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Adrienne Hill
and the
number 7

An award for
Susan Gerbic

TROVE
"Spoon Bending Kids"

Anti-Vax Flyers



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00:00:09,190 --> 00:00:06,550

[Music]

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00:00:13,930 --> 00:00:09,200

welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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00:00:16,840 --> 00:00:13,940

from australia for science and reason

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00:00:23,349 --> 00:00:16,850

[Applause]

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00:00:25,349 --> 00:00:23,359

[Music]

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00:00:30,150 --> 00:00:25,359

yes it's the skeptic's own podcast

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00:00:35,110 --> 00:00:33,430

for the 6th of february 2022 richard

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00:00:36,950 --> 00:00:35,120

saunders coming to you from sydney

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00:00:38,950 --> 00:00:36,960

australia once again

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00:00:42,150 --> 00:00:38,960

this week on the show we have you can

11
00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:42,160

count on adrian with adrian hill

12
00:00:45,350 --> 00:00:44,480

looking at numbers once again looking at

13
00:00:46,709 --> 00:00:45,360

numbers

14

00:00:48,470 --> 00:00:46,719

this week

15

00:00:51,270 --> 00:00:48,480

adrian looks at the mystical and

16

00:00:53,110 --> 00:00:51,280

mysterious meanings behind

17

00:00:55,750 --> 00:00:53,120

the number seven

18

00:00:59,189 --> 00:00:55,760

seven is seven a good luck number a bad

19

00:01:00,950 --> 00:00:59,199

luck number is seven out of luck

20

00:01:03,029 --> 00:01:00,960

or none of the above

21

00:01:05,590 --> 00:01:03,039

what does numerology have to say about

22

00:01:07,590 --> 00:01:05,600

your personality

23

00:01:09,590 --> 00:01:07,600

and the number seven

24

00:01:12,789 --> 00:01:09,600

are you people born on the seventh of a

25

00:01:14,710 --> 00:01:12,799

month or in the seventh month or in 1970

26

00:01:17,510 --> 00:01:14,720
or 1977

27

00:01:19,270 --> 00:01:17,520
or in 1967 or 19

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00:01:21,350 --> 00:01:19,280
you get the idea

29

00:01:23,510 --> 00:01:21,360
you can count on adrian with adrian hill

30

00:01:24,469 --> 00:01:23,520
coming up at the top of the show then we

31

00:01:26,870 --> 00:01:24,479
have

32

00:01:29,030 --> 00:01:26,880
uh we sort of ease drop a little bit we

33

00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:29,040
catch up with susan gerbic

34

00:01:33,990 --> 00:01:32,479
who was recently awarded an award

35

00:01:36,310 --> 00:01:34,000
you get awarded

36

00:01:37,910 --> 00:01:36,320
an award yeah that sort of makes sense

37

00:01:39,429 --> 00:01:37,920
and we also have something right in the

38

00:01:40,710 --> 00:01:39,439

middle of the show we normally leave to

39

00:01:42,870 --> 00:01:40,720

the easter egg

40

00:01:44,550 --> 00:01:42,880

it's the dice game i thought since susan

41

00:01:46,630 --> 00:01:44,560

was there and i was interviewing her and

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00:01:48,870 --> 00:01:46,640

there were some other people

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00:01:52,069 --> 00:01:48,880

on the zoom meeting i would play the

44

00:01:53,990 --> 00:01:52,079

dice game and bear in mind that susan

45

00:01:55,749 --> 00:01:54,000

always picks the number five when we

46

00:01:58,550 --> 00:01:55,759

play this game

47

00:02:00,310 --> 00:01:58,560

what happened this week find out

48

00:02:02,630 --> 00:02:00,320

then to round off the show it's back

49

00:02:05,429 --> 00:02:02,640

into the trove archives and picking up

50

00:02:06,469 --> 00:02:05,439

from last week we look at spoon bending

51
00:02:08,469 --> 00:02:06,479
kids

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00:02:10,949 --> 00:02:08,479
from the 1970s

53
00:02:13,990 --> 00:02:10,959
now these were young kids and teenagers

54
00:02:16,390 --> 00:02:14,000
who um well sort of jumped on the band

55
00:02:18,309 --> 00:02:16,400
wagon so to speak of spoon bending and

56
00:02:19,190 --> 00:02:18,319
psychic power that was very popular at

57
00:02:21,830 --> 00:02:19,200
the time

58
00:02:24,070 --> 00:02:21,840
owing to yuri geller and his tv

59
00:02:28,229 --> 00:02:24,080
performances and

60
00:02:29,510 --> 00:02:28,239
uh none critical to some extent media

61
00:02:32,150 --> 00:02:29,520
now keep listening at the end of the

62
00:02:33,430 --> 00:02:32,160
episode for more announcements from me

63
00:02:34,550 --> 00:02:33,440

but now it's time for me to run

64

00:02:36,390 --> 00:02:34,560

downstairs

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00:02:38,390 --> 00:02:36,400

raid the pantry

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00:02:39,509 --> 00:02:38,400

make up some pancakes

67

00:02:41,589 --> 00:02:39,519

any

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00:02:44,309 --> 00:02:41,599

type of pancakes

69

00:02:46,390 --> 00:02:44,319

i've heard korean pancakes are very nice

70

00:02:49,430 --> 00:02:46,400

i've tried japanese pancakes and i

71

00:02:51,990 --> 00:02:49,440

cannot wait to try them again

72

00:02:54,710 --> 00:02:52,000

i really cannot wait but i heard korean

73

00:02:56,790 --> 00:02:54,720

pancakes are pretty yummy too

74

00:02:59,030 --> 00:02:56,800

any pancakes will do

75

00:03:08,500 --> 00:02:59,040

well i do that i hope you enjoy the

76

00:03:08,510 --> 00:03:14,400

[Applause]

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00:03:21,350 --> 00:03:18,390

[Music]

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00:03:27,350 --> 00:03:21,360

you can count on adrian

79

00:03:31,750 --> 00:03:29,509

while i was participating in the great

80

00:03:33,670 --> 00:03:31,760

australian prediction project something

81

00:03:35,509 --> 00:03:33,680

that kept coming up and i found to be

82

00:03:38,149 --> 00:03:35,519

unusual was

83

00:03:40,830 --> 00:03:38,159

predictions regarding the so-called

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00:03:46,630 --> 00:03:40,840

seven-year

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00:03:50,070 --> 00:03:48,550

for example we have this from rose

86

00:03:52,390 --> 00:03:50,080

armitage who is quoted in the

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00:03:55,750 --> 00:03:52,400

international psychics directory

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00:03:57,830 --> 00:03:55,760

quote 2005 is a seven year so there will

89

00:04:01,910 --> 00:03:57,840

be a need for people to get more in

90

00:04:03,750 --> 00:04:01,920

touch with their inner being end quote

91

00:04:05,670 --> 00:04:03,760

i had never heard of such a thing so i

92

00:04:07,750 --> 00:04:05,680

decided to investigate

93

00:04:10,470 --> 00:04:07,760

google apparently was unfamiliar with

94

00:04:12,390 --> 00:04:10,480

the term seven year as well

95

00:04:14,630 --> 00:04:12,400

the search engine kept trying to correct

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00:04:17,189 --> 00:04:14,640

me to search for such things as the

97

00:04:20,150 --> 00:04:17,199

seven years war the seven year itch or

98

00:04:22,629 --> 00:04:20,160

the seven year rule in inheritance tax

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00:04:25,670 --> 00:04:22,639

i refined my search to include the term

100

00:04:27,350 --> 00:04:25,680

numerology and voila a plethora of

101
00:04:30,150 --> 00:04:27,360
choices were presented to me ranging

102
00:04:32,230 --> 00:04:30,160
from mediums to tarot card readers

103
00:04:35,430 --> 00:04:32,240
after reading these sites so you won't

104
00:04:37,270 --> 00:04:35,440
have to i'm still confused to be honest

105
00:04:39,110 --> 00:04:37,280
but this is hardly surprising as

106
00:04:40,870 --> 00:04:39,120
numerology seems to be a mixture of

107
00:04:43,510 --> 00:04:40,880
mathematics new age feelings

108
00:04:44,870 --> 00:04:43,520
superstition and jargon but very little

109
00:04:46,950 --> 00:04:44,880
science

110
00:04:49,110 --> 00:04:46,960
richard did some digging for me and

111
00:04:52,310 --> 00:04:49,120
found that lynne kelly studied the

112
00:04:54,830 --> 00:04:52,320
methods of many numerologies in her 2004

113
00:04:58,230 --> 00:04:54,840

book the skeptic's guide to the

114

00:05:00,390 --> 00:04:58,240

paranormal in it she says quote mclean

115

00:05:02,870 --> 00:05:00,400

and alana said the destiny number could

116

00:05:05,189 --> 00:05:02,880

also be called the expression number

117

00:05:08,070 --> 00:05:05,199

while struthers and celine use that term

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00:05:10,070 --> 00:05:08,080

for the sum of the consonants in a name

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00:05:14,390 --> 00:05:10,080

your birthday alone gives you your

120

00:05:15,270 --> 00:05:14,400

psychic shrine or birth path whitaker or

121

00:05:20,310 --> 00:05:15,280

goal

122

00:05:24,390 --> 00:05:20,320

barratt or birthday alana or personality

123

00:05:28,790 --> 00:05:26,550

well your personality number is

124

00:05:30,870 --> 00:05:28,800

calculated from summing the consonants

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00:05:34,310 --> 00:05:30,880

in your name according to pither and

126

00:05:35,749 --> 00:05:34,320

alana end quote oh my no wonder i'm

127

00:05:37,510 --> 00:05:35,759

confused

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00:05:38,550 --> 00:05:37,520

according to the skeptic's dictionary

129

00:05:41,670 --> 00:05:38,560

online

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00:05:43,830 --> 00:05:41,680

it says quote numerology is the study of

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the occult meanings of numbers and their

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00:05:48,150 --> 00:05:46,080

influence on human life since there are

133

00:05:49,909 --> 00:05:48,160

no occult meanings to numbers and since

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00:05:52,390 --> 00:05:49,919

numbers by themselves can have no

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00:05:54,710 --> 00:05:52,400

significant influence on anyone's life

136

00:05:59,110 --> 00:05:54,720

numerology is nothing but superstition

137

00:06:02,070 --> 00:05:59,120

masquerading as science or art end quote

138

00:06:05,029 --> 00:06:02,080

according to creativenumerology.com

139

00:06:07,990 --> 00:06:05,039

the seven year is a year of learning um

140

00:06:09,510 --> 00:06:08,000

does that mean school is not necessary

141

00:06:11,350 --> 00:06:09,520

any other year

142

00:06:13,830 --> 00:06:11,360

also quote

143

00:06:16,790 --> 00:06:13,840

seven energy flows in an atmosphere of

144

00:06:19,029 --> 00:06:16,800

privacy solitude and quietness

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00:06:21,189 --> 00:06:19,039

it is constantly seeking answers to its

146

00:06:24,309 --> 00:06:21,199

steady stream of questions about itself

147

00:06:27,510 --> 00:06:24,319

and life it is seeking truth wisdom

148

00:06:29,590 --> 00:06:27,520

dignity fulfillment and perfection end

149

00:06:32,390 --> 00:06:29,600

quote

150

00:06:35,830 --> 00:06:32,400

well it seems to me that this waffle is

151
00:06:37,510 --> 00:06:35,840
just more waffle on another waffle level

152
00:06:39,909 --> 00:06:37,520
it's the type of waffle that could be

153
00:06:41,830 --> 00:06:39,919
considered to be a barnum statement

154
00:06:44,309 --> 00:06:41,840
these are statements that are commonly

155
00:06:45,670 --> 00:06:44,319
used in so-called psychic or cold

156
00:06:47,909 --> 00:06:45,680
readings

157
00:06:50,150 --> 00:06:47,919
they lead the client to impose their own

158
00:06:52,309 --> 00:06:50,160
interpretation on them and can often

159
00:06:54,070 --> 00:06:52,319
seem to be uncanny i'll read this

160
00:06:55,110 --> 00:06:54,080
sentence again with a small change or

161
00:06:58,390 --> 00:06:55,120
two

162
00:07:00,870 --> 00:06:58,400
you are a sagittarius and as such seek

163
00:07:03,430 --> 00:07:00,880

an atmosphere of privacy solitude and

164

00:07:05,430 --> 00:07:03,440

quietness you are constantly seeking

165

00:07:06,710 --> 00:07:05,440

answers to a steady stream of questions

166

00:07:09,189 --> 00:07:06,720

about your life

167

00:07:11,830 --> 00:07:09,199

sagittarians are always seeking truth

168

00:07:13,909 --> 00:07:11,840

wisdom dignity fulfillment and

169

00:07:15,350 --> 00:07:13,919

perfection

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00:07:17,270 --> 00:07:15,360

you can also swap out the word

171

00:07:20,550 --> 00:07:17,280

sagittarius and replace it with any

172

00:07:23,189 --> 00:07:20,560

random card from a tarot deck ah i have

173

00:07:25,350 --> 00:07:23,199

laid down the seven of swords this tells

174

00:07:27,510 --> 00:07:25,360

me you seek an atmosphere of privacy

175

00:07:30,390 --> 00:07:27,520

solitude and quietness

176

00:07:32,230 --> 00:07:30,400

i think you get the idea and there's

177

00:07:34,150 --> 00:07:32,240

math involved in determining your seven

178

00:07:36,870 --> 00:07:34,160

year and that should excite me being a

179

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

math teacher but no it just made me

180

00:07:40,790 --> 00:07:38,479

shake my head

181

00:07:43,270 --> 00:07:40,800

if we look we can find many meaningful

182

00:07:46,070 --> 00:07:43,280

sevens in our culture

183

00:07:48,869 --> 00:07:46,080

seven days of the week chosen apparently

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00:07:51,189 --> 00:07:48,879

to represent the seven classical planets

185

00:07:53,189 --> 00:07:51,199

those planets are astronomical objects

186

00:07:55,749 --> 00:07:53,199

that could be seen with the naked eye

187

00:07:58,869 --> 00:07:55,759

the moon mercury venus mars jupiter

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saturn and the sun the seven year itch

189

00:08:02,309 --> 00:08:00,479

is the supposed time it takes for the

190

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waning of happiness to occur within a

191

00:08:06,309 --> 00:08:03,680

relationship

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and then there are the seven deadly sins

193

00:08:10,309 --> 00:08:08,160

and maybe the most well-known of all

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00:08:14,950 --> 00:08:10,319

superstitions you will have seven years

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00:08:19,270 --> 00:08:17,430

at murrayglass.com a site where you can

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purchase new windows there is an

197

00:08:23,670 --> 00:08:21,039

excellent section about what you should

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00:08:26,550 --> 00:08:23,680

do if you break a mirror to avoid those

199

00:08:29,029 --> 00:08:26,560

seven years of bad luck they go into

200

00:08:31,029 --> 00:08:29,039

great detail about the history including

201
00:08:33,670 --> 00:08:31,039
the belief that mirrors may contain your

202
00:08:35,589 --> 00:08:33,680
soul or be able to see into the future

203
00:08:37,509 --> 00:08:35,599
they also have multiple suggestions

204
00:08:39,589 --> 00:08:37,519
about what you can do to stave off your

205
00:08:42,790 --> 00:08:39,599
seven years of bad luck by doing such

206
00:08:45,350 --> 00:08:42,800
things as burying the broken mirror in

207
00:08:48,150 --> 00:08:45,360
moonlight or touching a broken piece to

208
00:08:51,110 --> 00:08:48,160
a tombstone but then they make my day

209
00:08:53,269 --> 00:08:51,120
with this line quote the truth is

210
00:08:55,670 --> 00:08:53,279
there's no need to fall prey to the

211
00:08:57,750 --> 00:08:55,680
broken mirror superstition take charge

212
00:08:59,910 --> 00:08:57,760
of your luck and simply replace your

213
00:09:02,470 --> 00:08:59,920

broken mirror end quote

214

00:09:05,030 --> 00:09:02,480

but then they make my day with this line

215

00:09:06,230 --> 00:09:05,040

quote the truth is there's no need to

216

00:09:07,509 --> 00:09:06,240

fall prey to the broken mirror

217

00:09:09,350 --> 00:09:07,519

superstition

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00:09:12,150 --> 00:09:09,360

take charge of your luck and simply

219

00:09:13,910 --> 00:09:12,160

replace your broken mirror end quote of

220

00:09:16,710 --> 00:09:13,920

course they suggest that murray glass

221

00:09:18,790 --> 00:09:16,720

replace it for you brilliant

222

00:09:21,990 --> 00:09:18,800

within literature such as the bible the

223

00:09:24,070 --> 00:09:22,000

number 7 appears more than 700 times

224

00:09:26,230 --> 00:09:24,080

according to biblestudy.org

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00:09:28,310 --> 00:09:26,240

the site says quote in the book of

226

00:09:31,110 --> 00:09:28,320

revelation there are seven churches

227

00:09:33,350 --> 00:09:31,120

seven angels to the seven churches seven

228

00:09:36,230 --> 00:09:33,360

seals seven trumpet plagues seven

229

00:09:38,150 --> 00:09:36,240

thunders and the seven last plagues end

230

00:09:40,150 --> 00:09:38,160

quote

231

00:09:41,190 --> 00:09:40,160

for a more contemporary example

232

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according to harry

233

00:09:49,269 --> 00:09:47,350

within the harry potter books the number

234

00:09:51,190 --> 00:09:49,279

seven was important in the world of

235

00:09:53,670 --> 00:09:51,200

wizards there were seven years of

236

00:09:56,310 --> 00:09:53,680

attending hogwarts school seven floors

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00:09:58,470 --> 00:09:56,320

at the school seven core classes seven

238

00:10:00,710 --> 00:09:58,480

secret passages that exited the school

239

00:10:02,790 --> 00:10:00,720

seven snitches that were caught by harry

240

00:10:04,870 --> 00:10:02,800

and there are seven players on each

241

00:10:06,630 --> 00:10:04,880

quidditch team this is a very small

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00:10:07,590 --> 00:10:06,640

sample of all things seven within the

243

00:10:10,389 --> 00:10:07,600

books

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00:10:13,590 --> 00:10:10,399

to see a very extensive list visit the

245

00:10:16,310 --> 00:10:13,600

wiki oh and did i mention that there are

246

00:10:18,470 --> 00:10:16,320

seven books in the series

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00:10:21,030 --> 00:10:18,480

some of the more fun superstitions that

248

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i have found were on numerologist.com

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according to the site and in no

250

00:10:27,750 --> 00:10:25,440

particular order quote

251
00:10:29,829 --> 00:10:27,760
wrapping her husband's belt seven times

252
00:10:32,949 --> 00:10:29,839
around a tree causes a woman to become

253
00:10:35,350 --> 00:10:32,959
fertile the seventh child of a seventh

254
00:10:37,829 --> 00:10:35,360
child is said to have psychic powers

255
00:10:39,829 --> 00:10:37,839
it is unlucky to get married april 7th

256
00:10:41,990 --> 00:10:39,839
or december 7th

257
00:10:44,150 --> 00:10:42,000
if you wash your hair on the seventh day

258
00:10:45,509 --> 00:10:44,160
of the month you will have trouble with

259
00:10:47,650 --> 00:10:45,519
the law

260
00:10:50,470 --> 00:10:47,660
end quote

261
00:10:52,069 --> 00:10:50,480
[Laughter]

262
00:10:54,230 --> 00:10:52,079
not sure how i've managed to stay out of

263
00:10:56,310 --> 00:10:54,240

trouble all these years

264

00:10:58,470 --> 00:10:56,320

as we have found with the number three

265

00:11:01,110 --> 00:10:58,480

seven can be considered to be both good

266

00:11:03,350 --> 00:11:01,120

and bad and likely depends upon our

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00:11:05,269 --> 00:11:03,360

usual culprit confirmation bias to keep

268

00:11:08,150 --> 00:11:05,279

these superstitions alive

269

00:11:16,230 --> 00:11:08,160

but maybe there's something to it i mean

270

00:11:20,630 --> 00:11:18,310

on that note it's time for me to run

271

00:11:22,870 --> 00:11:20,640

upstairs and make seven delicious

272

00:11:25,190 --> 00:11:22,880

waffles for my family with some nice

273

00:11:27,110 --> 00:11:25,200

canadian maple syrup

274

00:11:29,190 --> 00:11:27,120

i wonder if that would be a lucky or

275

00:11:31,910 --> 00:11:29,200

unlucky thing to do as i've just

276

00:11:35,910 --> 00:11:31,920

realized that the word waffles

277

00:11:35,920 --> 00:11:51,030

until next time this is adrian hill

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00:11:54,790 --> 00:11:52,389

hey adrian

279

00:11:56,949 --> 00:11:54,800

hi susan out for some shopping eh yep

280

00:11:59,790 --> 00:11:56,959

i'm stocking up on this imitation maple

281

00:12:01,350 --> 00:11:59,800

syrup from australia imitation

282

00:12:03,990 --> 00:12:01,360

imitation

283

00:12:06,069 --> 00:12:04,000

no no no no you need to buy the real

284

00:12:08,069 --> 00:12:06,079

thing from canada

285

00:12:10,310 --> 00:12:08,079

but i saw the tv commercial and it said

286

00:12:11,990 --> 00:12:10,320

that noted pancake eating expert richard

287

00:12:13,910 --> 00:12:12,000

saunders says it's the best maple syrup

288

00:12:16,069 --> 00:12:13,920

money can buy and sixty percent of

289

00:12:19,030 --> 00:12:16,079

people preferred in a blind taste test

290

00:12:21,990 --> 00:12:19,040

everyone knows it's the best oh come on

291

00:12:24,949 --> 00:12:22,000

susan you know better than that that's

292

00:12:28,150 --> 00:12:24,959

the argument from authority it is

293

00:12:29,750 --> 00:12:28,160

or is it the argument from popularity

294

00:12:31,670 --> 00:12:29,760

hmm

295

00:12:33,990 --> 00:12:31,680

it might be another logical fallacy i'm

296

00:12:38,840 --> 00:12:34,000

not sure really if only we had a way of

297

00:12:44,870 --> 00:12:41,350

[Music]

298

00:12:47,190 --> 00:12:44,880

hello everyone oh my it's the skeptical

299

00:12:49,590 --> 00:12:47,200

fairy godmother angel from the internet

300

00:12:52,790 --> 00:12:49,600

yes that's right but how did you know

301
00:12:53,990 --> 00:12:52,800
who i am i listening to the skeptic zone

302
00:12:56,389 --> 00:12:54,000
podcast

303
00:12:58,069 --> 00:12:56,399
also didn't you used to be the tooth

304
00:12:59,430 --> 00:12:58,079
fairy oh

305
00:13:01,910 --> 00:12:59,440
yes

306
00:13:04,949 --> 00:13:01,920
i remember you

307
00:13:08,389 --> 00:13:04,959
i'll never forget your left upper

308
00:13:09,509 --> 00:13:08,399
lateral incisor would you like it back

309
00:13:10,949 --> 00:13:09,519
no

310
00:13:13,030 --> 00:13:10,959
it's okay

311
00:13:14,629 --> 00:13:13,040
you keep it hey skeptical fairy

312
00:13:17,110 --> 00:13:14,639
godmother angel what are you doing here

313
00:13:19,829 --> 00:13:17,120

in the supermarket i've come to tell you

314

00:13:22,629 --> 00:13:19,839

that you can find out about 40 different

315

00:13:24,710 --> 00:13:22,639

logical fallacies on youtube in one

316

00:13:26,790 --> 00:13:24,720

handy location

317

00:13:29,350 --> 00:13:26,800

listen to each one to hear an

318

00:13:32,710 --> 00:13:29,360

explanation and examples of how they

319

00:13:39,590 --> 00:13:36,590

just go to tinyurl.com

320

00:13:42,150 --> 00:13:39,600

logicalzone and you'll find all the

321

00:13:45,189 --> 00:13:42,160

logical fallacies with michelle bickers

322

00:13:47,509 --> 00:13:45,199

mark with handy time codes to get to the

323

00:13:48,629 --> 00:13:47,519

exact one you want who is michelle

324

00:13:52,189 --> 00:13:48,639

bigesma

325

00:13:54,150 --> 00:13:52,199

um just a friend of mine

326

00:13:57,030 --> 00:13:54,160

tinyurl.com

327

00:13:58,470 --> 00:13:57,040

logicalzone thank you skeptical fairy

328

00:14:00,389 --> 00:13:58,480

godmother angel

329

00:14:02,550 --> 00:14:00,399

i guess you'll disappear in a puff of

330

00:14:03,670 --> 00:14:02,560

smoke and thunder now eh

331

00:14:06,470 --> 00:14:03,680

um

332

00:14:07,509 --> 00:14:06,480

not quite yet i have a bit of shopping

333

00:14:08,710 --> 00:14:07,519

to do

334

00:14:09,990 --> 00:14:08,720

susan

335

00:14:12,790 --> 00:14:10,000

yes

336

00:14:14,550 --> 00:14:12,800

where do i find the australian maple

337

00:14:17,350 --> 00:14:14,560

syrup hmm

338

00:14:20,870 --> 00:14:17,360

what no no no no come with me so-called

339

00:14:29,910 --> 00:14:20,880

skeptical fairy this is real maple syrup

340

00:14:45,940 --> 00:14:43,430

[Music]

341

00:14:51,350 --> 00:14:45,950

i think we need to think

342

00:15:02,470 --> 00:14:51,360

[Music]

343

00:15:07,670 --> 00:15:05,030

now just before we get to susan and i

344

00:15:09,990 --> 00:15:07,680

recorded this a few days ago before we

345

00:15:12,949 --> 00:15:10,000

were playing a game of trivia with the

346

00:15:15,509 --> 00:15:12,959

trivia gang the committee for skeptical

347

00:15:19,269 --> 00:15:15,519

inquiry awards the robert p

348

00:15:23,509 --> 00:15:19,279

bales annual prize in critical thinking

349

00:15:25,350 --> 00:15:23,519

the 2 500 award is given to the creator

350

00:15:28,389 --> 00:15:25,360

of the published work that best

351
00:15:31,509 --> 00:15:28,399
exemplifies healthy skepticism logical

352
00:15:33,990 --> 00:15:31,519
analysis or empirical science normally

353
00:15:37,430 --> 00:15:34,000
this is given every year at cycon

354
00:15:39,110 --> 00:15:37,440
however owing to covert and other delays

355
00:15:42,550 --> 00:15:39,120
we are only just discovering that the

356
00:15:43,829 --> 00:15:42,560
2019 award has been awarded to our good

357
00:15:44,850 --> 00:15:43,839
friend

358
00:15:51,910 --> 00:15:44,860
susan gerbic

359
00:15:56,069 --> 00:15:54,150
yeah hi richard hello susan

360
00:15:58,389 --> 00:15:56,079
congratulations

361
00:16:00,470 --> 00:15:58,399
thank you very much what's in that

362
00:16:03,829 --> 00:16:00,480
what is that award i'm not familiar with

363
00:16:05,509 --> 00:16:03,839

that bails award here i will look it up

364

00:16:09,829 --> 00:16:05,519

bail

365

00:16:11,189 --> 00:16:09,839

i will look i put this wikipedia page

366

00:16:12,550 --> 00:16:11,199

together which is part of the problem

367

00:16:14,710 --> 00:16:12,560

with the reason why i'm having some

368

00:16:15,829 --> 00:16:14,720

troll let's go darwin

369

00:16:19,990 --> 00:16:15,839

um

370

00:16:23,590 --> 00:16:20,000

it's the is it the something bales award

371

00:16:25,590 --> 00:16:23,600

it's the um it's super heavy

372

00:16:29,749 --> 00:16:25,600

it's the super heavy award

373

00:16:33,189 --> 00:16:29,759

it is so heavy it is the uh robert

374

00:16:36,870 --> 00:16:33,199

p bells b-a-l-l-e-s robert susan gerber

375

00:16:39,430 --> 00:16:36,880

has won the robert p bales award for

376

00:16:42,470 --> 00:16:39,440

in critical thinking yes susan gerbic

377

00:16:44,550 --> 00:16:42,480

investigation of psychics 2019. well

378

00:16:46,230 --> 00:16:44,560

done and congratulations and by the way

379

00:16:48,790 --> 00:16:46,240

i am recording this for the skeptic's

380

00:16:50,790 --> 00:16:48,800

own susan what do you have

381

00:16:52,550 --> 00:16:50,800

what was your reaction

382

00:16:55,189 --> 00:16:52,560

it was a surprise

383

00:16:57,670 --> 00:16:55,199

absolutely it's a 2019 award

384

00:17:01,110 --> 00:16:57,680

and it is the

385

00:17:04,789 --> 00:17:01,120

it is uh was a oh it's a big deal it's a

386

00:17:06,870 --> 00:17:04,799

robert p bales award and it is

387

00:17:09,270 --> 00:17:06,880

a prize given to the creator of the

388

00:17:11,669 --> 00:17:09,280

published work that best exemplifies

389

00:17:13,590 --> 00:17:11,679

healthy skepticism logical analysis or

390

00:17:15,189 --> 00:17:13,600

empirical evidence

391

00:17:18,230 --> 00:17:15,199

and it was established through a

392

00:17:19,829 --> 00:17:18,240

memorial fund years and years ago and

393

00:17:22,069 --> 00:17:19,839

some of the other people who have won it

394

00:17:25,510 --> 00:17:22,079

are ben goldacre

395

00:17:29,110 --> 00:17:25,520

stephen novella richard weissman

396

00:17:30,310 --> 00:17:29,120

hmm good carpet good company

397

00:17:32,870 --> 00:17:30,320

uh yeah

398

00:17:33,909 --> 00:17:32,880

maria conocovia

399

00:17:35,830 --> 00:17:33,919

and

400

00:17:38,549 --> 00:17:35,840

donald prothrow

401
00:17:41,510 --> 00:17:38,559
so it's usually given an award for

402
00:17:43,029 --> 00:17:41,520
literature so if you if you for some

403
00:17:45,430 --> 00:17:43,039
sort of

404
00:17:46,870 --> 00:17:45,440
book you have come out so i never ever

405
00:17:48,310 --> 00:17:46,880
thought that i would ever be able to win

406
00:17:51,270 --> 00:17:48,320
this because

407
00:17:54,870 --> 00:17:51,280
but i guess wikipedia is hi ellen um

408
00:17:58,950 --> 00:17:57,350
it is heavy can you hold that up

409
00:18:01,430 --> 00:17:58,960
one more time for me just to the camera

410
00:18:04,070 --> 00:18:01,440
so i can have a good look

411
00:18:06,710 --> 00:18:04,080
wow that's beautiful um cut glass sort

412
00:18:08,789 --> 00:18:06,720
of uh award isn't it with the engraving

413
00:18:10,150 --> 00:18:08,799

it takes a gorilla to lift one of those

414

00:18:12,830 --> 00:18:10,160

those suits

415

00:18:15,909 --> 00:18:12,840

only gorillas can lift these yeah

416

00:18:17,270 --> 00:18:15,919

probably 10 pounds or something

417

00:18:19,190 --> 00:18:17,280

and mark says not to put it by the

418

00:18:20,789 --> 00:18:19,200

window because like with a crystal ball

419

00:18:22,630 --> 00:18:20,799

you know when the the they said the

420

00:18:24,390 --> 00:18:22,640

fires are started with crystal balls

421

00:18:25,830 --> 00:18:24,400

next to the window it's a magnet for the

422

00:18:27,830 --> 00:18:25,840

cats you know that they're going to come

423

00:18:30,150 --> 00:18:27,840

up and go bat

424

00:18:31,830 --> 00:18:30,160

no actually they never do my cats have

425

00:18:33,590 --> 00:18:31,840

never knocked anything over look at all

426

00:18:35,750 --> 00:18:33,600

the stuff that's sitting here she's got

427

00:18:37,029 --> 00:18:35,760

a gargoyle she's got is it a gargoyle in

428

00:18:39,430 --> 00:18:37,039

the background there she's got a picture

429

00:18:40,870 --> 00:18:39,440

that's a gargoyle

430

00:18:42,390 --> 00:18:40,880

and she felt that

431

00:18:44,310 --> 00:18:42,400

you know we had to have a gargoyle and

432

00:18:45,669 --> 00:18:44,320

then there's a there's a randy doll

433

00:18:46,870 --> 00:18:45,679

james randy

434

00:18:49,029 --> 00:18:46,880

when they were little

435

00:18:50,710 --> 00:18:49,039

there's my um what is that called what

436

00:18:52,870 --> 00:18:50,720

do we decide it's not a gargoyle i can't

437

00:18:55,110 --> 00:18:52,880

remember

438

00:18:56,950 --> 00:18:55,120

it's a grotesque it's a grotesque it's a

439

00:18:58,390 --> 00:18:56,960

grotesque folks we're looking we're just

440

00:19:00,230 --> 00:18:58,400

about to play a little bit of trivia but

441

00:19:02,789 --> 00:19:00,240

i thought i would come in early and

442

00:19:04,630 --> 00:19:02,799

congratulate you um susan i don't know

443

00:19:06,470 --> 00:19:04,640

if you heard my shout out to you a week

444

00:19:08,470 --> 00:19:06,480

or two on the skeptic zone i said you do

445

00:19:10,710 --> 00:19:08,480

more than skeptic for skepticism than

446

00:19:12,230 --> 00:19:10,720

just about anybody i know which is true

447

00:19:13,750 --> 00:19:12,240

and that's reflected in the fact that

448

00:19:16,230 --> 00:19:13,760

you've won this uh

449

00:19:17,830 --> 00:19:16,240

prestigious award and to celebrate

450

00:19:20,549 --> 00:19:17,840

to celebrate susan

451

00:19:21,909 --> 00:19:20,559

oh yes here it comes oh it's at number

452

00:19:24,230 --> 00:19:21,919

five we're going to highlight we're

453

00:19:25,669 --> 00:19:24,240

going to be rigged okay we're going to

454

00:19:26,789 --> 00:19:25,679

play the dice game now you want

455

00:19:28,710 --> 00:19:26,799

everybody we're going to play the dice

456

00:19:30,789 --> 00:19:28,720

game complain in the past that you can't

457

00:19:31,669 --> 00:19:30,799

see the the the apparatus well here it

458

00:19:33,510 --> 00:19:31,679

is

459

00:19:35,669 --> 00:19:33,520

there it goes okay okay wait here comes

460

00:19:38,070 --> 00:19:35,679

peggy let's let her up the door hold on

461

00:19:39,830 --> 00:19:38,080

okay all right so everybody everybody

462

00:19:41,430 --> 00:19:39,840

put your prediction there's about six or

463

00:19:45,830 --> 00:19:41,440

seven people here put your prediction

464

00:19:47,430 --> 00:19:45,840

into the chat window in zoo oh three

465

00:19:48,630 --> 00:19:47,440

five

466

00:19:56,150 --> 00:19:48,640

oh

467

00:19:59,750 --> 00:19:57,669

just about every number is covered i

468

00:20:01,750 --> 00:19:59,760

think i see nobody's putting five so

469

00:20:05,350 --> 00:20:01,760

here we go roll they know that it's

470

00:20:10,789 --> 00:20:08,630

no way no way

471

00:20:12,950 --> 00:20:10,799

and that's on video y'all you have to

472

00:20:15,190 --> 00:20:12,960

you would not believe it that is real

473

00:20:17,350 --> 00:20:15,200

it's a five and you're only a one and

474

00:20:19,029 --> 00:20:17,360

six chance but it never happened you

475

00:20:21,909 --> 00:20:19,039

will see that i guess this isn't an

476

00:20:23,990 --> 00:20:21,919

award yeah it's amazing okay we're gonna

477

00:20:25,909 --> 00:20:24,000

do it again yep two more times so next

478

00:20:28,050 --> 00:20:25,919

guess is everybody next time

479

00:20:29,430 --> 00:20:28,060

my goal is to get five five five come on

480

00:20:31,430 --> 00:20:29,440

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481

00:20:32,470 --> 00:20:31,440

put your guess in the chat quick one to

482

00:20:33,430 --> 00:20:32,480

six

483

00:20:34,870 --> 00:20:33,440

okay

484

00:20:37,110 --> 00:20:34,880

and

485

00:20:38,710 --> 00:20:37,120

here it comes

486

00:20:40,630 --> 00:20:38,720

no way yes

487

00:20:43,430 --> 00:20:40,640

oh my gosh

488

00:20:46,789 --> 00:20:43,440

oh it's a trick dice it's not

489

00:20:50,230 --> 00:20:46,799

i promise you it is it is not a drug no

490

00:20:54,149 --> 00:20:52,470

i did not buy a special dice that would

491

00:20:56,549 --> 00:20:54,159

only come up with five i promise you

492

00:20:58,789 --> 00:20:56,559

there's no way no it has to be a trick

493

00:21:02,070 --> 00:20:58,799

dog this look it's

494

00:21:04,070 --> 00:21:02,080

well you can't go one more time see that

495

00:21:05,270 --> 00:21:04,080

it's just random random round all right

496

00:21:09,590 --> 00:21:05,280

one more time

497

00:21:12,230 --> 00:21:09,600

the odds are one and six it's going to

498

00:21:14,070 --> 00:21:12,240

be a five minutes

499

00:21:29,190 --> 00:21:14,080

i've been asking for this for a year

500

00:21:35,029 --> 00:21:31,029

no i promise you

501
00:21:38,630 --> 00:21:36,870
you did it what are the odds of that you

502
00:21:40,470 --> 00:21:38,640
did it you calculate that

503
00:21:42,710 --> 00:21:40,480
well we have to define the hypothesis

504
00:21:44,630 --> 00:21:42,720
we're testing the chance of the die is

505
00:21:47,669 --> 00:21:44,640
fair versus richard is the sleight of

506
00:21:49,669 --> 00:21:47,679
hand okay so yeah or

507
00:21:51,830 --> 00:21:49,679
pull out on the table

508
00:21:52,630 --> 00:21:51,840
yeah yeah look look look

509
00:21:54,230 --> 00:21:52,640
at this

510
00:21:55,750 --> 00:21:54,240
ready

511
00:22:09,110 --> 00:21:55,760
four

512
00:22:09,120 --> 00:22:12,870
watch this

513
00:22:16,710 --> 00:22:14,789

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514

00:22:17,909 --> 00:22:16,720

you and i have put down four every time

515

00:22:19,750 --> 00:22:17,919

and i don't think a four has shown up

516

00:22:20,789 --> 00:22:19,760

there at all

517

00:22:23,190 --> 00:22:20,799

this

518

00:22:26,149 --> 00:22:23,200

really did happen it was no sleight of

519

00:22:29,350 --> 00:22:26,159

hand it's no magic dice susan you've got

520

00:22:33,190 --> 00:22:30,549

well

521

00:22:35,190 --> 00:22:33,200

okay yeah it really looks dogs living

522

00:22:36,789 --> 00:22:35,200

together and you know

523

00:22:39,029 --> 00:22:36,799

and you know that in all the years i've

524

00:22:41,510 --> 00:22:39,039

been doing this i simply read out the

525

00:22:43,510 --> 00:22:41,520

number and it was videoed you all saw it

526
00:22:45,590 --> 00:22:43,520
this is no sleight of hand

527
00:22:46,789 --> 00:22:45,600
wow

528
00:22:48,149 --> 00:22:46,799
they don't believe me they're all

529
00:22:52,870 --> 00:22:48,159
skeptical

530
00:22:54,950 --> 00:22:52,880
but the thing is it's got it five five

531
00:22:58,390 --> 00:22:54,960
five has got as much chances coming up

532
00:23:00,549 --> 00:22:58,400
as six four two or five two two

533
00:23:01,990 --> 00:23:00,559
it happened of course that's why i've

534
00:23:03,270 --> 00:23:02,000
been trying for the same number now i

535
00:23:04,710 --> 00:23:03,280
guess i'm gonna have to try for another

536
00:23:08,070 --> 00:23:04,720
number

537
00:23:11,590 --> 00:23:08,080
okay so there's 216 possibilities two to

538
00:23:14,149 --> 00:23:11,600

two no two hundred and uh

539

00:23:17,590 --> 00:23:14,159

there i haven't figured that out

540

00:23:19,430 --> 00:23:17,600

but anyway turn to the next skeptics in

541

00:23:20,870 --> 00:23:19,440

in all honesty and you all saw it

542

00:23:23,270 --> 00:23:20,880

because it was videoed and people can

543

00:23:26,149 --> 00:23:23,280

watch this video again no magic dice no

544

00:23:29,830 --> 00:23:26,159

sleight of hand susan you really did get

545

00:23:31,909 --> 00:23:29,840

five five five 2016 yeah

546

00:23:35,480 --> 00:23:31,919

i'm okay i'll

547

00:23:46,070 --> 00:23:35,490

believe it for the moment

548

00:23:48,630 --> 00:23:46,080

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549

00:23:49,590 --> 00:23:48,640

hi this is dr pamela gay from astronomy

550

00:23:51,669 --> 00:23:49,600

cast

551
00:23:53,510 --> 00:23:51,679
each week fraser cain and i take our

552
00:23:55,750 --> 00:23:53,520
listeners on a fact-based journey

553
00:23:58,630 --> 00:23:55,760
through the cosmos with our weekly

554
00:24:01,190 --> 00:23:58,640
podcast we explain not just what we know

555
00:24:03,110 --> 00:24:01,200
but how we know what we know about this

556
00:24:04,510 --> 00:24:03,120
universe that we share

557
00:24:06,549 --> 00:24:04,520
check us out at

558
00:24:08,870 --> 00:24:06,559
astronomycast.com and look for us in

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[Music]

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now it's time to dive into those digital

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archives again from newspapers around

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the world in what we like to call the

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trove segment because most of the

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stories we get are from australia from

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thousands of digitized newspapers and so

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and following on from last week's show

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which we were really looking at

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curly and photography but it's sort of

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it sort of went off in tangents and we

578

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read the account of a so-called psychic

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00:25:15,269 --> 00:25:13,039

kid

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one colleen cummins

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now the author of the piece bob

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kirkpatrick seemed to be quite taken

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with the

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supposed abilities of young colleen who

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00:25:27,590 --> 00:25:26,080

could bend spoons and forks

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00:25:29,510 --> 00:25:27,600

so much so

587

00:25:31,990 --> 00:25:29,520

that i have found another piece by him

588

00:25:33,990 --> 00:25:32,000

along a similar line so i think it's

589

00:25:35,029 --> 00:25:34,000

worth reporting on

590

00:25:36,710 --> 00:25:35,039

and

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00:25:40,149 --> 00:25:36,720

this comes from

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sunday january the 4th 1976 which places

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it right smack bang in the middle

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slightly maybe

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00:25:51,110 --> 00:25:47,600

slightly later on in the middle

596

00:25:52,149 --> 00:25:51,120

hard to say of the whole yuri gala spoon

597

00:25:56,470 --> 00:25:52,159

bending

598

00:25:59,029 --> 00:25:56,480

psychic goings on of the 1970s so

599

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sunday january the 4th 1976

600

00:26:03,590 --> 00:26:01,840

and this is in the santa ana register

601
00:26:07,750 --> 00:26:03,600
in the

602
00:26:07,760 --> 00:26:13,610
county boys explore eerie psychic world

603
00:26:18,549 --> 00:26:15,669
[Music]

604
00:26:20,950 --> 00:26:18,559
two orange county youngsters have joined

605
00:26:23,430 --> 00:26:20,960
the spoon bending set duplicating the

606
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psychokinetic power of israeli psychic

607
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urigela

608
00:26:29,430 --> 00:26:26,559
the first to enter the

609
00:26:32,470 --> 00:26:29,440
geller effect arena was a ten-year-old

610
00:26:34,070 --> 00:26:32,480
boy in la palma david shepherd

611
00:26:37,669 --> 00:26:34,080
young david began

612
00:26:40,549 --> 00:26:37,679
warping silverware early last summer

613
00:26:43,190 --> 00:26:40,559

witnesses to his unusual psychic power

614

00:26:45,430 --> 00:26:43,200

include dr william sundgren a

615

00:26:47,510 --> 00:26:45,440

psychologist and junior high school

616

00:26:51,350 --> 00:26:47,520

counselor in anaheim

617

00:26:53,190 --> 00:26:51,360

apollo astronaut dr edgar b mitchell

618

00:26:56,549 --> 00:26:53,200

founder and president of the institute

619

00:26:58,230 --> 00:26:56,559

of noetic sciences in palo alto now

620

00:26:59,669 --> 00:26:58,240

quick look at wikipedia just quickly

621

00:27:03,510 --> 00:26:59,679

noetic science is a branch of

622

00:27:04,830 --> 00:27:03,520

metaphysics concerned with the study of

623

00:27:07,750 --> 00:27:04,840

mind and

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00:27:11,110 --> 00:27:07,760

intellect paul bannister a reporter for

625

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the weekly national enquirer john yench

626
00:27:18,310 --> 00:27:14,799
anaheim bulletin staff writer and stuart

627
00:27:20,710 --> 00:27:18,320
rob anaheim a longtime parapsychological

628
00:27:23,190 --> 00:27:20,720
researcher lecturer and author

629
00:27:25,350 --> 00:27:23,200
who on several occasions has had david

630
00:27:29,230 --> 00:27:25,360
demonstrate his psychokinetic power

631
00:27:30,870 --> 00:27:29,240
before adult and extension classes in

632
00:27:31,750 --> 00:27:30,880
parapsychology

633
00:27:35,669 --> 00:27:31,760
so

634
00:27:37,360 --> 00:27:35,679
a 10 year old boy can fool all these

635
00:27:39,430 --> 00:27:37,370
people

636
00:27:42,630 --> 00:27:39,440
[Applause]

637
00:27:43,669 --> 00:27:42,640
like colleen cummins of long beach david

638
00:27:46,230 --> 00:27:43,679

is a

639

00:27:47,430 --> 00:27:46,240

completely normal youngster in all

640

00:27:49,430 --> 00:27:47,440

respects

641

00:27:51,909 --> 00:27:49,440

with interests and

642

00:27:53,029 --> 00:27:51,919

activities one would expect of a 10 year

643

00:27:55,510 --> 00:27:53,039

old

644

00:27:56,950 --> 00:27:55,520

except for his difficult to explain

645

00:28:00,470 --> 00:27:56,960

ability to

646

00:28:02,549 --> 00:28:00,480

contort metal objects at will

647

00:28:05,669 --> 00:28:02,559

by what mitchell describes as

648

00:28:08,710 --> 00:28:05,679

non-physical means like many adults who

649

00:28:11,750 --> 00:28:08,720

have achieved the geller effect david

650

00:28:13,830 --> 00:28:11,760

had never observed in fact had never

651
00:28:17,510 --> 00:28:13,840
heard of psychic geller before

652
00:28:19,269 --> 00:28:17,520
discovering the powers of psychokinesis

653
00:28:22,710 --> 00:28:19,279
oh yeah

654
00:28:23,990 --> 00:28:22,720
as the blue-eyed metal mangler

655
00:28:26,950 --> 00:28:24,000
recalls

656
00:28:28,950 --> 00:28:26,960
it was sometime around april that

657
00:28:31,350 --> 00:28:28,960
our family went to a hobby show in long

658
00:28:32,950 --> 00:28:31,360
beach i glanced at a booth where a lady

659
00:28:34,630 --> 00:28:32,960
was holding a spoon

660
00:28:36,710 --> 00:28:34,640
i found my parents and told them about

661
00:28:39,269 --> 00:28:36,720
the lady and the spoon we went there and

662
00:28:41,190 --> 00:28:39,279
saw her stroking spoons gently until

663
00:28:44,470 --> 00:28:41,200

they bent by themselves

664

00:28:46,470 --> 00:28:44,480

the lady asked them to try it

665

00:28:48,870 --> 00:28:46,480

they tried it but the spoons would not

666

00:28:50,710 --> 00:28:48,880

bend and when i tried it i could not

667

00:28:53,669 --> 00:28:50,720

make them bend either

668

00:28:56,389 --> 00:28:53,679

a few days later i tried to do it again

669

00:28:59,590 --> 00:28:56,399

this time the spoons bent a bit my

670

00:29:01,750 --> 00:28:59,600

father saw it and has got me to do it

671

00:29:03,909 --> 00:29:01,760

several times since

672

00:29:05,269 --> 00:29:03,919

asked to describe how he achieves the

673

00:29:07,590 --> 00:29:05,279

phenomenon

674

00:29:10,310 --> 00:29:07,600

david explained simply i just think

675

00:29:12,950 --> 00:29:10,320

about the spoon bending and wish that it

676

00:29:14,470 --> 00:29:12,960

would i sort of feel energy going into

677

00:29:17,430 --> 00:29:14,480

the spoon

678

00:29:18,470 --> 00:29:17,440

sort of wish that it would go there and

679

00:29:20,870 --> 00:29:18,480

it does

680

00:29:24,230 --> 00:29:20,880

and like colleen david doesn't object to

681

00:29:25,909 --> 00:29:24,240

a gallery of observers in fact he claims

682

00:29:28,870 --> 00:29:25,919

he performs better when people are

683

00:29:32,149 --> 00:29:28,880

around it's as if i can draw upon them

684

00:29:34,870 --> 00:29:32,159

for energy the youngster observes

685

00:29:37,510 --> 00:29:34,880

david's parents harry and sharon shepard

686

00:29:40,470 --> 00:29:37,520

who admit to a long-standing interest in

687

00:29:43,909 --> 00:29:40,480

psychic phenomena have been careful not

688

00:29:47,029 --> 00:29:43,919

to try to influence him in any way in

689

00:29:50,470 --> 00:29:47,039

the exercise of his strange power

690

00:29:53,269 --> 00:29:50,480

as harry shepard explained it we don't

691

00:29:55,750 --> 00:29:53,279

want to push the boy in any way

692

00:29:57,830 --> 00:29:55,760

at the same time we don't want to say no

693

00:30:00,470 --> 00:29:57,840

you cannot do that we just want to let

694

00:30:03,029 --> 00:30:00,480

him develop on his own and regard this

695

00:30:05,350 --> 00:30:03,039

simply as another activity of his

696

00:30:07,350 --> 00:30:05,360

although willing to have david engage in

697

00:30:08,549 --> 00:30:07,360

scientific research in the study of his

698

00:30:11,190 --> 00:30:08,559

power

699

00:30:13,669 --> 00:30:11,200

the shepherds don't wish to discuss

700

00:30:15,750 --> 00:30:13,679

details for any planned studies

701
00:30:17,669 --> 00:30:15,760
undue publicity they fear might

702
00:30:19,990 --> 00:30:17,679
jeopardize the research

703
00:30:22,950 --> 00:30:20,000
an added facet to young david's power is

704
00:30:25,029 --> 00:30:22,960
the apparent ability to achieve healing

705
00:30:27,590 --> 00:30:25,039
according to his father who reports that

706
00:30:29,750 --> 00:30:27,600
the boy periodically attends a healing

707
00:30:32,789 --> 00:30:29,760
clinic in santa monica

708
00:30:34,230 --> 00:30:32,799
to affect relief of minor ailments such

709
00:30:37,430 --> 00:30:34,240
as backaches

710
00:30:39,350 --> 00:30:37,440
and parapsychological lecturer rob

711
00:30:43,190 --> 00:30:39,360
vouchers for having witnessed david

712
00:30:44,470 --> 00:30:43,200
achieve a minor healing in one of his

713
00:30:46,230 --> 00:30:44,480

classes

714

00:30:48,389 --> 00:30:46,240

the most recent case

715

00:30:50,470 --> 00:30:48,399

and by far the most spectacular and

716

00:30:53,110 --> 00:30:50,480

productive of youth going on a

717

00:30:57,029 --> 00:30:53,120

mind-mashing paranormality

718

00:30:59,830 --> 00:30:57,039

bender involves a laguna beach boy

719

00:31:02,870 --> 00:30:59,840

formerly of anaheim chris kennedy a

720

00:31:06,149 --> 00:31:02,880

slender blonde 12 year old has all the

721

00:31:08,789 --> 00:31:06,159

appearance of an average kid next door

722

00:31:11,750 --> 00:31:08,799

this softly spoken blue-eyed youngster

723

00:31:14,149 --> 00:31:11,760

likes to play football enjoys surfing is

724

00:31:16,870 --> 00:31:14,159

interested in motorcycling and a host of

725

00:31:19,509 --> 00:31:16,880

other activities which one considers

726
00:31:20,789 --> 00:31:19,519
normal for a boy his age

727
00:31:23,190 --> 00:31:20,799
but today

728
00:31:26,310 --> 00:31:23,200
he's bending knives

729
00:31:29,509 --> 00:31:26,320
forks spoons keys coins

730
00:31:31,430 --> 00:31:29,519
even heavy and irons with ease and i had

731
00:31:34,630 --> 00:31:31,440
to look that one up an andein is a big

732
00:31:36,230 --> 00:31:34,640
sort of metal object metal um

733
00:31:40,149 --> 00:31:36,240
rod device you put in front of a

734
00:31:41,590 --> 00:31:40,159
fireplace to stop fire the logs rolling

735
00:31:43,750 --> 00:31:41,600
out

736
00:31:45,350 --> 00:31:43,760
chris developed this strange power

737
00:31:48,230 --> 00:31:45,360
through the guidance of his father

738
00:31:50,630 --> 00:31:48,240

lawrence kennedy of south laguna

739

00:31:53,269 --> 00:31:50,640

determined to master the same psychic

740

00:31:56,310 --> 00:31:53,279

powers demonstrated by geller

741

00:31:58,870 --> 00:31:56,320

kennedy for months concentrated on spoon

742

00:32:00,710 --> 00:31:58,880

bending trying to produce the well-known

743

00:32:02,470 --> 00:32:00,720

gela effect

744

00:32:04,070 --> 00:32:02,480

despite exhausting efforts of

745

00:32:07,190 --> 00:32:04,080

concentration and

746

00:32:08,630 --> 00:32:07,200

willing the phenomenon to occur

747

00:32:11,269 --> 00:32:08,640

and nothing happened

748

00:32:13,990 --> 00:32:11,279

kennedy was frustrated and discouraged

749

00:32:16,230 --> 00:32:14,000

but he hoped to emulate gillard's feats

750

00:32:18,389 --> 00:32:16,240

in order to present an academic treatise

751

00:32:21,269 --> 00:32:18,399

on his phenomenon

752

00:32:24,149 --> 00:32:21,279

as the deadline for his paper drew near

753

00:32:26,630 --> 00:32:24,159

panic welled up in him

754

00:32:29,190 --> 00:32:26,640

the breakthrough came in early july

755

00:32:31,590 --> 00:32:29,200

quietly effortlessly

756

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

no sparks no thunder no lightning it

757

00:32:35,590 --> 00:32:32,799

just happened

758

00:32:38,230 --> 00:32:35,600

kennedy was listening to a friend's list

759

00:32:40,149 --> 00:32:38,240

concerto totally relaxed and absorbing

760

00:32:42,870 --> 00:32:40,159

the beauty of the music

761

00:32:46,630 --> 00:32:42,880

but all the while gently stroking the

762

00:32:50,070 --> 00:32:46,640

spoon he invariably carried with him

763

00:32:52,870 --> 00:32:50,080

and the spoon became limp began to bend

764

00:32:55,909 --> 00:32:52,880

as kennedy explained it i simply forgot

765

00:32:58,710 --> 00:32:55,919

my ego and continuous striving and

766

00:33:00,549 --> 00:32:58,720

willing to achieve this and let a higher

767

00:33:03,830 --> 00:33:00,559

power take over

768

00:33:05,509 --> 00:33:03,840

son chris was stunned gee dad do you

769

00:33:07,110 --> 00:33:05,519

think i could do that

770

00:33:09,669 --> 00:33:07,120

of course you can son

771

00:33:11,590 --> 00:33:09,679

and soon afterwards chris bent his first

772

00:33:13,590 --> 00:33:11,600

spoon

773

00:33:16,389 --> 00:33:13,600

oh to be a fly on the wall during that

774

00:33:20,470 --> 00:33:18,230

but neither he nor his father were

775

00:33:21,830 --> 00:33:20,480

prepared for the psychic

776

00:33:24,070 --> 00:33:21,840

explosion

777

00:33:25,990 --> 00:33:24,080

which occurred later one morning in

778

00:33:28,230 --> 00:33:26,000

august kennedy was on the phone

779

00:33:30,310 --> 00:33:28,240

conducting details of his psychic book

780

00:33:32,630 --> 00:33:30,320

distribution business

781

00:33:35,269 --> 00:33:32,640

while chris was in the kitchen trying

782

00:33:37,430 --> 00:33:35,279

unsuccessfully to bend a fork

783

00:33:38,389 --> 00:33:37,440

when his father got off the phone chris

784

00:33:39,830 --> 00:33:38,399

confessed

785

00:33:40,710 --> 00:33:39,840

dejectedly

786

00:33:43,909 --> 00:33:40,720

dad

787

00:33:46,310 --> 00:33:43,919

i can't do my stuff on this fork maybe

788

00:33:48,950 --> 00:33:46,320

what you need is a spoon instead of a

789

00:33:50,389 --> 00:33:48,960

fork kennedy suggested pulling open the

790

00:33:53,190 --> 00:33:50,399

cutlery drawer

791

00:33:56,549 --> 00:33:53,200

he was shocked he later told me to find

792

00:33:57,669 --> 00:33:56,559

the drawer a mangled metal mess

793

00:34:01,669 --> 00:33:57,679

forks

794

00:34:05,430 --> 00:34:01,679

knives spoons can opener's basking whisk

795

00:34:07,509 --> 00:34:05,440

and a tea kettle top were all contorted

796

00:34:09,109 --> 00:34:07,519

a potato peeler was broken off at the

797

00:34:11,430 --> 00:34:09,119

handle

798

00:34:14,149 --> 00:34:11,440

this kid has been busy

799

00:34:15,750 --> 00:34:14,159

kennedy fished for a spoon in the

800

00:34:18,629 --> 00:34:15,760

dishwasher

801
00:34:19,510 --> 00:34:18,639
more mangled silverware he went to the

802
00:34:22,310 --> 00:34:19,520
sink

803
00:34:25,349 --> 00:34:22,320
no usable cutlery there either

804
00:34:27,270 --> 00:34:25,359
bemused kennedy scratched his head

805
00:34:29,349 --> 00:34:27,280
probably with a bent fork

806
00:34:31,750 --> 00:34:29,359
what the heck are we going to use for

807
00:34:33,430 --> 00:34:31,760
dinner he pondered aloud

808
00:34:35,349 --> 00:34:33,440
entering the living room he discovered

809
00:34:37,430 --> 00:34:35,359
more metal mayhem

810
00:34:40,230 --> 00:34:37,440
the corner of the bird cage was bent out

811
00:34:42,470 --> 00:34:40,240
of line the metal rabbit ear antenna on

812
00:34:46,069 --> 00:34:42,480
the tv were bent

813
00:34:48,869 --> 00:34:46,079

the tv stand magazine rack was contorted

814

00:34:51,109 --> 00:34:48,879

and one metal strand broken

815

00:34:53,430 --> 00:34:51,119

metal camping cookware laid out for a

816

00:34:56,950 --> 00:34:53,440

forthcoming vacation trip looked like

817

00:34:58,950 --> 00:34:56,960

rejects from a junk swap meet

818

00:35:01,190 --> 00:34:58,960

kennedy contacted members of the news

819

00:35:02,710 --> 00:35:01,200

media in orange county to apprise them

820

00:35:04,470 --> 00:35:02,720

of the incident

821

00:35:07,750 --> 00:35:04,480

the national enquirer got wind of this

822

00:35:10,230 --> 00:35:07,760

phenomenon and wanted details

823

00:35:12,470 --> 00:35:10,240

but before the kennedy's mass metal

824

00:35:15,109 --> 00:35:12,480

bending experience had become publicly

825

00:35:16,670 --> 00:35:15,119

known their psychokinetic powers had

826
00:35:19,910 --> 00:35:16,680
come to the attention of

827
00:35:21,670 --> 00:35:19,920
parapsychological researcher stuart robb

828
00:35:24,710 --> 00:35:21,680
also of anaheim

829
00:35:27,430 --> 00:35:24,720
rob lost no time in delving further into

830
00:35:29,910 --> 00:35:27,440
the kennedy's apparent psychic power

831
00:35:32,630 --> 00:35:29,920
while interviewing the two at lunch in a

832
00:35:35,030 --> 00:35:32,640
fullerton restaurant rob began his

833
00:35:37,430 --> 00:35:35,040
inquiry by having chris try his hand at

834
00:35:39,349 --> 00:35:37,440
psychometry the process of holding an

835
00:35:40,069 --> 00:35:39,359
article in the hand

836
00:35:43,109 --> 00:35:40,079
and

837
00:35:44,390 --> 00:35:43,119
tuning in on specific details of the

838
00:35:46,230 --> 00:35:44,400

article's owner

839

00:35:48,150 --> 00:35:46,240

or the article itself

840

00:35:50,390 --> 00:35:48,160

chris performed well

841

00:35:52,310 --> 00:35:50,400

rob then handed him a chinese fortune

842

00:35:55,109 --> 00:35:52,320

cookie and asked him to

843

00:35:57,829 --> 00:35:55,119

read the hidden contents

844

00:35:59,349 --> 00:35:57,839

chris cupped the cookie in his hands

845

00:36:01,990 --> 00:35:59,359

closed his eyes

846

00:36:05,109 --> 00:36:02,000

and concentrated

847

00:36:07,829 --> 00:36:05,119

minutes later he hesitantly quoted the

848

00:36:09,349 --> 00:36:07,839

message received in his mind

849

00:36:10,710 --> 00:36:09,359

the

850

00:36:12,710 --> 00:36:10,720

night

851
00:36:13,990 --> 00:36:12,720
life is

852
00:36:15,829 --> 00:36:14,000
fortune

853
00:36:18,390 --> 00:36:15,839
rob opened the cookie and read the

854
00:36:19,430 --> 00:36:18,400
printed fortune on the tiny slip of

855
00:36:21,670 --> 00:36:19,440
paper

856
00:36:22,790 --> 00:36:21,680
the night life is for you

857
00:36:25,030 --> 00:36:22,800
it read

858
00:36:27,109 --> 00:36:25,040
excited rob picked up another fortune

859
00:36:28,710 --> 00:36:27,119
cookie and handed it to chris

860
00:36:31,510 --> 00:36:28,720
now read this one

861
00:36:33,829 --> 00:36:31,520
chris appeared puzzled disappointed rob

862
00:36:36,470 --> 00:36:33,839
said because he kept getting the same

863
00:36:39,270 --> 00:36:36,480

message chris commented that the first

864

00:36:42,790 --> 00:36:39,280

message must be lingering

865

00:36:44,710 --> 00:36:42,800

that he could not get it out of his mind

866

00:36:45,829 --> 00:36:44,720

all he could receive was the same

867

00:36:46,950 --> 00:36:45,839

reading

868

00:36:49,270 --> 00:36:46,960

the night

869

00:36:51,430 --> 00:36:49,280

life is for you

870

00:36:54,390 --> 00:36:51,440

rob opened the second cookie the fortune

871

00:36:57,990 --> 00:36:54,400

reading was identical to the first well

872

00:36:59,910 --> 00:36:58,000

talk about a rigorous scientific test

873

00:37:02,150 --> 00:36:59,920

on another occasion at rob's home the

874

00:37:04,870 --> 00:37:02,160

fortune cookie experiment was repeated

875

00:37:06,950 --> 00:37:04,880

this time according to rob chris scored

876
00:37:08,390 --> 00:37:06,960
with 100

877
00:37:09,910 --> 00:37:08,400
accuracy

878
00:37:12,390 --> 00:37:09,920
astounding

879
00:37:15,190 --> 00:37:12,400
impressed with chris's abilities

880
00:37:17,670 --> 00:37:15,200
rob stated chris unquestionably has

881
00:37:20,390 --> 00:37:17,680
genuine psychic powers and they're

882
00:37:21,750 --> 00:37:20,400
growing more powerful every day

883
00:37:23,510 --> 00:37:21,760
there's simply no other way he could

884
00:37:24,470 --> 00:37:23,520
have known the contents of the fortune

885
00:37:26,950 --> 00:37:24,480
cookies

886
00:37:29,349 --> 00:37:26,960
i saw to that myself

887
00:37:31,349 --> 00:37:29,359
to verify chris's apparent powers i

888
00:37:33,750 --> 00:37:31,359

interviewed him and his father at their

889

00:37:35,030 --> 00:37:33,760

modest apartment rob and his family were

890

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

also present

891

00:37:39,910 --> 00:37:37,599

i examined the twisted kitchenware the

892

00:37:42,790 --> 00:37:39,920

mis-shaped birdcage and the bent

893

00:37:44,150 --> 00:37:42,800

rabbit-ear antenna the camping cookware

894

00:37:46,950 --> 00:37:44,160

ludicrously

895

00:37:48,870 --> 00:37:46,960

malformed at rob's suggestion chris

896

00:37:49,750 --> 00:37:48,880

proceeded to demonstrate his ability to

897

00:37:51,030 --> 00:37:49,760

bend

898

00:37:53,910 --> 00:37:51,040

kitchenware

899

00:37:55,589 --> 00:37:53,920

a good-looking youngster chris seemed

900

00:37:58,390 --> 00:37:55,599

natural as rain

901
00:38:00,950 --> 00:37:58,400
dressed in blue jeans a t-shirt and a

902
00:38:04,790 --> 00:38:00,960
string of wooden beads around his neck

903
00:38:05,910 --> 00:38:04,800
he appeared relaxed and happy to perform

904
00:38:08,310 --> 00:38:05,920
for us

905
00:38:11,510 --> 00:38:08,320
we watched as he gently stroked a spoon

906
00:38:12,790 --> 00:38:11,520
within minutes it had angled to 90

907
00:38:15,589 --> 00:38:12,800
degrees

908
00:38:17,910 --> 00:38:15,599
minutes later it had almost doubled back

909
00:38:19,430 --> 00:38:17,920
with the trace of a smile chris set it

910
00:38:21,510 --> 00:38:19,440
on the floor to join an array of

911
00:38:22,950 --> 00:38:21,520
misshapen silverware displayed for our

912
00:38:25,510 --> 00:38:22,960
benefit

913
00:38:27,990 --> 00:38:25,520

and in brackets it says here

914

00:38:30,950 --> 00:38:28,000

today he has a suitcase full of

915

00:38:33,030 --> 00:38:30,960

contorted knives spoons and forks which

916

00:38:36,230 --> 00:38:33,040

he has accumulated through repeated

917

00:38:39,510 --> 00:38:36,240

demonstrations and his father continues

918

00:38:43,109 --> 00:38:39,520

to foot an ever mounting bill for

919

00:38:45,990 --> 00:38:43,119

replacement silverware in brackets

920

00:38:48,310 --> 00:38:46,000

rob suggested another experiment

921

00:38:49,190 --> 00:38:48,320

producing a wrist watch which no longer

922

00:38:51,589 --> 00:38:49,200

worked

923

00:38:53,190 --> 00:38:51,599

he asked chris to see if he could make

924

00:38:55,109 --> 00:38:53,200

the hands move

925

00:38:57,670 --> 00:38:55,119

we hovered over chris watching him

926
00:38:58,630 --> 00:38:57,680
closely the boy held the watch on both

927
00:39:01,190 --> 00:38:58,640
sides

928
00:39:03,910 --> 00:39:01,200
not saying a word just concentrating his

929
00:39:05,910 --> 00:39:03,920
fingers remained immobile

930
00:39:08,550 --> 00:39:05,920
we were positive that he had made no

931
00:39:10,310 --> 00:39:08,560
effort to rotate the stem within the

932
00:39:12,150 --> 00:39:10,320
first two minutes there was barely

933
00:39:14,870 --> 00:39:12,160
perceptible movement

934
00:39:17,829 --> 00:39:14,880
the minute hand had crept ahead five

935
00:39:19,910 --> 00:39:17,839
minutes suddenly the minute hand began

936
00:39:21,510 --> 00:39:19,920
traveling within a matter of seconds the

937
00:39:23,589 --> 00:39:21,520
minute hand had made a complete

938
00:39:26,069 --> 00:39:23,599

revolution around the face of the watch

939

00:39:28,069 --> 00:39:26,079

with no movement of chris's fingers

940

00:39:30,710 --> 00:39:28,079

later during the same interview chris

941

00:39:33,109 --> 00:39:30,720

picked up a potato peeler already bent

942

00:39:35,910 --> 00:39:33,119

to a 45 degree angle

943

00:39:38,150 --> 00:39:35,920

he stroked it for a few moments then

944

00:39:40,310 --> 00:39:38,160

held it in one hand

945

00:39:44,310 --> 00:39:40,320

watching it fixedly

946

00:39:45,430 --> 00:39:44,320

moments later it snapped in two

947

00:39:47,190 --> 00:39:45,440

wow

948

00:39:49,270 --> 00:39:47,200

now just pause here and comment like i

949

00:39:51,270 --> 00:39:49,280

did last week what i'm reading now

950

00:39:53,510 --> 00:39:51,280

is a

951
00:39:54,390 --> 00:39:53,520
textbook 101 description

952
00:39:57,589 --> 00:39:54,400
of

953
00:39:59,829 --> 00:39:57,599
uh the spoon bending magic trick

954
00:40:01,510 --> 00:39:59,839
and the watches too and the watches are

955
00:40:04,790 --> 00:40:01,520
interesting because

956
00:40:06,950 --> 00:40:04,800
as randy uh pointed out

957
00:40:09,990 --> 00:40:06,960
and put to the test

958
00:40:11,670 --> 00:40:10,000
especially when you have many watches

959
00:40:13,270 --> 00:40:11,680
for example if you're

960
00:40:14,870 --> 00:40:13,280
pretending to be psychic and you go on

961
00:40:17,030 --> 00:40:14,880
the radio and you say to all the

962
00:40:18,710 --> 00:40:17,040
audience everybody run to your cupboards

963
00:40:20,150 --> 00:40:18,720

and get old watches that haven't worked

964

00:40:22,550 --> 00:40:20,160

for years

965

00:40:24,470 --> 00:40:22,560

and in the 1970s there would be more of

966

00:40:26,069 --> 00:40:24,480

those around than now i think

967

00:40:29,750 --> 00:40:26,079

the old

968

00:40:33,430 --> 00:40:31,750

wind up

969

00:40:35,589 --> 00:40:33,440

so people would run they would hold the

970

00:40:36,630 --> 00:40:35,599

watches in their hand thus warming up

971

00:40:39,589 --> 00:40:36,640

the

972

00:40:41,109 --> 00:40:39,599

oil

973

00:40:42,309 --> 00:40:41,119

they would shake them they would wind

974

00:40:43,750 --> 00:40:42,319

them up they'd do all sorts of things

975

00:40:45,670 --> 00:40:43,760

and some would work

976

00:40:47,990 --> 00:40:45,680

of course some would work even if it's

977

00:40:49,990 --> 00:40:48,000

only for a little while and then those

978

00:40:51,910 --> 00:40:50,000

people would ring up the radio station

979

00:40:53,349 --> 00:40:51,920

and say it's amazing i held my watch and

980

00:40:55,510 --> 00:40:53,359

concentrated and

981

00:40:57,910 --> 00:40:55,520

the watch began to work

982

00:41:00,069 --> 00:40:57,920

but yes what i'm reading now is a stock

983

00:41:01,910 --> 00:41:00,079

standard stuff but let's pick up the

984

00:41:04,069 --> 00:41:01,920

story again

985

00:41:06,470 --> 00:41:04,079

moments later it snapped into

986

00:41:08,550 --> 00:41:06,480

chris again with

987

00:41:10,950 --> 00:41:08,560

just a trace of a smile handed the

988

00:41:13,270 --> 00:41:10,960

pieces to me for examination still

989

00:41:16,069 --> 00:41:13,280

another facet of chris's complex of

990

00:41:18,829 --> 00:41:16,079

powers has been reported by rob

991

00:41:21,990 --> 00:41:18,839

on two occasions rob engaged chris in

992

00:41:24,309 --> 00:41:22,000

experimentation with that rob label's

993

00:41:26,630 --> 00:41:24,319

independent writing

994

00:41:28,710 --> 00:41:26,640

rob places a blank piece of paper on a

995

00:41:29,750 --> 00:41:28,720

coffee table at his home

996

00:41:31,750 --> 00:41:29,760

over it

997

00:41:34,630 --> 00:41:31,760

face down he places a sheet of carbon

998

00:41:35,990 --> 00:41:34,640

paper above this he places a page of

999

00:41:38,150 --> 00:41:36,000

newspaper

1000

00:41:40,550 --> 00:41:38,160

rob instructs chris

1001
00:41:42,309 --> 00:41:40,560
now think of something pertaining to the

1002
00:41:44,550 --> 00:41:42,319
world of music

1003
00:41:46,950 --> 00:41:44,560
the boy held his hand above the paper

1004
00:41:49,270 --> 00:41:46,960
for a few moments concentrating on rob's

1005
00:41:51,589 --> 00:41:49,280
suggestion then they turned their

1006
00:41:53,910 --> 00:41:51,599
attention to other experiments letting

1007
00:41:57,510 --> 00:41:53,920
the independent writing experiment cook

1008
00:41:59,589 --> 00:41:57,520
as rob recounted 45 minutes later

1009
00:42:02,790 --> 00:41:59,599
rob continued

1010
00:42:05,030 --> 00:42:02,800
i removed the carbon paper and clearly

1011
00:42:07,990 --> 00:42:05,040
imprinted in block letters on the

1012
00:42:09,430 --> 00:42:08,000
original blank paper were the words

1013
00:42:11,910 --> 00:42:09,440

paddy page

1014

00:42:15,870 --> 00:42:11,920

yet another experiment conducted at

1015

00:42:18,630 --> 00:42:15,880

rob's home and for which he vouches

1016

00:42:21,510 --> 00:42:18,640

unreservedly involved the mechanical

1017

00:42:24,630 --> 00:42:21,520

poker hand dealing device

1018

00:42:27,190 --> 00:42:24,640

push the button and five wheels spin

1019

00:42:30,069 --> 00:42:27,200

one at a time the drums abruptly halt

1020

00:42:32,630 --> 00:42:30,079

revealing the image of a playing card

1021

00:42:35,030 --> 00:42:32,640

three times according to rob young chris

1022

00:42:38,069 --> 00:42:35,040

correctly predicted the suit of all five

1023

00:42:39,990 --> 00:42:38,079

playing cards displayed by the device

1024

00:42:42,390 --> 00:42:40,000

what distinguishes chris from the other

1025

00:42:45,829 --> 00:42:42,400

two youngsters described earlier

1026
00:42:48,270 --> 00:42:45,839
is the tremendous ever widening scope of

1027
00:42:49,910 --> 00:42:48,280
his psychic abilities in addition to

1028
00:42:51,430 --> 00:42:49,920
psychokinesis

1029
00:42:53,670 --> 00:42:51,440
psychometrics

1030
00:42:55,750 --> 00:42:53,680
and independent writing

1031
00:42:58,390 --> 00:42:55,760
kennedy and rob report successful

1032
00:43:01,190 --> 00:42:58,400
experiments with chris in archaeological

1033
00:43:03,190 --> 00:43:01,200
psychometry precognition telepathy

1034
00:43:06,230 --> 00:43:03,200
automatic writing clear audio astral

1035
00:43:07,990 --> 00:43:06,240
travel and astral projection transfer of

1036
00:43:11,109 --> 00:43:08,000
psychokinetic power

1037
00:43:12,630 --> 00:43:11,119
and most recently psychic healing

1038
00:43:14,950 --> 00:43:12,640

possibly the most significant

1039

00:43:17,349 --> 00:43:14,960

development in chris's career

1040

00:43:19,990 --> 00:43:17,359

are his reported psychic healings a

1041

00:43:21,589 --> 00:43:20,000

number of parapsychological researchers

1042

00:43:23,990 --> 00:43:21,599

have observed these

1043

00:43:26,470 --> 00:43:24,000

healings including rob and kenneth

1044

00:43:28,630 --> 00:43:26,480

mckenzie director of research at the

1045

00:43:30,309 --> 00:43:28,640

cinetics research and education

1046

00:43:32,550 --> 00:43:30,319

foundation anaheim

1047

00:43:35,349 --> 00:43:32,560

effected through meditation

1048

00:43:38,069 --> 00:43:35,359

with no physical contact chris's father

1049

00:43:40,710 --> 00:43:38,079

claims that more than 50 persons have

1050

00:43:43,430 --> 00:43:40,720

experienced immediate relief in some

1051

00:43:45,910 --> 00:43:43,440

instances perhaps a cure

1052

00:43:48,710 --> 00:43:45,920

from a variety of physical ailments such

1053

00:43:50,069 --> 00:43:48,720

as hearing loss impaired eyesight

1054

00:43:52,630 --> 00:43:50,079

rheumatism

1055

00:43:55,030 --> 00:43:52,640

and crippling arthritis

1056

00:43:57,109 --> 00:43:55,040

while mackenzie points out that no

1057

00:43:59,670 --> 00:43:57,119

conclusions can be drawn without

1058

00:44:02,470 --> 00:43:59,680

follow-up studies and documentation by

1059

00:44:05,430 --> 00:44:02,480

medical authorities he readily vouches

1060

00:44:07,910 --> 00:44:05,440

for observing the reactions of subjects

1061

00:44:10,309 --> 00:44:07,920

who have declared immediate improvement

1062

00:44:12,950 --> 00:44:10,319

in their condition the most dramatic

1063

00:44:15,510 --> 00:44:12,960

instance of healing claimed by kennedy

1064

00:44:18,630 --> 00:44:15,520

occurred in mid-november at the church

1065

00:44:22,230 --> 00:44:18,640

of revelation anaheim where he and chris

1066

00:44:24,790 --> 00:44:22,240

gave a demonstration of psychic healing

1067

00:44:27,030 --> 00:44:24,800

it involved a 26 year old man kennedy

1068

00:44:30,309 --> 00:44:27,040

reports confined to a wheelchair who

1069

00:44:32,710 --> 00:44:30,319

stated i haven't walked in five years

1070

00:44:34,790 --> 00:44:32,720

i'll never walk normally again

1071

00:44:37,670 --> 00:44:34,800

after applying their meditation

1072

00:44:40,150 --> 00:44:37,680

technique kennedy states that the man

1073

00:44:42,870 --> 00:44:40,160

got up from his wheelchair walked across

1074

00:44:44,870 --> 00:44:42,880

the stage and back to his wheelchair the

1075

00:44:47,750 --> 00:44:44,880

occurrence was witnessed by and is

1076
00:44:49,950 --> 00:44:47,760
vouched for by the church's reverend

1077
00:44:52,230 --> 00:44:49,960
richard

1078
00:44:55,670 --> 00:44:52,240
parapsychologists came up with a variety

1079
00:44:58,950 --> 00:44:55,680
of definitions of this psychic power

1080
00:45:01,430 --> 00:44:58,960
as well as experiments or theories

1081
00:45:04,390 --> 00:45:01,440
regarding its source often with

1082
00:45:08,829 --> 00:45:04,400
religious overtones yet the consensus is

1083
00:45:10,950 --> 00:45:08,839
firm the power is undeniably real

1084
00:45:13,510 --> 00:45:10,960
1976 huh

1085
00:45:16,309 --> 00:45:13,520
in fact this power has been captured on

1086
00:45:17,109 --> 00:45:16,319
film in oh here we go again from last

1087
00:45:19,990 --> 00:45:17,119
week

1088
00:45:22,190 --> 00:45:20,000

in kerlian photography experiments at

1089

00:45:25,030 --> 00:45:22,200

ucla's

1090

00:45:27,589 --> 00:45:25,040

neuropsychiatric institute curling

1091

00:45:29,510 --> 00:45:27,599

photography developed in russia is the

1092

00:45:32,069 --> 00:45:29,520

sending of an electrical charge through

1093

00:45:33,430 --> 00:45:32,079

an object placed on film the result is a

1094

00:45:35,589 --> 00:45:33,440

picture showing the surface

1095

00:45:38,390 --> 00:45:35,599

characteristics of the object along with

1096

00:45:41,829 --> 00:45:38,400

the image of the emanation of

1097

00:45:45,510 --> 00:45:41,839

energy field contained in the object

1098

00:45:47,349 --> 00:45:45,520

physicists call it the cold emissions

1099

00:45:49,910 --> 00:45:47,359

coming from the object

1100

00:45:51,190 --> 00:45:49,920

other researchers label it as the corona

1101
00:45:54,150 --> 00:45:51,200
discharge

1102
00:45:56,390 --> 00:45:54,160
life force or aura the russians called

1103
00:45:58,630 --> 00:45:56,400
the image of this force

1104
00:45:59,589 --> 00:45:58,640
the bioplasma

1105
00:46:01,950 --> 00:45:59,599
body

1106
00:46:04,630 --> 00:46:01,960
call it what you will but

1107
00:46:07,349 --> 00:46:04,640
ucla experiments

1108
00:46:10,069 --> 00:46:07,359
photographed a dramatic surge of this

1109
00:46:12,470 --> 00:46:10,079
power spurting from psychic yuri

1110
00:46:14,470 --> 00:46:12,480
geller's fingertip

1111
00:46:17,349 --> 00:46:14,480
i have watched chris's performance on

1112
00:46:19,750 --> 00:46:17,359
several occasions but unquestionably the

1113
00:46:22,630 --> 00:46:19,760

spookiest experience i have had with him

1114

00:46:24,470 --> 00:46:22,640

involved a serious prediction

1115

00:46:27,670 --> 00:46:24,480

or warning

1116

00:46:30,230 --> 00:46:27,680

late in the afternoon of august 27

1117

00:46:33,190 --> 00:46:30,240

kennedy called me from

1118

00:46:35,829 --> 00:46:33,200

anderson california where he and chris

1119

00:46:37,990 --> 00:46:35,839

were vacationing with relatives the

1120

00:46:40,870 --> 00:46:38,000

urgency in kennedy's voice was

1121

00:46:43,510 --> 00:46:40,880

unmistakable he told me that chris had

1122

00:46:46,630 --> 00:46:43,520

entered a trance-like state on two

1123

00:46:49,589 --> 00:46:46,640

occasions both times communicating

1124

00:46:52,150 --> 00:46:49,599

repeatedly with images of john f kennedy

1125

00:46:54,309 --> 00:46:52,160

and robert f kennedy at which time chris

1126
00:46:56,230 --> 00:46:54,319
received urgent warnings of an impending

1127
00:46:57,270 --> 00:46:56,240
attempt against the life of president

1128
00:46:59,270 --> 00:46:57,280
ford

1129
00:47:01,390 --> 00:46:59,280
kennedy asked if i would notify the

1130
00:47:03,109 --> 00:47:01,400
newswire services

1131
00:47:05,589 --> 00:47:03,119
instinctively

1132
00:47:08,790 --> 00:47:05,599
i shrank from the idea

1133
00:47:11,670 --> 00:47:08,800
no news bureau i felt certain would

1134
00:47:14,550 --> 00:47:11,680
touch the incident with a 20-foot pole

1135
00:47:15,990 --> 00:47:14,560
but kennedy persisted before he hung up

1136
00:47:18,950 --> 00:47:16,000
he urged me

1137
00:47:21,430 --> 00:47:18,960
do something please i just don't want

1138
00:47:23,589 --> 00:47:21,440

this hanging over my conscience half an

1139

00:47:26,710 --> 00:47:23,599

hour later i relayed kennedy's account

1140

00:47:28,950 --> 00:47:26,720

to the night shift chief of associated

1141

00:47:31,270 --> 00:47:28,960

press's los angeles bureau

1142

00:47:34,390 --> 00:47:31,280

his reaction did not surprise me

1143

00:47:37,430 --> 00:47:34,400

skepticism fear of a hoax suspicion of

1144

00:47:39,030 --> 00:47:37,440

publicity hunting strictly flaky as

1145

00:47:41,589 --> 00:47:39,040

newsmen label it

1146

00:47:43,349 --> 00:47:41,599

however after vouching for chris's

1147

00:47:46,630 --> 00:47:43,359

observed abilities

1148

00:47:48,790 --> 00:47:46,640

i secured the shift chief's promise to

1149

00:47:51,109 --> 00:47:48,800

contact the san francisco bureau and

1150

00:47:52,549 --> 00:47:51,119

suggested that someone contact kennedy

1151
00:47:53,750 --> 00:47:52,559
by phone

1152
00:47:55,270 --> 00:47:53,760
no call

1153
00:47:58,790 --> 00:47:55,280
was ever made

1154
00:48:01,030 --> 00:47:58,800
on friday august 29 we had just locked

1155
00:48:03,750 --> 00:48:01,040
up the front page at the register it was

1156
00:48:07,030 --> 00:48:03,760
11 am no late breaking stories

1157
00:48:09,670 --> 00:48:07,040
compelling us to burst into page one

1158
00:48:13,270 --> 00:48:09,680
until five minutes later when the

1159
00:48:15,750 --> 00:48:13,280
slot man rushed from the teletype room

1160
00:48:17,910 --> 00:48:15,760
waving an urgent ap dispatch dateline

1161
00:48:19,670 --> 00:48:17,920
washington the story began the secret

1162
00:48:21,030 --> 00:48:19,680
service is investigating threats to kill

1163
00:48:24,150 --> 00:48:21,040

president ford and vice president

1164

00:48:26,470 --> 00:48:24,160

rockefeller in dallas texas and new york

1165

00:48:28,630 --> 00:48:26,480

a spokesman said today we're aware of

1166

00:48:31,109 --> 00:48:28,640

threats in new york and a threat in

1167

00:48:33,510 --> 00:48:31,119

dallas and we're investigating

1168

00:48:36,150 --> 00:48:33,520

said the spokesman ken lynch

1169

00:48:38,630 --> 00:48:36,160

he declined to give further details

1170

00:48:40,470 --> 00:48:38,640

i contacted rob relaying the details of

1171

00:48:43,750 --> 00:48:40,480

chris's earlier warning

1172

00:48:46,630 --> 00:48:43,760

then the contents of the ap dispatch

1173

00:48:48,710 --> 00:48:46,640

quoted above rob was skeptical chris has

1174

00:48:51,030 --> 00:48:48,720

undeniable psychic powers

1175

00:48:52,710 --> 00:48:51,040

he commented but i seriously doubt he's

1176

00:48:55,589 --> 00:48:52,720

able to communicate with spirits on a

1177

00:48:58,630 --> 00:48:55,599

higher plane so to speak and with that

1178

00:49:00,390 --> 00:48:58,640

rob dismissed the episode suggesting

1179

00:49:03,030 --> 00:49:00,400

that it might have been

1180

00:49:04,630 --> 00:49:03,040

auto suggestion in chris's subconscious

1181

00:49:06,950 --> 00:49:04,640

mind playing tricks

1182

00:49:10,069 --> 00:49:06,960

but several days later associated press

1183

00:49:12,470 --> 00:49:10,079

flashed word of an attempt against

1184

00:49:13,750 --> 00:49:12,480

ford's life near the state capital in

1185

00:49:17,190 --> 00:49:13,760

sacramento

1186

00:49:20,069 --> 00:49:17,200

secret service men had wrestled

1187

00:49:23,430 --> 00:49:20,079

lynette squeaky from me i think it's

1188

00:49:26,549 --> 00:49:23,440

pronounced a manson family member to the

1189

00:49:29,190 --> 00:49:26,559

ground after she had brandished a loaded

1190

00:49:31,109 --> 00:49:29,200

automatic and aimed it at arms length

1191

00:49:34,230 --> 00:49:31,119

range at president ford

1192

00:49:36,549 --> 00:49:34,240

seventeen days later on september 22nd

1193

00:49:39,190 --> 00:49:36,559

sarah jane moore 45

1194

00:49:42,230 --> 00:49:39,200

linked to a number of bay area radical

1195

00:49:45,910 --> 00:49:42,240

groups was seized in san francisco after

1196

00:49:49,109 --> 00:49:45,920

she fired a 33-caliber revolver at ford

1197

00:49:50,150 --> 00:49:49,119

even today a disturbing uneasiness gnaws

1198

00:49:53,190 --> 00:49:50,160

at me

1199

00:49:54,069 --> 00:49:53,200

fortuitous a lucky shot in the dark

1200

00:49:57,349 --> 00:49:54,079

or

1201
00:50:00,069 --> 00:49:57,359
does young chris stand at the threshold

1202
00:50:02,549 --> 00:50:00,079
of a new dimension a newly discovered

1203
00:50:04,530 --> 00:50:02,559
source of power which begs for

1204
00:50:10,549 --> 00:50:04,540
scientific inquiry

1205
00:50:11,990 --> 00:50:10,559
[Music]

1206
00:50:13,990 --> 00:50:12,000
and there are various pictures

1207
00:50:15,910 --> 00:50:14,000
accompanying this let's see the first

1208
00:50:18,150 --> 00:50:15,920
one which is sort of at the bottom of

1209
00:50:20,630 --> 00:50:18,160
the page here we go

1210
00:50:22,630 --> 00:50:20,640
we have a nice photograph of young chris

1211
00:50:24,069 --> 00:50:22,640
with his long blonde hair

1212
00:50:27,190 --> 00:50:24,079
his father

1213
00:50:29,910 --> 00:50:27,200

with a long dark hair and a beard

1214

00:50:33,750 --> 00:50:29,920

with a table full

1215

00:50:35,990 --> 00:50:33,760

of bent cutlery and iron rods and keys

1216

00:50:38,870 --> 00:50:36,000

and forks and i don't know what lawrence

1217

00:50:41,670 --> 00:50:38,880

kennedy son chris check twisted metal

1218

00:50:43,829 --> 00:50:41,680

objects kennedy's now are engaged in

1219

00:50:45,750 --> 00:50:43,839

experiments with psychic healing it's

1220

00:50:48,390 --> 00:50:45,760

staggering table of

1221

00:50:50,870 --> 00:50:48,400

bent metal in front of them another

1222

00:50:54,630 --> 00:50:50,880

photograph here is

1223

00:50:57,030 --> 00:50:54,640

a group of people david shows mangled

1224

00:50:59,829 --> 00:50:57,040

spoon to family sister april the

1225

00:51:03,109 --> 00:50:59,839

shepherds encourage boy again there's a

1226
00:51:05,270 --> 00:51:03,119
family there of david shepard with

1227
00:51:07,270 --> 00:51:05,280
mangled spoons on the table in front of

1228
00:51:08,390 --> 00:51:07,280
him has the family

1229
00:51:10,870 --> 00:51:08,400
look on

1230
00:51:12,710 --> 00:51:10,880
and lastly at the bottom of the page

1231
00:51:15,430 --> 00:51:12,720
curling photograph

1232
00:51:17,430 --> 00:51:15,440
captures psychic energy

1233
00:51:19,270 --> 00:51:17,440
curly and photo sorry i could

1234
00:51:21,349 --> 00:51:19,280
get myself together curly and photo

1235
00:51:23,750 --> 00:51:21,359
captures psychic energy

1236
00:51:29,750 --> 00:51:23,760
burst is from fingertip of psychic

1237
00:51:35,589 --> 00:51:32,069
so there you go the strange story or

1238
00:51:38,390 --> 00:51:35,599

maybe the not so strange story of kids

1239

00:51:40,630 --> 00:51:38,400

in the 1970s

1240

00:51:42,230 --> 00:51:40,640

having a bit of fun with bending all

1241

00:51:44,710 --> 00:51:42,240

sorts of things

1242

00:51:48,390 --> 00:51:44,720

to ridiculous levels

1243

00:51:51,510 --> 00:51:48,400

and the story maybe more importantly is

1244

00:51:55,030 --> 00:51:51,520

about the what would we might call these

1245

00:51:56,630 --> 00:51:55,040

days enablers the adults in the room who

1246

00:51:59,349 --> 00:51:56,640

are happy to go along with this

1247

00:52:01,190 --> 00:51:59,359

encourage the the child

1248

00:52:04,309 --> 00:52:01,200

and

1249

00:52:07,030 --> 00:52:04,319

quite frankly turn a blind eye or sheer

1250

00:52:09,510 --> 00:52:07,040

ignorance to the obvious trickery going

1251
00:52:11,270 --> 00:52:09,520
on at the time

1252
00:52:15,030 --> 00:52:11,280
but then again maybe the editor of the

1253
00:52:17,430 --> 00:52:15,040
newspaper it being 1976 was quite happy

1254
00:52:18,790 --> 00:52:17,440
to run a story which

1255
00:52:20,060 --> 00:52:18,800
promoted the paranormal and the

1256
00:52:21,589 --> 00:52:20,070
supernatural

1257
00:52:23,670 --> 00:52:21,599
[Music]

1258
00:52:25,109 --> 00:52:23,680
and you too can find out all sorts of

1259
00:52:27,670 --> 00:52:25,119
things about the paranormal and the

1260
00:52:29,750 --> 00:52:27,680
supernatural and everything else

1261
00:52:31,990 --> 00:52:29,760
by visiting online resources for

1262
00:52:34,230 --> 00:52:32,000
digitized newspapers it's a great way to

1263
00:52:36,390 --> 00:52:34,240

spend an afternoon looking up all sorts

1264

00:52:38,150 --> 00:52:36,400

of interesting things

1265

00:52:43,570 --> 00:52:38,160

because

1266

00:52:43,580 --> 00:53:00,870

[Music]

1267

00:53:04,549 --> 00:53:02,470

thank you for listening to the skeptic's

1268

00:53:06,309 --> 00:53:04,559

own podcast this week a few

1269

00:53:08,790 --> 00:53:06,319

announcements from me

1270

00:53:09,510 --> 00:53:08,800

some covert related

1271

00:53:12,470 --> 00:53:09,520

for

1272

00:53:15,190 --> 00:53:12,480

oh a year or two now on the skeptic's

1273

00:53:17,270 --> 00:53:15,200

own website i've had a link to corona

1274

00:53:19,510 --> 00:53:17,280

conspiracy.cloud

1275

00:53:22,150 --> 00:53:19,520

this was a place people could upload

1276

00:53:25,030 --> 00:53:22,160

flyers and information leaflets

1277

00:53:27,270 --> 00:53:25,040

what have you about corona conspiracies

1278

00:53:29,589 --> 00:53:27,280

bad information

1279

00:53:31,829 --> 00:53:29,599

leaflets posters whatever

1280

00:53:34,230 --> 00:53:31,839

that uh has sadly come to an end we

1281

00:53:36,549 --> 00:53:34,240

can't upload there anymore but that's

1282

00:53:38,950 --> 00:53:36,559

okay it's sort of done its job

1283

00:53:42,390 --> 00:53:38,960

with many many many many examples of

1284

00:53:45,030 --> 00:53:42,400

corona madness being uploaded they're

1285

00:53:47,109 --> 00:53:45,040

all now in an archive for future

1286

00:53:48,549 --> 00:53:47,119

referral and i think it's a very

1287

00:53:51,109 --> 00:53:48,559

important um

1288

00:53:52,630 --> 00:53:51,119

slice of history that we've managed to

1289

00:53:54,950 --> 00:53:52,640

catch there

1290

00:53:58,630 --> 00:53:54,960

and a big thank you to all the people

1291

00:54:00,710 --> 00:53:58,640

who uploaded corona conspiracy

1292

00:54:01,670 --> 00:54:00,720

nonsense to that website we have them

1293

00:54:03,829 --> 00:54:01,680

now

1294

00:54:05,349 --> 00:54:03,839

and a big thank you to the person behind

1295

00:54:08,390 --> 00:54:05,359

putting that together who wishes to

1296

00:54:12,390 --> 00:54:08,400

remain anonymous but really thank you so

1297

00:54:14,870 --> 00:54:12,400

much it was invaluable what you did

1298

00:54:16,150 --> 00:54:14,880

and it will be an invaluable reference

1299

00:54:19,270 --> 00:54:16,160

for the future

1300

00:54:22,470 --> 00:54:19,280

but yes some of these corona

1301
00:54:23,589 --> 00:54:22,480
uh conspiracy um and bad advice is still

1302
00:54:26,790 --> 00:54:23,599
coming in

1303
00:54:27,829 --> 00:54:26,800
and listener graham donald eagle eyed as

1304
00:54:30,790 --> 00:54:27,839
ever

1305
00:54:32,069 --> 00:54:30,800
has come across these or this particular

1306
00:54:35,109 --> 00:54:32,079
flyer

1307
00:54:37,670 --> 00:54:36,350
brief overview it's

1308
00:54:40,069 --> 00:54:37,680
[Music]

1309
00:54:41,829 --> 00:54:40,079
pages well it's a double page

1310
00:54:43,910 --> 00:54:41,839
printed on both sides

1311
00:54:46,309 --> 00:54:43,920
on the first side we have a couple of

1312
00:54:48,470 --> 00:54:46,319
cartoon children looking very happy oh

1313
00:54:52,390 --> 00:54:48,480

dancing away

1314

00:54:55,510 --> 00:54:52,400

covered vaccine for kids question mark

1315

00:54:57,270 --> 00:54:55,520

have you considered all the facts

1316

00:54:59,510 --> 00:54:57,280

all risk

1317

00:55:01,349 --> 00:54:59,520

no gain

1318

00:55:03,910 --> 00:55:01,359

all risk

1319

00:55:04,789 --> 00:55:03,920

no gain this is what these people really

1320

00:55:06,789 --> 00:55:04,799

think

1321

00:55:07,829 --> 00:55:06,799

the future is theirs don't gamble with

1322

00:55:11,990 --> 00:55:07,839

it

1323

00:55:14,069 --> 00:55:12,000

2021 prime minister scott morrison

1324

00:55:15,190 --> 00:55:14,079

announced that covert 19 vaccines for

1325

00:55:17,589 --> 00:55:15,200

children

1326
00:55:20,870 --> 00:55:17,599
aged 5 to 11 would commence from january

1327
00:55:22,069 --> 00:55:20,880
10 2022 this injection is still in phase

1328
00:55:23,829 --> 00:55:22,079
free trial

1329
00:55:26,390 --> 00:55:23,839
trial complete date

1330
00:55:30,069 --> 00:55:26,400
1st of january 2023

1331
00:55:35,589 --> 00:55:33,270
survival rate children have a near zero

1332
00:55:37,109 --> 00:55:35,599
risk of dying from coveting we know that

1333
00:55:39,990 --> 00:55:37,119
the injection neither prevents

1334
00:55:41,990 --> 00:55:40,000
transmission nor provides immunity

1335
00:55:44,309 --> 00:55:42,000
and has been causing many deaths and

1336
00:55:46,230 --> 00:55:44,319
adverse reactions around the world long

1337
00:55:47,750 --> 00:55:46,240
time side effects are not known on it

1338
00:55:49,349 --> 00:55:47,760

goes you've heard it all before it's the

1339

00:55:51,109 --> 00:55:49,359

same

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00:55:52,549 --> 00:55:51,119

uh baloney

1341

00:55:55,990 --> 00:55:52,559

malarkey

1342

00:55:58,950 --> 00:55:56,000

flapdoodle as we've heard many times and

1343

00:56:01,510 --> 00:55:58,960

the leaflet goes on on page two

1344

00:56:03,270 --> 00:56:01,520

scan this qr code to watch 10 videos to

1345

00:56:05,109 --> 00:56:03,280

get further information

1346

00:56:07,829 --> 00:56:05,119

and then it lists lots of sites

1347

00:56:10,710 --> 00:56:07,839

including parents with questions

1348

00:56:14,630 --> 00:56:10,720

covered medical network

1349

00:56:17,990 --> 00:56:14,640

australian vaccination risks network

1350

00:56:21,589 --> 00:56:18,000

that long discredited

1351

00:56:23,349 --> 00:56:21,599

uh outfit we just simply call the avn

1352

00:56:25,430 --> 00:56:23,359

the same outfit that's had government

1353

00:56:27,430 --> 00:56:25,440

warnings posted against it

1354

00:56:28,950 --> 00:56:27,440

freedom keepers australia there's that

1355

00:56:32,069 --> 00:56:28,960

word again freedom they love their

1356

00:56:34,309 --> 00:56:32,079

freedom children's health defense

1357

00:56:35,190 --> 00:56:34,319

voice for science and solidarity oh good

1358

00:56:38,230 --> 00:56:35,200

heavens

1359

00:56:40,309 --> 00:56:38,240

grow together schools the high wire

1360

00:56:41,910 --> 00:56:40,319

vaccine choice australia vaccine choice

1361

00:56:44,710 --> 00:56:41,920

australia that's an interesting one

1362

00:56:47,030 --> 00:56:44,720

people for safe vaccines they wouldn't

1363

00:56:49,510 --> 00:56:47,040

put anything on this if people were for

1364

00:56:52,470 --> 00:56:49,520

vaccines people for safe vaccines or

1365

00:56:54,069 --> 00:56:52,480

anti-vaxxers australians say no

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00:56:56,950 --> 00:56:54,079

advocate me

1367

00:57:00,309 --> 00:56:56,960

relative versus absolute risk reduction

1368

00:57:03,109 --> 00:57:00,319

and it goes on scan this qr code it's

1369

00:57:05,750 --> 00:57:03,119

another qr code to read this amazing

1370

00:57:07,990 --> 00:57:05,760

risk versus benefit analysis by canadian

1371

00:57:09,510 --> 00:57:08,000

covert care alliance

1372

00:57:11,589 --> 00:57:09,520

more harm

1373

00:57:13,270 --> 00:57:11,599

than good so these flyers

1374

00:57:14,870 --> 00:57:13,280

these flies are still out and about

1375

00:57:16,069 --> 00:57:14,880

folks

1376

00:57:18,150 --> 00:57:16,079

and

1377

00:57:20,549 --> 00:57:18,160

what has happened in the last week is

1378

00:57:22,950 --> 00:57:20,559

we've had thousands of people turned up

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00:57:25,670 --> 00:57:22,960

in canberra our nation's capital

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00:57:28,390 --> 00:57:25,680

in a convoy so-called convoy

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00:57:30,630 --> 00:57:28,400

and it's the usual suspects it's a

1382

00:57:33,750 --> 00:57:30,640

confederation of

1383

00:57:36,069 --> 00:57:33,760

uh anti-vaxxers conspiracy theorists

1384

00:57:37,910 --> 00:57:36,079

people who think our freedom is about to

1385

00:57:39,349 --> 00:57:37,920

disappear

1386

00:57:42,390 --> 00:57:39,359

um

1387

00:57:44,390 --> 00:57:42,400

and hangers on

1388

00:57:46,549 --> 00:57:44,400

but they're loud they are of course

1389

00:57:48,069 --> 00:57:46,559

they're in the minori the minority of

1390

00:57:49,990 --> 00:57:48,079

australians are getting vaccinated and

1391

00:57:52,069 --> 00:57:50,000

doing the right thing but these people

1392

00:57:53,829 --> 00:57:52,079

are allowed and they've certainly shown

1393

00:57:55,349 --> 00:57:53,839

in the past that they can

1394

00:57:57,990 --> 00:57:55,359

slip into

1395

00:57:59,990 --> 00:57:58,000

to violence although i think so far

1396

00:58:01,190 --> 00:58:00,000

i'm not sure if there's been many

1397

00:58:02,950 --> 00:58:01,200

violent

1398

00:58:04,390 --> 00:58:02,960

uh activities done in canberra they're

1399

00:58:05,829 --> 00:58:04,400

still there

1400

00:58:08,230 --> 00:58:05,839

and the

1401
00:58:09,349 --> 00:58:08,240
politicians are coming back to canberra

1402
00:58:11,190 --> 00:58:09,359
from their

1403
00:58:13,109 --> 00:58:11,200
annual holidays

1404
00:58:14,870 --> 00:58:13,119
so tomorrow might be an interesting day

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congratulating each other and thinking

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they're doing something amazing

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they still are a tiny minority of the

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thank you to those people out there

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in society who don't go to these

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these rallies but instead

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instead put their hand in your digital

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pocket and uh support the skeptic zone

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via paypal or patreon i couldn't do the

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listening to the show thanks you

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those people who contribute because uh

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it's because of you that they and i and

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everybody else and you get to hear the

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show every week which i hope you enjoy

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next week on the show the trove segment

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but for this week this is richard

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