

The Skeptic Zone

Show 192 - 23 June 2012



Ash Pryce

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00:00:22,960 --> 00:00:09,110
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:32,060 --> 00:00:26,710
yes it's the skeptic zone episode number

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00:00:36,010 --> 00:00:32,070
192 for the 23rd of jun 2012 Richard

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00:00:40,549 --> 00:00:36,020
Saunders here with you from a very funny

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00:00:42,200 --> 00:00:40,559
very clear but chilly Sydney Australia

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00:00:45,319 --> 00:00:42,210
just the other day we had the winter

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00:00:48,860 --> 00:00:45,329
solstice I seem to have heard the

8
00:00:51,970 --> 00:00:48,870
shortest day of the year oh look so nice

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00:00:54,590 --> 00:00:51,980
outside the window just cool and crisp

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00:00:56,689 --> 00:00:54,600
but let's get on to this week's episode

11
00:00:59,029 --> 00:00:56,699
of the skeptics own this is the Reader's

12
00:01:02,319 --> 00:00:59,039
Digest version today the cut price to

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00:01:05,450 --> 00:01:02,329

cut down the streamlined the streamlined

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00:01:08,090 --> 00:01:05,460

it's only half a show in fact it's only

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00:01:10,370 --> 00:01:08,100

half a show we had a technical problem

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00:01:12,080 --> 00:01:10,380

some interviews are sort of hiding on a

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00:01:14,660 --> 00:01:12,090

chip somewhere we're trying to Winkle

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00:01:17,810 --> 00:01:14,670

them out but for this week we only have

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00:01:19,969 --> 00:01:17,820

about 30 minutes or so of the skeptic

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00:01:23,390 --> 00:01:19,979

zone I hope you don't mind the slightly

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00:01:25,730 --> 00:01:23,400

shorter version but as always I hope

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00:01:27,920 --> 00:01:25,740

you'll find the show interesting are we

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00:01:32,120 --> 00:01:27,930

going to kick off with an interview i

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00:01:35,330 --> 00:01:32,130

did with ash price from n brew scotland

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00:01:38,899 --> 00:01:35,340

ash price is a street performer a

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00:01:40,700 --> 00:01:38,909

magician the public speaker and a

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00:01:42,830 --> 00:01:40,710

skeptic in fact he founded scotland's

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00:01:45,080 --> 00:01:42,840

first skeptics in the pub he is going to

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00:01:48,620 --> 00:01:45,090

tell us he's going to tell us about

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00:01:50,600 --> 00:01:48,630

ghostly tours in scotland and an upcoming

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00:01:54,560 --> 00:01:50,610

performance he's giving all about

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00:01:57,020 --> 00:01:54,570

psychic trickery ah scotland edinburgh

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00:02:00,080 --> 00:01:57,030

what a lovely city that is after the

34

00:02:01,760 --> 00:02:00,090

break it's penny chan with a penny for

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00:02:04,010 --> 00:02:01,770

your thoughts and penny is going to be

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00:02:06,260 --> 00:02:04,020

interviewing Wendy and Paula from the

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00:02:10,760 --> 00:02:06,270

independent investigations group in

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00:02:13,140 --> 00:02:10,770

Hollywood iig just a week ago the

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00:02:17,429 --> 00:02:13,150

independent investigations group

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00:02:19,770 --> 00:02:17,439

tested gave a test for their \$50,000

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00:02:23,759 --> 00:02:19,780

prize a guy by the name of Robert

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00:02:26,399 --> 00:02:23,769

Moreland who claimed he could see

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00:02:28,289 --> 00:02:26,409

photographs in hidden envelopes or

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00:02:30,449 --> 00:02:28,299

hidden photographs in envelopes off I

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00:02:33,720 --> 00:02:30,459

think you understand what I mean now on

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00:02:36,990 --> 00:02:33,730

the web page www.skepticzone.com TV you can

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00:02:41,399 --> 00:02:37,000

click the link and read all about the

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00:02:43,530 --> 00:02:41,409

the test Wendy and Paula tell penny Chan

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00:02:45,539 --> 00:02:43,540

all about the test how hard it was to

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00:02:48,479 --> 00:02:45,549

set up and some of the interesting

51
00:02:51,990 --> 00:02:48,489
claims that Robert Moreland was making

52
00:02:56,819 --> 00:02:52,000
and to relieve you of any suspense he

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00:02:58,399 --> 00:02:56,829
didn't pass the test oh well thank you

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00:03:01,319 --> 00:02:58,409
for those people who are sending in

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00:03:03,390 --> 00:03:01,329
limericks for our Limerick competition I

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00:03:05,940 --> 00:03:03,400
it's going to be running for one more

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00:03:08,129 --> 00:03:05,950
week the idea is that if you send out in

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00:03:10,710 --> 00:03:08,139
a limerick with a Merrow religious-based

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00:03:13,170 --> 00:03:10,720
sort of theme to it we're going to judge

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00:03:15,360 --> 00:03:13,180
the best one or the one that we find the

61
00:03:18,150 --> 00:03:15,370
funniest I guess or maybe we'll just

62
00:03:20,220 --> 00:03:18,160
pick one out of that this one is right

63
00:03:24,330 --> 00:03:20,230

on my screen at the moment from Jason

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00:03:27,360 --> 00:03:24,340

let's see we all know the story of Job

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00:03:29,490 --> 00:03:27,370

he was the best man on the globe even

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00:03:32,220 --> 00:03:29,500

though he had slaves with his kids in

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00:03:37,170 --> 00:03:32,230

their graves he loved God and tore off

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00:03:39,170 --> 00:03:37,180

his robe hmm okay kiddan coming we've

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00:03:41,309 --> 00:03:39,180

got quite a few lyrics coming in with a

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00:03:42,839 --> 00:03:41,319

religious sort of based theme maybe we

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00:03:47,479 --> 00:03:42,849

should have fun with Buddha in and there

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00:03:50,039 --> 00:03:47,489

once was a guy called Boehner who yeah

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00:03:51,420 --> 00:03:50,049

nothing about that for a while but

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00:03:53,430 --> 00:03:51,430

enough for that I'm going to run

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00:03:55,110 --> 00:03:53,440

downstairs have that lovely hot cup of

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00:03:58,559 --> 00:03:55,120

chocolate hot chocolate for a cold

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00:04:15,880 --> 00:03:58,569

winter's day and let you enjoy the

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00:04:22,460 --> 00:04:18,500

and joining me now on the line from

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00:04:24,409 --> 00:04:22,470

Scotland is ash price hello ash I could

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00:04:26,330 --> 00:04:24,419

evening good evening and good morning to

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00:04:28,940 --> 00:04:26,340

you i think it is a Miss crazy world of

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00:04:31,520 --> 00:04:28,950

time zones yes it is exactly with my

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00:04:33,290 --> 00:04:31,530

morning coffee well I've just had my

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00:04:35,570 --> 00:04:33,300

afternoon tea so we're sort of kindred

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00:04:37,010 --> 00:04:35,580

spirits in that respect and I think

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00:04:39,260 --> 00:04:37,020

we're kindred spirits and more within

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00:04:41,150 --> 00:04:39,270

one way because I was just having a

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00:04:42,860 --> 00:04:41,160

quick look at your your various websites

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00:04:45,650 --> 00:04:42,870

and things happening on the internet and

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00:04:48,350 --> 00:04:45,660

I noticed that you are the founder of

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00:04:49,340 --> 00:04:48,360

scotland's first skeptics in the pub and

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00:04:51,440 --> 00:04:49,350

I thought that was quite a coincidence

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00:04:53,870 --> 00:04:51,450

because many years ago I founded Sydney

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00:04:58,430 --> 00:04:53,880

skeptics in the pub what prompted you to

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00:05:00,560 --> 00:04:58,440

do to do that oh well scholars got a bit

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00:05:02,540 --> 00:05:00,570

of a reputation for hauntings and the

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00:05:04,850 --> 00:05:02,550

supernatural and I used to work for

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00:05:07,490 --> 00:05:04,860

ghosts or I'm a performing artist by

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00:05:08,930 --> 00:05:07,500

trade and most performing artists in

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00:05:11,000 --> 00:05:08,940

Edinburgh one stage will work for the

101
00:05:13,580 --> 00:05:11,010
ghost tours I was there for a few years

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00:05:15,530 --> 00:05:13,590
and when I started working for the ghost

103
00:05:17,360 --> 00:05:15,540
tours I wouldn't call myself skeptical

104
00:05:19,280 --> 00:05:17,370
individual by over the time working

105
00:05:22,310 --> 00:05:19,290
there I did develop more of a skeptical

106
00:05:24,650 --> 00:05:22,320
mindset and I started working on a

107
00:05:27,020 --> 00:05:24,660
skeptical Ghost Walk and when I was

108
00:05:28,580 --> 00:05:27,030
doing that I contacted a few but if

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00:05:30,620 --> 00:05:28,590
skeptic one of them was Chris French and

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00:05:31,730 --> 00:05:30,630
he suggested I set up a skeptics and the

111
00:05:33,890 --> 00:05:31,740
pub's try and meet more like-minded

112
00:05:35,630 --> 00:05:33,900
individuals so that's kind of where that

113
00:05:37,219 --> 00:05:35,640

started from it was actually a ghost

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00:05:39,830 --> 00:05:37,229

tour that gave rise to scotland's first

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00:05:42,200 --> 00:05:39,840

skeptics in the pub so there you go the

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00:05:44,180 --> 00:05:42,210

ghosts the ghost of Scotland the ghost

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00:05:46,190 --> 00:05:44,190

of Edinburgh led to scotland's first

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00:05:48,950 --> 00:05:46,200

skeptics in the pub well I certainly

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00:05:51,469 --> 00:05:48,960

enjoy doing and going to skeptics in the

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00:05:53,180 --> 00:05:51,479

pub and on what a wonderful time I had

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00:05:55,040 --> 00:05:53,190

in Edinburgh a couple of months ago when

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00:05:57,860 --> 00:05:55,050

I was visiting and speaking at skeptics

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00:06:00,560 --> 00:05:57,870

in the pub and sadly you weren't you

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00:06:02,120 --> 00:06:00,570

didn't make that one no I couldn't go

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00:06:03,380 --> 00:06:02,130

along to that one I'm hadn't been very

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00:06:06,860 --> 00:06:03,390

well earlier in the year so I

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00:06:08,570 --> 00:06:06,870

unfortunately missed a few talks but I i

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00:06:10,670 --> 00:06:08,580

agree view it's fantastic going along to

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00:06:12,740 --> 00:06:10,680

them and since we started back in two

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00:06:15,350 --> 00:06:12,750

thousand nine including all the special

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00:06:16,320 --> 00:06:15,360

events we've done we've done well over

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00:06:18,420 --> 00:06:16,330

100

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00:06:21,510 --> 00:06:18,430

different talks and shows in the past

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00:06:23,909 --> 00:06:21,520

three years I I did actually one state

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00:06:26,189 --> 00:06:23,919

worker Hammond we done and it was it it

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00:06:29,040 --> 00:06:26,199

was around 150 marks we've done quite a

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00:06:30,600 --> 00:06:29,050

lot of events ranging from regular

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00:06:33,809 --> 00:06:30,610

skeptics in the pub talks to

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00:06:36,899 --> 00:06:33,819

family-friendly events to walking tours

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00:06:38,760 --> 00:06:36,909

and all sorts of different things that

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00:06:40,529 --> 00:06:38,770

we've staged for our for our membership

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00:06:42,300 --> 00:06:40,539

so it's been absolutely fantastic was

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00:06:45,300 --> 00:06:42,310

always something on him I think now we

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00:06:48,420 --> 00:06:45,310

do about five events a month all right

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00:06:50,640 --> 00:06:48,430

now just so listeners in Scotland just

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00:06:52,379 --> 00:06:50,650

deduct to make doubly sure if they want

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00:06:55,619 --> 00:06:52,389

to go to skeptics in the pub what's the

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00:06:57,480 --> 00:06:55,629

best web address they can head to just

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00:06:58,980 --> 00:06:57,490

go to edible skeptics topcoat UK they'll

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00:07:01,379 --> 00:06:58,990

take you to our website and there's a

151
00:07:04,110 --> 00:07:01,389
full list of all of our events from our

152
00:07:06,200 --> 00:07:04,120
book club to our coffee shop meetings to

153
00:07:08,490 --> 00:07:06,210
regular skeptics in the pub talks

154
00:07:09,839 --> 00:07:08,500
fantastic now apart from that of course

155
00:07:12,149 --> 00:07:09,849
you're mentioning earlier you're a

156
00:07:14,339 --> 00:07:12,159
performance artist performing artist and

157
00:07:17,429 --> 00:07:14,349
a magician into magic which is a great

158
00:07:19,559 --> 00:07:17,439
background for any skeptic I think you

159
00:07:22,170 --> 00:07:19,569
sound like you sort of have a varying a

160
00:07:24,719 --> 00:07:22,180
varying interests in life what do you

161
00:07:29,010 --> 00:07:24,729
how would you categorize yourself first

162
00:07:30,749 --> 00:07:29,020
and foremost um performing artist I I

163
00:07:32,519 --> 00:07:30,759

didn't used to use that phrase because I

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00:07:35,100 --> 00:07:32,529

always used to think performing artists

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00:07:36,839 --> 00:07:35,110

sounds a little bit pretentious but I

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00:07:38,969 --> 00:07:36,849

realized that it really does describe

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00:07:42,029 --> 00:07:38,979

what is I do because I as I said I do

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00:07:43,529 --> 00:07:42,039

have a varied outlook on life and

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00:07:45,959 --> 00:07:43,539

various different performances and

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00:07:49,110 --> 00:07:45,969

performance styles come into it from

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00:07:51,570 --> 00:07:49,120

magic to public speaking to acting

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00:07:53,129 --> 00:07:51,580

directing so the easiest way to describe

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00:07:54,629 --> 00:07:53,139

herself is performing artist of course

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00:07:56,249 --> 00:07:54,639

then I have to explain what I mean by

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00:08:00,329 --> 00:07:56,259

performing artists so I don't know if a

176
00:08:01,980 --> 00:08:00,339
is a time saver well I suppose it covers

177
00:08:03,450 --> 00:08:01,990
a multitude of things doesn't it you see

178
00:08:04,769 --> 00:08:03,460
if you're performing artists where you

179
00:08:06,869 --> 00:08:04,779
can sort of get away with all sorts of

180
00:08:08,730 --> 00:08:06,879
things including being a magician which

181
00:08:10,559 --> 00:08:08,740
is good to see and I was quite

182
00:08:15,629 --> 00:08:10,569
interested to have a look at your your

183
00:08:21,839 --> 00:08:15,639
website which is ash price co uk that's

184
00:08:23,279 --> 00:08:21,849
a sh p ry CEO UK and you've got some

185
00:08:25,829 --> 00:08:23,289
videos they're doing something like

186
00:08:28,999 --> 00:08:25,839
psychic surgery and also somewhat

187
00:08:32,569 --> 00:08:29,009
debunking other so-called paranormal

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00:08:35,000 --> 00:08:32,579

all abilities yes so the the some videos

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00:08:37,699 --> 00:08:35,010

on the site and I'm looking at different

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00:08:41,259 --> 00:08:37,709

types of telekinetic and psychic power

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00:08:44,089 --> 00:08:41,269

normal claims one of my favorites

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00:08:46,699 --> 00:08:44,099

telekinetic supernatural claims was by

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00:08:48,410 --> 00:08:46,709

James Heydrich who was who is an

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00:08:51,530 --> 00:08:48,420

American chap and back in the early 80s

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00:08:53,780 --> 00:08:51,540

he shot to fame by being up to move or

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00:08:55,699 --> 00:08:53,790

claimed he was able to move pencils and

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00:08:58,069 --> 00:08:55,709

phonebook pages using the power of his

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00:08:59,689 --> 00:08:58,079

mind and he was doing the chat show

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00:09:02,750 --> 00:08:59,699

circuit and he got quite a reputation

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00:09:04,129 --> 00:09:02,760

for himself until a little known skeptic

201
00:09:08,030 --> 00:09:04,139
by the name of I think his name is James

202
00:09:09,650 --> 00:09:08,040
Randi yes yeah yeah I I don't know if

203
00:09:13,490 --> 00:09:09,660
many many of Ulysses may have heard him

204
00:09:15,949 --> 00:09:13,500
but you know yeah so James does what

205
00:09:17,569 --> 00:09:15,959
James Randi does best and on a

206
00:09:18,860 --> 00:09:17,579
television show i think it was i think

207
00:09:21,470 --> 00:09:18,870
that's entertainment or that's

208
00:09:22,910 --> 00:09:21,480
incredible he explained exactly how

209
00:09:24,710 --> 00:09:22,920
James heydrich was doing it and all

210
00:09:26,090 --> 00:09:24,720
James [h__h] was doing to move the pencil

211
00:09:28,059 --> 00:09:26,100
with his mind and to move the phone book

212
00:09:30,379 --> 00:09:28,069
page with his mind was to blow on it and

213
00:09:33,530 --> 00:09:30,389

so that's I see one of my favorite

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00:09:34,970 --> 00:09:33,540

alleged psychic tricks and it it still

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00:09:38,150 --> 00:09:34,980

gets people and that's what I love about

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00:09:40,939 --> 00:09:38,160

it that even though this is 30 years old

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00:09:43,939 --> 00:09:40,949

this this claim this psychic ability

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00:09:45,769 --> 00:09:43,949

that Heydrich was doing it still gets

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00:09:47,930 --> 00:09:45,779

people and so it still does need

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00:09:51,650 --> 00:09:47,940

explaining same with a metal bending as

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00:09:52,939 --> 00:09:51,660

well people still do believe that is

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00:09:55,220 --> 00:09:52,949

possible to bend metal with a power of

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00:09:56,600 --> 00:09:55,230

your mind so it's still important that

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00:09:58,069 --> 00:09:56,610

we're exposing this and it's still

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00:10:00,170 --> 00:09:58,079

important we're showing people exactly

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00:10:02,059 --> 00:10:00,180

how it's done by pre bending the spoon

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00:10:06,170 --> 00:10:02,069

to weaken the neck at for the

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00:10:08,600 --> 00:10:06,180

performance absolutely and yes I know

229

00:10:10,879 --> 00:10:08,610

about D James Heydrich videos and story

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00:10:14,000 --> 00:10:10,889

for quite some time in fact I've had a

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00:10:15,800 --> 00:10:14,010

little chat to james randi about it many

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00:10:17,090 --> 00:10:15,810

years ago we were chatting about that

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00:10:19,730 --> 00:10:17,100

very thing but the important thing to

234

00:10:22,309 --> 00:10:19,740

notice of course what's a note is that

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00:10:26,050 --> 00:10:22,319

when you do it when he was doing it all

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00:10:29,990 --> 00:10:26,060

those years ago it's not just blowing on

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00:10:31,550 --> 00:10:30,000

something you do it very subtly and very

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00:10:34,250 --> 00:10:31,560

carefully in James Heydrich had an

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00:10:36,439 --> 00:10:34,260

amazing ability to blow air out of his

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00:10:39,019 --> 00:10:36,449

lungs and have nothing appearing on his

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00:10:40,910 --> 00:10:39,029

face you'd never know oh he's absolutely

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00:10:44,210 --> 00:10:40,920

fantastic um

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00:10:45,560 --> 00:10:44,220

is very very good at what he does which

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00:10:48,139 --> 00:10:45,570

is one of the reasons why he was so

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00:10:50,960 --> 00:10:48,149

convincing there was a one one event

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00:10:52,460 --> 00:10:50,970

where a chat show host thought you may

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00:10:54,530 --> 00:10:52,470

have been blowing on the pencil so put

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00:10:57,199 --> 00:10:54,540

his hand over James hydrex mouth to stop

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00:10:59,000 --> 00:10:57,209

him and Heydrich still managed to move

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00:11:01,310 --> 00:10:59,010

the pencil white is in this situation

251
00:11:02,600 --> 00:11:01,320
was he balanced a pencil very very very

252
00:11:04,759 --> 00:11:02,610
carefully on the edge of a table and

253
00:11:06,560 --> 00:11:04,769
simply use the air currents of his hands

254
00:11:09,530 --> 00:11:06,570
to be able to move the pencil so he had

255
00:11:11,329 --> 00:11:09,540
a backup in case and on did think he was

256
00:11:13,250 --> 00:11:11,339
blowing on it I'm so he was able to

257
00:11:14,689 --> 00:11:13,260
still recreate it of course he wasn't

258
00:11:16,790 --> 00:11:14,699
able to do this with the phone book so

259
00:11:18,740 --> 00:11:16,800
as soon as James Randi put styrofoam

260
00:11:20,660 --> 00:11:18,750
pieces around the base of the phone book

261
00:11:22,639 --> 00:11:20,670
so I even the slightest gust of air

262
00:11:24,650 --> 00:11:22,649
would move the styrofoam James Heydrich

263
00:11:26,540 --> 00:11:24,660

couldn't move the book the other thing

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00:11:29,360 --> 00:11:26,550

about James Heydrich is a he is one of

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00:11:30,769 --> 00:11:29,370

the few psychics or alleged psychics who

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00:11:32,210 --> 00:11:30,779

has actually come at a later stage and

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00:11:34,610 --> 00:11:32,220

said yes I was doing through trickery

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00:11:35,930 --> 00:11:34,620

and a few years after he was exposed he

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00:11:37,759 --> 00:11:35,940

didn't do an interview with a journalist

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00:11:39,680 --> 00:11:37,769

and said yep I was just blowing on it I

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00:11:41,269 --> 00:11:39,690

learned this ability whilst I was in

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00:11:44,780 --> 00:11:41,279

prison and one of the things he used to

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00:11:46,430 --> 00:11:44,790

do was have little Bible groups and he'd

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00:11:49,060 --> 00:11:46,440

moved the pages of the Bible convincing

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00:11:52,340 --> 00:11:49,070

people the power of Christ was was there

276
00:11:55,519 --> 00:11:52,350
absolutely and what would a a good thing

277
00:11:56,750 --> 00:11:55,529
it is for all of us as all those videos

278
00:11:58,639 --> 00:11:56,760
or many of them of course we're

279
00:12:01,220 --> 00:11:58,649
available online if people just Google

280
00:12:03,019 --> 00:12:01,230
James Heydrich James Randi James

281
00:12:04,759 --> 00:12:03,029
Heydrich telekinesis they'll find all

282
00:12:07,730 --> 00:12:04,769
that information there it's fantastic to

283
00:12:10,639 --> 00:12:07,740
see it now apart from that I was quite

284
00:12:11,750 --> 00:12:10,649
tickled to see that you have started up

285
00:12:13,780 --> 00:12:11,760
something or you're involved with

286
00:12:16,550 --> 00:12:13,790
something called the beginner's guide to

287
00:12:19,210 --> 00:12:16,560
psychic trickery now that's something

288
00:12:22,040 --> 00:12:19,220

you're aiming to do pretty soon isn't it

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00:12:23,870 --> 00:12:22,050

yes that's during this year's Adam

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00:12:26,030 --> 00:12:23,880

Fringe Festival the beginner's guide to

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00:12:28,519 --> 00:12:26,040

psychic trickery is its really three

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00:12:30,889 --> 00:12:28,529

shows one of them is called how to be a

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00:12:32,660 --> 00:12:30,899

psychic con man which is looking more

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00:12:34,430 --> 00:12:32,670

telekinesis telepathy mind-reading

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00:12:36,470 --> 00:12:34,440

because the important thing to remember

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00:12:38,420 --> 00:12:36,480

of course is psychic doesn't just refer

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00:12:39,949 --> 00:12:38,430

to two mediumship and communicating with

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00:12:41,329 --> 00:12:39,959

the dead I'm talking to the deads

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00:12:45,170 --> 00:12:41,339

actually really easy to do it's getting

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00:12:46,730 --> 00:12:45,180

them to talk back that's hot but a lot

301
00:12:48,350 --> 00:12:46,740
of psychic ability also covers so

302
00:12:50,150 --> 00:12:48,360
telepathy telekinesis so you've got

303
00:12:51,980 --> 00:12:50,160
metal bending you've got ESP you've got

304
00:12:52,410 --> 00:12:51,990
psychic surgery you've got the gift of

305
00:12:54,389 --> 00:12:52,420
prof

306
00:12:56,310 --> 00:12:54,399
see as all these come into psychic

307
00:12:58,800 --> 00:12:56,320
ability as well so how to be a psychic

308
00:13:00,780 --> 00:12:58,810
con man we'll look at those then there's

309
00:13:02,610 --> 00:13:00,790
how to predict the future which is a bit

310
00:13:04,560 --> 00:13:02,620
more focused on on prophecy so it's

311
00:13:06,660 --> 00:13:04,570
looking at phrenology which is reading

312
00:13:09,439 --> 00:13:06,670
the bumps in the head to be able to tell

313
00:13:12,990 --> 00:13:09,449

insight about someone and looking at

314

00:13:14,639 --> 00:13:13,000

astrology and then there's a new one

315

00:13:17,160 --> 00:13:14,649

called how to talk to dead which I've

316

00:13:18,569 --> 00:13:17,170

not performed for how to talk how did if

317

00:13:20,670 --> 00:13:18,579

I could come an apt in a couple of times

318

00:13:23,460 --> 00:13:20,680

and how to put it the future I'd trialed

319

00:13:25,050 --> 00:13:23,470

out in Aberdeen last month but how to

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00:13:27,629 --> 00:13:25,060

talk to birds a completely brand new one

321

00:13:30,480 --> 00:13:27,639

and it's looking at victorian seances

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00:13:33,629 --> 00:13:30,490

and how those tricks could still be used

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00:13:35,150 --> 00:13:33,639

today so different types of slate

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00:13:36,720 --> 00:13:35,160

writing the Victorians used to use

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00:13:38,280 --> 00:13:36,730

different tricks they used to

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00:13:40,019 --> 00:13:38,290

incorporate into their seances and of

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00:13:41,670 --> 00:13:40,029

course looking at the origins of the of

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00:13:44,759 --> 00:13:41,680

the séances and spiritualism which

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00:13:46,970 --> 00:13:44,769

worthy the Fox sisters in America I mums

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00:13:49,860 --> 00:13:46,980

you sort of made me feel a bit

331

00:13:51,569 --> 00:13:49,870

disappointed now because when I still

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00:13:53,879 --> 00:13:51,579

think of all the psychics and the

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00:13:56,850 --> 00:13:53,889

psychic acts and so forth I've seen over

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00:13:58,530 --> 00:13:56,860

the last past ten years or so these days

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00:14:00,689 --> 00:13:58,540

it doesn't seem like anyone's got any

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00:14:02,639 --> 00:14:00,699

imagination left the Victorians did it

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00:14:05,280 --> 00:14:02,649

wonderfully well with sleights and

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00:14:06,840 --> 00:14:05,290

invisible cloaks and cupboards and dark

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00:14:09,630 --> 00:14:06,850

rooms and all sorts of things the

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00:14:10,980 --> 00:14:09,640

modern-day so-called psychic just sort

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00:14:12,660 --> 00:14:10,990

of stands up with a microphone in front

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00:14:14,720 --> 00:14:12,670

of an audience and they don't have to be

343

00:14:17,579 --> 00:14:14,730

very good I think we've lost something I

344

00:14:21,180 --> 00:14:17,589

think so as well um modern-day psychics

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00:14:22,920 --> 00:14:21,190

are disappointingly boring with the

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00:14:24,569 --> 00:14:22,930

exception of mr. Geller of course who is

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00:14:26,880 --> 00:14:24,579

one of the few interesting ones who are

348

00:14:28,470 --> 00:14:26,890

still on the circuit yeah I guess he

349

00:14:31,380 --> 00:14:28,480

doesn't play the top with the dead no

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00:14:34,130 --> 00:14:31,390

that's summon yeah at least I sighs his

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00:14:37,290 --> 00:14:34,140

claims a little bit less sad

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00:14:39,059 --> 00:14:37,300

otherworldly I guess now I see that they

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00:14:40,889 --> 00:14:39,069

said the beginner's guide to psychic

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00:14:42,329 --> 00:14:40,899

trickery you've got a target here to

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00:14:44,550 --> 00:14:42,339

help you sort of along with the the

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00:14:47,309 --> 00:14:44,560

whole project of 300 pounds how can

357

00:14:49,620 --> 00:14:47,319

people help out um well the easiest way

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00:14:51,930 --> 00:14:49,630

to help out is if you go to the psychic

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00:14:54,750 --> 00:14:51,940

trickery website which is psychic

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00:14:56,759 --> 00:14:54,760

trickery coda UK the top left there are

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00:14:59,879 --> 00:14:56,769

two donation options one of them is

362

00:15:02,880 --> 00:14:59,889

crowdfunder which runs out on july the

363

00:15:04,980 --> 00:15:02,890

eleventh so I'm trying to trying to

364

00:15:05,610 --> 00:15:04,990

promote that one but underneath there is

365

00:15:07,170 --> 00:15:05,620

also a paper

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00:15:09,720 --> 00:15:07,180

options so people can donate through

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00:15:12,180 --> 00:15:09,730

either of those methods fantastic will I

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00:15:13,620 --> 00:15:12,190

encourage everybody in Scotland and any

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00:15:15,180 --> 00:15:13,630

interest people to have a look at that

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00:15:17,340 --> 00:15:15,190

website and see what you're up to and

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00:15:19,829 --> 00:15:17,350

finally and I really wish I could

372

00:15:23,670 --> 00:15:19,839

teleport over the two to end before this

373

00:15:27,210 --> 00:15:23,680

one ghosts busted on Friday the sixth of

374

00:15:29,340 --> 00:15:27,220

July can you tell me about that yes so

375

00:15:31,079 --> 00:15:29,350

there's there's Ghostbuster dom fried of

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00:15:33,740 --> 00:15:31,089

the sixth and it's also running during

377

00:15:36,210 --> 00:15:33,750

the fringe as well on august seventeenth

378

00:15:39,090 --> 00:15:36,220

Ghostbuster is is really what helped

379

00:15:40,829 --> 00:15:39,100

kickstart edameh skeptics it's what I

380

00:15:42,420 --> 00:15:40,839

was working on when I was working with

381

00:15:44,280 --> 00:15:42,430

the ghost tour when I started to become

382

00:15:46,230 --> 00:15:44,290

more skeptical I started to realize that

383

00:15:48,630 --> 00:15:46,240

there was much more interesting

384

00:15:51,450 --> 00:15:48,640

explanations then dead person coming

385

00:15:54,390 --> 00:15:51,460

back to life and so I started developing

386

00:15:56,220 --> 00:15:54,400

this skeptical Ghost Walk of Edinburgh

387

00:15:57,870 --> 00:15:56,230

so we take people around Edinburgh we

388

00:15:59,790 --> 00:15:57,880

tell them the usual ghost stories but we

389

00:16:01,200 --> 00:15:59,800

then going to a little bit more detail

390

00:16:02,700 --> 00:16:01,210

and a little bit more explanation about

391

00:16:05,130 --> 00:16:02,710

what actually might be causing the

392

00:16:07,290 --> 00:16:05,140

phenomena and also there have been some

393

00:16:08,850 --> 00:16:07,300

legitimate investigations into alleged

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00:16:11,340 --> 00:16:08,860

paranormal claims here in Edinburgh for

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00:16:13,170 --> 00:16:11,350

example Richard Wiseman investigated the

396

00:16:14,579 --> 00:16:13,180

Southbridge volts which are here in Adam

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00:16:16,860 --> 00:16:14,589

weather part of what's known as the

398

00:16:18,720 --> 00:16:16,870

underground city which not really City

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00:16:20,070 --> 00:16:18,730

and only some of its underground but

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00:16:22,130 --> 00:16:20,080

that's neither here nor there really

401
00:16:24,329 --> 00:16:22,140
it's just a nice tourist attraction and

402
00:16:26,010 --> 00:16:24,339
so he's investigated the alleged

403
00:16:27,870 --> 00:16:26,020
paranormal activity there so we explain

404
00:16:29,850 --> 00:16:27,880
exactly what he discovered and what he

405
00:16:33,269 --> 00:16:29,860
found out and we also look at things

406
00:16:35,100 --> 00:16:33,279
like EVP and parrot earlier and explains

407
00:16:38,699 --> 00:16:35,110
people exactly what might be causing the

408
00:16:40,500 --> 00:16:38,709
supernatural and paranormal goings-on so

409
00:16:42,750 --> 00:16:40,510
yes that take people around the city

410
00:16:45,180 --> 00:16:42,760
july the six is the first one that's

411
00:16:47,519 --> 00:16:45,190
open to the public and i see that's only

412
00:16:50,130 --> 00:16:47,529
five pounds what a bargain what a

413
00:16:51,750 --> 00:16:50,140

bargain indeed in fact i was as i was

414

00:16:53,670 --> 00:16:51,760

mentioning before i was in scotland only

415

00:16:55,920 --> 00:16:53,680

a few months ago in edinburgh what a

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00:16:59,070 --> 00:16:55,930

lovely seated it is it's just so full of

417

00:17:02,100 --> 00:16:59,080

history and old wonderful buildings it's

418

00:17:03,240 --> 00:17:02,110

a great city for walking around I can't

419

00:17:04,949 --> 00:17:03,250

get enough of Edinburgh when you're

420

00:17:07,770 --> 00:17:04,959

walking around it it's just fantastic oh

421

00:17:09,120 --> 00:17:07,780

absolutely Edinburgh is a wonderful

422

00:17:10,740 --> 00:17:09,130

walking City which explains why there

423

00:17:13,350 --> 00:17:10,750

are so many tours of the city not just

424

00:17:14,730 --> 00:17:13,360

ghost tours or regular history tours as

425

00:17:16,230 --> 00:17:14,740

well suddenly they they don't seem to

426

00:17:17,260 --> 00:17:16,240

get as much attention as a ghost walks

427

00:17:19,120 --> 00:17:17,270

but

428

00:17:22,090 --> 00:17:19,130

is an absolutely stunning city and I I

429

00:17:23,710 --> 00:17:22,100

first visited it about six years ago and

430

00:17:26,140 --> 00:17:23,720

I fell in love with the with the place I

431

00:17:27,790 --> 00:17:26,150

moved up a year later and you're quite

432

00:17:30,550 --> 00:17:27,800

right it is a very very easy to walk

433

00:17:31,990 --> 00:17:30,560

city it's very very self-contained in

434

00:17:33,910 --> 00:17:32,000

fact for most of its history is only a

435

00:17:36,820 --> 00:17:33,920

mile by a quarter mile wide its only in

436

00:17:38,980 --> 00:17:36,830

the past 150 200 years it started to

437

00:17:41,800 --> 00:17:38,990

expand beyond that but it is aptly

438

00:17:43,990 --> 00:17:41,810

stunning and absolutely beautiful it

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00:17:47,110 --> 00:17:44,000

certainly is and please give my regards

440

00:17:50,560 --> 00:17:47,120

to chris french and richard wiseman when

441

00:17:52,030 --> 00:17:50,570

you see them that's max testing and so

442

00:17:53,680 --> 00:17:52,040

there's the word people people in

443

00:17:55,930 --> 00:17:53,690

Scotland you know what to do head along

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00:17:59,380 --> 00:17:55,940

to skeptics in the pub and please check

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00:18:04,060 --> 00:17:59,390

out the website of ash price w WH price

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00:18:06,130 --> 00:18:04,070

p ry CEO UK find out about the magic

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00:18:08,350 --> 00:18:06,140

find out about the other things he does

448

00:18:11,680 --> 00:18:08,360

like performing arts public speaking and

449

00:18:14,260 --> 00:18:11,690

the wonderful walking ghost tours ghost

450

00:18:27,210 --> 00:18:14,270

busted ash price a pleasure to talk with

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00:18:33,190 --> 00:18:30,070

the skeptic magazine the journal from

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00:18:35,409 --> 00:18:33,200

Australian skeptics subscribe online to

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00:18:39,999 --> 00:18:35,419

the world's second oldest skeptical

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00:18:43,330 --> 00:18:40,009

magazine visit w WC apx calm day you and

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00:18:46,930 --> 00:18:43,340

click the publication's league you can

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00:18:50,259 --> 00:18:46,940

also find their over 30 years on back

457

00:18:59,139 --> 00:18:50,269

issues free to download the skeptic

458

00:19:04,419 --> 00:18:59,149

magazine from Australian skeptics the

459

00:19:07,690 --> 00:19:04,429

dirty disbelievers episode 9 don't harsh

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00:19:10,480 --> 00:19:07,700

my mellow man yes dr. H in Richard

461

00:19:12,690 --> 00:19:10,490

Saunders attend a new-age fair and rude

462

00:19:16,149 --> 00:19:12,700

words fly you know the being called

463

00:19:18,340 --> 00:19:16,159

clever is not always a good thing the

464

00:19:21,460 --> 00:19:18,350

pity disbelievers 9 and dirty

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00:19:26,350 --> 00:19:21,470

disbelievers calm Manor calmed are you

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00:19:26,360 --> 00:19:45,270

ya gharchi deceive us

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is penny Chen

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00:20:01,680 --> 00:19:59,640

the independent investigations group

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00:20:04,470 --> 00:20:01,690

test fringe science claims in paranormal

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00:20:05,730 --> 00:20:04,480

phenomena the group offers \$50,000 to

471

00:20:08,250 --> 00:20:05,740

anyone who can prove they have

472

00:20:10,560 --> 00:20:08,260

supernatural powers or provide evidence

473

00:20:12,210 --> 00:20:10,570

of supernatural occurrence a nationwide

474

00:20:14,730 --> 00:20:12,220

volunteer organization based in

475

00:20:17,010 --> 00:20:14,740

Hollywood the iig Southern California

476

00:20:19,140 --> 00:20:17,020

branch has tested 26 claims since its

477

00:20:21,150 --> 00:20:19,150

creation in two thousand last week

478

00:20:23,250 --> 00:20:21,160

investigator Wendy Hughes talked with me

479

00:20:24,810 --> 00:20:23,260

about their most recent claimant and his

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00:20:26,880 --> 00:20:24,820

subsequent demonstration while

481

00:20:28,799 --> 00:20:26,890

ultimately unsuccessful the lead-up

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00:20:30,390 --> 00:20:28,809

showed examples of common problems and

483

00:20:37,860 --> 00:20:30,400

surprises faced by the group while

484

00:20:41,100 --> 00:20:37,870

planning demonstrations this is penny

485

00:20:47,299 --> 00:20:41,110

and I'm here in studio city with Wendy

486

00:20:51,480 --> 00:20:47,309

Hughes hi and Paula lauder bahay kampala

487

00:20:54,870 --> 00:20:51,490

so um on Sunday the tenth of June there

488

00:20:58,260 --> 00:20:54,880

was a what would you call it a pre was

489

00:21:01,890 --> 00:20:58,270

it a pre challenge for the iig the iig

490

00:21:04,740 --> 00:21:01,900

has a fifty-thousand-dollar paranormal

491

00:21:07,169 --> 00:21:04,750

challenge um I should say it's similar

492

00:21:10,260 --> 00:21:07,179

to Randy's million-dollar challenge and

493

00:21:13,020 --> 00:21:10,270

our group is grassroots skepticism group

494

00:21:14,970 --> 00:21:13,030

and if we can engage these people in

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00:21:18,500 --> 00:21:14,980

correspondence and get them to fill in

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00:21:22,020 --> 00:21:18,510

an application then we work out a

497

00:21:25,049 --> 00:21:22,030

protocol with them for a test of their

498

00:21:27,899 --> 00:21:25,059

paranormal claim you know the

499

00:21:30,299 --> 00:21:27,909

demonstration demonstration and the

500

00:21:34,289 --> 00:21:30,309

preliminary demonstration for one of

501
00:21:37,049 --> 00:21:34,299
these people took place on Sunday and if

502
00:21:40,380 --> 00:21:37,059
they pass that there's agreement about

503
00:21:42,600 --> 00:21:40,390
what constitutes passing and failure if

504
00:21:47,100 --> 00:21:42,610
they pass that then they would be

505
00:21:50,669 --> 00:21:47,110
qualified to a plenitude to for the

506
00:21:53,580 --> 00:21:50,679
\$50,000 challenge which we would we've

507
00:21:55,110 --> 00:21:53,590
never gotten that far nobody has ever

508
00:21:58,500 --> 00:21:55,120
passed the preliminary challenge the

509
00:22:00,920 --> 00:21:58,510
demos always have a lot easier odds but

510
00:22:03,650 --> 00:22:00,930
um this is a claim

511
00:22:07,960 --> 00:22:03,660
claimant that came to us and it was a

512
00:22:12,760 --> 00:22:07,970
little different he sent us a series of

513
00:22:15,170 --> 00:22:12,770

photos and videos one of them was a

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00:22:18,710 --> 00:22:15,180

photo or video that he took with his

515

00:22:20,120 --> 00:22:18,720

cell phone and it just looked like a you

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

know he was taking a walk you could hear

517

00:22:25,370 --> 00:22:22,500

the footsteps and he was taking a walk

518

00:22:28,160 --> 00:22:25,380

down a residential street and he said

519

00:22:31,970 --> 00:22:28,170

that there was a bicycle with no rider

520

00:22:35,090 --> 00:22:31,980

peddling down the street and we couldn't

521

00:22:37,640 --> 00:22:35,100

see it and he sent us a picture of that

522

00:22:40,190 --> 00:22:37,650

um you couldn't tell what it was I mean

523

00:22:42,200 --> 00:22:40,200

it will it you literally couldn't tell

524

00:22:43,730 --> 00:22:42,210

what the picture was up but he said it

525

00:22:45,680 --> 00:22:43,740

was the interior of his car and there

526

00:22:48,890 --> 00:22:45,690

was an alien sitting in the seat next to

527

00:22:52,730 --> 00:22:48,900

him ah and we couldn't see that either

528

00:22:55,010 --> 00:22:52,740

and ice the first email I said was we

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00:22:58,100 --> 00:22:55,020

can't see what you say is on there but

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00:23:00,380 --> 00:22:58,110

you know if you if you want to make you

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00:23:02,600 --> 00:23:00,390

know if you claim if you make a claim a

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00:23:04,850 --> 00:23:02,610

paranormal claim that is something that

533

00:23:06,830 --> 00:23:04,860

is testable well you should have at

534

00:23:09,470 --> 00:23:06,840

least asked him if the alien was wearing

535

00:23:13,130 --> 00:23:09,480

a seatbelt because that's very important

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00:23:17,390 --> 00:23:13,140

it didn't hurt that didn't hurt is he

537

00:23:22,550 --> 00:23:17,400

being a skeptic not something to cross

538

00:23:23,930 --> 00:23:22,560

my mother we share his responses with

539

00:23:26,360 --> 00:23:23,940

that whole committee and then like when

540

00:23:29,990 --> 00:23:26,370

he would write back to me if there's a

541

00:23:33,820 --> 00:23:30,000

part of me that that just wants to keep

542

00:23:35,870 --> 00:23:33,830

trying to advance the communication I

543

00:23:40,000 --> 00:23:35,880

don't want to ridicule any of these

544

00:23:44,660 --> 00:23:40,010

people yeah because what if what if

545

00:23:49,280 --> 00:23:44,670

someday someone tries to correspond with

546

00:23:54,440 --> 00:23:49,290

us who really can do telepathy who maybe

547

00:23:57,500 --> 00:23:54,450

is a you know like the next iteration of

548

00:24:00,890 --> 00:23:57,510

almost you know like a like x-men you

549

00:24:03,440 --> 00:24:00,900

know they use data or something I mean

550

00:24:05,810 --> 00:24:03,450

like that hasn't happened yet so how did

551
00:24:09,620 --> 00:24:05,820
you so this fellow with these weird

552
00:24:11,810 --> 00:24:09,630
pictures is who you tested on Sunday so

553
00:24:13,790 --> 00:24:11,820
how how did that what what what did you

554
00:24:14,210 --> 00:24:13,800
do how did you test him well first of

555
00:24:19,520 --> 00:24:14,220
all we

556
00:24:22,789 --> 00:24:19,530
to establish a claim that was going to

557
00:24:25,909 --> 00:24:22,799
be testable one of his proposed tests

558
00:24:27,350 --> 00:24:25,919
was that he could identify hidden you

559
00:24:30,230 --> 00:24:27,360
know hidden objects whether they were

560
00:24:33,350 --> 00:24:30,240
animal vegetable or mineral and then

561
00:24:35,480 --> 00:24:33,360
between us on the on the first

562
00:24:39,380 --> 00:24:35,490
responders committee we're going well

563
00:24:43,159 --> 00:24:39,390

actually a you know a cardboard box is

564

00:24:45,169 --> 00:24:43,169

vegetable and if we put a you're always

565

00:24:47,419 --> 00:24:45,179

thinking well yeah what if we put a fish

566

00:24:50,450 --> 00:24:47,429

you know gold fish in a fishbowl inside

567

00:24:52,970 --> 00:24:50,460

a cardboard box that would be the animal

568

00:24:55,520 --> 00:24:52,980

and then somebody pointed out that the

569

00:24:58,820 --> 00:24:55,530

glass is made of mineral of the fish

570

00:25:01,190 --> 00:24:58,830

ball and that the box was made of you

571

00:25:05,930 --> 00:25:01,200

know Pest put a dead fish inside how

572

00:25:08,930 --> 00:25:05,940

about that we have to negotiate among

573

00:25:11,419 --> 00:25:08,940

ourselves even to before we respond

574

00:25:14,289 --> 00:25:11,429

doesn't employ spend all this time doing

575

00:25:16,310 --> 00:25:14,299

this negotiations between ourselves

576
00:25:18,520 --> 00:25:16,320
meanwhile he would send another email

577
00:25:21,260 --> 00:25:18,530
with a totally unrelated test that he a

578
00:25:24,770 --> 00:25:21,270
other ability wait till one this seems

579
00:25:27,590 --> 00:25:24,780
unrelated to the alien photo in his car

580
00:25:30,140 --> 00:25:27,600
and the Bison it is amazing it is okay

581
00:25:32,510 --> 00:25:30,150
I'm just like insurance the same guy oh

582
00:25:35,240 --> 00:25:32,520
yeah and paula was pointing out he

583
00:25:36,770 --> 00:25:35,250
changes his claim with every email and

584
00:25:40,549 --> 00:25:36,780
so what were the next clay v's that he

585
00:25:43,490 --> 00:25:40,559
had um he started to make some claims

586
00:25:46,549 --> 00:25:43,500
that we could figure out and sending his

587
00:25:49,760 --> 00:25:46,559
videos which was interesting because he

588
00:25:53,720 --> 00:25:49,770

is very tech savvy he's not stupid he

589

00:25:57,169 --> 00:25:53,730

just has a belief system that's

590

00:26:00,080 --> 00:25:57,179

different from ours and that he if he

591

00:26:02,090 --> 00:26:00,090

could show us something that we've never

592

00:26:04,970 --> 00:26:02,100

seen before would be interested in

593

00:26:07,520 --> 00:26:04,980

seeing that and that's why we do these

594

00:26:11,690 --> 00:26:07,530

tests over and over again so one of the

595

00:26:14,450 --> 00:26:11,700

one of his um the video that's actually

596

00:26:17,060 --> 00:26:14,460

online right now is of him with these

597

00:26:18,560 --> 00:26:17,070

little like travel when you travel you

598

00:26:20,600 --> 00:26:18,570

want to take your own soap with you

599

00:26:24,480 --> 00:26:20,610

sometimes and gave a little transit

600

00:26:25,919 --> 00:26:24,490

redbox yeah and um so you had

601
00:26:28,290 --> 00:26:25,929
three different ones in three different

602
00:26:33,140 --> 00:26:28,300
colors and then he had these little

603
00:26:37,230 --> 00:26:33,150
religious charms faith hope and love and

604
00:26:39,630 --> 00:26:37,240
he could put the one charm in each box

605
00:26:41,310 --> 00:26:39,640
then shuffle around the boxes and claim

606
00:26:45,750 --> 00:26:41,320
to have forgotten which was which and

607
00:26:48,360 --> 00:26:45,760
then and then picked the box that had

608
00:26:51,510 --> 00:26:48,370
and then open them and so he sent us a

609
00:26:56,700 --> 00:26:51,520
video of himself doing that our chairman

610
00:26:59,520 --> 00:26:56,710
Jim under down um said but he switched

611
00:27:02,820 --> 00:26:59,530
his claim when he when he was opening

612
00:27:05,610 --> 00:27:02,830
the boxes he said that the faith one was

613
00:27:08,160 --> 00:27:05,620

going to be in the red box and the hope

614

00:27:11,040 --> 00:27:08,170

one in the yellow box and the loved one

615

00:27:13,350 --> 00:27:11,050

and the blue box and he switched that as

616

00:27:17,549 --> 00:27:13,360

he was opening the boxes and showing us

617

00:27:19,680 --> 00:27:17,559

which charm and we're going okay and so

618

00:27:22,830 --> 00:27:19,690

I had to write back to him and tell him

619

00:27:24,840 --> 00:27:22,840

the truth that we noticed that there was

620

00:27:26,970 --> 00:27:24,850

something wrong with how he was

621

00:27:28,620 --> 00:27:26,980

presenting his ability he didn't

622

00:27:32,460 --> 00:27:28,630

understand the concept either of a

623

00:27:34,799 --> 00:27:32,470

double-blind test in any sort he when he

624

00:27:37,860 --> 00:27:34,809

was filming this he had his own iPhone

625

00:27:40,110 --> 00:27:37,870

or whatever camera shooting it well as

626

00:27:41,760 --> 00:27:40,120

other hand was doing all the work with

627

00:27:44,390 --> 00:27:41,770

putting stuff in the boxes and mixing

628

00:27:47,280 --> 00:27:44,400

them up so he was the only one present

629

00:27:51,740 --> 00:27:47,290

and also we'll each of the charms has a

630

00:27:54,600 --> 00:27:51,750

different colored box yes which is not

631

00:27:57,299 --> 00:27:54,610

exactly hiding things from you selfie

632

00:27:59,820 --> 00:27:57,309

just so then we just started negotiating

633

00:28:03,900 --> 00:27:59,830

a test you know I'm saying ok well send

634

00:28:08,070 --> 00:28:03,910

us pictures of celebrities and he was

635

00:28:11,640 --> 00:28:08,080

able to pick pictures out of these kind

636

00:28:14,460 --> 00:28:11,650

of boxes the bankers boxes did he had

637

00:28:17,669 --> 00:28:14,470

assembled and he had photographs of

638

00:28:20,460 --> 00:28:17,679

movie stars from from movie magazines

639

00:28:22,080 --> 00:28:20,470

inside one of them was Tom Cruise and

640

00:28:23,940 --> 00:28:22,090

one of them was a picture of a movie

641

00:28:26,700 --> 00:28:23,950

magazine that had several movie stars on

642

00:28:27,830 --> 00:28:26,710

the front and I forget what was

643

00:28:30,560 --> 00:28:27,840

interesting is when he did

644

00:28:32,330 --> 00:28:30,570

similar test the picture of Amy

645

00:28:34,190 --> 00:28:32,340

Winehouse he said he couldn't read it's

646

00:28:35,810 --> 00:28:34,200

like some of these pictures had

647

00:28:38,210 --> 00:28:35,820

additional qualities to him so he would

648

00:28:41,210 --> 00:28:38,220

not be unable to read some celebrity

649

00:28:45,909 --> 00:28:41,220

pictures so that doesn't it took place

650

00:28:48,769 --> 00:28:45,919

on on sunday was a derivation of that

651
00:28:53,169 --> 00:28:48,779
protocol that he proposed because

652
00:28:56,720 --> 00:28:53,179
instead of using boxes we proposed

653
00:29:00,010 --> 00:28:56,730
envelopes so it was just less of a

654
00:29:02,830 --> 00:29:00,020
hassle and actually he had sent us a

655
00:29:06,139 --> 00:29:02,840
pictures pictures of himself picking

656
00:29:08,419 --> 00:29:06,149
pictures of presidents out of boxes in

657
00:29:11,779 --> 00:29:08,429
correctly guessing which presidents were

658
00:29:14,389 --> 00:29:11,789
which boxes and then by the time we got

659
00:29:19,120 --> 00:29:14,399
down to the test it wasn't presidents

660
00:29:21,730 --> 00:29:19,130
anymore it was other pictures of pop pop

661
00:29:27,260 --> 00:29:21,740
culture mixed martial artist fighter

662
00:29:29,899 --> 00:29:27,270
jets Lincoln Memorial and the star star

663
00:29:32,450 --> 00:29:29,909

wars star wars character we wanted him

664

00:29:34,250 --> 00:29:32,460

to choose the images so he could say I'm

665

00:29:36,950 --> 00:29:34,260

comfortable with all these images so he

666

00:29:38,870 --> 00:29:36,960

can't use that later as part of a reason

667

00:29:40,460 --> 00:29:38,880

why he didn't do well yeah so he proved

668

00:29:43,039 --> 00:29:40,470

all these engine it had to be something

669

00:29:45,230 --> 00:29:43,049

that he was familiar with is that what

670

00:29:47,630 --> 00:29:45,240

you're yeah okay all right yeah and then

671

00:29:50,360 --> 00:29:47,640

also I think is when we were planning

672

00:29:54,380 --> 00:29:50,370

our paranormal challenge preliminary

673

00:29:56,419 --> 00:29:54,390

tests and we we plan the test so that

674

00:30:00,110 --> 00:29:56,429

there is so that the test is

675

00:30:02,450 --> 00:30:00,120

double-blind so that satisfies us the

676

00:30:04,340 --> 00:30:02,460

fact that the claimant has been a part

677

00:30:06,340 --> 00:30:04,350

of the design of the test makes it fair

678

00:30:12,620 --> 00:30:06,350

to them and then what happened was

679

00:30:16,549 --> 00:30:12,630

strangely by coincidence and I mean I'm

680

00:30:23,509 --> 00:30:16,559

becoming an extra because of the odds

681

00:30:29,460 --> 00:30:23,519

must be crazy plugs be crazy calm right

682

00:30:32,639 --> 00:30:29,470

and all three trials he picked the

683

00:30:37,470 --> 00:30:32,649

Lincoln Memorial picture correctly

684

00:30:40,860 --> 00:30:37,480

correct well and it was just coincidence

685

00:30:44,610 --> 00:30:40,870

uh-huh there was no significance he had

686

00:30:46,769 --> 00:30:44,620

eat they were it was just one of those

687

00:30:48,450 --> 00:30:46,779

things were in Jarrett and I were widely

688

00:30:51,000 --> 00:30:48,460

we could have made the test would be

689

00:30:53,430 --> 00:30:51,010

difficult for any hits to have combat we

690

00:30:55,590 --> 00:30:53,440

it wasn't required for the odds but we

691

00:30:57,180 --> 00:30:55,600

could have done it if we wanted to but

692

00:31:00,960 --> 00:30:57,190

this still worked out because it would

693

00:31:02,759 --> 00:31:00,970

still be over 13,000 one against that he

694

00:31:05,220 --> 00:31:02,769

would get the hundred percent okay

695

00:31:07,230 --> 00:31:05,230

correct but he had the chance of getting

696

00:31:08,700 --> 00:31:07,240

hits like the Abraham Lincoln the

697

00:31:10,350 --> 00:31:08,710

difference with this one I think was

698

00:31:13,669 --> 00:31:10,360

that we've learned the lessons from

699

00:31:17,330 --> 00:31:13,679

previous trials from previous

700

00:31:20,909 --> 00:31:17,340

experiences and avoided some pitfalls

701
00:31:23,970 --> 00:31:20,919
ran into some brand new unexpected one

702
00:31:27,570 --> 00:31:23,980
having something I bet it's always it to

703
00:31:29,700 --> 00:31:27,580
me interestingly try it too we are

704
00:31:32,879 --> 00:31:29,710
interested in learning what makes these

705
00:31:34,889 --> 00:31:32,889
people tick uh-huh what you know what

706
00:31:37,379 --> 00:31:34,899
they're just is unique and so we learn

707
00:31:39,779 --> 00:31:37,389
from each test yeah that's interesting

708
00:31:41,610 --> 00:31:39,789
it is kind of like a scientific process

709
00:31:43,740 --> 00:31:41,620
you know it's good you learn with it

710
00:31:46,350 --> 00:31:43,750
with each one things you never expected

711
00:31:49,440 --> 00:31:46,360
to learn and when you stream it to our

712
00:31:51,060 --> 00:31:49,450
new affiliates and so those that haven't

713
00:31:54,090 --> 00:31:51,070

conducted their own tests yet they get a

714

00:31:56,850 --> 00:31:54,100

better idea what to expect okay so we're

715

00:31:58,799 --> 00:31:56,860

hoping to help other people that want to

716

00:32:02,250 --> 00:31:58,809

do this as well that's good that's cool

717

00:32:05,220 --> 00:32:02,260

well wendy and Paula thank you so much

718

00:32:08,850 --> 00:32:05,230

for talking with me today thank you

719

00:32:10,710 --> 00:32:08,860

petty thank you very much for full

720

00:32:12,590 --> 00:32:10,720

details on this and all previous

721

00:32:15,840 --> 00:32:12,600

investigations check out their website

722

00:32:18,389 --> 00:32:15,850

IIT wescom and look for them at the

723

00:32:20,310 --> 00:32:18,399

upcoming amazing meeting with the

724

00:32:30,740 --> 00:32:20,320

skeptical scoop this is penny signing

725

00:32:35,190 --> 00:32:33,090

hello Richard son is here with a little

726

00:32:38,160 --> 00:32:35,200

bit of information for those people

727

00:32:41,010 --> 00:32:38,170

living in the Bay Area the San Francisco

728

00:32:43,169 --> 00:32:41,020

Bay Area I'm going to be speaking about

729

00:32:46,350 --> 00:32:43,179

my adventures with the power balance

730

00:32:51,090 --> 00:32:46,360

wristband at a special event hosted by

731

00:32:55,260 --> 00:32:51,100

the Bay Area skeptics 7 p.m. wednesday

732

00:32:57,419 --> 00:32:55,270

the 11th of july at LaPenta lounge which

733

00:33:00,210 --> 00:32:57,429

is according to the information i am

734

00:33:02,669 --> 00:33:00,220

seeing a six minute stroll from ashby

735

00:33:10,310 --> 00:33:02,679

bart station now you can find out more

736

00:33:14,669 --> 00:33:10,320

details by visiting w WB a skeptics org

737

00:33:17,370 --> 00:33:14,679

also if you visit [www scripting zone](http://www.scriptingzone.com) TV

738

00:33:22,169 --> 00:33:17,380

you can bid on an autographed photograph

739

00:33:26,340 --> 00:33:22,179

of the think tank crew myself iran sir

740

00:33:29,850 --> 00:33:26,350

give joanne bender mu stefan sojka dr.

741

00:33:32,370 --> 00:33:29,860

HC dunlop and maynard also included in

742

00:33:37,190 --> 00:33:32,380

that auction is an autographed copy of

743

00:33:39,659 --> 00:33:37,200

maynards book Maynard's and guide today

744

00:33:41,130 --> 00:33:39,669

hey you skeptics I have something to

745

00:33:43,350 --> 00:33:41,140

share with you I've got something that's

746

00:33:44,549 --> 00:33:43,360

going to get all you soft dicks to stop

747

00:33:47,460 --> 00:33:44,559

ignoring the truth that's right in front

748

00:33:49,020 --> 00:33:47,470

of your faces this is an EVP I recorded

749

00:33:51,659 --> 00:33:49,030

last night there was no one else around

750

00:33:53,909 --> 00:33:51,669

no other electronic equipment no other

751
00:33:59,320 --> 00:33:53,919
explanation this was a voice from beyond

752
00:33:59,330 --> 00:34:10,760
is your it here let me slow it down

753
00:34:26,580 --> 00:34:23,820
even slower slower how you doing I'm a

754
00:34:29,250 --> 00:34:26,590
ghost I'm unfinished business what's up

755
00:34:31,940 --> 00:34:29,260
you guys can't possibly ignore that type

756
00:34:34,710 --> 00:34:31,950
of it hey who are you pleated doing my

757
00:34:37,740 --> 00:34:34,720
hey gang I'm sorry but there are no

758
00:34:39,300 --> 00:34:37,750
spirits trying to contact you EVPs are

759
00:34:41,310 --> 00:34:39,310
the result of pareidolia and cross

760
00:34:44,910 --> 00:34:41,320
modulation combined with the listeners

761
00:34:46,830 --> 00:34:44,920
hopes and expectations and since when

762
00:34:48,900 --> 00:34:46,840
the hell do you use the unknown to the

763
00:34:53,750 --> 00:34:48,910

unknown what does this have to do with

764

00:35:02,130 --> 00:34:53,760

science you just got skeptical phone

765

00:35:17,700 --> 00:35:05,340

skip to creep own shop where false

766

00:35:22,930 --> 00:35:20,349

thank you for listening to the skeptics

767

00:35:24,490 --> 00:35:22,940

own now quick correction on last week's

768

00:35:28,839 --> 00:35:24,500

episode where we had a special guest

769

00:35:31,540 --> 00:35:28,849

reporter Aaron Stevens from California

770

00:35:33,250 --> 00:35:31,550

from Vacaville I said he was teaching at

771

00:35:35,620 --> 00:35:33,260

Vacaville high school that's not quite

772

00:35:38,260 --> 00:35:35,630

true he's actually at the crosstown high

773

00:35:41,470 --> 00:35:38,270

school which is will c wood high school

774

00:35:43,930 --> 00:35:41,480

in vacaville oh well I'm sure they're

775

00:35:46,270 --> 00:35:43,940

both great high schools not long to go

776

00:35:48,700 --> 00:35:46,280

now before the amazing meeting in Las

777

00:35:50,290 --> 00:35:48,710

Vegas and if you're going along please

778

00:35:53,710 --> 00:35:50,300

make sure you come up and say hi to me

779

00:35:55,780 --> 00:35:53,720

dr. Richie Iran so give and may not who

780

00:35:59,890 --> 00:35:55,790

will be there running around having lots

781

00:36:02,740 --> 00:35:59,900

of fun at tam in Las Vegas but for now

782

00:36:05,620 --> 00:36:02,750

on this crisp winter's day this is

783

00:36:11,680 --> 00:36:05,630

Richard Saunders signing off from Sydney

784

00:36:16,359 --> 00:36:11,690

Australia you've been listening to the

785

00:36:20,200 --> 00:36:16,369

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