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Maynard

Herman Cane Freedom Award  
with Adrian Hill

YouTube gives  
Anti-Vaxers the boot

Meet Maynard's dad  
on his 93rd birthday

TROVE  
Palm Reading

1  
00:00:20,950 --> 00:00:08,300

[Music]

2  
00:00:24,509 --> 00:00:22,790

yes it's the skeptic zone podcast

3  
00:00:27,390 --> 00:00:24,519

episode number

4  
00:00:30,150 --> 00:00:27,400

678 for the 3rd of october

5  
00:00:31,669 --> 00:00:30,160

2021 richard saunders coming to you from

6  
00:00:33,510 --> 00:00:31,679

sydney australia

7  
00:00:35,670 --> 00:00:33,520

october already

8  
00:00:38,310 --> 00:00:35,680

well it's been a long year of course and

9  
00:00:40,069 --> 00:00:38,320

much of this year for sydney siders

10  
00:00:43,590 --> 00:00:40,079

has been in lockdown

11  
00:00:45,990 --> 00:00:43,600

but it seems next week i think next week

12  
00:00:48,389 --> 00:00:46,000

certain restrictions will be lifted and

13  
00:00:50,310 --> 00:00:48,399

we can start to look forward to getting

14

00:00:52,709 --> 00:00:50,320

back to life as normal whatever that

15

00:00:54,229 --> 00:00:52,719

might mean in the future

16

00:00:55,990 --> 00:00:54,239

but what's in the future for the next

17

00:00:58,069 --> 00:00:56,000

hour anyway coming up on the skeptic

18

00:01:00,869 --> 00:00:58,079

zone podcast we're going to start off

19

00:01:03,270 --> 00:01:00,879

with a report from adrian hill

20

00:01:05,509 --> 00:01:03,280

you can count on adrian with adrian hill

21

00:01:08,630 --> 00:01:05,519

she's going to be looking at the herman

22

00:01:11,750 --> 00:01:08,640

cain award and this is akin

23

00:01:14,230 --> 00:01:11,760

to the sorry

24

00:01:17,830 --> 00:01:14,240

site we discussed a couple of weeks ago

25

00:01:21,109 --> 00:01:17,840

and apparently this is on subreddit find

26

00:01:23,429 --> 00:01:21,119

out more with adrian hill then we relate

27

00:01:26,710 --> 00:01:23,439

the story which you've probably heard by

28

00:01:27,870 --> 00:01:26,720

now about the strong stance youtube is

29

00:01:30,630 --> 00:01:27,880

taking against

30

00:01:33,990 --> 00:01:30,640

anti-vaccination disinformation

31

00:01:36,469 --> 00:01:34,000

and banning many prominent anti-vaxxers

32

00:01:39,350 --> 00:01:36,479

and videos pertaining to

33

00:01:41,510 --> 00:01:39,360

vaccination giving bad or

34

00:01:43,670 --> 00:01:41,520

false advice

35

00:01:46,710 --> 00:01:43,680

a strong move find out more later on in

36

00:01:48,710 --> 00:01:46,720

the show then a real treat maynard

37

00:01:49,749 --> 00:01:48,720

is back with maynard's spooky action and

38

00:01:51,590 --> 00:01:49,759

maynard

39

00:01:54,310 --> 00:01:51,600

chats to his dad

40

00:01:56,709 --> 00:01:54,320

maynard's dad turned 93 a couple of

41

00:01:59,109 --> 00:01:56,719

weeks ago maynard took the opportunity

42

00:02:01,429 --> 00:01:59,119

to interview him about his memories of

43

00:02:04,310 --> 00:02:01,439

when he was a very young boy

44

00:02:07,270 --> 00:02:04,320

and the ramifications of the last flu

45

00:02:09,510 --> 00:02:07,280

pandemic then to round off the show it's

46

00:02:12,229 --> 00:02:09,520

the trove segment this week we're going

47

00:02:14,150 --> 00:02:12,239

to be looking at palm reading palm

48

00:02:16,309 --> 00:02:14,160

reading in the annals of digitized

49

00:02:17,589 --> 00:02:16,319

newspapers going back through the

50

00:02:19,190 --> 00:02:17,599

decades

51  
00:02:20,550 --> 00:02:19,200  
and speaking of palm reading palm

52  
00:02:22,470 --> 00:02:20,560  
reading is the subject of one of the

53  
00:02:23,750 --> 00:02:22,480  
very short videos i've just put up on

54  
00:02:25,670 --> 00:02:23,760  
tick tock

55  
00:02:26,550 --> 00:02:25,680  
at richard underscore saunders on tick

56  
00:02:28,949 --> 00:02:26,560  
tock

57  
00:02:31,670 --> 00:02:28,959  
i've put up palm reading

58  
00:02:33,190 --> 00:02:31,680  
tarot card reading and pendulums because

59  
00:02:35,030 --> 00:02:33,200  
i've noticed

60  
00:02:37,030 --> 00:02:35,040  
all those sort of things to appear on

61  
00:02:38,309 --> 00:02:37,040  
tock have i noticed palm reading i'm

62  
00:02:41,270 --> 00:02:38,319  
sure it's there somewhere certainly

63  
00:02:43,270 --> 00:02:41,280

tarot card as we discussed last week

64

00:02:45,110 --> 00:02:43,280

and pendulums

65

00:02:46,630 --> 00:02:45,120

and i hope to be putting up more short

66

00:02:49,270 --> 00:02:46,640

videos

67

00:02:50,790 --> 00:02:49,280

probably in the next week

68

00:02:53,030 --> 00:02:50,800

but if you go to the skeptic's own

69

00:02:54,550 --> 00:02:53,040

website at [skepticzone.tv](http://skepticzone.tv) go to the top

70

00:02:57,110 --> 00:02:54,560

of the page you'll see the tick tock

71

00:02:59,589 --> 00:02:57,120

link and you can check them out and my

72

00:03:02,070 --> 00:02:59,599

dear friend dr angie mattke over in

73

00:03:04,869 --> 00:03:02,080

atlanta georgia has also been putting up

74

00:03:06,710 --> 00:03:04,879

the same videos and we're keen to see

75

00:03:08,630 --> 00:03:06,720

who gets more hits maybe i'm cheating a

76

00:03:09,910 --> 00:03:08,640

bit by mentioning my videos on the

77

00:03:12,229 --> 00:03:09,920

skeptic zone

78

00:03:13,350 --> 00:03:12,239

tick tock is an interesting thing

79

00:03:15,350 --> 00:03:13,360

it's

80

00:03:18,710 --> 00:03:15,360

light entertainment

81

00:03:20,630 --> 00:03:18,720

to all the way to very serious topics

82

00:03:22,790 --> 00:03:20,640

lots of silliness there

83

00:03:25,110 --> 00:03:22,800

and lots of good information and bad

84

00:03:27,509 --> 00:03:25,120

information it's a mixed bag and another

85

00:03:30,390 --> 00:03:27,519

shout out to my wonderful friends

86

00:03:32,710 --> 00:03:30,400

in melbourne it's been too long i keep

87

00:03:34,630 --> 00:03:32,720

dreaming of the day melbourne is a great

88

00:03:36,550 --> 00:03:34,640

great place to visit wonderful place i

89

00:03:37,270 --> 00:03:36,560

keep dreaming of the day where i'm able

90

00:03:41,430 --> 00:03:37,280

to

91

00:03:43,270 --> 00:03:41,440

such a good time with my friend dr steve

92

00:03:45,910 --> 00:03:43,280

roberts in melbourne

93

00:03:50,869 --> 00:03:45,920

we uh have the habit in the recent years

94

00:03:52,149 --> 00:03:50,879

of raiding costco to buy a giant tin of

95

00:03:53,429 --> 00:03:52,159

crunchy

96

00:03:55,509 --> 00:03:53,439

peanuts

97

00:03:57,270 --> 00:03:55,519

a couple of bottles of red wine a nice

98

00:04:01,030 --> 00:03:57,280

bottle of whiskey

99

00:04:02,630 --> 00:04:01,040

and just enjoy watching obscure russian

100

00:04:06,869 --> 00:04:02,640

movies

101  
00:04:09,030 --> 00:04:06,879  
yeah it's good and i really enjoy it and

102  
00:04:10,949 --> 00:04:09,040  
to my other friends in melbourne

103  
00:04:12,149 --> 00:04:10,959  
i think you know how much i miss seeing

104  
00:04:13,670 --> 00:04:12,159  
you

105  
00:04:15,670 --> 00:04:13,680  
stay tuned at the end of the show for

106  
00:04:16,870 --> 00:04:15,680  
more announcements from me

107  
00:04:19,590 --> 00:04:16,880  
but now it's time for me to run

108  
00:04:20,789 --> 00:04:19,600  
downstairs and have that wonderful

109  
00:04:23,030 --> 00:04:20,799  
wonderful

110  
00:04:24,310 --> 00:04:23,040  
sourdough bread with a bit of cream

111  
00:04:25,350 --> 00:04:24,320  
cheese

112  
00:04:28,790 --> 00:04:25,360  
some

113  
00:04:30,950 --> 00:04:28,800

swiss cheese on top of that

114

00:04:33,270 --> 00:04:30,960

and

115

00:04:42,500 --> 00:04:33,280

mustard yeah while i do that i hope you

116

00:04:42,510 --> 00:04:48,020

[Applause]

117

00:04:54,950 --> 00:04:51,990

[Music]

118

00:04:56,770 --> 00:04:54,960

you can count on adrian

119

00:05:01,590 --> 00:04:56,780

with adrian hill

120

00:05:03,590 --> 00:05:01,600

[Music]

121

00:05:05,710 --> 00:05:03,600

hello everyone

122

00:05:07,909 --> 00:05:05,720

similar to the content of the sorry

123

00:05:09,590 --> 00:05:07,919

antivixer.com site that richard susan

124

00:05:12,310 --> 00:05:09,600

gerbic and rob palmer talked about a

125

00:05:15,110 --> 00:05:12,320

couple episodes ago there is a subreddit

126  
00:05:17,430 --> 00:05:15,120  
that has become very popular that i'm

127  
00:05:19,990 --> 00:05:17,440  
going to talk about today

128  
00:05:21,830 --> 00:05:20,000  
like the sorry anti-vaxxer site it is

129  
00:05:24,150 --> 00:05:21,840  
really difficult to read

130  
00:05:27,270 --> 00:05:24,160  
it is called the hermann cain award

131  
00:05:30,230 --> 00:05:27,280  
subreddit which awards the hermann kane

132  
00:05:32,390 --> 00:05:30,240  
freedom award that has seen exponential

133  
00:05:34,870 --> 00:05:32,400  
growth according to several news sources

134  
00:05:38,070 --> 00:05:34,880  
writing about the sub

135  
00:05:39,590 --> 00:05:38,080  
in july there were around 2 000 members

136  
00:05:42,070 --> 00:05:39,600  
and when i looked at the sub on

137  
00:05:45,749 --> 00:05:42,080  
september 22nd when i found out about it

138  
00:05:47,670 --> 00:05:45,759

there were just under 280 000 members

139

00:05:50,510 --> 00:05:47,680

as of today when i'm recording on

140

00:05:53,590 --> 00:05:50,520

september 30th there are just over

141

00:05:55,749 --> 00:05:53,600

340 000 members

142

00:05:58,469 --> 00:05:55,759

what is the herman cain freedom award

143

00:06:01,029 --> 00:05:58,479

and who was herman cain herman cain

144

00:06:02,870 --> 00:06:01,039

according to wikipedia was a successful

145

00:06:03,909 --> 00:06:02,880

american businessman and republican

146

00:06:06,950 --> 00:06:03,919

activist

147

00:06:09,830 --> 00:06:06,960

in 2011 kane announced his candidacy for

148

00:06:12,070 --> 00:06:09,840

president though he did later withdraw

149

00:06:13,350 --> 00:06:12,080

after facing allegations of sexual

150

00:06:16,070 --> 00:06:13,360

misconduct

151  
00:06:17,830 --> 00:06:16,080  
in 2020 kane was the co-chair of black

152  
00:06:20,629 --> 00:06:17,840  
voices for trump

153  
00:06:23,110 --> 00:06:20,639  
he opposed max mandates posting anti-max

154  
00:06:25,510 --> 00:06:23,120  
propaganda regularly on his social media

155  
00:06:28,150 --> 00:06:25,520  
accounts

156  
00:06:29,189 --> 00:06:28,160  
an example of one of his tweets

157  
00:06:30,870 --> 00:06:29,199  
quote

158  
00:06:33,990 --> 00:06:30,880  
don't believe everything you hear on

159  
00:06:36,070 --> 00:06:34,000  
fake news i never had the wuhan flu

160  
00:06:38,710 --> 00:06:36,080  
because it doesn't exist

161  
00:06:42,070 --> 00:06:38,720  
hashtag mask off

162  
00:06:43,189 --> 00:06:42,080  
my body my choice hashtag pandemic end

163  
00:06:45,749 --> 00:06:43,199

quote

164

00:06:47,749 --> 00:06:45,759

kane was photographed at a june 2020

165

00:06:49,830 --> 00:06:47,759

trump rally not wearing a mask

166

00:06:51,270 --> 00:06:49,840

surrounded by a crowd also not wearing

167

00:06:53,589 --> 00:06:51,280

masks

168

00:06:56,150 --> 00:06:53,599

nine days later kane tested positive for

169

00:06:57,830 --> 00:06:56,160

covid19 and of course we don't know for

170

00:06:58,870 --> 00:06:57,840

sure he contracted the virus at the

171

00:07:01,510 --> 00:06:58,880

rally

172

00:07:03,990 --> 00:07:01,520

and sadly he died a month later from

173

00:07:06,710 --> 00:07:04,000

covid 19 complications

174

00:07:10,390 --> 00:07:06,720

he was 74.

175

00:07:13,270 --> 00:07:10,400

the herman cain freedom award or hcfa is

176

00:07:15,430 --> 00:07:13,280

reminiscent of the darwin awards

177

00:07:16,870 --> 00:07:15,440

taken directly from the subreddit it

178

00:07:19,830 --> 00:07:16,880

says quote

179

00:07:22,629 --> 00:07:19,840

nominees have made public declaration of

180

00:07:25,189 --> 00:07:22,639

their anti-mask anti-vaxx or covet hoax

181

00:07:26,469 --> 00:07:25,199

views followed by admission to hospital

182

00:07:28,790 --> 00:07:26,479

for covid

183

00:07:31,510 --> 00:07:28,800

the award is granted upon the nominees

184

00:07:32,550 --> 00:07:31,520

release from their earthly shackles end

185

00:07:34,629 --> 00:07:32,560

quote

186

00:07:36,870 --> 00:07:34,639

the subreddit has been criticized as

187

00:07:38,469 --> 00:07:36,880

being insensitive and grotesque by

188

00:07:40,150 --> 00:07:38,479

appearing to celebrate the deaths of

189

00:07:42,230 --> 00:07:40,160

people that are not in the same

190

00:07:43,510 --> 00:07:42,240

political circle

191

00:07:45,189 --> 00:07:43,520

and i don't know if the posts are

192

00:07:47,749 --> 00:07:45,199

checked for accuracy

193

00:07:49,990 --> 00:07:47,759

but what i saw was a lot of very sad and

194

00:07:51,589 --> 00:07:50,000

frustrated people posting about friends

195

00:07:52,390 --> 00:07:51,599

and relatives that they miss and mourn

196

00:07:54,070 --> 00:07:52,400

for

197

00:07:56,469 --> 00:07:54,080

sending a warning to others about the

198

00:07:59,350 --> 00:07:56,479

seriousness of the disease

199

00:08:02,550 --> 00:07:59,360

many have a very angry overtone because

200

00:08:04,869 --> 00:08:02,560

the deaths were preventable

201  
00:08:07,189 --> 00:08:04,879  
according to lil luthborough who wrote

202  
00:08:09,350 --> 00:08:07,199  
an opinion piece for slate.com

203  
00:08:11,990 --> 00:08:09,360  
she describes the site as cruel and

204  
00:08:13,749 --> 00:08:12,000  
heartless but goes on to state it is one

205  
00:08:16,070 --> 00:08:13,759  
place where you truly see the suffering

206  
00:08:17,909 --> 00:08:16,080  
of these people in vast numbers versus a

207  
00:08:19,749 --> 00:08:17,919  
single anecdote

208  
00:08:21,189 --> 00:08:19,759  
starting with the person's angry rants

209  
00:08:23,350 --> 00:08:21,199  
and grandstanding about not getting

210  
00:08:25,350 --> 00:08:23,360  
vaccinated not wearing masks or

211  
00:08:27,029 --> 00:08:25,360  
conspiracy theories followed by

212  
00:08:28,950 --> 00:08:27,039  
photographs and descriptions of the

213  
00:08:30,309 --> 00:08:28,960

course of the disease that can be really

214

00:08:32,310 --> 00:08:30,319

brutal

215

00:08:33,670 --> 00:08:32,320

the moderators have made it very clear

216

00:08:35,990 --> 00:08:33,680

that they would prefer that the sub

217

00:08:38,310 --> 00:08:36,000

didn't exist they equate it to people

218

00:08:41,269 --> 00:08:38,320

gawking at a terrible preventable

219

00:08:43,509 --> 00:08:41,279

accident on a freeway

220

00:08:45,590 --> 00:08:43,519

as an example of what you might find

221

00:08:48,070 --> 00:08:45,600

here are two of the top stories that i

222

00:08:50,790 --> 00:08:48,080

saw from september 22nd

223

00:08:53,350 --> 00:08:50,800

bearskin rug wrote quote

224

00:08:55,430 --> 00:08:53,360

travis and amber have eight kids travis

225

00:08:58,150 --> 00:08:55,440

was in a car accident last year and is

226  
00:08:59,670 --> 00:08:58,160  
on long-term disability with amber being

227  
00:09:02,470 --> 00:08:59,680  
the bread winner

228  
00:09:05,190 --> 00:09:02,480  
she was afraid of the jab because of a

229  
00:09:07,269 --> 00:09:05,200  
quote bad reaction travis had to a flu

230  
00:09:09,670 --> 00:09:07,279  
vaccine end quote

231  
00:09:11,590 --> 00:09:09,680  
she passed away last night due to covet

232  
00:09:14,470 --> 00:09:11,600  
eight kids now motherless

233  
00:09:17,030 --> 00:09:14,480  
get vaccinated end quote

234  
00:09:19,269 --> 00:09:17,040  
two seven seven seven kilometer wrote

235  
00:09:21,110 --> 00:09:19,279  
quote big john thought child sex

236  
00:09:23,829 --> 00:09:21,120  
trafficking was a bigger pandemic than

237  
00:09:25,670 --> 00:09:23,839  
covid refusing the vaccine and calling

238  
00:09:29,509 --> 00:09:25,680

maskware's sheep

239

00:09:31,910 --> 00:09:29,519

he's my family and he died end quote

240

00:09:33,829 --> 00:09:31,920

according to the moderators one of the

241

00:09:36,230 --> 00:09:33,839

main hopes for the page is that it will

242

00:09:38,550 --> 00:09:36,240

encourage people to get vaccinated while

243

00:09:40,710 --> 00:09:38,560

there are no numbers to indicate if this

244

00:09:42,630 --> 00:09:40,720

is effective i was gratified to notice

245

00:09:46,630 --> 00:09:42,640

that there were alternating herman cain

246

00:09:48,630 --> 00:09:46,640

freedom awards posts and quote ipa posts

247

00:09:52,070 --> 00:09:48,640

when i looked at the site

248

00:09:55,190 --> 00:09:52,080

and ipa is not an indian pale ale award

249

00:09:57,430 --> 00:09:55,200

for beer it is the immunized to prevent

250

00:09:58,870 --> 00:09:57,440

award that was created by the subreddit

251  
00:10:00,630 --> 00:09:58,880  
moderators

252  
00:10:02,550 --> 00:10:00,640  
there were many posts of people showing

253  
00:10:04,470 --> 00:10:02,560  
their vaccine cards and stating that the

254  
00:10:06,949 --> 00:10:04,480  
subreddit was the reason for them

255  
00:10:09,750 --> 00:10:06,959  
changing their mind

256  
00:10:12,069 --> 00:10:09,760  
posted by lovely lady227 on september

257  
00:10:14,630 --> 00:10:12,079  
22nd 2021

258  
00:10:17,030 --> 00:10:14,640  
quote my extended family is all in the

259  
00:10:19,110 --> 00:10:17,040  
running based on their social media this

260  
00:10:21,430 --> 00:10:19,120  
subreddit was what fully convinced me

261  
00:10:23,030 --> 00:10:21,440  
after waffling back and forth

262  
00:10:26,870 --> 00:10:23,040  
officially out of the running and so

263  
00:10:29,190 --> 00:10:26,880

relieved honestly end quote

264

00:10:31,190 --> 00:10:29,200

posted by max brown quote kind of

265

00:10:33,030 --> 00:10:31,200

embarrassed it took me this long always

266

00:10:36,870 --> 00:10:33,040

been pro-vaxxed but just kept putting it

267

00:10:39,190 --> 00:10:36,880

off no more end quote

268

00:10:41,430 --> 00:10:39,200

tooth hearty love that name

269

00:10:43,430 --> 00:10:41,440

posted their vaccination card stating

270

00:10:45,509 --> 00:10:43,440

they were declining their herman cain

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00:10:47,269 --> 00:10:45,519

award

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00:10:49,509 --> 00:10:47,279

and that is the most important thing to

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00:10:51,030 --> 00:10:49,519

bring forward it is easy to avoid

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00:10:53,509 --> 00:10:51,040

getting this award

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00:10:54,949 --> 00:10:53,519

just get vaccinated wear a mask and

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00:10:57,430 --> 00:10:54,959

social distance

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00:10:59,590 --> 00:10:57,440

until next time this is adrian hill

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00:11:02,150 --> 00:10:59,600

signing off and running upstairs to

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00:11:04,550 --> 00:11:02,160

admire my vaccination passport that

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00:11:12,310 --> 00:11:04,560

shows i am doing my best to avoid the

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00:11:12,320 --> 00:11:27,110

[Music]

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00:11:32,069 --> 00:11:29,030

did you know the european continent is

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00:11:34,470 --> 00:11:32,079

home to almost 750 million people living

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in 50 different countries belonging to

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00:11:38,710 --> 00:11:36,640

an even greater number of ethnicities

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00:11:40,630 --> 00:11:38,720

and believe it or not only a handful of

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00:11:42,710 --> 00:11:40,640

them list english as the first or at

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00:11:44,550 --> 00:11:42,720

least one of the official languages and

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00:11:46,470 --> 00:11:44,560

there's an amazing amount of skeptical

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00:11:48,710 --> 00:11:46,480

activism going on out there that you are

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00:11:50,550 --> 00:11:48,720

not aware of because it's not in english

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00:11:52,870 --> 00:11:50,560

yeah because you know pseudoscience

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00:11:54,949 --> 00:11:52,880

quackery and fake news do not stop at

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00:11:56,710 --> 00:11:54,959

borders they get translated to other

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00:11:59,190 --> 00:11:56,720

languages and transferred across the

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00:12:01,590 --> 00:11:59,200

whole world so if you're interested in

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00:12:03,750 --> 00:12:01,600

weekly updates on what's going on in

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00:12:05,910 --> 00:12:03,760

some of the countries here providing you

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00:12:08,230 --> 00:12:05,920

with all the interesting facts news and

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00:12:10,389 --> 00:12:08,240

even some skeptical history or if you

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00:12:12,150 --> 00:12:10,399

want to hear interviews in english with

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00:12:14,389 --> 00:12:12,160

brilliant people you sometimes haven't

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00:12:17,509 --> 00:12:14,399

even heard about then what you need is

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00:12:20,389 --> 00:12:17,519

to subscribe to the esp extra sensory

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00:12:24,069 --> 00:12:20,399

perception you must be really wrong no

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00:12:26,069 --> 00:12:24,079

the espn the european skeptics podcast

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00:12:29,590 --> 00:12:26,079

that's right and if you're wondering how

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you can find us online go to thesp.edu

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and you can also find us on twitter at

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es podcast underscore eu or you can like

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us on facebook and if you want to

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subscribe do a quick search on all the

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00:12:42,949 --> 00:12:40,320

intertubes for the european skeptics

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00:12:45,990 --> 00:12:42,959

podcast you'll find us on soundcloud

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00:12:48,949 --> 00:12:46,000

itunes stitcher spotify and all the rest

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00:12:51,509 --> 00:12:48,959

the european skeptics podcast the real

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00:12:57,590 --> 00:12:51,519

esp experience i

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00:12:57,600 --> 00:13:07,509

[Music]

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00:13:11,269 --> 00:13:09,350

now here's a development that took me a

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00:13:13,030 --> 00:13:11,279

little bit by surprise

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00:13:15,829 --> 00:13:13,040

it's a welcome development of course and

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00:13:17,750 --> 00:13:15,839

this is reported at news

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00:13:18,829 --> 00:13:17,760

uh the abc news service here in

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00:13:20,949 --> 00:13:18,839

australia

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00:13:22,629 --> 00:13:20,959

abc.net.au you i'll link to this story in

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00:13:23,990 --> 00:13:22,639

the show note but the story is from

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00:13:28,310 --> 00:13:24,000

reuters

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00:13:29,829 --> 00:13:28,320

youtube blocks all anti-vaccine content

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00:13:33,590 --> 00:13:29,839

this was published on the 30th of

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00:13:38,710 --> 00:13:36,150

youtube will block all anti-vaccine

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00:13:41,189 --> 00:13:38,720

content moving beyond its ban on false

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00:13:43,189 --> 00:13:41,199

information about covert vaccines to

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00:13:45,350 --> 00:13:43,199

include content that contains

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00:13:48,550 --> 00:13:45,360

misinformation about other approved

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00:13:50,870 --> 00:13:48,560

vaccines it has said in a blog post

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00:13:53,590 --> 00:13:50,880

examples of content that won't be

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00:13:56,949 --> 00:13:53,600

allowed on youtube include claims that

338

00:13:59,509 --> 00:13:56,959

the flu vaccine causes infertility that

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00:14:01,750 --> 00:13:59,519

the mmr shot which protects against

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00:14:05,910 --> 00:14:01,760

measles mumps and rubella can cause

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00:14:07,990 --> 00:14:05,920

autism according to youtube's policies

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00:14:10,550 --> 00:14:08,000

the online video company owned by

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00:14:12,710 --> 00:14:10,560

alphabet inc is also banning channels

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00:14:15,350 --> 00:14:12,720

associated with several prominent

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00:14:19,030 --> 00:14:15,360

anti-vaccination activists including

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00:14:21,829 --> 00:14:19,040

robert f kennedy jr and joseph mccalla a

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00:14:24,790 --> 00:14:21,839

youtube spokesman said

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a press email from a caller's website

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00:14:30,629 --> 00:14:27,760

said in a statement quote

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00:14:33,110 --> 00:14:30,639

we are united across the world

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00:14:35,990 --> 00:14:33,120

we will not live in fear we will stand

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00:14:37,189 --> 00:14:36,000

together and restore our freedoms

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00:14:40,069 --> 00:14:37,199

end quote

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00:14:42,470 --> 00:14:40,079

mr kennedy said in a statement quote

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00:14:44,389 --> 00:14:42,480

there is no instance in history when

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00:14:47,350 --> 00:14:44,399

copyright and secrecy have advanced

357

00:14:50,310 --> 00:14:47,360

either democracy or public health end

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00:14:52,790 --> 00:14:50,320

quote the move comes as youtube and

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00:14:54,949 --> 00:14:52,800

other tech giants like facebook inc and

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00:14:57,110 --> 00:14:54,959

twitter inc have been criticized for not

361

00:14:58,550 --> 00:14:57,120

doing enough to stop the spread of false

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00:15:00,310 --> 00:14:58,560

health information

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00:15:02,949 --> 00:15:00,320

on their sites

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00:15:05,350 --> 00:15:02,959

but even as youtube takes a tougher

365

00:15:07,990 --> 00:15:05,360

stand on misinformation it faces

366

00:15:09,990 --> 00:15:08,000

backlash around the world

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00:15:13,829 --> 00:15:10,000

on tuesday russian state-backed

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00:15:16,870 --> 00:15:13,839

broadcaster rts german language channels

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00:15:18,629 --> 00:15:16,880

were deleted from youtube as the company

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00:15:21,829 --> 00:15:18,639

said the channels had breached its

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00:15:23,750 --> 00:15:21,839

covert 19 misinformation policy

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00:15:26,069 --> 00:15:23,760

russia on wednesday called the move

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00:15:28,550 --> 00:15:26,079

quote unprecedented information

374

00:15:30,470 --> 00:15:28,560

aggression and quote and threatened to

375

00:15:32,230 --> 00:15:30,480

block youtube

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00:15:33,030 --> 00:15:32,240

now this has just triggered in my mind

377

00:15:35,590 --> 00:15:33,040

the

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00:15:37,110 --> 00:15:35,600

interesting situation where we have

379

00:15:39,749 --> 00:15:37,120

people marching in the street for

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00:15:43,189 --> 00:15:39,759

freedom so to speak

381

00:15:45,350 --> 00:15:43,199

echoing and regurgitating what we know

382

00:15:47,110 --> 00:15:45,360

to be false information

383

00:15:49,829 --> 00:15:47,120

outright lies

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00:15:51,110 --> 00:15:49,839

um distorted facts and all the rest of

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00:15:52,150 --> 00:15:51,120

it

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00:15:54,629 --> 00:15:52,160

and

387

00:15:58,470 --> 00:15:54,639

they are quick to call

388

00:16:00,710 --> 00:15:58,480

uh the rest of us sheep or sheeple or

389

00:16:02,230 --> 00:16:00,720

accuse us of not doing our own research

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00:16:03,829 --> 00:16:02,240

and and so on and so forth it's

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00:16:05,110 --> 00:16:03,839

interesting because

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00:16:07,430 --> 00:16:05,120

uh the

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00:16:09,189 --> 00:16:07,440

exact criticisms they level at us fit

394

00:16:10,870 --> 00:16:09,199

them far better

395

00:16:12,710 --> 00:16:10,880

without without question it's it's

396

00:16:13,990 --> 00:16:12,720

fascinating from a psychological point

397

00:16:16,710 --> 00:16:14,000

of view

398

00:16:19,350 --> 00:16:16,720

and it reminds me too of a recent series

399

00:16:20,829 --> 00:16:19,360

of posts that i was involved with

400

00:16:23,350 --> 00:16:20,839

with somebody

401  
00:16:24,790 --> 00:16:23,360  
who was

402  
00:16:25,670 --> 00:16:24,800  
upset

403  
00:16:28,230 --> 00:16:25,680  
that

404  
00:16:30,310 --> 00:16:28,240  
there is a strong movement now against

405  
00:16:31,350 --> 00:16:30,320  
anti-vaxxers

406  
00:16:34,389 --> 00:16:31,360  
um

407  
00:16:36,389 --> 00:16:34,399  
citing lots of anecdotal evidence for

408  
00:16:38,150 --> 00:16:36,399  
the harm vaccine cause

409  
00:16:39,990 --> 00:16:38,160  
and when pressed

410  
00:16:42,389 --> 00:16:40,000  
simply could not come up with the goods

411  
00:16:43,910 --> 00:16:42,399  
and i saw a tick-tocker

412  
00:16:45,509 --> 00:16:43,920  
a tick-tocker

413  
00:16:46,710 --> 00:16:45,519

commenting

414

00:16:48,710 --> 00:16:46,720

saying that

415

00:16:54,389 --> 00:16:48,720

when

416

00:16:57,189 --> 00:16:54,399

they they scream and cry and carry on

417

00:17:00,310 --> 00:16:57,199

but if they're forced into court

418

00:17:02,790 --> 00:17:00,320

they can't back up their stance with the

419

00:17:04,789 --> 00:17:02,800

with evidence much like

420

00:17:07,510 --> 00:17:04,799

the analogy was made much like rudy

421

00:17:09,829 --> 00:17:07,520

giuliani and the

422

00:17:11,510 --> 00:17:09,839

uh the big lie controversy

423

00:17:14,069 --> 00:17:11,520

once they've actually been placed in

424

00:17:15,110 --> 00:17:14,079

court and need to back up their bold

425

00:17:17,590 --> 00:17:15,120

statements

426

00:17:22,789 --> 00:17:17,600

of course their uh their side falls

427

00:17:26,150 --> 00:17:25,189

anyway three cheers for youtube for

428

00:17:28,870 --> 00:17:26,160

banning

429

00:17:29,909 --> 00:17:28,880

damaging and harmful

430

00:17:38,230 --> 00:17:29,919

false

431

00:17:46,230 --> 00:17:40,470

somewhere between science and

432

00:17:50,789 --> 00:17:48,070

look your daughter doesn't say she's a

433

00:17:53,909 --> 00:17:50,799

demon she says she's the devil himself

434

00:17:56,070 --> 00:17:53,919

that thing is not my daughter and i want

435

00:17:58,390 --> 00:17:56,080

you to tell me there's a show where the

436

00:18:01,830 --> 00:17:58,400

hosts don't just report on french

437

00:18:03,750 --> 00:18:01,840

science and spirituality but take part

438

00:18:05,750 --> 00:18:03,760

themselves

439

00:18:08,230 --> 00:18:05,760

well there is and it's ono ross and

440

00:18:11,350 --> 00:18:08,240

kerry on maximum fun this year we

441

00:18:14,710 --> 00:18:11,360

actually became certified exorcists so

442

00:18:17,830 --> 00:18:14,720

yes carrie and i can help your daughter

443

00:18:25,990 --> 00:18:17,840

or we can just talk about it on the show

444

00:18:34,310 --> 00:18:30,070

here's maynard's spooky action

445

00:18:37,669 --> 00:18:35,830

now richard is doing something very

446

00:18:39,909 --> 00:18:37,679

special on the skeptic zone he was

447

00:18:42,870 --> 00:18:39,919

talking about newcastle and he was

448

00:18:43,830 --> 00:18:42,880

talking about the 1918 flu

449

00:18:46,230 --> 00:18:43,840

uh the

450

00:18:47,990 --> 00:18:46,240

1918 pandemic which i believe went round

451

00:18:51,750 --> 00:18:48,000

the world a couple of times as far as

452

00:18:54,150 --> 00:18:51,760

well 1922 in some places and of course

453

00:18:56,150 --> 00:18:54,160

here's someone who wasn't exactly there

454

00:18:59,430 --> 00:18:56,160

but they weren't very far from it it's

455

00:19:01,669 --> 00:18:59,440

my dad who is 93 years old today happy

456

00:19:02,549 --> 00:19:01,679

birthday dad thank you

457

00:19:05,669 --> 00:19:02,559

hey

458

00:19:07,750 --> 00:19:05,679

what did you hear about as a child

459

00:19:09,510 --> 00:19:07,760

growing up about the great plague that

460

00:19:10,630 --> 00:19:09,520

happened only a few years before you

461

00:19:13,590 --> 00:19:10,640

were born

462

00:19:14,950 --> 00:19:13,600

well there was a plague before the flu

463

00:19:16,710 --> 00:19:14,960

epidemic

464

00:19:19,270 --> 00:19:16,720

come back they tracked it back to the

465

00:19:22,470 --> 00:19:19,280

rats and the mice and all that type of

466

00:19:24,150 --> 00:19:22,480

vermin but that that was quite as severe

467

00:19:25,510 --> 00:19:24,160

particularly when you look at it those

468

00:19:27,990 --> 00:19:25,520

days you know

469

00:19:29,750 --> 00:19:28,000

the medical uh knowledge was not what

470

00:19:32,310 --> 00:19:29,760

what it is today

471

00:19:33,669 --> 00:19:32,320

but of course after the plague it came

472

00:19:36,470 --> 00:19:33,679

the flu

473

00:19:38,789 --> 00:19:36,480

which was an aftermath of the

474

00:19:42,230 --> 00:19:38,799

sec first world war

475

00:19:43,430 --> 00:19:42,240

and what i've read about it that

476  
00:19:45,029 --> 00:19:43,440  
mostly

477  
00:19:46,630 --> 00:19:45,039  
came from

478  
00:19:52,310 --> 00:19:46,640  
america

479  
00:19:55,029 --> 00:19:52,320  
came over towards the first world war

480  
00:19:55,909 --> 00:19:55,039  
getting towards the end of it

481  
00:20:01,190 --> 00:19:55,919  
and

482  
00:20:02,950 --> 00:20:01,200  
after the first world war

483  
00:20:04,470 --> 00:20:02,960  
it made its way

484  
00:20:07,909 --> 00:20:04,480  
back home

485  
00:20:10,070 --> 00:20:07,919  
to australia and were any family members

486  
00:20:11,990 --> 00:20:10,080  
affected were there anybody working as

487  
00:20:13,830 --> 00:20:12,000  
medical staff at that time that you know

488  
00:20:14,789 --> 00:20:13,840

of was there any personal history

489

00:20:17,750 --> 00:20:14,799

involved

490

00:20:18,710 --> 00:20:17,760

not that i can remember

491

00:20:22,070 --> 00:20:18,720

but

492

00:20:25,909 --> 00:20:22,080

my uncle he went to the first world war

493

00:20:28,070 --> 00:20:25,919

but he was in france in the trenches but

494

00:20:30,390 --> 00:20:28,080

he escaped and came back home again i

495

00:20:31,909 --> 00:20:30,400

could tell he was

496

00:20:33,990 --> 00:20:31,919

but he didn't

497

00:20:37,190 --> 00:20:34,000

bring it back home

498

00:20:39,430 --> 00:20:37,200

but it found its way back home here and

499

00:20:40,390 --> 00:20:39,440

everything i've read the history

500

00:20:42,310 --> 00:20:40,400

books

501  
00:20:43,830 --> 00:20:42,320  
tell us that more or less

502  
00:20:46,789 --> 00:20:43,840  
came from

503  
00:20:49,909 --> 00:20:46,799  
the end of the first world war but but

504  
00:20:53,029 --> 00:20:49,919  
came near by the americans which came in

505  
00:20:55,990 --> 00:20:53,039  
towards the end of the first world war

506  
00:20:58,230 --> 00:20:56,000  
and then the disease was automatically

507  
00:21:00,870 --> 00:20:58,240  
in some way found its way

508  
00:21:05,750 --> 00:21:00,880  
back to australia which was very very

509  
00:21:06,870 --> 00:21:05,760  
severe in walls end where i lived uh my

510  
00:21:09,510 --> 00:21:06,880  
mother

511  
00:21:11,830 --> 00:21:09,520  
uh recalled it very well and i only

512  
00:21:14,549 --> 00:21:11,840  
think i can remember telling me

513  
00:21:17,190 --> 00:21:14,559

that the walls in public school

514

00:21:19,590 --> 00:21:17,200

was turned into a hospital

515

00:21:21,350 --> 00:21:19,600

to meet the demands for the people that

516

00:21:24,230 --> 00:21:21,360

were stricken

517

00:21:25,990 --> 00:21:24,240

with this very bad flu epidemic and of

518

00:21:27,029 --> 00:21:26,000

course a lot of people lost their lives

519

00:21:27,909 --> 00:21:27,039

with it

520

00:21:30,310 --> 00:21:27,919

and

521

00:21:32,149 --> 00:21:30,320

can you remember anybody wearing masks

522

00:21:34,630 --> 00:21:32,159

after that was there any mask wearing

523

00:21:36,310 --> 00:21:34,640

going on when you were young as like a

524

00:21:38,230 --> 00:21:36,320

sort of memory at that time wearing

525

00:21:40,870 --> 00:21:38,240

masks as a precaution

526

00:21:44,149 --> 00:21:40,880

no no i i can't comment on that one

527

00:21:45,750 --> 00:21:44,159

because i'm not sure

528

00:21:47,669 --> 00:21:45,760

there's no doubt

529

00:21:50,149 --> 00:21:47,679

the wearing of masks at the present

530

00:21:53,029 --> 00:21:50,159

moment with the present epic

531

00:21:55,750 --> 00:21:53,039

epidemic would have covered

532

00:21:56,830 --> 00:21:55,760

uh i'm hearing the reports it'll take at

533

00:21:58,630 --> 00:21:56,840

the moment

534

00:22:01,510 --> 00:21:58,640

singapore

535

00:22:04,310 --> 00:22:01,520

they're seriously considering that

536

00:22:07,590 --> 00:22:04,320

mars will be there to stay for good

537

00:22:11,029 --> 00:22:07,600

but on my many visits i recall

538

00:22:14,950 --> 00:22:11,039

all the many times i went to hong kong

539

00:22:17,270 --> 00:22:14,960

back in the 60s and the 70s and the 80s

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00:22:19,270 --> 00:22:17,280

every time we went there i was quite

541

00:22:21,510 --> 00:22:19,280

surprised to see

542

00:22:23,990 --> 00:22:21,520

people hong kong

543

00:22:25,830 --> 00:22:24,000

marrying wearing masks and i

544

00:22:28,070 --> 00:22:25,840

automatically thought well they must be

545

00:22:30,630 --> 00:22:28,080

sick or something but that's not it at

546

00:22:31,750 --> 00:22:30,640

all the reason that they mostly wear

547

00:22:34,390 --> 00:22:31,760

mars

548

00:22:37,110 --> 00:22:34,400

back in hong kong

549

00:22:39,909 --> 00:22:37,120

is because they don't want to catch the

550

00:22:41,190 --> 00:22:39,919

local flu or the local health problems

551  
00:22:43,430 --> 00:22:41,200  
that's there

552  
00:22:45,510 --> 00:22:43,440  
and so this will be probably

553  
00:22:47,669 --> 00:22:45,520  
the reason that

554  
00:22:49,270 --> 00:22:47,679  
who knows we may have to continue

555  
00:22:51,750 --> 00:22:49,280  
wearing masks

556  
00:22:54,390 --> 00:22:51,760  
which will give you an added protection

557  
00:22:56,950 --> 00:22:54,400  
in relation to your health of course

558  
00:22:58,310 --> 00:22:56,960  
there's been a few other various

559  
00:22:59,909 --> 00:22:58,320  
diseases that have come along that have

560  
00:23:02,390 --> 00:22:59,919  
been of note there has been the hong

561  
00:23:04,390 --> 00:23:02,400  
kong flu in the in the 60s

562  
00:23:05,990 --> 00:23:04,400  
there's been polio of course which was

563  
00:23:08,710 --> 00:23:06,000

which was

564

00:23:11,669 --> 00:23:08,720

like unknown now but was was around in

565

00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:11,679

the 50s and before is there any disease

566

00:23:15,110 --> 00:23:13,440

like that that's affected people you

567

00:23:17,669 --> 00:23:15,120

know throughout your life

568

00:23:20,149 --> 00:23:17,679

no i it's uh it's never ever

569

00:23:22,789 --> 00:23:20,159

been publicized but

570

00:23:24,310 --> 00:23:22,799

you know let's face it uh if you're

571

00:23:26,390 --> 00:23:24,320

wearing a mask

572

00:23:29,590 --> 00:23:26,400

well definitely you got more protection

573

00:23:31,590 --> 00:23:29,600

and picking up the the local cold or flu

574

00:23:32,789 --> 00:23:31,600

or whatever bugs going around at the

575

00:23:34,630 --> 00:23:32,799

moment

576

00:23:36,230 --> 00:23:34,640

uh so

577

00:23:38,630 --> 00:23:36,240

those people in the order have been

578

00:23:40,070 --> 00:23:38,640

there a long time and

579

00:23:42,310 --> 00:23:40,080

they've been using this pattern for

580

00:23:43,909 --> 00:23:42,320

quite a number of years even though it's

581

00:23:45,190 --> 00:23:43,919

quite a healthy

582

00:23:47,830 --> 00:23:45,200

location

583

00:23:49,830 --> 00:23:47,840

can you remember the first time you

584

00:23:51,909 --> 00:23:49,840

heard or exposed or offered a

585

00:23:53,909 --> 00:23:51,919

vaccination of some sort

586

00:23:55,350 --> 00:23:53,919

a shot to protect you from something

587

00:23:57,510 --> 00:23:55,360

when was the first time you could

588

00:23:59,269 --> 00:23:57,520

remember maybe being aware of that well

589

00:24:01,110 --> 00:23:59,279

measles was one

590

00:24:02,950 --> 00:24:01,120

measles was a moment

591

00:24:05,110 --> 00:24:02,960

that was the one that

592

00:24:06,789 --> 00:24:05,120

you were vaccinated and i said i don't

593

00:24:09,430 --> 00:24:06,799

know whether that's a

594

00:24:12,789 --> 00:24:09,440

vaccination today a strong one

595

00:24:14,630 --> 00:24:12,799

so yeah it's still wrong so uh

596

00:24:16,549 --> 00:24:14,640

you know with the wearing a mask has

597

00:24:19,190 --> 00:24:16,559

definitely been proven

598

00:24:20,230 --> 00:24:19,200

you can look after your health a bit

599

00:24:22,950 --> 00:24:20,240

better

600

00:24:24,710 --> 00:24:22,960

and at 93 you wouldn't be saying no to

601  
00:24:26,230 --> 00:24:24,720  
the vaccine at all you've had your show

602  
00:24:28,789 --> 00:24:26,240  
you've had both your shots haven't you

603  
00:24:30,789 --> 00:24:28,799  
i'd i've gotten the queue as long as i

604  
00:24:33,750 --> 00:24:30,799  
possibly can

605  
00:24:36,470 --> 00:24:33,760  
and i advise everybody else

606  
00:24:39,350 --> 00:24:36,480  
to get vaccinated

607  
00:24:41,990 --> 00:24:39,360  
and one last question being 93 not very

608  
00:24:45,190 --> 00:24:42,000  
often you i get to talk to about my dad

609  
00:24:47,510 --> 00:24:45,200  
alone look what's the biggest change you

610  
00:24:49,190 --> 00:24:47,520  
can think of or see

611  
00:24:52,230 --> 00:24:49,200  
positive or negative

612  
00:24:55,750 --> 00:24:52,240  
in the whole 93 years

613  
00:24:58,230 --> 00:24:55,760

well i think the biggest change and i've

614

00:24:59,110 --> 00:24:58,240

spoke about this on many many occasions

615

00:25:01,110 --> 00:24:59,120

and

616

00:25:03,190 --> 00:25:01,120

i'd like to give you a list one day of

617

00:25:05,029 --> 00:25:03,200

exactly what i've seen

618

00:25:07,190 --> 00:25:05,039

but possibly

619

00:25:09,510 --> 00:25:07,200

the main change that

620

00:25:11,590 --> 00:25:09,520

we had to do

621

00:25:16,230 --> 00:25:11,600

right through our life

622

00:25:19,990 --> 00:25:17,990

if you

623

00:25:22,149 --> 00:25:20,000

bought a house

624

00:25:24,070 --> 00:25:22,159

you could only borrow to the value of

625

00:25:27,029 --> 00:25:24,080

five times

626

00:25:29,750 --> 00:25:27,039

what your yearly income was

627

00:25:31,750 --> 00:25:29,760

and you had to live within your means

628

00:25:33,830 --> 00:25:31,760

and budget accordingly

629

00:25:36,390 --> 00:25:33,840

if you didn't have a car

630

00:25:39,830 --> 00:25:36,400

or if you didn't have a refrigerator a

631

00:25:42,310 --> 00:25:39,840

big boom was in when the wires come in

632

00:25:44,310 --> 00:25:42,320

and i think the wallace back in my days

633

00:25:47,510 --> 00:25:44,320

i can remember dad saying

634

00:25:49,590 --> 00:25:47,520

we paid five pound ten for it

635

00:25:52,630 --> 00:25:49,600

and uh

636

00:25:55,990 --> 00:25:52,640

lay boys if you wanted anything

637

00:25:58,549 --> 00:25:56,000

you had to lay by it and pay it off and

638

00:25:59,990 --> 00:25:58,559

then go and pick it up

639

00:26:03,029 --> 00:26:00,000

these days

640

00:26:04,870 --> 00:26:03,039

i think that the credit card

641

00:26:06,470 --> 00:26:04,880

system

642

00:26:09,110 --> 00:26:06,480

has

643

00:26:11,669 --> 00:26:09,120

blown everything out of proportion

644

00:26:14,230 --> 00:26:11,679

where people use the card

645

00:26:15,590 --> 00:26:14,240

run up the debt and then all of a sudden

646

00:26:17,909 --> 00:26:15,600

they find out

647

00:26:20,310 --> 00:26:17,919

they've got to pay for it

648

00:26:21,510 --> 00:26:20,320

and you could go on with all the rapid

649

00:26:23,350 --> 00:26:21,520

changes

650

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

but the main thing to answer your

651  
00:26:27,750 --> 00:26:26,320  
question is this in our day and growing

652  
00:26:29,909 --> 00:26:27,760  
up

653  
00:26:32,789 --> 00:26:29,919  
live within your means

654  
00:26:48,030 --> 00:26:32,799  
and buy it when you can afford it

655  
00:27:04,230 --> 00:26:49,669  
[Music]

656  
00:27:04,240 --> 00:27:07,270  
tv

657  
00:27:17,140 --> 00:27:09,500  
[Applause]

658  
00:27:17,150 --> 00:27:22,549  
[Music]

659  
00:27:26,590 --> 00:27:23,909  
now it's time once again to look into

660  
00:27:28,549 --> 00:27:26,600  
the pages of trove at

661  
00:27:29,909 --> 00:27:28,559  
trove.nla.gov.iu the online resource

662  
00:27:32,470 --> 00:27:29,919  
from the australian government and the

663  
00:27:35,590 --> 00:27:32,480

national library of australia digitized

664

00:27:37,750 --> 00:27:35,600

newspapers and reports and gazettes and

665

00:27:39,590 --> 00:27:37,760

that sort of thing also we'll be looking

666

00:27:42,230 --> 00:27:39,600

further afield to

667

00:27:43,380 --> 00:27:42,240

this week combining some newspapers from

668

00:27:47,590 --> 00:27:43,390

the united states

669

00:27:49,110 --> 00:27:47,600

[Music]

670

00:27:50,149 --> 00:27:49,120

and this week i thought we would look at

671

00:27:53,990 --> 00:27:50,159

the

672

00:27:55,830 --> 00:27:54,000

subject of palm reading or palmistry or

673

00:27:57,350 --> 00:27:55,840

cairo mancy

674

00:27:58,310 --> 00:27:57,360

palm reading has been around the course

675

00:27:59,190 --> 00:27:58,320

for a

676  
00:28:01,029 --> 00:27:59,200  
well

677  
00:28:02,549 --> 00:28:01,039  
millennia

678  
00:28:04,950 --> 00:28:02,559  
and i seem to remember there was a fad

679  
00:28:07,110 --> 00:28:04,960  
for it when i was a kid in the

680  
00:28:09,430 --> 00:28:07,120  
schoolyard for a little while

681  
00:28:11,190 --> 00:28:09,440  
well it's a classic of reading

682  
00:28:12,310 --> 00:28:11,200  
future fortune telling that sort of

683  
00:28:14,070 --> 00:28:12,320  
thing

684  
00:28:16,070 --> 00:28:14,080  
like uh

685  
00:28:18,230 --> 00:28:16,080  
looking into the crystal ball reading

686  
00:28:20,549 --> 00:28:18,240  
the tea leaves it's you can

687  
00:28:22,470 --> 00:28:20,559  
sort of lump it in with that sort of

688  
00:28:23,909 --> 00:28:22,480

gypsy fortune tellers and that sort of

689

00:28:26,070 --> 00:28:23,919

imagery

690

00:28:28,950 --> 00:28:26,080

and palm reading seems to be a little

691

00:28:31,909 --> 00:28:28,960

bit more personal because

692

00:28:34,549 --> 00:28:31,919

the palm reader is looking directly

693

00:28:36,870 --> 00:28:34,559

at uh at your hand

694

00:28:38,230 --> 00:28:36,880

so i think you can uh see that there

695

00:28:40,789 --> 00:28:38,240

there could be a feeling of a greater

696

00:28:43,990 --> 00:28:40,799

connection there a better connection

697

00:28:45,510 --> 00:28:44,000

maybe than looking at the stars

698

00:28:47,990 --> 00:28:45,520

now before we start looking into the

699

00:28:52,230 --> 00:28:48,000

archives let's see what it says over at

700

00:28:53,590 --> 00:28:52,240

the skeptic's dictionary at s k e p d i

701  
00:28:57,830 --> 00:28:53,600  
c dot com

702  
00:29:00,630 --> 00:28:57,840  
on the subject of palmistry here it is

703  
00:29:03,510 --> 00:29:00,640  
also known as caramancy is the practice

704  
00:29:05,029 --> 00:29:03,520  
of telling fortunes from the lines marks

705  
00:29:07,510 --> 00:29:05,039  
and patterns

706  
00:29:09,830 --> 00:29:07,520  
on the hands particularly the palms

707  
00:29:13,350 --> 00:29:09,840  
palmistry was practiced in many ancient

708  
00:29:15,029 --> 00:29:13,360  
cultures such as india china and egypt

709  
00:29:17,830 --> 00:29:15,039  
the first book on the subject appeared

710  
00:29:20,789 --> 00:29:17,840  
in the 15th century the term karamansi

711  
00:29:23,510 --> 00:29:20,799  
comes from the greek word for hand

712  
00:29:25,029 --> 00:29:23,520  
palmistry was used in the middle ages to

713  
00:29:27,510 --> 00:29:25,039

detect witches

714

00:29:29,269 --> 00:29:27,520

it was believed that certain spots on

715

00:29:32,950 --> 00:29:29,279

the hand indicated

716

00:29:35,669 --> 00:29:32,960

one had had a pact with the devil

717

00:29:38,070 --> 00:29:35,679

palmistry was condemned by the catholic

718

00:29:40,870 --> 00:29:38,080

church but in the 17th century it was

719

00:29:43,269 --> 00:29:40,880

taught at several german universities

720

00:29:44,470 --> 00:29:43,279

britain outlawed palmistry in the 18th

721

00:29:46,310 --> 00:29:44,480

century

722

00:29:48,710 --> 00:29:46,320

it is popular enough in america in the

723

00:29:51,950 --> 00:29:48,720

20th century to deserve its own book in

724

00:29:53,430 --> 00:29:51,960

the complete idiots guide series

725

00:29:56,070 --> 00:29:53,440

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726

00:29:57,430 --> 00:29:56,080

according to anne fiery the book of

727

00:29:59,750 --> 00:29:57,440

divination

728

00:30:03,190 --> 00:29:59,760

if you are right-handed your left hand

729

00:30:05,310 --> 00:30:03,200

indicates inherited personality traits

730

00:30:07,510 --> 00:30:05,320

and your right hand indicates your

731

00:30:08,549 --> 00:30:07,520

individuality and fulfillment of

732

00:30:10,950 --> 00:30:08,559

potential

733

00:30:13,590 --> 00:30:10,960

the palmists claim to be able to read

734

00:30:16,070 --> 00:30:13,600

the various lines in your hand

735

00:30:18,630 --> 00:30:16,080

these lines are given names like

736

00:30:20,310 --> 00:30:18,640

lifeline the heart line the headline the

737

00:30:22,549 --> 00:30:20,320

saturn line

738

00:30:25,350 --> 00:30:22,559

the lifeline supposedly indicates

739

00:30:27,350 --> 00:30:25,360

physical vitality the headline

740

00:30:31,029 --> 00:30:27,360

intellectual capacity

741

00:30:32,789 --> 00:30:31,039

heart line emotional nature etc

742

00:30:35,350 --> 00:30:32,799

it goes on to say the authors of the

743

00:30:37,590 --> 00:30:35,360

complete idiot's guide to palmistry

744

00:30:40,470 --> 00:30:37,600

robin giles and lisa leonard claimed

745

00:30:43,190 --> 00:30:40,480

that palmistry works because your hand

746

00:30:45,909 --> 00:30:43,200

changes as you do they claim to have a

747

00:30:47,430 --> 00:30:45,919

few anecdotes to back them up on this

748

00:30:49,510 --> 00:30:47,440

but fail to produce any scientific

749

00:30:51,430 --> 00:30:49,520

support for the claim

750

00:30:52,950 --> 00:30:51,440

and there's more information there worth

751  
00:30:54,950 --> 00:30:52,960  
a read

752  
00:30:57,110 --> 00:30:54,960  
now let's have a look into the search

753  
00:31:00,389 --> 00:30:57,120  
for palmistry in the news archives and

754  
00:31:01,669 --> 00:31:00,399  
we've land in the year 1925 on the 13th

755  
00:31:03,750 --> 00:31:01,679  
of june

756  
00:31:05,350 --> 00:31:03,760  
from

757  
00:31:06,789 --> 00:31:05,360  
which was published in adelaide south

758  
00:31:08,090 --> 00:31:06,799  
australia

759  
00:31:12,310 --> 00:31:08,100  
costly palm reading

760  
00:31:17,909 --> 00:31:15,110  
brisbane today why the teller of the

761  
00:31:20,070 --> 00:31:17,919  
commercial bank bundaberg was paying out

762  
00:31:23,110 --> 00:31:20,080  
cash from a bundle of notes to a strange

763  
00:31:25,190 --> 00:31:23,120

woman yesterday he was persuaded by her

764

00:31:27,029 --> 00:31:25,200

to have his palm read

765

00:31:28,950 --> 00:31:27,039

shortly afterward the teller discovered

766

00:31:32,149 --> 00:31:28,960

that a bundle of notes to the value of

767

00:31:34,710 --> 00:31:32,159

50 pounds was missing the police were

768

00:31:37,029 --> 00:31:34,720

communicated with and a search was made

769

00:31:39,750 --> 00:31:37,039

but no one was arrested

770

00:31:41,750 --> 00:31:39,760

it is alleged that a woman was searched

771

00:31:44,070 --> 00:31:41,760

and found to be in possession of a sum

772

00:31:46,310 --> 00:31:44,080

of money but the notes could not be

773

00:31:49,430 --> 00:31:46,320

identified by the teller because the

774

00:31:51,430 --> 00:31:49,440

numbers were not known

775

00:31:53,430 --> 00:31:51,440

that's an interesting story

776

00:31:55,590 --> 00:31:53,440

distract a bank teller by reading his

777

00:31:58,389 --> 00:31:55,600

palm

778

00:32:00,389 --> 00:31:58,399

and now we come to a story from 1929 the

779

00:32:03,350 --> 00:32:00,399

4th of june

780

00:32:04,789 --> 00:32:03,360

in the labor daily from sydney australia

781

00:32:08,070 --> 00:32:04,799

do women

782

00:32:12,149 --> 00:32:09,990

american report

783

00:32:13,350 --> 00:32:12,159

girls take more stock in fortune telling

784

00:32:16,549 --> 00:32:13,360

than boys

785

00:32:18,389 --> 00:32:16,559

whether of the teacup palm reading or

786

00:32:21,909 --> 00:32:18,399

playing card variety according to a

787

00:32:25,269 --> 00:32:21,919

report made in the journal of abnormal

788

00:32:29,350 --> 00:32:25,279

and societal psychology the greater

789

00:32:32,470 --> 00:32:29,360

credulity of the so-called weaker sex

790

00:32:35,590 --> 00:32:32,480

showed up in tests with some 6 000

791

00:32:36,710 --> 00:32:35,600

school children made by dr harvard

792

00:32:40,630 --> 00:32:36,720

lehmann

793

00:32:42,950 --> 00:32:40,640

and paul a witty of ohio university and

794

00:32:45,110 --> 00:32:42,960

the university of kansas

795

00:32:48,389 --> 00:32:45,120

girls of all ages took greater interest

796

00:32:50,950 --> 00:32:48,399

in dabbling in the occult than boys the

797

00:32:53,430 --> 00:32:50,960

peak being reached at around the age of

798

00:32:55,430 --> 00:32:53,440

13 years boys tend to outgrow their

799

00:32:58,310 --> 00:32:55,440

superstitious leanings as they approach

800

00:33:00,389 --> 00:32:58,320

manhood but girls do not the

801  
00:33:02,149 --> 00:33:00,399  
investigators found

802  
00:33:04,630 --> 00:33:02,159  
they suggested this state of affairs may

803  
00:33:07,830 --> 00:33:04,640  
be due to the greater importance of

804  
00:33:10,549 --> 00:33:07,840  
emotions in the life of women and also

805  
00:33:11,909 --> 00:33:10,559  
to the restricted range of feminine

806  
00:33:15,029 --> 00:33:11,919  
activities

807  
00:33:17,350 --> 00:33:15,039  
these forces it was stated may cause

808  
00:33:21,430 --> 00:33:17,360  
women to fall back on superstition for

809  
00:33:25,190 --> 00:33:21,440  
guidance more frequently than men

810  
00:33:27,029 --> 00:33:25,200  
and now from 1933 on the 16th of march

811  
00:33:28,310 --> 00:33:27,039  
from the daily news perth western

812  
00:33:29,590 --> 00:33:28,320  
australia

813  
00:33:31,029 --> 00:33:29,600

could not see

814

00:33:32,389 --> 00:33:31,039

into future

815

00:33:35,909 --> 00:33:32,399

fortune tellers

816

00:33:37,830 --> 00:33:35,919

ban melbourne thursday because such an

817

00:33:40,070 --> 00:33:37,840

unromantic thing as a full court

818

00:33:41,350 --> 00:33:40,080

decision has made fortune telling

819

00:33:43,350 --> 00:33:41,360

illegal

820

00:33:45,750 --> 00:33:43,360

a general meeting of city cafe

821

00:33:49,909 --> 00:33:45,760

proprietors decided to discontinue

822

00:33:52,630 --> 00:33:49,919

immediately all teacup and palm reading

823

00:33:55,190 --> 00:33:52,640

this will mean the dismissal of a large

824

00:33:58,070 --> 00:33:55,200

number of employees in melbourne tea

825

00:34:00,230 --> 00:33:58,080

rooms and cafes the ban which took

826

00:34:02,789 --> 00:34:00,240

effect yesterday had far-reaching

827

00:34:05,029 --> 00:34:02,799

effects one large cafe had to turn away

828

00:34:08,389 --> 00:34:05,039

close to 200 women who sought to have

829

00:34:10,790 --> 00:34:08,399

their cups or palms red the decision

830

00:34:13,349 --> 00:34:10,800

affects cafe seers of all descriptions

831

00:34:15,270 --> 00:34:13,359

palmists phrenologists crystal gazers

832

00:34:17,750 --> 00:34:15,280

and teacup readers

833

00:34:19,190 --> 00:34:17,760

a poignant feature is that none of these

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could foretell

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that the pan was going to be imposed

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now let's head across the ocean to the

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united states the plymouth news dated

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00:34:32,829 --> 00:34:31,200

the 25th of september 1913

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seem to need

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explanation authenticated facts as to

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palmistry may hardly be dismissed

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as nonsense

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you

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00:34:47,829 --> 00:34:45,200

being a typical hard-headed specimen of

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00:34:51,030 --> 00:34:47,839

humanity have often expressed yourself

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00:34:54,470 --> 00:34:51,040

as taking not the slightest stock

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in palmistry and all that kind of rot

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and have openly jeered at feeble-minded

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men who openly admit that they quote

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can't help but believe there is

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00:35:08,150 --> 00:35:05,440

something to it end quote

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utter nonsense of course it's nonsense

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00:35:14,150 --> 00:35:11,119

and yet how do you explain some of the

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striking and verified instances on

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record of the fulfillment of the future

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as foretold by the hands

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take the following authentic case as an

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example

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about four years ago two women of

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00:35:32,550 --> 00:35:29,839

refinement more from a spirit of

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00:35:34,470 --> 00:35:32,560

diversion than any other reason

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00:35:36,550 --> 00:35:34,480

determined to consult a well-known

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palmist in london

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00:35:42,870 --> 00:35:39,599

the first woman was thunderstruck by the

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accurate reading given to her past

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00:35:48,630 --> 00:35:45,920

she was promised a happy future also and

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00:35:50,790 --> 00:35:48,640

the palmist foretold many events which

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00:35:52,710 --> 00:35:50,800

have since come true

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00:35:56,150 --> 00:35:52,720

the past of the second woman was read

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00:35:58,870 --> 00:35:56,160

also but the palmist refrained from

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00:36:01,750 --> 00:35:58,880

saying anything about her future

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00:36:04,630 --> 00:36:01,760

when asked why she did not prophesy in

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00:36:07,270 --> 00:36:04,640

regard to this she replied

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00:36:09,829 --> 00:36:07,280

i can see no future in your hand

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00:36:12,390 --> 00:36:09,839

barely ten minutes afterwards the woman

876  
00:36:14,310 --> 00:36:12,400  
whose hand portrayed no future

877  
00:36:16,950 --> 00:36:14,320  
was run over and killed

878  
00:36:18,470 --> 00:36:16,960  
by a motor omnibus when crossing the

879  
00:36:21,030 --> 00:36:18,480  
strand

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00:36:23,910 --> 00:36:21,040  
quite recently a skeptic in regard to

881  
00:36:25,829 --> 00:36:23,920  
palmistry was induced to consult a

882  
00:36:29,270 --> 00:36:25,839  
famous palmist

883  
00:36:32,710 --> 00:36:29,280  
he did so in a spirit of derision

884  
00:36:34,710 --> 00:36:32,720  
but his attitude soon changed to one of

885  
00:36:36,950 --> 00:36:34,720  
our surprise

886  
00:36:40,710 --> 00:36:36,960  
the promised detailed events in his life

887  
00:36:42,550 --> 00:36:40,720  
which were known to himself alone

888  
00:36:43,750 --> 00:36:42,560

he had spent 10 years of his youth in

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america

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there he had married unhappily and

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divorced his wife when he returned to

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england he determined to look upon that

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part of his life as a closed book and so

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his friends over here without exception

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were ignorant of the fact that he had

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ever married

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the palmist not only read about his

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marriage in his hands but gave the exact

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year in which it took place

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the events which led up to it and those

901  
00:37:16,790 --> 00:37:14,160  
which led to its disillusion

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00:37:19,190 --> 00:37:16,800  
after this striking demonstration of the

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00:37:21,910 --> 00:37:19,200  
art of palmistry the skeptic was

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00:37:24,470 --> 00:37:21,920  
constrained to admit that there was a

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00:37:26,390 --> 00:37:24,480  
great deal in it after all

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00:37:27,829 --> 00:37:26,400  
and i think

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00:37:30,470 --> 00:37:27,839  
apart from anything else here we've got

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00:37:31,910 --> 00:37:30,480  
a couple of situations it's um it's the

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00:37:34,790 --> 00:37:31,920  
classic story

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00:37:37,270 --> 00:37:34,800  
of somebody who says i'm a skeptic

911  
00:37:39,190 --> 00:37:37,280  
without realizing what that entails or

912  
00:37:41,109 --> 00:37:39,200  
really means

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00:37:43,030 --> 00:37:41,119

in other words it's all very well to say

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00:37:44,950 --> 00:37:43,040

for example i'm a skeptic of palm

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reading i don't believe in it and when

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00:37:50,550 --> 00:37:47,359

you have no understanding of

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00:37:53,109 --> 00:37:50,560

well basically cold reading and patter

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00:37:55,670 --> 00:37:53,119

and the psychology behind it

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well you can quite easily be

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wowed

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we also have the situation of course of

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stories being told

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as in the two women who had their

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futures read and one was killed

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we have no idea if that happened at all

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00:38:12,790 --> 00:38:11,119

and if it did happen what parts of it

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00:38:14,230 --> 00:38:12,800

really did happen what were true what

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was not

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00:38:19,670 --> 00:38:16,720

we just have no idea but it makes for a

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good story now we turn to the braidwood

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review and district advocate

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from new south wales dated the 22nd of

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october 1940

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fortune telling

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condemned

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insult to god

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spiritualism fortune telling

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omens champs and astrology were

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condemned by the reverend francis a

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wallace

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palm reading

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he said began in jest and ended

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seriously

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god alone could tell the future

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if fortune tellers could tell the future

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they did so

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by the power of the devil

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i'll just stop here and say

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hang on a second didn't he just say that

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god alone could tell the future

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00:39:17,349 --> 00:39:15,359  
let's read on

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what an insult to god

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astrology a craze amongst many

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australians made one doubt the mentality

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of those who followed it

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certain newspapers and radio

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broadcasting stations were furthering

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00:39:33,990 --> 00:39:31,920  
this ridiculous and dangerous custom

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stupid people gave up their hard-earned

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00:39:39,829 --> 00:39:36,880  
money to be told about the future

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soft brained people had been fleeced of

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their money by believing in the stars

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there were warnings in the sacred

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scriptures against soothsayers

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if the horse of which some people dreamt

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did not win the melbourne cup

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they were tremendously disappointed

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the melbourne cup of course being a very

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famous horse race here in australia

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spiritualistic seances serve the devil

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mediums became insane because they

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became possessed of the devil

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from whom

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they had their origin

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oh that's a

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dire warning way back in 1940

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and they will leave the reports for this

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yes mom reading is one of those

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old-fashioned good old-fashioned sorts

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of fortune telling like gazing into the

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crystal ball or astrology or

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your mind when you think about fortune

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tellers and that sort of thing

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but certainly worth

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a visit into the digital archives to see

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what was reported

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and you too can spend many happy hours

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wandering

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the digital

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corridors of trove at

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trove.nla.gov dot a you run a search and

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you'll never know what you'll find

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thank you for listening to the skeptic

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the australian skeptics

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annual convention this year being held

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in conjunction with the new zealand

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skeptics will be happening

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in november late november for all the

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information and to register your

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interest which i recommend you do and

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you can find out more go to

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i'll put a link in this week's show

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notes it says the australian and new

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zealand skeptics joint annual convention

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every year skeptics in australia and new

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zealand hold their separate annual

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conventions this year will be different

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the two groups are joining hands across

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the water by holding a joint event

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speakers in both countries and elsewhere

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around the world

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and you can see a list of some of the

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speakers coming up including keynotes dr

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richard wiseman from the uk

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and susie wiles from new zealand

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dr susie was of course who was recently

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the new zealander of the year

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it's very exciting to help get ready for

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that and that will be on the 20th to the

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21st of november head to [skepticon.org](http://skepticon.org)

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dot a u to find out more and you can

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register your interest

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hope to see you there

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one way or another

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thank you to all those people who

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october already i like the first week of

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any given month because that's when the

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money from patreon

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comes into my account

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and i can use that to pay the skeptic's

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own bills and just pay bills in general

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believe it or not

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and uh your contribution

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as i always say makes the show possible

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so thank you to those people who do

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every week or every month via patreon or

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paypal

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and if you could all do me a favor if

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you find the show enjoyable

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interesting you get a laugh out of it

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it's part of your daily

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routine or weekly routine

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tell your friends

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zone and you can hear

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a trove or maynard or adrian or the

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skeptical fairy or no end of things

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i would appreciate it

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but for this week this is richard

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saunders signing off from sydney

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you've been listening to the skeptic

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podcast is an independent production

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the views and opinions expressed on the

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skeptic zone are not necessarily those

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of australian skeptics or any other

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well we've been having a really really

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productive morning folks at the great

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australian psychic prediction project

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i've got the scragglers here because

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we've spent the best part of three hours

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pouring through predictions

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and we were just looking at events in

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the year 2005 that didn't

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uh that weren't predicted including the

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pope dying

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a prominent politician in australia

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resigning uh cyclo katrina and uh and

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other things i'm with adrian hill hello

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adrian

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how are you doing i'm doing well rob

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palmer the well-known skeptic

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gloria

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and michelle biggesmar hello michelle

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you're not shaking in your seat this

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week

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not this time although just shaking with

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anticipation because my numbers are

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going to come up oh you know before we

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get to your numbers michelle rob we

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heard you earlier in the skeptic zone

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you're going to be interviewing of

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course john de lancie from star trek

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that's exciting

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oh i am jazzed about it yes i

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interviewed him for skeptical inquirer

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00:45:49,829 --> 00:45:47,200

and my column

1106

00:45:51,510 --> 00:45:49,839

before he spoke at cycon 2019 and that

1107

00:45:52,950 --> 00:45:51,520

was a great opportunity to get to

1108

00:45:54,309 --> 00:45:52,960

interview him then and this time i get

1109

00:45:55,270 --> 00:45:54,319

to do it live

1110

00:45:58,870 --> 00:45:55,280

wow

1111

00:46:01,750 --> 00:45:58,880

really like him as an actor i think he's

1112

00:46:03,589 --> 00:46:01,760

he's great and did you ever hear the

1113

00:46:05,030 --> 00:46:03,599

series he did with leonard nimoy called

1114

00:46:06,790 --> 00:46:05,040

alien voices

1115

00:46:08,150 --> 00:46:06,800

i know about it but no i've never looked

1116

00:46:10,390 --> 00:46:08,160

it up and i really should do that i

1117

00:46:12,710 --> 00:46:10,400

enjoyed that i i bought those uh oh

1118

00:46:14,710 --> 00:46:12,720

years ago when they came out they did

1119

00:46:17,589 --> 00:46:14,720

they did spock versus q which is a lot

1120

00:46:19,270 --> 00:46:17,599

of fun and they also did uh jules ferns

1121

00:46:21,910 --> 00:46:19,280

they they did some recordings of jules

1122

00:46:24,550 --> 00:46:21,920

verne's work you know dramatizations

1123

00:46:27,030 --> 00:46:26,069

and him and the leonard

1124

00:46:29,589 --> 00:46:27,040

you know of course london them i

1125

00:46:31,030 --> 00:46:29,599

famously felt he was typecast as spock

1126  
00:46:33,510 --> 00:46:31,040  
and wrote the book i am not spock which

1127  
00:46:35,430 --> 00:46:33,520  
i have and then later decided i am spock

1128  
00:46:38,230 --> 00:46:35,440  
and wrote that book yes so i'm going to

1129  
00:46:40,069 --> 00:46:38,240  
ask john if he ever felt like that at

1130  
00:46:41,430 --> 00:46:40,079  
all regarding his cue role probably not

1131  
00:46:44,390 --> 00:46:41,440  
because he's had so many roles in

1132  
00:46:46,150 --> 00:46:44,400  
everything yeah yeah no no and i enjoyed

1133  
00:46:47,670 --> 00:46:46,160  
his work in the recent star trek

1134  
00:46:49,750 --> 00:46:47,680  
continues series where he played a

1135  
00:46:51,990 --> 00:46:49,760  
different character and i can't wait to

1136  
00:46:56,309 --> 00:46:52,000  
see him on picard for card season two is

1137  
00:46:57,510 --> 00:46:56,319  
it going to be q all q all the time

1138  
00:46:58,950 --> 00:46:57,520

all right so we're going to play the

1139

00:47:00,550 --> 00:46:58,960

dice game folks we haven't played it i

1140

00:47:03,190 --> 00:47:00,560

don't think we played it last week i've

1141

00:47:05,030 --> 00:47:03,200

got a six-sided one just a classic this

1142

00:47:06,710 --> 00:47:05,040

time what do i hear folks what do you

1143

00:47:07,589 --> 00:47:06,720

predict

1144

00:47:12,790 --> 00:47:07,599

six

1145

00:47:19,430 --> 00:47:16,069

and for susan's sake i'm gonna say five

1146

00:47:21,109 --> 00:47:19,440

so here's the first roll here it comes

1147

00:47:23,589 --> 00:47:21,119

oh oh you're gonna kill me you're all

1148

00:47:25,349 --> 00:47:23,599

gonna kill me it's five

1149

00:47:27,430 --> 00:47:25,359

susan was right

1150

00:47:29,990 --> 00:47:27,440

even though she's not here susan's not

1151  
00:47:31,510 --> 00:47:30,000  
here she's gonna die all right next one

1152  
00:47:33,030 --> 00:47:31,520  
any change or just doing a stick with

1153  
00:47:34,150 --> 00:47:33,040  
six three four

1154  
00:47:37,510 --> 00:47:34,160  
four

1155  
00:47:40,470 --> 00:47:39,190  
six

1156  
00:47:42,630 --> 00:47:40,480  
hey

1157  
00:47:44,230 --> 00:47:42,640  
see i predicted earlier my numbers were

1158  
00:47:45,070 --> 00:47:44,240  
going to come up and i was shaking with

1159  
00:47:46,710 --> 00:47:45,080  
anticipation

1160  
00:47:48,230 --> 00:47:46,720  
[Laughter]

1161  
00:47:49,589 --> 00:47:48,240  
what was the magnitude of the earthquake

1162  
00:47:51,270 --> 00:47:49,599  
what was the first number i'll pick that

1163  
00:47:52,790 --> 00:47:51,280

uh

1164

00:47:54,710 --> 00:47:52,800

nine i think all right so i'll go with

1165

00:47:57,670 --> 00:47:54,720

five this time

1166

00:48:00,870 --> 00:47:57,680

i'll do a six again and michelle and i'm

1167

00:48:03,750 --> 00:48:00,880

going to round out that 5.9 to a six all

1168

00:48:06,100 --> 00:48:03,760

right here it comes

1169

00:48:08,710 --> 00:48:06,110

wow it's two

1170

00:48:10,549 --> 00:48:08,720

[Laughter]

1171

00:48:12,549 --> 00:48:10,559

so there you go folks today's winning

1172

00:48:14,950 --> 00:48:12,559

numbers are five

1173

00:48:18,150 --> 00:48:14,960

six and two and of course we'll do the

1174

00:48:19,190 --> 00:48:18,160

supplementary so one more roll in case

1175

00:48:22,069 --> 00:48:19,200

we here

1176

00:48:24,790 --> 00:48:22,079

let's go for one one

1177

00:48:26,950 --> 00:48:24,800

i'll go for six six

1178

00:48:28,790 --> 00:48:26,960

ah i think i'll have a change then for

1179

00:48:32,630 --> 00:48:28,800

the supplementary and

1180

00:48:35,109 --> 00:48:32,640

go for a three a three here it comes

1181

00:48:36,870 --> 00:48:35,119

two

1182

00:48:38,069 --> 00:48:36,880

it's amazing richard every single time i

1183

00:48:39,990 --> 00:48:38,079

do this when i'm just listening to the

1184

00:48:42,790 --> 00:48:40,000

podcast i get them all right oh never

1185

00:48:51,190 --> 00:48:42,800

you record me i never get one right ever

1186

00:48:54,710 --> 00:48:52,870

how do i stop the recording

1187

00:48:56,549 --> 00:48:54,720

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