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James Underdown
Testing the Paranormal

Logical Fallacies
with Michelle Bijkersma
"Relative Privation Fallacy"

Typewriter Time
Cook Book

The Book of Tim
Ghosts and Ghouls



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00:00:11,860 --> 00:00:09,110
welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:13,930 --> 00:00:11,870
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:16,840 --> 00:00:13,940
[Music]

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00:00:22,120 --> 00:00:16,850
[Applause]

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00:00:24,680 --> 00:00:22,130
[Music]

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00:00:28,400 --> 00:00:24,690
yes it's the skeptics own podcast

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00:00:30,950 --> 00:00:28,410
episode number 612 for the fifth of July

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00:00:34,250 --> 00:00:30,960
2020 reach at saunders coming to you

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00:00:36,650 --> 00:00:34,260
this week from Sydney Australia which is

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00:00:40,430 --> 00:00:36,660
hardly a surprise cuz travel at the

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00:00:43,220 --> 00:00:40,440
moment is a bit difficult yeah

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00:00:44,689 --> 00:00:43,230
coming up on this week's show somewhere

13
00:00:47,540 --> 00:00:44,699

I wouldn't mind travelling to at the

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00:00:50,470 --> 00:00:47,550

moment Hollywood we talked to James

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00:00:53,120 --> 00:00:50,480

Underdown from the center for inquiry

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00:00:56,240 --> 00:00:53,130

investigations group in Hollywood he's

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00:01:00,680 --> 00:00:56,250

going to tell us about the newly bumped

18

00:01:02,540 --> 00:01:00,690

up prize for paranormal power now there

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00:01:05,859 --> 00:01:02,550

are various prizes around the world for

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00:01:09,320 --> 00:01:05,869

any psychic or mystic or healer or

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00:01:12,620 --> 00:01:09,330

medium small medium or large who can

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00:01:14,180 --> 00:01:12,630

prove their paranormal claims and there

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00:01:16,430 --> 00:01:14,190

are thousands upon thousands of people

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00:01:19,010 --> 00:01:16,440

around the world claiming paranormal

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00:01:20,600 --> 00:01:19,020

power of one degree or another they can

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00:01:23,590 --> 00:01:20,610

talk with the dead they can find hidden

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00:01:25,400 --> 00:01:23,600

water they can do all sorts of things

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00:01:27,680 --> 00:01:25,410

even homeopathy

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00:01:29,240 --> 00:01:27,690

well now the prize has been bumped up to

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00:01:31,820 --> 00:01:29,250

two hundred and fifty thousand dollars

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00:01:33,740 --> 00:01:31,830

u.s. which is a lot more than two

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00:01:36,410 --> 00:01:33,750

hundred and fifty thousand dollars in

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00:01:36,980 --> 00:01:36,420

australia james Underdown will tell us

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00:01:39,430 --> 00:01:36,990

about that

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00:01:42,139 --> 00:01:39,440

and some of the people the

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00:01:44,960 --> 00:01:42,149

investigations group have tested over

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00:01:46,430 --> 00:01:44,970

the years following that it's logical

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00:01:48,199 --> 00:01:46,440

fallacies with Michelle because Marv

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00:01:51,350 --> 00:01:48,209

this week Michelle's going to be look at

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00:01:54,529 --> 00:01:51,360

the the fallacy of relative privation

41

00:01:57,440 --> 00:01:54,539

and to round off this week's show it's

42

00:02:00,290 --> 00:01:57,450

the book of Tim Tim Mendham with what

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00:02:01,669 --> 00:02:00,300

goes around from the pages of the

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00:02:03,589 --> 00:02:01,679

skeptic magazine the journal from

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00:02:05,540 --> 00:02:03,599

Australian skeptics this week's were

46

00:02:08,240 --> 00:02:05,550

looking at ghosts and ghouls and that

47

00:02:09,919 --> 00:02:08,250

sort of thing oh and somewhere in this

48

00:02:12,229 --> 00:02:09,929

week's episode someone writes a letter

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00:02:14,080 --> 00:02:12,239

about a cookbook not sure what that's

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00:02:16,550 --> 00:02:14,090

all about we'll find out a bit later on

51
00:02:19,010 --> 00:02:16,560
now folks I've been enjoying lots of

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00:02:22,390 --> 00:02:19,020
online skeptical talks lately I've even

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00:02:26,960 --> 00:02:22,400
given a few susan gerbic is particularly

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00:02:29,119 --> 00:02:26,970
busy she appeared here in Sydney

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00:02:32,000 --> 00:02:29,129
Australia for our Sydney skeptics in the

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00:02:34,040 --> 00:02:32,010
pub to give us a talk on Thursday night

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00:02:36,230 --> 00:02:34,050
last which meant

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00:02:38,690 --> 00:02:36,240
had to stay up to 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.

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00:02:42,350 --> 00:02:38,700
to give her talk so hats off susan

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00:02:45,800 --> 00:02:42,360
gerbic well done it's it's weird and you

61
00:02:47,750 --> 00:02:45,810
know because now everyone's on line to

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00:02:49,910 --> 00:02:47,760
give talks and hear talks well sometimes

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00:02:52,760 --> 00:02:49,920

you have to get up at weird hours of the

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00:02:54,830 --> 00:02:52,770

day or the night or both to the take

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00:02:58,610 --> 00:02:54,840

part or listen to talks but it's great

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00:03:02,180 --> 00:02:58,620

that they are available and speaking of

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00:03:05,330 --> 00:03:02,190

online talks check out the skeptics in

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00:03:07,940 --> 00:03:05,340

the pub online from the UK if you go to

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00:03:10,310 --> 00:03:07,950

Facebook and just look for skeptics in

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00:03:11,960 --> 00:03:10,320

the pub online I'll put a link in this

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00:03:15,500 --> 00:03:11,970

week's show notes they have regular

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00:03:18,710 --> 00:03:15,510

talks coming out of the UK with a very

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00:03:21,110 --> 00:03:18,720

interesting guests indeed with all sorts

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00:03:23,090 --> 00:03:21,120

of points of view well if we can't go to

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00:03:26,210 --> 00:03:23,100

the pub and enjoy a nice dinner and a

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00:03:29,600 --> 00:03:26,220

drink at least we can do the same at

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00:03:31,250 --> 00:03:29,610

home and in fact there's a promotion a

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00:03:35,390 --> 00:03:31,260

bit later on in the show I played a week

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00:03:38,180 --> 00:03:35,400

or two back about enjoying Victorian

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00:03:39,490 --> 00:03:38,190

skeptics talks online stay tuned at the

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00:03:43,340 --> 00:03:39,500

end of the episode for more

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00:03:46,820 --> 00:03:43,350

announcements from me now it's time for

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00:03:52,070 --> 00:03:46,830

me to run downstairs have a particularly

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00:03:54,380 --> 00:03:52,080

large mug of hot chocolate a good excuse

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00:03:56,840 --> 00:03:54,390

for some luxuriating I think all I do

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00:03:57,670 --> 00:03:56,850

that I hope you enjoy this skeptics

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00:04:05,230 --> 00:03:57,680

earned

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00:04:21,150 --> 00:04:05,240

[Music]

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00:04:23,790 --> 00:04:21,160

now folks for many years the Australian

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00:04:26,420 --> 00:04:23,800

skeptics have been offering a \$100,000

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00:04:29,490 --> 00:04:26,430

prize for anyone who can prove

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00:04:32,850 --> 00:04:29,500

paranormal or supernatural ability of

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00:04:35,520 --> 00:04:32,860

any kind under agreed testing conditions

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00:04:39,020 --> 00:04:35,530

and this brings me to a recent

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00:04:43,170 --> 00:04:39,030

announcement from the Center for inquiry

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00:04:47,130 --> 00:04:43,180

investigations group psychic telepathic

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00:04:49,740 --> 00:04:47,140

telekinetic prove it and win two hundred

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00:04:51,740 --> 00:04:49,750

and fifty thousand dollars for two

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00:04:54,090 --> 00:04:51,750

decades the Center for inquiry

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00:04:55,530 --> 00:04:54,100

investigations group has offered those

101
00:04:59,070 --> 00:04:55,540
who profess to have supernatural

102
00:05:02,160 --> 00:04:59,080
paranormal or occult abilities the

103
00:05:03,750 --> 00:05:02,170
opportunity to definitively prove their

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00:05:07,230 --> 00:05:03,760
claims under mutually agreed-upon

105
00:05:10,680 --> 00:05:07,240
testing conditions many have tried but

106
00:05:14,520 --> 00:05:10,690
no one has successfully passed the CFI

107
00:05:16,440 --> 00:05:14,530
IG challenge and there is still a parade

108
00:05:18,930 --> 00:05:16,450
of self professed psychics and mediums

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00:05:21,870 --> 00:05:18,940
who claim to have special powers but

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00:05:26,220 --> 00:05:21,880
none have allowed themselves to be truly

111
00:05:30,060 --> 00:05:26,230
tested so see if I IG is raising the

112
00:05:32,790 --> 00:05:30,070
stakes offering what was once a \$100,000

113
00:05:38,379 --> 00:05:32,800

prize and bumping it up to two hundred

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00:05:44,960 --> 00:05:41,990

joining me now all the way from amazing

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00:05:45,890 --> 00:05:44,970

spectacular must be a bit strange these

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00:05:47,870 --> 00:05:45,900

days Hollywood

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00:05:50,719 --> 00:05:47,880

it's James Underdown from the Center for

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00:05:53,719 --> 00:05:50,729

inquiry investigations group hello James

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00:05:55,700 --> 00:05:53,729

hi Richard good to talk to you yeah it's

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00:05:57,320 --> 00:05:55,710

good to see you too I don't think we've

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00:05:59,750 --> 00:05:57,330

seen each other for a while we usually

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00:06:03,230 --> 00:05:59,760

made up at these conferences and

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00:06:05,420 --> 00:06:03,240

meetings don't we yeah uh seems like Las

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00:06:07,939 --> 00:06:05,430

Vegas is where we see each other most

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00:06:09,680 --> 00:06:07,949

but you get to LA every now and then no

126

00:06:11,870 --> 00:06:09,690

don't you every now and then I don't

127

00:06:13,850 --> 00:06:11,880

know when the next time will be it might

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00:06:16,460 --> 00:06:13,860

be a while well especially now that

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00:06:20,210 --> 00:06:16,470

America has become the pariah of all

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00:06:22,909 --> 00:06:20,220

countries and in terms of travel yeah

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00:06:24,770 --> 00:06:22,919

who knows yeah I must admit it's not

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00:06:27,740 --> 00:06:24,780

looking too good at the moment but let's

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00:06:30,159 --> 00:06:27,750

talk about some other things to try and

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00:06:33,279 --> 00:06:30,169

take people's minds off the current

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00:06:35,270 --> 00:06:33,289

calamity tell me about the

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00:06:39,020 --> 00:06:35,280

investigations group when did it start

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00:06:43,310 --> 00:06:39,030

why did it start and what do you do we

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00:06:48,830 --> 00:06:43,320

started the iig at the two buildings ago

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00:06:52,279 --> 00:06:48,840

at the Center for inquiry and in 2000 in

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00:06:56,260 --> 00:06:52,289

January of 2000 so were four just were

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00:07:00,560 --> 00:06:56,270

20 and a half as of this recording and

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00:07:03,409 --> 00:07:00,570

you know the idea of it was the people I

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00:07:07,339 --> 00:07:03,419

I started the group but I brought people

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00:07:11,510 --> 00:07:07,349

in who were big fans of James Randi big

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00:07:14,600 --> 00:07:11,520

fans of Joe Nickell big fans a skeptical

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00:07:16,490 --> 00:07:14,610

inquirer and we were interested in all

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00:07:18,790 --> 00:07:16,500

this stuff and we thought well you know

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00:07:22,330 --> 00:07:18,800

we have all these talented individuals

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00:07:24,980 --> 00:07:22,340

right here in Los Angeles why don't we

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00:07:27,129 --> 00:07:24,990

poke around a little bit into some of

151
00:07:29,930 --> 00:07:27,139
these claims and and see what's doing

152
00:07:31,460 --> 00:07:29,940
yeah I mean and this is being a whole

153
00:07:34,670 --> 00:07:31,470
mock from script of skeptical

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00:07:37,670 --> 00:07:34,680
organizations if I think about even here

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00:07:40,730 --> 00:07:37,680
in Australia way back in 1980 James

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00:07:42,529 --> 00:07:40,740
Randi came here and he and with some

157
00:07:45,830 --> 00:07:42,539
Australian businessman at the time were

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00:07:48,050 --> 00:07:45,840
offering a large cash prize for water

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00:07:51,020 --> 00:07:48,060
divining water dowsing in that case

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00:07:53,210 --> 00:07:51,030
so how long right has the has there been

161
00:07:56,990 --> 00:07:53,220
a cash prize associated with what you're

162
00:08:00,170 --> 00:07:57,000
doing well we started in our early days

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00:08:03,800 --> 00:08:00,180

I and a couple few other members of the

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00:08:07,940 --> 00:08:03,810

group put up some of our own money so we

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00:08:11,090 --> 00:08:07,950

started out with a \$5,000 prize then we

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00:08:14,510 --> 00:08:11,100

had someone come in and I think we

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00:08:16,220 --> 00:08:14,520

raised it to ten or twenty five

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00:08:19,280 --> 00:08:16,230

something like that and that went for a

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00:08:22,580 --> 00:08:19,290

long time so that was all based on our

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00:08:24,379 --> 00:08:22,590

personal bank accounts and I'll tell you

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00:08:28,850 --> 00:08:24,389

when you got skin in the game you make

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00:08:32,659 --> 00:08:28,860

sure those test protocols are print as

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00:08:35,269 --> 00:08:32,669

if I don't now but you know still em and

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00:08:38,440 --> 00:08:35,279

then you know I've been with the Center

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00:08:41,870 --> 00:08:38,450

for inquiry since 99 since even before

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00:08:45,140 --> 00:08:41,880

the investigations group had started so

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00:08:47,930 --> 00:08:45,150

I think it was two thousand and fourteen

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or fifteen we started some serious

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00:08:57,260 --> 00:08:53,280

negotiations about CFI taking on some of

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00:09:00,130 --> 00:08:57,270

the financial prize money so we upped it

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00:09:04,550 --> 00:09:00,140

to fifty and then a hundred thousand

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00:09:08,930 --> 00:09:04,560

backed by CFI and then finally when

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00:09:16,240 --> 00:09:08,940

Robin blunder became president CF I see

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00:09:19,280 --> 00:09:16,250

a CEO of CF is too many previous yeah

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00:09:22,310 --> 00:09:19,290

you know she offered she said you know

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00:09:26,090 --> 00:09:22,320

would be interested in see if I just

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00:09:28,640 --> 00:09:26,100

sort of subsuming the iig and and

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00:09:30,530 --> 00:09:28,650

teaming up and I thought were you know

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00:09:32,930 --> 00:09:30,540

we have this close relationship anyway

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00:09:35,630 --> 00:09:32,940

we might as well and then I talked the

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00:09:39,230 --> 00:09:35,640

board of directors and to open it to a

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00:09:41,840 --> 00:09:39,240

quarter million especially since you

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know Randy and jf really haven't tested

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00:09:47,449 --> 00:09:45,690

anyone in quite some time and so you

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00:09:50,150 --> 00:09:47,459

know that was part of our argument that

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00:09:52,490 --> 00:09:50,160

this is I think it's the biggest prize

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00:09:55,810 --> 00:09:52,500

single prize in the world right now so

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00:09:59,630 --> 00:09:55,820

we like to you know keep it well into

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00:10:01,600 --> 00:09:59,640

six figures to attempt all the claimants

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00:10:03,759 --> 00:10:01,610

and I must admit it

201
00:10:06,069 --> 00:10:03,769
sounds good and it didn't occur to me

202
00:10:08,650 --> 00:10:06,079
until you said it a quarter of a million

203
00:10:12,370 --> 00:10:08,660
dollars that's a good sound isn't it

204
00:10:15,670 --> 00:10:12,380
yeah yeah it's I tried to teach myself

205
00:10:18,449 --> 00:10:15,680
to say it that way instead of 250 once

206
00:10:21,850 --> 00:10:18,459
you get that million its word in there

207
00:10:23,769 --> 00:10:21,860
open some eyes yeah yeah it's got that

208
00:10:26,680 --> 00:10:23,779
catch it's a wonderful thing maybe I can

209
00:10:28,300 --> 00:10:26,690
convince the locals here and Australia

210
00:10:29,590 --> 00:10:28,310
to uh pals to a quarter of a million

211
00:10:31,509 --> 00:10:29,600
although a quarter of a million

212
00:10:33,160 --> 00:10:31,519
Australian isn't quite the same there's

213
00:10:35,350 --> 00:10:33,170

a quarter of a million you asked us our

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00:10:37,630 --> 00:10:35,360

dollars not so good it's still been

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00:10:39,790 --> 00:10:37,640

cached though and you know it'd still be

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cash now of course you've been involved

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with investigations the investigations

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group for the cash prize over the years

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00:10:49,690 --> 00:10:46,850

what are some of the more memorable

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00:10:52,360 --> 00:10:49,700

memorable ones that stand out and I'll

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00:10:56,280 --> 00:10:52,370

jump in here quickly and I noticed on

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00:10:59,290 --> 00:10:56,290

your web page which is see if I I G dog

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00:11:01,930 --> 00:10:59,300

there's even a mention of you testing

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the power balance wristband that is one

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of the more notable ones because we had

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00:11:11,650 --> 00:11:09,170

a an Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes was

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00:11:14,290 --> 00:11:11,660

working for Yahoo News at the time and

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00:11:17,530 --> 00:11:14,300

they called us up and they said you know

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00:11:19,030 --> 00:11:17,540

we heard about your work and what do you

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00:11:21,639 --> 00:11:19,040

think about some of these athletic

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00:11:24,220 --> 00:11:21,649

things and we said you know I'd love the

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00:11:27,400 --> 00:11:24,230

test through a double-blind test of

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00:11:31,870 --> 00:11:27,410

power balance bracelets and so we set up

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00:11:37,960 --> 00:11:31,880

this obstacle course that that tested

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00:11:42,100 --> 00:11:37,970

it's three basic claims strength ad not

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00:11:44,380 --> 00:11:42,110

agility but flexibility and flexibility

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00:11:49,030 --> 00:11:44,390

is a speed or something like that

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so they the strength balance and

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flexibility that's what it was balance

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00:11:58,930 --> 00:11:54,860

strength balance flexibility so we had a

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00:12:01,540 --> 00:11:58,940

we designed this little obstacle course

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00:12:04,900 --> 00:12:01,550

in the Center for inquiry at our old

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location on Hollywood Boulevard and ran

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16 people through this course

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00:12:13,960 --> 00:12:11,810

four times each time they ran it with a

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00:12:14,740 --> 00:12:13,970

different wristband on and they never

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00:12:17,740 --> 00:12:14,750

knew whether

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00:12:23,950 --> 00:12:17,750

and the real power balance bracelet on

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00:12:27,330 --> 00:12:23,960

or right or the three fake ones and and

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00:12:30,490 --> 00:12:27,340

then we had to do we had to correct for

251
00:12:32,860 --> 00:12:30,500
what was it called the the order of fact

252
00:12:34,630 --> 00:12:32,870
it's called because when you do

253
00:12:37,360 --> 00:12:34,640
something athletic like that for the

254
00:12:38,740 --> 00:12:37,370
first time naturally just get better the

255
00:12:41,890 --> 00:12:38,750
more times you do it you get a little

256
00:12:44,440 --> 00:12:41,900
bit better at it so we made sure that

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00:12:47,290 --> 00:12:44,450
people were staggered in different

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00:12:51,460 --> 00:12:47,300
orders so that all sort of evened out

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00:12:54,970 --> 00:12:51,470
and then surprise surprise there was no

260
00:12:56,980 --> 00:12:54,980
difference between the real power

261
00:13:00,250 --> 00:12:56,990
balance bracelet and and the other ones

262
00:13:03,370 --> 00:13:00,260
we were watching you guys and you and

263
00:13:04,630 --> 00:13:03,380

you had some legal success with them

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00:13:08,920 --> 00:13:04,640

didn't you they have to change their

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00:13:11,350 --> 00:13:08,930

claims yeah yeah after it was just one

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00:13:13,420 --> 00:13:11,360

of those you know amazing things that

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00:13:16,750 --> 00:13:13,430

after they were tested here in Australia

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00:13:18,280 --> 00:13:16,760

on Australian TV I I simply put them to

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00:13:21,160 --> 00:13:18,290

a standard double-blind test it was

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00:13:23,650 --> 00:13:21,170

nothing too amazing about it but when

271

00:13:26,410 --> 00:13:23,660

they failed that eventually the pressure

272

00:13:28,840 --> 00:13:26,420

was put upon them to print a retraction

273

00:13:30,880 --> 00:13:28,850

in the media here to say that the claims

274

00:13:32,770 --> 00:13:30,890

that they made were without foundation

275

00:13:36,040 --> 00:13:32,780

which was great for us you know it was

276

00:13:38,380 --> 00:13:36,050

good but I went when I did it when I

277

00:13:39,790 --> 00:13:38,390

tested the guy here in Australia I I was

278

00:13:41,410 --> 00:13:39,800

under the impression that he was a true

279

00:13:44,650 --> 00:13:41,420

believer he really did believe in the

280

00:13:47,740 --> 00:13:44,660

product for anything about that stuff is

281

00:13:50,380 --> 00:13:47,750

you know if they just make a very claim

282

00:13:51,400 --> 00:13:50,390

like this can help with athletic

283

00:13:55,570 --> 00:13:51,410

performance

284

00:13:57,610 --> 00:13:55,580

it actually can but no more than a Lucky

285

00:13:59,050 --> 00:13:57,620

Penny or a rabbit's foot or anything

286

00:14:02,860 --> 00:13:59,060

like that if you have a psychological

287

00:14:05,710 --> 00:14:02,870

advantage that it could help but you

288

00:14:08,230 --> 00:14:05,720

know double-blind tells the tale and

289

00:14:08,680 --> 00:14:08,240

that didn't help in that case no it did

290

00:14:15,810 --> 00:14:08,690

not

291

00:14:18,579 --> 00:14:15,820

hell

292

00:14:21,250 --> 00:14:18,589

lightning man what's that all about I

293

00:14:23,199 --> 00:14:21,260

think I can correct me if I'm wrong

294

00:14:26,199 --> 00:14:23,209

maybe you guys have done this before but

295

00:14:28,550 --> 00:14:26,209

I think it may be the first time anyone

296

00:14:32,060 --> 00:14:28,560

has been tested for a cash pair

297

00:14:34,460 --> 00:14:32,070

prize during a pandemic and must be true

298

00:14:36,710 --> 00:14:34,470

we haven't done it I don't you know

299

00:14:39,560 --> 00:14:36,720

that's I I don't think that's gonna make

300

00:14:41,600 --> 00:14:39,570

the Guinness Book of Records but it

301
00:14:45,200 --> 00:14:41,610
sounds funny to me but yeah this guy

302
00:14:47,300 --> 00:14:45,210
showed up he said he that he could make

303
00:14:49,940 --> 00:14:47,310
electricity come out of his hands

304
00:14:52,970 --> 00:14:49,950
noticeably he said he could create

305
00:14:56,180 --> 00:14:52,980
lightning in the sky above the Center

306
00:14:59,540 --> 00:14:56,190
for inquiry so I want League went and

307
00:15:04,100 --> 00:14:59,550
checked the weather report for the

308
00:15:06,560 --> 00:15:04,110
Saturday that we had him over and and

309
00:15:11,060 --> 00:15:06,570
then finally he said he could teleport

310
00:15:14,900 --> 00:15:11,070
three to five feet at at one time and so

311
00:15:21,079 --> 00:15:14,910
we did a social distancing paranormal

312
00:15:22,700 --> 00:15:21,089
chair that now they are some amazing

313
00:15:24,550 --> 00:15:22,710

claims I must admit

314

00:15:27,980 --> 00:15:24,560

teleporting is one we haven't tested

315

00:15:32,620 --> 00:15:27,990

well yeah and I you know yeah kind of

316

00:15:35,810 --> 00:15:32,630

after he said before he got there I said

317

00:15:37,700 --> 00:15:35,820

you know tell me a little bit more about

318

00:15:41,960 --> 00:15:37,710

this and he said he can move three to

319

00:15:45,310 --> 00:15:41,970

five feet at a time and Ill said are you

320

00:15:48,290 --> 00:15:45,320

jumping is there a you know in my mind

321

00:15:51,500 --> 00:15:48,300

teleportation is you actually disappear

322

00:15:54,050 --> 00:15:51,510

from once and reappear in another spot

323

00:15:57,320 --> 00:15:54,060

is that what's happening and he said

324

00:16:01,310 --> 00:15:57,330

well yeah but I have to be moving when I

325

00:16:07,970 --> 00:16:01,320

do this and I said the moving isn't part

326

00:16:10,430 --> 00:16:07,980

of it is it and I mean the funny thing

327

00:16:13,430 --> 00:16:10,440

well it's actually not funny because I I

328

00:16:16,280 --> 00:16:13,440

think he might be a little mentally ill

329

00:16:20,000 --> 00:16:16,290

he thinks he did it okay and he thinks

330

00:16:22,010 --> 00:16:20,010

he that the Lightning came out of his

331

00:16:24,650 --> 00:16:22,020

hands and was in the sky and all this

332

00:16:27,650 --> 00:16:24,660

stuff and he asked us if we saw it and I

333

00:16:30,110 --> 00:16:27,660

said no we didn't do you want to see we

334

00:16:33,079 --> 00:16:30,120

can run the video back you know would

335

00:16:37,030 --> 00:16:33,089

that convince you that it didn't happen

336

00:16:39,920 --> 00:16:37,040

you know if it in order to win our money

337

00:16:42,079 --> 00:16:39,930

we have to see it it can't just be you

338

00:16:45,889 --> 00:16:42,089

that sees it

339

00:16:49,600 --> 00:16:45,899

so you know we get in these delicate

340

00:16:53,150 --> 00:16:49,610

situations where people really are

341

00:16:57,049 --> 00:16:53,160

sometimes experiencing symptoms of

342

00:16:58,759 --> 00:16:57,059

schizophrenia or other disorders where

343

00:17:01,519 --> 00:16:58,769

they're hearing and seeing things that

344

00:17:04,130 --> 00:17:01,529

no one else is and we have to tell them

345

00:17:06,949 --> 00:17:04,140

you know you have to consider that this

346

00:17:08,899 --> 00:17:06,959

is maybe what's causing your experiences

347

00:17:10,730 --> 00:17:08,909

yeah and it's a tough part about doing

348

00:17:12,500 --> 00:17:10,740

these paranormal tests as you and I both

349

00:17:14,809 --> 00:17:12,510

know over the years and years we've been

350

00:17:17,090 --> 00:17:14,819

doing it occasionally we'll get somebody

351

00:17:19,250 --> 00:17:17,100

who come along and it's not trying to

352

00:17:21,710 --> 00:17:19,260

put them down or make excuses or

353

00:17:26,329 --> 00:17:21,720

anything like that but not everybody who

354

00:17:28,549 --> 00:17:26,339

applies for our tests are in a very good

355

00:17:30,889 --> 00:17:28,559

state of mind if I can put it that way

356

00:17:33,320 --> 00:17:30,899

yeah I mean that is that's a nice way of

357

00:17:36,220 --> 00:17:33,330

putting it and I don't know if it's my

358

00:17:39,980 --> 00:17:36,230

imagination or not but it seems like

359

00:17:43,549 --> 00:17:39,990

over maybe even the past year certainly

360

00:17:47,480 --> 00:17:43,559

the last six months the percentage of

361

00:17:50,600 --> 00:17:47,490

people who seem to be experiencing

362

00:17:53,299 --> 00:17:50,610

symptoms consistent with mental illness

363

00:17:56,810 --> 00:17:53,309

seems to be very high percentage of them

364

00:17:59,810 --> 00:17:56,820

back in the day one both of our groups

365

00:18:01,820 --> 00:17:59,820

we're testing dowsers don't seem to fall

366

00:18:04,250 --> 00:18:01,830

into this category and there are other

367

00:18:06,610 --> 00:18:04,260

people who you know seem to just be

368

00:18:09,440 --> 00:18:06,620

regular people who are you know making

369

00:18:10,700 --> 00:18:09,450

categorical errors or logical errors and

370

00:18:12,950 --> 00:18:10,710

they're not understanding what's

371

00:18:16,730 --> 00:18:12,960

happening but over the last six months

372

00:18:19,039 --> 00:18:16,740

or a year it seems like a high

373

00:18:22,190 --> 00:18:19,049

percentage of people who are hearing

374

00:18:24,680 --> 00:18:22,200

voices or who are convinced that other

375

00:18:26,960 --> 00:18:24,690

people are hearing their thoughts yeah

376

00:18:29,570 --> 00:18:26,970

yeah and and again it's just something

377

00:18:31,010 --> 00:18:29,580

that a lot of people the general public

378

00:18:33,529 --> 00:18:31,020

may not consider that that's something

379

00:18:36,080 --> 00:18:33,539

that we have to seriously look at and

380

00:18:38,659 --> 00:18:36,090

and decide what to do if someone comes

381

00:18:42,260 --> 00:18:38,669

along which who is obviously um shall we

382

00:18:44,810 --> 00:18:42,270

say troubled oh and take it accordingly

383

00:18:47,600 --> 00:18:44,820

yeah and and we'll test you anyway I

384

00:18:52,370 --> 00:18:47,610

mean I don't you know you could make the

385

00:18:54,980 --> 00:18:52,380

argument that your mind has to be in a

386

00:19:00,080 --> 00:18:54,990

certain state to perform

387

00:19:02,600 --> 00:19:00,090

a paranormal feed that theoretically

388

00:19:06,440 --> 00:19:02,610

could be the case so we're not going to

389

00:19:10,280 --> 00:19:06,450

eliminate you based on that I we just

390

00:19:13,580 --> 00:19:10,290

encourage people to sort of eliminate

391

00:19:15,650 --> 00:19:13,590

that set of explanations and save

392

00:19:17,390 --> 00:19:15,660

themselves the trouble and potential

393

00:19:20,210 --> 00:19:17,400

embarrassment of being tested and

394

00:19:22,940 --> 00:19:20,220

failing yeah because you know we're of a

395

00:19:25,549 --> 00:19:22,950

similar mind we're not out to embarrass

396

00:19:29,260 --> 00:19:25,559

or demean or humiliate anybody you know

397

00:19:31,580 --> 00:19:29,270

this is a genuine attempt to to see what

398

00:19:35,090 --> 00:19:31,590

what the claims are and if people can

399

00:19:37,010 --> 00:19:35,100

live up to them right the the other one

400

00:19:40,850 --> 00:19:37,020

I'll get you to talk about briefly is is

401
00:19:42,350 --> 00:19:40,860
an evergreen and it was just a wonderful

402
00:19:43,940 --> 00:19:42,360
thing I wish I could have been there is

403
00:19:46,640 --> 00:19:43,950
when you tested the curvature of the

404
00:19:49,250 --> 00:19:46,650
earth I'll tell you I don't know what

405
00:19:55,280 --> 00:19:49,260
maybe I'm getting too old for this but

406
00:19:58,390 --> 00:19:55,290
my patience is that's my test is keeping

407
00:20:01,370 --> 00:19:58,400
my head yeah we went out there's a

408
00:20:07,549 --> 00:20:01,380
fairly large body of water called the

409
00:20:10,480 --> 00:20:07,559
Salton Sea that's 150 miles southeast of

410
00:20:14,870 --> 00:20:10,490
Los Angeles it's actually a kind of a

411
00:20:15,320 --> 00:20:14,880
drank nasty extremely salty body of

412
00:20:19,880 --> 00:20:15,330
water

413
00:20:24,500 --> 00:20:19,890

um but we chose it because there were a

414

00:20:26,900 --> 00:20:24,510

lot of clear sight lines when the desert

415

00:20:28,669 --> 00:20:26,910

is it's in the desert when the desert is

416

00:20:30,860 --> 00:20:28,679

calm and the wind is not blowing the air

417

00:20:33,320 --> 00:20:30,870

quality is pretty good and then the

418

00:20:35,780 --> 00:20:33,330

temperatures are pretty consistent so

419

00:20:37,880 --> 00:20:35,790

there were a lot of good reasons to to

420

00:20:40,490 --> 00:20:37,890

go out there and the distances were

421

00:20:43,549 --> 00:20:40,500

about right we chose a spot from shore

422

00:20:49,660 --> 00:20:43,559

to shore there was about nine and a half

423

00:20:52,880 --> 00:20:49,670

miles across and at that distance you

424

00:20:57,080 --> 00:20:52,890

would expect to have to put something

425

00:21:01,070 --> 00:20:57,090

about 30 to 40 feet in the air before

426
00:21:03,650 --> 00:21:01,080
someone with a telescope would be able

427
00:21:07,430 --> 00:21:03,660
to see that object the curvature would

428
00:21:08,690 --> 00:21:07,440
cover the first 30 or 40 feet on the

429
00:21:12,290 --> 00:21:08,700
other side

430
00:21:14,240 --> 00:21:12,300
so you know we sort of line this

431
00:21:16,190 --> 00:21:14,250
demonstration up with a bunch of flat

432
00:21:19,910 --> 00:21:16,200
earthers of which there are plenty in

433
00:21:24,140 --> 00:21:19,920
Southern California and National

434
00:21:27,020 --> 00:21:24,150
Geographic Explorer television show came

435
00:21:30,260 --> 00:21:27,030
out and we conducted that shore to shore

436
00:21:32,840 --> 00:21:30,270
experiment and we also did another one

437
00:21:37,370 --> 00:21:32,850
that was a boat based experiment where

438
00:21:41,270 --> 00:21:37,380

we sent a small motorized boat

439

00:21:45,200 --> 00:21:41,280

rubber raft out with a sort of a big

440

00:21:48,110 --> 00:21:45,210

flag that had horizontal stripes on it

441

00:21:50,720 --> 00:21:48,120

and you could the idea was that you know

442

00:21:56,300 --> 00:21:50,730

the farther out they got the more of the

443

00:21:59,240 --> 00:21:56,310

stripes or stripe would disappear and so

444

00:22:01,160 --> 00:21:59,250

yeah there were like 15 of us and 20

445

00:22:03,710 --> 00:22:01,170

flat earthers out there and National

446

00:22:08,090 --> 00:22:03,720

Geographic and they saw pretty much

447

00:22:10,910 --> 00:22:08,100

everything we saw and it I'll tell you

448

00:22:12,050 --> 00:22:10,920

it's it's I mean we bought any one

449

00:22:14,680 --> 00:22:12,060

science-minded

450

00:22:18,200 --> 00:22:14,690

has no doubt that the earth is a sphere

451
00:22:23,000 --> 00:22:18,210
but to some of these tests and

452
00:22:26,750 --> 00:22:23,010
demonstrations of the earth shape are

453
00:22:31,430 --> 00:22:26,760
fraught with potential perils for

454
00:22:35,500 --> 00:22:31,440
instance the balloon target that we were

455
00:22:38,240 --> 00:22:35,510
launching on one side of the Salton Sea

456
00:22:41,960 --> 00:22:38,250
even a little bit of breeze was blowing

457
00:22:44,750 --> 00:22:41,970
this thing so it wanted to you know sort

458
00:22:46,460 --> 00:22:44,760
of fly sideways and it was making it

459
00:22:50,860 --> 00:22:46,470
hard to control and it was hard to

460
00:22:58,550 --> 00:22:50,870
measure and even finding the thing at

461
00:23:01,160 --> 00:22:58,560
9.6 miles away was a difficult chore so

462
00:23:03,470 --> 00:23:01,170
that was one of it and you know if the

463
00:23:05,920 --> 00:23:03,480

water gets a little choppy and that

464

00:23:08,710 --> 00:23:05,930

doesn't even count some of these other

465

00:23:11,630 --> 00:23:08,720

you know atmospheric condition issues

466

00:23:15,740 --> 00:23:11,640

that arise anyone who's ever seen a

467

00:23:17,660 --> 00:23:15,750

mirage or you know reflection it looks

468

00:23:19,610 --> 00:23:17,670

like water on the horizon or anything

469

00:23:22,460 --> 00:23:19,620

like that you know if you're getting

470

00:23:27,169 --> 00:23:22,470

different temperatures but

471

00:23:30,140 --> 00:23:27,179

err layers it can actually bend light

472

00:23:32,029 --> 00:23:30,150

over distance and that's what a mirage

473

00:23:35,750 --> 00:23:32,039

is you know you're seeing something that

474

00:23:38,390 --> 00:23:35,760

is should be too far away to see like

475

00:23:42,919 --> 00:23:38,400

that but you're seeing a reflection and

476

00:23:45,409 --> 00:23:42,929

an air layer so anyway it's it's it's

477

00:23:48,230 --> 00:23:45,419

it's harder than it seems to prove

478

00:23:49,940 --> 00:23:48,240

something obvious like that well you're

479

00:23:52,039 --> 00:23:49,950

absolutely right because this is what we

480

00:23:53,510 --> 00:23:52,049

came across here in Australia we come

481

00:23:57,230 --> 00:23:53,520

across this when we're testing people I

482

00:23:59,510 --> 00:23:57,240

remembered in Las Vegas the time and the

483

00:24:02,210 --> 00:23:59,520

effort and the planning and the

484

00:24:04,669 --> 00:24:02,220

cooperation who have who is making the

485

00:24:06,440 --> 00:24:04,679

claim it all takes an enormous amount of

486

00:24:08,270 --> 00:24:06,450

time and I guess people really couldn't

487

00:24:09,620 --> 00:24:08,280

really don't think about that because

488

00:24:12,350 --> 00:24:09,630

it's not something they would normally

489

00:24:14,419 --> 00:24:12,360

do right and and and some of these

490

00:24:17,299 --> 00:24:14,429

things I mean there was one test we

491

00:24:20,240 --> 00:24:17,309

tested this woman it was a I think you

492

00:24:23,899 --> 00:24:20,250

know of her anita i conan it was a

493

00:24:26,779 --> 00:24:23,909

swedish national because I think Randy

494

00:24:30,440 --> 00:24:26,789

might have done a quick test with her or

495

00:24:31,940 --> 00:24:30,450

something but Rob her claim was being

496

00:24:36,020 --> 00:24:31,950

able that she said that she could look

497

00:24:40,070 --> 00:24:36,030

into a human being and see if they were

498

00:24:43,070 --> 00:24:40,080

missing a kidney or not yes I remember

499

00:24:45,890 --> 00:24:43,080

yes so we had to I mean it became

500

00:24:48,890 --> 00:24:45,900

extraordinary complex we first of all we

501
00:24:51,860 --> 00:24:48,900
had to find four people who were missing

502
00:24:53,510 --> 00:24:51,870
a kidney and not only did we have to

503
00:24:55,880 --> 00:24:53,520
find four people who were missing a

504
00:24:58,310 --> 00:24:55,890
kidney and and you know try to Google

505
00:24:59,810 --> 00:24:58,320
that try to go to a hospital and say can

506
00:25:03,980 --> 00:24:59,820
we have some of your people who are

507
00:25:05,960 --> 00:25:03,990
missing kidneys you know not only do we

508
00:25:07,850 --> 00:25:05,970
have to find four people who were

509
00:25:10,460 --> 00:25:07,860
missing kidneys three for the actual

510
00:25:14,560 --> 00:25:10,470
test and one to demonstrate that she

511
00:25:17,450 --> 00:25:14,570
actually had the power beforehand and

512
00:25:23,870 --> 00:25:17,460
but we also had to find people who were

513
00:25:26,990 --> 00:25:23,880

missing their left kidneys good

514

00:25:31,220 --> 00:25:27,000

agreement yeah missing their know

515

00:25:35,240 --> 00:25:31,230

missing their right kidney because most

516

00:25:36,590 --> 00:25:35,250

people who donate a kidney donate the

517

00:25:40,310 --> 00:25:36,600

left

518

00:25:43,400 --> 00:25:40,320

it's easier to operate and pull out a

519

00:25:46,760 --> 00:25:43,410

left kidney for various medical reasons

520

00:25:49,040 --> 00:25:46,770

and that's common knowledge in the

521

00:25:54,140 --> 00:25:49,050

medical we found we learned ahead of

522

00:25:57,500 --> 00:25:54,150

time fortunately that so I'm everyone

523

00:25:59,720 --> 00:25:57,510

who donates a kidney on purpose donates

524

00:26:01,280 --> 00:25:59,730

their left kidney and forgive me if I

525

00:26:03,170 --> 00:26:01,290

get this backwards but I'm pretty sure

526

00:26:04,760 --> 00:26:03,180

it's a left one cuz your livers on the

527

00:26:07,220 --> 00:26:04,770

right side and there's other stuff in

528

00:26:11,360 --> 00:26:07,230

there it's it's just more difficult so

529

00:26:14,870 --> 00:26:11,370

we figured that that she knew that fact

530

00:26:16,580 --> 00:26:14,880

and would guess left kidney every time

531

00:26:18,620 --> 00:26:16,590

so we're trying to find right kidney

532

00:26:22,670 --> 00:26:18,630

people missing right kidney so that was

533

00:26:25,370 --> 00:26:22,680

part of it that we had to find let's see

534

00:26:28,040 --> 00:26:25,380

there was one person missing a kidney in

535

00:26:32,180 --> 00:26:28,050

each group of six so we still we had to

536

00:26:35,660 --> 00:26:32,190

find fifteen more people beyond the four

537

00:26:39,890 --> 00:26:35,670

missing many people then in order to

538

00:26:42,710 --> 00:26:39,900

verify this we had to get we had to get

539

00:26:45,920 --> 00:26:42,720

an ultrasound machine at to the Center

540

00:26:49,430 --> 00:26:45,930

for inquiry and attack to be able to run

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00:26:51,230 --> 00:26:49,440

the ultrasound machine will have which

542

00:26:53,360 --> 00:26:51,240

all cost money

543

00:26:58,520 --> 00:26:53,370

we had to serve lunch I mean it took

544

00:27:00,380 --> 00:26:58,530

like 30 people to run this test and it's

545

00:27:02,750 --> 00:27:00,390

not a simple thing it's just not a

546

00:27:06,170 --> 00:27:02,760

simple thing no it's it's crazy and and

547

00:27:08,270 --> 00:27:06,180

for stuff like that we don't pay for the

548

00:27:12,080 --> 00:27:08,280

applicants that we don't pay for their

549

00:27:16,910 --> 00:27:12,090

travel or anything and when their their

550

00:27:19,610 --> 00:27:16,920

alleged ability involves front money and

551
00:27:21,860 --> 00:27:19,620
hiring people and all this other stuff

552
00:27:24,110 --> 00:27:21,870
they have to pay for that and she

553
00:27:28,100 --> 00:27:24,120
fronted the money would to her credit oh

554
00:27:30,620 --> 00:27:28,110
wow and it's the same situation here in

555
00:27:33,110 --> 00:27:30,630
Australia the claimant bears the costs

556
00:27:34,550 --> 00:27:33,120
of any any test which is we think is

557
00:27:38,150 --> 00:27:34,560
fair enough because if they're genuine

558
00:27:39,980 --> 00:27:38,160
they're gonna make many more dollars

559
00:27:42,260 --> 00:27:39,990
back then they they put into it in the

560
00:27:45,050 --> 00:27:42,270
first place and finally with the the

561
00:27:47,060 --> 00:27:45,060
flat earthers and so on you must have as

562
00:27:48,920 --> 00:27:47,070
we do here you must have heard some

563
00:27:52,920 --> 00:27:48,930

pretty amazing

564

00:27:56,400 --> 00:27:52,930

excuses and reasons why they fail yeah I

565

00:27:59,040 --> 00:27:56,410

have this which I think we might even

566

00:28:02,130 --> 00:27:59,050

have a physical copy of it somewhere but

567

00:28:06,060 --> 00:28:02,140

I have this at least an informal what I

568

00:28:08,220 --> 00:28:06,070

call the big book of excuses and I know

569

00:28:11,160 --> 00:28:08,230

you guys have heard this one but one of

570

00:28:16,320 --> 00:28:11,170

the more common ones is too much

571

00:28:20,760 --> 00:28:16,330

skeptical energy in the room yep um so

572

00:28:25,680 --> 00:28:20,770

that was that was a new one every time

573

00:28:29,580 --> 00:28:25,690

one guy was doing a he said he could

574

00:28:33,270 --> 00:28:29,590

predict a binary outcome so in this case

575

00:28:38,310 --> 00:28:33,280

it wasn't a coin flip it was actually we

576

00:28:39,930 --> 00:28:38,320

had a regular six-sided die and three of

577

00:28:43,320 --> 00:28:39,940

the sides were orange and three of the

578

00:28:46,470 --> 00:28:43,330

sides were black so he said he could

579

00:28:52,080 --> 00:28:46,480

predict which side would come up I think

580

00:28:54,720 --> 00:28:52,090

it was 53% of the time which Jay diamond

581

00:28:57,420 --> 00:28:54,730

cousin jeigh diamond from the San

582

00:29:01,830 --> 00:28:57,430

Francisco group called worst superpower

583

00:29:03,630 --> 00:29:01,840

ever I think if you could predict the

584

00:29:05,580 --> 00:29:03,640

coin from their points they're you know

585

00:29:08,610 --> 00:29:05,590

fifty three out of a hundred times

586

00:29:09,510 --> 00:29:08,620

Jesus how you gonna monetize that that's

587

00:29:13,170 --> 00:29:09,520

pathetic

588

00:29:16,140 --> 00:29:13,180

but you know if the number of rolls is

589

00:29:19,230 --> 00:29:16,150

large enough and we had to you know get

590

00:29:21,030 --> 00:29:19,240

our statisticians working on that it

591

00:29:25,050 --> 00:29:21,040

could still be significant even though

592

00:29:27,870 --> 00:29:25,060

it sounds kind of silly yeah I think he

593

00:29:30,120 --> 00:29:27,880

saw that would take a long time yeah it

594

00:29:32,400 --> 00:29:30,130

did it took all afternoon and was

595

00:29:34,680 --> 00:29:32,410

extremely tedious we made a video of it

596

00:29:36,510 --> 00:29:34,690

but boy Vlada

597

00:29:40,730 --> 00:29:36,520

ended up on the editing room floor and

598

00:29:44,520 --> 00:29:40,740

that one and his excuse was that he

599

00:29:48,510 --> 00:29:44,530

didn't practice with the type of jar we

600

00:29:50,520 --> 00:29:48,520

were using or something I don't know oh

601
00:29:54,420 --> 00:29:50,530
there you go you see you should have

602
00:29:55,800 --> 00:29:54,430
used the other job well talk about weird

603
00:29:58,770 --> 00:29:55,810
things that happen that you can't

604
00:30:02,370 --> 00:29:58,780
predict we actually we had like a big

605
00:30:05,039 --> 00:30:02,380
pickle jar that wheelers shaking the

606
00:30:07,499 --> 00:30:05,049
and you know because you don't want has

607
00:30:10,799 --> 00:30:07,509
to touch it because we could be cheating

608
00:30:13,799 --> 00:30:10,809
so we're shaking in a rain in the pickle

609
00:30:15,480 --> 00:30:13,809
jar and the damn thing broke who could

610
00:30:20,700 --> 00:30:15,490
have predicted a die could break a

611
00:30:23,190 --> 00:30:20,710
prickle joke so you never know anyway so

612
00:30:24,629 --> 00:30:23,200
Jim the message for people out there in

613
00:30:26,460 --> 00:30:24,639

the United States I think it's in the

614

00:30:28,769 --> 00:30:26,470

United States I mean now out prizes

615

00:30:30,419 --> 00:30:28,779

really for Australians I imagine yours

616

00:30:33,060 --> 00:30:30,429

is for the people in the United States

617

00:30:36,930 --> 00:30:33,070

or as your prize worldwide it is

618

00:30:41,580 --> 00:30:36,940

worldwide we tested a guy who over the

619

00:30:44,850 --> 00:30:41,590

internet from Macedonia last year he

620

00:30:47,730 --> 00:30:44,860

said he said he could look at a picture

621

00:30:50,610 --> 00:30:47,740

so we did a Skype call he said he could

622

00:30:52,619 --> 00:30:50,620

look at a picture on skype and decide

623

00:30:55,529 --> 00:30:52,629

whether this person was living or dead

624

00:31:00,779 --> 00:30:55,539

right and I think he was using a

625

00:31:03,649 --> 00:31:00,789

pendulum to do okay and he got he looked

626

00:31:07,860 --> 00:31:03,659

at twenty pictures and he got 11 right

627

00:31:10,889 --> 00:31:07,870

there you go well so it's a worldwide

628

00:31:13,139 --> 00:31:10,899

prize folks if you're interested if you

629

00:31:16,980 --> 00:31:13,149

think you have psychic powers or

630

00:31:19,649 --> 00:31:16,990

abilities or or you know somebody who

631

00:31:21,360 --> 00:31:19,659

does and if you do know somebody who

632

00:31:24,600 --> 00:31:21,370

does and they win the prize you're in

633

00:31:26,999 --> 00:31:24,610

line for what five grand yourself \$5,000

634

00:31:29,639 --> 00:31:27,009

finder's fee that's right so put the

635

00:31:31,560 --> 00:31:29,649

heat on your your neighbor who's

636

00:31:34,409 --> 00:31:31,570

claiming to have these powers you could

637

00:31:40,080 --> 00:31:34,419

get some money to almost free money

638

00:31:41,639 --> 00:31:40,090

folks head to CFI IG org all the details

639

00:31:45,930 --> 00:31:41,649

are there and you can read some accounts

640

00:31:49,889 --> 00:31:45,940

of some of the past tests of alleged

641

00:31:51,240 --> 00:31:49,899

paranormal or psychic ability well James

642

00:31:51,659 --> 00:31:51,250

Underdown all the way over there in

643

00:31:54,360 --> 00:31:51,669

Hollywood

644

00:31:56,940 --> 00:31:54,370

one day maybe we can get together again

645

00:31:58,950 --> 00:31:56,950

in Los Angeles or California somewhere

646

00:32:00,779 --> 00:31:58,960

or even Las Vegas when all this

647

00:32:03,779 --> 00:32:00,789

craziness is over

648

00:32:06,120 --> 00:32:03,789

but until then thanks very much thank

649

00:32:17,850 --> 00:32:06,130

you Richard

650

00:32:20,340 --> 00:32:17,860

I sure do miss going to those skeptical

651
00:32:22,560 --> 00:32:20,350
meetings and pubs and cafes to hear

652
00:32:29,580 --> 00:32:22,570
talks and interact with my friends you

653
00:32:33,990 --> 00:32:29,590
know well I think I could help you with

654
00:32:37,260 --> 00:32:34,000
that who the hell are you

655
00:32:40,140 --> 00:32:37,270
I'm your skeptical fairy godmother angel

656
00:32:43,350 --> 00:32:40,150
from the internet you're my skeptical go

657
00:32:44,730 --> 00:32:43,360
that whoa relax Richard I can make your

658
00:32:48,840 --> 00:32:44,740
wish come true

659
00:32:56,250 --> 00:32:48,850
what you mean free beer

660
00:32:57,480 --> 00:32:56,260
no no no the other way oh really yes I

661
00:33:00,720 --> 00:32:57,490
have news

662
00:33:05,190 --> 00:33:00,730
skeptical meetings and talks online oh

663
00:33:07,919 --> 00:33:05,200

oh oh yes of course yes skeptics cafe

664

00:33:10,649 --> 00:33:07,929

online by the Vic skeptics brings you

665

00:33:11,390 --> 00:33:10,659

live and interactive skeptical talks via

666

00:33:14,820 --> 00:33:11,400

soon

667

00:33:16,980 --> 00:33:14,830

anyone anywhere in the world is welcome

668

00:33:19,620 --> 00:33:16,990

to join in on the third Monday of the

669

00:33:21,779 --> 00:33:19,630

month just check out the skeptics cafe

670

00:33:25,610 --> 00:33:21,789

page on Facebook to see when the next

671

00:33:28,500 --> 00:33:25,620

talk is and who will be presenting

672

00:33:31,039 --> 00:33:28,510

alternatively see the big skeptics

673

00:33:33,600 --> 00:33:31,049

website at fix skeptics dot

674

00:33:37,520 --> 00:33:33,610

wordpress.com for details

675

00:33:41,490 --> 00:33:37,530

that sounds great a skeptical God very

676
00:33:44,640 --> 00:33:41,500
angel mother and person and there are

677
00:33:47,070 --> 00:33:44,650
similar skeptical online talks happening

678
00:33:50,250 --> 00:33:47,080
around the country and all over the

679
00:33:51,990 --> 00:33:50,260
world all you need to do is search for

680
00:33:56,250 --> 00:33:52,000
them Wow

681
00:34:03,659 --> 00:33:56,260
now just one more question yes what

682
00:34:08,190 --> 00:34:03,669
about the beer okay alright well just

683
00:34:11,609 --> 00:34:08,200
for you I'll make it so you can go to

684
00:34:14,070 --> 00:34:11,619
the supermarket buy what ever beer you

685
00:34:16,710 --> 00:34:14,080
like and drink it while watching the

686
00:34:18,300 --> 00:34:16,720
talk online at home and they say

687
00:34:21,540 --> 00:34:18,310
miracles never have

688
00:34:24,899 --> 00:34:21,550

and to think I gave up being the tooth

689

00:34:31,479 --> 00:34:24,909

fairy for this what nothing

690

00:34:52,200 --> 00:34:50,270

[Music]

691

00:34:54,990 --> 00:34:52,210

logical fallacies

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00:34:58,120 --> 00:34:55,000

[Music]

693

00:35:00,190 --> 00:34:58,130

what are the logical fallacies and why

694

00:35:02,520 --> 00:35:00,200

is it important that critical thinkers

695

00:35:05,220 --> 00:35:02,530

should know about them

696

00:35:08,250 --> 00:35:05,230

a logical fallacy is an error we can

697

00:35:10,530 --> 00:35:08,260

make in reasoning but it usually crops

698

00:35:14,250 --> 00:35:10,540

up when we are discussing or arguing our

699

00:35:16,710 --> 00:35:14,260

point of view some people might even

700

00:35:18,390 --> 00:35:16,720

knowingly use them to try and score

701

00:35:22,290 --> 00:35:18,400

cheap points in an argument

702

00:35:24,870 --> 00:35:22,300

due to intellectual laziness they are

703

00:35:27,120 --> 00:35:24,880

traps we can fall into but if we know

704

00:35:29,400 --> 00:35:27,130

what to look out for we can spot them

705

00:35:35,460 --> 00:35:29,410

when they occur and stop ourselves from

706

00:35:39,120 --> 00:35:35,470

using them this time we'll look at the

707

00:35:43,560 --> 00:35:39,130

relative privation fallacy this fallacy

708

00:35:46,860 --> 00:35:43,570

also known as not as bad as can be seen

709

00:35:49,500 --> 00:35:46,870

as a type of red herring or distraction

710

00:35:52,170 --> 00:35:49,510

the fallacy is essentially an argument

711

00:35:54,330 --> 00:35:52,180

that the certain issue is not important

712

00:35:57,000 --> 00:35:54,340

or does not deserve attention and

713

00:36:00,420 --> 00:35:57,010

resources because there are other and

714

00:36:03,750 --> 00:36:00,430

more important issues another variation

715

00:36:06,630 --> 00:36:03,760

of the relative privation fallacy is to

716

00:36:10,140 --> 00:36:06,640

compare something with the best or the

717

00:36:14,100 --> 00:36:10,150

worst case scenario thus making it seem

718

00:36:16,980 --> 00:36:14,110

much better or worse by comparison as a

719

00:36:19,350 --> 00:36:16,990

naturopath I can tell you that mistakes

720

00:36:22,050 --> 00:36:19,360

are sometimes made by practitioners of

721

00:36:24,030 --> 00:36:22,060

alternative medicine but that is nothing

722

00:36:26,970 --> 00:36:24,040

compared to the thousands of mistakes

723

00:36:30,750 --> 00:36:26,980

and deaths each year due to mainstream

724

00:36:34,190 --> 00:36:30,760

medicine that people die under the care

725

00:36:37,500 --> 00:36:34,200

of mainstream medicine is not in doubt

726
00:36:40,680 --> 00:36:37,510
but keep in mind that what mainstream

727
00:36:44,280 --> 00:36:40,690
medicine does is to look after millions

728
00:36:48,030 --> 00:36:44,290
of people who range from being mildly

729
00:36:53,280 --> 00:36:48,040
unwell to very unwell to being

730
00:36:57,600 --> 00:36:53,290
critically unwell yes it's not a perfect

731
00:37:00,630 --> 00:36:57,610
system but that does not justify nor

732
00:37:03,690 --> 00:37:00,640
diminish the mistakes made by so-called

733
00:37:06,000 --> 00:37:03,700
alternative medicine why should we

734
00:37:08,580 --> 00:37:06,010
bother doing something in Australia for

735
00:37:10,950 --> 00:37:08,590
climate change in the environment when

736
00:37:13,740 --> 00:37:10,960
China and other countries are much

737
00:37:16,320 --> 00:37:13,750
bigger polluters it may well be that

738
00:37:18,870 --> 00:37:16,330

other countries contribute a much

739

00:37:22,590 --> 00:37:18,880

volume of greenhouse gasses or other

740

00:37:26,850 --> 00:37:22,600

pollutants in Australia that is no

741

00:37:28,800 --> 00:37:26,860

reason at all for Australia especially

742

00:37:32,970 --> 00:37:28,810

as one of the highest polluters per

743

00:37:35,310 --> 00:37:32,980

capita if not as a total amount or any

744

00:37:37,890 --> 00:37:35,320

other country to give up doing

745

00:37:42,510 --> 00:37:37,900

everything we can to combat this

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00:37:45,300 --> 00:37:42,520

worldwide problem if every country gave

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00:37:48,600 --> 00:37:45,310

up using the above argument as a

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00:37:52,920 --> 00:37:48,610

justification the situation would be

749

00:37:54,570 --> 00:37:52,930

much much worse you skeptics have been

750

00:37:58,110 --> 00:37:54,580

trying to debunk two silly things like

751
00:38:00,900 --> 00:37:58,120
UFOs and psychics for years and people

752
00:38:03,200 --> 00:38:00,910
still believe in them you should give up

753
00:38:05,960 --> 00:38:03,210
and put your time and efforts into being

754
00:38:09,000 --> 00:38:05,970
skeptical of far more important issues

755
00:38:12,330 --> 00:38:09,010
this is an argument sceptical groups

756
00:38:15,120 --> 00:38:12,340
here from time to time that some people

757
00:38:18,120 --> 00:38:15,130
don't find investigating UFOs or

758
00:38:21,870 --> 00:38:18,130
homeopathy or psychics of interest is

759
00:38:23,670 --> 00:38:21,880
fine but that doesn't mean sceptical

760
00:38:27,150 --> 00:38:23,680
groups should suddenly change their

761
00:38:29,940 --> 00:38:27,160
focus we wouldn't expect the local chess

762
00:38:32,070 --> 00:38:29,950
club to give up chess just because

763
00:38:36,660 --> 00:38:32,080

someone thinks backgammon is a better

764

00:38:39,180 --> 00:38:36,670

game the implication is that you cannot

765

00:38:42,030 --> 00:38:39,190

be real skeptics as you are not

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00:38:45,540 --> 00:38:42,040

skeptical of what I am skeptical of and

767

00:38:48,890 --> 00:38:45,550

what I am sceptical of is more important

768

00:38:52,120 --> 00:38:48,900

than what you are skeptical of

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00:38:58,180 --> 00:38:55,330

the relative privation fallacy can

770

00:39:00,730 --> 00:38:58,190

easily take you away from the argument

771

00:39:04,930 --> 00:39:00,740

in hand and have you wasting your time

772

00:39:08,890 --> 00:39:04,940

down some rabbit hole try to keep your

773

00:39:15,220 --> 00:39:08,900

opponent and yourself to the topic in

774

00:39:17,830 --> 00:39:15,230

question knowing a logical fallacy when

775

00:39:20,530 --> 00:39:17,840

you hear one and even knowing its name

776

00:39:21,360 --> 00:39:20,540

is important when arguing your point of

777

00:39:24,340 --> 00:39:21,370

view

778

00:39:27,670 --> 00:39:24,350

however you may come across as arrogant

779

00:39:30,400 --> 00:39:27,680

and not get very far if you call it out

780

00:39:34,600 --> 00:39:30,410

by name to your opponent when you hear

781

00:39:37,540 --> 00:39:34,610

it being used if your opponent calls you

782

00:39:40,830 --> 00:39:37,550

out for using one it's time to stop and

783

00:39:43,410 --> 00:39:40,840

think about how you are making your case

784

00:39:47,170 --> 00:39:43,420

use your knowledge of logical fallacies

785

00:39:49,810 --> 00:39:47,180

wisely and remember that even if your

786

00:39:52,660 --> 00:39:49,820

point of view is right and you know all

787

00:39:55,000 --> 00:39:52,670

the pitfalls in arguing your case it

788

00:39:58,780 --> 00:39:55,010

doesn't always mean you'll win on the

789

00:40:02,030 --> 00:39:58,790

day and a skeptics we must also remember

790

00:40:03,930 --> 00:40:02,040

that we too can be wrong at times

791

00:40:06,850 --> 00:40:03,940

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792

00:40:13,560 --> 00:40:06,860

I'm shale because my from the Vick

793

00:40:23,940 --> 00:40:22,200

oh the skeptic zone there there's a

794

00:40:25,320 --> 00:40:23,950

bunch of funky crew everyone who

795

00:40:27,540 --> 00:40:25,330

listened to the skeptic zone is a

796

00:40:29,940 --> 00:40:27,550

serious funk stir well there'll be some

797

00:40:34,440 --> 00:40:29,950

fun going on next Friday night at 8:30

798

00:40:38,160 --> 00:40:34,450

at Sydney time that's a 10:30 UTC which

799

00:40:39,810 --> 00:40:38,170

means all current timecode i think but

800

00:40:40,890 --> 00:40:39,820

never we having the one-man mad club

801
00:40:42,990 --> 00:40:40,900
that's why they'll be jumping around and

802
00:40:45,210 --> 00:40:43,000
leaping around and our studio engineer

803
00:40:45,630 --> 00:40:45,220
for the entire thing will be Richard

804
00:40:47,700 --> 00:40:45,640
Saunders

805
00:40:49,410 --> 00:40:47,710
so the show's gonna be a complete

806
00:40:51,600 --> 00:40:49,420
disaster so why not watch it we do it

807
00:40:54,360 --> 00:40:51,610
live at that time I told you earlier

808
00:40:55,620 --> 00:40:54,370
hunter the donkey code time and I'll be

809
00:40:58,440 --> 00:40:55,630
very Bobby jumping around off with

810
00:41:01,020 --> 00:40:58,450
playing stuff and it's it's easy to find

811
00:41:05,400 --> 00:41:01,030
because it's all on it's on my Mixcloud

812
00:41:07,920 --> 00:41:05,410
basically it's Mixcloud calm /live 4 /

813
00:41:10,680 --> 00:41:07,930

DJ main art but hey that's too hard just

814

00:41:12,510 --> 00:41:10,690

go to Maynard comm dot ru and they'll be

815

00:41:14,910 --> 00:41:12,520

a link to it there you probably won't

816

00:41:16,170 --> 00:41:14,920

see Richard but you might not see me

817

00:41:18,210 --> 00:41:16,180

either because he'll be in traffic to

818

00:41:20,400 --> 00:41:18,220

the vision and the audio and you're over

819

00:41:22,500 --> 00:41:20,410

here with this show like skeptic zone

820

00:41:24,330 --> 00:41:22,510

listeners can look and dance end point

821

00:41:26,990 --> 00:41:24,340

and if they miss the entire show because

822

00:41:30,270 --> 00:41:27,000

they don't live at all good 80 seat time

823

00:41:33,990 --> 00:41:30,280

under the counter time that's right it's

824

00:41:34,710 --> 00:41:34,000

10:30 under the counter time UTC next

825

00:41:38,040 --> 00:41:34,720

Friday night

826

00:41:40,350 --> 00:41:38,050

or 8:30 here for those Italians see you

827

00:41:42,360 --> 00:41:40,360

then oh and why is it on Facebook look

828

00:41:44,790 --> 00:41:42,370

any DJ's on the live stream on Facebook

829

00:41:47,990 --> 00:41:44,800

will tell you why than on Facebook Mark

830

00:41:57,590 --> 00:41:48,000

Zuckerberg can't dance

831

00:42:07,650 --> 00:42:02,760

to the publisher of uncovered the hidden

832

00:42:14,520 --> 00:42:07,660

secret conspiracy secrets exposed to the

833

00:42:21,270 --> 00:42:14,530

world at last in secret dear sir

834

00:42:25,770 --> 00:42:21,280

I am writing to you to acknowledge the

835

00:42:29,700 --> 00:42:25,780

delivery in a plain brown envelope of a

836

00:42:34,170 --> 00:42:29,710

copy of the above-mentioned book from

837

00:42:39,330 --> 00:42:34,180

your company I'm sure you can understand

838

00:42:42,600 --> 00:42:39,340

my keenness to read this expose which

839

00:42:52,200 --> 00:42:42,610

you assure me is a rare volume reflected

840

00:42:59,160 --> 00:42:52,210

in the price I paid of 1965 dollars my

841

00:43:02,760 --> 00:42:59,170

only concern is that as of yet I am able

842

00:43:05,880 --> 00:43:02,770

to decode much of the true hidden

843

00:43:10,140 --> 00:43:05,890

messages within the book that for

844

00:43:13,370 --> 00:43:10,150

obvious reasons is heavily encrypted I'm

845

00:43:17,790 --> 00:43:13,380

note that even the title of the book

846

00:43:21,230 --> 00:43:17,800

basic cooking for dummies is also in

847

00:43:23,480 --> 00:43:21,240

code no doubt a clever way of saying

848

00:43:29,580 --> 00:43:23,490

cooking the books

849

00:43:32,609 --> 00:43:29,590

however I do feel I am making some

850

00:43:34,880 --> 00:43:32,619

progress I draw your attention in

851

00:43:38,820 --> 00:43:34,890

particular to Chapter three

852

00:43:43,890 --> 00:43:38,830

brilliantly entitled the secrets of

853

00:43:46,800 --> 00:43:43,900

boiling eggs I cannot wait to uncover

854

00:43:51,020 --> 00:43:46,810

the layers of conspiracies government

855

00:43:56,160 --> 00:43:51,030

cover-ups and finally understand the

856

00:44:00,650 --> 00:43:56,170

references to setting the timer turning

857

00:44:06,649 --> 00:44:00,660

up the heat also add a pinch of salt and

858

00:44:16,439 --> 00:44:10,169

please find enclosed my check for a

859

00:44:20,659 --> 00:44:16,449

further 1960 \$5 for volume 2 listed in

860

00:44:23,819 --> 00:44:20,669

your catalog under the codename of

861

00:44:35,130 --> 00:44:23,829

submarine sandwiches and other guilty

862

00:44:38,039 --> 00:44:35,140

pleasures yours and the etc etc PS I am

863

00:44:54,479 --> 00:44:38,049

also confident I will soon discover the

864

00:45:00,329 --> 00:44:54,489

meaning of chapter 5 half-baked and now

865

00:45:01,180 --> 00:45:00,339

a reading from the book of Tim with Tim

866

00:45:06,040 --> 00:45:01,190

Mendham

867

00:45:09,290 --> 00:45:06,050

[Music]

868

00:45:11,330 --> 00:45:09,300

hi this is Tim in Des Moines the editor

869

00:45:13,760 --> 00:45:11,340

of Australian skeptics magazine the

870

00:45:16,849 --> 00:45:13,770

skeptic and I'm also executive officer

871

00:45:19,070 --> 00:45:16,859

for Australian skeptics today I'll be

872

00:45:24,520 --> 00:45:19,080

reading from the skeptic magazine from

873

00:45:28,310 --> 00:45:24,530

March 2015 which is volume 35 number one

874

00:45:31,430 --> 00:45:28,320

in the section what goes around what

875

00:45:34,820 --> 00:45:31,440

goes around goes around the story that

876

00:45:37,910 --> 00:45:34,830

continues never ending with starts off

877

00:45:46,849 --> 00:45:37,920

with romance this story is about ghosts

878

00:45:48,530 --> 00:45:46,859

and ghouls sex and magic ghosts and

879

00:45:51,470 --> 00:45:48,540

haunted houses feature prominently in

880

00:45:53,990 --> 00:45:51,480

horror stories literary historian Jay a

881

00:45:56,540 --> 00:45:54,000

Curtin has defined the horror story as a

882

00:45:58,820 --> 00:45:56,550

piece of fiction in prose of variable

883

00:46:01,339 --> 00:45:58,830

length which shocks or even frightens

884

00:46:04,700 --> 00:46:01,349

the reader or perhaps induces a feeling

885

00:46:06,290 --> 00:46:04,710

of repulsion or loathing horror stories

886

00:46:09,050 --> 00:46:06,300

that are set in exotic locations

887

00:46:11,599 --> 00:46:09,060

revolving around pseudo medieval castles

888

00:46:13,579 --> 00:46:11,609

dark nights lightning the supernatural

889

00:46:15,890 --> 00:46:13,589

and a general eerie and frightening

890

00:46:18,589 --> 00:46:15,900

atmosphere are often referred to as

891

00:46:20,510 --> 00:46:18,599

gothic horror genre or mode of

892

00:46:23,960 --> 00:46:20,520

literature that combines fiction horror

893

00:46:26,120 --> 00:46:23,970

and Romanticism the origin of gothic

894

00:46:29,210 --> 00:46:26,130

horror is attributed to English author

895

00:46:33,250 --> 00:46:29,220

Horace or sometimes Horatio Walpole with

896

00:46:36,079 --> 00:46:33,260

his 1764 novel the Castle of Otranto

897

00:46:36,910 --> 00:46:36,089

subtitled in its second edition a gothic

898

00:46:41,180 --> 00:46:36,920

story

899

00:46:42,829 --> 00:46:41,190

Walpole the 4th Earl of Orford was an

900

00:46:46,400 --> 00:46:42,839

English art historian man of letters

901
00:46:48,620 --> 00:46:46,410
antiquarian and weak politician he's

902
00:46:50,359 --> 00:46:48,630
remembered for Strawberry Hill the home

903
00:46:52,820 --> 00:46:50,369
he built in Twickenham southwest of

904
00:46:55,339 --> 00:46:52,830
London where he revived the Gothic style

905
00:46:57,920 --> 00:46:55,349
some decades before he is a Victorian

906
00:46:59,570 --> 00:46:57,930
successors he was the son of the first

907
00:47:01,880 --> 00:46:59,580
Prime Minister of Britain Sir Robert

908
00:47:03,589 --> 00:47:01,890
Walpole a cousin to Lord Nelson's

909
00:47:07,670 --> 00:47:03,599
grandmother's so everyone's connected

910
00:47:09,890 --> 00:47:07,680
just like this story in 1737 Walpole's

911
00:47:12,740 --> 00:47:09,900
mother died according to one biographer

912
00:47:15,200 --> 00:47:12,750
his love for his mother was quote the

913
00:47:17,630 --> 00:47:15,210

most powerful emotion of his entire life

914

00:47:19,099 --> 00:47:17,640

the whole of his psychological history

915

00:47:22,400 --> 00:47:19,109

was dominated

916

00:47:24,859 --> 00:47:22,410

i Walpole supposedly did not have any

917

00:47:27,829 --> 00:47:24,869

serious relationships with women he has

918

00:47:29,539 --> 00:47:27,839

been called a natural celibate his

919

00:47:31,910 --> 00:47:29,549

sexual orientation has been the subject

920

00:47:33,920 --> 00:47:31,920

of speculation many contemporaries

921

00:47:35,450 --> 00:47:33,930

described him as a feminist one

922

00:47:38,569 --> 00:47:35,460

political opponent called him a

923

00:47:41,539 --> 00:47:38,579

hermaphrodite horse he never married

924

00:47:44,200 --> 00:47:41,549

engage in a succession of unconsummated

925

00:47:46,160 --> 00:47:44,210

flirtations with unmarriageable women

926

00:47:49,370 --> 00:47:46,170

some previous biographers have

927

00:47:52,390 --> 00:47:49,380

interpreted well polis a sexual engaged

928

00:47:55,339 --> 00:47:52,400

only in platonic relationships a

929

00:47:55,880 --> 00:47:55,349

platonic love is a type of love that is

930

00:47:58,460 --> 00:47:55,890

chaste

931

00:48:00,920 --> 00:47:58,470

and non-sexual the term is named after

932

00:48:03,650 --> 00:48:00,930

Plato who was the first to describe this

933

00:48:05,930 --> 00:48:03,660

kind of love the original sense of the

934

00:48:09,109 --> 00:48:05,940

term is examined in Plato's dialogue the

935

00:48:12,739 --> 00:48:09,119

symposium which has a topic the subject

936

00:48:14,450 --> 00:48:12,749

of love or eros generally it explains

937

00:48:17,420 --> 00:48:14,460

the possibilities of how the feeling of

938

00:48:20,809 --> 00:48:17,430

love began and how it has evolved both

939

00:48:22,700 --> 00:48:20,819

sexually and non-sexually of particular

940

00:48:25,309 --> 00:48:22,710

importance is the speech of Socrates

941

00:48:28,370 --> 00:48:25,319

relating the ideas attributed to the

942

00:48:30,710 --> 00:48:28,380

prophetess died ultima which present

943

00:48:33,529 --> 00:48:30,720

love as a means of ascent to

944

00:48:36,829 --> 00:48:33,539

contemplation of the divine for diatomic

945

00:48:39,289 --> 00:48:36,839

and for Plato generally the most correct

946

00:48:43,749 --> 00:48:39,299

use of love of other human beings is to

947

00:48:46,039 --> 00:48:43,759

direct one's mind to love of divinity

948

00:48:48,680 --> 00:48:46,049

Plato himself was not always so

949

00:48:51,259 --> 00:48:48,690

accommodating to others in the symposium

950

00:48:53,809 --> 00:48:51,269

he described Magi were magicians as

951
00:48:57,069 --> 00:48:53,819
Maleficent while allowing a measure of

952
00:48:59,660 --> 00:48:57,079
efficacy as a function of the god eros

953
00:49:01,880 --> 00:48:59,670
another who criticized the Magi was

954
00:49:04,069 --> 00:49:01,890
Pliny the Elder the Roman historian

955
00:49:06,079 --> 00:49:04,079
natural philosopher naval and army

956
00:49:09,289 --> 00:49:06,089
commander and personal friend of the

957
00:49:12,859 --> 00:49:09,299
Emperor Vespasian in his natural history

958
00:49:14,539 --> 00:49:12,869
Pliny attacked astrology and suggested

959
00:49:16,700 --> 00:49:14,549
that magic originated in medicine

960
00:49:19,519 --> 00:49:16,710
creeping in by pretending to offer

961
00:49:21,289 --> 00:49:19,529
health he says that Plato wrote

962
00:49:23,569 --> 00:49:21,299
pythagoras and others traveled abroad to

963
00:49:25,549 --> 00:49:23,579

learn magic remarking that it was

964

00:49:28,460 --> 00:49:25,559

surprising anyone accepted the doctrines

965

00:49:30,529 --> 00:49:28,470

they brought back till his nephew Pliny

966

00:49:32,539 --> 00:49:30,539

the Younger was a lawyer

967

00:49:35,269 --> 00:49:32,549

author and magistrate of ancient Rome

968

00:49:37,400 --> 00:49:35,279

both Pliny the Elder and younger were

969

00:49:42,499 --> 00:49:37,410

witnesses to the eruption of Vesuvius

970

00:49:45,169 --> 00:49:42,509

on August 24 79 bit ad or C II as we

971

00:49:45,799 --> 00:49:45,179

call it now during which Pliny the Elder

972

00:49:47,900 --> 00:49:45,809

died

973

00:49:50,449 --> 00:49:47,910

Pliny the Younger was considered an

974

00:49:52,519 --> 00:49:50,459

honest and moderate man he rose through

975

00:49:56,059 --> 00:49:52,529

a series of imperial civil and military

976

00:49:57,919 --> 00:49:56,069

officers the cursus honorum he was a

977

00:50:00,469 --> 00:49:57,929

friend of the historian Tacitus and

978

00:50:03,469 --> 00:50:00,479

employed the biographer Suetonius on his

979

00:50:05,870 --> 00:50:03,479

staff what he is less well-known for is

980

00:50:08,089 --> 00:50:05,880

that in a letter to his patron Lucia

981

00:50:11,749 --> 00:50:08,099

Sura he gave the earliest surviving

982

00:50:14,079 --> 00:50:11,759

report of a haunted house a villa with a

983

00:50:17,890 --> 00:50:14,089

ghost of an old man bound with chains

984

00:50:20,620 --> 00:50:17,900

which brings us back to haunted houses

985

00:50:22,069 --> 00:50:20,630

so that was what goes around from March

986

00:50:30,380 --> 00:50:22,079

2015

987

00:50:32,390 --> 00:50:30,390

from the skeptic and you can download

988

00:50:32,989 --> 00:50:32,400

all back issues of the skeptic from our

989

00:50:35,569 --> 00:50:32,999

website

990

00:50:38,370 --> 00:50:35,579

skeptics Comte you and they are

991

00:50:50,779 --> 00:50:47,349

[Music]

992

00:50:53,359 --> 00:50:50,789

hi my name's Joe Thornley and I'd like

993

00:50:56,359 --> 00:50:53,369

you to join my cup I'd like you to

994

00:50:58,640 --> 00:50:56,369

listen to my podcast about cults called

995

00:51:00,349 --> 00:50:58,650

zealot it's available pretty much any

996

00:51:03,319 --> 00:51:00,359

way you find podcasts with further

997

00:51:05,660 --> 00:51:03,329

reading on the zealot Facebook page each

998

00:51:07,579 --> 00:51:05,670

episode a guest joins me to talk about a

999

00:51:12,930 --> 00:51:07,589

specific cult where we answer the big

1000

00:51:24,730 --> 00:51:23,200

and does anyone think they're Jesus hop

1001
00:51:26,740 --> 00:51:24,740
over to my compound and have a listen

1002
00:51:43,099 --> 00:51:26,750
I've just mixed up a fresh batch of

1003
00:51:46,920 --> 00:51:45,450
thank you for listening to the skeptic

1004
00:51:49,620 --> 00:51:46,930
zone and thank you again to those

1005
00:51:51,859 --> 00:51:49,630
wonderful people who helped to pay for

1006
00:51:54,510 --> 00:51:51,869
the skeptic zone to make it possible and

1007
00:51:57,859 --> 00:51:54,520
I don't know if you're picking this up

1008
00:52:00,780 --> 00:51:57,869
exactly but just in the last week I did

1009
00:52:03,359 --> 00:52:00,790
purchase a new studio microphone I'm

1010
00:52:07,710 --> 00:52:03,369
using at the moment which to my ears

1011
00:52:09,720 --> 00:52:07,720
sounds a lot better a bit better not not

1012
00:52:11,039 --> 00:52:09,730
a lot better I mean the microphones have

1013
00:52:14,250 --> 00:52:11,049

been using so far have been pretty good

1014

00:52:16,530 --> 00:52:14,260

this one's a little step up so hopefully

1015

00:52:20,789 --> 00:52:16,540

a little bit more a little bit more

1016

00:52:22,620 --> 00:52:20,799

quality listening on your end well it

1017

00:52:25,020 --> 00:52:22,630

depends what I say I guess I mean for

1018

00:52:28,650 --> 00:52:25,030

those technically-minded you can look it

1019

00:52:31,770 --> 00:52:28,660

up this is the rode nt1-a microphone

1020

00:52:33,359 --> 00:52:31,780

from Australia and I get no kick backs

1021

00:52:35,910 --> 00:52:33,369

or freebies or anything from the road

1022

00:52:38,460 --> 00:52:35,920

people but they do make a very good kit

1023

00:52:41,760 --> 00:52:38,470

indeed but anyway if it wasn't for the

1024

00:52:46,020 --> 00:52:41,770

kind contributions from listeners just

1025

00:52:47,819 --> 00:52:46,030

like you not only couldn't I get the odd

1026
00:52:49,410 --> 00:52:47,829
microphone from time to time but there

1027
00:52:53,220 --> 00:52:49,420
simply would be no skeptic zone that

1028
00:52:55,710 --> 00:52:53,230
would be packed up archived forever no

1029
00:52:57,059 --> 00:52:55,720
new episodes fortunately though there

1030
00:52:59,400 --> 00:52:57,069
are people just like you who do

1031
00:53:01,440 --> 00:52:59,410
contribute so thank you very much coming

1032
00:53:03,120 --> 00:53:01,450
up on next week's show some more logical

1033
00:53:07,440 --> 00:53:03,130
fallacies with Michelle bicker smart and

1034
00:53:09,569 --> 00:53:07,450
I did get some lovely feedback about

1035
00:53:11,609 --> 00:53:09,579
that segment with Michelle so thank you

1036
00:53:14,849 --> 00:53:11,619
for Michelle for continuing to do that

1037
00:53:17,549 --> 00:53:14,859
and soon maybe in a couple of weeks

1038
00:53:20,670 --> 00:53:17,559

we'll do another think tank because I've

1039

00:53:23,520 --> 00:53:20,680

got more feedback from the think tank we

1040

00:53:26,520 --> 00:53:23,530

ran on last week's show than I have for

1041

00:53:28,859 --> 00:53:26,530

a long time which is great people really

1042

00:53:30,510 --> 00:53:28,869

enjoyed it really loved hearing dr.

1043

00:53:33,450 --> 00:53:30,520

Cassandra param and Michelle because mom

1044

00:53:35,490 --> 00:53:33,460

shall Franklin and Trish Han and me in

1045

00:53:37,230 --> 00:53:35,500

the background a little bit so we'll see

1046

00:53:39,359 --> 00:53:37,240

if we can do some more of those soon I

1047

00:53:42,900 --> 00:53:39,369

think and thank you to those wonderful

1048

00:53:44,870 --> 00:53:42,910

reporters and your thoughtful and very

1049

00:53:48,599 --> 00:53:44,880

interesting comments and observations

1050

00:53:51,690 --> 00:53:48,609

during the think tank I might be chasing

1051
00:53:53,520 --> 00:53:51,700
up a couple of covered stories one

1052
00:53:54,750 --> 00:53:53,530
that's come to my attention here in

1053
00:53:57,330 --> 00:53:54,760
Australia apparently at

1054
00:53:59,370 --> 00:53:57,340
certain percentage of people who refuse

1055
00:54:03,920 --> 00:53:59,380
to be tested on the basis that they

1056
00:54:10,890 --> 00:54:07,590
which means that all these wacky zany

1057
00:54:13,050 --> 00:54:10,900
and laughable conspiracy theories you

1058
00:54:16,640 --> 00:54:13,060
hear about can have real-life

1059
00:54:18,810 --> 00:54:16,650
consequences and damaging consequences

1060
00:54:22,140 --> 00:54:18,820
might be something worth looking into

1061
00:54:26,220 --> 00:54:22,150
and just before I go why don't you tune

1062
00:54:29,190 --> 00:54:26,230
in to Maynard next Friday night here in

1063
00:54:33,930 --> 00:54:29,200

Australia at 8:30 may not is once again

1064

00:54:37,110 --> 00:54:33,940

doing live shows one man mad club he

1065

00:54:39,120 --> 00:54:37,120

calls it which almost anything goes you

1066

00:54:40,980 --> 00:54:39,130

never know what to expect but it's a

1067

00:54:43,680 --> 00:54:40,990

great excuse to have a beer or a wine

1068

00:54:45,960 --> 00:54:43,690

sit back in front of the the Internet

1069

00:54:49,140 --> 00:54:45,970

device or stream to your TV and watch

1070

00:54:55,670 --> 00:54:49,150

may not so check Maynard out at Maynard

1071

00:55:03,870 --> 00:54:55,680

com not a you or head over to Mixcloud

1072

00:55:07,740 --> 00:55:03,880

comm / Live / DJ - Maynard or some

1073

00:55:09,270 --> 00:55:07,750

people say - DJ - Maynard I'll add a

1074

00:55:11,940 --> 00:55:09,280

link to this week's show notes the last

1075

00:55:15,930 --> 00:55:11,950

one he did just the other night he did

1076
00:55:16,470 --> 00:55:15,940
from the bathtub so there you go but for

1077
00:55:18,660 --> 00:55:16,480
this week

1078
00:55:24,930 --> 00:55:18,670
this is Richard Saunders signing off

1079
00:55:27,000 --> 00:55:24,940
from Sydney Australia you've been

1080
00:55:32,460 --> 00:55:27,010
listening to the skeptic zone podcast

1081
00:55:35,490 --> 00:55:32,470
please visit our website at WWDC be for

1082
00:55:38,150 --> 00:55:35,500
show notes contacts and to access the

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expressed on the skeptic zone are not

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necessarily those of Australian skeptics

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or any other skeptical organisation

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00:56:21,420 --> 00:56:19,079

hello to the afterthoughts the people

1095

00:56:23,700 --> 00:56:21,430

who tune in after the music is ended and

1096

00:56:25,260 --> 00:56:23,710

this is a bit more relaxed section of

1097

00:56:26,220 --> 00:56:25,270

the show where I play the dice game if

1098

00:56:31,140 --> 00:56:26,230

you haven't heard it before I'm gonna

1099

00:56:32,940 --> 00:56:31,150

roll a 10 sided die three times and it's

1100

00:56:37,680 --> 00:56:32,950

up to you to use your psychic and mystic

1101
00:56:38,819 --> 00:56:37,690
powers to look into the future which is

1102
00:56:40,470 --> 00:56:38,829
the past because this is already

1103
00:56:42,060 --> 00:56:40,480
recorded but it's for mates the future

1104
00:56:44,880 --> 00:56:42,070
we've had this discussion before and

1105
00:56:49,740 --> 00:56:44,890
guess what numbers will come up or use

1106
00:56:52,200 --> 00:56:49,750
your mystic powers it's a d-10 so here

1107
00:56:54,569 --> 00:56:52,210
we go I'm gonna roll it on the desk here

1108
00:56:57,480 --> 00:56:54,579
I'm gonna turn my microphone up a little

1109
00:57:03,030 --> 00:56:57,490
bit though get back from the mic a bit

1110
00:57:05,630 --> 00:57:03,040
so in d-10 first role is on the floor

1111
00:57:07,130 --> 00:57:05,640
why settle it okay here we go

1112
00:57:12,960 --> 00:57:07,140
[Music]

1113
00:57:15,660 --> 00:57:12,970

to write that down first number this

1114

00:57:18,120 --> 00:57:15,670

week is to susan gerbic i know you're

1115

00:57:22,700 --> 00:57:18,130

listening and I know you're gonna pick

1116

00:57:29,010 --> 00:57:25,740

good grief well that's a coincidence

1117

00:57:30,930 --> 00:57:29,020

sorry Susan it's another two sorry got

1118

00:57:32,579 --> 00:57:30,940

your hopes up there for a minute you

1119

00:57:34,200 --> 00:57:32,589

just have to trust me folks I always

1120

00:57:39,470 --> 00:57:34,210

accurately tell you what the number is

1121

00:57:49,230 --> 00:57:39,480

last number coming up hiding under the

1122

00:57:51,809 --> 00:57:49,240

well how about that - it really is

1123

00:57:53,250 --> 00:57:51,819

I should video these things ok turn my

1124

00:57:55,260 --> 00:57:53,260

microphone down and come a bit close I

1125

00:57:57,120 --> 00:57:55,270

should video these things because it

1126

00:57:59,130 --> 00:57:57,130

really is and it's bound to happen every

1127

00:58:01,530 --> 00:57:59,140

now and then isn't it I mean to to to

1128

00:58:04,470 --> 00:58:01,540

have is the sequences likely to come up

1129

00:58:06,000 --> 00:58:04,480

as one five and nine or whatever there

1130

00:58:07,410 --> 00:58:06,010

you go and that's the second time and

1131

00:58:10,069 --> 00:58:07,420

all these I've been doing this that the

1132

00:58:15,109 --> 00:58:10,079

same numbers appeared three times

1133

00:58:20,069 --> 00:58:15,119

today's winning numbers number is two