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Boob Hypnosis

"Plandemic" review

Logical Fallacies with  
Michelle Bijkersma  
"The Slippery Slope"

Church cops fine

Conspiracy Protesters



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00:00:13,930 --> 00:00:09,110  
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:16,840 --> 00:00:13,940  
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:23,140 --> 00:00:16,850  
[Applause]

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00:00:25,730 --> 00:00:23,150  
[Music]

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00:00:30,130 --> 00:00:25,740  
yes it's the skeptics own podcast

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00:00:32,510 --> 00:00:30,140  
episode number 605 for the 17th of May

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00:00:34,400 --> 00:00:32,520  
2020 Whichard saunders here with you

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00:00:38,870 --> 00:00:34,410  
from Sydney Australia looking out the

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00:00:39,890 --> 00:00:38,880  
window cold and cloudy where is the

10  
00:00:43,270 --> 00:00:39,900  
glorious sunshine

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00:00:45,619 --> 00:00:43,280  
I wonder mmm it'll come it'll come

12  
00:00:48,140 --> 00:00:45,629  
coming up on this week's show we're

13  
00:00:51,770 --> 00:00:48,150

going to look at hmm

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00:00:54,100 --> 00:00:51,780

boobs boobs and pseudoscience can you

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00:00:56,480 --> 00:00:54,110

hypnotize breasts to make them bigger

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00:00:58,850 --> 00:00:56,490

form a committee member of Australian

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00:01:00,920 --> 00:00:58,860

skeptics and one of the founders of the

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00:01:03,200 --> 00:01:00,930

mystery investigators science show for

19

00:01:06,020 --> 00:01:03,210

schools the Linda Brown who lives now in

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00:01:07,430 --> 00:01:06,030

the UK she's going to join me coming up

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00:01:10,749 --> 00:01:07,440

at the top of the show to talk about the

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00:01:15,139 --> 00:01:10,759

time almost twenty years ago she went

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00:01:18,380 --> 00:01:15,149

undercover so to speak to a woman who

24

00:01:21,859 --> 00:01:18,390

claimed that she had the power to

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00:01:25,219 --> 00:01:21,869

hypnotize stem cells and make women's

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00:01:27,410 --> 00:01:25,229

busts bigger also a Linda and I

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00:01:28,820 --> 00:01:27,420

reminisce about the times of she and I

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00:01:32,810 --> 00:01:28,830

and some other people would go and

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00:01:35,240 --> 00:01:32,820

investigate and test psychics we had

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00:01:36,530 --> 00:01:35,250

psychic readings find out all about that

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00:01:38,510 --> 00:01:36,540

coming up at the top of the show

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00:01:41,530 --> 00:01:38,520

following that it's a story from the

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00:01:44,380 --> 00:01:41,540

Australian skeptics website about the

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00:01:48,020 --> 00:01:44,390

documentary if you can call it that plan

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00:01:51,620 --> 00:01:48,030

Demick and isn't this a golden era for

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00:01:54,740 --> 00:01:51,630

conspiracy theorists planned emic the

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00:01:57,080 --> 00:01:54,750

anti-vaccine conspiratorial documentary

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00:02:00,200 --> 00:01:57,090

plan Demick which makes a range of

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00:02:02,450 --> 00:02:00,210

misleading claims about covert 19 has

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00:02:04,310 --> 00:02:02,460

been playing a cat and mouse game with

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00:02:07,749 --> 00:02:04,320

social media platforms since it was

42

00:02:10,850 --> 00:02:07,759

launched across a range of sites now to

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00:02:12,979 --> 00:02:10,860

just state I haven't actually seen this

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00:02:15,710 --> 00:02:12,989

yet I'm looking for a copy but they seem

45

00:02:17,600 --> 00:02:15,720

to have gone part of the conspiracy it's

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00:02:20,270 --> 00:02:17,610

part of the conspiracy it has to be part

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00:02:22,400 --> 00:02:20,280

of the conspiracy after that it's

48

00:02:25,370 --> 00:02:22,410

logical fallacies with Michelle Vickers

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00:02:28,910 --> 00:02:25,380

MA and this week Michelle's going to be

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00:02:31,729 --> 00:02:28,920

looking at the slippery slope also known

51  
00:02:33,280 --> 00:02:31,739  
as the thin edge of the wedge or the

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00:02:35,770 --> 00:02:33,290  
Domino fallacy

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00:02:38,110 --> 00:02:35,780  
this is where it is asserted that a

54  
00:02:40,750 --> 00:02:38,120  
relatively small step or action in a

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00:02:43,319 --> 00:02:40,760  
certain direction will inevitably lead

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00:02:45,940 --> 00:02:43,329  
to a chain of events with a larger end

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00:02:48,550 --> 00:02:45,950  
negative result proving to be a very

58  
00:02:50,530 --> 00:02:48,560  
popular segment logical fallacies with

59  
00:02:54,160 --> 00:02:50,540  
Michelle because ma then to round off

60  
00:02:56,470 --> 00:02:54,170  
the show some mixed news some good news

61  
00:02:58,630 --> 00:02:56,480  
and some crazy news we're going to talk

62  
00:03:00,970 --> 00:02:58,640  
about the government here in Australia

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00:03:05,140 --> 00:03:00,980

taking action against the Genesis to

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00:03:09,460 --> 00:03:05,150  
church who have been peddling bleach as

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00:03:12,339 --> 00:03:09,470  
a cure for covert 19:00 believe it or

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00:03:15,250 --> 00:03:12,349  
not and we also cover some recent

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00:03:17,890 --> 00:03:15,260  
protests here in australia with people

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00:03:22,599 --> 00:03:17,900  
turning up at various parliaments with

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00:03:25,390 --> 00:03:22,609  
crazy signs and crazy ideas railing

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00:03:26,860 --> 00:03:25,400  
against the lockdown claiming covert 19

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00:03:30,309 --> 00:03:26,870  
as a hoax and we're all being controlled

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00:03:32,740 --> 00:03:30,319  
by the new world order yes we live in

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00:03:34,629 --> 00:03:32,750  
interesting times but now it's time for

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00:03:35,830 --> 00:03:34,639  
me to run downstairs and i'm going to

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00:03:38,199 --> 00:03:35,840  
because i've been watching in the

76  
00:03:40,539 --> 00:03:38,209  
lockdown the lock up the locked out i've

77  
00:03:42,670 --> 00:03:40,549  
been watching a series of James Bond

78  
00:03:44,559 --> 00:03:42,680  
movies but a lot of fun I think I'll

79  
00:03:47,619 --> 00:03:44,569  
have a vodka martini shaken not stirred

80  
00:03:50,319 --> 00:03:47,629  
yeah I quite like vodka martinis while I

81  
00:03:50,770 --> 00:03:50,329  
do that I hope you enjoy the skeptic

82  
00:04:11,180 --> 00:03:50,780  
zone

83  
00:04:18,390 --> 00:04:15,330  
and joining me now on the line all the

84  
00:04:20,280 --> 00:04:18,400  
way from Gloucestershire in England it's

85  
00:04:23,850 --> 00:04:20,290  
a very old friend of mine a Linda Brown

86  
00:04:25,590 --> 00:04:23,860  
hello Linda hi there Richard how are you

87  
00:04:28,520 --> 00:04:25,600  
I'm very well it's good to see you

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00:04:32,490 --> 00:04:28,530

through the magic of the the intervie do

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00:04:35,700 --> 00:04:32,500

magical zoom out we using zoom today

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00:04:36,980 --> 00:04:35,710

yeah zoom is wonderfully clean the times

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00:04:40,110 --> 00:04:36,990

like this where we have our lockdown

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00:04:43,110 --> 00:04:40,120

yeah yeah because just last night listen

93

00:04:45,810 --> 00:04:43,120

as I hooked up with a Linda and her

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00:04:47,460 --> 00:04:45,820

husband and her daughter and we all used

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00:04:49,140 --> 00:04:47,470

to hang out together many years ago in

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00:04:51,210 --> 00:04:49,150

the early days of our skeptical

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00:04:52,650 --> 00:04:51,220

adventures a Linda was a committee

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00:04:56,880 --> 00:04:52,660

member on the Australian skeptics when I

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00:04:58,710 --> 00:04:56,890

joined and I came across a video the

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00:05:00,960 --> 00:04:58,720

other day Linda I had long forgotten

101  
00:05:05,340 --> 00:05:00,970  
about which is something you did way

102  
00:05:09,000 --> 00:05:05,350  
back in 2001 folks 2001 you realize I

103  
00:05:11,719 --> 00:05:09,010  
was only 12 then you were only 12 which

104  
00:05:16,050 --> 00:05:11,729  
makes this next story even more strange

105  
00:05:18,810 --> 00:05:16,060  
I wasn't 12 I wasn't 12 I was joking

106  
00:05:20,850 --> 00:05:18,820  
yes no believe me she wasn't well I mean

107  
00:05:24,750 --> 00:05:20,860  
as you weren't terribly much older no

108  
00:05:26,670 --> 00:05:24,760  
you were ye in your mid-thirties roughly

109  
00:05:30,480 --> 00:05:26,680  
in your mid that something like roughly

110  
00:05:31,590 --> 00:05:30,490  
and you I was approaching my mid-30s but

111  
00:05:34,530 --> 00:05:31,600  
I was approaching it from the wrong

112  
00:05:39,690 --> 00:05:34,540  
angle that's right and yes and speaking

113  
00:05:43,320 --> 00:05:39,700

of angles you you volunteered on behalf

114

00:05:45,060 --> 00:05:43,330

of Australian skeptics with a TV program

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00:05:48,090 --> 00:05:45,070

at the time today tonight which was one

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00:05:50,969 --> 00:05:48,100

of these news type programs yeah with a

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00:05:53,700 --> 00:05:50,979

sneaky camera and folks take a big

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00:05:57,330 --> 00:05:53,710

breath have another drink a Linda you

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00:06:03,990 --> 00:05:57,340

had boob hypnosis can you tell us about

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00:06:05,130 --> 00:06:04,000

that experiences what was the whole idea

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00:06:09,060 --> 00:06:05,140

what was going on

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00:06:11,040 --> 00:06:09,070

oh is this woman who was claiming that

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00:06:12,690 --> 00:06:11,050

she could get people to increase their

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00:06:16,230 --> 00:06:12,700

bust size

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00:06:18,600 --> 00:06:16,240

by having nice thoughts nice thoughts

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00:06:27,090 --> 00:06:18,610

yes you are actually asked your boobs

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00:06:28,500 --> 00:06:27,100

nicely to get bigger so I know now folks

128

00:06:30,180 --> 00:06:28,510

to put you out of your misery I'll just

129

00:06:32,460 --> 00:06:30,190

play a little clip from that story all

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00:06:34,380 --> 00:06:32,470

those years ago out of the eternal

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00:06:36,300 --> 00:06:34,390

search for the perfect figure these days

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00:06:38,100 --> 00:06:36,310

when it comes to improving your bustline

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00:06:40,950 --> 00:06:38,110

there are plenty of options other than

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00:06:43,620 --> 00:06:40,960

implants and painful surgery pills

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00:06:46,770 --> 00:06:43,630

lotions and potions promised a pain-free

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00:06:50,400 --> 00:06:46,780

solution but do they work here's how

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00:06:52,140 --> 00:06:50,410

long's the market is simply bursting

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00:06:55,770 --> 00:06:52,150

with products that promise to make your

139

00:06:58,200 --> 00:06:55,780

boobs firmer and bigger the internet

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00:07:02,160 --> 00:06:58,210

offers a virtual smorgasbord of creams

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00:07:05,070 --> 00:07:02,170

lotions and pills there's a special

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00:07:08,160 --> 00:07:05,080

suction device guaranteeing you go up a

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00:07:10,440 --> 00:07:08,170

cup size in just 10 weeks permanently

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00:07:14,570 --> 00:07:10,450

doctors say Bravo will fill loose skin

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00:07:18,480 --> 00:07:14,580

with new tissue your prints are growing

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00:07:21,450 --> 00:07:18,490

the right size even through hypnotherapy

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00:07:24,500 --> 00:07:21,460

we can apparently transfer body tissue

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00:07:27,540 --> 00:07:24,510

to our breasts we are asking for those

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00:07:30,120 --> 00:07:27,550

stem cells to be sent to where we want

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00:07:34,200 --> 00:07:30,130

them to go to build the breast tissue

151

00:07:38,550 --> 00:07:34,210

larger your printer growing the right

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00:07:39,120 --> 00:07:38,560

size so what about hypnotherapy at \$40

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00:07:41,550 --> 00:07:39,130

an hour

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00:07:44,010 --> 00:07:41,560

Pamela Scott thinks she's on to a

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00:07:47,100 --> 00:07:44,020

miracle of science gleaned from this

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00:07:49,530 --> 00:07:47,110

literature our minds can send stem cells

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00:07:52,920 --> 00:07:49,540

to our breasts making a request so to

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00:07:54,930 --> 00:07:52,930

speak to send it to that area so you're

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00:07:57,360 --> 00:07:54,940

willing stem cells to travel to the

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00:08:01,010 --> 00:07:57,370

breast wound doesn't work have you ever

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00:08:06,000 --> 00:08:01,020

tried to grow breasts using willpower no

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00:08:08,250 --> 00:08:06,010

all right you need to ask nicely today

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00:08:10,110 --> 00:08:08,260

tonight asked a Linda Brown from the

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00:08:13,140 --> 00:08:10,120

Australian skeptic Society

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00:08:15,750 --> 00:08:13,150

to go under Pamela's spell our hidden

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00:08:18,120 --> 00:08:15,760

camera reveals it all happens in a

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00:08:19,820 --> 00:08:18,130

humble laundry she told me it would

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00:08:21,990 --> 00:08:19,830

start having an effect immediately

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00:08:24,330 --> 00:08:22,000

unfortunately I'm still the same B to C

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00:08:26,700 --> 00:08:24,340

cup that I was before I went in

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00:08:29,160 --> 00:08:26,710

what can I say it's kind of Multan so

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00:08:31,590 --> 00:08:29,170

there we go a Linda the vision has you

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00:08:35,010 --> 00:08:31,600

lying on a couch in a laundry

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00:08:37,200 --> 00:08:35,020

yeah we're sort of it wasn't like that

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00:08:38,820 --> 00:08:37,210

the back of her house it was it was a

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00:08:41,010 --> 00:08:38,830

pretty ramshackle house actually I

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00:08:42,750 --> 00:08:41,020

remember when I walked in what am I

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00:08:44,820 --> 00:08:42,760

getting into because like that the front

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00:08:46,260 --> 00:08:44,830

step was broken she was sitting out in

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00:08:47,670 --> 00:08:46,270

the front porch with in it with an

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00:08:49,680 --> 00:08:47,680

ashtray that would basically had a pile

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00:08:51,180 --> 00:08:49,690

of cigarette butts in it my mother this

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00:08:54,150 --> 00:08:51,190

is not exactly what you'd call doctor

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00:08:56,400 --> 00:08:54,160

surgery so he took me into this back

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00:08:59,880 --> 00:08:56,410

room and laid me down and and started

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00:09:03,240 --> 00:08:59,890

playing this tape you know to to

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00:09:06,780 --> 00:09:03,250

hypnotize me to get my bust size larger

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00:09:09,240 --> 00:09:06,790

needless to say didn't work it's quite

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00:09:12,750 --> 00:09:09,250

an interesting clip of you in the story

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00:09:14,940 --> 00:09:12,760

in just in a bra measuring your bust

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00:09:28,890 --> 00:09:14,950

size and maybe looking slightly

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00:09:30,990 --> 00:09:28,900

disappointed very interested the

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00:09:33,090 --> 00:09:31,000

measurement before and then I did the

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00:09:37,920 --> 00:09:33,100

measurement after and guess what no

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00:09:42,030 --> 00:09:37,930

difference now lady in question her name

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00:09:43,710 --> 00:09:42,040

is Pamela Scott and just after I found

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00:09:44,880 --> 00:09:43,720

this video and I sent it to you and we

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00:09:47,880 --> 00:09:44,890

all had a laugh I thought this might

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00:09:50,370 --> 00:09:47,890

make an interesting report I've tried to

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00:09:52,830 --> 00:09:50,380

find her but I think she may have

201  
00:09:54,420 --> 00:09:52,840  
dropped off the radar shortly after that

202  
00:09:56,580 --> 00:09:54,430  
because I really can't find any trace

203  
00:10:00,150 --> 00:09:56,590  
but it was it was something that was

204  
00:10:02,010 --> 00:10:00,160  
almost 20 years ago and she was making

205  
00:10:04,350 --> 00:10:02,020  
small sorts of claims about stem cells

206  
00:10:06,600 --> 00:10:04,360  
cuz stem cells at the time with was the

207  
00:10:07,550 --> 00:10:06,610  
big buzzword wasn't it or the buzz idea

208  
00:10:14,130 --> 00:10:07,560  
yeah

209  
00:10:18,690 --> 00:10:14,140  
people often ask me why we do these

210  
00:10:21,330 --> 00:10:18,700  
kinds of things and the problems we have

211  
00:10:23,220 --> 00:10:21,340  
at the moment with coronavirus really

212  
00:10:27,780 --> 00:10:23,230  
brings to light the reason why we do

213  
00:10:29,760 --> 00:10:27,790

what we do there's been decades of a war

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00:10:32,760 --> 00:10:29,770

against science and evidence and

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00:10:34,560 --> 00:10:32,770

evidence and this is the kind of thing

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00:10:35,610 --> 00:10:34,570

even though this woman herself was

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00:10:38,130 --> 00:10:35,620

pretty harmless

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00:10:40,140 --> 00:10:38,140

she was deluded because I

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00:10:42,690 --> 00:10:40,150

I think she believed what she was saying

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00:10:46,650 --> 00:10:42,700

yeah but still pretty harmless

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00:10:50,670 --> 00:10:46,660

but you know when when people believe

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00:10:52,680 --> 00:10:50,680

that any idea has value regardless of

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00:10:55,410 --> 00:10:52,690

the idea and should be investigated no

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00:10:57,090 --> 00:10:55,420

matter how ludicrous it is then we have

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00:10:59,190 --> 00:10:57,100

things like a President of the United

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00:11:08,490 --> 00:10:59,200

States saying maybe it would be a good

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00:11:10,830 --> 00:11:08,500

idea to inject yourself with this this

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00:11:13,290 --> 00:11:10,840

is the result of this kind of thinking

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00:11:16,260 --> 00:11:13,300

it's it's been a war against science and

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00:11:19,500 --> 00:11:16,270

here is the direct result yeah when we

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00:11:21,180 --> 00:11:19,510

have a problem like this and there's so

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much misinformation that's just allowed

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out into nowhere an interesting point

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00:11:29,010 --> 00:11:27,340

about this whole thing now is that all

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00:11:31,470 --> 00:11:29,020

these ideas that were floating out there

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00:11:33,390 --> 00:11:31,480

we've been fighting for years you know

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00:11:35,460 --> 00:11:33,400

the the quake the quacks and their

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00:11:36,480 --> 00:11:35,470

magical cures and their quantum energies

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00:11:39,210 --> 00:11:36,490

and all that sort of thing

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00:11:40,850 --> 00:11:39,220

and it has done harm in society but now

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it's really coming to the fore because

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they're starting to promote these things

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as cures or remedies or Prevention's for

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00:11:50,340 --> 00:11:48,040

coronavirus and I'm pleased to say in

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00:11:53,040 --> 00:11:50,350

some cases the media and the government

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00:11:54,990 --> 00:11:53,050

are actually now after all these years

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00:11:56,490 --> 00:11:55,000

taking real notice and saying hang on

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00:12:00,960 --> 00:11:56,500

that's that's the terrible claim to make

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in this time of coronavirus yeah all the

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00:12:03,420 --> 00:12:01,240

time

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00:12:05,220 --> 00:12:03,430

we were doing all of these things was

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00:12:07,140 --> 00:12:05,230

like banging a head against a brick wall

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00:12:10,650 --> 00:12:07,150

trying to fight against the media going

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00:12:12,750 --> 00:12:10,660

oh we've got a story well now it's a

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00:12:14,580 --> 00:12:12,760

case of people's lives and they are

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00:12:16,950 --> 00:12:14,590

showing some responsibility and not

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00:12:19,650 --> 00:12:16,960

allowing this kind of cracker eating to

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00:12:23,220 --> 00:12:19,660

go on but there's this is the result of

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00:12:25,380 --> 00:12:23,230

allowing the quackery to go on and and

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00:12:28,200 --> 00:12:25,390

and it's the reason why we we need to

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00:12:31,290 --> 00:12:28,210

keep on pointing out that some things

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00:12:33,480 --> 00:12:31,300

not not all thoughts are equal and some

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00:12:36,290 --> 00:12:33,490

stuff is just so stupid you need to

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00:12:39,330 --> 00:12:36,300

throw it out yeah it's it's it's

265

00:12:42,060 --> 00:12:39,340

gobsmacking ly stupid just to us some of

266

00:12:43,560 --> 00:12:42,070

it really is you know everything needs a

267

00:12:45,420 --> 00:12:43,570

fair hearing but after the fair hearing

268

00:12:47,460 --> 00:12:45,430

and it's still gobsmacking ly stupid

269

00:12:50,220 --> 00:12:47,470

what can you do but it wasn't all it

270

00:12:51,170 --> 00:12:50,230

wasn't all us looking for quacks and

271

00:12:53,030 --> 00:12:51,180

things

272

00:12:56,060 --> 00:12:53,040

all those years ago in the early part of

273

00:12:59,030 --> 00:12:56,070

the the century we were all so are you

274

00:13:00,830 --> 00:12:59,040

and I and our good friend Ian Bryce we

275

00:13:04,880 --> 00:13:00,840

had a lot of fun we investigated

276

00:13:07,280 --> 00:13:04,890

psychics how was it and that would to me

277

00:13:09,590 --> 00:13:07,290

was interesting let's talk about a

278

00:13:13,580 --> 00:13:09,600

couple of the times we were invited by

279

00:13:16,070 --> 00:13:13,590

psychics to turn up and sort of test

280

00:13:18,140 --> 00:13:16,080

them give them a bit of a look over

281

00:13:23,900 --> 00:13:18,150

because they were interested okay Philip

282

00:13:25,580 --> 00:13:23,910

the prize yeah hundred thousand

283

00:13:27,320 --> 00:13:25,590

it started out as ten thousand in the

284

00:13:29,990 --> 00:13:27,330

old days and then it became a hundred

285

00:13:31,190 --> 00:13:30,000

thousand dollars and that's and that's

286

00:13:32,720 --> 00:13:31,200

what they were though they were claiming

287

00:13:34,610 --> 00:13:32,730

it and they all sort of walked in

288

00:13:37,340 --> 00:13:34,620

thinking the money was there the money

289

00:13:40,700 --> 00:13:37,350

was there so one day you know I think

290

00:13:42,200 --> 00:13:40,710

about 2003 and luckily this is another

291

00:13:42,920 --> 00:13:42,210

thing I discovered going through some

292

00:13:45,590 --> 00:13:42,930

old archives

293

00:13:48,500 --> 00:13:45,600

I took my video camera and we recorded

294

00:13:51,020 --> 00:13:48,510

made a video we you irony and Bryce

295

00:13:53,360 --> 00:13:51,030

turned up at the house of one Marie

296

00:13:58,370 --> 00:13:53,370

teacher named I think that's how it was

297

00:14:01,340 --> 00:13:58,380

pronounced in 2003 who she spooks spoke

298

00:14:04,130 --> 00:14:01,350

to the spooks so if she talked about the

299

00:14:06,050 --> 00:14:04,140

spooks yeah and she we sat down in a

300

00:14:08,570 --> 00:14:06,060

little living room as far as I recall

301  
00:14:11,690 --> 00:14:08,580  
she said on the couch and one by one she

302  
00:14:15,110 --> 00:14:11,700  
read me then she read you and then she

303  
00:14:16,730 --> 00:14:15,120  
read Ian and then we transcribed that

304  
00:14:18,230 --> 00:14:16,740  
later on for reporting the skeptic

305  
00:14:19,760 --> 00:14:18,240  
magazine and still there for people to

306  
00:14:21,530 --> 00:14:19,770  
look at no link to that in this week's

307  
00:14:25,490 --> 00:14:21,540  
show notes what are your memories of

308  
00:14:28,190 --> 00:14:25,500  
that investigation well I was always a

309  
00:14:30,200 --> 00:14:28,200  
lot of fun because yo you and I studied

310  
00:14:32,480 --> 00:14:30,210  
how to do cold reading so we none of the

311  
00:14:34,880 --> 00:14:32,490  
kinds of visual clues that people look

312  
00:14:36,530 --> 00:14:34,890  
at so I was used to have a bit of fun

313  
00:14:39,440 --> 00:14:36,540

looking absolutely nothing like I really

314

00:14:41,120 --> 00:14:39,450

am I'm rather lucky in that I look about

315

00:14:44,090 --> 00:14:41,130

10 to 15 years younger than I actually

316

00:14:47,750 --> 00:14:44,100

am yeah yeah so so I used to rock up

317

00:14:51,480 --> 00:14:47,760

without my wedding rings on and you know

318

00:14:57,449 --> 00:14:54,030

and looking and looking like 25 when I

319

00:14:59,010 --> 00:14:57,459

was yet 40 and this one but she the

320

00:15:01,889 --> 00:14:59,020

first thing she did was ask us our age

321

00:15:04,079 --> 00:15:01,899

yes and I think you told her I said yeah

322

00:15:07,260 --> 00:15:04,089

I said 37 I said it straightaway

323

00:15:09,480 --> 00:15:07,270

there you go and and I said can you do

324

00:15:12,329 --> 00:15:09,490

the reading without knowing my age

325

00:15:13,920 --> 00:15:12,339

because we see for a woman your age is

326

00:15:15,240 --> 00:15:13,930

actually vitally important because there

327

00:15:16,079 --> 00:15:15,250

is a certain time when you're not going

328

00:15:19,500 --> 00:15:16,089

to have children anymore

329

00:15:21,329 --> 00:15:19,510

mm-hmm and I was at the states where I

330

00:15:24,690 --> 00:15:21,339

wasn't going to have children anymore

331

00:15:26,730 --> 00:15:24,700

so she would have known that telling me

332

00:15:29,310 --> 00:15:26,740

that I had to have children be a fair

333

00:15:35,639 --> 00:15:29,320

bet so there I am looking around about

334

00:15:37,019 --> 00:15:35,649

25 26 and looking like a bikie telling

335

00:15:38,490 --> 00:15:37,029

me all these things like I would lead I

336

00:15:39,930 --> 00:15:38,500

was a naughty girl and they need to

337

00:15:40,410 --> 00:15:39,940

settle down and get married and have

338

00:15:46,650 --> 00:15:40,420

children

339

00:15:49,740 --> 00:15:46,660

mmm this and in the end of it when we

340

00:15:51,930 --> 00:15:49,750

were giving her the result I said well

341

00:15:53,880 --> 00:15:51,940

you know here's the thing I've been

342

00:15:56,370 --> 00:15:53,890

married for over 20 years I have three

343

00:15:59,040 --> 00:15:56,380

children and I'm 40 and she and a mouth

344

00:16:01,019 --> 00:15:59,050

just dropped yes yeah yeah because she

345

00:16:02,310 --> 00:16:01,029

had no clue because I mean like I said I

346

00:16:03,120 --> 00:16:02,320

wasn't wearing my wedding rings yeah

347

00:16:05,220 --> 00:16:03,130

yeah

348

00:16:07,050 --> 00:16:05,230

and I looked nothing like somebody I did

349

00:16:09,840 --> 00:16:07,060

not look like a 40 year old mother yeah

350

00:16:14,250 --> 00:16:09,850

that's true so she her reading was based

351

00:16:17,990 --> 00:16:14,260

more or less on a false premise with

352

00:16:20,519 --> 00:16:18,000

cold reading they expect a conversation

353

00:16:22,260 --> 00:16:20,529

and of course we knew enough about it

354

00:16:25,500 --> 00:16:22,270

that we didn't give any answers we just

355

00:16:27,810 --> 00:16:25,510

gave yes or no answers so we didn't we

356

00:16:29,280 --> 00:16:27,820

didn't give her back much information at

357

00:16:31,079 --> 00:16:29,290

all because we know that's how that the

358

00:16:33,030 --> 00:16:31,089

the game works when she asked a direct

359

00:16:36,720 --> 00:16:33,040

question I think we answered it yes or

360

00:16:38,519 --> 00:16:36,730

no but we didn't go off into details

361

00:16:40,139 --> 00:16:38,529

patient at this she she could then feed

362

00:16:43,079 --> 00:16:40,149

back to us yeah and of course when you

363

00:16:44,610 --> 00:16:43,089

do at this time it yeah yeah yeah and I

364

00:16:45,960 --> 00:16:44,620

know it's worth mentioning and I'm just

365

00:16:48,030 --> 00:16:45,970

holding this up so you can have another

366

00:16:49,920 --> 00:16:48,040

look at that I have in my hot little

367

00:16:53,370 --> 00:16:49,930

hands here a book that you and I both

368

00:16:55,440 --> 00:16:53,380

relied on I still do I know you still

369

00:16:57,840 --> 00:16:55,450

have a coffee this is the full facts

370

00:17:03,750 --> 00:16:57,850

book of cold reading by Ian Rowland

371

00:17:04,829 --> 00:17:03,760

which we well that was about 2002 3

372

00:17:07,110 --> 00:17:04,839

something like that we

373

00:17:09,419 --> 00:17:07,120

we were getting our copies and devouring

374

00:17:10,860 --> 00:17:09,429

those and we know Ian he came to

375

00:17:12,809 --> 00:17:10,870

Australia a couple of times the man who

376

00:17:15,449 --> 00:17:12,819

wrote it and that's been out for lack of

377

00:17:17,189 --> 00:17:15,459

better word that's been our Bible for

378

00:17:20,789 --> 00:17:17,199

cold reading we studied it religiously

379

00:17:22,199 --> 00:17:20,799

we really did and so we were primed when

380

00:17:25,559 --> 00:17:22,209

wherever we went to investigate a

381

00:17:26,970 --> 00:17:25,569

psychic even to this day I know what's

382

00:17:28,740 --> 00:17:26,980

going on and you know what's going on

383

00:17:30,390 --> 00:17:28,750

because of the valuable lessons we

384

00:17:31,860 --> 00:17:30,400

learnt from that book folks it's called

385

00:17:32,970 --> 00:17:31,870

the full facts of cold reading again

386

00:17:35,430 --> 00:17:32,980

I'll link to that in the show notes

387

00:17:37,080 --> 00:17:35,440

interestingly enough for somebody who

388

00:17:42,600 --> 00:17:37,090

wanted to become a psychic it was

389

00:17:44,159 --> 00:17:42,610

basically a to-do list yes but for us of

390

00:17:46,789 --> 00:17:44,169

course it was a to-do list about the

391

00:17:49,919 --> 00:17:46,799

things to look for yeah yeah and how to

392

00:17:53,220 --> 00:17:49,929

and what to do in a cold reading so as

393

00:17:56,220 --> 00:17:53,230

to not volunteer its information and we

394

00:17:58,320 --> 00:17:56,230

soon discovered very soon discovered in

395

00:18:00,899 --> 00:17:58,330

our testing of various psychics that as

396

00:18:04,799 --> 00:18:00,909

soon as you cut off information to them

397

00:18:09,320 --> 00:18:04,809

they go dry very quickly in their whole

398

00:18:12,210 --> 00:18:09,330

routine so start to come out you know

399

00:18:16,950 --> 00:18:12,220

yeah either the moon is not in the right

400

00:18:18,810 --> 00:18:16,960

phase its or it's all back on us you're

401  
00:18:25,320 --> 00:18:18,820  
a very negative person you're very angry

402  
00:18:27,630 --> 00:18:25,330  
we had that you're very angry of course

403  
00:18:29,190 --> 00:18:27,640  
that the classic one as far as she was

404  
00:18:31,440 --> 00:18:29,200  
concerned if I'm remembering correctly

405  
00:18:33,289 --> 00:18:31,450  
as well this is what the spooks are

406  
00:18:35,909 --> 00:18:33,299  
telling me so shifting the

407  
00:18:37,950 --> 00:18:35,919  
responsibility off her onto us or onto

408  
00:18:38,360 --> 00:18:37,960  
some mystical spook so it's not her

409  
00:18:41,940 --> 00:18:38,370  
fault

410  
00:18:44,070 --> 00:18:41,950  
the spooks we're not providing the good

411  
00:18:49,110 --> 00:18:44,080  
information on that particular day yeah

412  
00:18:50,760 --> 00:18:49,120  
the another one very later on she was

413  
00:18:53,940 --> 00:18:50,770

quite upset that we published a report I

414

00:18:56,370 --> 00:18:53,950

seem to remember and later on I think it

415

00:18:58,139 --> 00:18:56,380

was later on probably that same year the

416

00:19:00,899 --> 00:18:58,149

three of us turned up at the house of a

417

00:19:04,500 --> 00:19:00,909

mr. sin no his son-in-law I think now

418

00:19:05,519 --> 00:19:04,510

mr. silly it was he was a lovely Fijian

419

00:19:09,330 --> 00:19:05,529

man hmm

420

00:19:12,330 --> 00:19:09,340

and he's some in-laws Australian that's

421

00:19:14,070 --> 00:19:12,340

right and he thought that they were

422

00:19:16,289 --> 00:19:14,080

going to be getting the hundred thousand

423

00:19:18,100 --> 00:19:16,299

dollar check to and they were amazed

424

00:19:20,560 --> 00:19:18,110

again this time

425

00:19:22,720 --> 00:19:20,570

I remember I went in dressed in more

426

00:19:26,950 --> 00:19:22,730

like spring type colors not as a bikie

427

00:19:28,330 --> 00:19:26,960

I looked about 22 yeah yeah and he was

428

00:19:31,210 --> 00:19:28,340

going to tell us anything that was

429

00:19:33,940 --> 00:19:31,220

physically wrong with us wasn't he yeah

430

00:19:36,190 --> 00:19:33,950

I think so you know I don't have a

431

00:19:39,820 --> 00:19:36,200

recording of that I do remember he was a

432

00:19:43,539 --> 00:19:39,830

palm reader so he he sat on the floor I

433

00:19:46,660 --> 00:19:43,549

think and we all said and one by one he

434

00:19:51,250 --> 00:19:46,670

examined our palms and went from there

435

00:19:53,530 --> 00:19:51,260

but my the the biggest memory I have of

436

00:19:54,940 --> 00:19:53,540

that and I'd have to reread a report

437

00:19:58,390 --> 00:19:54,950

again but the biggest memory I have of

438

00:20:01,570 --> 00:19:58,400

that is the disbelief of his son-in-law

439

00:20:03,490 --> 00:20:01,580

who was completely confused and

440

00:20:05,700 --> 00:20:03,500

perplexed that it didn't work with us

441

00:20:08,409 --> 00:20:05,710

because he was sure it worked every day

442

00:20:09,909 --> 00:20:08,419

yeah because yeah because they were

443

00:20:11,860 --> 00:20:09,919

listening information from people that

444

00:20:16,360 --> 00:20:11,870

they were just handing back but I do

445

00:20:18,159 --> 00:20:16,370

remember at the time I in the middle I

446

00:20:21,580 --> 00:20:18,169

said look there is actually something

447

00:20:23,740 --> 00:20:21,590

wrong with me right now I have something

448

00:20:26,890 --> 00:20:23,750

wrong can you tell me what it is any

449

00:20:28,510 --> 00:20:26,900

sort of hundun hard so said yeah your

450

00:20:32,110 --> 00:20:28,520

pains in your tummy period pain type

451  
00:20:35,590 --> 00:20:32,120  
thing you know and i said no i have

452  
00:20:37,600 --> 00:20:35,600  
whooping cough oh yes that's right yes I

453  
00:20:42,549 --> 00:20:37,610  
actually had a pink off at the time yeah

454  
00:20:49,000 --> 00:20:42,559  
and he said oh I can't do anything about

455  
00:20:51,159 --> 00:20:49,010  
of a natural condition and what what so

456  
00:20:52,390 --> 00:20:51,169  
you can only you can only heal unnatural

457  
00:20:55,720 --> 00:20:52,400  
conditions what are these unnatural

458  
00:20:58,510 --> 00:20:55,730  
conditions that you can heal well it was

459  
00:21:00,430 --> 00:20:58,520  
it was it was a good time because I was

460  
00:21:03,010 --> 00:21:00,440  
relatively new to the game although I

461  
00:21:05,919 --> 00:21:03,020  
learned very quickly after studying cold

462  
00:21:07,539 --> 00:21:05,929  
reading and looking at videos online and

463  
00:21:11,169 --> 00:21:07,549

then the best thing of course as we

464

00:21:13,150 --> 00:21:11,179

would go not only to test psychics like

465

00:21:15,430 --> 00:21:13,160

that for the \$100,000 prize

466

00:21:17,320 --> 00:21:15,440

we would go to mind body wallets we

467

00:21:19,539 --> 00:21:17,330

would go to live psychic shows so I

468

00:21:21,730 --> 00:21:19,549

think we've learnt an awful lot in a

469

00:21:23,289 --> 00:21:21,740

very quick time yeah the mind body

470

00:21:25,150 --> 00:21:23,299

wallet festivals were all very

471

00:21:26,799 --> 00:21:25,160

interesting because I used to go to the

472

00:21:30,549 --> 00:21:26,809

card readers and things like that that's

473

00:21:32,060 --> 00:21:30,559

right and yes you had a reading there

474

00:21:34,310 --> 00:21:32,070

didn't you yes I did

475

00:21:36,919 --> 00:21:34,320

yeah you did and then you came back I

476  
00:21:39,169 --> 00:21:36,929  
remember this very well you now we're

477  
00:21:40,820 --> 00:21:39,179  
talking about it it stood up the memory

478  
00:21:42,769 --> 00:21:40,830  
you went for this reading and we have

479  
00:21:44,389 --> 00:21:42,779  
little group of us were waiting then you

480  
00:21:48,739 --> 00:21:44,399  
came out and she looked you looked at me

481  
00:21:52,159 --> 00:21:48,749  
and she you said she saw you she

482  
00:21:54,139 --> 00:21:52,169  
mentioned something she saw me you know

483  
00:21:55,669 --> 00:21:54,149  
that's what you said and I said what and

484  
00:22:00,590 --> 00:21:55,679  
she said yeah she said this this and

485  
00:22:02,060 --> 00:22:00,600  
this and I thought oh that's Richard are

486  
00:22:03,979 --> 00:22:02,070  
you aren't serious but you said that's

487  
00:22:07,609 --> 00:22:03,989  
how you know people could connect the

488  
00:22:10,719 --> 00:22:07,619

dots you see yes yeah I love it when

489

00:22:13,940 --> 00:22:10,729

they say who's Patrick I don't know I

490

00:22:15,919 --> 00:22:13,950

see a mother figure you must know

491

00:22:18,739 --> 00:22:15,929

somebody called Petra seven I know three

492

00:22:20,539 --> 00:22:18,749

can you give me a last name that's right

493

00:22:22,339 --> 00:22:20,549

from the book isn't it that's right from

494

00:22:27,080 --> 00:22:22,349

the cold reading book if someone says I

495

00:22:28,969 --> 00:22:27,090

I see I see am a mary or or joe oh yes i

496

00:22:33,320 --> 00:22:28,979

know three which can you give me a

497

00:22:34,549 --> 00:22:33,330

surname please yes I mean I I do the

498

00:22:37,279 --> 00:22:34,559

same thing when I get these cold calls

499

00:22:39,080 --> 00:22:37,289

calling me telling me that I've been in

500

00:22:41,539 --> 00:22:39,090

an accident that wasn't my foot was in

501  
00:22:43,519 --> 00:22:41,549  
Australia I haven't got one myself I

502  
00:22:45,109 --> 00:22:43,529  
have heard about them you get them all

503  
00:22:47,239 --> 00:22:45,119  
don't we get them all the time here

504  
00:22:48,979 --> 00:22:47,249  
where they ring up and say we have

505  
00:22:50,989 --> 00:22:48,989  
records show that you've been in a car

506  
00:22:53,330 --> 00:22:50,999  
accident that wasn't your fault and I'd

507  
00:22:55,249 --> 00:22:53,340  
say well I've been in three is this the

508  
00:22:56,570 --> 00:22:55,259  
one where I backed into the wall the

509  
00:23:04,580 --> 00:22:56,580  
pond where the deer hit me all the one

510  
00:23:09,710 --> 00:23:04,590  
where I read over the puppy yeah hang up

511  
00:23:12,229 --> 00:23:09,720  
straightaway let's go they're off this

512  
00:23:14,739 --> 00:23:12,239  
script they're off their script learner

513  
00:23:17,749 --> 00:23:14,749

off their rocker another memorable time

514

00:23:21,710 --> 00:23:17,759

was that we were invited to take part in

515

00:23:23,629 --> 00:23:21,720

a TV pilot of a proposed new chat show

516

00:23:27,499 --> 00:23:23,639

where a group of celebrities lined up at

517

00:23:29,629 --> 00:23:27,509

a desk psychic you came on as the

518

00:23:32,719 --> 00:23:29,639

psychic to do a psychic reading from it

519

00:23:34,190 --> 00:23:32,729

to the to the audience and then revealed

520

00:23:37,249 --> 00:23:34,200

later that we were from the Australian

521

00:23:38,839 --> 00:23:37,259

skeptics and that pilot like many pilots

522

00:23:40,520 --> 00:23:38,849

had never made it to air but that was a

523

00:23:42,470 --> 00:23:40,530

fascinating experience well we

524

00:23:44,510 --> 00:23:42,480

well we did a couple of things one of

525

00:23:47,480 --> 00:23:44,520

them was cold reading one of them was

526

00:23:49,250 --> 00:23:47,490

hot reading hmm because we planted Peter

527

00:23:52,160 --> 00:23:49,260

Bowditch in the audience we did yes I

528

00:23:54,710 --> 00:23:52,170

old friend ratbags yeah yeah and so I

529

00:23:57,880 --> 00:23:54,720

did a psychic reading on him and I mean

530

00:24:00,110 --> 00:23:57,890

funnily enough forgot most things wrong

531

00:24:02,750 --> 00:24:00,120

there was another girl in the audience

532

00:24:03,980 --> 00:24:02,760

who I was I was doing a cold reading on

533

00:24:07,640 --> 00:24:03,990

her and she thought I had a direct

534

00:24:10,940 --> 00:24:07,650

connection to God I was just doing a

535

00:24:13,790 --> 00:24:10,950

cold reading it's hot it's it's scary

536

00:24:15,920 --> 00:24:13,800

how not hot it is I'm not very good at

537

00:24:16,910 --> 00:24:15,930

it I mean I can analyze it very well

538

00:24:18,890 --> 00:24:16,920

after all these years

539

00:24:21,290 --> 00:24:18,900

and I have done so many times but to sit

540

00:24:23,150 --> 00:24:21,300

down and just spontaneously do it it's

541

00:24:25,190 --> 00:24:23,160

not a particular skill of mine you're

542

00:24:26,630 --> 00:24:25,200

much better than me yeah well we did do

543

00:24:29,360 --> 00:24:26,640

a bit of rehearsing we used to practice

544

00:24:31,220 --> 00:24:29,370

with people we did ratbags was good

545

00:24:34,340 --> 00:24:31,230

actually he was pretty good yeah he was

546

00:24:37,940 --> 00:24:34,350

I remember one we we just got out a deck

547

00:24:40,550 --> 00:24:37,950

of cards tarot cards just cards and my

548

00:24:41,960 --> 00:24:40,560

daughter was having a party and we

549

00:24:44,090 --> 00:24:41,970

explained to the girls what we were

550

00:24:46,340 --> 00:24:44,100

doing and we said we wanted to practice

551  
00:24:48,230 --> 00:24:46,350  
doing some cold reading with you and of

552  
00:24:51,500 --> 00:24:48,240  
course they would like 16 year olds so

553  
00:24:54,230 --> 00:24:51,510  
they were the best fun we ever had was

554  
00:24:57,860 --> 00:24:54,240  
doing the school shows now that's a good

555  
00:25:00,050 --> 00:24:57,870  
point folks a Linda and Ian Bryce and

556  
00:25:02,390 --> 00:25:00,060  
myself were the three original members

557  
00:25:05,300 --> 00:25:02,400  
of the mystery investigators troupe and

558  
00:25:07,250 --> 00:25:05,310  
over the years Peter Bowdoin yeah Ian

559  
00:25:11,540 --> 00:25:07,260  
Bryce's original member Maynard dr.

560  
00:25:13,340 --> 00:25:11,550  
rachey dr. chrissy and if there's

561  
00:25:14,960 --> 00:25:13,350  
anybody else I'm forgetting forgive me

562  
00:25:17,990 --> 00:25:14,970  
but the show's been going for nearly 20

563  
00:25:19,580 --> 00:25:18,000

years but the three of us we were the

564

00:25:23,210 --> 00:25:19,590

original mystery investigators and we

565

00:25:25,430 --> 00:25:23,220

turned up at the school in the abbot's

566

00:25:28,070 --> 00:25:25,440

Lee school school for young ladies yeah

567

00:25:30,530 --> 00:25:28,080

and we did that we did a free show to

568

00:25:32,710 --> 00:25:30,540

test the waters and that led to the the

569

00:25:35,210 --> 00:25:32,720

show going we did it every year and

570

00:25:36,650 --> 00:25:35,220

since then every year the mystery or

571

00:25:38,390 --> 00:25:36,660

investigators in one form or another

572

00:25:39,740 --> 00:25:38,400

have been performing this is the first

573

00:25:41,360 --> 00:25:39,750

year where the show's in doubt because

574

00:25:43,010 --> 00:25:41,370

of the current situation but we shall

575

00:25:45,050 --> 00:25:43,020

see but that was great

576

00:25:47,030 --> 00:25:45,060

I mean what a wonderful thing to be

577

00:25:49,490 --> 00:25:47,040

powered off when when the mystery

578

00:25:52,340 --> 00:25:49,500

investigators started it was well I mean

579

00:25:54,680 --> 00:25:52,350

Ill mean I just loved you made do

580

00:25:56,360 --> 00:25:54,690

all of these kind of psychic things in

581

00:25:57,799 --> 00:25:56,370

the water divining and all those things

582

00:26:00,860 --> 00:25:57,809

we used to do in the show well wonderful

583

00:26:04,039 --> 00:26:00,870

but what was great was the whole point

584

00:26:06,529 --> 00:26:04,049

of it was showing how science works

585

00:26:09,980 --> 00:26:06,539

showing what an actual double-blind test

586

00:26:12,470 --> 00:26:09,990

is showing how you can see through a

587

00:26:15,590 --> 00:26:12,480

scam with because remember we used to do

588

00:26:17,090 --> 00:26:15,600

that old trick of James Randy's where

589

00:26:19,640 --> 00:26:17,100

we'd have the piece of paper with the

590

00:26:21,710 --> 00:26:19,650

horoscope on it and we'd have 12 pieces

591

00:26:24,680 --> 00:26:21,720

of paper one for each star sign and we'd

592

00:26:26,240 --> 00:26:24,690

hand it around to the room and get them

593

00:26:28,399 --> 00:26:26,250

to read it and they'd all score it to

594

00:26:30,710 --> 00:26:28,409

see how accurate was that all give

595

00:26:32,330 --> 00:26:30,720

scores of not seven eight nine ten and

596

00:26:33,980 --> 00:26:32,340

then we'd get them to hand them to each

597

00:26:36,350 --> 00:26:33,990

other and then I realize it's exactly

598

00:26:38,870 --> 00:26:36,360

the same horoscope and that script was

599

00:26:40,580 --> 00:26:38,880

direct from James Randi and I wrote him

600

00:26:43,279 --> 00:26:40,590

at the time and even he said please use

601  
00:26:45,980 --> 00:26:43,289  
it although I must I seem to remember

602  
00:26:47,659 --> 00:26:45,990  
that over the years sometimes you'd get

603  
00:26:49,220 --> 00:26:47,669  
the odd kid who would say no it's

604  
00:26:52,039 --> 00:26:49,230  
nothing like me I'm giving it a zero

605  
00:26:57,350 --> 00:26:52,049  
just because they're 16 or 17 and or 15

606  
00:26:58,520 --> 00:26:57,360  
and that's what kids - now great great

607  
00:26:59,930 --> 00:26:58,530  
memories from the early days of the

608  
00:27:03,350 --> 00:26:59,940  
mystery investigators and that was an

609  
00:27:05,510 --> 00:27:03,360  
idea we cooked up after we were at a

610  
00:27:07,610 --> 00:27:05,520  
lunch at an Australian skeptics

611  
00:27:10,159 --> 00:27:07,620  
convention or a dinner and we were

612  
00:27:13,310 --> 00:27:10,169  
seated at the same table as a science

613  
00:27:18,980 --> 00:27:13,320

teacher and that idea just came to us

614

00:27:21,980 --> 00:27:18,990

then thought wow this would be a great

615

00:27:24,560 --> 00:27:21,990

thing to do in schools demonstrate how

616

00:27:26,360 --> 00:27:24,570

science works yeah in a fun way you know

617

00:27:27,890 --> 00:27:26,370

fun and and what a lot and and still the

618

00:27:30,860 --> 00:27:27,900

show still goes on hopefully hopefully

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00:27:31,940 --> 00:27:30,870

fingers crossed my skeptic says fingers

620

00:27:34,760 --> 00:27:31,950

crossed later this year we'll be

621

00:27:37,010 --> 00:27:34,770

performing that again I hope it does

622

00:27:39,799 --> 00:27:37,020

because it's it still performs a

623

00:27:41,659 --> 00:27:39,809

valuable service I think so and I still

624

00:27:43,669 --> 00:27:41,669

get a kick out of it may not any embrace

625

00:27:46,279 --> 00:27:43,679

at the moment are the team and we all

626  
00:27:47,930 --> 00:27:46,289  
love doing the mystery investigators Wow

627  
00:27:49,909 --> 00:27:47,940  
Olinda what a lot of happy and

628  
00:27:52,549 --> 00:27:49,919  
interesting memories from all those

629  
00:27:55,190 --> 00:27:52,559  
years ago of skepticism part of

630  
00:27:56,690 --> 00:27:55,200  
skeptical history must much of what we

631  
00:27:58,549 --> 00:27:56,700  
have been talking about is in the pages

632  
00:28:01,039 --> 00:27:58,559  
of the skeptic magazine because we would

633  
00:28:03,110 --> 00:28:01,049  
record it and would we would report hmm

634  
00:28:05,550 --> 00:28:03,120  
which was I think a very important thing

635  
00:28:08,760 --> 00:28:05,560  
it was certainly a lot of fun

636  
00:28:11,460 --> 00:28:08,770  
well I hope I hope you don't need to run

637  
00:28:12,540 --> 00:28:11,470  
off to the next hypnotist for various

638  
00:28:14,580 --> 00:28:12,550

body not anymore

639

00:28:18,210 --> 00:28:14,590

no it can't at the moment will not let

640

00:28:19,530 --> 00:28:18,220

leave the house there is that maybe they

641

00:28:23,900 --> 00:28:19,540

can do it remotely because a lot of

642

00:28:29,880 --> 00:28:28,260

hypnotize you wonderful to catch up with

643

00:28:32,130 --> 00:28:29,890

you a Linda I hope to see you in

644

00:28:33,870 --> 00:28:32,140

Australia next year I think you may be

645

00:28:36,870 --> 00:28:33,880

planning a visit will certainly catch up

646

00:28:38,850 --> 00:28:36,880

I long as we're allowed to travel I'm

647

00:28:41,310 --> 00:28:38,860

planning to be there next year excellent

648

00:28:43,470 --> 00:28:41,320

but for now a Linda Brown all the way

649

00:29:00,600 --> 00:28:43,480

over there in the UK thank you very much

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00:29:03,030 --> 00:29:00,610

you're very welcome hi my name's Jo

651  
00:29:05,490 --> 00:29:03,040  
Thornley and I'd like you to join my cup

652  
00:29:08,850 --> 00:29:05,500  
I'd like you to listen to my podcast

653  
00:29:10,440 --> 00:29:08,860  
about cults called zealot it's available

654  
00:29:12,390 --> 00:29:10,450  
pretty much any way you find podcasts

655  
00:29:15,930 --> 00:29:12,400  
with further reading on the zealot

656  
00:29:17,910 --> 00:29:15,940  
Facebook page each episode a guest joins

657  
00:29:19,890 --> 00:29:17,920  
me to talk about a specific cult where

658  
00:29:23,940 --> 00:29:19,900  
we answer the big questions like is

659  
00:29:35,769 --> 00:29:34,210  
and does anyone think they're Jesus hop

660  
00:29:37,779 --> 00:29:35,779  
over to my compound and have a listen

661  
00:29:44,190 --> 00:29:37,789  
I've just mixed up a fresh batch of

662  
00:29:44,200 --> 00:29:56,590  
[Music]

663  
00:30:03,620 --> 00:30:00,350

planned emic this story comes to us from

664

00:30:07,700 --> 00:30:03,630

the Australian skeptics website at WWF

665

00:30:10,820 --> 00:30:07,710

XCOM a u by Tim Mendham published on the

666

00:30:13,040 --> 00:30:10,830

12th of May 20 20 plan demmick

667

00:30:20,180 --> 00:30:13,050

conspiracy theory video plays

668

00:30:24,720 --> 00:30:21,910

[Music]

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00:30:27,820 --> 00:30:24,730

the anti-vaccine conspiratorial

670

00:30:30,040 --> 00:30:27,830

documentary planned emic which makes a

671

00:30:33,070 --> 00:30:30,050

range of misleading claims about covert

672

00:30:35,920 --> 00:30:33,080

19 has been playing a cat and mouse game

673

00:30:39,130 --> 00:30:35,930

with social media platforms since it was

674

00:30:41,770 --> 00:30:39,140

launched across a range of sites it was

675

00:30:44,650 --> 00:30:41,780

initially published on the 4th of may US

676  
00:30:47,440 --> 00:30:44,660  
time on video sites Vimeo and YouTube

677  
00:30:49,930 --> 00:30:47,450  
and quickly followed on Facebook

678  
00:30:53,350 --> 00:30:49,940  
Instagram Twitter and even the business

679  
00:30:56,110 --> 00:30:53,360  
matchup site LinkedIn on May the 7th

680  
00:30:57,580 --> 00:30:56,120  
Facebook YouTube and Vimeo all said they

681  
00:31:00,400 --> 00:30:57,590  
were removing the video from their

682  
00:31:02,530 --> 00:31:00,410  
platforms nonetheless planned Demick has

683  
00:31:06,910 --> 00:31:02,540  
drawn millions of views around the world

684  
00:31:09,700 --> 00:31:06,920  
in a post saying the 26 minute video is

685  
00:31:12,550 --> 00:31:09,710  
an excerpt from the future full-length

686  
00:31:16,060 --> 00:31:12,560  
documentary the producer of the video

687  
00:31:17,950 --> 00:31:16,070  
Mickey Willis urged readers to download

688  
00:31:20,800 --> 00:31:17,960

the video directly and reposted

689

00:31:23,710 --> 00:31:20,810

elsewhere in an effort to bypass the

690

00:31:26,130 --> 00:31:23,720

gatekeepers of free speech rarely has

691

00:31:28,750 --> 00:31:26,140

any such video being so widely

692

00:31:31,870 --> 00:31:28,760

distributed and so quickly and so

693

00:31:35,590 --> 00:31:31,880

thoroughly debunked across an even wider

694

00:31:40,120 --> 00:31:35,600

range of outlets in what is described as

695

00:31:43,600 --> 00:31:40,130

a hodgepodge of conspiratorial paranoid

696

00:31:45,490 --> 00:31:43,610

and delusional claims the video centers

697

00:31:47,470 --> 00:31:45,500

on a discredited former medical

698

00:31:50,650 --> 00:31:47,480

researcher turned anti vaccination

699

00:31:52,480 --> 00:31:50,660

activists Judy Mike Ovitz apart from the

700

00:31:54,940 --> 00:31:52,490

usual claims about Bill Gates being

701  
00:31:57,300 --> 00:31:54,950  
involved in the spread of the virus the

702  
00:31:59,430 --> 00:31:57,310  
film claims that

703  
00:32:03,120 --> 00:31:59,440  
Mike Ovitz was held in jail without

704  
00:32:05,940 --> 00:32:03,130  
charge she was actually briefly held on

705  
00:32:08,760 --> 00:32:05,950  
remand after an accusation of theft of a

706  
00:32:12,060 --> 00:32:08,770  
computer lab notebooks and other items

707  
00:32:15,480 --> 00:32:12,070  
from her former employer the Whittemore

708  
00:32:18,270 --> 00:32:15,490  
Peterson Institute the charges were

709  
00:32:20,460 --> 00:32:18,280  
later dropped she also claimed that the

710  
00:32:23,790 --> 00:32:20,470  
notebooks removed from the Institute

711  
00:32:26,070 --> 00:32:23,800  
were planted or the National Institute

712  
00:32:28,140 --> 00:32:26,080  
of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and

713  
00:32:30,510 --> 00:32:28,150

its director Anthony Falchi bribed

714

00:32:33,630 --> 00:32:30,520

investors McKeivitt Slater used the

715

00:32:37,320 --> 00:32:33,640

excuse for her incorrect claims that

716

00:32:39,030 --> 00:32:37,330

I've been confused for a decade and in

717

00:32:41,880 --> 00:32:39,040

the future she would try to be more

718

00:32:44,190 --> 00:32:41,890

clear when she talks about the criminal

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00:32:46,280 --> 00:32:44,200

charge I'll try to learn to say it

720

00:32:49,490 --> 00:32:46,290

differently

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00:32:53,630 --> 00:32:49,500

the virus was manipulated whereís

722

00:32:56,540 --> 00:32:53,640

analysis show that Tsarskoe vyd 2 is not

723

00:33:02,960 --> 00:32:56,550

a laboratory construct or a purposely

724

00:33:06,080 --> 00:33:02,970

manipulated virus flu vaccines increase

725

00:33:10,310 --> 00:33:06,090

the chance of contracting covert 19 by

726  
00:33:14,110 --> 00:33:10,320  
36% the claim miss represents a disputed

727  
00:33:18,320 --> 00:33:14,120  
paper which studied the 2017-2018

728  
00:33:20,960 --> 00:33:18,330  
influenza season predating the covert 19

729  
00:33:23,360 --> 00:33:20,970  
pandemic the claim that the flu vaccine

730  
00:33:26,360 --> 00:33:23,370  
increases the chance of contracting

731  
00:33:32,800 --> 00:33:26,370  
covert 19 does not appear in the

732  
00:33:36,470 --> 00:33:32,810  
original paper at all wearing masks

733  
00:33:39,580 --> 00:33:36,480  
literally activates your own virus

734  
00:33:42,650 --> 00:33:39,590  
you're getting sick from your own

735  
00:33:45,190 --> 00:33:42,660  
reactivated corona virus expressions

736  
00:33:48,260 --> 00:33:45,200  
this claim is unsupported by evidence

737  
00:33:50,000 --> 00:33:48,270  
masks prevent airborne transmission of

738  
00:33:53,510 --> 00:33:50,010

the virus especially during the

739

00:33:55,790 --> 00:33:53,520

asymptomatic period up to 14 days when

740

00:33:58,460 --> 00:33:55,800

the carriers may not even be aware they

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00:34:01,580 --> 00:33:58,470

have the disease she also says that

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00:34:05,840 --> 00:34:01,590

beaches should remain open as healing

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00:34:09,710 --> 00:34:05,850

microbes in the salt water and sequences

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00:34:12,500 --> 00:34:09,720

in the sand can protect against the

745

00:34:15,100 --> 00:34:12,510

corona virus the video claims that the

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00:34:18,350 --> 00:34:15,110

numbers of covert 19 deaths are

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00:34:20,750 --> 00:34:18,360

purposely being misreported in an effort

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00:34:23,600 --> 00:34:20,760

to control people the video was

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00:34:26,119 --> 00:34:23,610

immediately and widely blasted by such

750

00:34:29,060 --> 00:34:26,129

outlets as the American Association for

751  
00:34:32,740 --> 00:34:29,070  
the Advancement of science fact-checking

752  
00:34:38,110 --> 00:34:32,750  
sites Snopes and PolitiFact BuzzFeed

753  
00:34:41,119 --> 00:34:38,120  
Wikipedia BBC Forbes and of course

754  
00:34:44,180 --> 00:34:41,129  
in-depth reports on YouTube itself among

755  
00:34:46,550 --> 00:34:44,190  
many others nonetheless the video was

756  
00:34:50,600 --> 00:34:46,560  
supported by such medical and scientific

757  
00:34:54,830 --> 00:34:50,610  
experts as entertainers football players

758  
00:34:56,659 --> 00:34:54,840  
and Instagram influences usually the

759  
00:34:59,620 --> 00:34:56,669  
preserve of food entertainment and

760  
00:35:02,900 --> 00:34:59,630  
fashion promoters as well as various

761  
00:35:04,400 --> 00:35:02,910  
Kardashian's in a matter of hours the

762  
00:35:07,570 --> 00:35:04,410  
video became one of the most widespread

763  
00:35:09,830 --> 00:35:07,580

pieces of coronavirus misinformation

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00:35:12,680 --> 00:35:09,840

drawing millions of views across the

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00:35:14,690 --> 00:35:12,690

major technology platforms its success

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00:35:17,810 --> 00:35:14,700

underscores how misleading information

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00:35:20,060 --> 00:35:17,820

about the corona virus crisis continues

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00:35:23,300 --> 00:35:20,070

to circulate with some indications that

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00:35:26,360 --> 00:35:23,310

growing fear and frustration are making

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00:35:31,480 --> 00:35:26,370

conspiracy theories more appetizing to a

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00:35:34,190 --> 00:35:31,490

larger audience earlier research issues

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00:35:38,060 --> 00:35:34,200

Mike Ovitz is no stranger to controversy

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00:35:42,140 --> 00:35:38,070

as reported by Snopes in an in-depth

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00:35:43,100 --> 00:35:42,150

investigation in 2009 biologist Judy

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00:35:44,570 --> 00:35:43,110

Mike Ovitz

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00:35:46,570 --> 00:35:44,580

who was then the

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00:35:49,000 --> 00:35:46,580

research director at the chronic fatigue

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00:35:53,090 --> 00:35:49,010

focused with a more Peterson Institute

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00:35:55,160 --> 00:35:53,100

WPI published a paper on what she and

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00:35:57,260 --> 00:35:55,170

many others thought to be a major

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00:36:00,170 --> 00:35:57,270

scientific breakthrough in the

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00:36:01,820 --> 00:36:00,180

prestigious journal science a team

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00:36:04,150 --> 00:36:01,830

alleged to have demonstrated an

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00:36:07,730 --> 00:36:04,160

association between a newly discovered

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00:36:12,980 --> 00:36:07,740

retrovirus called Xena tropic murine

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00:36:15,770 --> 00:36:12,990

leukemia virus related virus XM RV and

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00:36:19,180 --> 00:36:15,780

the poorly understood condition known as

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00:36:21,860 --> 00:36:19,190

chronic fatigue syndrome see if s

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00:36:24,790 --> 00:36:21,870

suggesting a potential virus caused for

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00:36:27,830 --> 00:36:24,800

CFS the paper receives substantial

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00:36:30,050 --> 00:36:27,840

international coverage however as with

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00:36:32,420 --> 00:36:30,060

so many other potentially groundbreaking

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00:36:34,040 --> 00:36:32,430

studies nobody including many of the

794

00:36:36,800 --> 00:36:34,050

same researchers involved in the

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00:36:39,410 --> 00:36:36,810

original study was able to replicate its

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00:36:41,480 --> 00:36:39,420

results numerous attempts failed to

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00:36:43,700 --> 00:36:41,490

replicate the study and the research

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00:36:47,240 --> 00:36:43,710

itself came under increasing scrutiny

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00:36:49,580 --> 00:36:47,250

for sloppy methods and its reliance on

800

00:36:53,770 --> 00:36:49,590

misleading or manufactured figures on

801  
00:36:56,960 --> 00:36:53,780  
July 1 2011 Sciences editors issued a

802  
00:37:00,350 --> 00:36:56,970  
statement of concern about the paper on

803  
00:37:03,050 --> 00:37:00,360  
14th of October 2011 the authors issued

804  
00:37:05,330 --> 00:37:03,060  
a partial retraction of their paper that

805  
00:37:09,830 --> 00:37:05,340  
touched on issues with some of their

806  
00:37:12,230 --> 00:37:09,840  
figures finally on 23 December 2011 the

807  
00:37:15,290 --> 00:37:12,240  
editors of science retracted the paper

808  
00:37:18,050 --> 00:37:15,300  
in full perhaps the final word should go

809  
00:37:21,230 --> 00:37:18,060  
to zoom-in Damania a physician and

810  
00:37:24,230 --> 00:37:21,240  
online personality who posted a doctor's

811  
00:37:27,920 --> 00:37:24,240  
react to plan Demick on his youtube

812  
00:37:30,020 --> 00:37:27,930  
channel this is crazy don't waste your

813  
00:37:32,090 --> 00:37:30,030

time watching it don't waste your time

814

00:37:34,610 --> 00:37:32,100

sharing it don't waste your time talking

815

00:37:37,190 --> 00:37:34,620

about it I can't believe I'm wasting my

816

00:37:39,530 --> 00:37:37,200

time doing this but I just want to stop

817

00:37:41,630 --> 00:37:39,540

getting messages about it because it's

818

00:37:44,920 --> 00:37:41,640

really frustrating to think that people

819

00:37:47,510 --> 00:37:44,930

are this fricking stupid

820

00:37:49,540 --> 00:37:47,520

really you guys like we don't have other

821

00:37:52,160 --> 00:37:49,550

things to worry about than a crazy

822

00:37:54,710 --> 00:37:52,170

attention-seeking person who is using

823

00:37:56,270 --> 00:37:54,720

this crisis to capitalize here she's

824

00:37:57,480 --> 00:37:56,280

been at this for years

825

00:38:02,550 --> 00:37:57,490

go back

826  
00:38:03,510 --> 00:38:02,560  
anti-vaccine sites you should and people

827  
00:38:05,780 --> 00:38:03,520  
say oh I'm just attacking her

828  
00:38:08,609 --> 00:38:05,790  
credibility and using ad hominem yeah

829  
00:38:10,349 --> 00:38:08,619  
you should look at the credibility of

830  
00:38:11,940 --> 00:38:10,359  
the people who are trying to convince

831  
00:38:14,880 --> 00:38:11,950  
you that they're right when they don't

832  
00:38:16,560 --> 00:38:14,890  
have any science to prove it then you

833  
00:38:18,060 --> 00:38:16,570  
look at the credibility and you look at

834  
00:38:20,280 --> 00:38:18,070  
the people that they're associating with

835  
00:38:24,210 --> 00:38:20,290  
and they're citing and you realize they

836  
00:38:24,839 --> 00:38:24,220  
are all non credible lunatics done case

837  
00:38:26,760 --> 00:38:24,849  
closed

838  
00:38:29,339 --> 00:38:26,770

stop talking about it all right guys

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00:38:33,800 --> 00:38:29,349

share this video I love you and we out

840

00:38:35,680 --> 00:38:33,810

peace and stupid

841

00:38:37,960 --> 00:38:35,690

[Music]

842

00:38:40,299 --> 00:38:37,970

and that was planned emic conspiracy

843

00:38:43,299 --> 00:38:40,309

video plays cat-and-mouse with platforms

844

00:38:46,079 --> 00:38:43,309

published on the 12th of May 20 20 by

845

00:38:49,430 --> 00:38:46,089

team Mendham and you can read that at

846

00:38:59,310 --> 00:38:49,440

WWF Tex calm a you

847

00:39:03,430 --> 00:39:01,990

did you know that besides the emotional

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00:39:05,170 --> 00:39:03,440

harm that can come from trusting

849

00:39:08,230 --> 00:39:05,180

psychics and mediums there can be

850

00:39:10,090 --> 00:39:08,240

enormous harm to your wallet uncoun

851  
00:39:12,580 --> 00:39:10,100  
people have become victims of these con

852  
00:39:15,520 --> 00:39:12,590  
artists and lose vast sums up to their

853  
00:39:17,950 --> 00:39:15,530  
entire life savings this is Rob Palmer

854  
00:39:19,900 --> 00:39:17,960  
the well-known skeptic join me for a

855  
00:39:22,020 --> 00:39:19,910  
zoom presentation where I will tell the

856  
00:39:25,090 --> 00:39:22,030  
tale of this underreported problem in

857  
00:39:27,280 --> 00:39:25,100  
short I'll explain what's the harm in

858  
00:39:29,830 --> 00:39:27,290  
believing in psychics and I will lay out

859  
00:39:35,590 --> 00:39:29,840  
in no uncertain terms just who's to

860  
00:39:38,530 --> 00:39:35,600  
blame so join me for this international

861  
00:39:41,770 --> 00:39:38,540  
presentation on Friday May 22nd at 11

862  
00:39:44,410 --> 00:39:41,780  
a.m. Pacific Daylight Time that's 2 p.m.

863  
00:39:47,020 --> 00:39:44,420

Eastern Daylight Time in 7 p.m.

864

00:39:50,500 --> 00:39:47,030

Greenwich Mean Time in Sydney that

865

00:39:52,360 --> 00:39:50,510

Saturday May 23rd at 4 a.m. don't worry

866

00:39:55,060 --> 00:39:52,370

if you can't make it the stream will be

867

00:39:57,010 --> 00:39:55,070

saved to Facebook and YouTube for more

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00:40:03,800 --> 00:39:57,020

information and the link go to

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00:40:30,510 --> 00:40:28,570

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logical fallacies

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[Music]

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00:40:38,510 --> 00:40:36,450

what are the logical fallacies and why

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00:40:40,770 --> 00:40:38,520

is it important that critical thinkers

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00:40:43,530 --> 00:40:40,780

should know about them

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00:40:46,560 --> 00:40:43,540

a logical fallacy is an error we can

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00:40:48,810 --> 00:40:46,570

make in reasoning but it usually crops

877

00:40:52,560 --> 00:40:48,820

up when we are discussing or arguing our

878

00:40:54,990 --> 00:40:52,570

point of view some people might even

879

00:40:56,700 --> 00:40:55,000

knowingly use them to try and score

880

00:41:00,600 --> 00:40:56,710

cheap points in an argument

881

00:41:03,180 --> 00:41:00,610

due to intellectual laziness they are

882

00:41:05,430 --> 00:41:03,190

traps we can fall into but if we know

883

00:41:07,710 --> 00:41:05,440

what to look out for we can spot them

884

00:41:14,070 --> 00:41:07,720

when they occur and stop ourselves from

885

00:41:18,300 --> 00:41:14,080

using them this time we'll look at the

886

00:41:21,180 --> 00:41:18,310

slippery slope also known as the thin

887

00:41:24,090 --> 00:41:21,190

edge of the wedge or the Domino fallacy

888

00:41:26,730 --> 00:41:24,100

this is where it is asserted that a

889

00:41:29,130 --> 00:41:26,740

relatively small step or action in a

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00:41:31,950 --> 00:41:29,140

certain direction will lead to a chain

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00:41:32,960 --> 00:41:31,960

of events with a larger and negative

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00:41:35,430 --> 00:41:32,970

result

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00:41:37,980 --> 00:41:35,440

imagine you were standing on top of a

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00:41:41,640 --> 00:41:37,990

mountain and the path down is covered

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00:41:44,190 --> 00:41:41,650

with ice take one small step on the path

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00:41:47,750 --> 00:41:44,200

and before you know it you are sliding

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00:41:51,060 --> 00:41:47,760

down unable to stop and hit the bottom

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00:41:53,430 --> 00:41:51,070

you end up with unforeseen injuries and

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00:41:56,490 --> 00:41:53,440

maybe crash into something else and

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00:41:59,760 --> 00:41:56,500

caused damage that's the basic idea with

901  
00:42:02,190 --> 00:41:59,770  
this logical fallacy a small action now

902  
00:42:05,070 --> 00:42:02,200  
will inevitably lead to a chain of

903  
00:42:07,350 --> 00:42:05,080  
events with a bad result at the end if

904  
00:42:09,270 --> 00:42:07,360  
they regulate homeopathy the next thing

905  
00:42:11,280 --> 00:42:09,280  
you know they'll be regulating and

906  
00:42:13,560 --> 00:42:11,290  
eventually banning all forms of

907  
00:42:15,960 --> 00:42:13,570  
alternative medicine we see this

908  
00:42:18,090 --> 00:42:15,970  
slippery slope argument being used by

909  
00:42:20,730 --> 00:42:18,100  
proponents of so-called alternative

910  
00:42:24,060 --> 00:42:20,740  
medicine to protect their modality from

911  
00:42:26,400 --> 00:42:24,070  
what would be normal scrutiny homeopathy

912  
00:42:29,310 --> 00:42:26,410  
like any other form of alternative

913  
00:42:32,430 --> 00:42:29,320

medicine and even mainstream medicine

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00:42:35,670 --> 00:42:32,440

should indeed be regulated as it makes

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00:42:37,920 --> 00:42:35,680

very specific health claims but that

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00:42:41,400 --> 00:42:37,930

does not mean it will therefore end up

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00:42:43,650 --> 00:42:41,410

getting banned from use in the case of

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00:42:44,760 --> 00:42:43,660

homeopathy it would be very hard to burn

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00:42:47,760 --> 00:42:44,770

sugar pills

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00:42:52,310 --> 00:42:47,770

if we don't ban genetically modified

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00:42:55,259 --> 00:42:52,320

foods we'll end up with Frankenfood

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00:42:58,089 --> 00:42:55,269

Frankenfood first appeared in 90

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00:43:00,609 --> 00:42:58,099

in a letter to the New York Times by

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00:43:03,910 --> 00:43:00,619

English professor Paul Lewis condemning

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00:43:06,489 --> 00:43:03,920

the genetic engineering of crops it has

926  
00:43:09,759 --> 00:43:06,499  
continued to be used as a scary term by

927  
00:43:13,390 --> 00:43:09,769  
anti GMO interest groups but has no

928  
00:43:15,609 --> 00:43:13,400  
basis in reality this fear of GMO foods

929  
00:43:17,680 --> 00:43:15,619  
arose in reaction to the development of

930  
00:43:20,199 --> 00:43:17,690  
crops that are not modified by being

931  
00:43:23,249 --> 00:43:20,209  
selectively cultivated in a traditional

932  
00:43:26,229 --> 00:43:23,259  
way but are instead modified in a lab

933  
00:43:29,559 --> 00:43:26,239  
perhaps the most famous example of this

934  
00:43:32,259 --> 00:43:29,569  
is when DNA plant technology of Oakland

935  
00:43:35,109 --> 00:43:32,269  
California which has since gone out of

936  
00:43:38,229 --> 00:43:35,119  
business splice to fish gene into a

937  
00:43:40,689 --> 00:43:38,239  
tomato the aim was to insert an

938  
00:43:43,809 --> 00:43:40,699

anti-freeze gene that helps flounder

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00:43:46,809 --> 00:43:43,819

survive frigid waters into a plant to

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00:43:50,019 --> 00:43:46,819

help its resistance to cold the fish

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00:43:52,900 --> 00:43:50,029

gene tomato didn't grow fins scales or

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00:43:56,589 --> 00:43:52,910

resemble a fish tomato hybrid monster in

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00:43:59,910 --> 00:43:56,599

any way however the fear inducing

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00:44:02,589 --> 00:43:59,920

imagery lives on despite being a total

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00:44:05,229 --> 00:44:02,599

misrepresentation of a tomato that could

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00:44:07,120 --> 00:44:05,239

have grown well in cooler climates had

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00:44:10,989 --> 00:44:07,130

it ever been permitted to reach the

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00:44:12,759 --> 00:44:10,999

market it's understandable to be a bit

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00:44:15,219 --> 00:44:12,769

fearful of the potential of new

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00:44:18,910 --> 00:44:15,229

technology that we don't understand well

951  
00:44:21,160 --> 00:44:18,920  
but improving crops genetically does not

952  
00:44:25,180 --> 00:44:21,170  
mean that we are sliding towards the

953  
00:44:27,339 --> 00:44:25,190  
development of Frankenfoods so they want

954  
00:44:30,729 --> 00:44:27,349  
to ban the teaching of creation science

955  
00:44:33,430 --> 00:44:30,739  
and schools what next soon they'll be

956  
00:44:35,559 --> 00:44:33,440  
trying to close down our churches we

957  
00:44:38,319 --> 00:44:35,569  
mentioned so called creation science in

958  
00:44:40,299 --> 00:44:38,329  
the middle ground fallacy while there

959  
00:44:42,640 --> 00:44:40,309  
are very good reasons not to teach this

960  
00:44:45,130 --> 00:44:42,650  
religion based mythology posing as a

961  
00:44:49,209 --> 00:44:45,140  
science in the classroom it does not

962  
00:44:50,859 --> 00:44:49,219  
therefore mean people should or will be

963  
00:44:55,049 --> 00:44:50,869

stopped from practicing their own

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00:44:57,519 --> 00:44:55,059

religion in their own places of worship

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00:45:00,189 --> 00:44:57,529

yes there are slippery slopes in this

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00:45:02,380 --> 00:45:00,199

world but there are also ways and means

967

00:45:03,579 --> 00:45:02,390

of avoiding them or breaking the chain

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00:45:05,890 --> 00:45:03,589

of events

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00:45:08,680 --> 00:45:05,900

just because something you do might lead

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00:45:12,489 --> 00:45:08,690

to a larger and negative outcome it

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00:45:14,799 --> 00:45:12,499

doesn't mean it always will small risks

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00:45:18,969 --> 00:45:14,809

you take now can be a step in the wrong

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00:45:25,269 --> 00:45:18,979

or in the right direction one thing does

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00:45:27,339 --> 00:45:25,279

not always lead to another knowing a

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00:45:30,519 --> 00:45:27,349

logical fallacy when you hear one and

976  
00:45:32,519 --> 00:45:30,529  
even knowing its name is important when

977  
00:45:35,529 --> 00:45:32,529  
arguing your point of view

978  
00:45:38,859 --> 00:45:35,539  
however you may come across as arrogant

979  
00:45:41,589 --> 00:45:38,869  
and not get very far if you call it out

980  
00:45:45,789 --> 00:45:41,599  
by name to your opponent when you hear

981  
00:45:48,700 --> 00:45:45,799  
it being used if your opponent calls you

982  
00:45:52,019 --> 00:45:48,710  
out for using one it's time to stop and

983  
00:45:54,599 --> 00:45:52,029  
think about how you are making your case

984  
00:45:58,359 --> 00:45:54,609  
use your knowledge of logical fallacies

985  
00:46:00,999 --> 00:45:58,369  
wisely and remember that even if your

986  
00:46:03,849 --> 00:46:01,009  
point of view is right and you know all

987  
00:46:06,160 --> 00:46:03,859  
the pitfalls in arguing your case it

988  
00:46:10,359 --> 00:46:06,170

doesn't always mean you'll win on the

989

00:46:16,120 --> 00:46:10,369

day and a skeptics we must also remember

990

00:46:18,640 --> 00:46:16,130

that we too can be wrong at times I'm

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00:46:32,010 --> 00:46:18,650

sure because my from the Vick skeptics

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00:46:38,140 --> 00:46:36,190

mmm I wonder if the Australian skeptics

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00:46:40,000 --> 00:46:38,150

National Convention skeptic on they're

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00:46:43,990 --> 00:46:40,010

still going ahead this year on the Gold

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00:46:46,210 --> 00:46:44,000

Coast in Queensland of all this of all

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00:46:51,370 --> 00:46:46,220

this lockdown and virus situation

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00:46:54,850 --> 00:46:51,380

worldwide hmm let's ease drop in one of

998

00:47:04,810 --> 00:46:54,860

the online meeting sessions of the

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00:47:06,570 --> 00:47:04,820

organizing committee okay April 9 nice

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00:47:09,190 --> 00:47:06,580

to see you in your virtual bubble it's

1001  
00:47:12,250 --> 00:47:09,200  
it's been interesting having all our

1002  
00:47:14,230 --> 00:47:12,260  
skeptic on meetings online hasn't it yes

1003  
00:47:16,300 --> 00:47:14,240  
so looking forward to seeing you in real

1004  
00:47:18,400 --> 00:47:16,310  
life

1005  
00:47:20,410 --> 00:47:18,410  
I keep getting some questions about our

1006  
00:47:23,620 --> 00:47:20,420  
conference the script on happening on

1007  
00:47:25,960 --> 00:47:23,630  
the coast where our plans yeah

1008  
00:47:28,210 --> 00:47:25,970  
definitely still going ahead at this

1009  
00:47:30,400 --> 00:47:28,220  
point where we're looking pretty good in

1010  
00:47:32,650 --> 00:47:30,410  
Australia in terms of what's happening

1011  
00:47:34,240 --> 00:47:32,660  
with our global pandemic locally the

1012  
00:47:35,680 --> 00:47:34,250  
numbers are looking good we all know

1013  
00:47:38,560 --> 00:47:35,690

that recently there have been some

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00:47:40,630 --> 00:47:38,570

restrictions that are eased so given

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00:47:42,520 --> 00:47:40,640

that we will know in about two to four

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00:47:44,500 --> 00:47:42,530

weeks where that curve is trending

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00:47:47,740 --> 00:47:44,510

hopefully we'll be able to make a firm

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00:47:50,670 --> 00:47:47,750

announce then in early to mid June so

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00:47:54,010 --> 00:47:50,680

that might be either going full online

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00:47:56,230 --> 00:47:54,020

or face-to-face especially if the

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00:47:58,990 --> 00:47:56,240

borders between states have opened up or

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00:48:01,780 --> 00:47:59,000

we might do a bit of a mixed model where

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00:48:04,030 --> 00:48:01,790

we have some online and some

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00:48:07,330 --> 00:48:04,040

face-to-face audience members and

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00:48:11,440 --> 00:48:07,340

speakers and fantastic let's hope it's

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00:48:15,370 --> 00:48:11,450

face to face what was it in the dates

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00:48:17,260 --> 00:48:15,380

our October 23rd to the 25th so that's

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00:48:20,170 --> 00:48:17,270

from the Friday evening until Sunday

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00:48:21,340 --> 00:48:20,180

easy um I've also had a few people ask

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00:48:23,230 --> 00:48:21,350

whether they can speak at this

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00:48:27,250 --> 00:48:23,240

conference are we putting out a call for

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00:48:29,500 --> 00:48:27,260

papers absolutely so we really like to

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00:48:32,200 --> 00:48:29,510

hear from the skeptical community we've

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00:48:35,440 --> 00:48:32,210

already put some invitations out to

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00:48:37,150 --> 00:48:35,450

local speakers that we know are very

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00:48:39,250 --> 00:48:37,160

good and many of them have already

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00:48:41,170 --> 00:48:39,260

accepted so that's really exciting but

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00:48:44,800 --> 00:48:41,180

we do have a couple of spots left for

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00:48:45,830 --> 00:48:44,810

those keen people out in the skeptics

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00:48:48,590 --> 00:48:45,840

here

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00:48:51,470 --> 00:48:48,600

so if you want to give us your idea just

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00:48:53,360 --> 00:48:51,480

go to skeptic on.org today you just

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00:48:54,950 --> 00:48:53,370

under the speaker's tab there is a call

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00:48:56,510 --> 00:48:54,960

for papers so you just need to fill out

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00:48:58,790 --> 00:48:56,520

the form and let us know what you'd like

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00:49:02,570 --> 00:48:58,800

to talk to us about sounds exciting in

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00:49:07,160 --> 00:49:02,580

some stead alright well hopefully I get

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00:49:08,990 --> 00:49:07,170

to say URL soon Sarah yes across here -

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00:49:17,680 --> 00:49:09,000

never good a little and look after

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00:49:20,870 --> 00:49:17,690

yourself so there you go skeptic on

1051  
00:49:24,680 --> 00:49:20,880  
still going ahead on the Gold Coast 23rd

1052  
00:49:26,560 --> 00:49:24,690  
to the 25th of October 2020 and it seems

1053  
00:49:28,820 --> 00:49:26,570  
like the committee are planning for

1054  
00:49:32,800 --> 00:49:28,830  
every possibility

1055  
00:49:36,650 --> 00:49:32,810  
relating to the covert 19 situation I

1056  
00:49:39,830 --> 00:49:36,660  
think I'd better go to skeptic on org

1057  
00:49:48,490 --> 00:49:39,840  
got a you to find out more

1058  
00:49:58,420 --> 00:49:55,620  
[Music]

1059  
00:50:01,620 --> 00:49:58,430  
now here's some good action taken by the

1060  
00:50:04,450 --> 00:50:01,630  
TGA the Therapeutic Goods Administration

1061  
00:50:05,550 --> 00:50:04,460  
with the press release dated the 13th of

1062  
00:50:11,460 --> 00:50:05,560  
May 2020

1063  
00:50:15,730 --> 00:50:11,470

mm s Australia find a hundred and fifty

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00:50:19,060 --> 00:50:15,740

\$1200 for alleged unlawful advertising

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00:50:22,900 --> 00:50:19,070

the TGA is the Australian Government's

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00:50:26,140 --> 00:50:22,910

Department of Health therapeutics Goods

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00:50:27,400 --> 00:50:26,150

Administration the therapeutics Goods

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00:50:30,430 --> 00:50:27,410

Administration TGA

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00:50:33,310 --> 00:50:30,440

has issued 12 infringement notices

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00:50:36,000 --> 00:50:33,320

totaling a hundred and fifty 1200

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00:50:39,280 --> 00:50:36,010

dollars for the alleged unlawful

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00:50:43,089 --> 00:50:39,290

advertising of miracle mineral

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00:50:46,900 --> 00:50:43,099

supplement also referred to as miracle

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00:50:48,849 --> 00:50:46,910

mineral solution mms and other medicines

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00:50:51,550 --> 00:50:48,859

by Southern Cross directories

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00:50:54,940 --> 00:50:51,560

proprietary limited trading as MS

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00:50:57,760 --> 00:50:54,950

Australia the TGA is concerned about the

1078

00:51:01,300 --> 00:50:57,770

harmful effects that can be caused by

1079

00:51:03,670 --> 00:51:01,310

the ingestion of mms and has published

1080

00:51:07,420 --> 00:51:03,680

an update safety alert to warn consumers

1081

00:51:10,570 --> 00:51:07,430

about claims made online about miracle

1082

00:51:13,960 --> 00:51:10,580

mineral solution mms for the treatment

1083

00:51:17,290 --> 00:51:13,970

cure prevention or alleviation of

1084

00:51:19,960 --> 00:51:17,300

disease including cove at 19

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00:51:22,690 --> 00:51:19,970

there is no clinical scientifically

1086

00:51:26,050 --> 00:51:22,700

accepted evidence showing that mms can

1087

00:51:28,870 --> 00:51:26,060

cure or alleviate any disease the use of

1088

00:51:31,839 --> 00:51:28,880

mms presents serious health risks that

1089

00:51:35,680 --> 00:51:31,849

can result in nausea vomiting diarrhea

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00:51:38,609 --> 00:51:35,690

and severe dehydration which in some

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00:51:41,290 --> 00:51:38,619

cases can result in hospitalization as

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00:51:43,570 --> 00:51:41,300

mms Australia has promoted a number of

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00:51:46,480 --> 00:51:43,580

its products as being for therapeutic

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00:51:49,060 --> 00:51:46,490

uses the products are subject to the

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00:51:52,650 --> 00:51:49,070

regulatory framework established under

1096

00:51:56,800 --> 00:51:52,660

the therapeutics Goods Act 1999 and

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00:51:58,990 --> 00:51:56,810

administered by the TGA and we find

1098

00:52:02,730 --> 00:51:59,000

further information on the website of

1099

00:52:06,510 --> 00:52:02,740

ABC News ABC News doc net dot a you

1100

00:52:08,950 --> 00:52:06,520

Church in Australia selling bleach as

1101  
00:52:10,240 --> 00:52:08,960  
coronavirus treatment fined 100

1102  
00:52:13,990 --> 00:52:10,250  
fifty-one thousand two hundred dollars

1103  
00:52:18,420 --> 00:52:14,000  
and this was published on the 14th of

1104  
00:52:20,859 --> 00:52:18,430  
May by grace Tobin and it says in part

1105  
00:52:22,900 --> 00:52:20,869  
the Australian chapter of an

1106  
00:52:27,310 --> 00:52:22,910  
international church selling and

1107  
00:52:29,290 --> 00:52:27,320  
promoting bleach as a cure for covert 19

1108  
00:52:33,430 --> 00:52:29,300  
has been issued with infringement

1109  
00:52:34,060 --> 00:52:33,440  
notices the Genesis to church of health

1110  
00:52:37,980 --> 00:52:34,070  
and healing

1111  
00:52:42,820 --> 00:52:37,990  
has been claiming chlorine oxide is a

1112  
00:52:44,940 --> 00:52:42,830  
quote miracle cure unquote for years it

1113  
00:52:49,480 --> 00:52:44,950

has solved the industrial bleach as

1114

00:52:53,829 --> 00:52:49,490

miracle mineral solution mms stating and

1115

00:52:59,320 --> 00:52:53,839

can cure things like autism acne cancer

1116

00:53:01,359 --> 00:52:59,330

diabetes and now co vat19 mms has not

1117

00:53:04,270 --> 00:53:01,369

been approved for human consumption in

1118

00:53:07,120 --> 00:53:04,280

australia it is being sold as quote

1119

00:53:09,550 --> 00:53:07,130

water purification drops and quote on

1120

00:53:13,089 --> 00:53:09,560

the website of the australian chapter of

1121

00:53:15,760 --> 00:53:13,099

the church mms australia and this comes

1122

00:53:19,359 --> 00:53:15,770

about from an investigation by the 730

1123

00:53:22,240 --> 00:53:19,369

program on the ABC television it goes on

1124

00:53:24,220 --> 00:53:22,250

to say a TGA spokesman told 730 it was

1125

00:53:26,950 --> 00:53:24,230

concerned about the harmful effects that

1126  
00:53:29,200 --> 00:53:26,960  
could be caused by the ingestion of mms

1127  
00:53:33,310 --> 00:53:29,210  
and our friend associate professor ken

1128  
00:53:35,800 --> 00:53:33,320  
harvey as a mentioned here associate

1129  
00:53:38,020 --> 00:53:35,810  
professor ken harvey an expert in public

1130  
00:53:41,410 --> 00:53:38,030  
health from Monash University has been

1131  
00:53:43,140 --> 00:53:41,420  
lobbying the TGA to ban the sale of mms

1132  
00:53:46,690 --> 00:53:43,150  
in Australia for the past ten years

1133  
00:53:49,630 --> 00:53:46,700  
quote it is dangerous in quote associate

1134  
00:53:52,450 --> 00:53:49,640  
professor Harvey told seven-thirty quote

1135  
00:53:54,099 --> 00:53:52,460  
deaths have occurred serious admissions

1136  
00:53:56,589 --> 00:53:54,109  
to hospital from this particular

1137  
00:53:59,079 --> 00:53:56,599  
substance in quote associate professor

1138  
00:54:02,170 --> 00:53:59,089

Harvey said while it was good to see the

1139

00:54:04,780 --> 00:54:02,180

TGA crack down on mms Australia the

1140

00:54:05,130 --> 00:54:04,790

infringement notices didn't go far

1141

00:54:08,530 --> 00:54:05,140

enough

1142

00:54:10,390 --> 00:54:08,540

quote their website MMS Australia is

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00:54:13,000 --> 00:54:10,400

still promoting and selling these

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00:54:15,970 --> 00:54:13,010

products or be it with a disclaimer that

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00:54:18,070 --> 00:54:15,980

these products are quote Church

1146

00:54:20,800 --> 00:54:18,080

sacraments and quote and not

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00:54:22,390 --> 00:54:20,810

therapeutics Goods and quote he said and

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00:54:24,700 --> 00:54:22,400

there's quite a bit

1149

00:54:28,569 --> 00:54:24,710

water that story but I'll certainly link

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00:54:30,670 --> 00:54:28,579

to those articles on this week's show

1151  
00:54:32,920 --> 00:54:30,680  
notes and in fact there's even a short

1152  
00:54:35,519 --> 00:54:32,930  
video about that you can watch as well

1153  
00:54:39,099 --> 00:54:35,529  
and while we're talking about

1154  
00:54:40,299 --> 00:54:39,109  
coronavirus and associated matters I was

1155  
00:54:43,510 --> 00:54:40,309  
on the skeptics guide to the universe

1156  
00:54:46,750 --> 00:54:43,520  
podcast last week and I always enjoy

1157  
00:54:49,089 --> 00:54:46,760  
being on the show as a guest rogue and I

1158  
00:54:51,299 --> 00:54:49,099  
made the comment along the lines that we

1159  
00:54:53,170 --> 00:54:51,309  
in Australia were horrified to see

1160  
00:54:55,210 --> 00:54:53,180  
protesters in the United States

1161  
00:54:59,769 --> 00:54:55,220  
demanding freedom and holding up bizarre

1162  
00:55:02,500 --> 00:54:59,779  
signs about covert 19 and even toting

1163  
00:55:05,019 --> 00:55:02,510

guns and rifles and things like that and

1164

00:55:07,809 --> 00:55:05,029

I said how bizarre it was for us to see

1165

00:55:11,859 --> 00:55:07,819

that it seems I spoke a little bit too

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00:55:14,289 --> 00:55:11,869

soon that very weekend in Sydney and

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00:55:17,289 --> 00:55:14,299

especially Melbourne protesters turned

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00:55:21,089 --> 00:55:17,299

up at the the parliaments the town halls

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00:55:24,329 --> 00:55:21,099

carrying all sorts of bizarre signs and

1170

00:55:28,779 --> 00:55:24,339

claiming all sorts of bizarre claims

1171

00:55:49,150 --> 00:55:28,789

I'll play you a short excerpt from what

1172

00:55:51,309 --> 00:55:49,160

some of them had to say in the spring I

1173

00:55:53,490 --> 00:55:51,319

do not want anybody watching and

1174

00:55:56,079 --> 00:55:53,500

tracking and listening to me breathe I

1175

00:55:57,910 --> 00:55:56,089

want transparency from the government we

1176  
00:56:00,190 --> 00:55:57,920  
want to know why 5g towers that haven't

1177  
00:56:01,839 --> 00:56:00,200  
had safety studies done probably no

1178  
00:56:03,640 --> 00:56:01,849  
industry studies have been going up

1179  
00:56:05,769 --> 00:56:03,650  
without the people's consent so you know

1180  
00:56:07,930 --> 00:56:05,779  
the fascism will be here every weekend

1181  
00:56:11,710 --> 00:56:07,940  
until we get our power back and the

1182  
00:56:13,390 --> 00:56:11,720  
lockdown now there is there are doctors

1183  
00:56:16,269 --> 00:56:13,400  
all over the internet who are being

1184  
00:56:17,740 --> 00:56:16,279  
censored for talking out about the lies

1185  
00:56:19,299 --> 00:56:17,750  
that the media and the government is

1186  
00:56:21,309 --> 00:56:19,309  
telling us about this they are being

1187  
00:56:23,170 --> 00:56:21,319  
censored and yet our mate Bill Gates he

1188  
00:56:27,280 --> 00:56:23,180

can get on there talk about anything he

1189

00:56:32,690 --> 00:56:30,620

okay all right let me say this is all

1190

00:56:34,880 --> 00:56:32,700

about the New World Order right the New

1191

00:56:38,300 --> 00:56:34,890

World Order Channel nine straight off

1192

00:56:40,670 --> 00:56:38,310

their website nine honey new world order

1193

00:56:45,290 --> 00:56:40,680

reduce know what the new world order is

1194

00:56:48,410 --> 00:56:45,300

you better go look it up the new world

1195

00:56:50,960 --> 00:56:48,420

order channel 9 this is part of the New

1196

00:56:53,360 --> 00:56:50,970

World Order the globalist plan to

1197

00:56:57,490 --> 00:56:53,370

enslave us why take away our rights

1198

00:57:01,790 --> 00:56:57,500

agenda 21 I've been to all the guy who's

1199

00:57:10,000 --> 00:57:01,800

17 families today on Mother's Day really

1200

00:57:15,170 --> 00:57:13,070

the audio of the protesters is courtesy

1201  
00:57:17,900 --> 00:57:15,180  
of The Nine Network and the Seven

1202  
00:57:20,060 --> 00:57:17,910  
Network it's amazing to think that in

1203  
00:57:23,180 --> 00:57:20,070  
the minds of these people the reason

1204  
00:57:27,680 --> 00:57:23,190  
people are dying in the nursing home or

1205  
00:57:30,500 --> 00:57:27,690  
in the aged care home is because they

1206  
00:57:33,410 --> 00:57:30,510  
had flu vaccinations I shouldn't be

1207  
00:57:35,150 --> 00:57:33,420  
surprised I am a little surprised I

1208  
00:57:39,500 --> 00:57:35,160  
shouldn't be surprised luckily I think

1209  
00:57:42,740 --> 00:57:39,510  
this is still a tiny minority but these

1210  
00:57:45,140 --> 00:57:42,750  
people are getting their conspiracy

1211  
00:57:47,570 --> 00:57:45,150  
theories directly from the internet I

1212  
00:57:51,940 --> 00:57:47,580  
would suspect from conspiracy theory

1213  
00:57:54,350 --> 00:57:51,950

sites and YouTube We certainly have some

1214

00:57:56,260 --> 00:57:54,360

conspiracy theorists here in Australia

1215

00:57:59,090 --> 00:57:56,270

who we've covered on the show before but

1216

00:58:04,290 --> 00:57:59,100

I'm a little bit sad to say that this

1217

00:58:21,730 --> 00:58:04,300

sort of rot is here in Australia

1218

00:58:26,000 --> 00:58:24,200

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1219

00:58:30,170 --> 00:58:26,010

zone podcast and thank you thank you

1220

00:58:32,930 --> 00:58:30,180

thank you to the people who continue to

1221

00:58:36,070 --> 00:58:32,940

support the skeptic zone financially at

1222

00:58:39,770 --> 00:58:36,080

the moment until things get back to

1223

00:58:42,350 --> 00:58:39,780

whatever normal is and I can get back to

1224

00:58:44,000 --> 00:58:42,360

my film and TV work this is really my

1225

00:58:45,470 --> 00:58:44,010

only source of income so I really

1226

00:58:48,050 --> 00:58:45,480

appreciate the people especially in the

1227

00:58:51,680 --> 00:58:48,060

last week who have been chipping in very

1228

00:58:55,220 --> 00:58:51,690

generous donations and you can chip in

1229

00:58:58,400 --> 00:58:55,230

at skeptic zone TV just follow the

1230

00:59:02,170 --> 00:58:58,410

PayPal or patreon link at patreon it's

1231

00:59:05,570 --> 00:59:02,180

skeptic zone or you can use the the

1232

00:59:09,050 --> 00:59:05,580

PayPal meme and that's all as TV anyway

1233

00:59:11,720 --> 00:59:09,060

that's all they're on skeptic zone TV

1234

00:59:14,870 --> 00:59:11,730

and it's good to see may not over at

1235

00:59:18,200 --> 00:59:14,880

Maynard comm today you doing his regular

1236

00:59:20,360 --> 00:59:18,210

weekly live TV shows or online shows you

1237

00:59:24,200 --> 00:59:20,370

can watch on your big screen if you hook

1238

00:59:26,870 --> 00:59:24,210

up to face book via whatever method you

1239

00:59:29,750 --> 00:59:26,880

use or just watch it on your platform of

1240

00:59:32,660 --> 00:59:29,760

choice every Friday night at 8:30

1241

00:59:35,510 --> 00:59:32,670

Sydney time so Friday Sydney time at

1242

00:59:39,560 --> 00:59:35,520

8:30 p.m. Sydney time Maynard does his

1243

00:59:41,690 --> 00:59:39,570

one-man Mad Club live it's hilarious so

1244

00:59:44,150 --> 00:59:41,700

please check it out at may not come

1245

00:59:46,010 --> 00:59:44,160

today you now coming up soon on the

1246

00:59:48,260 --> 00:59:46,020

skeptic zone we should be able to bring

1247

00:59:49,820 --> 00:59:48,270

you a think tank session just like the

1248

00:59:52,070 --> 00:59:49,830

old days of the skeptic zone where the

1249

00:59:54,080 --> 00:59:52,080

reporters would gather together at their

1250

00:59:55,580 --> 00:59:54,090

club at the end of the street the club

1251  
00:59:58,280 --> 00:59:55,590  
at the end of the street I think might

1252  
01:00:00,680 --> 00:59:58,290  
be opening again soon I'm not sure at

1253  
01:00:03,740 --> 01:00:00,690  
the moment the carpark of the club is

1254  
01:00:06,260 --> 01:00:03,750  
being used for covert 19 testing but the

1255  
01:00:08,150 --> 01:00:06,270  
reporters are some of them at least and

1256  
01:00:11,840 --> 01:00:08,160  
I are going to get together online and

1257  
01:00:14,510 --> 01:00:11,850  
do a online think tank hope to bring you

1258  
01:00:17,000 --> 01:00:14,520  
that very soon it'll be really nice to

1259  
01:00:19,610 --> 01:00:17,010  
to chat with all the wonderful reporters

1260  
01:00:21,710 --> 01:00:19,620  
and if you want to see the reporters for

1261  
01:00:23,840 --> 01:00:21,720  
yourself see their faces behind the

1262  
01:00:26,540 --> 01:00:23,850  
voices if you go to skip tech zone dot

1263  
01:00:30,140 --> 01:00:26,550

TV and click the contacts link you'll

1264

01:00:30,390 --> 01:00:30,150

see a list of images and what I had some

1265

01:00:34,109 --> 01:00:30,400

by

1266

01:00:36,089 --> 01:00:34,119

they are too but for this week

1267

01:00:43,079 --> 01:00:36,099

this is Richard Saunders signing off

1268

01:00:45,150 --> 01:00:43,089

from Sydney Australia you've been

1269

01:00:50,609 --> 01:00:45,160

listening to the skeptic zone podcast

1270

01:00:53,640 --> 01:00:50,619

please visit our website at WWDC be for

1271

01:00:56,299 --> 01:00:53,650

show notes contacts and to access the

1272

01:00:59,609 --> 01:00:56,309

bat catalog of episodes going back to

1273

01:01:03,240 --> 01:00:59,619

2008 you can follow the skeptic zone

1274

01:01:05,670 --> 01:01:03,250

podcast on twitter at skeptic zone visit

1275

01:01:09,000 --> 01:01:05,680

our facebook page or leave a review on

1276

01:01:12,390 --> 01:01:09,010

iTunes you can also support the skeptic

1277

01:01:14,730 --> 01:01:12,400

zone via patreon or PayPal the skeptic

1278

01:01:16,500 --> 01:01:14,740

zone podcast is an independent

1279

01:01:18,900 --> 01:01:16,510

production the views and opinions

1280

01:01:21,029 --> 01:01:18,910

expressed on the skeptic zone are not

1281

01:01:24,010 --> 01:01:21,039

necessarily those of Australian skeptics

1282

01:01:35,870 --> 01:01:24,020

or any other sceptical organisation

1283

01:01:40,350 --> 01:01:38,340

hello people who listen after the music

1284

01:01:43,020 --> 01:01:40,360

yes it's time for the dice game the

1285

01:01:45,810 --> 01:01:43,030

dígame one died two dice whatever and

1286

01:01:49,650 --> 01:01:45,820

this week I'm going to be using a

1287

01:01:51,240 --> 01:01:49,660

six-sided die it's the alien one so it's

1288

01:01:54,240 --> 01:01:51,250

got a picture of an alien on it and

1289

01:01:56,370 --> 01:01:54,250

little aircraft a little UFOs and things

1290

01:01:58,610 --> 01:01:56,380

like that and joining me this week is

1291

01:02:01,620 --> 01:01:58,620

our guest a Linda Brown hello Linda

1292

01:02:03,270 --> 01:02:01,630

hello and you can see me say you're

1293

01:02:04,140 --> 01:02:03,280

looking at the dice now yeah there it is

1294

01:02:06,420 --> 01:02:04,150

isn't it lovely

1295

01:02:09,420 --> 01:02:06,430

oh yes okay Leigh Leigh it's an

1296

01:02:12,360 --> 01:02:09,430

interesting I yeah it's alright so how

1297

01:02:15,030 --> 01:02:12,370

the game works is every week I challenge

1298

01:02:16,650 --> 01:02:15,040

my audience to guess the numbers that

1299

01:02:22,470 --> 01:02:16,660

are going to come up using his psychic

1300

01:02:24,210 --> 01:02:22,480

powers they're dumb all right I bet I've

1301

01:02:29,190 --> 01:02:24,220

got a 1 in 6 chance of getting it wrong

1302

01:02:31,740 --> 01:02:29,200

I bet you do and because you're here we

1303

01:02:34,550 --> 01:02:31,750

go I can use one of these because you're

1304

01:02:39,150 --> 01:02:34,560

looking I'm going to use a little

1305

01:02:40,740 --> 01:02:39,160

plastic container oh yeah so I'm putting

1306

01:02:42,900 --> 01:02:40,750

it in there all right so you can verify

1307

01:02:47,610 --> 01:02:42,910

for everybody that the numbers come up

1308

01:02:50,220 --> 01:02:47,620

other know do your best anyway so folks

1309

01:02:59,750 --> 01:02:50,230

at home and a Linda what number do you

1310

01:03:07,140 --> 01:03:04,800

tip that so you can see maybe the other

1311

01:03:10,020 --> 01:03:07,150

way around look underneath Oh

1312

01:03:13,620 --> 01:03:10,030

so it says six but on the other sides

1313

01:03:19,290 --> 01:03:13,630

one alright so that's it you sound like

1314

01:03:28,290 --> 01:03:19,300

a psychic practice let's try it again

1315

01:03:30,990 --> 01:03:28,300

here we go what's your guess boy and

1316

01:03:31,830 --> 01:03:31,000

I'll tip that so you can see it's got

1317

01:03:36,090 --> 01:03:31,840

three three

1318

01:03:40,710 --> 01:03:36,100

well threes next to four it is see

1319

01:03:43,910 --> 01:03:40,720

you're amazing okay let's get last

1320

01:03:51,860 --> 01:03:43,920

psychic guess what do you think

1321

01:03:54,430 --> 01:03:51,870

No - all right I was looking into the

1322

01:03:57,530 --> 01:03:54,440

future that's what it was

1323

01:04:00,260 --> 01:03:57,540

well you know I mean when I look at four

1324

01:04:03,170 --> 01:04:00,270

there's actually one two and one and two

1325

01:04:04,580 --> 01:04:03,180

so my goodness I was just when I hit I

1326

01:04:06,230 --> 01:04:04,590

was just when I had I was looking into

1327

01:04:08,150 --> 01:04:06,240

three into the future I think I'll have

1328

01:04:11,720 --> 01:04:08,160

to score all those for you in that case

1329

01:04:14,900 --> 01:04:11,730

and that's how that's what the psychics

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01:04:17,060 --> 01:04:14,910

would save would ever tell psychics for