209

what I'm saying I can't seem to get

369

00:16:22,850 --> 00:16:21,319

Rohit's the new town there's a little

370

00:16:24,889 --> 00:16:22,860

time again you see that's what I want

371

00:16:26,389 --> 00:16:24,899

you to say in the first place you're

372

00:16:29,030 --> 00:16:26,399

laughing because this is take two hello

373

00:16:32,929 --> 00:16:29,040

Ian Bryce from Australian skipping hello

374

00:16:36,949 --> 00:16:32,939

Richard hello now we here at the Western

375

00:16:40,549 --> 00:16:36,959

Sydney freethinkers Sydney atheists

376

00:16:42,499 --> 00:16:40,559

circular party stand tint that's right

377

00:16:44,749 --> 00:16:42,509

it's basically that the freethought

378

00:16:46,369 --> 00:16:44,759

groups have got together and got to

379

00:16:47,900 --> 00:16:46,379

stand at the festival so we're handing

380

00:16:49,400 --> 00:16:47,910

out the picture and speaking to the

381

00:16:51,199 --> 00:16:49,410

people and it's a great day we're all

382

00:16:52,610 --> 00:16:51,209

having a good time it is pretty good

383

00:16:54,319 --> 00:16:52,620

actually there's lots of be there are

384

00:16:56,600 --> 00:16:54,329

thousands of people here in this huge

385

00:16:58,309 --> 00:16:56,610

Park in Newtown fella hundreds of stores

386

00:17:01,910 --> 00:16:58,319

people milling about and you got the

387

00:17:04,610 --> 00:17:01,920

Pope ah the Pope he's back yes indeed

388

00:17:06,350 --> 00:17:04,620

the dying Pope looks have a look oh yeah

389

00:17:08,179 --> 00:17:06,360

he's looking quite well he's on his

390

00:17:11,419 --> 00:17:08,189

golden telephone which goes to a

391

00:17:12,829 --> 00:17:11,429

satellite dish yes indeed we think we

392

00:17:14,929 --> 00:17:12,839

object to the Pope claiming to have a

393

00:17:16,490 --> 00:17:14,939

hotline to God basically so we've made a

394

00:17:19,250 --> 00:17:16,500

parody of that we've got a model of the

395

00:17:22,819 --> 00:17:19,260

Pope here resplendent with the mitre hat

396

00:17:24,919 --> 00:17:22,829

yes and lots of robes and sashes and a

397

00:17:27,230 --> 00:17:24,929

gold satellite dish with a gold

398

00:17:28,789 --> 00:17:27,240

telephone and is claiming to be looking

399

00:17:31,460 --> 00:17:28,799

for God so he can get some advice from

400

00:17:33,500 --> 00:17:31,470

the Bell so we think that that's we know

401  
00:17:34,789 --> 00:17:33,510  
that morals a man-made and we think it's

402  
00:17:37,100 --> 00:17:34,799  
appalling that some religious groups

403  
00:17:39,200 --> 00:17:37,110  
came to claim that they have the only

404  
00:17:41,779 --> 00:17:39,210  
hot line to God and they know best of

405  
00:17:44,000 --> 00:17:41,789  
course there's thinks they do things

406  
00:17:45,350 --> 00:17:44,010  
they do those that's the thing well this

407  
00:17:48,049 --> 00:17:45,360  
is really good now we go people some

408  
00:17:49,669 --> 00:17:48,059  
people lined up some people getting some

409  
00:17:51,200 --> 00:17:49,679  
badges there even as we speak this to

410  
00:17:53,930 --> 00:17:51,210  
some interest here so that's pretty good

411  
00:17:57,380 --> 00:17:53,940  
to see yes the Badgers say is a number

412  
00:18:00,560 --> 00:17:57,390  
of things is a tunnel as I just say when

413  
00:18:02,269 --> 00:18:00,570

that's the Darwin fish Darwin fish they

414

00:18:04,730 --> 00:18:02,279

say I love science yeah that's pretty

415

00:18:06,080 --> 00:18:04,740

good and we've got Richard Dawkins skala

416

00:18:08,659 --> 00:18:06,090

day yes

417

00:18:11,600 --> 00:18:08,669

science for the winner says over there

418

00:18:13,730 --> 00:18:11,610

sir oh really that's really nice and as

419

00:18:16,659 --> 00:18:13,740

you did have a few years back on come

420

00:18:20,360 --> 00:18:16,669

around to the other side we have the

421

00:18:24,070 --> 00:18:20,370

Octagon that's right the sign says hit

422

00:18:28,700 --> 00:18:26,390

that's that's reach God you don't

423

00:18:31,970 --> 00:18:28,710

believe it won't reach John sweetman

424

00:18:34,070 --> 00:18:31,980

hello John the ones for each God one

425

00:18:36,710 --> 00:18:34,080

page count God that you don't believe it

426  
00:18:42,830 --> 00:18:36,720  
okay come back in a few hours and see

427  
00:18:44,690 --> 00:18:42,840  
how you go it's a really good occasion

428  
00:18:46,370 --> 00:18:44,700  
for outreach I think letting people know

429  
00:18:49,460 --> 00:18:46,380  
that the circular party here and the

430  
00:18:51,019 --> 00:18:49,470  
other people are here and yes the tent

431  
00:18:52,310 --> 00:18:51,029  
the little stand he is getting a lot of

432  
00:18:54,230 --> 00:18:52,320  
interest

433  
00:18:57,320 --> 00:18:54,240  
all right now Zoe and yes all the best

434  
00:18:59,480 --> 00:18:57,330  
with your where does he hear I think

435  
00:19:01,879 --> 00:18:59,490  
that the affair the festival in new job

436  
00:19:03,409 --> 00:19:01,889  
could you see that the science and

437  
00:19:05,330 --> 00:19:03,419  
reason being represented good to hear

438  
00:19:10,460 --> 00:19:05,340

thanks for coming in during the door

439

00:19:16,070 --> 00:19:10,470

check can you hear what I'm saying I can

440

00:19:19,600 --> 00:19:16,080

seem to get through can you hear what

441

00:19:23,910 --> 00:19:19,610

I'm saying

442

00:19:26,990 --> 00:19:23,920

in here when I'm trying to do they

443

00:19:31,790 --> 00:19:27,000

and here when I'm saying

444

00:19:31,800 --> 00:19:38,640

I can't seem to get through

445

00:19:48,280 --> 00:19:43,330

thank you thanks guys pull the polls out

446

00:19:50,350 --> 00:19:48,290

soon so wait what's this concert you're

447

00:19:53,350 --> 00:19:50,360

talking about it's George prob and the

448

00:19:55,180 --> 00:19:53,360

geologic abstract you know Gio he's that

449

00:19:57,640 --> 00:19:55,190

skeptic guy who writes music in produces

450

00:19:59,620 --> 00:19:57,650

the geologic podcast oh great now this

451  
00:20:00,820 --> 00:19:59,630  
is gonna be awesome row check it out

452  
00:20:03,880 --> 00:20:00,830  
they're putting on a show and they're

453  
00:20:07,720 --> 00:20:03,890  
calling it to 1812 y ver that's the date

454  
00:20:09,640 --> 00:20:07,730  
februari 18 2012 to 1812 and it just

455  
00:20:11,230 --> 00:20:09,650  
happens to be a palindrome or would a

456  
00:20:12,640 --> 00:20:11,240  
palindrome you know it's something

457  
00:20:15,360 --> 00:20:12,650  
that's the same forwards as backwards

458  
00:20:18,520 --> 00:20:15,370  
like go hang a salami i'ma lasagna hog

459  
00:20:21,580 --> 00:20:18,530  
and get this lit calling it a nice night

460  
00:20:25,540 --> 00:20:21,590  
out over yeah but it's not nice like n

461  
00:20:28,330 --> 00:20:25,550  
IC e it's nice like GN e is get it it's

462  
00:20:30,430 --> 00:20:28,340  
like a type of rock Ryan so this is a

463  
00:20:31,930 --> 00:20:30,440

concert about geology I know it's George

464

00:20:33,460 --> 00:20:31,940

Rob in the geological mr. it's a

465

00:20:35,170 --> 00:20:33,470

nine-piece rock band with horns and

466

00:20:37,150 --> 00:20:35,180

their funky and geeky and incredible

467

00:20:39,310 --> 00:20:37,160

musicians and they do a ton of Gio's

468

00:20:41,380 --> 00:20:39,320

original music road you know stuff like

469

00:20:43,450 --> 00:20:41,390

fire When I was your age everything

470

00:20:45,880 --> 00:20:43,460

alive will die someday brains body both

471

00:20:47,740 --> 00:20:45,890

okay and they're taping the concert

472

00:20:49,870 --> 00:20:47,750

friend DVD releasing a live albums to

473

00:20:51,340 --> 00:20:49,880

get to actually be on the DVD or at

474

00:20:53,770 --> 00:20:51,350

least the back of your head might be in

475

00:20:55,600 --> 00:20:53,780

a DVD Wow all right give me the details

476  
00:20:57,610 --> 00:20:55,610  
George Rob and the geologic Orchestra

477  
00:21:01,060 --> 00:20:57,620  
live in Bethlehem Pennsylvania Saturday

478  
00:21:03,430 --> 00:21:01,070  
februari 18 2012 go to geologic concert

479  
00:21:20,020 --> 00:21:03,440  
calm for tickets and constantly updated

480  
00:21:25,700 --> 00:21:23,510  
and now we take you back to New Orleans

481  
00:21:28,070 --> 00:21:25,710  
a couple of weeks ago for the psych on

482  
00:21:31,340 --> 00:21:28,080  
convention the committee for skeptical

483  
00:21:33,680 --> 00:21:31,350  
inquiry a really fantastic convention

484  
00:21:37,700 --> 00:21:33,690  
can't wait to go back next year right

485  
00:21:46,730 --> 00:21:37,710  
now I catch up with our investigator and

486  
00:21:48,740 --> 00:21:46,740  
noted skeptic been radford last day oh

487  
00:21:51,140 --> 00:21:48,750  
how sad been read but it's the last day

488  
00:21:53,840 --> 00:21:51,150

of this wonderful convention and I've

489

00:21:55,910 --> 00:21:53,850

been on a tram surrounded by scantily

490

00:21:57,350 --> 00:21:55,920

clad women last night which was

491

00:21:58,700 --> 00:21:57,360

interesting and interesting look at new

492

00:22:01,130 --> 00:21:58,710

orleans what have you been up to you've

493

00:22:03,590 --> 00:22:01,140

been investigating goods and voodoo and

494

00:22:05,930 --> 00:22:03,600

things well I came out a couple days

495

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

ahead so that I could investigate one of

496

00:22:11,060 --> 00:22:07,950

America's most haunted plantations the

497

00:22:15,650 --> 00:22:11,070

Myrtle's plantation wanted firstly crops

498

00:22:18,200 --> 00:22:15,660

goes to the ghostly crap yes I a little

499

00:22:20,480 --> 00:22:18,210

sore tongue there so I went and did that

500

00:22:22,130 --> 00:22:20,490

today a two night investigation in two

501  
00:22:24,410 --> 00:22:22,140  
days two nights and got some interesting

502  
00:22:26,450 --> 00:22:24,420  
information there and then I came back

503  
00:22:29,240 --> 00:22:26,460  
here of course and this is when cyclin

504  
00:22:31,220 --> 00:22:29,250  
all four coalesced came together mmm and

505  
00:22:33,560 --> 00:22:31,230  
it's been it's been a great great

506  
00:22:35,600 --> 00:22:33,570  
conference so far it's clean I packed

507  
00:22:38,150 --> 00:22:35,610  
schedule has nest it has been very I

508  
00:22:40,340 --> 00:22:38,160  
tell you what from the moment you start

509  
00:22:42,080 --> 00:22:40,350  
and then at various times you're looking

510  
00:22:44,330 --> 00:22:42,090  
at the program there are two sessions at

511  
00:22:45,860 --> 00:22:44,340  
what you want to go to both honestly

512  
00:22:47,299 --> 00:22:45,870  
yeah I would say it's a little too

513  
00:22:49,490 --> 00:22:47,309

packed just between the two of us

514

00:22:51,230 --> 00:22:49,500

because which is not a bad thing right

515

00:22:53,540 --> 00:22:51,240

it's not it's good that it is packed but

516

00:22:55,400 --> 00:22:53,550

yeah I agree it's it's a lot for a young

517

00:22:58,669 --> 00:22:55,410

and and and especially for people who

518

00:23:00,080 --> 00:22:58,679

haven't renewed to the whole thing and

519

00:23:01,520 --> 00:23:00,090

they don't know they don't know what

520

00:23:02,810 --> 00:23:01,530

they want to see yeah they don't want to

521

00:23:04,280 --> 00:23:02,820

see they want to Richard Saunders of

522

00:23:06,790 --> 00:23:04,290

course you do he's Richard Saunders I

523

00:23:09,620 --> 00:23:06,800

guess but I get the session to myself oh

524

00:23:12,080 --> 00:23:09,630

right right yeah you managed to pull

525

00:23:13,400 --> 00:23:12,090

that one off but no I said it's a it's a

526

00:23:14,570 --> 00:23:13,410

good eclectic mix we have you know

527

00:23:16,400 --> 00:23:14,580

people talking about everything from

528

00:23:17,720 --> 00:23:16,410

conspiracy theories to UFOs to

529

00:23:19,700 --> 00:23:17,730

alternative medicine claims

530

00:23:21,030 --> 00:23:19,710

investigations things like that so it

531

00:23:23,280 --> 00:23:21,040

was a wide

532

00:23:25,170 --> 00:23:23,290

engine and it's still going to it's the

533

00:23:27,450 --> 00:23:25,180

last morning this morning and I'm the

534

00:23:29,370 --> 00:23:27,460

next speaker in fact after whoever's

535

00:23:31,680 --> 00:23:29,380

going to be speaking before me yes yes

536

00:23:33,840 --> 00:23:31,690

so we have a moment to just chat about

537

00:23:36,960 --> 00:23:33,850

and saying hello and goodbye to a few

538

00:23:38,790 --> 00:23:36,970

people but it the range is really

539

00:23:40,500 --> 00:23:38,800

impressed me everything from as you're

540

00:23:43,410 --> 00:23:40,510

saying UFOs to alternative medicines

541

00:23:45,330 --> 00:23:43,420

conspiracy theories to the media it's

542

00:23:48,060 --> 00:23:45,340

fantastic and i think that's that's

543

00:23:50,040 --> 00:23:48,070

important for capturing and keeping a

544

00:23:51,750 --> 00:23:50,050

skeptical audience because not everybody

545

00:23:53,220 --> 00:23:51,760

cares about UFO yeah not everyone cares

546

00:23:56,130 --> 00:23:53,230

about you know alternative medicine

547

00:23:57,960 --> 00:23:56,140

plaintiff rounds but but in community

548

00:23:59,430 --> 00:23:57,970

like this there's always someone talking

549

00:24:01,830 --> 00:23:59,440

about not only is everything inherently

550

00:24:03,360 --> 00:24:01,840

interesting at least to me do you but

551  
00:24:05,700 --> 00:24:03,370  
but it's you know but to somebody who's

552  
00:24:07,440 --> 00:24:05,710  
just coming in the you know they can

553  
00:24:09,420 --> 00:24:07,450  
find something they can latch onto and

554  
00:24:10,950 --> 00:24:09,430  
say yes I don't care about Bigfoot but I

555  
00:24:13,050 --> 00:24:10,960  
do care about alternative medicine or I

556  
00:24:14,250 --> 00:24:13,060  
don't care about UFOs but dammit what

557  
00:24:16,830 --> 00:24:14,260  
about these these damn psychic

558  
00:24:19,470 --> 00:24:16,840  
detectives yeah absolutely absolutely

559  
00:24:21,210 --> 00:24:19,480  
and the people on hand here that the

560  
00:24:23,340 --> 00:24:21,220  
delegates can come up let me chat too I

561  
00:24:26,130 --> 00:24:23,350  
mean I'm sure Joe Nickell has been

562  
00:24:28,170 --> 00:24:26,140  
holding court Randy the other night at

563  
00:24:30,930 --> 00:24:28,180

dinner you surrounded by people he was

564

00:24:33,150 --> 00:24:30,940

doing wonderful trick he can't help me I

565

00:24:35,130 --> 00:24:33,160

do give that man a deck of cards that's

566

00:24:38,400 --> 00:24:35,140

it yeah anything gone right right right

567

00:24:40,860 --> 00:24:38,410

it will fit will sit there of transfix

568

00:24:42,060 --> 00:24:40,870

yeah yeah I saw that I mean he's giving

569

00:24:45,210 --> 00:24:42,070

demonstration to Bill Nye the Science

570

00:24:46,500 --> 00:24:45,220

Guy yes like how cool is that that was

571

00:24:50,360 --> 00:24:46,510

pretty cool but I tell you what was

572

00:24:52,400 --> 00:24:50,370

pretty freaky later on that evening and

573

00:24:54,590 --> 00:24:52,410

when I was with Phil Plait and some

574

00:24:57,260 --> 00:24:54,600

other people just relaxing with some

575

00:24:59,750 --> 00:24:57,270

speakers and there was Bill Nye and I

576

00:25:02,360 --> 00:24:59,760

was demonstrating to Bill Nye we feel

577

00:25:05,360 --> 00:25:02,370

played the power balance tricks mmm yeah

578

00:25:06,710 --> 00:25:05,370

that's pretty cool yeah and that's the

579

00:25:08,240 --> 00:25:06,720

thing and that's that's one thing that

580

00:25:10,190 --> 00:25:08,250

I've really heard from a lot of the

581

00:25:12,260 --> 00:25:10,200

attendees that they really appreciate

582

00:25:14,270 --> 00:25:12,270

the fact that that many that the

583

00:25:17,090 --> 00:25:14,280

skeptical activists and researchers are

584

00:25:18,830 --> 00:25:17,100

accessible Vera it's not a matter of you

585

00:25:20,930 --> 00:25:18,840

know oh you can't speak to him because

586

00:25:23,060 --> 00:25:20,940

he's my people are here I mean I'm

587

00:25:24,950 --> 00:25:23,070

here you're here about young people in

588

00:25:27,200 --> 00:25:24,960

there I think it really fosters a sense

589

00:25:31,130 --> 00:25:27,210

of community it's such a different

590

00:25:34,190 --> 00:25:31,140

animal to the amazing meeting and as you

591

00:25:35,870 --> 00:25:34,200

I think it would be you'd be going down

592

00:25:37,940 --> 00:25:35,880

a blind alley to try and compare them

593

00:25:40,400 --> 00:25:37,950

too much at this stage they're different

594

00:25:43,370 --> 00:25:40,410

beast something they are there and and

595

00:25:44,720 --> 00:25:43,380

you know i think that the plan as far as

596

00:25:47,000 --> 00:25:44,730

i understand is to have this be the

597

00:25:49,190 --> 00:25:47,010

first of many I here in New Orleans yeah

598

00:25:51,020 --> 00:25:49,200

the first of several anyway and so you

599

00:25:53,210 --> 00:25:51,030

know like any like any time you're

600

00:25:55,010 --> 00:25:53,220

establishing a new continuing conference

601  
00:25:57,770 --> 00:25:55,020  
in an area you have to start out

602  
00:25:59,330 --> 00:25:57,780  
somewhere you know you you you build on

603  
00:26:01,520 --> 00:25:59,340  
the previous year it's not going to be

604  
00:26:03,560 --> 00:26:01,530  
success out of the gate so and I think

605  
00:26:05,390 --> 00:26:03,570  
that people here recognize it I think so

606  
00:26:08,180 --> 00:26:05,400  
and but i think the organizers have done

607  
00:26:10,460 --> 00:26:08,190  
the right thing by pulling in the big

608  
00:26:12,260 --> 00:26:10,470  
names so the people who have come here

609  
00:26:15,320 --> 00:26:12,270  
we've got a really big bang for their

610  
00:26:17,660 --> 00:26:15,330  
buck I think they absolutely haven't

611  
00:26:21,560 --> 00:26:17,670  
even breakfast look at that I know ye

612  
00:26:23,480 --> 00:26:21,570  
you can grab an egg or in coffee

613  
00:26:25,130 --> 00:26:23,490

fantastic bread I have to say well and

614

00:26:26,510 --> 00:26:25,140

of course you know here here here where

615

00:26:28,070 --> 00:26:26,520

we are New Orleans mean there there a

616

00:26:30,049 --> 00:26:28,080

million great restaurants within within

617

00:26:32,930 --> 00:26:30,059

a few feet that's train and some crappy

618

00:26:35,600 --> 00:26:32,940

ones too but we won't talk about us but

619

00:26:38,210 --> 00:26:35,610

but no I mean and you know so everything

620

00:26:41,540 --> 00:26:38,220

is right here and coffees downstairs and

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00:26:43,520 --> 00:26:41,550

yeah it's uh it's going even well it is

622

00:26:45,590 --> 00:26:43,530

going well and it's got one more day and

623

00:26:47,510 --> 00:26:45,600

then you're here for one more night yes

624

00:26:51,140 --> 00:26:47,520

do some more fun and interesting things

625

00:26:54,350 --> 00:26:51,150

I have to be on a plane heading for Los

626

00:26:55,610 --> 00:26:54,360

Angeles okay there you go

627

00:26:57,560 --> 00:26:55,620

where I'm going to be catching up with

628

00:26:58,790 --> 00:26:57,570

Brian Dunning so that should it be he

629

00:27:00,800 --> 00:26:58,800

said he's going to take me to death

630

00:27:03,590 --> 00:27:00,810

valley you see wow you didn't show you

631

00:27:06,590 --> 00:27:03,600

take me back but it's a one-way street

632

00:27:07,670 --> 00:27:06,600

one day it'll be awesome what do you

633

00:27:11,120 --> 00:27:07,680

what do you think which it'll be great

634

00:27:12,830 --> 00:27:11,130

yeah I can't wait yeah Oh Ben you are

635

00:27:14,360 --> 00:27:12,840

only on our show a few weeks ago but

636

00:27:16,100 --> 00:27:14,370

just for those people who have

637

00:27:18,230 --> 00:27:16,110

short-term memory problems where can

638

00:27:20,300 --> 00:27:18,240

people find out more about you well

639

00:27:23,060 --> 00:27:20,310

let's see probably the easiest place

640

00:27:24,830 --> 00:27:23,070

would be on facebook under been radford

641

00:27:26,900 --> 00:27:24,840

there's there's me and there's a couple

642

00:27:28,340 --> 00:27:26,910

other ones but you know I'm the one

643

00:27:33,110 --> 00:27:28,350

that's doing interesting things frankly

644

00:27:35,630 --> 00:27:33,120

i like it is true then there's course

645

00:27:38,060 --> 00:27:35,640

Benjamin Radford calm and I'm also a

646

00:27:41,000 --> 00:27:38,070

co-host of the monster talks but monster

647

00:27:42,680 --> 00:27:41,010

talk podcast so you know I'm around and

648

00:27:44,090 --> 00:27:42,690

people are welcome to look at my stuff

649

00:27:47,030 --> 00:27:44,100

and you know Alfred columns for

650

00:27:48,170 --> 00:27:47,040

Discovery News and life science so you

651  
00:27:52,280 --> 00:27:48,180  
know there's plenty of stuff out there

652  
00:27:54,830 --> 00:27:52,290  
band Radford until how next meeting on

653  
00:28:07,940 --> 00:27:54,840  
some isolated part of the globe yep

654  
00:28:11,420 --> 00:28:07,950  
thank you certainly hi this is surly Amy

655  
00:28:13,760 --> 00:28:11,430  
from skeptic org I make ceramic jewelry

656  
00:28:16,400 --> 00:28:13,770  
it's hand formed and hand-painted it's

657  
00:28:19,400 --> 00:28:16,410  
inspired by science and skepticism you

658  
00:28:24,410 --> 00:28:19,410  
can find it at surly romics com s you

659  
00:28:31,110 --> 00:28:24,420  
are ly are am ICS com thanks and be

660  
00:28:36,160 --> 00:28:33,580  
thanks to everybody who entered the

661  
00:28:39,790 --> 00:28:36,170  
witchdoctor DVD contest this is the

662  
00:28:42,730 --> 00:28:39,800  
contest to win a 4 DVD set of the witch

663  
00:28:45,370 --> 00:28:42,740

doctor will see you now as seen on

664

00:28:47,380 --> 00:28:45,380

national geographic channel and it was a

665

00:28:51,550 --> 00:28:47,390

Twitter competition and the winner is

666

00:28:53,140 --> 00:28:51,560

twitter user welsh and grumpy welsh and

667

00:28:56,800 --> 00:28:53,150

grumpy who came up with a great new

668

00:28:59,260 --> 00:28:56,810

alternative medicine audio pathy tell a

669

00:29:01,590 --> 00:28:59,270

website your ailment pay money put glass

670

00:29:05,500 --> 00:29:01,600

of water by the speaker site plays

671

00:29:07,750 --> 00:29:05,510

vitalizing sound drink the cure sounds

672

00:29:09,550 --> 00:29:07,760

just as effective as most alternative

673

00:29:11,560 --> 00:29:09,560

medicines i hear about thanks very much

674

00:29:15,100 --> 00:29:11,570

will SH and grumpy I'll be contacting

675

00:29:33,890 --> 00:29:15,110

you soon and sending off the 4 DVD set

676  
00:29:40,590 --> 00:29:36,780  
back around the other side of the planet

677  
00:29:42,690 --> 00:29:40,600  
we go now to join Mina once again for

678  
00:29:45,540 --> 00:29:42,700  
his interviews and reports from the

679  
00:29:52,170 --> 00:29:45,550  
highly successful skeptic camp in

680  
00:29:54,300 --> 00:29:52,180  
Melbourne I look I'm hanging outside

681  
00:29:55,500 --> 00:29:54,310  
once again where all the action goes on

682  
00:29:56,850 --> 00:29:55,510  
at Melbourne University of a

683  
00:29:59,430 --> 00:29:56,860  
particularly oh they would skeptic am

684  
00:30:01,500 --> 00:29:59,440  
people got here Ilyas and how coming

685  
00:30:03,240 --> 00:30:01,510  
along here today Liz while I was giving

686  
00:30:04,680 --> 00:30:03,250  
a speech today now which one did you

687  
00:30:08,070 --> 00:30:04,690  
give I might have missed that one I

688  
00:30:10,110 --> 00:30:08,080

think he did not like what cuz I've been

689

00:30:11,580 --> 00:30:10,120

in and that was your topic I actually

690

00:30:14,880 --> 00:30:11,590

have at the topic of coming out of the

691

00:30:18,360 --> 00:30:14,890

closet the skeptical closet Oh a bit of

692

00:30:21,060 --> 00:30:18,370

a group participation session Allah of

693

00:30:22,560 --> 00:30:21,070

SBS inside was giant Brockie that sort

694

00:30:24,510 --> 00:30:22,570

of started asking questions of the

695

00:30:26,670 --> 00:30:24,520

audience and actually saying what their

696

00:30:28,140 --> 00:30:26,680

journey was in reaching the point where

697

00:30:30,420 --> 00:30:28,150

they realized they felt skeptical

698

00:30:31,740 --> 00:30:30,430

eyebrow whatever it was around them and

699

00:30:36,420 --> 00:30:31,750

how they actually felt that their age

700

00:30:38,100 --> 00:30:36,430

their lives have actually then fell

701  
00:30:39,390 --> 00:30:38,110  
today related to the world around them

702  
00:30:40,830 --> 00:30:39,400  
you know whether or not they felt that

703  
00:30:43,080 --> 00:30:40,840  
that sort of all of your old tubes is

704  
00:30:44,370 --> 00:30:43,090  
accepted around got people talking and

705  
00:30:45,510 --> 00:30:44,380  
what you just couple is the common

706  
00:30:48,240 --> 00:30:45,520  
ground want seem to be the difficult

707  
00:30:49,500 --> 00:30:48,250  
coming out did people at Christmas

708  
00:30:50,640 --> 00:30:49,510  
dinners stop talking to them because

709  
00:30:52,110 --> 00:30:50,650  
they knew they were going to go on about

710  
00:30:54,330 --> 00:30:52,120  
something almost a common problem they

711  
00:30:56,670 --> 00:30:54,340  
all seem to have a lot of misconceptions

712  
00:30:59,700 --> 00:30:56,680  
a lot of misconceptions about what just

713  
00:31:02,640 --> 00:30:59,710

the word skeptic is because it's been

714

00:31:06,060 --> 00:31:02,650

misappropriated by many many different

715

00:31:07,620 --> 00:31:06,070

conspiracy theorists lobby groups and

716

00:31:10,290 --> 00:31:07,630

also people think are there going to be

717

00:31:12,870 --> 00:31:10,300

a long-winded troublemaker yeah yeah yes

718

00:31:14,340 --> 00:31:12,880

absolutely and sort of strident so this

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00:31:15,990 --> 00:31:14,350

is one of the big barriers of social

720

00:31:17,430 --> 00:31:16,000

barriers that just gives you think there

721

00:31:19,050 --> 00:31:17,440

needs to be new word or something

722

00:31:20,610 --> 00:31:19,060

another word that can be used as well we

723

00:31:22,560 --> 00:31:20,620

had a debate on the podcast other week

724

00:31:23,940 --> 00:31:22,570

about using the word debunker which is

725

00:31:25,290 --> 00:31:23,950

kind of true but it's got negative

726

00:31:27,870 --> 00:31:25,300

connotations as well and it's an

727

00:31:29,160 --> 00:31:27,880

American word well you know the fact

728

00:31:31,400 --> 00:31:29,170

that it's an American waiter means it

729

00:31:34,140 --> 00:31:31,410

can't be accepted grudgingly burton's

730

00:31:35,730 --> 00:31:34,150

yes oh did you try to use a different

731

00:31:36,320 --> 00:31:35,740

word I mean we've got the free thought

732

00:31:37,730 --> 00:31:36,330

of line

733

00:31:39,139 --> 00:31:37,740

over there we use the term critical

734

00:31:41,180 --> 00:31:39,149

thinking is there another phrase or word

735

00:31:42,350 --> 00:31:41,190

you think could be used instead I think

736

00:31:44,090 --> 00:31:42,360

free thought and critical thinking

737

00:31:46,370 --> 00:31:44,100

really summed it up well I'm at the

738

00:31:49,279 --> 00:31:46,380

original words skeptic actually means to

739

00:31:51,980 --> 00:31:49,289

ask questions to try to put any ideas

740

00:31:53,480 --> 00:31:51,990

through logical thought process is 0 it

741

00:31:55,399 --> 00:31:53,490

seems like quite a positive word it's an

742

00:31:57,440 --> 00:31:55,409

it's an active word in the sense that

743

00:32:00,230 --> 00:31:57,450

you're trying to think about whatever

744

00:32:03,799 --> 00:32:00,240

ideas you have in your head but

745

00:32:05,419 --> 00:32:03,809

somewhere along lines it's you no matter

746

00:32:07,789 --> 00:32:05,429

to get all these negative connotations

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00:32:09,350 --> 00:32:07,799

and it's difficult to protrude but not

748

00:32:11,810 --> 00:32:09,360

just the word itself and I'm into the

749

00:32:15,080 --> 00:32:11,820

ideology that comes with it it comes

750

00:32:18,110 --> 00:32:15,090

with not necessarily taking things at

751  
00:32:19,580 --> 00:32:18,120  
face value which is pretty hard you know

752  
00:32:21,680 --> 00:32:19,590  
for the average person to do I'm not

753  
00:32:23,740 --> 00:32:21,690  
that we're above average but you know

754  
00:32:26,029 --> 00:32:23,750  
there's this a certain ideology that

755  
00:32:27,529 --> 00:32:26,039  
skepticism is spouses and that is to

756  
00:32:30,500 --> 00:32:27,539  
actually really sit down and have a

757  
00:32:32,509 --> 00:32:30,510  
think and try to find information good

758  
00:32:34,070 --> 00:32:32,519  
information on whatever it is you're

759  
00:32:36,019 --> 00:32:34,080  
being presented on all sort of

760  
00:32:37,519 --> 00:32:36,029  
observable phenomena that is exactly

761  
00:32:39,289 --> 00:32:37,529  
what Daniel from the three thought

762  
00:32:40,879 --> 00:32:39,299  
through thought University alliance

763  
00:32:43,250 --> 00:32:40,889

tommy said like something both

764

00:32:44,629 --> 00:32:43,260

themselves and the Christians have in

765

00:32:46,009 --> 00:32:44,639

common is that they've sat down had a

766

00:32:47,690 --> 00:32:46,019

bit think about it for a while first

767

00:32:51,350 --> 00:32:47,700

before they've committed to an ideology

768

00:32:53,840 --> 00:32:51,360

or form of thought and a lot of people

769

00:32:55,820 --> 00:32:53,850

can't be asked to and that hmm I can't

770

00:32:59,539 --> 00:32:55,830

be asked no no and that's fair enough

771

00:33:01,490 --> 00:32:59,549

look good to each their own it's not

772

00:33:03,440 --> 00:33:01,500

necessarily about committing to a

773

00:33:05,269 --> 00:33:03,450

particular ideology as it is about

774

00:33:08,120 --> 00:33:05,279

asking questions and this is what's

775

00:33:10,970 --> 00:33:08,130

where skepticism differs quite markedly

776  
00:33:12,560 --> 00:33:10,980  
from most of the other social movement

777  
00:33:15,560 --> 00:33:12,570  
said it's not actually about giving the

778  
00:33:19,070 --> 00:33:15,570  
ideas about asking the questions it's

779  
00:33:21,289 --> 00:33:19,080  
the actual full process of asking

780  
00:33:23,480 --> 00:33:21,299  
questions of inquiry is what skepticism

781  
00:33:25,759 --> 00:33:23,490  
is about isn't not necessarily reaching

782  
00:33:26,899 --> 00:33:25,769  
the final conclusion have you yourself

783  
00:33:29,389 --> 00:33:26,909  
ever had any what you might have thought

784  
00:33:31,490 --> 00:33:29,399  
was paranormal experience you know I

785  
00:33:34,220 --> 00:33:31,500  
used to think that years and years and

786  
00:33:36,860 --> 00:33:34,230  
years ago I really felt that it was

787  
00:33:39,980 --> 00:33:36,870  
before I sort of sudden then barking on

788  
00:33:41,629 --> 00:33:39,990

my experience with the sceptical free

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00:33:43,580 --> 00:33:41,639

thinking you know if we thought critical

790

00:33:44,870 --> 00:33:43,590

analysis so it was so-called thinking

791

00:33:47,870 --> 00:33:44,880

but

792

00:33:52,640 --> 00:33:47,880

I thought I had and I thought it was a

793

00:33:53,900 --> 00:33:52,650

ghost but then you know there's when you

794

00:33:55,820 --> 00:33:53,910

have those sorts of experience this is

795

00:33:58,220 --> 00:33:55,830

very easy to lump an explanation that's

796

00:34:00,680 --> 00:33:58,230

the the most recognizable I most

797

00:34:02,840 --> 00:34:00,690

digestible one and more often than not

798

00:34:04,790 --> 00:34:02,850

it's in line with cultural values and

799

00:34:06,680 --> 00:34:04,800

what is your own personal whoo that gets

800

00:34:08,270 --> 00:34:06,690

you the most what's the one that fires

801  
00:34:11,330 --> 00:34:08,280  
your up the most every skeptics got

802  
00:34:13,190 --> 00:34:11,340  
theirs what's yours anti-vaccination is

803  
00:34:14,840 --> 00:34:13,200  
it because of the way it's represented

804  
00:34:16,790 --> 00:34:14,850  
because of the possible harm it can do

805  
00:34:18,560 --> 00:34:16,800  
or just the misrepresentation of science

806  
00:34:20,869 --> 00:34:18,570  
generally the misrepresentation of

807  
00:34:22,430 --> 00:34:20,879  
science I don't look I don't care

808  
00:34:24,560 --> 00:34:22,440  
anything being lambasted every within

809  
00:34:26,480 --> 00:34:24,570  
the scientific circles if something's

810  
00:34:28,340 --> 00:34:26,490  
not correct and it's not true in a

811  
00:34:29,899 --> 00:34:28,350  
demonstrable way it's not true no

812  
00:34:33,590 --> 00:34:29,909  
vaccination if there were good data

813  
00:34:36,440 --> 00:34:33,600

showing that vaccinations were not event

814

00:34:38,030 --> 00:34:36,450

use and that it was harmful if that

815

00:34:40,550 --> 00:34:38,040

would be sent to me tomorrow it's a trot

816

00:34:42,500 --> 00:34:40,560

it's crap you know get rid of it but

817

00:34:45,730 --> 00:34:42,510

there's an enormous amount of data

818

00:34:48,590 --> 00:34:45,740

showing that it works and that the risks

819

00:34:51,139 --> 00:34:48,600

whilst present are so minimal they're

820

00:34:52,490 --> 00:34:51,149

far far lower than the risks of actually

821

00:34:54,919 --> 00:34:52,500

contracting any of the preventable

822

00:34:56,600 --> 00:34:54,929

diseases the anti-vaccination movement

823

00:35:00,680 --> 00:34:56,610

however is completely misrepresented

824

00:35:03,350 --> 00:35:00,690

data and has in fact tried to use data

825

00:35:06,860 --> 00:35:03,360

that is fraudulent the like Wakefield

826  
00:35:09,020 --> 00:35:06,870  
study orbs making up data sets that are

827  
00:35:11,120 --> 00:35:09,030  
totally out of line with anything that's

828  
00:35:13,220 --> 00:35:11,130  
ever been documented do you think I

829  
00:35:15,980 --> 00:35:13,230  
fires me up did you think that they've

830  
00:35:18,800 --> 00:35:15,990  
allowed their mistrust of large industry

831  
00:35:21,770 --> 00:35:18,810  
to overcome their logic yes yes

832  
00:35:23,450 --> 00:35:21,780  
absolutely that's goes hand in hand with

833  
00:35:26,090 --> 00:35:23,460  
the anti-vaccination movement there's a

834  
00:35:27,980 --> 00:35:26,100  
paranoia about the corruption of

835  
00:35:30,920 --> 00:35:27,990  
pharmaceutical industry there's paranoia

836  
00:35:33,410 --> 00:35:30,930  
about the corruption of medical services

837  
00:35:36,140 --> 00:35:33,420  
or the health services industry as well

838  
00:35:38,270 --> 00:35:36,150

so it's not just you know Pfizer and

839

00:35:40,250 --> 00:35:38,280

Roche who are mistrusted but also

840

00:35:43,880 --> 00:35:40,260

doctors and there is evidence that this

841

00:35:47,330 --> 00:35:43,890

does go on there is there is evidence

842

00:35:49,250 --> 00:35:47,340

but there is evidence that the the

843

00:35:51,590 --> 00:35:49,260

process which is the scientific process

844

00:35:53,600 --> 00:35:51,600

which is about maintaining integrity is

845

00:35:55,850 --> 00:35:53,610

actually been compromised and I think

846

00:35:57,430 --> 00:35:55,860

the argumentative oxidation lobbyists

847

00:36:00,550 --> 00:35:57,440

use that if

848

00:36:02,740 --> 00:36:00,560

this happens it means science is bad and

849

00:36:05,829 --> 00:36:02,750

what we're saying is that no it does not

850

00:36:08,980 --> 00:36:05,839

mean science as bad it means science is

851  
00:36:10,480 --> 00:36:08,990  
actually not being used properly if and

852  
00:36:13,000 --> 00:36:10,490  
when this does good and it does not

853  
00:36:15,790 --> 00:36:13,010  
represent the majority and what takes

854  
00:36:17,079 --> 00:36:15,800  
place so and the sorts of issues that

855  
00:36:18,579 --> 00:36:17,089  
they represent they've tried to

856  
00:36:22,480 --> 00:36:18,589  
represent as you know being indicative

857  
00:36:24,309 --> 00:36:22,490  
of vaccinations being this you know

858  
00:36:26,410 --> 00:36:24,319  
great evil has been unleashed upon

859  
00:36:28,510 --> 00:36:26,420  
society has not actually been through

860  
00:36:30,180 --> 00:36:28,520  
any factual information it's been

861  
00:36:33,550 --> 00:36:30,190  
through other sources that have been

862  
00:36:35,890 --> 00:36:33,560  
uniquely their own now you've spoken on

863  
00:36:38,020 --> 00:36:35,900

coming out as a skeptic what's the best

864

00:36:39,640 --> 00:36:38,030

way to do it with minimal friction to

865

00:36:41,920 --> 00:36:39,650

your friends at work who like astrology

866

00:36:44,140 --> 00:36:41,930

and UPN your parents at the Christmas

867

00:36:45,579 --> 00:36:44,150

table it like to talk about perhaps non

868

00:36:47,380 --> 00:36:45,589

atheistic things if you're an atheist

869

00:36:48,430 --> 00:36:47,390

what's that what's the way to reduce the

870

00:36:50,829 --> 00:36:48,440

friction of you and the people around

871

00:36:53,819 --> 00:36:50,839

you coming out look at I think there's

872

00:36:56,020 --> 00:36:53,829

any prescribed way that you can actually

873

00:36:57,280 --> 00:36:56,030

recommend for anyone to come out

874

00:36:59,680 --> 00:36:57,290

everyone circumstances are different

875

00:37:03,520 --> 00:36:59,690

they're simple friends and family are

876

00:37:05,319 --> 00:37:03,530

different and one person may be

877

00:37:07,750 --> 00:37:05,329

comfortable with the next person may not

878

00:37:08,980 --> 00:37:07,760

i mean i think for any individual it's

879

00:37:10,780 --> 00:37:08,990

important to feel a sense of pride and

880

00:37:13,150 --> 00:37:10,790

being able to assert themselves in a

881

00:37:14,950 --> 00:37:13,160

positive and constructive way and so no

882

00:37:16,859 --> 00:37:14,960

I don't necessarily agree with this but

883

00:37:19,750 --> 00:37:16,869

you don't have necessarily have to be

884

00:37:22,000 --> 00:37:19,760

militant about it or make any formal

885

00:37:24,640 --> 00:37:22,010

announcements about it it's entirely up

886

00:37:30,160 --> 00:37:24,650

to the individual us what they do i do

887

00:37:31,839 --> 00:37:30,170

think that when it comes to you know

888

00:37:34,900 --> 00:37:31,849

making any declarations for example to

889

00:37:36,370 --> 00:37:34,910

family you know you've got to gauge what

890

00:37:39,250 --> 00:37:36,380

your family attitudes are like if

891

00:37:42,309 --> 00:37:39,260

they're extremely anti establishment and

892

00:37:44,319 --> 00:37:42,319

anti medicine then you're much less

893

00:37:45,849 --> 00:37:44,329

likely it's feel comfortable doing it

894

00:37:48,490 --> 00:37:45,859

you know whilst you're living at home

895

00:37:49,780 --> 00:37:48,500

and many many young people still are hmm

896

00:37:51,040 --> 00:37:49,790

well look what are you looking forward

897

00:37:52,750 --> 00:37:51,050

to the rest of the day I mean we've got

898

00:37:55,000 --> 00:37:52,760

the drinks afterwards of course oh yeah

899

00:37:57,309 --> 00:37:55,010

yeah but it's a couple of the few talks

900

00:37:59,140 --> 00:37:57,319

you looking forward to oh you know the

901  
00:38:01,150 --> 00:37:59,150  
new the talks have actually been moved

902  
00:38:03,099 --> 00:38:01,160  
around so I'm not sure who's up next but

903  
00:38:05,500 --> 00:38:03,109  
I've really enjoyed all the talks at off

904  
00:38:07,190 --> 00:38:05,510  
its I think Jason Browns on an air get

905  
00:38:08,510 --> 00:38:07,200  
causing their trouble right now I'm

906  
00:38:10,970 --> 00:38:08,520  
I go in there might have to drag him out

907  
00:38:13,400 --> 00:38:10,980  
perfect because I'm hoping that someone

908  
00:38:15,140 --> 00:38:13,410  
will go on start saying some stuff go

909  
00:38:16,700 --> 00:38:15,150  
crazy and three people have to drag them

910  
00:38:17,930 --> 00:38:16,710  
from the room that is yet to happen it's

911  
00:38:19,970 --> 00:38:17,940  
a write-off already called security

912  
00:38:23,839 --> 00:38:19,980  
don't worry about it movie and thanks

913  
00:38:26,030 --> 00:38:23,849

for time oh thank you thank you look to

914

00:38:28,849 --> 00:38:26,040

general attendees here today what's been

915

00:38:31,880 --> 00:38:28,859

the best talk gives in so far definitely

916

00:38:34,250 --> 00:38:31,890

Adams talk about running a high school

917

00:38:36,530 --> 00:38:34,260

skeptical society he was really

918

00:38:38,240 --> 00:38:36,540

entertaining and some great advice for

919

00:38:40,099 --> 00:38:38,250

reaching out to young people in a

920

00:38:41,390 --> 00:38:40,109

respectful way I'm hoping to talk to him

921

00:38:42,770 --> 00:38:41,400

cuz I was busy talking Lucas the

922

00:38:43,880 --> 00:38:42,780

organizer out in the hallway when that

923

00:38:45,290 --> 00:38:43,890

was going on Andrew well what do you

924

00:38:47,000 --> 00:38:45,300

think was the big tip you took away from

925

00:38:49,250 --> 00:38:47,010

getting younger people involved with

926  
00:38:50,630 --> 00:38:49,260  
skepticism what is the hook the care to

927  
00:38:53,690 --> 00:38:50,640  
get people in that might tweak their

928  
00:38:55,040 --> 00:38:53,700  
interest make it fun and engaging talk

929  
00:38:58,069 --> 00:38:55,050  
about things that they want to talk

930  
00:39:00,620 --> 00:38:58,079  
about he lets his lessons go off track a

931  
00:39:03,380 --> 00:39:00,630  
lot big based on what the students want

932  
00:39:04,849 --> 00:39:03,390  
to talk about what's your favorite whoo

933  
00:39:06,230 --> 00:39:04,859  
I'm asking it over on that today what is

934  
00:39:07,640 --> 00:39:06,240  
the whew that gets their goat that a

935  
00:39:12,230 --> 00:39:07,650  
noise and the most is there one you've

936  
00:39:14,599 --> 00:39:12,240  
got here is a skipping not particularly

937  
00:39:18,290 --> 00:39:14,609  
i gave up chiropractic when I learn more

938  
00:39:20,089 --> 00:39:18,300

about it yes I until I became involved

939

00:39:21,589 --> 00:39:20,099

the skeptic my law practice are just

940

00:39:24,800 --> 00:39:21,599

people who helped you back whenever saw

941

00:39:27,800 --> 00:39:24,810

you know but no apparently no not any

942

00:39:29,690 --> 00:39:27,810

better than physiotherapy yes sometimes

943

00:39:31,250 --> 00:39:29,700

worse yeah and what's your name I'm

944

00:39:33,920 --> 00:39:31,260

Natalie Natalie have you traveled here

945

00:39:35,450 --> 00:39:33,930

from Sydney from Adelaide actually so

946

00:39:40,190 --> 00:39:35,460

you made the eight-hour Drive did you

947

00:39:42,020 --> 00:39:40,200

fly I flew a special flying person well

948

00:39:43,309 --> 00:39:42,030

I flew in last night too and got him

949

00:39:45,500 --> 00:39:43,319

really late and everything that if your

950

00:39:48,260 --> 00:39:45,510

flight girl from time I I've actually

951  
00:39:50,390 --> 00:39:48,270  
been here for a whole week so she's been

952  
00:39:53,569 --> 00:39:50,400  
lording it over people I'm from Adelaide

953  
00:39:56,210 --> 00:39:53,579  
bow down to me exactly know what have

954  
00:39:58,490 --> 00:39:56,220  
you enjoyed so far well i was actually i

955  
00:40:00,770 --> 00:39:58,500  
really loved the taught by adam the

956  
00:40:05,030 --> 00:40:00,780  
teacher as well that's definitely my

957  
00:40:06,920 --> 00:40:05,040  
favorite so far too and I do he's just a

958  
00:40:09,349 --> 00:40:06,930  
very light approach to children I think

959  
00:40:12,620 --> 00:40:09,359  
he engages with them really in a light

960  
00:40:14,480 --> 00:40:12,630  
and funny way and also lets them and it

961  
00:40:18,109 --> 00:40:14,490  
has a huge amount of respect to children

962  
00:40:21,770 --> 00:40:18,119  
he was saying how really and I

963  
00:40:23,839 --> 00:40:21,780

completely agree that you know sometimes

964

00:40:26,260 --> 00:40:23,849

people talk down to children in school

965

00:40:28,700 --> 00:40:26,270

and he was saying just really respect

966

00:40:30,650 --> 00:40:28,710

respect them and you know they've got

967

00:40:32,569 --> 00:40:30,660

too often got a lot to say and he's it

968

00:40:34,760 --> 00:40:32,579

sounds like he's actually learnt a lot

969

00:40:37,160 --> 00:40:34,770

from his children as well 30 teachers

970

00:40:40,349 --> 00:40:37,170

and whatever you work in do you work in

971

00:40:43,349 --> 00:40:40,359

an area where skepticism can be applied

972

00:40:45,599 --> 00:40:43,359

yes I do actually I hadn't thought about

973

00:40:47,729 --> 00:40:45,609

that but but I think skepticism can be

974

00:40:50,249 --> 00:40:47,739

applied and whatever is that I work in a

975

00:40:53,430 --> 00:40:50,259

university for a center for accounting

976

00:40:55,499 --> 00:40:53,440

governance and sustainability so what

977

00:40:57,720 --> 00:40:55,509

sort of woo goes on there do they get

978

00:41:02,309 --> 00:40:57,730

people in to do weed management courses

979

00:41:03,539 --> 00:41:02,319

or something or have to be a bit of

980

00:41:05,279 --> 00:41:03,549

astrology there they'll be able to

981

00:41:07,109 --> 00:41:05,289

astrology in the office wouldn't that oh

982

00:41:13,440 --> 00:41:07,119

there's always astrology in every office

983

00:41:17,039 --> 00:41:13,450

I think I find my pet thing is is

984

00:41:19,410 --> 00:41:17,049

genetically modified organisms and the

985

00:41:22,739 --> 00:41:19,420

whole debate about whether organic food

986

00:41:24,329 --> 00:41:22,749

is better have a fewer ganic organic

987

00:41:27,089 --> 00:41:24,339

devotees in the office it you have an

988

00:41:29,640 --> 00:41:27,099

argument with people that feel very

989

00:41:34,529 --> 00:41:29,650

strongly or don't understand genetically

990

00:41:35,880 --> 00:41:34,539

modified technology yeah I do so if you

991

00:41:41,359 --> 00:41:35,890

think it's a bit of an unnecessary fear

992

00:41:44,220 --> 00:41:41,369

yes I think it's got a huge benefit for

993

00:41:46,440 --> 00:41:44,230

helping the feed the world at the moment

994

00:41:50,309 --> 00:41:46,450

I think it's and people that campaign

995

00:41:51,989 --> 00:41:50,319

against it they're actually stopping you

996

00:41:53,849 --> 00:41:51,999

know stopping from better crops from

997

00:41:58,880 --> 00:41:53,859

being grown in areas that need to

998

00:42:02,339 --> 00:41:58,890

drought resistant crops and vitamin a

999

00:42:04,019 --> 00:42:02,349

fortified rice freaks out oh yeah and

1000

00:42:05,309 --> 00:42:04,029

now what do you make of other people who

1001  
00:42:07,519 --> 00:42:05,319  
have you been meeting other skeptics

1002  
00:42:10,859 --> 00:42:07,529  
today we've been having a skeptical time

1003  
00:42:12,720 --> 00:42:10,869  
I've skipped the fest this is this is a

1004  
00:42:13,739 --> 00:42:12,730  
really social time for me as well as one

1005  
00:42:16,650 --> 00:42:13,749  
of the main reasons I wanted to come

1006  
00:42:17,789 --> 00:42:16,660  
along with the networking it's great to

1007  
00:42:19,440 --> 00:42:17,799  
actually connect with so many people

1008  
00:42:22,049 --> 00:42:19,450  
like natto who i have met at other

1009  
00:42:23,460 --> 00:42:22,059  
events as well hmm and he shoulda been

1010  
00:42:25,410 --> 00:42:23,470  
lauding the fact she's from Adelaide

1011  
00:42:27,569 --> 00:42:25,420  
over you oh definitely the first thing

1012  
00:42:29,069 --> 00:42:27,579  
she said I'm from South Australia we are

1013  
00:42:31,529 --> 00:42:29,079

the driest stayed in the driest

1014

00:42:32,320 --> 00:42:31,539

continent in the world except this year

1015

00:42:35,230 --> 00:42:32,330

yeah

1016

00:42:37,210 --> 00:42:35,240

here it's been very wet look both have a

1017

00:42:38,560 --> 00:42:37,220

good time here and look now we have to

1018

00:42:40,690 --> 00:42:38,570

protect the food you think there's

1019

00:42:43,090 --> 00:42:40,700

enough food here if it got way too much

1020

00:42:44,490 --> 00:42:43,100

food here well I'm going to eat some

1021

00:42:49,300 --> 00:42:44,500

more of it have a good day ok thanks

1022

00:42:50,890 --> 00:42:49,310

thank you I look and that look at the

1023

00:42:53,290 --> 00:42:50,900

end of the day now ever thoughts turned

1024

00:42:55,480 --> 00:42:53,300

to serious drinking but thoughts turn to

1025

00:42:57,220 --> 00:42:55,490

to organizing tipis ism on the level at

1026  
00:42:58,720 --> 00:42:57,230  
school Adam you gave a great talk in

1027  
00:43:00,250 --> 00:42:58,730  
there which I could me to places once

1028  
00:43:01,950 --> 00:43:00,260  
and I missed what was the topic of your

1029  
00:43:04,090 --> 00:43:01,960  
talking I was just talking about the

1030  
00:43:05,800 --> 00:43:04,100  
skeptical society I've started up in my

1031  
00:43:07,930 --> 00:43:05,810  
school mill site in the mckean and

1032  
00:43:09,070 --> 00:43:07,940  
secondary skeptical society and trying

1033  
00:43:10,930 --> 00:43:09,080  
to give a little bit of advice and

1034  
00:43:12,310 --> 00:43:10,940  
feedback on how to actually go about

1035  
00:43:14,530 --> 00:43:12,320  
doing that and what things to keep in

1036  
00:43:16,150 --> 00:43:14,540  
mind while running such a club what was

1037  
00:43:19,030 --> 00:43:16,160  
the hardest hurdle you had to overcome

1038  
00:43:21,520 --> 00:43:19,040

to get it going in high school to be

1039

00:43:23,950 --> 00:43:21,530

honest so far I haven't had any hurdles

1040

00:43:25,480 --> 00:43:23,960

yet it was a really great turnout we had

1041

00:43:27,100 --> 00:43:25,490

about 100 kids turning up to the first

1042

00:43:28,420 --> 00:43:27,110

stage actually I suppose 100 kids was a

1043

00:43:30,880 --> 00:43:28,430

hurdle because i was on each speaking

1044

00:43:34,120 --> 00:43:30,890

about 30 but now that it's come down to

1045

00:43:35,290 --> 00:43:34,130

more manageable numbers the i suppose a

1046

00:43:37,320 --> 00:43:35,300

hurdle that i would have had is just

1047

00:43:39,550 --> 00:43:37,330

constantly trying to keep it interesting

1048

00:43:41,050 --> 00:43:39,560

engage and how did you tweak their

1049

00:43:42,280 --> 00:43:41,060

interest to get 100 of them turning up

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00:43:44,110 --> 00:43:42,290

with what do you think wasn't that fire

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00:43:45,820 --> 00:43:44,120

their imagination because that they

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00:43:47,410 --> 00:43:45,830

might have put on just like extra school

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00:43:50,110 --> 00:43:47,420

work or it's just going to be philosophy

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00:43:52,150 --> 00:43:50,120

or something you know yeah partially

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00:43:53,980 --> 00:43:52,160

i've got a reputation at the school as

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00:43:55,450 --> 00:43:53,990

being the teacher who's a little bit odd

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00:43:58,240 --> 00:43:55,460

and a little bit strange so a

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00:43:59,710 --> 00:43:58,250

troublemaker a little bit yeah and few

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00:44:01,270 --> 00:43:59,720

of the kids actually said they turned up

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00:44:03,670 --> 00:44:01,280

just to see what mr. v was going to be

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00:44:05,590 --> 00:44:03,680

doing but I tried to make a bit of a

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00:44:06,970 --> 00:44:05,600

funny talk at school talk about aliens

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00:44:09,490 --> 00:44:06,980

and things like that tried to get the

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00:44:10,300 --> 00:44:09,500

kids laughing and told them that I was

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00:44:12,340 --> 00:44:10,310

going to be setting up with the

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00:44:14,890 --> 00:44:12,350

experiment to try to see anybody at

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00:44:16,690 --> 00:44:14,900

school what psychic or not and we ran

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00:44:17,980 --> 00:44:16,700

that experiment through about 60 or so

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00:44:20,410 --> 00:44:17,990

kids none of them was psychic

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00:44:21,790 --> 00:44:20,420

unfortunately but it was still a good

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00:44:23,230 --> 00:44:21,800

time it was still a lot of fun trying to

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00:44:24,069 --> 00:44:23,240

find out you know what was going to

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00:44:26,440 --> 00:44:24,079

happen

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00:44:28,029 --> 00:44:26,450

so you're doing what Michael Sherman was

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00:44:30,519 --> 00:44:28,039

saying another week on the show that the

1076  
00:44:32,680 --> 00:44:30,529  
paranormal is a gateway drug to science

1077  
00:44:34,809 --> 00:44:32,690  
yeah just about that was one of their

1078  
00:44:36,249 --> 00:44:34,819  
points i'm hating my talk was that if

1079  
00:44:38,589 --> 00:44:36,259  
you're going to run a skepticism club

1080  
00:44:40,299 --> 00:44:38,599  
for kids don't make it a science club if

1081  
00:44:41,319 --> 00:44:40,309  
you say hey kids i'm starting a science

1082  
00:44:43,059 --> 00:44:41,329  
club you're going to get a lot of them

1083  
00:44:44,979 --> 00:44:43,069  
doing science that's crap i'm not going

1084  
00:44:47,109 --> 00:44:44,989  
to turn up you make it an interesting

1085  
00:44:48,099 --> 00:44:47,119  
sounding skepticism club kids are going

1086  
00:44:50,499 --> 00:44:48,109  
to come in and they're going to learn

1087  
00:44:52,719 --> 00:44:50,509  
science without even realizing it so try

1088  
00:44:54,759 --> 00:44:52,729

to trick them into becoming more

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00:44:56,469 --> 00:44:54,769

scientifically minded we're trying to

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00:44:59,109 --> 00:44:56,479

think of a way on the show too we're

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00:45:00,549 --> 00:44:59,119

thinking maybe skepticism or debunking

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00:45:01,870 --> 00:45:00,559

maybe then it needs to a different word

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00:45:03,729 --> 00:45:01,880

because when you talk critical thinking

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00:45:05,829 --> 00:45:03,739

or skepticism people think that there's

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00:45:07,239 --> 00:45:05,839

a lot of work involved with thinking or

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00:45:08,769 --> 00:45:07,249

philosophy or something new there's

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00:45:10,599 --> 00:45:08,779

another word we could use or a term we

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00:45:13,749 --> 00:45:10,609

could use it would be a bit more public

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00:45:15,099 --> 00:45:13,759

friendly yeah I suppose I mean I only

1100

00:45:17,049 --> 00:45:15,109

think about these things from me you

1101  
00:45:18,339 --> 00:45:17,059  
know the point of view of a teenager and

1102  
00:45:19,809 --> 00:45:18,349  
I think from the point of view of a

1103  
00:45:21,519 --> 00:45:19,819  
teenager we don't use any of those words

1104  
00:45:22,930 --> 00:45:21,529  
at all I haven't heard anybody say

1105  
00:45:24,670 --> 00:45:22,940  
debunking in the only time I hear the

1106  
00:45:27,039 --> 00:45:24,680  
word skepticism is when they refer to

1107  
00:45:28,660 --> 00:45:27,049  
that as the name of the club it's more

1108  
00:45:30,549 --> 00:45:28,670  
about from the kids point of view

1109  
00:45:32,439 --> 00:45:30,559  
getting together and having fun laughing

1110  
00:45:34,089 --> 00:45:32,449  
at some of the wacky things that people

1111  
00:45:35,859 --> 00:45:34,099  
get into and then every now and again

1112  
00:45:37,620 --> 00:45:35,869  
nodding our heads seriously when we

1113  
00:45:40,839 --> 00:45:37,630

realize how dangerous that stuff can be

1114

00:45:42,549 --> 00:45:40,849

so I think the promotion of the idea of

1115

00:45:44,349 --> 00:45:42,559

how fun it can be and how interesting

1116

00:45:45,999 --> 00:45:44,359

that type of stuff is that's what seems

1117

00:45:47,229 --> 00:45:46,009

to be getting them and is there

1118

00:45:48,759 --> 00:45:47,239

something the kids have brought to you

1119

00:45:51,370 --> 00:45:48,769

that that found that it's even missed

1120

00:45:52,870 --> 00:45:51,380

your radar that you going back that yeah

1121

00:45:54,729 --> 00:45:52,880

actually just a couple of weeks ago I

1122

00:45:56,349 --> 00:45:54,739

had a comment from a 12 year old girl

1123

00:45:57,789 --> 00:45:56,359

who said mr. v you're trying to teach us

1124

00:45:59,620 --> 00:45:57,799

how to be critical and how to you know

1125

00:46:01,180 --> 00:45:59,630

analyze everything we hear but you

1126

00:46:03,939 --> 00:46:01,190

realize that we all believe everything

1127

00:46:05,829 --> 00:46:03,949

you say without question and that really

1128

00:46:07,689 --> 00:46:05,839

made me step back a bit and go oh yeah

1129

00:46:10,239 --> 00:46:07,699

actually I suppose I'm inadvertently

1130

00:46:11,829 --> 00:46:10,249

teaching me bad habits while trying to

1131

00:46:14,289 --> 00:46:11,839

teach you good habits so that was a very

1132

00:46:15,640 --> 00:46:14,299

good observation there I survived you

1133

00:46:17,170 --> 00:46:15,650

started putting a few extra foot notes

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00:46:19,479 --> 00:46:17,180

at the ends of your comments towards

1135

00:46:20,979 --> 00:46:19,489

them well now I've been based on that

1136

00:46:22,239 --> 00:46:20,989

idea I did think one of these days I'm

1137

00:46:23,739 --> 00:46:22,249

going to have to run a session from them

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00:46:25,749 --> 00:46:23,749

where I try to teach them something

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00:46:27,519 --> 00:46:25,759

that's just absolute crap and see how

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00:46:29,259 --> 00:46:27,529

long it takes the kids to go hang on a

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00:46:30,819 --> 00:46:29,269

minute that doesn't sound quite right

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00:46:33,009 --> 00:46:30,829

what's so you're actually going to run

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00:46:34,690 --> 00:46:33,019

the argument from Authority test in

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00:46:36,250 --> 00:46:34,700

public with real people

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00:46:38,380 --> 00:46:36,260

yeah yeah absolutely try to convince

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00:46:41,560 --> 00:46:38,390

Lamu of something that's clearly not

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00:46:42,550 --> 00:46:41,570

true and speaking of had a great day

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00:46:44,109 --> 00:46:42,560

there's been a lot of arguments from

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00:46:45,970 --> 00:46:44,119

Authority and non authority here today

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00:46:47,410 --> 00:46:45,980

what do you make it skeptic out Melman I

1151  
00:46:49,540 --> 00:46:47,420  
think it's been absolutely fantastic

1152  
00:46:50,980 --> 00:46:49,550  
this has been actually only the second

1153  
00:46:53,050 --> 00:46:50,990  
skeptical thing I've ever really been to

1154  
00:46:54,310 --> 00:46:53,060  
I've been really impressed at the the

1155  
00:46:55,920 --> 00:46:54,320  
quality of the people that have come

1156  
00:46:57,940 --> 00:46:55,930  
along toward the quality of the talks

1157  
00:47:00,430 --> 00:46:57,950  
one thing that I'm really thrilled out

1158  
00:47:01,870 --> 00:47:00,440  
this is about how friendly people are as

1159  
00:47:03,310 --> 00:47:01,880  
I said on in the second time I've been

1160  
00:47:05,800 --> 00:47:03,320  
around these people and I felt really

1161  
00:47:07,329 --> 00:47:05,810  
really welcomed people have come up to

1162  
00:47:08,980 --> 00:47:07,339  
me and spoken to me been really polite

1163  
00:47:10,839 --> 00:47:08,990

really friendly really interesting so

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00:47:12,339 --> 00:47:10,849

that's what I've enjoyed more about is

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00:47:14,440 --> 00:47:12,349

actually the social aspect and getting

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00:47:16,569 --> 00:47:14,450

to meet a whole bunch of people who feel

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00:47:18,220 --> 00:47:16,579

the same way about this what is the word

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00:47:19,390 --> 00:47:18,230

that tweaked your anger the most in the

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00:47:25,240 --> 00:47:19,400

public what's the one that you usually

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00:47:27,880 --> 00:47:25,250

makes you see read the fastest I think

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00:47:29,920 --> 00:47:27,890

anything that hurts children anything

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00:47:31,930 --> 00:47:29,930

that if an adult wants to make a

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00:47:33,700 --> 00:47:31,940

decision if it is if an adult decides

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00:47:35,859 --> 00:47:33,710

I'm going to follow astrology I'm gonna

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00:47:37,630 --> 00:47:35,869

follow homeopathy that upsets me but

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00:47:38,950 --> 00:47:37,640

it's their decision it's an adult but

1177

00:47:40,300 --> 00:47:38,960

when I hear about things that are

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00:47:42,220 --> 00:47:40,310

affecting children that they're not

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00:47:43,990 --> 00:47:42,230

knowledgeable enough or they don't have

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00:47:45,430 --> 00:47:44,000

enough power to fighter games that's

1181

00:47:47,380 --> 00:47:45,440

what really gets me when I hear about

1182

00:47:49,450 --> 00:47:47,390

parents forcing their children to take

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00:47:51,339 --> 00:47:49,460

homeopathy when I hear about companies

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00:47:53,200 --> 00:47:51,349

conning children into buying the power

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00:47:54,640 --> 00:47:53,210

balance bracelets those types of things

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00:47:56,410 --> 00:47:54,650

where the kids don't have the skills

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00:47:58,089 --> 00:47:56,420

that they need to actually recognize it

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00:47:59,950 --> 00:47:58,099

for what it is that's what gets nothing

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00:48:01,809 --> 00:47:59,960

that's the that's the lowest of the low

1190

00:48:03,910 --> 00:48:01,819

to be hurting kids with that type of

1191

00:48:05,680 --> 00:48:03,920

thing and they look and they you come

1192

00:48:07,089 --> 00:48:05,690

across the international theory it I

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00:48:09,670 --> 00:48:07,099

love that one I mean as Erich von

1194

00:48:11,530 --> 00:48:09,680

Daniken be mentioned in your class ah no

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00:48:13,120 --> 00:48:11,540

that hasn't come up and honestly it's

1196

00:48:14,680 --> 00:48:13,130

because I don't know enough about it I

1197

00:48:15,910 --> 00:48:14,690

always make sure if I'm going to talk

1198

00:48:17,349 --> 00:48:15,920

about anything it's something that I've

1199

00:48:19,300 --> 00:48:17,359

researched so do you think you could

1200

00:48:20,829 --> 00:48:19,310

possibly bring someone who is on that

1201

00:48:22,839 --> 00:48:20,839

side of the paranormal to give a chat

1202

00:48:23,980 --> 00:48:22,849

and then you debate them do you think it

1203

00:48:25,150 --> 00:48:23,990

ever gets someone that we were willing

1204

00:48:27,010 --> 00:48:25,160

to do that or whether you'd want to do

1205

00:48:29,319 --> 00:48:27,020

that it I would be a little bit

1206

00:48:30,700 --> 00:48:29,329

concerned about that I do plan on one

1207

00:48:32,680 --> 00:48:30,710

day having a debate between two of our

1208

00:48:34,630 --> 00:48:32,690

teachers one of our on climate change

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00:48:37,150 --> 00:48:34,640

we've got one teacher who's a very

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00:48:39,099 --> 00:48:37,160

hardcore climate denied climate change

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00:48:40,359 --> 00:48:39,109

denier and another teacher who's going

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00:48:42,550 --> 00:48:40,369

along well with the scientific consensus

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00:48:44,650 --> 00:48:42,560

and both of them have actually agreed to

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00:48:45,990 --> 00:48:44,660

have a one-on-one public debate in front

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00:48:47,910 --> 00:48:46,000

of the students so that's

1216

00:48:50,310 --> 00:48:47,920

that could be an interesting one for the

1217

00:48:51,600 --> 00:48:50,320

future and just before we go I'm just

1218

00:48:52,680 --> 00:48:51,610

wondering if somebody what if other

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00:48:53,970 --> 00:48:52,690

people want to get involved in what

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00:48:54,960 --> 00:48:53,980

you're doing what's the best way to do

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00:48:57,990 --> 00:48:54,970

that if you got a website or something

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00:48:59,850 --> 00:48:58,000

we do have a website it's just a Google

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00:49:01,950 --> 00:48:59,860

site you can go on to google and do a

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00:49:04,830 --> 00:49:01,960

search for McKinnon secondary skeptical

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00:49:08,160 --> 00:49:04,840

society or you can find me on Twitter my

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00:49:09,780 --> 00:49:08,170

name is van a damn it's VA in a DA mm II

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00:49:12,000 --> 00:49:09,790

like van den but with an extra a in

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00:49:13,440 --> 00:49:12,010

there and what I'd really love is if

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00:49:14,850 --> 00:49:13,450

there's anybody out there that would be

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00:49:16,470 --> 00:49:14,860

interested in coming along and giving a

1231

00:49:18,420 --> 00:49:16,480

presentation giving a talk to the kids

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00:49:19,890 --> 00:49:18,430

or if they have any resources that they

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00:49:21,630 --> 00:49:19,900

think might be useful in giving

1234

00:49:23,370 --> 00:49:21,640

presentations or just having a bit of

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00:49:25,710 --> 00:49:23,380

fun educating the students that would be

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00:49:26,970 --> 00:49:25,720

absolutely amazing so any air in

1237

00:49:29,190 --> 00:49:26,980

particular you're looking for is there

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00:49:30,890 --> 00:49:29,200

any scientific discipline you're looking

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00:49:34,320 --> 00:49:30,900

into is if you want a physics teacher

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00:49:36,000 --> 00:49:34,330

cosmology not absolutely not i'm happy

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00:49:37,290 --> 00:49:36,010

for anybody that things that they've got

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00:49:38,880 --> 00:49:37,300

something to share something that they

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00:49:41,040 --> 00:49:38,890

think would be beneficial for high

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00:49:42,420 --> 00:49:41,050

school students to learn about i'm more

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00:49:45,210 --> 00:49:42,430

than happy to have anybody come along

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00:49:46,530 --> 00:49:45,220

and have a chat well i think you should

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00:49:47,760 --> 00:49:46,540

get a high distinction for just getting

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00:49:49,290 --> 00:49:47,770

those kids thinking in the first place

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00:49:52,580 --> 00:49:49,300

that's great ah thank you very much

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00:49:56,390 --> 00:49:54,530

i'm just up the back with the cool kids

1251  
00:49:59,480 --> 00:49:56,400  
at the very end of the day who we got

1252  
00:50:01,100 --> 00:49:59,490  
here Fiona and Monica okay now what's

1253  
00:50:03,560 --> 00:50:01,110  
been your favorite part that I so far

1254  
00:50:05,690 --> 00:50:03,570  
Fiona you've then got one and no it's

1255  
00:50:07,340 --> 00:50:05,700  
all been really good now with the talks

1256  
00:50:10,370 --> 00:50:07,350  
what you expected or whether some topics

1257  
00:50:14,360 --> 00:50:10,380  
you've surprisingly enjoyed I did enjoy

1258  
00:50:16,910 --> 00:50:14,370  
the one about enemas I was very

1259  
00:50:18,860 --> 00:50:16,920  
interested that was very interested and

1260  
00:50:21,410 --> 00:50:18,870  
what about those 18th century like bal

1261  
00:50:24,320 --> 00:50:21,420  
tickling stuffs with radium in here yeah

1262  
00:50:25,700 --> 00:50:24,330  
that's a bit scary actually particular

1263  
00:50:27,140 --> 00:50:25,710

when they said actual size and the

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00:50:29,240 --> 00:50:27,150

things about three feet that was very

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00:50:31,930 --> 00:50:29,250

scary oz now yes the gentleman in the

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00:50:34,370 --> 00:50:31,940

cartoon did look a bit sorry let's say

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00:50:36,170 --> 00:50:34,380

and and what do you make it the the

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00:50:38,960 --> 00:50:36,180

people are here tonight today what do

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00:50:42,320 --> 00:50:38,970

you think I'm pleasantly surprised about

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00:50:44,720 --> 00:50:42,330

how much intelligent four threes and

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00:50:46,820 --> 00:50:44,730

there were these irregular faces you'd

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00:50:49,130 --> 00:50:46,830

see in a skeptical people there are some

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00:50:51,410 --> 00:50:49,140

familiar faces but there's quite a good

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00:50:53,930 --> 00:50:51,420

mix of people actually from all walks of

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00:50:55,400 --> 00:50:53,940

life by the looks of things and I've

1276  
00:50:56,630 --> 00:50:55,410  
been asking everyone the key question

1277  
00:50:58,670 --> 00:50:56,640  
days I've been asking what their

1278  
00:51:00,260 --> 00:50:58,680  
favorite woo is like it is a kind of

1279  
00:51:01,490 --> 00:51:00,270  
whoo that you that really get your

1280  
00:51:02,870 --> 00:51:01,500  
dander up for some people it's the

1281  
00:51:05,270 --> 00:51:02,880  
anti-vaccination from the people's

1282  
00:51:06,650 --> 00:51:05,280  
astrology for various UFOs is the one

1283  
00:51:08,840 --> 00:51:06,660  
that really you you have to fly it

1284  
00:51:10,960 --> 00:51:08,850  
whenever you said auntie facts and why

1285  
00:51:14,410 --> 00:51:10,970  
is that exactly because i work in

1286  
00:51:17,390 --> 00:51:14,420  
disability care and the link between

1287  
00:51:19,010 --> 00:51:17,400  
vaccinations and autism and you would

1288  
00:51:20,390 --> 00:51:19,020

often be getting that from mothers so

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00:51:22,430 --> 00:51:20,400

that would be a difficult thing to talk

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00:51:24,290 --> 00:51:22,440

about because it's so close to them well

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00:51:26,900 --> 00:51:24,300

for order them done Deanna factors are

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00:51:29,270 --> 00:51:26,910

playing on their own guilt of having a

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00:51:31,549 --> 00:51:29,280

child with a disability and these people

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00:51:35,390 --> 00:51:31,559

are targeting vacuum and that

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00:51:36,499 --> 00:51:35,400

pisses me off can hear the anger in

1296

00:51:38,569 --> 00:51:36,509

there have you got a will you were

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00:51:40,880 --> 00:51:38,579

elegans you know I'm pretty annoyed at

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00:51:42,890 --> 00:51:40,890

most of them well perhaps I can ask you

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00:51:44,509 --> 00:51:42,900

I'm there was one bit of research that

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00:51:47,359 --> 00:51:44,519

came out earlier this year and there

1301  
00:51:48,979 --> 00:51:47,369  
seemed to be a possible serotonin link

1302  
00:51:50,809 --> 00:51:48,989  
with autism and I'm just wondering is

1303  
00:51:53,779 --> 00:51:50,819  
that been investigated at all no it

1304  
00:51:55,039 --> 00:51:53,789  
hasn't yeah we're about to get in

1305  
00:51:59,769 --> 00:51:55,049  
trouble I have to go sit down thank you

1306  
00:52:03,709 --> 00:52:01,939  
that's okay now look I'm talking to

1307  
00:52:05,449 --> 00:52:03,719  
everyone who's coming along and the few

1308  
00:52:06,469 --> 00:52:05,459  
people hanging around maybe pick up some

1309  
00:52:07,880 --> 00:52:06,479  
stuff that was left behind we've got

1310  
00:52:09,380 --> 00:52:07,890  
Lawrence heal the Highlands how are you

1311  
00:52:11,299 --> 00:52:09,390  
hey good how are you pretty good now

1312  
00:52:13,609 --> 00:52:11,309  
how's the tour going is it continuing on

1313  
00:52:16,069 --> 00:52:13,619

ah not just finish my tour of my live

1314

00:52:18,140 --> 00:52:16,079

show although I might do some extra

1315

00:52:19,729 --> 00:52:18,150

dates may be in Hobart so there's a bit

1316

00:52:22,459 --> 00:52:19,739

of an exclusive there so what so is

1317

00:52:24,799 --> 00:52:22,469

Hobart like a secret den of skepticism

1318

00:52:26,329 --> 00:52:24,809

we don't know about no my show isn't a

1319

00:52:29,089 --> 00:52:26,339

skepticism show this one is the launch

1320

00:52:30,650 --> 00:52:29,099

loan wants a jetpack show oh I know I'm

1321

00:52:32,029 --> 00:52:30,660

skeptical about that the title but I

1322

00:52:33,679 --> 00:52:32,039

mean well this most scientists are

1323

00:52:36,049 --> 00:52:33,689

skeptical of jet packs they only seem to

1324

00:52:37,459 --> 00:52:36,059

go for like 30 seconds and such but you

1325

00:52:39,439 --> 00:52:37,469

know there are a lot a lot of new jet

1326  
00:52:41,120 --> 00:52:39,449  
packs around these days I'm going New

1327  
00:52:43,160 --> 00:52:41,130  
Zealand and money this one goes for

1328  
00:52:44,660 --> 00:52:43,170  
about half an hour so but is it strictly

1329  
00:52:46,489 --> 00:52:44,670  
speaking a jet pack it looks like he's

1330  
00:52:48,650 --> 00:52:46,499  
got a helicopter in the back of it

1331  
00:52:50,120 --> 00:52:48,660  
where's the jet but you know it's

1332  
00:52:51,559 --> 00:52:50,130  
strictly speaking it does fly and take

1333  
00:52:53,839 --> 00:52:51,569  
her from the ground well see you've got

1334  
00:52:56,120 --> 00:52:53,849  
me one to come to the show oh cool yeah

1335  
00:52:57,499 --> 00:52:56,130  
yeah so come down to Tasmania if I do it

1336  
00:52:59,359 --> 00:52:57,509  
in Tasmania we haven't booked it yet but

1337  
00:53:02,689 --> 00:52:59,369  
I've been all around Australia with the

1338  
00:53:05,390 --> 00:53:02,699

show I did in Sydney and Adelaide

1339

00:53:07,549 --> 00:53:05,400

Brisbane Perth and also came back from

1340

00:53:08,569 --> 00:53:07,559

London I did it in London and I saw that

1341

00:53:10,519 --> 00:53:08,579

that's pretty cool what do you make of

1342

00:53:12,169 --> 00:53:10,529

skip de Kamp melbourne today skincare

1343

00:53:13,339 --> 00:53:12,179

melbourne fantastic you know really well

1344

00:53:14,989 --> 00:53:13,349

organized them up going to a conference

1345

00:53:17,059 --> 00:53:14,999

which is free I love going to a

1346

00:53:18,979 --> 00:53:17,069

conference which you know food food yeah

1347

00:53:21,439 --> 00:53:18,989

and also anyone can get up if they want

1348

00:53:22,549 --> 00:53:21,449

to talk about something whatever they're

1349

00:53:24,289 --> 00:53:22,559

passionate about or whatever feel

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00:53:26,689 --> 00:53:24,299

they're involved in the whole sort of

1351

00:53:28,910 --> 00:53:26,699

skepticism critical thinking movement

1352

00:53:30,349 --> 00:53:28,920

they they got up there and they talked a

1353

00:53:32,479 --> 00:53:30,359

few issues what was their talk to

1354

00:53:34,750 --> 00:53:32,489

particularly rang your bell quite like

1355

00:53:37,430 --> 00:53:34,760

this this guy could um

1356

00:53:40,190 --> 00:53:37,440

langeberg he's a schoolteacher his math

1357

00:53:44,180 --> 00:53:40,200

teacher actually it's kids called mr. v

1358

00:53:45,800 --> 00:53:44,190

and yeah he did a talk about using

1359

00:53:48,460 --> 00:53:45,810

skepticism in the classroom and he sort

1360

00:53:51,920 --> 00:53:48,470

of holds a little like lunchtime

1361

00:53:53,420 --> 00:53:51,930

skepticism 101 basically classes I was

1362

00:53:54,710 --> 00:53:53,430

talking to him and the way he motivates

1363

00:53:56,060 --> 00:53:54,720

kid is it just by getting them

1364

00:53:57,500 --> 00:53:56,070

interested in stuff doesn't use were

1365

00:53:59,030 --> 00:53:57,510

skepticism critical thinking or

1366

00:54:01,160 --> 00:53:59,040

philosophy doesn't use any of that and

1367

00:54:02,990 --> 00:54:01,170

he uses lots of jokes to which which I

1368

00:54:05,410 --> 00:54:03,000

like yeah so that was really good

1369

00:54:09,080 --> 00:54:05,420

because it's kind of the future of

1370

00:54:11,359 --> 00:54:09,090

skepticism I guess comes from the kids

1371

00:54:12,770 --> 00:54:11,369

since comes from our education so and I

1372

00:54:14,810 --> 00:54:12,780

wish I had classes like that when I was

1373

00:54:16,430 --> 00:54:14,820

a kid me too but right now it's down

1374

00:54:18,200 --> 00:54:16,440

it's down the pub time no that's right

1375

00:54:20,120 --> 00:54:18,210

that's right when I was a kid I was just

1376

00:54:22,220 --> 00:54:20,130

like reading james randi books in the

1377

00:54:23,750 --> 00:54:22,230

library but this it's great to see that

1378

00:54:24,890 --> 00:54:23,760

there's teachers out there who are sort

1379

00:54:27,650 --> 00:54:24,900

of you know teaching critical thinking

1380

00:54:29,210 --> 00:54:27,660

as well look you've done a show on the

1381

00:54:30,859 --> 00:54:29,220

paranormal is there still one area the

1382

00:54:32,060 --> 00:54:30,869

paranormal that still attracts you even

1383

00:54:34,460 --> 00:54:32,070

though you know it's probably not real

1384

00:54:36,950 --> 00:54:34,470

ah yeah well you know there's a lot of

1385

00:54:38,780 --> 00:54:36,960

amazing things out there and you know

1386

00:54:41,870 --> 00:54:38,790

maybe who knows what's going to be out

1387

00:54:44,090 --> 00:54:41,880

there in the future I wouldn't want to

1388

00:54:46,670 --> 00:54:44,100

say too much about that now ok Roddy but

1389

00:54:49,340 --> 00:54:46,680

um ya know but unbelievable was a really

1390

00:54:51,560 --> 00:54:49,350

enjoyable show to make it's kind of good

1391

00:54:54,320 --> 00:54:51,570

to have a I guess it was it's like a

1392

00:54:55,670 --> 00:54:54,330

psychology science-based comedy show and

1393

00:54:57,050 --> 00:54:55,680

of course I couldn't say it was that

1394

00:54:58,910 --> 00:54:57,060

when when I was pitching it i just

1395

00:55:01,040 --> 00:54:58,920

wanted to a show about no testing

1396

00:55:03,109 --> 00:55:01,050

psychics and looking at psychology and

1397

00:55:06,680 --> 00:55:03,119

but without using the word psychology so

1398

00:55:09,020 --> 00:55:06,690

it's kind of a fun way to I guess I want

1399

00:55:10,490 --> 00:55:09,030

say educate people but you know show

1400

00:55:12,320 --> 00:55:10,500

people things that they may not have

1401  
00:55:30,390 --> 00:55:12,330  
thought of before but in an entertaining

1402  
00:55:35,260 --> 00:55:33,190  
Richard our seven i can't believe i'm

1403  
00:55:37,930 --> 00:55:35,270  
back but it's so good to be back how was

1404  
00:55:40,780 --> 00:55:37,940  
your um your during the show there you

1405  
00:55:43,900 --> 00:55:40,790  
were practicing your mobile app well no

1406  
00:55:47,080 --> 00:55:43,910  
the up actually I say moog but it

1407  
00:55:49,840 --> 00:55:47,090  
probably is mug I was probably mugu yeah

1408  
00:55:51,670 --> 00:55:49,850  
probably the upshot of the whole

1409  
00:55:57,460 --> 00:55:51,680  
experience throughout the show is I need

1410  
00:55:59,080 --> 00:55:57,470  
more practice that was Richard he's

1411  
00:56:01,480 --> 00:55:59,090  
doing much better than I i well know

1412  
00:56:03,430 --> 00:56:01,490  
it's good fun it is a lot of fun it's

1413  
00:56:05,350 --> 00:56:03,440

like hey I haven't heard many inquiries

1414

00:56:07,570 --> 00:56:05,360

about the the Third Eye Hospital I

1415

00:56:09,220 --> 00:56:07,580

really did expect a few more inquires

1416

00:56:11,080 --> 00:56:09,230

boo to get the Octus difference so I

1417

00:56:13,930 --> 00:56:11,090

could get their fur die if it looked at

1418

00:56:16,840 --> 00:56:13,940

but we need it we need a new a new dr.

1419

00:56:18,940 --> 00:56:16,850

Stefan char he's got to come back well

1420

00:56:20,530 --> 00:56:18,950

the good thing is that that the holidays

1421

00:56:22,540 --> 00:56:20,540

are coming here in Australia the summer

1422

00:56:24,250 --> 00:56:22,550

the summer time is coming the weather's

1423

00:56:25,990 --> 00:56:24,260

getting good and I'm actually a bit of

1424

00:56:27,280 --> 00:56:26,000

time off so there's a bit of chance that

1425

00:56:31,210 --> 00:56:27,290

we might actually get together a bit

1426

00:56:33,340 --> 00:56:31,220

more often I think too that the skeptic

1427

00:56:35,890 --> 00:56:33,350

zone team doctor rachey Joanne been amoo

1428

00:56:37,750 --> 00:56:35,900

Iran and our regulars we're gonna have

1429

00:56:39,070 --> 00:56:37,760

another think tank soon because it's

1430

00:56:40,990 --> 00:56:39,080

very hard to do these days have

1431

00:56:43,000 --> 00:56:41,000

everybody so business so busy but we

1432

00:56:44,590 --> 00:56:43,010

want to sort of plan it normally we meet

1433

00:56:46,090 --> 00:56:44,600

at our favorite club down the end of the

1434

00:56:48,100 --> 00:56:46,100

street can appear elston park ourselves

1435

00:56:49,960 --> 00:56:48,110

the listeners know but this time the

1436

00:56:53,110 --> 00:56:49,970

next time we're gonna do it up in the

1437

00:56:56,050 --> 00:56:53,120

North Shore Oh closer to you ah up the

1438

00:56:57,760 --> 00:56:56,060

road I'll beat it so so Joan around and

1439

00:56:59,890 --> 00:56:57,770

the others don't have to travel to see

1440

00:57:01,600 --> 00:56:59,900

us will travel up to see them find a

1441

00:57:03,580 --> 00:57:01,610

nice club oh that's gonna be awesome a

1442

00:57:05,560 --> 00:57:03,590

big dinner there's a good 1c north ryde

1443

00:57:07,870 --> 00:57:05,570

ourselves quite not yeah we should do

1444

00:57:09,370 --> 00:57:07,880

well we're gonna have to get to you what

1445

00:57:11,590 --> 00:57:09,380

do we'll do it we'll do it think tank

1446

00:57:13,270 --> 00:57:11,600

pretty soon done locked in thanks

1447

00:57:15,730 --> 00:57:13,280

Lissa's thank you Richard thank you good

1448

00:57:19,300 --> 00:57:15,740

to see you back in the country huh i'm

1449

00:57:21,910 --> 00:57:19,310

on i'm going back to a california in

1450

00:57:24,880 --> 00:57:21,920

january and then i'm going to manchester

1451

00:57:27,020 --> 00:57:24,890

in march well how QED or your body clock

1452

00:57:31,250 --> 00:57:27,030

must be totally Kyle Oh

1453

00:57:33,950 --> 00:57:31,260

gone hit the reset button only are on

1454

00:57:36,050 --> 00:57:33,960

the ipad i wish i wish i could i wish i

1455

00:57:38,210 --> 00:57:36,060

wish my bonnie clonk was like the ipad

1456

00:57:40,610 --> 00:57:38,220

reset button in time zones what did I

1457

00:57:43,220 --> 00:57:40,620

return am I now quickly that's done I'm

1458

00:57:45,740 --> 00:57:43,230

done I really well we'll see you at

1459

00:57:48,440 --> 00:57:45,750

another in the same time zone hopefully

1460

00:57:54,680 --> 00:57:48,450

in a week or so time I think so catch a

1461

00:57:58,600 --> 00:57:54,690

soon bye bye you've been listening to

1462

00:58:03,290 --> 00:57:58,610

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