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**Susan Gerbic**

Ben Radford talks about  
"Psychic" Detectives

Eran Segev chats to Leo Igwe

Maynard and Tim Ferguson be to live on stage

"Australian-first"  
penalties for male hormone clinic

Susan Gerbic with Chiara Pasquini  
from CICAP (Italian Committee for the  
Investigation of Claims of the Pseudosciences)



**Ben Radford / Leo Igwe**

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[Music]

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00:00:11,830 --> 00:00:09,100

welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:13,890 --> 00:00:11,840

from Australia for science and reason

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[Applause]

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yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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00:00:32,810 --> 00:00:29,970

episode number 469 for the 15th of

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00:00:35,450 --> 00:00:32,820

October 2017 richardsaunders here with

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00:00:36,950 --> 00:00:35,460

you from Sydney Australia and for those

11  
00:00:39,770 --> 00:00:36,960

people who want to keep a check on

12  
00:00:41,960 --> 00:00:39,780

things overcast and a bit cool today

13  
00:00:44,540 --> 00:00:41,970

coming up on this week's show I talked

14

00:00:47,660 --> 00:00:44,550

to a cool customer talking about cool

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00:00:49,189 --> 00:00:47,670

Ben Radford the investigator the psychic

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00:00:51,290 --> 00:00:49,199

investigator he's not a psychic who

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00:00:55,010 --> 00:00:51,300

investigates now he investigates

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00:00:57,410 --> 00:00:55,020

psychics or people who claim they're

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00:01:00,110 --> 00:00:57,420

psychic I should say and especially when

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00:01:02,660 --> 00:01:00,120

if he's interests especially is people

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00:01:05,600 --> 00:01:02,670

who claim to help police psychics

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00:01:07,130 --> 00:01:05,610

hang on we'll start again people who

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00:01:09,320 --> 00:01:07,140

claim their psychic claiming to help

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00:01:11,389 --> 00:01:09,330

police people here yeah I think I've

25

00:01:13,160 --> 00:01:11,399

read that right something like that

26  
00:01:17,150 --> 00:01:13,170  
anyway mens gonna be talking about that

27  
00:01:20,210 --> 00:01:17,160  
and also the latest sort of news with

28  
00:01:22,340 --> 00:01:20,220  
the UFOs another one of Ben's great

29  
00:01:24,020 --> 00:01:22,350  
interests following that it's a story

30  
00:01:26,990 --> 00:01:24,030  
from the Australian skeptics a very

31  
00:01:29,410 --> 00:01:27,000  
important story really as it turns out

32  
00:01:32,650 --> 00:01:29,420  
because the government have prosecuted

33  
00:01:35,900 --> 00:01:32,660  
an outfit making false health claims

34  
00:01:38,870 --> 00:01:35,910  
this is very important it's it's a great

35  
00:01:42,589 --> 00:01:38,880  
precedent because so many of the people

36  
00:01:46,359 --> 00:01:42,599  
we are concerned about skeptical of I'm

37  
00:01:49,330 --> 00:01:46,369  
making what we consider to be very

38  
00:01:52,339 --> 00:01:49,340

suspicious or dodgy claims about health

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00:01:54,830 --> 00:01:52,349

be it with magic pills or devices that

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00:01:57,580 --> 00:01:54,840

don't work and so on so to see some

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00:02:02,029 --> 00:01:57,590

government action taken against people

42

00:02:04,729 --> 00:02:02,039

spooking bogus health advice is very

43

00:02:07,279 --> 00:02:04,739

important find out more coming up soon

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00:02:11,240 --> 00:02:07,289

then it's a grain of salt with Iran so

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give one of the continuing series of

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00:02:15,920 --> 00:02:12,780

interviews around conducted in the

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00:02:19,160 --> 00:02:15,930

recent skeptics Congress in Poland and

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00:02:24,610 --> 00:02:19,170

this week Iran talks to the African

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00:02:28,040 --> 00:02:24,620

skeptic Leo egg way about witchcraft and

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00:02:30,289 --> 00:02:28,050

fighting superstition now Leo is a man

51  
00:02:33,140 --> 00:02:30,299  
we all admire because he really puts his

52  
00:02:36,830 --> 00:02:33,150  
life on the line when it comes to

53  
00:02:39,559 --> 00:02:36,840  
battling superstition and these sort of

54  
00:02:42,140 --> 00:02:39,569  
things in Africa then some news from

55  
00:02:44,509 --> 00:02:42,150  
Maynard our reporter Maynard he and Tim

56  
00:02:46,789 --> 00:02:44,519  
Ferguson are going to be doing a live

57  
00:02:50,240 --> 00:02:46,799  
presentation of their award-winning

58  
00:02:52,759 --> 00:02:50,250  
podcast bunga bunga that's happening in

59  
00:02:55,309 --> 00:02:52,769  
November here in Sydney at the Herald

60  
00:02:57,229 --> 00:02:55,319  
Park Hotel lots of details coming up a

61  
00:03:00,890 --> 00:02:57,239  
bit later on in the show I'll be there

62  
00:03:02,390 --> 00:03:00,900  
and I hope you will be too then we have

63  
00:03:05,300 --> 00:03:02,400

another interview from the

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00:03:08,349 --> 00:03:05,310

globe-trotting susan gerbic susan was

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00:03:13,130 --> 00:03:08,359

recently in Italy and she met up with

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00:03:15,199 --> 00:03:13,140

Chiara Pasquini from Chico the Italian

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00:03:17,929 --> 00:03:15,209

committee for investigation of claims of

68

00:03:20,569 --> 00:03:17,939

the paranormal yes it's no surprise that

69

00:03:22,879 --> 00:03:20,579

skeptics are everywhere everywhere even

70

00:03:25,759 --> 00:03:22,889

in Italy and we can find out more about

71

00:03:26,149 --> 00:03:25,769

that organization coming up with susan

72

00:03:28,459 --> 00:03:26,159

gerbic

73

00:03:31,420 --> 00:03:28,469

then to round off the show we hear from

74

00:03:34,670 --> 00:03:31,430

dr. angie matt key with the question a

75

00:03:36,199 --> 00:03:34,680

question for me from dr. angie right at

76

00:03:38,360 --> 00:03:36,209

the end of the show in the loose end

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00:03:42,080 --> 00:03:38,370

segment I make hello to all those people

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00:03:44,690 --> 00:03:42,090

who are at the QED question explore

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00:03:48,559 --> 00:03:44,700

discover in Manchester right now as I

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00:03:50,809 --> 00:03:48,569

speak and maybe some of you will be

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00:03:53,269 --> 00:03:50,819

downloading the skeptic zone for a bit

82

00:03:55,519 --> 00:03:53,279

of late night listening I wish I was

83

00:03:58,220 --> 00:03:55,529

there but now it's time for me to run

84

00:04:00,140 --> 00:03:58,230

downstairs and in honor of my dear

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00:04:02,929 --> 00:04:00,150

friend ilithya Dean who got married

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00:04:05,089 --> 00:04:02,939

yesterday to Nathan Lee congratulations

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00:04:07,580 --> 00:04:05,099

you two ilithya is a member of the

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00:04:10,190 --> 00:04:07,590

Australian skeptics committee and they

89

00:04:11,629 --> 00:04:10,200

did it in secret and it was a bit of a

90

00:04:13,940 --> 00:04:11,639

surprise we all turned up for the

91

00:04:17,360 --> 00:04:13,950

engagement party and it turned out to be

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00:04:21,319 --> 00:04:17,370

a wedding party well done you two in

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00:04:24,379 --> 00:04:21,329

honor of your wedding yesterday I'll run

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00:04:27,230 --> 00:04:24,389

downstairs and have a bit of cake why

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00:04:28,909 --> 00:04:27,240

not then I'll run straight back upstairs

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00:04:40,910 --> 00:04:28,919

again will I do all that I hope you

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00:04:52,940 --> 00:04:49,690

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00:04:55,790 --> 00:04:52,950

and joining me now all the way from

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00:04:57,770 --> 00:04:55,800

Albuquerque and New Mexico one day one

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00:05:01,250 --> 00:04:57,780

day Ben I promise I'll visit Albuquerque

101  
00:05:03,500 --> 00:05:01,260  
New Mexico Ben Radford hello hello there

102  
00:05:06,020 --> 00:05:03,510  
Richard yes yes good good - I'm actually

103  
00:05:07,520 --> 00:05:06,030  
good to speak to you I think because of

104  
00:05:13,520 --> 00:05:07,530  
the the time line and I'm actually

105  
00:05:15,890 --> 00:05:13,530  
speaking from your past sort of form of

106  
00:05:17,570 --> 00:05:15,900  
time travel if I'm not mistaken because

107  
00:05:19,910 --> 00:05:17,580  
I think your day ahead of me which I

108  
00:05:22,210 --> 00:05:19,920  
always find baffling even though you

109  
00:05:24,860 --> 00:05:22,220  
know a science might as fellow well

110  
00:05:31,190 --> 00:05:24,870  
let's be frank here I'm always a day

111  
00:05:33,200 --> 00:05:31,200  
ahead of you and probably a dollar a

112  
00:05:34,580 --> 00:05:33,210  
dollar ahead of me as well but I'm

113  
00:05:37,360 --> 00:05:34,590

always a day ahead of you but always

114

00:05:39,890 --> 00:05:37,370

trying to catch up work that one out

115

00:05:42,290 --> 00:05:39,900

now I wanted to catch up with you

116

00:05:43,760 --> 00:05:42,300

because some months ago we interviewed

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00:05:46,850 --> 00:05:43,770

you when you were just starting this

118

00:05:50,840 --> 00:05:46,860

strange new podcast called squaring the

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00:05:53,240 --> 00:05:50,850

strange and as I've been listening every

120

00:05:54,620 --> 00:05:53,250

week and enjoying that I've noticed the

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00:05:56,860 --> 00:05:54,630

show is going from strength to strength

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00:06:00,050 --> 00:05:56,870

how's it going from your point of view

123

00:06:02,360 --> 00:06:00,060

it's going pretty well and we certainly

124

00:06:04,190 --> 00:06:02,370

appreciate you know you're mentioning it

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00:06:05,990 --> 00:06:04,200

on the show and and I know at least a

126  
00:06:08,840 --> 00:06:06,000  
few of your listeners have tuned in we

127  
00:06:11,210 --> 00:06:08,850  
we were very much appreciate it it's

128  
00:06:13,700 --> 00:06:11,220  
going quite well I think last I heard we

129  
00:06:16,580 --> 00:06:13,710  
just recently surpassed 30,000 downloads

130  
00:06:19,340 --> 00:06:16,590  
right which is you know I mean for a

131  
00:06:22,040 --> 00:06:19,350  
relatively recent start up in the

132  
00:06:24,200 --> 00:06:22,050  
skeptical crowd you know it's it's not

133  
00:06:26,150 --> 00:06:24,210  
spectacular but I it's sort of thing you

134  
00:06:29,420 --> 00:06:26,160  
know something to be be pleased about

135  
00:06:31,490 --> 00:06:29,430  
and of course we've also had the more

136  
00:06:35,630 --> 00:06:31,500  
frequent participation of Celestia Ward

137  
00:06:38,360 --> 00:06:35,640  
yes the occasional content producer and

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00:06:41,000 --> 00:06:38,370

she's be giving us commentary and

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00:06:42,590 --> 00:06:41,010

skeptical fortune cookies and all sorts

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00:06:44,720 --> 00:06:42,600

of fun stuff like that so it's it's

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00:06:46,670 --> 00:06:44,730

going pretty well I love it I think that

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00:06:48,440 --> 00:06:46,680

you all do a great job but I do like

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00:06:49,850 --> 00:06:48,450

this thing when Celestia is on

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00:06:51,980 --> 00:06:49,860

I think apart from

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00:06:53,290 --> 00:06:51,990

anything else she has she's quite

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00:06:55,790 --> 00:06:53,300

knowledgeable but she has a wonderful

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00:06:58,969 --> 00:06:55,800

wonderful voice for podcasting I think

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00:07:01,939 --> 00:06:58,979

yeah yeah absolutely it was nice to sort

149

00:07:04,999 --> 00:07:01,949

of bring in another another angle to it

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00:07:07,279 --> 00:07:05,009

and and of course you know as some of

151  
00:07:08,809 --> 00:07:07,289  
our listeners know you know Celestion I

152  
00:07:12,529 --> 00:07:08,819  
have done a couple investigations

153  
00:07:15,499 --> 00:07:12,539  
together including of John Edward and

154  
00:07:19,429 --> 00:07:15,509  
his techniques both cold and hot reading

155  
00:07:21,469 --> 00:07:19,439  
in his his performances is probably the

156  
00:07:23,629 --> 00:07:21,479  
most yeah the most gracious way to put

157  
00:07:27,100 --> 00:07:23,639  
it and she and I actually sort of went

158  
00:07:29,990 --> 00:07:27,110  
undercover at one of one of John Edwards

159  
00:07:32,059 --> 00:07:30,000  
performances and saw how he manipulated

160  
00:07:33,350 --> 00:07:32,069  
the audience and pivoted on certain

161  
00:07:35,959 --> 00:07:33,360  
things and that was what there was a

162  
00:07:37,760 --> 00:07:35,969  
topic of a recent show so it's it's been

163  
00:07:39,649 --> 00:07:37,770

fun to sort of be able to engage her as

164

00:07:41,330 --> 00:07:39,659

well it certainly wasn't folks I

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00:07:44,450 --> 00:07:41,340

encourage you to listen to squaring the

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00:07:47,719 --> 00:07:44,460

strange it is a very interesting podcast

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00:07:50,209 --> 00:07:47,729

indeed especially for the skeptically

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00:07:52,700 --> 00:07:50,219

minded which I think many of the skeptic

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00:07:55,399 --> 00:07:52,710

zone listeners are then another another

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00:07:58,249 --> 00:07:55,409

topic just quickly before we move on to

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00:08:01,089 --> 00:07:58,259

chat about psychic detectives his there

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00:08:03,769 --> 00:08:01,099

the other day a couple of days ago I

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00:08:07,040 --> 00:08:03,779

bothered you because I was asked to

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00:08:10,369 --> 00:08:07,050

comment on the latest the latest rehash

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00:08:14,059 --> 00:08:10,379

of the Roswell incident where this

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00:08:17,360 --> 00:08:14,069

mysterious film Grady overexposed film

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00:08:19,790 --> 00:08:17,370

emerged purporting to be of the alien

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00:08:21,829 --> 00:08:19,800

from Roswell being stretch it away or

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00:08:25,369 --> 00:08:21,839

taken somewhere on a stretcher which

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00:08:29,269 --> 00:08:25,379

apparently turns out to be area 51 it

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00:08:30,860 --> 00:08:29,279

has all the makings of an obvious fraud

182

00:08:33,019 --> 00:08:30,870

and obvious fake I mean we've got

183

00:08:35,029 --> 00:08:33,029

Roswell we've got area 51 we've got the

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00:08:39,920 --> 00:08:35,039

alien look that looks like a human dummy

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00:08:42,319 --> 00:08:39,930

on a bed well I mean is this the gift

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00:08:44,360 --> 00:08:42,329

that just keeps on giving what why why

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00:08:47,240 --> 00:08:44,370

do you think that Roswell and area 51

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00:08:50,600 --> 00:08:47,250

haven't sort of you know settled down

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00:08:51,949 --> 00:08:50,610

into folklore more by now you know

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00:08:54,199 --> 00:08:51,959

that's a good question I think there's a

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00:08:56,750 --> 00:08:54,209

couple things and of course living here

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00:09:00,350 --> 00:08:56,760

in New Mexico Roswell is only about you

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00:09:02,180 --> 00:09:00,360

know three four hours away and for New

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00:09:03,620 --> 00:09:02,190

Mexico skeptics as you said it's the

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00:09:06,800 --> 00:09:03,630

keep that keeps giving

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00:09:08,780 --> 00:09:06,810

annoying depending on your point of view

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00:09:10,160 --> 00:09:08,790

you know it is it's fast in there

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there's a couple reasons for that one of

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00:09:14,420 --> 00:09:12,030

them the most obvious of course is that

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00:09:17,540 --> 00:09:14,430

it's a moneymaker yeah it's a moneymaker

201  
00:09:20,660 --> 00:09:17,550  
for Roswell they have an annual of

202  
00:09:24,190 --> 00:09:20,670  
course UFO Roswell crash Festival and in

203  
00:09:26,540 --> 00:09:24,200  
Roswell I've attended I think twice and

204  
00:09:27,980 --> 00:09:26,550  
it's actually been interesting from a

205  
00:09:30,980 --> 00:09:27,990  
skeptical point of view because you know

206  
00:09:32,780 --> 00:09:30,990  
I'm going there and and I'm of course

207  
00:09:34,960 --> 00:09:32,790  
you know sort of the that the token or

208  
00:09:37,070 --> 00:09:34,970  
only skeptic you know wandering around

209  
00:09:40,100 --> 00:09:37,080  
people are skeptical but of course if

210  
00:09:42,440 --> 00:09:40,110  
you're if you're gonna drive a Roswell

211  
00:09:44,900 --> 00:09:42,450  
it's it's it's it's it's a it's a nice

212  
00:09:46,280 --> 00:09:44,910  
enough town but you're not going it's

213  
00:09:48,500 --> 00:09:46,290

not a stopover you're not you're not

214

00:09:51,550 --> 00:09:48,510

going to Los Angeles through Roswell you

215

00:09:54,560 --> 00:09:51,560

know it's the honestly it's sort of like

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00:09:56,060 --> 00:09:54,570

Inverness in Scotland I mean the the the

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00:09:58,040 --> 00:09:56,070

main reason you go to Inverness is to

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00:10:00,350 --> 00:09:58,050

see Loch Ness and the monster the main

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reason you go to Roswell is to see you

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00:10:06,110 --> 00:10:02,640

know your own alien stuff okay why not

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00:10:09,440 --> 00:10:06,120

it's very much yeah why it's very much

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00:10:12,890 --> 00:10:09,450

been promoted by but by by not only the

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00:10:15,260 --> 00:10:12,900

town itself but of course by by authors

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00:10:17,660 --> 00:10:15,270

and and and and people like that and so

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00:10:19,850 --> 00:10:17,670

you know they they you know they have to

226

00:10:21,890 --> 00:10:19,860

keep rehashing it because they've

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00:10:25,970 --> 00:10:21,900

already sold the books and so it's a

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00:10:28,070 --> 00:10:25,980

case of where you know it's you can't

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00:10:29,510 --> 00:10:28,080

just say well yes I we everything has

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00:10:31,820 --> 00:10:29,520

been written about Roswell they have to

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00:10:34,460 --> 00:10:31,830

keep reading reacted rehashing and of

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00:10:37,160 --> 00:10:34,470

course the the irony is that you know if

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you as you know having the backstory to

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the Roswell Roswell incident you know it

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00:10:46,730 --> 00:10:42,720

was it was a non-event for for 30 years

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00:10:49,160 --> 00:10:46,740

between 47 in the in the 70s 30 40 years

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00:10:51,140 --> 00:10:49,170

so it was it was it was a it was a case

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00:10:54,500 --> 00:10:51,150

of where no one really talked about it

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for it was it's just a non it was a non

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00:10:58,190 --> 00:10:55,620

thing and then all of a sudden people

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were digging it up and turning it into

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you know rehashing these these your

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fabrications and these exaggerations and

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of course it just becomes this

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00:11:08,330 --> 00:11:06,690

self-perpetuating prophecy so that's

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00:11:10,550 --> 00:11:08,340

that's part of it well you know what I

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00:11:15,680 --> 00:11:10,560

did I was asked to comment on this new

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00:11:16,910 --> 00:11:15,690

video last week I'm on a radio segment I

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00:11:19,429 --> 00:11:16,920

do here in Australia

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00:11:21,650 --> 00:11:19,439

and I I you know in my head I sort of I

251  
00:11:23,509 --> 00:11:21,660  
know the pieces of the jigsaw puzzle but

252  
00:11:25,129 --> 00:11:23,519  
just to make sure what I did is I went

253  
00:11:27,139 --> 00:11:25,139  
back and I listened read listen to

254  
00:11:29,539 --> 00:11:27,149  
episode six I think of squaring the

255  
00:11:32,569 --> 00:11:29,549  
strange where you cover this in detail

256  
00:11:35,439 --> 00:11:32,579  
the whole Roswell story in the timelines

257  
00:11:37,970 --> 00:11:35,449  
and the various crashes plural and the

258  
00:11:39,979 --> 00:11:37,980  
fact that there was a big 30 year gap so

259  
00:11:41,599 --> 00:11:39,989  
that helped me immensely so it's what

260  
00:11:43,639 --> 00:11:41,609  
influenced that you know in the back of

261  
00:11:45,769 --> 00:11:43,649  
my head I hope that people occasionally

262  
00:11:47,329 --> 00:11:45,779  
will go back to past episodes of the

263  
00:11:49,369 --> 00:11:47,339

skeptic zone to hear interviews and

264

00:11:51,829 --> 00:11:49,379

reports and things for research purposes

265

00:11:54,229 --> 00:11:51,839

so I think we're doing we're doing a

266

00:11:56,119 --> 00:11:54,239

service having these podcasts out there

267

00:11:59,090 --> 00:11:56,129

just to have some information which is

268

00:12:00,889 --> 00:11:59,100

freely available for people young I'm

269

00:12:02,689 --> 00:12:00,899

glad you brought that up I do think it's

270

00:12:07,220 --> 00:12:02,699

very important and and I know that

271

00:12:09,109 --> 00:12:07,230

sounds self-serving of course it really

272

00:12:10,639 --> 00:12:09,119

is true I mean for example you know

273

00:12:12,229 --> 00:12:10,649

skeptical Inquirer magazine which of

274

00:12:15,169 --> 00:12:12,239

course I'm the deputy editor of and have

275

00:12:18,109 --> 00:12:15,179

been for going on 20 years now um you

276

00:12:19,729 --> 00:12:18,119

know you can go back and reread and

277

00:12:21,379 --> 00:12:19,739

sometimes I go back and reread I don't

278

00:12:24,139 --> 00:12:21,389

unfortunately don't have as much time as

279

00:12:26,269 --> 00:12:24,149

I would like none of us do but but if

280

00:12:28,579 --> 00:12:26,279

you go back and reread articles in the

281

00:12:31,039 --> 00:12:28,589

magazine from late seventies and

282

00:12:34,699 --> 00:12:31,049

throughout the 80s and even the 90s many

283

00:12:36,259 --> 00:12:34,709

the articles are are fresh they're you

284

00:12:38,449 --> 00:12:36,269

know occasionally there's some sort of

285

00:12:40,909 --> 00:12:38,459

some some stale you know event that was

286

00:12:42,559 --> 00:12:40,919

only at the time but so much of that

287

00:12:44,840 --> 00:12:42,569

content and not just kept poking

288

00:12:46,819 --> 00:12:44,850

quarrels of skeptic magazine you know

289

00:12:49,549 --> 00:12:46,829

the British version and of course the

290

00:12:52,549 --> 00:12:49,559

Australian magazine there's there's so

291

00:12:55,460 --> 00:12:52,559

much of this really interesting in-depth

292

00:12:57,650 --> 00:12:55,470

quality sceptical material that you know

293

00:13:00,169 --> 00:12:57,660

just because it was published in 83 or

294

00:13:02,269 --> 00:13:00,179

97 doesn't mean it's not incredibly

295

00:13:03,949 --> 00:13:02,279

relevant today you're absolutely right

296

00:13:06,139 --> 00:13:03,959

and as we remind listeners of the

297

00:13:09,710 --> 00:13:06,149

skeptic zone that skeptics calm today

298

00:13:14,150 --> 00:13:09,720

you there are free pdf download which

299

00:13:16,519 --> 00:13:14,160

are the magazines going back to 1981 so

300

00:13:18,109 --> 00:13:16,529

yes I and I use that myself for various

301  
00:13:19,549 --> 00:13:18,119  
research purposes so it's nice to know

302  
00:13:21,319 --> 00:13:19,559  
this sort of thing is out there for

303  
00:13:23,359 --> 00:13:21,329  
everybody to use and one of the topics

304  
00:13:24,650 --> 00:13:23,369  
that of course is mentioned in the pages

305  
00:13:27,470 --> 00:13:24,660  
of all those magazines

306  
00:13:28,789 --> 00:13:27,480  
it's the perennial the evergreen the one

307  
00:13:30,260 --> 00:13:28,799  
that will not die it's psychic

308  
00:13:32,570 --> 00:13:30,270  
detectives and I bring this top

309  
00:13:37,250 --> 00:13:32,580  
pick up because just in the last couple

310  
00:13:39,470 --> 00:13:37,260  
of weeks one of the prominent members of

311  
00:13:42,620 --> 00:13:39,480  
the police force here in New South Wales

312  
00:13:45,050 --> 00:13:42,630  
Australia Detective Chief Inspector

313  
00:13:47,840 --> 00:13:45,060

Gary deublin made this statement in

314

00:13:51,020 --> 00:13:47,850

relation to a missing child case he said

315

00:13:53,570 --> 00:13:51,030

quote but please do not waste our time

316

00:13:56,090 --> 00:13:53,580

we are not interested in information

317

00:13:58,370 --> 00:13:56,100

from clairvoyance or people who have had

318

00:14:00,920 --> 00:13:58,380

dreams and he also said in a press

319

00:14:02,930 --> 00:14:00,930

statement quote and I'll remind the

320

00:14:05,870 --> 00:14:02,940

public that the New South Wales Police

321

00:14:08,780 --> 00:14:05,880

Force does not seek help from psychics

322

00:14:12,890 --> 00:14:08,790

mediums and clairvoyance end quote

323

00:14:15,260 --> 00:14:12,900

that is pretty strong stuff pin Bravo

324

00:14:18,260 --> 00:14:15,270

Bravo yeah we need more we need much

325

00:14:19,880 --> 00:14:18,270

more of that in my opinion that's I'm so

326

00:14:22,940 --> 00:14:19,890

glad to hear that because you know too

327

00:14:25,910 --> 00:14:22,950

often I come across and you come across

328

00:14:27,860 --> 00:14:25,920

and also of course other Joe Nickell and

329

00:14:31,420 --> 00:14:27,870

Gary possum and others who follow it and

330

00:14:34,400 --> 00:14:31,430

you could say dogged psychic detectives

331

00:14:37,430 --> 00:14:34,410

for for literally decades you know too

332

00:14:40,070 --> 00:14:37,440

often the you you find these these sort

333

00:14:41,870 --> 00:14:40,080

of often cherry-picked quotes from a

334

00:14:44,900 --> 00:14:41,880

police officer or a constable somewhere

335

00:14:47,300 --> 00:14:44,910

who makes some statement that appears at

336

00:14:50,360 --> 00:14:47,310

least superficially to to validate

337

00:14:54,110 --> 00:14:50,370

psychics and I've come across probably a

338

00:14:55,940 --> 00:14:54,120

half dozen of them or so where there's a

339

00:14:57,260 --> 00:14:55,950

go well you know so I could give us

340

00:14:58,670 --> 00:14:57,270

information that you know that and

341

00:15:00,680 --> 00:14:58,680

they'll phrase it in a way that you know

342

00:15:03,290 --> 00:15:00,690

it turned out to be right well yes but

343

00:15:05,030 --> 00:15:03,300

that doesn't mean anything that's not it

344

00:15:06,620 --> 00:15:05,040

may have turned out to be right but that

345

00:15:08,330 --> 00:15:06,630

was because it was so general and vague

346

00:15:10,220 --> 00:15:08,340

that of course it was right but

347

00:15:12,740 --> 00:15:10,230

unfortunately the those those are

348

00:15:14,090 --> 00:15:12,750

exactly the sorts of quotes that the

349

00:15:16,820 --> 00:15:14,100

psychic detectives used to promote

350

00:15:18,830 --> 00:15:16,830

themselves and they shy away of course

351  
00:15:20,810 --> 00:15:18,840  
from from the much stronger statements

352  
00:15:23,630 --> 00:15:20,820  
by people like the you know the New

353  
00:15:26,720 --> 00:15:23,640  
South Wales officer that their their

354  
00:15:29,180 --> 00:15:26,730  
crystal clear you know do not bring us

355  
00:15:31,160 --> 00:15:29,190  
dreams we can't use that don't give us

356  
00:15:33,650 --> 00:15:31,170  
hunches don't if you have actionable

357  
00:15:35,870 --> 00:15:33,660  
information then that's wonderful but

358  
00:15:38,000 --> 00:15:35,880  
but I mean I could just imagine a

359  
00:15:39,440 --> 00:15:38,010  
beleaguered a police officer you're

360  
00:15:41,090 --> 00:15:39,450  
trying to do their best to find a

361  
00:15:43,100 --> 00:15:41,100  
missing person maybe alive maybe dead

362  
00:15:45,740 --> 00:15:43,110  
who knows and there

363  
00:15:48,019 --> 00:15:45,750

inundated by often well-meaning people

364

00:15:50,780 --> 00:15:48,029

who saw something on the on the news

365

00:15:54,380 --> 00:15:50,790

report and that night had a dream about

366

00:15:56,840 --> 00:15:54,390

the missing child or what happened with

367

00:15:58,880 --> 00:15:56,850

no anchor in reality whatsoever and then

368

00:16:01,519 --> 00:15:58,890

there they're obligated or expected to

369

00:16:03,620 --> 00:16:01,529

follow up on that they are and it is as

370

00:16:06,650 --> 00:16:03,630

I've mentioned on the the script exam

371

00:16:08,420 --> 00:16:06,660

podcast and other outlets it's a waste

372

00:16:10,340 --> 00:16:08,430

of police time where the police should

373

00:16:11,990 --> 00:16:10,350

be in doing some investigations that

374

00:16:13,940 --> 00:16:12,000

could really help solve the case they're

375

00:16:17,240 --> 00:16:13,950

wasting time dealing with people who

376

00:16:19,280 --> 00:16:17,250

well as we say had dreams or people who

377

00:16:20,930 --> 00:16:19,290

think they're genuinely psychic and a

378

00:16:23,360 --> 00:16:20,940

lot of people out there that I deal with

379

00:16:25,160 --> 00:16:23,370

especially really do have the delusion

380

00:16:27,500 --> 00:16:25,170

that they're they have psychic magic

381

00:16:29,600 --> 00:16:27,510

psychic powers and another one I've come

382

00:16:31,639 --> 00:16:29,610

across which is a favorite when I've

383

00:16:34,009 --> 00:16:31,649

said well certainly the of course police

384

00:16:35,840 --> 00:16:34,019

don't use psychics to solve crimes the

385

00:16:37,389 --> 00:16:35,850

answer is oh yes they do but you know

386

00:16:40,250 --> 00:16:37,399

they wouldn't talk about it would they

387

00:16:41,960 --> 00:16:40,260

yes I that I'm glad you brought that up

388

00:16:45,350 --> 00:16:41,970

that's one of my favorite pet peeves

389

00:16:47,090 --> 00:16:45,360

about these is is is you find over and

390

00:16:48,860 --> 00:16:47,100

over again as you mentioned a conspiracy

391

00:16:52,550 --> 00:16:48,870

theory and that that's exactly what it

392

00:16:54,620 --> 00:16:52,560

is it's a conspiracy and this came I

393

00:16:56,540 --> 00:16:54,630

that this I've ever come across this

394

00:17:01,189 --> 00:16:56,550

many times including there was a famous

395

00:17:04,819 --> 00:17:01,199

psychic Allison Dubois who may recognize

396

00:17:08,150 --> 00:17:04,829

she was the the the alleged inspiration

397

00:17:10,490 --> 00:17:08,160

for the TV show medium which starred one

398

00:17:14,750 --> 00:17:10,500

of the Arquette sisters on NBC I think

399

00:17:16,039 --> 00:17:14,760

ran first for many seasons and and I at

400

00:17:17,360 --> 00:17:16,049

one point I won't go into the whole

401  
00:17:18,919 --> 00:17:17,370  
story because you can read about

402  
00:17:21,289 --> 00:17:18,929  
elsewhere but at one point she made

403  
00:17:23,090 --> 00:17:21,299  
claims about having solved crimes for

404  
00:17:26,360 --> 00:17:23,100  
the Texas Rangers and the Glendale

405  
00:17:28,640 --> 00:17:26,370  
Police Department spoiler alert I called

406  
00:17:32,419 --> 00:17:28,650  
them up and they refuted her claims

407  
00:17:35,299 --> 00:17:32,429  
flatly yeah and and I again there's

408  
00:17:37,669 --> 00:17:35,309  
going to the whole story but it but when

409  
00:17:39,950 --> 00:17:37,679  
when she was asked about that her answer

410  
00:17:41,750 --> 00:17:39,960  
was well they just they don't want you

411  
00:17:44,090 --> 00:17:41,760  
to know that I'm working with them they

412  
00:17:45,710 --> 00:17:44,100  
don't then they don't want the public to

413  
00:17:47,180 --> 00:17:45,720

know that I'm solving crimes for them

414

00:17:48,830 --> 00:17:47,190

know would just make a whole TV show

415

00:17:51,860 --> 00:17:48,840

about it but we don't want the public to

416

00:17:53,630 --> 00:17:51,870

know right right and and first of all I

417

00:17:55,010 --> 00:17:53,640

mean there's so many levels is the first

418

00:17:56,600 --> 00:17:55,020

one is that's incredibly insulting

419

00:17:58,549 --> 00:17:56,610

they're hard-working

420

00:18:01,760 --> 00:17:58,559

investigators and police officers who

421

00:18:05,240 --> 00:18:01,770

actually solve these cases it's it's

422

00:18:06,650 --> 00:18:05,250

just slap in the face to people who do -

423

00:18:09,440 --> 00:18:06,660

you know people who are doing their best

424

00:18:12,110 --> 00:18:09,450

to interview witnesses in canvas areas

425

00:18:14,210 --> 00:18:12,120

and analyze evidence to have some

426

00:18:16,280 --> 00:18:14,220

self-proclaimed psychics swoop in say

427

00:18:17,780 --> 00:18:16,290

well I I told them where to find the

428

00:18:20,120 --> 00:18:17,790

suspect right Knowlton where to find the

429

00:18:22,970 --> 00:18:20,130

body when when that's what's entirely

430

00:18:26,390 --> 00:18:22,980

untrue and of course in many cases the

431

00:18:27,680 --> 00:18:26,400

police are bound to confidentiality you

432

00:18:30,710 --> 00:18:27,690

know they're they're not they're not

433

00:18:32,240 --> 00:18:30,720

free to publicly give information

434

00:18:34,010 --> 00:18:32,250

especially if it's a high-profile crime

435

00:18:36,230 --> 00:18:34,020

you you don't want to give too much

436

00:18:38,299 --> 00:18:36,240

information I even made jeopardize at

437

00:18:41,390 --> 00:18:38,309

trial things like that and so oftentimes

438

00:18:43,280 --> 00:18:41,400

they're gagged in in their ability to to

439

00:18:45,799 --> 00:18:43,290

refute and respond to these psychics who

440

00:18:47,930 --> 00:18:45,809

who claimed this this overall conspiracy

441

00:18:49,940 --> 00:18:47,940

theory about how well we're actually

442

00:18:51,350 --> 00:18:49,950

solving all these crimes with NATO wants

443

00:18:53,210 --> 00:18:51,360

you to know about it why wouldn't they

444

00:18:55,400 --> 00:18:53,220

want you to know about I mean if if you

445

00:18:58,789 --> 00:18:55,410

can solve these crimes if you can

446

00:19:00,940 --> 00:18:58,799

actually find missing persons um then in

447

00:19:03,799 --> 00:19:00,950

my opinion you should be a highly paid

448

00:19:06,380 --> 00:19:03,809

you know contractor for the police and

449

00:19:08,270 --> 00:19:06,390

the FBI and and and the you know the

450

00:19:10,900 --> 00:19:08,280

Federal Police I mean if you can do this

451  
00:19:13,549 --> 00:19:10,910  
that's an incredibly important powerful

452  
00:19:15,919 --> 00:19:13,559  
expertise to have on the other hand if

453  
00:19:17,510 --> 00:19:15,929  
you can't do it then shut up yeah well

454  
00:19:19,730 --> 00:19:17,520  
there's a classic case I remember years

455  
00:19:21,560 --> 00:19:19,740  
ago in Australia where a psychic

456  
00:19:24,049 --> 00:19:21,570  
so-called psychic was interviewed on TV

457  
00:19:26,120 --> 00:19:24,059  
who said they helped the police with

458  
00:19:28,190 --> 00:19:26,130  
this inquiry or that murder case or

459  
00:19:30,610 --> 00:19:28,200  
whatever and when pressed they said well

460  
00:19:33,799 --> 00:19:30,620  
like we sent the police a letter with

461  
00:19:35,270 --> 00:19:33,809  
information I got things wrong in it and

462  
00:19:36,830 --> 00:19:35,280  
they said well really what did the

463  
00:19:38,240 --> 00:19:36,840

police act on the information and the

464

00:19:41,030 --> 00:19:38,250

psychic said well I don't know

465

00:19:42,260 --> 00:19:41,040

and but later they go around saying I

466

00:19:43,820 --> 00:19:42,270

help the police in other words they

467

00:19:45,260 --> 00:19:43,830

write police wrong information they

468

00:19:47,299 --> 00:19:45,270

don't know whether it was received or

469

00:19:50,750 --> 00:19:47,309

read or acted upon but they still they

470

00:19:52,880 --> 00:19:50,760

help the police yeah it's it's so

471

00:19:56,330 --> 00:19:52,890

frustrating it and I'm some of that on

472

00:19:59,360 --> 00:19:56,340

journalists and reporters I see Easley

473

00:20:02,810 --> 00:19:59,370

I see poorly written headlines a few

474

00:20:04,930 --> 00:20:02,820

times a year where it'll be in it's not

475

00:20:07,010 --> 00:20:04,940

intentional it's just it's just sloppy

476

00:20:10,580 --> 00:20:07,020

journalism and it will the headline will

477

00:20:13,789 --> 00:20:10,590

be psychic aids police in

478

00:20:16,519 --> 00:20:13,799

in missing persons search and and what

479

00:20:18,590 --> 00:20:16,529

what they mean is that a psychic has

480

00:20:20,629 --> 00:20:18,600

ingratiated themselves or sort of

481

00:20:24,110 --> 00:20:20,639

inserted themselves into the search

482

00:20:26,840 --> 00:20:24,120

which is not uncommon that does not mean

483

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

be crystal clear that does not mean that

484

00:20:31,129 --> 00:20:28,950

the information found the person and

485

00:20:32,930 --> 00:20:31,139

over and over again I see this you know

486

00:20:34,759 --> 00:20:32,940

it's like you know psychic helps in

487

00:20:36,889 --> 00:20:34,769

search and then you read the article

488

00:20:38,869 --> 00:20:36,899

they haven't found the person well if

489

00:20:41,960 --> 00:20:38,879

they haven't found the person how do you

490

00:20:43,639 --> 00:20:41,970

know if they've helped they've given him

491

00:20:46,070 --> 00:20:43,649

information which may be true may not be

492

00:20:47,720 --> 00:20:46,080

true who knows it's they haven't helped

493

00:20:50,299 --> 00:20:47,730

at all and it's so frustrating because

494

00:20:51,830 --> 00:20:50,309

again it's you know the reporters in the

495

00:20:53,720 --> 00:20:51,840

in the headline writers I mean they

496

00:20:55,430 --> 00:20:53,730

they're not trying to mislead the public

497

00:20:57,470 --> 00:20:55,440

they just don't know how to phrase it

498

00:21:00,409 --> 00:20:57,480

yeah and unfortunately that ends up

499

00:21:02,629 --> 00:21:00,419

perpetuating this this myth oh and it

500

00:21:03,830 --> 00:21:02,639

sells newspapers so to speak yeah yeah

501  
00:21:06,830 --> 00:21:03,840  
yeah absolutely

502  
00:21:10,310 --> 00:21:06,840  
there's a great quote I love from Samuel

503  
00:21:12,200 --> 00:21:10,320  
Clemens Mark Twain and it's I believe

504  
00:21:13,180 --> 00:21:12,210  
it's a true quote it may be attributed

505  
00:21:16,129 --> 00:21:13,190  
to him

506  
00:21:18,350 --> 00:21:16,139  
it's about reputations he says if a man

507  
00:21:21,289 --> 00:21:18,360  
has a reputation as an early riser he

508  
00:21:22,609 --> 00:21:21,299  
can sleep until noon which which you

509  
00:21:25,159 --> 00:21:22,619  
understand as long as you have the

510  
00:21:27,019 --> 00:21:25,169  
reputation and some people are labeled

511  
00:21:29,840 --> 00:21:27,029  
in the press as so and so and so on so

512  
00:21:32,389 --> 00:21:29,850  
the psychic detective which is their

513  
00:21:34,730 --> 00:21:32,399

moniker right and then in the public

514

00:21:37,249 --> 00:21:34,740

imagination they're a sight that they're

515

00:21:39,320 --> 00:21:37,259

real they're the psychic detective yeah

516

00:21:40,970 --> 00:21:39,330

absolutely absolutely and and you know

517

00:21:42,889 --> 00:21:40,980

again just just to go back to the

518

00:21:45,830 --> 00:21:42,899

previous point about you know the the

519

00:21:48,499 --> 00:21:45,840

real-world absence of psychics you know

520

00:21:49,940 --> 00:21:48,509

I I I see this all the time recently as

521

00:21:51,980 --> 00:21:49,950

you know in the past few weeks we've had

522

00:21:54,169 --> 00:21:51,990

a string of natural disasters we had

523

00:21:55,669 --> 00:21:54,179

flooding in Texas we have the Hurricanes

524

00:21:58,369 --> 00:21:55,679

in Puerto Rico and elsewhere in the

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Caribbean we had the the earthquake in

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Mexico in all these cases you have

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missing persons you have people whose

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00:22:07,129 --> 00:22:05,549

families don't know if they're alive or

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00:22:08,509 --> 00:22:07,139

dead or if they're trapped in trouble or

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if they're safe somewhere because of

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00:22:13,340 --> 00:22:11,490

poor communication these are exactly the

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00:22:15,590 --> 00:22:13,350

sorts of cases that psychics should be

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00:22:18,560 --> 00:22:15,600

first on the ground for right is that

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00:22:21,080 --> 00:22:18,570

this is this is a real world case where

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if you can find missing persons you can

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save these search and rescue teams

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countless

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hours of fruitless labour but by finding

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these people but yeah I think their

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their absences is conspicuous and

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telling well there's an old expression

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00:22:37,910 --> 00:22:35,820

that we use frequently here what if it

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were true we play the scenario okay

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let's let's envisage a world where your

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00:22:43,640 --> 00:22:41,910

claim be it psychic detective or

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00:22:45,620 --> 00:22:43,650

predicting the future or word of

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00:22:47,120 --> 00:22:45,630

divining or whatever what if it was true

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00:22:48,710 --> 00:22:47,130

what if that's the way physics and the

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00:22:51,020 --> 00:22:48,720

universe really worked we'd expect to

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00:22:53,780 --> 00:22:51,030

see this this this and this it's a good

551  
00:22:56,240 --> 00:22:53,790  
mind exercise absolutely that's

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00:22:58,040 --> 00:22:56,250  
brilliant I love it well Ben thank you

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00:23:01,100 --> 00:22:58,050  
so much for sparing a little bit of time

554  
00:23:03,770 --> 00:23:01,110  
all the way from New Mexico one day Ben

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00:23:06,740 --> 00:23:03,780  
one day people can hear your podcast

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00:23:09,200 --> 00:23:06,750  
where can they hear your podcast we are

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00:23:12,140 --> 00:23:09,210  
at squaring the strange you can also

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00:23:16,160 --> 00:23:12,150  
find us on facebook on itunes lips in

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00:23:17,570 --> 00:23:16,170  
various other podcast e places and I am

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00:23:19,400 --> 00:23:17,580  
of course bouncing around I'm doing

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00:23:21,800 --> 00:23:19,410  
articles and columns and blogs and

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00:23:22,700 --> 00:23:21,810  
whatnot I do have a new book coming out

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00:23:24,770 --> 00:23:22,710

in a few months

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titled investigating ghosts which is

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specifically on ghost investigations and

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00:23:33,530 --> 00:23:30,960

yeah I'm just I'm still just slogging

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away the skeptics thing is as you have

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00:23:37,310 --> 00:23:35,250

for many years as well my friend and

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it's much appreciated that's great Ben

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00:23:41,660 --> 00:23:39,210

will give my best to Pascual he does a

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00:23:45,610 --> 00:23:41,670

great job co-hosting with you and the

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the ever interesting Celestia Ward

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00:23:51,050 --> 00:23:48,870

indeed I'll do so Ben Radford thank you

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00:23:54,020 --> 00:23:51,060

very much thank you very much Richard oh

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00:24:10,170 --> 00:24:06,770

[Music]

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00:24:13,020 --> 00:24:10,180

hi this is dr. Pamela gay from astronomy

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cast each week Fraser Cain and I take

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00:24:17,130 --> 00:24:14,950

our listeners on a fact-based journey

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00:24:19,890 --> 00:24:17,140

through the cosmos with our weekly

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00:24:22,680 --> 00:24:19,900

podcast we explain not just what we know

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00:24:25,530 --> 00:24:22,690

but how we know what we know about this

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00:24:27,990 --> 00:24:25,540

universe that we share check us out at

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00:24:30,390 --> 00:24:28,000

astronomy cast calm and look for us in

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itunes google play and wherever you

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[Music]

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[Applause]

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Australian first penalties for male

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hormone clinic and this story comes to

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us from sceptics calm au written by Tim

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00:25:02,640 --> 00:24:57,580

mendon published on the 5th of October

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2017 wellness enterprises proprietary

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limited which traded as Australian male

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hormone clinic has been fined one

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hundred and twenty seven thousand five

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hundred dollars plus costs after being

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00:25:18,830 --> 00:25:15,720

found guilty and convicted of 17 charges

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00:25:21,630 --> 00:25:18,840

related to unlawful advertising of

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regulated health services charges

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brought by the Australian health

601  
00:25:28,530 --> 00:25:26,140  
practitioner regulatory agency AHPRA

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00:25:30,510 --> 00:25:28,540  
followed advertisements the business

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00:25:33,090 --> 00:25:30,520  
published in newspapers around Australia

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00:25:35,640 --> 00:25:33,100  
between February and August 2017 for

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00:25:38,190 --> 00:25:35,650  
treatment of testosterone deficiency the

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00:25:40,860 --> 00:25:38,200  
full page ad vitória style

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00:25:42,840 --> 00:25:40,870  
advertisements made a number of claims

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00:25:45,590 --> 00:25:42,850  
about the benefits of treatment

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00:25:48,210 --> 00:25:45,600  
including increased energy focused

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00:25:51,750 --> 00:25:48,220  
masculinity and strength and the ability

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00:25:54,000 --> 00:25:51,760  
to satisfy sexual partners AHPRA

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00:25:57,330 --> 00:25:54,010  
challenged the validity of the claims

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00:26:00,150 --> 00:25:57,340

citing best available evidence in what

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00:26:01,980 --> 00:26:00,160

the AHPRA describes as quote and

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Australian first end quote the

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corporation was found guilty and

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convicted on 17 charges magistrate

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atkinson cited the seriousness of the

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offenses in fining the corporation

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\$75,000 on each charge

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totaling one hundred and twenty seven

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00:26:20,730 --> 00:26:18,760

thousand five hundred dollars the

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corporation was also ordered to pay

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00:26:25,380 --> 00:26:23,170

court costs of three thousand dollars

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and professional costs of up to three

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thousand dollars this is the first time

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that a corporation not an individual

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health practitioner has been convicted

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following advertising charges brought by

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00:26:39,180 --> 00:26:36,340

the AHPRA

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under Section 133 of the National Law

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one issue is that wellness enterprises

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was placed in voluntary liquidation on

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00:26:51,090 --> 00:26:47,020

September the 12th and it is uncertain

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00:26:53,730 --> 00:26:51,100

if it will ever pay the fine section 133

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00:26:56,100 --> 00:26:53,740

of the National law states that a person

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must not advertise a regulated health

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00:26:59,549 --> 00:26:57,490

service or a business

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that provides a regulated health service

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in a way that point is false misleading

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00:27:08,430 --> 00:27:05,380

or deceptive or likely to be misleading

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00:27:11,070 --> 00:27:08,440

or deceptive or point offers a gift

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discount or other inducement to attract

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00:27:16,440 --> 00:27:13,540

a person to use the service or business

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unless the advertisement also states the

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terms and conditions of the author or

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00:27:24,360 --> 00:27:22,510

point uses testimonials or purported

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testimonials about the service or

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business or point creates an

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unreasonable expectation now of

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00:27:34,230 --> 00:27:32,230  
beneficial treatment or point directly

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or indirectly encourages the

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00:27:39,150 --> 00:27:36,390  
indiscriminant or unnecessary use of

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00:27:41,220 --> 00:27:39,160  
regulated health services a person or

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00:27:43,799 --> 00:27:41,230  
business providing a regulated health

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00:27:46,380 --> 00:27:43,809  
service whose advertising breaches the

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00:27:49,380 --> 00:27:46,390  
national law may be prosecuted and

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00:27:52,680 --> 00:27:49,390  
ordered by a court to pay \$5,000 penalty

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00:27:55,140 --> 00:27:52,690  
per offense for an individual or a ten

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00:27:58,049 --> 00:27:55,150  
thousand dollar penalty per offense for

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00:27:59,940 --> 00:27:58,059  
a body corporate when a registered

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00:28:02,820 --> 00:27:59,950  
health practitioner has breached the

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00:28:05,220 --> 00:28:02,830

advertising requirements a national

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00:28:07,560 --> 00:28:05,230

board may also decide that this raises

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00:28:09,990 --> 00:28:07,570

concern about the practitioners conduct

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action under the national law can

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include placing restrictions on an

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individual health practitioners

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registration which may affect their

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ability to advertise their services

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regulated health service means a service

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00:28:27,000 --> 00:28:24,700

provided by or usually provided by a

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00:28:29,669 --> 00:28:27,010

health practitioner as defined in the

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00:28:31,620 --> 00:28:29,679

National Law the advertising provisions

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of the national law cover the

676  
00:28:35,549 --> 00:28:33,400  
advertising of a regulated health

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00:28:37,210 --> 00:28:35,559  
service or a business that provides a

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00:28:39,840 --> 00:28:37,220  
regulated health service

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00:28:42,090 --> 00:28:39,850  
[Music]

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00:28:44,970 --> 00:28:42,100  
and accompanying the story at skeptics

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00:28:48,390 --> 00:28:44,980  
dot-com today you is a picture of one of

682  
00:28:50,850 --> 00:28:48,400  
the advertisements mentioned full page

683  
00:28:52,970 --> 00:28:50,860  
it says breakthrough hope has arrived

684  
00:28:56,420 --> 00:28:52,980  
for men over 30 with low testosterone

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00:28:58,920 --> 00:28:56,430  
now as part of a new health dr

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00:29:01,200 --> 00:28:58,930  
australian male hormone clinic is

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00:29:05,130 --> 00:29:01,210  
offering free medical assessments

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00:29:08,390 --> 00:29:05,140

limited number of places available so

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there you go a good case of people

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advertising something that they can't

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00:29:15,410 --> 00:29:14,830

deliver being chased and prosecuted by

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the lord

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[Applause]

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calling all skeptics or listeners do you

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00:29:37,570 --> 00:29:35,270

live end or near Glasgow or are you

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00:29:39,789 --> 00:29:37,580

planning to visit something then you're

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in luck because the Glasgow skeptics

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have got your Monday nights sorted we

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00:29:47,080 --> 00:29:44,360

are committed to filling up every

701  
00:29:49,930 --> 00:29:47,090  
available Monday night talks on science

702  
00:29:52,269 --> 00:29:49,940  
and skepticism huh speakers include the

703  
00:29:54,490 --> 00:29:52,279  
Eugenie Scott jelly coin maker Marshall

704  
00:29:57,639 --> 00:29:54,500  
Nate Phelps Tom and Cecil from cognitive

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00:29:59,980 --> 00:29:57,649  
dissonance PZ Myers Richard Wiseman AC

706  
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grilling nor Heath and Eli from the

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00:30:04,810 --> 00:30:02,539  
scaling atheist Simon Singh Rebecca

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00:30:07,630 --> 00:30:04,820  
Watson and a multitude of local

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00:30:09,519 --> 00:30:07,640  
academics and skeptics there's literally

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00:30:11,590 --> 00:30:09,529  
nothing better you can do on a Monday

711  
00:30:13,930 --> 00:30:11,600  
night in Glasgow it doesn't involve

712  
00:30:15,909 --> 00:30:13,940  
taking your clothes off so come join us

713  
00:30:18,039 --> 00:30:15,919

we've also got a vibrant online

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00:30:19,870 --> 00:30:18,049

community you can find us on Facebook

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00:30:22,930 --> 00:30:19,880

Twitter and get involved with the

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00:30:24,970 --> 00:30:22,940

discussion Glasgow skeptics self-help

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00:30:26,240 --> 00:30:24,980

for your brain

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00:30:50,940 --> 00:30:42,130

let's all take this with a grain of salt

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here's around ticket Leo Eagle a very

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00:30:53,460 --> 00:30:51,910

nice to see you again

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Ida nice to see you it's time in Poland

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yes we are here for the European skeptic

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is Congress yep you've spoken even a

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talk today what would you talk about

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well I spoke about how religion religion

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here now defined as Christianity in

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Islam how religion is hampering

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scientific thinking you know because

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particularly as situated within the

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discourse the discussion about or the

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study of Africa because the notion there

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is that the Christian Islam these are

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modernizing forces and when you hear

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modernizing you expect forces that could

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dispel magic and superstition but for me

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that doesn't hold because religion

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Christianity and Islam arada

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superstition and forcing mechanisms and

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ideology so and I tried to illustrate

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this using certain cases like claims and

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reports where people turn into gold you

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could get back to frog sources and and

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even we those who call themselves

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Christian pastors the claim they

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resurrected people from the dead and one

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claim that he walked on and and also we

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have Islamic Malibu's they are now there

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are the producers of Angie bullets

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chance

751  
00:32:10,470 --> 00:32:09,550  
so christianism a kind of appropriation

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00:32:12,480 --> 00:32:10,480  
or reappropriation

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00:32:14,340 --> 00:32:12,490  
taking over some of the roles and

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00:32:16,290 --> 00:32:14,350  
marketed some of these paranormal claims

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00:32:18,960 --> 00:32:16,300  
that we associated with traditional

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00:32:21,780 --> 00:32:18,970  
superstitious beliefs so that's why my

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00:32:23,460 --> 00:32:21,790  
argument here today is that no Christian

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00:32:26,280 --> 00:32:23,470  
is an Islam they are not modernizing

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00:32:28,620 --> 00:32:26,290  
forces they're actually reinforcing the

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00:32:32,820 --> 00:32:28,630  
Dark Age superstitious and devious

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00:32:34,890 --> 00:32:32,830  
blips so this sounds to a western ear

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00:32:37,320 --> 00:32:34,900  
yeah that sounds a little bit obvious

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00:32:39,660 --> 00:32:37,330

yeah so you're speaking about it

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specifically within the context of of

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Africa which is not just where you were

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00:32:45,990 --> 00:32:43,960

born in Nigeria but also your field of

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study you've just completed your PhD a

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PhD is about actually mantises analyzed

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and explained accusations of witchcraft

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from the accused perspective because

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overwhelmingly the studies are big

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studies have looked at accusation to

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have studied accusation scholars of

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studied accusation from the accusers

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perspective and they have tried to

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analyze the situation in Africa at a

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situation where those who use witchcraft

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Assad power are the definers of morality

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definers of social order but they ignore

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the fact that there are people who these

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accusations are applied and these people

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suffer a lot and be a family

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relationship is social relationship

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suffer a loss and mr. Moran I looked at

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accusation from that huge perspective

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and how the negotiate accusation in such

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cases and you've just completed it so I

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can call you dr. Lior equate now yes you

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can call me that they said that until

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00:33:53,820 --> 00:33:51,280

you submit the corrected version of your

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00:33:56,250 --> 00:33:53,830

thesis and they're now issue you that

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certificate in other words if you have

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not issued a certificate you should just

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00:34:04,320 --> 00:34:01,930

hold on answering a doctor even though

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00:34:13,530 --> 00:34:04,330

you have all the rights okay Richard do

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00:34:15,180 --> 00:34:13,540

not release this interview until you've

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00:34:17,369 --> 00:34:15,190

been associated with this area skeptics

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for a very long time yeah you you've

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00:34:22,950 --> 00:34:19,000

been writing for a magazine for probably

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00:34:27,000 --> 00:34:22,960

what 12 13 years yeah you visited

801  
00:34:29,280 --> 00:34:27,010  
Australia in 2011 yeah

802  
00:34:31,620 --> 00:34:29,290  
and it was a very successful tour of

803  
00:34:33,389 --> 00:34:31,630  
Australia yeah is there anything that

804  
00:34:34,889 --> 00:34:33,399  
you anything that you want to say to the

805  
00:34:37,879 --> 00:34:34,899  
sceptics of Australia who are listening

806  
00:34:41,070 --> 00:34:37,889  
to this in terms of how I mean clearly

807  
00:34:44,610 --> 00:34:41,080  
the situation in Africa in particular

808  
00:34:47,639 --> 00:34:44,620  
yeah is significantly worse by any

809  
00:34:49,470 --> 00:34:47,649  
measure yeah then the situation that we

810  
00:34:51,570 --> 00:34:49,480  
as skeptics in the western counties yes

811  
00:34:53,639 --> 00:34:51,580  
what can we as skeptics in the West who

812  
00:34:55,500 --> 00:34:53,649  
care about not just our little patch of

813  
00:34:56,520 --> 00:34:55,510

the of the wood just but we also care

814

00:34:58,710 --> 00:34:56,530

about what's happening around the world

815

00:35:03,450 --> 00:34:58,720

in particular Africa what can we do to

816

00:35:06,450 --> 00:35:03,460

assist today like that saying the world

817

00:35:08,970 --> 00:35:06,460

is a global village Australia used to be

818

00:35:10,380 --> 00:35:08,980

far from us even by the time you get by

819

00:35:11,850 --> 00:35:10,390

the time I was invited to visit those

820

00:35:13,740 --> 00:35:11,860

felt like was that Wow

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00:35:15,210 --> 00:35:13,750

because when I look at the map it's like

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00:35:16,830 --> 00:35:15,220

no nothing will ever take me to this

823

00:35:18,270 --> 00:35:16,840

part of the world you know because I

824

00:35:20,040 --> 00:35:18,280

didn't have the money and the

825

00:35:22,140 --> 00:35:20,050

connections and the people there who

826

00:35:24,780 --> 00:35:22,150

knows literally we live in understand

827

00:35:26,700 --> 00:35:24,790

what's going on in Africa not getting

828

00:35:30,600 --> 00:35:26,710

interested but I think that this is

829

00:35:32,490 --> 00:35:30,610

changing so the world is not far apart

830

00:35:36,420 --> 00:35:32,500

as far apart as you used to be or as we

831

00:35:38,370 --> 00:35:36,430

think you know the world it used to be

832

00:35:40,230 --> 00:35:38,380

or something so but what I'm saying is

833

00:35:43,050 --> 00:35:40,240

that we are coming closer and this is

834

00:35:45,150 --> 00:35:43,060

happening in Africa get publicized

835

00:35:47,010 --> 00:35:45,160

people get to know in Australia you know

836

00:35:50,250 --> 00:35:47,020

now quicker values to be the same case

837

00:35:53,340 --> 00:35:50,260

and I used to be the case so I think

838

00:35:56,040 --> 00:35:53,350

that it is important that those skeptics

839

00:35:58,170 --> 00:35:56,050

in Australia also keep highlights in

840

00:35:59,760 --> 00:35:58,180

what is happening in Africa particularly

841

00:36:01,200 --> 00:35:59,770

when it comes to superstition when it

842

00:36:03,120 --> 00:36:01,210

comes to paranormal claims and let me

843

00:36:04,830 --> 00:36:03,130

let me tell you why it's very important

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00:36:07,830 --> 00:36:04,840

if you if you have been following the

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00:36:09,840 --> 00:36:07,840

trend in Europe today they they are

846

00:36:11,580 --> 00:36:09,850

trying to addressing the problem of

847

00:36:13,800 --> 00:36:11,590

witchcraft within the migrant

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00:36:15,390 --> 00:36:13,810

communities yes a lot of people are

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00:36:17,310 --> 00:36:15,400

leaving and I understand Australia is

850

00:36:19,380 --> 00:36:17,320

also a country where you have a lot of

851  
00:36:19,830 --> 00:36:19,390  
people coming from other regions of the

852  
00:36:22,530 --> 00:36:19,840  
world

853  
00:36:23,410 --> 00:36:22,540  
and when they come they come with their

854  
00:36:26,049 --> 00:36:23,420  
beliefs

855  
00:36:27,460 --> 00:36:26,059  
and apparently they may not actually on

856  
00:36:29,829 --> 00:36:27,470  
arrival when they're still being treated

857  
00:36:31,390 --> 00:36:29,839  
as refugees or process may be really

858  
00:36:33,099 --> 00:36:31,400  
relaxed on practice those yet believes

859  
00:36:35,380 --> 00:36:33,109  
but as soon as they begin to settle down

860  
00:36:37,210 --> 00:36:35,390  
the side reconnected and they start

861  
00:36:38,349 --> 00:36:37,220  
openly manifesting those beliefs and I

862  
00:36:40,539 --> 00:36:38,359  
clearly just believe they could be

863  
00:36:42,400 --> 00:36:40,549

traditional beliefs so Australian

864

00:36:45,039 --> 00:36:42,410

skeptics could not just be looking at

865

00:36:48,579 --> 00:36:45,049

these issues like superstition and

866

00:36:48,970 --> 00:36:48,589

religious extremism or things happening

867

00:36:51,910 --> 00:36:48,980

out there

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00:36:53,829 --> 00:36:51,920

yeah because the way through migration

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00:36:56,710 --> 00:36:53,839

and through a lot of influences

870

00:36:58,779 --> 00:36:56,720

sometimes online influences many people

871

00:37:00,400 --> 00:36:58,789

who are in Australia may also be

872

00:37:02,980 --> 00:37:00,410

affected so it's important they

873

00:37:04,900 --> 00:37:02,990

understand that it is not just happening

874

00:37:08,289 --> 00:37:04,910

in Africa it could also happen in

875

00:37:12,220 --> 00:37:08,299

Australia so it we should see we should

876

00:37:14,200 --> 00:37:12,230

bring a global angle to scepticism rabbi

877

00:37:16,240 --> 00:37:14,210

we try to highlight some of these issues

878

00:37:17,710 --> 00:37:16,250

so because they may actually be

879

00:37:20,440 --> 00:37:17,720

happening in Australia while you may not

880

00:37:22,089 --> 00:37:20,450

know yeah they may see they may simply

881

00:37:25,480 --> 00:37:22,099

have me but you may not know so it is

882

00:37:27,490 --> 00:37:25,490

all important that we're not just focus

883

00:37:30,160 --> 00:37:27,500

on you could boss trillion skepticism

884

00:37:31,990 --> 00:37:30,170

will give it a global touch a global

885

00:37:33,940 --> 00:37:32,000

angle a global perspective my

886

00:37:35,829 --> 00:37:33,950

highlighting was going on in other parts

887

00:37:37,749 --> 00:37:35,839

of the world okay now on a personal

888

00:37:41,499 --> 00:37:37,759

level so you've not really finished your

889

00:37:47,440 --> 00:37:41,509

PhD yeah it took a while now what next

890

00:37:48,009 --> 00:37:47,450

for you I think is going in two

891

00:37:50,829 --> 00:37:48,019

directions

892

00:37:53,589 --> 00:37:50,839

I would love to get I would like to have

893

00:37:56,589 --> 00:37:53,599

it that way I would like to be doing

894

00:37:59,680 --> 00:37:56,599

some postdoctoral work seal going back

895

00:38:02,079 --> 00:37:59,690

to look at the phenomena of witchcraft

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00:38:05,950 --> 00:38:02,089

from other perspectives that's one

897

00:38:08,680 --> 00:38:05,960

interest the notion of no religion no

898

00:38:09,999 --> 00:38:08,690

religion is also a fueled an imagined

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00:38:12,279 --> 00:38:10,009

field where I am trying to do that

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00:38:15,400 --> 00:38:12,289

because Africa has always been described

901  
00:38:17,980 --> 00:38:15,410  
in religious of magical terms so but we

902  
00:38:20,049 --> 00:38:17,990  
have no religious people not religious

903  
00:38:22,210 --> 00:38:20,059  
Africans today imagine so I'm trying to

904  
00:38:22,930 --> 00:38:22,220  
look at that field and see if I could at

905  
00:38:25,779 --> 00:38:22,940  
least

906  
00:38:27,849 --> 00:38:25,789  
pioneer some study in that area so these

907  
00:38:29,170 --> 00:38:27,859  
are two topics that I find of interest

908  
00:38:32,120 --> 00:38:29,180  
and of course they're also of interest

909  
00:38:34,490 --> 00:38:32,130  
to me in terms of my activism you know

910  
00:38:36,140 --> 00:38:34,500  
Amma's are trying to see how the

911  
00:38:38,509 --> 00:38:36,150  
knowledge we've generated in terms of

912  
00:38:41,180 --> 00:38:38,519  
the research in witchcraft accusation

913  
00:38:43,279 --> 00:38:41,190

could help to change the situation cool

914

00:38:45,680 --> 00:38:43,289

how serve a lot of people who help

915

00:38:47,990 --> 00:38:45,690

provide support to some people you know

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00:38:52,250 --> 00:38:48,000

who are being victimized in them of

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00:38:54,200 --> 00:38:52,260

witchcraft so I have my my life going

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00:38:56,720 --> 00:38:54,210

into it in these two directions and I

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00:39:00,349 --> 00:38:56,730

hope to keep it that way you know as

920

00:39:05,839 --> 00:39:00,359

long as I can okay so it sounds like

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00:39:07,099 --> 00:39:05,849

your activism will continue and some of

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00:39:09,970 --> 00:39:07,109

our listeners may know that you've

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00:39:12,289 --> 00:39:09,980

actually put yourself in physical danger

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00:39:14,450 --> 00:39:12,299

which is something that skeptics in the

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00:39:16,250 --> 00:39:14,460

West generally done don't face I mean we

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00:39:19,400 --> 00:39:16,260

face some nasty comments on Facebook but

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00:39:23,480 --> 00:39:19,410

yeah but maybe you can quickly tell us

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00:39:25,970 --> 00:39:23,490

about what happened is that there are

929

00:39:28,430 --> 00:39:25,980

people with vested interests in

930

00:39:30,500 --> 00:39:28,440

superstitious Africa there are people

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00:39:32,960 --> 00:39:30,510

with vested interests in the in the

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00:39:35,990 --> 00:39:32,970

dogmatic Africa and who feel threatened

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00:39:38,390 --> 00:39:36,000

by the critical Africa by the skeptical

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00:39:40,700 --> 00:39:38,400

Africa in other words Africans who

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00:39:42,349 --> 00:39:40,710

questioned African superstitious

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00:39:43,880 --> 00:39:42,359

believed era there are people who feel

937

00:39:45,829 --> 00:39:43,890

threatened and these are sometimes

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00:39:46,940 --> 00:39:45,839

medicine men these are sometimes pastors

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00:39:50,539 --> 00:39:46,950

these are sometimes

940

00:39:53,690 --> 00:39:50,549

shakes Malibu's because they don't just

941

00:39:55,339 --> 00:39:53,700

have vested interests in superstitious

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00:39:58,400 --> 00:39:55,349

religious Africa just for the sake of a

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00:40:00,230 --> 00:39:58,410

BIA because is also a narrative of power

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00:40:01,819 --> 00:40:00,240

is also a business narrative nor was

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00:40:04,730 --> 00:40:01,829

there generate money for me major

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00:40:06,380 --> 00:40:04,740

political importance from it and and

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00:40:07,730 --> 00:40:06,390

they will no want to lose because change

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00:40:10,279 --> 00:40:07,740

will mean that they have to lose this

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00:40:12,859 --> 00:40:10,289

status yeah so these people that they

950

00:40:14,720 --> 00:40:12,869

react with hostility towards anybody who

951  
00:40:16,640 --> 00:40:14,730  
tries to challenge these narratives and

952  
00:40:20,269 --> 00:40:16,650  
their views and you if they've used that

953  
00:40:22,279 --> 00:40:20,279  
the the state against abuse the state

954  
00:40:24,079 --> 00:40:22,289  
against me they have attacked me they

955  
00:40:26,240 --> 00:40:24,089  
have threatened and attacked me

956  
00:40:28,099 --> 00:40:26,250  
only at all bye and here I'm talking

957  
00:40:30,380 --> 00:40:28,109  
about the Liberty Gospel Church and

958  
00:40:32,769 --> 00:40:30,390  
they mobilize the church members and in

959  
00:40:34,460 --> 00:40:32,779  
the developer we organize an event and

960  
00:40:36,140 --> 00:40:34,470  
took me to court

961  
00:40:38,210 --> 00:40:36,150  
they even though they lost then they

962  
00:40:40,309 --> 00:40:38,220  
also have used the stage by trying to

963  
00:40:41,870 --> 00:40:40,319

make the state understand that by

964

00:40:43,340 --> 00:40:41,880

highlighting some of this problem we are

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00:40:45,620 --> 00:40:43,350

giving this set a bad name

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00:40:48,860 --> 00:40:45,630

so this is this is how you actually

967

00:40:50,230 --> 00:40:48,870

ended up in prison at some point yes yes

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00:40:52,850 --> 00:40:50,240

because because what happened is that

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00:40:54,320 --> 00:40:52,860

state officials were not happy the fur

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00:40:58,580 --> 00:40:54,330

that they could clamp down on us and

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00:41:00,230 --> 00:40:58,590

they arrested me as I said and they took

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00:41:02,150 --> 00:41:00,240

me and the detent being at the place a

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00:41:05,660 --> 00:41:02,160

mile I was staying there for two or

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00:41:09,530 --> 00:41:05,670

three days with suspects and criminals

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00:41:10,970 --> 00:41:09,540

and order so but yeah personally I never

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00:41:12,800 --> 00:41:10,980

expected it was going to be a small

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00:41:14,030 --> 00:41:12,810

right from the beginning I knew that was

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00:41:15,710 --> 00:41:14,040

going to be challenges even though I

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00:41:17,570 --> 00:41:15,720

didn't know exactly what which what the

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00:41:19,550 --> 00:41:17,580

nature of the challenges would be but

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00:41:22,610 --> 00:41:19,560

when the challenges we are coming I

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00:41:25,100 --> 00:41:22,620

think I had an idea that I was going to

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00:41:27,320 --> 00:41:25,110

face a lot stiff resistance from a lot

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00:41:29,750 --> 00:41:27,330

from people who have vested interest the

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00:41:32,930 --> 00:41:29,760

superstitious dogmatic and irrational

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00:41:34,820 --> 00:41:32,940

Africa yeah well I admire your

987

00:41:37,040 --> 00:41:34,830

persistence and I wish you all the best

988

00:41:37,940 --> 00:41:37,050

and so great to see you again I hope to

989

00:41:40,220 --> 00:41:37,950

see you again in the not-too-distant

990

00:41:42,560 --> 00:41:40,230

future yeah thank you so much Andy I

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00:41:46,280 --> 00:41:42,570

also want to thank Australian skeptics

992

00:41:48,530 --> 00:41:46,290

for the support they gave me and I will

993

00:41:52,730 --> 00:41:48,540

never forget it and let me say this I

994

00:41:55,610 --> 00:41:52,740

will never forget the fact that you and

995

00:41:58,640 --> 00:41:55,620

other friends put through a call to a

996

00:42:01,250 --> 00:41:58,650

police station where I was detained some

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00:42:04,370 --> 00:42:01,260

time and I know that that call made a

998

00:42:06,710 --> 00:42:04,380

difference yes because locals when they

999

00:42:08,420 --> 00:42:06,720

are when they are trying to be funny

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00:42:10,790 --> 00:42:08,430

they always afraid of anything

1001  
00:42:12,320 --> 00:42:10,800  
international they don't want that they

1002  
00:42:15,350 --> 00:42:12,330  
want to do everything on their maybe

1003  
00:42:17,480 --> 00:42:15,360  
pi/8 and let nobody get to know so when

1004  
00:42:19,010 --> 00:42:17,490  
they know that all the outside world has

1005  
00:42:21,260 --> 00:42:19,020  
got to know about this they become very

1006  
00:42:24,410 --> 00:42:21,270  
careful they try to do it so I know that

1007  
00:42:26,270 --> 00:42:24,420  
I got a phone call from the an official

1008  
00:42:29,240 --> 00:42:26,280  
from the Australian from the Australian

1009  
00:42:31,160 --> 00:42:29,250  
Embassy in Nigeria and I know sort of

1010  
00:42:33,760 --> 00:42:31,170  
what you do and I know that it made a

1011  
00:42:38,160 --> 00:42:33,770  
difference and I want to tell you

1012  
00:42:41,730 --> 00:42:38,170  
Australia skeptics I knew you were we

1013  
00:42:52,050 --> 00:42:41,740

never never forget excellent thank you

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00:42:54,150 --> 00:42:52,060

very much Leah a pleasure the skeptic

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00:42:57,120 --> 00:42:54,160

magazine the journal from Australian

1016

00:42:59,580 --> 00:42:57,130

skeptics subscribe online to the world's

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00:43:05,540 --> 00:42:59,590

second oldest skeptical magazine

1018

00:43:13,620 --> 00:43:09,660

you can also find there over 30 years on

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00:43:22,710 --> 00:43:13,630

back issues free to download the skeptic

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00:43:34,320 --> 00:43:22,720

magazine from Australian skeptics on

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00:43:37,470 --> 00:43:34,330

Manor comm don't you hey you we are

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00:43:38,560 --> 00:43:37,480

doing a live bunga bunga at the Herald

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00:43:41,860 --> 00:43:38,570

Park Hotel

1024

00:43:47,890 --> 00:43:41,870

[Music]

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00:43:50,350 --> 00:43:47,900

oh my god oh my god I know bunga bunga

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00:43:53,140 --> 00:43:50,360

live if you want to be part of us

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00:43:55,030 --> 00:43:53,150

recording an entire episode of bunga

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00:43:56,680 --> 00:43:55,040

bunga well you'll be invited to make

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00:43:59,710 --> 00:43:56,690

your own comments you'll be invited to

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00:44:01,030 --> 00:43:59,720

ask us questions the crank mail section

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00:44:02,380 --> 00:44:01,040

we're throwing it over to you we're

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00:44:04,150 --> 00:44:02,390

gonna be doing it live in front of

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00:44:05,860 --> 00:44:04,160

people there'll be special guests we've

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00:44:07,690 --> 00:44:05,870

decided to go live

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00:44:10,290 --> 00:44:07,700

definitely worth putting in your diary

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00:44:13,210 --> 00:44:10,300

it's gonna be at the Herald Park Hotel

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00:44:14,860 --> 00:44:13,220

upstairs in Sydney and if you think

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00:44:17,110 --> 00:44:14,870

getting upstairs is a problem for you

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00:44:18,940 --> 00:44:17,120

wait till you see how they winch me and

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00:44:21,580 --> 00:44:18,950

from the helicopter yes that's right

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00:44:24,580 --> 00:44:21,590

it's the festival of dumb ideas at the

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00:44:27,640 --> 00:44:24,590

Hammer Park Hotel the 14th of November

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00:44:31,450 --> 00:44:27,650

really soon get tickets now tickets are

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00:44:33,490 --> 00:44:31,460

available at Tri booking.com or all

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00:44:37,000 --> 00:44:33,500

information you need is on the front

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00:44:37,480 --> 00:44:37,010

page of Maynard comm that I you see you

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00:44:41,410 --> 00:44:37,490

there

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00:44:43,180 --> 00:44:41,420

bring your crank mail bring your mom if

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00:44:44,380 --> 00:44:43,190

you do like it we're gonna do it about

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00:44:46,780 --> 00:44:44,390

once a month at me too

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00:44:49,630 --> 00:44:46,790

yeah yeah if people come along we want

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00:44:51,340 --> 00:44:49,640

to do one live bunga bunga or a month so

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00:44:53,050 --> 00:44:51,350

you get the comedy you get the music you

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00:44:54,850 --> 00:44:53,060

get the fun you get the insights you get

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00:44:59,710 --> 00:44:54,860

the opinions you get the politics and

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00:45:01,480 --> 00:44:59,720

you get the pants all the information at

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00:45:03,250 --> 00:45:01,490

Maynard com that are you and it's all

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00:45:05,110 --> 00:45:03,260

there for you or go to the bunga bunga

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00:45:20,960 --> 00:45:05,120

Facebook page and it's all happening on

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00:45:26,790 --> 00:45:23,550

hello skeptics and listeners this is

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00:45:28,410 --> 00:45:26,800

susan gerbic and I'm in Italy I have a

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00:45:30,810 --> 00:45:28,420

really interesting interview with you

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00:45:33,960 --> 00:45:30,820

from one of the one of the staff here at

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00:45:36,600 --> 00:45:33,970

chica hello my name is Kayla I'm a

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00:45:40,950 --> 00:45:36,610

volunteer and I'm here at the kick up

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00:45:42,690 --> 00:45:40,960

conference and I just handled the North

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00:45:45,240 --> 00:45:42,700

Italy territories but I'm here twice

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00:45:47,850 --> 00:45:45,250

today and we've had so many people at

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00:45:50,400 --> 00:45:47,860

the conference we have 800 people about

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00:45:52,890 --> 00:45:50,410

800 people yesterday and we expect more

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00:45:55,260 --> 00:45:52,900

people today and tomorrow conferencing

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00:45:57,510 --> 00:45:55,270

is in two theaters so this is a very big

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00:46:00,360 --> 00:45:57,520

event and we have a lot of very

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00:46:02,280 --> 00:46:00,370

important guests and many young people

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00:46:06,600 --> 00:46:02,290

coming to see them which is absolutely

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00:46:09,600 --> 00:46:06,610

amazing I believe we have the honor to

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00:46:14,520 --> 00:46:09,610

have Keo Angela here and he's one of our

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00:46:17,340 --> 00:46:14,530

founders and he started doing science

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00:46:20,100 --> 00:46:17,350

talking about science to people on TV

1080

00:46:23,730 --> 00:46:20,110

it is Saturday years ago when tens of

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00:46:26,400 --> 00:46:23,740

years ago when when we had very few

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00:46:29,400 --> 00:46:26,410

channels TV channels in Italy so

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00:46:31,940 --> 00:46:29,410

everybody knows him and we all grow

1084

00:46:34,680 --> 00:46:31,950

we've all grown up with him and

1085

00:46:36,930 --> 00:46:34,690

everybody loves me he's like our father

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00:46:38,790 --> 00:46:36,940

or grandfather and if you talk to

1087

00:46:40,740 --> 00:46:38,800

anybody here they would say I've grown

1088

00:46:43,200 --> 00:46:40,750

up with him on my TV is talking about

1089

00:46:46,080 --> 00:46:43,210

science and he doesn't be in such a

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00:46:48,030 --> 00:46:46,090

simple but accurate way it's it's so

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00:46:50,730 --> 00:46:48,040

good because this is bringing science to

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00:46:52,800 --> 00:46:50,740

people in a way they can understand and

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00:46:55,800 --> 00:46:52,810

they can appreciate and he makes

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00:46:57,660 --> 00:46:55,810

everything interesting and what you re

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00:47:01,020 --> 00:46:57,670

doing about it what's very exciting is

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00:47:04,050 --> 00:47:01,030

seeing young teenagers queuing outside

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00:47:05,820 --> 00:47:04,060

of the theater to meet him and if you

1098

00:47:08,790 --> 00:47:05,830

talk about him to people here they just

1099

00:47:11,370 --> 00:47:08,800

their faces like hop and they just smile

1100

00:47:13,800 --> 00:47:11,380

and I'm so happy to meet him we have

1101  
00:47:17,490 --> 00:47:13,810  
teenagers in tears because they are so

1102  
00:47:19,130 --> 00:47:17,500  
excited to see him and we are all trying

1103  
00:47:23,360 --> 00:47:19,140  
to learn from him because

1104  
00:47:26,870 --> 00:47:23,370  
he's such a kind person and he has this

1105  
00:47:30,440 --> 00:47:26,880  
very simple way of talking to people

1106  
00:47:32,660 --> 00:47:30,450  
that really reaches them and and we want

1107  
00:47:34,400 --> 00:47:32,670  
to learn from him and he's good for the

1108  
00:47:37,970 --> 00:47:34,410  
conference so far has been absolutely

1109  
00:47:41,000 --> 00:47:37,980  
amazing and we've all enjoyed it we had

1110  
00:47:45,380 --> 00:47:41,010  
yesterday a nice a great show with

1111  
00:47:48,320 --> 00:47:45,390  
musicians and two of our two scientists

1112  
00:47:51,410 --> 00:47:48,330  
to dr. spoke at the same time as the

1113  
00:47:55,460 --> 00:47:51,420

musicians so they've done is kind of

1114

00:47:57,440 --> 00:47:55,470

musical together with science talking

1115

00:47:59,500 --> 00:47:57,450

about science and I believe that was

1116

00:48:01,880 --> 00:47:59,510

also very great way to reach people

1117

00:48:04,130 --> 00:48:01,890

because if you can add we can show

1118

00:48:06,170 --> 00:48:04,140

people that you can have fun and talk

1119

00:48:07,790 --> 00:48:06,180

about science and learn new things and I

1120

00:48:09,830 --> 00:48:07,800

think that's also very important so

1121

00:48:12,530 --> 00:48:09,840

everything has been very excited so far

1122

00:48:14,870 --> 00:48:12,540

that exciting so far with all that I had

1123

00:48:18,500 --> 00:48:14,880

to believe in one really and this is

1124

00:48:21,680 --> 00:48:18,510

just yes just a first full day yes yes

1125

00:48:24,200 --> 00:48:21,690

yes and we are here tomorrow to hope

1126  
00:48:27,290 --> 00:48:24,210  
these people are going to have fun and

1127  
00:48:29,390 --> 00:48:27,300  
learn new things I'm really looking

1128  
00:48:32,960 --> 00:48:29,400  
forward to tomorrow is when I speak so

1129  
00:48:35,510 --> 00:48:32,970  
the entire conference is in Italian and

1130  
00:48:38,060 --> 00:48:35,520  
so this has been an experience for mark

1131  
00:48:40,360 --> 00:48:38,070  
Edward and I because we don't speak any

1132  
00:48:43,670 --> 00:48:40,370  
Italian but everybody's so friendly and

1133  
00:48:46,790 --> 00:48:43,680  
they they many people speak enough

1134  
00:48:49,910 --> 00:48:46,800  
English that were fine I understand the

1135  
00:48:51,920 --> 00:48:49,920  
Pope's coming in tomorrow yes yes so

1136  
00:48:55,190 --> 00:48:51,930  
that was a bit of a surprise this is a

1137  
00:48:58,040 --> 00:48:55,200  
very small town the theatre is beautiful

1138  
00:49:01,460 --> 00:48:58,050

and it's very very big but the town

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00:49:06,320 --> 00:49:01,470

itself even if it's by the seaside is a

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00:49:09,350 --> 00:49:06,330

very small town and oh yes so the town

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00:49:11,810 --> 00:49:09,360

is Cesena and it's a very small town

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00:49:13,790 --> 00:49:11,820

near near the seaside bit far from the

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00:49:16,340 --> 00:49:13,800

coast compared to other towns but a

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00:49:18,860 --> 00:49:16,350

totally sick centre anyway and suddenly

1145

00:49:20,680 --> 00:49:18,870

the Pope decided to visit is only going

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00:49:23,240 --> 00:49:20,690

to be here a couple of hours but is

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00:49:25,490 --> 00:49:23,250

probably going to walk right in front of

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00:49:27,620 --> 00:49:25,500

the theatre where we are

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00:49:32,720 --> 00:49:27,630

that is going to be a bit of a challenge

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00:49:40,150 --> 00:49:32,730

I think but maybe some people will just

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00:49:45,500 --> 00:49:42,860

the Pope's visiting because it's the

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00:49:49,550 --> 00:49:45,510

third 300th anniversary of the birth of

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00:49:52,250 --> 00:49:49,560

Pope Pius the 6th who was born in this

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00:49:55,340 --> 00:49:52,260

town and that's how come the Pope is

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00:50:12,740 --> 00:49:55,350

visiting tomorrow on a Sunday here so it

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00:50:14,720 --> 00:50:12,750

should be really interesting hi this is

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00:50:17,960 --> 00:50:14,730

Heidi Robertson from the Northern Rivers

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00:50:20,180 --> 00:50:17,970

vaccination supporters we are a group of

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00:50:22,280 --> 00:50:20,190

concerned citizens dedicated to

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00:50:24,920 --> 00:50:22,290

promoting good science and common sense

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00:50:28,040 --> 00:50:24,930

in our region the far north coast of New

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00:50:30,290 --> 00:50:28,050

South Wales this area are famous for its

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00:50:32,960 --> 00:50:30,300

natural beauty and relaxed lifestyle

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00:50:36,860 --> 00:50:32,970

also has the lowest rates of vaccination

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00:50:38,330 --> 00:50:36,870

in Australia we are out to change that

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00:50:41,060 --> 00:50:38,340

by challenging the myths and

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00:50:43,280 --> 00:50:41,070

misinformation and by providing good

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00:50:46,130 --> 00:50:43,290

evidence-based information to the

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00:50:48,560 --> 00:50:46,140

community we'd love for you no matter

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00:50:51,720 --> 00:50:48,570

where you are in the world to join our

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00:50:53,470 --> 00:50:51,730

fight please visit our web page at

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00:50:58,820 --> 00:50:53,480

[Music]

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00:51:02,630 --> 00:50:58,830

wwlp.com we also have a link there to

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00:51:06,380 --> 00:51:02,640

our Facebook page tweet us at in our

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00:51:08,290 --> 00:51:06,390

FAQs supporters that's vix and check us

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00:51:11,210 --> 00:51:08,300

out on wikipedia by searching for

1177

00:51:12,460 --> 00:51:11,220

Northern Rivers vaccination supporters

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00:51:31,160 --> 00:51:12,470

thank you

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00:51:33,319 --> 00:51:31,170

zone now here's some fabulous news if

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00:51:35,299 --> 00:51:33,329

you're in Sydney and you're coming to

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00:51:38,390 --> 00:51:35,309

the Australian skeptics convention

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00:51:40,910 --> 00:51:38,400

skeptic on or if you're not if you're

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00:51:43,039 --> 00:51:40,920

not if you are or if you're not you can

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00:51:45,849 --> 00:51:43,049

still come to the pre-conference drinks

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00:51:48,769 --> 00:51:45,859

and this will be at the Occidental hotel

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00:51:51,859 --> 00:51:48,779

at York Street Sydney where we normally

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00:51:55,279 --> 00:51:51,869

have skeptics in the pub Friday the 17th

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00:51:57,229 --> 00:51:55,289

of November details at skeptics calm

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00:51:59,989 --> 00:51:57,239

delay you you can mingle the speakers

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00:52:01,459 --> 00:51:59,999

mingle with other skeptics so whether

1191

00:52:03,650 --> 00:52:01,469

you're coming to the convention or not

1192

00:52:06,349 --> 00:52:03,660

please join us for the pre-conference

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00:52:09,079 --> 00:52:06,359

drinks and great social opportunity and

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00:52:11,660 --> 00:52:09,089

don't forget that on the 18th of

1195

00:52:13,309 --> 00:52:11,670

November is the grand dinner for the

1196

00:52:15,229 --> 00:52:13,319

convention which you can attend whether

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00:52:18,109 --> 00:52:15,239

you're coming to the convention or not

1198

00:52:21,349 --> 00:52:18,119

again tickets are available at skeptics

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00:52:23,479 --> 00:52:21,359

calm today you and that looks like to be

1200

00:52:25,309 --> 00:52:23,489

a really a really great night both

1201

00:52:27,589 --> 00:52:25,319

nights I think for those people

1202

00:52:32,630 --> 00:52:27,599

listening in Australia if you tuned in

1203

00:52:34,699 --> 00:52:32,640

to talking life style Tuesdays at 8

1204

00:52:36,589 --> 00:52:34,709

o'clock about ten past eight in fact you

1205

00:52:38,719 --> 00:52:36,599

can hear myself and Tim Mendham from the

1206

00:52:41,209 --> 00:52:38,729

Australian skeptics we have a regular

1207

00:52:43,459 --> 00:52:41,219

weekly radio spot on talking life style

1208

00:52:45,380 --> 00:52:43,469

the talking lifestyle Network Tuesdays

1209

00:52:47,359 --> 00:52:45,390

it's just after 8 o'clock in the morning

1210

00:52:50,390 --> 00:52:47,369

about 8:10 and for those Sydney

1211

00:52:52,910 --> 00:52:50,400

listeners that is a 95 for on the dial

1212

00:52:55,309 --> 00:52:52,920

that used to be called to UE and not

1213

00:52:57,589 --> 00:52:55,319

forgetting of course that we have also a

1214

00:52:59,870 --> 00:52:57,599

late night very early morning segment on

1215

00:53:03,049 --> 00:52:59,880

the Macquarie network with Mike Williams

1216

00:53:06,229 --> 00:53:03,059

and that's every weekend he does the

1217

00:53:08,299 --> 00:53:06,239

weekend night time shift links on the

1218

00:53:11,569 --> 00:53:08,309

show notes and here is a message that

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00:53:14,509 --> 00:53:11,579

came in from the USA from dr. Angie

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00:53:16,880 --> 00:53:14,519

Mackay hi Richard I can't make it to

1221

00:53:18,049 --> 00:53:16,890

psych on in Las Vegas but I wanted to

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00:53:20,539 --> 00:53:18,059

know if you'll be interviewing the

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00:53:23,319 --> 00:53:20,549

speakers for the skeptics oh thank you

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00:53:26,469 --> 00:53:23,329

for that question Angie yes absolutely

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00:53:30,349 --> 00:53:26,479

try and stop me I'll be running around

1226  
00:53:32,029 --> 00:53:30,359  
the convention saikhan in Las Vegas in

1227  
00:53:34,370 --> 00:53:32,039  
about two little under two weeks now

1228  
00:53:37,249 --> 00:53:34,380  
with my microphone getting as many

1229  
00:53:38,750 --> 00:53:37,259  
interviews from prominent skeptics and

1230  
00:53:42,680 --> 00:53:38,760  
other people people

1231  
00:53:44,930 --> 00:53:42,690  
just going along as I can to play on the

1232  
00:53:46,910 --> 00:53:44,940  
sceptic zone over the coming months and

1233  
00:53:48,200 --> 00:53:46,920  
I'm sorry I won't see you there but it

1234  
00:53:50,690 --> 00:53:48,210  
sounds like it's gonna be a great

1235  
00:53:52,970 --> 00:53:50,700  
convention I can't wait to catch up with

1236  
00:53:55,940 --> 00:53:52,980  
all my friends including skeptic zone

1237  
00:53:57,890 --> 00:53:55,950  
reporter dr. Ricci and speaking of

1238  
00:54:00,670 --> 00:53:57,900

skeptic zone reporters a big thank you

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00:54:03,140 --> 00:54:00,680

to Shelley stockin for your wonderful

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00:54:03,800 --> 00:54:03,150

take stock reports over the last couple

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00:54:07,010 --> 00:54:03,810

of years

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00:54:09,140 --> 00:54:07,020

Shelley has decided to concentrate on

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00:54:10,850 --> 00:54:09,150

other things at the moment who knows one

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00:54:13,100 --> 00:54:10,860

day we might be able to tempt her back

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00:54:15,650 --> 00:54:13,110

to being part of the skeptic zone but

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00:54:25,220 --> 00:54:15,660

for now Shelley thank you so much for

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00:54:28,340 --> 00:54:25,230

being part of the fun next week on the

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00:54:31,910 --> 00:54:28,350

show I hope to bring you updates about a

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00:54:34,190 --> 00:54:31,920

story which is really just broken in the

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00:54:35,780 --> 00:54:34,200

last couple of days and this is the

1251  
00:54:37,400 --> 00:54:35,790  
federal government has announced the

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00:54:40,640 --> 00:54:37,410  
biggest shake-up in private health

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00:54:43,340 --> 00:54:40,650  
insurance in decades including an end to

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00:54:46,630 --> 00:54:43,350  
subsidies for natural therapies such as

1255  
00:54:49,180 --> 00:54:46,640  
homeopathy aromatherapy Pilates and yoga

1256  
00:54:52,330 --> 00:54:49,190  
it's a very new story we're trying to

1257  
00:54:54,740 --> 00:54:52,340  
find out more about it but it looks like

1258  
00:54:55,940 --> 00:54:54,750  
from our point of view from a skeptical

1259  
00:54:56,840 --> 00:54:55,950  
point of view it's certainly a step in

1260  
00:54:58,880 --> 00:54:56,850  
the right direction

1261  
00:55:01,400 --> 00:54:58,890  
we'll be concentrating I think on the

1262  
00:55:04,100 --> 00:55:01,410  
news that homeopathy and aromatherapy

1263  
00:55:06,560 --> 00:55:04,110

iridology is another one the government

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00:55:11,000 --> 00:55:06,570

will be ending subsidies for these

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00:55:13,790 --> 00:55:11,010

therapies more news next week as we find

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00:55:16,400 --> 00:55:13,800

out more about exactly what this will

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00:55:18,350 --> 00:55:16,410

mean and the implications and next

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00:55:21,350 --> 00:55:18,360

week's show we'll be coming to you from

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00:55:23,540 --> 00:55:21,360

the Bay Area in San Francisco as I fly

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00:55:26,180 --> 00:55:23,550

over to the US and have a few days to

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00:55:29,330 --> 00:55:26,190

relax and get over jetlag before heading

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00:55:30,920 --> 00:55:29,340

to Las Vegas for the saikhan although I

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00:55:33,170 --> 00:55:30,930

hear there's a lot of smoke and fires

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00:55:35,000 --> 00:55:33,180

around the Bay Area at the moment so I

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00:55:37,220 --> 00:55:35,010

hope that the situation improves for

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00:55:39,830 --> 00:55:37,230

everyone's sake but until then this is

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00:55:43,870 --> 00:55:39,840

Richard Saunders signing off from Sydney

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00:55:50,080 --> 00:55:46,400

you've been listening to the skeptic

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app at Voice bite comm and using the

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reviews and opinions expressed on the

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skeptic zone are not necessarily those

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of Australian skeptics or any other