



Episode **623**

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COVID-19 Graffiti

Protests in Melbourne

The Book of Tim

The Secret of the Secret

UFOs over Australia?



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00:00:08,470 --> 00:00:06,630

[Music]

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00:00:11,270 --> 00:00:08,480

welcome to the skeptic zone

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00:00:16,840 --> 00:00:11,280

the podcast from australia for science

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00:00:23,269 --> 00:00:16,850

and reason

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00:00:25,029 --> 00:00:23,279

[Music]

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00:00:27,509 --> 00:00:25,039

yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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00:00:30,150 --> 00:00:27,519

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00:00:31,509 --> 00:00:30,160

for the 20th of september 2020 richard

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00:00:32,870 --> 00:00:31,519

saunders coming to you from sydney

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00:00:36,310 --> 00:00:32,880

australia

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00:00:38,709 --> 00:00:36,320

oh it's wet raining wet cold

12
00:00:40,950 --> 00:00:38,719

well not really cold lots of birds

13
00:00:42,150 --> 00:00:40,960

outside for some reason

14

00:00:45,110 --> 00:00:42,160

i don't know what's going on maybe

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00:00:46,790 --> 00:00:45,120

they're sheltering from the rain

16

00:00:48,630 --> 00:00:46,800

moored the skeptic zone cat is at the

17

00:00:52,709 --> 00:00:48,640

window trying to catch them

18

00:00:57,189 --> 00:00:55,110

oh that's a cockatoo there are cockatoos

19

00:00:58,630 --> 00:00:57,199

and rainbow lorikeets being very noisy

20

00:01:00,549 --> 00:00:58,640

outside

21

00:01:01,910 --> 00:01:00,559

coming up on this week's show michelle

22

00:01:04,549 --> 00:01:01,920

biggesmar

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00:01:07,350 --> 00:01:04,559

reporter in melbourne reports on

24

00:01:11,429 --> 00:01:07,360

anti-covet 19

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00:01:13,350 --> 00:01:11,439

graffiti or pro-conspiracy graffiti

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00:01:14,950 --> 00:01:13,360

if you know what i mean written on

27

00:01:16,310 --> 00:01:14,960

buildings and on the sidewalks and

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00:01:18,710 --> 00:01:16,320

things like that

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00:01:19,749 --> 00:01:18,720

and the efforts some creative people

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00:01:23,109 --> 00:01:19,759

have gone to

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00:01:26,310 --> 00:01:23,119

to turn that graffiti around

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00:01:28,149 --> 00:01:26,320

sort of anti-graffiti graffiti

33

00:01:29,590 --> 00:01:28,159

but confusing coming up at the top of

34

00:01:32,069 --> 00:01:29,600

the show

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00:01:33,030 --> 00:01:32,079

after that we have a report from

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00:01:36,469 --> 00:01:33,040

protests

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00:01:38,789 --> 00:01:36,479

in melbourne of last weekend where

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00:01:40,469 --> 00:01:38,799

oh the birds are back maybe they're

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00:01:43,830 --> 00:01:40,479

going to go to the protest

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00:01:46,069 --> 00:01:43,840

where um because you know mainly

41

00:01:47,590 --> 00:01:46,079

i would suspect uh spurred on by

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00:01:49,830 --> 00:01:47,600

conspiracy theories

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00:01:51,590 --> 00:01:49,840

people are out flaunting the rules and

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00:01:54,950 --> 00:01:51,600

marching and protesting

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00:01:58,230 --> 00:01:54,960

um against the lockdown and face masks

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00:02:00,069 --> 00:01:58,240

and i notice just yesterday which was

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00:02:02,069 --> 00:02:00,079

saturday here in australia

48

00:02:03,990 --> 00:02:02,079

that more people were being arrested in

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00:02:04,789 --> 00:02:04,000

melbourne for running around with signs

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00:02:11,270 --> 00:02:04,799

and

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00:02:13,750 --> 00:02:11,280
there's always going to be a certain

52
00:02:17,110 --> 00:02:13,760
percentage of the population

53
00:02:21,270 --> 00:02:17,120
carried away carried away i think by

54
00:02:23,110 --> 00:02:21,280
the ideas that covet 19 is a hoax

55
00:02:24,390 --> 00:02:23,120
oh no wonder the birds were stopped and

56
00:02:27,750 --> 00:02:24,400
they started and stopped again the

57
00:02:30,949 --> 00:02:27,760
rain's getting heavier out there

58
00:02:32,150 --> 00:02:30,959
oh well ah you i mean you do like

59
00:02:34,150 --> 00:02:32,160
hearing the weather

60
00:02:35,750 --> 00:02:34,160
in sydney australia don't you i mean

61
00:02:39,030 --> 00:02:35,760
that's why you listen to the show

62
00:02:40,790 --> 00:02:39,040
after that we have the book of dim

63
00:02:42,949 --> 00:02:40,800

the return of the book of dim with tim

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00:02:45,110 --> 00:02:42,959

mendem and this week

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00:02:46,869 --> 00:02:45,120

tim will be reading from a section of

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00:02:47,990 --> 00:02:46,879

the skeptic magazine called what goes

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00:02:51,350 --> 00:02:48,000

around

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00:02:54,869 --> 00:02:51,360

about graphology writing profile

69

00:02:55,509 --> 00:02:54,879

testing and woo following that we have

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00:02:58,869 --> 00:02:55,519

the

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00:03:01,350 --> 00:02:58,879

strange situation where i i decided to

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00:03:04,149 --> 00:03:01,360

go to a convention about

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00:03:06,070 --> 00:03:04,159

the secret remember that the secret and

74

00:03:08,550 --> 00:03:06,080

the law of attraction and all that

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00:03:10,390 --> 00:03:08,560

anyway i turn up this convention and

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00:03:13,430 --> 00:03:10,400

strangely

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00:03:16,550 --> 00:03:13,440

it's not exactly what i was expecting

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00:03:17,670 --> 00:03:16,560

find out a bit later on well it's really

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00:03:20,470 --> 00:03:17,680

bucketing down out there

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00:03:21,430 --> 00:03:20,480

then to round off the show we have

81

00:03:25,110 --> 00:03:21,440

another trip

82

00:03:28,630 --> 00:03:25,120

another dive into the trove

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00:03:32,229 --> 00:03:28,640

that is trove the trove

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00:03:33,350 --> 00:03:32,239

online resource of magazines periodicals

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newspapers from

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00:03:37,830 --> 00:03:36,480

australian history and this week my

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00:03:40,869 --> 00:03:37,840

search for

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00:03:43,430 --> 00:03:40,879

flying sources and ufos

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00:03:44,229 --> 00:03:43,440

what comes up in the pages of australian

90

00:03:47,750 --> 00:03:44,239

newspapers

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00:03:50,149 --> 00:03:47,760

dating back decades and decades

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00:03:51,830 --> 00:03:50,159

now before we get stuck into the show

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00:03:55,509 --> 00:03:51,840

just the other day

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00:03:58,630 --> 00:03:55,519

uh friday here in sydney i and maynard

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00:04:00,550 --> 00:03:58,640

did a live trivia quiz on facebook via

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00:04:03,190 --> 00:04:00,560

maynard's facebook page

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00:04:04,710 --> 00:04:03,200

and that is still up there you can watch

98

00:04:06,309 --> 00:04:04,720

that all over again if you saw it the

99

00:04:07,910 --> 00:04:06,319

first time and have another laugh

100

00:04:10,149 --> 00:04:07,920

or you can watch it for the first time

101
00:04:11,110 --> 00:04:10,159
and see how you go with maynard's trivia

102
00:04:13,910 --> 00:04:11,120
quiz

103
00:04:16,069 --> 00:04:13,920
and of course to put your mind at rest

104
00:04:17,670 --> 00:04:16,079
we made sure we were at the right social

105
00:04:20,390 --> 00:04:17,680
distance from each other

106
00:04:21,670 --> 00:04:20,400
in a very tiny studio somehow we got

107
00:04:23,590 --> 00:04:21,680
away with it

108
00:04:25,430 --> 00:04:23,600
anyway i will link to that in this

109
00:04:26,710 --> 00:04:25,440
week's show notes

110
00:04:28,469 --> 00:04:26,720
but now it's time for me to run

111
00:04:30,550 --> 00:04:28,479
downstairs well actually before i do

112
00:04:33,670 --> 00:04:30,560
that i really hope

113
00:04:36,790 --> 00:04:33,680

what's going on out there

114

00:04:37,990 --> 00:04:36,800

it's like a strange someone's out there

115

00:04:39,189 --> 00:04:38,000

tipping a bucket i don't know what's

116

00:04:42,230 --> 00:04:39,199

going on

117

00:04:44,790 --> 00:04:42,240

but i hope wherever you are in the world

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00:04:46,469 --> 00:04:44,800

that uh you've been able to find at

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00:04:49,030 --> 00:04:46,479

least some time to relax

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00:04:51,030 --> 00:04:49,040

and take things a bit easier and uh

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00:04:54,390 --> 00:04:51,040

maybe give your mind a bit of a rest

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00:04:56,070 --> 00:04:54,400

it's very important maybe the skeptic

123

00:04:59,030 --> 00:04:56,080

zone can help

124

00:05:01,590 --> 00:04:59,040

transport you away for a little while

125

00:05:02,950 --> 00:05:01,600

like that bird

126

00:05:04,629 --> 00:05:02,960

but now it's time for me to run

127

00:05:08,310 --> 00:05:04,639

downstairs

128

00:05:10,870 --> 00:05:08,320

and i think on such a wet day a nice uh

129

00:05:11,510 --> 00:05:10,880

a nice tin of soup might be just the

130

00:05:14,469 --> 00:05:11,520

thing

131

00:05:15,749 --> 00:05:14,479

with toast of course while i do that i

132

00:05:30,180 --> 00:05:15,759

hope you enjoy

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00:05:36,070 --> 00:05:33,189

[Music]

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00:05:37,510 --> 00:05:36,080

hello skeptic zone listeners this is

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00:05:39,990 --> 00:05:37,520

michelle bickersma

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00:05:40,830 --> 00:05:40,000

coming to you from lockdown in melbourne

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00:05:45,110 --> 00:05:40,840

australia

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00:05:48,790 --> 00:05:48,310

we've reached our target of less than 50

139

00:05:51,990 --> 00:05:48,800

new

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00:05:54,790 --> 00:05:52,000

covert 19 cases per day and

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00:05:57,510 --> 00:05:54,800

we are about to enter our final week of

142

00:06:00,469 --> 00:05:57,520

stage four restrictions

143

00:06:01,510 --> 00:06:00,479

this means that we can exercise for two

144

00:06:05,430 --> 00:06:01,520

hours a day

145

00:06:08,950 --> 00:06:05,440

within a five kilometer radius from home

146

00:06:10,950 --> 00:06:08,960

so on this glorious sunny day i headed

147

00:06:14,309 --> 00:06:10,960

off for a walk in the park with an

148

00:06:15,170 --> 00:06:14,319

aim to visit the iconic and mighty yarra

149

00:06:17,749 --> 00:06:15,180

river

150

00:06:20,870 --> 00:06:17,759

[Music]

151
00:06:21,350 --> 00:06:20,880
on my way i was delighted to see that

152
00:06:24,070 --> 00:06:21,360
the

153
00:06:25,510 --> 00:06:24,080
covert is a hoax graffiti that had

154
00:06:28,950 --> 00:06:25,520
vandalised the bridge

155
00:06:31,350 --> 00:06:28,960
had been removed and further moments of

156
00:06:34,230 --> 00:06:31,360
joy lay ahead

157
00:06:37,350 --> 00:06:34,240
i came across a worker who was cleaning

158
00:06:39,670 --> 00:06:37,360
covert is a scam graffiti off the path

159
00:06:42,070 --> 00:06:39,680
and discovered that removing the

160
00:06:45,749 --> 00:06:42,080
ridiculous slogans was deemed

161
00:06:48,870 --> 00:06:45,759
essential work this was the workers

162
00:06:51,749 --> 00:06:48,880
third day of work in around six weeks

163
00:06:52,550 --> 00:06:51,759

so i was interested and heartened that

164

00:06:55,830 --> 00:06:52,560

it had been

165

00:06:57,029 --> 00:06:55,840

recognized as so important although i'm

166

00:06:59,589 --> 00:06:57,039

very sympathetic

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00:07:01,990 --> 00:06:59,599

about the hardship associated with the

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00:07:05,430 --> 00:07:02,000

lack of work opportunities that are

169

00:07:08,309 --> 00:07:05,440

being experienced by many

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00:07:10,390 --> 00:07:08,319

walking along the track i discovered the

171

00:07:13,510 --> 00:07:10,400

extent to which the path had been

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00:07:16,870 --> 00:07:13,520

vandalized with covert denying claims

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00:07:20,710 --> 00:07:16,880

stretching for a couple of kilometers

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00:07:23,029 --> 00:07:20,720

however i was also delighted to discover

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00:07:26,150 --> 00:07:23,039

that a member of my community has

176
00:07:27,909 --> 00:07:26,160
responded creatively to the anti-mask

177
00:07:31,510 --> 00:07:27,919
wearing slogan earring

178
00:07:32,710 --> 00:07:31,520
in chalk and not paint so a counteract

179
00:07:35,749 --> 00:07:32,720
of vandalism

180
00:07:39,110 --> 00:07:35,759
can't really be said to apply

181
00:07:40,070 --> 00:07:39,120
covet is a hoax has been transformed

182
00:07:43,189 --> 00:07:40,080
into

183
00:07:46,550 --> 00:07:43,199
covert this could be hope

184
00:07:49,830 --> 00:07:46,560
there is no virus wake up

185
00:07:53,350 --> 00:07:49,840
now reed says there is no by

186
00:07:54,309 --> 00:07:53,360
russian shake-up take off your slave

187
00:07:57,029 --> 00:07:54,319
mask

188
00:07:57,990 --> 00:07:57,039

has the appropriate addition of

189

00:08:01,390 --> 00:07:58,000

ventilator

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00:08:04,869 --> 00:08:01,400

masks are much more fun

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00:08:07,990 --> 00:08:04,879

hilariously government lies

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00:08:11,990 --> 00:08:08,000

wake up now reed says

193

00:08:15,589 --> 00:08:12,000

go mint pies bake up

194

00:08:18,790 --> 00:08:15,599

followed by take your mask off

195

00:08:23,189 --> 00:08:18,800

perfectly transformed into what else

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00:08:26,390 --> 00:08:23,199

but take your pants off

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00:08:29,830 --> 00:08:26,400

finally take off your muzzle

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00:08:31,909 --> 00:08:29,840

has now a better and more useful

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00:08:35,190 --> 00:08:31,919

suggestion that reads

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00:08:37,750 --> 00:08:35,200

time for a puzzle

201
00:08:38,949 --> 00:08:37,760
of course there were more standard but

202
00:08:42,310 --> 00:08:38,959
still worthwhile

203
00:08:47,670 --> 00:08:42,320
transformations like covert is not

204
00:08:49,910 --> 00:08:47,680
a hoax with the word not being inserted

205
00:08:51,190 --> 00:08:49,920
this will all be cleaned off by the end

206
00:08:53,590 --> 00:08:51,200
of the day

207
00:08:54,550 --> 00:08:53,600
but i'm pleased that i was able to

208
00:08:57,590 --> 00:08:54,560
capture it

209
00:08:58,710 --> 00:08:57,600
and feel really great that rationality

210
00:09:02,550 --> 00:08:58,720
prevails in my

211
00:09:05,990 --> 00:09:02,560
town as we've been saying

212
00:09:09,680 --> 00:09:06,000
we've got this melbourne see you on the

213
00:09:19,030 --> 00:09:09,690

other side

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00:09:22,389 --> 00:09:21,030

join us on the first thursday of the

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00:09:25,829 --> 00:09:22,399

month for sydney

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00:09:28,310 --> 00:09:25,839

skeptics in the pub online

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on the 1st of october we proudly present

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a talk by

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ben radford the truth about

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ghosts and ghost hunting

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we have all seen ghosts in film and on

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television

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00:09:43,430 --> 00:09:42,480

from poltergeist to medium to ghost

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00:09:45,990 --> 00:09:43,440

hunters

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00:09:47,430 --> 00:09:46,000

but how much of this is real and how

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00:09:50,470 --> 00:09:47,440

much is fiction

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00:09:52,870 --> 00:09:50,480

what does science tell us about ghosts

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00:09:54,790 --> 00:09:52,880

what kinds of evidence are offered for

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00:09:57,430 --> 00:09:54,800

the existence of ghosts

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00:09:58,230 --> 00:09:57,440

and how valid is that evidence

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00:10:01,030 --> 00:09:58,240

researcher

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00:10:01,670 --> 00:10:01,040

and folklorist benjamin radford will

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00:10:03,829 --> 00:10:01,680

discuss

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00:10:04,949 --> 00:10:03,839

several case studies of his ghost

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investigations

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included in his books scientific

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00:10:12,069 --> 00:10:09,440

paranormal investigation

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00:10:14,230 --> 00:10:12,079

how to solve unexplained mysteries

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00:10:17,190 --> 00:10:14,240

mysterious new mexico

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00:10:20,150 --> 00:10:17,200

and investigating ghosts the scientific

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00:10:22,150 --> 00:10:20,160

search for spirits

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00:10:23,750 --> 00:10:22,160

questions from the audience will follow

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00:10:26,230 --> 00:10:23,760

the talk

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00:10:27,590 --> 00:10:26,240

sydney skeptics in the pub online

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00:10:31,110 --> 00:10:27,600

october the 1st

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00:10:34,710 --> 00:10:31,120

at 7 pm sydney time to tune in

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00:10:47,840 --> 00:10:34,720

just go to www.twitch.tv

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00:10:53,750 --> 00:10:51,430

[Music]

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00:10:56,310 --> 00:10:53,760

last weekend in melbourne there were a

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00:10:59,350 --> 00:10:56,320

series of violent protests against uh

251
00:11:02,550 --> 00:10:59,360
the lockdown measures and we pick up

252
00:11:05,829 --> 00:11:02,560
a story here written in the age

253
00:11:10,310 --> 00:11:05,839
newspaper by ashley mcmillan

254
00:11:12,310 --> 00:11:10,320
simone fox coob and aaron pearson

255
00:11:14,310 --> 00:11:12,320
violence erupted at melbourne's queen

256
00:11:17,110 --> 00:11:14,320
victoria market on sunday

257
00:11:18,150 --> 00:11:17,120
as police clashed with anti-lockdown

258
00:11:21,030 --> 00:11:18,160
protesters

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00:11:23,430 --> 00:11:21,040
among its fruit and vegetable stores

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00:11:26,949 --> 00:11:23,440
police arrested 74 protesters and

261
00:11:29,910 --> 00:11:26,959
issued more than 280

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00:11:31,829 --> 00:11:29,920
thousand 000 in fines to those caught

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00:11:34,150 --> 00:11:31,839

breaching lockdown restrictions

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00:11:36,069 --> 00:11:34,160

including the protesters 44 year old

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00:11:38,949 --> 00:11:36,079

leader who's now facing an

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00:11:40,790 --> 00:11:38,959

incitement charge as police prepare a

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00:11:42,630 --> 00:11:40,800

search warrant for the man's burwood

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00:11:46,030 --> 00:11:42,640

east home

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00:11:48,710 --> 00:11:46,040

in angry and heated exchanges close to

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00:11:50,470 --> 00:11:48,720

250 protesters opposing the government's

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00:11:52,870 --> 00:11:50,480

coronavirus restrictions

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00:11:53,910 --> 00:11:52,880

flocked to the markets from about 11am

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00:11:56,389 --> 00:11:53,920

on sunday

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00:11:57,670 --> 00:11:56,399

a police spokesman said many protesters

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00:12:00,069 --> 00:11:57,680

were aggressive and

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00:12:18,550 --> 00:12:00,079

threatened violence towards officers

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00:12:23,190 --> 00:12:21,350

now it goes on to say the location of

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00:12:26,069 --> 00:12:23,200

the protest had been kept

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00:12:27,030 --> 00:12:26,079

largely a secret before being posted on

280

00:12:30,069 --> 00:12:27,040

social media

281

00:12:31,509 --> 00:12:30,079

about an hour before it began the

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00:12:34,629 --> 00:12:31,519

protesters chanted

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00:12:35,430 --> 00:12:34,639

peace and love and freedom before they

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00:12:37,670 --> 00:12:35,440

were plucked

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00:12:38,870 --> 00:12:37,680

from the crowd individually and taken

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00:12:41,590 --> 00:12:38,880

away for questioning

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00:12:42,310 --> 00:12:41,600

as objects were thrown at heavily armed

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00:12:45,590 --> 00:12:42,320

police

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00:12:46,949 --> 00:12:45,600

in riot gear stunned shoppers stood and

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00:12:49,430 --> 00:12:46,959

watched as police stood

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00:12:51,430 --> 00:12:49,440

shoulder to shoulder in a ring of steel

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00:12:53,829 --> 00:12:51,440

around the western side of the market

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00:12:56,710 --> 00:12:53,839

with one distressed woman treated for

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00:12:58,710 --> 00:12:56,720

shock outside a stand of bananas

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00:13:00,470 --> 00:12:58,720

a police spokesman said many protesters

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00:13:01,590 --> 00:13:00,480

were aggressive and threatened violence

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00:13:04,069 --> 00:13:01,600

towards officers

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00:13:05,750 --> 00:13:04,079

with one charged with assaulting police

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00:13:08,550 --> 00:13:05,760

now there are many other reports in the

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00:13:11,110 --> 00:13:08,560

media and on the tv news etc

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00:13:12,550 --> 00:13:11,120
about this um protest but i thought i'd

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00:13:14,949 --> 00:13:12,560
play you a very short clip

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00:13:15,829 --> 00:13:14,959
here of one of the protesters as she was

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00:13:18,790 --> 00:13:15,839
being

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00:13:19,670 --> 00:13:18,800
led away by police the virus hasn't been

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00:13:22,629 --> 00:13:19,680
proven

307
00:13:24,069 --> 00:13:22,639
the testing is a sham it's decimating

308
00:13:25,829 --> 00:13:24,079
our whole economy

309
00:13:27,670 --> 00:13:25,839
so while we can understand the

310
00:13:30,470 --> 00:13:27,680
frustration of people in melbourne

311
00:13:32,069 --> 00:13:30,480
having been under the restrictions of

312
00:13:34,550 --> 00:13:32,079
lockdown for longer than any

313
00:13:36,069 --> 00:13:34,560

other part of australia it's worth

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00:13:39,430 --> 00:13:36,079

noting that

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00:13:41,590 --> 00:13:39,440

it's because of these strict lockdowns

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00:13:43,350 --> 00:13:41,600

over the past week or so the numbers of

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00:13:46,470 --> 00:13:43,360

infections recorded in the state of

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00:13:49,430 --> 00:13:46,480

victoria have been plummeting

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00:13:51,750 --> 00:13:49,440

it's all very well to protest and scream

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00:13:54,389 --> 00:13:51,760

freedom and conspiracy theory

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00:13:54,949 --> 00:13:54,399

but we dread to think what would happen

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00:13:57,350 --> 00:13:54,959

if

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00:13:58,389 --> 00:13:57,360

uh these restrictions weren't put in

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00:14:01,509 --> 00:13:58,399

place

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00:14:04,230 --> 00:14:01,519

and again i just keep thinking about

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00:14:05,030 --> 00:14:04,240

my friend tim farley and the work he did

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00:14:08,230 --> 00:14:05,040

on

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00:14:09,430 --> 00:14:08,240

his website what's the harm well what's

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00:14:11,990 --> 00:14:09,440

the harm in

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00:14:14,790 --> 00:14:12,000

following conspiracy theories online and

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00:14:17,509 --> 00:14:14,800

believing that the virus is nonsense

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00:14:18,790 --> 00:14:17,519

well the harm is very real it can lead

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00:14:22,150 --> 00:14:18,800

indirectly to people

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00:14:24,069 --> 00:14:22,160

dying if enough people believe the virus

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00:14:26,470 --> 00:14:24,079

is a hoax and went around

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00:14:28,629 --> 00:14:26,480

in society without the appropriate

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00:14:30,389 --> 00:14:28,639

measures in a time of pandemic then

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00:14:33,030 --> 00:14:30,399

people will die

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00:14:34,310 --> 00:14:33,040

and it appears to me that a lot of these

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00:14:36,389 --> 00:14:34,320

people who are involved in these

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00:14:39,670 --> 00:14:36,399

protests are

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00:14:43,350 --> 00:14:39,680

are passionate enough

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00:14:43,990 --> 00:14:43,360

to get out there and risk being arrested

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00:14:46,550 --> 00:14:44,000

and massive

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00:14:48,790 --> 00:14:46,560

fines in the rest of it maybe some mob

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00:14:51,910 --> 00:14:48,800

mentality going on there as well

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00:14:53,269 --> 00:14:51,920

but as victorian premier daniel andrews

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00:14:56,470 --> 00:14:53,279

has said that uh

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00:15:01,910 --> 00:14:56,480

protests of this nature at this time

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00:15:05,750 --> 00:15:03,990

i'll link to that story in this week's

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00:15:09,350 --> 00:15:05,760

show notes

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00:15:12,570 --> 00:15:09,360

and sadly i suspect that there will be

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00:15:22,870 --> 00:15:12,580

more protests for melbourne to come

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00:15:29,910 --> 00:15:26,150

skeptics cafe online from victoria

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00:15:30,710 --> 00:15:29,920

australia no matter where you are in the

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00:15:34,550 --> 00:15:30,720

world

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00:15:38,069 --> 00:15:34,560

join us on the 21st of september 2020

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00:15:40,949 --> 00:15:38,079

for a live online talk

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00:15:41,990 --> 00:15:40,959

richard saunders presents highlights and

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00:15:45,749 --> 00:15:42,000

low lights of

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00:15:47,430 --> 00:15:45,759

20 years of skeptical investigations

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00:15:49,829 --> 00:15:47,440

richard will take you on a journey

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00:15:52,629 --> 00:15:49,839

covering 20 years of skeptical work

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00:15:54,230 --> 00:15:52,639

and adventures what was found at the

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00:15:56,550 --> 00:15:54,240

haunted school

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00:15:58,310 --> 00:15:56,560

what did the water diviners of victoria

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00:16:00,230 --> 00:15:58,320

say after attempting to win the

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00:16:01,050 --> 00:16:00,240

australian skeptics a hundred thousand

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00:16:02,550 --> 00:16:01,060

dollar prize

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00:16:05,110 --> 00:16:02,560

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00:16:07,350 --> 00:16:05,120

how did an afternoon in adelaide lead to

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00:16:10,310 --> 00:16:07,360

the downfall of a multi-million dollar

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00:16:12,710 --> 00:16:10,320

company in california

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00:16:15,189 --> 00:16:12,720

why did saunders sleep under a table in

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00:16:17,990 --> 00:16:15,199

las vegas

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00:16:19,269 --> 00:16:18,000

how did a tv news show stitch up the

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skeptics

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00:16:25,990 --> 00:16:22,560

and much more

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join us via zoom 8 pm for a chat

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and then the talk begins at 8 30 pm

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on the 21st uk time 3

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am on the 21st west coast usa

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for more information and the zoom link

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www.facebook.com

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the skeptics cafe or check out the show

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notes in this week's episode of the

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skeptic zone podcast

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see you there

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and now a reading from the book of tim

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with tim menden

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hi my name is tim menden i'm the

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executive officer of australian skeptics

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and i'm the editor of our magazine the

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skeptic

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and today's book of tim comes from the

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skeptic september 2018

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which is volume 38 number three

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and i'll be reading today from a regular

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00:17:55,190 --> 00:17:53,360
column called what goes around

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00:17:56,630 --> 00:17:55,200
and basically the premise of this is

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00:17:59,029 --> 00:17:56,640
that we start off with a

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00:18:00,789 --> 00:17:59,039
few facts and then we find associated

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00:18:01,190 --> 00:18:00,799
facts that go on and on and on until we

407
00:18:03,750 --> 00:18:01,200
end up

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00:18:05,430 --> 00:18:03,760
back where we started which shows that

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00:18:08,549 --> 00:18:05,440
all knowledge is connected

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00:18:09,830 --> 00:18:08,559
and connectable and in this episode i'll

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00:18:14,549 --> 00:18:09,840
be looking at writing

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00:18:18,980 --> 00:18:14,559
profiling testing and woo looking

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00:18:23,270 --> 00:18:21,590

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graphology is the analysis of

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handwriting purporting to identify

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personality characteristics of the

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writer

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as such it should be differentiated from

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handwriting analysis

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which describes the identification of

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writers by their writing

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often used in forensic circumstances the

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british institute of graphologist says

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graphology is a blend of art and science

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it is a science because it measures the

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structure and movement

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of the written forms slants angles and

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spacing

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are accurately calculated and the

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pressure is observed

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in magnification and with precision and

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it is an art

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because the graphologist has constantly

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to keep in mind the

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total context in which the writing is

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taking place

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the gestalt of the writing as a whole

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now despite the institute's claims

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graphology is regarded as pseudoscience

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nonetheless it does have a long heritage

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with spanish physician juan huatei de

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referring to it in his 1975 the

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examination of

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men's wits and i won't try and read the

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spanish version

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joy ibalit misha founded the society

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graphologic

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in 1871 alfred binet was a french

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psychologist

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who is credited with inventing the first

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reliable intelligence test

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he called graphology the science of the

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future

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despite rejection of his results by

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graphologists

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as unsubstantiated as it is the main

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application of graphology

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is psychological analysis marital

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compatibility employment profiling

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and even medical diagnosis although this

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is often not regarded as graphology

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pertaining more to motor control

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symptoms of strokes etc graphology is

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used for assessing potential employees

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is probably the best known application

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of

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controversial

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job applicants should know that any job

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advertisement that asks for

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applications in writing may find their

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prospects at least partially decided by

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graphological

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analysis research in employment

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suitability

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has ranged from complete failure to

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guarded success

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as well as being criticized on ethical

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grounds

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although graphology had some support in

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the scientific community before the mid

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20th century

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more recent research rejects the

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validity of graphology

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as a tool to assess personality and job

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performance

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with studies being consistently negative

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with one study describing it as

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useless absolutely hopeless

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a 1982 meta-analysis drawn from over 200

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studies concluded that graphologists

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were generally unable

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to predict any kind of personality trait

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on any personality test

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in a 1987 study graphologists were

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unable to predict scores

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on the isink personality questionnaire

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the epq using writing examples from the

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same people

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the epq was devised by psychologists

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hands and sybil isink

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hans ising's theory is based primarily

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physiology and genetics although he was

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a behaviorist

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who considered learned habits of great

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importance he believed that personality

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differences grow out of our genetic

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inheritance he was therefore primarily

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interested

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in what is usually called temperament

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hans jurgen i think

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phd dsc who lived from 1916

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to 1997 was a german-born psychologist

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who spent his professional career

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in great britain he is best remembered

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for his work on

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intelligence and personality at the time

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of his death

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i think was the most frequently cited

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british psychologist

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in peer-reviewed scientific literature

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he believed that scientific methodology

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was required for progress in personality

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he is best remembered for his work on

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at the time of his death isink was the

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was required for progress in personality

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psychology

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and in his early work isink was an

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especially strong critic

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of psychoanalysis as a form of therapy

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preferring behaviour therapy he was

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particularly critical of freud

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and his methods and wrote a book

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criticizing them entitled decline

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and fall of the freudian empire in his

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later work

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icing gave attention to parapsychology

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believing that empirical evidence

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supported the existence

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of paranormal abilities in the process

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attracting criticism

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from skeptics despite his fame and

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reputation in the profession

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he had a sometimes prickly relationship

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with the british psychological society

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he criticized it for being remote from

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and was denied a fellowship however

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after his death

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the bps established the hans isaac

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memorial lecture

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the bps itself was critical of his

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alternative interests

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and in psychological testing a user's

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guide from 1995

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ranked a variety of procedures used in

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personnel

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decision making ranging from job

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simulations

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which had a high validity to graphology

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and astrology which had zero validity

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which brings us back to graphology where

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we started

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and that's from what goes around in the

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00:24:10,470 --> 00:24:08,480
skeptic september 2018

580
00:24:11,990 --> 00:24:10,480
and you can read this and most of the

581
00:24:15,149 --> 00:24:12,000
other issues of the skeptics

582
00:24:16,950 --> 00:24:15,159
39 years worth on our website

583
00:24:18,710 --> 00:24:16,960
skeptics.com.au

584
00:24:33,110 --> 00:24:18,720
hopefully you'll enjoy them and then

585
00:24:35,190 --> 00:24:33,120
you'll subscribe to the magazine

586
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the skeptic magazine the journal from

587
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australian skeptics

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00:24:39,909 --> 00:24:39,360

subscribe online to the world's second

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oldest

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and click the publications link you can

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also find there

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00:24:55,669 --> 00:24:53,120

over 30 years of back issues

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00:25:01,150 --> 00:24:55,679

free to download the skeptic the

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magazine from australian skeptics

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00:25:14,070 --> 00:25:13,669

uh hello hello hello look i've just

597

00:25:17,029 --> 00:25:14,080

arrived

598

00:25:18,630 --> 00:25:17,039

here at the convention uh do i see you

599

00:25:21,510 --> 00:25:18,640

about my registration

600

00:25:24,149 --> 00:25:21,520

yes indeed and welcome to the secret of

601
00:25:25,669 --> 00:25:24,159
the secret convention

602
00:25:28,070 --> 00:25:25,679
my name is abhijeet and i'll be your

603
00:25:30,230 --> 00:25:28,080
group leader and this is andres our

604
00:25:33,750 --> 00:25:30,240
convention organizer good morning

605
00:25:37,350 --> 00:25:33,760
nice to meet you i um i've got

606
00:25:40,630 --> 00:25:37,360
my registration paper here

607
00:25:42,950 --> 00:25:40,640
ah a typed letter you don't see many of

608
00:25:47,350 --> 00:25:42,960
those these days let me see

609
00:25:48,310 --> 00:25:47,360
uh yes mr saunders yes i i booked online

610
00:25:51,590 --> 00:25:48,320
last week

611
00:25:56,630 --> 00:25:54,830
yes now here is your badge it's number

612
00:25:59,510 --> 00:25:56,640
1965

613
00:26:00,870 --> 00:25:59,520

thank you it's so nice to be here it's

614

00:26:03,909 --> 00:26:00,880

all very exciting

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i can't wait to hear the secret of the

616

00:26:08,390 --> 00:26:04,480

secret

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00:26:09,909 --> 00:26:08,400

convention don't you well

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this is the secret of the secret

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convention um

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this convention is about the secret

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00:26:17,029 --> 00:26:15,039

right

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00:26:18,549 --> 00:26:17,039

yes sir the secret of the secret

623

00:26:21,350 --> 00:26:18,559

convention

624

00:26:21,830 --> 00:26:21,360

a very secret secret and in only four

625

00:26:24,310 --> 00:26:21,840

days

626
00:26:25,669 --> 00:26:24,320
you'll learn that secret but until then

627
00:26:28,870 --> 00:26:25,679
it's a secret

628
00:26:29,190 --> 00:26:28,880
so uh it's about finding out the secret

629
00:26:32,710 --> 00:26:29,200
of

630
00:26:34,390 --> 00:26:32,720
the secret right as i've said before

631
00:26:36,310 --> 00:26:34,400
this is the secret of the secret

632
00:26:37,110 --> 00:26:36,320
convention and that's what it's all

633
00:26:39,590 --> 00:26:37,120
about

634
00:26:40,230 --> 00:26:39,600
and as andre says by the end of the four

635
00:26:42,950 --> 00:26:40,240
days

636
00:26:44,630 --> 00:26:42,960
you will at last know the secret of the

637
00:26:47,750 --> 00:26:44,640
secret convention

638
00:26:49,510 --> 00:26:47,760

which for now must remain a secret and

639

00:26:52,950 --> 00:26:49,520

what about

640

00:26:53,750 --> 00:26:52,960

the secret the secret secret or just the

641

00:27:04,470 --> 00:26:53,760

secret

642

00:27:07,110 --> 00:27:04,480

in four days

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00:27:08,149 --> 00:27:07,120

you will learn the secret of the secret

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00:27:11,190 --> 00:27:08,159

convention

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00:27:12,470 --> 00:27:11,200

a very secret secret that only a few

646

00:27:16,630 --> 00:27:12,480

people know

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00:27:19,830 --> 00:27:16,640

uh wait a moment i'm getting confused

648

00:27:21,750 --> 00:27:19,840

the secret of the secret that's what

649

00:27:23,909 --> 00:27:21,760

we're going to learn about here

650

00:27:24,870 --> 00:27:23,919

yes sir what i'll teach you over the

651
00:27:27,669 --> 00:27:24,880
next four days

652
00:27:28,230 --> 00:27:27,679
is the secret of the secret convention

653
00:27:32,070 --> 00:27:28,240
which

654
00:27:36,389 --> 00:27:32,080
is a secret yes okay

655
00:27:37,909 --> 00:27:36,399
um so what what is the secret of the

656
00:27:41,190 --> 00:27:37,919
secret convention

657
00:27:42,470 --> 00:27:41,200
so that is a very secret secret but it

658
00:27:44,389 --> 00:27:42,480
will be made clear to you

659
00:27:45,750 --> 00:27:44,399
after four days so let me get this

660
00:27:48,310 --> 00:27:45,760
straight this

661
00:27:49,029 --> 00:27:48,320
this convention is about the secret

662
00:27:52,710 --> 00:27:49,039
right

663
00:27:55,909 --> 00:27:52,720

well i think i'd say it's about a secret

664

00:27:57,669 --> 00:27:55,919

a secret so

665

00:28:00,830 --> 00:27:57,679

which secret are we talking about

666

00:28:03,590 --> 00:28:00,840

exactly the secret of the secret

667

00:28:07,669 --> 00:28:03,600

convention and that my friend

668

00:28:10,870 --> 00:28:07,679

is a secret very secret very very secret

669

00:28:13,990 --> 00:28:10,880

so the secret secret

670

00:28:14,870 --> 00:28:14,000

that is a secret that is the secret i

671

00:28:18,870 --> 00:28:14,880

will learn about

672

00:28:20,710 --> 00:28:18,880

i i mean the secret of the secret

673

00:28:22,470 --> 00:28:20,720

here at the secret convention that is

674

00:28:27,029 --> 00:28:22,480

the secret

675

00:28:29,909 --> 00:28:27,039

convention

676
00:28:30,789 --> 00:28:29,919
is the secret secret but for now that

677
00:28:37,590 --> 00:28:30,799
secret

678
00:28:40,710 --> 00:28:37,600
what it is

679
00:28:43,750 --> 00:28:40,720
you don't uh so

680
00:28:47,190 --> 00:28:43,760
at the end of the four days the

681
00:28:50,310 --> 00:28:47,200
secret will be made clear to me yes

682
00:28:53,350 --> 00:28:50,320
yes as i've said a few times now

683
00:28:56,789 --> 00:28:53,360
the secret of the secret convention

684
00:28:59,909 --> 00:28:56,799
so now the secret

685
00:29:03,029 --> 00:28:59,919
of the secret convention is

686
00:29:05,830 --> 00:29:03,039
a secret right yes

687
00:29:06,870 --> 00:29:05,840
and i will learn the secret after four

688
00:29:11,590 --> 00:29:06,880

days

689

00:29:12,950 --> 00:29:11,600

right yes so so i will then know the

690

00:29:16,870 --> 00:29:12,960

secret in question

691

00:29:18,870 --> 00:29:16,880

the secret of the secret yes the secret

692

00:29:22,149 --> 00:29:18,880

of the secret convention

693

00:29:23,510 --> 00:29:22,159

and then you'll be able to not tell the

694

00:29:26,789 --> 00:29:23,520

world

695

00:29:29,510 --> 00:29:26,799

what

696

00:29:32,310 --> 00:29:29,520

the secret of the secret convention if

697

00:29:34,549 --> 00:29:32,320

you told anyone it wouldn't be a secret

698

00:29:35,909 --> 00:29:34,559

you see richard it's a very secret

699

00:29:39,110 --> 00:29:35,919

secret a very

700

00:29:40,549 --> 00:29:39,120

very secret secret so after the secret

701
00:29:42,470 --> 00:29:40,559
of the secret convention

702
00:29:44,950 --> 00:29:42,480
you will need to keep this very very

703
00:29:48,789 --> 00:29:44,960
secret secret of the secret convention

704
00:29:52,230 --> 00:29:48,799
a very secret secret indeed why

705
00:29:55,269 --> 00:29:52,240
that's a secret okay look

706
00:29:58,870 --> 00:29:55,279
i'm just gonna go and get a coffee

707
00:30:00,389 --> 00:29:58,880
the secret of the secret secret of the

708
00:30:03,830 --> 00:30:00,399
convention

709
00:30:05,269 --> 00:30:03,840
so what do you think i think we may be

710
00:30:06,070 --> 00:30:05,279
able to sign him up for the next

711
00:30:15,430 --> 00:30:06,080
convention

712
00:30:30,630 --> 00:30:15,440
really when is that that my friend

713
00:30:34,310 --> 00:30:32,950

hey fellow skeptics ben radford here

714

00:30:35,830 --> 00:30:34,320
with celestia ward

715

00:30:38,230 --> 00:30:35,840
your friendly host of squaring the

716

00:30:39,430 --> 00:30:38,240
strange a podcast that looks at topics

717

00:30:41,909 --> 00:30:39,440
ranging from legends

718

00:30:43,190 --> 00:30:41,919
panics and cryptids to media myths

719

00:30:45,029 --> 00:30:43,200
psychology and folklore

720

00:30:46,950 --> 00:30:45,039
breaking things down and picking things

721

00:30:48,870 --> 00:30:46,960
apart as we skeptics do

722

00:30:51,350 --> 00:30:48,880
we bring a few different perspectives on

723

00:30:52,149 --> 00:30:51,360
things celestia for example is a witty

724

00:30:53,909 --> 00:30:52,159
cartoonist

725

00:30:55,590 --> 00:30:53,919
and ben is a brilliant writer and long

726

00:30:57,590 --> 00:30:55,600

time skeptical investigator

727

00:30:59,590 --> 00:30:57,600

we don't always agree but we have fun

728

00:31:02,070 --> 00:30:59,600

trying and we learn new things

729

00:31:04,149 --> 00:31:02,080

join us for new topics every week or two

730

00:31:05,029 --> 00:31:04,159

or browse our backlog of evergreen

731

00:31:07,990 --> 00:31:05,039

episodes

732

00:31:09,110 --> 00:31:08,000

available on itunes and all your podcast

733

00:31:16,830 --> 00:31:09,120

feeding troughs

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00:31:16,840 --> 00:31:22,750

bye-bye

735

00:31:22,760 --> 00:31:30,789

[Music]

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00:31:35,110 --> 00:31:33,990

it's time once again to take a trip into

737

00:31:39,590 --> 00:31:35,120

the pages of

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00:31:43,190 --> 00:31:39,600

trove now trove is the online

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00:31:44,710 --> 00:31:43,200

depository of newspapers and articles

740

00:31:46,870 --> 00:31:44,720

and magazines

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00:31:48,630 --> 00:31:46,880

catalogued by the australian national

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00:31:53,430 --> 00:31:48,640

library

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00:31:56,310 --> 00:31:53,440

and this can be found at trove.nla.gov

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00:31:56,870 --> 00:31:56,320

dot a u and this week i thought i would

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00:32:00,149 --> 00:31:56,880

look

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00:32:01,909 --> 00:32:00,159

up the term ufo

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00:32:04,310 --> 00:32:01,919

now in the past weeks i have looked for

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00:32:06,870 --> 00:32:04,320

clairvoyant and

749

00:32:07,509 --> 00:32:06,880

yowie hunt so keeping in the paranormal

750

00:32:10,789 --> 00:32:07,519

vein

751
00:32:11,269 --> 00:32:10,799
ufos although ufos technically as you

752
00:32:13,830 --> 00:32:11,279
may

753
00:32:15,750 --> 00:32:13,840
realize you wouldn't describe as being

754
00:32:18,070 --> 00:32:15,760
paranormal because

755
00:32:18,950 --> 00:32:18,080
if they are indeed spaceships from

756
00:32:22,630 --> 00:32:18,960
another planet

757
00:32:25,509 --> 00:32:22,640
visiting this planet then they're simply

758
00:32:26,870 --> 00:32:25,519
part of the nature of the universe

759
00:32:29,990 --> 00:32:26,880
nevertheless

760
00:32:33,110 --> 00:32:30,000
and so our search finds

761
00:32:35,269 --> 00:32:33,120
many returns so i think i will just read

762
00:32:39,029 --> 00:32:35,279
to you a selected few

763
00:32:41,430 --> 00:32:39,039

and here's one from the cairns post

764

00:32:43,110 --> 00:32:41,440

and this article is dated wednesday the

765

00:32:48,230 --> 00:32:43,120

10th of may

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00:32:52,230 --> 00:32:51,190

do you believe in flying sources

767

00:32:55,430 --> 00:32:52,240

washington

768

00:32:57,430 --> 00:32:55,440

associated press today's world sometimes

769

00:33:00,310 --> 00:32:57,440

seems to be made up of people

770

00:33:00,950 --> 00:33:00,320

who believe there are flying sources and

771

00:33:03,669 --> 00:33:00,960

those

772

00:33:05,669 --> 00:33:03,679

who believe they're not the argument

773

00:33:08,470 --> 00:33:05,679

apparently has been going on

774

00:33:10,870 --> 00:33:08,480

for a long time the u.s air force says

775

00:33:15,190 --> 00:33:10,880

people have been reporting unidentified

776

00:33:18,470 --> 00:33:15,200

flying objects since around 1700

777

00:33:21,190 --> 00:33:18,480

and probably a long time before that

778

00:33:22,389 --> 00:33:21,200

charles g ross president truman

779

00:33:24,470 --> 00:33:22,399

secretary

780

00:33:26,230 --> 00:33:24,480

said that the white house knows of no

781

00:33:29,190 --> 00:33:26,240

flying saucer's secret weapon

782

00:33:29,509 --> 00:33:29,200

that this or any country has developed

783

00:33:31,509 --> 00:33:29,519

but

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00:33:32,549 --> 00:33:31,519

this did not put an end to all the

785

00:33:35,029 --> 00:33:32,559

recent talk

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00:33:36,389 --> 00:33:35,039

why does the flying saucer story stay

787

00:33:40,149 --> 00:33:36,399

alive

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00:33:43,110 --> 00:33:40,159

wow remember this is from 1950 air force

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00:33:44,950 --> 00:33:43,120

officials say that it is because some

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00:33:47,269 --> 00:33:44,960

people are convinced this country has

791

00:33:49,509 --> 00:33:47,279

developed flying saucer type aircraft

792

00:33:50,470 --> 00:33:49,519

and believe that officials cannot admit

793

00:33:53,590 --> 00:33:50,480

it publicly

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00:33:55,830 --> 00:33:53,600

because it is in the secret weapon class

795

00:33:57,430 --> 00:33:55,840

other people are convinced that there

796

00:34:00,470 --> 00:33:57,440

could not be so many

797

00:34:03,750 --> 00:34:00,480

reports flying around if they were not

798

00:34:06,789 --> 00:34:03,760

real flying sources kenneth arnold

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00:34:07,550 --> 00:34:06,799

boise idaho businessman on tuesday june

800

00:34:10,950 --> 00:34:07,560

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801
00:34:12,869 --> 00:34:10,960
1947 made one of the first eyewitness

802
00:34:15,909 --> 00:34:12,879
reports on flying saucers

803
00:34:16,629 --> 00:34:15,919
the ones he said he saw were over mount

804
00:34:19,669 --> 00:34:16,639
rainier

805
00:34:20,069 --> 00:34:19,679
washington arnold told the associated

806
00:34:23,349 --> 00:34:20,079
press

807
00:34:26,190 --> 00:34:23,359
at boise recently that he is convinced

808
00:34:28,629 --> 00:34:26,200
the flying sources are of

809
00:34:32,069 --> 00:34:28,639
extraterrestrial origin

810
00:34:34,470 --> 00:34:32,079
but he said this does not necessarily

811
00:34:37,750 --> 00:34:34,480
mean they came from another planet

812
00:34:40,790 --> 00:34:37,760
sources and submarines connected

813
00:34:43,109 --> 00:34:40,800

it is obvious to me that there must be

814

00:34:45,030 --> 00:34:43,119

some connection between the sources

815

00:34:47,510 --> 00:34:45,040

and the mysterious submarines which are

816

00:34:48,389 --> 00:34:47,520

reported at times when the source's

817

00:34:51,589 --> 00:34:48,399

reports are

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00:34:53,990 --> 00:34:51,599

prevalent arnold says that he has

819

00:34:55,510 --> 00:34:54,000

seen flying sources three times since he

820

00:34:58,550 --> 00:34:55,520

noticed the first ones

821

00:34:59,829 --> 00:34:58,560

and says that he has motion pictures he

822

00:35:02,390 --> 00:34:59,839

has concluded

823

00:35:03,589 --> 00:35:02,400

that what sometimes appears to be sun

824

00:35:06,950 --> 00:35:03,599

reflections

825

00:35:10,069 --> 00:35:06,960

actually may be power plants which

826

00:35:12,230 --> 00:35:10,079

pulsate every 20 miles in flight

827

00:35:14,230 --> 00:35:12,240

try tossing out that theory to brighten

828

00:35:17,430 --> 00:35:14,240

the dinner table conversation

829

00:35:20,069 --> 00:35:17,440

here is a conversation it invoked at one

830

00:35:22,069 --> 00:35:20,079

dinner party it is reasonable to assume

831

00:35:24,150 --> 00:35:22,079

some other planet is making observations

832

00:35:25,670 --> 00:35:24,160

of earth but one of the sources would

833

00:35:27,829 --> 00:35:25,680

have crashed by now

834

00:35:28,870 --> 00:35:27,839

we would have the wreckage not

835

00:35:30,790 --> 00:35:28,880

necessarily

836

00:35:33,190 --> 00:35:30,800

they could be so far ahead of us that

837

00:35:35,430 --> 00:35:33,200

they built aircraft that never crash

838

00:35:37,270 --> 00:35:35,440

but they would have landed by this time

839

00:35:39,750 --> 00:35:37,280

if they are making observations

840

00:35:41,430 --> 00:35:39,760

they've been doing so for years they

841

00:35:43,910 --> 00:35:41,440

would want to talk with us

842

00:35:45,589 --> 00:35:43,920

maybe they have radio maybe they have

843

00:35:48,790 --> 00:35:45,599

listened in on some of our

844

00:35:50,790 --> 00:35:48,800

radio conversations they may know all

845

00:35:51,750 --> 00:35:50,800

about the kind of world we have down

846

00:35:53,990 --> 00:35:51,760

here

847

00:35:55,589 --> 00:35:54,000

maybe they pick us up on television

848

00:35:56,790 --> 00:35:55,599

maybe they just don't want to have

849

00:35:59,750 --> 00:35:56,800

anything to do with us

850

00:36:00,550 --> 00:35:59,760

astronomers say objects made at great

851

00:36:03,589 --> 00:36:00,560

distances

852

00:36:05,990 --> 00:36:03,599

frequently resemble balls or discs

853

00:36:07,030 --> 00:36:06,000

charles forte author of the books of

854

00:36:09,430 --> 00:36:07,040

charles fort

855

00:36:10,069 --> 00:36:09,440

which air force officers have studied

856

00:36:13,589 --> 00:36:10,079

made a

857

00:36:15,430 --> 00:36:13,599

point to ghana information on remarkable

858

00:36:16,470 --> 00:36:15,440

happenings reported in the heavens for

859

00:36:18,310 --> 00:36:16,480

centuries

860

00:36:20,069 --> 00:36:18,320

he cites an incident reported in the

861

00:36:23,270 --> 00:36:20,079

british science magazine

862

00:36:26,310 --> 00:36:23,280

nature by admiral erasmus

863

00:36:28,950 --> 00:36:26,320

omani the admiral said he was standing

864

00:36:32,150 --> 00:36:28,960

outside a hotel in north wales

865

00:36:34,470 --> 00:36:32,160

and saw a light which immediately

866

00:36:35,030 --> 00:36:34,480

resolved itself into a clearly defined

867

00:36:37,589 --> 00:36:35,040

disc

868

00:36:39,829 --> 00:36:37,599

about three times the size of jupiter it

869

00:36:40,950 --> 00:36:39,839

disappeared discharging brilliant orange

870

00:36:44,310 --> 00:36:40,960

clouds

871

00:36:48,790 --> 00:36:44,320

he reported this happening on august 26

872

00:36:50,630 --> 00:36:48,800

18 94. his description is not dissimilar

873

00:36:53,910 --> 00:36:50,640

to descriptions made this year

874

00:36:54,630 --> 00:36:53,920

of flying sources fort cites dozens of

875

00:36:59,109 --> 00:36:54,640

aerial

876

00:37:01,510 --> 00:36:59,119

incidents dating back as far as 1704

877

00:37:02,950 --> 00:37:01,520

in that year people connected mysterious

878

00:37:06,150 --> 00:37:02,960

heavenly lights in england

879

00:37:08,550 --> 00:37:06,160

and switzerland with earthquakes fort

880

00:37:10,589 --> 00:37:08,560

quotes new york newspaper stories on the

881

00:37:14,230 --> 00:37:10,599

great airship case of

882

00:37:15,910 --> 00:37:14,240

1897 lights over kansas

883

00:37:17,349 --> 00:37:15,920

the new york sun reported that a

884

00:37:20,390 --> 00:37:17,359

mysterious light

885

00:37:22,550 --> 00:37:20,400

traveling about 60 miles an hour and

886

00:37:25,190 --> 00:37:22,560

directly towards earth

887

00:37:27,030 --> 00:37:25,200

appeared over kansas city a week later

888

00:37:27,589 --> 00:37:27,040

dozens of people near chicago thought

889

00:37:30,950 --> 00:37:27,599

they saw

890

00:37:33,430 --> 00:37:30,960

lights red and green swaying overhead

891

00:37:34,630 --> 00:37:33,440

a thing that had the shape of a giant

892

00:37:36,870 --> 00:37:34,640

cigar

893

00:37:38,630 --> 00:37:36,880

with a bright searchlight later was

894

00:37:41,670 --> 00:37:38,640

reported over texas

895

00:37:44,150 --> 00:37:41,680

similar reports came in from many points

896

00:37:45,589 --> 00:37:44,160

back in illinois it was reported that a

897

00:37:48,550 --> 00:37:45,599

giant airship returned

898

00:37:49,190 --> 00:37:48,560

landed in a farm field and took off

899

00:37:51,510 --> 00:37:49,200

again

900

00:37:53,190 --> 00:37:51,520

the u.s air force argues that if men

901
00:37:55,270 --> 00:37:53,200
from mars

902
00:37:56,230 --> 00:37:55,280
or another planet have been flying

903
00:37:58,550 --> 00:37:56,240
around here

904
00:38:00,790 --> 00:37:58,560
all these years sooner or later they

905
00:38:03,910 --> 00:38:00,800
would land and make contact with people

906
00:38:05,910 --> 00:38:03,920
on this earth astronomers have told the

907
00:38:08,710 --> 00:38:05,920
air force that they do not believe

908
00:38:09,109 --> 00:38:08,720
martian civilization would be within a

909
00:38:11,430 --> 00:38:09,119
half

910
00:38:13,990 --> 00:38:11,440
century of earth's development and we

911
00:38:15,829 --> 00:38:14,000
have not started using spaceships yet

912
00:38:17,750 --> 00:38:15,839
it appears that space travel from

913
00:38:18,710 --> 00:38:17,760

another planet within the solar system

914

00:38:22,550 --> 00:38:18,720

is possible

915

00:38:24,470 --> 00:38:22,560

but very unlikely the air force sums up

916

00:38:26,790 --> 00:38:24,480

the possibility that spaceships are

917

00:38:29,910 --> 00:38:26,800

coming from another solar system

918

00:38:32,790 --> 00:38:29,920

also was considered by astronomers they

919

00:38:33,430 --> 00:38:32,800

said that there are around 22 known

920

00:38:36,390 --> 00:38:33,440

systems

921

00:38:38,230 --> 00:38:36,400

beside ours but they said that the

922

00:38:40,710 --> 00:38:38,240

nearest is so far away

923

00:38:42,950 --> 00:38:40,720

it would take a flying source of pilot

924

00:38:46,550 --> 00:38:42,960

80 years to reach the earth

925

00:38:50,230 --> 00:38:46,560

even if he traveled at 18 000

926
00:38:53,670 --> 00:38:50,240
miles a second and that one

927
00:38:54,109 --> 00:38:53,680
is from the cairns post dated the 10th

928
00:38:56,950 --> 00:38:54,119
of may

929
00:38:59,510 --> 00:38:56,960
1950 and i don't see a byline but it's

930
00:39:02,150 --> 00:38:59,520
from the associated press of the time

931
00:39:02,870 --> 00:39:02,160
and the writer makes an excellent point

932
00:39:05,349 --> 00:39:02,880
here

933
00:39:06,950 --> 00:39:05,359
with the line astronomers have told the

934
00:39:09,430 --> 00:39:06,960
air force they do not believe

935
00:39:11,750 --> 00:39:09,440
martian civilization would be within a

936
00:39:13,510 --> 00:39:11,760
half century of earth's development

937
00:39:15,510 --> 00:39:13,520
and that's a point actually i like to

938
00:39:18,069 --> 00:39:15,520

make occasionally when talking about

939

00:39:19,510 --> 00:39:18,079

the possibility of uh aliens visiting

940

00:39:22,550 --> 00:39:19,520

the planet earth

941

00:39:25,829 --> 00:39:22,560

that the odds of anyone

942

00:39:28,390 --> 00:39:25,839

anything visiting this planet that are

943

00:39:30,230 --> 00:39:28,400

even within a couple of centuries of our

944

00:39:31,190 --> 00:39:30,240

current state of development is pretty

945

00:39:33,910 --> 00:39:31,200

remote

946

00:39:35,030 --> 00:39:33,920

and it's entirely possible that major

947

00:39:37,190 --> 00:39:35,040

civilizations

948

00:39:39,829 --> 00:39:37,200

far more advanced than ours have come

949

00:39:43,190 --> 00:39:39,839

and gone a billion years ago

950

00:39:45,270 --> 00:39:43,200

or of course have yet to evolve

951
00:39:46,870 --> 00:39:45,280
now let's trip back a couple of decades

952
00:39:49,910 --> 00:39:46,880
before that

953
00:39:53,349 --> 00:39:49,920
the sun newspaper from sydney

954
00:39:57,030 --> 00:39:53,359
and this is a report dated the 16th of

955
00:40:00,069 --> 00:39:57,040
march 1911

956
00:40:03,670 --> 00:40:00,079
aeroplane heavenly phenomenon

957
00:40:05,589 --> 00:40:03,680
oh what an extraordinary spectacle was

958
00:40:07,589 --> 00:40:05,599
witnessed by mossman residents

959
00:40:09,030 --> 00:40:07,599
who happen to be outside at 20 minutes

960
00:40:11,510 --> 00:40:09,040
to eight last night

961
00:40:13,670 --> 00:40:11,520
something red and burning flew across

962
00:40:15,349 --> 00:40:13,680
the sky from west to east

963
00:40:16,870 --> 00:40:15,359

and disappeared in the direction of

964

00:40:22,309 --> 00:40:16,880

manly

965

00:40:24,470 --> 00:40:22,319

sydney which aren't so far apart

966

00:40:25,670 --> 00:40:24,480

at first sight it looked like a fire

967

00:40:28,069 --> 00:40:25,680

balloon

968

00:40:29,670 --> 00:40:28,079

but this idea was dispelled by the fact

969

00:40:32,309 --> 00:40:29,680

that it was a calm night

970

00:40:34,150 --> 00:40:32,319

and would have needed a gale to have

971

00:40:36,870 --> 00:40:34,160

driven the object at the high

972

00:40:37,430 --> 00:40:36,880

rate at which it was traveling a mossman

973

00:40:39,990 --> 00:40:37,440

resident

974

00:40:40,630 --> 00:40:40,000

who with his family saw the mysterious

975

00:40:43,109 --> 00:40:40,640

thing

976
00:40:45,510 --> 00:40:43,119
says that when it got directly overhead

977
00:40:47,349 --> 00:40:45,520
it gave the effect of a chinese lantern

978
00:40:50,069 --> 00:40:47,359
carried by a bird

979
00:40:50,950 --> 00:40:50,079
the light it contained was not steady

980
00:40:53,510 --> 00:40:50,960
but seemed to

981
00:40:54,470 --> 00:40:53,520
flare up like a torch the flames were

982
00:40:56,430 --> 00:40:54,480
dull

983
00:40:58,390 --> 00:40:56,440
as though enclosed in some

984
00:41:01,270 --> 00:40:58,400
semi-transparent receptacle

985
00:41:02,710 --> 00:41:01,280
it did not rush through the sky like a

986
00:41:05,990 --> 00:41:02,720
fireball

987
00:41:09,430 --> 00:41:06,000
but flew as a bird flies

988
00:41:10,550 --> 00:41:09,440

and as far as can be judged kept a

989

00:41:14,790 --> 00:41:10,560

uniform height

990

00:41:18,710 --> 00:41:14,800

if the phenomenon had occurred in 1921

991

00:41:21,190 --> 00:41:18,720

instead of 1911 it would probably

992

00:41:22,309 --> 00:41:21,200

have been put down to some baked potato

993

00:41:24,150 --> 00:41:22,319

vendor

994

00:41:25,430 --> 00:41:24,160

changing his pitch from red phone to

995

00:41:28,390 --> 00:41:25,440

manly and

996

00:41:31,430 --> 00:41:28,400

stoking up on the way but baked potato

997

00:41:34,630 --> 00:41:31,440

men don't ride in airplanes at present

998

00:41:37,829 --> 00:41:34,640

it was a most mysterious affair and

999

00:41:42,230 --> 00:41:37,839

no one who saw it is able to advance any

1000

00:41:46,230 --> 00:41:42,240

reasonable theory to account for it

1001
00:41:49,349 --> 00:41:46,240
now that's interesting because i'm sure

1002
00:41:53,349 --> 00:41:49,359
the term ufo was not even invented

1003
00:41:58,150 --> 00:41:53,359
in 1911. i wonder

1004
00:42:01,670 --> 00:41:58,160
if some ufo devotee has gone through

1005
00:42:05,829 --> 00:42:01,680
and earmarked

1006
00:42:07,430 --> 00:42:05,839
items like this with the tag ufo

1007
00:42:08,870 --> 00:42:07,440
now that would be an extraordinary

1008
00:42:11,430 --> 00:42:08,880
undertaking

1009
00:42:13,670 --> 00:42:11,440
now let's go to the morning bulletin

1010
00:42:18,270 --> 00:42:13,680
from rockhampton queensland

1011
00:42:21,109 --> 00:42:18,280
in an article dated the 17th of december

1012
00:42:24,710 --> 00:42:21,119
1954

1013
00:42:27,829 --> 00:42:24,720

investigating saucer reports

1014

00:42:31,270 --> 00:42:27,839

canberra december 16th flying sources

1015

00:42:33,030 --> 00:42:31,280

reported by a nara fleet air arm pilot

1016

00:42:35,510 --> 00:42:33,040

are being investigated by naval

1017

00:42:37,910 --> 00:42:35,520

headquarters in melbourne

1018

00:42:39,589 --> 00:42:37,920

flight lieutenant of farrell saw two

1019

00:42:40,550 --> 00:42:39,599

objects which he took to be flying

1020

00:42:43,510 --> 00:42:40,560

sources

1021

00:42:44,150 --> 00:42:43,520

when flying at night over goulburn new

1022

00:42:47,109 --> 00:42:44,160

south wales

1023

00:42:49,109 --> 00:42:47,119

on a return trip to nara he told

1024

00:42:52,630 --> 00:42:49,119

authorities at the nara air station

1025

00:42:55,349 --> 00:42:52,640

and base for fleet air arm

1026
00:42:57,630 --> 00:42:55,359
that he saw what appeared to be lights

1027
00:43:01,349 --> 00:42:57,640
of two aircraft when flying about

1028
00:43:03,109 --> 00:43:01,359
285 miles an hour he said the sources

1029
00:43:07,589 --> 00:43:03,119
flew on each side of him

1030
00:43:10,950 --> 00:43:07,599
circled his plane then drew rapidly away

1031
00:43:11,829 --> 00:43:10,960
at his request a nara radar crew fixed

1032
00:43:14,230 --> 00:43:11,839
his position

1033
00:43:16,870 --> 00:43:14,240
and reported back the screen showed the

1034
00:43:17,349 --> 00:43:16,880
echo of another object flying alongside

1035
00:43:24,069 --> 00:43:17,359
his

1036
00:43:24,790 --> 00:43:24,079
known case in which an unidentified

1037
00:43:28,069 --> 00:43:24,800
object

1038
00:43:30,309 --> 00:43:28,079

in the sky has been confirmed by radar

1039

00:43:32,950 --> 00:43:30,319

authorities ascertained that there were

1040

00:43:37,270 --> 00:43:32,960

no military aircraft in the vicinity

1041

00:43:40,790 --> 00:43:37,280

at the time oh that's a mysterious one

1042

00:43:44,309 --> 00:43:40,800

again from 1954

1043

00:43:46,309 --> 00:43:44,319

now let's have a look at another one and

1044

00:43:48,230 --> 00:43:46,319

again i'm really picking these up at

1045

00:43:51,190 --> 00:43:48,240

random from

1046

00:43:52,309 --> 00:43:51,200

dozens and dozens and dozens of reports

1047

00:43:55,870 --> 00:43:52,319

now a little

1048

00:43:58,870 --> 00:43:55,880

dive into trove takes us to

1049

00:44:01,910 --> 00:43:58,880

1973 the canberra times

1050

00:44:05,430 --> 00:44:01,920

11th of april 1973 six

1051
00:44:08,390 --> 00:44:05,440
men site ufo over north brisbane

1052
00:44:09,829 --> 00:44:08,400
tuesday six men at a northern queensland

1053
00:44:12,790 --> 00:44:09,839
cattle station saw

1054
00:44:14,230 --> 00:44:12,800
objects that appeared to be quote stars

1055
00:44:16,790 --> 00:44:14,240
with tales of light

1056
00:44:17,430 --> 00:44:16,800
end quote moving from southeast across

1057
00:44:20,550 --> 00:44:17,440
the sky

1058
00:44:23,829 --> 00:44:20,560
at 6 00 am today mr terry o'neal

1059
00:44:24,950 --> 00:44:23,839
49 a taxi driver said i was taking a

1060
00:44:27,750 --> 00:44:24,960
bloke to work

1061
00:44:29,829 --> 00:44:27,760
just on daybreak i deposited him at the

1062
00:44:33,349 --> 00:44:29,839
men's quarters at about 6 a.m

1063
00:44:36,309 --> 00:44:33,359

when somebody said look at the lights

1064

00:44:38,150 --> 00:44:36,319

there were at least seven probably ten

1065

00:44:39,270 --> 00:44:38,160

and three were slightly brighter than

1066

00:44:42,710 --> 00:44:39,280

the others

1067

00:44:43,829 --> 00:44:42,720

they were not in formation mr o'neal

1068

00:44:46,470 --> 00:44:43,839

said five other men

1069

00:44:48,230 --> 00:44:46,480

outside the quarters at cannabis station

1070

00:44:51,510 --> 00:44:48,240

120 miles north of

1071

00:44:53,109 --> 00:44:51,520

julia creek also saw the lights however

1072

00:44:57,670 --> 00:44:53,119

mr o'neal said

1073

00:45:01,349 --> 00:44:57,680

he had seen a more brilliant ufo in 1948

1074

00:45:04,150 --> 00:45:01,359

he also had seen comets and medias and

1075

00:45:05,510 --> 00:45:04,160

could distinguish them from what he saw

1076

00:45:07,670 --> 00:45:05,520

today

1077

00:45:08,630 --> 00:45:07,680

and the article continues melbourne

1078

00:45:11,190 --> 00:45:08,640

tuesday

1079

00:45:12,630 --> 00:45:11,200

an unidentified flying object cited over

1080

00:45:14,870 --> 00:45:12,640

victoria last night

1081

00:45:15,990 --> 00:45:14,880

has been identified as a soviet

1082

00:45:18,150 --> 00:45:16,000

satellite

1083

00:45:19,589 --> 00:45:18,160

after investigating a flood of reports

1084

00:45:22,069 --> 00:45:19,599

about a bright

1085

00:45:23,950 --> 00:45:22,079

light which traveled at high speed and

1086

00:45:26,870 --> 00:45:23,960

left a vapor trail

1087

00:45:27,510 --> 00:45:26,880

rwaf and that's royal australian air

1088

00:45:30,630 --> 00:45:27,520

force

1089

00:45:33,190 --> 00:45:30,640
officials decided it was cosmos

1090

00:45:35,670 --> 00:45:33,200
526 which was due to re-enter the

1091

00:45:39,190 --> 00:45:35,680
earth's atmosphere between april 3

1092

00:45:43,109 --> 00:45:39,200
and 10. now let's

1093

00:45:45,670 --> 00:45:43,119
head forward in time to sunday the 14th

1094

00:45:48,790 --> 00:45:45,680
of october 1979

1095

00:45:49,589 --> 00:45:48,800
from the canberra times protect privacy

1096

00:45:53,109 --> 00:45:49,599
of witness

1097

00:45:55,349 --> 00:45:53,119
ufo researcher urges sydney

1098

00:45:57,430 --> 00:45:55,359
ufo researchers have been told there is

1099

00:45:59,589 --> 00:45:57,440
a need to set standards of conduct for

1100

00:46:02,630 --> 00:45:59,599
investigations into reported sightings

1101
00:46:05,750 --> 00:46:02,640
of unidentified flying objects a sydney

1102
00:46:06,230 --> 00:46:05,760
ufologist mr mark muravik told the

1103
00:46:09,910 --> 00:46:06,240
fourth

1104
00:46:12,069 --> 00:46:09,920
ufo conference here that the privacy and

1105
00:46:13,670 --> 00:46:12,079
psychological health of people who

1106
00:46:16,470 --> 00:46:13,680
report sightings

1107
00:46:18,069 --> 00:46:16,480
must be respected mr maravik said

1108
00:46:19,510 --> 00:46:18,079
investigators should think before

1109
00:46:22,630 --> 00:46:19,520
revealing witnesses

1110
00:46:24,790 --> 00:46:22,640
names to the media because this often

1111
00:46:25,750 --> 00:46:24,800
led to sensational publicity and

1112
00:46:28,069 --> 00:46:25,760
harassment

1113
00:46:29,990 --> 00:46:28,079

of the witness he said child witnesses

1114

00:46:33,109 --> 00:46:30,000

should be protected from possible

1115

00:46:36,069 --> 00:46:33,119

anxiety about what they had seen even if

1116

00:46:38,069 --> 00:46:36,079

this meant calling off the investigation

1117

00:46:39,349 --> 00:46:38,079

and if an investigator came across a

1118

00:46:41,910 --> 00:46:39,359

witness who appeared

1119

00:46:44,670 --> 00:46:41,920

mentally unstable he should get

1120

00:46:48,069 --> 00:46:44,680

psychiatric help to assess the witness's

1121

00:46:48,550 --> 00:46:48,079

reliability mr moravik said witnesses

1122

00:46:50,390 --> 00:46:48,560

often

1123

00:46:52,390 --> 00:46:50,400

asked the investigator for an

1124

00:46:55,030 --> 00:46:52,400

explanation of what they had seen

1125

00:46:56,230 --> 00:46:55,040

he said an investigator could discuss

1126

00:46:59,030 --> 00:46:56,240

his pet theory

1127

00:46:59,829 --> 00:46:59,040

but he should add that there were other

1128

00:47:02,550 --> 00:46:59,839

theories

1129

00:47:03,430 --> 00:47:02,560

at this stage of ufo research nobody

1130

00:47:07,030 --> 00:47:03,440

really knew

1131

00:47:09,750 --> 00:47:07,040

the answers mr moravik is one of about

1132

00:47:11,270 --> 00:47:09,760

30 ufologists attending a three-day

1133

00:47:13,190 --> 00:47:11,280

conference in sydney

1134

00:47:14,390 --> 00:47:13,200

tomorrow delegates will be asked to

1135

00:47:17,430 --> 00:47:14,400

decide whether

1136

00:47:18,790 --> 00:47:17,440

to form an australian center for ufo

1137

00:47:21,750 --> 00:47:18,800

studies

1138

00:47:23,510 --> 00:47:21,760

documented evidence of hundreds of ufo

1139

00:47:25,990 --> 00:47:23,520

sightings and related phenomena

1140

00:47:28,630 --> 00:47:26,000

was presented at the conference the

1141

00:47:29,829 --> 00:47:28,640

ufologists also saw a film of a sighting

1142

00:47:33,109 --> 00:47:29,839

by three people

1143

00:47:36,230 --> 00:47:33,119

at ben boyd national park near eden

1144

00:47:38,470 --> 00:47:36,240

in southern new south wales now

1145

00:47:40,309 --> 00:47:38,480

1979 okay so that's a couple of years

1146

00:47:42,230 --> 00:47:40,319

after the movie close encounters of the

1147

00:47:45,270 --> 00:47:42,240

third kind came out

1148

00:47:46,390 --> 00:47:45,280

and as i recall from that time in

1149

00:47:49,510 --> 00:47:46,400

history

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00:47:52,549 --> 00:47:49,520

uh ufos were very much

1151

00:47:55,510 --> 00:47:52,559

in the public imagination

1152

00:47:55,990 --> 00:47:55,520

now changing the search parameters a

1153

00:47:58,710 --> 00:47:56,000

little bit

1154

00:47:59,270 --> 00:47:58,720

i've typed in the word or the words

1155

00:48:03,030 --> 00:47:59,280

flying

1156

00:48:04,950 --> 00:48:03,040

saucer and what's come up from 1950 the

1157

00:48:08,870 --> 00:48:04,960

first of december from the golden

1158

00:48:11,190 --> 00:48:08,880

evening post flying saucer sydney

1159

00:48:13,109 --> 00:48:11,200

the flying saucer which many people saw

1160

00:48:15,109 --> 00:48:13,119

in southern queensland and northern new

1161

00:48:18,069 --> 00:48:15,119

south wales on wednesday night

1162

00:48:19,430 --> 00:48:18,079

has been identified as a media the

1163

00:48:23,510 --> 00:48:19,440

government astronomer

1164

00:48:26,150 --> 00:48:23,520

wood

1165

00:48:26,549 --> 00:48:26,160

said it was about 80 miles up in the air

1166

00:48:30,309 --> 00:48:26,559

and

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00:48:32,230 --> 00:48:30,319

traveling at about 25 miles a second

1168

00:48:33,589 --> 00:48:32,240

government astronomer that sounds like a

1169

00:48:36,230 --> 00:48:33,599

good job

1170

00:48:37,750 --> 00:48:36,240

and now we find something reported in

1171

00:48:40,950 --> 00:48:37,760

examiner which is

1172

00:48:45,109 --> 00:48:40,960

a tasmanian newspaper of the time

1173

00:48:47,510 --> 00:48:45,119

16th of december 1952 flying saucer

1174

00:48:49,510 --> 00:48:47,520

a flying saucer is reported to have been

1175

00:48:52,870 --> 00:48:49,520

sighted over bendigo at 6

1176

00:48:55,910 --> 00:48:52,880

30 am yesterday mr ken torpy

1177

00:48:56,630 --> 00:48:55,920

holman street bendigo said he heard

1178

00:48:59,750 --> 00:48:56,640

motors

1179

00:49:02,950 --> 00:48:59,760

like 10 jet planes and looked up

1180

00:49:03,510 --> 00:49:02,960

and saw a silver disk spinning slowly

1181

00:49:07,030 --> 00:49:03,520

against

1182

00:49:08,790 --> 00:49:07,040

the clear blue sky it then

1183

00:49:12,870 --> 00:49:08,800

rose and traveled in a northerly

1184

00:49:14,470 --> 00:49:12,880

direction his wife heard the noise

1185

00:49:15,990 --> 00:49:14,480

what an interesting little report that

1186

00:49:19,270 --> 00:49:16,000

was now

1187

00:49:20,870 --> 00:49:19,280

let's end with a report from the daily

1188

00:49:24,390 --> 00:49:20,880

telegraph newspaper from

1189

00:49:28,790 --> 00:49:24,400

sydney on the

1190

00:49:30,790 --> 00:49:28,800

4th of june 1954

1191

00:49:31,910 --> 00:49:30,800

and it appears to be in the letters

1192

00:49:34,950 --> 00:49:31,920

section

1193

00:49:36,630 --> 00:49:34,960

flying saucer sir

1194

00:49:38,630 --> 00:49:36,640

i shall be most grateful for your

1195

00:49:40,870 --> 00:49:38,640

assistance in combating

1196

00:49:43,030 --> 00:49:40,880

a current rumor to the effect that the

1197

00:49:45,829 --> 00:49:43,040

australian flying saucer bureau

1198

00:49:47,510 --> 00:49:45,839

has in its possession a piece of a

1199

00:49:50,470 --> 00:49:47,520

flying saucer

1200

00:49:51,910 --> 00:49:50,480

the story is being denied by myself on

1201

00:49:54,069 --> 00:49:51,920

behalf of the bureau

1202

00:49:56,470 --> 00:49:54,079

and probably arose from the admitted

1203

00:49:58,150 --> 00:49:56,480

fact that the bureau has received from

1204

00:50:00,390 --> 00:49:58,160

shepparton victoria

1205

00:50:01,589 --> 00:50:00,400

a portion of one of the several

1206

00:50:04,390 --> 00:50:01,599

mysterious

1207

00:50:06,470 --> 00:50:04,400

30-foot long unidentified objects

1208

00:50:09,510 --> 00:50:06,480

observed passing over the town

1209

00:50:13,910 --> 00:50:09,520

at 4 pm and again at 4 30 pm

1210

00:50:16,069 --> 00:50:13,920

on may 12th it is proposed to submit the

1211

00:50:19,190 --> 00:50:16,079

portion of the strange material

1212

00:50:21,990 --> 00:50:19,200

in our possession to chemical and or

1213

00:50:24,069 --> 00:50:22,000

whatever other analysis may be necessary

1214

00:50:26,870 --> 00:50:24,079

in order to determine its exact

1215

00:50:29,430 --> 00:50:26,880

composition and origin

1216

00:50:30,390 --> 00:50:29,440

until the result of expert analysis is

1217

00:50:33,829 --> 00:50:30,400

received

1218

00:50:37,589 --> 00:50:33,839

no further comment can be made

1219

00:50:41,589 --> 00:50:37,599

and that is signed edgar r gerald

1220

00:50:44,630 --> 00:50:41,599

director australian flying saucer bureau

1221

00:50:46,790 --> 00:50:44,640

fairfield new south wales

1222

00:50:47,990 --> 00:50:46,800

now that's a terrific one i love it the

1223

00:50:51,190 --> 00:50:48,000

director

1224

00:50:53,750 --> 00:50:51,200

of the australian flying saucer bureau

1225

00:50:55,750 --> 00:50:53,760

wow actually that's inspired me to look

1226

00:50:59,030 --> 00:50:55,760

for just one more and i've put in the

1227

00:51:02,030 --> 00:50:59,040

search words flying saucer bureau

1228

00:51:05,910 --> 00:51:02,040

and we arrive on the 19th of february

1229

00:51:10,630 --> 00:51:05,920

1954 the sydney morning herald

1230

00:51:14,069 --> 00:51:10,640

strange aircraft over the alice

1231

00:51:15,910 --> 00:51:14,079

alice springs thursday three alice

1232

00:51:18,710 --> 00:51:15,920

springs residents said today

1233

00:51:19,670 --> 00:51:18,720

that a strange aircraft streaked over

1234

00:51:22,790 --> 00:51:19,680

the town

1235

00:51:26,069 --> 00:51:22,800

at 4 30 yesterday morning

1236

00:51:27,190 --> 00:51:26,079

they are mr eric knight businessman and

1237

00:51:30,790 --> 00:51:27,200

returned soldier

1238

00:51:31,750 --> 00:51:30,800

his wife and mrs g schmidt mr knight

1239

00:51:33,829 --> 00:51:31,760

said that he was

1240

00:51:36,790 --> 00:51:33,839

lying awake when he heard what he

1241

00:51:39,829 --> 00:51:36,800

thought was a jet plane roar overhead

1242

00:51:40,950 --> 00:51:39,839

apparently at terrific speed he thought

1243

00:51:43,510 --> 00:51:40,960

no more of the

1244

00:51:44,230 --> 00:51:43,520

incident until he found that no jet

1245

00:51:47,430 --> 00:51:44,240

plane

1246

00:51:48,150 --> 00:51:47,440

was in the area at the time on january

1247

00:51:51,430 --> 00:51:48,160

15th

1248

00:51:52,630 --> 00:51:51,440

mr ken heslip and five other alice

1249

00:51:55,510 --> 00:51:52,640

springs people

1250

00:51:56,630 --> 00:51:55,520

reported having seen and heard strange

1251
00:51:58,710 --> 00:51:56,640
aircraft

1252
00:51:59,910 --> 00:51:58,720
he said today that the sound which mr

1253
00:52:02,630 --> 00:51:59,920
knight described

1254
00:52:04,069 --> 00:52:02,640
was exactly the same as he heard the

1255
00:52:06,309 --> 00:52:04,079
alice springs newspaper

1256
00:52:07,589 --> 00:52:06,319
the centralian advocate recently

1257
00:52:10,390 --> 00:52:07,599
published a photograph

1258
00:52:10,870 --> 00:52:10,400
of a quote flying saucer over alice and

1259
00:52:13,430 --> 00:52:10,880
quote

1260
00:52:14,870 --> 00:52:13,440
which it received from an unidentified

1261
00:52:17,270 --> 00:52:14,880
correspondent

1262
00:52:19,670 --> 00:52:17,280
well that's appropriate enough i guess

1263
00:52:21,349 --> 00:52:19,680

the australian flying saucer bureau

1264

00:52:24,549 --> 00:52:21,359

headquarters of which are in new south

1265

00:52:27,589 --> 00:52:24,559

wales has asked the photographer

1266

00:52:30,549 --> 00:52:27,599

through the paper to reveal his identity

1267

00:52:31,589 --> 00:52:30,559

to the bureau it's a bit men in black

1268

00:52:33,430 --> 00:52:31,599

isn't it

1269

00:52:36,230 --> 00:52:33,440

all right just just just one more

1270

00:52:39,829 --> 00:52:36,240

because i'm having a lot of fun

1271

00:52:42,710 --> 00:52:39,839

and we jump in our time machine and

1272

00:52:43,589 --> 00:52:42,720

we land in the year 1952 on the 7th of

1273

00:52:46,549 --> 00:52:43,599

august

1274

00:52:47,349 --> 00:52:46,559

goldman evening post and the article

1275

00:52:49,510 --> 00:52:47,359

says

1276

00:52:50,470 --> 00:52:49,520

little report have you seen a flying

1277

00:52:53,829 --> 00:52:50,480

saucer

1278

00:52:55,750 --> 00:52:53,839

sydney flying sources really exist

1279

00:52:57,750 --> 00:52:55,760

according to the founder of the

1280

00:53:01,109 --> 00:52:57,760

australian flying source of bureau

1281

00:53:03,109 --> 00:53:01,119

mr e gerald mr gerald said he was

1282

00:53:05,750 --> 00:53:03,119

definitely of the opinion

1283

00:53:06,870 --> 00:53:05,760

that the sources existed after years of

1284

00:53:09,670 --> 00:53:06,880

long analysis

1285

00:53:11,910 --> 00:53:09,680

and comparison of the source of reports

1286

00:53:15,589 --> 00:53:11,920

mr gerald wants to contact anyone

1287

00:53:18,630 --> 00:53:15,599

who has seen a saucer so

1288

00:53:20,470 --> 00:53:18,640

there's a little roundup of just some

1289

00:53:23,030 --> 00:53:20,480

of the dozens and dozens and dozens of

1290

00:53:25,430 --> 00:53:23,040

ufo flying saucer type reports

1291

00:53:29,430 --> 00:53:25,440

reported in some australian newspapers

1292

00:53:32,790 --> 00:53:29,440

over the decades

1293

00:53:37,030 --> 00:53:32,800

and again you have at your fingertips

1294

00:53:39,910 --> 00:53:37,040

a treasure trove of digitized newspapers

1295

00:53:42,150 --> 00:53:39,920

periodicals and magazines from australia

1296

00:53:45,190 --> 00:53:42,160

and all you need do is visit

1297

00:53:48,470 --> 00:53:45,200

trove t-r-o-v-e trove

1298

00:53:58,560 --> 00:53:48,480

dot n-l-a dot gov dot a-u

1299

00:53:58,570 --> 00:54:08,150

[Music]

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00:54:11,510 --> 00:54:09,910

thank you for listening to the skeptic

1301
00:54:13,270 --> 00:54:11,520
zone and i

1302
00:54:14,710 --> 00:54:13,280
look forward to the pleasure of your

1303
00:54:17,910 --> 00:54:14,720
company

1304
00:54:19,030 --> 00:54:17,920
on the 21st which is tomorrow here in

1305
00:54:21,829 --> 00:54:19,040
australia

1306
00:54:24,069 --> 00:54:21,839
in the evening at skeptics cafe where i

1307
00:54:27,270 --> 00:54:24,079
will be giving a live

1308
00:54:29,589 --> 00:54:27,280
talk via zoom 20 years of skeptical

1309
00:54:32,950 --> 00:54:29,599
investigation some of the highlights

1310
00:54:34,230 --> 00:54:32,960
and some of the low lights now thank you

1311
00:54:36,549 --> 00:54:34,240
to michelle biggesmar for that

1312
00:54:39,270 --> 00:54:36,559
interesting report about the graffiti

1313
00:54:40,710 --> 00:54:39,280

in melbourne and if you want to see the

1314

00:54:43,750 --> 00:54:40,720

pictures yourself

1315

00:54:44,390 --> 00:54:43,760

the the graffiti those pictures will be

1316

00:54:47,589 --> 00:54:44,400

available

1317

00:54:50,230 --> 00:54:47,599

on the skeptic zone facebook page and to

1318

00:54:52,069 --> 00:54:50,240

get to that page is very easy you can

1319

00:54:54,390 --> 00:54:52,079

just search for skeptic zone on facebook

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00:54:57,990 --> 00:54:54,400

or go to skepticzone.tv

1321

00:55:01,030 --> 00:54:58,000

and at the top of the page you'll see a

1322

00:55:03,829 --> 00:55:01,040

facebook icon click on that and

1323

00:55:05,349 --> 00:55:03,839

that's where you will go now we look

1324

00:55:05,990 --> 00:55:05,359

forward to the pleasure of your company

1325

00:55:08,230 --> 00:55:06,000

of course for

1326
00:55:09,670 --> 00:55:08,240
skeptic on 2020 the australian skeptics

1327
00:55:13,670 --> 00:55:09,680
national convention

1328
00:55:16,470 --> 00:55:13,680
and you only have a very few days

1329
00:55:21,430 --> 00:55:16,480
to get your early bird ticket discount

1330
00:55:24,630 --> 00:55:21,440
head to www.skepticcon.org

1331
00:55:28,630 --> 00:55:24,640
and snap up those tickets today

1332
00:55:33,510 --> 00:55:28,640
thank you to those people and cockatoos

1333
00:55:35,670 --> 00:55:33,520
wow the cockatoos have come to take over

1334
00:55:37,430 --> 00:55:35,680
the trees from the rainbow lorikeets

1335
00:55:40,270 --> 00:55:37,440
thank you to those people who continue

1336
00:55:41,829 --> 00:55:40,280
to support the skeptic zone at

1337
00:55:45,109 --> 00:55:41,839
www.skepticzone.tv

1338
00:55:47,910 --> 00:55:45,119

via your patreon or paypal

1339

00:55:49,750 --> 00:55:47,920

contributions in fact in just the last

1340

00:55:51,910 --> 00:55:49,760

week some more people came on board

1341

00:55:53,270 --> 00:55:51,920

thank you very much i'll send you a

1342

00:55:55,829 --> 00:55:53,280

thank you note

1343

00:55:56,549 --> 00:55:55,839

this uh this coming week coming up on

1344

00:55:59,670 --> 00:55:56,559

next week's show

1345

00:56:01,510 --> 00:55:59,680

more book of tim more logical fallacies

1346

00:56:03,829 --> 00:56:01,520

with michelle bickersma

1347

00:56:05,910 --> 00:56:03,839

maybe maybe something else to do with a

1348

00:56:09,030 --> 00:56:05,920

typewriter and some poor fool

1349

00:56:12,150 --> 00:56:09,040

me doing something and thank you

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00:56:15,829 --> 00:56:12,160

to abhijit chanda and andras pinter

1351
00:56:16,630 --> 00:56:15,839
for for using their extraordinary voice

1352
00:56:19,510 --> 00:56:16,640
talents

1353
00:56:20,630 --> 00:56:19,520
in the the secret secret bit you heard

1354
00:56:22,549 --> 00:56:20,640
earlier on

1355
00:56:24,789 --> 00:56:22,559
i wonder what the secret of the secret

1356
00:56:26,870 --> 00:56:24,799
convention really was after all

1357
00:56:29,430 --> 00:56:26,880
but for this week with birds and buckets

1358
00:56:31,990 --> 00:56:29,440
and rain and

1359
00:56:33,349 --> 00:56:32,000
birds have flown away this is richard

1360
00:56:39,670 --> 00:56:33,359
saunders signing off

1361
00:56:42,870 --> 00:56:41,430
you've been listening to the skeptic

1362
00:56:46,109 --> 00:56:42,880
zone podcast

1363
00:56:47,430 --> 00:56:46,119

please visit our website at

1364

00:56:50,549 --> 00:56:47,440

www.skepticzone.tv

1365

00:56:52,549 --> 00:56:50,559

for show notes contacts and to access

1366

00:56:56,069 --> 00:56:52,559

the back catalog of episodes

1367

00:56:58,150 --> 00:56:56,079

going back to 2008. you can follow the

1368

00:57:01,589 --> 00:56:58,160

skepticzone podcast on twitter

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00:57:05,109 --> 00:57:01,599

at skepticzone visit our facebook page

1370

00:57:06,549 --> 00:57:05,119

or leave a review on itunes you can also

1371

00:57:09,750 --> 00:57:06,559

support the skeptic zone

1372

00:57:10,470 --> 00:57:09,760

via patreon or paypal the skeptic zone

1373

00:57:13,430 --> 00:57:10,480

podcast

1374

00:57:15,190 --> 00:57:13,440

is an independent production the views

1375

00:57:15,589 --> 00:57:15,200

and opinions expressed on the skeptic

1376

00:57:17,589 --> 00:57:15,599

zone

1377

00:57:19,510 --> 00:57:17,599

are not necessarily those of australian

1378

00:57:33,030 --> 00:57:19,520

skeptics or any other

1379

00:57:36,390 --> 00:57:34,390

earlier on today we were just talking

1380

00:57:38,630 --> 00:57:36,400

about uh superstitions and

1381

00:57:40,230 --> 00:57:38,640

people's faith in amulets and talismans

1382

00:57:41,510 --> 00:57:40,240

and so on richard saunders from the

1383

00:57:44,150 --> 00:57:41,520

australian skeptics

1384

00:57:45,349 --> 00:57:44,160

society uh has texted on the text line

1385

00:57:46,470 --> 00:57:45,359

saying the good thing to remember about

1386

00:57:49,030 --> 00:57:46,480

superstitions is

1387

00:57:50,710 --> 00:57:49,040

if they worked they wouldn't be called

1388

00:57:53,750 --> 00:57:50,720

superstitions

1389

00:57:55,750 --> 00:57:53,760

this is afternoons with josh seps on abc

1390

00:57:57,430 --> 00:57:55,760

radio

1391

00:58:00,710 --> 00:57:57,440

hello to the people who listen after the

1392

00:58:04,470 --> 00:58:00,720

music it's time for the dice game

1393

00:58:08,870 --> 00:58:04,480

now oh a jet

1394

00:58:10,789 --> 00:58:08,880

wow that's a bit rare these days

1395

00:58:12,390 --> 00:58:10,799

this is the part of the show where i

1396

00:58:15,349 --> 00:58:12,400

will roll a die

1397

00:58:17,040 --> 00:58:15,359

normally a ten sided die sometimes a six

1398

00:58:19,910 --> 00:58:17,050

yep

1399

00:58:22,230 --> 00:58:19,920

[Music]

1400

00:58:23,030 --> 00:58:22,240

nearly hit the top of the studio i think

1401
00:58:25,190 --> 00:58:23,040
and you

1402
00:58:27,030 --> 00:58:25,200
get to use your psychic predicting power

1403
00:58:30,309 --> 00:58:27,040
or dumb luck

1404
00:58:33,990 --> 00:58:30,319
to uh predict what numbers will come up

1405
00:58:37,670 --> 00:58:34,000
now this week i've found a d

1406
00:58:38,710 --> 00:58:37,680
12 bit unusual so i'm going to roll it

1407
00:58:40,230 --> 00:58:38,720
three times

1408
00:58:41,910 --> 00:58:40,240
in fact you can probably hear that i've

1409
00:58:45,109 --> 00:58:41,920
got a bucket of

1410
00:58:46,789 --> 00:58:45,119
little bucket full of dye nice now

1411
00:58:49,030 --> 00:58:46,799
where's my skeptic's own pencil here it

1412
00:58:51,190 --> 00:58:49,040
is so i'm going to roll this d12

1413
00:58:52,789 --> 00:58:51,200

three times it's time for you to use

1414

00:58:57,829 --> 00:58:52,799

your predicting power

1415

00:58:57,839 --> 00:59:01,589

it's come up seven

1416

00:59:09,910 --> 00:59:06,710

seven roll number two

1417

00:59:12,470 --> 00:59:09,920

it's come up two seven

1418

00:59:14,390 --> 00:59:12,480

two last roll for this week using your

1419

00:59:17,670 --> 00:59:14,400

predicting power

1420

00:59:21,750 --> 00:59:17,680

who says five susan gobek is that what

1421

00:59:21,760 --> 00:59:26,150

huh seven