

The Skeptic Zone

Show 199 - 11 Aug 2012



Bob Novella

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00:00:27,910 --> 00:00:06,380
yeah I you long to be stable give me the

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00:00:44,500 --> 00:00:31,070
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:55,010 --> 00:00:48,130
yes it's the skeptic Zone episode number

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00:00:57,080 --> 00:00:55,020
199 199 for the 11th of August 2012

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00:01:00,560 --> 00:00:57,090
Richard Saunders here with you from a

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00:01:02,390 --> 00:01:00,570
very very windy Sydney Australia their

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00:01:04,070 --> 00:01:02,400
trees coming down power lights have come

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00:01:06,620 --> 00:01:04,080
down houses are in blackouts it's

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00:01:09,040 --> 00:01:06,630
blowing a gale outside now that little

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00:01:12,920 --> 00:01:09,050
clip just before the introduction music

11
00:01:16,760 --> 00:01:12,930
was a you would have guessed the landing

12
00:01:18,920 --> 00:01:16,770
of curiosity the new rover on Mars i

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00:01:22,340 --> 00:01:18,930

went to the sydney observatory we're in

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00:01:25,160 --> 00:01:22,350

one of their sort of lecture rooms there

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00:01:27,560 --> 00:01:25,170

they had a big screen setup and the room

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00:01:30,109 --> 00:01:27,570

was absolutely packed with people biting

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00:01:31,940 --> 00:01:30,119

their nails as the little little

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00:01:34,370 --> 00:01:31,950

curiosity went down through the Martian

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00:01:39,380 --> 00:01:34,380

surface very exciting very exciting

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00:01:41,389 --> 00:01:39,390

cannot wait to see the images and even

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00:01:43,639 --> 00:01:41,399

the video that's going to be coming back

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00:01:46,430 --> 00:01:43,649

from Mars over the next term weeks

23

00:01:49,010 --> 00:01:46,440

months and hopefully years but now on to

24

00:01:52,640 --> 00:01:49,020

this week's episode of the skeptic zone

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00:01:55,310 --> 00:01:52,650

more from may not of course more from a

26
00:01:58,789 --> 00:01:55,320
nod from the amazing meeting this week

27
00:02:00,830 --> 00:01:58,799
may not catches up with Bob novella Bob

28
00:02:03,859 --> 00:02:00,840
novella one of the great rogues from the

29
00:02:05,510 --> 00:02:03,869
skeptics guide to the universe then has

30
00:02:08,330 --> 00:02:05,520
a quick chat with a good friend of ours

31
00:02:10,270 --> 00:02:08,340
one of the Melbourne skeptics lindley or

32
00:02:13,789 --> 00:02:10,280
posting lindley as she's known and

33
00:02:18,050 --> 00:02:13,799
following that he catches up with sharon

34
00:02:20,630 --> 00:02:18,060
hill from doubtful news Wow anybody who

35
00:02:23,300 --> 00:02:20,640
is anybody as a is that the amazing

36
00:02:27,440 --> 00:02:23,310
meeting sharon hill from doubtful news

37
00:02:32,270 --> 00:02:27,450
and then may nod visits the the Friday

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00:02:34,880 --> 00:02:32,280

the 13th room at tam and chats to

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00:02:37,880 --> 00:02:34,890

Margaret Downey then after the break I

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00:02:39,650 --> 00:02:37,890

catch up with Liam Jones an Australian

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00:02:42,440 --> 00:02:39,660

living in Las Vegas who's going to tell

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00:02:45,949 --> 00:02:42,450

us about that student activism and some

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00:02:48,110 --> 00:02:45,959

websites and then to wrap up the show

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00:02:51,020 --> 00:02:48,120

wow this one's a bit out of left field

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00:02:53,930 --> 00:02:51,030

the other night Sydney skeptics in the

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00:02:55,400 --> 00:02:53,940

pub or I gave a little talk about the

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00:02:58,310 --> 00:02:55,410

amazing meeting

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00:03:01,820 --> 00:02:58,320

we had a palm reader and her husband

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00:03:04,490 --> 00:03:01,830

come along a palm reader now they end up

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00:03:06,470 --> 00:03:04,500

telling me nerd all about their the

51
00:03:09,020 --> 00:03:06,480
claim the palm reading claim how it

52
00:03:11,990 --> 00:03:09,030
works their experiences and they even

53
00:03:14,390 --> 00:03:12,000
read me nods palm and then go on to read

54
00:03:20,830 --> 00:03:14,400
the palm of a run sir give who was there

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00:03:23,450 --> 00:03:20,840
so now here's the lesson have a listen

56
00:03:26,840 --> 00:03:23,460
have a listen to what the palm reader

57
00:03:28,400 --> 00:03:26,850
and her husband say have a listened do

58
00:03:30,830 --> 00:03:28,410
you think you're a good skeptic and you

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00:03:33,650 --> 00:03:30,840
know you're skeptical chops and you know

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00:03:35,090 --> 00:03:33,660
your logical fallacies and how arguments

61
00:03:37,130 --> 00:03:35,100
work and you think you can suss out

62
00:03:39,650 --> 00:03:37,140
what's happening with claims of the

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00:03:42,980 --> 00:03:39,660

paranormal have a listen to what these

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00:03:44,900 --> 00:03:42,990

people have to say what do you think is

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00:03:46,850 --> 00:03:44,910

going on what do you think is going on

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00:03:49,610 --> 00:03:46,860

why they making such a claims what's has

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00:03:52,700 --> 00:03:49,620

led them to believe that they have

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00:03:55,640 --> 00:03:52,710

magical powers to read palms have a

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00:03:58,010 --> 00:03:55,650

listen it's a good lesson for skeptics

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00:03:59,360 --> 00:03:58,020

out there so this episode of the skeptic

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00:04:01,850 --> 00:03:59,370

zone will really get you thinking I

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00:04:03,260 --> 00:04:01,860

promise you that at the end of the show

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00:04:05,960 --> 00:04:03,270

I'll come back with a few more

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00:04:08,060 --> 00:04:05,970

announcements of some websites that you

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00:04:10,130 --> 00:04:08,070

might find interesting but for now for

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00:04:11,810 --> 00:04:10,140

now I'm going to run downstairs i'm

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00:04:13,730 --> 00:04:11,820

going to walk downstairs add an email

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00:04:15,680 --> 00:04:13,740

from somebody saying that do i'd really

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00:04:17,510 --> 00:04:15,690

run down the stairs and there's a bit

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00:04:19,699 --> 00:04:17,520

dangerous i'm going to walk carefully

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00:04:22,490 --> 00:04:19,709

down those stairs i'm going to reach for

82

00:04:24,140 --> 00:04:22,500

a nice glass of a white wine from New

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00:04:26,750 --> 00:04:24,150

Zealand they make some pretty damn good

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00:04:29,360 --> 00:04:26,760

white wines I'm going to come back

85

00:04:46,139 --> 00:04:29,370

upstairs relax in my favorite chair and

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00:04:56,160 --> 00:04:50,859

years may not spooky action at a

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00:05:01,540 --> 00:04:58,960

but that well the station know not many

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00:05:03,220 --> 00:05:01,550

podcasts have their own room I was in

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00:05:05,320 --> 00:05:03,230

this room briefly last night with George

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00:05:07,030 --> 00:05:05,330

Arab we're mainly doing whiskey shots

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00:05:08,140 --> 00:05:07,040

cuz he has is the luge he has this

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00:05:10,540 --> 00:05:08,150

illusion that he doesn't drink alcohol

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00:05:13,840 --> 00:05:10,550

it's completely false but here we are in

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00:05:15,880 --> 00:05:13,850

the SG room SGU room skeptics guide to

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00:05:18,220 --> 00:05:15,890

the universe actually Suu does sound

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00:05:19,810 --> 00:05:18,230

like some an acronym they'd use on

97

00:05:21,250 --> 00:05:19,820

Captain scale and the mister ons I

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00:05:23,650 --> 00:05:21,260

expect him his green or something like

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00:05:25,570 --> 00:05:23,660

that but I'm here with mr. Bob novella

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00:05:27,670 --> 00:05:25,580

hi Bob how are you great manner how are

101
00:05:29,380 --> 00:05:27,680
you oh look I'm fun this is my first tan

102
00:05:31,000 --> 00:05:29,390
but like this is like this is like money

103
00:05:32,980 --> 00:05:31,010
for old rope for you guys generally

104
00:05:34,720 --> 00:05:32,990
terms of you guys been to as the

105
00:05:37,000 --> 00:05:34,730
skeptics guide to the universe well we

106
00:05:38,860 --> 00:05:37,010
came into 10 5 so it's five six seven

107
00:05:41,050 --> 00:05:38,870
eight nine ten so six this is our sixth

108
00:05:43,690 --> 00:05:41,060
one and it and we love it we would not

109
00:05:45,550 --> 00:05:43,700
miss it for the world it's the best most

110
00:05:48,100 --> 00:05:45,560
listeners would know to our show who you

111
00:05:50,500 --> 00:05:48,110
are and also your better the gold

112
00:05:52,600 --> 00:05:50,510
standard as far as it is a skeptical

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00:05:54,340 --> 00:05:52,610

podcast like people compare their show

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00:05:56,320 --> 00:05:54,350

to yours they always reference yours as

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00:05:58,000 --> 00:05:56,330

an influence and have you heard you'll

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00:06:00,630 --> 00:05:58,010

for sure I mentioned in an area where go

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00:06:03,630 --> 00:06:00,640

wow I didn't know that person listen um

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00:06:06,400 --> 00:06:03,640

let's see you mean like this is what I

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00:06:07,510 --> 00:06:06,410

well okay yeah every now and then we'll

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00:06:11,200 --> 00:06:07,520

meet people and we get real excited

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00:06:13,870 --> 00:06:11,210

because of you know who they are and and

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00:06:15,700 --> 00:06:13,880

the fact they liked our show like Chris

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00:06:17,830 --> 00:06:15,710

Ward we met a couple years ago he told

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00:06:19,930 --> 00:06:17,840

us that he and there's a bunch of people

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00:06:21,219 --> 00:06:19,940

at Pixar that listened and listened to

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00:06:23,350 --> 00:06:21,229

our show and that of course we got

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00:06:24,940 --> 00:06:23,360

extremely excited because Pixar's Pixar

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00:06:26,830 --> 00:06:24,950

didn't you guys get to visit them

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00:06:28,870 --> 00:06:26,840

recently yeah we went down we went last

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00:06:31,150 --> 00:06:28,880

week we get we met Chris Ford and others

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00:06:33,159 --> 00:06:31,160

at at Pixar and they gave us a fantastic

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00:06:34,990 --> 00:06:33,169

tour of the facility and that the

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00:06:36,250 --> 00:06:35,000

building and oh my god it was uh it was

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00:06:37,659 --> 00:06:36,260

one definitely one of the high points of

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00:06:40,000 --> 00:06:37,669

this entire trip it was fantastic

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00:06:41,620 --> 00:06:40,010

there's lots of memes on your show one

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00:06:43,659 --> 00:06:41,630

of my favorites that always pops up is a

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00:06:45,270 --> 00:06:43,669

whenever there's some paradol you're

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00:06:48,310 --> 00:06:45,280

going on you bring up the specter of

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00:06:51,070 --> 00:06:48,320

hoogland now could you explain who hobe

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00:06:53,680 --> 00:06:51,080

lenders to the listener he's a guy that

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00:06:58,690 --> 00:06:53,690

he's he's known as the face on Mars guy

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00:07:01,150 --> 00:06:58,700

he he looks and studies images of you

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00:07:02,260 --> 00:07:01,160

know of things on on Mars and the one

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00:07:05,320 --> 00:07:02,270

that everyone knows about is the face

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00:07:06,959 --> 00:07:05,330

the face on Mars and he thinks it's the

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00:07:10,169 --> 00:07:06,969

product of an agent's an agent

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00:07:12,119 --> 00:07:10,179

civilization and and if you and if you

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00:07:13,529 --> 00:07:12,129

look at it yeah you can see it looks

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00:07:15,899 --> 00:07:13,539

like a face it's really quite striking

151
00:07:17,519 --> 00:07:15,909
and when when NASA found it they were

152
00:07:19,379 --> 00:07:17,529
like oh wow look at that thing and they

153
00:07:21,449 --> 00:07:19,389
of course they you know they printed the

154
00:07:23,939 --> 00:07:21,459
image and it was a really a sensation i

155
00:07:25,409 --> 00:07:23,949
think it was in the 70s and but everyone

156
00:07:27,749 --> 00:07:25,419
knew that this is this is just

157
00:07:29,850 --> 00:07:27,759
pareidolia this is just an artifact of a

158
00:07:32,189 --> 00:07:29,860
low-resolution image taking with

159
00:07:33,749 --> 00:07:32,199
specific lighting and of course years

160
00:07:37,139 --> 00:07:33,759
later when we got when we sent another

161
00:07:39,029 --> 00:07:37,149
probe to orbit Mars and look at it in

162
00:07:40,799 --> 00:07:39,039
high resolution in similar lighting

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00:07:42,929 --> 00:07:40,809

conditions you could see that this is

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00:07:45,089 --> 00:07:42,939

just like a beaut it's a little mini

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00:07:48,989 --> 00:07:45,099

Mountain structure that's that

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00:07:50,759 --> 00:07:48,999

projecting up and and clearly it clearly

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00:07:52,619 --> 00:07:50,769

wasn't a face or the product of any

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00:07:55,949 --> 00:07:52,629

other any ancient civilization but

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00:07:57,809 --> 00:07:55,959

Hoagland just loves you know writing and

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00:08:00,749 --> 00:07:57,819

talking about the fact that all these

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00:08:02,249 --> 00:08:00,759

artifacts on the moon came from an

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00:08:04,429 --> 00:08:02,259

ancient civilization not just the face

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00:08:07,859 --> 00:08:04,439

on Mars is he points to all these other

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00:08:10,019 --> 00:08:07,869

objects that to him are anomalous but

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00:08:12,419 --> 00:08:10,029

they're really not anomalous pointing to

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00:08:14,549 --> 00:08:12,429

like because civilization and structures

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00:08:16,739 --> 00:08:14,559

and oh it's really complicated method

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all based on you know mistaken

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00:08:21,269 --> 00:08:19,269

identities on peridot Leah and what do

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00:08:23,159 --> 00:08:21,279

you think is the most exciting thing you

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00:08:25,199 --> 00:08:23,169

guys have uncovered on your show during

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00:08:26,519 --> 00:08:25,209

the six year history I mean because

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00:08:28,169 --> 00:08:26,529

there are a couple of ones you know

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00:08:29,939 --> 00:08:28,179

things that you've actually got to

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00:08:33,589 --> 00:08:29,949

before other people have or talked about

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00:08:37,079 --> 00:08:33,599

you know in the science realm um oh wow

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00:08:40,170 --> 00:08:37,089

uncovered um like what do you mean

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00:08:41,819 --> 00:08:40,180

because I'm often you guys get the

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science magazines as soon as they're out

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00:08:45,689 --> 00:08:43,719

a new you will often have them on your

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00:08:47,460 --> 00:08:45,699

podcast before other people will and

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00:08:48,660 --> 00:08:47,470

you'll get a bit of a stir going about

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00:08:50,519 --> 00:08:48,670

it if there's a new development or

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something like that I mean the with the

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00:08:54,090 --> 00:08:52,509

whole CERN thing I mean I'm frankly

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00:08:56,220 --> 00:08:54,100

disappointed that neutrinos don't travel

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00:08:57,960 --> 00:08:56,230

faster than light I thought we have a

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00:09:01,860 --> 00:08:57,970

time machine by sometime next year this

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00:09:03,869 --> 00:09:01,870

was the case yeah we um I don't think we

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00:09:06,179 --> 00:09:03,879

necessarily get news items any any

201
00:09:07,889 --> 00:09:06,189
sooner than than most other people but

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00:09:09,420 --> 00:09:07,899
yeah we try to be timely you know we

203
00:09:11,069 --> 00:09:09,430
record the show once a week so I'm

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00:09:13,410 --> 00:09:11,079
generally looking like the night before

205
00:09:15,689 --> 00:09:13,420
I look at a news item so that by the

206
00:09:17,790 --> 00:09:15,699
time it gets out a few days later it'll

207
00:09:19,910 --> 00:09:17,800
be people you know most people will not

208
00:09:21,710 --> 00:09:19,920
have heard of it so I

209
00:09:23,600 --> 00:09:21,720
hope there's a lot of angry on your show

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00:09:25,639 --> 00:09:23,610
with the way mainstream media like such

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00:09:27,740 --> 00:09:25,649
as myself sometimes I have to cover

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00:09:29,720 --> 00:09:27,750
these things because there's a rush

213
00:09:31,250 --> 00:09:29,730

there's a deadline and things like The

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00:09:33,019 --> 00:09:31,260

Daily Telegraph in the UK they just

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00:09:35,030 --> 00:09:33,029

don't check their facts and I get a real

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00:09:38,269 --> 00:09:35,040

anger from the panel and that's real

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00:09:40,730 --> 00:09:38,279

yeah and it's not just the rush to get

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00:09:43,310 --> 00:09:40,740

things out it's the fact that that Noah

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00:09:45,410 --> 00:09:43,320

all these organizations are shrinking

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their their you know their staff and and

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00:09:48,949 --> 00:09:47,579

a lot of the science reporters aren't

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00:09:51,199 --> 00:09:48,959

there anymore so you've got you've got

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00:09:52,730 --> 00:09:51,209

someone who might cover you know human

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00:09:54,470 --> 00:09:52,740

garden topics one day and then the next

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00:09:55,910 --> 00:09:54,480

day he jumps on a science topic that

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00:09:58,550 --> 00:09:55,920

he's really he's not a science

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00:10:01,160 --> 00:09:58,560

journalist so we he's just not prepared

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00:10:03,439 --> 00:10:01,170

to handle it and interpreted it properly

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00:10:05,389 --> 00:10:03,449

and to and to and even give it a good

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00:10:06,949 --> 00:10:05,399

tight an appropriate title that one of

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00:10:09,439 --> 00:10:06,959

the more frustrating things for me is to

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00:10:11,360 --> 00:10:09,449

is to look at the title of these news

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00:10:13,009 --> 00:10:11,370

items and think wow that's interesting i

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00:10:15,019 --> 00:10:13,019

got i gotta check that out and then come

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00:10:16,490 --> 00:10:15,029

to find out that the title has really no

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00:10:17,960 --> 00:10:16,500

relation to the to the signs on the

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00:10:20,120 --> 00:10:17,970

inside and the science itself is pretty

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00:10:21,920 --> 00:10:20,130

poor so it's just a matter of that just

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00:10:23,329 --> 00:10:21,930

there's not enough really hardcore

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science journalists out there anymore

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because it's just such a shrinking

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industry that it is so frustrating for

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us win it but it is fun to point out

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stuff like that for me so it's kind of

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00:10:34,699 --> 00:10:33,209

it yea it is definitely a lot of conduct

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00:10:36,439 --> 00:10:34,709

this is where skeptical thinking would

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00:10:37,730 --> 00:10:36,449

come in generally because like if

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someone goes along to interview a

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scientist or someone who's trying to

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00:10:42,889 --> 00:10:40,230

push a product or the head of a company

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00:10:44,120 --> 00:10:42,899
about a science issue you've got to talk

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00:10:45,800 --> 00:10:44,130
with them then you've got to figure out

253
00:10:47,509 --> 00:10:45,810
what they were saying and try and work

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00:10:49,009 --> 00:10:47,519
out some other sources to get almost a

255
00:10:50,540 --> 00:10:49,019
rebuttal to try and work out if what

256
00:10:52,250 --> 00:10:50,550
they're saying is even half real and

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00:10:53,930 --> 00:10:52,260
sometimes you don't have don't have time

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00:10:56,240 --> 00:10:53,940
so you're going to know very quickly how

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00:10:58,639 --> 00:10:56,250
to sniff it out yeah dad's and that's

260
00:11:00,019 --> 00:10:58,649
why it's so important to really be

261
00:11:01,490 --> 00:11:00,029
familiar with the field you're reporting

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00:11:03,590 --> 00:11:01,500
on because if you're starting from

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00:11:05,389 --> 00:11:03,600

Ground Zero there's really just way too

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00:11:07,519 --> 00:11:05,399

much research and work for you to do in

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order to really give that stat news item

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00:11:12,050 --> 00:11:09,360

the appropriate treatment so if you can

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00:11:14,360 --> 00:11:12,060

come to a news story with a with a

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00:11:16,009 --> 00:11:14,370

really solid background then then you

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00:11:18,559 --> 00:11:16,019

have you so much more better prepared to

270

00:11:20,540 --> 00:11:18,569

report on it properly without having to

271

00:11:22,309 --> 00:11:20,550

spend weeks in researches to get up to

272

00:11:25,370 --> 00:11:22,319

speed and you know what's a boson what's

273

00:11:27,019 --> 00:11:25,380

going on with that and and so so yeah so

274

00:11:29,600 --> 00:11:27,029

that's why it's so much better to be to

275

00:11:31,309 --> 00:11:29,610

be you know to come to the table already

276

00:11:33,050 --> 00:11:31,319

prepared in terms of just a basic

277

00:11:33,650 --> 00:11:33,060

science background so that it's not so

278

00:11:34,820 --> 00:11:33,660

easily

279

00:11:36,560 --> 00:11:34,830

the swallow some of the stuff that

280

00:11:38,390 --> 00:11:36,570

they're they're throwing out there and

281

00:11:39,980 --> 00:11:38,400

what kind of emails do you get you must

282

00:11:41,510 --> 00:11:39,990

get a lot of emails from your listeners

283

00:11:42,830 --> 00:11:41,520

very happy with the show and then you

284

00:11:44,960 --> 00:11:42,840

get any mails that that isn't a

285

00:11:46,130 --> 00:11:44,970

complaint it's not a compliment it just

286

00:11:47,930 --> 00:11:46,140

doesn't make a lot of sense you get a

287

00:11:50,000 --> 00:11:47,940

lot of emails like that because there

288

00:11:52,460 --> 00:11:50,010

are a lot of listeners like that oh yeah

289

00:11:54,590 --> 00:11:52,470

or the overall majority of our emails

290

00:11:55,640 --> 00:11:54,600

are fantastic they people who are just

291

00:11:57,770 --> 00:11:55,650

saying that they did love the show

292

00:11:59,570 --> 00:11:57,780

obviously and then they'll have the over

293

00:12:01,100 --> 00:11:59,580

latest story to us that we might be

294

00:12:02,840 --> 00:12:01,110

interested in talking about on the

295

00:12:04,460 --> 00:12:02,850

podcast or the ones that we especially

296

00:12:05,900 --> 00:12:04,470

like were the ones that people are

297

00:12:08,180 --> 00:12:05,910

saying that you know how we really

298

00:12:09,620 --> 00:12:08,190

affected their lives there the course of

299

00:12:11,810 --> 00:12:09,630

their education some people will say

300

00:12:13,940 --> 00:12:11,820

that you know I'm studying physics and

301
00:12:15,710 --> 00:12:13,950
nanotechnology because of you or or the

302
00:12:17,750 --> 00:12:15,720
real surprising ones are that where they

303
00:12:19,400 --> 00:12:17,760
come back and say that I was at the far

304
00:12:21,470 --> 00:12:19,410
end of the spectrum and into the woo

305
00:12:24,080 --> 00:12:21,480
deep really deep and because if you guys

306
00:12:25,760 --> 00:12:24,090
have completely turned around and I'm a

307
00:12:27,200 --> 00:12:25,770
skeptic now i'm not sure why they

308
00:12:28,310 --> 00:12:27,210
listened to us in the first place

309
00:12:30,590 --> 00:12:28,320
because usually generally you don't

310
00:12:32,750 --> 00:12:30,600
listen to two people who are you know

311
00:12:34,370 --> 00:12:32,760
180 degrees away from your beliefs which

312
00:12:36,290 --> 00:12:34,380
is it's a good thing to do but not many

313
00:12:39,020 --> 00:12:36,300

people do it but those kinds of emails

314

00:12:41,560 --> 00:12:39,030

are fantastic but of course there's a

315

00:12:45,490 --> 00:12:41,570

small smattering of emails where they're

316

00:12:49,490 --> 00:12:45,500

they're just kind of very mean and and

317

00:12:53,090 --> 00:12:49,500

some of them are really incomprehensible

318

00:12:54,440 --> 00:12:53,100

and we just like we email each other's

319

00:12:55,760 --> 00:12:54,450

back and forth seeing what's this guy

320

00:12:58,460 --> 00:12:55,770

talking about and we can't even figure

321

00:13:00,440 --> 00:12:58,470

out you know you know you know what he

322

00:13:01,880 --> 00:13:00,450

was talking about and and when you get

323

00:13:04,340 --> 00:13:01,890

so many emails yeah there's bound to be

324

00:13:06,860 --> 00:13:04,350

a small percentage that are dead or just

325

00:13:09,500 --> 00:13:06,870

wacky and off the wall so one of those

326

00:13:10,820 --> 00:13:09,510

upload okay if you don't like a show you

327

00:13:12,260 --> 00:13:10,830

just stop listening and you might write

328

00:13:13,880 --> 00:13:12,270

a little letter to them saying why you

329

00:13:15,620 --> 00:13:13,890

don't like the show but why you would

330

00:13:16,970 --> 00:13:15,630

repeatedly keep writing to a show saying

331

00:13:20,480 --> 00:13:16,980

you don't like it I've never been able

332

00:13:22,160 --> 00:13:20,490

to figure out why you do that yeah I

333

00:13:24,620 --> 00:13:22,170

haven't actually I haven't done a study

334

00:13:27,230 --> 00:13:24,630

to find out how how many repeat emails

335

00:13:29,450 --> 00:13:27,240

we get but clear yes some people love

336

00:13:30,500 --> 00:13:29,460

most of the show and certain aspects of

337

00:13:31,820 --> 00:13:30,510

the show they don't like so maybe

338

00:13:33,470 --> 00:13:31,830

they're listening to a for what they

339

00:13:35,810 --> 00:13:33,480

really like like say science or fiction

340

00:13:37,550 --> 00:13:35,820

and the science news but other aspects

341

00:13:38,870 --> 00:13:37,560

they don't like but and that's fine it's

342

00:13:41,090 --> 00:13:38,880

hard to please it's hard to have people

343

00:13:43,370 --> 00:13:41,100

of all parts of your entire show and

344

00:13:44,960 --> 00:13:43,380

that's okay just fast forward it passes

345

00:13:46,820 --> 00:13:44,970

the stuff you don't like and if you

346

00:13:47,180 --> 00:13:46,830

don't like one of the personalities on

347

00:13:48,890 --> 00:13:47,190

the show

348

00:13:52,370 --> 00:13:48,900

well that's okay to just fast-forward

349

00:13:54,680 --> 00:13:52,380

past him or her now um how do you think

350

00:13:56,210 --> 00:13:54,690

you have opened the door for people to

351
00:13:57,560 --> 00:13:56,220
get interested in science and what do

352
00:13:58,820 --> 00:13:57,570
you think it is about your show that has

353
00:14:00,140 --> 00:13:58,830
fired them off because like you said

354
00:14:01,910 --> 00:14:00,150
they've had to find the show in the

355
00:14:04,400 --> 00:14:01,920
first place and then you've interested

356
00:14:06,440 --> 00:14:04,410
them in specific areas of science not

357
00:14:09,020 --> 00:14:06,450
just generally did any idea how you've

358
00:14:11,900 --> 00:14:09,030
done that it's well the chemistry among

359
00:14:14,150 --> 00:14:11,910
all of us I think is one of the main

360
00:14:16,400 --> 00:14:14,160
reasons where we've achieved the

361
00:14:18,380 --> 00:14:16,410
popularity that we have and J Steve and

362
00:14:21,200 --> 00:14:18,390
I and we grew up together so we're all

363
00:14:23,150 --> 00:14:21,210

on such similar wavelengths and and

364

00:14:24,650 --> 00:14:23,160

we've you know we've been chatting about

365

00:14:26,150 --> 00:14:24,660

this kind of stuff for a year so this is

366

00:14:28,280 --> 00:14:26,160

something that we've done for so long

367

00:14:29,810 --> 00:14:28,290

that it's very easy for us to you know

368

00:14:32,030 --> 00:14:29,820

to get into these conversations and then

369

00:14:33,740 --> 00:14:32,040

of course Evan and Rebecca just we all

370

00:14:35,450 --> 00:14:33,750

just kind of fit together so well and

371

00:14:37,490 --> 00:14:35,460

our chemistry is so good that people

372

00:14:39,890 --> 00:14:37,500

pick up on it and it we've been told

373

00:14:42,260 --> 00:14:39,900

that people feel like they're like the

374

00:14:43,610 --> 00:14:42,270

you know the the you know the person in

375

00:14:44,900 --> 00:14:43,620

the room that's not talking and just

376

00:14:46,870 --> 00:14:44,910

listening to the conversation they

377

00:14:50,990 --> 00:14:46,880

really feel engaged in part of it and

378

00:14:53,030 --> 00:14:51,000

and I you know it from my point of view

379

00:14:54,710 --> 00:14:53,040

this the science I mean if you like

380

00:14:56,210 --> 00:14:54,720

science I try to pick items that are

381

00:14:57,710 --> 00:14:56,220

that are really interesting to me and

382

00:14:59,660 --> 00:14:57,720

hopefully more interest as well

383

00:15:01,010 --> 00:14:59,670

interesting to other people and I think

384

00:15:02,930 --> 00:15:01,020

they're picking up on that somebody and

385

00:15:04,580 --> 00:15:02,940

we try to I try to explain this stuff in

386

00:15:07,100 --> 00:15:04,590

ways that make it interesting and fun

387

00:15:08,930 --> 00:15:07,110

and well you've completely completely

388

00:15:11,780 --> 00:15:08,940

ruined Prometheus for me like between

389

00:15:13,250 --> 00:15:11,790

you and Georgia Rob that's it I'm gonna

390

00:15:14,960 --> 00:15:13,260

have to watch it on a hotel three in the

391

00:15:17,930 --> 00:15:14,970

morning on a plane I mean you ruined it

392

00:15:20,390 --> 00:15:17,940

for me now maybe you shouldn't haha I

393

00:15:22,880 --> 00:15:20,400

know that was a very frustrating movie

394

00:15:25,820 --> 00:15:22,890

uh and even you know opinions amongst us

395

00:15:29,120 --> 00:15:25,830

me Jay Jay reveal that he was really

396

00:15:31,730 --> 00:15:29,130

hated that movie but for me I think I

397

00:15:33,590 --> 00:15:31,740

mentioned on the show there was some

398

00:15:35,000 --> 00:15:33,600

great stuff to it in terms of just

399

00:15:36,500 --> 00:15:35,010

visually the cinematography was

400

00:15:38,720 --> 00:15:36,510

beautiful the special effects were

401
00:15:40,760 --> 00:15:38,730
fantastic and but other parts were just

402
00:15:42,020 --> 00:15:40,770
really really bad so we would try to

403
00:15:45,380 --> 00:15:42,030
mention all that so you could so you

404
00:15:46,790 --> 00:15:45,390
could I know judge it on your own if

405
00:15:49,250 --> 00:15:46,800
you're the kind of person that can can

406
00:15:51,530 --> 00:15:49,260
go to a movie and appreciate the movie

407
00:15:53,360 --> 00:15:51,540
visually then then may I go see it but

408
00:15:56,329 --> 00:15:53,370
if but if you're really turned off by

409
00:15:57,860 --> 00:15:56,339
the bad signs which we all are but two a

410
00:15:59,540 --> 00:15:57,870
really great degree then maybe wait till

411
00:16:01,220 --> 00:15:59,550
it comes becomes on cable if you want to

412
00:16:03,260 --> 00:16:01,230
say it but it was a frustrating movie

413
00:16:05,360 --> 00:16:03,270

very frustrating that they're not taking

414

00:16:06,920 --> 00:16:05,370

the science as seriously as they should

415

00:16:09,560 --> 00:16:06,930

especially Ridley Scott I mean look at

416

00:16:11,150 --> 00:16:09,570

his you know Blade Runner alien it's

417

00:16:13,580 --> 00:16:11,160

expected a lot more from him especially

418

00:16:16,400 --> 00:16:13,590

from the gist of the characterizations

419

00:16:20,480 --> 00:16:16,410

and the acting and the story I was

420

00:16:22,700 --> 00:16:20,490

disappointed with that so yeah I'm Bob

421

00:16:26,510 --> 00:16:22,710

Bob novella I you're a huge Carl Sagan

422

00:16:29,000 --> 00:16:26,520

fan and i bought demon haunted world at

423

00:16:30,680 --> 00:16:29,010

tam australia and i founded a difficult

424

00:16:32,840 --> 00:16:30,690

book to finish because i found it the

425

00:16:35,660 --> 00:16:32,850

ideas and concepts are in there but i

426

00:16:37,280 --> 00:16:35,670

found it a little drive for me and as an

427

00:16:38,930 --> 00:16:37,290

entrance to it's a skepticism it was a

428

00:16:41,030 --> 00:16:38,940

little bit dry i don't know why that was

429

00:16:42,380 --> 00:16:41,040

the case and keeping that in mind you

430

00:16:44,420 --> 00:16:42,390

worried about what might happen with the

431

00:16:47,480 --> 00:16:44,430

redoing of cosmos with the Seth Green

432

00:16:48,830 --> 00:16:47,490

involved with it um I'm not you're

433

00:16:50,360 --> 00:16:48,840

worried what I know about the

434

00:16:53,570 --> 00:16:50,370

personalities involved i think they're

435

00:16:55,910 --> 00:16:53,580

going to do a fantastic job and also i

436

00:16:58,280 --> 00:16:55,920

think that there's on a great

437

00:17:00,680 --> 00:16:58,290

opportunity to appeal to other you know

438

00:17:03,200 --> 00:17:00,690

younger kids that make that might look

439

00:17:05,570 --> 00:17:03,210

at carl sagan's show from what was that

440

00:17:07,460 --> 00:17:05,580

from the 70s or the 80s oh yeah i think

441

00:17:08,870 --> 00:17:07,470

like somebody's early eighties yeah they

442

00:17:11,360 --> 00:17:08,880

might look at that and say and just be

443

00:17:14,270 --> 00:17:11,370

turned off just because it's you know so

444

00:17:16,850 --> 00:17:14,280

you know the world the turtleneck might

445

00:17:18,680 --> 00:17:16,860

turn the affair right even the fashion

446

00:17:21,620 --> 00:17:18,690

might turn them off but you know to

447

00:17:23,000 --> 00:17:21,630

bring sagan Sagan's ideas and beliefs to

448

00:17:24,440 --> 00:17:23,010

a new generation like that i think i

449

00:17:25,610 --> 00:17:24,450

think it's worth it and from what I know

450

00:17:26,930 --> 00:17:25,620

the people involved i think they're

451

00:17:28,880 --> 00:17:26,940

going to do a fantastic job so I'm not

452

00:17:31,070 --> 00:17:28,890

too worried about and really excited to

453

00:17:33,650 --> 00:17:31,080

see it and I can't wait for it to come

454

00:17:35,120 --> 00:17:33,660

out and and and so I found Damon hold of

455

00:17:36,800 --> 00:17:35,130

the world a little dries are there any

456

00:17:39,020 --> 00:17:36,810

other skeptic book you could recommend

457

00:17:40,490 --> 00:17:39,030

for me or for the beginner listener out

458

00:17:42,440 --> 00:17:40,500

there going they'd like to dive into a

459

00:17:44,600 --> 00:17:42,450

bit of reading I'm well I've got to

460

00:17:47,270 --> 00:17:44,610

recommend flim-flam I mean come on there

461

00:17:49,520 --> 00:17:47,280

you go Randy's a fantastic book if you

462

00:17:52,010 --> 00:17:49,530

wanted you know a fantastic preferred

463

00:17:53,240 --> 00:17:52,020

sign you know for skepticism I would say

464

00:17:55,250 --> 00:17:53,250

just just go right to that I can't

465

00:17:57,560 --> 00:17:55,260

recommend too many books have more than

466

00:17:59,450 --> 00:17:57,570

that and why aren't you guys bigger why

467

00:18:01,070 --> 00:17:59,460

aren't you on terrestrial radio why

468

00:18:02,960 --> 00:18:01,080

aren't we seeing photos of you guys on

469

00:18:04,510 --> 00:18:02,970

Billboard's going science is good for

470

00:18:11,800 --> 00:18:04,520

you shut up you know that sort of thing

471

00:18:16,940 --> 00:18:15,020

because so many things sell so much

472

00:18:19,460 --> 00:18:16,950

better than then what were you know

473

00:18:21,140 --> 00:18:19,470

we're you know where's what are we

474

00:18:23,300 --> 00:18:21,150

selling here we're selling uh you know

475

00:18:25,400 --> 00:18:23,310

you're selling critical thinking and

476

00:18:27,290 --> 00:18:25,410

people here that may go I thought to do

477

00:18:29,210 --> 00:18:27,300

thinking and I think that's always a

478

00:18:31,370 --> 00:18:29,220

problem isn't it right it is it is a

479

00:18:32,750 --> 00:18:31,380

problem and I mean people that sell hope

480

00:18:34,940 --> 00:18:32,760

I mean how do you compete with people

481

00:18:37,400 --> 00:18:34,950

that that sell these scams and these

482

00:18:38,930 --> 00:18:37,410

books and this nonsense that offering up

483

00:18:39,980 --> 00:18:38,940

offering the hope I did how do you

484

00:18:42,620 --> 00:18:39,990

compete with that you really really

485

00:18:43,610 --> 00:18:42,630

can't you've got it runs no that's seen

486

00:18:44,750 --> 00:18:43,620

in the Muppets movie where they're

487

00:18:46,520 --> 00:18:44,760

trying to sell their show to the network

488

00:18:48,050 --> 00:18:46,530

in the latest Muppet movie I can see all

489

00:18:50,150 --> 00:18:48,060

this to you people lined up there and

490

00:18:52,430 --> 00:18:50,160

we're going to teach people to think

491

00:18:53,900 --> 00:18:52,440

think out of the office I can see it's

492

00:18:55,160 --> 00:18:53,910

something like that you know but and

493

00:18:57,650 --> 00:18:55,170

then the next person comes didn't like a

494

00:18:59,480 --> 00:18:57,660

little pill here's the show uses your

495

00:19:01,400 --> 00:18:59,490

sign that kind of thing you know it's no

496

00:19:03,710 --> 00:19:01,410

silver bullet with your show no it isn't

497

00:19:05,450 --> 00:19:03,720

it takes it takes dedication you know it

498

00:19:07,460 --> 00:19:05,460

takes the desired and the appreciation

499

00:19:09,020 --> 00:19:07,470

of critical thinking and science and

500

00:19:11,360 --> 00:19:09,030

unfortunately a lot of people just don't

501

00:19:14,150 --> 00:19:11,370

have that so it's hard to appeal to a

502

00:19:15,890 --> 00:19:14,160

broad audience uh you know like the like

503

00:19:17,390 --> 00:19:15,900

the Jersey Shore I mean how do you know

504

00:19:20,090 --> 00:19:17,400

I compete with those demographics that

505

00:19:22,400 --> 00:19:20,100

people it's really hard it's really hard

506

00:19:26,600 --> 00:19:22,410

so Rebecca's drinking as much as you can

507

00:19:29,450 --> 00:19:26,610

haha well yeah if there's that but um

508

00:19:31,220 --> 00:19:29,460

but yeah the hope is that as time goes

509

00:19:32,570 --> 00:19:31,230

on more and more people will appreciate

510

00:19:34,520 --> 00:19:32,580

the value of critical thinking

511

00:19:36,710 --> 00:19:34,530

especially with all these scams and

512

00:19:38,720 --> 00:19:36,720

people losing money maybe they'll start

513

00:19:40,700 --> 00:19:38,730

appreciating more the fact that you know

514

00:19:43,490 --> 00:19:40,710

what you can achieve if you're just a

515

00:19:46,070 --> 00:19:43,500

good critical thinker and so yeah

516

00:19:48,110 --> 00:19:46,080

there's always that hope and but I think

517

00:19:50,060 --> 00:19:48,120

it's going to be hard for a long long

518

00:19:52,400 --> 00:19:50,070

time to compete with a to have such

519

00:19:54,110 --> 00:19:52,410

broad appeal that did you know other

520

00:19:55,930 --> 00:19:54,120

aspects of our culture have it's just

521

00:19:57,740 --> 00:19:55,940

too it's just a part of human nature and

522

00:20:00,470 --> 00:19:57,750

what you got it but we got to try to

523

00:20:02,060 --> 00:20:00,480

rise above that look up group thank you

524

00:20:03,560 --> 00:20:02,070

for the time to date because no chance

525

00:20:05,030 --> 00:20:03,570

you actually having Erich von Daniken on

526

00:20:08,540 --> 00:20:05,040

your show sometime in the near future as

527

00:20:10,670 --> 00:20:08,550

a guest of a rogue is it I am not sure

528

00:20:12,050 --> 00:20:10,680

if he's on our list but i'll check the

529

00:20:13,460 --> 00:20:12,060

list and see if I can get him on there's

530

00:20:16,880 --> 00:20:13,470

a few people in front of him yeah yeah

531

00:20:22,170 --> 00:20:20,490

it is indeed and look at that we're all

532

00:20:24,000 --> 00:20:22,180

the way here in Las Vegas but it's none

533

00:20:26,130 --> 00:20:24,010

other than posting lindley hello Maynard

534

00:20:27,810 --> 00:20:26,140

so it gives a little bit off your normal

535

00:20:31,320 --> 00:20:27,820

postal route isn't it a lot of my

536

00:20:33,060 --> 00:20:31,330

different postal route do you think that

537

00:20:34,290 --> 00:20:33,070

the American Postal we could learn

538

00:20:36,210 --> 00:20:34,300

something from the AmeriCorps postal

539

00:20:38,100 --> 00:20:36,220

system has there been some of the

540

00:20:40,170 --> 00:20:38,110

mailman news segways howdy reckon Segway

541

00:20:41,370 --> 00:20:40,180

would go in Australia to deliver mail I

542

00:20:43,200 --> 00:20:41,380

mean I know they're illegal because you

543

00:20:44,520 --> 00:20:43,210

can't use them on the footpath or on the

544

00:20:46,320 --> 00:20:44,530

road but do you think they'd be more

545

00:20:48,450 --> 00:20:46,330

effective as a delivery vehicle for mail

546

00:20:50,430 --> 00:20:48,460

as compared to the old postie bike not

547

00:20:52,710 --> 00:20:50,440

when the American post office is nearly

548

00:20:54,720 --> 00:20:52,720

out of business oh yes but that's only

549

00:20:56,610 --> 00:20:54,730

because they had to pay their

550

00:20:58,170 --> 00:20:56,620

superannuation many years in advance so

551

00:20:59,820 --> 00:20:58,180

they actually do make a profit but it

552

00:21:01,110 --> 00:20:59,830

goes into the superannuation fund that

553

00:21:02,280 --> 00:21:01,120

they've been forced to pay I know

554

00:21:07,200 --> 00:21:02,290

they're trying to get us all on push

555

00:21:09,090 --> 00:21:07,210

bikes that's too hard too much work now

556

00:21:13,810 --> 00:21:09,100

what are you looking forward to this

557

00:21:18,190 --> 00:21:16,000

by the way to debate you a picture post

558

00:21:19,750 --> 00:21:18,200

he literally has two drinks one drink in

559

00:21:22,390 --> 00:21:19,760

each hand in both those glasses of

560

00:21:26,410 --> 00:21:22,400

pretty much half empty people and full

561

00:21:27,790 --> 00:21:26,420

of vodka yeah so what do you really look

562

00:21:29,860 --> 00:21:27,800

I'm listening I definitely Penn &

563

00:21:31,330 --> 00:21:29,870

Teller's bacon and donut buddy which is

564

00:21:32,740 --> 00:21:31,340

tomorrow night it's just tomorrow night

565

00:21:35,260 --> 00:21:32,750

and they'll have both male and female

566

00:21:36,850 --> 00:21:35,270

strippers and that'll be fun both sorts

567

00:21:38,200 --> 00:21:36,860

of strippers I sorts of strippers and I

568

00:21:40,030 --> 00:21:38,210

could probably have a transgender one as

569

00:21:42,370 --> 00:21:40,040

well yeah definitely that'll go down

570

00:21:44,470 --> 00:21:42,380

well that would be very cool and i had a

571

00:21:46,780 --> 00:21:44,480

Henderson somewhere before too she's got

572

00:21:50,950 --> 00:21:46,790

a little mohawk she looks fantastic who

573

00:21:52,720 --> 00:21:50,960

is the she plays in penance man I can't

574

00:21:54,490 --> 00:21:52,730

remember what she plays but she sings as

575

00:21:57,310 --> 00:21:54,500

well so she she lost such as a famous

576

00:22:00,520 --> 00:21:57,320

Davis isn't she I think so yes yes I'll

577

00:22:06,720 --> 00:22:00,530

be looking forward to talking to dad if

578

00:22:09,820 --> 00:22:08,710

well it's finally happening a whole

579

00:22:11,350 --> 00:22:09,830

bunch of people hanging around waiting

580

00:22:13,270 --> 00:22:11,360

for Brian Dunning to appear how

581

00:22:14,950 --> 00:22:13,280

disappointed I am I've already seen

582

00:22:17,650 --> 00:22:14,960

Brian today hopefully because he's

583

00:22:20,500 --> 00:22:17,660

driving a cab buzzy no he was checking

584

00:22:23,200 --> 00:22:20,510

in the hotel yes and tells who you are

585

00:22:25,930 --> 00:22:23,210

and why you're here i'm sharon hill I

586

00:22:28,120 --> 00:22:25,940

run the doubtful news website that's a

587

00:22:30,250 --> 00:22:28,130

great website and I write a great nice

588

00:22:31,720 --> 00:22:30,260

twitter feed oh thank you very much I

589

00:22:34,030 --> 00:22:31,730

really appreciate that yeah we work

590

00:22:36,370 --> 00:22:34,040

really hard on it it's all the the cool

591

00:22:37,840 --> 00:22:36,380

skeptic news the weird news you know the

592

00:22:40,270 --> 00:22:37,850

stuff you don't want to know but need to

593

00:22:41,590 --> 00:22:40,280

know and where is it how can we find and

594

00:22:43,870 --> 00:22:41,600

tell us tell us I wanna know I wanna

595

00:22:46,240 --> 00:22:43,880

know I really want to know that's

596

00:22:50,080 --> 00:22:46,250

doubtful news.com and I know some people

597

00:22:52,930 --> 00:22:50,090

have trouble spelling doubt do you BTW

598

00:22:54,760 --> 00:22:52,940

ful calm so you can have a whole stack

599

00:22:58,270 --> 00:22:54,770

of stuff on your twitter feed what's the

600

00:23:00,880 --> 00:22:58,280

word that really annoys you oh boy um

601
00:23:03,640 --> 00:23:00,890
well you know we started on a Bigfoot

602
00:23:06,130 --> 00:23:03,650
for a while and the Bigfoot news got so

603
00:23:08,620 --> 00:23:06,140
weird that we had to stop covering it

604
00:23:11,760 --> 00:23:08,630
because we had like libel threats and

605
00:23:14,680 --> 00:23:11,770
and yeah I mean Bigfoot is now a

606
00:23:16,330 --> 00:23:14,690
casualty of the Colorado fire scene is

607
00:23:19,210 --> 00:23:16,340
burned in the fire and there's rumors

608
00:23:23,170 --> 00:23:19,220
that you know there was Bigfoot shot and

609
00:23:25,590 --> 00:23:23,180
killed the news just got so weird here's

610
00:23:29,620 --> 00:23:25,600
a question for you is it crypto zoology

611
00:23:31,420 --> 00:23:29,630
or cryptozoology well that depends on

612
00:23:34,390 --> 00:23:31,430
how conceited you want to make it oh

613
00:23:36,940 --> 00:23:34,400

yeah i'm caught up myself then it's

614

00:23:39,190 --> 00:23:36,950

zoology yes because the second row is in

615

00:23:41,920 --> 00:23:39,200

ology right right so if you want to be

616

00:23:44,860 --> 00:23:41,930

very scientific in particular about it

617

00:23:46,630 --> 00:23:44,870

you can call it cryptozoology Bigfoot's

618

00:23:48,940 --> 00:23:46,640

pretty well but what's the strangest one

619

00:23:50,530 --> 00:23:48,950

you've any that Tunguska event something

620

00:23:51,550 --> 00:23:50,540

turned up from the grassy knoll what's

621

00:23:55,630 --> 00:23:51,560

one of the strangest ones you've had

622

00:23:56,590 --> 00:23:55,640

recently oh boy um there's been some you

623

00:23:58,300 --> 00:23:56,600

never know what you're going to come up

624

00:24:01,690 --> 00:23:58,310

with but they're you know people say

625

00:24:05,140 --> 00:24:01,700

that UFOs are watching our nuclear

626

00:24:07,060 --> 00:24:05,150

facilities here in the US oh I mean it's

627

00:24:08,690 --> 00:24:07,070

probably something in an independent or

628

00:24:10,880 --> 00:24:08,700

visitor would like to have a look at

629

00:24:14,210 --> 00:24:10,890

I mean you know it's if we stuff it up

630

00:24:16,400 --> 00:24:14,220

it's a big thing but we just never know

631

00:24:18,680 --> 00:24:16,410

what as anyone who's ever watched land

632

00:24:20,510 --> 00:24:18,690

of the giants that Oh an allen classic

633

00:24:22,310 --> 00:24:20,520

they used to shoot the nuclear waste

634

00:24:24,140 --> 00:24:22,320

into space and that's why the giant

635

00:24:25,640 --> 00:24:24,150

people were really angry with the little

636

00:24:30,350 --> 00:24:25,650

earth people well that's a good story

637

00:24:31,610 --> 00:24:30,360

yeah like that yeah yes accessible but

638

00:24:33,170 --> 00:24:31,620

what's the one that makes you see red

639

00:24:38,210 --> 00:24:33,180

what makes you shake your fist at the

640

00:24:39,830 --> 00:24:38,220

television um anti vax anti back so when

641

00:24:41,870 --> 00:24:39,840

you're talking about lives at stake

642

00:24:43,010 --> 00:24:41,880

they're really makes me angry this is

643

00:24:44,990 --> 00:24:43,020

kind of what I don't make too many jokes

644

00:24:46,910 --> 00:24:45,000

about because it is that way yeah I mean

645

00:24:49,370 --> 00:24:46,920

UFOs other stuff yeah and what's the

646

00:24:51,140 --> 00:24:49,380

harm yeah but with an evac year and in

647

00:24:53,240 --> 00:24:51,150

this area where we are Nevada what does

648

00:24:54,560 --> 00:24:53,250

the vaccination rate around here is this

649

00:24:57,320 --> 00:24:54,570

a bit of a hippie trippy place like

650

00:25:01,010 --> 00:24:57,330

California um the population is kind of

651
00:25:02,720 --> 00:25:01,020
low in Nevada in general a Las Vegas

652
00:25:04,850 --> 00:25:02,730
Reno has got a few big cities but

653
00:25:06,230 --> 00:25:04,860
otherwise the people are like really

654
00:25:10,130 --> 00:25:06,240
really spread out I'm actually from

655
00:25:13,130 --> 00:25:10,140
Pennsylvania Oh Bethlehem I need Joshua

656
00:25:14,660 --> 00:25:13,140
about a about two hours away that's a

657
00:25:17,360 --> 00:25:14,670
good distance to be from him you know

658
00:25:18,680 --> 00:25:17,370
you otherwise will shave your head I've

659
00:25:21,789 --> 00:25:18,690
been there a couple times to visit I've

660
00:25:24,039 --> 00:25:21,799
been to geologic central there before

661
00:25:28,869 --> 00:25:24,049
so tell us what's George shrubs house

662
00:25:30,729 --> 00:25:28,879
like um I wasn't in his house I was he

663
00:25:32,799 --> 00:25:30,739

might had a poster of Aragon Daniken or

664

00:25:36,940 --> 00:25:32,809

something up there I was I was

665

00:25:38,229 --> 00:25:36,950

interviewing misinformation so y le do

666

00:25:40,149 --> 00:25:38,239

remember all right here in the

667

00:25:41,560 --> 00:25:40,159

background I don't she is she gonna be

668

00:25:43,060 --> 00:25:41,570

here to shoot I don't think she's

669

00:25:46,060 --> 00:25:43,070

hearing this year but she's such a doll

670

00:25:48,249 --> 00:25:46,070

yeah oh he is incredibly cute that's for

671

00:25:50,080 --> 00:25:48,259

sure she's smart she's cute she talks in

672

00:25:51,489 --> 00:25:50,090

the background she writes everything for

673

00:25:53,919 --> 00:25:51,499

George he hasn't had an original idea

674

00:25:55,269 --> 00:25:53,929

since 85 I believe he's she's written

675

00:25:57,999 --> 00:25:55,279

everything for him since then I'm not

676

00:25:59,049 --> 00:25:58,009

skeptical that at all and actually what

677

00:26:00,489 --> 00:25:59,059

is this what do you what do you get out

678

00:26:02,729 --> 00:26:00,499

of a weekend like this but everybody

679

00:26:05,769 --> 00:26:02,739

here I hope I feel like when I am

680

00:26:08,799 --> 00:26:05,779

insistent that Adam West was the best

681

00:26:11,080 --> 00:26:08,809

Batman ever and you know and Shatner was

682

00:26:12,909 --> 00:26:11,090

the best cook ever and I cooked in for

683

00:26:15,399 --> 00:26:12,919

bit of trouble this weekend yes you're

684

00:26:17,200 --> 00:26:15,409

probably right you'll find some diverse

685

00:26:24,999 --> 00:26:17,210

opinion you're christian bale batman are

686

00:26:28,299 --> 00:26:25,009

you oh how did you know yeah yes I am

687

00:26:30,310 --> 00:26:28,309

does anyone ever say George Clooney was

688

00:26:31,659 --> 00:26:30,320

one wasn't he does and he does anyone

689

00:26:33,399 --> 00:26:31,669

ever say George Clooney was the best

690

00:26:35,529 --> 00:26:33,409

Batman never I don't think that was his

691

00:26:37,299 --> 00:26:35,539

best work no you know so it's kind of

692

00:26:39,999 --> 00:26:37,309

forgettable yeah yeah but you're right

693

00:26:42,549 --> 00:26:40,009

he was pretty good what I'd say yeah

694

00:26:43,869 --> 00:26:42,559

well have a great time and I'm it's time

695

00:26:46,830 --> 00:26:43,879

for me to have some drinking and by the

696

00:26:49,560 --> 00:26:46,840

way what is a skeptical dream

697

00:26:53,340 --> 00:26:49,570

I don't know it's wide variety some some

698

00:26:55,110 --> 00:26:53,350

of us don't drink it all wine beer mixed

699

00:26:58,140 --> 00:26:55,120

drinks we got the whole array here jet

700

00:26:59,430 --> 00:26:58,150

lag and wine fantastic combination oh

701
00:27:04,740 --> 00:26:59,440
hang on knows I've been doing something

702
00:27:08,080 --> 00:27:04,750
hang on hang on me well worth this prop

703
00:27:15,279 --> 00:27:13,299
there you go this there you go basically

704
00:27:16,750 --> 00:27:15,289
means your time's up and what he looking

705
00:27:19,090 --> 00:27:16,760
forward to them what speaker this

706
00:27:20,350 --> 00:27:19,100
weekend is going to be I mean dr. Rachel

707
00:27:21,669 --> 00:27:20,360
obviously cause she's got some naked

708
00:27:22,899 --> 00:27:21,679
soccer players she's going to show on

709
00:27:25,630 --> 00:27:22,909
the big screen there but this is

710
00:27:28,840 --> 00:27:25,640
something fun anywhere particular Bruce

711
00:27:31,360 --> 00:27:28,850
hood Professor Bruce hood I'm big fan of

712
00:27:33,850 --> 00:27:31,370
his yes I love listening to him he's

713
00:27:36,549 --> 00:27:33,860

gonna be talking on Friday imagine about

714

00:27:38,019 --> 00:27:36,559

his new book yeah and by the way the

715

00:27:42,460 --> 00:27:38,029

person you're listening to is wearing a

716

00:27:44,649 --> 00:27:42,470

kiss t-shirt a little bit little bear is

717

00:27:47,289 --> 00:27:44,659

yeah I like things that are original one

718

00:27:53,019 --> 00:27:47,299

last question I was made for loving you

719

00:27:56,139 --> 00:27:53,029

a sell out or not oh man yes but it was

720

00:27:58,289 --> 00:27:56,149

still good I still love that song even

721

00:28:00,789 --> 00:27:58,299

when they do sellouts I do it well yeah

722

00:28:02,289 --> 00:28:00,799

where's the roller skates we were

723

00:28:04,600 --> 00:28:02,299

supposed to be rollerskating up the

724

00:28:07,060 --> 00:28:04,610

halls to Xanadu good right about to say

725

00:28:09,730 --> 00:28:07,070

Xanadu yes all over the world Olivia

726

00:28:11,370 --> 00:28:09,740

yeah oh yeah I need to drink some more

727

00:28:16,029 --> 00:28:11,380

yeah now what's the website again

728

00:28:17,950 --> 00:28:16,039

doubtful news com here is my card my

729

00:28:19,899 --> 00:28:17,960

first kind of the weekend exciting i'm

730

00:28:21,250 --> 00:28:19,909

currently carry these ID cards you know

731

00:28:23,500 --> 00:28:21,260

we throw them out we hand them out to

732

00:28:26,080 --> 00:28:23,510

people so they don't forget us can you

733

00:28:27,940 --> 00:28:26,090

explain richardsaunders hiccup I haven't

734

00:28:29,980 --> 00:28:27,950

seen Richard yet he has a new haircut or

735

00:28:36,680 --> 00:28:29,990

just his regular haircut it's very

736

00:28:41,000 --> 00:28:39,110

look Richard you just brought me into

737

00:28:42,020 --> 00:28:41,010

this very strange room here I thought it

738

00:28:43,220 --> 00:28:42,030

was a room that wasn't finished yet

739

00:28:44,780 --> 00:28:43,230

because there's a ladder in the middle

740

00:28:46,850 --> 00:28:44,790

of it that was my night and today

741

00:28:48,530 --> 00:28:46,860

happens to be friday the 13th or at the

742

00:28:50,150 --> 00:28:48,540

amazing meaning of course as a little

743

00:28:52,820 --> 00:28:50,160

room set aside here off the main

744

00:28:56,000 --> 00:28:52,830

corridor full of the most interesting

745

00:28:58,580 --> 00:28:56,010

items spread out there's food spread out

746

00:29:00,830 --> 00:28:58,590

before us there's a Ouija board over in

747

00:29:02,660 --> 00:29:00,840

the corner as an 8-ball a ladder as you

748

00:29:04,970 --> 00:29:02,670

mentioned before I have to wonder may

749

00:29:06,980 --> 00:29:04,980

not horseshoes what's going on well I've

750

00:29:08,450 --> 00:29:06,990

just behind me there's a nurse well

751
00:29:10,760 --> 00:29:08,460
certainly someone who is dressed like

752
00:29:12,710 --> 00:29:10,770
one who've we got here hello my name is

753
00:29:15,050 --> 00:29:12,720
Margaret Downey and i am the frigate

754
00:29:17,380 --> 00:29:15,060
triskaidekaphobia treatment nurse and

755
00:29:20,390 --> 00:29:17,390
you are in the frigate triskaidekaphobia

756
00:29:21,950 --> 00:29:20,400
treatment center I saw the sign at the

757
00:29:23,600 --> 00:29:21,960
front and I knew it meant something I

758
00:29:25,760 --> 00:29:23,610
thought it mighta Venus is fear of water

759
00:29:27,650 --> 00:29:25,770
what exactly what it was it well tell us

760
00:29:30,350 --> 00:29:27,660
all about it okay this is for people who

761
00:29:32,630 --> 00:29:30,360
have fear and trepidation about friday

762
00:29:34,790 --> 00:29:32,640
the 13th so we invite the man for a

763
00:29:37,520 --> 00:29:34,800

little treatment we put them through an

764

00:29:40,630 --> 00:29:37,530

obstacle course and we have them sign up

765

00:29:44,510 --> 00:29:40,640

to break for instance the mayan calendar

766

00:29:46,490 --> 00:29:44,520

pinata and one person one lucky person

767

00:29:49,010 --> 00:29:46,500

will be selected this afternoon to do

768

00:29:52,970 --> 00:29:49,020

that and we also pick one lucky person

769

00:29:55,940 --> 00:29:52,980

to break a mirror and of course we don't

770

00:29:58,220 --> 00:29:55,950

believe in seven years bad luck so but I

771

00:29:59,870 --> 00:29:58,230

do have to admit having a bit of a fear

772

00:30:01,790 --> 00:29:59,880

of the Ouija board for some reason

773

00:30:04,040 --> 00:30:01,800

there's something about potentially

774

00:30:06,260 --> 00:30:04,050

contacting another realm that it fires

775

00:30:08,330 --> 00:30:06,270

up in me now I don't know why this is

776

00:30:09,830 --> 00:30:08,340

and have you got an explanation to why I

777

00:30:13,640 --> 00:30:09,840

may be feeling that way let me give you

778

00:30:15,320 --> 00:30:13,650

a cat scan and see what's going on wow

779

00:30:16,700 --> 00:30:15,330

that's that's a nice cat you just held

780

00:30:17,870 --> 00:30:16,710

up in front of me there I guess thought

781

00:30:19,010 --> 00:30:17,880

you had to give up on the real one

782

00:30:21,380 --> 00:30:19,020

because they wouldn't cooperate with

783

00:30:24,410 --> 00:30:21,390

that exactly but look what your mind

784

00:30:27,470 --> 00:30:24,420

revealed you have secret superstitions

785

00:30:28,970 --> 00:30:27,480

hidden in your brain and I know that

786

00:30:30,920 --> 00:30:28,980

going through the treatment center you

787

00:30:34,460 --> 00:30:30,930

have butterflies in your stomach

788

00:30:36,410 --> 00:30:34,470

that's uncanny well please help yourself

789

00:30:39,230 --> 00:30:36,420

to free literature and look at all the

790

00:30:42,430 --> 00:30:39,240

museum setups because we talk about food

791

00:30:44,780 --> 00:30:42,440

related superstitions animal-related

792

00:30:46,760 --> 00:30:44,790

superstitions and all superstitions in

793

00:30:48,380 --> 00:30:46,770

between well now there must be somewhere

794

00:30:50,930 --> 00:30:48,390

online we can share in this kind of

795

00:30:53,080 --> 00:30:50,940

thing yes I have a website so please

796

00:30:57,140 --> 00:30:53,090

visit the frigate triskaidekaphobia

797

00:30:59,300 --> 00:30:57,150

dot-com a website is it that much room

798

00:31:01,760 --> 00:30:59,310

in a browser URL do you know if you put

799

00:31:03,770 --> 00:31:01,770

fri GG in there it'll come up

800

00:31:07,040 --> 00:31:03,780

automatically and you'll get right to my

801
00:31:10,040 --> 00:31:07,050
website and I love to share my ideas

802
00:31:12,770 --> 00:31:10,050
about throwing parties teaching critical

803
00:31:15,410 --> 00:31:12,780
thinking skills through the use of this

804
00:31:17,270 --> 00:31:15,420
particular idea so duplicate it all over

805
00:31:20,000 --> 00:31:17,280
the world thank you in the u.s. what is

806
00:31:22,460 --> 00:31:20,010
the most common superstition in this

807
00:31:25,400 --> 00:31:22,470
room that people seem to believe in well

808
00:31:28,250 --> 00:31:25,410
actually the the fear of friday the 13th

809
00:31:31,400 --> 00:31:28,260
has a strange impact on the economy

810
00:31:33,610 --> 00:31:31,410
people don't buy houses people don't buy

811
00:31:36,890 --> 00:31:33,620
cars they don't get married they

812
00:31:39,050 --> 00:31:36,900
postpone all these major decisions even

813
00:31:41,570 --> 00:31:39,060

um you know whether they're going to

814

00:31:44,030 --> 00:31:41,580

pursue a career they think it's unlucky

815

00:31:46,820 --> 00:31:44,040

to start on a Friday the 13th hotels

816

00:31:48,290 --> 00:31:46,830

don't even have the 13th floor I kind of

817

00:31:50,660 --> 00:31:48,300

go the other way because i was born on a

818

00:31:52,550 --> 00:31:50,670

13 so I kind of like it as a bit of a

819

00:31:54,680 --> 00:31:52,560

lucky day for me but I thought that was

820

00:31:56,900 --> 00:31:54,690

just me so that it that I really people

821

00:31:59,180 --> 00:31:56,910

do postpone major decisions yes yes and

822

00:32:01,190 --> 00:31:59,190

it impacts our economy so we want to put

823

00:32:02,570 --> 00:32:01,200

a stop to it because there is some

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00:32:04,490 --> 00:32:02,580

practical belief to some of them like

825

00:32:06,620 --> 00:32:04,500

walking under a ladder people might be

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00:32:08,750 --> 00:32:06,630

doing something above could fall on you

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00:32:11,060 --> 00:32:08,760

so there is that oh well that's common

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00:32:12,620 --> 00:32:11,070

sense you don't want to walk under a

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00:32:15,560 --> 00:32:12,630

ladder with a heavy pole that's perched

830

00:32:18,590 --> 00:32:15,570

on top of course so when it makes sense

831

00:32:21,770 --> 00:32:18,600

you need to abide by certain precautions

832

00:32:25,640 --> 00:32:21,780

but don't necessarily stop doing

833

00:32:28,220 --> 00:32:25,650

something if it if it's not real you

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00:32:31,160 --> 00:32:28,230

need to question that also oh you must

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00:32:33,920 --> 00:32:31,170

stop by and trash your horoscope because

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00:32:37,310 --> 00:32:33,930

we we believe that we must stop

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00:32:38,720 --> 00:32:37,320

prejudices and people who abide by

838

00:32:41,270 --> 00:32:38,730

horoscopes

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00:32:42,950 --> 00:32:41,280

and the astrological signs are being

840

00:32:45,530 --> 00:32:42,960

prejudiced against those people that

841

00:32:47,690 --> 00:32:45,540

they try to categorize you see there's

842

00:32:51,409 --> 00:32:47,700

no such thing as categorizing yourself

843

00:32:54,830 --> 00:32:51,419

according to us stars in the sky it's

844

00:32:57,530 --> 00:32:54,840

nonsense and then we also fight against

845

00:32:59,240 --> 00:32:57,540

prejudice against black cats yeah well

846

00:33:02,060 --> 00:32:59,250

I'm to stop that yeah and look you know

847

00:33:03,860 --> 00:33:02,070

particularly big big league big you all

848

00:33:05,630 --> 00:33:03,870

look like it I but Sir I believe you

849

00:33:07,820 --> 00:33:05,640

just took your life in your hands and

850

00:33:10,010 --> 00:33:07,830

walked under a ladder as I do every time

851

00:33:12,230 --> 00:33:10,020

across the street Wow okay so how do you

852

00:33:15,080 --> 00:33:12,240

feel about the same as it did before

853

00:33:16,669 --> 00:33:15,090

okay thank you wow that's that's one

854

00:33:18,049 --> 00:33:16,679

very little brave people come in here

855

00:33:21,470 --> 00:33:18,059

don't they well you know i'm going to

856

00:33:24,080 --> 00:33:21,480

give this man a clean bill of mental

857

00:33:27,710 --> 00:33:24,090

health for having gone through our

858

00:33:32,990 --> 00:33:27,720

obstacle course what it says is that he

859

00:33:35,270 --> 00:33:33,000

has gone through his test and he now has

860

00:33:37,580 --> 00:33:35,280

no fear of friday the 13th and he's

861

00:33:40,580 --> 00:33:37,590

going to rely on intelligence and the

862

00:33:43,100 --> 00:33:40,590

scientific method for decision making

863

00:33:45,020 --> 00:33:43,110

well that's probably the best way to do

864

00:33:48,940 --> 00:33:45,030

it really is no yes now i'm going to go

865

00:33:52,640 --> 00:33:48,950

over here and am I gonna get a bit again

866

00:33:54,409 --> 00:33:52,650

hello miss fortune teller oh and which

867

00:33:57,919 --> 00:33:54,419

university did you go to to get your PhD

868

00:34:00,770 --> 00:33:57,929

in fortune-telling oh this is a natural

869

00:34:02,060 --> 00:34:00,780

all natural born ability yes okay well

870

00:34:03,560 --> 00:34:02,070

um now what are we going to go through

871

00:34:05,060 --> 00:34:03,570

here and by the way I'm these things

872

00:34:06,260 --> 00:34:05,070

always make me very nervous no matter

873

00:34:08,330 --> 00:34:06,270

what the cause I've got a thing about

874

00:34:11,119 --> 00:34:08,340

this I don't know why you shouldn't be

875

00:34:12,889 --> 00:34:11,129

nervous I want you to relax I can see

876

00:34:14,330 --> 00:34:12,899

you seeing right through me now you can

877

00:34:16,430 --> 00:34:14,340

see all my secrets and everything and

878

00:34:19,520 --> 00:34:16,440

I'm nervous it's mostly the cards in

879

00:34:21,440 --> 00:34:19,530

this case see that's what I still feel

880

00:34:24,139 --> 00:34:21,450

guilty about stuff you say so guilty as

881

00:34:27,770 --> 00:34:24,149

if i was able to see right through you

882

00:34:29,090 --> 00:34:27,780

exactly mhmmm okay why not go anyway

883

00:34:31,040 --> 00:34:29,100

need hypnotist see they've got a funny

884

00:34:36,020 --> 00:34:31,050

thing about that either see I just relax

885

00:34:37,430 --> 00:34:36,030

close your eyes it's the cards what am I

886

00:34:39,740 --> 00:34:37,440

gonna do with the cards you will just

887

00:34:41,270 --> 00:34:39,750

sit there and relax also and empty your

888

00:34:42,800 --> 00:34:41,280

mind because I don't want I did that

889

00:34:44,210 --> 00:34:42,810

before I came yes I don't want you to

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00:34:45,550 --> 00:34:44,220

have anything in your mind and I will

891

00:34:50,350 --> 00:34:45,560

lay them down right

892

00:34:52,630 --> 00:34:50,360

here and as soon as i'm done with my

893

00:34:54,040 --> 00:34:52,640

layout but we can have a speed rating

894

00:34:56,860 --> 00:34:54,050

here because because there's a cellar

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00:34:59,320 --> 00:34:56,870

manual mirus meshing well yes pick a

896

00:35:03,490 --> 00:34:59,330

card any card that you feel drawn to

897

00:35:06,010 --> 00:35:03,500

alright i would take and that is your

898

00:35:08,910 --> 00:35:06,020

misfortune read it there is not yet a

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00:35:11,590 --> 00:35:08,920

pill or shot for your health problems oh

900

00:35:12,430 --> 00:35:11,600

okay yeah that's kind of right yeah I

901
00:35:13,870 --> 00:35:12,440
mean they haven't got the right

902
00:35:15,880 --> 00:35:13,880
psychiatric drugs that would certainly

903
00:35:19,300 --> 00:35:15,890
help me I know that for sure well okay

904
00:35:21,430 --> 00:35:19,310
and you can pick this card what life has

905
00:35:24,310 --> 00:35:21,440
no meaning at least for you yeah okay

906
00:35:25,720 --> 00:35:24,320
yeah that's true oh hang on hang on a

907
00:35:27,130 --> 00:35:25,730
min are you saying these cards are all

908
00:35:29,290 --> 00:35:27,140
the general specific thing that could

909
00:35:33,010 --> 00:35:29,300
mean anything to anyone in need John hmm

910
00:35:34,240 --> 00:35:33,020
is that what I'm saying are you I think

911
00:35:35,860 --> 00:35:34,250
I've got some thinking to do and you

912
00:35:38,590 --> 00:35:35,870
have a mirror to smashing no that's

913
00:35:40,420 --> 00:35:38,600

right I do thank you I don't know oh

914

00:35:41,830 --> 00:35:40,430

dear more thinking to do on your

915

00:35:55,920 --> 00:35:41,840

shouldn't have come here thank you very

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00:36:01,300 --> 00:35:58,569

the Australian skeptics National

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00:36:03,609 --> 00:36:01,310

Convention for 2012 starts on Friday and

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00:36:05,859 --> 00:36:03,619

November 30th with a cocktail evening at

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00:36:07,960 --> 00:36:05,869

Melvin's immigration museum where you

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00:36:09,609 --> 00:36:07,970

can meet mingle with free and critical

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00:36:11,950 --> 00:36:09,619

thinkers and some of your favorite

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00:36:13,930 --> 00:36:11,960

skeptics the convention theme is active

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00:36:16,240 --> 00:36:13,940

skepticism changing for the better and

924

00:36:18,550 --> 00:36:16,250

continues over the first and second of

925

00:36:20,740 --> 00:36:18,560

december at the stunning spot theater at

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00:36:23,410 --> 00:36:20,750

the university of melbourne the lineup

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00:36:25,960 --> 00:36:23,420

so far includes James Randi DJ Grothe

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00:36:28,450 --> 00:36:25,970

Brian Thompson rebecca watson lawrence

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00:36:30,819 --> 00:36:28,460

Ion ken harvey rachel dunlop Richard

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00:36:32,380 --> 00:36:30,829

Saunders and many many others a gala

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00:36:35,230 --> 00:36:32,390

dinner will be held on the saturday

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00:36:37,120 --> 00:36:35,240

night at melvins iconic Arts Center for

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00:36:39,069 --> 00:36:37,130

more precise details and complete

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00:36:41,559 --> 00:36:39,079

ticketing information make your way to

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00:36:43,720 --> 00:36:41,569

the Victorian skeptics website and click

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00:36:45,970 --> 00:36:43,730

on the blue button labeled convention

937

00:36:48,190 --> 00:36:45,980

details here you'll find more

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00:36:50,410 --> 00:36:48,200

information on speakers accommodation

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00:36:52,690 --> 00:36:50,420

transport and a photo gallery on the

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00:36:54,579 --> 00:36:52,700

various venues you can keep up with

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00:36:57,069 --> 00:36:54,589

ongoing developments via the facebook

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00:36:59,589 --> 00:36:57,079

page thats curiously named australian

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00:37:02,230 --> 00:36:59,599

skeptics national convention 2012 and

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00:37:17,480 --> 00:37:02,240

don't forget to follow odds skip con on

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00:37:24,510 --> 00:37:22,050

well folks here that cam is really in

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00:37:26,160 --> 00:37:24,520

full swing in fact it's a little break

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00:37:28,470 --> 00:37:26,170

now between sessions and i'm back at the

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00:37:30,420 --> 00:37:28,480

skeptic the australian skeptics table

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00:37:32,790 --> 00:37:30,430

lots of people hundreds and hundreds of

950

00:37:34,470 --> 00:37:32,800

people milling around that somebody

951
00:37:37,290 --> 00:37:34,480
who's come to sit next to me who i met

952
00:37:39,480 --> 00:37:37,300
the other day its helium are you doing

953
00:37:42,960 --> 00:37:39,490
I'm well now that's not American accent

954
00:37:45,150 --> 00:37:42,970
no now I'm an expert originally from

955
00:37:48,870 --> 00:37:45,160
Perth and I've been living in Las Vegas

956
00:37:53,609 --> 00:37:48,880
for a year now and living in Los Vegas

957
00:37:56,400 --> 00:37:53,619
is this dream come true for the record

958
00:37:58,290 --> 00:37:56,410
our to say yes I'm glad to hear it i

959
00:38:00,240 --> 00:37:58,300
like Las Vegas it's a fun place to visit

960
00:38:03,690 --> 00:38:00,250
I don't know about living here but so is

961
00:38:05,849 --> 00:38:03,700
a fun place to visit now you are very I

962
00:38:07,140 --> 00:38:05,859
am indebted to your very grateful

963
00:38:08,340 --> 00:38:07,150

because you offered to pick me up from

964

00:38:10,320 --> 00:38:08,350

the airport which you did which was

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00:38:13,109 --> 00:38:10,330

fabulous it's really nice to have a

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00:38:14,490 --> 00:38:13,119

little bit of luxury like that and then

967

00:38:16,590 --> 00:38:14,500

I discovered that you're involved in a

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00:38:19,440 --> 00:38:16,600

very interesting organization here yes

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00:38:24,120 --> 00:38:19,450

it's the secular student alliance it's a

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00:38:28,560 --> 00:38:24,130

network of about 240 groups around the

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00:38:32,640 --> 00:38:28,570

nation high schools universities are

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00:38:35,220 --> 00:38:32,650

current our local group consists of

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00:38:38,160 --> 00:38:35,230

about thirty to fifty members though 50

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00:38:41,490 --> 00:38:38,170

total 30 regulars I think that the main

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00:38:44,240 --> 00:38:41,500

thing is to have a community so at least

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00:38:48,110 --> 00:38:44,250

here in the United States

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00:38:51,050 --> 00:38:48,120

atheists skeptics very very very low

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00:38:53,540 --> 00:38:51,060

percentage of the population and I

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00:38:55,190 --> 00:38:53,550

cannot open be marginalizing being being

980

00:38:57,710 --> 00:38:55,200

an atheist in the United States I'd

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00:38:59,510 --> 00:38:57,720

absolutely believed that and I guess it

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00:39:01,130 --> 00:38:59,520

also depends on where exactly where you

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00:39:05,360 --> 00:39:01,140

are in the United States said get

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00:39:08,090 --> 00:39:05,370

different reactions exactly yes to be

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00:39:12,230 --> 00:39:08,100

fair Las Vegas's is probably one of the

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00:39:14,360 --> 00:39:12,240

more friendly places around there I also

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00:39:18,380 --> 00:39:14,370

do other things so we we have group

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00:39:20,170 --> 00:39:18,390

activities as a community we also get

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00:39:23,720 --> 00:39:20,180

speakers in so you have heard people

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00:39:26,900 --> 00:39:23,730

like Ted Cox Darryl ray he's admirers

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00:39:29,900 --> 00:39:26,910

and great a casino hello the way you say

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00:39:32,060 --> 00:39:29,910

P's Edmar isn't I get in a lot of

993

00:39:33,860 --> 00:39:32,070

trouble where's my American friends I

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00:39:36,080 --> 00:39:33,870

saying that well of course for our

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00:39:38,060 --> 00:39:36,090

American listen is there z is pronounced

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00:39:39,650 --> 00:39:38,070

dead in Australia but you know I call

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00:39:43,940 --> 00:39:39,660

him pz because that's what everyone

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00:39:47,030 --> 00:39:43,950

calls him but you know well we also do

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00:39:48,710 --> 00:39:47,040

protests actually my first my first

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00:39:50,360 --> 00:39:48,720

interaction with the group was the

1001
00:39:52,610 --> 00:39:50,370
Westboro Baptist Church came to Las

1002
00:39:54,890 --> 00:39:52,620
Vegas all those famous guys write God

1003
00:39:57,260 --> 00:39:54,900
hates everything I yes yes that was that

1004
00:40:01,250 --> 00:39:57,270
was a fun time so that's how I i found

1005
00:40:03,350 --> 00:40:01,260
the group and today I've I'm the public

1006
00:40:06,110 --> 00:40:03,360
events officer for the group so it's my

1007
00:40:09,320 --> 00:40:06,120
responsibility to find interesting

1008
00:40:12,100 --> 00:40:09,330
speakers find prominent people and the

1009
00:40:14,630 --> 00:40:12,110
skeptical and the Atheist community and

1010
00:40:17,690 --> 00:40:14,640
see if we can get them to to do it talks

1011
00:40:19,970 --> 00:40:17,700
for for our group fantastic now if

1012
00:40:21,770 --> 00:40:19,980
people are interested to find out what

1013
00:40:26,000 --> 00:40:21,780

website should they visit the website to

1014

00:40:27,410 --> 00:40:26,010

go to is secular students org and this

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00:40:30,110 --> 00:40:27,420

is getting this is getting a pretty big

1016

00:40:32,390 --> 00:40:30,120

movement in America and I think there

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00:40:34,000 --> 00:40:32,400

are some some affiliate groups in

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00:40:36,040 --> 00:40:34,010

Australia so

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00:40:38,050 --> 00:40:36,050

if you feel like you can organize and

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00:40:40,450 --> 00:40:38,060

you get some friends together then I

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00:40:42,250 --> 00:40:40,460

highly suggest starting a group what a

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00:40:44,080 --> 00:40:42,260

great idea pokes you can also visit the

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00:40:46,840 --> 00:40:44,090

show notes for this episode that skeptic

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00:40:49,030 --> 00:40:46,850

zone got TV to find out more well Liam

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00:40:50,410 --> 00:40:49,040

again thank you very much for being nice

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00:40:52,510 --> 00:40:50,420

enough to collect me from the airport

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00:40:54,040 --> 00:40:52,520

and enjoy the rest of the amazing

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00:41:08,230 --> 00:40:54,050

meeting thank you very much for let me

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00:41:10,150 --> 00:41:08,240

on the show hello I'm Finn I'm co-host

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00:41:12,640 --> 00:41:10,160

of the skipper cons podcaster podcast

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00:41:14,170 --> 00:41:12,650

from Dublin Ireland we look at things of

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00:41:17,920 --> 00:41:14,180

a skeptical nature from an Irish point

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00:41:24,210 --> 00:41:17,930

of view you can find us on WWF for coins

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00:41:26,260 --> 00:41:24,220

com that's sk v.p or e CH a UNS com

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00:41:27,580 --> 00:41:26,270

please listen to us and give us some

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00:41:38,419 --> 00:41:27,590

feedback we love hearing from our

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00:41:42,509 --> 00:41:41,039

look I'm at skeptics in the pub and

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00:41:44,039 --> 00:41:42,519

we're in the usual airlock where i talk

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00:41:46,139 --> 00:41:44,049

to people of course people will walk

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00:41:48,179 --> 00:41:46,149

past from time to time I have Albert and

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00:41:50,699 --> 00:41:48,189

gene here good evening good evening good

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00:41:52,469 --> 00:41:50,709

evening and now I believe you may be

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00:41:54,120 --> 00:41:52,479

interested in taking the skeptics

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00:41:58,709 --> 00:41:54,130

challenge here in Australia of what do

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00:42:02,399 --> 00:41:58,719

you claim well we claim that gene can

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00:42:05,939 --> 00:42:02,409

read people's minds to to a certain

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00:42:11,459 --> 00:42:05,949

degree that's their past experiences and

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00:42:14,130 --> 00:42:11,469

their life in general and she's been

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00:42:16,380 --> 00:42:14,140

able to do this in the past many 300

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00:42:19,349 --> 00:42:16,390

many times many many times when we were

1051
00:42:21,719 --> 00:42:19,359
living in Hong Kong and in China as I

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00:42:24,630 --> 00:42:21,729
like to do it with people I hadn't met

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00:42:26,249 --> 00:42:24,640
before because I wouldn't like to be

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00:42:29,069 --> 00:42:26,259
cheating but when it was people that I

1055
00:42:30,929 --> 00:42:29,079
had to have an interpreter for two for

1056
00:42:33,719 --> 00:42:30,939
me to tell them what I could see and

1057
00:42:36,149 --> 00:42:33,729
feel I felt that it was genuine you know

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00:42:38,189 --> 00:42:36,159
than what I was saying and gene how did

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00:42:39,389 --> 00:42:38,199
you discover this with most people who

1060
00:42:41,009 --> 00:42:39,399
have this ability it's when they're

1061
00:42:42,689 --> 00:42:41,019
younger and they kind of mentioned yeah

1062
00:42:46,259 --> 00:42:42,699
it hasn't happened when we went to work

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00:42:50,159 --> 00:42:46,269

in China and Hong Kong the telling

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00:42:52,499 --> 00:42:50,169

cricket club was holding a fight and

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00:42:55,859 --> 00:42:52,509

they said to me gene what would you like

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00:42:57,839 --> 00:42:55,869

to do what sort of saw would you like to

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00:42:59,579 --> 00:42:57,849

head and I didn't want to do a cake

1068

00:43:02,009 --> 00:42:59,589

stall or anything like that I said look

1069

00:43:04,079 --> 00:43:02,019

put me in a tent and I'll read far palms

1070

00:43:07,109 --> 00:43:04,089

I didn't think I could do it i thought i

1071

00:43:08,009 --> 00:43:07,119

was just just give a go i yes hang on

1072

00:43:11,459 --> 00:43:08,019

there's just some people coming through

1073

00:43:15,120 --> 00:43:11,469

I thought you'd have a go it was a bit

1074

00:43:17,789 --> 00:43:15,130

of a joke yes and I had two of the

1075

00:43:19,439 --> 00:43:17,799

ladies they they got me the customers

1076
00:43:20,580 --> 00:43:19,449
because we had a lot of people come to

1077
00:43:22,650 --> 00:43:20,590
the club

1078
00:43:25,920 --> 00:43:22,660
and I said as long as I don't have to

1079
00:43:28,080 --> 00:43:25,930
handle money i'll be happy just ring a

1080
00:43:31,890 --> 00:43:28,090
bell at the end of ten minutes and they

1081
00:43:34,380 --> 00:43:31,900
can go and all i wanted them to say on

1082
00:43:35,940 --> 00:43:34,390
my accuracy of reading their palms and

1083
00:43:39,210 --> 00:43:35,950
looking at them and holding their pulse

1084
00:43:42,660 --> 00:43:39,220
score up give me a score out of 10 and i

1085
00:43:45,360 --> 00:43:42,670
never got less than nine hmm and what

1086
00:43:46,650 --> 00:43:45,370
was can you explain this so that you can

1087
00:43:50,340 --> 00:43:46,660
either of you explain how this has come

1088
00:43:54,690 --> 00:43:50,350

about now we don't know I have an idea

1089

00:43:59,130 --> 00:43:54,700

that as we have electrical impulses in

1090

00:44:05,460 --> 00:43:59,140

our biological build up that our mind

1091

00:44:08,960 --> 00:44:05,470

has a certain range of electrical waves

1092

00:44:14,100 --> 00:44:08,970

if you like brain waves or electrical

1093

00:44:16,920 --> 00:44:14,110

wave lengths and maybe our wavelength

1094

00:44:19,320 --> 00:44:16,930

will meet you do you think perhaps Genie

1095

00:44:21,120 --> 00:44:19,330

have a quite a talent for cold reading

1096

00:44:22,620 --> 00:44:21,130

people you can read the reactions in

1097

00:44:25,110 --> 00:44:22,630

their face and do it that way I had to

1098

00:44:27,060 --> 00:44:25,120

go into China to open a factory and I

1099

00:44:30,720 --> 00:44:27,070

was the head one of the head guests and

1100

00:44:32,610 --> 00:44:30,730

I sing at the top table with all Chinese

1101

00:44:35,180 --> 00:44:32,620

I couldn't speak English just my

1102

00:44:39,390 --> 00:44:35,190

interpreter was sitting opposite me and

1103

00:44:41,370 --> 00:44:39,400

I had the Chief of Police of that whole

1104

00:44:43,860 --> 00:44:41,380

province sex to me I was getting a bit

1105

00:44:48,420 --> 00:44:43,870

bored not said to the are policemen the

1106

00:44:51,600 --> 00:44:48,430

old police true I said let me read your

1107

00:44:57,060 --> 00:44:51,610

palm you know I'll get my interpreter

1108

00:45:00,030 --> 00:44:57,070

across the table to translate so I said

1109

00:45:03,480 --> 00:45:00,040

to him you've got three children no two

1110

00:45:06,090 --> 00:45:03,490

children a boy and a girl she kicked me

1111

00:45:08,070 --> 00:45:06,100

under the table one child and she's

1112

00:45:11,360 --> 00:45:08,080

trying to tell me to tell him one and I

1113

00:45:14,760 --> 00:45:11,370

said no no he had a daughter and a son I

1114

00:45:18,030 --> 00:45:14,770

said and he's looking at me and I said

1115

00:45:21,150 --> 00:45:18,040

the daughter left home when she was 16

1116

00:45:22,890 --> 00:45:21,160

and you haven't heard from her since but

1117

00:45:24,990 --> 00:45:22,900

I said it's a strange thing both your

1118

00:45:26,640 --> 00:45:25,000

children were adopted now fancy telling

1119

00:45:29,260 --> 00:45:26,650

a Chinese man that his family was

1120

00:45:30,430 --> 00:45:29,270

adopted in China yes that

1121

00:45:32,410 --> 00:45:30,440

and I said they're going out on a limb

1122

00:45:34,840 --> 00:45:32,420

there I was I don't know where it was

1123

00:45:37,660 --> 00:45:34,850

coming from but I was worried and she

1124

00:45:40,780 --> 00:45:37,670

said gene he's the police chief you know

1125

00:45:43,810 --> 00:45:40,790

that's okay I said did both adopted I

1126
00:45:45,250 --> 00:45:43,820
said in your wife it's not Chinese now a

1127
00:45:47,110 --> 00:45:45,260
fancy coming out and illumined telling

1128
00:45:50,050 --> 00:45:47,120
him that yeah I said she comes from

1129
00:45:52,710 --> 00:45:50,060
Cambodia I sure I didn't even know we

1130
00:45:57,700 --> 00:45:52,720
Cambodia was at that stage I so stupid

1131
00:46:01,420 --> 00:45:57,710
anyway yes and I said and I can see your

1132
00:46:04,750 --> 00:46:01,430
wife is not well I can see a wheelchair

1133
00:46:07,510 --> 00:46:04,760
she's going to be in a wheelchair I know

1134
00:46:08,800 --> 00:46:07,520
a little bit later and she's translate

1135
00:46:11,380 --> 00:46:08,810
and all this and trying to shut me up

1136
00:46:14,560 --> 00:46:11,390
and I said I think she's got multiple

1137
00:46:17,650 --> 00:46:14,570
sclerosis which she did have was she

1138
00:46:19,450 --> 00:46:17,660

developed and he's by this time I was

1139

00:46:23,860 --> 00:46:19,460

looking at him I just hold his hand he

1140

00:46:26,680 --> 00:46:23,870

tears up or down his face and he said

1141

00:46:31,240 --> 00:46:26,690

it's all true he said I've never had

1142

00:46:32,830 --> 00:46:31,250

anyone read my life like you have as a

1143

00:46:34,690 --> 00:46:32,840

lot more things I said to him but I

1144

00:46:38,110 --> 00:46:34,700

can't remember now because this was 20

1145

00:46:39,670 --> 00:46:38,120

years ago and gene can you tell me when

1146

00:46:41,590 --> 00:46:39,680

when you see these things about people's

1147

00:46:44,350 --> 00:46:41,600

lives how do they appear to they appear

1148

00:46:47,140 --> 00:46:44,360

as words do they appear as images how do

1149

00:46:50,170 --> 00:46:47,150

they pd you just comes out I've become

1150

00:46:52,990 --> 00:46:50,180

very vocal and I'm sort of not in a

1151
00:46:55,180 --> 00:46:53,000
trance I'm quite with it and now but how

1152
00:46:56,860 --> 00:46:55,190
did you make of it Jeanne's newfound

1153
00:46:58,720 --> 00:46:56,870
ability after she thought every bit of a

1154
00:47:00,660 --> 00:46:58,730
goad reading parts and turns out she can

1155
00:47:04,210 --> 00:47:00,670
actually do something as a

1156
00:47:07,560 --> 00:47:04,220
dyed-in-the-wool skeptic and atheist I

1157
00:47:10,500 --> 00:47:07,570
don't believe that it's a gift from

1158
00:47:15,250 --> 00:47:10,510
outside spiritual or anything like that

1159
00:47:20,260 --> 00:47:15,260
and I just had to accept it

1160
00:47:24,820 --> 00:47:20,270
and not only did she have gained the

1161
00:47:29,380 --> 00:47:24,830
ability to read people's past life but

1162
00:47:32,080 --> 00:47:29,390
also she wrote beautiful poetry from

1163
00:47:35,140 --> 00:47:32,090

that time she wrote some very very nice

1164

00:47:37,060 --> 00:47:35,150

poems and what I'm asking you is how do

1165

00:47:40,150 --> 00:47:37,070

you suggest we test this was the way of

1166

00:47:43,000 --> 00:47:40,160

testing well I've asked Ian Bryce to

1167

00:47:45,400 --> 00:47:43,010

come up with a criteria do it with

1168

00:47:47,830 --> 00:47:45,410

someone else I was surprised i could do

1169

00:47:51,250 --> 00:47:47,840

it i do you know this is something that

1170

00:47:54,700 --> 00:47:51,260

i don't do here albert wanted me to make

1171

00:47:56,950 --> 00:47:54,710

money out of it enjoy and i wasn't

1172

00:47:58,780 --> 00:47:56,960

interested well i'm told that these

1173

00:48:00,400 --> 00:47:58,790

powers it's not good if you use them in

1174

00:48:02,290 --> 00:48:00,410

the realm for money i'm told this by

1175

00:48:04,270 --> 00:48:02,300

another people it's not good when

1176

00:48:06,760 --> 00:48:04,280

they're i use the word karma to be doing

1177

00:48:09,730 --> 00:48:06,770

that I don't know we did discuss the

1178

00:48:13,690 --> 00:48:09,740

possibility of staying in China or Hong

1179

00:48:16,840 --> 00:48:13,700

Kong because every time we would for a

1180

00:48:21,840 --> 00:48:16,850

trip to China on as a tourist and every

1181

00:48:24,580 --> 00:48:21,850

time we stopped to try this out being

1182

00:48:28,330 --> 00:48:24,590

queues of people came up warning there

1183

00:48:31,570 --> 00:48:28,340

but with a very very superstitious so we

1184

00:48:34,360 --> 00:48:31,580

could have stayed in China and probably

1185

00:48:37,450 --> 00:48:34,370

made a fortune out of it however we got

1186

00:48:39,490 --> 00:48:37,460

am sick and we gotta our family we're

1187

00:48:41,350 --> 00:48:39,500

married we've been 62 years marriage

1188

00:48:43,780 --> 00:48:41,360

yeah I've got to serve all that you two

1189

00:48:45,640 --> 00:48:43,790

peas in a pot that's a show no no I

1190

00:48:48,910 --> 00:48:45,650

don't believe in what he believes in

1191

00:48:51,730 --> 00:48:48,920

he's a real life used atheist and he

1192

00:48:53,500 --> 00:48:51,740

says troublemaker album but its present

1193

00:48:55,900 --> 00:48:53,510

he'd like to start the revolution get

1194

00:48:57,400 --> 00:48:55,910

rid of banks and make everything a lot

1195

00:49:00,610 --> 00:48:57,410

of it have a word to me letter L but I

1196

00:49:02,320 --> 00:49:00,620

could you I'm down on your side but but

1197

00:49:04,900 --> 00:49:02,330

you're much more holistic about the

1198

00:49:07,270 --> 00:49:04,910

approach of it or well when I came back

1199

00:49:08,950 --> 00:49:07,280

here I was talking to the ladies at the

1200

00:49:11,250 --> 00:49:08,960

Bowling Club and said you know I had a

1201

00:49:14,130 --> 00:49:11,260

bit of fortunate in

1202

00:49:15,750 --> 00:49:14,140

a bit clearer vine and this he was the

1203

00:49:18,120 --> 00:49:15,760

head of the club he said I don't believe

1204

00:49:20,820 --> 00:49:18,130

in all that crap journey and I said well

1205

00:49:23,160 --> 00:49:20,830

show me a hand and I looked at it and I

1206

00:49:25,620 --> 00:49:23,170

said look something terrible happened to

1207

00:49:30,360 --> 00:49:25,630

you when you were 32 years old now you

1208

00:49:32,600 --> 00:49:30,370

listen to this and he just I said do you

1209

00:49:35,220 --> 00:49:32,610

want me to continue and he said yes

1210

00:49:37,650 --> 00:49:35,230

because he didn't think I knew I said

1211

00:49:39,660 --> 00:49:37,660

your wife died she was an epileptic and

1212

00:49:43,130 --> 00:49:39,670

she had a fit in the bath and drowned

1213

00:49:45,630 --> 00:49:43,140

now where the hell would I get that from

1214

00:49:47,970 --> 00:49:45,640

that is that is a pretty amazing guess

1215

00:49:49,470 --> 00:49:47,980

if it was a guess I guess it just came

1216

00:49:52,410 --> 00:49:49,480

through and you guess that's all yeah

1217

00:49:54,180 --> 00:49:52,420

well i think i have got it but i don't

1218

00:49:56,550 --> 00:49:54,190

say i can get it to say you come up and

1219

00:49:58,350 --> 00:49:56,560

I can get vibes from you and go through

1220

00:50:00,750 --> 00:49:58,360

some bloody tests on the side you know

1221

00:50:03,960 --> 00:50:00,760

they get it and what about I don't need

1222

00:50:05,460 --> 00:50:03,970

a million dollars is it palms or what is

1223

00:50:07,410 --> 00:50:05,470

it you normally that normally activates

1224

00:50:09,600 --> 00:50:07,420

what you've got well it's not only palms

1225

00:50:12,540 --> 00:50:09,610

it's just I think it's just so you hold

1226

00:50:14,130 --> 00:50:12,550

your hand I must get something from you

1227

00:50:15,390 --> 00:50:14,140

I don't know what it is ought to be

1228

00:50:16,830 --> 00:50:15,400

probably feeling I'm feeling negative

1229

00:50:19,110 --> 00:50:16,840

guys say be getting lots of negative

1230

00:50:23,760 --> 00:50:19,120

vibes for me at the moment let's have a

1231

00:50:25,500 --> 00:50:23,770

look kimchi glasses I didn't bring them

1232

00:50:27,570 --> 00:50:25,510

now I've got it I gotta warn you I'm

1233

00:50:29,640 --> 00:50:27,580

very worried this the sort thing spooks

1234

00:50:31,920 --> 00:50:29,650

me out so don't don't so don't say too

1235

00:50:33,300 --> 00:50:31,930

much I get freaked out very might be

1236

00:50:35,960 --> 00:50:33,310

with the skeptics as a fellow traveler

1237

00:50:40,380 --> 00:50:35,970

but this stuff really freaks me out

1238

00:50:42,660 --> 00:50:40,390

what's shower should you because deep

1239

00:50:44,910 --> 00:50:42,670

down you're not a skeptic well there you

1240

00:50:46,950 --> 00:50:44,920

go see you a thing I won't say anymore

1241

00:50:48,570 --> 00:50:46,960

well the problem is that the skeptics

1242

00:50:50,280 --> 00:50:48,580

are not a skeptic and my paranormal

1243

00:50:51,690 --> 00:50:50,290

friends say I'm not a real paranormal

1244

00:50:54,180 --> 00:50:51,700

personally that's like I get shot by

1245

00:50:56,550 --> 00:50:54,190

both the ability to be a lot and

1246

00:50:58,740 --> 00:50:56,560

paranormal than you were to believe you

1247

00:51:01,460 --> 00:50:58,750

know when you see this in my hand that

1248

00:51:03,830 --> 00:51:01,470

shows that i've i've got the gift

1249

00:51:10,970 --> 00:51:03,840

and which exact fold is that sorry i'll

1250

00:51:12,770 --> 00:51:10,980

show you my saw where does to you nice

1251

00:51:15,410 --> 00:51:12,780

mocha I guess here it is that up there

1252

00:51:18,589 --> 00:51:15,420

there and there that's a big game long

1253

00:51:22,790 --> 00:51:18,599

ok so like an inverted kind of why yeah

1254

00:51:26,210 --> 00:51:22,800

well I'm both hands either p.m. here we

1255

00:51:30,050 --> 00:51:26,220

are here been better Sam mm-hmm well

1256

00:51:32,839 --> 00:51:30,060

melon everyone that I've looked at that

1257

00:51:35,089 --> 00:51:32,849

shows that they're deeply into something

1258

00:51:36,530 --> 00:51:35,099

new uncanny more but look you've got a

1259

00:51:38,450 --> 00:51:36,540

good life line you shouldn't have a

1260

00:51:40,970 --> 00:51:38,460

feeling of doom I know why you're

1261

00:51:45,710 --> 00:51:40,980

worried because there's heart conditions

1262

00:51:47,089 --> 00:51:45,720

in your family yeah I guess so yeah yeah

1263

00:51:48,770 --> 00:51:47,099

I guess so yeah that that that is

1264

00:51:50,180 --> 00:51:48,780

possible but that you little you think

1265

00:51:51,349 --> 00:51:50,190

you're not going to have a long life oh

1266

00:51:52,700 --> 00:51:51,359

I definitely think I'm not going to have

1267

00:51:55,970 --> 00:51:52,710

a long life probably next Tuesday

1268

00:52:00,500 --> 00:51:55,980

Wednesday is another but I am Diane that

1269

00:52:03,859 --> 00:52:00,510

fatalistic know I know I am I am I using

1270

00:52:05,420 --> 00:52:03,869

these nice to tell me that look well you

1271

00:52:07,220 --> 00:52:05,430

can see a long lifeline there but like I

1272

00:52:09,339 --> 00:52:07,230

said next thursday at the latest for me

1273

00:52:11,690 --> 00:52:09,349

I said you've got a good life like

1274

00:52:13,339 --> 00:52:11,700

getting back to how we test this I mean

1275

00:52:16,280 --> 00:52:13,349

like you said yesterday are you gonna

1276

00:52:20,720 --> 00:52:16,290

test it i will get 10 people from out

1277

00:52:22,760 --> 00:52:20,730

there any 10 and i don't know what just

1278

00:52:26,270 --> 00:52:22,770

really i don't really want any we don't

1279

00:52:29,470 --> 00:52:26,280

we don't know whether it'll be a success

1280

00:52:32,599 --> 00:52:29,480

or not we just want to find out if I

1281

00:52:34,849 --> 00:52:32,609

dollar strict conditions of testing

1282

00:52:37,310 --> 00:52:34,859

whether it's correct or not because in

1283

00:52:38,630 --> 00:52:37,320

that yeah well yeah at all so it's kind

1284

00:52:40,400 --> 00:52:38,640

of like it's got to like be a black and

1285

00:52:42,890 --> 00:52:40,410

white answer and that also is not what

1286

00:52:46,130 --> 00:52:42,900

it's kind of about is it doing yeah yeah

1287

00:52:48,859 --> 00:52:46,140

yeah so look I wish you both good luck

1288

00:52:50,780 --> 00:52:48,869

with it and I hope we can figure out

1289

00:52:52,849 --> 00:52:50,790

some tests and if you want to go along

1290

00:52:54,440 --> 00:52:52,859

with it I guess it's to approach it with

1291

00:52:56,390 --> 00:52:54,450

a bit of an open mind and see how you go

1292

00:52:58,040 --> 00:52:56,400

and not be too already the way because

1293

00:52:59,839 --> 00:52:58,050

the money is not important it's not the

1294

00:53:02,480 --> 00:52:59,849

money that it's important I'd like it's

1295

00:53:04,450 --> 00:53:02,490

someone to explain to me how I do it

1296

00:53:06,700 --> 00:53:04,460

yeah how it's done I

1297

00:53:08,530 --> 00:53:06,710

I don't care yeah well like I was saying

1298

00:53:10,240 --> 00:53:08,540

to you I was spoken to many people that

1299

00:53:12,040 --> 00:53:10,250

have a gift of some sort and they all

1300

00:53:14,470 --> 00:53:12,050

say it comes in different ways shapes

1301
00:53:17,710 --> 00:53:14,480
numbers shadows just not look what I'm

1302
00:53:19,750 --> 00:53:17,720
talking it's like this yeah oh yeah that

1303
00:53:21,130 --> 00:53:19,760
they all say in different ways and and

1304
00:53:23,260 --> 00:53:21,140
the way it comes to you it just seems to

1305
00:53:25,210 --> 00:53:23,270
be almost sublingual it comes shooting

1306
00:53:27,310 --> 00:53:25,220
out of you like that it does i don't

1307
00:53:28,870 --> 00:53:27,320
have to think about it yeah yeah well

1308
00:53:30,430 --> 00:53:28,880
look thank you for both talking to me

1309
00:53:32,410 --> 00:53:30,440
and i don't think the end of this but

1310
00:53:35,470 --> 00:53:32,420
it's been nice sharing a bit of quality

1311
00:53:37,150 --> 00:53:35,480
time in a small corridor with you albert

1312
00:53:39,250 --> 00:53:37,160
gets carried away with the million

1313
00:53:40,960 --> 00:53:39,260

dollars but i'm not interested in that

1314

00:53:42,430 --> 00:53:40,970

well i'm not interested in a million

1315

00:53:45,790 --> 00:53:42,440

dollars as a matter of fact I've given

1316

00:53:49,270 --> 00:53:45,800

most of my money away and I've published

1317

00:53:52,270 --> 00:53:49,280

a book called civilization hijacked and

1318

00:53:54,609 --> 00:53:52,280

the subtitle is rescuing Jesus from

1319

00:53:58,000 --> 00:53:54,619

Christianity and the human spirit from

1320

00:53:59,470 --> 00:53:58,010

bondage no look at Albert and Jean thank

1321

00:54:02,620 --> 00:53:59,480

you very much for talking to me and I

1322

00:54:03,790 --> 00:54:02,630

hope we can devise some tests but it's

1323

00:54:05,109 --> 00:54:03,800

been lovely talking to you both and

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00:54:06,849 --> 00:54:05,119

hearing what you're both about in a nice

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00:54:09,220 --> 00:54:06,859

quiet environment thank you very much

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00:54:12,339 --> 00:54:09,230

thank you thank you for listening to it

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00:54:14,050 --> 00:54:12,349

look I've had a great chat with Albert

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00:54:16,270 --> 00:54:14,060

and Jean who are along tonight here and

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00:54:18,460 --> 00:54:16,280

I've got a couple of copy of Albert's

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00:54:20,290 --> 00:54:18,470

book and let me tell you him and me and

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00:54:23,589 --> 00:54:20,300

the no agenda show are all on the same

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00:54:26,349 --> 00:54:23,599

page let me tell you well I had a brief

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00:54:28,329 --> 00:54:26,359

chat to him too he was asking questions

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00:54:30,280 --> 00:54:28,339

after my talk so I hope you found him

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00:54:33,099 --> 00:54:30,290

interesting may not look they're a great

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00:54:35,020 --> 00:54:33,109

couple and Illi think the difficult

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00:54:37,650 --> 00:54:35,030

thing is going to be devising a test

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00:54:40,570 --> 00:54:37,660

that can work with clairvoyance because

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00:54:42,250 --> 00:54:40,580

yeah oh there walk well how was it

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00:54:44,120 --> 00:54:42,260

normally tested around when they try

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00:54:46,190 --> 00:54:44,130

that I think

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00:54:47,870 --> 00:54:46,200

Richard mentioned earlier and he soaked

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00:54:50,210 --> 00:54:47,880

tonight you mentioned the fact that

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00:54:51,860 --> 00:54:50,220

people have to be able to state what

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00:54:54,740 --> 00:54:51,870

they claim is what they claim to do to

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00:54:57,440 --> 00:54:54,750

do under what conditions and to what

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00:54:59,300 --> 00:54:57,450

level of accuracy I think gene is

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00:55:01,220 --> 00:54:59,310

obviously very sincere but I think she

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00:55:03,440 --> 00:55:01,230

would have very great difficulties

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00:55:05,390 --> 00:55:03,450

around the first part of saying what it

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00:55:07,760 --> 00:55:05,400

is that she can do because while she

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00:55:10,790 --> 00:55:07,770

claims to be a clairvoyant when I also

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00:55:12,770 --> 00:55:10,800

how she actually does what she does she

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00:55:14,300 --> 00:55:12,780

couldn't explain and then she actually

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00:55:16,460 --> 00:55:14,310

read my palm do you want to hear about

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00:55:18,230 --> 00:55:16,470

the palm reading she gave me um yeah

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00:55:20,360 --> 00:55:18,240

well what did she say around she read my

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00:55:22,850 --> 00:55:20,370

palm and I considered some of it to be

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00:55:24,410 --> 00:55:22,860

accurate what she said ok so she she

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00:55:28,490 --> 00:55:24,420

read my palm and she said a few things

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00:55:30,290 --> 00:55:28,500

she said I had one boy whom she was

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00:55:32,480 --> 00:55:30,300

introduced to earlier in the evening and

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00:55:33,620 --> 00:55:32,490

two girls and she was she wasn't

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00:55:34,910 --> 00:55:33,630

introduced early in the evening because

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00:55:39,230 --> 00:55:34,920

I don't actually have two girls have

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00:55:41,990 --> 00:55:39,240

three boys she said I was I was easily

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00:55:45,200 --> 00:55:42,000

led each considering the fact that I

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00:55:48,320 --> 00:55:45,210

managed about 250 people is probably not

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00:55:50,330 --> 00:55:48,330

a very good way to describe describe me

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00:55:52,490 --> 00:55:50,340

and I'm the president of the skeptics

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00:55:54,290 --> 00:55:52,500

and so I don't know and she knew that I

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00:55:56,690 --> 00:55:54,300

i would have thought she may may have

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00:55:58,460 --> 00:55:56,700

thought about that as well she said that

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00:56:00,020 --> 00:55:58,470

I will have a very long life I hope

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00:56:01,820 --> 00:56:00,030

she's right about that one but I think

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00:56:04,310 --> 00:56:01,830

he'll take another 50 years or so to

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00:56:06,080 --> 00:56:04,320

find out well she is that what she said

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00:56:08,090 --> 00:56:06,090

that I would have a long life she said I

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00:56:10,130 --> 00:56:08,100

was concerned about heart condition in

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00:56:12,200 --> 00:56:10,140

my family my dad does have a leaky heart

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00:56:13,580 --> 00:56:12,210

valve and she said that I'm not a real

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00:56:15,290 --> 00:56:13,590

skeptic and I think most people in this

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00:56:17,090 --> 00:56:15,300

room would say that about me as well so

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00:56:18,590 --> 00:56:17,100

that's not a bad hit right that's not a

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00:56:20,780 --> 00:56:18,600

bad hit right by she also said that I'm

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00:56:23,090 --> 00:56:20,790

not a real skeptic and she knew I was

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00:56:24,410 --> 00:56:23,100

from Israel so she said that Judaism is

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00:56:26,390 --> 00:56:24,420

actually very important to me but I

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00:56:28,760 --> 00:56:26,400

tried to push it away but it's not

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00:56:30,350 --> 00:56:28,770

working and I'm not a real skeptic and

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00:56:32,270 --> 00:56:30,360

the problem is that I grew up in a

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00:56:34,370 --> 00:56:32,280

completely secular environment my

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00:56:36,770 --> 00:56:34,380

parents are skeptics my grandparents

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00:56:40,010 --> 00:56:36,780

were sorry atheists my grandparents were

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00:56:42,050 --> 00:56:40,020

atheists maybe maybe a generation before

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00:56:45,530 --> 00:56:42,060

that there was some religion but not not

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00:56:46,970 --> 00:56:45,540

hardcore so there was no I didn't grow

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00:56:49,220 --> 00:56:46,980

up particularly Jewish so there's

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00:56:50,960 --> 00:56:49,230

nothing for me to retain so she was

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00:56:52,600 --> 00:56:50,970

wrong on that count as well she also

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00:56:54,430 --> 00:56:52,610

means made some

1402

00:56:57,850 --> 00:56:54,440

mentions which I not repeat but we were

1403

00:57:00,400 --> 00:56:57,860

wrong and overall the kind of things she

1404

00:57:03,730 --> 00:57:00,410

was right at with things like you have a

1405

00:57:07,180 --> 00:57:03,740

need to be liked unlike most people I

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00:57:09,310 --> 00:57:07,190

mean really and when you have had a good

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00:57:10,810 --> 00:57:09,320

light you have had a charmed life I'd

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00:57:12,340 --> 00:57:10,820

say I had a pretty good life she was

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00:57:14,830 --> 00:57:12,350

probably right about that but I you know

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00:57:16,060 --> 00:57:14,840

I live in Australia and she said when he

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00:57:17,740 --> 00:57:16,070

moved to you moved from Israel to

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00:57:22,090 --> 00:57:17,750

Australian that that really improved

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00:57:25,870 --> 00:57:22,100

your situation I mean really okay you

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00:57:28,240 --> 00:57:25,880

know so overall three or four out of 10

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00:57:29,890 --> 00:57:28,250

I think they're both very nice people

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00:57:31,960 --> 00:57:29,900

and I think the very nice genuine I

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00:57:34,240 --> 00:57:31,970

think you're just being a main man again

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00:57:35,680 --> 00:57:34,250

no I actually think there are very nice

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00:57:37,510 --> 00:57:35,690

people and I've had a very long

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00:57:38,920 --> 00:57:37,520

conversation with them and I think it

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00:57:42,520 --> 00:57:38,930

was perfectly polite I think they will

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00:57:46,030 --> 00:57:42,530

probably say so if you ask them and I

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00:57:48,970 --> 00:57:46,040

explained to them also about how the

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00:57:50,530 --> 00:57:48,980

fact that we we seek evidence you know

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00:57:52,240 --> 00:57:50,540

it's just the way we test things you

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00:57:53,680 --> 00:57:52,250

know you want to believe this fine you

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00:57:55,690 --> 00:57:53,690

know you don't you do if you don't need

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00:57:57,820 --> 00:57:55,700

evidence for yourself that's fine we're

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00:57:59,800 --> 00:57:57,830

not going to try to force our views down

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00:58:01,750 --> 00:57:59,810

your throat but if you want to convince

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00:58:03,190 --> 00:58:01,760

a skeptic so as somebody who comes to

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00:58:04,990 --> 00:58:03,200

this pub regularly in commission

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00:58:06,760 --> 00:58:05,000

considers themselves to be a scientific

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00:58:08,830 --> 00:58:06,770

skeptic then you would have to prove

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00:58:10,600 --> 00:58:08,840

evidence to provide evidence and that

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00:58:12,580 --> 00:58:10,610

evidence would have to be provided under

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00:58:14,050 --> 00:58:12,590

appropriate test conditions and we had a

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00:58:16,060 --> 00:58:14,060

very long discussion about what

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00:58:18,760 --> 00:58:16,070

appropriate test conditions are and why

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00:58:20,140 --> 00:58:18,770

anecdotes do not count well I look

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00:58:22,660 --> 00:58:20,150

forward to seeing a test that you might

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00:58:23,980 --> 00:58:22,670

put together in the near future if it's

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00:58:26,230 --> 00:58:23,990

even possible

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00:58:27,820 --> 00:58:26,240

hey again as I said I don't think

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00:58:46,909 --> 00:58:27,830

they'll be able to make a claim that

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00:58:51,359 --> 00:58:49,409

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:58:53,909 --> 00:58:51,369

zone only one more episode to go and

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00:58:56,999 --> 00:58:53,919

it's the big 200 that's going to be

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00:59:00,120 --> 00:58:57,009

worth listening to we have a very good

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00:59:02,130 --> 00:59:00,130

Maynard type interview with DJ Grothe

1451
00:59:06,870 --> 00:59:02,140
the president of the James Randi

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00:59:08,849 --> 00:59:06,880
Educational Foundation and Wow some

1453
00:59:10,979 --> 00:59:08,859
really interesting stuff DJ has to tell

1454
00:59:13,679 --> 00:59:10,989
Maynard and of course to tell you worth

1455
00:59:17,189 --> 00:59:13,689
the wait worth the wait and that'll be

1456
00:59:19,799 --> 00:59:17,199
followed by a special celebratory think

1457
00:59:22,439 --> 00:59:19,809
tank yeah the good old thing thanks back

1458
00:59:25,049 --> 00:59:22,449
so I look very much forward to that now

1459
00:59:27,149 --> 00:59:25,059
before we wrap up the skeptic zone a

1460
00:59:29,969 --> 00:59:27,159
couple of our announcements or a couple

1461
00:59:32,849 --> 00:59:29,979
of websites I might recommend you visit

1462
00:59:37,229 --> 00:59:32,859
if you haven't checked out spirit

1463
00:59:39,539 --> 00:59:37,239

Questers well you should spirit Questers

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00:59:42,689 --> 00:59:39,549

it's sort of a an answer to all those

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00:59:44,549 --> 00:59:42,699

paranormal reality type shows it's a

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00:59:46,709 --> 00:59:44,559

spoof it's a send-up but it's really

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00:59:48,539 --> 00:59:46,719

funny and it draws attention to how

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00:59:50,629 --> 00:59:48,549

silly these shows are and the logical

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00:59:53,189 --> 00:59:50,639

fallacies and so on look have a look

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spirit Questers can be found on YouTube

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at youtube.com slash spirit Questers or

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01:00:03,329 --> 00:59:59,589

just follow the link on the show notes

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01:00:05,759 --> 01:00:03,339

for this episode at ww skeptic zone TV

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we also have a note from our dear friend

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Jay novella at the skeptics guide to the

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universe who has launched a Kickstarter

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campaign for a new web series called Oh

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The Skeptical caveman I think it's

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01:00:22,649 --> 01:00:20,380
pronounced doc occ the adventures of a

1480
01:00:24,659 --> 01:00:22,659
skeptical caveman which is also on

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01:00:26,969 --> 01:00:24,669
YouTube just google the skeptical

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01:00:29,069 --> 01:00:26,979
caveman and I'm sure you'll find out

1483
01:00:31,349 --> 01:00:29,079
more about it now that looks like a lot

1484
01:00:33,269 --> 01:00:31,359
of fun and the video they've made of the

1485
01:00:35,279 --> 01:00:33,279
first adventures the skeptical caveman

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01:00:36,839 --> 01:00:35,289
look like it was so much fun to make and

1487
01:00:38,999 --> 01:00:36,849
a lot of people behind the skeptics

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01:00:41,009 --> 01:00:39,009

guide to the universe are involved in

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01:00:43,949 --> 01:00:41,019

the in the production of that so give it

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01:00:45,929 --> 01:00:43,959

a look The Skeptical caveman one last

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01:00:49,349 --> 01:00:45,939

thing thank you to all those people have

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01:00:51,989 --> 01:00:49,359

been riding in saying how much I enjoy

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01:00:54,299 --> 01:00:51,999

the the interviews from Tam brought to

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01:00:56,729 --> 01:00:54,309

us by Maynard I've passed those on the

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01:00:57,360 --> 01:00:56,739

main art of course but I i I'm with you

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01:00:59,160 --> 01:00:57,370

I'm

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you agree with you those interviews that

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main art has been giving us from Tam

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have just been sensational as you'll

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discover also next week with his

1501
01:01:09,930 --> 01:01:08,440
interview with DJ Grothe so I'll say it

1502
01:01:12,270 --> 01:01:09,940
again and I'll say it until everybody's

1503
01:01:14,280 --> 01:01:12,280
sick of me saying it thank you to those

1504
01:01:17,310 --> 01:01:14,290
people who chip in to the skeptic zone

1505
01:01:18,840 --> 01:01:17,320
so we can do things like send may not

1506
01:01:20,970 --> 01:01:18,850
the amazing meeting to get all those

1507
01:01:22,620 --> 01:01:20,980
wonderful interviews all those people

1508
01:01:27,150 --> 01:01:22,630
who helped us who support the skeptic

1509
01:01:30,120 --> 01:01:27,160
zone at ww skeptics on TV sit back have

1510
01:01:32,190 --> 01:01:30,130
a drink you have the drink of your

1511
01:01:34,650 --> 01:01:32,200
choice and no with great satisfaction

1512
01:01:38,040 --> 01:01:34,660
that you've helped us bring you these

1513
01:01:41,400 --> 01:01:38,050

wonderful reports until next week until

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01:01:44,130 --> 01:01:41,410

the big 200th episode of the skeptic

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01:01:50,730 --> 01:01:44,140

zone this is Richard Saunders signing

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01:01:54,030 --> 01:01:50,740

off from Sydney Australia you've been

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listening to the skeptic zone visit our

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