

# The Skeptic Zone

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Dr Bella Ellwood-Clayton

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00:00:23,590 --> 00:00:09,110  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:32,540 --> 00:00:27,429  
yes it's the skeptic zone episode number

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00:00:34,220 --> 00:00:32,550  
179 for the 24th of March 2012 Richard

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00:00:36,350 --> 00:00:34,230  
Saunders here with you from Sydney

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00:00:40,639 --> 00:00:36,360  
Australia not much time to talk we have

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00:00:45,229 --> 00:00:40,649  
such a packed episode today starting off

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00:00:48,529 --> 00:00:45,239  
with sex let me just say that again sex

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00:00:50,959 --> 00:00:48,539  
I think you get the message yes we

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00:00:53,180 --> 00:00:50,969  
really mean it sex xx me nods going to

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00:00:57,020 --> 00:00:53,190  
be interviewing doctor Bella Elwood

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00:01:01,069 --> 00:00:57,030  
Clayton who is a sexual anthropologist

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00:01:03,200 --> 00:01:01,079  
good heavens have a very strong cup of

13  
00:01:06,980 --> 00:01:03,210

coffee and listen to maynards interview

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00:01:09,649 --> 00:01:06,990

with dr. Elwood Clayton one of maynards

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00:01:12,830 --> 00:01:09,659

best interviews coming up at the top of

16

00:01:14,270 --> 00:01:12,840

the show and then coming up after the

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00:01:17,749 --> 00:01:14,280

break it's a penny for your thoughts

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00:01:21,770 --> 00:01:17,759

with penny chan in LA penny interviews

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00:01:23,810 --> 00:01:21,780

Jared Kaufman who is also known as Timmy

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00:01:27,560 --> 00:01:23,820

from the popular online show mr. deity

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00:01:30,999 --> 00:01:27,570

nor mr. deity he's also involved for the

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00:01:33,859 --> 00:01:31,009

independent investigations group aig in

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00:01:36,890 --> 00:01:33,869

LA which is a volunteer-based

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00:01:38,929 --> 00:01:36,900

organization founded by Jim under down

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00:01:41,539 --> 00:01:38,939

she wondered out haven't seen him for a

26  
00:01:45,289 --> 00:01:41,549  
while hope to catch up with him in Tam

27  
00:01:47,870 --> 00:01:45,299  
ya tam in Las Vegas anyway tuning in the

28  
00:01:51,350 --> 00:01:47,880  
middle of the show for pennies interview

29  
00:01:54,410 --> 00:01:51,360  
with Jared Kaufman and then to wrap up

30  
00:01:57,050 --> 00:01:54,420  
the show one of my cue ed interviews

31  
00:01:59,929 --> 00:01:57,060  
when I was in Manchester recently I

32  
00:02:02,060 --> 00:01:59,939  
catch up with in fact I meet for the

33  
00:02:04,609 --> 00:02:02,070  
first time kristin Carlson from the

34  
00:02:07,219 --> 00:02:04,619  
Norwegian skeptics spoken to her online

35  
00:02:09,650 --> 00:02:07,229  
interview to before and correspondent

36  
00:02:13,480 --> 00:02:09,660  
this was the first chance we actually

37  
00:02:16,390 --> 00:02:13,490  
had to meet and in fact in fact as I

38  
00:02:18,460 --> 00:02:16,400

on this she's in Melbourne on a little

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00:02:21,010 --> 00:02:18,470

bit of an Australian trip hope to be

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00:02:23,350 --> 00:02:21,020

catching up with her for lunch next week

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00:02:25,720 --> 00:02:23,360

here in Sydney what a treat anyway

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00:02:28,450 --> 00:02:25,730

that's at the end of the show interview

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00:02:31,090 --> 00:02:28,460

with Kristin Carlson from Norway now a

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00:02:33,490 --> 00:02:31,100

couple of things coming up in the coming

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00:02:36,580 --> 00:02:33,500

week on the twenty-ninth of march in

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00:02:38,350 --> 00:02:36,590

albury in albury New South Wales which

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00:02:42,190 --> 00:02:38,360

is one of the major regional centers

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00:02:44,850 --> 00:02:42,200

I'll be visiting our roving our skeptic

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00:02:47,890 --> 00:02:44,860

zone correspondent dr. Chrissy Wilson

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00:02:51,490 --> 00:02:47,900

now i'm attending the launch of soap

51  
00:02:55,270 --> 00:02:51,500  
soap soap soap soap or the science of

52  
00:02:57,130 --> 00:02:55,280  
anomalistic phenomena sounds really good

53  
00:03:00,160 --> 00:02:57,140  
really interesting if you want to come

54  
00:03:04,750 --> 00:03:00,170  
along to see the launch of soap which is

55  
00:03:08,170 --> 00:03:04,760  
a free event then visit [www skeptic zone](http://www.skepticzone.com)

56  
00:03:12,550 --> 00:03:08,180  
TV and click on the link from the show

57  
00:03:14,980 --> 00:03:12,560  
notes for today's episode can't wait to

58  
00:03:18,640 --> 00:03:14,990  
go and visit Chrissy and helped her

59  
00:03:20,950 --> 00:03:18,650  
launch soap which means sadly I won't be

60  
00:03:22,960 --> 00:03:20,960  
back quite in time to go to the

61  
00:03:25,030 --> 00:03:22,970  
Australian skeptics dinner here in

62  
00:03:27,550 --> 00:03:25,040  
Sydney where the special guest is

63  
00:03:30,580 --> 00:03:27,560

professor john dwyer he's going to be

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00:03:32,980 --> 00:03:30,590

speaking about friends of science in

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00:03:34,840 --> 00:03:32,990

medicine now you want to book your

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00:03:36,310 --> 00:03:34,850

ticket for this dinner and talk by

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00:03:42,070 --> 00:03:36,320

professor john dwyer it's on the

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00:03:44,920 --> 00:03:42,080

thirty-first of march at 630pm at the

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00:03:48,730 --> 00:03:44,930

ride eastwood Leagues Club best thing to

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00:03:52,450 --> 00:03:48,740

do is to go to ww skeptics calm day you

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00:03:54,760 --> 00:03:52,460

click the link buy your ticket go along

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00:03:57,580 --> 00:03:54,770

and hear what Professor Dwyer has to say

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00:04:00,550 --> 00:03:57,590

about the fight the fight against the

74

00:04:04,570 --> 00:04:00,560

sheer lunacy of the extreme forms of

75

00:04:08,200 --> 00:04:04,580

quackery like homeopathy someone should

76  
00:04:09,610 --> 00:04:08,210  
put that into a song hmm right well it's

77  
00:04:11,470 --> 00:04:09,620  
about all I have to say for right now

78  
00:04:13,600 --> 00:04:11,480  
I'm going to run downstairs you know I'm

79  
00:04:14,830 --> 00:04:13,610  
not going to go to the fridge and look

80  
00:04:16,300 --> 00:04:14,840  
for something to drink i'm going to run

81  
00:04:18,460 --> 00:04:16,310  
downstairs and practice a few magic

82  
00:04:19,720 --> 00:04:18,470  
tricks because oh yes oh yes uncle

83  
00:04:22,300 --> 00:04:19,730  
Richard's been roped in to be the

84  
00:04:24,640 --> 00:04:22,310  
magician and his nephews Harry Potter

85  
00:04:27,670 --> 00:04:24,650  
themed birthday party

86  
00:04:30,490 --> 00:04:27,680  
this afternoon better practice and magic

87  
00:04:34,540 --> 00:04:30,500  
yes I'll do that I'll do that I'll

88  
00:04:50,320 --> 00:04:34,550

disappear do that while you enjoy the

89

00:04:58,550 --> 00:04:54,980

here's my not spooky action at a

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00:05:04,170 --> 00:05:01,830

why is everybody having better sex than

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00:05:05,700 --> 00:05:04,180

me you and apparently everyone's having

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00:05:07,200 --> 00:05:05,710

it more often as well now someone who

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00:05:09,450 --> 00:05:07,210

might be able to answer this question as

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00:05:11,700 --> 00:05:09,460

well as a few other things that I would

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00:05:14,340 --> 00:05:11,710

like to know is dr. Bella Elwood Clayton

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author of sex drive in pursuit of female

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00:05:20,490 --> 00:05:17,230

desire and the dr. Behler it wouldn't

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00:05:22,770 --> 00:05:20,500

load is your sexual anthropologist yes

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00:05:24,120 --> 00:05:22,780

that's right now normally like I would

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00:05:27,330 --> 00:05:24,130

describe myself as that but that's just

101  
00:05:28,800 --> 00:05:27,340  
cuz I've been around puts up I mean what

102  
00:05:30,990 --> 00:05:28,810  
we get to do you get to go to like the

103  
00:05:32,220 --> 00:05:31,000  
Andes or anything or you know overseas

104  
00:05:34,710 --> 00:05:32,230  
what you got to do with the sexual

105  
00:05:36,660 --> 00:05:34,720  
anthropologist right yes the sexual

106  
00:05:39,240 --> 00:05:36,670  
anthropologist look at how sex and

107  
00:05:41,400 --> 00:05:39,250  
sexuality are shaped by culture so we

108  
00:05:44,700 --> 00:05:41,410  
might study things such as sex tourism

109  
00:05:48,240 --> 00:05:44,710  
or first sex or how contraception is

110  
00:05:50,160 --> 00:05:48,250  
used in africa vs downtown melbourne and

111  
00:05:52,230 --> 00:05:50,170  
where did you get your doctor didn't

112  
00:05:55,110 --> 00:05:52,240  
what did you study yes I'm I didn't

113  
00:05:56,880 --> 00:05:55,120

might be a in anthropology in in that

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00:05:59,070 --> 00:05:56,890

concordia university in montreal in

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00:06:00,420 --> 00:05:59,080

canada and then came to australia which

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00:06:03,420 --> 00:06:00,430

is where i was actually born and my

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00:06:06,120 --> 00:06:03,430

father's from to do my PhD at Melbourne

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00:06:08,940 --> 00:06:06,130

Uni and what do you do on on a daily

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00:06:12,060 --> 00:06:08,950

basis do you currently undertaking a

120

00:06:13,530 --> 00:06:12,070

study do people yeah turn up and book

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00:06:15,930 --> 00:06:13,540

stuff on you with Medicare how do you

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00:06:18,390 --> 00:06:15,940

what do you do well these days um you

123

00:06:20,520 --> 00:06:18,400

know I after I left University i would

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00:06:23,250 --> 00:06:20,530

say i published a fair few papers after

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00:06:24,570 --> 00:06:23,260

i'm completing my PhD and i thought you

126  
00:06:26,580 --> 00:06:24,580  
know this is a bit frustrating the

127  
00:06:29,160 --> 00:06:26,590  
research that were coming up with isn't

128  
00:06:30,510 --> 00:06:29,170  
being heard by main the mainstream

129  
00:06:32,610 --> 00:06:30,520  
people aren't getting this it's just

130  
00:06:35,310 --> 00:06:32,620  
sort of been circulated in academic

131  
00:06:37,530 --> 00:06:35,320  
journals so i decided i'd like to write

132  
00:06:40,020 --> 00:06:37,540  
for popular culture and write about

133  
00:06:42,720 --> 00:06:40,030  
sexuality and cross culturally and love

134  
00:06:44,640 --> 00:06:42,730  
and relationships so i've done done just

135  
00:06:47,190 --> 00:06:44,650  
that and have been writing columns and

136  
00:06:49,920 --> 00:06:47,200  
articles in australian newspapers and

137  
00:06:52,080 --> 00:06:49,930  
magazines and priyanka p and giving

138  
00:06:54,660 --> 00:06:52,090

people advice as well and when i first

139

00:06:56,040 --> 00:06:54,670

saw your book sex drive and turn the

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00:06:58,590 --> 00:06:56,050

back over that says when it comes to

141

00:07:00,300 --> 00:06:58,600

women's priority is sex on top and you

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00:07:03,210 --> 00:07:00,310

know their sex drive seems to be waning

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00:07:04,740 --> 00:07:03,220

and I thought well well yeah I mean I

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00:07:06,450 --> 00:07:04,750

mean not just talking about with

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00:07:09,510 --> 00:07:06,460

everybody sex drive is under pressure

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00:07:11,670 --> 00:07:09,520

would stress work with various ages so

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00:07:13,680 --> 00:07:11,680

it doesn't surprise me at all

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00:07:16,379 --> 00:07:13,690

this is the case so so what is

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00:07:18,930 --> 00:07:16,389

particularly in women's case here well

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00:07:22,860 --> 00:07:18,940

generally I believe women don't want sex

151  
00:07:24,330 --> 00:07:22,870  
because they don't feel sexy and we see

152  
00:07:26,279 --> 00:07:24,340  
that sex declines in a number of studies

153  
00:07:28,260 --> 00:07:26,289  
for for numerous reasons for both men

154  
00:07:31,650 --> 00:07:28,270  
and women it can be decline over the

155  
00:07:33,270 --> 00:07:31,660  
duration of a relationship as we age due

156  
00:07:35,580 --> 00:07:33,280  
to life pressures and certainly because

157  
00:07:37,260 --> 00:07:35,590  
of having children so women particularly

158  
00:07:39,330 --> 00:07:37,270  
there's a number of reasons I think

159  
00:07:42,390 --> 00:07:39,340  
contribute to our perhaps our lower

160  
00:07:46,650 --> 00:07:42,400  
levels of libido and these include body

161  
00:07:49,529 --> 00:07:46,660  
image parenting role overload depression

162  
00:07:52,050 --> 00:07:49,539  
and arguably aging as well how can you

163  
00:07:54,540 --> 00:07:52,060

isolate any one of these I mean to me

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00:07:56,490 --> 00:07:54,550

they sound like it what a statistician

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00:07:58,350 --> 00:07:56,500

would call a synergism like any one of

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00:07:59,969 --> 00:07:58,360

them on their own they're all added up

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00:08:01,020 --> 00:07:59,979

they add up to more than all of them

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00:08:02,999 --> 00:08:01,030

would be on their own put together

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00:08:05,900 --> 00:08:03,009

exactly right and they add up to women

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00:08:08,730 --> 00:08:05,910

feeling tired and not sexy and like the

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00:08:10,469 --> 00:08:08,740

spaces that they do have empty spaces in

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00:08:13,080 --> 00:08:10,479

their life you know it's sex not what

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00:08:15,029 --> 00:08:13,090

they want to be filled with that so I'm

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00:08:17,640 --> 00:08:15,039

actually just calling to question you

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00:08:19,500 --> 00:08:17,650

know what what role the sensuality have

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00:08:21,300 --> 00:08:19,510

in our life that's up to individuals

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00:08:23,339 --> 00:08:21,310

have been a couple to negotiate i

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00:08:26,850 --> 00:08:23,349

believe and i think we can stop

179

00:08:28,920 --> 00:08:26,860

necessarily respond creating what what

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00:08:30,960 --> 00:08:28,930

role sex in such men sex and sensuality

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00:08:32,969 --> 00:08:30,970

is in their life based on what the media

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00:08:35,100 --> 00:08:32,979

and society are telling us is that right

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00:08:36,570 --> 00:08:35,110

amount or even science is telling us and

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00:08:39,029 --> 00:08:36,580

try to come up with something that suits

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00:08:40,560 --> 00:08:39,039

your partner and yourself and so do you

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00:08:42,750 --> 00:08:40,570

think a lot of people think that

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00:08:45,480 --> 00:08:42,760

everyone else is having better sex more

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often more merely because I they might

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not talk about it server on thinks

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00:08:50,850 --> 00:08:49,060

that's got to be the case or because the

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00:08:53,699 --> 00:08:50,860

media and particularly magazines that

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00:08:55,769 --> 00:08:53,709

want Cosmo and even dolly to a system

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00:08:57,660 --> 00:08:55,779

where do they play their role in it well

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00:09:00,000 --> 00:08:57,670

certainly I you know we are growing up

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00:09:02,340 --> 00:09:00,010

watching films where everything seems to

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00:09:05,730 --> 00:09:02,350

be pointed to how to find love how to

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00:09:08,370 --> 00:09:05,740

attract love and desire and and you know

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00:09:10,530 --> 00:09:08,380

I'm wrangling the one but what happens

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00:09:12,060 --> 00:09:10,540

after we found the person we want to

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00:09:14,430 --> 00:09:12,070

share our life with if we can even

201  
00:09:17,010 --> 00:09:14,440  
achieve that so great but then how do we

202  
00:09:19,590 --> 00:09:17,020  
maintain love how do we maintain passion

203  
00:09:23,010 --> 00:09:19,600  
our expectations of passionate long-term

204  
00:09:24,780 --> 00:09:23,020  
monogamy are so extraordinary and that

205  
00:09:25,290 --> 00:09:24,790  
leaves many of us feeling like our

206  
00:09:27,060 --> 00:09:25,300  
relation

207  
00:09:29,040 --> 00:09:27,070  
chips don't match they don't live up to

208  
00:09:31,230 --> 00:09:29,050  
it and that's not you know a good

209  
00:09:33,060 --> 00:09:31,240  
feeling for anybody to have weird look

210  
00:09:35,310 --> 00:09:33,070  
in your book you you write a bit about

211  
00:09:37,170 --> 00:09:35,320  
the the work of Rose me bass song now

212  
00:09:39,720 --> 00:09:37,180  
and she talks about that the sexual

213  
00:09:41,810 --> 00:09:39,730

response modes and females there and

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00:09:44,519 --> 00:09:41,820

which is kind of technical and basically

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00:09:45,930 --> 00:09:44,529

quoting from your book here it says two

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women who are not happy with their lack

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00:09:51,660 --> 00:09:49,120

of desire she says basically go and find

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00:09:53,759 --> 00:09:51,670

a sexual stimulus and that choose and

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00:09:56,160 --> 00:09:53,769

you decide to be receptive to it that

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00:09:57,990 --> 00:09:56,170

seems like pretty basic advice like if

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you see something you like go do it but

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00:10:01,350 --> 00:09:59,500

you think that that's you know that is

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00:10:04,460 --> 00:10:01,360

either oversimplifying it or she could

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00:10:06,810 --> 00:10:04,470

be wrong right well she is an

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00:10:08,250 --> 00:10:06,820

international expert in her area however

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00:10:10,050 --> 00:10:08,260

there's other experts that have

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00:10:11,880 --> 00:10:10,060

different ideas about what the female

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00:10:14,040 --> 00:10:11,890

sexual response model is and how it

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00:10:16,290 --> 00:10:14,050

works and basically what I'm talking

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00:10:18,420 --> 00:10:16,300

about here is a bit technical but we

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00:10:20,970 --> 00:10:18,430

used to believe from master and Johnson

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00:10:24,060 --> 00:10:20,980

that there's four stages of sexual

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excitement and human beings look who

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00:10:28,790 --> 00:10:25,930

could not like the plateau stage but

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Randy and it's a great name for it to

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00:10:34,440 --> 00:10:31,529

excitement plateau orgasm and resolution

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00:10:35,819 --> 00:10:34,450

but we you know researchers realize our

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00:10:38,160 --> 00:10:35,829

sexual function is a lot more

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complicated where to desire fit in in

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the psychological ah gical and cultural

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aspects so we've been trying to work

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that out in subsequent models Bassam

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believes that women don't experience

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spontaneous desire once on there in an

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established relationship for that by and

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00:10:56,490 --> 00:10:54,579

large once you've settled down women

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aren't to be initiating sex now is this

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00:11:00,660 --> 00:10:59,110

because of some serotonin type chemical

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in the brain that gets burned out after

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a period of time I don't think that's

251  
00:11:05,639 --> 00:11:04,360  
why she thinks that by I definitely do

252  
00:11:07,710 --> 00:11:05,649  
think there's a strong biochemical

253  
00:11:10,199 --> 00:11:07,720  
aspect all of this but I think what

254  
00:11:12,949 --> 00:11:10,209  
she's arguing is that because women

255  
00:11:15,240 --> 00:11:12,959  
don't may not necessarily feel

256  
00:11:18,630 --> 00:11:15,250  
spontaneous desire for sex to start off

257  
00:11:21,180 --> 00:11:18,640  
if they go into sex with their partner

258  
00:11:24,210 --> 00:11:21,190  
desire very well may kick in in that

259  
00:11:26,310 --> 00:11:24,220  
process however that's one kind of angle

260  
00:11:28,769 --> 00:11:26,320  
at looking at as many other researchers

261  
00:11:31,769 --> 00:11:28,779  
believe that that's not the case there

262  
00:11:33,990 --> 00:11:31,779  
was a study done to see which sex model

263  
00:11:36,360 --> 00:11:34,000

suits women best and about a third were

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00:11:39,129 --> 00:11:36,370

in agreeance with rosemary baths on a

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00:11:40,809 --> 00:11:39,139

third of women fit the Masters

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00:11:43,210 --> 00:11:40,819

Johnson model and a surfeit another

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00:11:45,369 --> 00:11:43,220

model so there still isn't agreement

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00:11:47,259 --> 00:11:45,379

about how female sexuality works in so

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00:11:49,569 --> 00:11:47,269

many different ways we don't can't agree

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00:11:51,819 --> 00:11:49,579

on what female sexual dysfunction is we

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00:11:53,889 --> 00:11:51,829

can't agree on sexual function for women

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00:11:55,780 --> 00:11:53,899

nor if women have a definitive sexual

273

00:11:58,239 --> 00:11:55,790

peak so that's a lot of actually

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00:12:00,639 --> 00:11:58,249

mysterious yeah one of the things that

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00:12:02,859 --> 00:12:00,649

I've noticed in women's magazines as

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00:12:06,189 --> 00:12:02,869

I've got older is that they keep seeming

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00:12:09,400 --> 00:12:06,199

they see me to keep putting the woman's

278

00:12:12,489 --> 00:12:09,410

sexual peak back I remember when I was

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00:12:14,259 --> 00:12:12,499

younger they used to say it was 30s or

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00:12:16,239 --> 00:12:14,269

something and they've moved it into the

281

00:12:18,759 --> 00:12:16,249

40s and they send a big putting it

282

00:12:20,530 --> 00:12:18,769

higher as the baby boomers get older is

283

00:12:22,210 --> 00:12:20,540

this to sell magazines or is there any

284

00:12:23,710 --> 00:12:22,220

statistical evidence to prove that the

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00:12:25,960 --> 00:12:23,720

woman's sexual peak seems to be getting

286

00:12:27,879 --> 00:12:25,970

older well I just think this is so

287

00:12:29,530 --> 00:12:27,889

interesting it really shows you know the

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00:12:31,150 --> 00:12:29,540

term I didn't notice beforehand but it's

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00:12:33,189 --> 00:12:31,160

a cultural mem so it's something that

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00:12:36,069 --> 00:12:33,199

everybody believes well a meme I love

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00:12:37,840 --> 00:12:36,079

that it's a made-up word ma ma mean many

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00:12:39,729 --> 00:12:37,850

meaning everyone thinking the same thing

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00:12:41,289 --> 00:12:39,739

at the same time didn't mean as much

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00:12:43,150 --> 00:12:41,299

before there was the internet but with

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00:12:44,530 --> 00:12:43,160

the Internet yeah everybody can think

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00:12:45,909 --> 00:12:44,540

this everyone knows the same thing

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00:12:47,559 --> 00:12:45,919

because of all reading the same thing

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00:12:52,329 --> 00:12:47,569

ever everyone's watching the cat in that

299

00:12:56,199 --> 00:12:52,339

keyboard and god that's sexy so with

300

00:12:57,639 --> 00:12:56,209

that there's this idea yes that women in

301  
00:12:59,650 --> 00:12:57,649  
you know in their mid-30s have their

302  
00:13:01,569 --> 00:12:59,660  
sexual peak and men in their adolescent

303  
00:13:04,150 --> 00:13:01,579  
years but do you know that this all

304  
00:13:06,729 --> 00:13:04,160  
comes down to one study by alfred kinsey

305  
00:13:09,400 --> 00:13:06,739  
a sexologist I think believe it was in

306  
00:13:12,609 --> 00:13:09,410  
the 50s and he found in his one study

307  
00:13:14,470 --> 00:13:12,619  
that women who were I think 36 were

308  
00:13:16,689 --> 00:13:14,480  
masturbating and having the most orgasms

309  
00:13:18,850 --> 00:13:16,699  
and so that's what it was based on and

310  
00:13:20,859 --> 00:13:18,860  
again this is a difficult like this is a

311  
00:13:22,059 --> 00:13:20,869  
difficult thing to do Studies on in the

312  
00:13:24,249 --> 00:13:22,069  
first place is that part of the reason

313  
00:13:25,689 --> 00:13:24,259

why there's a scarcity of information

314

00:13:27,159 --> 00:13:25,699

because is this the kind of thing it's

315

00:13:29,319 --> 00:13:27,169

difficult to get past an ethics

316

00:13:30,909 --> 00:13:29,329

committee is it you can't really you

317

00:13:33,309 --> 00:13:30,919

know take a video camera on your notepad

318

00:13:36,639 --> 00:13:33,319

into people's bedrooms at night so it is

319

00:13:38,349 --> 00:13:36,649

really complicated and there's been a

320

00:13:40,419 --> 00:13:38,359

lot of stigma attached about studying

321

00:13:43,210 --> 00:13:40,429

sexuality it's interesting though it's

322

00:13:45,479 --> 00:13:43,220

really since viagra has hit the scene

323

00:13:48,939 --> 00:13:45,489

and become so financially successful

324

00:13:51,460 --> 00:13:48,949

that women's sexuality later in life and

325

00:13:52,840 --> 00:13:51,470

in general if becomes the area of

326

00:13:54,999 --> 00:13:52,850

scientific inquiry

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00:13:56,470 --> 00:13:55,009

good money can be made from it right dr.

328

00:13:58,449 --> 00:13:56,480

Bella this is definitely what I want to

329

00:14:03,340 --> 00:13:58,459

talk to you about that female sexual

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00:14:07,329 --> 00:14:03,350

arousal disorder or fsad now this is is

331

00:14:09,040 --> 00:14:07,339

this one of these made up or diseases

332

00:14:11,559 --> 00:14:09,050

that just went around and if you could

333

00:14:14,350 --> 00:14:11,569

sell a female viagra and tell people

334

00:14:17,680 --> 00:14:14,360

that they need it man you know you are

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00:14:20,769 --> 00:14:17,690

printing money yes yes well it's very

336

00:14:22,569 --> 00:14:20,779

interesting so in the 70s this notion of

337

00:14:24,400 --> 00:14:22,579

female sexual dysfunction started

338

00:14:26,079 --> 00:14:24,410

popping up in the literature here and

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00:14:29,079 --> 00:14:26,089

there and that was involving issues

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00:14:31,809 --> 00:14:29,089

associated with desire arousal orgasm

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00:14:33,610 --> 00:14:31,819

and sexual pain and and then guess again

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00:14:35,740 --> 00:14:33,620

we hear about viagra this becomes a

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00:14:37,840 --> 00:14:35,750

widespread sirs idea that people are

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00:14:41,110 --> 00:14:37,850

getting used to that people are taking a

345

00:14:43,720 --> 00:14:41,120

drug to help female sexual dysfunction

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00:14:45,879 --> 00:14:43,730

now dr. Bella I would like not being

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00:14:47,410 --> 00:14:45,889

with females they've taken viagra a few

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00:14:50,019 --> 00:14:47,420

times and have claimed that it's had and

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00:14:51,670 --> 00:14:50,029

a positive effect on them and is that

350

00:14:53,110 --> 00:14:51,680

the case is there any study for this

351

00:14:55,030 --> 00:14:53,120

although they just experiencing the

352

00:14:57,699 --> 00:14:55,040

placebo effects all right oh it's

353

00:15:00,429 --> 00:14:57,709

interesting isn't it viagra has been

354

00:15:02,710 --> 00:15:00,439

given to women it's medical name being

355

00:15:04,689 --> 00:15:02,720

sylvan phil and other similar drugs as

356

00:15:07,499 --> 00:15:04,699

well and they've largely proved to be

357

00:15:11,530 --> 00:15:07,509

rather disappointing although there they

358

00:15:13,960 --> 00:15:11,540

produce women being wet or aroused their

359

00:15:16,389 --> 00:15:13,970

women's minds aren't so it really goes

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00:15:18,790 --> 00:15:16,399

to show that our minds are true g-spot

361

00:15:20,860 --> 00:15:18,800

when we are looking at sex drugs for

362

00:15:23,259 --> 00:15:20,870

women has been to three different areas

363

00:15:25,150 --> 00:15:23,269

on one's drugs that affect blood flow

364

00:15:27,309 --> 00:15:25,160

which we were talking about by a grand

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00:15:28,929 --> 00:15:27,319

such ones that affect the hormonal

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00:15:31,360 --> 00:15:28,939

system and others that affect the

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00:15:33,579 --> 00:15:31,370

central nervous system and what do you

368

00:15:35,980 --> 00:15:33,589

think is the magic bullet for female

369

00:15:38,050 --> 00:15:35,990

sexuality drugs in the future or like

370

00:15:39,670 --> 00:15:38,060

almost anything else in our pharmacy

371

00:15:41,949 --> 00:15:39,680

there is no such thing as the magic

372

00:15:44,889 --> 00:15:41,959

bullet for everyone well there isn't yet

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00:15:47,199 --> 00:15:44,899

but I predict 15 years from now within

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00:15:49,600 --> 00:15:47,209

15 years frame there will be a sex drug

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00:15:51,069 --> 00:15:49,610

filament arrival viagra and because

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00:15:52,929 --> 00:15:51,079

there's mean leather pants because that

377

00:15:57,040 --> 00:15:52,939

drives everyone crazy doesn't matter

378

00:15:59,470 --> 00:15:57,050

what sex they are I've just came back

379

00:16:01,990 --> 00:15:59,480

though to the idea of how female sexual

380

00:16:05,199 --> 00:16:02,000

dysfunction became so popular it was

381

00:16:06,140 --> 00:16:05,209

found in a paper in 1999 in the Journal

382

00:16:08,660 --> 00:16:06,150

of American medal

383

00:16:10,610 --> 00:16:08,670

Medical Association that forty-three

384

00:16:13,490 --> 00:16:10,620

percent of women had a female sexual

385

00:16:15,560 --> 00:16:13,500

desire at sexual dysfunction so you know

386

00:16:18,530 --> 00:16:15,570

that sounds quite an obvious made a

387

00:16:21,350 --> 00:16:18,540

message to women doesn't it and it came

388

00:16:23,990 --> 00:16:21,360

a hot topic of conversation it certainly

389

00:16:25,820 --> 00:16:24,000

does and the reading I've done pride as

390

00:16:28,670 --> 00:16:25,830

interviewer particularly from Bianca

391

00:16:30,110 --> 00:16:28,680

laurino I believe she actually looked at

392

00:16:32,180 --> 00:16:30,120

the one of the people has looked at the

393

00:16:33,770 --> 00:16:32,190

methodology of this study and I'm sure

394

00:16:36,320 --> 00:16:33,780

you're about to tell us where it perhaps

395

00:16:38,470 --> 00:16:36,330

may be flawed yes just amazing isn't it

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00:16:41,660 --> 00:16:38,480

so women were classified with a

397

00:16:43,730 --> 00:16:41,670

dysfunction if they answered yes just

398

00:16:46,160 --> 00:16:43,740

one of seven questions and these

399

00:16:48,890 --> 00:16:46,170

included whether they'd experienced lack

400

00:16:51,590 --> 00:16:48,900

of desire for sex arousal difficulties

401  
00:16:55,220 --> 00:16:51,600  
whether they had felt anxious before sex

402  
00:16:57,800 --> 00:16:55,230  
and look I look that's me every time and

403  
00:16:59,570 --> 00:16:57,810  
also one which i find it could be a

404  
00:17:01,760 --> 00:16:59,580  
problem but I wouldn't consider it

405  
00:17:04,460 --> 00:17:01,770  
always a problem is that if the women

406  
00:17:06,650 --> 00:17:04,470  
came to climax to quickly quickly well

407  
00:17:08,510 --> 00:17:06,660  
now that could be a problem but it isn't

408  
00:17:10,310 --> 00:17:08,520  
always considered in the negative

409  
00:17:12,770 --> 00:17:10,320  
category I mean we can see it's quite

410  
00:17:14,750 --> 00:17:12,780  
ludicrous to define someone as having a

411  
00:17:16,790 --> 00:17:14,760  
dysfunction if they sometimes don't

412  
00:17:19,430 --> 00:17:16,800  
desire sex or their climax too quickly

413  
00:17:22,579 --> 00:17:19,440

and the authors also didn't include the

414

00:17:23,900 --> 00:17:22,589

most important a DSM criteria question

415

00:17:27,010 --> 00:17:23,910

and this is I'm referring to the

416

00:17:29,840 --> 00:17:27,020

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of

417

00:17:31,550 --> 00:17:29,850

Mental Health which is like the Bible of

418

00:17:33,560 --> 00:17:31,560

mental health hang on is that the new

419

00:17:36,500 --> 00:17:33,570

one that's got things like orthorexia

420

00:17:38,030 --> 00:17:36,510

nervosa in it well there's one the last

421

00:17:39,500 --> 00:17:38,040

one was done in two thousand and the

422

00:17:41,450 --> 00:17:39,510

newest one is coming out in two thousand

423

00:17:42,800 --> 00:17:41,460

dollars that's got author x universe or

424

00:17:44,570 --> 00:17:42,810

I like mentioning that that is the

425

00:17:47,630 --> 00:17:44,580

unhealthy obsession with eating healthy

426

00:17:49,760 --> 00:17:47,640

food yeah you know it's the people to

427

00:17:51,380 --> 00:17:49,770

take oh I've got my carrot to it today

428

00:17:52,640 --> 00:17:51,390

and if they don't take their carrot they

429

00:17:54,020 --> 00:17:52,650

don't eat anything till I get home and

430

00:17:57,530 --> 00:17:54,030

have their protein and in the process

431

00:17:59,570 --> 00:17:57,540

cause more damage to themselves yeah my

432

00:18:00,890 --> 00:17:59,580

mind yeah well that's what I mean yeah

433

00:18:03,620 --> 00:18:00,900

that's why people get suspicious when

434

00:18:04,610 --> 00:18:03,630

you have a fsad come into that because

435

00:18:06,680 --> 00:18:04,620

they go hang on a minute what about

436

00:18:09,290 --> 00:18:06,690

orthorexia nervosa but please continue

437

00:18:11,240 --> 00:18:09,300

dr. Bella sure so in this study they

438

00:18:13,580 --> 00:18:11,250

weren't asking women are they distressed

439

00:18:16,100 --> 00:18:13,590

by their so-called low levels of desire

440

00:18:17,870 --> 00:18:16,110

or you know climax scene too rapidly or

441

00:18:19,970 --> 00:18:17,880

and distress is an important element

442

00:18:22,640 --> 00:18:19,980

that is part of now the diet

443

00:18:26,600 --> 00:18:22,650

the criteria to define female sexual

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00:18:28,669 --> 00:18:26,610

dysfunction hmm and so it's like

445

00:18:30,380 --> 00:18:28,679

obviously if there's money to buy their

446

00:18:33,110 --> 00:18:30,390

like a pharmaceutical company doing a

447

00:18:36,500 --> 00:18:33,120

very large far-reaching study as we

448

00:18:37,669 --> 00:18:36,510

speak to either get this solved one way

449

00:18:38,900 --> 00:18:37,679

or the other so they can find out

450

00:18:41,150 --> 00:18:38,910

whether they can make money one might

451  
00:18:45,530 --> 00:18:41,160  
other well essentially this is what I

452  
00:18:47,570 --> 00:18:45,540  
believe is that for hospital epic

453  
00:18:49,970 --> 00:18:47,580  
communities to approve a new drug trial

454  
00:18:52,580 --> 00:18:49,980  
they must first have a disease for the

455  
00:18:54,200 --> 00:18:52,590  
product to treat so inflated rates the

456  
00:18:57,350 --> 00:18:54,210  
female sexual dysfunction create a need

457  
00:18:59,630 --> 00:18:57,360  
for treatment and we'll see that in the

458  
00:19:01,970 --> 00:18:59,640  
DSM which we are talking about the DSM

459  
00:19:03,980 --> 00:19:01,980  
for the Bible of mental health the

460  
00:19:07,700 --> 00:19:03,990  
definitions of female sexual dysfunction

461  
00:19:10,190 --> 00:19:07,710  
that we are using came about from a

462  
00:19:11,990 --> 00:19:10,200  
number of conferences in which many of

463  
00:19:13,700 --> 00:19:12,000

the researchers had linked to drug

464

00:19:16,760 --> 00:19:13,710

companies for instance in one conference

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00:19:18,680 --> 00:19:16,770

18 at a 19 participants are found to

466

00:19:22,610 --> 00:19:18,690

have a link to total of twenty-two drug

467

00:19:24,200 --> 00:19:22,620

companies um I'm no hang on yeah well

468

00:19:27,380 --> 00:19:24,210

what surprise on thinking oh hang on

469

00:19:31,039 --> 00:19:27,390

conflict of interest why that's alive

470

00:19:33,830 --> 00:19:31,049

and and it is you know is it confusing

471

00:19:35,659 --> 00:19:33,840

area and many of the top sex researchers

472

00:19:38,380 --> 00:19:35,669

from around the world although they are

473

00:19:41,150 --> 00:19:38,390

being funded or have you know act as

474

00:19:43,310 --> 00:19:41,160

advisory on advisory boards for Big

475

00:19:45,110 --> 00:19:43,320

Pharma and they say that their work

476

00:19:48,530 --> 00:19:45,120

isn't biased and that they're being

477

00:19:50,810 --> 00:19:48,540

transparent but from afar it certainly

478

00:19:52,669 --> 00:19:50,820

makes things you know you want to put

479

00:19:54,200 --> 00:19:52,679

question what happening and of course

480

00:19:55,640 --> 00:19:54,210

that you have the problem you have the

481

00:19:57,590 --> 00:19:55,650

the same thing that people point out

482

00:19:59,450 --> 00:19:57,600

with vaccines but the problem is if you

483

00:20:01,190 --> 00:19:59,460

want to talk to someone who's an expert

484

00:20:02,120 --> 00:20:01,200

on the flu you probably have to get

485

00:20:04,010 --> 00:20:02,130

someone from the world health

486

00:20:06,080 --> 00:20:04,020

organization that knows all about it to

487

00:20:07,850 --> 00:20:06,090

help you so these would be the people

488

00:20:10,610 --> 00:20:07,860

that you'd ask anyway wouldn't they yes

489

00:20:13,700 --> 00:20:10,620

that's right that's right and so there

490

00:20:16,340 --> 00:20:13,710

has been numerous studies from around

491

00:20:19,970 --> 00:20:16,350

the world trying to figure out how many

492

00:20:21,710 --> 00:20:19,980

women are experiencing female sexual

493

00:20:27,530 --> 00:20:21,720

dysfunction particularly in terms of low

494

00:20:28,820 --> 00:20:27,540

desire the disorder in this dsm Bibles

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00:20:32,210 --> 00:20:28,830

mental health that they've come up with

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00:20:33,800 --> 00:20:32,220

is called HSP d hypoactive sexual desire

497

00:20:36,740 --> 00:20:33,810

disorder

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00:20:39,530 --> 00:20:36,750

means riya current absence of sexual

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00:20:41,360 --> 00:20:39,540

fantasies a desire for sex which causes

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00:20:43,220 --> 00:20:41,370

one Mart distress and cannot be

501  
00:20:46,010 --> 00:20:43,230  
explained by another mental disorder

502  
00:20:48,020 --> 00:20:46,020  
drug or medical condition I really

503  
00:20:51,200 --> 00:20:48,030  
believe though that this chronic low

504  
00:20:53,240 --> 00:20:51,210  
libido is the natural normal state of

505  
00:20:54,650 --> 00:20:53,250  
affairs too many women particularly in

506  
00:20:56,570 --> 00:20:54,660  
long-term relationships I don't think

507  
00:20:58,160 --> 00:20:56,580  
it's necessarily a disorder but that

508  
00:21:01,190 --> 00:20:58,170  
that's what I was going to ask you how

509  
00:21:03,170 --> 00:21:01,200  
do we quantify the range of as we all

510  
00:21:05,150 --> 00:21:03,180  
ask all scientists like to draw draw a

511  
00:21:07,490 --> 00:21:05,160  
nice bell curve how do you figure out

512  
00:21:10,130 --> 00:21:07,500  
what is the correct so-called libido for

513  
00:21:12,290 --> 00:21:10,140

anyone at any age in any culture exactly

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00:21:15,110 --> 00:21:12,300

that is the that is the question you've

515

00:21:17,360 --> 00:21:15,120

exactly hit it and the thing too is that

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00:21:20,090 --> 00:21:17,370

culture as you're pointing out as a huge

517

00:21:22,610 --> 00:21:20,100

role in our sexuality in the Victorian

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00:21:24,920 --> 00:21:22,620

times for instance low female desire was

519

00:21:27,230 --> 00:21:24,930

considered a virtue and now all of a

520

00:21:28,850 --> 00:21:27,240

sudden meant to disorder so and think

521

00:21:30,500 --> 00:21:28,860

it'll really cool diseases to like the

522

00:21:32,930 --> 00:21:30,510

vapors that's a great I've got the

523

00:21:34,640 --> 00:21:32,940

vapors get my steam-powered you know

524

00:21:36,140 --> 00:21:34,650

vibrator whatever they had then and I

525

00:21:37,640 --> 00:21:36,150

and that's when they were around first

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00:21:39,830 --> 00:21:37,650

around mozhno because there was a whole

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00:21:42,590 --> 00:21:39,840

sexual arousal problem that came in then

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00:21:44,450 --> 00:21:42,600

mm-hmm so it it really goes to show how

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00:21:46,100 --> 00:21:44,460

the sexuality of women what our

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00:21:47,900 --> 00:21:46,110

sexuality should be like is quite

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00:21:50,870 --> 00:21:47,910

fashionable depending on where we live

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00:21:53,570 --> 00:21:50,880

and what culture were in and to call it

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00:21:56,090 --> 00:21:53,580

science and make it an absolute is quite

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00:21:58,880 --> 00:21:56,100

dubious I believe look and there's a

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phrase in your book and excuse me if I

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00:22:03,800 --> 00:22:00,480

misquote you there but it's something

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00:22:06,290 --> 00:22:03,810

like women females are about passion

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00:22:08,600 --> 00:22:06,300

they're just not always about sexual

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00:22:10,430 --> 00:22:08,610

passion yes and could you explain that

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00:22:12,680 --> 00:22:10,440

because I think that that sums things up

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00:22:14,810 --> 00:22:12,690

beautifully oh thank you i really think

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00:22:18,350 --> 00:22:14,820

if we look at our sex drive or our

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00:22:20,630 --> 00:22:18,360

libido as our creative sensual energy

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00:22:22,310 --> 00:22:20,640

our life force which some of the

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00:22:24,950 --> 00:22:22,320

original thinkers looking at libido did

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00:22:26,810 --> 00:22:24,960

think of it this way and then women's

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00:22:28,820 --> 00:22:26,820

lives aren't devoid of passion we may

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00:22:30,680 --> 00:22:28,830

just be involved in passionate parent

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00:22:34,180 --> 00:22:30,690

parenting or having passionate careers

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00:22:37,310 --> 00:22:34,190

or presenting a whole appearance that

551  
00:22:40,400 --> 00:22:37,320  
induces passion or our home and dinner

552  
00:22:44,630 --> 00:22:40,410  
tables a lot of passion and excitement

553  
00:22:46,720 --> 00:22:44,640  
and creativity in women's lives and if

554  
00:22:48,669 --> 00:22:46,730  
couples decide they want more

555  
00:22:51,070 --> 00:22:48,679  
or sensuality in their partnerships

556  
00:22:53,710 --> 00:22:51,080  
women may be able to reach channel some

557  
00:22:57,190 --> 00:22:53,720  
of this energy and redirect it towards

558  
00:22:59,590 --> 00:22:57,200  
their their central partnership and look

559  
00:23:01,930 --> 00:22:59,600  
up how much is it our fault I mean a lot

560  
00:23:04,270 --> 00:23:01,940  
of men did the early research a lot of

561  
00:23:06,039 --> 00:23:04,280  
times here men's sex drive is being

562  
00:23:07,990 --> 00:23:06,049  
compared to women sex drivers if they

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00:23:10,360 --> 00:23:08,000

should be similar powerful things at

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00:23:11,500 --> 00:23:10,370

certain times where does that come into

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00:23:12,760 --> 00:23:11,510

the whole thing that you know women

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00:23:14,919 --> 00:23:12,770

should be more like men sexually

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00:23:16,870 --> 00:23:14,929

sometimes and vice versa very

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00:23:19,360 --> 00:23:16,880

interesting point I think that reflects

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00:23:20,799 --> 00:23:19,370

what our current culture is sort of

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00:23:22,960 --> 00:23:20,809

getting at you know sex is the new

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00:23:25,120 --> 00:23:22,970

status symbol and those that don't have

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00:23:27,700 --> 00:23:25,130

it and not only inferior but potentially

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00:23:30,340 --> 00:23:27,710

dysfunctional is really interesting the

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00:23:33,130 --> 00:23:30,350

definition of a sexless marriage in our

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00:23:35,080 --> 00:23:33,140

time period is a relationship where

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00:23:37,450 --> 00:23:35,090

couples are having sex 10 times a year

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00:23:38,799 --> 00:23:37,460

or less I think that's quite amazing

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00:23:41,260 --> 00:23:38,809

that couples that have been together for

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00:23:43,750 --> 00:23:41,270

a decade or have young screaming

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00:23:46,299 --> 00:23:43,760

toddlers or you know enormous bills to

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00:23:48,970 --> 00:23:46,309

pay if they're having sex once a month

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00:23:50,140 --> 00:23:48,980

or so I think that's quite fantastic and

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00:23:53,049 --> 00:23:50,150

they're doing a great job at keeping

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00:23:54,490 --> 00:23:53,059

their sensual bond alive and yet here in

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00:23:57,820 --> 00:23:54,500

our society we're labeling that as a

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00:24:00,010 --> 00:23:57,830

sexless relationship quite intriguing if

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00:24:02,140 --> 00:24:00,020

you could get a grant and you could get

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00:24:04,450 --> 00:24:02,150

a study through an ethics committee what

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00:24:06,549 --> 00:24:04,460

kind of research would you like to do in

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00:24:07,930 --> 00:24:06,559

to sexuality in Australia in the 21st

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00:24:09,610 --> 00:24:07,940

century that you think needs to be done

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00:24:11,980 --> 00:24:09,620

to answer few these fundamental

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00:24:15,640 --> 00:24:11,990

questions dr. Bella I think I'd like to

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00:24:18,880 --> 00:24:15,650

explore with women how we can create

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00:24:21,100 --> 00:24:18,890

more sensual lives how we can work at

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00:24:23,020 --> 00:24:21,110

sexual mindfulness stealing our mind

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00:24:25,539 --> 00:24:23,030

removing ourselves from chores and that

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00:24:27,510 --> 00:24:25,549

ever never ending to do list of all the

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00:24:31,930 --> 00:24:27,520

all the things we have to get done and

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00:24:34,480 --> 00:24:31,940

work out together what ways we can come

601  
00:24:37,210 --> 00:24:34,490  
up with to have a more erotic life and

602  
00:24:40,120 --> 00:24:37,220  
do you think the role of pornography has

603  
00:24:41,680 --> 00:24:40,130  
damaged any of this and but I think you

604  
00:24:43,840 --> 00:24:41,690  
should assume that pornography is

605  
00:24:46,120 --> 00:24:43,850  
fantasy not take it on as being reality

606  
00:24:48,159 --> 00:24:46,130  
in the same way you could say have

607  
00:24:50,980 --> 00:24:48,169  
Hollywood musicals damage the way people

608  
00:24:52,840 --> 00:24:50,990  
dance so I'm just wondering how you feel

609  
00:24:54,880 --> 00:24:52,850  
about that well I think there's really

610  
00:24:57,549 --> 00:24:54,890  
two sized pornography I think it's

611  
00:25:00,039 --> 00:24:57,559  
certainly the exposure to young people

612  
00:25:00,970 --> 00:25:00,049  
young people's minds is very extensive

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00:25:03,490 --> 00:25:00,980

and can

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00:25:06,520 --> 00:25:03,500

unrealistic expectations about the role

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00:25:09,190 --> 00:25:06,530

of sex how women look how they act

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00:25:11,049 --> 00:25:09,200

sexually and that can be damaging

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00:25:14,530 --> 00:25:11,059

although traditionally haven't young

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00:25:17,530 --> 00:25:14,540

people always had put sex at an overly

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00:25:18,850 --> 00:25:17,540

important part of Allah it may have but

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00:25:21,700 --> 00:25:18,860

I think there's probably a difference

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00:25:23,620 --> 00:25:21,710

between you're looking at one centerfold

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00:25:27,070 --> 00:25:23,630

for instance in a magazine to being able

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00:25:29,080 --> 00:25:27,080

to at the touch of your screen go to any

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00:25:33,070 --> 00:25:29,090

country and see any sex act no matter

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00:25:35,830 --> 00:25:33,080

how you know outrageous that said sex

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00:25:38,950 --> 00:25:35,840

therapist often advise pornography for

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00:25:40,630 --> 00:25:38,960

couples that are having low levels of

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00:25:43,060 --> 00:25:40,640

desire in their relationship to spice

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00:25:45,070 --> 00:25:43,070

things up today see it as a sexual tool

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00:25:47,950 --> 00:25:45,080

so I think there are different elements

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00:25:49,900 --> 00:25:47,960

to the argument yes and have when you've

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00:25:52,419 --> 00:25:49,910

been on panels debating this very topic

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00:25:53,590 --> 00:25:52,429

it is such an intricate topic can you

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00:25:55,870 --> 00:25:53,600

ever found yourself getting caught up

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00:25:59,770 --> 00:25:55,880

well certainly it's very emotional for

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00:26:02,880 --> 00:25:59,780

people and it really hits buttons of you

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00:26:06,010 --> 00:26:02,890

know insecurity worried about our future

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00:26:08,590 --> 00:26:06,020

what excites us is a personal issue you

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00:26:11,740 --> 00:26:08,600

know it really is a hotbed of inquiry

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00:26:14,230 --> 00:26:11,750

and what would how would you answer the

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00:26:15,909 --> 00:26:14,240

question when people say everyone seems

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00:26:17,830 --> 00:26:15,919

to be having more sex than me more often

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00:26:20,230 --> 00:26:17,840

and it seems to be better I mean what's

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00:26:21,970 --> 00:26:20,240

the best way to assure us that you know

645

00:26:23,740 --> 00:26:21,980

things aren't that bad for us well I

646

00:26:25,780 --> 00:26:23,750

don't think everybody's having more sex

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00:26:27,640 --> 00:26:25,790

than us and I think if you talk to them

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00:26:29,620 --> 00:26:27,650

five years into their relationship it

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00:26:31,330 --> 00:26:29,630

probably won't be the case one last

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00:26:32,919 --> 00:26:31,340

question here's an interesting study and

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00:26:34,120 --> 00:26:32,929

I would like to know because this you

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00:26:36,909 --> 00:26:34,130

know this is this is I think this is a

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00:26:39,580 --> 00:26:36,919

good one in 2007 from your book sex

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00:26:44,049 --> 00:26:39,590

drive a 2007 American study found that

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00:26:47,470 --> 00:26:44,059

the when lap dancers were ovulating they

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00:26:49,390 --> 00:26:47,480

actually earned more tips than any other

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00:26:51,520 --> 00:26:49,400

time during their cycle why is that

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00:26:53,350 --> 00:26:51,530

they're dancing better people can

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00:26:55,210 --> 00:26:53,360

somehow get something of the phenoms

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00:26:57,460 --> 00:26:55,220

come without had it why do you think

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00:26:59,500 --> 00:26:57,470

that is well it is quite mysterious I

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00:27:02,110 --> 00:26:59,510

think there's still a lot to learn about

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00:27:04,330 --> 00:27:02,120

our hormones and our sexuality are

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00:27:07,419 --> 00:27:04,340

ovulation and women's sexuality

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00:27:09,430 --> 00:27:07,429

generally across the lifespan Wow okay

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00:27:10,720 --> 00:27:09,440

look thank you dr. Bella and where do

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00:27:13,000 --> 00:27:10,730

you suggest I should go for further

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00:27:14,570 --> 00:27:13,010

reading I mean diving into Wikipedia can

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00:27:16,250 --> 00:27:14,580

be a bit confusing and

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you know i like to say wikipedia is a

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00:27:19,279 --> 00:27:17,610

little bit like a public toilet it's

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00:27:21,740 --> 00:27:19,289

only as good as the last person who was

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there so you know you know who knows

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00:27:25,190 --> 00:27:23,610

what's been written there is it wears a

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00:27:27,560 --> 00:27:25,200

website we could go to get more

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00:28:05,480 --> 00:27:27,570

information about this well there's my

677

00:28:07,399 --> 00:28:05,490

website which is [www.hyken.com](http://www.hyken.com) light by

678

00:28:09,440 --> 00:28:07,409

reading material and just one last

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00:28:11,029 --> 00:28:09,450

warning there's a lot of whoo in the

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00:28:12,620 --> 00:28:11,039

world of sex people want to sell you all

681

00:28:14,149 --> 00:28:12,630

sorts of things over the counter to help

682

00:28:15,740 --> 00:28:14,159

your sex drive what is that the one

683

00:28:17,149 --> 00:28:15,750

thing you should just try and avoid that

684

00:28:19,580 --> 00:28:17,159

definitely doesn't work that a lot of

685

00:28:21,680 --> 00:28:19,590

people get sucked in by I think the

686

00:28:23,360 --> 00:28:21,690

thing that works the least is comparing

687

00:28:26,149 --> 00:28:23,370

our sexuality to the sensuality of

688

00:28:28,070 --> 00:28:26,159

others really just going to your home

689

00:28:30,529 --> 00:28:28,080

figuring out with your partner what rule

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00:28:32,539 --> 00:28:30,539

sensuality wants to be in your life

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00:28:34,190 --> 00:28:32,549

together and being frank about that

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00:28:36,710 --> 00:28:34,200

discussion I think is really the way to

693

00:28:37,879 --> 00:28:36,720

go rather than seeking a product now I'm

694

00:28:40,490 --> 00:28:37,889

going to go out and do a bit more study

695

00:28:53,370 --> 00:28:40,500

on this lap dancing issue okay you do

696

00:28:58,389 --> 00:28:55,779

hello this is brian dunning from the

697

00:29:00,639 --> 00:28:58,399

skeptabod cast if you can be in New

698

00:29:02,620 --> 00:29:00,649

Hampshire this Monday night drop by New

699

00:29:06,879 --> 00:29:02,630

England College in Henniker to hear my

700

00:29:10,930 --> 00:29:06,889

live show sounds from beyond for free at

701  
00:29:13,539 --> 00:29:10,940  
the simon center sounds from beyond is a

702  
00:29:15,730 --> 00:29:13,549  
fun-filled hour featuring strange sounds

703  
00:29:18,220 --> 00:29:15,740  
that Aviva solved mysteries created

704  
00:29:20,350 --> 00:29:18,230  
mysteries or that help explain how and

705  
00:29:23,049 --> 00:29:20,360  
why our universe works the way it does

706  
00:29:26,470 --> 00:29:23,059  
that's new england college monday march

707  
00:29:29,529 --> 00:29:26,480  
twenty six twenty twelve at 7pm more

708  
00:29:31,750 --> 00:29:29,539  
informations at NEC edu or come to

709  
00:29:34,060 --> 00:29:31,760  
sceptile calm to find out how to bring

710  
00:29:40,040 --> 00:29:34,070  
sounds from beyond to a venue near you

711  
00:29:40,050 --> 00:29:50,040  
you

712  
00:30:01,960 --> 00:29:53,160  
is penny Chen

713  
00:30:07,490 --> 00:30:04,880

welcome to another episode of penny for

714

00:30:10,880 --> 00:30:07,500

your thoughts right now i am at john

715

00:30:14,560 --> 00:30:10,890

rails apartment you're welcome I'm here

716

00:30:18,470 --> 00:30:14,570

with John rail and large Donahue and

717

00:30:19,970 --> 00:30:18,480

Jarrett Kaufman Jarrett coffin and today

718

00:30:24,440 --> 00:30:19,980

I want to beat i'm gonna be talking to

719

00:30:26,270 --> 00:30:24,450

jared kaufman about iig so um have you

720

00:30:28,040 --> 00:30:26,280

been on the skeptics on before I have

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00:30:29,360 --> 00:30:28,050

not this is my first time first time on

722

00:30:33,350 --> 00:30:29,370

the podcast so thank you thanks for

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00:30:36,340 --> 00:30:33,360

having me so first explain what the iig

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00:30:38,540 --> 00:30:36,350

is what the iig is the independent

725

00:30:41,780 --> 00:30:38,550

investigations group were based out of

726  
00:30:44,660 --> 00:30:41,790  
Hollywood California or Los Angeles and

727  
00:30:46,940 --> 00:30:44,670  
so where we are a paranormal and

728  
00:30:49,280 --> 00:30:46,950  
pseudoscience investigations group made

729  
00:30:51,590 --> 00:30:49,290  
up of volunteer members it's a you know

730  
00:30:53,060 --> 00:30:51,600  
it's a it's a dues-paying organization

731  
00:30:55,670 --> 00:30:53,070  
that's what gives us the funds we need

732  
00:30:58,610 --> 00:30:55,680  
to actually carry out various tasks go

733  
00:31:00,740 --> 00:30:58,620  
to events and pay for the cost of these

734  
00:31:02,480 --> 00:31:00,750  
things but we we as opposed to being

735  
00:31:05,450 --> 00:31:02,490  
like a meetup group that just hangs out

736  
00:31:07,510 --> 00:31:05,460  
and talks about skepticism we're the

737  
00:31:10,640 --> 00:31:07,520  
ones who are actually actively

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00:31:12,470 --> 00:31:10,650

participating so whether we're going out

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00:31:14,390 --> 00:31:12,480

and finding something to investigate or

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00:31:17,090 --> 00:31:14,400

whether people are coming to us we're

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00:31:18,560 --> 00:31:17,100

always actively actively working one of

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00:31:20,600 --> 00:31:18,570

the things we're known for is we do have

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00:31:22,850 --> 00:31:20,610

a fifty-thousand-dollar paranormal

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00:31:25,280 --> 00:31:22,860

challenge and so people will come to us

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00:31:27,110 --> 00:31:25,290

usually online they'll email us and fill

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00:31:29,510 --> 00:31:27,120

out an application and tell us I have

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00:31:32,630 --> 00:31:29,520

this amazing paranormal ability of some

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00:31:35,600 --> 00:31:32,640

sort whether it's a psychic abilities or

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00:31:37,850 --> 00:31:35,610

our second projection or in our most

750

00:31:39,410 --> 00:31:37,860

recent case dowsing or a variety of

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00:31:42,710 --> 00:31:39,420

other things people say to us this is

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00:31:44,630 --> 00:31:42,720

some special ability I've got and I can

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00:31:46,670 --> 00:31:44,640

prove it and then we say great if you

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00:31:48,800 --> 00:31:46,680

can prove it under regional scientific

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00:31:51,500 --> 00:31:48,810

conditions which includes a protocol

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00:31:53,360 --> 00:31:51,510

that they agree upon with us so it's not

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00:31:55,220 --> 00:31:53,370

just us setting all the rules they have

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00:31:57,380 --> 00:31:55,230

to say to us this is what I can do and

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00:31:58,370 --> 00:31:57,390

we work with them to finalize something

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00:31:59,960 --> 00:31:58,380

that they say yes that's definitely

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00:32:01,460 --> 00:31:59,970

within the range of something that can

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00:32:03,800 --> 00:32:01,470

do when those conditions are reasonable

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00:32:06,020 --> 00:32:03,810

then we carry that out and assuming

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00:32:08,330 --> 00:32:06,030

assuming they can pull it off in a

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00:32:10,280 --> 00:32:08,340

preliminary demonstration we move on to

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00:32:12,830 --> 00:32:10,290

a much more rigorous final test and

767

00:32:14,440 --> 00:32:12,840

that's when they would get \$50,000 we

768

00:32:16,810 --> 00:32:14,450

also have a five-thousand-dollar finder

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00:32:19,090 --> 00:32:16,820

feed anyone who brings someone to us who

770

00:32:20,770 --> 00:32:19,100

then wins the \$50,000 that's our goal

771

00:32:22,270 --> 00:32:20,780

yeah it's a little extra carrot cuz

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00:32:24,520 --> 00:32:22,280

we'll always have people say does Oh am

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00:32:26,890 --> 00:32:24,530

I my sister-in-law has this amazing

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00:32:28,210 --> 00:32:26,900

ability but she you know she doesn't

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00:32:29,920 --> 00:32:28,220

want to get tested she doesn't think

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00:32:31,330 --> 00:32:29,930

it's worth it but when we say to them

777

00:32:33,100 --> 00:32:31,340

well you can also get five thousand

778

00:32:34,960 --> 00:32:33,110

dollars for bringing that person to us

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00:32:37,360 --> 00:32:34,970

and if they succeed then suddenly

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00:32:39,670 --> 00:32:37,370

they're starting to push that person so

781

00:32:43,660 --> 00:32:39,680

that that helps and our most recent was

782

00:32:47,650 --> 00:32:43,670

we just tested a dowser actually a man

783

00:32:50,410 --> 00:32:47,660

from Phoenix Arizona sus in his 70s who

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00:32:52,780 --> 00:32:50,420

who really genuinely believes he has

785

00:32:55,690 --> 00:32:52,790

dowsing abilities he uses this up yeah

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00:32:58,390 --> 00:32:55,700

dowsing is a typically using a tool of

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00:33:01,690 --> 00:32:58,400

some sort the most common is two metal

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00:33:04,120 --> 00:33:01,700

rods I-shaped rods that you hold one in

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00:33:06,070 --> 00:33:04,130

each hand the the short end in each hand

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00:33:07,690 --> 00:33:06,080

and you just basically walk around

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00:33:10,450 --> 00:33:07,700

typically a field the most common thing

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00:33:13,300 --> 00:33:10,460

people dows for i believe is water oil

793

00:33:17,320 --> 00:33:13,310

is a common thing as well and probably

794

00:33:18,760 --> 00:33:17,330

other things and well certainly yeah

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00:33:20,980 --> 00:33:18,770

that that's that's something I've known

796

00:33:23,110 --> 00:33:20,990

people to douse for his lost things but

797

00:33:24,850 --> 00:33:23,120

I think as far as financial gain goes

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00:33:26,950 --> 00:33:24,860

waters a very common when they'll dow's

799

00:33:29,350 --> 00:33:26,960

for the right spot to build a well to

800

00:33:31,450 --> 00:33:29,360

dig a well so anyway this this person's

801

00:33:34,000 --> 00:33:31,460

variation is he uses just one rod and

802

00:33:35,470 --> 00:33:34,010

can walk around and find he claimed a

803

00:33:38,890 --> 00:33:35,480

lot of things he claimed disturbed earth

804

00:33:40,360 --> 00:33:38,900

and and other factors but this the test

805

00:33:43,240 --> 00:33:40,370

we settled on was he could definitely

806

00:33:47,470 --> 00:33:43,250

find water in a jug that we hid under

807

00:33:49,990 --> 00:33:47,480

under a filing box a box meant to carry

808

00:33:53,740 --> 00:33:50,000

papers so we basically set up a

809

00:33:55,930 --> 00:33:53,750

condition with 15 boxes and he what was

810

00:33:59,710 --> 00:33:55,940

this this was actually just yesterday so

811

00:34:04,630 --> 00:33:59,720

the the 17th of March to st. Patrick's

812

00:34:06,550 --> 00:34:04,640

Day so so we did yes yes so he set this

813

00:34:10,360 --> 00:34:06,560

up he in our offices at the Center for

814

00:34:12,700 --> 00:34:10,370

inquiry in Los Angeles oh and he came he

815

00:34:14,200 --> 00:34:12,710

doubt he pre doused the area and he

816

00:34:15,250 --> 00:34:14,210

found a few areas that he said he was

817

00:34:16,600 --> 00:34:15,260

getting readings from that he was

818

00:34:19,990 --> 00:34:16,610

picking up something maybe there was a

819

00:34:21,910 --> 00:34:20,000

pipe there he does it with just one rod

820

00:34:23,320 --> 00:34:21,920

typically it's to where they cross in

821

00:34:25,870 --> 00:34:23,330

the middle and that's when they got a

822

00:34:27,740 --> 00:34:25,880

signal but in his case it just it'll

823

00:34:28,820 --> 00:34:27,750

it'll just dip off center and

824

00:34:31,129 --> 00:34:28,830

especially if it's really strong it'll

825

00:34:33,080 --> 00:34:31,139

just fall right out of his hand uh it's

826

00:34:35,510 --> 00:34:33,090

a i forget what material he said it was

827

00:34:37,700 --> 00:34:35,520

it just looked like a mean I think it

828

00:34:39,169 --> 00:34:37,710

was not aluminum i'm not sure it was but

829

00:34:40,899 --> 00:34:39,179

he said he's used other wiring as well I

830

00:34:44,899 --> 00:34:40,909

copper wiring and that worked for him

831

00:34:46,490 --> 00:34:44,909

Mikey claimed so anyway in this case he

832

00:34:47,930 --> 00:34:46,500

tooi tested the area found a couple

833

00:34:49,220 --> 00:34:47,940

spots that made him uncomfortable so we

834

00:34:51,020 --> 00:34:49,230

moved boxes around till he was

835

00:34:52,639 --> 00:34:51,030

comfortable that none of the boxes was

836

00:34:55,220 --> 00:34:52,649

in an area that was giving him any any

837

00:34:58,340 --> 00:34:55,230

readings of water and so then we did on

838

00:35:02,570 --> 00:34:58,350

three three phases which gave us odds of

839

00:35:05,930 --> 00:35:02,580

i think it was 3375 to one if he would

840

00:35:07,160 --> 00:35:05,940

get all three in a row I'm not fast on

841

00:35:09,680 --> 00:35:07,170

the maths but that was roughly the

842

00:35:12,140 --> 00:35:09,690

figure and so he would have to get get

843

00:35:15,410 --> 00:35:12,150

the the hidden bottle in all three tests

844

00:35:17,780 --> 00:35:15,420

to succeed and so we we double blinded

845

00:35:19,790 --> 00:35:17,790

this where we picked two people to be

846

00:35:21,560 --> 00:35:19,800

team one everybody left the room

847

00:35:24,080 --> 00:35:21,570

including the claimant everyone else the

848

00:35:27,380 --> 00:35:24,090

cameras were shut off except for cameras

849

00:35:28,430 --> 00:35:27,390

used to record it for our proof later on

850

00:35:32,330 --> 00:35:28,440

that everything was carried out properly

851  
00:35:36,560 --> 00:35:32,340  
and two people would draw a number from

852  
00:35:39,590 --> 00:35:36,570  
a basket 1 out of 15 and then go around

853  
00:35:42,050 --> 00:35:39,600  
moving each box rotating each box so

854  
00:35:43,550 --> 00:35:42,060  
that they all were disturbed and placing

855  
00:35:45,770 --> 00:35:43,560  
the bottle under the one that was chosen

856  
00:35:47,510 --> 00:35:45,780  
from the number then leave go into a

857  
00:35:49,220 --> 00:35:47,520  
room where they had no access to any one

858  
00:35:51,140 --> 00:35:49,230  
else and call out to let everyone know

859  
00:35:52,430 --> 00:35:51,150  
that they were clear and go back in that

860  
00:35:54,230 --> 00:35:52,440  
way where there wasn't contamination

861  
00:35:56,540 --> 00:35:54,240  
with anyone as they left the room and

862  
00:35:58,850 --> 00:35:56,550  
then everybody returned the dowser did

863  
00:36:00,800 --> 00:35:58,860

his work walked around got a reading and

864

00:36:02,330 --> 00:36:00,810

said yep that's the box that definitely

865

00:36:05,120 --> 00:36:02,340

the water bottles under that one and

866

00:36:06,800 --> 00:36:05,130

they lifted that box and a water bottle

867

00:36:08,390 --> 00:36:06,810

and then the the other team would come

868

00:36:10,130 --> 00:36:08,400

back in and reveal which box it was

869

00:36:11,600 --> 00:36:10,140

actually under and then they you know

870

00:36:14,060 --> 00:36:11,610

check all the other boxers to prove that

871

00:36:16,750 --> 00:36:14,070

there weren't any false readings and so

872

00:36:18,890 --> 00:36:16,760

this was carried out three times and and

873

00:36:21,740 --> 00:36:18,900

unfortunately for the dowser who was

874

00:36:24,230 --> 00:36:21,750

very confident that he could definitely

875

00:36:26,060 --> 00:36:24,240

do what he claimed he could do he

876

00:36:27,470 --> 00:36:26,070

succeed he did not succeed on any of the

877

00:36:29,180 --> 00:36:27,480

three tests

878

00:36:30,680 --> 00:36:29,190

God zero out of three and you could see

879

00:36:33,950 --> 00:36:30,690

the poor guy was was getting more

880

00:36:35,450 --> 00:36:33,960

dejected as he went along I you can

881

00:36:37,340 --> 00:36:35,460

never tell what's in the the heart and

882

00:36:39,740 --> 00:36:37,350

mind of someone but at least my personal

883

00:36:41,660 --> 00:36:39,750

opinion was he was he was genuine in his

884

00:36:43,460 --> 00:36:41,670

belief that he had this ability and to

885

00:36:45,920 --> 00:36:43,470

give him credit he seemed also very

886

00:36:48,859 --> 00:36:45,930

genuine in desiring that we handled the

887

00:36:50,780 --> 00:36:48,869

test honestly not just to be fair to him

888

00:36:52,430 --> 00:36:50,790

but he was asking us questions about how

889

00:36:54,140 --> 00:36:52,440

we were binding it to really ensure we

890

00:36:56,540 --> 00:36:54,150

were blinding it so he seemed to

891

00:36:58,870 --> 00:36:56,550

genuinely want to prove that this was

892

00:37:01,580 --> 00:36:58,880

real as well and unfortunately he didn't

893

00:37:03,470 --> 00:37:01,590

I'd say he definitely still seemed

894

00:37:05,450 --> 00:37:03,480

relatively convinced there was something

895

00:37:07,040 --> 00:37:05,460

that to his abilities I mean he still

896

00:37:08,359 --> 00:37:07,050

said that when he went home he was still

897

00:37:10,010 --> 00:37:08,369

going to be continuing to practice it

898

00:37:13,040 --> 00:37:10,020

and because he says he knows it works

899

00:37:14,450 --> 00:37:13,050

when he's home so that's a common thing

900

00:37:16,160 --> 00:37:14,460

we deal with these people is there they

901  
00:37:17,750 --> 00:37:16,170  
usually aren't convinced they don't have

902  
00:37:19,190 --> 00:37:17,760  
the ability they're just convinced

903  
00:37:21,230 --> 00:37:19,200  
there's a reason it didn't work here but

904  
00:37:23,330 --> 00:37:21,240  
he was clearly shaken and disappointed

905  
00:37:25,340 --> 00:37:23,340  
and you know we see that we always feel

906  
00:37:26,599 --> 00:37:25,350  
bad for these people I mean a lot of us

907  
00:37:28,070 --> 00:37:26,609  
are rooting for them even if we don't

908  
00:37:30,080 --> 00:37:28,080  
necessarily believe going and it's going

909  
00:37:33,830 --> 00:37:30,090  
to work when we see it we sure want to

910  
00:37:35,870 --> 00:37:33,840  
see something work far I mean ask a

911  
00:37:38,060 --> 00:37:35,880  
friend relay hey babe did you set up

912  
00:37:40,010 --> 00:37:38,070  
these jugs I'm gonna step outside now be

913  
00:37:42,770 --> 00:37:40,020

back in but don't tell me which one just

914

00:37:44,780 --> 00:37:42,780

a simple like generic like single blinds

915

00:37:48,170 --> 00:37:44,790

things I think a lot of people don't

916

00:37:49,849 --> 00:37:48,180

know what it means to blind study some

917

00:37:51,500 --> 00:37:49,859

like you don't believe you'll even

918

00:37:52,760 --> 00:37:51,510

little kids it's like okay don't tell me

919

00:37:54,260 --> 00:37:52,770

if you're looking at me but I'm gonna

920

00:37:55,730 --> 00:37:54,270

try and guess and then you tell me if I

921

00:37:58,099 --> 00:37:55,740

got it right or not you know and and

922

00:38:00,770 --> 00:37:58,109

this this gentleman Luis did claim that

923

00:38:03,530 --> 00:38:00,780

he has he has done blinded testing with

924

00:38:04,910 --> 00:38:03,540

friends now it's single blinded and that

925

00:38:07,280 --> 00:38:04,920

was a thing that he wasn't familiar with

926  
00:38:08,870 --> 00:38:07,290  
wolf of y singh y double blinding was

927  
00:38:10,820 --> 00:38:08,880  
important and we had to explain that to

928  
00:38:13,130 --> 00:38:10,830  
him after the fact but he has single

929  
00:38:14,480 --> 00:38:13,140  
blonde he's has friends never to this

930  
00:38:16,849 --> 00:38:14,490  
degree he said he's really only done it

931  
00:38:18,950 --> 00:38:16,859  
under under for hidden objects before

932  
00:38:20,840 --> 00:38:18,960  
but he'll have his friends hide it under

933  
00:38:23,180 --> 00:38:20,850  
one of the objects and then he goes and

934  
00:38:25,550 --> 00:38:23,190  
douses so we had to explain to him that

935  
00:38:28,040 --> 00:38:25,560  
the subtle clues that another an

936  
00:38:29,570 --> 00:38:28,050  
observer can give that our subconscious

937  
00:38:31,280 --> 00:38:29,580  
and of course we we did have to teach

938  
00:38:32,810 --> 00:38:31,290

him about the ideomotor effect which is

939

00:38:34,340 --> 00:38:32,820

really what was being employed during

940

00:38:37,160 --> 00:38:34,350

the test or at least as far as we're

941

00:38:38,720 --> 00:38:37,170

concerned and he he he kept you know he

942

00:38:40,710 --> 00:38:38,730

kept making claims about seeing my hands

943

00:38:41,910 --> 00:38:40,720

aren't moving and yet the rods going off

944

00:38:44,130 --> 00:38:41,920

perspective and so we really had to

945

00:38:46,650 --> 00:38:44,140

explain to him the concept which he he

946

00:38:47,910 --> 00:38:46,660

hadn't realized was as subtle as it is

947

00:38:49,830 --> 00:38:47,920

as it actually is he was really

948

00:38:51,660 --> 00:38:49,840

expecting he was asking questions well

949

00:38:53,640 --> 00:38:51,670

yeah but if I if I don't know it's there

950

00:38:55,290 --> 00:38:53,650

then why why would I be reacting to it

951  
00:38:56,940 --> 00:38:55,300  
and you know one person pointed out well

952  
00:38:58,589 --> 00:38:56,950  
if you went by the first time and you've

953  
00:39:00,300 --> 00:38:58,599  
got a slight feel about it now you've

954  
00:39:02,370 --> 00:39:00,310  
convinced yourself that that box is the

955  
00:39:04,020 --> 00:39:02,380  
one so each time you go back you'll have

956  
00:39:06,180 --> 00:39:04,030  
that effect so we were explaining the

957  
00:39:07,560 --> 00:39:06,190  
elements of it but it was that's an

958  
00:39:08,820 --> 00:39:07,570  
example of one of the many types of

959  
00:39:10,920 --> 00:39:08,830  
tests we go through and it was certainly

960  
00:39:12,900 --> 00:39:10,930  
one of the more interesting ones so um

961  
00:39:15,030 --> 00:39:12,910  
he said he went from Arizona yeah he

962  
00:39:17,849 --> 00:39:15,040  
drove out here himself away from Kenny

963  
00:39:22,200 --> 00:39:17,859

contacted you from all the way yes yes

964

00:39:25,730 --> 00:39:22,210

uh I guess not I not that I'm aware of

965

00:39:28,920 --> 00:39:25,740

the iig is branching out we we have

966

00:39:31,109 --> 00:39:28,930

affiliates now not only all over the

967

00:39:33,510 --> 00:39:31,119

United States we've got I think at least

968

00:39:36,720 --> 00:39:33,520

one in Canada and we have interest from

969

00:39:39,450 --> 00:39:36,730

other continents we've gotten people who

970

00:39:41,280 --> 00:39:39,460

are really hoping to possibly set up iig

971

00:39:43,740 --> 00:39:41,290

affiliates in completely different

972

00:39:45,570 --> 00:39:43,750

places a real surprises we've gotten

973

00:39:49,170 --> 00:39:45,580

some contact from Africa we've gotten

974

00:39:50,550 --> 00:39:49,180

some contact from Poland I'm trying to

975

00:39:52,940 --> 00:39:50,560

member off top my head but these places

976  
00:39:55,230 --> 00:39:52,950  
that would be really you'd be surprised

977  
00:39:56,460 --> 00:39:55,240  
although happily surprised to find out

978  
00:39:57,839 --> 00:39:56,470  
that yeah there are real there are

979  
00:39:59,490 --> 00:39:57,849  
skeptics everywhere and there's some

980  
00:40:01,050 --> 00:39:59,500  
places that sure as heck need them I

981  
00:40:03,780 --> 00:40:01,060  
mean it's bad enough here obviously in

982  
00:40:06,420 --> 00:40:03,790  
the u.s. you know we here in the US we

983  
00:40:08,670 --> 00:40:06,430  
hear about all the all the ass-kicking

984  
00:40:10,260 --> 00:40:08,680  
that Australia is doing but

985  
00:40:11,820 --> 00:40:10,270  
realistically there's some some

986  
00:40:13,320 --> 00:40:11,830  
countries that really need some help and

987  
00:40:15,870 --> 00:40:13,330  
it's nice to know that there are people

988  
00:40:18,780 --> 00:40:15,880

there who are trying so I'm also tell me

989

00:40:20,760 --> 00:40:18,790

about um the odds must be crazy yes how

990

00:40:22,710 --> 00:40:20,770

long has that been going on like well

991

00:40:24,300 --> 00:40:22,720

the odds must be crazy is a project

992

00:40:26,970 --> 00:40:24,310

that's been in the works for a couple

993

00:40:28,349 --> 00:40:26,980

years now the basis of this one and I

994

00:40:29,520 --> 00:40:28,359

definitely want to make sure this this

995

00:40:31,650 --> 00:40:29,530

credits given out because really

996

00:40:34,380 --> 00:40:31,660

deserved a member of our group Wendy

997

00:40:35,880 --> 00:40:34,390

Hughes who's been part of the iig for if

998

00:40:38,160 --> 00:40:35,890

not as long as it's been around then

999

00:40:42,210 --> 00:40:38,170

nearly as long as we've been in in in

1000

00:40:44,339 --> 00:40:42,220

business so to speak she she got the

1001  
00:40:47,099 --> 00:40:44,349  
idea to start tracking stories about

1002  
00:40:48,780 --> 00:40:47,109  
coincidences basically just those those

1003  
00:40:50,250 --> 00:40:48,790  
too good to be true or too crazy to be

1004  
00:40:52,859 --> 00:40:50,260  
true kind of stories that everybody

1005  
00:40:54,180 --> 00:40:52,869  
experiences and she wanted to see you

1006  
00:40:54,390 --> 00:40:54,190  
know start collecting them see is there

1007  
00:40:56,069 --> 00:40:54,400  
some

1008  
00:40:58,680 --> 00:40:56,079  
thing here that maybe we're missing or

1009  
00:41:00,029 --> 00:40:58,690  
what can we learn from these and so it

1010  
00:41:03,210 --> 00:41:00,039  
was a group project to just try to

1011  
00:41:05,250 --> 00:41:03,220  
collect these stories my involvement was

1012  
00:41:06,990 --> 00:41:05,260  
I got the idea to actually convert it

1013  
00:41:09,779 --> 00:41:07,000

into a public website instead of a

1014

00:41:11,039 --> 00:41:09,789

private project and actually start

1015

00:41:13,109 --> 00:41:11,049

collecting these stories from more than

1016

00:41:16,019 --> 00:41:13,119

just our group but from anyone reading

1017

00:41:18,809 --> 00:41:16,029

the site so the basic principle to

1018

00:41:19,980 --> 00:41:18,819

explain it is we collect exactly the

1019

00:41:21,779 --> 00:41:19,990

sort of stories I was talking about

1020

00:41:23,549 --> 00:41:21,789

everybody experiences things like

1021

00:41:25,529 --> 00:41:23,559

whether it's a dreaming about a

1022

00:41:27,690 --> 00:41:25,539

celebrity and then the next day you find

1023

00:41:28,950 --> 00:41:27,700

out they passed away or thinking about

1024

00:41:30,329 --> 00:41:28,960

someone on the phone rings and you

1025

00:41:33,150 --> 00:41:30,339

answer it and they're the ones calling

1026

00:41:34,589 --> 00:41:33,160

or running into a college buddy in a

1027

00:41:37,170 --> 00:41:34,599

completely different part of the world

1028

00:41:38,789 --> 00:41:37,180

and being surprised by it or some even

1029

00:41:40,980 --> 00:41:38,799

much cooler stories that we start to

1030

00:41:44,400 --> 00:41:40,990

pick up on that have surprised us but

1031

00:41:46,109 --> 00:41:44,410

the idea is to show these stories share

1032

00:41:47,760 --> 00:41:46,119

them celebrate them we're not trying to

1033

00:41:49,740 --> 00:41:47,770

put them down and say oh this isn't that

1034

00:41:51,779 --> 00:41:49,750

interesting a story it you know it it

1035

00:41:54,359 --> 00:41:51,789

could happen anyone know it's very cool

1036

00:41:55,920 --> 00:41:54,369

these these stories amaze all of us no

1037

00:41:58,440 --> 00:41:55,930

matter what we know about them already

1038

00:41:59,990 --> 00:41:58,450

but it's to share them so Wendy and I

1039

00:42:02,099 --> 00:42:00,000

worked really hard on this project

1040

00:42:05,519 --> 00:42:02,109

developing a plan for the website

1041

00:42:06,990 --> 00:42:05,529

developing our business model so to

1042

00:42:08,849 --> 00:42:07,000

speak even though there's no money in

1043

00:42:11,250 --> 00:42:08,859

this whatsoever and that's not the goal

1044

00:42:15,000 --> 00:42:11,260

it's just for fun and it's it's an

1045

00:42:16,799 --> 00:42:15,010

opportunity well yes well and that's the

1046

00:42:19,289 --> 00:42:16,809

idea is we want the site to appeal to

1047

00:42:21,120 --> 00:42:19,299

everyone this is not an overtly

1048

00:42:24,539 --> 00:42:21,130

skeptical site or at least that was the

1049

00:42:26,670 --> 00:42:24,549

plan is it's a site to share fun stories

1050

00:42:29,609 --> 00:42:26,680

and then occasionally we're going to

1051

00:42:32,250 --> 00:42:29,619

inject editorials that will teach people

1052

00:42:33,690 --> 00:42:32,260

as well about what's going on beyond it

1053

00:42:36,059 --> 00:42:33,700

so whether it's an editorial comment

1054

00:42:38,130 --> 00:42:36,069

under the story that mentions some of

1055

00:42:40,099 --> 00:42:38,140

the aspects of it that would explain it

1056

00:42:42,690 --> 00:42:40,109

we're going to try to start injecting

1057

00:42:45,870 --> 00:42:42,700

injecting some statistics into the

1058

00:42:48,420 --> 00:42:45,880

stories and just expanding out so that

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00:42:50,279 --> 00:42:48,430

people will hopefully learn but at the

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00:42:52,230 --> 00:42:50,289

very least if they don't learn they're

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00:42:54,180 --> 00:42:52,240

just going to be entertained and we make

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00:42:56,519 --> 00:42:54,190

it easy to share the stories on various

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00:42:58,529 --> 00:42:56,529

social websites so you can easily click

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00:43:00,720 --> 00:42:58,539

a button to instantly tweet it or like

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00:43:02,880 --> 00:43:00,730

it on Facebook or +1 and on google or

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00:43:04,589 --> 00:43:02,890

things like that I think it's really

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00:43:05,980 --> 00:43:04,599

valuable these days because people live

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00:43:08,859 --> 00:43:05,990

on social network

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00:43:11,260 --> 00:43:08,869

and so it's an and honestly a large

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00:43:13,120 --> 00:43:11,270

percentage of our hits so far come from

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00:43:14,770 --> 00:43:13,130

social network so people are clearly

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00:43:17,020 --> 00:43:14,780

sharing stories on there and we've got

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00:43:18,730 --> 00:43:17,030

assuming people are check the box that

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00:43:20,590 --> 00:43:18,740

says they allow it we've got people's

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00:43:22,230 --> 00:43:20,600

actual names on the story so they can

1076  
00:43:25,840 --> 00:43:22,240  
feel a personal connection to the story

1077  
00:43:27,070 --> 00:43:25,850  
so that's that's important and and we're

1078  
00:43:28,780 --> 00:43:27,080  
expanding I mean we've been getting

1079  
00:43:30,700 --> 00:43:28,790  
stories from people in the skeptical

1080  
00:43:32,470 --> 00:43:30,710  
community George Rob mentioned us

1081  
00:43:34,120 --> 00:43:32,480  
recently on the podcast because someone

1082  
00:43:35,980 --> 00:43:34,130  
had actually mentioned him in a story

1083  
00:43:37,960 --> 00:43:35,990  
and he got a kick out of that and I

1084  
00:43:40,030 --> 00:43:37,970  
loved it because he really spent some

1085  
00:43:43,030 --> 00:43:40,040  
time on his podcast talking specifically

1086  
00:43:44,859 --> 00:43:43,040  
about exactly what we're about from his

1087  
00:43:45,970 --> 00:43:44,869  
own perspective he told a story of

1088  
00:43:47,470 --> 00:43:45,980

something that happened to him that I

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00:43:49,600 --> 00:43:47,480

just I loved and it was a great example

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00:43:52,450 --> 00:43:49,610

of something that was a really eerie

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00:43:54,580 --> 00:43:52,460

freaky coincidence and more importantly

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00:43:56,200 --> 00:43:54,590

as he pointed out it had no meaning it

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00:43:57,640 --> 00:43:56,210

didn't it didn't lead to anything it

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00:44:00,490 --> 00:43:57,650

didn't cause anything there wasn't

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00:44:02,830 --> 00:44:00,500

anything about his story that he could

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00:44:04,660 --> 00:44:02,840

learn from but if that could be

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00:44:06,310 --> 00:44:04,670

something that freakish can happen that

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00:44:07,630 --> 00:44:06,320

has no meaning then odds are

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00:44:09,040 --> 00:44:07,640

occasionally someone's going to have

1100

00:44:10,870 --> 00:44:09,050

something that freakish that to them

1101  
00:44:12,460 --> 00:44:10,880  
does have a meaning and they'll apply

1102  
00:44:15,420 --> 00:44:12,470  
that to their lives and really think

1103  
00:44:18,400 --> 00:44:15,430  
it's a sign from something or you know

1104  
00:44:20,230 --> 00:44:18,410  
fate or whatever you'll call it so it's

1105  
00:44:21,820 --> 00:44:20,240  
easy to understand why people people put

1106  
00:44:23,620 --> 00:44:21,830  
so much power behind these things so i

1107  
00:44:25,060 --> 00:44:23,630  
really liked what he wrote and i got his

1108  
00:44:27,930 --> 00:44:25,070  
permission and it's been transcribed and

1109  
00:44:29,800 --> 00:44:27,940  
put up on our website as an editorial so

1110  
00:44:31,750 --> 00:44:29,810  
aside from him we've had some

1111  
00:44:33,930 --> 00:44:31,760  
interesting guest writers yes yes we

1112  
00:44:36,609 --> 00:44:33,940  
just put up a story from from barry car

1113  
00:44:38,680 --> 00:44:36,619

barbara dresser is involved in a site

1114

00:44:40,090 --> 00:44:38,690

she's written at least one editorial now

1115

00:44:41,890 --> 00:44:40,100

she's got more she's gonna be working on

1116

00:44:45,010 --> 00:44:41,900

and she's me doing some statistics work

1117

00:44:46,990 --> 00:44:45,020

for us who else has that we've got a few

1118

00:44:48,700 --> 00:44:47,000

on the back burner from from a few names

1119

00:44:50,500 --> 00:44:48,710

in the community so I you know I'll day

1120

00:44:52,570 --> 00:44:50,510

be as those DB you will see they

1121

00:44:54,400 --> 00:44:52,580

absolutely right and we've got we've got

1122

00:44:56,440 --> 00:44:54,410

exciting news coming up that I will not

1123

00:44:58,359 --> 00:44:56,450

I will not give up I will not give out

1124

00:45:00,190 --> 00:44:58,369

yet we will be making a different kind

1125

00:45:02,380 --> 00:45:00,200

of premier for the odds must be crazy

1126

00:45:04,599 --> 00:45:02,390

soon that will hopefully put us on the

1127

00:45:06,400 --> 00:45:04,609

radar for a lot more people nice you

1128

00:45:08,109 --> 00:45:06,410

know so that's a good project yeah Wendy

1129

00:45:10,050 --> 00:45:08,119

and I worked very hard on it she is

1130

00:45:11,590 --> 00:45:10,060

constantly working in the background

1131

00:45:14,080 --> 00:45:11,600

communicating with people getting

1132

00:45:15,760 --> 00:45:14,090

stories uploaded she's doing all of the

1133

00:45:18,040 --> 00:45:15,770

I guess you could call it the

1134

00:45:19,660 --> 00:45:18,050

administrative work where they personal

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00:45:20,740 --> 00:45:19,670

work really communicating

1136

00:45:23,049 --> 00:45:20,750

people and making sure that that

1137

00:45:24,609 --> 00:45:23,059

personal touch is there and then now as

1138

00:45:26,859 --> 00:45:24,619

the geek i am i'm doing the technical

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00:45:28,480 --> 00:45:26,869

stuff and we've got a few other people

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00:45:31,299 --> 00:45:28,490

within the iig helping us out we've got

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00:45:32,980 --> 00:45:31,309

Susan garba coo is really great with her

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00:45:36,630 --> 00:45:32,990

guerrilla skepticism on Wikipedia

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00:45:38,650 --> 00:45:36,640

concept that's huge for the iig and

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00:45:40,390 --> 00:45:38,660

skepticism in general and she's been a

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00:45:42,220 --> 00:45:40,400

great cheerleader for us constantly

1146

00:45:44,319 --> 00:45:42,230

tweeting and facebooking our stuff and

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00:45:46,059 --> 00:45:44,329

and contacting people about it and just

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00:45:47,680 --> 00:45:46,069

in general we've got several team

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00:45:50,140 --> 00:45:47,690

members who write a lot of stories Brian

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00:45:53,160 --> 00:45:50,150

heart from the iig is probably the

1151  
00:45:55,809 --> 00:45:53,170  
single largest submitter to our site

1152  
00:45:57,370 --> 00:45:55,819  
marc-edouard marquette oh yes mark

1153  
00:45:59,049 --> 00:45:57,380  
edward has written a couple editorials

1154  
00:46:02,770 --> 00:45:59,059  
for us now absolutely and he talked

1155  
00:46:05,859 --> 00:46:02,780  
about us on his blog on on skeptics blog

1156  
00:46:07,359 --> 00:46:05,869  
and another member of our team of the

1157  
00:46:08,440 --> 00:46:07,369  
steering committee Spencer marks has

1158  
00:46:10,000 --> 00:46:08,450  
written something probably the most of

1159  
00:46:12,730 --> 00:46:10,010  
the most entertaining stories we've got

1160  
00:46:14,710 --> 00:46:12,740  
up there so we've got our own team is

1161  
00:46:17,319 --> 00:46:14,720  
really regularly contributing but we

1162  
00:46:19,030 --> 00:46:17,329  
have broken out well past not past our

1163  
00:46:20,559 --> 00:46:19,040

own community to even pass the skeptical

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00:46:22,900 --> 00:46:20,569

community we are getting submissions for

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00:46:24,849 --> 00:46:22,910

people great to have people outside

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00:46:26,260 --> 00:46:24,859

because you don't yes it look like no

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00:46:28,690 --> 00:46:26,270

this is not a preaching to the choir

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00:46:30,250 --> 00:46:28,700

such psychological inbreeding correct

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00:46:32,470 --> 00:46:30,260

correct this is not preaching the choir

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00:46:33,880 --> 00:46:32,480

this is meant to reach out well past our

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00:46:36,579 --> 00:46:33,890

community and we are getting regular

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00:46:38,589 --> 00:46:36,589

hits from people who clearly are finding

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00:46:40,539 --> 00:46:38,599

we're finding our links to our site on

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00:46:43,390 --> 00:46:40,549

sites that have nothing to skepticism

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00:46:44,650 --> 00:46:43,400

now we're finding stories submitted to

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00:46:46,780 --> 00:46:44,660

us from people who clearly are not

1177

00:46:48,970 --> 00:46:46,790

connected comments from people who found

1178

00:46:50,710 --> 00:46:48,980

us through crazy search terms i mean

1179

00:46:52,720 --> 00:46:50,720

we're getting hits on various things

1180

00:46:54,609 --> 00:46:52,730

that are are not related at all and

1181

00:46:56,799 --> 00:46:54,619

that's the point is we wanted to reach

1182

00:46:58,270 --> 00:46:56,809

out to people who would otherwise not

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00:47:00,670 --> 00:46:58,280

purposefully put themselves in our

1184

00:47:02,230 --> 00:47:00,680

enemies so important because you could

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00:47:03,940 --> 00:47:02,240

really help some people who are like

1186

00:47:05,349 --> 00:47:03,950

this crazy coincidence happen and I

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00:47:08,319 --> 00:47:05,359

don't know what to make of it right

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00:47:09,970 --> 00:47:08,329

right and and they're safe things like

1189

00:47:11,260 --> 00:47:09,980

that yeah absolutely so it just it's

1190

00:47:12,880 --> 00:47:11,270

entertaining and we're finding patterns

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00:47:14,140 --> 00:47:12,890

in them now that we're going to we're

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00:47:16,030 --> 00:47:14,150

going start building off of the patterns

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00:47:17,289 --> 00:47:16,040

and seeing what we've what we can learn

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00:47:19,059 --> 00:47:17,299

from them but we're finding a lot of

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00:47:20,920 --> 00:47:19,069

stories of very similar types of events

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00:47:23,140 --> 00:47:20,930

and that's kind of interesting but

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00:47:25,030 --> 00:47:23,150

absolutely we don't want to we don't

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00:47:26,950 --> 00:47:25,040

want to ruin the fun for people we're

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00:47:29,170 --> 00:47:26,960

not here to set out and say your story

1200

00:47:31,299 --> 00:47:29,180

isn't interesting it's it is very

1201  
00:47:31,950 --> 00:47:31,309  
interesting regardless of whether it

1202  
00:47:35,160 --> 00:47:31,960  
means

1203  
00:47:38,070 --> 00:47:35,170  
something more it it can be fun just on

1204  
00:47:48,870 --> 00:47:38,080  
its own oh yeah it's great thank you for

1205  
00:47:53,380 --> 00:47:52,060  
I'm Eugenie Scott executive director of

1206  
00:47:56,380 --> 00:47:53,390  
the National Center for Science

1207  
00:47:58,180 --> 00:47:56,390  
Education in Oakland California we

1208  
00:48:00,010 --> 00:47:58,190  
defend and support the teaching of

1209  
00:48:01,870 --> 00:48:00,020  
evolution and climate change when it

1210  
00:48:04,000 --> 00:48:01,880  
comes under attack for religious and

1211  
00:48:06,430 --> 00:48:04,010  
political reasons we help teachers

1212  
00:48:09,070 --> 00:48:06,440  
parents school boards and other citizens

1213  
00:48:12,609 --> 00:48:09,080

defend good science in the schools come

1214

00:48:15,190 --> 00:48:12,619

visit us at NCSE calm and on youtube and

1215

00:48:16,990 --> 00:48:15,200

facebook and let us know if science

1216

00:48:35,730 --> 00:48:17,000

comes under attack in your community

1217

00:48:40,210 --> 00:48:38,079

well it's hard to believe it really is

1218

00:48:42,339 --> 00:48:40,220

that QED has just entered the last

1219

00:48:44,740 --> 00:48:42,349

session with joe nickell followed by

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00:48:47,140 --> 00:48:44,750

lots of warm speeches by the organizers

1221

00:48:50,230 --> 00:48:47,150

but how lucky am I listeners and I

1222

00:48:52,450 --> 00:48:50,240

finally get to meet Kristen Carson from

1223

00:48:56,170 --> 00:48:52,460

the norwegian skeptics hi hey you are

1224

00:48:58,960 --> 00:48:56,180

lucky aren't you yeah I like a secure

1225

00:49:00,640 --> 00:48:58,970

voice I am very lucky of course to meet

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00:49:03,220 --> 00:49:00,650

you I because we've been corresponding

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00:49:05,970 --> 00:49:03,230

for a long time we have well it's been

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00:49:08,920 --> 00:49:05,980

it seems like a long time oh yeah I mean

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00:49:12,430 --> 00:49:08,930

when was that interview I had with you

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00:49:15,609 --> 00:49:12,440

that was it when did you do the 10 23 I

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00:49:18,700 --> 00:49:15,619

did in February of yeah pepper have lost

1232

00:49:20,799 --> 00:49:18,710

last year 2011 I think it was another

1233

00:49:24,039 --> 00:49:20,809

route yeah only only that roof because

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00:49:26,049 --> 00:49:24,049

that was the last QED ok that was like

1235

00:49:28,769 --> 00:49:26,059

it seemed like a long time because I saw

1236

00:49:32,230 --> 00:49:28,779

you on a video you they were in Oslo

1237

00:49:34,390 --> 00:49:32,240

overdosing on homeopathic medicine I

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00:49:35,980 --> 00:49:34,400

thought as she someone I want to

1239

00:49:37,749 --> 00:49:35,990

interview look at her she's fronting the

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00:49:40,089 --> 00:49:37,759

camera she's getting out there and she's

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00:49:43,299 --> 00:49:40,099

leading the people in this overdose and

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00:49:45,999 --> 00:49:43,309

I contacted you I can't remember how I

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00:49:47,259 --> 00:49:46,009

wrote some something or other and we got

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00:49:50,289 --> 00:49:47,269

in touch and then I interviewed you yeah

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00:49:52,650 --> 00:49:50,299

that's right yeah no I and I don't know

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00:49:54,670 --> 00:49:52,660

if you could see the panic in my face

1247

00:49:56,589 --> 00:49:54,680

during that video because I knew that

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00:49:58,599 --> 00:49:56,599

there would be put up on YouTube and

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00:50:00,400 --> 00:49:58,609

stuff like that for now but yeah it was

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00:50:01,930 --> 00:50:00,410

it was a that was a lot of fun i said

1251  
00:50:03,309 --> 00:50:01,940  
that last time as well mmm you're

1252  
00:50:05,440 --> 00:50:03,319  
looking different now because on that

1253  
00:50:08,499 --> 00:50:05,450  
video you're dressed up for the cold

1254  
00:50:10,930 --> 00:50:08,509  
just off the coldest februari a bit

1255  
00:50:13,059 --> 00:50:10,940  
milder here in Manchester haha very nice

1256  
00:50:17,170 --> 00:50:13,069  
really nice it's just been a great

1257  
00:50:21,430 --> 00:50:17,180  
weekend customer it has there's been a

1258  
00:50:24,609 --> 00:50:21,440  
while since I was a mai-mai usually

1259  
00:50:27,519 --> 00:50:24,619  
needed nerd conference so that was that

1260  
00:50:30,370 --> 00:50:27,529  
was a relief to finally go and cut you a

1261  
00:50:33,730 --> 00:50:30,380  
class yourself as a nerd well I have to

1262  
00:50:34,400 --> 00:50:33,740  
I mean and no no I'm cheering for the

1263  
00:50:37,940 --> 00:50:34,410

## Nerds

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00:50:41,630 --> 00:50:37,950

yeah why not yeah like I like the signs

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00:50:44,900 --> 00:50:41,640

and I like the the skeptics and I like

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00:50:47,000 --> 00:50:44,910

the other themes they discuss I can't

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00:50:48,500 --> 00:50:47,010

really choose choose a favorite subject

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00:50:50,900 --> 00:50:48,510

is well that's that's one of the things

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00:50:52,970 --> 00:50:50,910

I love about conferences like like this

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00:50:54,859 --> 00:50:52,980

one which I'm so impressed by this

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00:50:58,279 --> 00:50:54,869

conference it's been really really

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00:51:00,710 --> 00:50:58,289

really good and add tam of course and

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00:51:02,690 --> 00:51:00,720

things like that is the variety yes

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00:51:05,029 --> 00:51:02,700

there's all sorts of topics and issues

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00:51:07,730 --> 00:51:05,039

being covered yeah i mean i was i was

1276  
00:51:09,230 --> 00:51:07,740  
just finished you know yesterday there

1277  
00:51:13,400 --> 00:51:09,240  
was a couple really interesting panels

1278  
00:51:16,700 --> 00:51:13,410  
on you know activism outreach and also

1279  
00:51:18,500 --> 00:51:16,710  
panel cryptozoology and I've seen a talk

1280  
00:51:21,370 --> 00:51:18,510  
about UFOs and it seemed talk about you

1281  
00:51:24,440 --> 00:51:21,380  
first lived also as we and then suddenly

1282  
00:51:28,099 --> 00:51:24,450  
the fantastic Miriam namazi comes up and

1283  
00:51:30,079 --> 00:51:28,109  
talks about you know secularism to fight

1284  
00:51:32,180 --> 00:51:30,089  
organized religion and it was just so

1285  
00:51:36,109 --> 00:51:32,190  
moving I couldn't can believe some of

1286  
00:51:39,920 --> 00:51:36,119  
the things I heard yeah well I was you

1287  
00:51:42,260 --> 00:51:39,930  
are up in the in the privileged area VIP

1288  
00:51:45,319 --> 00:51:42,270

area I got I got an invitation from a

1289

00:51:48,230 --> 00:51:45,329

mysterious figure in the hallway there

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00:51:51,859 --> 00:51:48,240

and when that wonderful talk about UFOs

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00:51:53,539 --> 00:51:51,869

was was on and I you know I i still find

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00:51:55,779 --> 00:51:53,549

that really interesting all that UFO

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00:52:01,819 --> 00:51:55,789

stuff and it was such a good talk I

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00:52:05,390 --> 00:52:01,829

remember only slightly when I was bit

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00:52:07,940 --> 00:52:05,400

from late childhood too early teenagers

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00:52:08,959 --> 00:52:07,950

I was completely fascinated by the UFO

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00:52:11,120 --> 00:52:08,969

stuff because I've always been

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00:52:14,449 --> 00:52:11,130

interested in space and his mommy that's

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00:52:16,819 --> 00:52:14,459

why I studied astronomy and and if I was

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00:52:18,499 --> 00:52:16,829

a really big UFO fan as well I can

1301

00:52:22,130 --> 00:52:18,509

really think critically about it back

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00:52:24,529 --> 00:52:22,140

then and I ripped taping all the UFO

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00:52:26,329 --> 00:52:24,539

documentaries yes yes listen to all the

1304

00:52:29,359 --> 00:52:26,339

testimonies of people who worked at area

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00:52:31,190 --> 00:52:29,369

51 I was like I just thought you know I

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00:52:32,420 --> 00:52:31,200

was a naive kid and I thought I mean

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00:52:34,249 --> 00:52:32,430

these are grown-up people on television

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00:52:36,859 --> 00:52:34,259

they they didn't they can't lie about

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00:52:39,469 --> 00:52:36,869

what they say but after a while I

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00:52:41,359 --> 00:52:39,479

learned that they actually can well at

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00:52:42,890 --> 00:52:41,369

least be diluted about idea so it's not

1312

00:52:45,049 --> 00:52:42,900

really the best way to put it he

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00:52:48,440 --> 00:52:45,059

delusional make mistakes yeah so it's

1314

00:52:52,729 --> 00:52:48,450

really interesting to slowly learn about

1315

00:52:54,589 --> 00:52:52,739

that process is that what what sparked

1316

00:52:56,120 --> 00:52:54,599

your interest generally in skepticism do

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00:52:59,690 --> 00:52:56,130

you think something like that yeah it

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00:53:01,190 --> 00:52:59,700

has to be I think the fact that i'm

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00:53:04,190 --> 00:53:01,200

always been interested in astronomy is

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00:53:06,259 --> 00:53:04,200

what made me be more rational because

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00:53:10,099 --> 00:53:06,269

that led me out to the University where

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00:53:11,719 --> 00:53:10,109

I took some you know you have some

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00:53:13,609 --> 00:53:11,729

preparing studies media and philosophy

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00:53:15,049 --> 00:53:13,619

and all that and me suddenly I learned

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00:53:17,269 --> 00:53:15,059

about the difference between science and

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00:53:21,049 --> 00:53:17,279

pseudoscience you know I no one has told

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00:53:23,390 --> 00:53:21,059

me that before so I was a yeah I

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00:53:26,059 --> 00:53:23,400

couldn't blame myself a bit because i

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00:53:28,099 --> 00:53:26,069

was a bit lazy and when i was when i was

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00:53:31,579 --> 00:53:28,109

younger but I'm fun I've caught up now

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00:53:33,229 --> 00:53:31,589

how did how did you meet with merit

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00:53:35,180 --> 00:53:33,239

because you two seem to be the face of

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00:53:41,380 --> 00:53:35,190

Norwegian skepticism on earth yeah

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00:53:46,849 --> 00:53:41,390

combined face mart cool yes we didn't

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00:53:48,289 --> 00:53:46,859

meet until a while after the the other

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00:53:51,529 --> 00:53:48,299

conference which was held in london the

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00:53:53,660 --> 00:53:51,539

tan London in 2009 so far so you haven't

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00:53:57,890 --> 00:53:53,670

known each other that long yeah no I

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00:54:01,099 --> 00:53:57,900

mean she she was studying biology same

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00:54:03,380 --> 00:54:01,109

university as me and we were both of

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00:54:06,380 --> 00:54:03,390

that conference but I I never got the

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00:54:08,420 --> 00:54:06,390

chance to to talk to her then so I

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00:54:09,590 --> 00:54:08,430

remember seeing her and all the

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00:54:12,230 --> 00:54:09,600

Norwegians

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00:54:14,300 --> 00:54:12,240

that conference but it was it was just

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00:54:16,780 --> 00:54:14,310

after that conference where we were

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00:54:20,780 --> 00:54:16,790

discussing on the skeptics forum

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00:54:23,120 --> 00:54:20,790

discussion for him I know I where she

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00:54:25,820 --> 00:54:23,130

and a couple of other people one really

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00:54:28,250 --> 00:54:25,830

really wanted to start a conference like

1351  
00:54:32,840 --> 00:54:28,260  
that in in Norway and then particularly

1352  
00:54:35,600 --> 00:54:32,850  
in Oslo and I was just so incredibly

1353  
00:54:37,400 --> 00:54:35,610  
motivated after Tim London Jesus nice I

1354  
00:54:38,960 --> 00:54:37,410  
just but I had up in the air frantically

1355  
00:54:40,880 --> 00:54:38,970  
and said I have no idea what I can do

1356  
00:54:44,330 --> 00:54:40,890  
but I rule I will join you guys who will

1357  
00:54:46,310 --> 00:54:44,340  
join us so after that I just got to know

1358  
00:54:48,710 --> 00:54:46,320  
them better and go to a couple of

1359  
00:54:52,220 --> 00:54:48,720  
skeptics in the pub meetings and yeah

1360  
00:54:54,410 --> 00:54:52,230  
and quest is this rate it would be

1361  
00:54:56,690 --> 00:54:54,420  
really nice to see you at Taman las

1362  
00:54:59,390 --> 00:54:56,700  
vegas at something yeah some stage i

1363  
00:55:04,550 --> 00:54:59,400

will get to town in Vegas across this

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00:55:06,350 --> 00:55:04,560

last year I was wasn't I wasn't that

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00:55:08,410 --> 00:55:06,360

many mini conference by way of I

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00:55:10,310 --> 00:55:08,420

couldn't make it to Vegas then and

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00:55:13,280 --> 00:55:10,320

unfortunately I won't be able to get

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00:55:16,280 --> 00:55:13,290

there this year either because i am

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00:55:19,160 --> 00:55:16,290

going to place you might know australia

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00:55:21,740 --> 00:55:19,170

in south huh yeah just a week and a half

1371

00:55:24,490 --> 00:55:21,750

from now yeah this is probably all i

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00:55:26,750 --> 00:55:24,500

think about it's going to be fantastic

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00:55:30,080 --> 00:55:26,760

so yeah i'm basically using up all my

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00:55:32,480 --> 00:55:30,090

money and vacation time Olivia if you

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00:55:33,980 --> 00:55:32,490

had to go somewhere other than the

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00:55:37,970 --> 00:55:33,990

amazing meeting in las vegas i guess

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00:55:41,000 --> 00:55:37,980

Australia's economy I actually I did

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00:55:42,800 --> 00:55:41,010

notice that the last weekend that I'm in

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00:55:44,840 --> 00:55:42,810

in in Australia in Melbourne actually

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00:55:48,200 --> 00:55:44,850

there's there's an atheist conference

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00:55:51,320 --> 00:55:48,210

yes I am yeah and so yeah I'm going to

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00:55:54,740 --> 00:55:51,330

that as well so looking forward to that

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00:55:56,300 --> 00:55:54,750

it should be really exciting the the

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00:55:58,160 --> 00:55:56,310

four horsemen it was supposed to be

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00:56:00,650 --> 00:55:58,170

there because the Hitchens can't be

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00:56:02,480 --> 00:56:00,660

there but yeah the rest that will

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00:56:04,700 --> 00:56:02,490

obviously tend and lots of other

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00:56:06,860 --> 00:56:04,710

interesting people now can you envisage

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00:56:08,420 --> 00:56:06,870

at some stage in the future and the

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00:56:10,850 --> 00:56:08,430

answer has to be yes there's going to be

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00:56:13,040 --> 00:56:10,860

a big skeptical convention in Norway

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00:56:14,450 --> 00:56:13,050

we're speakers from all around the world

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00:56:16,250 --> 00:56:14,460

because you've already had James Randi

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00:56:16,839 --> 00:56:16,260

day and that was a big success yeah that

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00:56:21,009 --> 00:56:16,849

was the

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00:56:23,650 --> 00:56:21,019

association great campaign on critical

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00:56:26,920 --> 00:56:23,660

thinking from started in beginning of

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00:56:30,400 --> 00:56:26,930

2011 as well which I chaired a long

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00:56:32,739 --> 00:56:30,410

massively and that was just a huge

1400

00:56:36,370 --> 00:56:32,749

success because he had like a small tour

1401

00:56:41,469 --> 00:56:36,380

of the of Norway and he just filled up

1402

00:56:43,960 --> 00:56:41,479

I'm saying video it's available I if

1403

00:56:46,870 --> 00:56:43,970

it's YouTube or another service but it's

1404

00:56:50,200 --> 00:56:46,880

not hard to find yes you just google it

1405

00:56:51,700 --> 00:56:50,210

and will come up and yeah we would it we

1406

00:56:53,739 --> 00:56:51,710

did get them to come to the skeptics in

1407

00:56:57,329 --> 00:56:53,749

the pub in Oslo and we just we just took

1408

00:57:00,339 --> 00:56:57,339

over the entire cafe when we we were and

1409

00:57:02,769 --> 00:57:00,349

got to interview and for for my podcast

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00:57:06,039 --> 00:57:02,779

as well so that was that was fantastic

1411

00:57:08,680 --> 00:57:06,049

and i love that initiative by the

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00:57:09,969 --> 00:57:08,690

humanists like campaign on critical

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00:57:12,249 --> 00:57:09,979

thinking is it's been quite

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00:57:14,769 --> 00:57:12,259

controversial actually it was a lot of

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00:57:17,529 --> 00:57:14,779

flak from the the alternative movement

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00:57:20,079 --> 00:57:17,539

because I mean the humanist association

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00:57:23,410 --> 00:57:20,089

is what BEC you know and i will vocal

1418

00:57:25,209 --> 00:57:23,420

and and people know about them so that

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00:57:26,819 --> 00:57:25,219

means the those people will also know

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00:57:30,539 --> 00:57:26,829

about them and they've got lots of

1421

00:57:34,479 --> 00:57:30,549

counter campaigns and you know a bit of

1422

00:57:36,130 --> 00:57:34,489

accuse everyone of bullying and stuff

1423

00:57:38,499 --> 00:57:36,140

like that so this is very interesting to

1424

00:57:40,029 --> 00:57:38,509

follow oh yeah yeah now here's some

1425

00:57:44,440 --> 00:57:40,039

advice for listeners around the world

1426  
00:57:45,729 --> 00:57:44,450  
run to your DVD library your DVD rental

1427  
00:57:48,670 --> 00:57:45,739  
library and look for a movie called

1428  
00:57:51,400 --> 00:57:48,680  
troll hunter it's such fun I heard you

1429  
00:57:54,999 --> 00:57:51,410  
liked it I love that movie it's a great

1430  
00:57:56,920 --> 00:57:55,009  
popcorn film yes yeah it's a kind of a

1431  
00:57:59,259 --> 00:57:56,930  
mockumentary I guess you would call it

1432  
00:58:01,660 --> 00:57:59,269  
it's like one of those found footage

1433  
00:58:03,759 --> 00:58:01,670  
mockumentaries where this film was

1434  
00:58:05,799 --> 00:58:03,769  
discovered yeah you know all the people

1435  
00:58:08,680 --> 00:58:05,809  
are probably dead by now and then yeah

1436  
00:58:11,019 --> 00:58:08,690  
so say no more its factor also controls

1437  
00:58:13,259 --> 00:58:11,029  
in about hunting yes troll yeah yeah

1438  
00:58:15,910 --> 00:58:13,269

that's no agent film of course obviously

1439

00:58:17,950 --> 00:58:15,920

my Richard mentions that I didn't I did

1440

00:58:21,789 --> 00:58:17,960

and I don't think I've seen many region

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00:58:22,980 --> 00:58:21,799

from no in fact that one is in Norwegian

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00:58:26,370 --> 00:58:22,990

too yes

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00:58:28,230 --> 00:58:26,380

yeah yeah I'm subtitles were fine I

1444

00:58:30,750 --> 00:58:28,240

guess I me but you do miss a syllable

1445

00:58:33,810 --> 00:58:30,760

some jokes I guess which of Norwegians

1446

00:58:36,930 --> 00:58:33,820

there are some specific in jokes and and

1447

00:58:40,560 --> 00:58:36,940

and things pertaining to the folklore I

1448

00:58:42,750 --> 00:58:40,570

guess around trolls but I mean a couple

1449

00:58:45,120 --> 00:58:42,760

of points are pretty / explained in the

1450

00:58:48,030 --> 00:58:45,130

film think so it's all good it should be

1451

00:58:50,520 --> 00:58:48,040

all get there ah well I've come a long

1452

00:58:52,920 --> 00:58:50,530

way to Manchester but you know what it's

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00:58:55,200 --> 00:58:52,930

not that much further to Oslo maybe

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00:58:56,670 --> 00:58:55,210

maybe I can put my mind to getting over

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00:58:58,890 --> 00:58:56,680

there that is a very good point but

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00:59:01,470 --> 00:58:58,900

sometimes I think you should think about

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00:59:03,750 --> 00:59:01,480

it really well on it I will you are very

1458

00:59:06,450 --> 00:59:03,760

welcome oh and it also it would love too

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00:59:10,650 --> 00:59:06,460

heavy one day yeah I'm yes let's do it

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00:59:13,800 --> 00:59:10,660

next year yeah yeah I mean get on foot

1461

00:59:26,120 --> 00:59:13,810

it oh sure Kristen thank you very much

1462

00:59:33,200 --> 00:59:31,759

I am audit by Kristen Aviva tips that I

1463

00:59:35,539 --> 00:59:33,210

some lotion lifted up the skeptic zone

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00:59:37,519 --> 00:59:35,549

I'm skeptical million Nadia the VINs not

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00:59:39,380 --> 00:59:37,529

a blog gear or Petrov a podcast of

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00:59:42,049 --> 00:59:39,390

reading and skip sistema Schlichten this

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00:59:43,400 --> 00:59:42,059

drama central i'll skip crystal demo or

1468

00:59:45,499 --> 00:59:43,410

higher publicize the tapes corner

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00:59:47,089 --> 00:59:45,509

Chiclets and calendar / activator or

1470

00:59:48,200 --> 00:59:47,099

link it in detail association escapes

1471

00:59:50,029 --> 00:59:48,210

his blog in opportunity I'm Leigh

1472

00:59:51,920 --> 00:59:50,039

autodesk ateres hefty performance so

1473

01:00:08,179 --> 00:59:51,930

stick in them or delta do Lhasa escapes

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01:00:15,329 --> 01:00:11,039

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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01:00:18,870 --> 01:00:15,339

Zone episode number 179 good heavens

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01:00:23,189 --> 01:00:18,880

nearly 180 and a bit later down the year

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01:00:26,130 --> 01:00:23,199

will be episode 200 Wow but let's not

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01:00:27,390 --> 01:00:26,140

get ahead of ourselves coming up soon

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01:00:31,559 --> 01:00:27,400

I'm going to be offering some more

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01:00:33,890 --> 01:00:31,569

Maynard merchandise for bid on eBay and

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01:00:36,829 --> 01:00:33,900

another you just roll it out here

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01:00:40,650 --> 01:00:36,839

another one of these fantastic posters

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from the center for inquiry signed by

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all sorts of people including Brian

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01:00:47,729 --> 01:00:44,799

Dunning Phil Plait Maynard himself

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01:00:53,160 --> 01:00:47,739

Jeremy Cole rebecca watson steve novella

1487

01:00:55,140 --> 01:00:53,170

and many more could be yours coming up

1488

01:00:59,819 --> 01:00:55,150

in a few weeks I think plus some Maynard

1489

01:01:02,189 --> 01:00:59,829

books and CDs all of that of course is

1490

01:01:04,920 --> 01:01:02,199

to help pay for Maynard's plane ticket

1491

01:01:08,039 --> 01:01:04,930

to Tam in Las Vegas and I'm delighted to

1492

01:01:10,949 --> 01:01:08,049

see and very flattered that I'll be a

1493

01:01:13,859 --> 01:01:10,959

speaker at Taman along with dr. Aichi in

1494

01:01:16,199 --> 01:01:13,869

fact fantastic stuff anyway that's all a

1495

01:01:18,029 --> 01:01:16,209

bit down the track I think I better

1496

01:01:21,329 --> 01:01:18,039

practice some more magic they're going

1497

01:01:24,390 --> 01:01:21,339

to magic cat next to me really you do

1498

01:01:28,289 --> 01:01:24,400

some magic alright mean the cat often do

1499

01:01:30,900 --> 01:01:28,299

some magic and of next week this is

1500

01:01:36,500 --> 01:01:30,910

Richard Saunders signing off from Sydney

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