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Wiki Projects
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ChatGTP
Skeptical Topics

TROVE
"Creationism"



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00:00:13,930 --> 00:00:09,049
welcome to the skeptic Zone the podcast

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00:00:16,840 --> 00:00:13,940
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:23,689 --> 00:00:16,850
[Applause]

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00:00:29,509 --> 00:00:25,490
yes it's the skeptic Zone podcast

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episode number 746 for the 22nd of

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00:00:35,450 --> 00:00:32,460
January 2023 Richard Saunders coming to

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00:00:37,910 --> 00:00:35,460
you from Sydney Australia where it's

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00:00:40,910 --> 00:00:37,920
been um nice weather actually for this

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00:00:44,510 --> 00:00:40,920
time of year muggy for sure very humid

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00:00:46,670 --> 00:00:44,520
but uh not too hot so what's today today

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00:00:48,770 --> 00:00:46,680
is overcast and raining

12
00:00:51,470 --> 00:00:48,780
but there you go coming up on this

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00:00:54,350 --> 00:00:51,480

week's Show Adrian Hill with part two of

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her series looking at Wiki projects now

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last time uh Adrian looked at topics

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when it comes to Wikipedia on the

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00:01:06,109 --> 00:01:03,660

Paranormal the top 10 paranormal uh

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00:01:08,750 --> 00:01:06,119

sites on Wikipedia this week she's going

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00:01:10,969 --> 00:01:08,760

to look at the top 10 sites regarding

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00:01:14,570 --> 00:01:10,979

skepticism

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00:01:18,050 --> 00:01:14,580

a fascinating look into Wikipedia and

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00:01:20,570 --> 00:01:18,060

what people are looking at online

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00:01:23,390 --> 00:01:20,580

following that it's another segment

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00:01:25,370 --> 00:01:23,400

involving the artificial intelligence of

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00:01:28,249 --> 00:01:25,380

chat GPT

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00:01:30,890 --> 00:01:28,259

I did a segment in the beginning of uh

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00:01:32,990 --> 00:01:30,900

December about this uh search engine

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00:01:36,289 --> 00:01:33,000

search engine what would you call it

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00:01:39,109 --> 00:01:36,299

this week this week I'm going to ask it

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00:01:41,270 --> 00:01:39,119

about classical skeptical topics

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00:01:42,590 --> 00:01:41,280

and then to round off the show the Trove

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segment looks at a very classical

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skeptical topic indeed

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00:01:48,289 --> 00:01:46,439

creationism

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00:01:51,190 --> 00:01:48,299

something you don't hear about too much

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00:01:54,950 --> 00:01:51,200

anymore well especially in Australia

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what did the Australian newspapers have

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00:02:02,050 --> 00:01:58,500

to say or report about creationism going

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back well mostly in the uh the

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1980s and one even further back this

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week in the 1930s a big shout out to my

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00:02:12,830 --> 00:02:10,080

friend Maynard who I saw just the other

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evening and I was very happy to present

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Maynard with a poster I found in

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Berkeley in California

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it's a big poster of the 1966 Batman

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movie starring Adam West and bird Ward

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but this poster was from Japan that's

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quite something and speaking of uh

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things Japanese a shout out to my friend

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00:02:36,710 --> 00:02:34,500
Michelle because Mario reporter in

52
00:02:40,130 --> 00:02:36,720
Melbourne who is also a good friend of

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00:02:41,930 --> 00:02:40,140
the skeptical fairy as she is soon to

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00:02:43,369 --> 00:02:41,940
embark on another year of teaching

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00:02:45,350 --> 00:02:43,379
Japanese

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00:02:48,170 --> 00:02:45,360
but enough about that it's time for me

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00:02:50,210 --> 00:02:48,180
to run downstairs and see if there's a

58
00:02:54,710 --> 00:02:50,220
leftover jalapeno sausage from last

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00:03:00,170 --> 00:02:54,720
night's dinner might try that while I do

60
00:03:00,180 --> 00:03:05,470
foreign

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00:03:05,480 --> 00:03:11,810
[Applause]

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00:03:11,820 --> 00:03:18,649
[Music]

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00:03:18,659 --> 00:03:23,110

with Adrian Hill

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00:03:28,670 --> 00:03:26,630

hello everyone this is part two of my

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00:03:30,949 --> 00:03:28,680

series of reports looking at Wiki

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00:03:32,869 --> 00:03:30,959

projects on Wikipedia according to

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Wikipedia's own definition a Wiki

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project is quote a group of editors that

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wish to work together as a team to

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improve Wikipedia a successful Wiki

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project contributes toward Wikipedia's

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mission of building an encyclopedia end

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00:03:48,170 --> 00:03:45,540

quote

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this time we are going to take a look at

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the Articles associated with a Wiki

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project of particular interest to

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Skeptics Wiki project skepticism and

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this Wiki project states that it is

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quote

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dedicated to creating improving and

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monitoring articles related to

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scientific skepticism also known as

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rational skepticism or skeptical inquiry

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the focus includes articles about claims

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which are contrary to the current body

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00:04:18,469 --> 00:04:15,720

of scientific evidence or which involve

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the Paranormal the project ensures that

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00:04:22,250 --> 00:04:20,160

these articles are written from a

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neutral point of view and do not put

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00:04:26,150 --> 00:04:24,840

forward invalid claims as truth end

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00:04:29,930 --> 00:04:26,160

quote

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this Project's main page is called Wiki

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00:04:34,610 --> 00:04:32,759

project underscore skepticism and you

94

00:04:37,550 --> 00:04:34,620

can find the popular page by just

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00:04:38,870 --> 00:04:37,560

Googling wikiproject skepticism popular

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00:04:41,090 --> 00:04:38,880

pages

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and if you prefer Richard has included

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00:04:47,330 --> 00:04:45,360

the links in this week's show notes

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00:04:49,850 --> 00:04:47,340

and now with the help of Richard

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00:04:52,430 --> 00:04:49,860

Saunders let's take a look at the top 10

101
00:04:55,550 --> 00:04:52,440
Wikipedia articles per page number of

102
00:04:57,230 --> 00:04:55,560
views listed at the popular pages

103
00:05:00,290 --> 00:04:57,240
and we are using the list that we

104
00:05:01,969 --> 00:05:00,300
collected on January 8th 2023 so it's

105
00:05:04,189 --> 00:05:01,979
reasonably up to date

106
00:05:06,650 --> 00:05:04,199
we have noticed that the rankings can

107
00:05:10,370 --> 00:05:06,660
change quite significantly each month so

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00:05:15,830 --> 00:05:13,969
[Music]

109
00:05:17,590 --> 00:05:15,840
number 10 on the list with a daily

110
00:05:23,210 --> 00:05:17,600
average of

111
00:05:26,210 --> 00:05:23,220
7498 views is Gwyneth Paltrow

112
00:05:27,950 --> 00:05:26,220
according to her wiki page Gwyneth Kate

113
00:05:30,170 --> 00:05:27,960

Paltrow is an American actress and

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businesswoman she is the recipient of

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00:05:34,969 --> 00:05:32,280

various accolades including an Academy

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Award a Golden Globe award and a prime

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time Emmy Award now the part of her page

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that is of interest to Skeptics is her

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involvement in the goop company and

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products

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in September 2008 Paltrow launched the

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weekly lifestyle newsletter goop

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encouraging readers to quote nourish the

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inner aspect end quote goop has expanded

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into a web-based company goop.com goop

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and by extension Paltrow have faced

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00:06:08,029 --> 00:06:05,639
backlash for showcasing expensive

128
00:06:10,010 --> 00:06:08,039
products and promoting medically and

129
00:06:12,170 --> 00:06:10,020
scientifically impossible treatments

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many of which have harmful consequences

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the controversies have included vaginal

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steaming the use of Jade eggs a

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dangerous coffee enema device and body

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Vibes wearable stickers that were

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00:06:30,650 --> 00:06:27,600
claimed to quote rebalance the energy

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00:06:32,990 --> 00:06:30,660
frequency in our bodies end quote and

137
00:06:36,950 --> 00:06:33,000
which goop falsely claimed were made of

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00:06:38,749 --> 00:06:36,960

a NASA developed material goop settled a

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lawsuit regarding the health claims it

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made over the Jade eggs on January the

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27th 2020 truth in advertising watched

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dog

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t-i-n-a.org filed another complaint with

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the district attorneys of California

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alleging that goop has continued to

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engage in deceptive marketing even after

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goop was sued by the state of California

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earlier in that year and agreed to

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refrain from quote making any claims

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regarding the efficacy or effects of any

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00:07:11,150 --> 00:07:08,759
of its products without possessing

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00:07:13,730 --> 00:07:11,160
complete and reliable scientific

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00:07:16,670 --> 00:07:13,740
evidence that substantiates the claims

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end quote for a period of five years

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00:07:23,089 --> 00:07:20,520
t i n a DOT orgs complaint alleges that

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goop claims their products are quote

157
00:07:28,430 --> 00:07:25,500
clinically proven end quote to treat

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00:07:31,010 --> 00:07:28,440
such symptoms as anxiety depression OCD

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00:07:33,589 --> 00:07:31,020
and more

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and at number nine on the list with a

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daily average of

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7636 views is Jenny McCarthy

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according to her Wikipedia page Jennifer

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McCarthy Wahlberg is an American actress

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model and television personality she

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began her career in 1993 as a nude model

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for Playboy magazine and was later named

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their Playmate of the Year McCarthy then

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had a television and film acting career

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the part of her page that will be of

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most interest to Skeptics is her autism

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activism and views on vaccines that is

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certainly why I'm familiar with Jenny

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McCarthy and what it states on the page

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is that McCarthy's public presence and

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vocal activism on the vaccination autism

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controversy LED in 2008 to her being

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awarded the James Randy educational

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foundations Pegasus award which is a

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tongue-in-cheek award granted for

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contributions to pseudoscience for the

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quote performer who has fooled the

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greatest number of people with the least

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00:08:36,709 --> 00:08:34,140
amount of effort end quote

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Randy stated in a video on the jref's

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website that he did sympathize with the

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plight of McCarthy and her child but

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admonished her for her using her public

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presence in a way that may discourage

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parents from having their own children

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vaccinated

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in 2019 Rolling Stone magazine published

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a list of 17 anti-vaccination

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celebrities from which according to

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Stuart Vice McCarthy was one of the most

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active anti-vaccine celebrities

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McCarthy's claims that vaccines cause

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autism are not supported by any medical

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evidence and the original paper by

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Andrew Wakefield that formed the basis

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for the claims and for whose book

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McCarthy wrote a forward was based on

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manipulated data and fraudulent research

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at number eight on the list with a daily

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average of

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7743 views is Scientology according to

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its wiki page Scientology is a set of

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beliefs and practices invented by

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American Author L Ron Hubbard and an

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Associated movement it has been

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variously defined as a cult a business

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or a new religious movement a 2008

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survey found that there were about 25

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000 followers in the United States the

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most recent census data indicate there

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were around 1 800 followers in England 1

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400 followers in Canada and about 1 600

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in Australia Hubbard initially developed

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a set of ideas that he called Dianetics

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which he represented as a form of

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therapy this he promoted through various

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Publications as well as through the

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Hubbard dynetic Research Foundation that

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he established in 1950 the foundation

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went bankrupt and Hubbard lost the

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rights to his book Dianetics in 1952 he

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then

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re-characterized the subject as religion

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and named it Scientology retaining the

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terminology doctrines and the practice

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of quote auditing end quote by 1954 he

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had regained the rights to Dianetics and

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retained both subjects Under the

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Umbrella of the Church of Scientology

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at number seven on the list with a daily

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average of

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8513 views is MK Ultra something I don't

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know about

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according to its Wikipedia page project

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MK Ultra was an illegal human

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experimentation program designed and

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undertaken by the U.S Central

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Intelligence Agency or CIA intended to

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develop procedures and identify drugs

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that could be used in interrogations to

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weaken individuals and force confessions

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through brainwashing and psychological

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torture

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it began in 1953 and was halted in 1973.

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MK Ultra used numerous methods to

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manipulate its subjects mental States

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and brain functions such as the covert

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administration of high doses of

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psychoactive drugs especially LSD and

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other chemicals electroshocks hypnosis

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sensory deprivation isolation and verbal

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and sexual abuse in addition to other

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at number six on the list with a daily

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average of

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8743 views is Nikola Tesla

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according to his wiki page Nicola Tesla

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1856-1943 was a Serbian American

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inventor electrical engineer mechanical

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engineer and futurist best known for his

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contributions to the design of the

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modern alternating current AC

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electricity Supply system attempting to

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develop inventions he could patent and

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market Tesla conducted a range of

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experiments with mechanical oscillators

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slash generators electrically charged

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tubes and early x-ray Imaging he also

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built a wirelessly controlled boat one

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of the first ever exhibited Tesla became

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well known as an inventor and

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demonstrated his achievements to

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celebrities and Wealthy patrons at his

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lab and was noted for his Showmanship at

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public lectures throughout the 1890s

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00:12:54,290 --> 00:12:50,760

Tesla pursued his ideas for wireless

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00:12:57,949 --> 00:12:54,300

lighting and worldwide Wireless electric

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00:13:00,230 --> 00:12:57,959

power distribution in his high voltage

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00:13:03,769 --> 00:13:00,240

high frequency power experiments in New

284

00:13:05,629 --> 00:13:03,779

York and Colorado Springs in 1893 he

285

00:13:08,329 --> 00:13:05,639

made pronouncements on the possibility

286

00:13:09,410 --> 00:13:08,339

of wireless communication with his

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00:13:11,870 --> 00:13:09,420

devices

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00:13:14,449 --> 00:13:11,880

Tesla tried to put these ideas to

289

00:13:17,150 --> 00:13:14,459

practical use in his unfinished Warden

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00:13:19,370 --> 00:13:17,160

Cliff Tower project an international

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00:13:21,290 --> 00:13:19,380

Wireless communication and power

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00:13:24,230 --> 00:13:21,300

transmitter but ran out of funding

293

00:13:27,230 --> 00:13:24,240

before he could complete it

294

00:13:29,690 --> 00:13:27,240

and to add to that I would recommend if

295

00:13:32,509 --> 00:13:29,700

you're interested in Nikola Tesla to

296

00:13:35,470 --> 00:13:32,519

listen or read Brian dunning's take on

297

00:13:43,009 --> 00:13:35,480

Tesla which can be found at skiptoid.com

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00:13:45,350 --> 00:13:43,019

episode 3 4 5 The Cult of Nikola Tesla

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00:13:46,629 --> 00:13:45,360

at number five on the list with a daily

300

00:13:50,569 --> 00:13:46,639

average of

301

00:13:52,610 --> 00:13:50,579

9167 views is the Illuminati

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00:13:55,610 --> 00:13:52,620

according to his wiki page

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00:13:58,610 --> 00:13:55,620

the Illuminati which is plural of Latin

304

00:14:01,069 --> 00:13:58,620

illuminatus or enlightened

305

00:14:02,990 --> 00:14:01,079

is a name given to several groups both

306

00:14:05,449 --> 00:14:03,000

real and fictitious

307

00:14:07,850 --> 00:14:05,459

historically the name usually refers to

308

00:14:10,790 --> 00:14:07,860

the Bavarian Illuminati an Enlightenment

309

00:14:14,150 --> 00:14:10,800

era secret society founded on the 1st of

310

00:14:15,769 --> 00:14:14,160

May 1776 in Bavaria Today part of

311

00:14:18,230 --> 00:14:15,779

Germany

312

00:14:21,110 --> 00:14:18,240

the society's goals were to oppose

313

00:14:23,509 --> 00:14:21,120

Superstition obscurantism religious

314

00:14:26,090 --> 00:14:23,519

influence over public life and abuses of

315

00:14:28,069 --> 00:14:26,100

state power quote the order of the day

316

00:14:31,069 --> 00:14:28,079

end quote they wrote in their General

317

00:14:32,690 --> 00:14:31,079

statuses quote is to put an end to the

318

00:14:34,490 --> 00:14:32,700

machinations of the purveyors of

319

00:14:36,470 --> 00:14:34,500

Injustice to control them without

320

00:14:39,050 --> 00:14:36,480

dominating them end quote

321

00:14:41,569 --> 00:14:39,060

the Illuminati along with Freemasonry

322

00:14:43,550 --> 00:14:41,579

and other secret societies were outlawed

323

00:14:46,069 --> 00:14:43,560

through edict by Charles Theodore

324

00:14:48,670 --> 00:14:46,079

elector of Bavaria with the

325

00:14:55,250 --> 00:14:48,680

encouragement of the Catholic church in

326

00:14:57,470 --> 00:14:55,260

1784 1785 1787 and 1790.

327

00:14:59,329 --> 00:14:57,480

during subsequent years the group was

328

00:15:01,250 --> 00:14:59,339

generally vilified by conservative and

329

00:15:03,470 --> 00:15:01,260

religious critics who claimed that the

330

00:15:04,850 --> 00:15:03,480

Illuminati continued underground and

331

00:15:06,590 --> 00:15:04,860

were responsible for the French

332

00:15:09,530 --> 00:15:06,600

Revolution

333

00:15:10,850 --> 00:15:09,540

in subsequent use Illuminati has been

334

00:15:13,250 --> 00:15:10,860

used when referring to various

335

00:15:15,230 --> 00:15:13,260

organizations which are alleged to be a

336

00:15:17,750 --> 00:15:15,240

continuation of the original Bavarian

337

00:15:19,490 --> 00:15:17,760

Illuminati though these links have not

338

00:15:21,949 --> 00:15:19,500

been substantiated

339

00:15:24,110 --> 00:15:21,959

these organizations have often been

340

00:15:26,689 --> 00:15:24,120

accused of conspiring to control world

341

00:15:28,550 --> 00:15:26,699

affairs by masterminding events and

342

00:15:30,710 --> 00:15:28,560

planting agents in government and

343

00:15:33,170 --> 00:15:30,720

corporations in order to gain political

344

00:15:34,790 --> 00:15:33,180

power and influence and to establish a

345

00:15:37,310 --> 00:15:34,800

new world order

346

00:15:39,530 --> 00:15:37,320

Central to some of the more widely known

347

00:15:41,750 --> 00:15:39,540

and elaborate conspiracy theories the

348

00:15:43,790 --> 00:15:41,760

Illuminati are depicted as lurking in

349

00:15:45,530 --> 00:15:43,800

the shadows and pulling the strings and

350

00:15:47,449 --> 00:15:45,540

levers of power

351

00:15:49,310 --> 00:15:47,459

this view of the Illuminati has found

352

00:15:51,590 --> 00:15:49,320

its way into popular culture appearing

353

00:15:54,110 --> 00:15:51,600

in dozens of novels films television

354

00:15:56,210 --> 00:15:54,120

shows Comics video games and music

355

00:15:58,189 --> 00:15:56,220

videos

356

00:15:59,470 --> 00:15:58,199

at number four on the list with a daily

357

00:16:01,850 --> 00:15:59,480

average of

358

00:16:05,750 --> 00:16:01,860

9149 views is

359

00:16:07,970 --> 00:16:05,760

Q Anon according to its wiki page Q Anon

360

00:16:10,610 --> 00:16:07,980

is an American political conspiracy

361

00:16:12,470 --> 00:16:10,620

theory and political movement it

362

00:16:16,310 --> 00:16:12,480

originated in the American far-right

363

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

political sphere in 2017. Q Anon centers

364

00:16:20,990 --> 00:16:18,480

on the fabricated claims made by an

365

00:16:24,110 --> 00:16:21,000

anonymous individual or individuals

366

00:16:26,810 --> 00:16:24,120

known as Q those claims have been

367

00:16:28,730 --> 00:16:26,820

relayed developed and supplemented by

368

00:16:31,790 --> 00:16:28,740

numerous communities and influences

369

00:16:34,790 --> 00:16:31,800

associated with the movement the core Q

370

00:16:37,730 --> 00:16:34,800

Anon conspiracy theory is that a cabal

371

00:16:40,850 --> 00:16:37,740

of satanic cannibalistic sexual abusers

372

00:16:44,030 --> 00:16:40,860

of children operating a global child sex

373

00:16:46,310 --> 00:16:44,040

trafficking ring conspired against

374

00:16:48,889 --> 00:16:46,320

former U.S president Donald Trump during

375

00:16:52,490 --> 00:16:48,899

his term in office the Q Anon conspiracy

376

00:16:54,590 --> 00:16:52,500

theory has direct routes in pizzagate an

377

00:16:57,230 --> 00:16:54,600

internet conspiracy theory that appeared

378

00:16:59,449 --> 00:16:57,240

one year earlier it also incorporates

379

00:17:02,470 --> 00:16:59,459

elements of many other theories some

380

00:17:05,090 --> 00:17:02,480

experts have described Q Anon as a cult

381

00:17:08,329 --> 00:17:05,100

followers of the conspiracy theorists

382

00:17:11,210 --> 00:17:08,339

say the Trump Administration secretly

383

00:17:14,990 --> 00:17:11,220

fought the cabal of pedophiles and would

384

00:17:17,750 --> 00:17:15,000

conduct Mass arrests and execution of

385

00:17:21,110 --> 00:17:17,760

thousands of cabal members on the day

386

00:17:24,289 --> 00:17:21,120

known as quote the storm end quote or

387

00:17:26,949 --> 00:17:24,299

quote the event end quote cure

388

00:17:29,650 --> 00:17:26,959

non-conspiracy Believers have named

389

00:17:31,549 --> 00:17:29,660

Democratic politicians Hollywood actors

390

00:17:34,549 --> 00:17:31,559

high-ranking government officials

391

00:17:37,070 --> 00:17:34,559

business tycoons and medical experts as

392

00:17:38,930 --> 00:17:37,080

members of the cabal Q Anon has also

393

00:17:40,850 --> 00:17:38,940

claimed that Trump stimulated the

394

00:17:43,010 --> 00:17:40,860

conspiracy of Russian interference in

395

00:17:46,370 --> 00:17:43,020

the 2016 United States presidential

396

00:17:49,010 --> 00:17:46,380

election to enlist Robert Mueller to

397

00:17:52,130 --> 00:17:49,020

join him in exposing the sex trafficking

398

00:17:55,490 --> 00:17:52,140

ring and to prevent a coup d'etat by

399

00:17:57,590 --> 00:17:55,500

Barack Obama Hillary Clinton and George

400

00:18:00,289 --> 00:17:57,600

Soros kyunan is described as

401
00:18:02,810 --> 00:18:00,299
anti-semitic or rooted in anti-semitic

402
00:18:05,870 --> 00:18:02,820
tropes due to its fixation Nation on

403
00:18:08,029 --> 00:18:05,880
Jewish financier George Soros and

404
00:18:11,210 --> 00:18:08,039
conspiracy theories about the Rothschild

405
00:18:13,909 --> 00:18:11,220
family a frequent Target of anti-semites

406
00:18:15,230 --> 00:18:13,919
Q Anon followers have perpetrated acts

407
00:18:17,570 --> 00:18:15,240
of violence on numerous occasions

408
00:18:19,310 --> 00:18:17,580
members of the movement actively took

409
00:18:22,010 --> 00:18:19,320
part in the 2020 United States

410
00:18:24,470 --> 00:18:22,020
presidential election during which they

411
00:18:26,930 --> 00:18:24,480
supported Trump's campaign and waged

412
00:18:30,110 --> 00:18:26,940
information Warfare in attempt to

413
00:18:31,850 --> 00:18:30,120

influence voters after Joe Biden won

414

00:18:33,370 --> 00:18:31,860

they were involved in efforts to

415

00:18:36,470 --> 00:18:33,380

overturn the results of the election

416

00:18:40,190 --> 00:18:36,480

several Associates of trump such as

417

00:18:42,770 --> 00:18:40,200

general Michael Flynn and two members of

418

00:18:45,049 --> 00:18:42,780

his legal team Lynn wood and Sydney

419

00:18:47,330 --> 00:18:45,059

Powell have prompted q and un-derived

420

00:18:50,510 --> 00:18:47,340

conspiracy theories when these tactics

421

00:18:52,549 --> 00:18:50,520

failed Trump supporters many of them Q

422

00:18:56,510 --> 00:18:52,559

Anon followers attacked the U.S capital

423

00:18:59,690 --> 00:18:56,520

on January 6 2021 the capital attack was

424

00:19:01,669 --> 00:18:59,700

a watershed moment for Q Anon and led to

425

00:19:04,490 --> 00:19:01,679

a further more substantiated social

426

00:19:06,470 --> 00:19:04,500

media Crackdown on the movement and its

427

00:19:08,570 --> 00:19:06,480

claims

428

00:19:10,090 --> 00:19:08,580

at number three on the list with a daily

429

00:19:13,730 --> 00:19:10,100

average of

430

00:19:17,090 --> 00:19:13,740

9275 views is realism

431

00:19:21,110 --> 00:19:17,100

according to its wiki page realism also

432

00:19:25,130 --> 00:19:21,120

known as raelianism is a UFO religion

433

00:19:27,770 --> 00:19:25,140

founded in 1970s France by Claude verion

434

00:19:30,890 --> 00:19:27,780

now known as real

435

00:19:33,470 --> 00:19:30,900

Scholars of religion classify realism as

436

00:19:35,990 --> 00:19:33,480

a new religious movement the group is

437

00:19:40,130 --> 00:19:36,000

formalized as the international raelian

438

00:19:42,590 --> 00:19:40,140

movement or firm or raelian church a

439

00:19:45,409 --> 00:19:42,600

hierarchical organization under rael's

440

00:19:47,510 --> 00:19:45,419

leadership realism teaches that an

441

00:19:48,710 --> 00:19:47,520

extraterrestrial species known as the

442

00:19:51,590 --> 00:19:48,720

Elohim

443

00:19:54,590 --> 00:19:51,600

created Humanity using their advanced

444

00:19:57,049 --> 00:19:54,600

technology an atheistic religion it

445

00:19:59,690 --> 00:19:57,059

holds that the Elohim have historically

446

00:20:02,090 --> 00:19:59,700

been mistaken for Gods it claims that

447

00:20:06,590 --> 00:20:02,100

throughout history the Elohim have

448

00:20:08,810 --> 00:20:06,600

created 40 Elohim human hybrids who have

449

00:20:11,630 --> 00:20:08,820

served as prophets preparing Humanity

450

00:20:14,390 --> 00:20:11,640

for news about their Origins among them

451
00:20:18,130 --> 00:20:14,400
are the Buddha Jesus and Muhammad with

452
00:20:20,750 --> 00:20:18,140
real himself the 40th and final prophet

453
00:20:24,169 --> 00:20:20,760
realists believe that since the atomic

454
00:20:26,450 --> 00:20:24,179
bombing of Hiroshima in 1945 Humanity

455
00:20:28,310 --> 00:20:26,460
has entered an Age of Apocalypse in

456
00:20:31,850 --> 00:20:28,320
which it threatens itself with nuclear

457
00:20:33,650 --> 00:20:31,860
Annihilation realism holds that Humanity

458
00:20:35,570 --> 00:20:33,660
must find a way to harness new

459
00:20:37,909 --> 00:20:35,580
scientific and technological development

460
00:20:40,970 --> 00:20:37,919
for peaceful purposes and that when this

461
00:20:43,070 --> 00:20:40,980
has been achieved the Elohim will return

462
00:20:46,430 --> 00:20:43,080
to Earth to share their technology with

463
00:20:49,010 --> 00:20:46,440

humanity and establish a Utopia

464

00:20:50,870 --> 00:20:49,020

to this end raelians have sought to

465

00:20:52,730 --> 00:20:50,880

build an embassy for the Elohim that

466

00:20:55,310 --> 00:20:52,740

incorporates a landing pad for their

467

00:20:57,230 --> 00:20:55,320

spaceship raelians engage in daily

468

00:21:00,230 --> 00:20:57,240

meditation hoping for physical

469

00:21:02,930 --> 00:21:00,240

immortality through human cloning and

470

00:21:04,669 --> 00:21:02,940

promote a liberal ethical system with a

471

00:21:07,850 --> 00:21:04,679

strong emphasis on sexual

472

00:21:11,529 --> 00:21:09,830

at number two on the list with a daily

473

00:21:16,210 --> 00:21:11,539

average of 11

474

00:21:20,270 --> 00:21:16,220

256 views is Hunter Biden laptop

475

00:21:22,909 --> 00:21:20,280

conspiracy according to its wiki page in

476

00:21:25,549 --> 00:21:22,919

October 2020 a controversy emerged

477

00:21:27,950 --> 00:21:25,559

involving data from a laptop belonging

478

00:21:30,049 --> 00:21:27,960

to Hunter Biden that was abandoned in

479

00:21:32,029 --> 00:21:30,059

the Delaware computer shop the New York

480

00:21:34,730 --> 00:21:32,039

Post published the first story based on

481

00:21:37,130 --> 00:21:34,740

information provided by Rudy Giuliani

482

00:21:39,649 --> 00:21:37,140

forensic analysis later authenticated

483

00:21:43,250 --> 00:21:39,659

some of the data on the laptop including

484

00:21:46,190 --> 00:21:43,260

one of two key emails used in the post

485

00:21:48,830 --> 00:21:46,200

in their initial reporting no evidence

486

00:21:51,649 --> 00:21:48,840

of illegality by Joe Biden has been

487

00:21:55,130 --> 00:21:51,659

shown from the laptop contents on

488

00:21:58,250 --> 00:21:55,140

October 14 three weeks before the 2020

489

00:21:59,890 --> 00:21:58,260

United States presidential election the

490

00:22:03,470 --> 00:21:59,900

New York Post published a story

491

00:22:06,289 --> 00:22:03,480

presenting emails from the laptop and

492

00:22:08,630 --> 00:22:06,299

stating that they showed corruption by

493

00:22:10,250 --> 00:22:08,640

Joe Biden incumbent president and

494

00:22:12,890 --> 00:22:10,260

presidential candidate Donald Trump

495

00:22:15,289 --> 00:22:12,900

tried to turn the story into an October

496

00:22:17,690 --> 00:22:15,299

surprise to hurt Joe Biden's campaign

497

00:22:19,610 --> 00:22:17,700

with Trump asserting the false

498

00:22:22,789 --> 00:22:19,620

conspiracy theory that Joe Biden and

499

00:22:25,549 --> 00:22:22,799

acted corruptly regarding Ukraine while

500

00:22:27,830 --> 00:22:25,559

in office the hard drive data had been

501
00:22:29,990 --> 00:22:27,840
shared with the FBI and Republican

502
00:22:33,950 --> 00:22:30,000
operatives before being given to the

503
00:22:36,950 --> 00:22:33,960
Press PolitiFact wrote in June 2021 that

504
00:22:39,529 --> 00:22:36,960
while quote over time there has been

505
00:22:42,350 --> 00:22:39,539
less doubt that the laptop did in fact

506
00:22:46,070 --> 00:22:42,360
belong to Hunter Biden and quote the

507
00:22:49,310 --> 00:22:46,080
laptop quote was real in the sense that

508
00:22:53,210 --> 00:22:49,320
it exists but didn't prove much end

509
00:22:55,430 --> 00:22:53,220
quote as quote nothing from the laptop

510
00:22:58,010 --> 00:22:55,440
is revealed illegal or unethical

511
00:23:01,370 --> 00:22:58,020
Behavior by Joe Biden as vice president

512
00:23:05,390 --> 00:23:01,380
with regard to his son's tenure as a

513
00:23:09,049 --> 00:23:05,400

director for verisma end quote in

514

00:23:12,049 --> 00:23:09,059

November 2022 CBS News published a

515

00:23:15,289 --> 00:23:12,059

forensic analysis it commissioned which

516

00:23:17,149 --> 00:23:15,299

examined a quote clean and quote copy of

517

00:23:19,430 --> 00:23:17,159

the data obtained directly from the

518

00:23:21,830 --> 00:23:19,440

repair shop operator that analysis

519

00:23:24,350 --> 00:23:21,840

concluded that the clean data including

520

00:23:27,649 --> 00:23:24,360

over 120

521

00:23:30,409 --> 00:23:27,659

000 emails originated with Hunter Biden

522

00:23:32,330 --> 00:23:30,419

and had not been altered contrasting

523

00:23:34,789 --> 00:23:32,340

that to other copies circulated by

524

00:23:37,070 --> 00:23:34,799

Republican operatives which quote could

525

00:23:39,529 --> 00:23:37,080

have been tampered with end quote The

526

00:23:41,570 --> 00:23:39,539

Washington Post reported that experts at

527

00:23:43,549 --> 00:23:41,580

their request had authenticated a number

528

00:23:45,649 --> 00:23:43,559

of emails including one that was the

529

00:23:48,230 --> 00:23:45,659

subject of the New York Post reporting

530

00:23:51,409 --> 00:23:48,240

the drive analyzed for the Washington

531

00:23:54,049 --> 00:23:51,419

Post lacked a clear chain of custody and

532

00:23:57,350 --> 00:23:54,059

was considered quote a mess end quote

533

00:24:00,350 --> 00:23:57,360

and quote a disaster and quote from a

534

00:24:02,450 --> 00:24:00,360

forensic standpoint by two analysts it

535

00:24:05,450 --> 00:24:02,460

contains emails Mark II and from Hunter

536

00:24:08,029 --> 00:24:05,460

Biden and other digital files relating

537

00:24:10,669 --> 00:24:08,039

to him two forensic analysts who

538

00:24:13,029 --> 00:24:10,679

independently examined the data for the

539

00:24:18,529 --> 00:24:13,039

Washington Post authenticated

540

00:24:21,529 --> 00:24:18,539

1828 and 22 000 emails respectively of

541

00:24:24,409 --> 00:24:21,539

the almost 129

542

00:24:27,110 --> 00:24:24,419

000 emails on the hard drive in 2022

543

00:24:29,450 --> 00:24:27,120

neither analysts could verify the vast

544

00:24:32,270 --> 00:24:29,460

majority of the data nor could they find

545

00:24:34,669 --> 00:24:32,280

evidence of tampering in some cases the

546

00:24:37,669 --> 00:24:34,679

post-matched content to other sources

547

00:24:40,430 --> 00:24:37,679

quote that the experts were not able to

548

00:24:42,350 --> 00:24:40,440

assess end quote the unverified emails

549

00:24:45,289 --> 00:24:42,360

included some prominently reported

550

00:24:47,630 --> 00:24:45,299

previously by other news outlets the

551
00:24:50,510 --> 00:24:47,640
analysis found that people other than

552
00:24:53,270 --> 00:24:50,520
Biden had created six new folders on the

553
00:24:56,210 --> 00:24:53,280
drive over a week after the original

554
00:24:58,430 --> 00:24:56,220
report by the New York Post and months

555
00:25:01,190 --> 00:24:58,440
after the laptop had been taken into FBI

556
00:25:03,169 --> 00:25:01,200
custody it also found that data had been

557
00:25:06,169 --> 00:25:03,179
accessed and copied off the drive by

558
00:25:08,450 --> 00:25:06,179
people other than Biden over nearly

559
00:25:11,149 --> 00:25:08,460
three years

560
00:25:13,310 --> 00:25:11,159
at number one on the list with a daily

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00:25:16,190 --> 00:25:13,320
average of twenty seven thousand two

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hundred and eighty views is Coral Castle

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00:25:19,850 --> 00:25:18,840

which we covered in part one of this

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00:25:22,130 --> 00:25:19,860

series

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00:25:24,169 --> 00:25:22,140

since articles can have multiple tags

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00:25:25,909 --> 00:25:24,179

this is not surprising

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00:25:28,210 --> 00:25:25,919

and if you remember this is up

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00:25:31,549 --> 00:25:28,220

considerably from the

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00:25:33,169 --> 00:25:31,559

8625 daily views we used from the

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00:25:35,690 --> 00:25:33,179

December stats

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00:25:39,289 --> 00:25:35,700

and in fact one day the views almost

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reached ninety thousand now to recap

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according to his wiki page Coral Castle

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is an oolite Limestone structure created

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by the Latvian American eccentric Edward

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it is located in unincorporated

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territory of Miami-Dade County Florida

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between the cities of Homestead and

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Leisure City

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the structure comprises numerous large

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Stones each weighing several tons

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scripted into a variety of shapes

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00:26:13,789 --> 00:26:11,159

including slab walls tables chairs a

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crescent moon a water fountain and a

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00:26:17,390 --> 00:26:15,240

sundial

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it is currently a privately operated

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tourist attraction

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Coral Castle is noted for Legends

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surrounding its creation but claim it

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was built single-handedly by lead

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skelden using a reverse magnetism or

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00:26:36,460 --> 00:26:31,440

supernatural abilities to move and carve

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and there you have it the 10 list as

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00:26:46,070 --> 00:26:43,500

recorded on the wiki project skepticism

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00:26:50,330 --> 00:26:46,080

and now before you ask here are the

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00:26:53,890 --> 00:26:50,340

subjects making up numbers 11 to 20.

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Gregory Rasputin Alex Jones

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Bermuda Triangle biblical Magi Our Lady

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00:27:03,010 --> 00:27:01,159

of Guadalupe Marjorie Taylor green

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00:27:05,870 --> 00:27:03,020
dunning-kruger effect

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00:27:08,350 --> 00:27:05,880
Myers-Briggs type indicator Graham

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00:27:11,870 --> 00:27:08,360
Hancock and at number 20

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00:27:13,850 --> 00:27:11,880
pizzagate conspiracy theory

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00:27:16,130 --> 00:27:13,860
in the next segment I'll look for the

606
00:27:17,750 --> 00:27:16,140
wiki project for cryptozoology and see

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what the top page views are for

608
00:27:23,330 --> 00:27:20,760
mysterious animals and monsters but for

609
00:27:24,340 --> 00:27:23,340
now this is Adrian Hill signing off from

610
00:27:26,990 --> 00:27:24,350
Canada

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00:27:27,670 --> 00:27:27,000
[Music]

612
00:27:41,110 --> 00:27:27,680
foreign

613
00:27:45,409 --> 00:27:43,250

did you know that you can listen to the

614

00:27:51,830 --> 00:27:45,419

skeptic Zone on YouTube yes I know

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00:27:56,510 --> 00:27:54,529

also you can hear 40 logical fallacies

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00:27:58,190 --> 00:27:56,520

with Michelle big Asma and funny

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00:27:59,630 --> 00:27:58,200

sketches with Richard Saunders and a

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00:28:01,490 --> 00:27:59,640

host of other Skeptics

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foreign

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00:28:13,570 --> 00:28:03,539

just click on the YouTube links on the

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at the beginning of December 2022 I did

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00:28:34,850 --> 00:28:30,840

a segment on the skeptic Zone looking at

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00:28:36,529 --> 00:28:34,860

the wondrous new chat GPT the artificial

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00:28:38,510 --> 00:28:36,539

intelligence interface where you can

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00:28:41,210 --> 00:28:38,520

type in questions and

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00:28:44,570 --> 00:28:41,220

see what it has to say about many issues

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00:28:46,549 --> 00:28:44,580

it's got a lot of teachers concerned

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00:28:49,370 --> 00:28:46,559

it's going to be interesting to see what

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00:28:51,470 --> 00:28:49,380

happens this year at schools around the

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00:28:53,810 --> 00:28:51,480

world where more and more students might

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00:28:56,950 --> 00:28:53,820

be tempted to have their homework

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00:29:00,830 --> 00:28:56,960

written for them by this interesting

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00:29:04,549 --> 00:29:00,840

interface now at the at the time we

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00:29:07,970 --> 00:29:04,559

looked at various things it could do I

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00:29:09,890 --> 00:29:07,980

put it to chat GPT that I'd like to know

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00:29:12,049 --> 00:29:09,900

what a skeptical podcast from Australia

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00:29:14,450 --> 00:29:12,059

would be like and it came in a very

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00:29:17,269 --> 00:29:14,460

interesting answer I also had a funny

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story about UFOs and beer with Brian

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Dunning and even a poem dedicated to the

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00:29:23,510 --> 00:29:22,559

skeptical Fairy Godmother angel from the

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00:29:27,470 --> 00:29:23,520

internet

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00:29:29,630 --> 00:29:27,480

now inspired by some work done by my

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00:29:31,490 --> 00:29:29,640

skeptical friend Rob Palmer the

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well-known skeptic I've put some more

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00:29:38,870 --> 00:29:34,860

questions to chat GPT along the lines of

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00:29:42,169 --> 00:29:38,880

what we do the Paranormal the uh the

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00:29:43,310 --> 00:29:42,179

investigation of strange and mysterious

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00:29:46,690 --> 00:29:43,320

things

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00:29:53,430 --> 00:29:50,990
so let's ask Chet GPT about some of the

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00:29:57,110 --> 00:29:53,440
uh the main topics in skepticism

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question

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00:30:07,070 --> 00:30:03,960
what is your opinion of Psychics answer

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00:30:09,830 --> 00:30:07,080
as an AI I don't have personal opinions

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00:30:11,810 --> 00:30:09,840
or beliefs psychics are individuals who

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00:30:13,070 --> 00:30:11,820
claim to have the ability to perceive

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00:30:15,830 --> 00:30:13,080
information that is not available

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00:30:18,470 --> 00:30:15,840
through the five senses and to use this

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00:30:20,870 --> 00:30:18,480
ability to provide guidance or insights

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00:30:23,510 --> 00:30:20,880
to others some people believe that

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00:30:26,810 --> 00:30:23,520

psychics have a real and valuable

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ability While others are skeptical of

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their claims it is important to note

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00:30:33,769 --> 00:30:31,020

that the existence of psychic abilities

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00:30:36,710 --> 00:30:33,779

is not supported by scientific evidence

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00:30:39,430 --> 00:30:36,720

and many experts consider psychic claims

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to be pseudoscience the American

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Psychological Association has stated

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that quote there is no scientific

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evidence that psychic abilities exist

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end quote it is also worth mentioning

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that there are people who falsely claim

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00:30:57,830 --> 00:30:55,140

to be psychics and use this to scam

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00:31:00,289 --> 00:30:57,840

people out of money therefore it is

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00:31:03,350 --> 00:31:00,299

important to be careful when seeking the

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00:31:06,590 --> 00:31:03,360

services of a psychic and to be aware of

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00:31:08,930 --> 00:31:06,600

the potential for fraud in general it is

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best to approach psychic claims with a

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healthy dose of skepticism and to be

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cautious of any information provided by

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00:31:18,769 --> 00:31:16,380

a psychic that cannot be verified by

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other means

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so a pretty uh

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Fair response to that question I thought

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okay chat GPT here's the next question

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for you does Bigfoot exist and chat GPT

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says

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00:31:38,389 --> 00:31:35,940

there is no scientific evidence to

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support the existence of Bigfoot most

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00:31:42,789 --> 00:31:39,960

scientists believe that claims of

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00:31:45,049 --> 00:31:42,799

Bigfoot sightings can be explained as

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00:31:47,630 --> 00:31:45,059

misidentifications of known animals or

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00:31:50,090 --> 00:31:47,640

hoaxes however some people continue to

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00:31:52,970 --> 00:31:50,100

believe in the creature's existence and

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00:31:56,149 --> 00:31:52,980

search for evidence to support it and I

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00:31:59,269 --> 00:31:56,159

think that's a very well-rounded answer

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00:32:02,930 --> 00:31:59,279

and the next question for chat GPT

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can people bend spoons with the power of

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00:32:09,710 --> 00:32:04,679
their minds

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and chat GPT says it is not possible for

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00:32:14,630 --> 00:32:11,640
people to bend spoons with the power of

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00:32:16,250 --> 00:32:14,640
their minds the idea that one can bend

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00:32:18,769 --> 00:32:16,260
objects with the power of their mind

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00:32:21,889 --> 00:32:18,779
also known as psychokinesis is often

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00:32:24,710 --> 00:32:21,899
associated with Stage magic or psychic

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00:32:26,630 --> 00:32:24,720
powers however there is no scientific

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00:32:29,630 --> 00:32:26,640
evidence to support the idea that

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00:32:31,549 --> 00:32:29,640
psychokinesis is real many of the spoon

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00:32:33,529 --> 00:32:31,559
bending demonstrations that have been

712
00:32:36,830 --> 00:32:33,539
presented as evidence of psychokinesis

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00:32:38,389 --> 00:32:36,840

have been revealed as simple tricks or

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00:32:40,250 --> 00:32:38,399

illusions

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now I was going to put in a question

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about UFOs but we did cover that on the

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first segment of chat GPT on the uh

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on the first week in the first week of

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December so let me try putting this

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question to the artificial intelligence

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does Homeopathy work

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and this is the opinion of chat GPT

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or the information that is gathered

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Homeopathy is a system of alternative

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00:33:11,149 --> 00:33:08,220

medicine that is based on the belief

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00:33:14,269 --> 00:33:11,159

that dilute amounts of a substance that

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causes the symptoms of a disease in a

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healthy person can cure similar symptoms

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00:33:21,529 --> 00:33:19,980

in a sick person however scientific

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00:33:24,590 --> 00:33:21,539

evidence does not support the

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effectiveness of Homeopathy many Studies

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have found that the benefits of

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Homeopathy are no greater than those of

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a placebo the principles of Homeopathy

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are also at odds with established

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scientific laws such as the law of

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00:33:40,430 --> 00:33:37,860

thermodynamics and the principles of

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chemistry and physics Homeopathy is

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considered by most of the scientific

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Community as an unproven and ineffective

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form of medicine and is not widely

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accepted by mainstream medical

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00:33:54,230 --> 00:33:51,659

practitioners while some people may find

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00:33:57,649 --> 00:33:54,240

relief from symptoms by using Homeopathy

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it is likely due to a placebo effect or

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other non-specific effects

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I'm beginning to think that chat GPT

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might be a bit of a skeptic all right

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let's get into the fun stuff hey tell me

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chat GPT as I type aha

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real

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and chat cheap ET says the existence of

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00:34:26,329 --> 00:34:24,540
ghosts is a topic of debate and there is

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00:34:28,790 --> 00:34:26,339
no scientific evidence to support their

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00:34:30,829 --> 00:34:28,800
existence many people believe in ghosts

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00:34:33,710 --> 00:34:30,839
often basing their belief on personal

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00:34:35,690 --> 00:34:33,720
experiences or cultural Traditions

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00:34:38,570 --> 00:34:35,700
however there are many alternative

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00:34:41,510 --> 00:34:38,580
explanations for the experiences that

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00:34:43,909 --> 00:34:41,520
are often attributed to ghosts such as

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psychological factors misinterpretation

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00:34:48,829 --> 00:34:46,980
of natural phenomena and hoaxes the

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00:34:51,530 --> 00:34:48,839

scientific Community generally does not

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00:34:53,149 --> 00:34:51,540

consider ghosts to be real and explains

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00:34:55,310 --> 00:34:53,159

alleged ghost sightings another

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paranormal phenomena as a result of

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natural or human-made causes such as

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00:35:03,849 --> 00:35:01,320

hallucinations sleep paralysis cognitive

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00:35:06,410 --> 00:35:03,859

biases and various other factors

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00:35:09,770 --> 00:35:06,420

ultimately whether ghosts are real or

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00:35:11,690 --> 00:35:09,780

not is a matter of personal belief as

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00:35:14,270 --> 00:35:11,700

there is no scientific evidence to prove

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00:35:17,569 --> 00:35:14,280

or disprove the existence of ghosts

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00:35:20,390 --> 00:35:17,579

a little bit of a a Wishy washing ending

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to that uh opinion

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00:35:25,849 --> 00:35:23,339

now let's gaze into the future let me

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ask can

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you tell the future

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via

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and chat GPT says astrology is a belief

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system that posits a relationship

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between celestial bodies and events on

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00:35:47,690 --> 00:35:45,780

earth a astrology is not considered a

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science and there is no scientific

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00:35:51,290 --> 00:35:49,680

evidence to support the idea that the

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00:35:54,170 --> 00:35:51,300

positions and movements of celestial

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00:35:57,050 --> 00:35:54,180

bodies have any impact on human Affairs

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00:35:59,030 --> 00:35:57,060

astrology is not a reliable method for

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predicting the future the predictions

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made by astrologers are often based on

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generalizations and lack specific

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information furthermore astrology does

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not take into account the many other

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00:36:11,930 --> 00:36:09,660

factors that can influence the course of

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events the scientific Community does not

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support the idea of astrology being able

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to predict the future and it is

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considered a pseudoscience the idea of

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using the stars in the planet's

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positions to tell the future is a

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00:36:28,370 --> 00:36:26,400
Superstition and it's not supported by

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00:36:30,349 --> 00:36:28,380
any scientific evidence

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00:36:33,650 --> 00:36:30,359
I'm beginning to wonder if people are

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00:36:39,109 --> 00:36:33,660
going to think that chat GPT is just a a

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00:36:40,670 --> 00:36:39,119
shill a stooge for big skepticism

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00:36:43,190 --> 00:36:40,680
you can

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00:36:45,230 --> 00:36:43,200
wonder what happens when a believer in

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00:36:47,690 --> 00:36:45,240
astrology or palmistry we haven't tried

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00:36:50,750 --> 00:36:47,700
Palmer Street but those sort of things

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00:36:53,690 --> 00:36:50,760
puts these questions to chat GPT and

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00:36:56,270 --> 00:36:53,700
finds these skeptical responses

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but having said the the palmistry one

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00:37:01,490 --> 00:36:58,560

I'll try that to round off this segment

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hey tell me chat GPT

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is palmistry a real phenomena palmistry

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also known as chiromancy is the practice

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of studying the lines and other features

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of the hand such as the shape of the

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fingers and the mounts to predict a

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person's future or character like

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astrology it is not considered a science

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and there is no scientific evidence to

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00:37:26,270 --> 00:37:24,480

support the validity of palmistry as a

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method of predicting the future or

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00:37:30,530 --> 00:37:28,560

determining a person's character

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palmistry is often considered a

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pseudoscience and its predictions are

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not reliable there is no scientific

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evidence that the shapes or lines on the

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hand are related to a person's

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personality or future events the claims

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made by palmists are not supported by

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scientific research and the practice is

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not recognized by the scientific

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community

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while some people may find entertainment

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or personal meaning in palmistry it

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should not be considered a credible or

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reliable method for predicting the

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future or understanding a person's

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[Applause]

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and so there we go a little look at some

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of the classical topics in skepticism

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somebody more

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can we say mainstream skeptical topics

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there are hundreds of topics in

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skepticism and

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I wonder what chat GPT thinks of of even

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more of them

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maybe in a future episode we might look

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at some more classical skeptical topics

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artificial intelligence will that be the

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uh will that be the Keystone of 2023 I

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Dr Harriet Hall MD known to thousands as

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the skep talk was a retired family

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physician and former Air Force flight

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surgeon who wrote about medicine

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so-called complementary and Alternative

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Medicine Science quackery and critical

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thinking

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Harriet produced a free online course of

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10 video lectures on science-based

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medicine and alternative medicine

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the videos and an accompanying course

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guide can be found by following the link

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at

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topics covered in the series are

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science-based medicine versus

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evidence-based medicine what is Cam

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Chiropractic acupuncture Homeopathy

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naturopathy and herbal medicine Energy

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Medicine miscellaneous Alternatives

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pitfalls in research and science-based

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Medicine in the media and politics

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Harriet covers each Topic in a matter of

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fact no-nonsense way that is sure to

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educate and entertain

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find it at

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series

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now it's time once again to dive into

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those pages at Trove that

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is free online resource from the

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Australian government and the National

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Library of Australia and as we've

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mentioned on the show before that is in

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doubt for the future because of funding

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let's hope the government can supply

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some funding but for now there are

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millions of Articles at your fingertips

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all searchable going back to Australian

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newspaper history and this week I

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thought we'd look at a topic I don't

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think we've covered on Trove before

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mainly because well if you don't hear

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about it much anymore this is the

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foreign

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the Australian Skeptics over 20 years

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ago this was still a relatively Hot

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Topic

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and it was

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talked about it was in the news all

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sorts of things were going on but over

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the decades

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it barely rates a mansion anymore

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creationism in this country

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for the most part has been consigned to

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the trash bin of History

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and we have a bit of a mixed bag but

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let's start in the year 1933.

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from the mercury in Hobart Tasmania

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published on the 18th of February

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Evolution Theory sermon by Pastor Gilson

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in the course of his sermon at the cath

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meeting held at 103 Main Road Moonah

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last night pasta Gilson stated that the

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theory of evolution was without

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foundation and quoted passages from

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scripture as proof of his statement

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much strong evidence was given also he

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said from the writings of leading modern

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scientists upon the pillars of uniform

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materialism as taught by Lyle and the

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Natural Selections taught by Darwin but

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both these theories were without

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scientific Foundation geology absolutely

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disproved uniform materialism

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say that three times quickly the day of

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Darwinism was dead

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a generation of scientists having Arisen

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that confessed quote so far as concerns

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the major group of animals the

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creationists seem to have the better of

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the argument there is not the slightest

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evidence that any of the major groups

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arose from any other end quote Sir James

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jeans in 1931 gave in book form the

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subject of the ready lectures delivered

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before the University of Cambridge in

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December 1930. there must have been he

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said what we may describe as a creation

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at the time not infinitely remote

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Darwinism was rejected by scientists as

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being unscientific and the pillars upon

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which Evolution stood had fallen

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scientists were discovering that in

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order to be scientific they must line up

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with Bible teachings and many of the

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most modern had almost entirely

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abandoned the theory of evolution

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there we go

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from 1933 and the um the creationists

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were on the cusp of Victory oh I wonder

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what went wrong now let's bounce forward

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to the year 1984.

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oh an auspicious year

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not so long ago

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you know in the scheme of things not so

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long ago in Australian history and this

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comes to us from the Canberra times

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dated the 29th of March in 1984.

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evolution

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only a theory Brisbane Queensland High

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School teachers have been ordered not to

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teach Charles Darwin's theory of

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evolution as as if it was fact the

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minister for Education Mr Powell told

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Parliament that teachers had also been

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instructed to present alternative models

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00:45:12,589 --> 00:45:08,960
and theories about creation and human

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development it has long concerned me

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that in some places there are people

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teaching the theory of evolution as fact

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he said it's not fact it's a theory

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Mr Powell had been asked by the

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government whip Mr Neal what Freedom

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teachers had to interpret the board of

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secondary school studies biology

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syllabus regarding the teaching of

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evolution and alternative theories there

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are many of us that believe that the

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00:45:47,809 --> 00:45:43,319

origin of the species is from creation

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and not from Evolution MR Powell said

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again that was only in 1984 amazing

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and now skipping ahead only a couple of

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years to 1986 on the 6th of January in

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the Canberra times

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00:46:06,829 --> 00:46:04,319

creationists grants unconstitutional

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the Australian Skeptics believe the

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government may have breached the

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Constitution by giving export

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development grants totaling at least

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twenty seven thousand dollars to two

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creationist organizations the national

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president of Australian Skeptics Mr Mark

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Plummer said from Melbourne yesterday

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00:46:27,829 --> 00:46:25,640
that section 116 of the Federal

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00:46:31,370 --> 00:46:27,839
Constitution prevented the government

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from establishing a religion we find it

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00:46:36,770 --> 00:46:34,619
rather amusing that the board the export

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development grants board have made

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grants to religious organizations and we

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want to know under what pretext they got

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that money he said the Skeptics had made

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a freedom of information request to the

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00:46:51,589 --> 00:46:49,200
attorney general's Department to find

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out if checks had been made to ensure

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that the grants had not been

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inconsistent with the section Mr Plumber

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said there had only been four legal

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cases brought under this section since

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Federation and Federation was in the

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year 1901 but the section was based on

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the United States first amendment and

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there had been a preponderance of U.S

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court cases which had gone against the

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state making grants to religious groups

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the grants were detailed in an 80-page

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booklet launched by the Skeptics in

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Sydney on Friday challenging

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creationists beliefs it said a balance

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sheet of the creation Science Foundation

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limited for the year ending March 31

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1985 listed as credit and Export Market

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development Grant of 24

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693 dollars the booklet edited by

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Queensland scientists Dr Martin

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bridgestock and Dr Ken Smith said the

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brisbane-based foundation had grown

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rapidly into an organization with a 500

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000 turnover a well-produced magazine

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and newspaper and 14 full-time staff Mr

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Plummer said the skeptic's claim was

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supported by the board's

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1984-85 annual report which listed a

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payment to the creation scientist

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Foundation limited of 12 444 and to the

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creation scientist Association

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Incorporated of

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3177 dollars the society had also made a

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freedom of information request to the

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Department of trade but the department

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had refused the request on the grounds

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that it could not reveal information

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about applicants Affairs Mr Plummer said

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the creationists were holding a

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conference at the University of New

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South Wales from Tomorrow the Skeptics

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had challenged the creationists to

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reveal all the details of export grants

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and had challenged two visiting U.S

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creationists to a debate

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00:49:02,930 --> 00:49:01,140
the very early days of Australian

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Skeptics

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and now let's turn to a magazine I think

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it's a magazine a newspaper from 1985

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called War Ronnie from Canberra and this

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is dated the

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9th of September

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Genesis versus Darwinism again in

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Queensland

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democracy protector of public morals

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innovator in human rights and

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laughingstock of the continent does it

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again with an education department edict

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that creation science must be taught in

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All State high schools

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creation science teaches that the world

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was created in seven days some six

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thousand years ago in a flash of

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inspiration of a Supreme Being creation

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scientists back up such claims with

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wildly inaccurate if not downright

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misleading evidence such as human

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Footprints in Fossil Beds along with

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Dinosaur prints creation science is a

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sham being used to attract people into

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the fundamentalist Christian churches

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and away from Orthodox science and

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religion

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earlier this year the Queensland

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Minister for Education Mr Lynn Powell

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ordered that creationism must be taught

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alongside evolution in all schools this

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order caused much anger in the science

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and education community at the time and

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luckily most teachers exploited a

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loophole that allowed them to teach

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creationism in whatever manner they

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liked just so long as it was taught

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however Mr Powell was attacked by the

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creation Science Foundation

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CSF an organization that expounds

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fundamentalism Christian propaganda from

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00:51:03,290 --> 00:50:59,940
Brisbane for his laxity and Mr Powell's

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latest instructions to the teachers have

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stated exactly how creationism is to be

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taught

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guidelines non-biased and scientific

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well frankly no for this is too much to

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expect from an enlightened Queensland

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education Minister rather the guidelines

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were formulated by the CSF

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CFS which calls itself a quote

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faith-funded organization and quote

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spends some forty thousand dollars per

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year getting its glossy magazine ex nilo

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into the schools around the state with

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approval from the minister for education

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and into occasional unsuspecting schools

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in other states last year ex nilo was

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00:51:56,569 --> 00:51:53,940

sent to a school in the Northern

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00:51:58,190 --> 00:51:56,579

Territory this school being a bit more

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00:52:01,150 --> 00:51:58,200

alert than its neighbors across the

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00:52:04,309 --> 00:52:01,160

border declared ex-nilo as quote

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00:52:05,990 --> 00:52:04,319

unsuitable for children end quote and

1123

00:52:09,049 --> 00:52:06,000

therefore asked to be taken off the

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00:52:11,150 --> 00:52:09,059

mailing list CFS through a tantrum at

1125

00:52:12,770 --> 00:52:11,160

this and reported in its newspaper

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00:52:15,109 --> 00:52:12,780

prayer news

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00:52:18,290 --> 00:52:15,119

to write to the library expressing

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00:52:20,990 --> 00:52:18,300

indignation at such a state of affairs

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00:52:23,930 --> 00:52:21,000

unfortunately for the library the flood

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00:52:25,849 --> 00:52:23,940

of mail was so large that the hapless

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00:52:29,210 --> 00:52:25,859

librarian was forced to accept the

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00:52:31,790 --> 00:52:29,220

publication they didn't want what is the

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00:52:33,770 --> 00:52:31,800

danger in creationism the danger lies in

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00:52:36,589 --> 00:52:33,780

the fact that religion is being taught

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00:52:39,349 --> 00:52:36,599

as science the very roots of science

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00:52:41,990 --> 00:52:39,359

itself are being attacked in order to

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00:52:44,030 --> 00:52:42,000

accommodate science to creationism the

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00:52:47,569 --> 00:52:44,040

creationists have to change the meaning

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00:52:50,510 --> 00:52:47,579

of the second law of Thermodynamics the

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00:52:53,390 --> 00:52:50,520

consistency of the speed of light the

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00:52:55,849 --> 00:52:53,400

established means of Aging the Earth and

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00:52:57,109 --> 00:52:55,859

redefining science and scientific

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00:52:59,990 --> 00:52:57,119

technique

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00:53:02,030 --> 00:53:00,000

such willfully distorted claims should

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00:53:05,569 --> 00:53:02,040

not be taught to children too young to

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00:53:08,870 --> 00:53:05,579

question the motives and intellectual

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00:53:11,030 --> 00:53:08,880

honesty of creationist teachers although

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00:53:13,190 --> 00:53:11,040

the situation in Canberra is not nearly

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00:53:16,069 --> 00:53:13,200

as worrying to scientists and Educators

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00:53:17,690 --> 00:53:16,079

as it is in Queensland already a number

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00:53:20,270 --> 00:53:17,700
of government schools have had

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00:53:22,809 --> 00:53:20,280
creationism incorporated into their

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00:53:25,549 --> 00:53:22,819
curricula one Local Government College

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00:53:29,030 --> 00:53:25,559
actively taught creationism in both

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00:53:31,670 --> 00:53:29,040
physics and geology classes as an

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00:53:33,470 --> 00:53:31,680
alternative to evolution in fact at this

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00:53:36,650 --> 00:53:33,480
particular College Evolution was

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00:53:38,809 --> 00:53:36,660
actively ridiculed and any attempt by

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00:53:41,150 --> 00:53:38,819
the students to have creationism removed

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00:53:43,790 --> 00:53:41,160
from the curriculum was soundly ignored

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00:53:46,970 --> 00:53:43,800
by the science faculty and the principal

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00:53:48,950 --> 00:53:46,980
concern one student actually stated that

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00:53:51,829 --> 00:53:48,960

he had been discriminated against

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00:53:55,309 --> 00:53:51,839

because of his belief in evolution and

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00:53:58,069 --> 00:53:55,319

his results reflected this he appealed

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his appeal was successful and his

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00:54:02,569 --> 00:54:01,440

results were amended but creationism was

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00:54:05,210 --> 00:54:02,579

still taught

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00:54:07,730 --> 00:54:05,220

this writer feels that the teaching of

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00:54:10,970 --> 00:54:07,740

fundamentalist Christianity has its

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00:54:14,150 --> 00:54:10,980

place but its place is not in schools

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00:54:18,109 --> 00:54:14,160

religion and the state should be kept

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00:54:22,370 --> 00:54:18,119

separate if not we can all look to Iran

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00:54:24,770 --> 00:54:22,380

and Libya for a lead to the Future

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00:54:26,990 --> 00:54:24,780

however let us not despair at this

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00:54:29,750 --> 00:54:27,000

seeming return to the Dark Ages

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00:54:33,290 --> 00:54:29,760

scientists teachers parents and students

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00:54:35,690 --> 00:54:33,300

are rallying around Orthodox science in

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Queensland 400 concerned people gathered

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at the University of Queensland to hear

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a series of lectures exposing the

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fraudulent basis of creation science and

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00:54:50,390 --> 00:54:46,319

as a result an action group called

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Australian ape Australian Association

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for the protection of evolution was

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00:54:59,690 --> 00:54:55,740

formed Australian ape that's quite good

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the disassembling survival kits for

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school teachers who find themselves

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unwillingly ordered to teach creationism

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in Canberra there is a group called the

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Australian Skeptics the local branch of

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the committee for this scientific

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00:55:16,190 --> 00:55:13,740

investigation of claims of the

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Paranormal a worldwide organization of

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00:55:20,230 --> 00:55:18,599

concerned people who have taken major

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00:55:23,510 --> 00:55:20,240

strides in the fight against

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00:55:25,549 --> 00:55:23,520

irrationalism and pseudoscience the

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00:55:27,829 --> 00:55:25,559

local branch is currently looking into

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00:55:31,490 --> 00:55:27,839

creationism in Australian Capital

1200

00:55:33,829 --> 00:55:31,500

territory schools and the mahikeri sect

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00:55:36,410 --> 00:55:33,839

is willing to take up other projects as

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00:55:38,390 --> 00:55:36,420

necessary if you are interested in the

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00:55:40,790 --> 00:55:38,400

scientific investigation of paranormal

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00:55:43,670 --> 00:55:40,800

occurrences perhaps becoming a local

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00:55:46,730 --> 00:55:43,680

Ghostbuster phone the secretary of the

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Canberra Skeptics Dr William Gray on

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or turn up to one of our monthly

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meetings held in the seminar room Jaeger

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building Mills Road Australian National

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00:56:04,309 --> 00:56:00,359

University at 8pm on the first Tuesday

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00:56:05,470 --> 00:56:04,319

of each month Next Issue astrology and

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00:56:07,910 --> 00:56:05,480

fire walking

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00:56:10,190 --> 00:56:07,920

might be worth looking at the next issue

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and that was written by David Vernon

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with thanks to Paul Kurtz chairman of

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psychop

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00:56:18,710 --> 00:56:16,319

Tony thorburn nature magazine Martin

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00:56:20,750 --> 00:56:18,720

bridgestock Griffith University and Mark

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00:56:22,790 --> 00:56:20,760

Plummer Australian Skeptics for

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00:56:29,470 --> 00:56:22,800

information on creationism

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00:56:37,970 --> 00:56:32,400

now wouldn't it be nice to pop back in

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00:56:40,910 --> 00:56:37,980

time some almost 40 years ago and

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00:56:41,750 --> 00:56:40,920

mentioned to the uh to the Skeptics at

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00:56:44,750 --> 00:56:41,760
the time

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00:56:47,870 --> 00:56:44,760
you know what in this in this instance

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00:56:51,890 --> 00:56:47,880
it's going to turn out well creationism

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00:56:53,450 --> 00:56:51,900
is simply going to wither and die well

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00:56:56,089 --> 00:56:53,460
no I shouldn't say that it's still

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00:56:58,309 --> 00:56:56,099
around it's still humming around in the

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00:57:01,309 --> 00:56:58,319
background somewhere but it's influence

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00:57:03,260 --> 00:57:01,319
in this country at least is

1234
00:57:06,549 --> 00:57:03,270
scarcely noticeable

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00:57:09,109 --> 00:57:06,559
[Music]

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00:57:11,329 --> 00:57:09,119
what an interesting Trove segment that

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00:57:15,230 --> 00:57:11,339
was going back through the pages of

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00:57:16,790 --> 00:57:15,240

Australian Printed history and YouTube

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I can go back through the pages of

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00:57:20,589 --> 00:57:18,660

Australian Printed history by going to

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Trove at

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trove.nla.gov dot a u tell your friends

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tell your neighbors tell your family

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tell your enemies the more people who

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use Trove the better in the more

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likelihood that it will continue to

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receive funding because when you visit

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[Music]

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foreign

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[Applause]

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thank you for listening to the skeptic

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Zone podcast now it might interest you

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and this will be in this week's show

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notes that 10 years ago 10 years ago on

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the skeptic Zone was episode number 222.

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and that was on the 21st of January 2013

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and the link is in the show notes and on

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that episode Maynard interviewed Dr

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Chrissy Wilson about talking to the Dead

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Maynard and I went to a

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a public q a from the danger Five

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television show which was a comedy show

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here in Australia

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also I traveled to Canberra

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for a skeptical barbecue oh that was fun

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where uh I was there for a screening of

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Brian dunning's movie here be dragons

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and I seem to remember I think I

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introduced that at the time that was

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that was a lot of fun

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and also in that episode there was a

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segment of the think tank where I chat

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to the Canberra Skeptics about

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conspiracy theories anyway all that was

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happening 10 years ago

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thank you to my supporters who

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contribute every month or every week to

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the skeptic Zone muchly appreciated

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muchly is that what yes much much

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appreciated much appreciated and I

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especially uh thank my

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supporter who enabled me to purchase uh

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vital equipment like an iPad and rest

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assured I am getting much use out of

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that uh a piece of equipment I really

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like USBC it's a very convenient and

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very useful and if you happen to have

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the later iPads and you like video

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editing

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I'm just amazed at a free application

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you've probably heard about it called

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DaVinci Resolve uh it's a full-blown

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video editor right on the iPad and it's

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uh it's stunning I'm not getting any

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Kickback from it but I've been trying it

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out it's a lot to get your head around

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but it's um it's just remarkable I might

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be utilizing that to make some future

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skeptical videos

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now we mentioned may not a bit earlier

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don't forget if you go to

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maynard.com.edu you can download your

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free 2023 Maynard calendar

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coming up on next week's show the Trove

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segment will look at a report from 1990

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about an Australian Skeptics convention

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all those years ago

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but for this week from 2023 this is

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Richard Saunders signing off from Sydney

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listening to the skeptic Zone podcast

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podcast is an independent production the

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views and opinions expressed on the

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skeptic zone are not necessarily those