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Anti-Lockdown  
Protesters

Skeptical  
Prize Money

Australian Skeptics  
Newsletter

TROVE  
"Psychic + Tests"

1  
00:00:11,190 --> 00:00:08,390  
welcome to the skeptic zone

2  
00:00:16,840 --> 00:00:11,200  
the podcast from australia for science

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00:00:23,509 --> 00:00:16,850  
and reason

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00:00:25,509 --> 00:00:23,519  
[Music]

5  
00:00:28,870 --> 00:00:25,519  
yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

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00:00:31,910 --> 00:00:28,880  
episode number 667

7  
00:00:33,590 --> 00:00:31,920  
for the 18th of july 2021

8  
00:00:35,270 --> 00:00:33,600  
richard saunders coming to you from

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00:00:36,630 --> 00:00:35,280  
sydney australia where the last few days

10  
00:00:39,990 --> 00:00:36,640  
have been

11  
00:00:41,350 --> 00:00:40,000  
not good it's been very cold very windy

12  
00:00:44,709 --> 00:00:41,360  
and very wet

13  
00:00:47,830 --> 00:00:44,719

but of course more importantly the

14

00:00:49,910 --> 00:00:47,840

uh delta variation of the covert 19 is

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00:00:51,029 --> 00:00:49,920

uh not going away anytime soon and the

16

00:00:52,709 --> 00:00:51,039

numbers are getting worse

17

00:00:55,830 --> 00:00:52,719

sadly over the last few days and the

18

00:00:59,510 --> 00:00:55,840

lockdown restrictions are tighter

19

00:01:03,990 --> 00:00:59,520

and it's eerily like

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00:01:07,510 --> 00:01:04,000

reliving parts of 2020 all over again

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00:01:10,390 --> 00:01:07,520

except there's a a bit more

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00:01:10,950 --> 00:01:10,400

a bit more of a serious element to it

23

00:01:12,950 --> 00:01:10,960

not that

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00:01:14,630 --> 00:01:12,960

last year wasn't serious because of the

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00:01:16,870 --> 00:01:14,640

delta variation

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00:01:18,710 --> 00:01:16,880

i guess we can keep our spirits up we

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00:01:20,870 --> 00:01:18,720

need to get motivated to do

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00:01:22,070 --> 00:01:20,880

lots of exercise if we can even though

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00:01:25,030 --> 00:01:22,080

it's a cold

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00:01:26,469 --> 00:01:25,040

winter and a lockdown winter as it's

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00:01:29,190 --> 00:01:26,479

turning out to be

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00:01:30,390 --> 00:01:29,200

but uh things like that to keep one's

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00:01:33,429 --> 00:01:30,400

self active

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00:01:35,190 --> 00:01:33,439

but speaking of the lockdown then first

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00:01:37,030 --> 00:01:35,200

news item coming up on today's show the

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00:01:38,710 --> 00:01:37,040

first segment talks about

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00:01:40,550 --> 00:01:38,720

protests in the city of melbourne

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00:01:42,469 --> 00:01:40,560

against their lockdown they've gone into

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00:01:44,950 --> 00:01:42,479

lockdown two

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00:01:46,630 --> 00:01:44,960

because of the delta variation yes

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00:01:48,469 --> 00:01:46,640

people are out on the streets well we're

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00:01:50,710 --> 00:01:48,479

out on the streets protesting

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00:01:51,830 --> 00:01:50,720

you know the usual suspects the freedom

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00:01:54,149 --> 00:01:51,840

fighters the

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00:01:54,950 --> 00:01:54,159

liberty now covet is a hoax and on it

46

00:01:57,429 --> 00:01:54,960

goes

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00:01:58,469 --> 00:01:57,439

and i recorded this segment a couple of

48

00:02:01,030 --> 00:01:58,479

days ago

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00:02:02,389 --> 00:02:01,040

and just yesterday i noticed here in

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00:02:04,870 --> 00:02:02,399

sydney

51  
00:02:07,190 --> 00:02:04,880  
uh not far from where i live there was a

52  
00:02:09,589 --> 00:02:07,200  
protest and some people arrested

53  
00:02:10,710 --> 00:02:09,599  
for the same thing anyway coming up at

54  
00:02:13,830 --> 00:02:10,720  
the top of the show

55  
00:02:15,350 --> 00:02:13,840  
news about the protests in melbourne and

56  
00:02:16,710 --> 00:02:15,360  
after that we speak to a couple of very

57  
00:02:19,190 --> 00:02:16,720  
interesting gentlemen

58  
00:02:20,710 --> 00:02:19,200  
my old friend leonard tremil from uh the

59  
00:02:25,110 --> 00:02:20,720  
bay area

60  
00:02:27,830 --> 00:02:25,120  
australia ian brice

61  
00:02:28,470 --> 00:02:27,840  
both these gentlemen are involved with

62  
00:02:30,869 --> 00:02:28,480  
various

63  
00:02:33,750 --> 00:02:30,879

money challenges for skeptical prizes

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00:02:35,670 --> 00:02:33,760

for proof of the paranormal and so on

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00:02:37,270 --> 00:02:35,680

and i thought i'd chat to them both i

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00:02:39,350 --> 00:02:37,280

had the opportunity

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00:02:40,949 --> 00:02:39,360

and what you might find interesting is

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00:02:43,350 --> 00:02:40,959

this slide

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00:02:45,430 --> 00:02:43,360

the slight differences in the australian

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00:02:48,150 --> 00:02:45,440

100 000

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00:02:49,270 --> 00:02:48,160

uh prize and the center for inquiries

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00:02:52,470 --> 00:02:49,280

250

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00:02:56,070 --> 00:02:52,480

000 prize and

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00:02:58,710 --> 00:02:56,080

in order to prepare you what would you

75

00:03:00,470 --> 00:02:58,720

think if somebody came up with proof of

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00:03:02,309 --> 00:03:00,480

alien contact

77

00:03:03,589 --> 00:03:02,319

do you think that would qualify for the

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00:03:06,229 --> 00:03:03,599

skeptic prize

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00:03:07,750 --> 00:03:06,239

hmm and after that chat we have the

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00:03:09,030 --> 00:03:07,760

latest newsletter from australian

81

00:03:12,070 --> 00:03:09,040

skeptics written and

82

00:03:13,990 --> 00:03:12,080

uh compiled by tim mendem

83

00:03:16,070 --> 00:03:14,000

what has caught the skeptical iftim this

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00:03:17,750 --> 00:03:16,080

week then to round off the show back to

85

00:03:18,949 --> 00:03:17,760

the trove archives where we look for

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00:03:21,589 --> 00:03:18,959

references

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00:03:22,790 --> 00:03:21,599

in the digitized newspapers and so on

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00:03:26,789 --> 00:03:22,800

for the word psychic

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00:03:28,309 --> 00:03:26,799

and the word test in the same article

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00:03:30,550 --> 00:03:28,319

well one of the positives about the

91

00:03:32,070 --> 00:03:30,560

lockdown is you get to see some pretty

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00:03:35,430 --> 00:03:32,080

good entertainment online

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00:03:36,390 --> 00:03:35,440

and last night i enjoyed our reporter

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00:03:38,229 --> 00:03:36,400

maynard

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00:03:39,589 --> 00:03:38,239

he did a live broadcast about the

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00:03:42,149 --> 00:03:39,599

castanet club

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00:03:45,350 --> 00:03:42,159

the famous uh group that was around in

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00:03:46,550 --> 00:03:45,360

newcastle in the 80s and the 90s

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00:03:50,350 --> 00:03:46,560

if you don't know anything about the

100

00:03:51,830 --> 00:03:50,360

castanet club head to

101  
00:03:55,190 --> 00:03:51,840  
maynard.com.edu

102  
00:03:58,470 --> 00:03:55,200  
download the castanet club free calendar

103  
00:04:01,990 --> 00:03:58,480  
and also in your diary put

104  
00:04:05,589 --> 00:04:02,000  
down 8 30 p.m saturday night so that's

105  
00:04:07,030 --> 00:04:05,599  
next saturday and that will be the 24th

106  
00:04:10,470 --> 00:04:07,040  
of july

107  
00:04:12,630 --> 00:04:10,480  
and that's australian time so 8 30 p.m

108  
00:04:14,949 --> 00:04:12,640  
this coming saturday here in australia

109  
00:04:16,670 --> 00:04:14,959  
and you can do the time conversion for

110  
00:04:19,749 --> 00:04:16,680  
wherever you are in the world go to

111  
00:04:22,790 --> 00:04:19,759  
maynard.com and watch part two

112  
00:04:24,950 --> 00:04:22,800  
of maynard's online live show about the

113  
00:04:25,670 --> 00:04:24,960

castanet club with clips and interviews

114

00:04:30,150 --> 00:04:25,680

and

115

00:04:32,790 --> 00:04:30,160

entertainment

116

00:04:33,270 --> 00:04:32,800

just last night well now it's time for

117

00:04:36,870 --> 00:04:33,280

me to

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00:04:40,070 --> 00:04:36,880

run downstairs and since it's winter i

119

00:04:42,790 --> 00:04:40,080

might make myself up a bowl of porridge

120

00:04:44,469 --> 00:04:42,800

not too cold not too hot but just bright

121

00:04:46,629 --> 00:04:44,479

porridge and brown sugar

122

00:04:48,150 --> 00:04:46,639

now there's a combination while i do

123

00:05:01,090 --> 00:04:48,160

that i hope you enjoy

124

00:05:09,189 --> 00:05:07,350

[Music]

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00:05:11,110 --> 00:05:09,199

now as i said at the top of the show

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00:05:13,909 --> 00:05:11,120

sydney and melbourne

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00:05:15,110 --> 00:05:13,919

are now both in lockdown owing to the

128

00:05:18,790 --> 00:05:15,120

coronavirus the

129

00:05:20,870 --> 00:05:18,800

delta variational variant or strain or

130

00:05:23,029 --> 00:05:20,880

however they're saying it and i must say

131

00:05:27,270 --> 00:05:23,039

both cities are

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00:05:28,950 --> 00:05:27,280

taking it in their stride to an extent

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00:05:31,029 --> 00:05:28,960

to an extent they have different rules

134

00:05:32,870 --> 00:05:31,039

in each city which is a bit confusing

135

00:05:34,950 --> 00:05:32,880

i think it's more confusing in sydney

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00:05:37,749 --> 00:05:34,960

because the rules aren't as clear

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00:05:39,749 --> 00:05:37,759

but on thursday night just gone

138

00:05:42,070 --> 00:05:39,759

melbourne went into lockdown

139

00:05:43,990 --> 00:05:42,080

and that very night after it was

140

00:05:46,710 --> 00:05:44,000

announced in the afternoon

141

00:05:48,629 --> 00:05:46,720

protesters hit the streets now these are

142

00:05:51,830 --> 00:05:48,639

the anti-lockdown anti-mask

143

00:05:54,790 --> 00:05:51,840

freedom fighters liberty now kova is a

144

00:05:57,909 --> 00:05:54,800

hoax et cetera et cetera protesters

145

00:06:00,710 --> 00:05:57,919

and it truly brings home to

146

00:06:02,309 --> 00:06:00,720

me and i'm sure it does to you too that

147

00:06:04,150 --> 00:06:02,319

these people simply don't understand

148

00:06:07,110 --> 00:06:04,160

this is the delta variation this is the

149

00:06:10,950 --> 00:06:07,120

delta variant this is a different game

150

00:06:13,430 --> 00:06:10,960

this is truly highly infectious

151  
00:06:14,550 --> 00:06:13,440  
people are becoming infected after very

152  
00:06:17,830 --> 00:06:14,560  
casual contacts

153  
00:06:20,790 --> 00:06:17,840  
and the numbers are growing

154  
00:06:23,230 --> 00:06:20,800  
and on friday morning this appeared in

155  
00:06:27,670 --> 00:06:26,469  
news.com.eu website written by matt

156  
00:06:30,870 --> 00:06:27,680  
young and

157  
00:06:33,430 --> 00:06:30,880  
it says in part anti-lockdown protesters

158  
00:06:35,029 --> 00:06:33,440  
storm melbourne hours after daniel

159  
00:06:37,270 --> 00:06:35,039  
andrews announcement

160  
00:06:38,150 --> 00:06:37,280  
daniel andrews being the premier of

161  
00:06:40,390 --> 00:06:38,160  
victoria

162  
00:06:41,430 --> 00:06:40,400  
the man who calls the shots in that

163  
00:06:44,230 --> 00:06:41,440

state

164

00:06:46,230 --> 00:06:44,240

melbourne has been plunged into chaos

165

00:06:47,430 --> 00:06:46,240

just hours after the state ended its

166

00:06:49,589 --> 00:06:47,440

fifth lockdown

167

00:06:50,710 --> 00:06:49,599

as hundreds of protesters took to the

168

00:06:53,909 --> 00:06:50,720

streets

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00:06:55,749 --> 00:06:53,919

and incidentally um

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00:06:57,270 --> 00:06:55,759

i will i will link to this of course

171

00:06:59,510 --> 00:06:57,280

this this page

172

00:07:00,550 --> 00:06:59,520

which has lots of photographs of the

173

00:07:03,830 --> 00:07:00,560

protests and

174

00:07:07,430 --> 00:07:03,840

videos and it's so stark

175

00:07:11,350 --> 00:07:07,440

that the police on the scene

176  
00:07:14,309 --> 00:07:11,360  
are all wearing masks and the protesters

177  
00:07:15,350 --> 00:07:14,319  
are not and it goes on to say there was

178  
00:07:16,950 --> 00:07:15,360  
chaos

179  
00:07:18,390 --> 00:07:16,960  
in the streets of melbourne overnight

180  
00:07:20,309 --> 00:07:18,400  
just hours after the city

181  
00:07:23,270 --> 00:07:20,319  
entered its fifth lockdown as angry

182  
00:07:26,309 --> 00:07:23,280  
protesters marched through the cbd

183  
00:07:28,390 --> 00:07:26,319  
and cbd stands for central

184  
00:07:30,230 --> 00:07:28,400  
business district for those people in

185  
00:07:32,629 --> 00:07:30,240  
other countries who don't use that term

186  
00:07:34,710 --> 00:07:32,639  
so it's downtown in other words

187  
00:07:36,950 --> 00:07:34,720  
demonstrators called for an end to the

188  
00:07:38,870 --> 00:07:36,960

restrictions just hours after victorian

189

00:07:40,230 --> 00:07:38,880

premier daniel andrews announced the

190

00:07:43,830 --> 00:07:40,240

state would enter

191

00:07:45,430 --> 00:07:43,840

a five-day snap lockdown from midnight

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00:07:48,070 --> 00:07:45,440

we've got to do this

193

00:07:50,230 --> 00:07:48,080

otherwise it'll get away from us and we

194

00:07:51,670 --> 00:07:50,240

as more than any other part of our

195

00:07:53,830 --> 00:07:51,680

nation know

196

00:07:56,390 --> 00:07:53,840

we don't want this thing getting away

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00:07:58,469 --> 00:07:56,400

from us and being locked down for months

198

00:07:59,589 --> 00:07:58,479

mr andrews said we want to deal with

199

00:08:02,469 --> 00:07:59,599

this with a short

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00:08:03,029 --> 00:08:02,479

sharp lockdown decisive action not

201  
00:08:06,869 --> 00:08:03,039  
waiting

202  
00:08:09,670 --> 00:08:06,879  
not dawdling now is the time later on

203  
00:08:10,629 --> 00:08:09,680  
it says maskless protesters display

204  
00:08:12,790 --> 00:08:10,639  
their anger

205  
00:08:13,990 --> 00:08:12,800  
protesters filled melbourne's cbd from

206  
00:08:16,629 --> 00:08:14,000  
around 7pm

207  
00:08:18,710 --> 00:08:16,639  
to oppose the snap lockdown in a city

208  
00:08:20,309 --> 00:08:18,720  
that has seen its fair share of covered

209  
00:08:23,749 --> 00:08:20,319  
restrictions

210  
00:08:26,550 --> 00:08:23,759  
signs read i have a choice and

211  
00:08:28,150 --> 00:08:26,560  
lockdown kills with many demonstrators

212  
00:08:30,469 --> 00:08:28,160  
not wearing face masks

213  
00:08:31,830 --> 00:08:30,479

and it goes on to say they were chanting

214

00:08:34,149 --> 00:08:31,840

freedom

215

00:08:34,870 --> 00:08:34,159

and to give you a taste of what it was

216

00:08:43,190 --> 00:08:34,880

like

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00:08:43,200 --> 00:08:46,870

[Applause]

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00:08:50,630 --> 00:08:50,230

it also mentions an actress from the tv

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00:08:53,829 --> 00:08:50,640

show

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00:08:55,750 --> 00:08:53,839

neighbors popular here in australia and

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00:08:58,150 --> 00:08:55,760

in the uk especially

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00:08:59,990 --> 00:08:58,160

actress nicola charles known for her

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00:09:03,430 --> 00:09:00,000

role as samantha beaumont

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00:09:04,949 --> 00:09:03,440

in tv show neighbors also hailed the

225

00:09:06,949 --> 00:09:04,959

protests

226  
00:09:08,389 --> 00:09:06,959  
one protester on social media described

227  
00:09:11,030 --> 00:09:08,399  
lockdowns as

228  
00:09:12,550 --> 00:09:11,040  
human rights abuses and called for a

229  
00:09:15,030 --> 00:09:12,560  
great turnout

230  
00:09:16,389 --> 00:09:15,040  
bragging that there were a couple of

231  
00:09:18,870 --> 00:09:16,399  
thousand people here

232  
00:09:21,430 --> 00:09:18,880  
claiming that they were just regular

233  
00:09:23,509 --> 00:09:21,440  
everyday people who have had enough

234  
00:09:25,829 --> 00:09:23,519  
and it goes on later to say victoria

235  
00:09:29,350 --> 00:09:25,839  
police told news.com

236  
00:09:31,509 --> 00:09:29,360  
no arrests or fines were issued a flare

237  
00:09:33,269 --> 00:09:31,519  
that was lit during the protests was

238  
00:09:34,230 --> 00:09:33,279

still being investigated with police

239

00:09:36,470 --> 00:09:34,240

saying

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00:09:38,310 --> 00:09:36,480

they were yet to identify the person

241

00:09:40,550 --> 00:09:38,320

responsible for lighting it

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00:09:41,910 --> 00:09:40,560

protesters gave speeches then marched to

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00:09:45,030 --> 00:09:41,920

parliament

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00:09:46,949 --> 00:09:45,040

so yes that's uh an interesting story

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00:09:48,710 --> 00:09:46,959

worth a look especially when you can see

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00:09:49,269 --> 00:09:48,720

all the photographs of the protesters

247

00:09:52,630 --> 00:09:49,279

and

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00:09:54,230 --> 00:09:52,640

some video footage as well well this

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00:09:55,110 --> 00:09:54,240

brings home to all of us i think the

250

00:09:57,990 --> 00:09:55,120

importance

251  
00:09:59,190 --> 00:09:58,000  
of finding these conspiracy theories

252  
00:10:00,710 --> 00:09:59,200  
when we see

253  
00:10:02,470 --> 00:10:00,720  
hundreds probably hundreds of people

254  
00:10:03,430 --> 00:10:02,480  
marching in melbourne last night not

255  
00:10:05,990 --> 00:10:03,440  
wearing masks

256  
00:10:08,389 --> 00:10:06,000  
crying freedom and human rights abuse

257  
00:10:11,670 --> 00:10:08,399  
and end the lockdown and covet is a myth

258  
00:10:12,870 --> 00:10:11,680  
and and all the rest of it and i

259  
00:10:16,829 --> 00:10:12,880  
seriously

260  
00:10:20,310 --> 00:10:16,839  
to suffer the effects of the delta

261  
00:10:21,670 --> 00:10:20,320  
variation although it must be said of

262  
00:10:24,230 --> 00:10:21,680  
all the people in our community

263  
00:10:25,670 --> 00:10:24,240

likely more likely to get infected it's

264

00:10:27,110 --> 00:10:25,680

the people who don't believe that there

265

00:10:28,790 --> 00:10:27,120

is an infection out there in the first

266

00:10:30,550 --> 00:10:28,800

place

267

00:10:32,069 --> 00:10:30,560

and it crosses my mind that some of the

268

00:10:34,710 --> 00:10:32,079

more important work the

269

00:10:36,470 --> 00:10:34,720

skeptical community and associated

270

00:10:40,310 --> 00:10:36,480

friends are doing these days

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00:10:43,389 --> 00:10:40,320

is to fight conspiracy theories because

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00:10:45,509 --> 00:10:43,399

at the heart of all this i think is

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00:10:47,509 --> 00:10:45,519

conspiratorial thinking

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00:10:49,590 --> 00:10:47,519

i mean we still like to cover the

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00:10:51,829 --> 00:10:49,600

classics the classics the ufos the

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00:10:53,990 --> 00:10:51,839

paranormal the ghosties

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00:10:55,030 --> 00:10:54,000

uh spoon bending all that sort of stuff

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but um

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00:10:58,310 --> 00:10:57,360

when we get serious about it fighting

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00:10:59,910 --> 00:10:58,320

misinformation

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00:11:02,069 --> 00:10:59,920

especially in this day and age with a

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00:11:04,630 --> 00:11:02,079

deadly virus sweeping the world

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00:11:07,350 --> 00:11:04,640

i think what we do is frankly more

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00:11:10,310 --> 00:11:07,360

important than ever

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00:11:16,940 --> 00:11:10,320

i will link to that story in this week's

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00:11:16,950 --> 00:11:19,990

[Music]

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00:11:24,310 --> 00:11:22,710

hi i'm ben radford co-host of squaring

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00:11:26,870 --> 00:11:24,320

strange podcast

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00:11:28,470 --> 00:11:26,880

in these trying times as we help each

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00:11:30,310 --> 00:11:28,480

other out to hold on to hope

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00:11:32,949 --> 00:11:30,320

we want you to know that we're here for

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00:11:34,310 --> 00:11:32,959

you hey hey what are you going on about

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00:11:36,230 --> 00:11:34,320

who's interrupting my heartfelt

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00:11:39,430 --> 00:11:36,240

promotional copy it's me

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00:11:42,389 --> 00:11:39,440

celestia ward your co-host

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00:11:43,910 --> 00:11:42,399

really in these trying times that's the

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00:11:45,350 --> 00:11:43,920

best you can do

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00:11:47,269 --> 00:11:45,360

well i'm just doing what everyone else

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00:11:50,710 --> 00:11:47,279

is doing i thought

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00:11:51,910 --> 00:11:50,720

that's not what we do oh for crying out

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00:11:55,110 --> 00:11:51,920

loud who else is here

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00:11:58,230 --> 00:11:55,120

pasqua romero your other co-host

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00:11:58,710 --> 00:11:58,240

hey we don't do what everybody else does

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00:12:00,310 --> 00:11:58,720

ben

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00:12:02,870 --> 00:12:00,320

that's kind of our thing at squaring the

306

00:12:04,629 --> 00:12:02,880

strange yeah we try to approach things a

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00:12:07,829 --> 00:12:04,639

little differently than your standard

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00:12:08,310 --> 00:12:07,839

skeptical talky talk show we do our own

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00:12:10,150 --> 00:12:08,320

thing

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00:12:11,670 --> 00:12:10,160

bringing science critical thinking and

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00:12:13,750 --> 00:12:11,680

skepticism to bear

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00:12:15,269 --> 00:12:13,760

on issues of the day we've got a

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00:12:17,670 --> 00:12:15,279

professional skeptical author

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00:12:19,030 --> 00:12:17,680

ben who has decades of experience

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00:12:21,030 --> 00:12:19,040

researching topics

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00:12:23,509 --> 00:12:21,040

for a dozen books and thousands of

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00:12:25,110 --> 00:12:23,519

articles and a cartoonist skeptic

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00:12:26,710 --> 00:12:25,120

celestia who knows her stuff when it

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00:12:28,389 --> 00:12:26,720

comes to facial weirdness and the

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00:12:30,870 --> 00:12:28,399

psychology of perception

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00:12:32,389 --> 00:12:30,880

and a badass heavy metal rock star and

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00:12:34,470 --> 00:12:32,399

tech engineer pascual

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00:12:36,389 --> 00:12:34,480

who brings knowledge of all things audio

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00:12:38,550 --> 00:12:36,399

plus a bunch of neck tattoos

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00:12:40,470 --> 00:12:38,560

scoring the strange explores topics both

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00:12:41,670 --> 00:12:40,480

mysterious and mundane through a

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00:12:45,110 --> 00:12:41,680

critical lens

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00:12:47,509 --> 00:12:45,120

monsters panics media literacy

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00:12:48,230 --> 00:12:47,519

okay forget the whole trying times promo

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00:12:50,470 --> 00:12:48,240

idea

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00:12:51,350 --> 00:12:50,480

but we have chupacabras and clown panics

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00:12:53,860 --> 00:12:51,360

right

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00:12:53,870 --> 00:13:05,269

[Music]

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i'm the story of my life your story the

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00:13:11,590 --> 00:13:09,760

magic of editing the magic of editing

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00:13:13,829 --> 00:13:11,600

it's leonard tremell it's adrian hill

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00:13:15,269 --> 00:13:13,839

and ian bryce here in australia

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00:13:17,110 --> 00:13:15,279

they're joining me this week on the

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00:13:17,350 --> 00:13:17,120

great australian prediction project but

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i

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00:13:23,750 --> 00:13:21,040

because

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00:13:24,310 --> 00:13:23,760

leonard and ian are two kindred spirits

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00:13:26,550 --> 00:13:24,320

because

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00:13:27,430 --> 00:13:26,560

both gentlemen are involved in the

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00:13:29,750 --> 00:13:27,440

skeptical

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00:13:30,949 --> 00:13:29,760

prizes from around the world leonard you

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00:13:32,310 --> 00:13:30,959

were telling me that you

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00:13:34,470 --> 00:13:32,320

are involved with the center for

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00:13:38,870 --> 00:13:34,480

inquiries 250

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00:13:42,629 --> 00:13:38,880

000 prize for what exactly

351  
00:13:45,590 --> 00:13:42,639  
or any paranormal or

352  
00:13:48,470 --> 00:13:45,600  
uh extraordinary ability that a person

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00:13:52,069 --> 00:13:48,480  
has that can be

354  
00:13:54,550 --> 00:13:52,079  
shown to exist under proper scientific

355  
00:13:56,150 --> 00:13:54,560  
observation exactly right and ian bryce

356  
00:13:58,150 --> 00:13:56,160  
from the australian skeptics you are the

357  
00:13:59,110 --> 00:13:58,160  
long time challenge coordinator in this

358  
00:14:01,110 --> 00:13:59,120  
country and

359  
00:14:02,710 --> 00:14:01,120  
oh it's only a hundred thousand dollars

360  
00:14:03,509 --> 00:14:02,720  
but i wouldn't mind having that and i

361  
00:14:06,389 --> 00:14:03,519  
guess

362  
00:14:07,350 --> 00:14:06,399  
we look at more or less the same sort of

363  
00:14:09,269 --> 00:14:07,360

thing again

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00:14:11,189 --> 00:14:09,279

yes indeed it started off as being for

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00:14:13,110 --> 00:14:11,199

the paranormal

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00:14:15,670 --> 00:14:13,120

but of course these days it's broadened

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00:14:16,069 --> 00:14:15,680

into medical and scientific claims as

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00:14:18,790 --> 00:14:16,079

well

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00:14:20,790 --> 00:14:18,800

and my own specialty is in claims

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00:14:21,670 --> 00:14:20,800

relating to physics such as energy

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00:14:24,470 --> 00:14:21,680

storage

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00:14:26,470 --> 00:14:24,480

and energy production is a major one now

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00:14:28,389 --> 00:14:26,480

right and and you've investigated since

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00:14:30,949 --> 00:14:28,399

i've known you over 20 years

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00:14:32,069 --> 00:14:30,959

many claims of free energy and zero

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00:14:33,990 --> 00:14:32,079

point energy or

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00:14:35,829 --> 00:14:34,000

what's what's the term i'm looking for

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00:14:38,710 --> 00:14:35,839

um

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00:14:40,389 --> 00:14:38,720

confusion eternal energy no no quick

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00:14:42,629 --> 00:14:40,399

somebody help me

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00:14:44,069 --> 00:14:42,639

perpetual emotional thank you adrian

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00:14:45,670 --> 00:14:44,079

hill perpetual motion

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00:14:48,310 --> 00:14:45,680

i just couldn't think of the term

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00:14:50,310 --> 00:14:48,320

leonard would you at cfi would you

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00:14:52,230 --> 00:14:50,320

consider claims if somebody came up and

386

00:14:53,990 --> 00:14:52,240

said they've invented a perpetual motion

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00:14:55,750 --> 00:14:54,000

or a free energy device would that fall

388

00:14:58,870 --> 00:14:55,760

into your categories

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00:15:02,230 --> 00:14:58,880

in most cases we are looking

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00:15:05,829 --> 00:15:02,240

for an ability of a person right

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00:15:08,550 --> 00:15:05,839

not a device that they construct

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00:15:10,230 --> 00:15:08,560

well eventually not that's interesting

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00:15:12,150 --> 00:15:10,240

so even though this device

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00:15:14,230 --> 00:15:12,160

a free energy device contradicts the

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00:15:17,430 --> 00:15:14,240

laws of physics it's something that you

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00:15:20,870 --> 00:15:17,440

you'd probably pass on if

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00:15:21,750 --> 00:15:20,880

it we we have some uh we have some

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00:15:27,189 --> 00:15:21,760

leeway

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00:15:30,710 --> 00:15:29,590

supernatural abilities right right

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00:15:33,269 --> 00:15:30,720

that's interesting

401  
00:15:34,550 --> 00:15:33,279  
and where where where would both you

402  
00:15:37,110 --> 00:15:34,560  
gentlemen place

403  
00:15:38,310 --> 00:15:37,120  
claims of aliens and ufos and things

404  
00:15:41,509 --> 00:15:38,320  
like that

405  
00:15:43,350 --> 00:15:41,519  
ian yes um i rich

406  
00:15:44,870 --> 00:15:43,360  
i think richard you've handled most of

407  
00:15:46,550 --> 00:15:44,880  
the alien

408  
00:15:47,990 --> 00:15:46,560  
and ufo claims there's some very

409  
00:15:49,670 --> 00:15:48,000  
interesting ones aren't there

410  
00:15:51,670 --> 00:15:49,680  
some of you might have heard of the ufo

411  
00:15:53,670 --> 00:15:51,680  
alien abduction from

412  
00:15:55,350 --> 00:15:53,680  
when was that 30 odd years ago that was

413  
00:15:58,710 --> 00:15:55,360

one of the most australian

414

00:16:00,710 --> 00:15:58,720

famous australian cases yeah but would

415

00:16:02,629 --> 00:16:00,720

what i'm saying is would if somebody

416

00:16:05,269 --> 00:16:02,639

came along to us

417

00:16:07,670 --> 00:16:05,279

and said i can prove that aliens exist

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00:16:11,590 --> 00:16:07,680

or ufos exist does that fall within

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00:16:13,910 --> 00:16:11,600

our prize money yes well that's

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00:16:15,189 --> 00:16:13,920

that's a good question because it

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00:16:17,110 --> 00:16:15,199

doesn't

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00:16:18,949 --> 00:16:17,120

it wouldn't break any laws of physics in

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00:16:20,470 --> 00:16:18,959

fact i think most of us

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00:16:22,069 --> 00:16:20,480

most scientists would agree it's quite

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00:16:24,150 --> 00:16:22,079

likely there are aliens out there that

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00:16:27,430 --> 00:16:24,160

we haven't made contact with yet

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00:16:29,430 --> 00:16:27,440

so but my own understanding is that

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00:16:31,030 --> 00:16:29,440

anything new to science would qualify

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00:16:32,949 --> 00:16:31,040

for consideration

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00:16:34,470 --> 00:16:32,959

because i'd hate to turn down if someone

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00:16:37,110 --> 00:16:34,480

came to us with

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00:16:38,470 --> 00:16:37,120

offering an introduction to an alien i

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00:16:41,350 --> 00:16:38,480

hate to think that australian

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00:16:43,990 --> 00:16:41,360

skeptics turned down the opportunity for

435

00:16:47,509 --> 00:16:44,000

such publicity and and good will

436

00:16:49,990 --> 00:16:47,519

so i'd extend to anything new just

437

00:16:50,870 --> 00:16:50,000

that's interesting that's interesting um

438

00:16:54,230 --> 00:16:50,880

and and

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00:16:55,749 --> 00:16:54,240

leonard what would your take be on if

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00:16:57,670 --> 00:16:55,759

i guess someone would have to come to

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00:17:00,870 --> 00:16:57,680

you and the claim would be they could

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00:17:03,030 --> 00:17:00,880

make telepathic contact with aliens

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00:17:04,230 --> 00:17:03,040

yeah it would have to be some ability

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00:17:07,829 --> 00:17:04,240

that they have

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00:17:09,510 --> 00:17:07,839

as opposed to just something that exists

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00:17:11,029 --> 00:17:09,520

well in this country at the moment where

447

00:17:13,189 --> 00:17:11,039

it's a little difficult especially in

448

00:17:16,549 --> 00:17:13,199

sydney for us to conduct and it has been

449

00:17:19,270 --> 00:17:16,559

over the last since 2020 to conduct

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00:17:19,750 --> 00:17:19,280

normal uh tests and so on and so forth

451

00:17:21,510 --> 00:17:19,760

uh

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00:17:22,870 --> 00:17:21,520

what's what's your situation leonard are

453

00:17:26,470 --> 00:17:22,880

you involved in many

454

00:17:28,549 --> 00:17:26,480

claims for the the cash prize um

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00:17:29,750 --> 00:17:28,559

not i'm not one of the more active

456

00:17:33,190 --> 00:17:29,760

investigators but i

457

00:17:36,470 --> 00:17:33,200

have uh coordinated some of the uh

458

00:17:39,270 --> 00:17:36,480

of the claimants um

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00:17:40,070 --> 00:17:39,280

the first one that i got really involved

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00:17:42,150 --> 00:17:40,080

with

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00:17:43,830 --> 00:17:42,160

uh was someone who claimed that he could

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00:17:46,549 --> 00:17:43,840

douse for gold

463

00:17:48,950 --> 00:17:46,559

take a pendulum yeah and detect whether

464

00:17:51,990 --> 00:17:48,960

or not there was a gold thing nearby

465

00:17:56,630 --> 00:17:52,000

after painstaking

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00:17:59,990 --> 00:17:56,640

analysis and thinking of every possible

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00:18:03,190 --> 00:18:00,000

way of handling this we constructed

468

00:18:06,230 --> 00:18:03,200

a protocol and he tried it

469

00:18:09,830 --> 00:18:06,240

and he said oh i can't do it sorry

470

00:18:11,590 --> 00:18:09,840

which we call to win well that that

471

00:18:13,110 --> 00:18:11,600

that's the story we've heard many times

472

00:18:16,070 --> 00:18:13,120

ian bryce where people come to

473

00:18:16,789 --> 00:18:16,080

to be tested and somehow their magic

474

00:18:19,270 --> 00:18:16,799

pals

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00:18:20,390 --> 00:18:19,280

magical powers elude them that's right

476

00:18:21,830 --> 00:18:20,400

well

477

00:18:24,870 --> 00:18:21,840

of course that many of them claim that

478

00:18:27,590 --> 00:18:24,880

skeptics put out negative vibrations

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00:18:28,789 --> 00:18:27,600

which cancel it all out so perhaps

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00:18:30,630 --> 00:18:28,799

there's some truth to that

481

00:18:32,070 --> 00:18:30,640

but i have here a little device which is

482

00:18:35,270 --> 00:18:32,080

perhaps one of the most

483

00:18:37,190 --> 00:18:35,280

mystifying this is a little pendulum

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00:18:39,270 --> 00:18:37,200

and richard and i went and visited the

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00:18:40,630 --> 00:18:39,280

gentleman in the stellen highlands many

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00:18:43,590 --> 00:18:40,640

years ago

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00:18:44,310 --> 00:18:43,600

yes i do remember what ian is holding up

488

00:18:47,430 --> 00:18:44,320

incidentally

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00:18:48,870 --> 00:18:47,440

is a metal pyramid and

490

00:18:50,549 --> 00:18:48,880

from the center at the top of the

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00:18:52,230 --> 00:18:50,559

pyramid is dangling a

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00:18:54,310 --> 00:18:52,240

second rock which looks like a little

493

00:18:57,190 --> 00:18:54,320

pyramid indeed a pyramid within a

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00:19:00,630 --> 00:18:57,200

pyramid so we where could that go wrong

495

00:19:02,470 --> 00:19:00,640

anyway the chap had a theory of physics

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00:19:03,190 --> 00:19:02,480

i knew his own theory of physics to back

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00:19:05,430 --> 00:19:03,200

it all up

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00:19:07,990 --> 00:19:05,440

and then he showed us a demonstration

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00:19:09,510 --> 00:19:08,000

and he sat one of these on the floor

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00:19:11,110 --> 00:19:09,520

and it sat there and for half an hour

501  
00:19:12,390 --> 00:19:11,120  
the little pendulum wobbled back and

502  
00:19:14,230 --> 00:19:12,400  
forth

503  
00:19:16,150 --> 00:19:14,240  
with no wind currents and no one moving

504  
00:19:19,510 --> 00:19:16,160  
it you remember that and it was very

505  
00:19:20,710 --> 00:19:19,520  
yeah justifying did you did you get to

506  
00:19:21,830 --> 00:19:20,720  
the bottom you said you're free to

507  
00:19:23,750 --> 00:19:21,840  
search the house

508  
00:19:25,750 --> 00:19:23,760  
everyone suspects that i've got some

509  
00:19:27,350 --> 00:19:25,760  
vibratory machine in the house which is

510  
00:19:28,390 --> 00:19:27,360  
doing it but you're free to search the

511  
00:19:30,870 --> 00:19:28,400  
house

512  
00:19:32,470 --> 00:19:30,880  
so we did and didn't find anything and

513  
00:19:33,830 --> 00:19:32,480

he said it works in the garden too there

514

00:19:35,590 --> 00:19:33,840

are some rocks in the garden that it

515

00:19:38,230 --> 00:19:35,600

works on and some it doesn't so we found

516

00:19:39,909 --> 00:19:38,240

one outside where it's up there and

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00:19:41,669 --> 00:19:39,919

it's wrong for 20 minutes and other

518

00:19:45,750 --> 00:19:41,679

other places where it wouldn't

519

00:19:48,950 --> 00:19:45,760

so that that was never resolved

520

00:19:49,590 --> 00:19:48,960

you can't have one of these so he gave

521

00:19:55,270 --> 00:19:49,600

me

522

00:19:56,150 --> 00:19:55,280

it switched back and forth regularly or

523

00:19:58,630 --> 00:19:56,160

frequently

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00:20:00,789 --> 00:19:58,640

but my house is very old and fragile and

525

00:20:02,390 --> 00:20:00,799

moves in the wind i can feel it moving

526

00:20:06,149 --> 00:20:02,400

so that's

527

00:20:08,310 --> 00:20:06,159

no mystery here

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00:20:11,350 --> 00:20:08,320

but he never followed us up he never

529

00:20:14,070 --> 00:20:11,360

demanded the money and we never resolved

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00:20:15,190 --> 00:20:14,080

so that's that's the one sold regarding

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00:20:16,390 --> 00:20:15,200

australian skeptics hundred thousand

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00:20:17,990 --> 00:20:16,400

dollar challenge

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00:20:19,830 --> 00:20:18,000

okay that's really interesting well

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00:20:21,430 --> 00:20:19,840

thanks for this brief chat it's great to

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00:20:22,310 --> 00:20:21,440

have these little side chats when we're

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00:20:25,430 --> 00:20:22,320

doing the project

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00:20:27,029 --> 00:20:25,440

because um uh i i find

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00:20:28,390 --> 00:20:27,039

the the whole idea of the challenge

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00:20:29,590 --> 00:20:28,400

quite fascinating being involved with

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00:20:31,029 --> 00:20:29,600

the australian skeptics

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00:20:32,870 --> 00:20:31,039

hundred thousand dollars and the james

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00:20:34,630 --> 00:20:32,880

randy one million dollars

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00:20:36,549 --> 00:20:34,640

and uh well let's just hope somebody can

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00:20:39,990 --> 00:20:36,559

come along and make telepathic contact

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00:20:43,110 --> 00:20:40,000

with aliens and their pyramids

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00:20:46,149 --> 00:20:43,120

as one of the people that's uh involved

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00:20:49,830 --> 00:20:46,159

in the challenge here says

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00:20:52,070 --> 00:20:49,840

frequently i really want this to be true

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00:20:53,990 --> 00:20:52,080

because i want a nobel prize that's

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00:20:56,549 --> 00:20:54,000

that's the argument isn't it

551  
00:20:58,549 --> 00:20:56,559  
we'd all do very well out of it well

552  
00:21:00,390 --> 00:20:58,559  
leonard and ian

553  
00:21:02,310 --> 00:21:00,400  
keep it up it's it's fascinating work

554  
00:21:04,470 --> 00:21:02,320  
and thank you for this little chat

555  
00:21:17,110 --> 00:21:04,480  
this is so much thanks leonard and

556  
00:21:19,350 --> 00:21:17,120  
adrian and richard

557  
00:21:20,950 --> 00:21:19,360  
hello this is maynard did you know that

558  
00:21:21,590 --> 00:21:20,960  
you could listen to the skeptic zone on

559  
00:21:29,029 --> 00:21:21,600  
youtube

560  
00:21:32,950 --> 00:21:31,590  
also you can hear 40 logical fallacies

561  
00:21:34,789 --> 00:21:32,960  
with michelle bickersma

562  
00:21:38,630 --> 00:21:34,799  
and funny sketches with richard saunders

563  
00:21:49,530 --> 00:21:40,310

just click on the youtube links on the

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00:21:49,540 --> 00:22:07,830

[Music]

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00:22:13,590 --> 00:22:10,310

let's look at the australian skeptics

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00:22:16,870 --> 00:22:13,600

newsletter newsletter number 127

567

00:22:19,990 --> 00:22:16,880

for the 12th of july 2021

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00:22:23,830 --> 00:22:20,000

and written and compiled by tim bendum

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00:22:26,070 --> 00:22:23,840

hi all it says not a great deal going on

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except for your opportunity to register

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for the

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00:22:31,190 --> 00:22:29,320

here and there and everywhere

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skepticon2021

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00:22:34,630 --> 00:22:33,520

and more about football than there is

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00:22:36,710 --> 00:22:34,640

about covert

576  
00:22:41,510 --> 00:22:36,720  
which makes for a pleasant change read

577  
00:22:44,510 --> 00:22:41,520  
on time

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00:22:46,710 --> 00:22:44,520  
skepticon register your interest now

579  
00:22:48,950 --> 00:22:46,720  
registrations of interest are now open

580  
00:22:49,909 --> 00:22:48,960  
for skeptic on the 2021 australian

581  
00:22:51,909 --> 00:22:49,919  
skeptics

582  
00:22:53,110 --> 00:22:51,919  
annual national convention which this

583  
00:22:56,710 --> 00:22:53,120  
year will be held

584  
00:22:58,310 --> 00:22:56,720  
on november 20 to the 21st

585  
00:22:59,990 --> 00:22:58,320  
it will be a joint event held by

586  
00:23:02,070 --> 00:23:00,000  
australian skeptics here in sydney and

587  
00:23:03,270 --> 00:23:02,080  
new zealand skeptics in wellington new

588  
00:23:05,270 --> 00:23:03,280

zealand

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00:23:07,510 --> 00:23:05,280

with face-to-face and online

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00:23:10,870 --> 00:23:07,520

participation available

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00:23:12,950 --> 00:23:10,880

the caveat is covered willing and this

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00:23:15,350 --> 00:23:12,960

is an important point to make that

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00:23:16,070 --> 00:23:15,360

we here in australia especially are

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00:23:19,430 --> 00:23:16,080

planning

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00:23:21,430 --> 00:23:19,440

for all contingencies so we hope to have

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00:23:24,630 --> 00:23:21,440

some face-to-face and online

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00:23:26,789 --> 00:23:24,640

but uh covert might dictate that it goes

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00:23:28,870 --> 00:23:26,799

completely online we don't know yet

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00:23:30,310 --> 00:23:28,880

anyway you can keep up to date

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00:23:32,070 --> 00:23:30,320

details of the speakers and ticket

601  
00:23:33,990 --> 00:23:32,080  
prices will be available soon

602  
00:23:37,830 --> 00:23:34,000  
but in the meantime please register your

603  
00:23:39,990 --> 00:23:37,840  
interest at skepticon

604  
00:23:41,110 --> 00:23:40,000  
so you can receive the latest info the

605  
00:23:44,390 --> 00:23:41,120  
next item says

606  
00:23:46,470 --> 00:23:44,400  
flawed study cited by anti-faxes

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00:23:48,789 --> 00:23:46,480  
a study that erroneously claimed that

608  
00:23:51,830 --> 00:23:48,799  
the covert 19 vaccination causes two

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00:23:53,990 --> 00:23:51,840  
deaths for every three lives it saves

610  
00:23:55,430 --> 00:23:54,000  
has been retracted from the journal

611  
00:23:58,549 --> 00:23:55,440  
vaccines

612  
00:24:02,310 --> 00:23:58,559  
after researchers and editors found a

613  
00:24:04,870 --> 00:24:02,320

drastic quote misrepresentation of data

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end quote the main argument of the study

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was that

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quote this lack of clear benefit should

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cause governments to rethink their

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00:24:13,669 --> 00:24:12,080

vaccination policy end quote

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the paper was quickly used by

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00:24:17,350 --> 00:24:15,760

anti-vaxxers as evidence that the

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00:24:20,470 --> 00:24:17,360

vaccines are not safe

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facebook flagged the video as containing

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00:24:27,269 --> 00:24:23,840

quote partly false information end quote

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but it has since been viewed over 250

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00:24:31,630 --> 00:24:28,720

000 times

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00:24:34,230 --> 00:24:31,640

the study has also been tweeted by

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00:24:34,549 --> 00:24:34,240

anti-vaccination activists with hundreds

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00:24:38,070 --> 00:24:34,559

of

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benjamin franklin's fight against

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smallpox

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and when you thought anti-vaxxers were

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bad in

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2021 interesting historical piece on

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a treatment for smallpox used before

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jenna's discovery of using cowpox

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and promoted by ben and his big brother

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jimmy

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and incidentally benjamin franklin

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sometimes wrote under the pen name of

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malaysia's influences cash in on health

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and beauty pseudoscience

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dubious health claims such as a banana

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milk

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that it is claimed could regulate

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insulin production

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and a string of incidents involving

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adulterants have led to observers

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calling for greater

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00:25:32,230 --> 00:25:31,279  
due diligence as regulators strained to

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00:25:34,390 --> 00:25:32,240  
keep up

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00:25:36,070 --> 00:25:34,400  
malaysia's national pharmaceutical

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00:25:39,029 --> 00:25:36,080  
regulation agency

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00:25:40,149 --> 00:25:39,039  
listed no fewer than 171 health and

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00:25:43,269 --> 00:25:40,159  
beauty products

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that it had found contained banned

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ingredients

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00:25:47,830 --> 00:25:46,159  
including poisonous mercury and

659  
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tretinoin

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00:25:51,190 --> 00:25:50,240  
an acne and leukemia medication that

661  
00:25:53,430 --> 00:25:51,200  
carries a wide

662  
00:25:55,430 --> 00:25:53,440  
range of side effects from skin

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00:25:58,470 --> 00:25:55,440

irritation and hair loss

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to birth defects in unborn children

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if used while pregnant and

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ancient skepticism for modern problems

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when an opinion is formed our minds will

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00:26:24,149 --> 00:26:21,279  
work to defend it

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against country notions arguments and

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00:26:27,870 --> 00:26:25,840  
reality itself

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this looks at the application of

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epicureanism

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and stoicism in modern day situations

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and its reference to athenian corridors

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athletes and

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gods in the september issue of the

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skeptic

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and of course to remind you each of

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these news items comes with a link

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you can click to read more the

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newsletter also talks about upcoming

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events in adelaide victoria gold coast

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canberra and sydney including sydney

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skeptics in the pub which

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next month will be online because of

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covert with our special guest speaker

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professor paul willis skeptics in

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action if you have any ideas for stories

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or want to contribute to skeptics

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communications such as the magazine or

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facebook page or just have something you

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want to get off your chest

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then you're welcome to get in touch and

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you can write to the australian skeptics

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with your news

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tips news tips at skeptics.com.edu

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or submissions to the magazines should

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go to editor

703  
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at skeptics.com

704  
00:27:37,990 --> 00:27:35,840  
items of interest further to last

705  
00:27:39,430 --> 00:27:38,000  
newsletter story on animals picking the

706  
00:27:42,230 --> 00:27:39,440  
euro results

707  
00:27:43,110 --> 00:27:42,240  
come some more examples of furry and

708  
00:27:46,789 --> 00:27:43,120  
feathered and

709  
00:27:49,350 --> 00:27:46,799  
finned football fanatics a caveat

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00:27:50,230 --> 00:27:49,360  
we haven't been able to find predictions

711  
00:27:53,750 --> 00:27:50,240  
by all these

712  
00:27:57,110 --> 00:27:53,760  
for the final game spoiler alert

713  
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and few if any ever give

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the actual scores but here we have

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cheo john the psychic chimp from

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thailand

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who successfully predicted england's

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victory over ukraine

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but were unable to find any prediction

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for the recent final

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eva the psychic parrot also predicted

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the

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cockapoo

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again the england ukraine winner

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beatrice the

726  
00:28:27,590 --> 00:28:27,279  
rescue cat from the rspca santa chose

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the

728  
00:28:34,149 --> 00:28:30,880  
england ukraine result

729  
00:28:37,430 --> 00:28:34,159  
jessica the psychic chicken predicted

730  
00:28:39,669 --> 00:28:37,440  
england's win over denmark various

731  
00:28:41,029 --> 00:28:39,679  
meerkats named after characters in

732  
00:28:44,310 --> 00:28:41,039  
friends

733  
00:28:46,549 --> 00:28:44,320  
predicted england to win the final

734  
00:28:48,470 --> 00:28:46,559  
wrong of course corby the psychic

735  
00:28:48,950 --> 00:28:48,480  
tortoise predicted an england win in the

736  
00:28:53,269 --> 00:28:48,960  
final

737  
00:28:56,789 --> 00:28:53,279  
wrong r2d2 the psychic sausage dog

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00:29:00,310 --> 00:28:56,799

was likewise wrong and

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banana the seal went down the same drain

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wrong not known is how many italian

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animals voted and sadly

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there don't seem to be any psychic

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koalas yet

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probably fast asleep and stoned on

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eucalyptus oil

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susie the pig who had a pretty good

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record until the final

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failed like all the others stepping

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outside of the animal realm for a moment

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there were high hopes for a psychic

751  
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banana

752  
00:29:31,590 --> 00:29:29,440  
but they got it wrong as well

753  
00:29:33,590 --> 00:29:31,600  
tim where do you get these things from

754  
00:29:37,269 --> 00:29:33,600  
and in the human arena

755  
00:29:39,669 --> 00:29:37,279  
a psychic bum reader passed her verdict

756  
00:29:41,269 --> 00:29:39,679  
on the england team ahead of the euro

757  
00:29:44,710 --> 00:29:41,279  
2020 final

758  
00:29:47,910 --> 00:29:44,720  
convinced that three lions have a

759  
00:29:49,029 --> 00:29:47,920  
quote really good chance

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end quote of beating italy

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that was an obvious bum steer

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yuri geller put his mind to the task of

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an england win

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and failed

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and there's more to read in this

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newsletter but finally we get to movie

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of the week

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or whenever it comes out ghosts of bally

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story of england's most haunted house

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looks exciting

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with colin doctor who baker

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and toya 80s pop legend wilcox

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and probably also overly sensational as

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opposed to your editor's disappointment

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when he went there and found it had been

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knocked down decades earlier

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so much for research well thank you tim

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menden once again for compiling the

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australian skeptics newsletter

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and you can have that delivered to your

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inbox every other week

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by subscribing at [skeptics.com](http://skeptics.com)

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hi this is dr pamela gay from astronomy

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each week fraser cain and i take our

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listeners on a fact-based journey

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through the cosmos

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with our weekly podcast we explain not

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just what we know

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but how we know what we know about this

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universe that we share

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check us out at [astronomycast.com](http://astronomycast.com) and

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look for us

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in itunes google play and wherever you

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see you online

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now let's take another trip into the

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pages at trove trove.nla.gov dot a u

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the online resource from the australian

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government and the national library of

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australia

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00:32:04,870 --> 00:32:02,559  
digitized newspapers articles and so on

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going back for many many decades into

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and continuing our theme looking up

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psychics

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psychic animals last week psychic this

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that we're going to take a closer look

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at references to

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psychic tests

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or at least articles where the word

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psychic and the word

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test both appear and i guess like me

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you may have noticed that the name sir

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arthur conan doyle

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seems to crop up quite a lot in these

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reports and today is no exception

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we begin our look this week in the pages

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of the journal

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which was from adelaide south australia

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published on the 9th of july 1923.

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psychic lights comedy new york

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has been smiling broadly at the results

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of an investigation into psychic

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phenomena

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conducted by the scientific american

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which on the occasion of sir arthur

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and doyle's recent lecturing tour

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offered prize amounts

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to 1 000 pounds to mediums

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00:33:23,110 --> 00:33:20,720

able to satisfy certain tests

838

00:33:24,230 --> 00:33:23,120

the chief candidate for the prize was

839

00:33:27,190 --> 00:33:24,240

george valentine

840

00:33:28,870 --> 00:33:27,200

of wilkesboro pennsylvania who has

841

00:33:31,509 --> 00:33:28,880

frequently produced the

842

00:33:33,269 --> 00:33:31,519

quote psychic lights and quote described

843

00:33:35,909 --> 00:33:33,279

by sir arthur conan doyle

844

00:33:37,029 --> 00:33:35,919

at the request of the medium tests were

845

00:33:40,310 --> 00:33:37,039

made amid

846

00:33:42,630 --> 00:33:40,320

darkness so intense

847

00:33:44,710 --> 00:33:42,640

that it was impossible for the judges to

848

00:33:47,830 --> 00:33:44,720

even see their own hands

849

00:33:50,950 --> 00:33:47,840

unknown to valentine however the chair

850

00:33:54,789 --> 00:33:50,960

he occupied rested upon an electrical

851  
00:33:57,269 --> 00:33:54,799  
contrivance which ignited a bulb

852  
00:33:58,789 --> 00:33:57,279  
in the adjoining room the moment it was

853  
00:34:02,549 --> 00:33:58,799  
vacated

854  
00:34:05,269 --> 00:34:02,559  
by means of a dictaphone and a stopwatch

855  
00:34:07,350 --> 00:34:05,279  
an observer posted there was able to

856  
00:34:10,389 --> 00:34:07,360  
record the exact time

857  
00:34:14,149 --> 00:34:10,399  
and the text of every utterance

858  
00:34:17,270 --> 00:34:14,159  
by the quote spirits end quote evoked by

859  
00:34:20,069 --> 00:34:17,280  
valentine the record shows that

860  
00:34:22,389 --> 00:34:20,079  
concealed by darkness valentine vacated

861  
00:34:23,349 --> 00:34:22,399  
the chair 15 times in the course of the

862  
00:34:26,950 --> 00:34:23,359  
seance

863  
00:34:30,470 --> 00:34:26,960

his chair was always vacant when the

864

00:34:32,389 --> 00:34:30,480

psychic lights appeared

865

00:34:34,310 --> 00:34:32,399

when voices were heard in different

866

00:34:37,030 --> 00:34:34,320

parts of the darkened room

867

00:34:38,710 --> 00:34:37,040

or when those present felt on their

868

00:34:43,589 --> 00:34:38,720

faces and hands

869

00:34:46,950 --> 00:34:43,599

the uncanny touch of ghostly hands

870

00:34:48,869 --> 00:34:46,960

ooh a bit of a giveaway there and that

871

00:34:51,829 --> 00:34:48,879

was in 1923.

872

00:34:53,669 --> 00:34:51,839

hmm and now we turn to the pages of the

873

00:34:55,430 --> 00:34:53,679

australian woman's weekly a very popular

874

00:34:58,310 --> 00:34:55,440

women's magazine in this

875

00:35:00,390 --> 00:34:58,320

country for almost a century this comes

876

00:35:04,550 --> 00:35:00,400

to us from 1979

877

00:35:08,390 --> 00:35:04,560

wednesday the 5th of december 1979

878

00:35:09,910 --> 00:35:08,400

oh yes i remember those times and how

879

00:35:14,230 --> 00:35:09,920

popular things like

880

00:35:15,829 --> 00:35:14,240

esp was probably spurred on by yuri

881

00:35:19,990 --> 00:35:15,839

geller and things like that

882

00:35:23,109 --> 00:35:20,000

it was just the time is your child

883

00:35:25,750 --> 00:35:23,119

psychic do psychic bonds

884

00:35:26,550 --> 00:35:25,760

exist between you and your child a new

885

00:35:29,270 --> 00:35:26,560

book

886

00:35:30,790 --> 00:35:29,280

is your child psychic question mark by

887

00:35:33,430 --> 00:35:30,800

dr alice thanos

888

00:35:35,589 --> 00:35:33,440

and catherine fair donnelly includes a

889

00:35:36,710 --> 00:35:35,599

number of tests you can conduct with

890

00:35:40,310 --> 00:35:36,720

your child

891

00:35:43,109 --> 00:35:40,320

to see if he he

892

00:35:44,550 --> 00:35:43,119

to see if he has telepathic clairvoyance

893

00:35:47,750 --> 00:35:44,560

precognitive

894

00:35:49,349 --> 00:35:47,760

or other psychic abilities i guess if

895

00:35:51,349 --> 00:35:49,359

it's a she you're out of luck i don't

896

00:35:54,390 --> 00:35:51,359

know

897

00:35:56,870 --> 00:35:54,400

sorry i thought i'd interject

898

00:35:57,990 --> 00:35:56,880

the following two tests are taken from

899

00:36:01,430 --> 00:35:58,000

that book

900

00:36:02,950 --> 00:36:01,440

they are for telepathy and each uses a

901  
00:36:05,109 --> 00:36:02,960  
deck of cards

902  
00:36:06,630 --> 00:36:05,119  
getting half of the answers right is a

903  
00:36:10,829 --> 00:36:06,640  
chance response

904  
00:36:12,790 --> 00:36:10,839  
getting sixty percent or more is beyond

905  
00:36:14,950 --> 00:36:12,800  
chance

906  
00:36:16,950 --> 00:36:14,960  
and would be considered a significant

907  
00:36:18,870 --> 00:36:16,960  
response say the authors

908  
00:36:20,790 --> 00:36:18,880  
or could just fit within the bell curve

909  
00:36:23,910 --> 00:36:20,800  
says the skeptics

910  
00:36:25,430 --> 00:36:23,920  
sorry the test should be played as games

911  
00:36:27,349 --> 00:36:25,440  
they should not be done all in one

912  
00:36:27,670 --> 00:36:27,359  
sitting and the child should not be made

913  
00:36:32,069 --> 00:36:27,680

to

914

00:36:34,710 --> 00:36:32,079

well on

915

00:36:35,670 --> 00:36:34,720

psychic abilities even when they do

916

00:36:38,790 --> 00:36:35,680

exist

917

00:36:42,710 --> 00:36:38,800

cannot always be summoned at will i

918

00:36:45,670 --> 00:36:42,720

keep interjecting psychic abilities

919

00:36:46,150 --> 00:36:45,680

and then there's a hyphen even when they

920

00:36:51,030 --> 00:36:46,160

do

921

00:36:55,510 --> 00:36:54,150

cannot always be summoned at will apart

922

00:36:57,589 --> 00:36:55,520

from all the psychics i've

923

00:36:59,910 --> 00:36:57,599

met in my life who said they can do

924

00:37:00,710 --> 00:36:59,920

their psychic ability anytime anywhere

925

00:37:02,950 --> 00:37:00,720

and then

926

00:37:04,470 --> 00:37:02,960

can't but that's another story sorry

927

00:37:07,589 --> 00:37:04,480

back to the article

928

00:37:09,750 --> 00:37:07,599

jack and ace test use

929

00:37:10,870 --> 00:37:09,760

only the four jacks and four aces from a

930

00:37:13,190 --> 00:37:10,880

deck of cards

931

00:37:14,230 --> 00:37:13,200

shuffle the eight cards then pick up the

932

00:37:17,190 --> 00:37:14,240

top card

933

00:37:18,150 --> 00:37:17,200

and look at it but don't show it to the

934

00:37:21,670 --> 00:37:18,160

child

935

00:37:24,630 --> 00:37:21,680

being tested say the word

936

00:37:25,349 --> 00:37:24,640

target and concentrate on the card for

937

00:37:28,630 --> 00:37:25,359

about

938

00:37:31,990 --> 00:37:28,640

five seconds the child then says

939

00:37:35,030 --> 00:37:32,000

whether he thinks the card is a jack or

940

00:37:36,069 --> 00:37:35,040

an ace don't tell him whether he was

941

00:37:39,109 --> 00:37:36,079

right or not

942

00:37:41,829 --> 00:37:39,119

but silently marked down whether he did

943

00:37:42,790 --> 00:37:41,839

or did not hit the target when he

944

00:37:45,349 --> 00:37:42,800

announces

945

00:37:46,069 --> 00:37:45,359

ready for the next target now repeat the

946

00:37:48,870 --> 00:37:46,079

procedure

947

00:37:49,510 --> 00:37:48,880

on the next card until the test has been

948

00:37:52,470 --> 00:37:49,520

tried

949

00:37:53,349 --> 00:37:52,480

on all eight cards go through the entire

950

00:37:56,150 --> 00:37:53,359

procedure

951  
00:37:57,990 --> 00:37:56,160  
two more times each time reshuffling the

952  
00:38:01,349 --> 00:37:58,000  
four jacks and the four aces

953  
00:38:03,349 --> 00:38:01,359  
before starting the run anew in three

954  
00:38:05,750 --> 00:38:03,359  
other separate settings repeat what you

955  
00:38:08,069 --> 00:38:05,760  
have done in the first sitting

956  
00:38:09,270 --> 00:38:08,079  
until you have a record of your child's

957  
00:38:13,670 --> 00:38:09,280  
having tried to read

958  
00:38:16,069 --> 00:38:13,680  
your mind on a total of 100 cards

959  
00:38:18,230 --> 00:38:16,079  
finally tally up the score to see how

960  
00:38:21,750 --> 00:38:18,240  
many of the child's answers

961  
00:38:24,470 --> 00:38:21,760  
were on target basic red or black

962  
00:38:25,990 --> 00:38:24,480  
card test this is done the same way as

963  
00:38:29,270 --> 00:38:26,000

the previous test

964

00:38:31,990 --> 00:38:29,280

except that you use the entire deck

965

00:38:34,069 --> 00:38:32,000

and the child has only to tell you

966

00:38:34,870 --> 00:38:34,079

whether he believes the card is red or

967

00:38:37,349 --> 00:38:34,880

black

968

00:38:38,790 --> 00:38:37,359

this test should take place in at least

969

00:38:43,030 --> 00:38:38,800

four separate sittings

970

00:38:46,390 --> 00:38:43,040

of 25 cards each i wonder if anyone

971

00:38:49,670 --> 00:38:46,400

tried it way back in 1979

972

00:38:52,950 --> 00:38:49,680

they probably did and next we

973

00:38:54,630 --> 00:38:52,960

find ourselves in the year 1932 the 2nd

974

00:38:57,349 --> 00:38:54,640

of february

975

00:38:59,270 --> 00:38:57,359

and we read from the cessnock eagle and

976

00:39:02,150 --> 00:38:59,280

south maitland recorder

977

00:39:04,069 --> 00:39:02,160

and this is in new south wales psychic

978

00:39:06,230 --> 00:39:04,079

research in australia

979

00:39:08,150 --> 00:39:06,240

the reading public are showing great

980

00:39:10,470 --> 00:39:08,160

interest in the investigations of the

981

00:39:13,670 --> 00:39:10,480

special committee arranged by the

982

00:39:15,990 --> 00:39:13,680

quote sunday sun and quote sydney to

983

00:39:19,109 --> 00:39:16,000

investigate psychic phenomena

984

00:39:22,950 --> 00:39:19,119

the committee comprises two lawyers

985

00:39:26,230 --> 00:39:22,960

a psychologist a psychotherapist

986

00:39:28,150 --> 00:39:26,240

and a wireless expert several seances

987

00:39:31,030 --> 00:39:28,160

have been held in messages received

988

00:39:31,750 --> 00:39:31,040

from people in the astral plane but the

989

00:39:34,069 --> 00:39:31,760

committee

990

00:39:35,190 --> 00:39:34,079

is hampered in its work by not being

991

00:39:37,550 --> 00:39:35,200

able to find

992

00:39:39,270 --> 00:39:37,560

a medium capable of producing

993

00:39:41,829 --> 00:39:39,280

materializations

994

00:39:44,230 --> 00:39:41,839

messages are all very well and

995

00:39:46,150 --> 00:39:44,240

interesting tests can be made

996

00:39:48,230 --> 00:39:46,160

such as getting the spirit to mention

997

00:39:51,270 --> 00:39:48,240

what is being printed

998

00:39:54,310 --> 00:39:51,280

at the moment on a particular line

999

00:39:57,030 --> 00:39:54,320

and page of next morning's paper but

1000

00:39:57,990 --> 00:39:57,040

after all what people are fundamentally

1001  
00:40:02,630 --> 00:39:58,000  
interested in

1002  
00:40:09,829 --> 00:40:07,430  
i'll just pause there living ghost forms

1003  
00:40:12,069 --> 00:40:09,839  
let's read on there is no parallel in

1004  
00:40:13,430 --> 00:40:12,079  
australia for the exhaustive researches

1005  
00:40:15,670 --> 00:40:13,440  
of professor

1006  
00:40:17,109 --> 00:40:15,680  
gelly the greatest authority on

1007  
00:40:19,670 --> 00:40:17,119  
experiments with

1008  
00:40:21,190 --> 00:40:19,680  
wax gloves which give the most

1009  
00:40:24,950 --> 00:40:21,200  
conclusive evidence of

1010  
00:40:28,309 --> 00:40:24,960  
materialization and those of richard and

1011  
00:40:31,190 --> 00:40:28,319  
shrink notzig but the sun

1012  
00:40:33,430 --> 00:40:31,200  
committee hopes to find some good medium

1013  
00:40:36,710 --> 00:40:33,440

able to produce these results for the

1014

00:40:39,750 --> 00:40:36,720

finest proof of spiritualistic phenomena

1015

00:40:41,750 --> 00:40:39,760

are obtained with wax gloves and by

1016

00:40:45,510 --> 00:40:41,760

photographing ectoplasmic

1017

00:40:47,109 --> 00:40:45,520

forms at different stages

1018

00:40:50,870 --> 00:40:47,119

there you go there's some good advice

1019

00:40:54,829 --> 00:40:50,880

for us all wax gloves hmm

1020

00:40:58,790 --> 00:40:54,839

now let's go further back in time to

1021

00:41:00,870 --> 00:40:58,800

1909 in the sunday times from sydney on

1022

00:41:02,950 --> 00:41:00,880

the 3rd of january

1023

00:41:05,349 --> 00:41:02,960

and if you're interested that's on page

1024

00:41:07,990 --> 00:41:05,359

3.

1025

00:41:08,470 --> 00:41:08,000

psychic phenomena under test conditions

1026

00:41:10,870 --> 00:41:08,480

live

1027

00:41:11,589 --> 00:41:10,880

bird and nest passed through mosquito

1028

00:41:14,230 --> 00:41:11,599

netting

1029

00:41:15,030 --> 00:41:14,240

more baily wonders in melbourne the

1030

00:41:18,069 --> 00:41:15,040

second

1031

00:41:21,750 --> 00:41:18,079

occult test seance conducted by mr t

1032

00:41:24,790 --> 00:41:21,760

w stanford melbourne with the medium mr

1033

00:41:27,190 --> 00:41:24,800

chas bailey took place at the private

1034

00:41:29,510 --> 00:41:27,200

office of the former on wednesday night

1035

00:41:31,589 --> 00:41:29,520

they're being present about 25

1036

00:41:32,950 --> 00:41:31,599

investigators including an american

1037

00:41:35,910 --> 00:41:32,960

gentleman

1038

00:41:37,670 --> 00:41:35,920

mr mcleland who is making his second

1039

00:41:39,990 --> 00:41:37,680

tour around the world

1040

00:41:40,790 --> 00:41:40,000

who is making his second tour around the

1041

00:41:43,270 --> 00:41:40,800

world

1042

00:41:45,030 --> 00:41:43,280

having on a previous tour visited egypt

1043

00:41:48,069 --> 00:41:45,040

india and other places

1044

00:41:51,510 --> 00:41:48,079

where he investigated a cult phenomena

1045

00:41:55,430 --> 00:41:51,520

and kindred matters and learned

1046

00:41:58,309 --> 00:41:55,440

much of the subject of spiritualistic

1047

00:41:59,750 --> 00:41:58,319

mysteries this gentleman was one of the

1048

00:42:02,630 --> 00:41:59,760

searchers of the medium

1049

00:42:04,710 --> 00:42:02,640

who entered the mosquito netting cage

1050

00:42:05,750 --> 00:42:04,720

described in my last communication on

1051  
00:42:07,510 --> 00:42:05,760  
the subject

1052  
00:42:08,790 --> 00:42:07,520  
he was a member of the committee of

1053  
00:42:11,910 --> 00:42:08,800  
detection

1054  
00:42:12,710 --> 00:42:11,920  
for the evening and besides carefully

1055  
00:42:16,150 --> 00:42:12,720  
searching

1056  
00:42:18,630 --> 00:42:16,160  
the medium he examined the cage

1057  
00:42:20,950 --> 00:42:18,640  
and locked the medium within holding

1058  
00:42:24,470 --> 00:42:20,960  
possession of the key during the hour

1059  
00:42:26,870 --> 00:42:24,480  
and a half the meeting lasted he

1060  
00:42:28,950 --> 00:42:26,880  
with others also attached initialized

1061  
00:42:30,870 --> 00:42:28,960  
stamp edgings on the door

1062  
00:42:32,309 --> 00:42:30,880  
in such a way that it could not be

1063  
00:42:34,790 --> 00:42:32,319

opened without tearing

1064

00:42:36,470 --> 00:42:34,800

the paper that's interesting and i'll

1065

00:42:37,990 --> 00:42:36,480

just say as an aside one year at the

1066

00:42:41,190 --> 00:42:38,000

amazing meeting

1067

00:42:42,950 --> 00:42:41,200

where we had to seal a room we

1068

00:42:45,190 --> 00:42:42,960

taped up the room and wrote our

1069

00:42:49,109 --> 00:42:45,200

signatures across the tape

1070

00:42:51,270 --> 00:42:49,119

which was uh an interesting experiment

1071

00:42:53,430 --> 00:42:51,280

at the conclusion of the meeting he and

1072

00:42:56,230 --> 00:42:53,440

his colleagues pronounced the papers

1073

00:42:57,829 --> 00:42:56,240

to be intact and the cage perfectly

1074

00:43:00,550 --> 00:42:57,839

sounded every point

1075

00:43:01,030 --> 00:43:00,560

these preliminary facts are important

1076

00:43:03,190 --> 00:43:01,040

and

1077

00:43:04,790 --> 00:43:03,200

furthermore are stated with perfect

1078

00:43:07,030 --> 00:43:04,800

fidelity to truth

1079

00:43:08,150 --> 00:43:07,040

the first article passed through into

1080

00:43:10,710 --> 00:43:08,160

the cage

1081

00:43:11,589 --> 00:43:10,720

was a lump of clay with spearheads

1082

00:43:14,870 --> 00:43:11,599

buried in it

1083

00:43:18,470 --> 00:43:14,880

said to have come from central america

1084

00:43:20,150 --> 00:43:18,480

this quote a port and quote was about

1085

00:43:23,030 --> 00:43:20,160

the size of a

1086

00:43:25,349 --> 00:43:23,040

breakfast cup the next article brought

1087

00:43:27,750 --> 00:43:25,359

was an old parchment manuscript

1088

00:43:29,030 --> 00:43:27,760

said to have come from egypt a little

1089

00:43:31,349 --> 00:43:29,040

later on

1090

00:43:33,589 --> 00:43:31,359

the hindu control said it had been

1091

00:43:36,150 --> 00:43:33,599

promised that articles similar to those

1092

00:43:38,630 --> 00:43:36,160

which had been brought from time to time

1093

00:43:40,950 --> 00:43:38,640

before the cage had been introduced

1094

00:43:41,670 --> 00:43:40,960

would be produced under the new

1095

00:43:44,150 --> 00:43:41,680

conditions

1096

00:43:45,430 --> 00:43:44,160

in order to prove that the phenomena

1097

00:43:48,309 --> 00:43:45,440

could take place

1098

00:43:48,790 --> 00:43:48,319

under the most strict conditions as well

1099

00:43:50,870 --> 00:43:48,800

and

1100

00:43:52,790 --> 00:43:50,880

while the medium was sitting at the

1101

00:43:55,430 --> 00:43:52,800

table it had been said

1102

00:43:57,430 --> 00:43:55,440

the control pointed out that while at

1103

00:44:00,790 --> 00:43:57,440

the table the medium had had

1104

00:44:03,829 --> 00:44:00,800

articles passed to him in the dark

1105

00:44:05,430 --> 00:44:03,839

by some female sitter acting in

1106

00:44:07,829 --> 00:44:05,440

collusion with him

1107

00:44:08,470 --> 00:44:07,839

the present test series had been decided

1108

00:44:10,470 --> 00:44:08,480

upon

1109

00:44:11,750 --> 00:44:10,480

in order to provide an answer to the

1110

00:44:14,870 --> 00:44:11,760

people who took

1111

00:44:16,870 --> 00:44:14,880

this view of the occurrences after

1112

00:44:17,670 --> 00:44:16,880

making a statement to the foregoing

1113

00:44:20,150 --> 00:44:17,680

effect

1114

00:44:20,870 --> 00:44:20,160

the control announced that the medium

1115

00:44:23,270 --> 00:44:20,880

had

1116

00:44:25,109 --> 00:44:23,280

been searched before entering the cage

1117

00:44:28,390 --> 00:44:25,119

by four of the sitters

1118

00:44:29,190 --> 00:44:28,400

and even if he had been able to conceal

1119

00:44:32,150 --> 00:44:29,200

about him

1120

00:44:33,430 --> 00:44:32,160

a live bird which of course was

1121

00:44:35,750 --> 00:44:33,440

impossible

1122

00:44:38,150 --> 00:44:35,760

it would have been smothered during the

1123

00:44:40,710 --> 00:44:38,160

interval of one hour that had elapsed

1124

00:44:42,630 --> 00:44:40,720

since the medium had entered the cage

1125

00:44:44,470 --> 00:44:42,640

the light was then placed in the box

1126  
00:44:46,790 --> 00:44:44,480  
provided for that purpose

1127  
00:44:48,390 --> 00:44:46,800  
when it is required that the light shall

1128  
00:44:50,870 --> 00:44:48,400  
be excluded for

1129  
00:44:52,790 --> 00:44:50,880  
about two minutes the room was in

1130  
00:44:55,589 --> 00:44:52,800  
complete darkness

1131  
00:44:56,950 --> 00:44:55,599  
at the end of that time the lamp was

1132  
00:44:58,710 --> 00:44:56,960  
taken from the box

1133  
00:45:01,589 --> 00:44:58,720  
and the sitter saw in the hand of the

1134  
00:45:03,910 --> 00:45:01,599  
medium a perfectly formed nest

1135  
00:45:05,109 --> 00:45:03,920  
with a bird sitting in it being

1136  
00:45:07,750 --> 00:45:05,119  
apparently

1137  
00:45:10,390 --> 00:45:07,760  
asleep the control said the creature

1138  
00:45:13,829 --> 00:45:10,400

would wake up soon

1139

00:45:15,270 --> 00:45:13,839

and so it did moving about struggling in

1140

00:45:18,870 --> 00:45:15,280

the hands of the medium

1141

00:45:22,230 --> 00:45:18,880

in a vain endeavor to get free

1142

00:45:24,550 --> 00:45:22,240

after the seals and lock were examined

1143

00:45:25,670 --> 00:45:24,560

and found to have been undisturbed the

1144

00:45:28,710 --> 00:45:25,680

door was opened

1145

00:45:30,309 --> 00:45:28,720

so that a cage for the bird might be

1146

00:45:32,870 --> 00:45:30,319

passed into the place

1147

00:45:33,430 --> 00:45:32,880

where the medium sat and the bird and

1148

00:45:36,950 --> 00:45:33,440

the nest

1149

00:45:40,150 --> 00:45:36,960

were taken home later by mr stanford

1150

00:45:41,109 --> 00:45:40,160

and i'll just pause there to say this is

1151

00:45:43,750 --> 00:45:41,119

um

1152

00:45:44,870 --> 00:45:43,760

this is fascinating in so much as it

1153

00:45:47,910 --> 00:45:44,880

describes a

1154

00:45:51,589 --> 00:45:47,920

run-of-the-mill stage

1155

00:45:54,550 --> 00:45:53,030

well i don't want to say run-of-the-mill

1156

00:45:56,710 --> 00:45:54,560

i mean they're all very clever and very

1157

00:45:59,910 --> 00:45:56,720

spectacular but still

1158

00:46:01,270 --> 00:45:59,920

the third seance conducted by mr t w

1159

00:46:03,829 --> 00:46:01,280

stanford melbourne

1160

00:46:05,030 --> 00:46:03,839

with mr bailey as the medium took place

1161

00:46:08,790 --> 00:46:05,040

on wednesday night

1162

00:46:10,950 --> 00:46:08,800

december 30. and the results were as

1163

00:46:13,910 --> 00:46:10,960

mysterious as previously

1164

00:46:14,309 --> 00:46:13,920

the medium was in the cages before the

1165

00:46:16,790 --> 00:46:14,319

door

1166

00:46:19,430 --> 00:46:16,800

being locked with the crevices covered

1167

00:46:22,790 --> 00:46:19,440

with initialed and stamped paper

1168

00:46:25,829 --> 00:46:22,800

the cage has a solid wood floor

1169

00:46:26,870 --> 00:46:25,839

while the roof and sides are of mosquito

1170

00:46:29,190 --> 00:46:26,880

netting

1171

00:46:30,470 --> 00:46:29,200

the thorough examination was made before

1172

00:46:32,950 --> 00:46:30,480

the medium entered

1173

00:46:34,069 --> 00:46:32,960

and the two examiners one a visitor from

1174

00:46:36,550 --> 00:46:34,079

america

1175

00:46:37,589 --> 00:46:36,560

pronounced the enclosure to be intact

1176

00:46:39,510 --> 00:46:37,599

the first article

1177

00:46:42,710 --> 00:46:39,520

landed inside the cage was a lump of

1178

00:46:46,470 --> 00:46:42,720

clay similar to that previously brought

1179

00:46:48,630 --> 00:46:46,480

and it contained spearheads said to have

1180

00:46:49,750 --> 00:46:48,640

belonged to prehistoric times in south

1181

00:46:52,710 --> 00:46:49,760

america

1182

00:46:53,109 --> 00:46:52,720

the second article brought was a fabric

1183

00:46:56,470 --> 00:46:53,119

of

1184

00:46:59,349 --> 00:46:56,480

woven grass said to have served

1185

00:47:00,390 --> 00:46:59,359

as a piece of hanging in front of the

1186

00:47:03,430 --> 00:47:00,400

doorway

1187

00:47:06,470 --> 00:47:03,440

of an indian mosque it was examined

1188

00:47:09,430 --> 00:47:06,480

by an indian control in regard to this

1189

00:47:09,990 --> 00:47:09,440

that whereas silk hangings are used in

1190

00:47:13,030 --> 00:47:10,000

many

1191

00:47:14,870 --> 00:47:13,040

of the rich temples of the cities the

1192

00:47:17,349 --> 00:47:14,880

poorer places of worship

1193

00:47:19,750 --> 00:47:17,359

in the outlying parts were adorned with

1194

00:47:22,309 --> 00:47:19,760

materials made of grass

1195

00:47:23,589 --> 00:47:22,319

this article measured about eight foot

1196

00:47:27,190 --> 00:47:23,599

long

1197

00:47:30,390 --> 00:47:27,200

by about 18 inches wide and would bulk

1198

00:47:33,750 --> 00:47:30,400

about as great as a man's beauford coat

1199

00:47:37,030 --> 00:47:33,760

and could not possibly have escaped

1200

00:47:40,069 --> 00:47:37,040

observation by the searchers had it

1201  
00:47:41,030 --> 00:47:40,079  
been concealed about the person of the

1202  
00:47:43,750 --> 00:47:41,040  
medium

1203  
00:47:45,910 --> 00:47:43,760  
in addition to bringing these articles

1204  
00:47:47,430 --> 00:47:45,920  
the various controls offered a very

1205  
00:47:51,030 --> 00:47:47,440  
eloquent prayer

1206  
00:47:51,990 --> 00:47:51,040  
sung hymns and delivered an able address

1207  
00:47:55,349 --> 00:47:52,000  
based upon

1208  
00:47:57,990 --> 00:47:55,359  
the earthquake catastrophe in sicily

1209  
00:47:59,990 --> 00:47:58,000  
melbourne representative of the sunday

1210  
00:48:03,910 --> 00:48:00,000  
times

1211  
00:48:05,589 --> 00:48:03,920  
and once again it seems to me

1212  
00:48:08,309 --> 00:48:05,599  
that that was a very good and

1213  
00:48:12,309 --> 00:48:08,319

interesting act of the time

1214

00:48:15,670 --> 00:48:12,319

posing as paranormal ability

1215

00:48:17,109 --> 00:48:15,680

and finally we find an article that asks

1216

00:48:19,829 --> 00:48:17,119

the big question

1217

00:48:22,470 --> 00:48:19,839

are you psychic and this was published

1218

00:48:26,069 --> 00:48:22,480

in the gippsland times in victoria

1219

00:48:28,470 --> 00:48:26,079

on the 26th of august 1950.

1220

00:48:30,069 --> 00:48:28,480

are you psychic until recently

1221

00:48:32,950 --> 00:48:30,079

scientists have done

1222

00:48:34,549 --> 00:48:32,960

nothing but scoff at people who claim to

1223

00:48:36,950 --> 00:48:34,559

have psychic powers

1224

00:48:38,230 --> 00:48:36,960

but now they are discovering that one

1225

00:48:41,670 --> 00:48:38,240

person in five

1226  
00:48:45,109 --> 00:48:41,680  
has some degree of second sight

1227  
00:48:46,549 --> 00:48:45,119  
stories of prophecy mind reading and the

1228  
00:48:49,910 --> 00:48:46,559  
ability to

1229  
00:48:51,109 --> 00:48:49,920  
see through walls or across thousands of

1230  
00:48:54,470 --> 00:48:51,119  
miles of space

1231  
00:48:57,030 --> 00:48:54,480  
are no longer dismissed as idle gossip

1232  
00:48:59,270 --> 00:48:57,040  
they are eagerly sought after by

1233  
00:49:02,790 --> 00:48:59,280  
serious-minded researchers

1234  
00:49:05,990 --> 00:49:02,800  
experts at half a dozen u.s universities

1235  
00:49:08,549 --> 00:49:06,000  
and scientists at oxford and cambridge

1236  
00:49:09,670 --> 00:49:08,559  
they are clues to yet another psychic

1237  
00:49:12,870 --> 00:49:09,680  
and science

1238  
00:49:16,069 --> 00:49:12,880

wants to know all about them

1239

00:49:18,950 --> 00:49:16,079

last month a young woman sat at a desk

1240

00:49:21,349 --> 00:49:18,960

in a psychic research office in new york

1241

00:49:24,549 --> 00:49:21,359

looking at a magazine advertisement

1242

00:49:27,589 --> 00:49:24,559

she leaned back clicked a stopwatch

1243

00:49:31,829 --> 00:49:27,599

and noted the time at that moment

1244

00:49:34,390 --> 00:49:31,839

3 000 miles away in london another woman

1245

00:49:36,230 --> 00:49:34,400

turned to a group of scientists who were

1246

00:49:40,470 --> 00:49:36,240

watching her intently

1247

00:49:42,870 --> 00:49:40,480

and said quote a small pony

1248

00:49:44,390 --> 00:49:42,880

the advertisement the young woman in new

1249

00:49:48,710 --> 00:49:44,400

york was looking at was

1250

00:49:51,750 --> 00:49:48,720

designed around a drawing of a pony

1251  
00:49:53,829 --> 00:49:51,760  
pioneer work experiments like this to

1252  
00:49:54,870 --> 00:49:53,839  
probe the unknown world of mental

1253  
00:49:57,270 --> 00:49:54,880  
telepathy

1254  
00:49:58,309 --> 00:49:57,280  
and other twilight powers of the mind

1255  
00:50:01,270 --> 00:49:58,319  
are taking place

1256  
00:50:02,470 --> 00:50:01,280  
every day and now after 20 years of

1257  
00:50:06,069 --> 00:50:02,480  
pioneer work

1258  
00:50:08,470 --> 00:50:06,079  
by a few scientists research into extra

1259  
00:50:10,790 --> 00:50:08,480  
sensory perception points to a

1260  
00:50:12,230 --> 00:50:10,800  
remarkable conclusion

1261  
00:50:15,190 --> 00:50:12,240  
i'll just pause there to say that's

1262  
00:50:18,790 --> 00:50:15,200  
interesting 1950 and they used the term

1263  
00:50:22,390 --> 00:50:18,800

extra sensory perception esp

1264

00:50:26,230 --> 00:50:22,400

i wonder when that term was first used

1265

00:50:29,270 --> 00:50:26,240

it's certainly not used now we read on

1266

00:50:31,390 --> 00:50:29,280

some people as many as one in five

1267

00:50:33,030 --> 00:50:31,400

have an additional sense that works

1268

00:50:36,470 --> 00:50:33,040

spasmodically

1269

00:50:39,030 --> 00:50:36,480

in their subconscious it is this sense

1270

00:50:41,510 --> 00:50:39,040

that enables them to foretell a future

1271

00:50:45,589 --> 00:50:41,520

event read another person's mind

1272

00:50:48,630 --> 00:50:45,599

no matter how far away and see

1273

00:50:51,109 --> 00:50:48,640

through walls doors and other visual

1274

00:50:51,990 --> 00:50:51,119

barriers but this does not mean that

1275

00:50:55,829 --> 00:50:52,000

every story

1276  
00:50:58,950 --> 00:50:55,839  
aunt millie tells about her premonitions

1277  
00:51:02,470 --> 00:50:58,960  
is a true example of psychic power

1278  
00:51:05,750 --> 00:51:02,480  
many claims false

1279  
00:51:09,430 --> 00:51:05,760  
america's psychical research society has

1280  
00:51:12,630 --> 00:51:09,440  
found that 98 of claims to

1281  
00:51:13,430 --> 00:51:12,640  
psychic powers are false this huge

1282  
00:51:16,390 --> 00:51:13,440  
proportion

1283  
00:51:18,630 --> 00:51:16,400  
of inaccuracy and imagination in trying

1284  
00:51:19,109 --> 00:51:18,640  
to track down real examples of second

1285  
00:51:21,589 --> 00:51:19,119  
sight

1286  
00:51:22,230 --> 00:51:21,599  
is the greatest single problem facing

1287  
00:51:25,430 --> 00:51:22,240  
psychic

1288  
00:51:25,910 --> 00:51:25,440

research scientists but every now and

1289

00:51:28,230 --> 00:51:25,920

then

1290

00:51:30,549 --> 00:51:28,240

they come across a story that does

1291

00:51:33,270 --> 00:51:30,559

suggest a psychic element

1292

00:51:34,950 --> 00:51:33,280

here is a typical one a three-year-old

1293

00:51:36,790 --> 00:51:34,960

boy named billy

1294

00:51:38,549 --> 00:51:36,800

was playing on the floor at home with

1295

00:51:41,589 --> 00:51:38,559

his parents one afternoon

1296

00:51:43,430 --> 00:51:41,599

when he suddenly stopped and walked

1297

00:51:46,069 --> 00:51:43,440

towards the window

1298

00:51:47,349 --> 00:51:46,079

he wasn't tall enough to see out of it

1299

00:51:51,030 --> 00:51:47,359

but he said

1300

00:51:54,470 --> 00:51:51,040

sadly aunt helen isn't coming

1301  
00:51:57,349 --> 00:51:54,480  
the time was 2 30 p.m billy's father was

1302  
00:52:00,150 --> 00:51:57,359  
about to tune into a wireless program

1303  
00:52:01,430 --> 00:52:00,160  
and he could vouch for the exact time of

1304  
00:52:03,510 --> 00:52:01,440  
billy's remark

1305  
00:52:04,710 --> 00:52:03,520  
billy's parents laughed at him because

1306  
00:52:08,630 --> 00:52:04,720  
as far as they knew

1307  
00:52:09,589 --> 00:52:08,640  
his aunt helen was in her home 100 miles

1308  
00:52:11,589 --> 00:52:09,599  
away

1309  
00:52:13,589 --> 00:52:11,599  
they hadn't seen or mentioned her for

1310  
00:52:17,670 --> 00:52:13,599  
months and they were not

1311  
00:52:19,990 --> 00:52:17,680  
expecting her to call psychic ability

1312  
00:52:20,950 --> 00:52:20,000  
the next day aunt helen telephoned to

1313  
00:52:24,230 --> 00:52:20,960

say

1314

00:52:26,870 --> 00:52:24,240

that she'd been driving past the house

1315

00:52:27,589 --> 00:52:26,880

the day before on her way to another

1316

00:52:30,069 --> 00:52:27,599

town

1317

00:52:30,710 --> 00:52:30,079

she had meant to come in on a surprise

1318

00:52:32,309 --> 00:52:30,720

visit

1319

00:52:35,190 --> 00:52:32,319

but she'd looked at her watch and

1320

00:52:38,790 --> 00:52:35,200

decided she did not have time to stop

1321

00:52:40,870 --> 00:52:38,800

it had been 2 30 when she drove past

1322

00:52:42,950 --> 00:52:40,880

in a case like this psychic research

1323

00:52:45,030 --> 00:52:42,960

scientists prepare a special set of

1324

00:52:47,670 --> 00:52:45,040

questions for the people involved

1325

00:52:48,710 --> 00:52:47,680

if the full facts as related by several

1326  
00:52:51,750 --> 00:52:48,720  
people relevant

1327  
00:52:52,710 --> 00:52:51,760  
to the story could not have been

1328  
00:52:55,430 --> 00:52:52,720  
coincidence

1329  
00:52:57,109 --> 00:52:55,440  
mistake or imagination they make further

1330  
00:53:00,150 --> 00:52:57,119  
tests on the person

1331  
00:53:02,309 --> 00:53:00,160  
with the apparent psychic ability

1332  
00:53:05,430 --> 00:53:02,319  
the scientific checks are mainly carried

1333  
00:53:09,030 --> 00:53:05,440  
out with a pack of special cards called

1334  
00:53:13,190 --> 00:53:09,040  
esp extra sensory

1335  
00:53:15,990 --> 00:53:13,200  
perception cards card test

1336  
00:53:17,030 --> 00:53:16,000  
esp cards have 25 in the pack five

1337  
00:53:20,230 --> 00:53:17,040  
showing a circle

1338  
00:53:22,710 --> 00:53:20,240

five showing a star and so on

1339

00:53:23,750 --> 00:53:22,720

the psychic person sits on the far side

1340

00:53:26,790 --> 00:53:23,760

of a room

1341

00:53:30,630 --> 00:53:26,800

hidden from the man conducting the test

1342

00:53:31,349 --> 00:53:30,640

by a screen in a simple mental telepathy

1343

00:53:33,510 --> 00:53:31,359

test

1344

00:53:36,309 --> 00:53:33,520

the psychic subject is asked to name the

1345

00:53:39,190 --> 00:53:36,319

cards the experimenter is thinking about

1346

00:53:40,829 --> 00:53:39,200

to test ability to visualize an object

1347

00:53:43,510 --> 00:53:40,839

at a distance

1348

00:53:45,670 --> 00:53:43,520

clairvoyance the experimenter might ask

1349

00:53:46,870 --> 00:53:45,680

the subject to name order of cards in a

1350

00:53:49,750 --> 00:53:46,880

blank envelope

1351  
00:53:51,109 --> 00:53:49,760  
to test ability to foretell the future

1352  
00:53:53,670 --> 00:53:51,119  
precognition

1353  
00:53:54,470 --> 00:53:53,680  
the subject would have to state the

1354  
00:53:56,309 --> 00:53:54,480  
order

1355  
00:53:59,430 --> 00:53:56,319  
of the cards after they had been

1356  
00:54:01,990 --> 00:53:59,440  
shuffled the cards would be shuffled

1357  
00:54:03,430 --> 00:54:02,000  
mechanically the packs changed

1358  
00:54:05,510 --> 00:54:03,440  
frequently

1359  
00:54:06,790 --> 00:54:05,520  
thousands of subjects have been tested

1360  
00:54:09,349 --> 00:54:06,800  
in this way

1361  
00:54:10,470 --> 00:54:09,359  
and to cancel out the possibility of

1362  
00:54:12,470 --> 00:54:10,480  
guesswork

1363  
00:54:13,990 --> 00:54:12,480

some subjects have been tested over

1364

00:54:16,870 --> 00:54:14,000

periods of days

1365

00:54:18,710 --> 00:54:16,880

even weeks there are always certain

1366

00:54:21,349 --> 00:54:18,720

people who score higher

1367

00:54:22,950 --> 00:54:21,359

than mathematical chance allows this

1368

00:54:27,030 --> 00:54:22,960

means that psychic power

1369

00:54:29,510 --> 00:54:27,040

really exists what is it

1370

00:54:31,670 --> 00:54:29,520

some critics maintain that the scores

1371

00:54:34,950 --> 00:54:31,680

achieved in these tests

1372

00:54:37,750 --> 00:54:34,960

are no better than mathematical flukes

1373

00:54:40,309 --> 00:54:37,760

might produce but the us institute of

1374

00:54:42,630 --> 00:54:40,319

mathematical statistics has analyzed the

1375

00:54:44,390 --> 00:54:42,640

results of several research men

1376

00:54:46,069 --> 00:54:44,400

and has fully approved of their

1377

00:54:49,430 --> 00:54:46,079

precautions against

1378

00:54:50,789 --> 00:54:49,440

coincidence giving an apparently psychic

1379

00:54:53,190 --> 00:54:50,799

result

1380

00:54:54,870 --> 00:54:53,200

the psychic research scientists make no

1381

00:54:57,750 --> 00:54:54,880

claims about their work

1382

00:55:00,549 --> 00:54:57,760

merely emphasize a great deal more

1383

00:55:02,549 --> 00:55:00,559

research is necessary

1384

00:55:05,270 --> 00:55:02,559

although many more scientists are

1385

00:55:07,990 --> 00:55:05,280

becoming interested in psychic research

1386

00:55:10,549 --> 00:55:08,000

none is prepared to state what this

1387

00:55:12,870 --> 00:55:10,559

uncanny power really is

1388

00:55:14,390 --> 00:55:12,880

some think it might be remnants of a

1389

00:55:16,950 --> 00:55:14,400

primitive sense that

1390

00:55:18,069 --> 00:55:16,960

operated among men before they could

1391

00:55:21,750 --> 00:55:18,079

speak

1392

00:55:23,910 --> 00:55:21,760

biologist julian huxley thinks it may be

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00:55:26,549 --> 00:55:23,920

a new human capacity still

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00:55:28,069 --> 00:55:26,559

in its earliest stage of development and

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00:55:30,710 --> 00:55:28,079

evolution

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00:55:32,549 --> 00:55:30,720

all psychic research scientists agree

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00:55:34,950 --> 00:55:32,559

that the power is a strange mental

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00:55:38,630 --> 00:55:34,960

combination of the flow of time

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00:55:41,349 --> 00:55:38,640

and the concepts of the physical world

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00:55:42,069 --> 00:55:41,359

most psychic exchanges occur between

1401  
00:55:44,549 --> 00:55:42,079  
people

1402  
00:55:49,030 --> 00:55:44,559  
who are close friends or members of the

1403  
00:55:52,390 --> 00:55:49,040  
same family

1404  
00:55:54,630 --> 00:55:52,400  
and there we'll wrap it up for this week

1405  
00:55:55,589 --> 00:55:54,640  
looking into the trove reports for

1406  
00:56:00,309 --> 00:55:55,599  
psychic

1407  
00:56:03,910 --> 00:56:02,710  
and i think i've mentioned before there

1408  
00:56:06,309 --> 00:56:03,920  
are

1409  
00:56:07,910 --> 00:56:06,319  
many reports through the years of

1410  
00:56:10,069 --> 00:56:07,920  
so-called psychic tests or

1411  
00:56:11,270 --> 00:56:10,079  
demonstrations and i just wish i could

1412  
00:56:14,309 --> 00:56:11,280  
have been there

1413  
00:56:17,510 --> 00:56:14,319

i really do maybe with

1414

00:56:20,309 --> 00:56:17,520

some of my magician friends birds

1415

00:56:23,589 --> 00:56:20,319

appearing through mosquito nets

1416

00:56:25,990 --> 00:56:23,599

and nests as well

1417

00:56:27,990 --> 00:56:26,000

what a great use for psychic ability or

1418

00:56:29,829 --> 00:56:28,000

paranormal powers

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00:56:32,309 --> 00:56:29,839

next week on trove we'll be looking at

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00:56:35,510 --> 00:56:32,319

another angle

1421

00:56:44,470 --> 00:56:35,520

another reference another avenue

1422

00:56:46,069 --> 00:56:44,480

into the world of the paranormal

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00:56:48,309 --> 00:56:46,079

and you can discover all that and much

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00:56:52,470 --> 00:56:48,319

more by visiting trove

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00:56:58,480 --> 00:56:52,480

at trove.nla.gov dot a u

1426  
00:57:16,230 --> 00:56:58,490  
and you'll never know what you'll find

1427  
00:57:19,910 --> 00:57:17,670  
thank you for listening to the skeptics

1428  
00:57:21,190 --> 00:57:19,920  
and podcast coming up on next week's

1429  
00:57:24,870 --> 00:57:21,200  
show in the trove

1430  
00:57:26,309 --> 00:57:24,880  
segment we look at uh psychics and

1431  
00:57:30,870 --> 00:57:26,319  
police

1432  
00:57:32,510 --> 00:57:30,880  
people who continue to support the

1433  
00:57:36,549 --> 00:57:32,520  
skeptic zone at

1434  
00:57:39,030 --> 00:57:36,559  
skepticzone.tv via paypal or patreon

1435  
00:57:40,069 --> 00:57:39,040  
and sort of like last year at the moment

1436  
00:57:42,470 --> 00:57:40,079  
since all my other

1437  
00:57:44,549 --> 00:57:42,480  
sources of income have stopped owing to

1438  
00:57:47,109 --> 00:57:44,559

the pandemic i can't do the

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00:57:48,470 --> 00:57:47,119

live science show i normally do i can't

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00:57:50,789 --> 00:57:48,480

do my uh

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00:57:52,789 --> 00:57:50,799

acting and other work that i normally do

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00:57:55,190 --> 00:57:52,799

i've lost some other work doing video

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00:57:58,789 --> 00:57:55,200

production and oreo production

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00:58:00,789 --> 00:57:58,799

all gone so i am very grateful

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00:58:03,589 --> 00:58:00,799

you can imagine to those people who

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00:58:05,829 --> 00:58:03,599

continue to support the skeptic zone

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00:58:06,789 --> 00:58:05,839

and if you've never done it why not give

1448

00:58:09,190 --> 00:58:06,799

it a try

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00:58:11,109 --> 00:58:09,200

what have you got to lose well you know

1450

00:58:11,910 --> 00:58:11,119

a little bit of money each week hardly

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00:58:14,069 --> 00:58:11,920

anything

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00:58:16,309 --> 00:58:14,079

you can chip in for as little as five

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00:58:20,069 --> 00:58:16,319

dollars a month

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00:58:21,910 --> 00:58:20,079

the united states

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00:58:23,510 --> 00:58:21,920

by the time the money conversion happens

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00:58:26,309 --> 00:58:23,520

that equates to about

1457

00:58:28,549 --> 00:58:26,319

eight or nine dollars here in australia

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00:58:31,030 --> 00:58:28,559

and that helps very much

1459

00:58:32,950 --> 00:58:31,040

well i certainly hope by the time next

1460

00:58:34,470 --> 00:58:32,960

week's show comes around i can tell a

1461

00:58:37,349 --> 00:58:34,480

happier story from

1462

00:58:39,990 --> 00:58:37,359

sydney australia and melbourne about the

1463

00:58:43,030 --> 00:58:40,000

uh the covenant numbers

1464

00:58:45,990 --> 00:58:43,040

but we don't know because as we

1465

00:58:48,150 --> 00:58:46,000

have discovered a long time ago you

1466

00:58:50,950 --> 00:58:48,160

cannot see the future

1467

00:58:53,190 --> 00:58:50,960

not in this case anyway until then until

1468

00:58:59,750 --> 00:58:53,200

next week this is richard saunders

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00:59:02,950 --> 00:59:01,510

you've been listening to the skeptic

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00:59:06,190 --> 00:59:02,960

zone podcast

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for show notes contacts and to access

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the back catalog of episodes

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going back to 2008. you can follow the

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or leave a review on itunes you can also

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support the skeptic zone

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via patreon or paypal the skeptic zone

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00:59:33,510 --> 00:59:30,559

podcast

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00:59:35,270 --> 00:59:33,520

is an independent production the views

1483

00:59:35,670 --> 00:59:35,280

and opinions expressed on the skeptic

1484

00:59:37,670 --> 00:59:35,680

zone

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00:59:39,589 --> 00:59:37,680

are not necessarily those of australian

1486

00:59:52,630 --> 00:59:39,599

skeptics or any other

1487

00:59:55,589 --> 00:59:54,309

yes it's the nice game folks it's the

1488

00:59:57,270 --> 00:59:55,599

easter egg at the end of the skeptic

1489

01:00:00,549 --> 00:59:57,280

zone i have a six-sided

1490

01:00:02,390 --> 01:00:00,559

round die here from kelly burke she sent

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01:00:04,390 --> 01:00:02,400

that to me can you believe it

1492

01:00:06,870 --> 01:00:04,400

and together with a bag of other really

1493

01:00:09,190 --> 01:00:06,880

weird straight look at this one

1494

01:00:10,470 --> 01:00:09,200

strange-sided four-sided dice this is

1495

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the part of the show folks if you don't

1496

01:00:13,030 --> 01:00:12,079

know where i roll or die in this

1497

01:00:15,910 --> 01:00:13,040

situation

1498

01:00:16,950 --> 01:00:15,920

and you use your psychic powers at home

1499

01:00:19,750 --> 01:00:16,960

to guess

1500

01:00:20,150 --> 01:00:19,760

or divine what number's coming up so i'm

1501

01:00:22,710 --> 01:00:20,160

going to

1502

01:00:24,150 --> 01:00:22,720

roll this one there it is it's got a

1503

01:00:27,270 --> 01:00:24,160

rattle in it

1504

01:00:29,510 --> 01:00:27,280

and let's see if anybody can guess the

1505

01:00:31,349 --> 01:00:29,520

number what do i hear what do i hear

1506

01:00:33,270 --> 01:00:31,359

oh i'm not going to predict it i'm going

1507

01:00:37,270 --> 01:00:33,280

to make it five happen richard

1508

01:00:39,270 --> 01:00:37,280

fine telekinesis telekinesis

1509

01:00:40,789 --> 01:00:39,280

i'm seeing threes fours people holding

1510

01:00:43,829 --> 01:00:40,799

up their fingers

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01:00:46,309 --> 01:00:43,839

ben radford says three car polished

1512

01:00:47,600 --> 01:00:46,319

one and i've got my dice rolling machine

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01:00:49,270 --> 01:00:47,610

here here it comes

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01:00:53,030 --> 01:00:49,280

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01:00:55,910 --> 01:00:53,040

six congratulations

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six first number six second roll what do

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we have

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01:01:01,030 --> 01:01:00,319

it's gonna explode it's gonna explode i

1519

01:01:03,030 --> 01:01:01,040

gotta roll i

1520

01:01:04,950 --> 01:01:03,040

forgot to write it down six there we go

1521

01:01:06,180 --> 01:01:04,960

and the next here comes the next one

1522

01:01:08,230 --> 01:01:06,190

you'd be really impressed

1523

01:01:10,069 --> 01:01:08,240

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1524

01:01:12,789 --> 01:01:10,079

and it's rolling and it's settling on

1525

01:01:18,470 --> 01:01:16,150

four rigged again poor susan

1526

01:01:19,349 --> 01:01:18,480

see that dice thing last number coming

1527

01:01:23,670 --> 01:01:19,359

up

1528

01:01:25,589 --> 01:01:23,680

and

1529

01:01:26,420 --> 01:01:25,599

susan says five we got lots of numbers

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01:01:32,950 --> 01:01:26,430

and it is