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MUST BE WORN
IN THIS AREA

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00:00:24,180 --> 00:00:01,939
and now a message from the inside of

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00:00:31,900 --> 00:00:26,920
hello and welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:35,680 --> 00:00:31,910
episode number 62 for the yeah the 25th

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00:00:38,440 --> 00:00:35,690
of december 2009 and for those of you

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00:00:40,660 --> 00:00:38,450
enjoying Christmas Merry Christmas this

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00:00:42,100 --> 00:00:40,670
is the first of our winter specials if

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00:00:44,080 --> 00:00:42,110
you're in the northern hemisphere or

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00:00:46,240 --> 00:00:44,090
summer specials if you're in the

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00:00:47,740 --> 00:00:46,250
southern hemisphere the skeptic zone

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00:00:49,540 --> 00:00:47,750
team are taking a little break for a few

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00:00:52,240 --> 00:00:49,550
weeks but don't worry the show keeps

12
00:00:54,580 --> 00:00:52,250
getting produced on today's show we have

13
00:00:58,600 --> 00:00:54,590

a lecture given at the recent breeze

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00:01:01,540 --> 00:00:58,610

skepticon convention in brisbane

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00:01:03,729 --> 00:01:01,550

australia by dr. chrissy wilson a good

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00:01:07,450 --> 00:01:03,739

friend of the skeptics and the skeptic

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00:01:10,540 --> 00:01:07,460

zone so sit back have a nice glass of

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00:01:13,180 --> 00:01:10,550

eggnog if you're in North America an ice

19

00:01:15,370 --> 00:01:13,190

cold beer if you're in Australia and

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00:01:17,320 --> 00:01:15,380

wherever you are in the world drink

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00:01:33,860 --> 00:01:17,330

whatever you want and enjoy this episode

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00:01:40,400 --> 00:01:37,800

and now we bring you dr. Chrissy Wilson

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00:01:43,140 --> 00:01:40,410

from the University of Tasmania I

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00:01:46,010 --> 00:01:43,150

researcher in anomalistic psychology as

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00:01:48,360 --> 00:01:46,020

she gives her presentation at the recent

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00:01:56,720 --> 00:01:48,370

skeptical convention in Brisbane

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00:02:03,110 --> 00:02:00,200

those of you who were at the Tasmanian

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00:02:05,420 --> 00:02:03,120

skeptics conference two years ago would

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00:02:07,910 --> 00:02:05,430

have been lucky enough to watch dr.

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00:02:11,770 --> 00:02:07,920

Chrissy Wilson a very vibrant and

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00:02:14,690 --> 00:02:11,780

accomplished presenter and person

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00:02:17,180 --> 00:02:14,700

Chrissy had just arrived in Australia

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00:02:19,310 --> 00:02:17,190

from the UK to join the Department of

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00:02:23,660 --> 00:02:19,320

Psychology at the University of Tasmania

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00:02:25,760 --> 00:02:23,670

as one of their lecturers she's had a

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00:02:27,440 --> 00:02:25,770

very interesting life and that she's

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00:02:30,530 --> 00:02:27,450

been everything from a professional

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00:02:33,050 --> 00:02:30,540

actress to training staff with british

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00:02:34,790 --> 00:02:33,060

airways but today she's here to talk

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00:02:38,480 --> 00:02:34,800

about a topic very dear to my heart

41

00:02:40,100 --> 00:02:38,490

which is the psychology of belief so i'd

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00:02:48,620 --> 00:02:40,110

like to introduce christie to come and

43

00:02:57,770 --> 00:02:48,630

have a look have a chat like the morning

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00:02:59,480 --> 00:02:57,780

skeptics ok now before i start i wanted

45

00:03:03,500 --> 00:02:59,490

to ask you if you wouldn't mind doing me

46

00:03:05,780 --> 00:03:03,510

a little favor as Retta said i emigrated

47

00:03:09,199 --> 00:03:05,790

two years ago and haven't been back to

48

00:03:10,970 --> 00:03:09,209

London sins and um this the audio of

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00:03:15,470 --> 00:03:10,980

this lecture is actually going to be

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00:03:17,750 --> 00:03:15,480

played on a BBC radio 4 program back in

51
00:03:20,690 --> 00:03:17,760
England now those of you that don't know

52
00:03:22,729 --> 00:03:20,700
BBC Radio 4 is quite prestigious media

53
00:03:25,670 --> 00:03:22,739
outlet so it's a really good thing for

54
00:03:28,250 --> 00:03:25,680
my career so I was gonna ask if you

55
00:03:30,380 --> 00:03:28,260
wouldn't mind that Richard or edit out

56
00:03:32,640 --> 00:03:30,390
over all my chattering at the beginning

57
00:03:38,069 --> 00:03:32,650
it you wouldn't mind it may be nice

58
00:03:41,369 --> 00:03:38,079
me daddy applause just go absolutely

59
00:03:43,140 --> 00:03:41,379
crazy bluefin charge premises when they

60
00:03:45,700 --> 00:03:43,150
hear that back home I think glad you

61
00:03:48,550 --> 00:03:45,710
know she's done well

62
00:03:51,570 --> 00:03:48,560
she's because I'm beggin important okay

63
00:04:07,090 --> 00:03:51,580

so I'm gonna count to three and then go

64

00:04:07,100 --> 00:04:16,620

I can't believe if you felt

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00:04:25,550 --> 00:04:20,060

is getting

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00:04:27,980 --> 00:04:25,560

I was our fault I and it wasn't the

67

00:04:29,750 --> 00:04:27,990

booze from fantastic evening last night

68

00:04:33,890 --> 00:04:29,760

it was I can't get that Tim Minchin

69

00:04:36,620 --> 00:04:33,900

thing thing out of my head um storm I

70

00:04:38,780 --> 00:04:36,630

think I'm sorry for storm but she said

71

00:04:39,800 --> 00:04:38,790

well I got a good girl to me I mean

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00:04:42,140 --> 00:04:39,810

anyone who can actually quote

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00:04:44,330 --> 00:04:42,150

Shakespeare didn't have dinner party

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00:04:46,760 --> 00:04:44,340

early unless quite impressive I was

75

00:04:48,260 --> 00:04:46,770

thinking about Tim mentions wife there

76
00:04:50,290 --> 00:04:48,270
are one of the reasons why I think she

77
00:04:53,090 --> 00:04:50,300
was pissed off it wasn't because Tim

78
00:04:56,180 --> 00:04:53,100
interrupted the dinner party he just

79
00:04:58,550 --> 00:04:56,190
spent the last 10 minutes chatting up I

80
00:05:00,050 --> 00:04:58,560
was by own admission extremely

81
00:05:04,160 --> 00:05:00,060
attractive woman no I think that's

82
00:05:09,770 --> 00:05:04,170
watching this pistol on the topic Jim

83
00:05:13,610 --> 00:05:09,780
what wrong with Chardonnay didn't I miss

84
00:05:17,000 --> 00:05:13,620
a memo sorry ok get on with it wasn't

85
00:05:20,420 --> 00:05:17,010
real ok oh now those of you who have

86
00:05:23,060 --> 00:05:20,430
heard me talk before you'll know that

87
00:05:24,470 --> 00:05:23,070
area is an ominous stick psychology not

88
00:05:26,000 --> 00:05:24,480

only go on too much about long list

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00:05:28,600 --> 00:05:26,010

excited d this is the branch of

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00:05:31,340 --> 00:05:28,610

psychology that I'm interested in North

91

00:05:33,050 --> 00:05:31,350

parapsychology is looking at skip a

92

00:05:35,000 --> 00:05:33,060

skeptical approach to belief in the

93

00:05:37,490 --> 00:05:35,010

paranormal stuff from a psychological

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00:05:40,700 --> 00:05:37,500

and physiological perspectives and

95

00:05:43,750 --> 00:05:40,710

that's that's what I do my work at the

96

00:05:50,900 --> 00:05:47,570

and I finally finally managed to

97

00:05:53,840 --> 00:05:50,910

convince the psychology department that

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00:05:55,640 --> 00:05:53,850

some I can teach animalistic psychology

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00:05:57,470 --> 00:05:55,650

to to my students that I'm not a

100

00:05:58,610 --> 00:05:57,480

parapsychologist though I'm not going to

101
00:06:01,640 --> 00:05:58,620
be starting telling them all about

102
00:06:04,070 --> 00:06:01,650
psychic stuff I'm actually skeptical so

103
00:06:06,380 --> 00:06:04,080
they're finally allowed me to them it's

104
00:06:09,230 --> 00:06:06,390
finally allowed me to to present an

105
00:06:12,530 --> 00:06:09,240
enormous dick course at you tears and

106
00:06:14,840 --> 00:06:12,540
and set up a research laboratory so

107
00:06:22,360 --> 00:06:14,850
according it the center of research for

108
00:06:29,510 --> 00:06:25,700
yes how'd you do i'm dr. Christie Wilson

109
00:06:35,689 --> 00:06:29,520
head of crap and uses and the email was

110
00:06:38,480 --> 00:06:35,699
braided well crap at utah's ng dati now

111
00:06:40,310 --> 00:06:38,490
before I carry on with about the

112
00:06:42,350 --> 00:06:40,320
psychology of belief which I will get to

113
00:06:43,939 --> 00:06:42,360

eventually I do tend to waffle on little

114

00:06:45,469 --> 00:06:43,949

bit i will get there in the end but i

115

00:06:49,550 --> 00:06:45,479

have to tell you a little bit about

116

00:06:52,960 --> 00:06:49,560

tasmania it's a wonderful wonderful one

117

00:06:56,240 --> 00:06:52,970

place but I've discovered talking to

118

00:06:59,629 --> 00:06:56,250

mainlanders but there seems to be this

119

00:07:03,129 --> 00:06:59,639

notion amongst mainlanders that that

120

00:07:08,450 --> 00:07:03,139

Tasmania is this weird slightly strange

121

00:07:11,650 --> 00:07:08,460

rather backward freezing cold lump of

122

00:07:16,700 --> 00:07:11,660

rock at the end of a good fit and well

123

00:07:22,920 --> 00:07:19,079

yeah that pretty much sums it up for

124

00:07:26,010 --> 00:07:22,930

exactly just in case you're not sure

125

00:07:28,589 --> 00:07:26,020

where is there it is shaped like a

126

00:07:31,409 --> 00:07:28,599

little heart I'm shining in the bass

127

00:07:34,140 --> 00:07:31,419

strait and then oh but I like that for

128

00:07:37,890 --> 00:07:34,150

you because Tasmania wonderful wonderful

129

00:07:42,329 --> 00:07:37,900

place it is very very weird it's very

130

00:07:44,730 --> 00:07:42,339

strange it's a psychologist dream when

131

00:07:48,719 --> 00:07:44,740

we first landed I thought oh my god I'm

132

00:07:51,269 --> 00:07:48,729

in belief heaven it's very very strange

133

00:07:53,399 --> 00:07:51,279

Oh every day since I've been there I

134

00:07:56,100 --> 00:07:53,409

have ridden through the valley of the

135

00:07:59,249 --> 00:07:56,110

beguiled I danced in the fields of

136

00:08:03,269 --> 00:07:59,259

delusion I'm dummy with the mentally

137

00:08:08,059 --> 00:08:03,279

alienated and that's just the Utah staff

138

00:08:10,679 --> 00:08:08,069

room right it's a wonderful place

139

00:08:13,709 --> 00:08:10,689

absolutely wonderful i love it but I've

140

00:08:16,799 --> 00:08:13,719

had some of the strangest strangest

141

00:08:20,579 --> 00:08:16,809

experiences of my life over the last two

142

00:08:23,129 --> 00:08:20,589

years one day there was a knock on my

143

00:08:26,489 --> 00:08:23,139

office door hi Kristi connect another

144

00:08:29,939 --> 00:08:26,499

word yeah yeah and it was a really nice

145

00:08:31,320 --> 00:08:29,949

girl a PhD student Tasmanian go very

146

00:08:33,600 --> 00:08:31,330

sweet Mary and I swords got on with it

147

00:08:35,610 --> 00:08:33,610

really well Oh Christy a lot message for

148

00:08:38,129 --> 00:08:35,620

you I don't GUI we going I thought well

149

00:08:40,350 --> 00:08:38,139

this is some other bit of administrative

150

00:08:42,930 --> 00:08:40,360

finality that is the bane of most

151

00:08:44,670 --> 00:08:42,940

academics life so all right our what is

152

00:08:46,439 --> 00:08:44,680

it which is a Brighton I've got a

153

00:08:49,520 --> 00:08:46,449

message but I've got a message for you

154

00:08:57,300 --> 00:08:53,750

what if Roy well you better come in then

155

00:08:58,770 --> 00:08:57,310

so she sat down and she was by 10 so

156

00:09:01,320 --> 00:08:58,780

those are quite nervous oh god what on

157

00:09:03,840 --> 00:09:01,330

earth is she going to tell me as I well

158

00:09:05,760 --> 00:09:03,850

you know what's the message that I on

159

00:09:07,290 --> 00:09:05,770

Chrissy but though God has given me this

160

00:09:08,730 --> 00:09:07,300

message for you and if you don't mind

161

00:09:12,750 --> 00:09:08,740

I'd like to tell you what it was what do

162

00:09:15,240 --> 00:09:12,760

what it is yeah sure okay um and she

163

00:09:17,250 --> 00:09:15,250

told me the message and although I feel

164

00:09:18,330 --> 00:09:17,260

that we've bonded you and I now that

165

00:09:19,890 --> 00:09:18,340

especially the point the audience

166

00:09:21,210 --> 00:09:19,900

participation then I don't feel

167

00:09:24,720 --> 00:09:21,220

confident enough to tell you what the

168

00:09:28,440 --> 00:09:24,730

message was that's between me and heard

169

00:09:29,970 --> 00:09:28,450

God okay Barry gave me the message and I

170

00:09:34,680 --> 00:09:29,980

said well thank you for that given up

171

00:09:36,990 --> 00:09:34,690

and she said can I pray for you Jen and

172

00:09:39,570 --> 00:09:37,000

fine so she got down on her knees is

173

00:09:42,690 --> 00:09:39,580

absolutely true got down on her knees in

174

00:09:45,960 --> 00:09:42,700

my office put a hand on my hand and

175

00:09:50,610 --> 00:09:45,970

prayed for me I that was an interesting

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00:09:53,250 --> 00:09:50,620

10 min again then there was more

177

00:09:56,280 --> 00:09:53,260

encounter with the TV lady of Epping

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00:09:58,170 --> 00:09:56,290

Forest and when I arrived my students at

179

00:09:59,880 --> 00:09:58,180

our Christie Christie you've got to go

180

00:10:02,790 --> 00:09:59,890

and see the Tea Leaf Lady of Epping

181

00:10:06,110 --> 00:10:02,800

Forest why okay she's absolutely

182

00:10:10,740 --> 00:10:06,120

fantastic she'll definitely convince you

183

00:10:13,080 --> 00:10:10,750

game on mrs. read the tea leaves lady of

184

00:10:15,450 --> 00:10:13,090

Epping Forest what a wonderful title I

185

00:10:18,390 --> 00:10:15,460

mean come dedup for me this fantastic

186

00:10:20,970 --> 00:10:18,400

sort of my best like scene of a blasted

187

00:10:23,460 --> 00:10:20,980

Heath and some toothless old hags that

188

00:10:25,850 --> 00:10:23,470

rather be called Ronia I after we are

189

00:10:26,870 --> 00:10:25,860

Stephanie don't you know but um

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00:10:29,889 --> 00:10:26,880

it was nothing like that at all

191

00:10:33,470 --> 00:10:29,899

unfortunately we sat in a front room and

192

00:10:37,610 --> 00:10:33,480

well I'm sorry to say that the financial

193

00:10:41,769 --> 00:10:37,620

crisis has finally hit Tasmania and a

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00:10:47,690 --> 00:10:41,779

tea leaf lady had actually run out of TV

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00:10:49,819 --> 00:10:47,700

so she had a team back so that their way

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00:10:51,819 --> 00:10:49,829

there and she says to me I'm gonna do an

197

00:10:54,620 --> 00:10:51,829

Australian accent not going to solve it

198

00:10:55,880 --> 00:10:54,630

she said what I can hear from your

199

00:11:00,980 --> 00:10:55,890

accident you're not you're actually from

200

00:11:06,410 --> 00:11:03,920

I'm actually all right english i arrived

201
00:11:10,430 --> 00:11:06,420
from Teddy Boy from England them couple

202
00:11:12,590 --> 00:11:10,440
years ago and five minutes later she's

203
00:11:14,120 --> 00:11:12,600
tearing at this tea bag holding it up

204
00:11:17,060 --> 00:11:14,130
you know getting a residual energy

205
00:11:19,550 --> 00:11:17,070
getting the messages and she says right

206
00:11:26,449 --> 00:11:19,560
I'm saying I'm not travel when you're

207
00:11:29,720 --> 00:11:26,459
longer 11,000 bleeding miles actually um

208
00:11:35,260 --> 00:11:29,730
she said oh well you say the tea bag

209
00:11:38,320 --> 00:11:35,270
never lies that was a useful afternoon

210
00:11:42,580 --> 00:11:38,330
and then then there was the night I gave

211
00:11:45,190 --> 00:11:42,590
a talk to the pagan society the pagan

212
00:11:50,620 --> 00:11:45,200
society they meet in a British pub

213
00:11:53,610 --> 00:11:50,630

called the cotton ball in launceston I

214

00:11:57,270 --> 00:11:53,620

mean that alone is enough for a book

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00:11:59,920 --> 00:11:57,280

anyway not surprisingly they hated me

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00:12:01,930 --> 00:11:59,930

can't think why I'm being told that

217

00:12:03,640 --> 00:12:01,940

you're deluded idiots you know what's

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00:12:06,130 --> 00:12:03,650

the problem that but now I absolutely

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00:12:09,130 --> 00:12:06,140

hated me the only thing that remotely

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00:12:10,800 --> 00:12:09,140

impressed them was when I told and I

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00:12:14,220 --> 00:12:10,810

want to play to prostitute on the bill

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00:12:16,930 --> 00:12:14,230

they broke into spontaneous applause

223

00:12:18,760 --> 00:12:16,940

which was terribly disappointing because

224

00:12:20,830 --> 00:12:18,770

you know I have again these visions I

225

00:12:23,440 --> 00:12:20,840

have a lot of it I have this vision of

226

00:12:24,970 --> 00:12:23,450

all these pagans you know I comorting

227

00:12:27,220 --> 00:12:24,980

about in the mood light every night

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00:12:28,540 --> 00:12:27,230

rationing each other's your dog but no

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00:12:34,270 --> 00:12:28,550

they're all at home watching reruns of

230

00:12:37,780 --> 00:12:34,280

the bills very disappointing and then

231

00:12:40,330 --> 00:12:37,790

the best of all I came this close ladies

232

00:12:43,690 --> 00:12:40,340

and gents this close to a religious

233

00:12:47,920 --> 00:12:43,700

experience please God please please

234

00:12:55,150 --> 00:12:47,930

engine with yashas do anything I'll give

235

00:12:57,490 --> 00:12:55,160

up alcohol from what you're laughing but

236

00:13:01,600 --> 00:12:57,500

has made a whole month it does mania

237

00:13:05,110 --> 00:13:01,610

with no booze is no joke right get on

238

00:13:06,630 --> 00:13:05,120

with it okay right and aside from having

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00:13:09,420 --> 00:13:06,640

lots are very weird and wonderful

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00:13:15,360 --> 00:13:09,430

experiences in Tasmania

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00:13:17,070 --> 00:13:15,370

doesn't work and can't earn credit

242

00:13:18,750 --> 00:13:17,080

they're cartoons i'm not going into big

243

00:13:22,260 --> 00:13:18,760

trouble copyright gotten yourself off

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00:13:26,350 --> 00:13:22,270

google very common thing you know

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00:13:30,759 --> 00:13:28,090

I don't get it which is a very worried

246

00:13:33,819 --> 00:13:30,769

if there are some creationist int Aziz

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00:13:36,190 --> 00:13:33,829

um but over the last two years I've done

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00:13:38,579 --> 00:13:36,200

lots of studies bump interviewed lots of

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00:13:40,600 --> 00:13:38,589

Tasmanians and carried out various

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00:13:42,759 --> 00:13:40,610

experiments here in there and I've

251
00:13:46,210 --> 00:13:42,769
actually managed to test about 1,500

252
00:13:47,829 --> 00:13:46,220
people now which is quite a good sample

253
00:13:49,509 --> 00:13:47,839
size those of you that both your

254
00:13:51,790 --> 00:13:49,519
research considering that the population

255
00:13:53,380 --> 00:13:51,800
that as he's actually just half a

256
00:13:56,079 --> 00:13:53,390
million I was a key quite quite a good

257
00:13:57,970 --> 00:13:56,089
sample size so this was just looking at

258
00:14:00,460 --> 00:13:57,980
religious belief in towson i just want

259
00:14:03,610 --> 00:14:00,470
to give you a flavor of what we're

260
00:14:05,949 --> 00:14:03,620
looking at so the top percentage not

261
00:14:07,569 --> 00:14:05,959
surprisingly christian but only

262
00:14:10,420 --> 00:14:07,579
thirty-five percent now within

263
00:14:13,420 --> 00:14:10,430

Christians i've included anglican as

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00:14:16,740 --> 00:14:13,430

Protestants Catholics my case that's all

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00:14:21,490 --> 00:14:16,750

within that thirty-five percent

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00:14:24,090 --> 00:14:21,500

less than one set Muslims built

267

00:14:27,880 --> 00:14:24,100

dissident quite well to six percent

268

00:14:38,620 --> 00:14:27,890

Mormons couldn't do better 2.5 not too

269

00:14:41,290 --> 00:14:38,630

bad 16 is a wicker I had to look it up

270

00:14:42,760 --> 00:14:41,300

and then learn one way of pagans of

271

00:14:45,340 --> 00:14:42,770

course they fill me in and told me what

272

00:14:48,580 --> 00:14:45,350

weaker is they basically sit around

273

00:14:50,770 --> 00:14:48,590

basket weaving and hang out and do stuff

274

00:14:53,440 --> 00:14:50,780

by that's why I got you over sixteen

275

00:14:58,390 --> 00:14:53,450

percent of them in Tasmania from this

276

00:15:01,990 --> 00:14:58,400

sample and ellemir anybody heard of

277

00:15:04,420 --> 00:15:02,000

felonies ten point five percent of women

278

00:15:10,340 --> 00:15:04,430

are in Tasmania okay I know what they

279

00:15:10,350 --> 00:15:15,280

are you from Tasmania

280

00:15:19,640 --> 00:15:17,660

okay actually I have another one I had

281

00:15:21,710 --> 00:15:19,650

to look up they they they're very sort

282

00:15:23,540 --> 00:15:21,720

of new AEG not surprisingly it's a bit

283

00:15:26,269 --> 00:15:23,550

sore Scientology they believe in some

284

00:15:29,300 --> 00:15:26,279

sort of higher powers and there's some

285

00:15:31,490 --> 00:15:29,310

guru or other usual nocturnes but anyway

286

00:15:34,130 --> 00:15:31,500

2.5% so they're doing quite one in

287

00:15:37,700 --> 00:15:34,140

Tassie but thank heavens something we

288

00:15:40,220 --> 00:15:37,710

can be leaving us deal with Satanists

289

00:15:44,660 --> 00:15:40,230

just don't understand thank heaven for

290

00:15:46,880 --> 00:15:44,670

that and no religion twenty-five percent

291

00:15:48,650 --> 00:15:46,890

so about a quarter of them have no

292

00:15:51,200 --> 00:15:48,660

religion but look at the spread the

293

00:15:53,650 --> 00:15:51,210

diversity and I know it doesn't add up

294

00:15:57,440 --> 00:15:53,660

to a hundred smart asses in the audience

295

00:16:00,110 --> 00:15:57,450

the rest were either very strange things

296

00:16:01,730 --> 00:16:00,120

or things that I've never heard of all

297

00:16:03,769 --> 00:16:01,740

they were spelling mistakes or I'm you

298

00:16:09,829 --> 00:16:03,779

or run there were people that claim to

299

00:16:11,180 --> 00:16:09,839

be agnostics or an imposter that one

300

00:16:16,250 --> 00:16:11,190

when you don't believe in anything

301
00:16:21,720 --> 00:16:19,500
all right paranormal believe in tears I

302
00:16:24,030 --> 00:16:21,730
know I couldn't wait to get to this I

303
00:16:27,570 --> 00:16:24,040
could not wait to do the analysis right

304
00:16:30,620 --> 00:16:27,580
sixty percent believe in life after day

305
00:16:33,750 --> 00:16:30,630
they're not surprising because it's it's

306
00:16:35,400 --> 00:16:33,760
it's such a religious place that it's

307
00:16:38,070 --> 00:16:35,410
not surprising that sixty percent

308
00:16:39,360 --> 00:16:38,080
believe in life after death you know I'm

309
00:16:40,740 --> 00:16:39,370
not all that's the point believe in

310
00:16:44,670 --> 00:16:40,750
religion isn't it's like a look forward

311
00:16:46,620 --> 00:16:44,680
to and forty percent believe for the

312
00:16:52,580 --> 00:16:46,630
paranormal is real so almost half

313
00:16:55,980 --> 00:16:52,590

believe that panel real 22% a cena goes

314

00:16:59,280 --> 00:16:55,990

so there's our one in one in five I've

315

00:17:01,050 --> 00:16:59,290

seen a ghost Oh again not surprising

316

00:17:03,060 --> 00:17:01,060

because tasmat everything is haunting

317

00:17:04,710 --> 00:17:03,070

Tasmania crikey my toilet haunted

318

00:17:08,250 --> 00:17:04,720

apparently I mean that everything is

319

00:17:14,970 --> 00:17:08,260

haunted over there and eight percent per

320

00:17:17,400 --> 00:17:14,980

seat UFO yes / 23 percent so a quarter

321

00:17:20,670 --> 00:17:17,410

of those people that I tested have had a

322

00:17:23,260 --> 00:17:20,680

psychic experience seven percent can

323

00:17:28,200 --> 00:17:25,960

don't talk back I don't know but in many

324

00:17:31,000 --> 00:17:28,210

ways seven central communicate with them

325

00:17:32,800 --> 00:17:31,010

sixteen percent visit fortune tellers

326

00:17:37,240 --> 00:17:32,810

tarot card readers and the Tea Leaf

327

00:17:39,910 --> 00:17:37,250

ladies or the tea bag lady seven percent

328

00:17:43,450 --> 00:17:39,920

playing to be psychic believe they are

329

00:17:46,720 --> 00:17:43,460

psychic and this next one is my favorite

330

00:17:48,670 --> 00:17:46,730

statistic ever in all the years I've

331

00:17:57,120 --> 00:17:48,680

been doing this this is my favorite ever

332

00:17:58,990 --> 00:17:57,130

statistic two percent have met an

333

00:18:03,250 --> 00:17:59,000

extraterrestrial I'm no mathematician

334

00:18:07,090 --> 00:18:03,260

but I work that out to be 30 people 30

335

00:18:09,640 --> 00:18:07,100

people have met an extraterrestrial it's

336

00:18:11,320 --> 00:18:09,650

just amazing now all of these characters

337

00:18:17,049 --> 00:18:11,330

have actually written on their paper I

338

00:18:24,129 --> 00:18:21,389

in room so you can see why Tasmania is

339

00:18:25,210 --> 00:18:24,139

it's a psychologist room it's wonderful

340

00:18:27,930 --> 00:18:25,220

lots of lovely stuff to work with

341

00:18:31,629 --> 00:18:27,940

they're all right so enough about tally

342

00:18:33,820 --> 00:18:31,639

the psychology of belief now being a

343

00:18:34,960 --> 00:18:33,830

psychologist being a social scientist I

344

00:18:37,869 --> 00:18:34,970

have to approach this thing

345

00:18:40,869 --> 00:18:37,879

scientifically so we have to first off

346

00:18:43,090 --> 00:18:40,879

start off with a definition what is

347

00:18:45,039 --> 00:18:43,100

belief okay so i looked it up in a

348

00:18:48,009 --> 00:18:45,049

dictionary psychologists dictionary any

349

00:18:51,489 --> 00:18:48,019

proposition that is accepted as true on

350

00:18:53,649 --> 00:18:51,499

the basis of inconclusive evidence now

351

00:18:56,350 --> 00:18:53,659

I'd like you to think about that because

352

00:18:57,970 --> 00:18:56,360

I think I've heard a couple of those

353

00:19:00,279 --> 00:18:57,980

over the last couple of days that's

354

00:19:02,430 --> 00:19:00,289

funny they just just keep that in mind

355

00:19:05,169 --> 00:19:02,440

as we go through some of these slides

356

00:19:07,389 --> 00:19:05,179

there's just some examples of the type

357

00:19:09,149 --> 00:19:07,399

of beliefs that are everywhere the sort

358

00:19:10,899 --> 00:19:09,159

of things that we come across

359

00:19:15,450 --> 00:19:10,909

conspiracies this is my favorite

360

00:19:17,619 --> 00:19:15,460

conspiracy theory i think the 911 towers

361

00:19:21,190 --> 00:19:17,629

when the planes hit there was this

362

00:19:23,109 --> 00:19:21,200

enormous cloud of smoke and some people

363

00:19:25,899 --> 00:19:23,119

believed got a lot of people believe

364

00:19:29,470 --> 00:19:25,909

that the smoke cloud looks like either

365

00:19:32,350 --> 00:19:29,480

the devil or Osama bin Laden so I think

366

00:19:38,520 --> 00:19:32,360

that's a nice one

367

00:19:43,090 --> 00:19:38,530

this is another one of my favorites this

368

00:19:48,090 --> 00:19:43,100

intergalactic race of perverts are

369

00:19:53,169 --> 00:19:48,100

flying through the galaxy visiting earth

370

00:19:57,060 --> 00:19:53,179

only probing hapless Americans and then

371

00:19:59,620 --> 00:19:57,070

worst of all messing up that crop fields

372

00:20:06,070 --> 00:19:59,630

so that's my problem probably my

373

00:20:07,570 --> 00:20:06,080

favorite religious figures sorry he's

374

00:20:11,049 --> 00:20:07,580

not here obviously thought you would

375

00:20:13,900 --> 00:20:11,059

walk walked out um yeah really just

376

00:20:16,330 --> 00:20:13,910

figures and I it's not entirely humorous

377

00:20:22,600 --> 00:20:16,340

that I put that up there we're just to

378

00:20:24,460 --> 00:20:22,610

rub it you know football and sport it's

379

00:20:26,680 --> 00:20:24,470

more about life isn't it it's all about

380

00:20:28,930 --> 00:20:26,690

tribalism is all about blue so it's not

381

00:20:32,230 --> 00:20:28,940

just about religion it's our religious

382

00:20:37,430 --> 00:20:32,240

affiliations with the town and this is

383

00:20:42,860 --> 00:20:39,499

those Domingo hurdle talked before you

384

00:20:46,009 --> 00:20:42,870

tell me talk before you come across this

385

00:20:49,700 --> 00:20:46,019

one before wrong apology the ancient art

386

00:20:53,749 --> 00:20:49,710

of wrong pology the art of divination

387

00:20:57,440 --> 00:20:53,759

based upon the pimples lumps and bumps

388

00:20:59,060 --> 00:20:57,450

on someone's butt okay it's absolutely

389

00:21:01,580 --> 00:20:59,070

true i'm not making this up over

390

00:21:12,930 --> 00:21:01,590

oncology this is the famous european

391

00:21:17,790 --> 00:21:14,970

there's an American a very famous

392

00:21:20,370 --> 00:21:17,800

American from apologist called jaclyn

393

00:21:23,310 --> 00:21:20,380

Stallone spookley or maybe not so

394

00:21:26,370 --> 00:21:23,320

spookily Sylvester Stallone's mother she

395

00:21:29,610 --> 00:21:26,380

is a very unwell practice run apologist

396

00:21:31,470 --> 00:21:29,620

and for 125 american dollars if you sent

397

00:21:34,200 --> 00:21:31,480

her a digital photograph of your bomb

398

00:21:38,130 --> 00:21:34,210

she will give you a reading or I'll do

399

00:21:44,610 --> 00:21:40,740

they're this going to be an idea for an

400

00:21:47,060 --> 00:21:44,620

experiment and ladies and gentlemen

401
00:21:51,150 --> 00:21:47,070
you're very fortunate today because

402
00:21:52,650 --> 00:21:51,160
today is the birth of a brand new form

403
00:21:54,870 --> 00:21:52,660
of divination which I'm going to

404
00:21:57,210 --> 00:21:54,880
introduce you today and I thought right

405
00:21:59,310 --> 00:21:57,220
what part of that body what part of our

406
00:22:04,470 --> 00:21:59,320
bodies have we not exploited for

407
00:22:07,740 --> 00:22:04,480
divination purposes don't worry we'll be

408
00:22:10,020 --> 00:22:07,750
there body can we use the means we won't

409
00:22:13,320 --> 00:22:10,030
get arrested so ladies and gentlemen I

410
00:22:19,320 --> 00:22:13,330
want to introduce you to today the the

411
00:22:21,830 --> 00:22:19,330
ancient art of L Balaji yes show me your

412
00:22:26,010 --> 00:22:21,840
elbow and I'll show you who you are oh

413
00:22:29,220 --> 00:22:26,020

yeah devil bit phony phony there yeah

414

00:22:34,440 --> 00:22:29,230

yeah but not going on there they're not

415

00:22:40,510 --> 00:22:38,200

down here aha but a bad skin yeah bit

416

00:22:43,780 --> 00:22:40,520

drive the psoriasis yes I can definitely

417

00:22:45,460 --> 00:22:43,790

see a handsome educated well-dressed

418

00:22:53,020 --> 00:22:45,470

stranger is going to come into your life

419

00:22:55,750 --> 00:22:53,030

yeah it's called a dermatologist it's

420

00:22:58,870 --> 00:22:55,760

easy to mock oh boy is it easy to mock

421

00:23:00,970 --> 00:22:58,880

um but how long do you think especially

422

00:23:02,680 --> 00:23:00,980

given after what we heard from Rachel

423

00:23:05,020 --> 00:23:02,690

yesterday about you know twittering

424

00:23:07,450 --> 00:23:05,030

Facebook and all these new forms of

425

00:23:10,810 --> 00:23:07,460

communication imagine if I set up a

426

00:23:13,540 --> 00:23:10,820

website on El Monte and I wrote up lots

427

00:23:17,500 --> 00:23:13,550

of silly testimonials Oh babaji changed

428

00:23:19,300 --> 00:23:17,510

my life yellow um all wrote that sort of

429

00:23:21,130 --> 00:23:19,310

things set it all up how long do you

430

00:23:23,980 --> 00:23:21,140

think it would be before I started

431

00:23:26,980 --> 00:23:23,990

getting emails staying in digital

432

00:23:29,380 --> 00:23:26,990

photographs of people's elbows or five

433

00:23:31,900 --> 00:23:29,390

minutes yeah dear dr. Wilson here's a

434

00:23:35,620 --> 00:23:31,910

photograph my elbow taken six months ago

435

00:23:43,930 --> 00:23:41,050

will I ever find love no so L Balaji

436

00:23:46,480 --> 00:23:43,940

okay I am going on today tonight with

437

00:23:48,040 --> 00:23:46,490

this one definitely okay I think it's

438

00:23:51,610 --> 00:23:48,050

going to work so watch out our apologies

439

00:23:53,110 --> 00:23:51,620

coming to a town near you okay right now

440

00:23:56,440 --> 00:23:53,120

the point of all of that is to

441

00:23:59,410 --> 00:23:56,450

illustrate a ubiquitous nature of belief

442

00:24:03,160 --> 00:23:59,420

okay it's everywhere it's in everything

443

00:24:06,430 --> 00:24:03,170

we do it's all around us imagine order

444

00:24:10,750 --> 00:24:06,440

we didn't have belief now I personally

445

00:24:12,550 --> 00:24:10,760

think that researchers included and I

446

00:24:15,310 --> 00:24:12,560

include myself in this we've had the

447

00:24:17,350 --> 00:24:15,320

wrong approach to study in belief we

448

00:24:21,010 --> 00:24:17,360

approach it from the idea that believes

449

00:24:22,840 --> 00:24:21,020

a bad thing um and we asked well why do

450

00:24:24,670 --> 00:24:22,850

people believe why do people believe in

451

00:24:26,920 --> 00:24:24,680

this stuff but I wonder if we're not

452

00:24:28,720 --> 00:24:26,930

asking the wrong question maybe we

453

00:24:31,360 --> 00:24:28,730

should ask well why is it that some

454

00:24:35,290 --> 00:24:31,370

people don't believe and I don't believe

455

00:24:37,870 --> 00:24:35,300

I don't think I don't think the belief

456

00:24:39,790 --> 00:24:37,880

is actually the enmity belief itself is

457

00:24:42,730 --> 00:24:39,800

not the end of it hopefully all I'll

458

00:24:45,760 --> 00:24:42,740

explain why as we go through all right

459

00:24:48,670 --> 00:24:45,770

if this was a psychology lecture and you

460

00:24:50,830 --> 00:24:48,680

were all my undergrads um I would say

461

00:24:53,080 --> 00:24:50,840

right okay boys girls ladies and

462

00:24:55,900 --> 00:24:53,090

gentlemen um we're going to talk about

463

00:24:59,010 --> 00:24:55,910

psychology of belief and whenever you

464

00:25:00,990 --> 00:24:59,020

talk about the psychology of any human

465

00:25:04,240 --> 00:25:01,000

characteristic we always talk about

466

00:25:07,300 --> 00:25:04,250

multifaceted criteria okay so

467

00:25:09,040 --> 00:25:07,310

multifaceted ideological criteria which

468

00:25:11,230 --> 00:25:09,050

simply means you know the reasons was

469

00:25:12,850 --> 00:25:11,240

something the causes of something the

470

00:25:15,370 --> 00:25:12,860

only wanted to use the dinner parties

471

00:25:17,940 --> 00:25:15,380

that multifaceted into illogical

472

00:25:19,740 --> 00:25:17,950

criteria oh yes

473

00:25:21,299 --> 00:25:19,750

you know there's a multi-faceted eat

474

00:25:23,909 --> 00:25:21,309

illogical criteria for the global

475

00:25:26,850 --> 00:25:23,919

financial crisis you know if you say

476

00:25:29,879 --> 00:25:26,860

that that she's really all they'll think

477

00:25:33,330 --> 00:25:29,889

I she's right geek nice one to try

478

00:25:35,909 --> 00:25:33,340

though so anyway the ETP etiological

479

00:25:38,159 --> 00:25:35,919

criteria for belief i'm going to give

480

00:25:40,950 --> 00:25:38,169

you today biological cognitive and

481

00:25:45,860 --> 00:25:40,960

environmental so let's have a look at

482

00:25:51,740 --> 00:25:45,870

biology and welcome biology tell us um

483

00:25:58,070 --> 00:25:55,070

wouldn't it be great if it was all down

484

00:26:00,290 --> 00:25:58,080

to brain chemistry if it was all down to

485

00:26:03,020 --> 00:26:00,300

the usual suspects dopamine and

486

00:26:04,970 --> 00:26:03,030

serotonin right taken take a pill the

487

00:26:08,680 --> 00:26:04,980

belief goes away now of course in

488

00:26:12,080 --> 00:26:08,690

extreme cases that's exactly what we do

489

00:26:14,900 --> 00:26:12,090

antipsychotic drugs have been helping

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00:26:17,690 --> 00:26:14,910

out schizophrenics and the clinically

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00:26:21,650 --> 00:26:17,700

dilute it psychotic see for example over

492

00:26:26,060 --> 00:26:21,660

since the 1950s so so neurotransmitters

493

00:26:27,560 --> 00:26:26,070

key do have some element to this but

494

00:26:29,320 --> 00:26:27,570

we're not talking about it clinically

495

00:26:34,430 --> 00:26:29,330

deluded we're not talking about

496

00:26:36,320 --> 00:26:34,440

schizophrenics sidekicks are absolutely

497

00:26:39,170 --> 00:26:36,330

the scum of the earth and deserve to die

498

00:26:43,160 --> 00:26:39,180

in Windows ourselves yes but they're not

499

00:26:45,500 --> 00:26:43,170

mad they're not mad Oh house why so you

500

00:26:47,750 --> 00:26:45,510

think they see dead people I'm not

501
00:26:51,140 --> 00:26:47,760
insane they're not suffering from mental

502
00:26:52,520 --> 00:26:51,150
disorders and either indeed our alien

503
00:26:54,950 --> 00:26:52,530
abductees so you think they've been

504
00:26:57,290 --> 00:26:54,960
abducted by aliens and there's no real

505
00:27:01,400 --> 00:26:57,300
pathology there they're just they're

506
00:27:05,360 --> 00:27:01,410
usually you're saying rational people as

507
00:27:07,460 --> 00:27:05,370
what personality then personality has a

508
00:27:09,800 --> 00:27:07,470
largely genetic component so what can

509
00:27:12,050 --> 00:27:09,810
personality trying to tell us is there a

510
00:27:16,010 --> 00:27:12,060
personality that is particularly prone

511
00:27:18,740 --> 00:27:16,020
to believe for example well um

512
00:27:21,140 --> 00:27:18,750
researchers such as myself all over the

513
00:27:23,960 --> 00:27:21,150

world spin last 30-odd years really

514

00:27:26,410 --> 00:27:23,970

looking at the potential correlation

515

00:27:28,160 --> 00:27:26,420

between certain personality

516

00:27:31,130 --> 00:27:28,170

characteristics and belief in the

517

00:27:33,040 --> 00:27:31,140

paranormal and these three of typically

518

00:27:36,050 --> 00:27:33,050

the ones that are looked at so

519

00:27:40,310 --> 00:27:36,060

dissociation of fancy proneness

520

00:27:43,070 --> 00:27:40,320

and suggestibility now the the findings

521

00:27:47,090 --> 00:27:43,080

that you get produce a very mixed

522

00:27:49,460 --> 00:27:47,100

picture and yes some things correlate

523

00:27:51,020 --> 00:27:49,470

and fantasy prime nurse in all of the

524

00:27:52,790 --> 00:27:51,030

studies that I've done in the seven

525

00:27:56,300 --> 00:27:52,800

years I've been doing this all of the

526

00:27:58,460 --> 00:27:56,310

studies include my PhD yes I found a

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00:28:00,050 --> 00:27:58,470

very strong correlation strong a

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00:28:03,410 --> 00:28:00,060

significant correlation between fantasy

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00:28:05,660 --> 00:28:03,420

Primus and belief in the paranormal and

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00:28:07,760 --> 00:28:05,670

when I looked at as Manian sample they

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00:28:10,550 --> 00:28:07,770

were off the jar with Francis Ieronis

532

00:28:13,540 --> 00:28:10,560

not surprisingly but the rest of it yeah

533

00:28:16,970 --> 00:28:13,550

there's a very mixed picture so this

534

00:28:20,140 --> 00:28:16,980

attempt the skeptical researchers have

535

00:28:22,490 --> 00:28:20,150

had to try and show that believers are

536

00:28:24,230 --> 00:28:22,500

falling critical thinking that they've

537

00:28:26,750 --> 00:28:24,240

got personality defects that they're

538

00:28:28,730 --> 00:28:26,760

particularly prone to believe in the

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00:28:30,680 --> 00:28:28,740

paranormal is simply not true it's just

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00:28:36,110 --> 00:28:30,690

not there so there's something else

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00:28:39,020 --> 00:28:36,120

going on ok the role of cognition now I

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00:28:42,920 --> 00:28:39,030

blame the what we call the cognitive

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00:28:46,280 --> 00:28:42,930

revolution in the 50s and 60s for the

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00:28:49,820 --> 00:28:46,290

idea that our brains function like

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00:28:53,270 --> 00:28:49,830

computers the chords of revolution came

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00:28:56,150 --> 00:28:53,280

about as a kind of swinging away from

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00:28:58,670 --> 00:28:56,160

behaviorism which was the fashion of the

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00:29:01,790 --> 00:28:58,680

day in psychology so cognitive

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00:29:04,220 --> 00:29:01,800

revolution said that some sated that

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00:29:05,630 --> 00:29:04,230

it's all about information processing

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00:29:07,100 --> 00:29:05,640

that that's what we're all about that's

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00:29:09,560 --> 00:29:07,110

why we do the things we do because it's

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00:29:12,800 --> 00:29:09,570

all down to information processing such

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00:29:15,500 --> 00:29:12,810

as memory and problem-solving etc etc

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00:29:17,750 --> 00:29:15,510

etc so but they were the ones who came

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00:29:19,030 --> 00:29:17,760

up with this analogy that our brains are

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00:29:21,650 --> 00:29:19,040

like computer

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00:29:24,340 --> 00:29:21,660

which is led to all kinds of erroneous

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00:29:28,910 --> 00:29:24,350

thinking about how our brains work

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00:29:32,300 --> 00:29:28,920

memory for example is not fallible we

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00:29:34,640 --> 00:29:32,310

don't record events in our lives with

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00:29:36,650 --> 00:29:34,650

perfect accuracy and perfect clarity

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00:29:38,840 --> 00:29:36,660

that we can play back over and over

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00:29:41,230 --> 00:29:38,850

again is a fluid constructive process

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00:29:44,380 --> 00:29:41,240

and it's the same with our other

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00:29:48,440 --> 00:29:44,390

cognitive abilities with perception etc

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00:29:50,750 --> 00:29:48,450

we see often what we haven't seen we

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00:29:53,810 --> 00:29:50,760

hear what we haven't actually heard and

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00:29:56,990 --> 00:29:53,820

as I said we can even recall events that

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00:29:58,700 --> 00:29:57,000

never even took place that again those

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00:30:01,250 --> 00:29:58,710

of you going to talk for you'll have

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00:30:02,780 --> 00:30:01,260

seen and heard this one before apologies

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00:30:05,090 --> 00:30:02,790

have shown it to you again but is so

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00:30:06,770 --> 00:30:05,100

good it's so good that I never get bored

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00:30:08,600 --> 00:30:06,780

listen to it i'm sure you'll enjoy it

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00:30:12,140 --> 00:30:08,610

again as well this is a fantastic

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00:30:15,020 --> 00:30:12,150

example of hearing something that we

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00:30:16,610 --> 00:30:15,030

haven't actually heard but when you when

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00:30:18,980 --> 00:30:16,620

it's in a certain context when you're

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00:30:20,840 --> 00:30:18,990

told what you're actually hearing and

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00:30:23,330 --> 00:30:20,850

you can actually hear it it's an

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00:30:26,060 --> 00:30:23,340

allegedly a backward satanic message

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00:30:28,970 --> 00:30:26,070

which was found in the 1980s that allora

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00:30:31,100 --> 00:30:28,980

rock bands were accused of putting

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00:30:32,510 --> 00:30:31,110

satanic messages in their music and you

586

00:30:35,060 --> 00:30:32,520

only hear the pic you actually played it

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00:30:39,690 --> 00:30:35,070

backwards this is the best example I've

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00:30:45,509 --> 00:30:42,539

most one man so there is it's from

589

00:31:04,700 --> 00:30:45,519

stairway to heaven this is that play for

590

00:31:04,710 --> 00:31:09,850

good

591

00:31:09,860 --> 00:31:15,260

hey

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00:31:20,850 --> 00:31:17,730

okay anything satanic and I think niles

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00:31:22,590 --> 00:31:20,860

d lurking in their home okay right this

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00:31:30,600 --> 00:31:22,600

is it the same bit music playing

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00:31:30,610 --> 00:31:36,259

quickly

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00:31:36,269 --> 00:31:52,500

oh yes they

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00:32:00,580 --> 00:31:57,010

so this time listen to again but read

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00:32:02,800 --> 00:32:00,590

this and for those listening along on

599

00:32:04,450 --> 00:32:02,810

the podcast the words coming up on the

600

00:32:08,500 --> 00:32:04,460

screen which you might hear in the song

601
00:32:10,840 --> 00:32:08,510
are here's to my sweet Satan the one

602
00:32:15,790 --> 00:32:10,850
whose little path would make me sad

603
00:32:18,760 --> 00:32:15,800
whose power is Satan he'll give you 666

604
00:32:56,009 --> 00:32:18,770
there was a little tool shed where he

605
00:33:00,460 --> 00:32:58,810
you only hear it because I've told you

606
00:33:02,499 --> 00:33:00,470
what you'll hear it of course he's not

607
00:33:04,810 --> 00:33:02,509
saying these things but you hear it very

608
00:33:06,219 --> 00:33:04,820
very clearly there are some other

609
00:33:18,789 --> 00:33:06,229
examples on the internet but that's the

610
00:33:22,040 --> 00:33:18,799
best one we've ever found it always said

611
00:33:33,860 --> 00:33:22,050
I never get tired of hearing it

612
00:33:39,940 --> 00:33:37,820
you agree more all right so five minutes

613
00:33:44,120 --> 00:33:39,950

environmental factors is the other

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00:33:47,060 --> 00:33:44,130

etiology yet obviously the media loves

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00:33:50,420 --> 00:33:47,070

the paranormal absolutely loves it and

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00:33:53,299 --> 00:33:50,430

hit the sheer volume of the stuff that

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00:33:55,670 --> 00:33:53,309

we have on TV and in films about the

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00:33:58,520 --> 00:33:55,680

paranormal is obviously going to create

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00:34:01,940 --> 00:33:58,530

some atmosphere of acceptance that this

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00:34:04,490 --> 00:34:01,950

stuff is real so um media also has a big

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00:34:05,840 --> 00:34:04,500

part to play and so all right why do we

622

00:34:07,850 --> 00:34:05,850

believe in this stuff there well

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00:34:11,210 --> 00:34:07,860

obviously there's lots of reasons why we

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00:34:13,280 --> 00:34:11,220

believe those were the sort of textbook

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00:34:15,350 --> 00:34:13,290

if you like psychological reasons but

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00:34:17,840 --> 00:34:15,360

there's all kinds of other reasons why

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00:34:19,159 --> 00:34:17,850

we believe in these things and one of

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00:34:22,669 --> 00:34:19,169

the reasons I personally believe

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00:34:25,100 --> 00:34:22,679

personally think it will account this is

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00:34:29,000 --> 00:34:25,110

that we we desperately want to search

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00:34:30,980 --> 00:34:29,010

for meaning in what is meaning less you

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00:34:33,950 --> 00:34:30,990

know we look the patterns in things as

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00:34:36,440 --> 00:34:33,960

human beings we look for for pictures of

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00:34:40,159 --> 00:34:36,450

faces in object you know we see visions

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00:34:41,690 --> 00:34:40,169

of the Virgin Mary in Doritos and things

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00:34:43,820 --> 00:34:41,700

you know we're always looking for

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00:34:48,710 --> 00:34:43,830

patterns are looking for reasons to

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00:34:51,619 --> 00:34:48,720

explain all of this so some tentative

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00:34:54,760 --> 00:34:51,629

conclusions then and belief for me is

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00:34:56,200 --> 00:34:54,770

not the enemy even though we we tend to

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00:34:59,200 --> 00:34:56,210

think that it is we tend to think that

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00:35:03,610 --> 00:34:59,210

it's a bad thing but belief is not the

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00:35:06,760 --> 00:35:03,620

enemy it's who we are it's as much part

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00:35:10,240 --> 00:35:06,770

of the human condition for me as hunger

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00:35:12,520 --> 00:35:10,250

and need for intimacy and a drive for

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00:35:16,090 --> 00:35:12,530

accomplishment it's part of who we are

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00:35:18,840 --> 00:35:16,100

as part of the human maker and believers

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00:35:21,790 --> 00:35:18,850

are not significantly different from

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00:35:25,390 --> 00:35:21,800

non-believers I think with all believers

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00:35:30,220 --> 00:35:25,400

we all believe in something because when

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00:35:33,430 --> 00:35:30,230
we believe we feel strong and we feel

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00:35:36,400 --> 00:35:33,440
strong when we exclude others so we've

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00:35:41,160 --> 00:35:36,410
got believers non-believers Christians

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00:35:44,380 --> 00:35:41,170
Muslims Sydney Melbourne AFL NRL

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00:35:46,660 --> 00:35:44,390
Chardonnay Sauvignon Blanc you know we

656
00:35:50,440 --> 00:35:46,670
feel better about ourselves ourselves

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00:36:14,290 --> 00:35:50,450
when we exclude a group again absolutely

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00:36:18,920 --> 00:36:16,400
examining the truth in exposing the

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00:36:20,780 --> 00:36:18,930
frauds but psychics co uk is the website

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00:36:22,849 --> 00:36:20,790
that critically examines mediums

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00:36:24,710 --> 00:36:22,859
clairvoyants and psychics follow the

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00:36:26,780 --> 00:36:24,720
controversies news and discussions in

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00:36:28,310 --> 00:36:26,790

the lively forum community and now you

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00:36:29,990 --> 00:36:28,320

can download your weekly fix of

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righteous indignation the official

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00:36:33,589 --> 00:36:32,369

podcast of bad psychics khodet UK that

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00:36:36,740 --> 00:36:33,599

talks hard and critically about

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00:36:38,079 --> 00:36:36,750

paranormal bad psychics doctor at UK the

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UK's largest and most respected

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well thank you very much for listening

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to go away thank you very much for

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listening to this episode of the skeptic

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00:37:08,950 --> 00:37:06,770

zone and join me again let me have a

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00:37:11,530 --> 00:37:08,960

look at my calendar holy mackerel next

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week it's New Years so join me again on

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the first of January 2010 for the

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Tam Australia that's exciting until then

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you've been listening to the skeptic

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