


The Skeptic Zone
Show 203 - 8 Sep 2012



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00:00:22,630 --> 00:00:09,110
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:30,260 --> 00:00:25,430
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:33,260 --> 00:00:30,270
episode number 203 for the 8th of sep

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00:00:36,550 --> 00:00:33,270
tember 2012 Richard Saunders here with

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00:00:39,410 --> 00:00:36,560
you from a very young overcast and windy

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00:00:42,260 --> 00:00:39,420
strong winds gale force winds gusty

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00:00:46,460 --> 00:00:42,270
winds Sydney Australia on this week's

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00:00:49,520 --> 00:00:46,470
show well more about Susie now you might

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00:00:51,400 --> 00:00:49,530
remember I'll episode 200 in fact I read

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00:00:54,020 --> 00:00:51,410
out day a report that i wrote for

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00:00:56,870 --> 00:00:54,030
Australian skeptics about our adventures

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00:00:59,959 --> 00:00:56,880
with the shoes e-band the Shu Zi Qi or

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00:01:01,430 --> 00:00:59,969

Susie Q I one of these magic response

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you strap on your wrist and gives you

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00:01:06,709 --> 00:01:03,420

more balanced strength flexibility

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mental power and unclamp seeeeee your

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00:01:13,879 --> 00:01:10,109

blood apparently now at the same time I

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00:01:15,649 --> 00:01:13,889

was chasing Susie in this country for

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00:01:19,340 --> 00:01:15,659

the story and hopefully to test which

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00:01:21,730 --> 00:01:19,350

they didn't do our colleagues in the UK

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00:01:24,349 --> 00:01:21,740

the Merseyside skeptics society and

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00:01:27,639 --> 00:01:24,359

don't forget to listen to skeptics with

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00:01:31,039 --> 00:01:27,649

a que their podcast they were also

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00:01:34,059 --> 00:01:31,049

trying to get Susie in the UK to come up

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00:01:37,429 --> 00:01:34,069

and be tested but surprise surprise

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00:01:39,859 --> 00:01:37,439

Susie have not stepped up to be tested

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00:01:42,499 --> 00:01:39,869

to put their magical wristband to a

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00:01:46,609 --> 00:01:42,509

simple test so the Merseyside skeptics

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00:01:48,919 --> 00:01:46,619

went ahead and tested the band anyway so

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00:01:51,169 --> 00:01:48,929

to kick off this week's show Michael

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00:01:53,389 --> 00:01:51,179

Marshall from the Merseyside skeptics

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00:01:56,149 --> 00:01:53,399

will read the press release accompanying

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00:01:57,889 --> 00:01:56,159

their video and this has gone viral and

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00:01:59,870 --> 00:01:57,899

the news has gone viral I'm so happy

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00:02:01,639 --> 00:01:59,880

lots of news agencies around the world

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00:02:04,449 --> 00:02:01,649

are covering the fact the Merseyside

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00:02:07,219 --> 00:02:04,459

skeptics put Susie to a test and

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ironically even here in Australia it

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00:02:12,260 --> 00:02:09,569
made the news which is ironic because in

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00:02:13,940 --> 00:02:12,270
the press release they quote the work by

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00:02:16,309 --> 00:02:13,950
Australian skeptics that there you go

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00:02:18,739 --> 00:02:16,319
who cares who cares

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00:02:22,300 --> 00:02:18,749
Susie Susie where are you come and be

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00:02:26,179 --> 00:02:22,310
tested no all right that story coming up

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00:02:27,800 --> 00:02:26,189
after that it's back to Tam Las Vegas

46

00:02:29,929 --> 00:02:27,810
now I said on last week's show we'd

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00:02:32,809 --> 00:02:29,939
might have Brian Dunning or Ben Radford

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00:02:36,199 --> 00:02:32,819
I've decided to put on an interview with

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00:02:37,789 --> 00:02:36,209
Iran sir give instead our very own Iran

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00:02:40,369 --> 00:02:37,799
sir give president of Australian

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00:02:42,649 --> 00:02:40,379
skeptics and the occasional grain of

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00:02:45,849 --> 00:02:42,659
salt right here on the skeptic zone now

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00:02:48,649 --> 00:02:45,859
Iran has some news for us about his

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00:02:50,720 --> 00:02:48,659
presidency of Australian skeptics so

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00:02:53,839 --> 00:02:50,730
that's a bit of a scoop for the skeptic

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00:02:57,020 --> 00:02:53,849
zone podcast coming up another tan

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00:02:59,780 --> 00:02:57,030
interview by Maynard then to wrap up the

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00:03:01,550 --> 00:02:59,790
show I interview Ben and Steve makin all

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00:03:04,159 --> 00:03:01,560
the way from Edinburgh who were just

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00:03:06,860 --> 00:03:04,169
visiting Sydney the other day and spoke

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00:03:08,959 --> 00:03:06,870
at our sydney skeptics in the pub all

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00:03:11,000 --> 00:03:08,969
about alternative medicine and their

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00:03:13,580 --> 00:03:11,010

adventures in investigating and even

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00:03:15,949 --> 00:03:13,590

trying alternative medicine so I have a

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00:03:17,869 --> 00:03:15,959

nice chat with their meaner in the High

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00:03:20,390 --> 00:03:17,879

Park which is the big park in the centre

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00:03:22,069 --> 00:03:20,400

of Sydney about Edinburgh and what they

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00:03:24,559 --> 00:03:22,079

get up to there and a little bit about

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00:03:27,559 --> 00:03:24,569

that talk and then we catch up after the

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00:03:29,629 --> 00:03:27,569

talk may not interviews been makin about

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what she thinks about skeptics and bub

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00:03:34,429 --> 00:03:31,739

and how the talk went and then another

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00:03:35,809 --> 00:03:34,439

newcomer to skeptics in the pub now

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00:03:40,879 --> 00:03:35,819

before we start the show a few little

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00:03:42,589 --> 00:03:40,889

messages visit w WC optics com au for a

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00:03:45,499 --> 00:03:42,599

number of reasons but if you live in

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00:03:47,509 --> 00:03:45,509

Sydney the skeptics dinner meeting is

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00:03:50,719 --> 00:03:47,519

coming up at the end of sep tember

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00:03:53,990 --> 00:03:50,729

September the 29th more details at the

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00:03:55,069 --> 00:03:54,000

website now our friends and no Canberra

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00:03:57,830 --> 00:03:55,079

tell me that there's an interesting

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00:04:01,129 --> 00:03:57,840

public lecture coming up the WHA thurs

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00:04:02,780 --> 00:04:01,139

guide to the periodic table well it

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00:04:05,119 --> 00:04:02,790

sounds Iowa good one for budding

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00:04:07,490 --> 00:04:05,129

scientists out there you can find out

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00:04:10,670 --> 00:04:07,500

more about that lecture coming up on the

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00:04:12,860 --> 00:04:10,680

fourteenth of September in the acct at

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00:04:16,999 --> 00:04:12,870

the Australian National University by

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00:04:20,979 --> 00:04:17,009

visiting billboard got a nu dot ed u dot

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00:04:24,939 --> 00:04:20,989

au and clicking the calendar link and

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00:04:27,649 --> 00:04:24,949

scrolling down to the 14th of sep tember

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also from Canberra I've heard word that

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there's a newly formed univ

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versity of Canberra skeptical society

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00:04:37,730 --> 00:04:34,590

and well they're very nice sleeper

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00:04:39,050 --> 00:04:37,740

invited me down for a barbecue I think I

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00:04:42,020 --> 00:04:39,060

better take them up on that offer

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00:04:44,060 --> 00:04:42,030

sometime barbecuing that sounds pretty

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00:04:46,749 --> 00:04:44,070

good to find out more best thing to do

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00:04:50,270 --> 00:04:46,759

is simply Google University of Canberra

101
00:04:53,210 --> 00:04:50,280
skeptical society they do have a

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00:04:55,460 --> 00:04:53,220
facebook presence and one last thing

103
00:04:57,860 --> 00:04:55,470
before we get into the skeptic zone the

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00:05:01,279 --> 00:04:57,870
James Randi Educational Foundation on

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00:05:03,469 --> 00:05:01,289
their online magazine Swift have

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00:05:07,219 --> 00:05:03,479
published my account of the recent

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00:05:10,219 --> 00:05:07,229
million dollar challenge at tam 2012 tam

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00:05:12,529 --> 00:05:10,229
tam tam in Las Vegas where I helped take

109
00:05:18,290 --> 00:05:12,539
part in testing one Andrew needles and

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00:05:20,120 --> 00:05:18,300
his directive SR power band you can read

111
00:05:24,650 --> 00:05:20,130
my report and see the video now online

112
00:05:26,900 --> 00:05:24,660
at Randy dot org thank you to everybody

113
00:05:30,909 --> 00:05:26,910

who was involved with that too and now

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00:05:34,400 --> 00:05:30,919

it's time for me to run downstairs

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00:05:36,290 --> 00:05:34,410

bypassed the fridge entirely open the

116

00:05:40,790 --> 00:05:36,300

pantry get out the ingredients for

117

00:06:02,860 --> 00:05:40,800

lentil soup cook that and enjoy the

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00:06:08,770 --> 00:06:06,200

sport wristband claims nonsensical

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00:06:10,790 --> 00:06:08,780

technobabble says consumer rights group

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00:06:12,860 --> 00:06:10,800

sports performance technology

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00:06:15,020 --> 00:06:12,870

manufacturers shoes Ichi came under fire

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00:06:16,850 --> 00:06:15,030

today after product tests revealed their

123

00:06:19,520 --> 00:06:16,860

performance enhancing wristband to be

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00:06:21,830 --> 00:06:19,530

ineffective the 60-pound wristband

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00:06:23,840 --> 00:06:21,840

spotted by dancing and I star jennifer

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00:06:26,060 --> 00:06:23,850

ellison on the ITV show earlier in the

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00:06:28,490 --> 00:06:26,070

year is claimed to contain a proprietary

128

00:06:30,800 --> 00:06:28,500

chip programmed to resonate with blood

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00:06:33,530 --> 00:06:30,810

cells natural frequencies causing blood

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00:06:34,880 --> 00:06:33,540

cells to separate a nun clump cleanse

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00:06:36,830 --> 00:06:34,890

which have been dismissed as meaningless

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00:06:39,650 --> 00:06:36,840

technobabble by the Merseyside skeptic

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00:06:41,090 --> 00:06:39,660

society in a video released today the

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00:06:42,890 --> 00:06:41,100

group enlisted assembly professional

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00:06:44,840 --> 00:06:42,900

rugby player to pit the real shoes eve

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00:06:47,300 --> 00:06:44,850

and against an identical the activated

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00:06:49,310 --> 00:06:47,310

band despite marketing claims that the

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00:06:50,510 --> 00:06:49,320

product is a player's performance the

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00:06:52,340 --> 00:06:50,520

demonstration showed that when a player

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00:06:54,440 --> 00:06:52,350

is unsure which band he's wearing the

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00:06:57,860 --> 00:06:54,450

60-pound product makes no discernible

142

00:06:59,240 --> 00:06:57,870

difference Michael Marshall verzi vice

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00:07:01,280 --> 00:06:59,250

president of the Merseyside skeptics

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00:07:02,480 --> 00:07:01,290

Society explained if the claims shoes

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00:07:04,160 --> 00:07:02,490

you make about their product are true

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00:07:05,750 --> 00:07:04,170

we'd expect to see a marked improvement

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00:07:08,540 --> 00:07:05,760

in the performance of our athlete when

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00:07:10,100 --> 00:07:08,550

wearing the real band that there was no

149

00:07:12,290 --> 00:07:10,110

clear difference suggests to us what we

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00:07:14,540 --> 00:07:12,300

suspected all along the bands are little

151
00:07:16,520 --> 00:07:14,550
more than an expensive sports fad backed

152
00:07:17,930 --> 00:07:16,530
up by a raft of claims which may sound

153
00:07:21,230 --> 00:07:17,940
like science but are actually

154
00:07:23,030 --> 00:07:21,240
nonsensical technobabble during the test

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00:07:24,890 --> 00:07:23,040
the player took 50 kicks wearing the

156
00:07:26,960 --> 00:07:24,900
shoes he flat black sports bracelet and

157
00:07:29,240 --> 00:07:26,970
50 wearing identical bracelet with the

158
00:07:31,490 --> 00:07:29,250
chip removed throughout the test neither

159
00:07:33,470 --> 00:07:31,500
player nor the testers knew which band

160
00:07:36,680 --> 00:07:33,480
was which in order to ensure accuracy

161
00:07:38,900 --> 00:07:36,690
and remove buyers after 100 kicks the

162
00:07:40,580 --> 00:07:38,910
results showed no significant difference

163
00:07:42,920 --> 00:07:40,590

between the Sham band and the real band

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00:07:44,810 --> 00:07:42,930

casting severe doubt over the company's

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00:07:46,610 --> 00:07:44,820

claims that the chip stimulates the

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00:07:48,950 --> 00:07:46,620

separation of blood cells in a person's

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00:07:52,160 --> 00:07:48,960

body which can help increase blood cell

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00:07:54,140 --> 00:07:52,170

circulation the video comes in the wake

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00:07:55,130 --> 00:07:54,150

of consumer action in Australia where

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00:07:56,960 --> 00:07:55,140

shoes these products have been

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00:07:58,430 --> 00:07:56,970

challenged resulting in the company

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00:08:00,680 --> 00:07:58,440

withdrawing their trade from the country

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00:08:02,690 --> 00:08:00,690

after an investigation by the Australian

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00:08:04,250 --> 00:08:02,700

skeptics shoes were offered a hundred

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00:08:05,960 --> 00:08:04,260

thousand dollars to prove their product

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00:08:08,810 --> 00:08:05,970

worked a challenge they initially

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00:08:09,980 --> 00:08:08,820

accepted for later back tracking the

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00:08:11,900 --> 00:08:09,990

latest test was carried out by the

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00:08:14,990 --> 00:08:11,910

Merseyside skeptics society after

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00:08:16,430 --> 00:08:15,000

to work with Suzy directly stalled we

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00:08:18,650 --> 00:08:16,440

originally approached using in June

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00:08:20,180 --> 00:08:18,660

voicing our concerns at first there

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00:08:21,590 --> 00:08:20,190

seemed keen to offer us proof that their

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00:08:24,770 --> 00:08:21,600

products were anything more than another

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00:08:26,300 --> 00:08:24,780

expensive sports fat said Marshall when

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00:08:28,220 --> 00:08:26,310

shoes he stopped returning our emails

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00:08:30,140 --> 00:08:28,230

and calls we decided to test their

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00:08:31,940 --> 00:08:30,150

bracelet for ourselves and it's fair to

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00:08:34,490 --> 00:08:31,950

say the results didn't surprise us too

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00:08:36,680 --> 00:08:34,500

much if shoes he still believed their

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00:08:38,390 --> 00:08:36,690

product really works we'd love to see

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00:08:39,860 --> 00:08:38,400

their evidence and I'd certainly be

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00:08:42,770 --> 00:08:39,870

happy to work with him in conducting

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00:08:44,330 --> 00:08:42,780

another test otherwise consumers should

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00:08:52,430 --> 00:08:44,340

be aware that these products simply

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00:08:53,810 --> 00:08:52,440

don't live up to the marketing hype yeah

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00:08:55,700 --> 00:08:53,820

aight guys i was talking to Richard

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00:08:57,800 --> 00:08:55,710

solvency today all right he said if we

199

00:08:59,930 --> 00:08:57,810

record a trailer for our podcast

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00:09:01,580 --> 00:08:59,940

skeptics with a que he'd play it on

201

00:09:02,990 --> 00:09:01,590

there unless you're nice nice of him

202

00:09:04,130 --> 00:09:03,000

that's very generous it's pretty good

203

00:09:06,260 --> 00:09:04,140

i'm not sure what we could do though I

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00:09:08,630 --> 00:09:06,270

mean well suppose you tell people shows

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00:09:10,880 --> 00:09:08,640

about but it's basically this yeah but

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00:09:12,530 --> 00:09:10,890

yeah but you know we talk about science

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00:09:13,730 --> 00:09:12,540

and skepticism and things that's that's

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00:09:15,680 --> 00:09:13,740

true as fuzzier you mentioned the

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00:09:17,390 --> 00:09:15,690

website address what merseyside skeptics

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00:09:19,010 --> 00:09:17,400

talk about UK yeah yeah just like

211

00:09:20,690 --> 00:09:19,020

searches night UN's oh and then we could

212

00:09:24,470 --> 00:09:20,700

end with like a big song like the

213

00:09:31,640 --> 00:09:24,480

skeptics with okay god no no no no don't

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00:09:33,120 --> 00:09:31,650

don't do that here's may not spooky

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00:09:36,350 --> 00:09:33,130

action

216

00:09:40,769 --> 00:09:38,639

well we're in the back room now and I'll

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00:09:42,629 --> 00:09:40,779

tell you what all the the backroom

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00:09:43,949 --> 00:09:42,639

things are here which means nothing

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00:09:46,050 --> 00:09:43,959

basically the rooms pretty much empty

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00:09:48,420 --> 00:09:46,060

like my head I've been talking to so

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00:09:52,050 --> 00:09:48,430

many people here at tam but not this guy

222

00:09:54,179 --> 00:09:52,060

here who we got here hi it's Iran he's

223

00:09:55,559 --> 00:09:54,189

here and he's wearing his pink shirt is

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00:09:58,679 --> 00:09:55,569

this some sort of in celebration of

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00:10:00,170 --> 00:09:58,689

something celebrating the fact that the

226

00:10:02,610 --> 00:10:00,180

pink shirt was at the top of the pile

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00:10:04,470 --> 00:10:02,620

now look now look and as you can tell

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00:10:06,210 --> 00:10:04,480

I've made an effort with my wardrobe

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00:10:08,129 --> 00:10:06,220

here most of you skeptic to just been

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00:10:10,499 --> 00:10:08,139

wearing the same thing every day day in

231

00:10:13,559 --> 00:10:10,509

day out even dr. rachy up at me I'm

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00:10:15,569 --> 00:10:13,569

three outfits a day and I must admit I

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00:10:17,790 --> 00:10:15,579

got this on because I got tired of

234

00:10:19,679 --> 00:10:17,800

wearing shirts that look like I you know

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00:10:21,689 --> 00:10:19,689

like I'm in college I'm be too old for

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00:10:24,179 --> 00:10:21,699

that I suppose from t-shirts with

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00:10:25,650 --> 00:10:24,189

slogans on them yes and but there have

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00:10:27,329 --> 00:10:25,660

been some good slogans here have you

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00:10:29,610 --> 00:10:27,339

seen some t-shirts or some slogan

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00:10:31,379 --> 00:10:29,620

tonight's a good one I like the ones

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00:10:33,569 --> 00:10:31,389

that have some some science on them

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00:10:35,790 --> 00:10:33,579

there was there's a t-shirt that that's

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00:10:38,569 --> 00:10:35,800

quite well known that shows the graph of

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00:10:41,610 --> 00:10:38,579

what's predicted weather you know

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00:10:43,889 --> 00:10:41,620

background radiation from the big band

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00:10:45,269 --> 00:10:43,899

where that's supposed to be and it shows

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00:10:47,730 --> 00:10:45,279

what the prediction was and where it

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00:10:49,920 --> 00:10:47,740

actually is in under it it says science

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00:10:51,990 --> 00:10:49,930

it works which is which is great and

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00:10:53,790 --> 00:10:52,000

there's now a similar one for the Higgs

251
00:10:55,110 --> 00:10:53,800
boson where it was predicted to be and

252
00:10:57,960 --> 00:10:55,120
he chose the graph for where it actually

253
00:10:59,819 --> 00:10:57,970
is so I like these kind of shirts I

254
00:11:02,160 --> 00:10:59,829
haven't seen any particularly funny ones

255
00:11:03,869 --> 00:11:02,170
this time but look I like all the photos

256
00:11:06,660 --> 00:11:03,879
of carl sagan on the shirts to it

257
00:11:08,730 --> 00:11:06,670
looking pretty cool yeah I would like

258
00:11:10,499 --> 00:11:08,740
that but again photos and things brought

259
00:11:13,019 --> 00:11:10,509
it'll probably do not go for that now

260
00:11:16,439 --> 00:11:13,029
you were very inspired by the keynote

261
00:11:18,990 --> 00:11:16,449
talk yesterday I thought I'm not sure it

262
00:11:21,749 --> 00:11:19,000
was you know did Jamy Ian Swiss yeah

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00:11:23,790 --> 00:11:21,759

Jamie and Swiss I thought he's talked

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00:11:25,919 --> 00:11:23,800

you know I came out of the room and I

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00:11:29,340 --> 00:11:25,929

said this is the best talk I've heard at

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00:11:32,970 --> 00:11:29,350

am you know that's four times now three

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00:11:34,530 --> 00:11:32,980

in vegas and one in Australia and then

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00:11:36,809 --> 00:11:34,540

after a few minutes weren't thinking

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00:11:39,059 --> 00:11:36,819

about even more I thought no this is

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00:11:42,559 --> 00:11:39,069

actually the best talk about skepticism

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00:11:47,419 --> 00:11:42,569

I've ever heard it was a combination of

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00:11:51,509 --> 00:11:47,429

insightful passionate enthusiastic

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00:11:52,860 --> 00:11:51,519

clever it was it was just inspiring this

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00:11:55,259 --> 00:11:52,870

there's no other way to describe it i

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00:11:56,879 --> 00:11:55,269

hope they'll put I spoke to DJ and I

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00:11:59,069 --> 00:11:56,889

hope they'll put it online very very

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00:12:00,569 --> 00:11:59,079

soon because I think people need to see

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00:12:02,309 --> 00:12:00,579

it people within this skeptical movement

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00:12:03,569 --> 00:12:02,319

need to see it because it addresses a

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00:12:06,749 --> 00:12:03,579

lot of the issues because this has been

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00:12:08,220 --> 00:12:06,759

a controversial tam in some ways but for

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00:12:09,629 --> 00:12:08,230

lots of different reasons that there was

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00:12:11,429 --> 00:12:09,639

the Rebecca issue but there's also been

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00:12:13,559 --> 00:12:11,439

different issues with libertarians and

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00:12:15,660 --> 00:12:13,569

different issues with various types of

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00:12:17,789 --> 00:12:15,670

atheists and secular humanists which I

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00:12:19,019 --> 00:12:17,799

don't understand I don't quite get all

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00:12:21,030 --> 00:12:19,029

the differences of the going on there

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00:12:23,249 --> 00:12:21,040

and he was pulling them all together and

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00:12:25,049 --> 00:12:23,259

saying that yes they're allies but but

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00:12:26,669 --> 00:12:25,059

don't come into the skeptical movement

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00:12:29,869 --> 00:12:26,679

and try and change a skeptical movement

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00:12:32,490 --> 00:12:29,879

yeah and he used it used a very nice

294

00:12:35,549 --> 00:12:32,500

analogy where you basically said he said

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00:12:37,439 --> 00:12:35,559

I'm happy to invite you into my tent and

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00:12:39,720 --> 00:12:37,449

I'm happy to accommodate your beliefs

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00:12:41,519 --> 00:12:39,730

with in my tent if even if they're

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00:12:43,829 --> 00:12:41,529

different from mine but don't come into

299

00:12:45,389 --> 00:12:43,839

my tent and declare you moving it and I

300

00:12:49,889 --> 00:12:45,399

thought that was that was very strong

301
00:12:52,470 --> 00:12:49,899
and look I I i can but my impression was

302
00:12:54,900 --> 00:12:52,480
that he was referring to yeah feminism

303
00:12:57,840 --> 00:12:54,910
is really important and the fighting

304
00:12:59,669 --> 00:12:57,850
sexism is very important I think that's

305
00:13:01,019 --> 00:12:59,679
the thing he was mostly referring to but

306
00:13:02,460 --> 00:13:01,029
I don't think it was the only thing he

307
00:13:03,840 --> 00:13:02,470
was referring to okay so I think that's

308
00:13:05,639 --> 00:13:03,850
very important I think there were other

309
00:13:07,350 --> 00:13:05,649
political issues going on that I'm not

310
00:13:08,730 --> 00:13:07,360
aware yeah but I think that that's

311
00:13:10,139 --> 00:13:08,740
probably because that that's the primary

312
00:13:11,999 --> 00:13:10,149
one I think he was probably things that

313
00:13:14,400 --> 00:13:12,009

what I think it was trying to say is

314

00:13:16,379 --> 00:13:14,410

don't make that the core issue of The

315

00:13:18,179 --> 00:13:16,389

Skeptical movement because it isn't but

316

00:13:19,860 --> 00:13:18,189

he also referred to atheists of and

317

00:13:21,660 --> 00:13:19,870

secular humanist stuff in and

318

00:13:23,269 --> 00:13:21,670

rationalist and he basically said you

319

00:13:26,789 --> 00:13:23,279

know that there is a reason why I'm

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00:13:28,019 --> 00:13:26,799

asked why I'm a capital skeptic and it's

321

00:13:30,059 --> 00:13:28,029

that's actually a term that I use quite

322

00:13:32,429 --> 00:13:30,069

a lot capital s skeptic as opposed to

323

00:13:34,559 --> 00:13:32,439

just skeptic with a small s because I

324

00:13:36,150 --> 00:13:34,569

think that it's that that passion for

325

00:13:38,669 --> 00:13:36,160

the idea and all that and discuss the

326

00:13:41,189 --> 00:13:38,679

fact that skepticism is an idea in the

327

00:13:44,490 --> 00:13:41,199

process rather than a position and I

328

00:13:48,360 --> 00:13:44,500

completely agree with him and what he

329

00:13:50,850 --> 00:13:48,370

said was atheism for example said yeah

330

00:13:52,829 --> 00:13:50,860

well I'm an atheist I said I'm an

331

00:13:54,210 --> 00:13:52,839

atheist with an attitude again I could

332

00:13:55,590 --> 00:13:54,220

be very easily agree with him on that

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00:13:58,289 --> 00:13:55,600

i'm also an atheist with an attitude

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00:13:59,860 --> 00:13:58,299

except i'm not an atheist in the sense

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00:14:02,380 --> 00:13:59,870

that i'm not a capital a

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00:14:05,740 --> 00:14:02,390

I do not believe I don't feel a need to

337

00:14:08,410 --> 00:14:05,750

be active around my atheism plus i think

338

00:14:10,630 --> 00:14:08,420

it's just one thing out of a lot of

339

00:14:13,960 --> 00:14:10,640

things that skepticism has to offer and

340

00:14:15,880 --> 00:14:13,970

that a skepticism encompasses atheism in

341

00:14:18,090 --> 00:14:15,890

a sense because what a tsa is is

342

00:14:20,160 --> 00:14:18,100

skepticism about one specific thing

343

00:14:23,530 --> 00:14:20,170

whereas he believes that skepticism

344

00:14:25,240 --> 00:14:23,540

should be about everything and i

345

00:14:27,730 --> 00:14:25,250

completely agree with him on that hmm

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00:14:30,610 --> 00:14:27,740

and also he drew on I believe some of

347

00:14:32,500 --> 00:14:30,620

his Southern Baptist upbringing or his

348

00:14:34,720 --> 00:14:32,510

father he's had some religion in his

349

00:14:36,010 --> 00:14:34,730

life because the way he was or he's been

350

00:14:37,300 --> 00:14:36,020

to a couple of religious meetings that's

351
00:14:38,890 --> 00:14:37,310
for sure because the way he was firing

352
00:14:42,220 --> 00:14:38,900
it up towards the end and he really

353
00:14:43,420 --> 00:14:42,230
dumped it on bill maher too yeah well I

354
00:14:45,519 --> 00:14:43,430
agree with him on that as well I think

355
00:14:47,440 --> 00:14:45,529
Bill Maher I can't bear to watch Bill

356
00:14:49,300 --> 00:14:47,450
Maher because he's an atheist in he's

357
00:14:50,980 --> 00:14:49,310
very funny and especially when he talks

358
00:14:52,600 --> 00:14:50,990
about religion it's obviously very funny

359
00:14:55,060 --> 00:14:52,610
to somebody who's in 80s you know like

360
00:14:56,890 --> 00:14:55,070
on our side but I but he's a crackpot

361
00:14:58,120 --> 00:14:56,900
he's a crackpot in every other way and I

362
00:15:00,190 --> 00:14:58,130
don't think that we should embrace

363
00:15:04,510 --> 00:15:00,200

somebody because he agrees with us on

364

00:15:06,579 --> 00:15:04,520

that sees narrow sliver of an idea to

365

00:15:07,990 --> 00:15:06,589

say yes he's one of us one of us no I

366

00:15:10,060 --> 00:15:08,000

don't think he's one of us I don't

367

00:15:12,579 --> 00:15:10,070

consider went to consider him to be a

368

00:15:17,710 --> 00:15:12,589

role model for me or for anyone else

369

00:15:20,290 --> 00:15:17,720

that I that I talk to and I think he's

370

00:15:21,880 --> 00:15:20,300

yeah he's a crackpot he's definitely not

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00:15:23,860 --> 00:15:21,890

part of this too skeptical movement

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00:15:25,660 --> 00:15:23,870

despite being an atheist and I think

373

00:15:27,490 --> 00:15:25,670

Steve novella actually said that about

374

00:15:31,710 --> 00:15:27,500

him a long time ago in one of the

375

00:15:35,079 --> 00:15:31,720

podcasts he said that he he is in his an

376

00:15:38,230 --> 00:15:35,089

atheist for the wrong reasons and you

377

00:15:39,760 --> 00:15:38,240

know how you say about you say it's a

378

00:15:42,160 --> 00:15:39,770

common saying that you can't reason

379

00:15:43,780 --> 00:15:42,170

somebody out of the position that they

380

00:15:46,870 --> 00:15:43,790

didn't reason themselves into in the

381

00:15:49,600 --> 00:15:46,880

first place and I am quite sure that

382

00:15:51,760 --> 00:15:49,610

bill maher did not reason himself into

383

00:15:54,370 --> 00:15:51,770

atheism he did not think about the

384

00:15:56,260 --> 00:15:54,380

evidence for God and perhaps the

385

00:15:59,650 --> 00:15:56,270

evidence against god and dutton way that

386

00:16:02,170 --> 00:15:59,660

he just feels that it's you know that

387

00:16:04,390 --> 00:16:02,180

there is no God and similarly he feels

388

00:16:06,910 --> 00:16:04,400

that vaccines are dangerous and he feels

389

00:16:08,470 --> 00:16:06,920

all kinds of other crackpots stuff so I

390

00:16:09,550 --> 00:16:08,480

don't care what he believes I don't care

391

00:16:11,680 --> 00:16:09,560

if you agree you know what I actually

392

00:16:12,360 --> 00:16:11,690

don't care if he agrees me on agrees me

393

00:16:14,910 --> 00:16:12,370

with me on

394

00:16:16,829 --> 00:16:14,920

everything if he agrees with me for the

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00:16:20,040 --> 00:16:16,839

wrong reasons then I is not part of my

396

00:16:23,220 --> 00:16:20,050

jersey the words of Jamie and Swiss is

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00:16:25,440 --> 00:16:23,230

not welcome in my tent now it's because

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00:16:27,780 --> 00:16:25,450

because kepta scizzum is not a position

399

00:16:29,430 --> 00:16:27,790

it is a process and if he doesn't follow

400

00:16:31,200 --> 00:16:29,440

the process then he's not part of the

401
00:16:33,150 --> 00:16:31,210
movement I think this is part of the

402
00:16:34,740 --> 00:16:33,160
problem that the movement has is that

403
00:16:36,540 --> 00:16:34,750
getting across that it's part of a

404
00:16:37,470 --> 00:16:36,550
process because a lot of people don't

405
00:16:39,810 --> 00:16:37,480
want to take part in that process

406
00:16:41,970 --> 00:16:39,820
because it requires hard work or they

407
00:16:46,019 --> 00:16:41,980
perceive it's hard work it is hard work

408
00:16:48,180 --> 00:16:46,029
oh that's why I like it serious I don't

409
00:16:53,760 --> 00:16:48,190
know many things in life that are really

410
00:16:56,310 --> 00:16:53,770
fun really rewarding really give you

411
00:16:58,860 --> 00:16:56,320
something in the long term that are not

412
00:17:02,310 --> 00:16:58,870
hard work hmm which is the opposite of

413
00:17:04,980 --> 00:17:02,320

what we're bombarded with H time um yeah

414

00:17:06,360 --> 00:17:04,990

but again you know it small wins I find

415

00:17:08,130 --> 00:17:06,370

some small little things you know you

416

00:17:10,500 --> 00:17:08,140

have ice cream it's great and all that

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00:17:12,419 --> 00:17:10,510

but would you live for ice cream I mean

418

00:17:16,590 --> 00:17:12,429

axwell maybe actually maybe that was

419

00:17:18,569 --> 00:17:16,600

wrong about example but the guy from ben

420

00:17:20,640 --> 00:17:18,579

& jerry's actually probably died because

421

00:17:23,640 --> 00:17:20,650

of ice cream than half of the mere no

422

00:17:27,179 --> 00:17:23,650

but my point is that anything really if

423

00:17:30,360 --> 00:17:27,189

you want to do first okay maybe I should

424

00:17:32,640 --> 00:17:30,370

probably say maybe not everybody needs a

425

00:17:35,700 --> 00:17:32,650

cause in their life or something big to

426

00:17:38,730 --> 00:17:35,710

walk towards um and that's fine I

427

00:17:41,669 --> 00:17:38,740

believe that for for me and for a lot of

428

00:17:43,320 --> 00:17:41,679

people around me to have something that

429

00:17:45,360 --> 00:17:43,330

they're passionate about something that

430

00:17:48,750 --> 00:17:45,370

they believe in and he doesn't have to

431

00:17:51,150 --> 00:17:48,760

be a big idea it can be family your

432

00:17:53,760 --> 00:17:51,160

family could be just reading great books

433

00:17:57,390 --> 00:17:53,770

you know it doesn't have to be something

434

00:18:00,299 --> 00:17:57,400

like a big social cause okay but to have

435

00:18:03,240 --> 00:18:00,309

something that you do that rewards you

436

00:18:05,280 --> 00:18:03,250

not just in that very instant when you

437

00:18:07,950 --> 00:18:05,290

do something I think that's really

438

00:18:09,720 --> 00:18:07,960

important I think that it's it's a

439

00:18:12,180 --> 00:18:09,730

richer life you have a richer life if

440

00:18:14,070 --> 00:18:12,190

you have some something like that in

441

00:18:17,190 --> 00:18:14,080

your life where you look at this beyond

442

00:18:19,200 --> 00:18:17,200

the immediate present and apart from

443

00:18:20,880 --> 00:18:19,210

Jamie and swishes talk is it something

444

00:18:23,730 --> 00:18:20,890

that's enriched your enjoyment of the

445

00:18:25,830 --> 00:18:23,740

skeptics movement here this weekend well

446

00:18:28,890 --> 00:18:25,840

you know being being in

447

00:18:30,419 --> 00:18:28,900

this kind of event it so it always makes

448

00:18:32,659 --> 00:18:30,429

me feel really good it's just in terms

449

00:18:35,940 --> 00:18:32,669

of meeting so many people and i've

450

00:18:39,750 --> 00:18:35,950

participated in the workshop and in arm

451
00:18:42,269 --> 00:18:39,760
and you know i gave a paper presentation

452
00:18:46,110 --> 00:18:42,279
this morning and you know what was your

453
00:18:47,850 --> 00:18:46,120
paper about and how was it received my

454
00:18:49,830 --> 00:18:47,860
paper was about the whole ken harvey

455
00:18:51,899 --> 00:18:49,840
affair where you know he was sued and we

456
00:18:55,019 --> 00:18:51,909
helped him cover the costs of the

457
00:18:57,779 --> 00:18:55,029
lawsuit because the despite winning he

458
00:19:00,269 --> 00:18:57,789
was awarded costs by the company went

459
00:19:04,649 --> 00:19:00,279
bankrupt and did not pay him his legal

460
00:19:06,779 --> 00:19:04,659
costs so we organized a donation drive

461
00:19:08,250 --> 00:19:06,789
and lots of people donated so we were

462
00:19:09,570 --> 00:19:08,260
not the ones donating the money but we

463
00:19:12,690 --> 00:19:09,580

arranged the pledge drive and cover his

464

00:19:15,419 --> 00:19:12,700

costs so that was what the talk was

465

00:19:17,730 --> 00:19:15,429

about in essence the reaction to the

466

00:19:22,560 --> 00:19:17,740

talk you see I had me stand on stage you

467

00:19:24,090 --> 00:19:22,570

hardly see the audience oh yeah but you

468

00:19:26,490 --> 00:19:24,100

know the lights in your eyes it's dark

469

00:19:27,990 --> 00:19:26,500

out there maybe afterwards someone might

470

00:19:31,860 --> 00:19:28,000

have come up to or something so there's

471

00:19:33,720 --> 00:19:31,870

two things first of all I heard the the

472

00:19:37,320 --> 00:19:33,730

response from the audience and that

473

00:19:40,200 --> 00:19:37,330

seemed to be good I mean I did they be I

474

00:19:41,430 --> 00:19:40,210

expected obviously some applause at the

475

00:19:43,830 --> 00:19:41,440

end but there were a couple of places

476
00:19:46,139 --> 00:19:43,840
along along the way where the

477
00:19:47,850 --> 00:19:46,149
achievements were applauded rather than

478
00:19:52,200 --> 00:19:47,860
my talk and I thought that was really

479
00:19:54,659 --> 00:19:52,210
good but I've had since then probably I

480
00:19:57,269 --> 00:19:54,669
would say 10 or 12 people already

481
00:19:59,039 --> 00:19:57,279
approached me just to shake my hand and

482
00:20:01,110 --> 00:19:59,049
thanked me for both for the talk and

483
00:20:05,279 --> 00:20:01,120
fall for what we've done with Ken and

484
00:20:07,139 --> 00:20:05,289
you know what it's just this is it

485
00:20:09,240 --> 00:20:07,149
that's enough for six months of hard

486
00:20:12,810 --> 00:20:09,250
work seriously it's just I'm having that

487
00:20:14,460 --> 00:20:12,820
appreciation knowing that people pay you

488
00:20:15,870 --> 00:20:14,470

know we don't do it for that okay we do

489

00:20:17,490 --> 00:20:15,880

it because we think it's important to

490

00:20:19,740 --> 00:20:17,500

help care no we it's important to fight

491

00:20:21,240 --> 00:20:19,750

the anti-vaxxers and all that but you do

492

00:20:22,409 --> 00:20:21,250

need you do need that acknowledgement

493

00:20:24,600 --> 00:20:22,419

anybody who says that they don't need

494

00:20:25,710 --> 00:20:24,610

that acknowledgement is lying and you

495

00:20:27,480 --> 00:20:25,720

know there's some people we see who are

496

00:20:30,570 --> 00:20:27,490

more in the public eye and all that then

497

00:20:33,180 --> 00:20:30,580

me but and I'm happy usually happy to do

498

00:20:35,039 --> 00:20:33,190

things more in the background but I'd be

499

00:20:37,710 --> 00:20:35,049

lying if I would say that it's not you

500

00:20:38,500 --> 00:20:37,720

know it's great it's it's fuel for for

501
00:20:40,270 --> 00:20:38,510
long

502
00:20:41,800 --> 00:20:40,280
time do you think you sometimes feel a

503
00:20:44,170 --> 00:20:41,810
bit more isolated in Australia because

504
00:20:46,630 --> 00:20:44,180
of our physical distance and you know

505
00:20:48,520 --> 00:20:46,640
how the environment we're in there

506
00:20:53,040 --> 00:20:48,530
they're like like scientifically at all

507
00:20:56,050 --> 00:20:53,050
no no we have great contacts with

508
00:20:57,940 --> 00:20:56,060
skeptics in the UK in the u.s. in

509
00:21:01,150 --> 00:20:57,950
particular but in other countries as

510
00:21:02,650 --> 00:21:01,160
well I think we know what we do well I

511
00:21:04,690 --> 00:21:02,660
certainly people have come to the table

512
00:21:06,100 --> 00:21:04,700
and they seem to think that the

513
00:21:07,780 --> 00:21:06,110

Australians have more grassroots

514

00:21:10,090 --> 00:21:07,790

approach and we're doing things that

515

00:21:12,820 --> 00:21:10,100

many skeptics groups elsewhere in the

516

00:21:15,100 --> 00:21:12,830

world aren't doing I think we have a

517

00:21:16,690 --> 00:21:15,110

good reputation in the skeptical

518

00:21:19,450 --> 00:21:16,700

movement as punching above our weight

519

00:21:21,010 --> 00:21:19,460

and getting things done and it's

520

00:21:23,290 --> 00:21:21,020

something that I don't know that it's

521

00:21:25,600 --> 00:21:23,300

actually true that we do more perhaps we

522

00:21:29,350 --> 00:21:25,610

just do things in a different way that

523

00:21:31,900 --> 00:21:29,360

make has more impact or perhaps because

524

00:21:33,730 --> 00:21:31,910

they don't hear about things where we

525

00:21:35,350 --> 00:21:33,740

fail but doesn't happen a lot but you

526
00:21:37,420 --> 00:21:35,360
know I'm surely sometimes we try to do

527
00:21:39,730 --> 00:21:37,430
things and we fail and and they don't

528
00:21:42,100 --> 00:21:39,740
hear it here whether here they they see

529
00:21:43,900 --> 00:21:42,110
both the failures and the successors I

530
00:21:46,480 --> 00:21:43,910
think you know sometimes something

531
00:21:48,310 --> 00:21:46,490
that's further away you tend to have a

532
00:21:51,610 --> 00:21:48,320
different view of it than the objective

533
00:21:53,320 --> 00:21:51,620
view so it's quite possible that their

534
00:21:54,580 --> 00:21:53,330
view is a little bit skewed but you know

535
00:21:56,260 --> 00:21:54,590
what it doesn't really matter that's the

536
00:21:58,090 --> 00:21:56,270
reputation we have and it's a great

537
00:22:01,840 --> 00:21:58,100
reputation to have I'm very pleased with

538
00:22:03,520 --> 00:22:01,850

that I think part of the perhaps problem

539

00:22:05,440 --> 00:22:03,530

it's not a sort of huge problem but I

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00:22:06,880 --> 00:22:05,450

think too much credit is given to the

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00:22:09,670 --> 00:22:06,890

organization whereas a lot of the

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00:22:11,200 --> 00:22:09,680

activities that done by individuals that

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00:22:13,450 --> 00:22:11,210

are either affiliated with the

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00:22:15,250 --> 00:22:13,460

organization or not and they could be

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00:22:16,420 --> 00:22:15,260

supported by us they could be they could

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00:22:18,340 --> 00:22:16,430

like us and all that but they're

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00:22:20,080 --> 00:22:18,350

actually doing their own thing ken

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00:22:21,790 --> 00:22:20,090

MacLeod is obviously a prime example you

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00:22:23,200 --> 00:22:21,800

know he does a huge amount of work and

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00:22:24,610 --> 00:22:23,210

he's a member of the skeptic Cesar

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00:22:28,270 --> 00:22:24,620

subscribe to the magazine but he's not

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00:22:29,950 --> 00:22:28,280

working on our behalf and he gets help

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00:22:31,630 --> 00:22:29,960

from us from time to time but he's

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00:22:34,540 --> 00:22:31,640

definitely not you know part of the

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00:22:37,780 --> 00:22:34,550

organization in any meaningful way and

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00:22:40,510 --> 00:22:37,790

we you know and somebody looking from

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00:22:42,550 --> 00:22:40,520

afar it looks like you know we're

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00:22:44,380 --> 00:22:42,560

getting credit I think we're getting

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00:22:46,450 --> 00:22:44,390

credit for his work because he seems to

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00:22:47,950 --> 00:22:46,460

be working with us hmm and that Richard

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00:22:49,390 --> 00:22:47,960

Saunders is going to be involved in a

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00:22:50,890 --> 00:22:49,400

million dollar challenge at sky

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00:22:54,940 --> 00:22:50,900

only later today I believe is that is

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00:22:56,710 --> 00:22:54,950

that true yes the Challenger actually

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00:22:59,800 --> 00:22:56,720

approached Richard because of his work

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00:23:01,120 --> 00:22:59,810

on the power balance bracelets so

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00:23:03,880 --> 00:23:01,130

despite the fact that the Challenger is

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00:23:05,710 --> 00:23:03,890

actually in the US Richard is the one

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00:23:08,530 --> 00:23:05,720

who was approached and it's a great it's

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00:23:10,450 --> 00:23:08,540

a great item to test it says it's a

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00:23:13,120 --> 00:23:10,460

really good one a very brave of him to

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00:23:15,700 --> 00:23:13,130

come to the the J ref conference and

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00:23:18,100 --> 00:23:15,710

putting yeah but it happens at every

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00:23:19,060 --> 00:23:18,110

time so it happened oh I'm not sure

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00:23:20,950 --> 00:23:19,070

every time but it's happened several

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00:23:24,970 --> 00:23:20,960

times before where there was a public

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00:23:29,340 --> 00:23:24,980

million dollar challenge because the the

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00:23:31,570 --> 00:23:29,350

thing is that these people who come here

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00:23:33,340 --> 00:23:31,580

believe that they can really do it

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00:23:35,440 --> 00:23:33,350

people who don't who don't really

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00:23:37,810 --> 00:23:35,450

believe who know that what they're doing

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00:23:40,150 --> 00:23:37,820

is a scam or whatever they won't be

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00:23:43,210 --> 00:23:40,160

tested people who make money out of it

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00:23:46,210 --> 00:23:43,220

generally won't be tested because they

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00:23:47,890 --> 00:23:46,220

don't to be proven wrong whereas you

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00:23:51,130 --> 00:23:47,900

know this is a guy who's quite clearly

587

00:23:52,630 --> 00:23:51,140

may be deluded if it doesn't work if it

588

00:23:56,020 --> 00:23:52,640

turns out that he doesn't work and i

589

00:23:57,820 --> 00:23:56,030

have a hunch on that but see it's a

590

00:24:00,040 --> 00:23:57,830

win-win because if it doesn't work it'll

591

00:24:02,290 --> 00:24:00,050

prove our well that science is ready if

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00:24:03,730 --> 00:24:02,300

it if it for some reason does work that

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00:24:05,740 --> 00:24:03,740

means we've discovered a new physical

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00:24:07,120 --> 00:24:05,750

property that could be at we're all in

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00:24:08,880 --> 00:24:07,130

for a Nobel Prize i know i'll be putting

596

00:24:11,140 --> 00:24:08,890

my hand up just for being in the room

597

00:24:15,280 --> 00:24:11,150

it's absolutely true but I wouldn't hold

598

00:24:16,360 --> 00:24:15,290

my breath and what we want our prime

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00:24:19,120 --> 00:24:16,370

minister used to say during last

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00:24:20,650 --> 00:24:19,130

election campaign so moving forward what

601
00:24:21,910 --> 00:24:20,660
do you think will be happening over the

602
00:24:25,860 --> 00:24:21,920
next couple of months given the

603
00:24:28,510 --> 00:24:25,870
inspiration you've gotten out of time oh

604
00:24:30,280 --> 00:24:28,520
if I'd you did too because you're also

605
00:24:31,630 --> 00:24:30,290
starting a new job so personally you've

606
00:24:34,000 --> 00:24:31,640
got a very challenging a period of

607
00:24:35,700 --> 00:24:34,010
coming up yeah look I've been the

608
00:24:41,080 --> 00:24:35,710
president now for just over three years

609
00:24:45,250 --> 00:24:41,090
started in tune of 2009 and we'll have

610
00:24:47,410 --> 00:24:45,260
our AGM in September and I don't know i

611
00:24:49,840 --> 00:24:47,420
don't think i will be continuing past

612
00:24:53,490 --> 00:24:49,850
that point think three years is long

613
00:24:55,450 --> 00:24:53,500

enough so i will continue to be active

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00:24:57,580 --> 00:24:55,460

within the committee and all that but

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00:24:59,830 --> 00:24:57,590

probably not as president so we'll see i

616

00:25:01,670 --> 00:24:59,840

don't know yet as you mentioned I've

617

00:25:03,860 --> 00:25:01,680

started a new job

618

00:25:05,390 --> 00:25:03,870

was it's very hard work it's so hard

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00:25:07,640 --> 00:25:05,400

actually this new job that I've worked

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00:25:12,620 --> 00:25:07,650

monday and tuesday and then on Wednesday

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00:25:14,660 --> 00:25:12,630

went to the u.s. to town oh that guy was

622

00:25:18,110 --> 00:25:14,670

here earlier in the week where's the new

623

00:25:20,510 --> 00:25:18,120

guy so so yeah obviously they knew about

624

00:25:23,690 --> 00:25:20,520

this trip in advance but but yeah but I

625

00:25:25,340 --> 00:25:23,700

wanna it's a it's a good it's a good

626
00:25:27,200 --> 00:25:25,350
professional move for me and I want to

627
00:25:29,390 --> 00:25:27,210
make sure that he works for me I'm for

628
00:25:31,370 --> 00:25:29,400
long-term not just not just for a short

629
00:25:32,960 --> 00:25:31,380
time so I want to dedicate myself to

630
00:25:34,580 --> 00:25:32,970
that you know it took different periods

631
00:25:38,120 --> 00:25:34,590
in your life you want to spend more or

632
00:25:39,950 --> 00:25:38,130
less time on specific things and while

633
00:25:41,330 --> 00:25:39,960
I'm happy to continue to act to be

634
00:25:43,220 --> 00:25:41,340
active within the skeptical movement

635
00:25:45,560 --> 00:25:43,230
I'll probably the specific things that

636
00:25:48,380 --> 00:25:45,570
will probably continue to do the role of

637
00:25:50,900 --> 00:25:48,390
president requires a significant amount

638
00:25:52,850 --> 00:25:50,910

of my time it's at a minimum we're

639

00:25:54,890 --> 00:25:52,860

talking about 3-4 hours a week that's

640

00:25:58,400 --> 00:25:54,900

the bare minimum on very very quiet

641

00:26:00,800 --> 00:25:58,410

weeks and I i need those hours now

642

00:26:02,030 --> 00:26:00,810

perhaps for other things so i don't

643

00:26:04,970 --> 00:26:02,040

think i will be continued i haven't

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00:26:07,250 --> 00:26:04,980

fully officially decided yet and you

645

00:26:08,630 --> 00:26:07,260

know that the reality is that even if i

646

00:26:11,720 --> 00:26:08,640

don't decide I mean it could be voted

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00:26:13,970 --> 00:26:11,730

out but but my inclination that this

648

00:26:15,770 --> 00:26:13,980

stage is not to stand against oh I don't

649

00:26:17,410 --> 00:26:15,780

know yes I don't know I again I'll

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00:26:19,640 --> 00:26:17,420

continue to be active within the

651
00:26:22,400 --> 00:26:19,650
movement and within the committee so

652
00:26:24,440 --> 00:26:22,410
I'll still be around look and I want to

653
00:26:25,940 --> 00:26:24,450
thank people in the movement and

654
00:26:27,890 --> 00:26:25,950
listeners to the skeptic zone for

655
00:26:29,900 --> 00:26:27,900
putting in to get me here and I just

656
00:26:31,130 --> 00:26:29,910
hope I've given enough back I hope

657
00:26:32,390 --> 00:26:31,140
there's enough interviews coming out

658
00:26:33,860 --> 00:26:32,400
here I mean I'm seeing you a couple of

659
00:26:35,420 --> 00:26:33,870
times but you've been doing special

660
00:26:37,010 --> 00:26:35,430
backroom skeptic stuff while you've been

661
00:26:38,780 --> 00:26:37,020
here I guess that's part of in my job

662
00:26:40,280 --> 00:26:38,790
I've been I've being the distraction of

663
00:26:41,540 --> 00:26:40,290

the week to run else while you and

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00:26:44,540 --> 00:26:41,550

Richard and rates you get on with some

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00:26:47,090 --> 00:26:44,550

deals going down there yeah well I think

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00:26:49,880 --> 00:26:47,100

considering the fact that you know this

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00:26:51,890 --> 00:26:49,890

is now today it's the 15th of July 2012

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00:26:53,900 --> 00:26:51,900

and because of the amount of interviews

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00:26:58,550 --> 00:26:53,910

you did this is being played some time

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00:27:00,680 --> 00:26:58,560

in 2014 it's because I'm flying back to

671

00:27:02,270 --> 00:27:00,690

Australia via soul probably you know I

672

00:27:03,770 --> 00:27:02,280

you know I probably won't get back there

673

00:27:06,410 --> 00:27:03,780

till then I'd say I'm gonna be in my

674

00:27:09,290 --> 00:27:06,420

sixties about how am I get back home is

675

00:27:10,450 --> 00:27:09,300

that a bad thing are you looking back to

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00:27:13,800 --> 00:27:10,460

get him back to work

677

00:27:17,680 --> 00:27:16,390

thank you for time and and more choice

678

00:27:19,450 --> 00:27:17,690

you would put your final message to the

679

00:27:21,010 --> 00:27:19,460

people here like the people that haven't

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00:27:22,510 --> 00:27:21,020

been to tan before people out there

681

00:27:23,560 --> 00:27:22,520

listening to this going G know what I

682

00:27:26,050 --> 00:27:23,570

don't went on there how would you

683

00:27:30,400 --> 00:27:26,060

describe it just briefly it's the

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00:27:32,500 --> 00:27:30,410

greatest social gathering of skeptics in

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00:27:34,210 --> 00:27:32,510

the world and you know the great ox

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00:27:36,250 --> 00:27:34,220

there were some really fantastic talks

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00:27:38,350 --> 00:27:36,260

and panels and I've really enjoyed them

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00:27:41,680 --> 00:27:38,360

but in the end from my perspective the

689

00:27:45,070 --> 00:27:41,690

thing that does this that makes this

690

00:27:46,870 --> 00:27:45,080

kind of conference into the amazing

691

00:27:48,190 --> 00:27:46,880

thing that it is and I'm you know it's

692

00:27:50,320 --> 00:27:48,200

not because the amazing meeting it was

693

00:27:53,980 --> 00:27:50,330

amazing even if it weren't called that

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00:27:56,080 --> 00:27:53,990

is the social interaction having so many

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00:27:58,360 --> 00:27:56,090

skeptics in the room at the same time

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00:28:00,010 --> 00:27:58,370

all talking to each other feeding off

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00:28:02,980 --> 00:28:00,020

each other telling each other stories

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00:28:06,160 --> 00:28:02,990

and jokes and and drinking and eating

699

00:28:09,340 --> 00:28:06,170

and going to the pool and you just just

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00:28:12,490 --> 00:28:09,350

hanging out with with people who we I

701
00:28:14,050 --> 00:28:12,500
would almost say that you feel if you

702
00:28:15,580 --> 00:28:14,060
just feel comfortable you know you can

703
00:28:16,770 --> 00:28:15,590
you know that these people understand

704
00:28:20,470 --> 00:28:16,780
the kind of things that you talk about

705
00:28:22,420 --> 00:28:20,480
the challenges or the skeptical moment

706
00:28:24,400 --> 00:28:22,430
are similar in different countries and

707
00:28:26,650 --> 00:28:24,410
to be able to share all of that is

708
00:28:28,030 --> 00:28:26,660
really fantastic it know it like you

709
00:28:29,770 --> 00:28:28,040
don't want to be with like minded people

710
00:28:31,840 --> 00:28:29,780
all the time that would just be not good

711
00:28:33,760 --> 00:28:31,850
for your personality but occasionally i

712
00:28:35,670 --> 00:28:33,770
can see everyone here it's good to be

713
00:28:37,900 --> 00:28:35,680

with people that are on the same page

714

00:28:41,440 --> 00:28:37,910

absolutely yeah i completely agree with

715

00:28:43,740 --> 00:28:41,450

you you know what an echo chamber is the

716

00:28:47,020 --> 00:28:43,750

worst thing you can have for a skeptic

717

00:28:48,520 --> 00:28:47,030

you do not want people who say yes to

718

00:28:49,450 --> 00:28:48,530

each other all the time but you know one

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00:28:50,830 --> 00:28:49,460

of the good think one of the things I

720

00:28:52,480 --> 00:28:50,840

really like about skeptical movement is

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00:28:54,580 --> 00:28:52,490

that it's not it's never even in a

722

00:28:56,620 --> 00:28:54,590

meeting like this it's not an echo

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00:28:58,270 --> 00:28:56,630

chamber it is you know there are

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00:28:59,770 --> 00:28:58,280

disagreements people air then people

725

00:29:01,690 --> 00:28:59,780

actually talk about them openly and

726

00:29:02,980 --> 00:29:01,700

freely and it's it's not considered rude

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00:29:04,930 --> 00:29:02,990

because that's part of being a skeptic

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00:29:06,220 --> 00:29:04,940

you know and we see that all the time

729

00:29:07,930 --> 00:29:06,230

actually within that you like for

730

00:29:09,580 --> 00:29:07,940

example within the committee like I

731

00:29:11,680 --> 00:29:09,590

can't count I mean I mean the committee

732

00:29:14,050 --> 00:29:11,690

now for about 10 years and I I can't I

733

00:29:16,570 --> 00:29:14,060

couldn't possibly count the number of

734

00:29:19,030 --> 00:29:16,580

times that we have really serious

735

00:29:21,400 --> 00:29:19,040

disagreements and then we go and have

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00:29:23,570 --> 00:29:21,410

drank together and work on things that

737

00:29:25,250 --> 00:29:23,580

we agree on it just be

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00:29:27,740 --> 00:29:25,260

having a disagreement within the

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00:29:29,480 --> 00:29:27,750

skeptical movement is not an indictable

740

00:29:32,570 --> 00:29:29,490

offense it's it's part of being a

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00:29:34,310 --> 00:29:32,580

skeptic and I find that very very good I

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00:29:36,890 --> 00:29:34,320

think that's what it's all about well I

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00:29:52,970 --> 00:29:36,900

ran let's go have a drink okay let's

744

00:29:58,980 --> 00:29:55,830

the skeptic magazine the journal from

745

00:30:01,169 --> 00:29:58,990

Australian skeptics subscribe online to

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00:30:05,789 --> 00:30:01,179

the world's second oldest skeptical

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00:30:09,090 --> 00:30:05,799

magazine visit w WC apx cambiare you and

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00:30:12,690 --> 00:30:09,100

click the publication's league you can

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00:30:16,019 --> 00:30:12,700

also find their over 30 years of back

750

00:30:37,460 --> 00:30:16,029

issues free to download the skeptic

751

00:30:42,029 --> 00:30:39,990

there's nothing like authentic noise

752

00:30:43,440 --> 00:30:42,039

listeners and that dog barking in the

753

00:30:45,810 --> 00:30:43,450

background might give you a clue that

754

00:30:47,220 --> 00:30:45,820

we're in the middle of this park but

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00:30:50,369 --> 00:30:47,230

we're in the middle of the park in the

756

00:30:52,200 --> 00:30:50,379

middle of Sydney Hyde Park it's sort of

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00:30:53,999 --> 00:30:52,210

just turning into rush hour there are

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00:30:56,190 --> 00:30:54,009

buses going about taxis but it's a

759

00:30:58,649 --> 00:30:56,200

beautiful day it was a warm hot sunny

760

00:31:00,960 --> 00:30:58,659

day for this time of year I'm with Ben

761

00:31:02,879 --> 00:31:00,970

and Steve making all the way from one of

762

00:31:04,409 --> 00:31:02,889

my favorite cities in the world we're

763

00:31:08,460 --> 00:31:04,419

from Edinburgh she's jumping the gun

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00:31:11,399 --> 00:31:08,470

there and as my listeners may well

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00:31:14,039 --> 00:31:11,409

remember I was very lucky i visited in

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00:31:15,539 --> 00:31:14,049

bur earlier this year and in fact I

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00:31:17,879 --> 00:31:15,549

spoke at your skeptics in the pub which

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00:31:20,610 --> 00:31:17,889

was such a thrill wow did I enjoy that

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00:31:22,769 --> 00:31:20,620

Ron Levin bro it was a great place so

770

00:31:24,280 --> 00:31:22,779

first of all what brings you to the

771

00:31:28,540 --> 00:31:24,290

middle of Sydney

772

00:31:31,750 --> 00:31:28,550

well I'm a researcher in stroke medicine

773

00:31:34,270 --> 00:31:31,760

and I was lucky enough to win a prize at

774

00:31:37,390 --> 00:31:34,280

the UK stroke from last year and the

775

00:31:40,450 --> 00:31:37,400

prize was to present at the Sydney

776

00:31:42,730 --> 00:31:40,460

australasian stroke for him 2012 which

777

00:31:45,010 --> 00:31:42,740

have in Sydney this year and we thought

778

00:31:46,450 --> 00:31:45,020

what if one of us gets a pain to get

779

00:31:48,370 --> 00:31:46,460

paid for the other one is better come

780

00:31:51,610 --> 00:31:48,380

for a holiday so that's exactly why we

781

00:31:53,860 --> 00:31:51,620

came here good thinking so absolutely so

782

00:31:56,710 --> 00:31:53,870

we're here for a visit we are visiting

783

00:32:00,190 --> 00:31:56,720

Sydney and we're also taking opportunity

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00:32:02,350 --> 00:32:00,200

to go up to collect cans and queenly

785

00:32:04,510 --> 00:32:02,360

good Oh beautiful yes I've stunningly

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00:32:05,970 --> 00:32:04,520

beautiful place in the world absolutely

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00:32:08,440 --> 00:32:05,980

and I'm not getting paid for you

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00:32:11,200 --> 00:32:08,450

Queensland tourist board now we'll get

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00:32:13,210 --> 00:32:11,210

to while what you're going to be doing

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00:32:15,250 --> 00:32:13,220

here in Sydney for us tonight this very

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00:32:19,300 --> 00:32:15,260

night at the Sydney skeptics in the pub

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00:32:20,980 --> 00:32:19,310

soon but just before we made our way to

793

00:32:22,360 --> 00:32:20,990

this park we were having a little bit of

794

00:32:25,780 --> 00:32:22,370

a chat about all the wonderful things

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00:32:29,260 --> 00:32:25,790

that the skeptics get up to in Edinburgh

796

00:32:32,170 --> 00:32:29,270

and I again I just wish I I could fly

797

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

there every other week it's just all the

798

00:32:35,710 --> 00:32:33,890

things you get up to that well we're

799

00:32:38,860 --> 00:32:35,720

very very fortunate with Edinburgh

800

00:32:41,680 --> 00:32:38,870

because without Emirates it is the

801
00:32:43,390 --> 00:32:41,690
festival city we have the international

802
00:32:45,250 --> 00:32:43,400
festival we have the fringe which I

803
00:32:48,340 --> 00:32:45,260
think everyone very by thinks of

804
00:32:51,550 --> 00:32:48,350
Edinburgh for and we also have a silence

805
00:32:54,100 --> 00:32:51,560
festival so as well as our monthly

806
00:32:56,620 --> 00:32:54,110
skeptics in the pub talks we also put on

807
00:32:59,320 --> 00:32:56,630
talks and events during the French so

808
00:33:02,200 --> 00:32:59,330
which is just finished it finished a run

809
00:33:06,280 --> 00:33:02,210
through august and we had 21 talks we

810
00:33:09,580 --> 00:33:06,290
had 21 21 20 different talks by

811
00:33:13,210 --> 00:33:09,590
different people not the same talk 21

812
00:33:14,890 --> 00:33:13,220
time we also had cash price is the

813
00:33:16,930 --> 00:33:14,900

founder Edinburgh skeptics put on cash

814

00:33:17,970 --> 00:33:16,940

price i had the pleasure of interviewing

815

00:33:21,720 --> 00:33:17,980

a shoe

816

00:33:24,690 --> 00:33:21,730

yeah yeah so he did his psychic con man

817

00:33:26,580 --> 00:33:24,700

shows and how to talk to the dead yes

818

00:33:29,549 --> 00:33:26,590

and get them to talk back which is

819

00:33:33,630 --> 00:33:29,559

difficult bit and how to predict the

820

00:33:38,039 --> 00:33:33,640

future and how to be a psychic on map

821

00:33:40,500 --> 00:33:38,049

yet rich ash ash and he also did what

822

00:33:43,770 --> 00:33:40,510

about to walking towards that we did he

823

00:33:47,370 --> 00:33:43,780

did the ghost busted tour ghost busted

824

00:33:49,680 --> 00:33:47,380

yes edinburgh trade on being the most

825

00:33:52,350 --> 00:33:49,690

haunted city in Europe or having the

826
00:33:53,880 --> 00:33:52,360
most creative tourist industry depending

827
00:33:56,340 --> 00:33:53,890
on how you look at it and in a huge

828
00:33:58,530 --> 00:33:56,350
industry of ghost tours that take

829
00:34:00,510 --> 00:33:58,540
gullible people round dark and

830
00:34:02,789 --> 00:34:00,520
supposedly haunted locations frighten

831
00:34:05,730 --> 00:34:02,799
them and tell get them to 10 they've had

832
00:34:08,490 --> 00:34:05,740
an experience and ash takes you around

833
00:34:11,040 --> 00:34:08,500
the same locations and tells you the

834
00:34:15,330 --> 00:34:11,050
truth about the ghost which isn't as

835
00:34:16,919 --> 00:34:15,340
popular sadness about Scotland you sort

836
00:34:20,639 --> 00:34:16,929
of cornering the market here on strange

837
00:34:22,740 --> 00:34:20,649
things I mean I you may know I do a show

838
00:34:25,169 --> 00:34:22,750

for schools for school kids and varying

839

00:34:26,550 --> 00:34:25,179

ages and it never fails all the years

840

00:34:28,500 --> 00:34:26,560

I've been doing this show no matter how

841

00:34:30,690 --> 00:34:28,510

young the kids are I say who's heard of

842

00:34:32,909 --> 00:34:30,700

the Loch Ness monster all the kids and

843

00:34:35,550 --> 00:34:32,919

after all these years it's just amazing

844

00:34:40,680 --> 00:34:35,560

but one of our talks at the other thing

845

00:34:43,109 --> 00:34:40,690

was by John Saxton and he's actually he

846

00:34:44,790 --> 00:34:43,119

trained as a zoologist photo his illness

847

00:34:47,040 --> 00:34:44,800

Phyllis a zoologist but he's got a very

848

00:34:50,790 --> 00:34:47,050

nice little sideline in research that he

849

00:34:53,310 --> 00:34:50,800

does for fun which is about Messi's

850

00:34:57,330 --> 00:34:53,320

about the Loch Ness monster and he's he

851
00:34:59,280 --> 00:34:57,340
looks at the sightings of the Loch Ness

852
00:35:02,280 --> 00:34:59,290
monster how many of them there have been

853
00:35:04,080 --> 00:35:02,290
and how far away and so on so now the

854
00:35:07,170 --> 00:35:04,090
thing that was really nice about this

855
00:35:10,020 --> 00:35:07,180
for us putting on a dress skeptics and

856
00:35:13,050 --> 00:35:10,030
skeptics on the fringe was the Charles

857
00:35:16,410 --> 00:35:13,060
is managed to get himself sponsored he

858
00:35:17,640 --> 00:35:16,420
sponsored you could say kind of by drug

859
00:35:21,480 --> 00:35:17,650
company

860
00:35:24,810 --> 00:35:21,490
Oh big farmer um no cry chorus lorem

861
00:35:27,150 --> 00:35:24,820
yeah Craig Kraken rum I see which is

862
00:35:30,210 --> 00:35:27,160
very nice lung and we have emerged a

863
00:35:32,700 --> 00:35:30,220

fairy tale yeah on the monster sea

864

00:35:36,000 --> 00:35:32,710

monster was named that right in LA can

865

00:35:40,680 --> 00:35:36,010

Kraken Kraken I think try it today hey

866

00:35:42,690 --> 00:35:40,690

Mike it something I did KRA que en or

867

00:35:44,930 --> 00:35:42,700

sounds good we're not paid by them no

868

00:35:47,700 --> 00:35:44,940

but if it happened to send at the bottle

869

00:35:50,790 --> 00:35:47,710

so we serve a Charles came to speak for

870

00:35:52,050 --> 00:35:50,800

us for skeptics on the fringe we had we

871

00:35:53,910 --> 00:35:52,060

had a really we've just had a really

872

00:35:55,560 --> 00:35:53,920

really really great festival what is it

873

00:35:57,960 --> 00:35:55,570

about Edinburgh man when I was there I

874

00:35:59,310 --> 00:35:57,970

certainly the response i received that

875

00:36:00,570 --> 00:35:59,320

skeptics in the pub was great was a big

876

00:36:02,610 --> 00:36:00,580

turnout and i thought to myself this is

877

00:36:07,460 --> 00:36:02,620

a city that really likes interesting

878

00:36:10,860 --> 00:36:07,470

things you know it is there's a lot of

879

00:36:13,200 --> 00:36:10,870

things going on we've got a really

880

00:36:15,750 --> 00:36:13,210

active local humanists group who

881

00:36:17,670 --> 00:36:15,760

sponsored something those really great

882

00:36:20,160 --> 00:36:17,680

mentally generous and very very kind of

883

00:36:22,590 --> 00:36:20,170

us of those it may enable us to bring

884

00:36:24,590 --> 00:36:22,600

some much bigger names yeah we're very

885

00:36:26,880 --> 00:36:24,600

grateful to the humanists for that um

886

00:36:29,190 --> 00:36:26,890

what it is about any but I don't know

887

00:36:31,590 --> 00:36:29,200

it's it's it was this because it's

888

00:36:33,480 --> 00:36:31,600

smallish city was this start of it when

889

00:36:35,820 --> 00:36:33,490

it was the city where the Enlightenment

890

00:36:40,230 --> 00:36:35,830

tap started if you have to like people

891

00:36:42,000 --> 00:36:40,240

and it's got a buena idea I've got a

892

00:36:44,340 --> 00:36:42,010

number of universities quite a small

893

00:36:46,080 --> 00:36:44,350

city and there's a lot of people there

894

00:36:49,380 --> 00:36:46,090

who are interested in a lot of things

895

00:36:51,360 --> 00:36:49,390

and a lot of people there who are

896

00:36:54,030 --> 00:36:51,370

curious and in many respects it is a

897

00:36:55,710 --> 00:36:54,040

capital city we do have we have on

898

00:37:00,510 --> 00:36:55,720

Scottish Parliament there will you do it

899

00:37:02,040 --> 00:37:00,520

lovely p.m. so we we do have people who

900

00:37:04,680 --> 00:37:02,050

might otherwise gravitate to other

901
00:37:07,290 --> 00:37:04,690
cities either stay in Edinburgh or

902
00:37:09,210 --> 00:37:07,300
gravitate to it over itself so they're

903
00:37:11,550 --> 00:37:09,220
there just is a lot going on and I think

904
00:37:13,200 --> 00:37:11,560
I really do think that the fact that

905
00:37:15,180 --> 00:37:13,210
we've got the festival's they're really

906
00:37:17,809 --> 00:37:15,190
helps as well on the keepers and then

907
00:37:20,959 --> 00:37:17,819
tell me have they fixed princess 3w

908
00:37:23,059 --> 00:37:20,969
no still a mess SMS we still don't have

909
00:37:24,439 --> 00:37:23,069
any trans now as the folks are building

910
00:37:26,029 --> 00:37:24,449
trams and when I was there earlier in

911
00:37:28,430 --> 00:37:26,039
the year it was like a construction site

912
00:37:31,099 --> 00:37:28,440
was just awful and I thought well they

913
00:37:32,689 --> 00:37:31,109

must be nearly finished no but the trams

914

00:37:35,479 --> 00:37:32,699

have been going on for four years they

915

00:37:41,259 --> 00:37:35,489

are actually if you cited you're more

916

00:37:46,279 --> 00:37:44,049

that's very good I like that thank you

917

00:37:47,870 --> 00:37:46,289

remember that one folks it was like and

918

00:37:49,549 --> 00:37:47,880

they keep changing the closing down

919

00:37:51,289 --> 00:37:49,559

those without any warning if you drive

920

00:37:54,349 --> 00:37:51,299

longer if I doesn't work anymore how

921

00:37:56,539 --> 00:37:54,359

else can I get to now it was a pleasure

922

00:37:58,789 --> 00:37:56,549

as i said to visit any but despite the

923

00:38:02,809 --> 00:37:58,799

trams workings and not being finished

924

00:38:04,189 --> 00:38:02,819

and I really sincerely did enjoy getting

925

00:38:07,180 --> 00:38:04,199

my talk which was about general

926

00:38:10,489 --> 00:38:07,190

skepticism to skeptics in the pub as a

927

00:38:13,130 --> 00:38:10,499

local skateboarder goes by and which

928

00:38:15,469 --> 00:38:13,140

brings you to the topic of tonight

929

00:38:17,359 --> 00:38:15,479

because you're speaking at all skeptics

930

00:38:20,660 --> 00:38:17,369

in the pub guarantee he'll tell me all

931

00:38:24,229 --> 00:38:20,670

about that well we are doing a joint

932

00:38:26,089 --> 00:38:24,239

talk oh um alt Madsen alternative

933

00:38:29,719 --> 00:38:26,099

medicine and entitled where's the harm

934

00:38:32,779 --> 00:38:29,729

and the reason for this is that save as

935

00:38:36,019 --> 00:38:32,789

a doctor knows well meet him about about

936

00:38:37,849 --> 00:38:36,029

medicine yes all right I hope so and I

937

00:38:42,620 --> 00:38:37,859

know rather worrying amount about alt

938

00:38:44,779 --> 00:38:42,630

because I I suffer from migraines and or

939

00:38:48,349 --> 00:38:44,789

join the club yeah and one of the things

940

00:38:50,059 --> 00:38:48,359

with migraines is that you a lot of

941

00:38:55,099 --> 00:38:50,069

plate people will say that they can

942

00:38:57,589 --> 00:38:55,109

treat them or can help with them and

943

00:39:01,489 --> 00:38:57,599

over the years I've tried a short list

944

00:39:05,329 --> 00:39:01,499

of about 31 different things we have on

945

00:39:06,979 --> 00:39:05,339

our list really III only I'm just

946

00:39:09,529 --> 00:39:06,989

showing me the list now I look I don't

947

00:39:11,120 --> 00:39:09,539

doubt it because as my listeners know

948

00:39:12,620 --> 00:39:11,130

who do unfortunately suffer from

949

00:39:14,209 --> 00:39:12,630

migraines when you're in the grip of

950

00:39:15,799 --> 00:39:14,219

wine it's like well I don't care what

951
00:39:17,509 --> 00:39:15,809
what are you going to get I just want

952
00:39:20,739 --> 00:39:17,519
this to stop you know it's debilitating

953
00:39:24,439 --> 00:39:20,749
and also I think a lot of the debater on

954
00:39:26,599 --> 00:39:24,449
Ahmed can be very very polarized and you

955
00:39:27,710 --> 00:39:26,609
can it's very easy to think that people

956
00:39:28,820 --> 00:39:27,720
that are

957
00:39:31,940 --> 00:39:28,830
using alternative or complementary

958
00:39:33,710 --> 00:39:31,950
medicine are two thumb and it's also

959
00:39:36,560 --> 00:39:33,720
very easy to think that the people that

960
00:39:38,990 --> 00:39:36,570
work in that area are deliberate

961
00:39:41,750 --> 00:39:39,000
charlatans yes it's too black and white

962
00:39:45,560 --> 00:39:41,760
yeah and my feeling very strong is it's

963
00:39:47,120 --> 00:39:45,570

a lot more nuanced than that so we we

964

00:39:48,950 --> 00:39:47,130

look at some of those things it's a fun

965

00:39:51,470 --> 00:39:48,960

tool yeah we look at the things where

966

00:39:53,270 --> 00:39:51,480

you've tried and then we look at why

967

00:39:56,240 --> 00:39:53,280

they may have seemed to work at the time

968

00:39:59,420 --> 00:39:56,250

and then we briefly look at what's the

969

00:40:01,099 --> 00:39:59,430

harm but she's usually fairly obvious I

970

00:40:03,740 --> 00:40:01,109

think most people in Australia be aware

971

00:40:05,599 --> 00:40:03,750

of the Penelope Dingle okay I'm

972

00:40:09,200 --> 00:40:05,609

certainly in certainly yes and the

973

00:40:10,820 --> 00:40:09,210

homeopathy yeah those terrible um so

974

00:40:14,720 --> 00:40:10,830

it's even been have a domestic on

975

00:40:17,089 --> 00:40:14,730

stainless reliving our first few days 30

976
00:40:18,680 --> 00:40:17,099
days which recursively saying but I've

977
00:40:22,370 --> 00:40:18,690
tried this and it helped and I'm going

978
00:40:26,150 --> 00:40:22,380
but no other and culminating is with

979
00:40:27,680 --> 00:40:26,160
suggesting some effective so now the

980
00:40:31,430 --> 00:40:27,690
migraines are under control with

981
00:40:35,170 --> 00:40:31,440
triptans and aspirin and beta blockers

982
00:40:37,070 --> 00:40:35,180
so I guess I'm lucky in a way because

983
00:40:40,910 --> 00:40:37,080
they're very common over-the-counter

984
00:40:44,780 --> 00:40:40,920
drug here paracetamol yeah that that

985
00:40:47,150 --> 00:40:44,790
usually at least nulla dumbs it down

986
00:40:48,620 --> 00:40:47,160
that's not the right turn turn hey thr

987
00:40:49,940 --> 00:40:48,630
takes the edge off and I can sort of

988
00:40:51,740 --> 00:40:49,950

operate it's still sort of hanging on

989

00:40:53,750 --> 00:40:51,750

yeah but normally just have to wait

990

00:40:56,599 --> 00:40:53,760

clickers yeah i mean that's that's very

991

00:40:58,130 --> 00:40:56,609

much been my experience as well so your

992

00:41:00,020 --> 00:40:58,140

parakeet or doesn't work for you and you

993

00:41:02,000 --> 00:41:00,030

have to take four novels know which is

994

00:41:05,690 --> 00:41:02,010

the thing that that's calling for me is

995

00:41:11,599 --> 00:41:05,700

that a that the normal dose of aspirin

996

00:41:15,180 --> 00:41:11,609

is is 300 600 is it yeah 300 his job I'm

997

00:41:17,040 --> 00:41:15,190

sure she knows yeah and uh

998

00:41:18,480 --> 00:41:17,050

what are you know year dr. hey other

999

00:41:20,309 --> 00:41:18,490

lies that you should be taking note then

1000

00:41:22,410 --> 00:41:20,319

who the study showing 900 with actually

1001
00:41:23,819 --> 00:41:22,420
the most effective dates that my brain

1002
00:41:25,530 --> 00:41:23,829
so which I could have been taking all

1003
00:41:27,839 --> 00:41:25,540
the time 20 years I could have been

1004
00:41:29,339 --> 00:41:27,849
taking aspirin and didn't know well I'm

1005
00:41:30,870 --> 00:41:29,349
sure there are migraines and there are

1006
00:41:32,190 --> 00:41:30,880
migraines I must be all individual beast

1007
00:41:35,190 --> 00:41:32,200
depending on the ponder on the

1008
00:41:37,650 --> 00:41:35,200
individual person yeah I think they

1009
00:41:41,550 --> 00:41:37,660
should be probably true and fair I'm

1010
00:41:45,630 --> 00:41:41,560
very very much of the opinion that a lot

1011
00:41:48,650 --> 00:41:45,640
of the topics that of interest of

1012
00:41:51,540 --> 00:41:48,660
skeptics are much more nuanced than we

1013
00:41:52,829 --> 00:41:51,550

give them credit for particularly when

1014

00:41:53,940 --> 00:41:52,839

we're in the company of other skeptics

1015

00:41:56,460 --> 00:41:53,950

because when we're in the company of

1016

00:41:59,520 --> 00:41:56,470

other skeptics we we can end up talking

1017

00:42:00,690 --> 00:41:59,530

in a shorthand along star selves yes one

1018

00:42:02,609 --> 00:42:00,700

of the things that I want to do with

1019

00:42:05,430 --> 00:42:02,619

this talk is just to say well you know

1020

00:42:07,200 --> 00:42:05,440

it's in the words of Ben Goldacre it's a

1021

00:42:08,849 --> 00:42:07,210

little bit more complicated than that I

1022

00:42:10,710 --> 00:42:08,859

like that with that expression he's come

1023

00:42:14,010 --> 00:42:10,720

up yet and it's absolutely so true it's

1024

00:42:15,390 --> 00:42:14,020

so true and and indeed we were on our

1025

00:42:18,059 --> 00:42:15,400

stroll here to the park we were chatting

1026

00:42:19,920 --> 00:42:18,069

about the media and I can tell you for

1027

00:42:21,300 --> 00:42:19,930

the media sake they need things to be

1028

00:42:23,819 --> 00:42:21,310

black and white quite a lot of the time

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00:42:25,140 --> 00:42:23,829

so when you introduce something like

1030

00:42:26,880 --> 00:42:25,150

well it's a little bit more complicated

1031

00:42:29,700 --> 00:42:26,890

than that there with them we're not

1032

00:42:32,069 --> 00:42:29,710

interested are they ghosts yes I know

1033

00:42:35,730 --> 00:42:32,079

can you debunk it yes or no yeah sort of

1034

00:42:37,829 --> 00:42:35,740

attitude so yeah so that's really what

1035

00:42:39,120 --> 00:42:37,839

we're trying to do with a talk boom and

1036

00:42:41,520 --> 00:42:39,130

that's great and I notice you've been

1037

00:42:43,680 --> 00:42:41,530

giving this talk in other locations yes

1038

00:42:45,690 --> 00:42:43,690

we're all a bit of a tour we've started

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00:42:47,130 --> 00:42:45,700

off in Cork skeptics of of skeptics in

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00:42:49,890 --> 00:42:47,140

the castle and they have an amazing

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00:42:52,170 --> 00:42:49,900

group there that with in July that was

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00:42:54,109 --> 00:42:52,180

in July and the Irish guys are really

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00:42:57,750 --> 00:42:54,119

good and really interesting because

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00:43:00,140 --> 00:42:57,760

they've I mean them obviously they've

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00:43:04,020 --> 00:43:00,150

got their own circumstances in Ireland

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00:43:07,710 --> 00:43:04,030

with a very strong Catholic Church that

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00:43:11,970 --> 00:43:07,720

they're sort of slowly moving away from

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00:43:14,640 --> 00:43:11,980

the we didn't give the talk in skeptics

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00:43:16,680 --> 00:43:14,650

in the pub in Dublin mainly because

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00:43:19,920 --> 00:43:16,690

skeptics in the pub in Dublin for a long

1051
00:43:23,700 --> 00:43:19,930
time has been just skeptics drinking in

1052
00:43:24,870 --> 00:43:23,710
the pub I'm sure which is great I me

1053
00:43:26,819 --> 00:43:24,880
that's awesome

1054
00:43:29,150 --> 00:43:26,829
so we've given it that we've obviously

1055
00:43:32,640 --> 00:43:29,160
given it time group in Edinburgh yeah

1056
00:43:34,829 --> 00:43:32,650
and now here we are taking it around the

1057
00:43:36,829 --> 00:43:34,839
world yes we can have a big shout out to

1058
00:43:39,089 --> 00:43:36,839
our friends at the skipper corns podcast

1059
00:43:41,759 --> 00:43:39,099
absolutely absolutely it's a great

1060
00:43:44,880 --> 00:43:41,769
podcast skipper course yes that's the

1061
00:43:49,890 --> 00:43:44,890
skeptic of course yeah and corn dog this

1062
00:43:51,660 --> 00:43:49,900
is jaimie or possibly done though these

1063
00:43:55,680 --> 00:43:51,670

colts get chicks a really great great

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00:43:58,319 --> 00:43:55,690

we've known comb who runs them for quite

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00:44:02,509 --> 00:43:58,329

a long time because we initially met him

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00:44:05,970 --> 00:44:02,519

on douglas adams the HD GT website in

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00:44:08,730 --> 00:44:05,980

1999 yes well so a long time ago if

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00:44:10,289 --> 00:44:08,740

other viable but for your skeptics

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00:44:13,019 --> 00:44:10,299

captain well now I've always but I've

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00:44:16,170 --> 00:44:13,029

always been critical in my thinking yes

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00:44:17,700 --> 00:44:16,180

just not effective they're doing the act

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00:44:19,950 --> 00:44:17,710

already folks that they're just they're

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00:44:21,630 --> 00:44:19,960

warming up as we speak what I'm really

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00:44:23,249 --> 00:44:21,640

looking forward to tonight store I'm

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00:44:25,349 --> 00:44:23,259

sure all the people who come to Sydney

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00:44:27,720 --> 00:44:25,359

skeptics in the pub are going to enjoy

1077

00:44:30,180 --> 00:44:27,730

it immensely are you going to take it

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00:44:32,490 --> 00:44:30,190

anywhere else maybe well anyone wanted

1079

00:44:35,519 --> 00:44:32,500

to invite herself yes absolutely yes

1080

00:44:37,200 --> 00:44:35,529

definitely open for invitations I'm very

1081

00:44:40,680 --> 00:44:37,210

happy obviously to do it anywhere in the

1082

00:44:42,960 --> 00:44:40,690

UK and very happy whenever we go on our

1083

00:44:44,640 --> 00:44:42,970

travels to try and find another skeptics

1084

00:44:46,200 --> 00:44:44,650

group yes I haven't heard it haven't

1085

00:44:48,210 --> 00:44:46,210

seen it but I can sincerely recommend it

1086

00:44:50,519 --> 00:44:48,220

works if you're having a skeptics

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00:44:52,019 --> 00:44:50,529

convention or a conference I just look

1088

00:44:54,089 --> 00:44:52,029

at the the show notes for this episode

1089

00:44:56,759 --> 00:44:54,099

to find out more well Baron Steve what a

1090

00:44:59,700 --> 00:44:56,769

pleasure it is to see you here in in

1091

00:45:02,220 --> 00:44:59,710

sunny sunny Sydney beautiful day a

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00:45:05,249 --> 00:45:02,230

gorgeous day a huge climate shock for us

1093

00:45:07,289 --> 00:45:05,259

having come off of one of the longest

1094

00:45:11,069 --> 00:45:07,299

coldest wettest most horrible summers in

1095

00:45:12,839 --> 00:45:11,079

Edinburgh mmm to see sunshine yeah it's

1096

00:45:13,550 --> 00:45:12,849

great we had about a week of Sun shone

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00:45:17,330 --> 00:45:13,560

ended with

1098

00:45:20,420 --> 00:45:17,340

yeah yes week I actually I was probably

1099

00:45:22,730 --> 00:45:20,430

a day to be and that was in a crush yeah

1100

00:45:26,090 --> 00:45:22,740

may don't something have either of you

1101

00:45:28,010 --> 00:45:26,100

been to Loch Ness yes yes we have no but

1102

00:45:30,950 --> 00:45:28,020

we didn't see the monster no you know

1103

00:45:35,150 --> 00:45:30,960

but nice run up further use the rum

1104

00:45:37,640 --> 00:45:35,160

again then cry likes them okay thank you

1105

00:45:41,330 --> 00:45:37,650

once again and oh wow why don't we

1106

00:45:46,130 --> 00:45:41,340

slowly make our way to the pub hey thank

1107

00:45:47,810 --> 00:45:46,140

you very much well hey we've got a

1108

00:45:50,060 --> 00:45:47,820

Scottish visitor what's your name my

1109

00:45:52,220 --> 00:45:50,070

name is been makin and look I heard you

1110

00:45:54,050 --> 00:45:52,230

talk about leg waxing there and I

1111

00:45:55,550 --> 00:45:54,060

couldn't agree more they're just just

1112

00:45:57,380 --> 00:45:55,560

listens let me fill you in she was

1113

00:45:58,790 --> 00:45:57,390

talking about various different ways and

1114

00:46:00,830 --> 00:45:58,800

alternative treatments you've had and

1115

00:46:02,630 --> 00:46:00,840

you brought up leg waxing and look I've

1116

00:46:05,120 --> 00:46:02,640

had the the back crack and sack myself

1117

00:46:07,400 --> 00:46:05,130

and I've got to say you do get in a very

1118

00:46:11,450 --> 00:46:07,410

intimate relationship with your with

1119

00:46:16,160 --> 00:46:11,460

your genital waxer don't you sir yes yes

1120

00:46:19,220 --> 00:46:16,170

you see it happens doesn't it indeed I

1121

00:46:23,510 --> 00:46:19,230

do feel very strongly that leg waxes and

1122

00:46:25,730 --> 00:46:23,520

any kind of waxes underappreciated in

1123

00:46:28,850 --> 00:46:25,740

terms of providing a therapeutic service

1124

00:46:30,440 --> 00:46:28,860

and the therapeutic support because it

1125

00:46:32,480 --> 00:46:30,450

is as you say such an intimate

1126
00:46:35,720 --> 00:46:32,490
relationship and they need to distract

1127
00:46:39,950 --> 00:46:35,730
you from the pain so they they ask

1128
00:46:42,980 --> 00:46:39,960
caring kind considerations and it's the

1129
00:46:45,080 --> 00:46:42,990
exact equivalent to doctors sort of say

1130
00:46:47,750 --> 00:46:45,090
just a little prick with a needle bang

1131
00:46:49,550 --> 00:46:47,760
so there we go and what did you make

1132
00:46:50,990 --> 00:46:49,560
about crowd here tonight what kind of

1133
00:46:52,610 --> 00:46:51,000
people do we get along here is it a

1134
00:46:56,120 --> 00:46:52,620
fairly rough crowd you think there are

1135
00:46:58,460 --> 00:46:56,130
rum drinkers late into the night and the

1136
00:47:01,850 --> 00:46:58,470
the skeptics right here I have to say

1137
00:47:04,040 --> 00:47:01,860
I've been really lovely we we've done is

1138
00:47:08,090 --> 00:47:04,050

talk in coral reef dammit in Edinburgh

1139

00:47:10,280 --> 00:47:08,100

and in Edinburgh it was we had much much

1140

00:47:12,530 --> 00:47:10,290

tougher set of questions yeah we've been

1141

00:47:14,780 --> 00:47:12,540

very welcome to being made very very

1142

00:47:17,240 --> 00:47:14,790

friendly we've been fed we've been we've

1143

00:47:19,550 --> 00:47:17,250

been provided with with with drink and

1144

00:47:22,040 --> 00:47:19,560

look I've been to the Edinburgh Festival

1145

00:47:24,050 --> 00:47:22,050

number of times and the rivalry between

1146

00:47:25,809 --> 00:47:24,060

Edinburgh and Glasgow is just amazing

1147

00:47:29,650 --> 00:47:25,819

but Glasgow they fight dirty

1148

00:47:33,519 --> 00:47:29,660

they they will they do Tai Chi I mean

1149

00:47:35,680 --> 00:47:33,529

they do well can you set it yeah no I i

1150

00:47:37,599 --> 00:47:35,690

lived in class go for a while I really

1151
00:47:39,819 --> 00:47:37,609
like Glasgow City I'm not living in

1152
00:47:41,999 --> 00:47:39,829
Edinburgh and that's also great as you

1153
00:47:46,509 --> 00:47:42,009
can tell I'm English I'm not Scottish

1154
00:47:48,880 --> 00:47:46,519
and are very very much like both cities

1155
00:47:50,199 --> 00:47:48,890
they both got amazing qualities about

1156
00:47:53,949 --> 00:47:50,209
them but they have it such a rivalry

1157
00:47:55,719 --> 00:47:53,959
that they they do indeed and I'm way off

1158
00:47:57,039 --> 00:47:55,729
to hereafter and what would you like

1159
00:47:58,479 --> 00:47:57,049
you're skeptical journey to take you

1160
00:47:59,829 --> 00:47:58,489
next you're going around the world you

1161
00:48:01,209 --> 00:47:59,839
want to do a bit of Scandinavia think

1162
00:48:02,769 --> 00:48:01,219
the Arctic Circle where's your

1163
00:48:04,180 --> 00:48:02,779

skepticism man take your next well I

1164

00:48:05,469 --> 00:48:04,190

lived in Sweden for a while and

1165

00:48:08,229 --> 00:48:05,479

thoroughly enjoyed it they'll have

1166

00:48:10,539 --> 00:48:08,239

actually been above the Arctic Circle in

1167

00:48:12,099 --> 00:48:10,549

the in both summer and winter so that

1168

00:48:14,620 --> 00:48:12,109

was good but not particularly with a

1169

00:48:16,059 --> 00:48:14,630

skeptic journey in terms of a skeptic

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00:48:18,819 --> 00:48:16,069

journey where would I like to go next

1171

00:48:21,400 --> 00:48:18,829

and while we're going up to Cannes and

1172

00:48:23,410 --> 00:48:21,410

we're going to Queensland and then we're

1173

00:48:25,599 --> 00:48:23,420

going back to edinboro we will buckle

1174

00:48:27,189 --> 00:48:25,609

down for the winter and batten down the

1175

00:48:28,900 --> 00:48:27,199

hatches all you can really do in

1176

00:48:30,400 --> 00:48:28,910

Edinburgh in fact I must remind people

1177

00:48:32,949 --> 00:48:30,410

if you're drinking in Edinburgh in

1178

00:48:34,839 --> 00:48:32,959

winter don't fall asleep outside cuz

1179

00:48:37,779 --> 00:48:34,849

you'll die indeed and you there's no

1180

00:48:39,640 --> 00:48:37,789

need to put ice and drinks because they

1181

00:48:42,039 --> 00:48:39,650

will be that cold and I see you've got

1182

00:48:44,199 --> 00:48:42,049

some badges on a denim jacket very early

1183

00:48:46,660 --> 00:48:44,209

Bananarama style there now I can't see

1184

00:48:48,519 --> 00:48:46,670

any Duran Duran or classic Nouveau or

1185

00:48:50,049 --> 00:48:48,529

Vizag badgers there there's no new

1186

00:48:54,370 --> 00:48:50,059

romantic badges on your jacket at all

1187

00:48:57,759 --> 00:48:54,380

but i do have a sketch is impalas match

1188

00:49:01,599 --> 00:48:57,769

ah and i also have a badge for QED which

1189

00:49:04,959 --> 00:49:01,609

is the conference that was put on by

1190

00:49:07,329 --> 00:49:04,969

mercy skeptics and the skeptics in

1191

00:49:09,400 --> 00:49:07,339

Manchester yeah and they had the hardest

1192

00:49:12,160 --> 00:49:09,410

quiz show podcast to that mu Z skeptics

1193

00:49:16,689 --> 00:49:12,170

a quiz show podcast is really hard and

1194

00:49:18,309 --> 00:49:16,699

they do they do indeed how can you

1195

00:49:20,499 --> 00:49:18,319

answer those questions well we look

1196

00:49:22,630 --> 00:49:20,509

forward to having you back again I we

1197

00:49:25,509 --> 00:49:22,640

very much look forward to being here we

1198

00:49:27,099 --> 00:49:25,519

have had such a great time and we have

1199

00:49:28,930 --> 00:49:27,109

such a warm welcome from Australian

1200

00:49:31,810 --> 00:49:28,940

skeptics Oh give my regards to Hadrian's

1201

00:49:34,180 --> 00:49:31,820

Wall I'm out of course

1202

00:49:35,980 --> 00:49:34,190

and now we've got a first timer hits

1203

00:49:38,140 --> 00:49:35,990

kept against in the publisher name my

1204

00:49:39,760 --> 00:49:38,150

name is Mickel now what makes a merchant

1205

00:49:41,200 --> 00:49:39,770

bank I want to come along to a skeptics

1206

00:49:43,210 --> 00:49:41,210

night because there's a fair bit of whoo

1207

00:49:44,920 --> 00:49:43,220

who involved in merchant banking a lot

1208

00:49:46,780 --> 00:49:44,930

of holding on and praying at the market

1209

00:49:50,080 --> 00:49:46,790

goes up or whatever well that's true i

1210

00:49:51,700 --> 00:49:50,090

think for me the biggest the thing that

1211

00:49:53,560 --> 00:49:51,710

pisses me off really is when your work

1212

00:49:55,210 --> 00:49:53,570

in a bank as a lot of regulation the

1213

00:49:57,280 --> 00:49:55,220

things you can't do you can shut down a

1214

00:50:00,790 --> 00:49:57,290

bank if we sell people things that we

1215

00:50:04,030 --> 00:50:00,800

lied about but in like medicine you can

1216

00:50:07,480 --> 00:50:04,040

you can make lots of claims and get away

1217

00:50:09,190 --> 00:50:07,490

with it at least in fake medicine okay

1218

00:50:11,020 --> 00:50:09,200

and you heard a bit about alternative

1219

00:50:13,090 --> 00:50:11,030

medicine here what is the is that the

1220

00:50:16,180 --> 00:50:13,100

area of whew that interests you the most

1221

00:50:18,090 --> 00:50:16,190

is alternative medicine no I think it's

1222

00:50:21,100 --> 00:50:18,100

just that that's the area that gets me

1223

00:50:23,890 --> 00:50:21,110

annoyed more I think a lot of them are

1224

00:50:25,210 --> 00:50:23,900

fun like UFOs or goes that that's more

1225

00:50:28,450 --> 00:50:25,220

like funny thing that's the sort of

1226

00:50:30,820 --> 00:50:28,460

thing we all want to be true but if it

1227

00:50:32,950 --> 00:50:30,830

isn't and how did you find out about it

1228

00:50:35,530 --> 00:50:32,960

here you skipping zone list now how did

1229

00:50:38,230 --> 00:50:35,540

you find out about the whole scene ah

1230

00:50:39,880 --> 00:50:38,240

when I came to Australia I started

1231

00:50:43,150 --> 00:50:39,890

searching for podcast and I found

1232

00:50:46,270 --> 00:50:43,160

scientific podcasts so like a lot of

1233

00:50:48,820 --> 00:50:46,280

other people I'd listened to st you

1234

00:50:51,010 --> 00:50:48,830

first and they talked about the skeptic

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00:50:53,200 --> 00:50:51,020

zone and that's where i got into and i

1236

00:50:57,400 --> 00:50:53,210

thought was like living in Sydney this

1237

00:50:59,800 --> 00:50:57,410

is a local podcast and this is a not my

1238

00:51:01,570 --> 00:50:59,810

local localist pub by the heat spike

1239

00:51:03,310 --> 00:51:01,580

closer yeah I will look we do have a

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00:51:04,930 --> 00:51:03,320

problem with the piezo it's like with it

1241

00:51:06,490 --> 00:51:04,940

was credibly at a set of the back didn't

1242

00:51:09,040 --> 00:51:06,500

we for you know your see it was a really

1243

00:51:10,210 --> 00:51:09,050

good presentation though oh now now just

1244

00:51:11,950 --> 00:51:10,220

as someone who's come in the room for

1245

00:51:14,140 --> 00:51:11,960

the first time in seen all the skeptics

1246

00:51:16,060 --> 00:51:14,150

ear is there a certain type I mean

1247

00:51:18,460 --> 00:51:16,070

there's not as many beads as here as you

1248

00:51:22,680 --> 00:51:18,470

expected was it no I just think it would

1249

00:51:25,000 --> 00:51:22,690

be lots of enemy t-shirts and opiates

1250

00:51:27,100 --> 00:51:25,010

but the periodic table on my t-shirt

1251
00:51:30,250 --> 00:51:27,110
what a small so exciting ski t-shirt

1252
00:51:32,620 --> 00:51:30,260
yeah that's perfect I know dude have you

1253
00:51:34,420 --> 00:51:32,630
into any other skeptics podcasts what

1254
00:51:36,070 --> 00:51:34,430
else have you discovered you said the

1255
00:51:38,080 --> 00:51:36,080
skeptics guard the universe skeptic zone

1256
00:51:39,400 --> 00:51:38,090
in the monster talk what about the ones

1257
00:51:40,940 --> 00:51:39,410
that are the other side like mysterious

1258
00:51:42,500 --> 00:51:40,950
universe that's all

1259
00:51:44,180 --> 00:51:42,510
I know I know that would be the right

1260
00:51:47,750 --> 00:51:44,190
thing to do by having got the patient's

1261
00:51:49,880 --> 00:51:47,760
so I stay with the site the scientific

1262
00:51:54,050 --> 00:51:49,890
based ones of a the medicine ones like

1263
00:51:55,700 --> 00:51:54,060

quite cast okay Craig cast is great yeah

1264

00:51:58,579 --> 00:51:55,710

I particularly when he's out on his

1265

00:52:00,500 --> 00:51:58,589

front porch Nick knew his dog barking no

1266

00:52:02,510 --> 00:52:00,510

I really like his podcast as he's I very

1267

00:52:04,819 --> 00:52:02,520

well researched as well that's mark

1268

00:52:06,079 --> 00:52:04,829

Crispin isn't it yeah yeah yeah oh look

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00:52:07,700 --> 00:52:06,089

thanks for coming along I hope you can

1270

00:52:18,500 --> 00:52:07,710

see with another skeptics meeting in the

1271

00:52:20,660 --> 00:52:18,510

near future oh definitely I'm Eugenie

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00:52:22,970 --> 00:52:20,670

Scott executive director of the National

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00:52:25,849 --> 00:52:22,980

Center for Science Education in oakland

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00:52:27,710 --> 00:52:25,859

california we defend and support the

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00:52:29,780 --> 00:52:27,720

teaching of evolution and climate change

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00:52:32,120 --> 00:52:29,790
when it comes under attack for religious

1277
00:52:34,550 --> 00:52:32,130
and political reasons we help teachers

1278
00:52:37,190 --> 00:52:34,560
parents school boards and other citizens

1279
00:52:40,700 --> 00:52:37,200
defend good science in the schools come

1280
00:52:43,310 --> 00:52:40,710
visit us at NCSE calm and on youtube and

1281
00:52:45,109 --> 00:52:43,320
facebook and let us know if science

1282
00:52:58,930 --> 00:52:45,119
comes under attack in your community

1283
00:53:03,859 --> 00:53:01,370
thank you for listening to the skeptic

1284
00:53:06,109 --> 00:53:03,869
zone and a big thank you a big thank you

1285
00:53:08,000 --> 00:53:06,119
to Iran's together who as you heard is

1286
00:53:09,559 --> 00:53:08,010
stepping down as president of the

1287
00:53:11,599 --> 00:53:09,569
Australian skeptics that's the New South

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00:53:13,010 --> 00:53:11,609

Wales Australia pics in New South Wales

1289

00:53:15,140 --> 00:53:13,020

because there are the Australian

1290

00:53:18,859 --> 00:53:15,150

skeptics groups around the country this

1291

00:53:20,809 --> 00:53:18,869

is the new south wales one ah what a

1292

00:53:23,599 --> 00:53:20,819

great job he's done over the last three

1293

00:53:26,599 --> 00:53:23,609

or four years introduced many good

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00:53:30,200 --> 00:53:26,609

initiatives and has been helping us

1295

00:53:32,660 --> 00:53:30,210

fight the armies of darkness now who

1296

00:53:34,760 --> 00:53:32,670

said the armies of darkness was it Isaac

1297

00:53:36,170 --> 00:53:34,770

Asimov or something like that that's

1298

00:53:38,829 --> 00:53:36,180

what I like doing folks that's what the

1299

00:53:41,900 --> 00:53:38,839

Australian skeptics like doing is like

1300

00:53:43,609 --> 00:53:41,910

fighting the baddies or is our friends

1301
00:53:47,920 --> 00:53:43,619
from the Merseyside skeptics put it so

1302
00:53:49,579 --> 00:53:47,930
well consumer protection I like that

1303
00:53:51,620 --> 00:53:49,589
don't know if you could hear in the

1304
00:53:53,599 --> 00:53:51,630
background but that winds picking up a

1305
00:53:56,120 --> 00:53:53,609
run outside and batten down the hatches

1306
00:53:58,670 --> 00:53:56,130
for next week's show and coming up on

1307
00:54:01,910 --> 00:53:58,680
next week's show maybe i will have those

1308
00:54:05,059 --> 00:54:01,920
interviews with ben Redford and brian

1309
00:54:07,400 --> 00:54:05,069
dunning until then thank you once again

1310
00:54:09,140 --> 00:54:07,410
for listening and thank you to those

1311
00:54:12,349 --> 00:54:09,150
people who chip in with a dollar a week

1312
00:54:13,970 --> 00:54:12,359
helps keep the show going no joke it

1313
00:54:16,309 --> 00:54:13,980

really does help to keep the show going

1314

00:54:19,460 --> 00:54:16,319

in fact I'm using some of that money

1315

00:54:21,670 --> 00:54:19,470

right now I'm about to purchase video

1316

00:54:23,539 --> 00:54:21,680

editing software to help me make the

1317

00:54:27,890 --> 00:54:23,549

vaccination chronicles this ongoing

1318

00:54:29,539 --> 00:54:27,900

project I hope I hope that's going to be

1319

00:54:31,130 --> 00:54:29,549

finished in a couple of months that

1320

00:54:33,740 --> 00:54:31,140

should just about see it out i'm filming

1321

00:54:35,870 --> 00:54:33,750

more about that tomorrow in fact now i

1322

00:54:38,210 --> 00:54:35,880

can't afford the top line video editing

1323

00:54:39,589 --> 00:54:38,220

software cross over a thousand dollars

1324

00:54:42,079 --> 00:54:39,599

never mind but i am getting something

1325

00:54:44,390 --> 00:54:42,089

that's quite good can now let me do some

1326

00:54:47,120 --> 00:54:44,400

high definition work and i'm looking

1327

00:54:49,849 --> 00:54:47,130

forward to that so thank you for those

1328

00:54:51,730 --> 00:54:49,859

people who do contribute and until next

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00:54:56,570 --> 00:54:51,740

week's show this is Richard Saunders

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00:55:03,960 --> 00:54:58,980

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