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**Rob Palmer
reports from
CSIcon 2022
with
Prof. Richard Wiseman**

**Adrienne Hill
reports from Las Vegas
with
Rob Palmer**

**TROVE looks at
Timothy Good**

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Richard Saunders



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00:00:13,920 --> 00:00:09,049
welcome to the skeptic Zone the podcast

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00:00:16,860 --> 00:00:13,930
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:23,390 --> 00:00:16,870
[Applause]

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00:00:25,310 --> 00:00:23,400
[Music]

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00:00:27,429 --> 00:00:25,320
yes it's the skeptic Zone podcast

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00:00:31,269 --> 00:00:27,439
episode number

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00:00:34,970 --> 00:00:31,279
734 for the 30th October

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00:00:36,709 --> 00:00:34,980
2022 almost time for November Richard

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00:00:38,330 --> 00:00:36,719
Saunders here coming to you from Sydney

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00:00:40,209 --> 00:00:38,340
Australia which is sunny

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00:00:44,869 --> 00:00:40,219
wow that's a change

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00:00:46,930 --> 00:00:44,879
blue skies birds are singing go away

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00:00:49,850 --> 00:00:46,940

Birds sometimes they sing too loudly

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00:00:52,430 --> 00:00:49,860

sunny in Sydney but I know other parts

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00:00:55,189 --> 00:00:52,440

of the country are still experiencing

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00:00:56,810 --> 00:00:55,199

flooding rains hello to all my friends

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00:01:00,770 --> 00:00:56,820

in Melbourne who

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00:01:03,170 --> 00:01:00,780

I've had reported along the skeptical

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00:01:05,870 --> 00:01:03,180

fairy Grapevine but they're still

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00:01:09,350 --> 00:01:05,880

flooding and Rain problems in Victoria

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00:01:11,450 --> 00:01:09,360

and Melbourne stay afloat my dear

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00:01:13,990 --> 00:01:11,460

friends in Melbourne stay afloat

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00:01:16,070 --> 00:01:14,000

now this week's show is a sort of a

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00:01:18,590 --> 00:01:16,080

cycon special

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00:01:21,469 --> 00:01:18,600

the committee for skeptical inquiry had

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00:01:24,410 --> 00:01:21,479

their big convention in Las Vegas last

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00:01:26,690 --> 00:01:24,420

weekend I uh I couldn't attend which is

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00:01:29,870 --> 00:01:26,700

a Pity I love those sort of things but

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00:01:31,910 --> 00:01:29,880

my friend Rob Palmer could attend and he

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00:01:34,490 --> 00:01:31,920

kicks off this week's show with a series

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00:01:36,350 --> 00:01:34,500

of short interviews he had roaming

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00:01:39,170 --> 00:01:36,360

around the halls at the Flamingo Hotel

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00:01:41,330 --> 00:01:39,180

in Las Vegas he speaks to one of the

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00:01:44,330 --> 00:01:41,340

speakers he interviews one of the

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00:01:46,969 --> 00:01:44,340

speakers Joe yuzinski who was there to

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00:01:50,469 --> 00:01:46,979

talk about conspiracy theories he also

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00:01:53,590 --> 00:01:50,479

chats to our friend Wendy Hughes about

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00:01:59,450 --> 00:01:53,600

romance scams

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00:02:01,249 --> 00:01:59,460

and one that you don't hear too much

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00:02:03,170 --> 00:02:01,259

about maybe you should hear more about

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00:02:07,370 --> 00:02:03,180

it there's lots of vulnerable people out

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00:02:09,529 --> 00:02:07,380

there looking for romance online and you

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00:02:12,350 --> 00:02:09,539

can imagine how um

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00:02:14,510 --> 00:02:12,360

how vulnerable they could be so Wendy

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00:02:17,570 --> 00:02:14,520

Hughes will talk to Rob Palmer about

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00:02:22,010 --> 00:02:17,580

romance scams from a very personal point

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00:02:24,830 --> 00:02:22,020

of view Rob also bumps into Adrian Hill

48

00:02:26,210 --> 00:02:24,840

and more about Adrian soon and finally

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00:02:28,430 --> 00:02:26,220

he chats to an old friend of mine

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00:02:31,190 --> 00:02:28,440

Professor Richard Wiseman

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00:02:33,050 --> 00:02:31,200
and I have enormous respect for Richard

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00:02:35,869 --> 00:02:33,060
Weissman I think he does fabulous work

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00:02:39,229 --> 00:02:35,879
and he is a what we might call a top

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00:02:42,550 --> 00:02:39,239
bloke a really nice guy to boot

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00:02:45,650 --> 00:02:42,560
following that report it's Adrian Hill

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00:02:47,449 --> 00:02:45,660
and she turns the tables she interviews

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00:02:50,809 --> 00:02:47,459
Rob Palmer

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00:02:54,470 --> 00:02:50,819
about uh being at cycon and his

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00:02:58,550 --> 00:02:54,480
presentation on the Sunday papers which

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00:03:01,070 --> 00:02:58,560
is the uh the uh Sunday afternoon uh

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00:03:02,630 --> 00:03:01,080
presentations at uh conventions we used

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00:03:05,930 --> 00:03:02,640
to have those at the amazing meeting too

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00:03:07,610 --> 00:03:05,940

and Rob gave a presentation about The

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00:03:11,930 --> 00:03:07,620

Great Australian psychic prediction

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00:03:13,729 --> 00:03:11,940

project and he has sent me uh a video a

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00:03:16,390 --> 00:03:13,739

YouTube link I'll put on this week's

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00:03:19,369 --> 00:03:16,400

show notes so you can see Rob's

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00:03:21,830 --> 00:03:19,379

presentation about the project for

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00:03:23,570 --> 00:03:21,840

yourself thank you rob thank you for

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00:03:25,009 --> 00:03:23,580

doing that on behalf of the Great

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00:03:27,350 --> 00:03:25,019

Australian psychic prediction project

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00:03:30,229 --> 00:03:27,360

and thank you Adrian Hill for running

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00:03:32,449 --> 00:03:30,239

around scicon and catching up with Rob

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00:03:35,030 --> 00:03:32,459

for That interview then to round off the

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00:03:39,170 --> 00:03:35,040

show we dip back into Trove the Trove

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00:03:40,430 --> 00:03:39,180
archives and find a report about Timothy

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00:03:48,770 --> 00:03:40,440
good

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00:03:52,270 --> 00:03:48,780
UFO author and his books include Above

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00:03:56,589 --> 00:03:52,280
Top Secret the worldwide UFO cover-up

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00:03:59,449 --> 00:03:56,599
alien liaison and Above Top Secret

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00:04:01,550 --> 00:03:59,459
speaking of uh as we were earlier the

82
00:04:03,110 --> 00:04:01,560
blue sky and the birds I don't know if

83
00:04:05,750 --> 00:04:03,120
you can hear that but there are some out

84
00:04:07,369 --> 00:04:05,760
my window at the moment having a big

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00:04:09,530 --> 00:04:07,379
conversation about something maybe

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00:04:11,630 --> 00:04:09,540
they're looking for UFOs have you heard

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00:04:13,490 --> 00:04:11,640
the conspiracy theory that birds aren't

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00:04:15,530 --> 00:04:13,500

real

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00:04:19,370 --> 00:04:15,540

I mean sometimes you don't know if this

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00:04:21,590 --> 00:04:19,380

is a what we call a power send-up it um

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00:04:24,170 --> 00:04:21,600

you know people put out this crazy stuff

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00:04:25,730 --> 00:04:24,180

on the internet knowing it's a joke and

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00:04:27,530 --> 00:04:25,740

then some people take it seriously but

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00:04:29,450 --> 00:04:27,540

there is a conspiracy theory that birds

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00:04:32,090 --> 00:04:29,460

aren't real they're all robots or

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00:04:35,570 --> 00:04:32,100

something like that so if you hear birds

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00:04:36,530 --> 00:04:35,580

singing it's not real I think those ones

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00:04:38,270 --> 00:04:36,540

are real

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00:04:40,610 --> 00:04:38,280

but now it's time for me to run

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00:04:43,610 --> 00:04:40,620

downstairs and have a nice tin of my

101
00:04:46,670 --> 00:04:43,620
favorite drink which is root beer from

102
00:04:52,249 --> 00:04:46,680
the United States I found a new

103
00:04:53,930 --> 00:04:52,259
Outlet here in hello hello what's this

104
00:04:56,030 --> 00:04:53,940
what do you want

105
00:04:57,770 --> 00:04:56,040
it's Henrietta the skeptic Zone cat

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00:04:59,390 --> 00:04:57,780
she's just walking up the stairs here to

107
00:05:01,310 --> 00:04:59,400
the studio hello

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00:05:04,430 --> 00:05:01,320
have you found a mouse I hope not what

109
00:05:09,110 --> 00:05:06,770
he's not very talkative but

110
00:05:10,550 --> 00:05:09,120
there she is

111
00:05:14,810 --> 00:05:10,560
any

112
00:05:17,390 --> 00:05:14,820
supplier for my favorite drink root beer

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00:05:20,150 --> 00:05:17,400

I'm gonna run downstairs and have a nice

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00:05:22,430 --> 00:05:20,160

can of root beer cold frosty root beer

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00:05:24,650 --> 00:05:22,440

right out of the fridge while I do that

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00:05:26,150 --> 00:05:24,660

are you okay there Henrietta I wonder

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00:05:29,029 --> 00:05:26,160

what you found

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00:05:30,650 --> 00:05:29,039

while I do that I hope you enjoy the

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00:05:32,749 --> 00:05:30,660

skeptic Zone

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00:05:45,470 --> 00:05:32,759

what is it

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00:05:57,890 --> 00:05:45,480

[Music]

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00:06:00,230 --> 00:05:57,900

I'm wandering the halls of saikon on

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00:06:02,270 --> 00:06:00,240

Friday and I ran into one of the

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00:06:04,070 --> 00:06:02,280

speakers please introduce yourself and

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00:06:06,409 --> 00:06:04,080

let us know what your talk is about hi

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00:06:08,450 --> 00:06:06,419

I'm Joe yuzinski and I'll be talking on

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00:06:10,730 --> 00:06:08,460

Saturday about conspiracy theories

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00:06:12,590 --> 00:06:10,740

that's one of my favorite topics so I

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00:06:14,390 --> 00:06:12,600

previously interviewed you in a

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00:06:17,090 --> 00:06:14,400

pre-conference interview and I found the

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00:06:18,110 --> 00:06:17,100

topics fascinating so could you hit the

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00:06:20,810 --> 00:06:18,120

high point to what you're going to be

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00:06:23,390 --> 00:06:20,820

speaking about so I love coming to

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00:06:26,689 --> 00:06:23,400

scicon because I get to talk to

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00:06:28,129 --> 00:06:26,699

like-minded people and be skeptical of

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00:06:30,890 --> 00:06:28,139

things and we should certainly be

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00:06:32,390 --> 00:06:30,900

skeptical of conspiracy theories but

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it's been four years since I've been

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00:06:37,249 --> 00:06:34,500

here and we've been apart and I figured

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00:06:39,950 --> 00:06:37,259

rather than coming out and talking to

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00:06:42,590 --> 00:06:39,960

the choir I thought it would be a great

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00:06:44,270 --> 00:06:42,600

idea to touch on some ideas where maybe

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00:06:46,990 --> 00:06:44,280

we might disagree

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00:06:50,029 --> 00:06:47,000

so I'm going to be talking about

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00:06:51,590 --> 00:06:50,039

the media narrative about conspiracy

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00:06:54,409 --> 00:06:51,600

theories that's taken shape over the

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00:06:56,870 --> 00:06:54,419

last few years one which gained a lot of

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00:06:58,610 --> 00:06:56,880

popular support the idea that conspiracy

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00:07:00,890 --> 00:06:58,620

theories are more believed now than ever

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00:07:04,010 --> 00:07:00,900

that they're being driven by social

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00:07:06,050 --> 00:07:04,020

media and all sorts of terrible things

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00:07:08,270 --> 00:07:06,060

are happening simply because of those

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00:07:10,129 --> 00:07:08,280

conspiracy theories so I'm going to take

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00:07:12,290 --> 00:07:10,139

that narrative and put it to the test

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00:07:15,170 --> 00:07:12,300

with empirical data I've been gathering

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00:07:16,550 --> 00:07:15,180

over the last decade and I think there

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00:07:17,870 --> 00:07:16,560

might be some members of the audience

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00:07:19,370 --> 00:07:17,880

who are going to disagree with me I'm

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00:07:22,129 --> 00:07:19,380

sure there'll be some other speakers who

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00:07:25,850 --> 00:07:22,139

disagree with me but I'm going to keep

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00:07:28,309 --> 00:07:25,860

what I'm doing tied to the data so which

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00:07:30,050 --> 00:07:28,319

talks of the speakers beside yourself

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00:07:32,270 --> 00:07:30,060

are you most interested in attending

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00:07:33,890 --> 00:07:32,280

well I was most interested in seeing

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00:07:36,589 --> 00:07:33,900

Wiseman this morning he was talking

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00:07:38,749 --> 00:07:36,599

about you know we don't really see the

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00:07:41,150 --> 00:07:38,759

world as it is we see the world through

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00:07:43,249 --> 00:07:41,160

our psychological filters right and that

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00:07:45,710 --> 00:07:43,259

leads us to have very biased impressions

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00:07:47,270 --> 00:07:45,720

of what we see and that's I find that's

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00:07:49,370 --> 00:07:47,280

certainly the case with conspiracy

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00:07:51,770 --> 00:07:49,380

theories we all believe what we want to

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00:07:55,129 --> 00:07:51,780

believe we all believe what makes sense

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00:07:57,890 --> 00:07:55,139

to us and rarely is is that tied in any

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00:07:59,450 --> 00:07:57,900

way to evidence it's interesting all

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00:08:02,450 --> 00:07:59,460

right well thank you very much for

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00:08:05,629 --> 00:08:02,460

talking with us thank you

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00:08:07,909 --> 00:08:05,639

I found someone else who is new to cycon

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00:08:10,430 --> 00:08:07,919

she had attended tams in the past but

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00:08:12,589 --> 00:08:10,440

this is her first psychon conference uh

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00:08:14,749 --> 00:08:12,599

Wendy Hughes would you like to say a

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00:08:17,629 --> 00:08:14,759

little bit about yourself why why are

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00:08:19,550 --> 00:08:17,639

you here at saikon perhaps this is the

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00:08:22,010 --> 00:08:19,560

first conference uh skepticism

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00:08:25,129 --> 00:08:22,020

conference that I've been to in probably

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00:08:28,249 --> 00:08:25,139

five or six years partly because of the

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00:08:31,969 --> 00:08:28,259

pandemic but also some changes in my

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00:08:34,969 --> 00:08:31,979

life death in the family but but just I

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00:08:37,130 --> 00:08:34,979

needed to be here and Susan

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00:08:41,570 --> 00:08:37,140

Susan had to kind of talk me into it and

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00:08:44,149 --> 00:08:41,580

Susan Susan is my dear friend and we've

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00:08:47,810 --> 00:08:44,159

been friends for over 10 years I think

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00:08:49,730 --> 00:08:47,820

and that and we had discussions about it

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00:08:53,630 --> 00:08:49,740

and I and I wasn't sure because I'd

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00:08:57,250 --> 00:08:53,640

never come to scicon before but I'm so

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glad I'm here it feels too and thank you

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00:09:03,590 --> 00:09:00,720

it's so nice after knowing people online

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00:09:05,870 --> 00:09:03,600

and feeling like we are friends mostly

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00:09:08,150 --> 00:09:05,880

through Susan's online trivia game every

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00:09:10,670 --> 00:09:08,160

trivia the Thursday night trip that

201
00:09:12,650 --> 00:09:10,680
would be Friday in Australia that's

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00:09:15,889 --> 00:09:12,660
right and and because it's International

203
00:09:19,190 --> 00:09:15,899
yes and but to be in the same room

204
00:09:21,710 --> 00:09:19,200
together now so what was what was the

205
00:09:24,590 --> 00:09:21,720
talk we just came from that was the talk

206
00:09:26,449 --> 00:09:24,600
we just came from uh was Richard Dawkins

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00:09:30,410 --> 00:09:26,459
bestowing

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00:09:33,290 --> 00:09:30,420
a prize on Neil deGrasse Tyson it was

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00:09:37,310 --> 00:09:33,300
amazing I mean it was like these giant

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00:09:39,850 --> 00:09:37,320
brains Heroes of our of our our little

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00:09:44,210 --> 00:09:39,860
Club our universe

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00:09:48,050 --> 00:09:44,220
to these to to hear them joking around

213
00:09:48,060 --> 00:09:51,110

and I think

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00:09:56,389 --> 00:09:53,570

they're like normal people you know to

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00:09:59,269 --> 00:09:56,399

get to see them be that way and and they

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00:10:02,210 --> 00:09:59,279

were kind of bickering about how many

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honorary doctorates Neil deGrasse

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Johnson has and that was so much fun to

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watch it was mind-blowing and and it's

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00:10:12,650 --> 00:10:09,660

only one of the special presentations

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00:10:14,150 --> 00:10:12,660

that we've been able to see just so let

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00:10:17,870 --> 00:10:14,160

me ask you for another one that we were

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00:10:20,150 --> 00:10:17,880

both at earlier in the day Susan garbick

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00:10:21,170 --> 00:10:20,160

everyone on the skeptic Zone known Susan

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00:10:24,290 --> 00:10:21,180

I think

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00:10:27,230 --> 00:10:24,300

her presentation and amazingly your

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00:10:30,670 --> 00:10:27,240

photo popped up there why was that I had

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00:10:34,250 --> 00:10:30,680

a personal experience that it was

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00:10:37,910 --> 00:10:34,260

humiliating and I I had to go through my

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00:10:39,650 --> 00:10:37,920

own feelings about it I was scammed in a

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00:10:43,550 --> 00:10:39,660

romance scam

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00:10:46,150 --> 00:10:43,560

and I decided to write an article about

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00:10:50,690 --> 00:10:46,160

it and Susan and this is published in

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00:10:53,030 --> 00:10:50,700

skeptical inquire online so Susan she

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00:10:57,949 --> 00:10:53,040

said submit it submit it you know like

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00:11:01,610 --> 00:10:57,959

and I'm going okay and Barry Carr read

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00:11:04,250 --> 00:11:01,620

the draft and he said wow he didn't even

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00:11:05,449 --> 00:11:04,260

know about romance scams so that's

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00:11:07,730 --> 00:11:05,459

interesting he had not heard of the

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00:11:09,949 --> 00:11:07,740

concept no and he said this is certainly

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00:11:13,130 --> 00:11:09,959

something different from what we usually

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00:11:16,490 --> 00:11:13,140

publish but I just happen to think that

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it was judging by the response to this

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article I think it's it's agreed that

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this particular concept deserves

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attention from this from the skeptic

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world as much as the you know people

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that claim to be able to predict the

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future or what do they call psychics

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they claim to be able to connect living

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people with their loved ones mediums and

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because it's all scams and and so it

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00:11:51,769 --> 00:11:49,140
appeared online the article appeared

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00:11:54,650 --> 00:11:51,779
online the week of the week of this

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00:11:56,569 --> 00:11:54,660
conference yes and so Susan I was

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00:12:00,050 --> 00:11:56,579
sitting in in the front row to watch

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00:12:03,350 --> 00:12:00,060
Susan's present station next to you and

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00:12:05,990 --> 00:12:03,360
and I was I couldn't believe it I saw

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00:12:08,870 --> 00:12:06,000
the pictures on the on her screen that

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00:12:11,750 --> 00:12:08,880
she included the story about my article

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00:12:14,930 --> 00:12:11,760
in the in her presentation I was honored

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00:12:17,269 --> 00:12:14,940
and it felt so good and was so I mean I

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00:12:20,150 --> 00:12:17,279

was laughing I saw the emotion on your

264

00:12:23,569 --> 00:12:20,160

face that was great and I I

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00:12:27,889 --> 00:12:23,579

um I'm I am honored to have a you know

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00:12:30,110 --> 00:12:27,899

this little article in in a skeptical

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00:12:32,030 --> 00:12:30,120

Inquirer online and I hope it helps

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00:12:33,470 --> 00:12:32,040

people because I personally as I've told

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00:12:35,930 --> 00:12:33,480

you know people who were involved with

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00:12:37,370 --> 00:12:35,940

romance scams it turns out a lot of

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people have and they don't like talking

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about it because they feel awkward right

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00:12:44,210 --> 00:12:41,880

and and certainly part of skepticism

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00:12:46,610 --> 00:12:44,220

we've heard this before is it's sort of

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the intersection of pushing back on

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pseudoscience and that sort of thing but

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also consumer protection and this is

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00:12:53,449 --> 00:12:51,480

certainly the part of consumer

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00:12:55,850 --> 00:12:53,459

protection right science communication

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00:12:57,290 --> 00:12:55,860

and consumer protection I'm I make that

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00:13:00,170 --> 00:12:57,300

clear in the beginning of the article

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00:13:03,590 --> 00:13:00,180

that that the elevator pitch for any of

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00:13:06,170 --> 00:13:03,600

these conferences when when the other

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00:13:09,889 --> 00:13:06,180

tourists see us walking around with our

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badges is to is to ask like what is

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00:13:16,610 --> 00:13:13,680

cycon what is what is skepticism or like

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00:13:17,990 --> 00:13:16,620

in Tam for example for years and the

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amazing meeting that is the amazing

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meeting that we needed an elevator pitch

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00:13:26,870 --> 00:13:23,480

to try to explain what we're doing here

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00:13:29,090 --> 00:13:26,880

and skepticism we say is the

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00:13:32,829 --> 00:13:29,100

intersection of Science and consumer

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00:13:37,250 --> 00:13:32,839

protection and I pretty much have

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00:13:40,069 --> 00:13:37,260

adopted that as my orientation as a

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00:13:41,629 --> 00:13:40,079

hobby skeptic that that's what I'm

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00:13:43,069 --> 00:13:41,639

interested in and that was where I was

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00:13:44,690 --> 00:13:43,079

coming from with the article thank you

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00:13:46,550 --> 00:13:44,700

for asking me about it fantastic that

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00:13:49,430 --> 00:13:46,560

you're doing that and uh enjoy the rest

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00:13:50,509 --> 00:13:49,440

of the conference likewise thank you

301
00:13:52,730 --> 00:13:50,519
very much

302
00:13:56,389 --> 00:13:52,740
this is an addendum if you'd like to

303
00:14:00,590 --> 00:13:56,399
find Wendy's article you can Google a

304
00:14:03,470 --> 00:14:00,600
skeptic trips over a romance scam by

305
00:14:05,509 --> 00:14:03,480
Wendy Hughes

306
00:14:08,269 --> 00:14:05,519
it's late Friday night and I'm wandering

307
00:14:10,250 --> 00:14:08,279
the halls of scicon after seeing Richard

308
00:14:12,769 --> 00:14:10,260
Dawkins interview Neil deGrasse Tyson

309
00:14:15,050 --> 00:14:12,779
and I met somebody that may be familiar

310
00:14:17,690 --> 00:14:15,060
to skeptic Zone listeners hello please

311
00:14:18,970 --> 00:14:17,700
introduce yourself hi I'm Adrienne Hill

312
00:14:21,470 --> 00:14:18,980
from Canada

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00:14:23,569 --> 00:14:21,480

I think I've maybe heard your voice

314

00:14:25,670 --> 00:14:23,579

sometime on the Skeptics on podcast yeah

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00:14:29,410 --> 00:14:25,680

every once in a while every once in a

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00:14:32,329 --> 00:14:29,420

while wait a minute can I count on you

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00:14:34,790 --> 00:14:32,339

right now I'm not sure my brain is

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00:14:37,129 --> 00:14:34,800

rather dead it's been a crazy couple

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00:14:39,050 --> 00:14:37,139

days but awesome so this is not your

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00:14:41,269 --> 00:14:39,060

first time at a cycon right it is not

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00:14:44,329 --> 00:14:41,279

this is my second time the first time I

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00:14:45,889 --> 00:14:44,339

went was 2018 and I met you it's the

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00:14:47,569 --> 00:14:45,899

first time I met you I do recall that's

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00:14:49,269 --> 00:14:47,579

when you were a show for banacheck and

325

00:14:53,449 --> 00:14:49,279

got up on stage and did whatever he said

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00:14:57,230 --> 00:14:53,459

exactly that was a surprise but rather

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00:15:00,110 --> 00:14:57,240

fun and I still don't know how he

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00:15:03,829 --> 00:15:00,120

managed that trick but he's magic he's

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00:15:05,509 --> 00:15:03,839

magic clearly magic so what what have

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00:15:11,389 --> 00:15:05,519

you thought of this year's conference so

331

00:15:15,889 --> 00:15:14,150

it's Magnificent the deGrasse Tyson last

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00:15:18,650 --> 00:15:15,899

night his

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00:15:20,629 --> 00:15:18,660

speech went over time so we didn't get a

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00:15:23,389 --> 00:15:20,639

q a and I was actually really happy

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00:15:25,509 --> 00:15:23,399

about it because he was so amazing were

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00:15:28,670 --> 00:15:25,519

you going to ask a question no

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00:15:31,009 --> 00:15:28,680

maybe that's why I was okay with it but

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00:15:33,590 --> 00:15:31,019

no I just he was so entertaining and so

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00:15:36,050 --> 00:15:33,600

engaging I was quite happy that he

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00:15:38,150 --> 00:15:36,060

carried on and so tonight was the second

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00:15:40,069 --> 00:15:38,160

night we heard from him yes you want to

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00:15:42,650 --> 00:15:40,079

talk about that I thought it was very

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00:15:45,710 --> 00:15:42,660

good I thought his I enjoy the lecture

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00:15:48,590 --> 00:15:45,720

style but the back and forth between him

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00:15:52,670 --> 00:15:48,600

and Richard Dawkins was was pretty good

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00:15:54,889 --> 00:15:52,680

too I find Richard Dawkins a very

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00:15:56,810 --> 00:15:54,899

entertaining Soul himself okay let me

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00:15:59,590 --> 00:15:56,820

say that again I find him a very

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00:16:02,750 --> 00:15:59,600

entertaining person

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00:16:04,550 --> 00:16:02,760

I do recall somehow one of them used the

351
00:16:07,610 --> 00:16:04,560
phrase Soul yes and it jumped out at me

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00:16:08,810 --> 00:16:07,620
as odd right did Neil say that like you

353
00:16:10,069 --> 00:16:08,820
can look into I'm going to look at your

354
00:16:12,110 --> 00:16:10,079
soul through your eyes or something like

355
00:16:14,170 --> 00:16:12,120
that yeah yeah maybe that was stuck in

356
00:16:16,250 --> 00:16:14,180
my head

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00:16:19,790 --> 00:16:16,260
and of course I

358
00:16:22,329 --> 00:16:19,800
so excited first thing this morning was

359
00:16:25,970 --> 00:16:22,339
Richard Wiseman who I'm a huge fan of

360
00:16:28,550 --> 00:16:25,980
and of course our good old friend Susan

361
00:16:30,889 --> 00:16:28,560
gerpick was amazing as usual lots of

362
00:16:33,290 --> 00:16:30,899
energy and great talk and Kenny Biddle

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00:16:35,750 --> 00:16:33,300

Kenny Biddle is awesome how could I

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00:16:38,810 --> 00:16:35,760

forget Kitty

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00:16:43,129 --> 00:16:38,820

can't forget Kenny and his talk was

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00:16:47,030 --> 00:16:44,210

really and what are you looking forward

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00:16:50,590 --> 00:16:47,040

to for the rest of the conference

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00:16:55,730 --> 00:16:53,569

I'm really excited about hearing from

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00:16:59,689 --> 00:16:55,740

fellow Canadian Timothy Caulfield

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00:17:02,629 --> 00:16:59,699

tomorrow because he is not only Canadian

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00:17:06,110 --> 00:17:02,639

but he's from my province of Alberta so

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00:17:08,150 --> 00:17:06,120

he's a fellow albertan and there's a

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00:17:10,370 --> 00:17:08,160

great lineup of speakers so I'm I'm just

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00:17:12,530 --> 00:17:10,380

looking forward to the whole day and I'm

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00:17:14,409 --> 00:17:12,540

actually really excited about there's a

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00:17:16,329 --> 00:17:14,419

speaker on Sunday

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00:17:21,710 --> 00:17:16,339

and

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00:17:23,870 --> 00:17:21,720

talk about a really important topic

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00:17:25,490 --> 00:17:23,880

which is The Great Australian psychic

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00:17:27,350 --> 00:17:25,500

prediction project I think I've heard

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00:17:29,090 --> 00:17:27,360

something about that yeah and maybe you

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00:17:30,250 --> 00:17:29,100

were connected with that just a little

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00:17:33,230 --> 00:17:30,260

bit

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00:17:36,529 --> 00:17:33,240

but I'm not talking about it it's

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00:17:38,090 --> 00:17:36,539

someone called the unknown skeptic I

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00:17:40,870 --> 00:17:38,100

don't I don't think that's it no maybe

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00:17:42,350 --> 00:17:40,880

it's Rob Palmer

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00:17:44,810 --> 00:17:42,360

the unknown

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00:17:46,310 --> 00:17:44,820

[Laughter]

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00:17:47,810 --> 00:17:46,320

so actually you're going to see your

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00:17:50,450 --> 00:17:47,820

article on the screen and you're gonna

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00:17:54,789 --> 00:17:50,460

see your face up there oh my

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00:17:59,990 --> 00:17:56,810

well thank you for the shout out in

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00:18:02,150 --> 00:18:00,000

advance okay and thank you very much for

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00:18:04,370 --> 00:18:02,160

this interview awesome it's great to see

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00:18:06,110 --> 00:18:04,380

you again in person I'll be listening

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00:18:08,450 --> 00:18:06,120

for you on the Skeptics app

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00:18:11,870 --> 00:18:08,460

the session in honor of James Randy an

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00:18:14,210 --> 00:18:11,880

honest liar just ended and look who I

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00:18:16,490 --> 00:18:14,220

found wandering the Halls it's me

401
00:18:18,830 --> 00:18:16,500
Richard Wiseman You Found Me wandering

402
00:18:20,210 --> 00:18:18,840
the hoes aimlessly wandering the hose

403
00:18:22,730 --> 00:18:20,220
trying to find their way back to the

404
00:18:23,990 --> 00:18:22,740
hotel that was a great session when an

405
00:18:26,990 --> 00:18:24,000
hour and a half I wasn't expecting it to

406
00:18:29,029 --> 00:18:27,000
be that long first a starter off with a

407
00:18:30,470 --> 00:18:29,039
Massimo interviewing Davey and then you

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00:18:32,810 --> 00:18:30,480
took over and you want to talk about

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00:18:35,270 --> 00:18:32,820
that part of it uh yes so I was talking

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00:18:38,090 --> 00:18:35,280
to Massimo and Davey who's Randy's

411
00:18:40,490 --> 00:18:38,100
partner uh to Tyler Nissan who made the

412
00:18:42,169 --> 00:18:40,500
documentary and to Banacek um because he

413
00:18:44,150 --> 00:18:42,179

was in Fulton projectile you got to do

414

00:18:46,610 --> 00:18:44,160

some magic for us well he did some

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00:18:48,169 --> 00:18:46,620

amazing pork bending it's metal bending

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00:18:50,150 --> 00:18:48,179

there and twisting I've never even heard

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00:18:52,190 --> 00:18:50,160

of that he did he did some twisting and

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00:18:54,070 --> 00:18:52,200

it was uh it was great we had some some

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00:18:56,270 --> 00:18:54,080

clips of Randy haven't been seen before

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00:18:58,310 --> 00:18:56,280

and yeah it just felt like a really

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00:18:59,590 --> 00:18:58,320

lovely celebration not only of his work

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00:19:02,390 --> 00:18:59,600

which is obviously

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00:19:04,430 --> 00:19:02,400

within skepticism but Randy is a person

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00:19:06,890 --> 00:19:04,440

so it was a lovely event absolutely it

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00:19:09,650 --> 00:19:06,900

was very moving especially the David

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00:19:11,210 --> 00:19:09,660

part oh that when David was talking the

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00:19:12,950 --> 00:19:11,220

two three people in front of me were

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00:19:15,230 --> 00:19:12,960

exercising the audience at that point to

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00:19:18,110 --> 00:19:15,240

crying their eyes out

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00:19:19,970 --> 00:19:18,120

so yeah he's he's he bought a dimension

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00:19:21,289 --> 00:19:19,980

to it he's very nervous about being here

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00:19:23,630 --> 00:19:21,299

oh okay he's not usually in the

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00:19:25,669 --> 00:19:23,640

spotlight exactly he's an artist so he

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00:19:27,289 --> 00:19:25,679

doesn't yeah speaking uh so it was

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00:19:28,669 --> 00:19:27,299

lovely that he was involved we just

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spent the last couple of days hanging

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00:19:32,930 --> 00:19:30,380

out with him and talking as a sort of a

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00:19:35,090 --> 00:19:32,940

Charming wonderful person

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00:19:37,310 --> 00:19:35,100

so many great memories because you

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00:19:39,590 --> 00:19:37,320

forget Randy was involved in every

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important moment of skepticism you know

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in the last 60 70 years and and David

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00:19:46,310 --> 00:19:44,580

was was with him for that time so he's

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00:19:47,870 --> 00:19:46,320

met everyone he's been involved in

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00:19:50,150 --> 00:19:47,880

everything and it's great to get his

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00:19:51,409 --> 00:19:50,160

perspective on it absolutely plus the

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00:19:53,810 --> 00:19:51,419

Alice Cooper thing which is not

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skepticism but that was amazing oh most

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00:19:56,570 --> 00:19:54,960

people have not heard of that I'm sure

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00:19:58,070 --> 00:19:56,580

oh really oh yeah I know Randy toured

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00:20:00,529 --> 00:19:58,080
with Alice Cooper chopping his head off

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00:20:02,990 --> 00:20:00,539
the big dealer team on a nightly basis

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00:20:05,510 --> 00:20:03,000
so yeah it's great and and the

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00:20:07,250 --> 00:20:05,520
documentary on his liar is is superb so

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00:20:09,230 --> 00:20:07,260
he has a cliff of that and Tyler gave us

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00:20:10,370 --> 00:20:09,240
perspective on that so yeah it felt like

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00:20:12,529 --> 00:20:10,380
it was something you wouldn't see

458
00:20:14,750 --> 00:20:12,539
anywhere else and for people who don't

459
00:20:17,570 --> 00:20:14,760
know by the way Paula Serrano who has

460
00:20:19,190 --> 00:20:17,580
been on the skeptic Zone uh she did the

461
00:20:21,409 --> 00:20:19,200
Spanish subtitles for that documentary

462
00:20:23,810 --> 00:20:21,419
there we go I did not know that so no

463
00:20:26,270 --> 00:20:23,820

it's a wonderful documentary highly

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00:20:27,409 --> 00:20:26,280

recommended won lots of awards so yeah I

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felt like a special event I don't think

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you'd see anywhere else and we did it

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and you also did a talk yourself I did

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it's the other day tell us a little bit

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about that I did my investigating the

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impossible talk where we look at Magic

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and the Paranormal which is the sort of

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standard Take On The Impossible and then

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I look at it and go it's really

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interesting that we can't even represent

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the impossible in our heads which is why

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00:20:50,930 --> 00:20:48,660
we can understand magic and think about

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00:20:52,850 --> 00:20:50,940
paranormal stuff and that kind of

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celebrate that notion turn it around and

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00:20:56,270 --> 00:20:54,600
talk about how that allows us to think

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00:20:58,250 --> 00:20:56,280
of seemingly impossible things and then

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00:21:00,950 --> 00:20:58,260
go out and do it for real an example I

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00:21:02,330 --> 00:21:00,960
gave was the Apollo moon landing yes but

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00:21:04,070 --> 00:21:02,340
when I talk about that normally it's

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00:21:06,049 --> 00:21:04,080
about changing people's lives and how

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00:21:08,650 --> 00:21:06,059
sometimes we go oh that's impossible but

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00:21:10,850 --> 00:21:08,660
actually often we can do it fantastic

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00:21:12,650 --> 00:21:10,860
thank you very much I'm glad I caught up

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00:21:14,460 --> 00:21:12,660

with you again here enjoy the rest of

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00:21:21,310 --> 00:21:14,470

the conference thank you

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thank you

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the Australian Skeptics 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 go to the ticket

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sales page at skepticon.org dot a u to

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choose full in person one day in person

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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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klingsberg president of the European

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Council of skeptical organizations the

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00:22:08,690 --> 00:22:06,419
hosts of European Skeptics podcast and

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00:22:11,390 --> 00:22:08,700
live stream Talks by Skeptics Guide to

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00:22:13,630 --> 00:22:11,400
the universe host Dr Steven Novella and

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00:22:17,409 --> 00:22:13,640
skiptoid host Brian Dunning

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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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00:22:29,510 --> 00:22:26,460
science fiction and Security

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Professionals author David duft on

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radio girl act Academy of sports

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00:22:37,070 --> 00:22:34,500

psychologist Christine Dunn on

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superstitions in sport controversial

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author Clive Hamilton on being censored

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and many more scientific and skeptical

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topics for full details visit

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[Music]

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you can count on Adrian

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hello this is Adrian Hill reporting from

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cycon 2022 and who have I found here but

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Rob Palmer hello Skeptics on listeners

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and I've been tasked with interviewing

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Rob about all the work he has done he's

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been quite a busy person not only during

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the conference but leading up to the

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conference you were busy interviewing

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everybody that was going to be speaking

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I believe it was everybody was it not

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well you mean the pre-conference

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interviews I did for the skeptical

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Inquirer magazine that is correct all

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00:23:47,690 --> 00:23:45,659

right no I did 12 of the speakers and

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there's in in previous years that might

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have been a number that would have

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caught everybody but since they did this

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conference my recollection is speakers

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used to have an hour and most of the

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00:23:59,930 --> 00:23:57,840

people this time had a half hour but

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it's the same amount of time and so

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therefore there were almost double the

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number of speakers there were some

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one-hour sections for Neil deGrasse

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00:24:09,529 --> 00:24:05,940

Tyson and Richard Dawkins talking to

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00:24:11,810 --> 00:24:09,539

Tyson and the uh James Randy homage yes

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00:24:13,490 --> 00:24:11,820

but all the regular speakers got the

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00:24:15,289 --> 00:24:13,500

maximum of a half hour and therefore we

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00:24:16,730 --> 00:24:15,299

got so many more people so I interviewed

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00:24:18,470 --> 00:24:16,740

12 of those people which was a

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00:24:20,750 --> 00:24:18,480

significant amount but but not all of

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00:24:23,810 --> 00:24:20,760
them but very interesting I watched most

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00:24:26,750 --> 00:24:23,820
of them and I loved it I thought it was

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00:24:29,149 --> 00:24:26,760
a it was a really good way of getting

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00:24:30,830 --> 00:24:29,159
excited about the conference I I was I

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00:24:33,470 --> 00:24:30,840
was hoping that would be it I wanted to

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00:24:35,210 --> 00:24:33,480
find a way to help them promote the

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00:24:36,950 --> 00:24:35,220
conference to people who were on the

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00:24:39,590 --> 00:24:36,960
fence especially because of the pandemic

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00:24:42,110 --> 00:24:39,600
about coming so what I did is I looked

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00:24:44,149 --> 00:24:42,120
over the speaker roster myself realized

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00:24:45,830 --> 00:24:44,159
how much time I had left to go it was

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00:24:47,750 --> 00:24:45,840
about two months at that point maybe two

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00:24:49,789 --> 00:24:47,760

and a half and I said okay how many can

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00:24:51,950 --> 00:24:49,799

I get you have to schedule interviews

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00:24:54,409 --> 00:24:51,960

with people not available instantly and

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00:24:56,690 --> 00:24:54,419

I said well let me see maybe I can get

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00:24:58,789 --> 00:24:56,700

about 12 in and I sent the list to Barry

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00:25:00,350 --> 00:24:58,799

Carr and I said these are the people I

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00:25:02,570 --> 00:25:00,360

think I'd be interested in or maybe it

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00:25:04,250 --> 00:25:02,580

was ten and then I said and by the way I

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00:25:05,930 --> 00:25:04,260

would love to interview Neil deGrasse

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00:25:07,850 --> 00:25:05,940

Tyson and Penn but I don't think you

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00:25:09,289 --> 00:25:07,860

should even bother asking them them I

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00:25:10,370 --> 00:25:09,299

said no I'll ask them anyway I don't

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00:25:12,110 --> 00:25:10,380

think they'll say yes I think you're

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00:25:13,669 --> 00:25:12,120

correct and then the first person to

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00:25:15,289 --> 00:25:13,679

respond is Neil deGrasse Tyson I believe

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00:25:17,330 --> 00:25:15,299

I'd love to do it with you and then the

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00:25:18,890 --> 00:25:17,340

next one is pen it was amazing yeah

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00:25:21,110 --> 00:25:18,900

those were that was amazing both

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00:25:23,210 --> 00:25:21,120

interviews I thought were fascinating so

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00:25:24,470 --> 00:25:23,220

were those the sort of two because they

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00:25:25,730 --> 00:25:24,480

were so surprising were those your

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00:25:27,470 --> 00:25:25,740

highlights or was there anything else

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00:25:29,210 --> 00:25:27,480

surprising you found out well there were

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00:25:31,669 --> 00:25:29,220

they were all interesting I think Neil

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00:25:32,930 --> 00:25:31,679

was the most surprising and I spent the

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00:25:34,190 --> 00:25:32,940

most time with him just because when

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00:25:36,590 --> 00:25:34,200

else am I going to get to talk to me

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00:25:39,409 --> 00:25:36,600

authorized Tyson in a captive audience

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00:25:41,149 --> 00:25:39,419

yes right uh he's very generous with

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00:25:43,190 --> 00:25:41,159

this time I've seen that here people

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00:25:45,409 --> 00:25:43,200

come up to him and he will talk to them

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00:25:47,630 --> 00:25:45,419

like their friends it is quite amazing

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00:25:49,070 --> 00:25:47,640

but he he probably could have talked for

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00:25:50,149 --> 00:25:49,080

two hours for me and I I knew I was

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00:25:52,789 --> 00:25:50,159

going to try to cut these interviews

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00:25:55,909 --> 00:25:52,799

down to at most 40 minutes we went on

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00:25:57,710 --> 00:25:55,919

for an hour and 20 or so that's amazing

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00:26:00,169 --> 00:25:57,720

it was amazing and he was just very

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00:26:02,450 --> 00:26:00,179
friendly and it was it was just a

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00:26:04,370 --> 00:26:02,460
surprise and it was also my first one oh

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00:26:06,470 --> 00:26:04,380
that was your that was my first one yeah

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00:26:08,269 --> 00:26:06,480
so the big name of the conference was my

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00:26:11,029 --> 00:26:08,279
first one and then Penn was shortly

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00:26:12,769 --> 00:26:11,039
after that he agreed it took a while to

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00:26:15,110 --> 00:26:12,779
get a time because they're very busy

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00:26:16,730 --> 00:26:15,120
Penn and Teller with his agents but that

609
00:26:18,169 --> 00:26:16,740
was another big one because I've seen

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00:26:19,970 --> 00:26:18,179
their shows and I was always so

611
00:26:22,430 --> 00:26:19,980
impressed and I get to interview Pat

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00:26:24,169 --> 00:26:22,440
exactly but the other thing is

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00:26:25,970 --> 00:26:24,179

unfortunately most of my in real life

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00:26:27,409 --> 00:26:25,980

friends when I told him the big news I'm

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00:26:28,690 --> 00:26:27,419

going to get to interview Neil deGrasse

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00:26:31,370 --> 00:26:28,700

Tyson they go who

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00:26:32,570 --> 00:26:31,380

oh no I guess I shouldn't bother to tell

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00:26:34,130 --> 00:26:32,580

you any of the other scientists I'm

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00:26:36,890 --> 00:26:34,140

interviewing because if you don't know

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00:26:39,169 --> 00:26:36,900

Neil deGrasse Tyson and then I said well

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00:26:41,330 --> 00:26:39,179

how about you know pen from Penn oh yeah

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00:26:43,190 --> 00:26:41,340

that's amazing so everyone knew that

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00:26:44,990 --> 00:26:43,200

that's awesome yeah though I think that

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00:26:47,390 --> 00:26:45,000

was a wonderful thing you did and you've

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00:26:50,210 --> 00:26:47,400

also been really busy interviewing a lot

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00:26:52,850 --> 00:26:50,220
of first-time attendees from what I

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00:26:54,649 --> 00:26:52,860
understand and watching the conference

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00:26:56,390 --> 00:26:54,659
yourself do you have any what was your

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00:26:58,430 --> 00:26:56,400
favorite moment of the conference do you

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00:27:00,890 --> 00:26:58,440
think I think the Highlight was Neil

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00:27:02,330 --> 00:27:00,900
deGrasse Tyson's Cosmic perspectives I

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00:27:04,070 --> 00:27:02,340
think that was the title it was

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00:27:05,390 --> 00:27:04,080
basically about where are we really fit

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00:27:07,130 --> 00:27:05,400
in with the universe

635
00:27:10,310 --> 00:27:07,140
and you had an hour to talk about that

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00:27:12,649 --> 00:27:10,320
and that was really great and then he

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00:27:14,510 --> 00:27:12,659
had another hour on the stage with an

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00:27:16,310 --> 00:27:14,520

interview by Richard Dawkins with him

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00:27:19,029 --> 00:27:16,320

and it was really interesting banter

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00:27:21,649 --> 00:27:19,039

between them it was yes

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00:27:23,450 --> 00:27:21,659

lots of joking between the two of them

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00:27:25,310 --> 00:27:23,460

and the other highlight of course

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00:27:26,990 --> 00:27:25,320

happened to be somebody who presented

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00:27:28,970 --> 00:27:27,000

something about The Great Australian

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00:27:31,010 --> 00:27:28,980

psychic prediction project oh you

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00:27:33,950 --> 00:27:31,020

scooped me that was my next question

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00:27:36,590 --> 00:27:33,960

because we had today the Sunday papers

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00:27:39,289 --> 00:27:36,600

which I think is a highlight and a lot

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00:27:41,029 --> 00:27:39,299

of people unfortunately leave because

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00:27:43,370 --> 00:27:41,039

they have to get back to work and maybe

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00:27:46,130 --> 00:27:43,380
it's a long way to get home but I think

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00:27:47,750 --> 00:27:46,140
a lot of people don't go because they're

653
00:27:49,850 --> 00:27:47,760
not really understanding what's

654
00:27:52,130 --> 00:27:49,860
happening part of it is just people

655
00:27:53,690 --> 00:27:52,140
think the conference is over so if

656
00:27:56,210 --> 00:27:53,700
you're listening then you're coming to

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00:27:59,570 --> 00:27:56,220
scicon don't miss the Sunday papers

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00:28:01,370 --> 00:27:59,580
because to me some of those talks are

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00:28:04,490 --> 00:28:01,380
real highlights I've been twice to

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00:28:07,970 --> 00:28:04,500
psychon Once in 2018 and this time in

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00:28:10,970 --> 00:28:07,980
2022 I loved it and of course I'm a

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00:28:12,769 --> 00:28:10,980
little biased but I think my favorite or

663
00:28:15,289 --> 00:28:12,779

at least one of my favorites was

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00:28:17,269 --> 00:28:15,299

definitely yours rob it was wonderful I

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00:28:18,950 --> 00:28:17,279

think it was really really well done is

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00:28:21,350 --> 00:28:18,960

that because your face was up on the

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00:28:23,029 --> 00:28:21,360

screen for a moment there and the name

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00:28:25,269 --> 00:28:23,039

on the top of one of those there you go

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00:28:29,330 --> 00:28:25,279

I think it was the waffle

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00:28:32,090 --> 00:28:29,340

that's right my zoom backdrop was me

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00:28:34,549 --> 00:28:32,100

with a big waffle behind me so tell us

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00:28:37,490 --> 00:28:34,559

what you've talked about well so this

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00:28:38,990 --> 00:28:37,500

topic should be of interest and nobody

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00:28:40,870 --> 00:28:39,000

in the skeptic Zone should be surprised

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00:28:43,310 --> 00:28:40,880

because it was Richard Saunders project

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00:28:44,930 --> 00:28:43,320
The Great Australian psychic prediction

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00:28:47,210 --> 00:28:44,940
project which has been talked about a

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00:28:50,450 --> 00:28:47,220
lot in the skeptic Zone Richard started

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00:28:52,970 --> 00:28:50,460
off many many many years ago and then by

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00:28:54,649 --> 00:28:52,980
collecting paranormal predictions and

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00:28:58,070 --> 00:28:54,659
then it came to the point of having to

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00:29:00,470 --> 00:28:58,080
score nearly 4 000 predictions and he

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00:29:02,230 --> 00:29:00,480
realized it would take a large effort

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00:29:05,570 --> 00:29:02,240
over a long period of time or a big team

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00:29:08,510 --> 00:29:05,580
and so as the lockdowns from the

686
00:29:10,310 --> 00:29:08,520
pandemic started he with the aid of

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00:29:14,269 --> 00:29:10,320
Susan garbick organized an international

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00:29:16,430 --> 00:29:14,279

team of Skeptics to review all the

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00:29:18,590 --> 00:29:16,440

predictions he had collected and

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00:29:21,649 --> 00:29:18,600

collectively decide on a scoring for

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00:29:23,750 --> 00:29:21,659

each of the predictions so I reported on

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00:29:26,210 --> 00:29:23,760

this project everything from the data

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00:29:27,950 --> 00:29:26,220

collection to have how we scored and

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00:29:30,110 --> 00:29:27,960

what the results were yeah and of course

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00:29:34,010 --> 00:29:30,120

you included some of the most fun

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00:29:37,070 --> 00:29:34,020

predictions such as the predictions that

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00:29:39,049 --> 00:29:37,080

Trump or Biden was going to win it's up

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00:29:41,029 --> 00:29:39,059

to the people to decide how that one

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00:29:42,590 --> 00:29:41,039

ended yeah but the most amazing one that

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00:29:44,750 --> 00:29:42,600

shows sometimes these people don't know

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00:29:47,930 --> 00:29:44,760

what the hell they're talking about is

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00:29:50,029 --> 00:29:47,940

that after his election and this would

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00:29:52,130 --> 00:29:50,039

be you know his the actual only election

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00:29:53,690 --> 00:29:52,140

Trump won after his election he would

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00:29:55,549 --> 00:29:53,700

leave the White House voluntarily

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00:29:57,590 --> 00:29:55,559

because he just got fed up with it yeah

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00:29:59,570 --> 00:29:57,600

these people don't know Donald Trump's

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00:30:01,549 --> 00:29:59,580

personality because he lost an election

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00:30:04,370 --> 00:30:01,559

and still wouldn't leave that's right

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00:30:05,930 --> 00:30:04,380

exactly right and the other amazing

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00:30:07,070 --> 00:30:05,940

absolutely astounding and I don't

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00:30:09,470 --> 00:30:07,080

understand what goes through people's

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00:30:11,210 --> 00:30:09,480

heads people's as me meaning people who

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00:30:14,269 --> 00:30:11,220

claim they have psychic abilities is the

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00:30:16,610 --> 00:30:14,279

one that anti-gravity will no longer be

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00:30:18,350 --> 00:30:16,620

just a pipe dream of Science Fiction but

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00:30:21,289 --> 00:30:18,360

will be available to everyone basically

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00:30:23,029 --> 00:30:21,299

and this was from 2001. did anyone buy

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00:30:26,269 --> 00:30:23,039

an anti-gravity machine that I'm unaware

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00:30:28,190 --> 00:30:26,279

of not that I'm aware of and the psychic

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00:30:31,190 --> 00:30:28,200

who made that prediction marked herself

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00:30:33,049 --> 00:30:31,200

as correct in 2001. and I think the

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00:30:36,110 --> 00:30:33,059

audience appreciate it there are lots of

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00:30:38,090 --> 00:30:36,120

laughs there were lots of size groans

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00:30:39,769 --> 00:30:38,100

that type of thing and I think the other

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00:30:42,830 --> 00:30:39,779

thing that's really cool or really

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00:30:45,409 --> 00:30:42,840

interesting about the the papers the

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00:30:49,010 --> 00:30:45,419

Sunday papers is you only have 15

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00:30:51,470 --> 00:30:49,020

minutes to talk so it's goes by freaking

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00:30:52,789 --> 00:30:51,480

fast did you find that really hard well

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00:30:54,470 --> 00:30:52,799

it's the third time I did it with the

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00:30:56,630 --> 00:30:54,480

same time limit and

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00:30:59,149 --> 00:30:56,640

not wanting to be yanked off the stage

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00:31:01,190 --> 00:30:59,159

because I was running late and my

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00:31:04,250 --> 00:31:01,200

predisposition is to do everything very

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00:31:05,930 --> 00:31:04,260

formally I had a little a printout of

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00:31:08,450 --> 00:31:05,940

what slide I needed to be on by what

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00:31:10,370 --> 00:31:08,460

time to make it to 15 minutes so every

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00:31:11,810 --> 00:31:10,380

fusilizer looked down at it to see if I

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00:31:14,149 --> 00:31:11,820

was ahead of the schedule behind the

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00:31:15,649 --> 00:31:14,159

schedule so it was reasonably easy

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00:31:18,169 --> 00:31:15,659

keep up that way and you were right on

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00:31:19,669 --> 00:31:18,179

time yeah so that that was interesting

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00:31:21,950 --> 00:31:19,679

and one other thing when when you put

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00:31:23,810 --> 00:31:21,960

this to apply for the Sunday papers it's

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00:31:26,570 --> 00:31:23,820

a multi-step process

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00:31:28,549 --> 00:31:26,580

you send in a proposal and then they

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00:31:30,470 --> 00:31:28,559

Whittle down whatever number of

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00:31:32,149 --> 00:31:30,480

proposals they get to something like

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00:31:34,850 --> 00:31:32,159

double the number of people they're

751
00:31:36,830 --> 00:31:34,860
actually going to choose right so if you

752
00:31:39,350 --> 00:31:36,840
pass that first filter they send you an

753
00:31:40,850 --> 00:31:39,360
email that says congratulations you know

754
00:31:42,529 --> 00:31:40,860
we would like to now see your

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00:31:44,210 --> 00:31:42,539
presentation and then you have something

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00:31:46,789 --> 00:31:44,220
like two weeks to do the presentation

757
00:31:49,130 --> 00:31:46,799
and by the way also write a paper worthy

758
00:31:50,870 --> 00:31:49,140
of publication on that topic if you

759
00:31:52,850 --> 00:31:50,880
don't really have something prepared

760
00:31:54,230 --> 00:31:52,860
that's a lot to do in two weeks

761
00:31:56,630 --> 00:31:54,240
especially depending what your work life

762
00:31:58,310 --> 00:31:56,640
is like I did it every single time I've

763
00:32:00,529 --> 00:31:58,320

done it on a paper I already published

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00:32:03,529 --> 00:32:00,539

in skeptical inquire so that was already

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00:32:05,510 --> 00:32:03,539

done right I just point them to that so

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00:32:08,330 --> 00:32:05,520

I just just had to make the presentation

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00:32:11,149 --> 00:32:08,340

which I was able to do yeah it was

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00:32:12,409 --> 00:32:11,159

excellent but then because there is a

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00:32:14,690 --> 00:32:12,419

reasonable chance at that point it's

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00:32:15,889 --> 00:32:14,700

about 50 50 that it would be accepted

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00:32:17,990 --> 00:32:15,899

and you'll actually talk I didn't want

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00:32:20,510 --> 00:32:18,000

to say I wasted the time so I reached

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00:32:22,669 --> 00:32:20,520

out to other organizations that I know

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00:32:24,769 --> 00:32:22,679

are interested in this kind of topic and

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00:32:26,570 --> 00:32:24,779

I have already presented a longer

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00:32:28,130 --> 00:32:26,580

version of it since I had the 15-minute

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00:32:30,470 --> 00:32:28,140

version I was going to be the only

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00:32:32,750 --> 00:32:30,480

speaker at these events I put a lot more

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00:32:34,730 --> 00:32:32,760

interesting stuff about things they

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00:32:37,250 --> 00:32:34,740

missed and things about Queen Elizabeth

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00:32:40,730 --> 00:32:37,260

and things about religion that they got

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00:32:42,409 --> 00:32:40,740

wrong and you know it was a lot a deeper

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00:32:43,850 --> 00:32:42,419

dive into the details that I had did not

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00:32:44,990 --> 00:32:43,860

have time for here right so I actually

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00:32:46,970 --> 00:32:45,000

thought those are better presentations

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00:32:48,769 --> 00:32:46,980

but yeah 15 minutes here and that's all

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00:32:51,169 --> 00:32:48,779

you could do which is a skill yeah you

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00:32:53,210 --> 00:32:51,179

have to do the the meat of it and cut

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00:32:54,950 --> 00:32:53,220

out any extras well I think you did a

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00:32:57,230 --> 00:32:54,960

good job of that thank you so it was

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00:32:59,029 --> 00:32:57,240

very very interesting I I did a hat

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00:33:01,789 --> 00:32:59,039

trick this year in fact and I think this

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00:33:03,889 --> 00:33:01,799

is a suck on record I was the only

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00:33:05,990 --> 00:33:03,899

person I know about to speak three times

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00:33:07,070 --> 00:33:06,000

in a row of course we didn't have

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00:33:08,810 --> 00:33:07,080

confidence in the last two years right

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00:33:12,409 --> 00:33:08,820

but the the three conferences that were

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00:33:14,269 --> 00:33:12,419

held in a row which was 2018 19 and 22.

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00:33:16,130 --> 00:33:14,279

I spoke at the Sunday papers each time

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00:33:17,750 --> 00:33:16,140

and it was a thrill to do that I was

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00:33:19,130 --> 00:33:17,760
very honored but it is disappointing as

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00:33:21,470 --> 00:33:19,140
you mentioned that so many people have

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00:33:23,990 --> 00:33:21,480
left yes it is probably a third of the

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00:33:25,909 --> 00:33:24,000
people maybe in the audience by that

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00:33:27,470 --> 00:33:25,919
time and yes some of it is because

806
00:33:30,230 --> 00:33:27,480
especially if you're flying back to the

807
00:33:32,870 --> 00:33:30,240
east coast I'm leaving tomorrow to do

808
00:33:33,950 --> 00:33:32,880
that in my flight so at 11. so you just

809
00:33:35,389 --> 00:33:33,960
you have to be at the airport two hours

810
00:33:37,610 --> 00:33:35,399
early that's right that's what happens

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00:33:38,930 --> 00:33:37,620
even if you stayed through Sunday you're

812
00:33:39,830 --> 00:33:38,940
not going to be leaving late in the

813
00:33:41,870 --> 00:33:39,840

afternoon otherwise you're going to

814

00:33:44,389 --> 00:33:41,880

arrive after midnight right

815

00:33:47,389 --> 00:33:44,399

but I do think the conference could do a

816

00:33:49,970 --> 00:33:47,399

better job of explaining what it is so

817

00:33:51,950 --> 00:33:49,980

that people in advance you know before

818

00:33:53,090 --> 00:33:51,960

they book the airline tickets know that

819

00:33:54,649 --> 00:33:53,100

it's something that they should stick

820

00:33:55,970 --> 00:33:54,659

around to say you know I'm hoping I see

821

00:33:57,950 --> 00:33:55,980

that in the future exactly this year

822

00:33:59,690 --> 00:33:57,960

they actually made an improvement it's

823

00:34:02,330 --> 00:33:59,700

the first time on the official schedule

824

00:34:04,250 --> 00:34:02,340

on the website that they put the

825

00:34:05,450 --> 00:34:04,260

schedule for the Sunday paper so that

826

00:34:07,549 --> 00:34:05,460

when you click in the schedule Sunday

827

00:34:09,349 --> 00:34:07,559

papers it popped up everyone was going

828

00:34:11,389 --> 00:34:09,359

to be there yes that had never happened

829

00:34:12,530 --> 00:34:11,399

before now it went on fairly late this

830

00:34:13,730 --> 00:34:12,540

year and maybe they'll do a better job

831

00:34:16,669 --> 00:34:13,740

next year for that and more people will

832

00:34:19,609 --> 00:34:16,679

study it would be nice to have an insert

833

00:34:21,230 --> 00:34:19,619

with the program so an insert might be

834

00:34:23,450 --> 00:34:21,240

might be appropriate that's a good idea

835

00:34:25,310 --> 00:34:23,460

I I believe the original pamphlet that

836

00:34:26,750 --> 00:34:25,320

gives a schedule and all of that is

837

00:34:28,790 --> 00:34:26,760

printed way in advance because I know

838

00:34:30,649 --> 00:34:28,800

who the speakers are but the process to

839

00:34:34,129 --> 00:34:30,659

become a Sunday paper speaker is not

840

00:34:36,589 --> 00:34:34,139

settled until I think it's the last day

841

00:34:38,869 --> 00:34:36,599

of the month of September which is then

842

00:34:40,310 --> 00:34:38,879

less than three weeks before right so

843

00:34:42,349 --> 00:34:40,320

that would be hard for them to wait I

844

00:34:44,329 --> 00:34:42,359

think to print that by then probably but

845

00:34:45,889 --> 00:34:44,339

I think an insert could be doable right

846

00:34:47,089 --> 00:34:45,899

right just something last night one

847

00:34:49,070 --> 00:34:47,099

sheet of paper and added to everything

848

00:34:50,470 --> 00:34:49,080

right good idea let's send this to Barry

849

00:34:52,669 --> 00:34:50,480

Carr for next year

850

00:34:55,790 --> 00:34:52,679

it sounds good

851
00:34:57,349 --> 00:34:55,800
there's one interview I don't think you

852
00:34:59,990 --> 00:34:57,359
were expecting to get this weekend

853
00:35:02,690 --> 00:35:00,000
during the conference yes you when I

854
00:35:05,030 --> 00:35:02,700
came out to you in the hallway and I

855
00:35:08,150 --> 00:35:05,040
said can I interview you as a conference

856
00:35:10,849 --> 00:35:08,160
attendee I didn't expect that and you

857
00:35:13,130 --> 00:35:10,859
said yes I don't know surprise surprise

858
00:35:15,650 --> 00:35:13,140
I don't know what order it's gonna go on

859
00:35:17,470 --> 00:35:15,660
but oh you're silly there's somebody

860
00:35:21,470 --> 00:35:17,480
else it was a little more important

861
00:35:25,370 --> 00:35:21,480
maybe you're referring to somebody named

862
00:35:28,730 --> 00:35:25,380
Dawkins that's the one because I had a

863
00:35:31,970 --> 00:35:28,740

very excited Rob Palmer run up to me he

864

00:35:34,010 --> 00:35:31,980

is a tough fish to reel in I I have at

865

00:35:36,230 --> 00:35:34,020

previous conferences attend attempted

866

00:35:38,450 --> 00:35:36,240

this and it just didn't work he was very

867

00:35:40,970 --> 00:35:38,460

busy basically he fluffed me off and say

868

00:35:42,650 --> 00:35:40,980

talked to his his scheduler didn't have

869

00:35:45,170 --> 00:35:42,660

time and I didn't pursue it very heavily

870

00:35:47,510 --> 00:35:45,180

after that I got lucky he was in the

871

00:35:49,370 --> 00:35:47,520

book room and it was not a very crowded

872

00:35:51,829 --> 00:35:49,380

room so nobody was near him let me try

873

00:35:53,630 --> 00:35:51,839

one last time I said do you know about

874

00:35:56,750 --> 00:35:53,640

the skeptic Zone the podcast from

875

00:35:59,089 --> 00:35:56,760

Australia no but I'm going to Australia

876

00:36:01,310 --> 00:35:59,099

so that might be interesting to talk

877

00:36:03,349 --> 00:36:01,320

there and he said I said you want to do

878

00:36:05,210 --> 00:36:03,359

that now yeah so we went to the little

879

00:36:07,250 --> 00:36:05,220

room next door and we did a short

880

00:36:09,170 --> 00:36:07,260

interview that's awesome I'm really

881

00:36:12,050 --> 00:36:09,180

looking forward to hearing it again

882

00:36:14,569 --> 00:36:12,060

because of course Rob did play it for me

883

00:36:17,750 --> 00:36:14,579

well I think that's everything for today

884

00:36:22,310 --> 00:36:17,760

until next time this is Adrian Hill from

885

00:36:31,870 --> 00:36:22,320

Las Vegas cycon 2022.

886

00:36:34,609 --> 00:36:31,880

[Music]

887

00:36:36,950 --> 00:36:34,619

Carrie is it oh yes hi I'm Carrie I am

888

00:36:39,890 --> 00:36:36,960

psychic Ross and I will be reading you

889

00:36:42,050 --> 00:36:39,900

this evening oh interesting well okay I

890

00:36:43,730 --> 00:36:42,060

co-host a podcast it's called Ono Ross

891

00:36:45,950 --> 00:36:43,740

and Carrie yes I'm sensing that the

892

00:36:47,930 --> 00:36:45,960

spirits are telling me it is a show

893

00:36:50,329 --> 00:36:47,940

about well it's about like fringe

894

00:36:52,730 --> 00:36:50,339

science and spirituality and kinds of

895

00:36:54,770 --> 00:36:52,740

the Paranormal oh you knew that you do

896

00:36:56,930 --> 00:36:54,780

research online but more importantly

897

00:36:59,210 --> 00:36:56,940

like we do in-person investigation

898

00:37:01,430 --> 00:36:59,220

investigate as well oh my God that's

899

00:37:03,470 --> 00:37:01,440

amazing you see me and my friend this is

900

00:37:05,510 --> 00:37:03,480

so weird my friend Ross same name as you

901
00:37:06,890 --> 00:37:05,520
weird he and I just go and try them all

902
00:37:08,690 --> 00:37:06,900
out and actually we've gone to a number

903
00:37:11,030 --> 00:37:08,700
of psychics and to be honest with you

904
00:37:12,310 --> 00:37:11,040
it's a lot like this it's called owner

905
00:37:14,150 --> 00:37:12,320
Ross and Carrie they can find it at

906
00:37:16,220 --> 00:37:14,160
maximumfun.org I could have told you

907
00:37:21,550 --> 00:37:16,230
that

908
00:37:28,130 --> 00:37:23,850
all right

909
00:37:32,890 --> 00:37:29,930
now it's time once again to look into

910
00:37:34,790 --> 00:37:32,900
those archives that Trove the

911
00:37:36,290 --> 00:37:34,800
trove.nla.gov dot a u the online

912
00:37:39,050 --> 00:37:36,300
resource from the Australian government

913
00:37:41,270 --> 00:37:39,060

to the National Library of Australia who

914

00:37:43,790 --> 00:37:41,280

worked very hard to digitize thousands

915

00:37:45,670 --> 00:37:43,800

upon thousands of newspapers articles

916

00:37:47,470 --> 00:37:45,680

and so on going back

917

00:37:50,510 --> 00:37:47,480

centuries

918

00:37:53,750 --> 00:37:50,520

this week I thought we'd look up an

919

00:37:55,609 --> 00:37:53,760

article written about uh an author

920

00:37:59,450 --> 00:37:55,619

Timothy good

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00:38:02,510 --> 00:37:59,460

now if we go to wiki and we look up Mr

922

00:38:05,930 --> 00:38:02,520

Good Timothy good we find that Timothy

923

00:38:10,730 --> 00:38:05,940

good born in 1942 is a British author on

924

00:38:15,190 --> 00:38:10,740

UFOs his books include Above Top Secret

925

00:38:19,010 --> 00:38:15,200

the worldwide UFO cover-up alien liaison

926

00:38:22,130 --> 00:38:19,020

and Beyond top secret all published by

927

00:38:23,930 --> 00:38:22,140

sidgwick and Jackson good has made many

928

00:38:26,750 --> 00:38:23,940

television and documentary appearances

929

00:38:29,089 --> 00:38:26,760

critics challenged the reality of his

930

00:38:33,310 --> 00:38:29,099

writings

931

00:38:35,990 --> 00:38:33,320

he is also a career violinist

932

00:38:38,150 --> 00:38:36,000

and if we look down the page a little

933

00:38:41,450 --> 00:38:38,160

bit we find criticisms

934

00:38:44,510 --> 00:38:41,460

uh Martin bridgestock who I know Martin

935

00:38:47,150 --> 00:38:44,520

Bridge talk Dr Martin Ridgetop is a very

936

00:38:49,609 --> 00:38:47,160

well respected Australian skeptic Martin

937

00:38:52,430 --> 00:38:49,619

bridgestock in a review of Above Top

938

00:38:54,230 --> 00:38:52,440

Secret the worldwide UFO cover-up for

939

00:38:55,870 --> 00:38:54,240

the skeptic which is the journal from

940

00:39:00,109 --> 00:38:55,880

Australian Skeptics in

941

00:39:02,089 --> 00:39:00,119

1989 identified two of the book's

942

00:39:04,970 --> 00:39:02,099

Central ideas

943

00:39:07,790 --> 00:39:04,980

that unidentified flying objects UFOs do

944

00:39:11,569 --> 00:39:07,800

exist and are spacecraft from other

945

00:39:15,349 --> 00:39:11,579

worlds and there is a worldwide cover-up

946

00:39:17,690 --> 00:39:15,359

about UFOs with Security Agency seeking

947

00:39:20,829 --> 00:39:17,700

to suppress evidence Bridge talk

948

00:39:24,890 --> 00:39:20,839

included that the book is

949

00:39:27,829 --> 00:39:24,900

not a clear rigorous survey of the

950

00:39:30,650 --> 00:39:27,839

evidence for UFOs it is a polemical

951
00:39:33,609 --> 00:39:30,660
volume which seems to be devoted to

952
00:39:37,310 --> 00:39:33,619
making the case for UFOs and a cover-up

953
00:39:39,950 --> 00:39:37,320
seems as convincing as possible however

954
00:39:42,050 --> 00:39:39,960
inspection of the thesis puts forward in

955
00:39:44,750 --> 00:39:42,060
the book and checking of a few cases

956
00:39:47,810 --> 00:39:44,760
with other sources seemed to show that

957
00:39:50,450 --> 00:39:47,820
the book is not reliable and its

958
00:39:56,109 --> 00:39:50,460
conclusions cannot be trusted however

959
00:39:58,790 --> 00:39:56,119
let's turn the clock back to the year

960
00:40:01,490 --> 00:39:58,800
1992 so

961
00:40:04,310 --> 00:40:01,500
uh barely three years after Martin

962
00:40:06,950 --> 00:40:04,320
bridgestock was riding in the skeptic

963
00:40:09,470 --> 00:40:06,960

and we find in the camera times from

964

00:40:12,250 --> 00:40:09,480

Wednesday the 12th of February in the

965

00:40:16,790 --> 00:40:12,260

midweek magazine section Dangerous

966

00:40:19,730 --> 00:40:16,800

Liaisons with aliens rabbits and flying

967

00:40:22,790 --> 00:40:19,740

saucers Timothy Goode believes we are

968

00:40:25,430 --> 00:40:22,800

regularly visited by ETS as Carl

969

00:40:30,410 --> 00:40:25,440

mccrystal discovers

970

00:40:37,609 --> 00:40:33,589

Timothy Goode has been described as a

971

00:40:40,790 --> 00:40:37,619

quote manic end quote whose quote she'll

972

00:40:44,630 --> 00:40:40,800

yappings and quote are believed only by

973

00:40:46,069 --> 00:40:44,640

quote some normal people end quote this

974

00:40:47,990 --> 00:40:46,079

makes him smile

975

00:40:51,410 --> 00:40:48,000

all the way to the bank

976

00:40:53,569 --> 00:40:51,420

he has two strings to his bow as an

977

00:40:56,390 --> 00:40:53,579

accomplished violinist he was with the

978

00:40:58,849 --> 00:40:56,400

London Symphony Orchestra for 14 years

979

00:41:00,470 --> 00:40:58,859

and has played under many famous

980

00:41:03,170 --> 00:41:00,480

conductors

981

00:41:06,050 --> 00:41:03,180

beside the window of his Beckham flat

982

00:41:08,750 --> 00:41:06,060

hangs a picture of Beethoven in front of

983

00:41:11,569 --> 00:41:08,760

the window is a camera clamped to a

984

00:41:15,109 --> 00:41:11,579

tripod the powerful telephoto lens

985

00:41:18,050 --> 00:41:15,119

points to the sky somewhere up there are

986

00:41:19,430 --> 00:41:18,060

creatures which provide the Bose second

987

00:41:24,290 --> 00:41:19,440

string

988

00:41:27,109 --> 00:41:24,300

extra terrestrial biological entities

989

00:41:31,870 --> 00:41:27,119

Mr good is a student of flying sources

990

00:41:34,609 --> 00:41:31,880

aliens and of what he asserts is a near

991

00:41:38,329 --> 00:41:34,619

impenetrable conspiracy by governments

992

00:41:40,550 --> 00:41:38,339

to hide the truth as a UFO buff he has

993

00:41:43,130 --> 00:41:40,560

profited handsomely from books on the

994

00:41:45,470 --> 00:41:43,140

subject two things prompted me to meet

995

00:41:48,370 --> 00:41:45,480

him the first was a letter from his

996

00:41:52,609 --> 00:41:48,380

literary agent Andrew Loney

997

00:41:56,990 --> 00:41:52,619

lamenting that quote it is easy to poke

998

00:42:00,170 --> 00:41:57,000

fun at Tim and quote who deserved quote

999

00:42:03,230 --> 00:42:00,180

a fair hearing end quote the second was

1000

00:42:06,890 --> 00:42:03,240

his appearance on a Scottish Hillside

1001
00:42:09,770 --> 00:42:06,900
last week of the world's first Monument

1002
00:42:12,670 --> 00:42:09,780
to a visit by a UFO

1003
00:42:16,730 --> 00:42:12,680
the metal plaque in West Lothian

1004
00:42:18,349 --> 00:42:16,740
commemorates the 1979 sighting of a

1005
00:42:22,550 --> 00:42:18,359
spaceship

1006
00:42:25,069 --> 00:42:22,560
which overpowered a forestry worker tore

1007
00:42:26,390 --> 00:42:25,079
his clothes and gassed him before

1008
00:42:29,690 --> 00:42:26,400
speeding off

1009
00:42:33,829 --> 00:42:29,700
it so happens that Tim Good's father who

1010
00:42:34,910 --> 00:42:33,839
worked in radar shared an RAF camp with

1011
00:42:41,290 --> 00:42:34,920
quote

1012
00:42:43,550 --> 00:42:41,300
known during and after World War II

1013
00:42:46,370 --> 00:42:43,560

Arthur Clark was called a complete

1014

00:42:49,849 --> 00:42:46,380

Nutter in those days Mr Good says

1015

00:42:53,270 --> 00:42:49,859

pleasantly UFO monitors tend to get

1016

00:42:55,370 --> 00:42:53,280

mocked mercilessly reaction can be at

1017

00:42:58,609 --> 00:42:55,380

best skeptical

1018

00:43:02,089 --> 00:42:58,619

at worst a howl of ridicule

1019

00:43:04,790 --> 00:43:02,099

in his latest book alien liaison the

1020

00:43:07,849 --> 00:43:04,800

ultimate secret about to be released in

1021

00:43:11,270 --> 00:43:07,859

paperback in Britain Arrow four pounds

1022

00:43:14,750 --> 00:43:11,280

99 Mr Good describes conversations which

1023

00:43:18,290 --> 00:43:14,760

others have had with beings from outer

1024

00:43:20,630 --> 00:43:18,300

space adding boom highly evolved

1025

00:43:22,609 --> 00:43:20,640

spiritually these people were down to

1026

00:43:25,730 --> 00:43:22,619

earth in the sense that they enjoyed

1027

00:43:27,349 --> 00:43:25,740

Creature Comforts and thank heavens they

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00:43:29,809 --> 00:43:27,359

had a sense of humor

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00:43:33,349 --> 00:43:29,819

his own sense of humor helps him cope

1030

00:43:35,569 --> 00:43:33,359

with reviewers one of whom wrote of an

1031

00:43:39,770 --> 00:43:35,579

earlier volume Above Top Secret the

1032

00:43:42,589 --> 00:43:39,780

worldwide UFO cover-up quote I do not

1033

00:43:44,290 --> 00:43:42,599

know how many trees were cut down to

1034

00:43:48,589 --> 00:43:44,300

produce this

1035

00:43:52,130 --> 00:43:48,599

590 page diatribe but I wish they had

1036

00:43:55,550 --> 00:43:52,140

been left standing Mr Good's ideas are

1037

00:43:58,550 --> 00:43:55,560

those of a Maniac end quote

1038

00:44:02,750 --> 00:43:58,560

the alien liaison

1039

00:44:06,829 --> 00:44:02,760

of alien liaison the same writed cleared

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00:44:09,470 --> 00:44:06,839

quote it is painful to turn to the

1041

00:44:11,630 --> 00:44:09,480

shrill yappings of Timothy good the

1042

00:44:14,750 --> 00:44:11,640

thesis which he shouts rather than

1043

00:44:16,910 --> 00:44:14,760

argues is that aliens are constantly

1044

00:44:19,910 --> 00:44:16,920

visiting Earth and that the US

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00:44:23,650 --> 00:44:19,920

government is covering them up

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00:44:27,710 --> 00:44:23,660

really only mentally subnormal people

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00:44:31,250 --> 00:44:27,720

could believe in it end quote

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00:44:34,430 --> 00:44:31,260

another reviewer founded quote credulous

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00:44:35,270 --> 00:44:34,440

bunk end quote most reviewers are Kinder

1050

00:44:38,150 --> 00:44:35,280

however

1051
00:44:40,130 --> 00:44:38,160
his literary agent a military historian

1052
00:44:42,829 --> 00:44:40,140
with knowledge of intelligence matters

1053
00:44:44,089 --> 00:44:42,839
sent me a photograph of his client which

1054
00:44:47,170 --> 00:44:44,099
resembles

1055
00:44:50,990 --> 00:44:47,180
Captain Kirk of the Starship Enterprise

1056
00:44:53,930 --> 00:44:51,000
in the flesh she seems less exotic tall

1057
00:44:56,870 --> 00:44:53,940
gray-haired pale serious courteous

1058
00:45:00,950 --> 00:44:56,880
softly spoken he wears An Elegant gray

1059
00:45:04,250 --> 00:45:00,960
suit and a dark blue tie his hands are

1060
00:45:09,290 --> 00:45:04,260
long inhalers the fingers tapering

1061
00:45:10,730 --> 00:45:09,300
artistically there is a sty on his right

1062
00:45:12,890 --> 00:45:10,740
eyelid

1063
00:45:15,710 --> 00:45:12,900

the bedroom which he shares with his

1064

00:45:19,370 --> 00:45:15,720

girlfriend a teacher has a wall lined

1065

00:45:22,069 --> 00:45:19,380

with UFO books in the hall are shells of

1066

00:45:24,950 --> 00:45:22,079

classified documents from many parts of

1067

00:45:27,829 --> 00:45:24,960

the world and folders of newspaper and

1068

00:45:31,849 --> 00:45:27,839

magazine clippings along the wall in the

1069

00:45:34,430 --> 00:45:31,859

living room a Hi-Fi equipment LPS and

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00:45:38,329 --> 00:45:34,440

tapes against another it's a word

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00:45:40,490 --> 00:45:38,339

processor near the sky probing camera or

1072

00:45:44,510 --> 00:45:40,500

a music stand supporting sheets of bark

1073

00:45:47,270 --> 00:45:44,520

an art deco china cabinet and an

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00:45:50,390 --> 00:45:47,280

enormous Hi-Fi speaker he serves coffee

1075

00:45:52,130 --> 00:45:50,400

in Red Cups and sticks a cigarette into

1076
00:45:55,670 --> 00:45:52,140
a holder

1077
00:45:58,849 --> 00:45:55,680
Mr Good Now 49 had just entered his

1078
00:46:01,130 --> 00:45:58,859
teens when a cousin in American computer

1079
00:46:04,849 --> 00:46:01,140
research sent him a book about space

1080
00:46:07,730 --> 00:46:04,859
aliens I was immediately excited he says

1081
00:46:10,550 --> 00:46:07,740
there had been reports of military and

1082
00:46:14,270 --> 00:46:10,560
civilian airline pilots that the general

1083
00:46:17,710 --> 00:46:14,280
public wasn't aware of to date 3500

1084
00:46:20,809 --> 00:46:17,720
sightings since the 1940s the majority

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00:46:22,670 --> 00:46:20,819
remained classified in the interests of

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00:46:26,089 --> 00:46:22,680
National Security the various government

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00:46:27,290 --> 00:46:26,099
agencies say but details of some have

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00:46:30,530 --> 00:46:27,300

been released

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00:46:33,050 --> 00:46:30,540

he shows me documents he obtained using

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00:46:35,690 --> 00:46:33,060

the U.S Freedom of Information Act from

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00:46:38,150 --> 00:46:35,700

the Pentagon North American Aerospace

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00:46:41,329 --> 00:46:38,160

Defense command and other sources

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00:46:42,770 --> 00:46:41,339

sanctions have been blacked out by the

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00:46:46,609 --> 00:46:42,780

sensor

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00:46:49,970 --> 00:46:46,619

his pursuit of quote the truth end quote

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00:46:52,370 --> 00:46:49,980

that UFOs exist and their occupants

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00:46:54,470 --> 00:46:52,380

actually walk the earth

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00:46:56,349 --> 00:46:54,480

and that governments know a lot more

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00:46:58,849 --> 00:46:56,359

than they're prepared to acknowledge

1100

00:47:01,910 --> 00:46:58,859

intensified after he left the London

1101
00:47:03,890 --> 00:47:01,920
Symphony Orchestra in 1978 he still does

1102
00:47:06,770 --> 00:47:03,900
session work including television

1103
00:47:08,569 --> 00:47:06,780
commercials and films in 1983 he

1104
00:47:12,530 --> 00:47:08,579
published an extraordinary volume about

1105
00:47:16,250 --> 00:47:12,540
UFOs at his own expense 2 000 copies

1106
00:47:19,329 --> 00:47:16,260
were sold bringing in a tiny profit his

1107
00:47:23,630 --> 00:47:19,339
research has taken him into the Pentagon

1108
00:47:27,050 --> 00:47:23,640
and the White House office and has

1109
00:47:29,390 --> 00:47:27,060
talked sometimes inconclusively to the

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00:47:30,710 --> 00:47:29,400
CIA Military Officers and space

1111
00:47:34,010 --> 00:47:30,720
scientists

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00:47:38,390 --> 00:47:34,020
Above Top Secret published by sidwick

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00:47:41,510 --> 00:47:38,400

and Jackson in 1987 and later by Grafton

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00:47:44,270 --> 00:47:41,520

books went to the top of the best seller

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00:47:45,770 --> 00:47:44,280

list in Britain and Australia and has

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00:47:48,410 --> 00:47:45,780

since done well in the United States

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00:47:52,609 --> 00:47:48,420

Canada Germany and Japan

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00:47:54,530 --> 00:47:52,619

alien liaison two is likely to be a

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00:47:56,870 --> 00:47:54,540

commercial success nineteen thousand

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00:47:59,150 --> 00:47:56,880

hardback sales already

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it is dedicated to Britain's former

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Chief of Defense staff admiral of the

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00:48:08,690 --> 00:48:05,520

fleet Lord Hill Norton whose

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00:48:11,930 --> 00:48:08,700

introductory comments include the words

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00:48:14,390 --> 00:48:11,940

I have known Timothy good for about 10

1126
00:48:16,490 --> 00:48:14,400
years during which I have formed the

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00:48:20,150 --> 00:48:16,500
opinion that he is both honest and

1128
00:48:21,950 --> 00:48:20,160
reliable I am quite sure that he is not

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00:48:26,230 --> 00:48:21,960
a nutcase

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00:48:28,910 --> 00:48:26,240
the book is by its nature weird

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00:48:32,510 --> 00:48:28,920
referring for example to alleged

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00:48:35,510 --> 00:48:32,520
encounters between ethereans occupants

1133
00:48:36,710 --> 00:48:35,520
of UFOs and two American Republican

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00:48:39,349 --> 00:48:36,720
presidents

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00:48:42,829 --> 00:48:39,359
Dwight Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan

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00:48:45,349 --> 00:48:42,839
according to Mr Good's informants during

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00:48:47,870 --> 00:48:45,359
an unscheduled visit to the Edwards Air

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00:48:51,230 --> 00:48:47,880

Force Base in California Eisenhower was

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00:48:53,569 --> 00:48:51,240

taken to Hangar 27 where a flying saucer

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00:48:56,750 --> 00:48:53,579

and its occupants were housed the

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ethereans had the same proportions as

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00:49:01,910 --> 00:48:59,160

humans and were able to breathe our

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00:49:04,430 --> 00:49:01,920

atmosphere Mr Good Records

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00:49:06,530 --> 00:49:04,440

they spoke English and supposedly

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00:49:10,670 --> 00:49:06,540

informed the president that they wanted

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00:49:12,829 --> 00:49:10,680

to start an educational program for the

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00:49:15,230 --> 00:49:12,839

people of Earth then reportedly

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00:49:17,750 --> 00:49:15,240

demonstrated their paranormal Powers by

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00:49:21,170 --> 00:49:17,760

making themselves invisible causing

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00:49:23,390 --> 00:49:21,180

Eisenhower considerable embarrassment

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00:49:26,150 --> 00:49:23,400

[Music]

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00:49:28,430 --> 00:49:26,160

Ike who often had difficulty stringing

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00:49:31,430 --> 00:49:28,440

sentences together could have used an

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00:49:36,109 --> 00:49:31,440

educational program ditto Ronald Reagan

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00:49:38,750 --> 00:49:36,119

in 1974 according to Mr Good the then

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00:49:40,910 --> 00:49:38,760

Airborne governor of California saw

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00:49:43,910 --> 00:49:40,920

quote a big light

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00:49:45,170 --> 00:49:43,920

and good and ordered the pilot to give

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00:49:47,410 --> 00:49:45,180

Chase

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00:49:51,410 --> 00:49:47,420

we followed it for several minutes

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00:49:55,130 --> 00:49:51,420

Reagan is reported as having said

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00:49:56,930 --> 00:49:55,140

all of a sudden to our amazement it went

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00:49:59,270 --> 00:49:56,940

straight up into the heavens

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00:50:02,210 --> 00:49:59,280

we got off the plane and I told Nancy

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00:50:05,089 --> 00:50:02,220

all about it eight years later while

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00:50:08,270 --> 00:50:05,099

viewing the film E.T in the White House

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00:50:11,510 --> 00:50:08,280

President Reagan whispered to the

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00:50:14,030 --> 00:50:11,520

producer Stephen Spielberg there are

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00:50:16,250 --> 00:50:14,040

probably only six people in this room

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00:50:18,890 --> 00:50:16,260

who know how true it is

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00:50:21,230 --> 00:50:18,900

Mr Good says I haven't actually

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00:50:23,530 --> 00:50:21,240

confirmed that last bit with Spielberg

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but I will

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then there is Jimmy Carter's sighting

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during his 1976 Presidential election

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00:50:37,990 --> 00:50:33,060
campaign Carla announced that he had

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00:50:41,630 --> 00:50:38,000
seen a UFO in 1969. I asked Mr good

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00:50:43,690 --> 00:50:41,640
did you know about Jimmy Carter's giant

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00:50:45,349 --> 00:50:43,700
rabbit end quote

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00:50:47,390 --> 00:50:45,359
no

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00:50:50,089 --> 00:50:47,400
well towards the end of his presidency

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00:50:53,870 --> 00:50:50,099
he declared that while out in a boat

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00:50:56,569 --> 00:50:53,880
fishing on a lake in Plains Georgia he

1184
00:50:58,910 --> 00:50:56,579
was attacked by a giant rabbit it came

1185
00:51:03,650 --> 00:50:58,920
swimming towards him and he had to head

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00:51:06,109 --> 00:51:03,660
for the shore to avoid being capsized oh

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00:51:08,270 --> 00:51:06,119
Mr Good says wondering if I'm mocking

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00:51:11,569 --> 00:51:08,280

him I'm not

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00:51:14,030 --> 00:51:11,579

I suspect a large part of Mr Good's

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00:51:15,829 --> 00:51:14,040

struggle is trying to lift the UFO

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00:51:16,970 --> 00:51:15,839

subject out of the realm of

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00:51:20,270 --> 00:51:16,980

entertainment

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out there a 1990 book by the former New

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00:51:26,630 --> 00:51:22,740

York Times journalist Harris bloom

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00:51:29,390 --> 00:51:26,640

whose work the Englishman admires is

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being made into a Disney film a former

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00:51:35,470 --> 00:51:32,579

U.S astronaut Edgar Mitchell who has

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00:51:37,670 --> 00:51:35,480

claimed that important information on

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00:51:40,430 --> 00:51:37,680

extraterrestrials is being suppressed by

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00:51:43,190 --> 00:51:40,440

his government ended up on the Oprah

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00:51:45,530 --> 00:51:43,200
Winfrey Show when Mr Good himself

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00:51:48,650 --> 00:51:45,540
appeared on a British television

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00:51:50,170 --> 00:51:48,660
discussion recently one of his

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00:51:55,190 --> 00:51:50,180
interlocutors

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00:51:59,510 --> 00:51:55,200
the pop scientist Heinz wolf described

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00:52:00,470 --> 00:51:59,520
Mr Good's work as quote bollocks end

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00:52:04,670 --> 00:52:00,480
quote

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00:52:07,430 --> 00:52:04,680
but while critics tease he points to the

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00:52:11,630 --> 00:52:07,440
fact that American scientists will begin

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00:52:13,849 --> 00:52:11,640
a 10-year 100 million dollar project

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00:52:15,950 --> 00:52:13,859
this October using the most

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00:52:19,309 --> 00:52:15,960
sophisticated listening devices to

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00:52:21,170 --> 00:52:19,319

search for alien civilizations the NASA

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project will be called

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seti search for extraterrestrial

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intelligence rhyming with Yeti another

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elusive Quarry

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I suggest to the violinist there is a

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contradiction here on the one hand he

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00:52:43,670 --> 00:52:40,800

claims that U.S official them has firm

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evidence of extraterrestrials while on

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the other the official agency NASA is

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00:52:53,329 --> 00:52:50,160

setting out to test their existence he

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00:52:56,270 --> 00:52:53,339

concedes there is a tremendous argument

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00:52:58,609 --> 00:52:56,280

against everything I'm saying but he

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00:53:02,089 --> 00:52:58,619

nods confidently that his folders of

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00:53:05,690 --> 00:53:02,099

classified CIA material showing UFOs to

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00:53:08,950 --> 00:53:05,700

be a high priority matter Mr good as

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00:53:12,049 --> 00:53:08,960

enlisted helpers from all over the world

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00:53:14,210 --> 00:53:12,059

including Chinese and Russians

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00:53:17,630 --> 00:53:14,220

their sightings are published in his

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00:53:22,130 --> 00:53:17,640

annual UFO report which he edits in it

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00:53:25,190 --> 00:53:22,140

he identifies hoaxes some but not all

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00:53:29,030 --> 00:53:25,200

crop circles and explores other

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00:53:32,030 --> 00:53:29,040

phenomenon in my new detail including

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00:53:35,750 --> 00:53:32,040

scientific evaluation of photographs and

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00:53:38,990 --> 00:53:35,760

videotapes of quote aberrations end

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quote I have read all this stuff with a

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00:53:46,130 --> 00:53:42,119

fairly open mind even the account of the

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00:53:47,630 --> 00:53:46,140

removal by aliens of a cow's utter and

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00:53:50,870 --> 00:53:47,640

vagina

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Mr Good does not seem dogmatic about his

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00:53:57,349 --> 00:53:53,880

material or his qualifications for

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00:54:02,270 --> 00:53:57,359

analyzing it I left school with 13 in

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00:54:07,490 --> 00:54:02,280

maths O Level he says as the quote Fair

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00:54:10,370 --> 00:54:07,500

hearing end quote ends he murmurs I hope

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00:54:12,530 --> 00:54:10,380

I am not a fanatic and again this comes

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00:54:15,710 --> 00:54:12,540

from the camera times dated the 12th of

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00:54:20,150 --> 00:54:15,720

February 1992

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so over 30 years ago

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00:54:26,569 --> 00:54:22,680
and now Mr good

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00:54:28,730 --> 00:54:26,579
80 years old and in all the years he's

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00:54:30,710 --> 00:54:28,740
been producing UFO books and doing

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00:54:33,589 --> 00:54:30,720
television appearances and interviews

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00:54:36,130 --> 00:54:33,599
and collecting items and so on

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00:54:40,190 --> 00:54:36,140
the evidence still

1257
00:54:44,750 --> 00:54:40,200
does not support his conclusions after

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00:54:47,630 --> 00:54:44,760
decades and decades and decades and on a

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00:54:51,710 --> 00:54:47,640
TV interview I found online Timothy good

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00:54:55,849 --> 00:54:51,720
describes himself as being an authority

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00:54:57,589 --> 00:54:55,859
on UFOs and aliens and I can imagine all

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00:55:00,109 --> 00:54:57,599
those years ago when this interview was

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00:55:02,390 --> 00:55:00,119

conducted that if you were to say to

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00:55:03,650 --> 00:55:02,400

Timothy good or other UFO Believers at

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00:55:07,309 --> 00:55:03,660

the time

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uh something like I will give you ten no

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00:55:11,569 --> 00:55:09,960

I'll give you 20. no I'll give you 30

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00:55:17,390 --> 00:55:11,579

years

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00:55:19,670 --> 00:55:17,400

to confirm your suspicions your beliefs

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00:55:21,770 --> 00:55:19,680

your conclusions or whatever do you

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00:55:23,990 --> 00:55:21,780

think within the next 30 Years it'll be

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00:55:26,390 --> 00:55:24,000

just accepted that UFOs are here and

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00:55:28,490 --> 00:55:26,400

aliens are real and with main contact

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00:55:31,490 --> 00:55:28,500

they would have undoubtedly said yes of

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00:55:33,349 --> 00:55:31,500

course absolutely no doubt about it and

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00:55:36,770 --> 00:55:33,359

even today you'd probably find the same

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00:55:41,030 --> 00:55:36,780

thing if you happen to come across a UFO

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uh exponent and say well I'll give you

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well who knows huh who knows within the

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00:55:51,829 --> 00:55:48,980

next 30 Years using our

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00:55:54,589 --> 00:55:51,839

Advanced telescopes we may be able to

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00:55:57,049 --> 00:55:54,599

spot evidence of

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00:55:59,630 --> 00:55:57,059

another civilization altering Planet

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00:56:02,030 --> 00:55:59,640

somewhere out there in the cosmos

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00:56:03,890 --> 00:56:02,040

which is one thing the next thing of

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00:56:05,210 --> 00:56:03,900

course is have they bothered traveling

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00:56:08,540 --> 00:56:05,220

to Earth

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00:56:13,430 --> 00:56:08,550

maybe they have better things to do

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00:56:15,710 --> 00:56:13,440

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00:56:18,650 --> 00:56:15,720

well there you go another interesting

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00:56:22,130 --> 00:56:18,660

find just flipping through the pages

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00:56:24,349 --> 00:56:22,140

doing various searches I must admit I

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00:56:27,770 --> 00:56:24,359

stumbled across this article because I

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00:56:30,530 --> 00:56:27,780

was running a search for the word hoax

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00:56:34,309 --> 00:56:30,540

can the word hoax appears

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article so well it just goes to show

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that when you go to Trove or other

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online newspapers you never

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[Music]

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[Applause]

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thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:57:13,130 --> 00:57:10,380

Zone podcast Henrietta the cut is back

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00:57:14,710 --> 00:57:13,140

hello hello what do you want you want to

1304

00:57:16,549 --> 00:57:14,720

scratch

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00:57:18,349 --> 00:57:16,559

oh

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00:57:19,910 --> 00:57:18,359

she doesn't know what she wants thank

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you to those people who continue to

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means the show keeps going and it means

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00:57:32,329 --> 00:57:29,339

very soon I think

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00:57:36,710 --> 00:57:32,339

I think it's time I upgraded my main

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00:57:39,950 --> 00:57:36,720

device I do what was that

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00:57:42,890 --> 00:57:39,960

what are you doing on the stairs

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she's got the zooms cat lovers cat

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owners will know what I mean sometimes

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00:57:48,670 --> 00:57:46,740

Zoom around

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00:57:51,170 --> 00:57:48,680

I'm going to upgrade

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00:57:53,630 --> 00:57:51,180

I'm going to buy a new iPad before long

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00:57:56,930 --> 00:57:53,640

I think I've had this current one for

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00:58:00,349 --> 00:57:56,940

about not six years five years

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which uh I do most of the production

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for the skeptic Zone all the audio work

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00:58:07,250 --> 00:58:04,559

is done on the iPad the writing of the

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00:58:11,150 --> 00:58:07,260

web page the research mostly is done on

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00:58:13,609 --> 00:58:11,160

iPad it's a very uh very useful device

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so your contributions mean I can upgrade

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and hopefully even provide you

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00:58:23,329 --> 00:58:18,780

what is it

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00:58:25,670 --> 00:58:23,339

she's got that look in her eye

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00:58:28,549 --> 00:58:25,680

hopefully provide you with a better

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00:58:30,530 --> 00:58:28,559

listening experience what is it there's

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00:58:31,910 --> 00:58:30,540

a poor coming around the door this is

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getting yes

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00:58:36,230 --> 00:58:33,500

yes

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this is complete yeah now there's a port

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00:58:43,430 --> 00:58:41,809

I've lost my train of thought thank you

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Henrietta

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00:58:49,130 --> 00:58:46,440

thank you I think she wants my job

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00:58:50,569 --> 00:58:49,140

but to sum up what I'm trying to say

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00:58:54,049 --> 00:58:50,579

thank you to all those people who do

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00:58:55,789 --> 00:58:54,059

support the skeptic Zone off she goes

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coming up on next week's show more

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reports from Rob Palmer in Las Vegas me

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00:59:03,650 --> 00:59:02,160

as you heard he got to interview all

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00:59:06,109 --> 00:59:03,660

sorts of people

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00:59:08,690 --> 00:59:06,119

but for this week I better go out and um

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00:59:10,490 --> 00:59:08,700

run around after Henrietta the cat maybe

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00:59:13,130 --> 00:59:10,500

she wants some more breakfast I don't

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00:59:15,890 --> 00:59:13,140

know but for this week this is Richard

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Saunders signing off from Sydney

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you've been listening to the skeptic

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contacts and to access the bat catalog

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of episodes going back to 2008.

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skeptic zone are not necessarily those

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of Australian Skeptics or any other

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hello this is Adrian Hill

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it

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is I told you I I don't need scripted

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that's funny by your name that's all you

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[Laughter]

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it's not like it was a joke before that

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all right people have been drinking a

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lot here have you been in the bar yeah

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the bar of water