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Take Stock
with
Shelley Stocken
"Demonic Possession"

Newsletter from
Australian Skeptics

TROVE
"Psychic + America"

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00:00:06,470 --> 00:00:03,189
hello this is richard saunders producer

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00:00:07,269 --> 00:00:06,480
and host of the skeptic zone this week's

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episode

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is dedicated to the memory of our former

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reporter the wonderful

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shelly stocken shirley passed away on

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saturday the 26th

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of june 2021 she was surrounded by

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family

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and we send our heartfelt condolences to

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00:00:30,390 --> 00:00:27,039
her friends

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and to her family shelly's reports were

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interesting

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funny and educational her work in the

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skeptical community really did make a

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difference

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and she was an absolute delight to know

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and to work with thank you shelley

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from the team at the skeptic zone

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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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from australia

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for science and reason

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yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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episode number 665 on the 4th of july

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2021

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and as you know this episode is

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dedicated to the memory of

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shelly stockin and so we're going to

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kick off this week's episode with the

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report from shelly with her segment

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in uh 2016 take stock with

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shelly stocken and it was one of

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shelley's early reports about

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demonic possession and for those of you

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who

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are new to the show and haven't heard

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the reports shelly did for us i think

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you'll be very impressed by her style

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her recording and her information

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following that it's the

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australian skeptic's newsletter what's

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caught the skeptical eye of

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tim mendom this week we shall find out

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and to round off the show we dive once

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again into trove

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and because it's the 4th of july here in

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australia when this show is going out

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i thought we'd look for references in

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australian newspapers to the word

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psychic

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and america in the same

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report but that's all for me at the

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moment i'm going to make myself

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an extra special cup of coffee this week

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because

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apart from anything else what indeed

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shelley to

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thousands of people were her wonderful

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little poems

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about the coffee and while i do that i

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hope you enjoy

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interesting claims questioning

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take stock with shelly stocken

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hi this is shelly stocken and today i'm

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talking about demons

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in a recent self-guided tour of the

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internet i came across a page entitled

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how to differentiate demonic possession

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from schizophrenia

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this will be fun i thought lots of head

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spinning and spewing on bystanders

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but as i read on i realised it wasn't

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much fun at all

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this page was a serious guide for

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interpreting the unusual behavior of a

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loved one and making a spiritual

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diagnosis

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i was stunned to learn that in some

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religious circles

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demonic possession is still considered a

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reasonable explanation for mental

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illness

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the page i found was basically a summary

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of a chapter in a book

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called strength for his people by

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stephen waterhouse

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the pastor at westcliff bible church in

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texas

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the church's website describes the book

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as a biblical perspective

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on mental illnesses and other family

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problems

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stephen waterhouse has a doctor of

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ministry from dallas theological

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seminary

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and a master of theology in hebrew and

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greek from capital seminary near

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washington dc

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as well as undergraduate degrees in

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social sciences from spring arbor

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university

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rapids for michigan

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so he seems adequately qualified to be a

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church pastor and a social scientist

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his interest in mental health stems

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largely from his experience with his

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brother

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who was diagnosed with schizophrenia in

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his teens

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00:04:37,749 --> 00:04:36,880

i'm certain that waterhouse's intentions

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are good

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and he only wants to help people to

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reconcile their belief in supernatural

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beings and the hardship of mental

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illness

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he has first-hand experience of living

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with and caring for a seriously ill

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person

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and wants to provide support for others

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going through the same experience

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but if as they say the road to hell is

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paved with good intentions

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this guy is headed southward i have no

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doubt religion provides many troubled

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people and their families with great

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comfort

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but it has no place in diagnosing mental

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illness

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so let's take a look at what waterhouse

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has to say about how to differentiate

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between schizophrenia

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and demonic possession he conveniently

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breaks the distinction into six factors

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one attraction to versus aversion to

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religion

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according to waterhouse possessed people

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can't stand talking about christ

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but mentally ill people are fine with it

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in many cases even enthusiastically

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devout

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if the affected person is comfortable

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when the discussion turns to jesus

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doesn't object to an exorcism or shows a

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keen interest in religion

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then demonic possession is to be ruled

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out

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earlier in the chapter the author

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describes the behavior of his brother

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during a schizophrenic episode

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he says i saw my brother ripping up a

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bible and smashing christian wall

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00:06:05,909 --> 00:06:04,080
decorations

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this seems to contradict his assertion

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that people with schizophrenia

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00:06:12,629 --> 00:06:10,800
are friendly to jesus but that's not the

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only problem with this point

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it fails to take into account the

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person's religious leanings before they

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00:06:21,029 --> 00:06:18,960
started showing symptoms

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do people who have no religion suddenly

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become religious when they become

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mentally ill

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or suddenly become hostile towards

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religious figures when possessed

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is it the same pattern for people of

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different religions what sort of demons

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possess a buddhist an

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atheist or a muslim is religious belief

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correlated with mental illness

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so many questions the second factor of

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waterhouse's analysis

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is irrational speech versus rational

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speech

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waterhouse says in new testament

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accounts involving demons

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the demons spoke in a rational manner

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untreated people with schizophrenia will

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often speak in nonsense and jump

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rapidly between unrelated topics

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he says that in cases where the affected

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person makes sense we should lean

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towards demonic involvements

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this seems ridiculously simplistic

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if the words don't make sense the

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patient is sick if they do make sense

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the patient is possessed

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and what text does the author refer to

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for his diagnostic standard

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the new testament of the bible i don't

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know much about psychiatry but i'm

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pretty sure the bible has been

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superseded as a diagnostic tool

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moving on to the third factor of

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differentiation

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ordinary learning versus supernatural

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knowledge

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when you're a demon taking up residence

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in a terrestrial host

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you have the ability to communicate

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through the body you've possessed

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as a result possessed people may be able

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00:07:52,950 --> 00:07:50,960
to express knowledge and display

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00:07:54,629 --> 00:07:52,960
abilities of which they have no prior

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learning

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waterhouse says those with a mental

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illness have no such ability to know

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facts they have not acquired by normal

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means of learning

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the examples provided in the book are

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clairvoyance and

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xenoglossy or the ability to speak in a

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language not known by the speaker

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the author doesn't provide any

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references for these examples so we are

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left to rely on his assurance that they

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actually happen

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factor number four in this guide to

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mental illness or possession

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is normal versus occultic phenomena

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waterhouse says there is an aspect to

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demon activity

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that is just plain spooky no argument

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from me there

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he goes on to say if there are

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occurrences of poltergeists

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levitations transfers telepathy

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and these cannot be ruled out as being

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optical illusions or fraudulent displays

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then one is not dealing with ordinary

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schizophrenia

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in a tidy example of circular reasoning

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this factor essentially says

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that if there are paranormal phenomena

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present then something paranormal is

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going on

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this factor relies on the presumption of

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demonic possession as a possible

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diagnosis

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at least he suggests that apparently

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paranormal phenomena could be optical

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illusions or fraud

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but he stops short of applying the same

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level of skepticism to the idea of

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demonic possession itself

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0.5 in waterhouse's analysis is the

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claim to be possessed

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and this one makes a little sense he

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says

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authors who have clinical experience

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both with demon possession and mental

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illness

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believe those who claim to be possessed

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are very likely

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not possessed i completely agree that

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people who claim to be possessed

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probably aren't but that's only because

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i don't think demonic possession is real

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waterhouse's reasoning is different he

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claims that demons are secretive

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critters

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and don't like to brag about taking over

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someone's body

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so if someone is truly possessed they're

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unlikely to admit it

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which leaves it up to observers to judge

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whether or not demonic possession is the

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cause of their behavior

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and surely only observers who already

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consider demonic possession a

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possibility

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are likely to decide that someone is

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possessed

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how this distinction is helpful to

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people with mental illness escapes me

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completely

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the final factor of distinction between

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mental illness and demonic possession

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is the effect of therapy

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it states if prayer solves the problem

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then it was probably not schizophrenia

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if medicine helps alleviate the problem

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it was not demon possession

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again i completely agree with these

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statements

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i agree that if prayer solves a problem

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then that problem was not schizophrenia

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it probably wasn't a broken leg cystitis

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or world poverty either

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in fact prayer has a pretty poor record

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for fixing things statistically speaking

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relying on the effects of prayer to

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alleviate someone's real and immediate

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suffering is pretty irresponsible

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00:11:09,829 --> 00:11:07,920

if praying is your thing knock yourself

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out but maybe also

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seek a professional advice

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i also agree that if medicine helps

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alleviate the problem it was not

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demon possession in fact you could take

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medicine out of the equation altogether

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and i'd still be satisfied that demons

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were never involved

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including the possibility of demonic

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00:11:30,870 --> 00:11:30,240
possession in any assessment of mental

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00:11:34,230 --> 00:11:30,880
illness

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00:11:35,269 --> 00:11:34,240
does nobody any good if possession is

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00:11:38,230 --> 00:11:35,279
assumed

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00:11:39,509 --> 00:11:38,240
effective treatment can be delayed in

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00:11:41,590 --> 00:11:39,519
extreme cases

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00:11:43,750 --> 00:11:41,600

this could mean a rapid escalation if

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the condition is left unchecked

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which can be dangerous for the sufferer

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and for the people around them

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a diagnosis of demonic possession could

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in fact be the trigger for worsening

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symptoms

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imagine being in a state of distress

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confusion or fear

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because of a mental illness only to be

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told that your condition is the result

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of an evil spiritual parasite

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that's hardly going to improve your mood

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and when an exorcism inevitably fails to

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rid you of your inner turmoil

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what then finding out you're possessed

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is bad

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discovering relief is impossible can

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only increase distress

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confusion and fear why do demons even

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need to come into it

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believers seem to be able to explain

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other bad things without resorting to

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evil spirits

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some hardships are even attributed to

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god himself

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if fire flood famine and flesh-eating

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viruses can be part of god's plan why

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not mental illness

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why is that left to demons sky daddy

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seems comfortable inflicting boils and

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blindness and botulism

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but outsources brain work to beelzebub

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it doesn't make sense

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i don't see why modern psychiatry can't

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exist

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within a religious framework it's a long

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time since i believed in god and jesus

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but even in my happiest clappiest

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christian days

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00:13:09,750 --> 00:13:07,600
i still thought human's ability to think

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and learn and analyze our world was part

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of the big guy's long-term plan

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the idea that some of us could study

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00:13:17,910 --> 00:13:16,480
humans closely enough to diagnose and

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00:13:20,629 --> 00:13:17,920
treat mental illness

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and make life better in a scientific way

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fit easily into my understanding of what

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god wanted us to do

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but the idea that some mental illness

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might still be thrown into the

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possessed by a demon basket makes me

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and now a note from our friends at the

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canberra skeptics at canberra

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skeptics.org

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canberra's skeptics proudly presents

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pack away your colanders

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law money and the church of the flying

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spaghetti monster

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and this will be a zoom talk by dr bruce

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bayer arnold

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on monday the 12th of july at 6 pm

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camera time pastafarianism

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also known as the church of the flying

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spaghetti monster

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seems no more bizarre than many belief

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systems

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unlike many established faiths it hasn't

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encouraged its adherence to engage in

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any crimes against humanity

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unlike the church of the new faith also

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known as scientology

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it hasn't been accused of being a

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billion dollar scam

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earlier this year however the south

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australian government

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yet again refused an application to

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register the monster

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as an incorporated association this

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presentation critiques that refusal

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notes uneven recognition of

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pastafarianism outside australia

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and asks whether the a.c.t government

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would be kinder than in south australia

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now this does sound like an interesting

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talk and you can

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find out more by visiting

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canberraskeptics.org

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checking out their facebook page which

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is canberra skeptics

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or follow them on twitter at

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c b r skeptics

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now it's time to see what tim mendenham

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has prepared for us

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via the australian skeptics newsletter

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newsletter number 126

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and you too can get this newsletter

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00:15:56,230 --> 00:15:52,160
delivered to your inbox every other week

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by subscribing at skeptics.com.edu

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hi all it says the countdown is on for

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skepticon in november

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the multinational face-to-face

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live streaming super event no hyperbole

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intended

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keep your eyes ears and fingers peeled

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for the latest information in other

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topics

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obviously lots of covert news still more

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on ufos

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and the growing contingent of animals

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that can pick football results

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or not as the case may be read on

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tim yes tim that's exactly what we'll do

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and when you receive the newsletter in

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your inbox all these news items

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are accompanied by the link for more

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information

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skepticon register your interest now

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registrations of interest are now open

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the 2021 australian skeptic's annual

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national convention

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which this year will be held on november

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it will be a joint event held by

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australian skeptics in sydney

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and new zealand skeptics in wellington

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with face to face and online

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participation available

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covert willing details of the speakers

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and ticket prices will be available soon

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but in the meantime please register your

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interest at

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information and the next item says

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anti-vaxxers by

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fake covert 19 jab certificates

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india a scheme has developed for

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anti-vaxxers in russia

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where for 15 000 rubles you can get a

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doses of the country's homegrown

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sputnik 5 vaccine and their mandy

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vaxxers

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you have to admire their ethics u.s

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preliminary report on ufos

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uaps you know uap

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just doesn't have the same ring to it

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does it it just doesn't

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look what's that oh it's a uap

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the anticipated report from the us

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office of the director of national

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intelligence

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on threats raised by ufos uaps

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has been released at least the

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preliminary version

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no one believers and skeptics alike

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seems particularly happy with it as it

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hedges its bets and is pretty

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non-committal

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meanwhile maybe they should ask quote

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the world's most passionate ufo skeptic

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and quote a profile of noted ufo

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skeptic mick west and a story with more

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square inch than anything we've seen

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world leaders covered 19 doubters an

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interesting list

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from kenya looking at political leaders

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from around the world who have spread

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misinformation uncovered

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psychic crime pays u.s psychics who

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scammed

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over a million dollars from their

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victims

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got five years probation and were

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ordered to repay their victims

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a portion of what they stole the victims

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understandably

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aren't happy overconfidence

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and conspiracy theories from ufos to

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covert conspiracy theories

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we all struggle with the quote truth out

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end quote an article in the conversation

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looks beyond common theories

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of why people believe in the irrational

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us college students reaction to a

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supposed psychic event

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experiment using a supposed psychic

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contacting the dead

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suggests that many adults are easily

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convinced by a paranormal event

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especially if it arouses their emotions

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code of practice on disinformation a

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legal perspective

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on the australian code of practice on

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disinformation

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and misinformation which commenced on

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the 22nd of february

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this followed the australian government

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asking digital platforms to develop a

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voluntary

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code to address disinformation and

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misinformation

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and assist users in their services to

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more

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easily identify the reliable

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trustworthiness and

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source of news content new south wales

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petition

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on voluntary assisted dying victoria

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tasmania western australia and now

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south australia have all legalized

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voluntary assisted dying

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as as new zealand it looks like

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queensland may soon follow

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and the northern territory if it can get

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past commonwealth restrictions

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now the organization dying with dignity

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in new south wales is asking for support

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with a petition to the new south wales

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government

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the june 2021 issue of the skeptic

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here i have it in my hot hands here we

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very good i'll have to read that later

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it has a major feature on why people

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believe as opposed to

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what they believe what psychologists and

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science

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leaders think the legal implications of

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holding beliefs the case studies of

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victory of belief over reason we also

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look at the myths and conspiracies

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associated with the port arthur massacre

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that tragic event which occurred 25

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years ago

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and the article everyone has been

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waiting for

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a history of sydney university's

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oxymetrical

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society the newsletter also goes on to

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list all the upcoming skeptical

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events from around the country including

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sydney skeptics in the pub queensland

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skeptics adelaide victoria gold coast

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perth

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and canberra and now we come to items of

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interest

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psychic animals and football some years

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ago it was paul the psychic octopus

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picking the winners of the fifa world

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then it was muscles the alligator

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picking the results of the biden trump

577

00:22:03,430 --> 00:22:02,080

election

578

00:22:05,909 --> 00:22:03,440

now it looks like every animal is

579

00:22:06,789 --> 00:22:05,919

getting into the act thanks to the euro

580

00:22:08,549 --> 00:22:06,799

cup

581

00:22:10,870 --> 00:22:08,559

i wonder if the skeptic's own cats could

582

00:22:13,190 --> 00:22:10,880

give it a go where are they

583

00:22:14,230 --> 00:22:13,200

an elephant picked germany would lose

584

00:22:17,750 --> 00:22:14,240

against france

585

00:22:20,070 --> 00:22:17,760

correct yellow the psychic pony

586

00:22:21,190 --> 00:22:20,080

predicted england would beat scotland

587

00:22:24,870 --> 00:22:21,200

that must have been a

588

00:22:27,430 --> 00:22:24,880

hard choice except they drew nil nil

589

00:22:28,950 --> 00:22:27,440

pony doesn't have a good track record it

590

00:22:30,630 --> 00:22:28,960

earlier made a wrong choice in

591

00:22:31,350 --> 00:22:30,640

predicting a draw between england and

592

00:22:34,630 --> 00:22:31,360

croatia

593

00:22:37,110 --> 00:22:34,640

england won one nil a couple of psychic

594

00:22:40,230 --> 00:22:37,120

otters

595

00:22:41,350 --> 00:22:40,240

psychic were torn between england and

596

00:22:43,110 --> 00:22:41,360

scotland

597

00:22:45,990 --> 00:22:43,120

boy the psychic lion who correctly

598

00:22:47,590 --> 00:22:46,000

called four early euro 2020 matches

599

00:22:49,830 --> 00:22:47,600

dipped out on some

600

00:22:50,870 --> 00:22:49,840

following matches and apparently didn't

601
00:22:54,390 --> 00:22:50,880
do that well

602
00:22:57,990 --> 00:22:54,400
in the english league susie the pig

603
00:23:00,950 --> 00:22:58,000
picked the england win against croatia

604
00:23:02,230 --> 00:23:00,960
but prevaricated over a win for england

605
00:23:05,270 --> 00:23:02,240
over scotland

606
00:23:05,830 --> 00:23:05,280
and achilles the psychic cat there you

607
00:23:09,750 --> 00:23:05,840
are

608
00:23:10,910 --> 00:23:09,760
psychic cats alright

609
00:23:13,750 --> 00:23:10,920
get your act together

610
00:23:16,789 --> 00:23:13,760
[Music]

611
00:23:18,710 --> 00:23:16,799
and achilles the psychic cat predicted

612
00:23:22,149 --> 00:23:18,720
italy would beat turkey

613
00:23:25,350 --> 00:23:22,159

in a blowout and they did three nil

614

00:23:28,390 --> 00:23:25,360

obviously this is the animal to follow

615

00:23:30,710 --> 00:23:28,400

meanwhile odyssey the psychic lamb

616

00:23:32,149 --> 00:23:30,720

predicted a win for hartlepool united

617

00:23:37,830 --> 00:23:32,159

against turkey united

618

00:23:39,590 --> 00:23:37,840

in a playoff final result they drew 1-1

619

00:23:40,950 --> 00:23:39,600

now there's lots more in that newsletter

620

00:23:44,230 --> 00:23:40,960

for you to enjoy

621

00:23:45,110 --> 00:23:44,240

but the final item is and a shock horror

622

00:23:48,789 --> 00:23:45,120

follow-up

623

00:23:51,110 --> 00:23:48,799

psychic wrong ish last newsletter we

624

00:23:53,750 --> 00:23:51,120

mentioned that psychic georgina walker

625

00:23:54,789 --> 00:23:53,760

predicting that radio shock jock carl

626
00:23:57,510 --> 00:23:54,799
sandylands

627
00:23:59,029 --> 00:23:57,520
was supposedly going to drown during his

628
00:24:02,470 --> 00:23:59,039
birthday bash

629
00:24:03,590 --> 00:24:02,480
turns out the psychic was wrong it was a

630
00:24:07,350 --> 00:24:03,600
vision that she

631
00:24:09,990 --> 00:24:07,360
herself would face looming death

632
00:24:11,830 --> 00:24:10,000
she face planted at sandyland's party

633
00:24:14,070 --> 00:24:11,840
she didn't land in the water but fell

634
00:24:16,830 --> 00:24:14,080
over when disembarking the cruise

635
00:24:19,510 --> 00:24:16,840
they were on seems like psychic

636
00:24:21,029 --> 00:24:19,520
predictions can ricochet

637
00:24:22,390 --> 00:24:21,039
and there you are the latest newsletter

638
00:24:23,350 --> 00:24:22,400

from australian skeptics there's more in

639

00:24:25,029 --> 00:24:23,360

there to read

640

00:24:26,950 --> 00:24:25,039

and you can get that for yourself

641

00:24:32,710 --> 00:24:26,960

delivered every other week

642

00:24:40,870 --> 00:24:32,720

by subscribing at skeptics.com

643

00:24:46,310 --> 00:24:43,590

hi this is heidi robertson from the

644

00:24:48,789 --> 00:24:46,320

northern rivers vaccination supporters

645

00:24:51,029 --> 00:24:48,799

we are a group of concerned citizens

646

00:24:52,950 --> 00:24:51,039

dedicated to promoting good science and

647

00:24:55,909 --> 00:24:52,960

common sense in our region

648

00:24:58,390 --> 00:24:55,919

the far north coast of new south wales

649

00:25:00,310 --> 00:24:58,400

this area famous for its natural beauty

650

00:25:02,950 --> 00:25:00,320

and relaxed lifestyle

651
00:25:04,710 --> 00:25:02,960
also has the lowest rates of vaccination

652
00:25:07,110 --> 00:25:04,720
in australia

653
00:25:09,190 --> 00:25:07,120
we are out to change that by challenging

654
00:25:11,510 --> 00:25:09,200
the myths and misinformation

655
00:25:14,070 --> 00:25:11,520
and by providing good evidence-based

656
00:25:16,070 --> 00:25:14,080
information to the community

657
00:25:17,190 --> 00:25:16,080
we'd love for you no matter where you

658
00:25:20,149 --> 00:25:17,200
are in the world

659
00:25:21,430 --> 00:25:20,159
to join our fight please visit our

660
00:25:26,950 --> 00:25:21,440
webpage

661
00:25:28,549 --> 00:25:26,960
at www.nrvs.info

662
00:25:30,149 --> 00:25:28,559
we also have a link there to our

663
00:25:33,669 --> 00:25:30,159

facebook page

664

00:25:36,950 --> 00:25:33,679

tweet us at nrva supporters

665

00:25:38,230 --> 00:25:36,960

that's va and check us out on wikipedia

666

00:25:41,350 --> 00:25:38,240

by searching for

667

00:25:41,980 --> 00:25:41,360

northern rivers vaccination supporters

668

00:25:55,420 --> 00:25:41,990

thank you

669

00:25:55,430 --> 00:26:01,350

[Music]

670

00:26:07,789 --> 00:26:03,669

now it's time once again to go back to

671

00:26:11,269 --> 00:26:09,830

trove.nla.gov.au the online resource

672

00:26:13,830 --> 00:26:11,279

from the australian government and the

673

00:26:15,990 --> 00:26:13,840

national library of australia digitized

674

00:26:18,230 --> 00:26:16,000

newspapers articles gazettes reports

675

00:26:25,110 --> 00:26:18,240

magazines periodicals

676
00:26:27,750 --> 00:26:25,120
journals and so on

677
00:26:29,110 --> 00:26:27,760
and there is just so much to learn from

678
00:26:32,149 --> 00:26:29,120
these pages

679
00:26:34,710 --> 00:26:32,159
historical reports we turn

680
00:26:35,909 --> 00:26:34,720
we turn to the mail from adelaide south

681
00:26:38,950 --> 00:26:35,919
australia

682
00:26:41,350 --> 00:26:38,960
dated the 24th of december 1927

683
00:26:43,190 --> 00:26:41,360
and incidentally in honor of the 4th of

684
00:26:45,909 --> 00:26:43,200
july this week we are looking for

685
00:26:49,029 --> 00:26:45,919
references to psychic

686
00:26:53,660 --> 00:26:49,039
and america psychic radio

687
00:26:54,950 --> 00:26:53,670
unique american station

688
00:26:57,029 --> 00:26:54,960

[Music]

689

00:26:59,470 --> 00:26:57,039

the most remarkable radio station in the

690

00:27:03,110 --> 00:26:59,480

world is stationed

691

00:27:05,750 --> 00:27:03,120

pthc broadcasting from chicago

692

00:27:07,029 --> 00:27:05,760

under the auspices of leading

693

00:27:10,390 --> 00:27:07,039

spiritualists

694

00:27:13,990 --> 00:27:10,400

the station has no power transmitters

695

00:27:17,510 --> 00:27:14,000

and receiving sets tuning in requires

696

00:27:18,470 --> 00:27:17,520

no tubes or loudspeakers on three nights

697

00:27:22,549 --> 00:27:18,480

a week

698

00:27:25,990 --> 00:27:22,559

p t h c transmits

699

00:27:28,630 --> 00:27:26,000

psychic waves only

700

00:27:29,830 --> 00:27:28,640

that's the story and the promoters of

701
00:27:32,630 --> 00:27:29,840
the station

702
00:27:34,070 --> 00:27:32,640
stick to it the progressive thinking

703
00:27:36,389 --> 00:27:34,080
healing center

704
00:27:37,110 --> 00:27:36,399
the association operating the station

705
00:27:40,310 --> 00:27:37,120
calls it

706
00:27:42,230 --> 00:27:40,320
psychic radio they say it is a modern

707
00:27:46,549 --> 00:27:42,240
phase of spiritualistic

708
00:27:47,350 --> 00:27:46,559
endeavor in which a universal wavelength

709
00:27:50,310 --> 00:27:47,360
attuned

710
00:27:50,789 --> 00:27:50,320
to the minds of disciples of mental

711
00:27:53,830 --> 00:27:50,799
healing

712
00:27:55,830 --> 00:27:53,840
is used they broadcast at 7pm every

713
00:27:58,029 --> 00:27:55,840

monday wednesday and saturday

714

00:27:59,590 --> 00:27:58,039

the message usually being the

715

00:28:02,710 --> 00:27:59,600

reiteration

716

00:28:03,750 --> 00:28:02,720

of a health bringing thought somewhat

717

00:28:06,470 --> 00:28:03,760

similar to the

718

00:28:09,430 --> 00:28:06,480

cow formula and this is a word i've not

719

00:28:12,310 --> 00:28:09,440

seen before c-o-u-e

720

00:28:13,590 --> 00:28:12,320

not sure what that is anyway those at

721

00:28:16,470 --> 00:28:13,600

the receiving end

722

00:28:18,549 --> 00:28:16,480

are supposed to tune in by concentrating

723

00:28:20,470 --> 00:28:18,559

encouraged by the success of their

724

00:28:24,950 --> 00:28:20,480

experiment with psychic radio

725

00:28:27,110 --> 00:28:24,960

the spiritualists in charge of ptch

726

00:28:29,350 --> 00:28:27,120

announced that within a year they

727

00:28:32,630 --> 00:28:29,360

expected to be able to dial

728

00:28:34,549 --> 00:28:32,640

heaven upon their radio and receive

729

00:28:36,470 --> 00:28:34,559

in this way direct evidence of

730

00:28:39,029 --> 00:28:36,480

immortality

731

00:28:40,149 --> 00:28:39,039

and our next report comes to us from the

732

00:28:43,269 --> 00:28:40,159

sydney mail

733

00:28:46,549 --> 00:28:43,279

and new south wales advertiser dated the

734

00:28:48,950 --> 00:28:46,559

3rd of february 1909

735

00:28:50,230 --> 00:28:48,960

strange psychic act of an american

736

00:28:53,510 --> 00:28:50,240

mechanic

737

00:28:54,549 --> 00:28:53,520

some startling manifestations of psychic

738

00:28:56,950 --> 00:28:54,559

phenomena

739

00:28:57,669 --> 00:28:56,960

have been given in new york by a young

740

00:29:01,029 --> 00:28:57,679

mechanic

741

00:29:03,350 --> 00:29:01,039

named frank e fosket before

742

00:29:04,070 --> 00:29:03,360

two eminent professors and a number of

743

00:29:07,350 --> 00:29:04,080

students of

744

00:29:09,190 --> 00:29:07,360

psychical research the seances were

745

00:29:12,630 --> 00:29:09,200

given at the homes of

746

00:29:15,269 --> 00:29:12,640

professor p f hall at boston

747

00:29:16,310 --> 00:29:15,279

and professor william james at cambridge

748

00:29:18,310 --> 00:29:16,320

massachusetts

749

00:29:19,669 --> 00:29:18,320

professor james is a professor of

750

00:29:21,590 --> 00:29:19,679

philosophy at harvard

751
00:29:23,350 --> 00:29:21,600
and formerly occupied the chair of

752
00:29:25,510 --> 00:29:23,360
psychology both men

753
00:29:26,870 --> 00:29:25,520
are prominent members of the society for

754
00:29:29,510 --> 00:29:26,880
psychical research

755
00:29:31,350 --> 00:29:29,520
and every possible precaution was taken

756
00:29:33,750 --> 00:29:31,360
to prevent fraud

757
00:29:35,029 --> 00:29:33,760
the test conditions of the seances were

758
00:29:38,230 --> 00:29:35,039
made

759
00:29:40,870 --> 00:29:38,240
unusually severe

760
00:29:41,669 --> 00:29:40,880
at the first seance at professor hall's

761
00:29:45,029 --> 00:29:41,679
residence

762
00:29:48,149 --> 00:29:45,039
forskot sat in the center of the room

763
00:29:48,630 --> 00:29:48,159

before a small table and performed every

764

00:29:51,909 --> 00:29:48,640

feat

765

00:29:54,870 --> 00:29:51,919

of a hindu fakir he then

766

00:29:56,710 --> 00:29:54,880

went through the fire test first he

767

00:29:59,830 --> 00:29:56,720

allowed the flames from

768

00:30:02,950 --> 00:29:59,840

matches to curl around his fingers then

769

00:30:05,990 --> 00:30:02,960

he held both hands over a kerosene lamp

770

00:30:08,630 --> 00:30:06,000

until the smoke completely blackened

771

00:30:10,230 --> 00:30:08,640

the chimney the climax was reached when

772

00:30:14,470 --> 00:30:10,240

he poured a quart of

773

00:30:17,590 --> 00:30:14,480

alcohol into a basin set it on fire

774

00:30:18,710 --> 00:30:17,600

and bathed his hands in the blistering

775

00:30:21,190 --> 00:30:18,720

liquid

776

00:30:23,190 --> 00:30:21,200

for ten minutes also spreading the

777

00:30:26,630 --> 00:30:23,200

flaming alcohol over his face and

778

00:30:27,750 --> 00:30:26,640

arms immediately after the conclusion of

779

00:30:29,990 --> 00:30:27,760

this test

780

00:30:31,830 --> 00:30:30,000

physicians who were present examined

781

00:30:33,990 --> 00:30:31,840

forskot carefully

782

00:30:35,750 --> 00:30:34,000

and were unable to find the slightest

783

00:30:38,950 --> 00:30:35,760

trace of burns

784

00:30:39,750 --> 00:30:38,960

or blisters forskot said the flames did

785

00:30:42,789 --> 00:30:39,760

not cause

786

00:30:43,990 --> 00:30:42,799

any burning sensation but only a

787

00:30:46,789 --> 00:30:44,000

pleasant feeling

788

00:30:48,789 --> 00:30:46,799

of warmth and just a quick aside from me

789

00:30:52,230 --> 00:30:48,799

this sounds very much like a

790

00:30:53,669 --> 00:30:52,240

physics experiment in science or a

791

00:30:55,110 --> 00:30:53,679

carnival trick or something like that

792

00:30:56,549 --> 00:30:55,120

but not being there at the time it's

793

00:30:58,950 --> 00:30:56,559

hard to say

794

00:31:00,389 --> 00:30:58,960

the second seance was of such a

795

00:31:03,269 --> 00:31:00,399

startling nature

796

00:31:03,990 --> 00:31:03,279

that professors hall and james declined

797

00:31:06,470 --> 00:31:04,000

to discuss

798

00:31:07,909 --> 00:31:06,480

it until the phenomena have been

799

00:31:09,830 --> 00:31:07,919

repeated

800

00:31:12,070 --> 00:31:09,840

but another person who was present has

801
00:31:13,350 --> 00:31:12,080
given a brief description of forskot's

802
00:31:16,870 --> 00:31:13,360
powers

803
00:31:20,149 --> 00:31:16,880
he declared that forskot was completely

804
00:31:23,269 --> 00:31:20,159
de-material and added

805
00:31:24,230 --> 00:31:23,279
he seemed to dissolve into the air as we

806
00:31:27,190 --> 00:31:24,240
watched him

807
00:31:29,110 --> 00:31:27,200
he was gone 41 seconds then he

808
00:31:31,590 --> 00:31:29,120
materialized again

809
00:31:33,750 --> 00:31:31,600
the spectacle was so startling that we

810
00:31:36,870 --> 00:31:33,760
were absolutely afraid

811
00:31:39,269 --> 00:31:36,880
and we lost sight of the test conditions

812
00:31:40,149 --> 00:31:39,279
we have asked him to appear before us

813
00:31:43,110 --> 00:31:40,159

again

814

00:31:43,830 --> 00:31:43,120

it seems unbelievable but he certainly

815

00:31:46,710 --> 00:31:43,840

seemed

816

00:31:47,669 --> 00:31:46,720

to be dematerializing we do not know

817

00:31:50,230 --> 00:31:47,679

what to think

818

00:31:51,750 --> 00:31:50,240

forsket appears in a passive state

819

00:31:53,909 --> 00:31:51,760

during the tests

820

00:31:55,190 --> 00:31:53,919

those who examined him did not believe

821

00:31:58,630 --> 00:31:55,200

that hypnotism

822

00:32:01,669 --> 00:31:58,640

accounts for his feats they consider

823

00:32:06,710 --> 00:32:01,679

that he possesses some hitherto unknown

824

00:32:12,389 --> 00:32:10,389

and next we visit the pages of the daily

825

00:32:17,990 --> 00:32:12,399

mail from brisbane queensland

826

00:32:21,110 --> 00:32:18,000

dated saturday the 18th of august 1923

827

00:32:22,549 --> 00:32:21,120

far ahead of australia exclusive to the

828

00:32:25,669 --> 00:32:22,559

daily mail

829

00:32:26,789 --> 00:32:25,679

london thursday melbourne and san

830

00:32:30,310 --> 00:32:26,799

francisco

831

00:32:33,190 --> 00:32:30,320

are the most hopelessly material cities

832

00:32:35,269 --> 00:32:33,200

in the world such was the dictum of sir

833

00:32:37,990 --> 00:32:35,279

arthur conan doyle

834

00:32:39,509 --> 00:32:38,000

whose experiences on a lecture tour of

835

00:32:42,789 --> 00:32:39,519

australia and new zealand

836

00:32:43,830 --> 00:32:42,799

two years ago have been extended but not

837

00:32:47,509 --> 00:32:43,840

obliterated

838

00:32:50,950 --> 00:32:47,519

by an american tour with lady doyle

839

00:32:53,190 --> 00:32:50,960

whence they have just returned

840

00:32:54,149 --> 00:32:53,200

in a special interview sir arthur made

841

00:32:57,029 --> 00:32:54,159

it clear

842

00:32:59,830 --> 00:32:57,039

that his impression of melbourne as a

843

00:33:03,190 --> 00:32:59,840

city lacking in psychic responsiveness

844

00:33:06,549 --> 00:33:03,200

still persists but he has a good

845

00:33:09,590 --> 00:33:06,559

word for sydney in this respect

846

00:33:12,470 --> 00:33:09,600

in the presence of his wife who listened

847

00:33:14,630 --> 00:33:12,480

attentively to his remarks which she

848

00:33:16,789 --> 00:33:14,640

reinforced with nods of agreement

849

00:33:18,470 --> 00:33:16,799

only joining in when she thought his

850

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

criticism of melbourne

851
00:33:22,830 --> 00:33:21,200
and its people lacked sufficient force

852
00:33:26,070 --> 00:33:22,840
so arthur chatted

853
00:33:27,750 --> 00:33:26,080
interestingly in the sitting room of the

854
00:33:30,630 --> 00:33:27,760
london hotel

855
00:33:31,430 --> 00:33:30,640
where he is staying prior to departing

856
00:33:35,750 --> 00:33:31,440
for his

857
00:33:39,430 --> 00:33:35,760
country home at crow borough

858
00:33:42,470 --> 00:33:39,440
solid scientific basis america

859
00:33:43,990 --> 00:33:42,480
is far ahead of australia in knowledge

860
00:33:46,950 --> 00:33:44,000
of psychic matters

861
00:33:47,509 --> 00:33:46,960
said sir arthur conan doyle the american

862
00:33:50,870 --> 00:33:47,519
press

863
00:33:54,310 --> 00:33:50,880

treats spiritualism with dignity and

864

00:33:56,310 --> 00:33:54,320

restraint as is the case in sydney

865

00:33:57,750 --> 00:33:56,320

which is on the same level as the large

866

00:33:59,669 --> 00:33:57,760

american cities

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00:34:01,750 --> 00:33:59,679

other australian cities particularly

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00:34:02,870 --> 00:34:01,760

melbourne seem reactionary in their

869

00:34:05,509 --> 00:34:02,880

views

870

00:34:06,310 --> 00:34:05,519

they failed to realize the vast

871

00:34:09,190 --> 00:34:06,320

importance

872

00:34:10,629 --> 00:34:09,200

of the subject and its solid scientific

873

00:34:13,510 --> 00:34:10,639

basis

874

00:34:14,389 --> 00:34:13,520

i hope this is merely a passing phase

875

00:34:16,389 --> 00:34:14,399

after all

876

00:34:17,990 --> 00:34:16,399

the mentality of the english-speaking

877

00:34:19,909 --> 00:34:18,000

racers must be the same

878

00:34:22,149 --> 00:34:19,919

the only difference lying in an

879

00:34:25,430 --> 00:34:22,159

opportunity of hearing a reasonable

880

00:34:28,470 --> 00:34:25,440

undignified presentation of the subject

881

00:34:30,069 --> 00:34:28,480

i have just delivered 40 lectures in the

882

00:34:32,869 --> 00:34:30,079

united states and canada

883

00:34:33,270 --> 00:34:32,879

to crowded audiences in 30 cities where

884

00:34:36,230 --> 00:34:33,280

there were

885

00:34:37,430 --> 00:34:36,240

vigorous newspaper discussions but only

886

00:34:39,750 --> 00:34:37,440

one journal took

887

00:34:41,909 --> 00:34:39,760

a vigorous line against me an

888

00:34:43,990 --> 00:34:41,919

experienced journalist admitted

889

00:34:45,030 --> 00:34:44,000

quote we cannot treat the subject as

890

00:34:47,589 --> 00:34:45,040

irreverence

891

00:34:48,149 --> 00:34:47,599

as formally the public would not stand

892

00:34:51,589 --> 00:34:48,159

for it

893

00:34:52,550 --> 00:34:51,599

so arthur conan doyle considers the

894

00:34:55,349 --> 00:34:52,560

strength

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00:34:56,389 --> 00:34:55,359

of the adherence of psychic inquiry in

896

00:34:59,430 --> 00:34:56,399

america

897

00:35:02,710 --> 00:34:59,440

does not lie in the churches which show

898

00:35:06,550 --> 00:35:02,720

little sign of taking advantage of quote

899

00:35:10,390 --> 00:35:06,560

this new flood of the god sent knowledge

900

00:35:12,230 --> 00:35:10,400

end quote but in seances in the higher

901
00:35:15,109 --> 00:35:12,240
ranks of society

902
00:35:15,990 --> 00:35:15,119
the most intelligent reception here has

903
00:35:18,470 --> 00:35:16,000
been from the church

904
00:35:21,349 --> 00:35:18,480
of england which has held out a friendly

905
00:35:24,470 --> 00:35:21,359
hand to spiritualists

906
00:35:26,870 --> 00:35:24,480
oscar wilde messages

907
00:35:28,950 --> 00:35:26,880
do you think spiritual communications

908
00:35:31,670 --> 00:35:28,960
with the late president harding

909
00:35:32,470 --> 00:35:31,680
is possible sir arthur conan doyle was

910
00:35:35,030 --> 00:35:32,480
asked

911
00:35:36,230 --> 00:35:35,040
i have had hundreds of evidences of

912
00:35:39,270 --> 00:35:36,240
psychic power

913
00:35:41,510 --> 00:35:39,280

he replied but the general public does

914

00:35:43,990 --> 00:35:41,520

not understand that human beings

915

00:35:46,790 --> 00:35:44,000

cannot get into touch with spirits they

916

00:35:49,030 --> 00:35:46,800

must wait until the spirit desires to

917

00:35:51,589 --> 00:35:49,040

get in touch with them we can only

918

00:35:54,150 --> 00:35:51,599

prepare conditions to make this possible

919

00:35:56,710 --> 00:35:54,160

i have not studied the evidence of the

920

00:35:58,150 --> 00:35:56,720

reported recent spiritual conversations

921

00:36:01,030 --> 00:35:58,160

with oscar wilde

922

00:36:02,470 --> 00:36:01,040

but some years ago messages which were

923

00:36:05,910 --> 00:36:02,480

an excellent example of

924

00:36:09,510 --> 00:36:05,920

his style were received describing

925

00:36:13,190 --> 00:36:09,520

the arctic seas as an ocean

926
00:36:15,190 --> 00:36:13,200
of foaming jasper ask why san francisco

927
00:36:18,069 --> 00:36:15,200
and melbourne were so

928
00:36:19,829 --> 00:36:18,079
materialistic so arthur conan doyle said

929
00:36:22,950 --> 00:36:19,839
possibly it was because both

930
00:36:24,630 --> 00:36:22,960
were seaports but did not explain

931
00:36:26,950 --> 00:36:24,640
either physically or otherwise how

932
00:36:27,670 --> 00:36:26,960
sydney maintains such a high psychic

933
00:36:31,910 --> 00:36:27,680
level

934
00:36:34,230 --> 00:36:31,920
despite the handicap of its waterfront

935
00:36:35,270 --> 00:36:34,240
what an unusual story it's interesting

936
00:36:37,109 --> 00:36:35,280
how

937
00:36:38,790 --> 00:36:37,119
more and more sir arthur conan doyle

938
00:36:40,710 --> 00:36:38,800

pops up in these pages when we're

939

00:36:44,150 --> 00:36:40,720

looking at psychic matters

940

00:36:44,470 --> 00:36:44,160

and i knew he well to be blunt believed

941

00:36:46,630 --> 00:36:44,480

in

942

00:36:48,630 --> 00:36:46,640

fairies at the bottom of the garden as

943

00:36:52,310 --> 00:36:48,640

in the cottingsley fairies

944

00:36:55,510 --> 00:36:52,320

but he was really deeply into psychic uh

945

00:36:57,430 --> 00:36:55,520

matters and goings on and now let's look

946

00:36:59,670 --> 00:36:57,440

into the pages of the career mail

947

00:37:02,790 --> 00:36:59,680

from brisbane queensland dated the 20th

948

00:37:05,910 --> 00:37:02,800

of november 1935

949

00:37:08,230 --> 00:37:05,920

american uses psychic research

950

00:37:09,990 --> 00:37:08,240

a remarkable statement has been made by

951
00:37:12,470 --> 00:37:10,000
mr stanley beach

952
00:37:15,190 --> 00:37:12,480
the aeronautical editor of the

953
00:37:18,230 --> 00:37:15,200
scientific american magazine

954
00:37:20,870 --> 00:37:18,240
and who claims that he has a system for

955
00:37:23,510 --> 00:37:20,880
locating missing aviators by means of

956
00:37:25,990 --> 00:37:23,520
psychic research he told a

957
00:37:29,030 --> 00:37:26,000
representative of the australian

958
00:37:32,710 --> 00:37:29,040
slash associated press that he

959
00:37:33,829 --> 00:37:32,720
employed a male german medium to attempt

960
00:37:37,030 --> 00:37:33,839
to locate

961
00:37:37,750 --> 00:37:37,040
sir charles kingsford smith his

962
00:37:41,349 --> 00:37:37,760
questions

963
00:37:43,990 --> 00:37:41,359

to the medium and the answers were

964

00:37:44,870 --> 00:37:44,000

and just before we go into that uh

965

00:37:47,030 --> 00:37:44,880

incidentally

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00:37:50,470 --> 00:37:47,040

so charles kingsford smith was a famous

967

00:37:54,069 --> 00:37:50,480

australian pioneering aviator

968

00:37:57,829 --> 00:37:54,079

we read on his questions to the medium

969

00:38:01,190 --> 00:37:57,839

and the answers were are kingsford smith

970

00:38:05,030 --> 00:38:01,200

and pethi bridge alive answer

971

00:38:08,069 --> 00:38:05,040

no did their plane come down on land

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00:38:09,589 --> 00:38:08,079

no how far from the shore did it strike

973

00:38:14,069 --> 00:38:09,599

the water

974

00:38:18,069 --> 00:38:14,079

65 miles did the ship sink immediately

975

00:38:21,349 --> 00:38:18,079

no how long did the ship stay afloat

976
00:38:22,550 --> 00:38:21,359
three hours 32 seconds were both men

977
00:38:25,910 --> 00:38:22,560
drowned when the

978
00:38:27,990 --> 00:38:25,920
ship sank yes what time did the ship

979
00:38:32,069 --> 00:38:28,000
fall into the water

980
00:38:34,950 --> 00:38:32,079
8 12 am mr beach

981
00:38:37,030 --> 00:38:34,960
says he then produced a map and asked

982
00:38:38,390 --> 00:38:37,040
the medium to mark the spot where the

983
00:38:43,470 --> 00:38:38,400
ship came down

984
00:38:49,990 --> 00:38:46,750
17.254 longitude

985
00:38:53,589 --> 00:38:50,000
97.727 the wing of the ship

986
00:38:58,150 --> 00:38:53,599
he added would now be found 68 miles

987
00:39:00,069 --> 00:38:58,160
off the shore where it was last seen

988
00:39:03,030 --> 00:39:00,079

now let's quickly look at wikipedia

989

00:39:06,069 --> 00:39:03,040

about sir charles kingsford smith

990

00:39:08,310 --> 00:39:06,079

uh disappearance and death kingsman

991

00:39:11,670 --> 00:39:08,320

smith and co-pilot john thompson

992

00:39:13,750 --> 00:39:11,680

tommy pethy bridge were flying the lady

993

00:39:15,670 --> 00:39:13,760

southern cross overnight from

994

00:39:17,670 --> 00:39:15,680

india to singapore as part of their

995

00:39:19,910 --> 00:39:17,680

attempt to break the england australia

996

00:39:24,550 --> 00:39:19,920

speed record

997

00:39:27,990 --> 00:39:24,560

goes on when they disappeared

998

00:39:31,430 --> 00:39:28,000

over the andaman sea in the early

999

00:39:33,829 --> 00:39:31,440

hours of 8 november 1935.

1000

00:39:36,069 --> 00:39:33,839

aviator jimmy melrose claimed to have

1001

00:39:39,910 --> 00:39:36,079

seen the lady southern cross

1002

00:39:43,510 --> 00:39:39,920

flying in a storm 150 miles offshore

1003

00:39:47,270 --> 00:39:43,520

and 200 feet over the sea with fire

1004

00:39:50,710 --> 00:39:47,280

coming from its exhaust despite a search

1005

00:39:52,710 --> 00:39:50,720

for 74 hours over the bay of bengal by

1006

00:39:55,430 --> 00:39:52,720

one person

1007

00:39:56,069 --> 00:39:55,440

their bodies were never recovered 18

1008

00:39:59,190 --> 00:39:56,079

months later

1009

00:40:02,470 --> 00:39:59,200

burmese fishermen found an undercarriage

1010

00:40:03,430 --> 00:40:02,480

leg and wheel with its tyre still

1011

00:40:07,589 --> 00:40:03,440

inflated

1012

00:40:11,430 --> 00:40:07,599

which had been washed ashore so

1013

00:40:13,270 --> 00:40:11,440

basically all the insights from the

1014

00:40:15,829 --> 00:40:13,280

psychic were of

1015

00:40:17,190 --> 00:40:15,839

particularly no use in this matter and

1016

00:40:20,390 --> 00:40:17,200

could have been deduced

1017

00:40:22,710 --> 00:40:20,400

or were completely unverifiable

1018

00:40:25,910 --> 00:40:22,720

and finally we come to the morning

1019

00:40:30,550 --> 00:40:25,920

bulletin from rockhampton queensland

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00:40:33,910 --> 00:40:30,560

dated the 29th of june 1953.

1021

00:40:37,750 --> 00:40:33,920

strange psychic experiment hollywood

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00:40:39,829 --> 00:40:37,760

june 28 a strange psychic experiment

1023

00:40:40,710 --> 00:40:39,839

failed yesterday during the funeral

1024

00:40:43,190 --> 00:40:40,720

ceremony

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00:40:45,589 --> 00:40:43,200

for a man who had promised that he would

1026
00:40:48,790 --> 00:40:45,599
attempt to come back from the dead

1027
00:40:51,349 --> 00:40:48,800
and knock an object off the top

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00:40:52,710 --> 00:40:51,359
of his coffin a light plastic cylinder

1029
00:40:55,430 --> 00:40:52,720
stood unmoving

1030
00:40:56,230 --> 00:40:55,440
on the open casket of cyril jarvis

1031
00:40:59,349 --> 00:40:56,240
thorne

1032
00:41:01,910 --> 00:40:59,359
a 53 year old building contractor

1033
00:41:03,109 --> 00:41:01,920
and student of psychic phenomena as

1034
00:41:05,829 --> 00:41:03,119
friends waited

1035
00:41:07,349 --> 00:41:05,839
silently for more than five minutes for

1036
00:41:10,390 --> 00:41:07,359
something to happen

1037
00:41:13,589 --> 00:41:10,400
thorne took his own life last tuesday

1038
00:41:16,710 --> 00:41:13,599

by inhaling carbon monoxide gas

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00:41:19,990 --> 00:41:16,720

he left several notes one asking that

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00:41:22,550 --> 00:41:20,000

quote some light tall object be

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00:41:23,670 --> 00:41:22,560

placed on top of the coffin in full view

1042

00:41:26,950 --> 00:41:23,680

of everyone

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00:41:29,430 --> 00:41:26,960

and i will try to knock it off if i can

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00:41:32,230 --> 00:41:29,440

if i don't succeed it will prove nothing

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00:41:35,510 --> 00:41:32,240

to those of you who do not understand

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00:41:38,309 --> 00:41:35,520

if i do it will prove much

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00:41:40,230 --> 00:41:38,319

then quote the experiment and funeral

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00:41:42,790 --> 00:41:40,240

service were conducted

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00:41:43,910 --> 00:41:42,800

in keeping with thorne's instructions by

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00:41:47,190 --> 00:41:43,920

dr hereward

1051
00:41:50,630 --> 00:41:47,200
carrington of the american psychic

1052
00:41:54,150 --> 00:41:50,640
institute 40 witnesses waited in silence

1053
00:41:57,270 --> 00:41:54,160
as dr carrington said psy

1054
00:41:58,390 --> 00:41:57,280
we will now ask you to try to influence

1055
00:42:01,750 --> 00:41:58,400
the object

1056
00:42:04,550 --> 00:42:01,760
as you said you would try psy

1057
00:42:05,349 --> 00:42:04,560
there was another silent weight but the

1058
00:42:08,470 --> 00:42:05,359
cylinder

1059
00:42:09,550 --> 00:42:08,480
on the coffin remained

1060
00:42:13,750 --> 00:42:09,560
motionless

1061
00:42:17,270 --> 00:42:15,670
and that was looking for references to

1062
00:42:19,990 --> 00:42:17,280
the word psychic

1063
00:42:20,710 --> 00:42:20,000

and the word america or was it american

1064

00:42:23,270 --> 00:42:20,720

doesn't matter

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00:42:24,550 --> 00:42:23,280

in the trove archives what an

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00:42:26,710 --> 00:42:24,560

interesting

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00:42:28,309 --> 00:42:26,720

list of results it returned

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00:42:30,069 --> 00:42:28,319

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and next week on the show we will be

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00:42:38,550 --> 00:42:32,319

looking for references to

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00:42:44,550 --> 00:42:41,589

and we'll hear the story of cricket

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00:42:46,069 --> 00:42:44,560

the psychic duck

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and once again thanks to those good

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00:42:58,630 --> 00:42:56,400
your online resource for access to

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00:43:00,069 --> 00:42:58,640
australian archives of newspapers and

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00:43:21,810 --> 00:43:00,079
journals

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00:43:24,950 --> 00:43:23,349
[Applause]

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00:43:26,550 --> 00:43:24,960
thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:43:29,829 --> 00:43:26,560
zone and thank you again

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00:43:31,750 --> 00:43:29,839
to shelley stockin you will truly be

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00:43:33,589 --> 00:43:31,760
missed

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00:43:35,109 --> 00:43:33,599
and the easter egg on today's show will

1085
00:43:37,510 --> 00:43:35,119
be a little message

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00:43:41,270 --> 00:43:37,520
shelley sent to the skeptic zone when we

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00:43:43,349 --> 00:43:41,280
were celebrating our 500th episode

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00:43:44,950 --> 00:43:43,359

coming up on next week's show as

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mentioned in the trope segment we're

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going to be looking at psychic animals

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including cricket the psychic duck and

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00:43:54,390 --> 00:43:52,720

well the rest

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is a bit of a mystery we'll have to all

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00:43:58,230 --> 00:43:56,560

wait until next week to find out

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00:44:00,150 --> 00:43:58,240

but for this week this is richard

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00:44:05,270 --> 00:44:00,160

saunders signing off from sydney

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you've been listening to the skeptic

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is an independent production the views

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and opinions expressed on the skeptic

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zone

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are not necessarily those of australian

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skeptics or

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500 episodes ago when richard took the

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mic he made a little podcast thing which

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people seem to like

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now here we are much later and the

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skeptic zone's still rocking