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00:00:27,080 --> 00:00:24,270
hello and welcome to a skeptic zone it's

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00:00:30,359 --> 00:00:27,090
show number 24 for the third of april

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00:00:32,250 --> 00:00:30,369
2009 I'm Richard Saunders and I'm

4
00:00:34,440 --> 00:00:32,260
looking forward to the wonderful special

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00:00:37,170 --> 00:00:34,450
episode we have for you today aren't you

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00:00:38,910 --> 00:00:37,180
Stefan yes indeed Richard I can hardly

7
00:00:43,170 --> 00:00:38,920
keep my gut flushed with the wonderment

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00:00:44,549 --> 00:00:43,180
that I'm feeling Rachel we're never

9
00:00:46,740 --> 00:00:44,559
going to convince them if you start

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00:00:48,780 --> 00:00:46,750
laughing I'm sorry I'm sorry yeah well

11
00:00:50,610 --> 00:00:48,790
everyone knows your laugh it's a dead

12
00:00:52,439 --> 00:00:50,620
giveaway well why do I have to be the

13
00:00:54,540 --> 00:00:52,449

funny one I'm not going to be able to do

14

00:00:56,460 --> 00:00:54,550

it if you give me all the one-liners how

15

00:00:59,460 --> 00:00:56,470

about I be Richard instead then I can

16

00:01:01,229 --> 00:00:59,470

just make silly puns and bad jokes okay

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00:01:04,530 --> 00:01:01,239

but you have to say it like you you know

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00:01:06,899 --> 00:01:04,540

yeah the skeptic zone the skeptics alone

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00:01:08,789 --> 00:01:06,909

I should really be in a fridge for that

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00:01:10,440 --> 00:01:08,799

part shouldn't I right okay from the top

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00:01:12,270 --> 00:01:10,450

and no laughing this is serious stuff

22

00:01:13,560 --> 00:01:12,280

we've only got a minute to get the whole

23

00:01:16,190 --> 00:01:13,570

thing done because there's lots we're

24

00:01:19,109 --> 00:01:16,200

going to get through to that okay okay

25

00:01:21,899 --> 00:01:19,119

hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:01:25,800 --> 00:01:21,909

this is show number 24 for the third of

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00:01:27,690 --> 00:01:25,810

april 2009 I'm Richard Saunders from the

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00:01:29,580 --> 00:01:27,700

one and I'm looking forward to the

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00:01:32,279 --> 00:01:29,590

wonderful special episode we have for

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00:01:34,349 --> 00:01:32,289

you today aren't you Stefan yes indeed

31

00:01:36,179 --> 00:01:34,359

which are it's wonderful I can hardly

32

00:01:38,130 --> 00:01:36,189

keep my gut flushed with the wonderment

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00:01:40,999 --> 00:01:38,140

I'm feeling I practically went through

34

00:01:43,709 --> 00:01:41,009

an entire Lou or with every remedy

35

00:01:45,510 --> 00:01:43,719

you're doing it again I'm sorry I can't

36

00:01:47,069 --> 00:01:45,520

help that long well how do you think dr.

37

00:01:48,660 --> 00:01:47,079

Chrissy Wilson's going to feel if we

38

00:01:49,919 --> 00:01:48,670

don't introduce her properly now she

39

00:01:51,749 --> 00:01:49,929

came all the way over from the

40

00:01:53,550 --> 00:01:51,759

University of Tasmania to do a talk for

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00:01:55,050 --> 00:01:53,560

the skeptics dinner and you just get the

42

00:01:56,880 --> 00:01:55,060

giggles about it oh you don't need to

43

00:01:58,730 --> 00:01:56,890

tell me what the talk was about don't

44

00:02:01,109 --> 00:01:58,740

forget I was there it was brilliant

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00:02:03,660 --> 00:02:01,119

Christie Wilson is always a really good

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00:02:05,639 --> 00:02:03,670

speaker she told us all about being on

47

00:02:08,520 --> 00:02:05,649

the telly her experiences with today

48

00:02:10,710 --> 00:02:08,530

tonight and the young psychic and her

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00:02:12,900 --> 00:02:10,720

research in a normal istic psychology oh

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00:02:15,000 --> 00:02:12,910

yeah yeah you got to hear wonderful

51
00:02:16,710 --> 00:02:15,010
Richard the one Saunders talk to dr.

52
00:02:18,570 --> 00:02:16,720
Chrissy Wilson about child psychics

53
00:02:20,730 --> 00:02:18,580
being on the telly and I'm stuck here

54
00:02:21,990 --> 00:02:20,740
with bottles of Stefan's freaking gut

55
00:02:23,760 --> 00:02:22,000
flush well if you're going to be a

56
00:02:26,010 --> 00:02:23,770
member of the team you may as well be a

57
00:02:27,720 --> 00:02:26,020
guinea pig to see if it actually works I

58
00:02:29,100 --> 00:02:27,730
don't know why I have to be the one to

59
00:02:31,170 --> 00:02:29,110
try all the gut flush why is it Richard

60
00:02:33,240 --> 00:02:31,180
drinking the gut flush I think he's

61
00:02:34,100 --> 00:02:33,250
still getting over his insomnia after

62
00:02:36,110 --> 00:02:34,110
adding all those

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00:02:39,830 --> 00:02:36,120

homeopathic sleeping tablets during my

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00:02:42,560 --> 00:02:39,840

talk he ate 40 and he's still alive go

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00:02:44,150 --> 00:02:42,570

figure you you be born Sydney Oh nutters

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00:02:46,040 --> 00:02:44,160

that's all I'm saying well we may be

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00:02:48,050 --> 00:02:46,050

noticed but we give great talks and

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00:02:50,090 --> 00:02:48,060

that's why Richard Saunders introduces

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00:02:52,040 --> 00:02:50,100

dr. Christie Wilson before her

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00:02:54,650 --> 00:02:52,050

presentation for the Australian skeptics

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00:02:56,360 --> 00:02:54,660

dinner in Sydney and she is going to

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00:02:58,820 --> 00:02:56,370

tell us all about her career and much

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00:03:01,190 --> 00:02:58,830

much more well you have to do the voice

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00:03:04,160 --> 00:03:01,200

okay okay I'll do the voice and do it

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00:03:06,560 --> 00:03:04,170

properly okay okay and this is an

76
00:03:09,920 --> 00:03:06,570
exclusive interview for the skeptic zone

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00:03:11,510 --> 00:03:09,930
yeah that that's much better I've got to

78
00:03:13,340 --> 00:03:11,520
go finish off the rest of this gut flush

79
00:03:14,690 --> 00:03:13,350
you better do no one else is going to

80
00:03:16,490 --> 00:03:14,700
drink hits well i hope everyone

81
00:03:18,470 --> 00:03:16,500
appreciates his fabulous interview with

82
00:03:20,720 --> 00:03:18,480
dr. chrissy wilson from the University

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00:03:28,420 --> 00:03:20,730
of Tasmania with Richard Saunders for

84
00:03:33,860 --> 00:03:31,250
in this week's special we have an

85
00:03:35,900 --> 00:03:33,870
interview with dr. prissy Wilson dr.

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00:03:38,570 --> 00:03:35,910
Chrissy Wilson completed her PhD at

87
00:03:40,400 --> 00:03:38,580
Goldsmiths University of London her main

88
00:03:41,960 --> 00:03:40,410

area of interest is the psychology

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00:03:44,210 --> 00:03:41,970

believe the unreliable nature of

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00:03:46,400 --> 00:03:44,220

eyewitness testimony false memories and

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00:03:48,380 --> 00:03:46,410

the impact of belief she currently works

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00:03:52,160 --> 00:03:48,390

at the University of Tasmania in

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00:03:53,870 --> 00:03:52,170

launceston let us take you now to the

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00:03:55,730 --> 00:03:53,880

Australian skeptics dinner talk in

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00:03:57,710 --> 00:03:55,740

Sydney for Richard Saunders first

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00:04:08,090 --> 00:03:57,720

introduces Chrissy to the audience and

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00:04:09,949 --> 00:04:08,100

then chats to her about her career one

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00:04:12,920 --> 00:04:09,959

two three testing hello can you all hear

99

00:04:15,170 --> 00:04:12,930

me hello I might get the people behind

100

00:04:17,659 --> 00:04:15,180

the bar there somebody who knows to turn

101
00:04:20,780 --> 00:04:17,669
up the sensitivity on the microphone a

102
00:04:26,360 --> 00:04:20,790
little bit I'll our speakers tonight on

103
00:04:27,500 --> 00:04:26,370
such shy retiring flowers I'm sure

104
00:04:29,900 --> 00:04:27,510
they'll figure that out in the moment

105
00:04:31,820 --> 00:04:29,910
welcome again to the skeptics dinner

106
00:04:34,430 --> 00:04:31,830
thank you to president bit about it for

107
00:04:36,020 --> 00:04:34,440
his welcome to you earlier on my name is

108
00:04:38,330 --> 00:04:36,030
Richard Saunders I'm a current vice

109
00:04:41,540 --> 00:04:38,340
president of the Australian skeptics

110
00:04:45,710 --> 00:04:41,550
here in New South Wales and I'm here for

111
00:04:49,490 --> 00:04:45,720
a number of reasons one first up to

112
00:04:51,409 --> 00:04:49,500
encourage you all if you're not

113
00:04:53,420 --> 00:04:51,419

subscribing to our magazine at the

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00:04:56,330 --> 00:04:53,430

moment the skeptic there it is the

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00:04:58,460 --> 00:04:56,340

latest issue to consider subscribing

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00:05:02,360 --> 00:04:58,470

you'll find subscription forms on your

117

00:05:04,700 --> 00:05:02,370

tables if you know a subscriber they can

118

00:05:07,610 --> 00:05:04,710

get you a gift subscription for half

119

00:05:10,310 --> 00:05:07,620

price so if you know a subscriber have a

120

00:05:11,870 --> 00:05:10,320

word to them it's a new look magazine

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00:05:14,270 --> 00:05:11,880

for our new editor she's done a

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00:05:16,430 --> 00:05:14,280

wonderful job full of interesting things

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00:05:18,260 --> 00:05:16,440

and it's even got an astrology column oh

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00:05:23,690 --> 00:05:18,270

yes

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00:05:26,090 --> 00:05:23,700

we've got a very good astrologer there

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00:05:28,820 --> 00:05:26,100

it is proof positive read your stars in

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00:05:32,080 --> 00:05:28,830

the skeptic see they all say to

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00:05:34,640 --> 00:05:32,090

subscribe to the magazine but nevermind

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00:05:37,880 --> 00:05:34,650

you'll also find on your table some

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00:05:41,540 --> 00:05:37,890

older issues from the recent years that

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00:05:44,360 --> 00:05:41,550

they slightly different slightly

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00:05:45,800 --> 00:05:44,370

different size there ah you're welcome

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00:05:48,140 --> 00:05:45,810

to keep those and take them home and

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00:05:49,730 --> 00:05:48,150

have a good read encourage other people

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00:05:52,640 --> 00:05:49,740

to read them or take them to your

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00:05:59,680 --> 00:05:52,650

doctor's waiting room oh yes or your

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00:06:01,610 --> 00:05:59,690

naturopaths waiting room even better Oh

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00:06:04,490 --> 00:06:01,620

suddenly would yeah that's much better

139

00:06:06,410 --> 00:06:04,500

thinking it was mentioned before of

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00:06:08,480 --> 00:06:06,420

course our skeptics in the pub dinner in

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00:06:11,420 --> 00:06:08,490

the city which is thursday night now we

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00:06:13,670 --> 00:06:11,430

started this about five years ago i

143

00:06:15,320 --> 00:06:13,680

think richard if you remember about five

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00:06:17,420 --> 00:06:15,330

years skeptics in the pub bingo

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00:06:20,630 --> 00:06:17,430

something like five or six years it's

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00:06:23,300 --> 00:06:20,640

become we've become a victim of your own

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00:06:24,620 --> 00:06:23,310

success because we now have so many

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00:06:26,450 --> 00:06:24,630

people coming that we're finding

149

00:06:28,610 --> 00:06:26,460

difficult to fit everybody in which is a

150

00:06:30,110 --> 00:06:28,620

marvelous problem they have marvelous

151

00:06:32,690 --> 00:06:30,120

problem have but it's a great night

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00:06:35,540 --> 00:06:32,700

there's a little bit of formality a few

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00:06:37,070 --> 00:06:35,550

talks and interesting things going on

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00:06:38,870 --> 00:06:37,080

and Dick Smith will be here this time

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00:06:44,339 --> 00:06:38,880

which will be great but the rest of it

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00:06:48,640 --> 00:06:44,349

seriously blood blood blood

157

00:06:53,019 --> 00:06:48,650

what is homeopathic bien that's what

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00:06:55,899 --> 00:06:53,029

they got I'd like to remind everybody

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00:06:58,329 --> 00:06:55,909

that this year our national convention

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00:07:02,439 --> 00:06:58,339

will be in Brisbane and that's on the 28

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00:07:04,510 --> 00:07:02,449

and 29 of November so start planning now

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00:07:07,329 --> 00:07:04,520

the Australian skeptics conventions are

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00:07:12,100 --> 00:07:07,339

a very long running series conventions

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00:07:15,149 --> 00:07:12,110

battery when was the first one 1986

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00:07:18,579 --> 00:07:15,159

Barry's been to every one of them

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00:07:20,469 --> 00:07:18,589

including 85 yes how do you mean to

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00:07:24,189 --> 00:07:20,479

everyone I've been to quite a number

168

00:07:25,689 --> 00:07:24,199

over the last 10 years and wow what a

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00:07:27,939 --> 00:07:25,699

great convention they are the

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00:07:29,649 --> 00:07:27,949

Australians kept these conventions a

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00:07:31,600 --> 00:07:29,659

great time for everybody that speeches

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00:07:37,089 --> 00:07:31,610

always first-class the forks they're

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00:07:39,339 --> 00:07:37,099

very interesting and 2010 will be here

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00:07:41,920 --> 00:07:39,349

in swimming so you can start planning

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00:07:46,179 --> 00:07:41,930

clatters November 2010 we are looking

176
00:07:48,189 --> 00:07:46,189
forward about him immensely now this is

177
00:07:49,959 --> 00:07:48,199
something there's a skeptic when we're

178
00:07:52,300 --> 00:07:49,969
walking along we keep our eyes open for

179
00:07:54,429 --> 00:07:52,310
things many of you know there are lots

180
00:07:56,469 --> 00:07:54,439
of interesting free magazines you can

181
00:07:58,540 --> 00:07:56,479
get called over things like that with

182
00:07:59,920 --> 00:07:58,550
full of interesting things but you can

183
00:08:01,749 --> 00:07:59,930
also get like interesting little

184
00:08:04,269 --> 00:08:01,759
leaflets I found this little leaflet in

185
00:08:07,600 --> 00:08:04,279
the post office for some reason it says

186
00:08:09,670 --> 00:08:07,610
it is later than you think it was later

187
00:08:12,249 --> 00:08:09,680
than you think and it is full of very

188
00:08:15,010 --> 00:08:12,259

interesting advice to me telling me that

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00:08:17,469 --> 00:08:15,020

catastrophe is that the many had feared

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00:08:20,290 --> 00:08:17,479

will come to pass God's day of judgment

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00:08:22,420 --> 00:08:20,300

and his wrath will fall upon you the

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00:08:24,909 --> 00:08:22,430

Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven

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00:08:26,860 --> 00:08:24,919

these mighty angels in flaming fire and

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00:08:28,239 --> 00:08:26,870

chariots the interesting thing about

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00:08:30,070 --> 00:08:28,249

this leaflet though is right on the

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00:08:32,769 --> 00:08:30,080

front page where it says these are not

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00:08:37,269 --> 00:08:32,779

the ratings of religious fanatics

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00:08:39,429 --> 00:08:37,279

I was quite relieved alone that these in

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00:08:43,509 --> 00:08:39,439

fact were not the ratings and purpose

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00:08:45,280 --> 00:08:43,519

this is that right there now ladies and

201
00:08:47,739 --> 00:08:45,290
gentlemen if you were here last year for

202
00:08:49,480 --> 00:08:47,749
our I'd you know the end of last year we

203
00:08:51,850 --> 00:08:49,490
were very lucky to have a special guest

204
00:08:54,069 --> 00:08:51,860
dr. Chrissy Wilson who spoke to us

205
00:08:56,019 --> 00:08:54,079
Chrissy recently appeared on today

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00:08:57,850 --> 00:08:56,029
tonight or a current affair or both for

207
00:09:00,429 --> 00:08:57,860
all three of one of those terrible shows

208
00:09:02,049 --> 00:09:00,439
where she was investigating an

209
00:09:04,239 --> 00:09:02,059
eight-year-old psychic now we're very

210
00:09:07,179 --> 00:09:04,249
lucky again tonight Chrissy is with us

211
00:09:13,920 --> 00:09:07,189
and she'll give us a brief talk about

212
00:09:17,980 --> 00:09:16,269
thanks Richard well hello good evening

213
00:09:19,749 --> 00:09:17,990

everybody um that's what he loved you to

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00:09:22,749 --> 00:09:19,759

be back and to catch up with you all

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00:09:25,030 --> 00:09:22,759

again and when i was here in november i

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00:09:28,150 --> 00:09:25,040

think when i gave a talk um I stood here

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00:09:30,759 --> 00:09:28,160

I was incredibly nervous and very

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00:09:33,189 --> 00:09:30,769

stressed by the whole thing and but now

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00:09:37,350 --> 00:09:33,199

I'm king of the world because I've been

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00:09:39,309 --> 00:09:37,360

on The Today Tonight Show which is them

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00:09:42,870 --> 00:09:39,319

don't laugh because it's real

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00:09:46,650 --> 00:09:42,880

cutting-edge research program

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00:09:51,720 --> 00:09:46,660

the flagship of channel 7 nose on the

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00:09:54,240 --> 00:09:51,730

horizon is real yeah yesterday they

225

00:09:56,810 --> 00:09:54,250

asked me to go on as the informed

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00:10:01,230 --> 00:09:56,820

skeptic to run past comment on

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00:10:04,440 --> 00:10:01,240

Australia's longest psychic little

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00:10:07,470 --> 00:10:04,450

eight-year-old Emily and now they they

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00:10:10,080 --> 00:10:07,480

sent me the tapes of this that let your

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00:10:12,660 --> 00:10:10,090

old girl and I watched it and I listened

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00:10:15,240 --> 00:10:12,670

to the mother and um there's absolutely

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00:10:17,940 --> 00:10:15,250

nothing real about the mother whatsoever

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00:10:21,180 --> 00:10:17,950

even her accent is fake she has this

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00:10:24,110 --> 00:10:21,190

bizarre some Australian American accent

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00:10:27,800 --> 00:10:24,120

now either she got kicked out of America

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00:10:31,380 --> 00:10:27,810

and has come to Australia or I suspect

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00:10:33,690 --> 00:10:31,390

since her I thought is John Edward which

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00:10:35,130 --> 00:10:33,700

kind of said they all looked she just

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00:10:37,260 --> 00:10:35,140

spent all day watching reruns of

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00:10:38,940 --> 00:10:37,270

crossing over and that's why she's got

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00:10:41,070 --> 00:10:38,950

this bizarre accident but anyway she's

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00:10:43,590 --> 00:10:41,080

got this aim year old girl and to be

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00:10:46,410 --> 00:10:43,600

fair to Channel seven and they did let

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00:10:49,650 --> 00:10:46,420

me say some fairly sarcastic comments on

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00:10:53,970 --> 00:10:49,660

film and I called her the bindi Irwin of

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00:10:56,520 --> 00:10:53,980

the paranormal now I'm glad you are all

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00:10:59,660 --> 00:10:56,530

laughing but unfortunately they took

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00:11:02,390 --> 00:10:59,670

that as a compliment

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00:11:05,090 --> 00:11:02,400

it wasn't meant to be a compliment but

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00:11:10,250 --> 00:11:05,100

in a little did I know that some one of

251
00:11:13,490 --> 00:11:10,260
emily's idols is big Leo in any way this

252
00:11:18,740 --> 00:11:13,500
little eight-year-old she sees dead

253
00:11:23,270 --> 00:11:18,750
people she had messages for someone over

254
00:11:28,670 --> 00:11:23,280
there and I've got a message and um

255
00:11:30,740 --> 00:11:28,680
you're a very good person and then you

256
00:11:34,280 --> 00:11:30,750
should know what a good person you are

257
00:11:37,550 --> 00:11:34,290
and and to feel the bell around you well

258
00:11:39,410 --> 00:11:37,560
I did about you but I'm a believer does

259
00:11:41,060 --> 00:11:39,420
convince me I mean a poor little kid

260
00:11:45,110 --> 00:11:41,070
she's clearly she's clearly been coached

261
00:11:46,820 --> 00:11:45,120
since she was zero watched a lot of John

262
00:11:48,560 --> 00:11:46,830
Edwards clearly because at the end of

263
00:11:55,490 --> 00:11:48,570

everything she said she said the Chinese

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00:11:58,730 --> 00:11:55,500

band John's band um that man and now the

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00:12:01,040 --> 00:11:58,740

point of the program i think and media

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00:12:02,990 --> 00:12:01,050

watch wrangly of the days after its

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00:12:06,350 --> 00:12:03,000

shown and to ask me the same sort of

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00:12:08,540 --> 00:12:06,360

thing the the angle that channel seven

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00:12:10,820 --> 00:12:08,550

were going forward is this child

270

00:12:13,010 --> 00:12:10,830

exploitation you know if this poor kid

271

00:12:15,170 --> 00:12:13,020

being exploited by the parents to go on

272

00:12:16,730 --> 00:12:15,180

stage and you know do all these sorts of

273

00:12:19,970 --> 00:12:16,740

things and pretend that you can talk to

274

00:12:23,240 --> 00:12:19,980

dead people etc well if you'll pardon

275

00:12:26,060 --> 00:12:23,250

the technical term and i don't actually

276

00:12:27,860 --> 00:12:26,070

give a monkey's whether whether this

277

00:12:30,470 --> 00:12:27,870

King is being exploited or not I don't

278

00:12:33,980 --> 00:12:30,480

care if the mother wants to exploit her

279

00:12:37,490 --> 00:12:33,990

fine what interests be what concerns me

280

00:12:41,000 --> 00:12:37,500

are all those mindless idiots that are

281

00:12:43,079 --> 00:12:41,010

prepared to pay \$25 and warden i watch

282

00:12:45,689 --> 00:12:43,089

this and here

283

00:12:47,519 --> 00:12:45,699

messages from the other side those are

284

00:12:50,100 --> 00:12:47,529

the people that we should be interesting

285

00:12:51,960 --> 00:12:50,110

and asking above why why do you believe

286

00:12:54,269 --> 00:12:51,970

that this little later I'll can do this

287

00:12:56,790 --> 00:12:54,279

it's rubbish read a book do something

288

00:12:59,129 --> 00:12:56,800

else with your lives now I've never had

289

00:13:02,239 --> 00:12:59,139

a cause in my life you know when I was

290

00:13:05,850 --> 00:13:02,249

at University everyone was you know

291

00:13:08,429 --> 00:13:05,860

fighting for the miners or I'm doing CMD

292

00:13:10,650 --> 00:13:08,439

you're the anti-nazi League or vegans

293

00:13:14,999 --> 00:13:10,660

against Fox sport or whatever it was and

294

00:13:17,790 --> 00:13:15,009

I never had a course until now when I

295

00:13:20,790 --> 00:13:17,800

was here last time I said that um you

296

00:13:23,179 --> 00:13:20,800

know psychics there either con artists

297

00:13:25,139 --> 00:13:23,189

all the people who believe they have

298

00:13:28,079 --> 00:13:25,149

psychic powers so they're either

299

00:13:31,920 --> 00:13:28,089

criminals or they're delusional either

300

00:13:41,309 --> 00:13:31,930

way let's lock them all up that's my

301
00:13:49,029 --> 00:13:45,129
now I'm delighted to be talking with dr.

302
00:13:50,559 --> 00:13:49,039
Christie Wilson hello Chrissy hi really

303
00:13:52,479 --> 00:13:50,569
nice to see you you're up here in Sydney

304
00:13:54,609 --> 00:13:52,489
to actually hear dr. Rachel Dunlop give

305
00:13:58,210 --> 00:13:54,619
her talk tonight yeah we're taught to

306
00:14:00,009 --> 00:13:58,220
see you you are a very interesting woman

307
00:14:01,809 --> 00:14:00,019
I must say you had a very interesting

308
00:14:03,309 --> 00:14:01,819
career path can you tell listen to

309
00:14:05,349 --> 00:14:03,319
something about your background before

310
00:14:06,999 --> 00:14:05,359
we get into the interestingness okay I

311
00:14:10,179 --> 00:14:07,009
didn't know you guys doing that yeah

312
00:14:13,179 --> 00:14:10,189
about the fine yeah no that's or the

313
00:14:16,929 --> 00:14:13,189

glamour okay well in a previous life but

314

00:14:19,659 --> 00:14:16,939

not in the skeptical sent I started life

315

00:14:21,159 --> 00:14:19,669

as an actress my one claim to fame being

316

00:14:24,189 --> 00:14:21,169

that I once played a prostitute on the

317

00:14:26,439 --> 00:14:24,199

bills rule and that tends to impress

318

00:14:28,599 --> 00:14:26,449

people more than the phd fabrications or

319

00:14:30,159 --> 00:14:28,609

anything else's students especially when

320

00:14:32,109 --> 00:14:30,169

I find out that I was a prostitute on

321

00:14:33,659 --> 00:14:32,119

the bill think it's wonderful and so

322

00:14:36,609 --> 00:14:33,669

yeah I was actress for about nine years

323

00:14:39,279 --> 00:14:36,619

got bored with that decided that I

324

00:14:41,439 --> 00:14:39,289

wanted to travel the world so I became a

325

00:14:44,650 --> 00:14:41,449

trolley dolly minez doing it british

326

00:14:46,389 --> 00:14:44,660

airways and old british airways yeah i

327

00:14:48,009 --> 00:14:46,399

did that for about six years chucking

328

00:14:50,259 --> 00:14:48,019

out chicken beef giving out tea and

329

00:14:52,779 --> 00:14:50,269

coffee and one day I thought I'm sick of

330

00:14:55,119 --> 00:14:52,789

this I know I know what I want to do I

331

00:14:57,309 --> 00:14:55,129

want to be a psychologist so you gave up

332

00:14:59,949 --> 00:14:57,319

the glamour of international travel well

333

00:15:02,229 --> 00:14:59,959

I did an undergraduate degree in in

334

00:15:04,929 --> 00:15:02,239

psychology while i was still flying

335

00:15:06,939 --> 00:15:04,939

which was incredibly hard it was really

336

00:15:08,799 --> 00:15:06,949

difficult but got there in the end and

337

00:15:11,739 --> 00:15:08,809

then once I've got the degree I then did

338

00:15:16,289 --> 00:15:11,749

a masters and then decided to do a PhD

339

00:15:19,149 --> 00:15:16,299

and I did that at Goldsmiths College in

340

00:15:20,799 --> 00:15:19,159

university of london yeah um and that's

341

00:15:23,379 --> 00:15:20,809

where i got involved in the paranormal

342

00:15:26,769 --> 00:15:23,389

psychology belief and all my stuff and I

343

00:15:29,379 --> 00:15:26,779

did my doctorate in psychology belief

344

00:15:33,009 --> 00:15:29,389

memory and paranormal experiences and so

345

00:15:34,599 --> 00:15:33,019

on and then decide is fed up with London

346

00:15:36,189 --> 00:15:34,609

and what I really wanted to do is come

347

00:15:39,399 --> 00:15:36,199

to Australia of course I'd spread the

348

00:15:40,689 --> 00:15:39,409

word here what was already spread oh we

349

00:15:42,309 --> 00:15:40,699

can do we gonna need all the help we can

350

00:15:44,979 --> 00:15:42,319

you please yeah it needs more girls

351
00:15:46,719 --> 00:15:44,989
we're doing we need loudly skip women

352
00:15:48,189 --> 00:15:46,729
scary because they can't sighs get

353
00:15:50,259 --> 00:15:48,199
chicks because someone's pinch that all

354
00:15:53,140 --> 00:15:50,269
sounds better now we love the Skip cake

355
00:15:55,720 --> 00:15:53,150
and let's get woman's hip boys and

356
00:15:58,510 --> 00:15:55,730
the rest of them now it was a during

357
00:16:01,450 --> 00:15:58,520
that time that your goldsmith that you

358
00:16:04,390 --> 00:16:01,460
and Chris fringe were part of that

359
00:16:06,100 --> 00:16:04,400
testing of the baby whisperer am I

360
00:16:07,830 --> 00:16:06,110
getting my timeline right here yes

361
00:16:12,430 --> 00:16:07,840
that's right yet we did his name Dark

362
00:16:15,340 --> 00:16:12,440
Lord Derek overly yoga V yet there's a

363
00:16:17,140 --> 00:16:15,350

very good program on channel 5 which is

364

00:16:19,570 --> 00:16:17,150

one of our channels in Britain and

365

00:16:22,240 --> 00:16:19,580

called extraordinary people and I think

366

00:16:24,190 --> 00:16:22,250

it's shown over here I'm not sure um and

367

00:16:26,260 --> 00:16:24,200

it they pick you know people who have

368

00:16:27,880 --> 00:16:26,270

either extraordinary gifts or have led

369

00:16:30,100 --> 00:16:27,890

extraordinary lives and there's like an

370

00:16:31,510 --> 00:16:30,110

hour program and I was horrified to

371

00:16:34,810 --> 00:16:31,520

discover that they want to do a program

372

00:16:37,270 --> 00:16:34,820

on Derek Ogilvy here yep he claims to be

373

00:16:40,350 --> 00:16:37,280

able to telepathically communicate with

374

00:16:43,930 --> 00:16:40,360

babies okay so it's like what other

375

00:16:45,640 --> 00:16:43,940

member of society can we hustle but who

376

00:16:47,050 --> 00:16:45,650

can't talk back so you know we've done

377

00:16:49,570 --> 00:16:47,060

the dead we've done that who else weird

378

00:16:52,720 --> 00:16:49,580

to our babies they can't talk back yeah

379

00:16:55,770 --> 00:16:52,730

so anyway he has had considerable amount

380

00:16:58,600 --> 00:16:55,780

of success i'm sorry to say in terms of

381

00:17:01,270 --> 00:16:58,610

celebrity it was very popular America I

382

00:17:02,860 --> 00:17:01,280

mean he has really has massive meetings

383

00:17:04,240 --> 00:17:02,870

people who come to sing it's one of

384

00:17:05,920 --> 00:17:04,250

those things we always say there's more

385

00:17:10,630 --> 00:17:05,930

money on the other side oh definitely

386

00:17:12,340 --> 00:17:10,640

definitely um so yet he's he was he has

387

00:17:15,910 --> 00:17:12,350

his own show over there and goes on

388

00:17:18,550 --> 00:17:15,920

extensive tours all over America um not

389

00:17:21,310 --> 00:17:18,560

so well known in Britain but his his

390

00:17:24,070 --> 00:17:21,320

name is becoming better night yeah um

391

00:17:25,600 --> 00:17:24,080

anyway so yeah he claims to be able to

392

00:17:28,180 --> 00:17:25,610

telepathically communicate with babies

393

00:17:29,860 --> 00:17:28,190

so he's in a room with the baby but

394

00:17:32,140 --> 00:17:29,870

basically what he does is he kool dreams

395

00:17:36,100 --> 00:17:32,150

the mother yeah yeah yeah and that was

396

00:17:38,740 --> 00:17:36,110

obvious on the show that we have put on

397

00:17:40,960 --> 00:17:38,750

YouTube which also has james randi where

398

00:17:43,630 --> 00:17:40,970

james van well he went to yet he goes to

399

00:17:44,920 --> 00:17:43,640

America he goes to Florida and is tested

400

00:17:46,870 --> 00:17:44,930

by Randy and so the first thought the

401
00:17:48,540 --> 00:17:46,880
program was christened I testing him at

402
00:17:50,860 --> 00:17:48,550
Goldsmiths and we'd sets up this

403
00:17:54,280 --> 00:17:50,870
controlled little test for here which he

404
00:17:56,010 --> 00:17:54,290
failed miserably a blessing he was yes I

405
00:17:59,260 --> 00:17:56,020
worked up well I'm you know I'm not

406
00:18:00,580 --> 00:17:59,270
concern or not he is just deluded or

407
00:18:02,380 --> 00:18:00,590
whether he's a criminal you know whether

408
00:18:04,090 --> 00:18:02,390
he knows perfectly well or what he's

409
00:18:06,250 --> 00:18:04,100
doing his fake because he took it so

410
00:18:07,960 --> 00:18:06,260
personally yes when you fail

411
00:18:11,200 --> 00:18:07,970
and he was in floods of tears owe you

412
00:18:12,940 --> 00:18:11,210
one Kristen hired me took hours just to

413
00:18:15,010 --> 00:18:12,950

getting to come back in front of the

414

00:18:16,510 --> 00:18:15,020

camera again well I mean from there from

415

00:18:18,760 --> 00:18:16,520

his point of view and I've come across

416

00:18:20,920 --> 00:18:18,770

this myself when you put somebody who

417

00:18:22,690 --> 00:18:20,930

makes all these wonderful claims in the

418

00:18:25,300 --> 00:18:22,700

slider situation where they're under

419

00:18:27,310 --> 00:18:25,310

scrutiny or there's some controls their

420

00:18:29,740 --> 00:18:27,320

confirm their control over the situation

421

00:18:32,680 --> 00:18:29,750

goes out the window yeah and things go

422

00:18:34,930 --> 00:18:32,690

wrong and they crumble yeah well to me

423

00:18:36,940 --> 00:18:34,940

that's in an indication that they're

424

00:18:39,460 --> 00:18:36,950

probably sincere and there I thought I

425

00:18:43,000 --> 00:18:39,470

think so with him but I don't probably

426

00:18:46,720 --> 00:18:43,010

started off sincere yeah but then you

427

00:18:48,520 --> 00:18:46,730

see money and power corrupt and when he

428

00:18:50,230 --> 00:18:48,530

sink when he started to get the

429

00:18:52,750 --> 00:18:50,240

celebrity when he started when the money

430

00:18:55,600 --> 00:18:52,760

started to roll in I think he's let's

431

00:18:57,370 --> 00:18:55,610

say he's developed his talents so

432

00:18:59,860 --> 00:18:57,380

basically he called cold read your

433

00:19:02,050 --> 00:18:59,870

errand and that was obviously an even

434

00:19:03,970 --> 00:19:02,060

reading the minded child mine it wasn't

435

00:19:06,100 --> 00:19:03,980

even the parent yeah seat belts in the

436

00:19:08,560 --> 00:19:06,110

cars and also the same speed year for

437

00:19:11,200 --> 00:19:08,570

this so it's just rather sad watching it

438

00:19:13,120 --> 00:19:11,210

really and Kristen I started up being

439

00:19:16,120 --> 00:19:13,130

quite amused by it but by the end of it

440

00:19:17,620 --> 00:19:16,130

it was all rather sad and we both felt

441

00:19:20,410 --> 00:19:17,630

quite sorry for him in the end because

442

00:19:23,380 --> 00:19:20,420

he was he was crushed by it genuine you

443

00:19:25,330 --> 00:19:23,390

know road we've oh is this good lord if

444

00:19:28,210 --> 00:19:25,340

we've crushed your what's really gonna

445

00:19:30,340 --> 00:19:28,220

do to the poor love and according flew

446

00:19:32,770 --> 00:19:30,350

to florida the very next day and there

447

00:19:35,590 --> 00:19:32,780

are filming with us and of course failed

448

00:19:37,030 --> 00:19:35,600

of course yeah there Randy you know no

449

00:19:38,320 --> 00:19:37,040

to be a psychic to know that it was

450

00:19:40,810 --> 00:19:38,330

going to fail that particularly yeah

451
00:19:44,920 --> 00:19:40,820
even though protein which is always the

452
00:19:46,990 --> 00:19:44,930
case and new doubters out there who

453
00:19:49,300 --> 00:19:47,000
always say that Randy sets up these

454
00:19:52,300 --> 00:19:49,310
challenges so the contestant will fail

455
00:19:54,250 --> 00:19:52,310
no they're done in complete agreement is

456
00:19:56,320 --> 00:19:54,260
there's no complete agreement the

457
00:19:58,660 --> 00:19:56,330
protest simply doesn't yet proceed I

458
00:20:00,700 --> 00:19:58,670
mean I we we get and I get personally

459
00:20:02,320 --> 00:20:00,710
people writing to me saying Randy's a

460
00:20:03,760 --> 00:20:02,330
fraud Randy's of fraud Randy's approach

461
00:20:04,970 --> 00:20:03,770
and they haven't got a clue what they're

462
00:20:08,060 --> 00:20:04,980
talking about

463
00:20:09,830 --> 00:20:08,070

no so he set up the experiment it was it

464

00:20:12,010 --> 00:20:09,840

was perfectly acceptable yeah because

465

00:20:16,070 --> 00:20:12,020

i've heard that as well about Randy oh

466

00:20:18,470 --> 00:20:16,080

um but yeah he failed that miserably um

467

00:20:21,320 --> 00:20:18,480

but the believers will always have an

468

00:20:23,030 --> 00:20:21,330

out oh yeah of course and they'll end

469

00:20:25,010 --> 00:20:23,040

that's proven I mean it's on record

470

00:20:26,840 --> 00:20:25,020

video tape they've always have an out

471

00:20:28,940 --> 00:20:26,850

yeah I mean he was a nice enough chap

472

00:20:31,039 --> 00:20:28,950

and as I said by the end of it Chris and

473

00:20:34,430 --> 00:20:31,049

I felt rather sorry for him really um

474

00:20:37,610 --> 00:20:34,440

but it what I did find extraordinary

475

00:20:40,970 --> 00:20:37,620

about the whole thing is why would such

476

00:20:43,280 --> 00:20:40,980

a good documentary team make a program

477

00:20:45,560 --> 00:20:43,290

about somebody who thinks they can talk

478

00:20:48,380 --> 00:20:45,570

to the right people want to watch it I

479

00:20:49,580 --> 00:20:48,390

know but isn't that awful yes and you

480

00:20:52,610 --> 00:20:49,590

know that's that's one of the things

481

00:20:54,919 --> 00:20:52,620

that I really want to try and tackle if

482

00:20:57,530 --> 00:20:54,929

I if I have a cause and it's gonna be

483

00:21:00,230 --> 00:20:57,540

that you know let's try reality is more

484

00:21:03,500 --> 00:21:00,240

interesting and fiction you're trying to

485

00:21:06,140 --> 00:21:03,510

well just doing away with these

486

00:21:08,150 --> 00:21:06,150

delusional beliefs you know this I know

487

00:21:10,130 --> 00:21:08,160

it's tough to accept that when we die

488

00:21:12,710 --> 00:21:10,140

that's it yeah but it's a fact of life

489

00:21:15,320 --> 00:21:12,720

yeah until we know for sure that there's

490

00:21:17,900 --> 00:21:15,330

something else out there let's let's

491

00:21:19,970 --> 00:21:17,910

stop this nonsense I mean of course he

492

00:21:22,310 --> 00:21:19,980

couldn't talk to telepathically talked

493

00:21:24,380 --> 00:21:22,320

to debate I don't I know it is utterly

494

00:21:26,480 --> 00:21:24,390

ridiculous absolutely but people fall

495

00:21:29,090 --> 00:21:26,490

for it yeah people want to believe that

496

00:21:31,640 --> 00:21:29,100

it's real um and what we can actually do

497

00:21:33,049 --> 00:21:31,650

about that I'm not entirely sure I think

498

00:21:34,909 --> 00:21:33,059

we're doing the best we can I mean

499

00:21:37,700 --> 00:21:34,919

slowly slowly catchy monkey they are

500

00:21:40,010 --> 00:21:37,710

expression you softly softly mmm well

501
00:21:42,110 --> 00:21:40,020
I'm but there are some people we can't

502
00:21:44,120 --> 00:21:42,120
read you know and you know the more I

503
00:21:46,460 --> 00:21:44,130
the more I learn about this stuff more

504
00:21:48,830 --> 00:21:46,470
study it the more I teach about

505
00:21:51,230 --> 00:21:48,840
psychology believe it that as a lecturer

506
00:21:53,960 --> 00:21:51,240
and the more talks i gave etcetera and

507
00:21:57,169 --> 00:21:53,970
more i meet believers and skeptics um

508
00:21:58,880 --> 00:21:57,179
the more I'm convinced that belief is

509
00:22:01,159 --> 00:21:58,890
something that we're we're always going

510
00:22:04,220 --> 00:22:01,169
to have I'm convinced that we are doing

511
00:22:06,560 --> 00:22:04,230
yeah we're born to believe well then

512
00:22:10,190 --> 00:22:06,570
what it's if the age-old question is

513
00:22:12,260 --> 00:22:10,200

what makes you and I different well I

514

00:22:15,080 --> 00:22:12,270

don't think we are we do believe we

515

00:22:15,710 --> 00:22:15,090

believe in skepticism we were here

516

00:22:17,330 --> 00:22:15,720

because it

517

00:22:20,870 --> 00:22:17,340

we believe in skepticism we believe in

518

00:22:22,460 --> 00:22:20,880

science but that is fundamentally not

519

00:22:25,580 --> 00:22:22,470

believing if you see where I'm coming

520

00:22:27,649 --> 00:22:25,590

from so we don't believe well I know I i

521

00:22:31,279 --> 00:22:27,659

disagree i think it is a belief yeah we

522

00:22:33,860 --> 00:22:31,289

believe in in skepticism that that in

523

00:22:36,350 --> 00:22:33,870

itself was only and i believe in science

524

00:22:40,549 --> 00:22:36,360

i believe the scientific maybe that the

525

00:22:42,350 --> 00:22:40,559

term belief can be a little vague on or

526
00:22:44,840 --> 00:22:42,360
have your system you can stretch the

527
00:22:46,520 --> 00:22:44,850
word belief because I don't you know

528
00:22:47,840 --> 00:22:46,530
you're right I do believe in science I

529
00:22:50,419 --> 00:22:47,850
do believe it is the right way to go but

530
00:22:51,770 --> 00:22:50,429
when I use the word believe I don't

531
00:22:53,240 --> 00:22:51,780
think I'm using the word believe in the

532
00:22:55,640 --> 00:22:53,250
same way someone who would say I

533
00:22:57,980 --> 00:22:55,650
definitely believe in God would use it

534
00:23:00,830 --> 00:22:57,990
no but it's still belief still he's

535
00:23:03,200 --> 00:23:00,840
still bling hmm and from the moment we

536
00:23:04,399 --> 00:23:03,210
start breathing we start believing in

537
00:23:10,970 --> 00:23:04,409
that case you start we believe in

538
00:23:13,159 --> 00:23:10,980

politics we believe in in we believe in

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00:23:15,080 --> 00:23:13,169

football you know we believe in all

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00:23:18,440 --> 00:23:15,090

kinds yeah yeah yeah you know I think

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00:23:19,549 --> 00:23:18,450

it's fundamental to working then if we

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00:23:22,850 --> 00:23:19,559

can use that word believe in that

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00:23:26,690 --> 00:23:22,860

situation why do some people have one

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00:23:29,120 --> 00:23:26,700

sort of belief belief that we encounter

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00:23:31,220 --> 00:23:29,130

yeah and maybe a skeptical log and when

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00:23:33,260 --> 00:23:31,230

people like you and may have a different

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00:23:35,390 --> 00:23:33,270

kind of belief and you must admit they

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00:23:37,310 --> 00:23:35,400

are oh absolutely absolutely yeah and

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00:23:38,630 --> 00:23:37,320

why is there a wire some some people

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00:23:41,690 --> 00:23:38,640

have religious beliefs yeah I mean it's

551
00:23:45,470 --> 00:23:41,700
all part of the same thing a whole host

552
00:23:47,899 --> 00:23:45,480
of reasons hereditary you know we wrong

553
00:23:50,930 --> 00:23:47,909
beliefs handed down basically religious

554
00:23:53,659 --> 00:23:50,940
beliefs um environmental influences

555
00:23:55,730 --> 00:23:53,669
friends peers education do you think

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00:23:57,380 --> 00:23:55,740
anybody from birth is capable of going

557
00:24:00,200 --> 00:23:57,390
one way or the other or some people will

558
00:24:02,149 --> 00:24:00,210
be completely locked up in fanciful

559
00:24:03,230 --> 00:24:02,159
beliefs let's say put it that way well

560
00:24:05,840 --> 00:24:03,240
there's there's also personal

561
00:24:08,330 --> 00:24:05,850
experiences as well I mean an awful lot

562
00:24:10,880 --> 00:24:08,340
of people believe in in the paranormal

563
00:24:12,680 --> 00:24:10,890

and related phenomena because they've

564

00:24:15,590 --> 00:24:12,690

had personal experiences overall they

565

00:24:17,990 --> 00:24:15,600

think this I think music or they've

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00:24:20,180 --> 00:24:18,000

interpreted whatever experience of hell

567

00:24:22,610 --> 00:24:20,190

that it's paranormal so that's why they

568

00:24:24,139 --> 00:24:22,620

believe but there's all kinds of reason

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00:24:26,600 --> 00:24:24,149

why psychological reasons why people

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00:24:30,440 --> 00:24:26,610

believe because it fills a need

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00:24:32,150 --> 00:24:30,450

yes or you know it's if we accept that

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00:24:34,010 --> 00:24:32,160

you know it's very difficult for us to

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00:24:39,950 --> 00:24:34,020

accept that life is probably meaningless

574

00:24:43,549 --> 00:24:39,960

yes it's a toughy yes it's hard for us

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00:24:44,900 --> 00:24:43,559

it is so why not fill our world and why

576

00:24:46,700 --> 00:24:44,910

not give it many which is a lot more

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00:24:49,000 --> 00:24:46,710

pleasant yeah why not believe that

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00:24:51,950 --> 00:24:49,010

there's stuff out there that's that's

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00:24:53,660 --> 00:24:51,960

wonderful and there's a force out there

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00:24:55,580 --> 00:24:53,670

that's looking after us and then people

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00:24:57,049 --> 00:24:55,590

can talk to our dead relatives and that

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00:24:58,760 --> 00:24:57,059

people can move objects with a pair of

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00:25:00,230 --> 00:24:58,770

their mind you it's kind of nice to

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00:25:03,039 --> 00:25:00,240

believe in these things it's nice to

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00:25:06,080 --> 00:25:03,049

believe in the Loch Ness monster um I

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00:25:08,750 --> 00:25:06,090

don't think they're even believes in

587

00:25:10,280 --> 00:25:08,760

Loch Ness monster anymore probably okay

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00:25:12,049 --> 00:25:10,290

what an interesting thing about the Loch

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00:25:14,539 --> 00:25:12,059

Ness monster when I do my school shows

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00:25:19,190 --> 00:25:14,549

and I'm talking to kids who are I don't

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00:25:20,780 --> 00:25:19,200

know 13 14 15 that age group it's like

592

00:25:22,789 --> 00:25:20,790

going in a little time walk back to when

593

00:25:24,440 --> 00:25:22,799

I was a kid because we say who's heard

594

00:25:27,260 --> 00:25:24,450

of the Loch Ness monster all the hands

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00:25:29,240 --> 00:25:27,270

go up UFOs all the hands got Bigfoot all

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00:25:32,330 --> 00:25:29,250

the hands got was he that's incredible

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00:25:36,080 --> 00:25:32,340

those old funny things from what I would

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00:25:37,430 --> 00:25:36,090

say from the 70s have lasted generation

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00:25:38,840 --> 00:25:37,440

after generation sorta mean you know

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00:25:40,880 --> 00:25:38,850

right from the moment we start to

601
00:25:43,580 --> 00:25:40,890
breathe we are ahead all this stuff yeah

602
00:25:46,760 --> 00:25:43,590
we're told to believe in Santa Claus yes

603
00:25:48,950 --> 00:25:46,770
you know I most eight-year-olds have

604
00:25:51,230 --> 00:25:48,960
figured out it's not actually Santa

605
00:25:54,350 --> 00:25:51,240
Claus it's just dad you know you know in

606
00:25:58,340 --> 00:25:54,360
a red suit little bit um but as to why

607
00:26:00,770 --> 00:25:58,350
lockout adults able to do the same thing

608
00:26:03,380 --> 00:26:00,780
okay not know but we've said all this

609
00:26:05,750 --> 00:26:03,390
right from the word we are beliefs now

610
00:26:08,330 --> 00:26:05,760
they're so you were saying before you've

611
00:26:11,030 --> 00:26:08,340
made the great journey the great has

612
00:26:13,730 --> 00:26:11,040
mania mania ha no I just kept going when

613
00:26:16,480 --> 00:26:13,740

I hit said no known Darion on so tell us

614

00:26:19,669 --> 00:26:16,490

what you're up to entice me well um

615

00:26:23,390 --> 00:26:19,679

university of tasmania very kindly said

616

00:26:25,370 --> 00:26:23,400

that i can now teach my course on the

617

00:26:27,320 --> 00:26:25,380

psychology of belief which i'm going to

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00:26:30,740 --> 00:26:27,330

call and the science of self-deception

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00:26:34,760 --> 00:26:30,750

what that's gonna be liable because um i

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00:26:36,409 --> 00:26:34,770

think all this is really part of part of

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00:26:36,989 --> 00:26:36,419

what it is to be human and part of being

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00:26:39,539 --> 00:26:36,999

human

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00:26:41,879 --> 00:26:39,549

is is this ability that we all have to

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00:26:44,789 --> 00:26:41,889

self deceive you know the self-deception

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00:26:47,699 --> 00:26:44,799

it's it sometimes it's impossible not to

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00:26:49,919 --> 00:26:47,709

do I mean I do have a little display

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00:26:51,749 --> 00:26:49,929

with optical illusions mm-hmm in that

628

00:26:54,329 --> 00:26:51,759

situation there's no two ways about it

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00:26:57,239 --> 00:26:54,339

you have to beat you out to see ya your

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00:26:58,979 --> 00:26:57,249

eyes in your brains decided iram are

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00:27:00,689 --> 00:26:58,989

cognitive abilities constantly let us

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00:27:02,159 --> 00:27:00,699

down yeah now we see things that we

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00:27:04,889 --> 00:27:02,169

haven't seen we hear things we haven't

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00:27:06,719 --> 00:27:04,899

heard we even remember events that never

635

00:27:09,989 --> 00:27:06,729

even took place up solutely so we're

636

00:27:14,999 --> 00:27:09,999

constantly being my case I forget things

637

00:27:16,439 --> 00:27:15,009

all the time that well v2 um there's

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00:27:21,419 --> 00:27:16,449

another story us usually views about

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00:27:23,669 --> 00:27:21,429

girls so there you go there you are in

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00:27:26,219 --> 00:27:23,679

launceston yet so and so I'm setting up

641

00:27:29,399 --> 00:27:26,229

my course that'll probably be next year

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00:27:30,659 --> 00:27:29,409

so first semester of 2010 which we

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00:27:32,869 --> 00:27:30,669

lovely to be able to do that because

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00:27:34,619 --> 00:27:32,879

then hopefully that will attract um

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00:27:36,659 --> 00:27:34,629

students that will go on and do

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00:27:39,539 --> 00:27:36,669

postgraduate work so I can sort of

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00:27:41,099 --> 00:27:39,549

increase the research output I'm doing

648

00:27:43,139 --> 00:27:41,109

some research currently with someone a

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00:27:45,119 --> 00:27:43,149

student looking at various things we're

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00:27:46,739 --> 00:27:45,129

looking at belief in astrology and why

651
00:27:48,299 --> 00:27:46,749
people believe in astrology and looking

652
00:27:49,829 --> 00:27:48,309
at cognitive biases and the role that

653
00:27:51,839 --> 00:27:49,839
that might play and why people believe

654
00:27:55,409 --> 00:27:51,849
in astrology and I've got another chap

655
00:27:57,989 --> 00:27:55,419
who's looking at some paranormal belief

656
00:28:00,329 --> 00:27:57,999
and religious belief and because

657
00:28:03,779 --> 00:28:00,339
Tasmania's fantastic it's unbelievable

658
00:28:06,239 --> 00:28:03,789
it's them it's this incredible mixture

659
00:28:08,009 --> 00:28:06,249
of weird and wonderful beliefs I mean

660
00:28:10,199 --> 00:28:08,019
Island I've found all sorts of

661
00:28:13,079 --> 00:28:10,209
incredibly weird people with something

662
00:28:14,849 --> 00:28:13,089
really stopping you to edit that out

663
00:28:16,769 --> 00:28:14,859

actually that's it that's an in-joke for

664

00:28:20,099 --> 00:28:16,779

Australia to those funny folks in

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00:28:22,409 --> 00:28:20,109

Tasmania well it's wonderful it's there

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00:28:24,869 --> 00:28:22,419

are Satanists there are all kinds of

667

00:28:27,809 --> 00:28:24,879

Christians and this funny little pockets

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00:28:30,389 --> 00:28:27,819

of communities where weird beliefs I

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00:28:31,829 --> 00:28:30,399

gave a talk to the pagan society in

670

00:28:35,249 --> 00:28:31,839

launceston which is a very weird

671

00:28:37,139 --> 00:28:35,259

experience um yeah it's fantastic so um

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00:28:40,649 --> 00:28:37,149

and there hasn't been any sort of

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00:28:43,229 --> 00:28:40,659

widespread research done in Tasmania on

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00:28:45,269 --> 00:28:43,239

beliefs over this so my sample will be

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00:28:46,739 --> 00:28:45,279

sort of fresh and news that it's quite

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00:28:47,690 --> 00:28:46,749

interesting and I'd be interested to

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00:28:50,730 --> 00:28:47,700

compare

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00:28:52,680 --> 00:28:50,740

surveys with surveys that have been done

679

00:28:54,240 --> 00:28:52,690

in on the mainland and sinkers any

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00:28:58,410 --> 00:28:54,250

difference because it's very much

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00:28:59,730 --> 00:28:58,420

there's very much island relatives mania

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00:29:01,020 --> 00:28:59,740

there is a wonderful place I usually

683

00:29:03,540 --> 00:29:01,030

love is I've been there comfortably

684

00:29:06,030 --> 00:29:03,550

housed gorgeous it really is home for me

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00:29:09,300 --> 00:29:06,040

now um but it did get down to Hobart

686

00:29:10,680 --> 00:29:09,310

much and I try to yeah because I'm I

687

00:29:12,420 --> 00:29:10,690

have to travel down there lucky Harbor

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00:29:15,690 --> 00:29:12,430

times it's his it's very pretty places

689

00:29:18,540 --> 00:29:15,700

we were there no one was at last year or

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00:29:20,010 --> 00:29:18,550

the year before 2007 that was the

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00:29:21,870 --> 00:29:20,020

conference conference was the week I

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00:29:24,420 --> 00:29:21,880

arrived yeah yes that was the week we

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00:29:27,630 --> 00:29:24,430

met whose was it was like the year

694

00:29:29,700 --> 00:29:27,640

before last yes I said they were I

695

00:29:34,560 --> 00:29:29,710

remember you gave a great talk yeah yeah

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00:29:37,590 --> 00:29:34,570

somebody sang this song for Satan that

697

00:29:40,050 --> 00:29:37,600

was the bee oh no the Led Zeppelin

698

00:29:43,320 --> 00:29:40,060

yelling back would ya what is it this

699

00:29:47,330 --> 00:29:43,330

little tool that's fine if you play

700

00:29:51,210 --> 00:29:47,340

led zeppelin backwards folks or

701
00:29:53,400 --> 00:29:51,220
everything saying ya know how I'm

702
00:29:55,290 --> 00:29:53,410
Hobart's nice but I Launceston's very

703
00:29:57,900 --> 00:29:55,300
pretty too since I'm glad I'm up in the

704
00:29:59,490 --> 00:29:57,910
north yeah if people want to find out

705
00:30:01,230 --> 00:29:59,500
more about what you're up to your course

706
00:30:06,060 --> 00:30:01,240
how can they contact ok well they can

707
00:30:08,790 --> 00:30:06,070
email me Christie Wilson @ utah.edu a

708
00:30:10,560 --> 00:30:08,800
you look on the website there should be

709
00:30:13,680 --> 00:30:10,570
stuff up there and about me and what I

710
00:30:15,870 --> 00:30:13,690
do and hopefully hopefully next year

711
00:30:18,570 --> 00:30:15,880
I'll be able to set up my own research

712
00:30:19,800 --> 00:30:18,580
lab that's the plan the idea was that I

713
00:30:22,230 --> 00:30:19,810

was going to call it the center of

714

00:30:28,080 --> 00:30:22,240

research for an ominous tick psychology

715

00:30:30,240 --> 00:30:28,090

or crap for sure but i'm not sure that i

716

00:30:32,100 --> 00:30:30,250

was a perfect they are going to be too

717

00:30:34,530 --> 00:30:32,110

pleased about that because I just I'm so

718

00:30:35,880 --> 00:30:34,540

desperate to sell introduce my solo by

719

00:30:40,590 --> 00:30:35,890

name is dr. Christie Wilson I'm head of

720

00:30:42,990 --> 00:30:40,600

crack at you tears I hope you do I hope

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00:30:44,230 --> 00:30:43,000

you do thanks Chrissie always a pleasure

722

00:30:52,200 --> 00:30:44,240

and

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00:30:57,040 --> 00:30:54,280

thank you for joining me for this

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