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Psychic in Court

The Book of Tim
Unicorns part 2

Anti-Vaxxers
to pay up

TROVE
Zodiac

Jim Wilshire Poem
"Zodiac Man"



Richard Saunders

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Jim
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welcome to the skeptic zone the podcast

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from australia for science and reason

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[Applause]

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yes it's the skeptic's own podcast

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september

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richard saunders coming to you from let

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me have a look at the skeptic's own

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window overcast

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gray windy threatening terrain

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sydney australia

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coming up on this week's show an

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interesting story those of you in

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australia and possibly around the world

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may have caught up with the news

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that in the last week chris dawson was

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found guilty of the murder of his wife

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lynette dawson

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around about 40 years ago

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this has been an on and off case for

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many years

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and

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00:01:08,630 --> 00:01:06,560
amazingly after 40 years chris dawson

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00:01:10,469 --> 00:01:08,640
was convicted of the murder

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00:01:12,870 --> 00:01:10,479
it's still a mystery as to the

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00:01:14,789 --> 00:01:12,880
whereabouts of the body

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00:01:16,070 --> 00:01:14,799
and it is hoped

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00:01:19,109 --> 00:01:16,080
now

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00:01:20,390 --> 00:01:19,119
that uh the convicted murderer might

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00:01:21,990 --> 00:01:20,400
divulge

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00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:22,000
where the body is however he still

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00:01:27,109 --> 00:01:24,000
maintains his innocence so i don't think

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00:01:28,950 --> 00:01:27,119
that's likely what is even more unlikely

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00:01:32,469 --> 00:01:28,960
is that the police will discover where

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00:01:35,109 --> 00:01:32,479

the body is through the aid of a psychic

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00:01:36,310 --> 00:01:35,119

and that's the story today a couple of

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years ago

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when this case went to court in a sort

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of a pre-hearing a committal hearing i

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think they call it

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i was in court the day a psychic gave

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00:01:49,670 --> 00:01:47,360

evidence believe it or not

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00:01:51,910 --> 00:01:49,680

and this is uh

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00:01:53,910 --> 00:01:51,920

just one of the most bizarre stories

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however i wrote a report about it at the

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time for the skeptic magazine and i will

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read that report for you today that

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includes comments by nicholas cowdery

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who used to be the director of public

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prosecutions here in new south wales a

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00:02:10,869 --> 00:02:09,200
psychic in court coming up at the top of

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00:02:12,710 --> 00:02:10,879
the show following that it's the book of

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00:02:15,190 --> 00:02:12,720
tim part two

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of an equally unlikely

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00:02:18,390 --> 00:02:16,879
phenomena

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unicorns

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and this of course is a reading from the

61
00:02:27,510 --> 00:02:25,040
pages of the skeptic magazine the

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00:02:29,990 --> 00:02:27,520
journal from australian skeptics

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following that it's a story about

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anti-vaxxers having to cough up

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hundreds of thousands of dollars in

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legal fees after a failed

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case against the government find out

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more later on in the show then we wander

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back to those

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trove archives this week we're looking

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for references to

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the zodiac

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are you an aries are you a pisces i bet

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you right now listening to me in your

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car driving along i bet you're a

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capricorn

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well some of you probably are

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then to round off the show

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another skeptical poem by our dear

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departed friend jim wilshire

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00:03:14,630 --> 00:03:11,840

and uh this poem is all about the zodiac

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00:03:16,949 --> 00:03:14,640

it's called zodiac man

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00:03:19,589 --> 00:03:16,959

now before we get stuck into the show a

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00:03:22,390 --> 00:03:19,599

sad announcement another one

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from me about uh a man i haven't seen

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00:03:27,110 --> 00:03:24,720

for many many many years but he was an

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early influence on me when i joined the

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skeptical organization

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bob nixon from victoria he was an

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investigator

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00:03:37,509 --> 00:03:34,799

and

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i sort of i sort of was a bit jealous of

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him at the very beginning because i was

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00:03:43,670 --> 00:03:41,519

just this new kid on the block and bob

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was running around investigating ghosts

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and

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00:03:49,350 --> 00:03:47,760

thought that's that's that sounds like

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fun i wouldn't do that

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i met him a couple of times over the

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years at conventions and whatnot

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00:03:57,509 --> 00:03:55,280
but uh sadly earlier this year we

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00:04:00,149 --> 00:03:57,519
learned that uh bob has passed away so

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00:04:01,110 --> 00:04:00,159
condolences to his friends and his

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00:04:02,470 --> 00:04:01,120
family

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00:04:05,429 --> 00:04:02,480
in his time with the skeptical

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00:04:07,910 --> 00:04:05,439
organization bob certainly accomplished

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00:04:09,750 --> 00:04:07,920
a lot of uh interesting things in fact

108
00:04:11,990 --> 00:04:09,760
if you go to the youtube page of the

109
00:04:14,470 --> 00:04:12,000
australian skeptics you'll see one of

110
00:04:16,229 --> 00:04:14,480
bob's investigations you know what i

111
00:04:17,749 --> 00:04:16,239
will link directly to that in this

112
00:04:19,749 --> 00:04:17,759
week's show notes

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00:04:21,830 --> 00:04:19,759

so if you go to skepticzone.tv scroll to

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00:04:24,150 --> 00:04:21,840

the bottom of this week's show notes

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uh you'll see a little section where you

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can see one of bob's adventures with a

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mysterious cross of light that appeared

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00:04:33,510 --> 00:04:31,520

in a bathroom window

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00:04:37,909 --> 00:04:33,520

well that's enough for me at the moment

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00:04:41,749 --> 00:04:39,749

what did i have last week i think i had

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what was it toast and butter or honey or

122

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something like that this week i think

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i'll run downstairs and have the last

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tin the last can

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tin can

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it's aluminium of

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00:04:56,629 --> 00:04:54,560

my favorite root beer which

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00:04:59,749 --> 00:04:56,639

a couple of weeks ago was delivered to

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00:05:02,390 --> 00:04:59,759

me all the way from atlanta georgia by

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00:05:04,710 --> 00:05:02,400

dr angie mattke i had hoped to interview

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00:05:06,790 --> 00:05:04,720

dr angie i did catch up with her but we

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00:05:08,629 --> 00:05:06,800

were having too much fun having a dinner

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00:05:11,830 --> 00:05:08,639

and a catch-up for me to do an interview

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00:05:14,550 --> 00:05:11,840

but thank you dr angie who is deeply

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00:05:16,710 --> 00:05:14,560

involved with dragon con at the moment

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00:05:18,390 --> 00:05:16,720

how i miss dragon con while i run

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00:05:19,749 --> 00:05:18,400

downstairs have that last root beer i

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00:05:37,940 --> 00:05:19,759

hope you enjoy

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tuesday the 30th of

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00:05:51,830 --> 00:05:49,440

august 2022 saw the end

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00:05:52,710 --> 00:05:51,840

presumably the end of a very long

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00:05:55,270 --> 00:05:52,720

running

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legal crime case here in australia that

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is the disappearance and presumed murder

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of lynette dawson way back in 1982.

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00:06:07,270 --> 00:06:05,039

a couple of years ago her former husband

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chris dawson was finally charged with

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00:06:12,230 --> 00:06:08,720

her murder

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00:06:13,749 --> 00:06:12,240

and after delays going to covert and a

151
00:06:15,990 --> 00:06:13,759
lengthy trial

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00:06:17,029 --> 00:06:16,000
yesterday the judge handed down his

153
00:06:20,870 --> 00:06:17,039
verdict

154
00:06:22,629 --> 00:06:20,880
after reading his reasoning

155
00:06:25,670 --> 00:06:22,639
via live stream

156
00:06:28,309 --> 00:06:25,680
for five hours before

157
00:06:30,469 --> 00:06:28,319
announcing his verdict

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00:06:32,070 --> 00:06:30,479
now the reason i bring this up is that

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00:06:33,510 --> 00:06:32,080
i've been following this case from a

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00:06:35,990 --> 00:06:33,520
certain angle

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00:06:38,150 --> 00:06:36,000
because years ago many years ago a

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00:06:41,029 --> 00:06:38,160
so-called psychic detective debbie

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00:06:43,749 --> 00:06:41,039

malone became involved in the case

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00:06:45,029 --> 00:06:43,759

and i outlined more about that in a

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00:06:48,629 --> 00:06:45,039

previous

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00:06:51,670 --> 00:06:48,639

episode of the skeptic zone which was uh

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00:06:53,469 --> 00:06:51,680

broadcast in february of 2020

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00:06:55,749 --> 00:06:53,479

and if you care to look that up at

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00:06:59,270 --> 00:06:55,759

skepticzone.tv that's skeptic zone

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00:07:03,189 --> 00:06:59,280

episode number 592

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00:07:04,309 --> 00:07:03,199

on the 16th of february 2020. which

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by the way

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was also the very first episode in which

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our reporter michelle pikusma appeared

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to give her logical fallacy series

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in that episode i mentioned that i was

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actually in court when debbie malone was

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called as a witness

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in a pre-trial a pre-hearing for the

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main trial

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and i mentioned that i would be writing

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a report about it so i think now is a

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good time as any to read you the report

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i wrote

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about that occasion and this was

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00:07:41,029 --> 00:07:39,199

published in the skeptic magazine the

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journal from australian skeptics volume

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40 number one in march 2020

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together with my report comments by

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nicholas caldery

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oaqc a longtime friend of the australian

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skeptics and former new south wales

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director of public prosecutions

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a psychic

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in court

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richard saunders reports on the unusual

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situation of someone who claims to have

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psychic powers appearing in the witness

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box and nicholas cowdery aoq

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00:08:23,189 --> 00:08:21,120
looks at some of the legal implications

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it would be hard to imagine there are

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00:08:27,749 --> 00:08:25,520
many in australia who have not heard of

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00:08:29,589 --> 00:08:27,759
the case of lynette dawson who went

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00:08:31,990 --> 00:08:29,599
missing from her sydney northern beach's

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home in 1982

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after decades of speculation late in

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2018 her husband christopher dawson was

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charged with her murder the committal

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hearing of christopher dawson was held

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in sydney at the downing center courts

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in february 2020. the hearing concluded

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with dawson being committed to stand

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trial later this year for the murder of

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his wife and as i've just mentioned

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that was significantly delayed

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until this year because of covert 19.

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i spent one morning in the public

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gallery standing at the back of the

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court to hear firsthand the questioning

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of a witness

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one debbie malone

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00:09:19,910 --> 00:09:17,040

during the committal hearing

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malone is known to me as she was one of

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the contestants on the tv show the one

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00:09:28,070 --> 00:09:25,440

where i appeared as the skeptical judge

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she is also possibly australia's highest

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profile so-called psychic detective and

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claims to have helped police in

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investigations going back many years

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as a background malone was apparently

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interviewed by police in 2003 by way of

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a psychic session

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00:09:50,470 --> 00:09:49,519

with members of lynette dawson's family

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00:09:52,710 --> 00:09:50,480

present

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00:09:55,509 --> 00:09:52,720

this was recorded at the time and part

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00:09:59,509 --> 00:09:55,519

of this audio eventually ended up being

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00:10:01,590 --> 00:09:59,519

broadcast on the teacher's pet podcast

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i bumped into debbie malone on my way

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into the courtroom we greeted each other

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00:10:08,630 --> 00:10:06,560

and exchanged pleasantries i wished her

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well in court and proceeded into the

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room

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as malone was being called upon as a

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witness she needed to wait outside until

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summoned

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this happened as soon as magistrate

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jacqueline tread opened proceedings

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malone was sworn in and took her place

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in the witness box

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00:10:29,590 --> 00:10:27,040
what follows comes from my hand written

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00:10:32,069 --> 00:10:29,600
notes and other reports in the media and

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00:10:34,790 --> 00:10:32,079
covers some of the points from about an

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00:10:37,350 --> 00:10:34,800
hour of questioning from the defense and

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00:10:40,710 --> 00:10:37,360
prosecution i offer this

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with no extra comment on my part for it

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is possible that persons mentioned may

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00:10:47,750 --> 00:10:45,600
take part in future court proceedings

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involving christopher dawson

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and i might come back to that point

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00:10:54,550 --> 00:10:52,640
after i finish reading this report the

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00:10:56,310 --> 00:10:54,560
council for the prosecution made it

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clear that malone was

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quote a person who forms no part of the

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prosecution case unquote

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council then asked malone only a few

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questions one of them being

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what malone's profession was

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psychic medium and author was her reply

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she also said she applied for no rewards

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in the case council confirmed with her

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that she took an interest in the lynette

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dawson disappearance after watching

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australian story on abc tv in 2003 which

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covered the matter

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then council for the defense took up the

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questioning council asked malone what

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was her expertise to which she answered

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00:11:42,150 --> 00:11:40,320

she can see people who are deceased

280

00:11:45,269 --> 00:11:42,160

further questioning along this line led

281

00:11:47,030 --> 00:11:45,279

malone to say that she uses psychometry

282

00:11:49,269 --> 00:11:47,040

the supposed ability of gaining

283

00:11:52,310 --> 00:11:49,279

information about a deceased person from

284

00:11:54,710 --> 00:11:52,320

the energy of personal objects

285

00:11:56,949 --> 00:11:54,720

council asked malone if anyone had

286

00:11:59,829 --> 00:11:56,959

trained her in her profession and malone

287

00:12:02,870 --> 00:11:59,839

answered she had taken part in a quote

288

00:12:06,150 --> 00:12:02,880

learning circle in gaimia end quote she

289

00:12:08,710 --> 00:12:06,160

also mentioned texts from the psychical

290

00:12:10,790 --> 00:12:08,720

research society of england presumably

291

00:12:11,829 --> 00:12:10,800

referring to the society for psychical

292

00:12:14,870 --> 00:12:11,839

research

293

00:12:17,030 --> 00:12:14,880

questioning then focused on how

294

00:12:19,350 --> 00:12:17,040

and when malone was put in touch with

295

00:12:22,069 --> 00:12:19,360

detectives involved with the lynette

296

00:12:25,829 --> 00:12:22,079

dawson disappearance case malone said it

297

00:12:29,269 --> 00:12:25,839

was via the producers at abc tv whom she

298

00:12:30,949 --> 00:12:29,279

contacted after viewing australian story

299

00:12:33,190 --> 00:12:30,959

this also led to contact with the

300

00:12:35,590 --> 00:12:33,200

brother and sister of lynette dawson

301
00:12:38,870 --> 00:12:35,600
malone said detective damien loon was

302
00:12:41,430 --> 00:12:38,880
open to her help and did not tell her he

303
00:12:44,230 --> 00:12:41,440
thought lynette was dead or alive

304
00:12:46,949 --> 00:12:44,240
however malone herself had formed the

305
00:12:49,590 --> 00:12:46,959
opinion that lynette was dead

306
00:12:50,470 --> 00:12:49,600
following communications from the spirit

307
00:12:52,710 --> 00:12:50,480
world

308
00:12:54,069 --> 00:12:52,720
and so viewed the situation as a murder

309
00:12:56,629 --> 00:12:54,079
investigation

310
00:12:58,870 --> 00:12:56,639
council followed this thread with more

311
00:13:00,389 --> 00:12:58,880
questions about how malone gets her

312
00:13:03,590 --> 00:13:00,399
information

313
00:13:06,710 --> 00:13:03,600

quote i have clairvoyance so i can hear

314

00:13:08,069 --> 00:13:06,720

her speak to me end quote malone told

315

00:13:10,629 --> 00:13:08,079

the court

316

00:13:12,629 --> 00:13:10,639

quote when i tune into an item or a

317

00:13:15,509 --> 00:13:12,639

photograph it's like watching television

318

00:13:17,750 --> 00:13:15,519

i see snippets of her life end quote

319

00:13:20,550 --> 00:13:17,760

more information was gained via holding

320

00:13:24,150 --> 00:13:20,560

objects a watch and a bracelet that

321

00:13:26,230 --> 00:13:24,160

belong to the deceased and that at times

322

00:13:27,990 --> 00:13:26,240

she undergoes hypnosis to aid in her

323

00:13:30,550 --> 00:13:28,000

spirit communications

324

00:13:32,790 --> 00:13:30,560

malone told detective loon that she

325

00:13:33,750 --> 00:13:32,800

thought that lynette was buried at the

326
00:13:35,670 --> 00:13:33,760
house

327
00:13:38,389 --> 00:13:35,680
and described to him

328
00:13:39,910 --> 00:13:38,399
details such as the position of the body

329
00:13:42,069 --> 00:13:39,920
and the ground

330
00:13:43,430 --> 00:13:42,079
now i'll just stop here quickly to say

331
00:13:46,629 --> 00:13:43,440
despite many

332
00:13:48,710 --> 00:13:46,639
excavations in that house over the years

333
00:13:51,110 --> 00:13:48,720
the body of lynette dawson has simply

334
00:13:55,030 --> 00:13:51,120
not been found counsel asked malone if

335
00:13:57,509 --> 00:13:55,040
she was a quote forensic psychic and

336
00:14:00,790 --> 00:13:57,519
quote to which she answered no

337
00:14:03,350 --> 00:14:00,800
then she was asked if she was quote

338
00:14:04,949 --> 00:14:03,360

fair dinkum end quote

339

00:14:07,350 --> 00:14:04,959

and that's an australian slang term

340

00:14:09,829 --> 00:14:07,360

meaning are you for real

341

00:14:12,230 --> 00:14:09,839

malone said detective loon was skeptical

342

00:14:14,150 --> 00:14:12,240

but had an open mind quote you know

343

00:14:17,350 --> 00:14:14,160

there's a lot of skepticism about your

344

00:14:18,870 --> 00:14:17,360

apparent powers and quote said council

345

00:14:20,949 --> 00:14:18,880

of course there is

346

00:14:23,189 --> 00:14:20,959

malone replied

347

00:14:25,670 --> 00:14:23,199

attention then moved to malone's visit

348

00:14:27,829 --> 00:14:25,680

to the house or rather area near the

349

00:14:29,829 --> 00:14:27,839

house in 2003

350

00:14:31,990 --> 00:14:29,839

with lynette's brother and sister

351
00:14:32,790 --> 00:14:32,000
detective loon was not available at the

352
00:14:35,350 --> 00:14:32,800
time

353
00:14:37,269 --> 00:14:35,360
she told the court she wanted to see if

354
00:14:39,110 --> 00:14:37,279
what was there

355
00:14:40,870 --> 00:14:39,120
matched her visions

356
00:14:42,310 --> 00:14:40,880
she formed the view that lynette was

357
00:14:46,150 --> 00:14:42,320
buried quote

358
00:14:48,389 --> 00:14:46,160
near an area close to the big rock at

359
00:14:50,710 --> 00:14:48,399
the back of the house in the vicinity of

360
00:14:52,710 --> 00:14:50,720
a fire trail then quote

361
00:14:55,670 --> 00:14:52,720
malone told council that psychic

362
00:14:56,550 --> 00:14:55,680
information is never 100 certain more

363
00:14:58,389 --> 00:14:56,560

like

364

00:15:00,230 --> 00:14:58,399

75 to 80

365

00:15:03,189 --> 00:15:00,240

to which council replied that malone

366

00:15:05,430 --> 00:15:03,199

herself said she was 100 certain

367

00:15:07,990 --> 00:15:05,440

lynette's body was buried near the house

368

00:15:10,710 --> 00:15:08,000

but a police search there in 2018 turned

369

00:15:12,470 --> 00:15:10,720

up nothing malone replied she was not

370

00:15:14,710 --> 00:15:12,480

part of that search

371

00:15:18,710 --> 00:15:14,720

council asked malone if she thought it

372

00:15:22,389 --> 00:15:18,720

was fine to appear on the studio 10

373

00:15:25,030 --> 00:15:22,399

tv program to talk about the case

374

00:15:27,030 --> 00:15:25,040

malone replied that she wanted to set

375

00:15:29,269 --> 00:15:27,040

the record straight after the broadcast

376

00:15:31,189 --> 00:15:29,279

of parts of her police interview on a

377

00:15:33,269 --> 00:15:31,199

podcast and that would have been the

378

00:15:35,910 --> 00:15:33,279

teacher's pet she did not mention the

379

00:15:38,629 --> 00:15:35,920

podcast by name she was disappointed the

380

00:15:40,870 --> 00:15:38,639

audio was used in such a way

381

00:15:42,470 --> 00:15:40,880

counsel for the defense then concluded

382

00:15:45,030 --> 00:15:42,480

his questions and counsel for the

383

00:15:46,069 --> 00:15:45,040

prosecution indicated he had no more

384

00:15:47,189 --> 00:15:46,079

questions

385

00:15:48,470 --> 00:15:47,199

and then

386

00:15:51,030 --> 00:15:48,480

it was over

387

00:15:53,670 --> 00:15:51,040

i noticed that later that night

388

00:15:56,150 --> 00:15:53,680

video of her leaving the downing center

389

00:15:57,590 --> 00:15:56,160

was used on all three commercial tv news

390

00:15:58,710 --> 00:15:57,600

presentations

391

00:16:00,870 --> 00:15:58,720

it was

392

00:16:03,430 --> 00:16:00,880

fascinating for me to be in the court to

393

00:16:05,430 --> 00:16:03,440

hear questions put to someone who claims

394

00:16:07,910 --> 00:16:05,440

to have psychic powers i could

395

00:16:10,069 --> 00:16:07,920

anticipate some of her answers from many

396

00:16:11,590 --> 00:16:10,079

years of studying what psychics say and

397

00:16:14,069 --> 00:16:11,600

how they think

398

00:16:16,470 --> 00:16:14,079

to let justice take its course i will

399

00:16:18,949 --> 00:16:16,480

leave my report at that apart from

400

00:16:22,230 --> 00:16:18,959

saying that i was a witness to a bit of

401
00:16:23,749 --> 00:16:22,240
paranormal history in australia no

402
00:16:25,990 --> 00:16:23,759
matter the outcome

403
00:16:28,870 --> 00:16:26,000
and the second part of this report

404
00:16:31,350 --> 00:16:28,880
is by nicholas cowdery

405
00:16:33,350 --> 00:16:31,360
the legal implications when i was

406
00:16:37,269 --> 00:16:33,360
director of public prosecutions for new

407
00:16:40,710 --> 00:16:37,279
south wales i retired in 2011

408
00:16:43,110 --> 00:16:40,720
the dawson case came to me for decision

409
00:16:44,870 --> 00:16:43,120
on the evidence then available i

410
00:16:47,990 --> 00:16:44,880
declined to prosecute

411
00:16:50,310 --> 00:16:48,000
i do not now have any real recollection

412
00:16:53,350 --> 00:16:50,320
of the evidence that was presented for

413
00:16:56,629 --> 00:16:53,360

consideration and i don't know if it

414

00:16:58,230 --> 00:16:56,639

included any statement from a quote

415

00:17:00,389 --> 00:16:58,240

psychic medium

416

00:17:02,550 --> 00:17:00,399

i have not attended the present

417

00:17:04,870 --> 00:17:02,560

proceedings against christopher dawson

418

00:17:07,510 --> 00:17:04,880

and i have not seen any record of those

419

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

proceedings apart from brief media

420

00:17:12,470 --> 00:17:09,839

reports and now richard's piece

421

00:17:14,949 --> 00:17:12,480

it is true that in the course of

422

00:17:16,710 --> 00:17:14,959

investigations police do sometimes

423

00:17:20,470 --> 00:17:16,720

entertain the views of psychics and

424

00:17:22,870 --> 00:17:20,480

other magic people i suppose they do so

425

00:17:26,230 --> 00:17:22,880

on the basis that quote anything is

426

00:17:28,630 --> 00:17:26,240

worth a try end quote and quote

427

00:17:31,990 --> 00:17:28,640

you never know something might turn up

428

00:17:34,070 --> 00:17:32,000

end quote in the 1960s psychics were

429

00:17:36,310 --> 00:17:34,080

crawling all over the disappearance of

430

00:17:38,710 --> 00:17:36,320

the beaumont children in adelaide and

431

00:17:41,029 --> 00:17:38,720

there have been other high profile

432

00:17:42,710 --> 00:17:41,039

matters involving them maybe the high

433

00:17:45,510 --> 00:17:42,720

profile is a clue

434

00:17:47,669 --> 00:17:45,520

to why they stick their heads up and why

435

00:17:50,390 --> 00:17:47,679

the police tolerate them but we don't

436

00:17:52,789 --> 00:17:50,400

hear much about them in the thousands of

437

00:17:54,950 --> 00:17:52,799

ordinary cases they're contested but

438

00:17:57,510 --> 00:17:54,960

what might be done in the course of an

439

00:18:00,710 --> 00:17:57,520

investigation can be quite different

440

00:18:02,470 --> 00:18:00,720

from what should be done in the conduct

441

00:18:04,549 --> 00:18:02,480

of a prosecution

442

00:18:06,789 --> 00:18:04,559

a prosecutor is given a body of evidence

443

00:18:09,110 --> 00:18:06,799

to work with evidence is the record or

444

00:18:12,390 --> 00:18:09,120

recitation of facts from which

445

00:18:15,270 --> 00:18:12,400

inferences and findings may be made i

446

00:18:18,549 --> 00:18:15,280

cannot for the life of me see how any

447

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

account by a psychic of what she has

448

00:18:23,750 --> 00:18:21,360

allegedly psychically defined

449

00:18:26,870 --> 00:18:23,760

could be admissible evidence personal

450

00:18:30,870 --> 00:18:26,880

testimony must be of what the witness

451
00:18:31,669 --> 00:18:30,880
saw heard felt did had done to her etc

452
00:18:34,549 --> 00:18:31,679
and

453
00:18:37,190 --> 00:18:34,559
is relevant to the determination of

454
00:18:38,310 --> 00:18:37,200
issues in the case it is relevant if it

455
00:18:41,350 --> 00:18:38,320
could

456
00:18:43,669 --> 00:18:41,360
rationally affect directly or indirectly

457
00:18:46,630 --> 00:18:43,679
the assessment of the probability of the

458
00:18:49,830 --> 00:18:46,640
existence of a fact in issue in the

459
00:18:52,470 --> 00:18:49,840
proceeding as provided in the evidence

460
00:18:54,230 --> 00:18:52,480
act there is no scope for including in

461
00:18:57,029 --> 00:18:54,240
that observations

462
00:19:00,549 --> 00:18:57,039
that are said to be psychically based

463
00:19:03,909 --> 00:19:00,559

and not based on our physical senses or

464

00:19:07,190 --> 00:19:03,919

objectively observable phenomena

465

00:19:09,029 --> 00:19:07,200

opinions are expressly excluded from

466

00:19:11,590 --> 00:19:09,039

evidence by law

467

00:19:12,549 --> 00:19:11,600

the main exception to that is the expert

468

00:19:14,310 --> 00:19:12,559

opinion

469

00:19:17,190 --> 00:19:14,320

evidence regime

470

00:19:19,430 --> 00:19:17,200

any attempt to qualify a psychic as an

471

00:19:22,150 --> 00:19:19,440

expert and therefore able to express an

472

00:19:25,029 --> 00:19:22,160

opinion about facts in issue would be

473

00:19:27,270 --> 00:19:25,039

doomed to failure i suppose for that

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00:19:29,350 --> 00:19:27,280

reason is never attempted

475

00:19:31,590 --> 00:19:29,360

richard's description of events indicate

476
00:19:34,710 --> 00:19:31,600
that ms malone's appearance may have

477
00:19:36,870 --> 00:19:34,720
resulted from a procedure sometimes

478
00:19:40,150 --> 00:19:36,880
adopted by the prosecution in order to

479
00:19:42,870 --> 00:19:40,160
be fair to the defense the prosecution

480
00:19:45,510 --> 00:19:42,880
did not rely on her evidence so it seems

481
00:19:47,990 --> 00:19:45,520
that she was called as a witness being

482
00:19:49,990 --> 00:19:48,000
made available by the prosecution hence

483
00:19:51,430 --> 00:19:50,000
the brief qualifying questions from the

484
00:19:54,150 --> 00:19:51,440
prosecutor

485
00:19:57,350 --> 00:19:54,160
either at the express request of the

486
00:19:59,669 --> 00:19:57,360
defense or is part of the duty to

487
00:20:02,149 --> 00:19:59,679
present evidence that although not

488
00:20:04,390 --> 00:20:02,159

relied upon might be considered relevant

489

00:20:07,029 --> 00:20:04,400

in some way especially considering the

490

00:20:10,149 --> 00:20:07,039

wide range of inadmissible and

491

00:20:13,510 --> 00:20:10,159

prejudicial material that was included

492

00:20:16,390 --> 00:20:13,520

in the teacher's podcast about this case

493

00:20:18,310 --> 00:20:16,400

in summary i cannot see any reason why

494

00:20:19,190 --> 00:20:18,320

the prosecution would call such a

495

00:20:21,190 --> 00:20:19,200

witness

496

00:20:23,590 --> 00:20:21,200

and it did not include her as part of

497

00:20:24,950 --> 00:20:23,600

the case her evidence was inadmissible

498

00:20:27,350 --> 00:20:24,960

in my view

499

00:20:29,669 --> 00:20:27,360

the defense seems to have had her raised

500

00:20:32,070 --> 00:20:29,679

in the proceedings in order to dismiss

501
00:20:34,630 --> 00:20:32,080
her going by richard's description of

502
00:20:37,110 --> 00:20:34,640
her questioning or maybe and i am

503
00:20:39,270 --> 00:20:37,120
speculating her conduct in the case was

504
00:20:41,270 --> 00:20:39,280
relevant to explaining the words or

505
00:20:42,950 --> 00:20:41,280
actions of other witnesses and was

506
00:20:45,510 --> 00:20:42,960
useful for that reason either

507
00:20:46,470 --> 00:20:45,520
substandardly or by affecting their

508
00:20:48,470 --> 00:20:46,480
credit

509
00:20:50,950 --> 00:20:48,480
the magistrate really should have

510
00:20:53,110 --> 00:20:50,960
rejected the evidence as inadmissible

511
00:20:54,310 --> 00:20:53,120
unless the defense demonstrated its

512
00:20:56,310 --> 00:20:54,320
relevance

513
00:20:58,789 --> 00:20:56,320

it will be interesting to see if either

514

00:21:00,230 --> 00:20:58,799

party calls ms malone in the supreme

515

00:21:02,470 --> 00:21:00,240

court trial

516

00:21:04,950 --> 00:21:02,480

and i'll just say that never happened

517

00:21:06,630 --> 00:21:04,960

footnote it has not always been possible

518

00:21:08,789 --> 00:21:06,640

to keep psychic influences out of

519

00:21:11,430 --> 00:21:08,799

criminal trials entirely

520

00:21:13,990 --> 00:21:11,440

in 1994 in england harry and nicola

521

00:21:15,830 --> 00:21:14,000

fuller were shot dead in their home

522

00:21:17,590 --> 00:21:15,840

insurance broker stephen young was

523

00:21:20,390 --> 00:21:17,600

convicted of their murders in a

524

00:21:23,350 --> 00:21:20,400

five-week jury trial in brighton a month

525

00:21:25,750 --> 00:21:23,360

later the now defunct news of the world

526

00:21:29,190 --> 00:21:25,760

reported on its front page that four

527

00:21:31,510 --> 00:21:29,200

jurors while confined overnight had used

528

00:21:34,870 --> 00:21:31,520

a homemade ouija board to communicate

529

00:21:35,909 --> 00:21:34,880

with the deceased and asked who had

530

00:21:37,190 --> 00:21:35,919

killed them

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00:21:39,190 --> 00:21:37,200

obvious

532

00:21:40,710 --> 00:21:39,200

the glass they were pushing around the

533

00:21:42,870 --> 00:21:40,720

board spelled out

534

00:21:46,070 --> 00:21:42,880

stephen young

535

00:21:47,110 --> 00:21:46,080

done it when asked how it spelled out

536

00:21:49,510 --> 00:21:47,120

shot

537

00:21:52,149 --> 00:21:49,520

as they were discussing what to do

538

00:21:53,029 --> 00:21:52,159

the clever glass spelt out

539

00:21:55,350 --> 00:21:53,039

vote

540

00:21:58,149 --> 00:21:55,360

guilty tomorrow

541

00:22:00,070 --> 00:21:58,159

and yes the retrial was ordered at which

542

00:22:01,830 --> 00:22:00,080

after another five-week trial stephen

543

00:22:03,029 --> 00:22:01,840

young was convicted

544

00:22:05,909 --> 00:22:03,039

again

545

00:22:07,669 --> 00:22:05,919

presumably without the aid of a ouija

546

00:22:11,390 --> 00:22:07,679

board

547

00:22:12,710 --> 00:22:11,400

and that was again by nicholas cowdery

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00:22:14,310 --> 00:22:12,720

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00:22:15,990 --> 00:22:14,320

so there we are

550

00:22:17,510 --> 00:22:16,000

and yet

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00:22:19,590 --> 00:22:17,520

people will still

552

00:22:21,270 --> 00:22:19,600

trumpet the fact that they are police

553

00:22:23,110 --> 00:22:21,280

psychics and the police call on them and

554

00:22:25,270 --> 00:22:23,120

they help solve crimes

555

00:22:26,710 --> 00:22:25,280

i don't know what else we can do

556

00:22:31,270 --> 00:22:26,720

to

557

00:22:33,110 --> 00:22:31,280

because a hungry media will always jump

558

00:22:39,430 --> 00:22:33,120

on stories like that

559

00:22:43,669 --> 00:22:41,350

you can read my original report in the

560

00:22:46,390 --> 00:22:43,679

pages of the skeptic magazine

561

00:22:49,270 --> 00:22:46,400

go to skeptics.com.u

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00:22:50,070 --> 00:22:49,280

look for the magazine volume 40 number

563

00:22:51,909 --> 00:22:50,080

one

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00:22:55,110 --> 00:22:51,919
from march 2020

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and you'll find that report on

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00:23:17,990 --> 00:23:15,590
hey adrian

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00:23:20,149 --> 00:23:18,000
hi susan out for some shopping eh yep

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00:23:22,950 --> 00:23:20,159
i'm stocking up on this imitation maple

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00:23:24,549 --> 00:23:22,960
syrup from australia imitation

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00:23:27,190 --> 00:23:24,559
imitation

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no no no no you need to buy the real

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thing from canada

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but i saw the tv commercial and it said

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that noted pancake eating expert richard

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saunders says it's the best maple syrup

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money can buy and sixty percent of

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people preferred in a blind taste test

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everyone knows it's the best oh come on

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00:23:48,070 --> 00:23:44,880

susan you know better than that

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that's the argument from authority it is

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or is it the argument from popularity

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hmm

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it might be another logical fallacy i'm

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not sure really if only we had a way of

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hello everyone oh my it's the skeptical

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fairy godmother angel from the internet

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00:24:15,909 --> 00:24:12,799

yes that's right but how did you know

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who i am i listened to the skeptic zone

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00:24:19,590 --> 00:24:17,200

podcast

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also didn't you used to be the tooth

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fairy oh

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yes

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i remember you

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i'll never forget your left upper

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lateral incisor would you like it back

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00:24:34,149 --> 00:24:32,720

no

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00:24:36,149 --> 00:24:34,159

it's okay

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00:24:37,750 --> 00:24:36,159

you keep it hey skeptical fairy

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00:24:40,230 --> 00:24:37,760
godmother angel what are you doing here

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00:24:42,950 --> 00:24:40,240
in the supermarket i've come to tell you

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00:24:45,830 --> 00:24:42,960
that you can find out about 40 different

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00:24:47,909 --> 00:24:45,840
logical fallacies on youtube in one

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00:24:49,909 --> 00:24:47,919
handy location

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00:24:52,549 --> 00:24:49,919
listen to each one to hear an

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00:24:55,909 --> 00:24:52,559
explanation and examples of how they

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00:24:55,919 --> 00:24:59,110
just go to

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00:25:03,350 --> 00:25:00,390
slash tinyurl.com

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00:25:05,990 --> 00:25:03,360
zone and you'll find all the logical

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00:25:08,390 --> 00:25:06,000
fallacies with michelle bickers mark

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00:25:10,710 --> 00:25:08,400
with handy time codes to get to the

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00:25:15,390 --> 00:25:10,720

exact one you want who is michelle

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biggesmar oh just a friend of mine

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tinyurl.com

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logicalzone

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thank you skeptical fairy godmother

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00:25:23,590 --> 00:25:21,600

angel

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00:25:25,750 --> 00:25:23,600

i guess you'll disappear in a puff of

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00:25:26,789 --> 00:25:25,760

smoke and thunder now eh

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00:25:29,669 --> 00:25:26,799

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00:25:30,710 --> 00:25:29,679

not quite yet i have a bit of shopping

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00:25:31,830 --> 00:25:30,720

to do

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susan

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yes

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where do i find the australian maple

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syrup hmm

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what no no no come with me so-called

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skeptical fairy this is real maple syrup

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and now

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a reading from the book of tim

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with tim mendham

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hi my name is tim mendenham i'm the

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executive officer of australian skeptics

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and also the editor of our magazine the

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skeptic

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and today i will be continuing with an

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article that we began

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last issue on unicorns an article called

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on the horn of a dilemma

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this was published in the march 2015

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edition of the magazine

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and which is volume 35 number one

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and it was originally published back in

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1994 written by anthony wheeler from

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queensland

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and today we are continuing about

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unicorns and looking at the personal

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experience of travellers

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and elaboration on who they are or what

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they work

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now the early descriptions of the indian

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rhinoceros some by eyewitnesses and

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others based on hearsay bolstered belief

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in the unicorn

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one of the best and most accurate is

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from pliny the elder who says the asean

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indians hunt an exceedingly wild beast

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called monocerous

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which has a stag's head an elephant's

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feet and a boar's tail

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the rest of the body is like that of a

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horse it makes a deep lowing noise and

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one black horn

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two cubits long projects from the middle

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of the forehead this animal they say

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cannot be taken alive and marco polo the

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explorer of asia wrote in 1298 there are

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wild elephants in the country and

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numerous unicorns which are very nearly

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as big

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marco's unicorn was actually the

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rhinoceros an animal new to europeans

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00:27:51,830 --> 00:27:49,840
the single horned rhinoceros certainly

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fit this usual description of the

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unicorn as far as power goes and the

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rhinoceros is the only animal with a

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central horn

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now of course the winosaurus horn is

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nowhere near as long as a meter or two

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and the color is wrong in fact the

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urinosaurs was a great disappointment

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00:28:10,950 --> 00:28:08,399
for unicorn hunters being greatly ugly

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00:28:13,750 --> 00:28:10,960
and unattractive in its habits

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again from marco polo they delight in

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living in maya and mud it is a hideous

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beast to look at in no way like what we

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think and say in our countries namely a

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beast that lets itself be taken in the

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lap of a virgin

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indeed i assure you that it is quite the

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opposite of what we say it

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is similar stories from many travelers

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were compiled by charles gould into his

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mythical monsters from 1886. the number

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of accounts of unicorns suggest that

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maybe the unicorn is real but the

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discrepancies between these accounts

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argue that they could not be based on

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the same common animal

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gould suggested that possibly the

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animals described were recently extinct

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with the descriptions having been

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corrupted by poor memories and errors in

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their retelling

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another possibility offered was that the

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unicorns had been produced by crosses or

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hybrids between horses and deer

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producing the variety and thirdly gould

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acknowledged the contribution of quote

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embroidery of fancy designed to enrich

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and adorn an article as deemed rare

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and valuable

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now let's look at the new testament

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authority in this the authority of the

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christian bible was enough to inspire

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belief in the unicorn as a real animal

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this belief was strengthened in the

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middle ages by the european christian

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tradition of the best series

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natural histories written to glorify god

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to reveal his purpose in his created

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animals

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the best eries portray the unicorn as

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small and very fleet with a great

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shyness of man and fascination with the

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beauty and love

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of maidens

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we also have the symbolic representation

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of jesus christ as the unicorn many

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times the scene of a unicorn

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jesus christ small humble and with a

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single horn the unity of god resting his

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head the incarnation in the lap of a

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virgin mary and about to be killed the

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passion by a hunter the holy ghost was

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exploited

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alternatively this pretty picture is an

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allegory for sex to some

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it says willie lay

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after all what is white dark at the base

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and tipped with red

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and loses its power in the lap of a

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virgin

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with such biblical and church authority

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supporting the personal experience of

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travellers anecdotes the unicorn was

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accepted as real throughout the middle

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ages

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edward topsail's 16th century histories

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of beasts

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bases its argument for the existence of

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unicorns on a question from the bible

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and the literal truth of the bible quote

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likewise in many other places of

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scripture you will have to produce

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slander or misrepresent

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god himself if there is no unicorn in

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the world

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also popular

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from 3000 bce to the present day has

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been the motif

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of a lion and a unicorn fighting this

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has been explained as representing the

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overthrow of an older matriarchal moon

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worshipping society the unicorn by a

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patriarchal sun worshipping society the

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lion

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or alternatively the succession of

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spring with the vernal equinox in the

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zodiacal sign of taurus

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by summer with the summer solstice in

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leo

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the variety of shapes of the unicorns in

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these illustrations as though bulls

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antelopes and goats had been the models

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for different artists suggest the lack

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of real unicorns on which to base the

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artwork or even as the basis for a

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consensus as to what animal a unicorn

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resembles most

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british knights returning from the

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crusades brought back tales of sightings

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of wild antelopes native to the middle

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east these antelopes have their paired

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horns set so close together that they

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appear as a single horn when seen from

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the side

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supported by the authority of the bible

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these crude sketches and memories of

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glimpse sightings became part of british

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heraldry the unicorn features on the

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crest badges of the scottish clans of

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cunningham stewart of appen ramsey and

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oliphant and melville

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and as a supporter for the arms of the

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city of bristol

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when scotland was united with england

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and wales in 1603

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one of the two unicorns from the

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scottish royal arms joined the english

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line

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displacing the welsh dragon on the new

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british coat of arms and is still there

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today complete with collar and chain

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tethering the unicorn

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symbolism for england's domination of

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scotland

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you can still see these arms complete

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with lion and chained unicorn on older

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government buildings in australian

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cities

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this parochial english nationalism

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persists in the nursery rhyme

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the lion and the unicorn were fighting

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for the crown the lion beat the unicorn

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now that's the end of part two of this

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article on unicorns

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part three will continue next episode of

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the skeptic zone and we'll look at the

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supposed medical benefits of unicorn

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horns etc and the science testing of

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article that first appeared in 1994 in

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the skeptic magazine and was reprinted

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in march 2015 which is volume 35 number

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one and you can get the whole issue in

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www.skeptics.com.edu to download for

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the australian skeptic's annual national

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convention skepticon 2022 will be held

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on december 3rd through 4th the first

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weekend of december but if you want to

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get cheaper tickets then you need to be

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quick smart as the lower early bird

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prices will be ending within hours so

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get going i got mine go to the ticket

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sales page at skepticon.org.au

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to choose full in-person one day in

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person or streaming options

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of course i had to choose the streaming

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option

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the event will be held at the national

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library of australia the theme is

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skepticism in a changed world and the

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lineup of speakers includes claire

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klingenberg president of the european

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council of skeptical organizations the

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hosts of european skeptics podcast and

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live stream talks by skeptic's guide to

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the universe host dr steven novella and

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there is also a wide variety of domestic

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speakers including major general mike

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ryan retired who will be speaking on

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science fiction and security

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professionals

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author david dufty on radio girl a.c.t

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academy of sports psychologist christine

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dunn on superstitions in sport

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controversial author clive hamilton on

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being censored and many more scientific

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and skeptical topics

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for full details visit

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now here's a report that appeared on the

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website of news.com.au

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on wednesday the 31st of august

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australian anti-vaxxers who sued state

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and federal governments forced to pay

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two hundred and fourteen thousand and

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twenty three dollars in legal costs

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and this is a story

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or part of a story i will read by rowan

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smith

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anti-vaxxers including a 19 year old who

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claimed a quote vaccine injury and quote

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have been slugged with an eye-watering

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legal bill after their case was tossed

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a group of australian anti-vaxxers who

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tried to sue state and federal

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governments citing fears over quote

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a new world order and quote have been

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slugged with 214 023 in legal costs

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after their case was thrown out of court

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nine applicants took the fight to the

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federal court of australia in october

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last year claiming that lockdowns and

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vaccine mandates were quote

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being implemented or undertaken in the

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context of a new world order end quote

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and

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quote constituted a breach of the

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nurenberg code end quote

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the new world order

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references a conspiracy theory

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popularized by far-right conspiracist

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cuenon which asserts that a secret

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totalitarian world government is

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emerging in their statement of claim the

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group demanded that then prime minister

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scott morrison quote

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together with each of the premiers and

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chief ministers of the states and

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territories of australia

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i mean quote

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meet at the entrance to the embassy of

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the republic of poland

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in canberra

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and deliver an apology

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00:37:52,150 --> 00:37:50,160

poland

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documents show the draft apology

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included language to the effect that the

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prime minister scott morrison on behalf

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of himself and the premiers and chief

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ministers

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acknowledged responsibility for putting

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australia in danger

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falling into a state of lawlessness and

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totalitarian rule

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justice debra mortimer struck out the

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case against the commonwealth victorian

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new south wales queensland northern

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territory western australia

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and tasmanian governments in july

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and an order on monday awarded costs to

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each government

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quote the allegations do not justify a

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trial end quote she said the

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commonwealth and victorian governments

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receive

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fifty thousand dollars in costs new

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south wales receives thirty nine

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thousand and twenty three dollars

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while western australia queensland and

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the northern territory governments

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receive twenty thousand dollars each and

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tasmania receives fifteen thousand

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dollars

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the story goes on to talk about one of

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the

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people involved a teenager

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and then it says

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new south wales health said it does not

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discuss individual cases but urge people

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00:39:09,270 --> 00:39:07,440
to use quote trusted and credible

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sources of information

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quote we continue to encourage everyone

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to get vaccinated and quote a

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spokesperson said

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quote the covet vaccines available in

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australia are safe and very effective at

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reducing the risk of serious illness and

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death

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please access covert 19 health advice

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and information from the new south wales

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health and the australian government end

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quote

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of course one of the things this story

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does remind us about

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is the dangers or the folly

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of believing conspiracy theories and

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getting swept away in conspiracy

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theories they can have very very bad

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results but in this case of course for

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the people involved it's a bad result

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of being slugged with an enormous

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legal bill

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and doubtless the people involved in

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this or many at least would be firm

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in the conspiracy theories that they

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were told

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i will link to that story where there is

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more information to read in this week's

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g'day this is dr karl karl kruschmsky

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proud to be a skeptic and you can find

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out more about me at drkarl.com and get

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now it's time once again to go back to

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those pages at trove at

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the online resource from the australian

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government and the national library of

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australia full of digitized newspapers

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mostly and of course magazines and many

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00:41:12,470 --> 00:41:08,880
other publications

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going back many decades into centuries

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00:41:15,589 --> 00:41:14,079
and what an interesting thing it is to

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00:41:19,030 --> 00:41:15,599
run to trove

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00:41:20,230 --> 00:41:19,040
type in any word in the search box

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00:41:22,230 --> 00:41:20,240
and you'll never know what you're going

1007
00:41:24,710 --> 00:41:22,240
to get this week i thought i would type

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in the word zodiac

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which hardly surprising returns many

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uh results dealing with astrology

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yes astrology and the zodiac signs

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and evergreen of skepticism

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in fact even today if you ask people

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around the world i would expect if they

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know what their zodiac sign is or their

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star sign they probably know

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although i think if i'm not incorrect in

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some parts of the world

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people tend to

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consider their blood type

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when it comes to

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compatibility with other people

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or

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their

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anyway our first result comes from the

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examiner from tasmania and this is

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published in

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1938 on the 15th of june

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is astrology

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true

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that human character and abilities are

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determined or even influenced by stars

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millions of miles away

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scientists are skeptical recently an

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american psychologist checked up five of

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the leading professional astrologers on

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their readings as regard to one specific

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point

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all these horoscope makers declared that

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people born between september 24 and

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october 23 that is under libra

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the scales

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seventh zodiac sign should have

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musical ability if this is true then it

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would be reasonable to expect to find a

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majority of musicians were born between

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these dates the investigator ascertained

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musicians he discovered fewer were born

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under this sign than under any of the

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twelve

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except for scorpio which tied with libra

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for last place

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well there you go

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now we go to the age published on the

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19th of august

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1939 and this is from melbourne

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the signs of the zodiac

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an astrologer states his case

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by g m

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today more than ever since the days of

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ancient egypt and chaldaea or chaldaea i'm

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not sure how that's pronounced people

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are inquiring into the

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science

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of astrology which by observation is

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seeking celestial causes for material

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effects and establishing records of

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planetary laws

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calderage wrote quote there is no doubt

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that astrology of some sort or other

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will be the last achievement of

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astronomy end quote

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the ancients wrote myths around the then

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known planetary influences but much has

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been lost and new planets have been

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found thus leaving modern astrologers

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much to discover

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the factors used in astrology are the

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sun moon and the known planets and their

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interrelationships or aspects

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the signs of the zodiac

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not constellations and the 12 mundane

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the ascendant or eastern horizon and the

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mid heaven are the strongest mundane

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points

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the fixed stars when prominently placed

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have also been found to hold influence

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to obtain accurate results the exact

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moment or within a few minutes of birth

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must be known as well as the place and

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date

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unless two persons are born in the same

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place at the same time of the same

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parents there can be no two persons

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alike

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the skeptic derides the idea of

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planetary influence on human life

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but in astrology the sun is a great

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life-giver

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okay then that certainly

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beats the skeptics doesn't it

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where would we be without the sun

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00:45:56,309 --> 00:45:53,040
if astronomers assert the planets are

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chunks of the sun is it not logical to

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assume their influence also it was only

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recently that the critics of the day

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were scoffing at the inventors of the

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telephone and radio and questioning

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their mentality but now we know more of

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it is now realized that all matter is in

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a state of constant motion the harder

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the material the slower the vibration

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ice is water at a low rate of vibration

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steam is at a higher rate of vibration

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man also has his rate of vibration the

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lower the vibration the more brutal the

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type

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and vice versa

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i hope you're all taking notes

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what has all this to do with the planets

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the planets emit vibrations which have

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been found by observation to influence

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00:46:50,710 --> 00:46:48,880

these material vibrations

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00:46:52,790 --> 00:46:50,720

a note played on a violin will bring

1128

00:46:53,829 --> 00:46:52,800

response from another violin in the same

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00:46:57,030 --> 00:46:53,839

room

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00:46:58,069 --> 00:46:57,040

so-called space does not prevent similar

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00:47:00,630 --> 00:46:58,079

harmony

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00:47:02,710 --> 00:47:00,640

or discord between the planets

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00:47:04,550 --> 00:47:02,720

and ourselves

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00:47:06,950 --> 00:47:04,560

because we all know sound can travel

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00:47:08,950 --> 00:47:06,960

through a vacuum

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00:47:10,710 --> 00:47:08,960

traditionally jupiter has always been

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00:47:13,349 --> 00:47:10,720

the greater benefit

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00:47:15,430 --> 00:47:13,359

and is said to uplift those born under

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00:47:17,910 --> 00:47:15,440

its influence the great duke of

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00:47:21,109 --> 00:47:17,920

wellington was born with jupiter in the

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00:47:23,030 --> 00:47:21,119

mid heaven of the house of honor he

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00:47:27,270 --> 00:47:23,040

never lost the battle and was never

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00:47:30,069 --> 00:47:27,280

disgraced george v was not the direct

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00:47:32,390 --> 00:47:30,079

heir to the throne he had jupiter as a

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00:47:35,190 --> 00:47:32,400

mid-heaven george vi

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00:47:37,190 --> 00:47:35,200

as duke of york was in the same position

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00:47:40,549 --> 00:47:37,200

he also had jupiter in the house of

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00:47:43,750 --> 00:47:40,559

honor the late tasmanian premier mr

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00:47:45,430 --> 00:47:43,760

ogilvy had jupiter in the mid heaven

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00:47:47,270 --> 00:47:45,440

this is not the sole factor but it

1151

00:47:49,910 --> 00:47:47,280

greatly assists

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00:47:50,950 --> 00:47:49,920

saturn was also said to swallow his

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00:47:53,109 --> 00:47:50,960

children

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00:47:55,109 --> 00:47:53,119

placed prominently in the mid heaven

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00:47:57,349 --> 00:47:55,119

this planet has been found to raise

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00:48:00,230 --> 00:47:57,359

people high above their birth station

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00:48:03,030 --> 00:48:00,240

but with ultimate downfall or disgrace

1158

00:48:04,309 --> 00:48:03,040

idea often literally giving falls from

1159

00:48:07,190 --> 00:48:04,319

great heights

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00:48:10,549 --> 00:48:07,200

napoleon had saturn in his mid-heaven

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00:48:12,790 --> 00:48:10,559

hitler also significantly has it by

1162

00:48:15,270 --> 00:48:12,800

similar methods of observation it has

1163

00:48:17,990 --> 00:48:15,280

been found that the ancients were not so

1164

00:48:19,510 --> 00:48:18,000

foolish in their allotting of influences

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00:48:22,870 --> 00:48:19,520

to the planets

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00:48:23,750 --> 00:48:22,880

mars is truly the planet of war venus of

1167

00:48:25,829 --> 00:48:23,760

love

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00:48:27,589 --> 00:48:25,839

and so on

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00:48:30,390 --> 00:48:27,599

the later planets

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00:48:33,430 --> 00:48:30,400

but what of the recently discovered

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00:48:36,549 --> 00:48:33,440

planets uranus neptune and pluto

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00:48:38,309 --> 00:48:36,559

uranus was discovered in 1781 neptune in

1173

00:48:40,710 --> 00:48:38,319

1846

1174

00:48:43,750 --> 00:48:40,720

and pluto in 1930.

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00:48:46,069 --> 00:48:43,760

the uninitiated wonder how these planets

1176

00:48:49,990 --> 00:48:46,079

were a lot of their influence but how

1177

00:48:52,790 --> 00:48:50,000

many engineers were there before 1781.

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00:48:53,910 --> 00:48:52,800

how many electricians radio experts

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00:48:56,790 --> 00:48:53,920

airmen

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00:48:58,470 --> 00:48:56,800

these are the vocations that uranus has

1181

00:49:01,430 --> 00:48:58,480

been found to govern

1182

00:49:03,190 --> 00:49:01,440

it is the planet of suddenness

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00:49:06,790 --> 00:49:03,200

unexpectedness

1184

00:49:08,309 --> 00:49:06,800

and speed and has been called quote the

1185

00:49:09,430 --> 00:49:08,319

awakener

1186

00:49:12,069 --> 00:49:09,440

end quote

1187

00:49:15,190 --> 00:49:12,079

since its discovery civilization has

1188

00:49:16,470 --> 00:49:15,200

speeded up it rotates on its axis in the

1189

00:49:18,309 --> 00:49:16,480

opposite direction

1190

00:49:20,870 --> 00:49:18,319

to the other planets

1191

00:49:24,790 --> 00:49:20,880

and people born with eunice strong are

1192

00:49:27,990 --> 00:49:24,800

strange orthodox and iconoclastic

1193

00:49:29,910 --> 00:49:28,000

they go against the usual run of things

1194

00:49:30,950 --> 00:49:29,920

i hope you are still all taking notes

1195

00:49:34,390 --> 00:49:30,960

out there

1196

00:49:37,309 --> 00:49:34,400

and neptune mysterious distant planet

1197

00:49:40,390 --> 00:49:37,319

how many spiritualists were there before

1198

00:49:41,589 --> 00:49:40,400

1846 the rochester knockings which

1199

00:49:44,470 --> 00:49:41,599

started the

1200

00:49:47,109 --> 00:49:44,480

movement occurred in 1884

1201
00:49:49,430 --> 00:49:47,119
astrologers have found that mediums

1202
00:49:51,270 --> 00:49:49,440
psychics and those interested in ghosts

1203
00:49:54,390 --> 00:49:51,280
and other world matters

1204
00:49:56,230 --> 00:49:54,400
have neptune prominently placed in their

1205
00:49:59,030 --> 00:49:56,240
nativity

1206
00:50:01,910 --> 00:49:59,040
neptune gives the spiritualist an

1207
00:50:03,510 --> 00:50:01,920
idealist on one hand and on the other

1208
00:50:04,950 --> 00:50:03,520
the drug addict

1209
00:50:06,870 --> 00:50:04,960
the drunkard

1210
00:50:08,870 --> 00:50:06,880
and the swindler

1211
00:50:10,790 --> 00:50:08,880
disclaimer the skeptic's own podcast

1212
00:50:13,589 --> 00:50:10,800
makes no assertions about any listener

1213
00:50:15,270 --> 00:50:13,599

born under any particular side

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00:50:17,829 --> 00:50:15,280

we read on

1215

00:50:20,390 --> 00:50:17,839

pluto named after the ancient god of the

1216

00:50:23,430 --> 00:50:20,400

underworld is found to be upholding his

1217

00:50:26,069 --> 00:50:23,440

ancient reputation since his discovery

1218

00:50:27,829 --> 00:50:26,079

in 1930 man has been turning his

1219

00:50:29,750 --> 00:50:27,839

attention underground for protection

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00:50:32,549 --> 00:50:29,760

from air raids

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00:50:35,670 --> 00:50:32,559

recently america britain and france each

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00:50:38,230 --> 00:50:35,680

suffered a submarine disaster

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00:50:41,270 --> 00:50:38,240

at the time mars was in opposition to

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00:50:44,150 --> 00:50:41,280

pluto pluto was also notorious for

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00:50:45,670 --> 00:50:44,160

kidnapping and strangely enough

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00:50:47,990 --> 00:50:45,680

strangely enough

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00:50:50,069 --> 00:50:48,000

following his discovery the kidnapping

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00:50:52,470 --> 00:50:50,079

vogue appeared

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00:50:54,790 --> 00:50:52,480

colonel lindberg's son had pluto in the

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00:50:56,870 --> 00:50:54,800

mid heaven and i think that of course

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00:50:59,349 --> 00:50:56,880

refers to the sad case of charles

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00:51:02,470 --> 00:50:59,359

lindbergh's son being kidnapped and i

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00:51:03,990 --> 00:51:02,480

think he uh he was killed if memory

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00:51:06,630 --> 00:51:04,000

serves

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00:51:09,109 --> 00:51:06,640

and so by observation astrologers

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00:51:11,990 --> 00:51:09,119

studied the effects of celestial causes

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00:51:14,710 --> 00:51:12,000

they do not teach fatalism as is

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00:51:16,549 --> 00:51:14,720

generally supposed the planets give the

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00:51:19,190 --> 00:51:16,559

stimulus for action but they do not

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00:51:20,630 --> 00:51:19,200

compel us to act if anything is

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00:51:23,030 --> 00:51:20,640

commenced under

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00:51:26,630 --> 00:51:23,040

adverse planetary conditions it will

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00:51:28,470 --> 00:51:26,640

have a much severe passage and far

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00:51:31,750 --> 00:51:28,480

greater chance of failure than if

1245

00:51:33,030 --> 00:51:31,760

commenced under favorable planetary

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00:51:35,430 --> 00:51:33,040

stimulus

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00:51:37,190 --> 00:51:35,440

i must remember that astrologers claim

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00:51:39,670 --> 00:51:37,200

it takes more than

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00:51:42,470 --> 00:51:39,680

ordinary people to quote rule their

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00:51:44,630 --> 00:51:42,480

stars end quote they cannot with

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00:51:47,190 --> 00:51:44,640

certainty predict events and their

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00:51:50,150 --> 00:51:47,200

effects but with their knowledge of

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00:51:53,270 --> 00:51:50,160

influences at any given year of life and

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00:51:56,230 --> 00:51:53,280

of human nature in the average they can

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00:51:57,589 --> 00:51:56,240

say fairly correctly what conditions

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00:52:01,349 --> 00:51:57,599

will beset

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00:52:03,670 --> 00:52:01,359

the life and their probable effects

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00:52:07,190 --> 00:52:03,680

even with these limits the astrologer

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00:52:10,150 --> 00:52:07,200

asserts this advice must be of value to

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00:52:13,349 --> 00:52:10,160

balanced and intelligent people who

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00:52:15,270 --> 00:52:13,359

would be prepared to meet favorable and

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00:52:17,349 --> 00:52:15,280

other conditions

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00:52:18,549 --> 00:52:17,359

all people are subject to climactic

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00:52:20,950 --> 00:52:18,559

conditions

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00:52:23,589 --> 00:52:20,960

whether living in melbourne or at the

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00:52:26,470 --> 00:52:23,599

tropics the farmer cannot choose his

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00:52:28,790 --> 00:52:26,480

weather but his reasoning powers enable

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00:52:30,950 --> 00:52:28,800

him to increase his crop by inventions

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00:52:33,109 --> 00:52:30,960

and discoveries the weather can usually

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00:52:35,190 --> 00:52:33,119

be estimated in advance

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00:52:37,750 --> 00:52:35,200

seasonable times for certain activities

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00:52:39,910 --> 00:52:37,760

can be calculated enabling him to work

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00:52:42,630 --> 00:52:39,920

to advantage

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00:52:45,270 --> 00:52:42,640

astrologers claim to be able with a fair

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00:52:48,390 --> 00:52:45,280

amount of accuracy to measure prevailing

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00:52:50,950 --> 00:52:48,400

conditions and to sum up in a general

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00:52:53,030 --> 00:52:50,960

sense the person they apply to but

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00:52:55,510 --> 00:52:53,040

the most they can say

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00:52:58,150 --> 00:52:55,520

is the probability of certain results

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00:53:00,549 --> 00:52:58,160

yet this is better than being able to

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00:53:03,990 --> 00:53:00,559

say with certainty otherwise it would

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00:53:07,109 --> 00:53:04,000

mean that all things are inevitable and

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00:53:08,950 --> 00:53:07,119

reason and intelligence have no choice

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00:53:12,230 --> 00:53:08,960

it may be understood therefore that

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00:53:14,630 --> 00:53:12,240

astrology is what its name implies the

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00:53:17,910 --> 00:53:14,640

logic of the stars

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00:53:20,710 --> 00:53:17,920

cheap mass production horoscopes are not

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00:53:22,710 --> 00:53:20,720

genuine astrology so there

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00:53:24,710 --> 00:53:22,720

these are merely based on the sun's

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00:53:28,710 --> 00:53:24,720

position in the zodiac

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00:53:31,430 --> 00:53:28,720

they are about 1 12 correct and there

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00:53:34,150 --> 00:53:31,440

are many mixed influences to decipher

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00:53:37,030 --> 00:53:34,160

and much fine judgment

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00:53:39,270 --> 00:53:37,040

is necessary to arrive at correct

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00:53:42,390 --> 00:53:39,280

conclusions

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00:53:43,990 --> 00:53:42,400

and there shall be signs in the sun

1297

00:53:44,790 --> 00:53:44,000

and in the moon

1298

00:53:46,870 --> 00:53:44,800

and

1299

00:53:50,549 --> 00:53:46,880

in the stars

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00:53:52,069 --> 00:53:50,559

luke chapter 21 verse 25

1301
00:53:55,589 --> 00:53:52,079
now that's interesting to me because

1302
00:53:58,630 --> 00:53:55,599
that whole story including a diagram

1303
00:54:00,069 --> 00:53:58,640
which is a circle with the earth in the

1304
00:54:03,829 --> 00:54:00,079
middle and

1305
00:54:06,230 --> 00:54:03,839
uh sort of divided up i want to say here

1306
00:54:08,470 --> 00:54:06,240
ninth house science in religion etcetera

1307
00:54:10,549 --> 00:54:08,480
tenth house honor employment

1308
00:54:12,230 --> 00:54:10,559
eleventh house friends

1309
00:54:13,430 --> 00:54:12,240
western rice yeah there's a diagram

1310
00:54:15,510 --> 00:54:13,440
there

1311
00:54:18,230 --> 00:54:15,520
but the point is this was published in

1312
00:54:19,990 --> 00:54:18,240
the age the age newspaper in melbourne

1313
00:54:22,309 --> 00:54:20,000

which is a

1314

00:54:25,829 --> 00:54:22,319

normally a respected newspaper but but

1315

00:54:27,000 --> 00:54:25,839

this was published in 1939 just before

1316

00:54:31,910 --> 00:54:27,010

world war ii

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00:54:36,069 --> 00:54:34,230

so there we go a strange collection of

1318

00:54:39,580 --> 00:54:36,079

items and reports over the decades

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00:54:44,789 --> 00:54:39,590

revolving around the word zodiac

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00:54:47,190 --> 00:54:44,799

[Music]

1321

00:54:52,230 --> 00:54:47,200

and no matter if you're a pisces a

1322

00:54:53,270 --> 00:54:52,240

sagittarius a scorpio an aries or a leo

1323

00:54:54,950 --> 00:54:53,280

you too

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00:54:57,109 --> 00:54:54,960

might find all sorts of interesting

1325

00:54:59,270 --> 00:54:57,119

things when you go to trove look around

1326
00:55:00,789 --> 00:54:59,280
because you never know you never know

1327
00:55:05,130 --> 00:55:00,799
what star signs

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00:55:05,140 --> 00:55:15,589
[Music]

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00:55:20,630 --> 00:55:17,510
zodiac man

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00:55:22,950 --> 00:55:20,640
he was a complicated puzzle an enigma of

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00:55:25,109 --> 00:55:22,960
the sign a multitude of types placed

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00:55:27,430 --> 00:55:25,119
together by design with all the

1333
00:55:28,309 --> 00:55:27,440
characteristics of the symbols of our

1334
00:55:31,670 --> 00:55:28,319
birth

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00:55:33,109 --> 00:55:31,680
in a melting pot of humankind a true

1336
00:55:35,990 --> 00:55:33,119
man of earth

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00:55:39,750 --> 00:55:36,000
he walked like a pisces and taught like

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00:55:42,950 --> 00:55:39,760

a sag and wore the terean demeanor like

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a veritable badge his style was affected

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00:55:48,230 --> 00:55:45,040

by the influence of the moon

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00:55:49,670 --> 00:55:48,240

but it's likely his libra came into cusp

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00:55:51,750 --> 00:55:49,680

too soon

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00:55:54,309 --> 00:55:51,760

virgo laid its hand upon this man of

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00:55:56,789 --> 00:55:54,319

many parts and his gemini certainly

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00:55:58,789 --> 00:55:56,799

stops where his capricorn starts

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00:56:01,670 --> 00:55:58,799

which gives you a perception that he may

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00:56:03,990 --> 00:56:01,680

have the ares although his cancer side

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00:56:06,549 --> 00:56:04,000

luckily is away with the fairies

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00:56:09,910 --> 00:56:06,559

aquarius has washed him where scorpio

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00:56:12,230 --> 00:56:09,920

stung it stings and leo roars loudly you

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00:56:15,349 --> 00:56:12,240
can hear it when he sings this man of

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00:56:17,829 --> 00:56:15,359
many colors with their influences clear

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00:56:21,030 --> 00:56:17,839
from a birth which broke records when it

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00:56:23,349 --> 00:56:21,040
went on for a year

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00:56:25,589 --> 00:56:23,359
some claim that he is layered by the

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00:56:27,670 --> 00:56:25,599
impressions of the stars

1357
00:56:30,549 --> 00:56:27,680
and if you study him very closely you

1358
00:56:33,829 --> 00:56:30,559
can just detect the scars where the

1359
00:56:34,870 --> 00:56:33,839
doctors separated him from his ego early

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00:56:37,349 --> 00:56:34,880
on

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00:56:53,670 --> 00:56:37,359
that's why he's now so precious

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00:56:57,510 --> 00:56:55,190
thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:56:59,109 --> 00:56:57,520

zone podcast next week on the show i

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00:57:01,349 --> 00:56:59,119

hope to bring you

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00:57:04,870 --> 00:57:01,359

in the trove section

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uh reports about telepathy

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00:57:09,430 --> 00:57:07,040

you don't hear that term much anymore

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00:57:11,030 --> 00:57:09,440

it's like esp they're sort of antiquated

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00:57:13,670 --> 00:57:11,040

terms

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00:57:17,190 --> 00:57:13,680

telepathy hmm

1371

00:57:21,270 --> 00:57:17,200

and part three and the final part of tim

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00:57:23,510 --> 00:57:21,280

bendum series about the unicorn

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00:57:25,750 --> 00:57:23,520

another big thank you as i always do to

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00:57:27,349 --> 00:57:25,760

the people who support the skeptic zone

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00:57:30,630 --> 00:57:27,359

by paypal

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00:57:35,030 --> 00:57:30,640

or patreon it means that for

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what coming up to 14 years of the show

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00:57:41,510 --> 00:57:38,839

i've never had to run commercial

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00:57:43,670 --> 00:57:41,520

advertising the advertising you hear in

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00:57:45,190 --> 00:57:43,680

the show for other podcasts or skeptical

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00:57:48,230 --> 00:57:45,200

groups or whatnot

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is all done for free i firmly believe

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that

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um they're worthy of your attention

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so those youtube channels those people

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those podcasts

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i don't get any kickback no favors no

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money nothing from those

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00:58:04,230 --> 00:58:02,400

uh people

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i just think it's the right thing to do

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so your contributions mean i can keep

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promoting things that i think are worthy

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instead of

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00:58:16,230 --> 00:58:13,359

uh face cream

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00:58:23,670 --> 00:58:19,510

or some sort of um

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00:58:26,390 --> 00:58:23,680

internet device or running shoes

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00:58:28,390 --> 00:58:26,400

or vpns or whatever now i don't knock

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00:58:30,870 --> 00:58:28,400

podcasts that do it i mean we all have

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00:58:32,630 --> 00:58:30,880

to make an income i mean these things

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don't just magically happen for free

1401
00:58:35,670 --> 00:58:34,400
there are bills to pay believe me there

1402
00:58:37,589 --> 00:58:35,680
are bills to pay

1403
00:58:40,309 --> 00:58:37,599
there's a lot of work goes into making

1404
00:58:41,670 --> 00:58:40,319
podcasts um the skeptic zone is no

1405
00:58:43,670 --> 00:58:41,680
exception

1406
00:58:45,589 --> 00:58:43,680
but thanks to the generosity of people

1407
00:58:47,510 --> 00:58:45,599
who do contribute even if it's a couple

1408
00:58:50,390 --> 00:58:47,520
of dollars a week

1409
00:58:52,549 --> 00:58:50,400
that means that so far i can avoid

1410
00:58:55,190 --> 00:58:52,559
running ads for um

1411
00:58:56,630 --> 00:58:55,200
peanut butter or something

1412
00:58:58,789 --> 00:58:56,640
actually i might write an ad for peanut

1413
00:59:00,710 --> 00:58:58,799

butter i quite like peanut butter

1414

00:59:02,630 --> 00:59:00,720

but for this week this is richard

1415

00:59:07,670 --> 00:59:02,640

saunders signing off from sydney

1416

00:59:10,950 --> 00:59:09,510

you've been listening to the skeptic

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the back catalog of episodes going back

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to 2008

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00:59:34,549 --> 00:59:32,480

review on itunes

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00:59:37,829 --> 00:59:34,559

you can also support the skeptic zone

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00:59:41,109 --> 00:59:37,839

via patreon or paypal the skeptic zone

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00:59:42,789 --> 00:59:41,119

podcast is an independent production the

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00:59:45,030 --> 00:59:42,799

views and opinions expressed on the

1430

00:59:47,589 --> 00:59:45,040

skeptic zone are not necessarily those

1431

01:00:02,950 --> 00:59:47,599

of australian skeptics or any other

1432

01:00:07,670 --> 01:00:05,349

hello to those people who listen after

1433

01:00:09,829 --> 01:00:07,680

the show i haven't done this for a while

1434

01:00:13,430 --> 01:00:09,839

let me see this one

1435

01:00:15,430 --> 01:00:13,440

let's play the dice game this is

1436

01:00:18,549 --> 01:00:15,440

this is where you use your psychic

1437

01:00:21,109 --> 01:00:18,559

magical mystical guessing powers

1438

01:00:22,549 --> 01:00:21,119

and see if you can predict the uh the

1439

01:00:23,349 --> 01:00:22,559

fall of the dice

1440

01:00:28,069 --> 01:00:23,359

die

1441

01:00:31,190 --> 01:00:28,079

five six seven eight nine or ten so

1442

01:00:32,710 --> 01:00:31,200

you're predicting the past

1443

01:00:34,470 --> 01:00:32,720

because

1444

01:00:36,710 --> 01:00:34,480

of course obviously you're listening to

1445

01:00:37,670 --> 01:00:36,720

a recording and this has happened

1446

01:00:40,230 --> 01:00:37,680

um

1447

01:00:43,349 --> 01:00:40,240

a day or two ago yesterday some

1448

01:00:44,950 --> 01:00:43,359

whatever it's happened however you have

1449

01:00:45,910 --> 01:00:44,960

to predict what

1450

01:00:48,789 --> 01:00:45,920

will come

1451

01:00:50,789 --> 01:00:48,799

through your earphones next what number

1452

01:00:53,030 --> 01:00:50,799

it's a bit complicated wibbly wobbly

1453

01:00:55,910 --> 01:00:53,040

tiny why me you know okay

1454

01:00:57,990 --> 01:00:55,920

it's a d10 as i said first roll so guess

1455

01:00:59,030 --> 01:00:58,000

predict use your psychic powers your

1456

01:00:59,829 --> 01:00:59,040

lucky

1457

01:01:03,270 --> 01:00:59,839

luck

1458

01:01:05,670 --> 01:01:03,280

here we go the first number coming up is

1459

01:01:07,430 --> 01:01:05,680

three

1460

01:01:08,630 --> 01:01:07,440

so i write on my skeptic's own notepad

1461

01:01:10,230 --> 01:01:08,640

with my

1462

01:01:16,150 --> 01:01:10,240

skeptic's own pencil and drop the dice

1463

01:01:20,630 --> 01:01:19,450

what's that that is a nine

1464

01:01:22,150 --> 01:01:20,640

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1465

01:01:25,190 --> 01:01:22,160

okay

1466

01:01:26,230 --> 01:01:25,200

here it comes

1467

01:01:28,630 --> 01:01:26,240

oh

1468

01:01:29,829 --> 01:01:28,640

it's a nine

1469

01:01:30,710 --> 01:01:29,839

three

1470

01:01:36,390 --> 01:01:30,720

nine

1471

01:01:41,320 --> 01:01:36,400

number lucky susan gerbic are you

1472

01:01:41,330 --> 01:01:47,510

[Laughter]