

All you need to know a

... plus a few surprises. Edited by David Dal

Opportunities

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asked for," Mr...
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Mick West takes us down the rabbit hole

Skeptics take on the fraud of Psychic Surgery

No deception in psychic surgery: SM

By PATRICK SMITHERS

Charges of obtaining money by deception by pretending to perform psychic surgery were dismissed in Box Hill Magistrate's Court yesterday. Mr Lionel Winton-Smith, SM, said he was satisfied that what was known as psychic surgery had been performed on two members of the Australian Sceptic's Society but not that there was a deception.

Margaret Kingsland, 48, of Paula Crescent, East Doncaster, and Laurence Cacteng, 44, were charged with obtaining \$30 by deception. Colin James Kingsland, 49, of Paula Crescent, East Doncaster, was charged with aiding and abetting the alleged deception.

Counsel for Mr Cacteng and Mrs Kingsland, Mr Ramon Lopez, said the society members had not been deceived because they had expected to receive psychic surgery. The two people got what they asked for," he said.

Mr Lopez said it was not a question of whether psychic surgery worked or could be proved scientifically. He said faith healing was practised in the Uniting, Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, but was not seen as deception.

New trial for woman

received more than 10,000 letters after he asked his readers to choose

Great moments in History

Professor of... university, has discovered a single line of poetry written more than 500 years before Homer's *Iliad*, which may prove that the Trojan War actually took place. Professor Watkins was examining writing on a 3,200-year-old clay tablet from Turkey when he came upon a scrap of text that said: "When they came from steep Wilusa..." He got pretty excited. Wilusa was the old name for the city

Psychic surgery...

sics Society members had not been deceived because they had expected to receive psychic surgery "which

all these important people will be able to get one or two words in edgeways.

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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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from Australia for science and reason

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yes it's the skeptics own podcast

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2019 happy birthday Margaret you know

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who you are coming up on this week's

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show we're going to be interviewing Mick

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West Mick west from Mehta Bank Mick West

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the author where's here we are this book

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I have escaping the rabbit hole how to

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debunk conspiracy theories using facts

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logic and respect what an interesting

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book it is I particularly enjoyed the

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section on chemtrails those naughty

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chemicals that naughty evil governments

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are disseminating throughout the world

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trying to change the weather

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via jet airliners mick west also has a

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new podcast which you can listen to when

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you're not listening to the skeptics oh

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and find out all about that at the top

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of the show when I interview author Mick

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West and then following that a

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cautionary tale from many years ago from

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over thirty years ago in the early days

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of the Australian skeptics when members

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in Victoria decided to take on a psychic

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surgeon to bust him to tumble him to

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rumble him to expose him by going

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undercover as it were with the full

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knowledge of the police force did they

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succeed what was the outcome an

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interesting and unexpected twist in this

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story coming up from the pages of the

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skeptic magazine the journal from

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Australian skeptics but now it's time

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for me to run downstairs and have a nice

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simple clean salad mmm with wasabi sauce

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well what I do is I make a nice salad i

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buy and I sell it to be honest and I mix

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myself up some special dressing which

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consists of a tin of tuna yeah well and

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with a healthy dose of wasabi sauce

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because I like wasabi sauce mix it all

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together

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munch that down while I do that I hope

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you enjoy the skeptic zone

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and joining me now on the line all the

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way from Sacramento California it's the

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00:03:12,790 --> 00:03:10,220
author Mick West hello Mick no Richard

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00:03:15,640 --> 00:03:12,800
glad to be here nice to have you back on

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the show again I think we spoke all the

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best part of a year ago when you are

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going to bring out the book which I have

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in my hand escaping the rabbit hole how

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to debunk conspiracy theories using

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facts logic and respect how is that book

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being received very well by the people

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who are read it I think if you go by the

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Amazon reviews which there's only about

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15 or so I think there's one person who

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really hated it because he thinks I'm

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some kind of Illuminati she'll write

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trying to try to brainwash people but

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everybody else seems to like it quite a

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lot and you know if it even had good

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reactions from people who are conspiracy

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theorists themselves and they read the

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book and they you know they don't

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obviously agree with everything in it

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because I'm debunking things but you

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know they like the general tone of it I

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think and how long is that book being

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out now oh it came out in September so I

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guess that's about or seven or eight

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months or so right okay okay yes it's

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it's a great read folks if you want to

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get your hands on a copy of escaping the

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rabbit hole I'll certainly add a link in

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this week's show notes and you've

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recently sort of come to my attention

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because I in my travels was watching

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some videos from conferences and one

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talk that you gave was particularly

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interesting and I'd like you to expand a

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but upon this a little bit for our

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audience talking about 9/11 truthers

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that conspiracy in this situation and

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you bring up the fascinating topic of

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microspheres can you tell us all about

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that yeah iron microspheres this is

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something that the 9/11 truth community

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has put forward as being conclusive

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evidence that there was controlled

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demolition on 9/11 and what iron

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microspheres are

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I think you know what they sound like

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they're microscopic iron spheres and

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they are things that get left behind

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when iron gets really really hot gets

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molten basically because it forms into

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these little Spears just cause of the

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surface tension and so if iron has been

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melted for example if you are cutting

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some through some steel with a blowtorch

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it will make these iron microspheres but

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the 9/11 truth community is kind of

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glommed onto this as being proof of what

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they referred to as nano thermite which

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is a super special type of thermite

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which they say can cut through steel and

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they think that these spheres are

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absolute proof that this has happened is

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nono thermite a thing is that does this

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exist it is a thing but you don't really

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hear about people actually using it

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because it's kind of almost like a

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theoretical thing you hear about people

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doing computer modeling using nano

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thermite with hypotheticals hypothetical

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configurations of atoms but really it's

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not a practical thing that people

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actually use it's more of a theoretical

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thing so they've been using these iron

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microspheres to their mind as conclusive

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evidence that something untoward

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happened at the World Trade Center yeah

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and in fact there's another as a group

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of people called I think the lawyers

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Committee for 9/11 truth who recently

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sued the FBI and this is a group of

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proper lawyers and also Ed Asner is

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involved for some reason I think he is

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the the financier of a lot of this stuff

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Edison is an American actor he's quite

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famous in America I'm not sure he's

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quite the famous in in Australia he was

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on Mary Tyler yes yes I recall yes yeah

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Mary Tyler Moore he was the grumpy old

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guy anyway so they these lawyers have

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sued the FBI and in the lawsuits they

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specifically say the presence of iron

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microspheres in the 911 World Trade

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Center dust is can only be explained by

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now

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thermite so they're putting this in an

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actual lawsuit that they've filed in the

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New York district courts against the FBI

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as being absolute proof and really it

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isn't and the reason I know it isn't is

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that I myself have made iron

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microspheres about 10 different ways

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yeah yeah it's it's it's it's an

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interesting thing you bring up on many

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levels I mean we you know you can

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demonstrate how these things can be made

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in other ways but to get into the mind

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of the people who would go to such

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extraordinary lengths as to put together

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a lawsuit mmm

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and these people you would think would

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be normal respectable everyday people

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yet they still have this mindset yeah

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yeah they are in fact just normal people

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I mean they're not normal everyday

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people because they are generally

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lawyers these people right absolutely

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doing this so you know you think they

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would you know the lawyers they know

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about the law they don't know very much

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about physics and chemistry and iron

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microspheres so they have been convinced

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that there is this big conspiracy going

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on and that the World Trade Center was

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brought down by controlled demolition

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and they get convinced just the same as

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ordinary people done right it's just

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regular Joe's get convinced by watching

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videos essentially and listening to

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people who are just presenting one side

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of the argument like you've got this big

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group architects and engineers for 9/11

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truth and they put out a lot of videos

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that make the case that 9/11 was a

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controlled demolition if all you do is

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is watch these videos you'll be

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convinced and that's what happens to

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these people and then they think oh I'll

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use my lawyer inabilities and try to do

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something about it and try to make the

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world a better place we're talking about

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movies like loose change I think yeah

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like loose changes as a classic example

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of a movie there are lots of people

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actually cite as being the first thing

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they watched that got them into 9/11

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they talk about it as a red pill moment

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at the moment that they discovered that

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there was something else going on their

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eyes were opened and red pill of course

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is a reference to to the matrix him dude

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when neo takes the red pill and in the

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true reality it's revealed to him and

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they feel the same way and you know in

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the matrix neo is a messiah character

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essentially he's the guy who's going to

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save the world and some of these people

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a lot of the people I think feel that

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that's what they are doing either

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individually or as part of a group that

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they are trying to save the world from

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these evil conspiracists yeah they've

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uncovered the truth their eyes have been

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open they know the inside knowledge

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they're fighting for what's that's

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what's right so it's wrong for some

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skeptics to think that all these people

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are raving lunatics or nutters or have

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bad intentions I guess we can say being

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charitable about it a lot of them are

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simply misled yeah absolutely and I

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think pretty much all the people who are

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into things like 9/11 truth except for

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the very very small minority who have

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some kind of you know extreme mental

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illness most so much as ordinary people

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with ordinary cognitive biases that you

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know you and I have to and it's just

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they have been exposed to material

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insert in such a way that it's kind of

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triggered these biases and got them

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stuck in this way of thinking but you

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know if you talk to people who used to

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be conspiracy theorists they'd come out

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just being like normal people and there

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were normal people going in

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it's just now they've realized that they

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were were being misled and actually have

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a kind of inverse red pill reaction

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where they come out of it not exactly

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taking the blue pill but taking almost

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like another red pill which bumps them

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up to the next level of the real real

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reality where they they they're they're

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now aware of these conspiracy theories

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but they recognize them as being you

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know essentially nonsense

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so yeah about sadder and wiser at the

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end of it it must be quite a process and

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just as an aside the matrix a large

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parts of it was shot right here in

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Sydney and sometimes I take great

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00:11:46,629 --> 00:11:43,730
delight in taking guests downtown

257
00:11:48,849 --> 00:11:46,639
to the very fountain where all the or a

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00:11:50,710 --> 00:11:48,859
lot of the action takes place the famous

259
00:11:52,479 --> 00:11:50,720
fountain in the matrix and if you're

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00:11:54,819 --> 00:11:52,489
visiting Sydney that can be found in

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00:11:57,729 --> 00:11:54,829
Martin place now let's move on to

262
00:11:59,679 --> 00:11:57,739
another topic which is an evergreen you

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00:12:03,249 --> 00:11:59,689

know it's a it's an oldie but a goodie

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00:12:04,780 --> 00:12:03,259

which is chemtrails and I know just now

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00:12:08,439 --> 00:12:04,790

turning to your book you've got a whole

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00:12:11,039 --> 00:12:08,449

section in the book about chemtrails and

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00:12:13,299 --> 00:12:11,049

again just for the benefit of everybody

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00:12:17,109 --> 00:12:13,309

chemtrails are basically the idea that

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there are evil substances being ejected

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from jet airliners yeah that's right the

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idea is that the government is secretly

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00:12:28,030 --> 00:12:25,220

spraying and the long white trails that

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00:12:29,829 --> 00:12:28,040

you see behind the planes are actually

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00:12:32,619 --> 00:12:29,839

some kind of secret spraying program and

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00:12:35,409 --> 00:12:32,629

the the most common theory is that the

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00:12:38,769 --> 00:12:35,419

secret spraying is to alter the climate

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00:12:40,419 --> 00:12:38,779

in some way to either protect from

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global warming or to cause global

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00:12:45,129 --> 00:12:43,669

warming or just to yeah make the climate

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better for Monsanto's plants or

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00:12:48,309 --> 00:12:46,339

something like that but that's that the

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00:12:50,769 --> 00:12:48,319

common theory is that the white trails

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00:12:52,569 --> 00:12:50,779

are some kind of climate altering

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00:12:55,449 --> 00:12:52,579

substance when in reality they're just

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00:12:57,129 --> 00:12:55,459

normal contrails yeah that's interesting

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00:12:58,840 --> 00:12:57,139

because I was under the impression now

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00:13:03,059 --> 00:12:58,850

for many years that the the major

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00:13:06,809 --> 00:13:03,069

conspiracy was trying to alter the

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00:13:09,970 --> 00:13:06,819

population by inserting microchips or

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00:13:11,499 --> 00:13:09,980

chemicals that would alter your brain or

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00:13:14,439 --> 00:13:11,509

thinking or something like that so

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00:13:16,239 --> 00:13:14,449

you're saying that it's more people are

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00:13:18,460 --> 00:13:16,249

saying that it's a justing the weather

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00:13:21,129 --> 00:13:18,470

yeah I think you know you get that

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00:13:22,659 --> 00:13:21,139

impression that it is some kind of

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00:13:23,829 --> 00:13:22,669

poison or something crazy and

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00:13:25,689 --> 00:13:23,839

mind-altering or something like that

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00:13:28,239 --> 00:13:25,699

simply because that's the more

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00:13:30,939 --> 00:13:28,249

entertaining theory so that's the one

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00:13:33,549 --> 00:13:30,949

the media reports on and see right

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00:13:35,859 --> 00:13:33,559
people like to talk about and the actual

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00:13:38,529 --> 00:13:35,869
rather boring idea that they're trying

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00:13:40,809 --> 00:13:38,539
to alter the weather is it's not so

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00:13:42,669 --> 00:13:40,819
entertaining so yeah a lot of the times

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00:13:45,970 --> 00:13:42,679
people get this misconception and then

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00:13:48,069 --> 00:13:45,980
when debunkers the skeptics kind of wade

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00:13:50,109 --> 00:13:48,079
into this topic they start off on the

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00:13:52,179 --> 00:13:50,119
wrong foot and they say well it wouldn't

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00:13:54,759 --> 00:13:52,189
be very effective to spray poison from

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00:13:56,710 --> 00:13:54,769
30,000 feet when really that's not the

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00:13:57,870 --> 00:13:56,720
actual theory that people are putting

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00:14:00,180 --> 00:13:57,880
forward so that debunk

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00:14:02,250 --> 00:14:00,190

the wrong thing so yeah you need to

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start off debunking the right thing if

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you're going to be a debugger of

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chemtrails it's a very very good point

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you make because there you know I have

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therefore somewhat being in error I'm

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00:14:15,420 --> 00:14:13,330

thinking that was the major thinking

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00:14:18,780 --> 00:14:15,430

behind the chemtrail conspiracies which

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00:14:21,300 --> 00:14:18,790

was population control and when you

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think about it for a while I thought

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00:14:26,640 --> 00:14:23,890

that we could control the weather to any

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00:14:28,080 --> 00:14:26,650

great extent is well I guess it's still

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00:14:31,440 --> 00:14:28,090

in the realms of Star Trek science

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00:14:32,940 --> 00:14:31,450

fiction but I guess in in in an odd sort

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of way it makes more sense that people

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00:14:37,680 --> 00:14:36,010

would latch onto that yeah well it's not

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00:14:39,650 --> 00:14:37,690

really changing the weather as such it's

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00:14:42,510 --> 00:14:39,660

actually changing the climate which is

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00:14:44,430 --> 00:14:42,520

the kind of the average of the weather

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00:14:46,770 --> 00:14:44,440

the long-term weather so you know the

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00:14:48,450 --> 00:14:46,780

same way that carbon dioxide is changing

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00:14:50,880 --> 00:14:48,460

the climate they're suggesting that

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00:14:53,670 --> 00:14:50,890

they're essentially simulating a large

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00:14:55,380 --> 00:14:53,680

volcano and injecting a bunch of stuff

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00:14:57,240 --> 00:14:55,390

in the into the stratosphere and this

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this is a you know so science of

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geoengineering is something that people

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00:15:03,690 --> 00:15:02,620

actually real scientists do look at and

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00:15:05,790 --> 00:15:03,700

you know the thing that might actually

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be done in the future if things get bad

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enough and the scientists right now

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doing experiments I think a bunch of

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scientists at Harvard they're about to

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00:15:16,350 --> 00:15:14,770

do an experiment releasing like a few

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00:15:18,360 --> 00:15:16,360

kilograms of stuff into the upper

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atmosphere to see what it's like they

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you know really that's that kind of a

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00:15:25,890 --> 00:15:22,750

good debunking thing really because we

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00:15:28,980 --> 00:15:25,900
are in the very very early stages of the

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00:15:30,450 --> 00:15:28,990
science of geoengineering and yet this

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00:15:32,430 --> 00:15:30,460
theory says it's been done for the last

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00:15:34,770 --> 00:15:32,440
you know 20 years

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00:15:36,420 --> 00:15:34,780
wait a minute yeah if no one actually

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00:15:38,190 --> 00:15:36,430
knew how to do it and we're just

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00:15:39,390 --> 00:15:38,200
figuring it out now it really doesn't

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00:15:42,060 --> 00:15:39,400
make any sense that they would have

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00:15:45,150 --> 00:15:42,070
started it 20 years ago absolutely

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00:15:48,900 --> 00:15:45,160
now you discuss these topics and many

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00:15:50,940 --> 00:15:48,910
more on a relatively new undertaking you

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00:15:53,070 --> 00:15:50,950
have your own podcast please tell us

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00:15:53,670 --> 00:15:53,080

about that yeah it's very new is any one

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00:15:55,950 --> 00:15:53,680

week old

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00:15:58,140 --> 00:15:55,960

it's called tales from the rabbit hole

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and it kind of grew out of the book

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you know if the books escaping the

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rabbit hole and kind of the backbone of

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the book is all these interviews I did

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with people who are conspiracy theorists

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so it used to be conspiracy theorists

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and so I you know I thought that's one

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of the more interesting

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in parts of the book and it's actually

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reasonably straightforward to do you

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just you know find someone you interview

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00:16:21,239 --> 00:16:18,249

them and have an interesting chat so I

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started a podcast and what I wanted to

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do really is to try to increase the

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amount of Understanding between the

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different cultures in conspiracy

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00:16:32,669 --> 00:16:30,519

theories there's the skeptics on the one

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hand yeah skeptics and debunkers and

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00:16:37,679 --> 00:16:36,309

then there are the believers and then

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there's a form of believers and there's

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also people who whose family members

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00:16:43,439 --> 00:16:41,649

whose loved ones are conspiracy

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00:16:44,729 --> 00:16:43,449

theorists right so there's all these

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different people whose lives have been

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affected one way or another and there's

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some very interesting stories coming out

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of it

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I've done three episodes so far and I've

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got another one in the can and yeah some

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interesting stuffs come out of it one of

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the things that I found is that people

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talk a lot about kind of peer pressure

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by the social group that they get into

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with conspiracy theorists becomes kind

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of a very important part of their life

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00:17:17,490 --> 00:17:16,029
and they don't like to give it up and so

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00:17:19,079 --> 00:17:17,500
they're kind of pressured into believing

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00:17:21,629 --> 00:17:19,089
these things even though they kind of

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00:17:23,639 --> 00:17:21,639
skeptical about it and then if they push

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00:17:26,460 --> 00:17:23,649
back they you know people get angry at

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00:17:29,039 --> 00:17:26,470
them and then they they either back off

407
00:17:30,960 --> 00:17:29,049
or the end up leaving the group so this

408
00:17:32,340 --> 00:17:30,970
is very interesting group dynamic which

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00:17:34,200 --> 00:17:32,350
I think people don't think about a lot

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00:17:36,779 --> 00:17:34,210
when they're thinking about conspiracy

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00:17:40,169 --> 00:17:36,789
theories I think this is common across

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many walks of life this the idea that

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00:17:43,620 --> 00:17:41,830

you belong to a group of similar minded

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people when you push back against that

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you're going to get you're going to get

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some trouble from other members in the

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group and I think that happens across

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society yeah I think so and some of the

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stuff I was you're talking about with

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one of the guys Stephen my last

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interviewee he used to be very

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interested in crop circles which isn't

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really a conspiracy theory is kind of

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this kind of supernatural type thing but

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he got the same kind of pushback from

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other people when they found out that he

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had been talking to the people who had

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actually made crop circles

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there's a group of people whose yes sit

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around in the pubs in Britain and then

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go out at night and actually make crop

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circles and

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he chatted to a few of them but because

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the the group thought that this was

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discrediting the entire movement they

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they ostracized him after he they found

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out they talk to these people so this is

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00:18:43,169 --> 00:18:39,339

very very very strict kind of one-sided

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insular nature too to a lot of beliefs

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like this yes and again we can see this

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across many walks of life I'm afraid

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00:18:54,149 --> 00:18:51,309

this is somewhat entrenched part of

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human behavior anyway folks you can find

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out all about that and listen to lots of

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very interesting interviews there three

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episodes up so far as we record all of

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them very interesting I've been

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listening to them today in fact I just

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been listening to them today because

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I've only recently discovered you have a

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podcast I will link to all those in the

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show notes and I can only say good luck

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to you or I be producing a podcast is a

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lot of fun a lot of stress and a lot of

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fun I think he'll enjoy it ultimately

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and people can see you in fact in a only

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a couple of weeks time at in in San

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Francisco yeah that's about three weeks

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time I think in in San Francisco I'm

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going to be appearing at this sceptical

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conference and I'm going to be talking

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about conspiracy theorists and science

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communication how do you communicate

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00:19:50,699 --> 00:19:47,229

science to believers in conspiracy

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theories it's very tricky topic so folks

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if you're in the Bay Area you don't need

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anymore excuses now get your tickets and

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we'll be linking this week's show notes

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but for now mick west in sacramento

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california thank you very much

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i'm mick west in my podcast tells from

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the rabbit-hole i have extended

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conversations with people who've been

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involved in conspiracy culture i do this

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for a couple of reasons

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firstly because it's really interesting

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these people have great stories about

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how they fell down the conspiracy theory

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rabbit hole or they did down there and

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what it was that helped them out

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sometimes i also talked to people who

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investigate conspiracy theories and they

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have equally fascinating stories from

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the other side

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secondly i want to understand how best

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to prevent the spread of conspiracy

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there is a misinformation which is an

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increasing problem in a time when

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alternative media is exploding the best

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way to do this is to communicate

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effectively with the people involved and

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the best way to do that with a nice long

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chat check it out tales from the rabbit

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hole TFT Rh calm

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this week we continue with our series of

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articles items reports interviews from

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the skeptic magazine the journal from

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Australian skeptics this week we're

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going to go back many years to 1985 to

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volume number 5 issue number one and an

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interesting story revolving sceptics

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psychic surgery and a court case it

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could be said this is a cautionary tale

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when things don't turn out the way you

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mr. ramen Lopez legal counsel for

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Filipino psychic surgeon large kacheng

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and spiritualist Margaret Kingsland

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stated that psychic surgery my

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definition involves a fraud the

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statement came in a recent Victorian

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court case in which charges against

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catching and Kingsland of obtaining

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money by deception by pretending to

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perform psychic surgery were dismissed a

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charge against husband Colin Kingsland

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of aiding and abetting was also

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dismissed to committee members of the

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Australian skeptics Janet the Silva and

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Joe Rubinstein volunteered for psychic

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surgery by catching in July 1984 both

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believed that psychic surgery is fake

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and that it is not possible to

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physically open up bodies with the bare

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hands extract allegedly diseased tissue

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then closed the body without surgical

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procedures or anesthesia mr. Lopez said

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00:23:01,220 --> 00:22:58,139
the Silva and Rubenstein had not been

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00:23:04,129 --> 00:23:01,230
deceived because they had expected to

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00:23:07,009 --> 00:23:04,139
receive psychic surgery quote which by

532
00:23:10,100 --> 00:23:07,019
definition involves a fraud end quote

533
00:23:13,630 --> 00:23:10,110
lopez said they received what they asked

534
00:23:16,190 --> 00:23:13,640
for background to the

535
00:23:18,950 --> 00:23:16,200
since its inception the Australian

536
00:23:22,010 --> 00:23:18,960
skeptics have campaigned extensively on

537
00:23:24,440 --> 00:23:22,020
the issue of psychic surgery this is

538
00:23:26,900 --> 00:23:24,450

because the claims of psychic surgery do

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00:23:29,000 --> 00:23:26,910

not stand up to scientific investigation

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00:23:31,340 --> 00:23:29,010

the techniques of psychic surgery

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00:23:34,070 --> 00:23:31,350

involves sleight of hand and fakery and

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00:23:35,930 --> 00:23:34,080

can be demonstrated by magicians more

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00:23:38,720 --> 00:23:35,940

importantly the Australian skeptics see

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00:23:40,820 --> 00:23:38,730

psychic surgery as an issue of public

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00:23:42,830 --> 00:23:40,830

interest because people who have

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00:23:45,440 --> 00:23:42,840

accepted the diagnosis of a psychic

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00:23:48,230 --> 00:23:45,450

surgeon may well be accepting the wrong

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00:23:50,780 --> 00:23:48,240

diagnosis of someone with no medical

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00:23:53,270 --> 00:23:50,790

training at all if they undergo psychic

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00:23:55,330 --> 00:23:53,280

surgery they may believe they have been

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00:23:57,860 --> 00:23:55,340

cured and thus neglect proper

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00:23:59,840 --> 00:23:57,870

life-saving medical treatment the

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00:24:02,450 --> 00:23:59,850

medical risks inherent in psychic

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00:24:04,970 --> 00:24:02,460

surgery were well documented in the

555

00:24:08,000 --> 00:24:04,980

American trade commission case travelled

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00:24:10,250 --> 00:24:08,010

King @al which ordered for American

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00:24:13,960 --> 00:24:10,260

travel agencies to cease making false

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00:24:17,870 --> 00:24:13,970

claims about psychic surgery

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00:24:19,580 --> 00:24:17,880

the skeptics campaign when the chief

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00:24:21,800 --> 00:24:19,590

investigator for the committee for

561

00:24:24,620 --> 00:24:21,810

scientific investigations of claims of

562

00:24:27,220 --> 00:24:24,630

the paranormal magician James Randi made

563

00:24:29,990 --> 00:24:27,230

his first visit to Australia in 1980 he

564

00:24:31,850 --> 00:24:30,000

demonstrated psychic surgery at public

565

00:24:34,400 --> 00:24:31,860

meetings and on television

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00:24:36,860 --> 00:24:34,410

the Australian skeptics were formed at

567

00:24:39,050 --> 00:24:36,870

the end of this visit since then

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00:24:41,660 --> 00:24:39,060

Australian skeptics magicians danny

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00:24:43,570 --> 00:24:41,670

varney and mike wilton have given public

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00:24:46,310 --> 00:24:43,580

demonstrations of psychic surgery

571

00:24:47,750 --> 00:24:46,320

articles exposing psychic surgery have

572

00:24:50,240 --> 00:24:47,760

appeared in the skeptic

573

00:24:53,630 --> 00:24:50,250

The Bulletin Australian Penthouse and

574

00:24:55,820 --> 00:24:53,640

other magazines the Australian Medical

575

00:24:59,240 --> 00:24:55,830

Association joined with the w a

576

00:25:01,970 --> 00:24:59,250

secretary stating it was merely quote

577

00:25:05,060 --> 00:25:01,980

sleight of hand and quote and a lot of

578

00:25:07,160 --> 00:25:05,070

rubbish in 1984 the Australian skeptics

579

00:25:09,440 --> 00:25:07,170

invited the chair of the Bay Area San

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00:25:11,390 --> 00:25:09,450

Francisco skeptics Bob Steiner to

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00:25:13,250 --> 00:25:11,400

Australia when he made his final

582

00:25:15,860 --> 00:25:13,260

appearance on Australian television in

583

00:25:18,380 --> 00:25:15,870

May film clips of psychic surgery were

584

00:25:21,620 --> 00:25:18,390

shown with Bob explaining the fakery

585

00:25:24,020 --> 00:25:21,630

this massive television coverage created

586

00:25:26,000 --> 00:25:24,030

considerable doubt among people who had

587

00:25:26,360 --> 00:25:26,010

formerly believed that psychic surgery

588

00:25:29,299 --> 00:25:26,370

did

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00:25:32,330 --> 00:25:29,309

not involve deception shortly after Bob

590

00:25:34,190 --> 00:25:32,340

left Australia a spiritualist informed a

591

00:25:36,470 --> 00:25:34,200

skeptics committee member that a

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00:25:40,060 --> 00:25:36,480

visiting Filipino psychic surgeon

593

00:25:44,450 --> 00:25:40,070

Lawrence King was operating in Doncaster

594

00:25:46,940 --> 00:25:44,460

Victoria the National Committee of

595

00:25:50,870 --> 00:25:46,950

Australian skeptics decided to send in

596

00:25:54,320 --> 00:25:50,880

two volunteers Janet the silver and Joe

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00:25:58,580 --> 00:25:54,330

Rubinstein Janet was accompanied by her

598

00:26:00,740 --> 00:25:58,590

quote father in quote and Jo who posed

599

00:26:04,669 --> 00:26:00,750

as an immigrant who barely spoke English

600

00:26:05,780 --> 00:26:04,679

by a quote friend main quote actually a

601
00:26:08,900 --> 00:26:05,790
professional magician

602
00:26:11,660 --> 00:26:08,910
the police were informed and both the

603
00:26:14,120 --> 00:26:11,670
parties were fitted with sophisticated

604
00:26:16,100 --> 00:26:14,130
sound recording equipment the volunteers

605
00:26:19,240 --> 00:26:16,110
were examined by the assistant police

606
00:26:23,419 --> 00:26:19,250
surgeon before and after their quote

607
00:26:25,580 --> 00:26:23,429
operation unquote after the operations

608
00:26:27,470 --> 00:26:25,590
the police raided the premises and

609
00:26:31,549 --> 00:26:27,480
arrested the Kingsland

610
00:26:33,980 --> 00:26:31,559
and kacheng the hearing in court

611
00:26:36,049 --> 00:26:33,990
Janet stated that she told the psychic

612
00:26:38,750 --> 00:26:36,059
surgeon that she had a lump in her

613
00:26:41,150 --> 00:26:38,760

abdomen the psychic surgeon chanted a

614

00:26:43,760 --> 00:26:41,160

prayer and then proceeded to massage the

615

00:26:45,890 --> 00:26:43,770

abdomen mrs. Kingsland held her hand on

616

00:26:48,290 --> 00:26:45,900

Janet's head making any movement

617

00:26:51,860 --> 00:26:48,300

impossible and preventing her from

618

00:26:53,900 --> 00:26:51,870

observing the operation Janet told the

619

00:26:57,590 --> 00:26:53,910

court she heard a ripping sound and then

620

00:27:01,250 --> 00:26:57,600

a pop this was followed by liquid oozing

621

00:27:04,180 --> 00:27:01,260

across her abdomen and Kijang said quote

622

00:27:06,680 --> 00:27:04,190

I have cut the roots when quote an

623

00:27:09,500 --> 00:27:06,690

object was whisked past

624

00:27:12,320 --> 00:27:09,510

Janet's head and there was a swishing

625

00:27:14,660 --> 00:27:12,330

sound in a basin at this point mrs.

626

00:27:17,330 --> 00:27:14,670

Kingsland repeated quote he's cut the

627

00:27:19,880 --> 00:27:17,340

roots in quote the two defendants then

628

00:27:22,730 --> 00:27:19,890

reassured the patient that with further

629

00:27:24,770 --> 00:27:22,740

treatment the lump would disappear Jo

630

00:27:27,710 --> 00:27:24,780

Rubenstein's visit to the psychic

631

00:27:30,860 --> 00:27:27,720

surgery was similarly described in court

632

00:27:32,390 --> 00:27:30,870

but Jo's altercation with the defense

633

00:27:35,570 --> 00:27:32,400

counsel was more heated

634

00:27:38,090 --> 00:27:35,580

in fact Jo was awarded by mr. Lopez in

635

00:27:39,620 --> 00:27:38,100

his final submission for the defense the

636

00:27:42,020 --> 00:27:39,630

title of quote

637

00:27:44,240 --> 00:27:42,030

prints of the skeptics end quote for his

638

00:27:44,720 --> 00:27:44,250

spirited presentation in the witness

639

00:27:47,240 --> 00:27:44,730

stand

640

00:27:50,210 --> 00:27:47,250

the first dispute arose prior to the

641

00:27:52,520 --> 00:27:50,220

description of his operation when Joe

642

00:27:55,970 --> 00:27:52,530

was asked by mr. Lopez whether he

643

00:27:57,860 --> 00:27:55,980

believed in God mr. Lopez had noted that

644

00:28:00,920 --> 00:27:57,870

Joe made an affirmation instead of

645

00:28:02,900 --> 00:28:00,930

taking the oath Joe stoutly objected to

646

00:28:05,510 --> 00:28:02,910

what he considered to be an invasion of

647

00:28:07,610 --> 00:28:05,520

his privacy but the magistrate ruled he

648

00:28:10,870 --> 00:28:07,620

had to answer because the defendant

649

00:28:14,240 --> 00:28:10,880

kacheng had recited a religious prayer

650

00:28:16,790 --> 00:28:14,250

after the discussion of the lump and the

651
00:28:19,190 --> 00:28:16,800
treatment massage followed by popping

652
00:28:22,130 --> 00:28:19,200
sound and flowing liquid Joe gave

653
00:28:24,230 --> 00:28:22,140
evidence that a piece of meat was held

654
00:28:26,900 --> 00:28:24,240
in front of his eyes by the psychic

655
00:28:30,050 --> 00:28:26,910
surgeon Joe stated that it looked most

656
00:28:33,470 --> 00:28:30,060
unpleasant and was brownish in color

657
00:28:36,110 --> 00:28:33,480
he told council that no knife or scalpel

658
00:28:39,140 --> 00:28:36,120
was produced during this time Joe told

659
00:28:42,050 --> 00:28:39,150
the court that the tissue or meat was

660
00:28:44,810 --> 00:28:42,060
certainly not his flesh as he would have

661
00:28:46,840 --> 00:28:44,820
to have been dead for several days in

662
00:28:50,480 --> 00:28:46,850
order to produce tissue of that hue

663
00:28:53,360 --> 00:28:50,490

defense counsel Lopez asked Joe if he

664

00:28:56,720 --> 00:28:53,370

had ever seen human tissue and Joe

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00:28:59,630 --> 00:28:56,730

replied quote of course during the war I

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00:29:02,390 --> 00:28:59,640

saw many people blown to pieces or shot

667

00:29:05,870 --> 00:29:02,400

in quote no further questions by the

668

00:29:08,150 --> 00:29:05,880

defense on this subject Joe then related

669

00:29:10,700 --> 00:29:08,160

how the flesh was thrown away and a

670

00:29:12,550 --> 00:29:10,710

little more massaging followed during

671

00:29:16,130 --> 00:29:12,560

the period he was on the operating

672

00:29:19,070 --> 00:29:16,140

trestle table Joe said mrs. Kingsland

673

00:29:21,320 --> 00:29:19,080

acted as a nurse after resuming his

674

00:29:24,560 --> 00:29:21,330

clothes shirts had been removed prior to

675

00:29:27,140 --> 00:29:24,570

the operation Joe was instructed by mrs.

676

00:29:29,960 --> 00:29:27,150

Kingsland not to drink coffee or alcohol

677

00:29:32,480 --> 00:29:29,970

and was given a glass of milky liquid to

678

00:29:35,660 --> 00:29:32,490

drink it was suggested that another

679

00:29:38,930 --> 00:29:35,670

appointment be made immediately after

680

00:29:42,320 --> 00:29:38,940

this Joe's friend skeptic magician Mike

681

00:29:45,260 --> 00:29:42,330

Wilton was asked for \$30 which he

682

00:29:47,390 --> 00:29:45,270

tendered before they left the tapes of

683

00:29:49,490 --> 00:29:47,400

both encounters were handed after the

684

00:29:51,950 --> 00:29:49,500

operations to the police who

685

00:29:53,570 --> 00:29:51,960

subsequently raided the Kingsland home

686

00:29:58,310 --> 00:29:53,580

and arrested Kerching

687

00:30:00,890 --> 00:29:58,320

and the Kingsland the decision the

688

00:30:03,430 --> 00:30:00,900

admission in the case by the defendants

689

00:30:06,380 --> 00:30:03,440

through their counsel now makes it

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00:30:09,140 --> 00:30:06,390

indisputable and crystal clear that the

691

00:30:12,260 --> 00:30:09,150

spiritualist promoters and the filipino

692

00:30:15,650 --> 00:30:12,270

psychic surgeon all know that psychic

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00:30:18,800 --> 00:30:15,660

surgery is fakery and involves a fraud

694

00:30:21,050 --> 00:30:18,810

the court held that because de Silva and

695

00:30:23,990 --> 00:30:21,060

Rubenstein knew that psychic surgery

696

00:30:26,810 --> 00:30:24,000

involved a fraud and had expected to

697

00:30:30,380 --> 00:30:26,820

receive fraudulent treatment there was

698

00:30:33,140 --> 00:30:30,390

no criminal deception it would now

699

00:30:35,420 --> 00:30:33,150

appear that all promoters and psychic

700

00:30:37,280 --> 00:30:35,430

surgeons in Australia have to ensure

701
00:30:40,790 --> 00:30:37,290
that each and every one of their

702
00:30:43,910 --> 00:30:40,800
patients are aware that psychic surgery

703
00:30:46,370 --> 00:30:43,920
by definition involves a fraud this

704
00:30:50,150 --> 00:30:46,380
should be made clear before accepting

705
00:30:53,690 --> 00:30:50,160
any monies by fee or donation providing

706
00:30:56,750 --> 00:30:53,700
the paying patient knows he or she is

707
00:30:59,870 --> 00:30:56,760
being deceived and the exact nature of

708
00:31:02,540 --> 00:30:59,880
the deception the criminal offence of

709
00:31:14,020 --> 00:31:02,550
obtaining a financial advantage by

710
00:31:20,510 --> 00:31:17,360
now some years ago as it happens when I

711
00:31:24,530 --> 00:31:20,520
was researching other stories in the

712
00:31:28,940 --> 00:31:24,540
history of Australian skeptics I came

713
00:31:32,510 --> 00:31:28,950

across some newspaper items published at

714

00:31:34,970 --> 00:31:32,520

the time to do with this story and so I

715

00:31:39,850 --> 00:31:34,980

quote now from the aged newspaper

716

00:31:43,220 --> 00:31:39,860

published on the 6th of November 1984

717

00:31:47,950 --> 00:31:43,230

psychic surgery patients were skeptics

718

00:31:50,810 --> 00:31:47,960

SM told a story by olga Fernley a

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00:31:53,180 --> 00:31:50,820

Filipino man and a dong cast a couple

720

00:31:55,730 --> 00:31:53,190

appeared in the Box Hill magistrate's

721

00:31:57,260 --> 00:31:55,740

court yesterday on charges relating to

722

00:32:00,770 --> 00:31:57,270

obtaining money by deception

723

00:32:02,480 --> 00:32:00,780

after alleged psychic surgery on two

724

00:32:03,070 --> 00:32:02,490

members of the Australian skeptic

725

00:32:06,170 --> 00:32:03,080

Society

726

00:32:08,570 --> 00:32:06,180

Joseph Rubinstein of Glen Waverley an

727

00:32:10,940 --> 00:32:08,580

engineer and treasurer of the Society

728

00:32:13,730 --> 00:32:10,950

said he went to the home of Margaret and

729

00:32:16,000 --> 00:32:13,740

Colin Kingsland of Palo Crescent

730

00:32:19,070 --> 00:32:16,010

Doncaster on the 17th of July

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00:32:21,920 --> 00:32:19,080

complaining of stomach pains he told the

732

00:32:24,650 --> 00:32:21,930

court that he had lied about the pain he

733

00:32:26,510 --> 00:32:24,660

had none and that he had been examined

734

00:32:28,970 --> 00:32:26,520

by a medical practitioner at the

735

00:32:31,730 --> 00:32:28,980

Doncaster police station he said mrs.

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00:32:35,290 --> 00:32:31,740

Kingsland told him to remove his jacket

737

00:32:38,690 --> 00:32:35,300

shirt and singlet and lie on a bench a

738

00:32:42,230 --> 00:32:38,700

Filipino whom he identified in court as

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00:32:45,110 --> 00:32:42,240

Lawrence kacheng recited a prayer and

740

00:32:49,160 --> 00:32:45,120

then began to massage his stomach mr.

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00:32:50,870 --> 00:32:49,170

Rubinstein said quote I heard a pop like

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00:32:53,330 --> 00:32:50,880

a little balloon bursting and

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00:32:55,910 --> 00:32:53,340

immediately liquid began to reign over

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00:32:59,060 --> 00:32:55,920

my abdomen this liquid was wiped off

745

00:33:01,970 --> 00:32:59,070

with a towel by mrs Kingsland end quote

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00:33:05,360 --> 00:33:01,980

mr. rubenstein said the procedure was

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00:33:08,750 --> 00:33:05,370

repeated there was another pop and then

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00:33:10,760 --> 00:33:08,760

mr. kacheng quote raised his hands and

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00:33:12,740 --> 00:33:10,770

showed me a piece of meat it was not a

750

00:33:13,670 --> 00:33:12,750

fresh piece of meat it looked rather

751
00:33:16,640 --> 00:33:13,680
unpleasant

752
00:33:18,170 --> 00:33:16,650
it was brownish instead of red and in my

753
00:33:20,600 --> 00:33:18,180
opinion it looked like a piece of

754
00:33:23,600 --> 00:33:20,610
chicken liver and quote mr. Rubenstein

755
00:33:25,230 --> 00:33:23,610
said mr. Rubenstein said he had been in

756
00:33:27,630 --> 00:33:25,240
a forced lay

757
00:33:30,510 --> 00:33:27,640
a camp in Germany and had seen people

758
00:33:32,700 --> 00:33:30,520
blown up quote I know what human tissue

759
00:33:35,400 --> 00:33:32,710
looks like it certainly was not flesh

760
00:33:39,060 --> 00:33:35,410
and it certainly was not my tissue in

761
00:33:41,070 --> 00:33:39,070
quote mister catching 44 residing at

762
00:33:43,920 --> 00:33:41,080
Palo Crescent Doncaster while in

763
00:33:47,490 --> 00:33:43,930

Australia and missus Kingsland 48 faced

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00:33:50,160 --> 00:33:47,500

charges of dishonestly obtaining \$30.00

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00:33:53,370 --> 00:33:50,170

by pretending they performed psychic

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00:33:55,440 --> 00:33:53,380

surgery on mr. Rubenstein and \$30.00 by

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00:33:57,300 --> 00:33:55,450

pretending they performed psychic

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00:34:00,030 --> 00:33:57,310

surgery on another member of the

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00:34:03,480 --> 00:34:00,040

Australian skeptics Miss Janet da Silva

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00:34:06,360 --> 00:34:03,490

mr. Kingsland 49 is charged with aiding

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00:34:09,360 --> 00:34:06,370

and abetting in the alleged deception

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00:34:12,750 --> 00:34:09,370

the case being heard by mr. Lionel

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00:34:15,450 --> 00:34:12,760

Wilton Smith SM was adjourned to the

774

00:34:17,280 --> 00:34:15,460

30th of January the next news item again

775

00:34:21,540 --> 00:34:17,290

comes from the age this time published

776
00:34:24,930 --> 00:34:21,550
on the 31st of January 1985 no deception

777
00:34:27,540 --> 00:34:24,940
in psychic surgery ASM by Patric

778
00:34:30,240 --> 00:34:27,550
Smithers charges of obtaining money by

779
00:34:33,060 --> 00:34:30,250
deception by pretending to perform

780
00:34:35,730 --> 00:34:33,070
psychic surgery were dismissed in a box

781
00:34:38,760 --> 00:34:35,740
Hill magistrate's court yesterday mr.

782
00:34:41,490 --> 00:34:38,770
Lionel Wilton Smith SM said he was

783
00:34:43,410 --> 00:34:41,500
satisfied that what was known as psychic

784
00:34:44,730 --> 00:34:43,420
surgery had been performed on two

785
00:34:47,040 --> 00:34:44,740
members of the Australian skeptic

786
00:34:48,030 --> 00:34:47,050
Society but not that there was a

787
00:34:51,120 --> 00:34:48,040
deception

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00:34:55,140 --> 00:34:51,130

Margaret Kingsland 48 of Paula Crescent

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00:34:57,120 --> 00:34:55,150

East Doncaster and Lawrence King 44 were

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00:35:00,570 --> 00:34:57,130

charged with obtaining \$30.00 by

791

00:35:02,730 --> 00:35:00,580

deception Colin James Kingsland 49 of

792

00:35:04,560 --> 00:35:02,740

Pollock resin Easton castor was charged

793

00:35:07,920 --> 00:35:04,570

with aiding and abetting in the alleged

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00:35:12,030 --> 00:35:07,930

deception counsel for mr. King and mrs.

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00:35:14,220 --> 00:35:12,040

Kingsland mr. Raymond Lopez said the

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00:35:16,920 --> 00:35:14,230

society members had not been deceived

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00:35:19,530 --> 00:35:16,930

because they had expected to receive

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00:35:22,440 --> 00:35:19,540

psychic surgery the two people got what

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00:35:24,150 --> 00:35:22,450

they asked for he said Mr Lopez said it

800

00:35:26,220 --> 00:35:24,160

was not a question of where the psychic

801
00:35:28,560 --> 00:35:26,230
surgery worked or could be proved

802
00:35:31,170 --> 00:35:28,570
scientifically he said faith healing was

803
00:35:34,050 --> 00:35:31,180
practiced in the Uniting Anglican and

804
00:35:36,430 --> 00:35:34,060
Roman Catholic churches but was not seen

805
00:35:38,829 --> 00:35:36,440
as deception

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00:35:43,000 --> 00:35:38,839
and the final newspaper clipping I

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00:35:44,260 --> 00:35:43,010
discovered again comes from 1985 this

808
00:35:47,520 --> 00:35:44,270
time in The Sydney Morning Herald

809
00:35:51,640 --> 00:35:47,530
published on the 1st of February and

810
00:35:54,940 --> 00:35:51,650
this is in the stay in touch segment of

811
00:35:56,680 --> 00:35:54,950
the newspaper legal precedents to

812
00:35:59,140 --> 00:35:56,690
members of the Australian skeptic

813
00:36:02,740 --> 00:35:59,150

society who set out to prove that a

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00:36:04,630 --> 00:36:02,750

Filipino psychic surgeon was a fraud got

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00:36:06,849 --> 00:36:04,640

a shock this week when a Melbourne

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00:36:09,460 --> 00:36:06,859

magistrate dismissed charges of

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00:36:11,920 --> 00:36:09,470

obtaining money by deception against the

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00:36:15,039 --> 00:36:11,930

healer in Box Hill Court

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Lawrence catching 44 of East Doncaster

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had been charged with obtaining \$30 by

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deception Raman Lopes representing mr.

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00:36:26,589 --> 00:36:24,349

kucheng said the skeptic Society members

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00:36:28,900 --> 00:36:26,599

had not been deceived because they had

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00:36:32,980 --> 00:36:28,910

expected to receive psychic surgery

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00:36:34,420 --> 00:36:32,990

quote which by definition involves a

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00:36:36,849 --> 00:36:34,430
fraud end quote

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00:36:39,190 --> 00:36:36,859
quote the two people got what they asked

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00:36:43,120 --> 00:36:39,200
for in quote mr. Lopez said the

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magistrate Lionel Wilton Smith said he

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00:36:47,680 --> 00:36:45,109
was satisfied that what was known as

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00:36:50,769 --> 00:36:47,690
psychic surgery had been performed on

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00:36:57,640 --> 00:36:50,779
the two skeptics but not that there had

833
00:37:00,670 --> 00:36:57,650
been a deception and you can read the

834
00:37:05,230 --> 00:37:00,680
original article in the skeptic magazine

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00:37:07,779 --> 00:37:05,240
vol 5 number 1 from 1985 together with

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00:37:10,299 --> 00:37:07,789
other items and articles on psychic

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00:37:15,039 --> 00:37:10,309
surgery and it's all available to you

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00:37:19,809 --> 00:37:15,049

for free if you visit WWF dicks calm day

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00:37:21,339 --> 00:37:19,819

you and I guess it's a lesson for us all

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even when you think that you've got

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00:37:26,529 --> 00:37:24,010

somebody as they say bang to rights a

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00:37:29,279 --> 00:37:26,539

classic case of fraud which psychic

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00:37:31,569 --> 00:37:29,289

surgery is there's no two ways about it

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00:37:33,850 --> 00:37:31,579

in fact it's one of the things that I

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00:37:36,850 --> 00:37:33,860

often comment on

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00:37:39,010 --> 00:37:36,860

when we say well is this a fraud or is

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00:37:41,200 --> 00:37:39,020

this a fake or what's going on some

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00:37:42,760 --> 00:37:41,210

people can be innocently deceived in

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00:37:44,350 --> 00:37:42,770

thinking they have magical psychic

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00:37:48,930 --> 00:37:44,360

powers in fact I think a lot of people

851
00:37:51,880 --> 00:37:48,940
like that but I always bring up two

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00:37:54,850 --> 00:37:51,890
paranormal feats one being spoon bending

853
00:37:56,650 --> 00:37:54,860
you can't accidentally fool yourself

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00:37:58,990 --> 00:37:56,660
that you can bend spoons you have to

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00:38:01,930 --> 00:37:59,000
learn the trick and the other is psychic

856
00:38:03,580 --> 00:38:01,940
surgery you can't innocently deceive

857
00:38:06,010 --> 00:38:03,590
yourself into thinking that you are

858
00:38:08,490 --> 00:38:06,020
performing psychic surgery it's a

859
00:38:10,570 --> 00:38:08,500
sleight-of-hand trick you have to learn

860
00:38:12,430 --> 00:38:10,580
although it is worth noting there is

861
00:38:16,240 --> 00:38:12,440
another group of psychics out there who

862
00:38:18,730 --> 00:38:16,250
call themselves psychic surgeons but say

863
00:38:20,200 --> 00:38:18,740

they do it completely by psychic means

864

00:38:22,510 --> 00:38:20,210

in other words I'll sit in the chair and

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00:38:24,430 --> 00:38:22,520

hum and concentrate or wave their hands

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00:38:27,070 --> 00:38:24,440

over somebody and say they are at that

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00:38:34,660 --> 00:38:27,080

moment performing surgery inside

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00:38:36,970 --> 00:38:34,670

somebody's body and to this day classic

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00:38:38,830 --> 00:38:36,980

psychic surgery is certainly still being

870

00:38:42,750 --> 00:38:38,840

performed in the Philippines and Brazil

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00:38:54,060 --> 00:38:42,760

but also right here in Australia

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[Music]

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00:38:59,980 --> 00:38:57,020

crop circles are so intricate and

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00:39:02,140 --> 00:38:59,990

complex it is not possible for humans to

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00:39:04,510 --> 00:39:02,150

make them you're not really getting the

876

00:39:07,330 --> 00:39:04,520

complete holistic birth experience

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00:39:09,220 --> 00:39:07,340

unless you eat your placenta I mean

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00:39:11,770 --> 00:39:09,230

animals do it and mother nature always

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00:39:13,840 --> 00:39:11,780

knows best of course the world is

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00:39:16,450 --> 00:39:13,850

haunted by ghosts and demons that

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00:39:18,790 --> 00:39:16,460

explains so much so easily that I barely

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00:39:20,500 --> 00:39:18,800

have to do any thinking I've watched a

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whole lot of Flat Earth videos on

884

00:39:25,030 --> 00:39:22,910

YouTube you know they convinced me it's

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00:39:28,150 --> 00:39:25,040

all a conspiracy there's no way we live

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00:39:30,280 --> 00:39:28,160

on a spinning ball we all have friends

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00:39:33,370 --> 00:39:30,290

and family who believe these things and

888

00:39:35,950 --> 00:39:33,380

much more well if you're a rational

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00:39:38,230 --> 00:39:35,960

thinker who's tired of arguing on social

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media and never getting anywhere we have

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a solution for you

892

00:39:43,690 --> 00:39:41,510

join the guerrilla skepticism on

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00:39:46,420 --> 00:39:43,700

wikipedia team and we will teach you how

894

00:39:48,160 --> 00:39:46,430

to add reliable scientific and skeptical

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00:39:51,640 --> 00:39:48,170

information to the world's number-one

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00:39:53,820 --> 00:39:51,650

source of information Wikipedia we write

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00:39:56,710 --> 00:39:53,830

you articles and improve existing ones

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00:39:58,870 --> 00:39:56,720

we removed pseudoscience paranormal and

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00:40:01,140 --> 00:39:58,880

altmed claims substituting the actual

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00:40:04,060 --> 00:40:01,150

facts and we operate in many languages

901
00:40:06,460 --> 00:40:04,070
we've already reached tens of millions

902
00:40:08,440 --> 00:40:06,470
of people searching for information but

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00:40:11,800 --> 00:40:08,450
as you can imagine we can never do

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00:40:14,650 --> 00:40:11,810
enough so please join us all you need is

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00:40:17,410 --> 00:40:14,660
a PC and the desire to help educate the

906
00:40:18,660 --> 00:40:17,420
planet in fact you'll be educating the

907
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world while you sleep

908
00:40:27,400 --> 00:40:24,010
contact us at GS o W team @ gmail.com

909
00:40:40,400 --> 00:40:27,410
guerrilla skepticism the time is now

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00:40:44,580 --> 00:40:42,870
thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:40:47,760 --> 00:40:44,590
zone now don't forget there's all sorts

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00:40:50,160 --> 00:40:47,770
of sceptical events coming up for the

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00:40:54,270 --> 00:40:50,170

rest of the year we've gots kept the cow

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con in San Francisco early next month

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there's the psyche on which I will play

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periodic promotions for for the next few

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00:41:06,359 --> 00:41:04,420

months in Las Vegas PD I won't be going

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00:41:09,990 --> 00:41:06,369

to either of those unfortunately just

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00:41:12,240 --> 00:41:10,000

the way things work out timewise we have

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00:41:14,160 --> 00:41:12,250

Dragon Con in Atlanta Georgia and I'm

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00:41:15,900 --> 00:41:14,170

scheduled to appear there on The

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00:41:20,540 --> 00:41:15,910

Skeptical track with my old friends

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00:41:23,400 --> 00:41:20,550

Derek Colin dunno and dr. Angie Matt key

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00:41:27,600 --> 00:41:23,410

just need to sort out my accommodation

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hmm and in fact you may recall or

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00:41:31,380 --> 00:41:29,470

certainly longtime listeners may recall

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the very first episode of the skeptics

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owned was recorded in Atlanta Georgia at

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at Dragon Con in 2008 and of course we

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have the Australian skeptics National

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Convention skeptic on and you can find

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out more about that at skepticon.org.au

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and that's in Melbourne from the 6th to

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00:41:55,200 --> 00:41:53,020

the 8th of December special guests the

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00:41:57,570 --> 00:41:55,210

skeptics guide to the universe all of

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00:42:00,210 --> 00:41:57,580

them susan gerbic from guerrilla

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skepticism and many more to be announced

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00:42:06,570 --> 00:42:03,010

and with your help your generous help

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00:42:08,640 --> 00:42:06,580

over the years I should be able to get

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our reporter Maynard down there to run

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around with his microphone and grab the

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00:42:15,120 --> 00:42:14,710

odd 60 or 70 interviews like he normally

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does

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and speaking of Maynard check out his

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podcasts and other shows at Maynard comm

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today you I noticed he's got a few more

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events coming up here in Sydney in glebe

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in the red bar lots of fun but for this

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week this is Richard Saunders signing

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podcast is an independent production

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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

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skeptical organization

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hello to people who listen after the

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00:43:36,810 --> 00:43:34,720

music yes it's the dice game once again

967

00:43:38,730 --> 00:43:36,820

I've got a ten sided die here

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00:43:40,980 --> 00:43:38,740

I don't where's it gone I've got a

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00:43:45,510 --> 00:43:40,990

20-sided die huh

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00:43:47,760 --> 00:43:45,520

I must look at wait a minute this is my

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box of die here dice diced I always get

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those confused here we go there's a 10

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sided one what's this a six-sided 20

974

00:43:58,170 --> 00:43:57,760

I've got 60 sided one in there good

975

00:43:59,580 --> 00:43:58,180

grief

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anyway we'll go yeah we'll do

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traditional and go with a 10 sided die

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I'm gonna roll this die 10 times no

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that's wrong I'm gonna run maybe if I

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had a three sided die I could roll it 10

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times I do have a three sided die

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where's that is that it no now let me

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roll a ten sided die three times and

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this is where you get to use your

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predicting power your psychic magical

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powers to see if you can foresee the

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future and predict what numbers gonna

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come up I'm gonna put it in this little

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00:44:37,260 --> 00:44:35,140

tub do it differently today

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all right so predict away the first

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number it will be one two three four

992

00:44:44,600 --> 00:44:41,790

five six seven eight nine or ten

993

00:44:48,030 --> 00:44:44,610

predicting here we go

994

00:44:50,370 --> 00:44:48,040

and it's rest come to rest on number

995

00:44:54,570 --> 00:44:50,380

three I always have to write these down

996

00:45:01,920 --> 00:44:54,580

because I okay number three second one

997

00:45:06,060 --> 00:45:01,930

coming up here we go one three and one

998

00:45:15,600 --> 00:45:06,070

okay and the last number predicting here

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we go five so this week's lucky numbers