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00:00:01,770 --> 00:00:10,629

[Music]

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00:00:14,870 --> 00:00:12,549

right tonight uh we got the pleasure to

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00:00:16,710 --> 00:00:14,880

welcome back our guest speaker mr ben

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00:00:19,029 --> 00:00:16,720

emily jones here

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00:00:21,109 --> 00:00:19,039

um i'm sure most of you probably know

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00:00:23,269 --> 00:00:21,119

him a little bit about him ben was born

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00:00:26,870 --> 00:00:23,279

in aberystwyth uh brought up in the

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00:00:28,310 --> 00:00:26,880

lampeter area before moving to oxford

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00:00:30,470 --> 00:00:28,320

uh we're up until about i think it was

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00:00:33,430 --> 00:00:30,480

about nine years ago now he was working

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00:00:35,510 --> 00:00:33,440

as a hospital supporter in john

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00:00:39,030 --> 00:00:35,520

radcliffe hospital in oxford and he

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00:00:41,910 --> 00:00:39,040

spent 22 well respected years there

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um he became interested in ufos and very

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00:00:47,910 --> 00:00:44,480

various other conspiracy theories in the

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00:00:49,750 --> 00:00:47,920

1990s the late 1990s and he started his

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00:00:51,510 --> 00:00:49,760

website blog and i'll have to read this

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00:00:53,189 --> 00:00:51,520

hospital port is against a new world

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order

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in 2006 and it still has thousands of

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00:00:59,349 --> 00:00:57,120

visitors every day

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um now he regularly attends and delivers

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00:01:04,149 --> 00:01:01,039

talks and discussions all over britain

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00:01:06,789 --> 00:01:04,159

on uh a wide range of subjects including

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00:01:09,109 --> 00:01:06,799

ufos as you know uh this is actually

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it's ben's fifth visit to us

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00:01:14,469 --> 00:01:12,720

yeah um so yeah i was having a look and

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00:01:16,630 --> 00:01:14,479

you first addressed this in

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00:01:18,630 --> 00:01:16,640

january 2016

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00:01:19,990 --> 00:01:18,640

and that was about energy politics and

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00:01:21,350 --> 00:01:20,000

ufos

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00:01:23,749 --> 00:01:21,360

uh then in

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00:01:26,550 --> 00:01:23,759

july 2016 which is just five months

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00:01:29,190 --> 00:01:26,560

later he was so popular see he spoke

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00:01:31,910 --> 00:01:29,200

about the history of exopolitics

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00:01:34,630 --> 00:01:31,920

uh february 2018 he gave us a talk on

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00:01:38,069 --> 00:01:34,640

the nottinghamshire roswell

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00:01:40,469 --> 00:01:38,079

uh and last year in july 2019 talking

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00:01:43,670 --> 00:01:40,479

about seti well i'm sure motivate most

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00:01:46,870 --> 00:01:43,680

of you know what set he is and ufos

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00:01:48,230 --> 00:01:46,880

now tonight's talk is entitled skeptics

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00:01:49,910 --> 00:01:48,240

who are they

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00:01:51,830 --> 00:01:49,920

why are they wrong and why does it

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00:01:53,190 --> 00:01:51,840

matter

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00:01:54,710 --> 00:01:53,200

and that ben's going to be asking some

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00:01:57,109 --> 00:01:54,720

switching questions about those who

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00:01:59,030 --> 00:01:57,119

challenge those who challenge that makes

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00:02:01,670 --> 00:01:59,040

sense

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00:02:03,510 --> 00:02:01,680

uh right so all people who look into

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00:02:05,990 --> 00:02:03,520

ufos and similar matters will at some

51  
00:02:08,070 --> 00:02:06,000  
point come across the skeptics

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00:02:11,029 --> 00:02:08,080  
um i know remnant and i have uh sort of

53  
00:02:13,110 --> 00:02:11,039  
bumped into loads over the years um and

54  
00:02:14,949 --> 00:02:13,120  
people who do dismiss them and deny

55  
00:02:16,710 --> 00:02:14,959  
everything that's been discovered so

56  
00:02:19,510 --> 00:02:16,720  
tonight ben's going to put them under

57  
00:02:21,270 --> 00:02:19,520  
examination and if you like okay so not

58  
00:02:23,510 --> 00:02:21,280  
going to go on and on so please give a

59  
00:02:24,550 --> 00:02:23,520  
warm super welcome to mr bear named in

60  
00:02:30,869 --> 00:02:24,560  
germany

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00:02:32,309 --> 00:02:30,879  
[Applause]

62  
00:02:33,670 --> 00:02:32,319  
thank you very much all of you it's

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00:02:34,949 --> 00:02:33,680

really really great to be back again

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00:02:37,670 --> 00:02:34,959

thank you all of you for coming out

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00:02:38,790 --> 00:02:37,680

tonight it's been a long uh

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sort of a

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00:02:42,710 --> 00:02:40,160

will wandering in the desert for you

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00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:42,720

guys in terms of lockdowns in england

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00:02:45,430 --> 00:02:43,920

we've been out a lot to have quite a

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long time for you i think it was a

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couple of days ago wasn't it

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00:02:49,670 --> 00:02:48,720

it all ended

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00:02:51,190 --> 00:02:49,680

so

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00:02:53,910 --> 00:02:51,200

yeah there's still a few rules you've

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got to obey things like that so uh

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this uh this is a kind of like uh

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call this a freedom party

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as well as the swansea ufo network it's

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00:03:02,630 --> 00:03:01,200

uh

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00:03:04,149 --> 00:03:02,640

so you're making the most of it by

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00:03:06,149 --> 00:03:04,159

coming out and enjoying it that's really

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00:03:08,790 --> 00:03:06,159

really good it's been a yes i don't know

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00:03:10,149 --> 00:03:08,800

just five times i've been here um

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00:03:11,430 --> 00:03:10,159

i've lost countless that's really

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00:03:13,750 --> 00:03:11,440

amazing i mean the first time i was here

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00:03:15,750 --> 00:03:13,760

we were in a we were in a marquee

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00:03:17,910 --> 00:03:15,760

and it was windy

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00:03:19,910 --> 00:03:17,920

and i did my talk and then

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00:03:22,070 --> 00:03:19,920

it was like in a big ten the walls were

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00:03:23,589 --> 00:03:22,080

like wobbling and i think with the wind

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00:03:25,589 --> 00:03:23,599

it was hilarious

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00:03:27,030 --> 00:03:25,599

but uh we we did all right we managed

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all right

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00:03:31,509 --> 00:03:29,760

it's it's um tonight i'm gonna talk

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00:03:33,830 --> 00:03:31,519

about the skeptic any skeptics here

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00:03:34,630 --> 00:03:33,840

tonight

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good

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oh

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00:03:40,789 --> 00:03:39,280

steve you don't count don't count

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00:03:41,910 --> 00:03:40,799

well you may think well i'm a skeptic

101  
00:03:44,229 --> 00:03:41,920  
because i don't believe in certain

102  
00:03:46,630 --> 00:03:44,239  
things and um well that technically is

103  
00:03:49,670 --> 00:03:46,640  
what a skeptic means but it's a bit more

104  
00:03:51,750 --> 00:03:49,680  
complicated than that as i'll explain

105  
00:03:53,429 --> 00:03:51,760  
so what is a skeptic i mean everyone as

106  
00:03:55,589 --> 00:03:53,439  
you've just explained steve

107  
00:03:57,270 --> 00:03:55,599  
has skeptics in our lives if you start

108  
00:03:59,670 --> 00:03:57,280  
speaking out about the things you

109  
00:04:01,670 --> 00:03:59,680  
believe and i i'm guessing that

110  
00:04:04,550 --> 00:04:01,680  
most if not all people in this room have

111  
00:04:08,070 --> 00:04:04,560  
some kind of belief in ufos and maybe

112  
00:04:09,830 --> 00:04:08,080  
other similar phenomena such as ghosts

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00:04:12,309 --> 00:04:09,840

government cover-ups of various kinds

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00:04:14,070 --> 00:04:12,319

these things tend to go together the the

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00:04:15,990 --> 00:04:14,080

skeptic researcher michael barkin called

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it the cultic milieu

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00:04:19,990 --> 00:04:17,280

so i assume most people in here are

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00:04:21,830 --> 00:04:20,000

members of the cultic milieu

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00:04:23,830 --> 00:04:21,840

and that's a good thing to be i think

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00:04:24,950 --> 00:04:23,840

but if you are one of these people then

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00:04:28,230 --> 00:04:24,960

um

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somebody who will say you know this this

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00:04:32,230 --> 00:04:30,000

stuff you believe in is not true

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00:04:34,310 --> 00:04:32,240

it's not real i can i can they'll

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00:04:36,310 --> 00:04:34,320

sometimes come up for with uh

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00:04:39,110 --> 00:04:36,320

they can be very very uh very sort of

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00:04:41,189 --> 00:04:39,120

verbose and eloquent and um come up with

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00:04:43,350 --> 00:04:41,199

very persuasive when they're talking to

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00:04:45,510 --> 00:04:43,360

you and trying to explain to you why

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00:04:47,590 --> 00:04:45,520

what you believe is not true

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00:04:48,950 --> 00:04:47,600

and it could this could be um oops hold

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00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:48,960

on

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00:04:55,270 --> 00:04:51,840

often

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00:04:58,629 --> 00:04:55,280

the computer doesn't go off

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00:05:00,550 --> 00:04:58,639

um this could be a friend it could be a

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00:05:01,670 --> 00:05:00,560

work colleague it could be a member of

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00:05:02,790 --> 00:05:01,680

your family it could even be your

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00:05:04,310 --> 00:05:02,800

partner

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00:05:05,990 --> 00:05:04,320

i know there's people of people like us

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00:05:07,430 --> 00:05:06,000

who have skeptic who are married to

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00:05:09,189 --> 00:05:07,440

skeptics

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00:05:12,550 --> 00:05:09,199

it could be

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00:05:14,070 --> 00:05:12,560

be someone you meet on an off chance but

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00:05:16,070 --> 00:05:14,080

they're everywhere and when you get

145

00:05:18,310 --> 00:05:16,080

caught in the corner by these people

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00:05:19,510 --> 00:05:18,320

it can it can be a strange experience

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00:05:21,350 --> 00:05:19,520

you can it can sometimes feel

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intimidating

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00:05:24,870 --> 00:05:23,039

most of them are quite polite you know

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00:05:26,550 --> 00:05:24,880

most of them are not um aggressive some

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00:05:28,710 --> 00:05:26,560

are and i'll be talking about some of

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00:05:30,230 --> 00:05:28,720

those this evening

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00:05:31,270 --> 00:05:30,240

most of them you know will just get

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00:05:32,629 --> 00:05:31,280

there and they'll get in your face and

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00:05:34,070 --> 00:05:32,639

they'll say it's not true it's not true

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00:05:36,150 --> 00:05:34,080

this is swamp gas this is a weather

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00:05:37,270 --> 00:05:36,160

balloon and here's why and they they

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00:05:39,749 --> 00:05:37,280

tend to have very good memories and they

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00:05:41,510 --> 00:05:39,759

tend to be able to they tend to have a

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00:05:42,550 --> 00:05:41,520

lot of um

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00:05:43,749 --> 00:05:42,560

a lot of

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00:05:46,469 --> 00:05:43,759

interesting arguments interesting

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00:05:47,990 --> 00:05:46,479

information tucked up in their brains to

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00:05:51,270 --> 00:05:48,000

to give to you

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00:05:53,270 --> 00:05:51,280

and um well it gets more if you can be

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00:05:55,830 --> 00:05:53,280

like them and understand them it gets it

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00:05:58,309 --> 00:05:55,840

becomes a more interesting conversation

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00:06:00,309 --> 00:05:58,319

rather than being bamboozled by them

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00:06:02,870 --> 00:06:00,319

so it's worth looking examining the

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00:06:04,150 --> 00:06:02,880

skeptics looking at them and seeing what

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00:06:05,830 --> 00:06:04,160

makes them tick

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00:06:08,390 --> 00:06:05,840

i wouldn't mind becoming a skeptic for a

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00:06:10,710 --> 00:06:08,400

day just to see what it's like

174

00:06:11,990 --> 00:06:10,720

although um i don't know i might i might

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00:06:12,950 --> 00:06:12,000

end up enjoying it and not wanting to

176  
00:06:14,390 --> 00:06:12,960  
come back

177  
00:06:15,909 --> 00:06:14,400  
and you'd lose all faith in me wouldn't

178  
00:06:17,990 --> 00:06:15,919  
you

179  
00:06:19,189 --> 00:06:18,000  
but so in order to research the

180  
00:06:21,430 --> 00:06:19,199  
skeptical side of things i've looked at

181  
00:06:22,790 --> 00:06:21,440  
skeptics you know this guy mick west

182  
00:06:25,110 --> 00:06:22,800  
he's you've probably come across him

183  
00:06:27,270 --> 00:06:25,120  
he's the big ufo skeptic now

184  
00:06:28,950 --> 00:06:27,280  
and so i've watched all

185  
00:06:31,430 --> 00:06:28,960  
of his material he's a very it's very

186  
00:06:32,950 --> 00:06:31,440  
interesting to listen to him actually

187  
00:06:35,029 --> 00:06:32,960  
and i've done what so very very few

188  
00:06:36,390 --> 00:06:35,039

people on our on our side of the

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00:06:38,790 --> 00:06:36,400

argument very very few people have done

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00:06:41,189 --> 00:06:38,800

this i've immersed myself within the

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00:06:41,990 --> 00:06:41,199

skeptic community

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00:06:45,350 --> 00:06:42,000

to

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examine us

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00:06:47,830 --> 00:06:46,880

sometimes i've done this very quietly

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00:06:49,270 --> 00:06:47,840

i've gone along to their various

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meetings i've not introduced myself or

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00:06:51,749 --> 00:06:50,880

told them who i am

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00:06:53,270 --> 00:06:51,759

um

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00:06:54,710 --> 00:06:53,280

it's it used to be easier now i'm

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getting a bit more sort of famous so

201  
00:06:58,070 --> 00:06:56,240  
they sort of flock around me and want me

202  
00:06:59,909 --> 00:06:58,080  
autograph and things like this you know

203  
00:07:01,749 --> 00:06:59,919  
but they sometimes recognize me and come

204  
00:07:03,110 --> 00:07:01,759  
over and say oh i know you you're not

205  
00:07:05,110 --> 00:07:03,120  
don't you're that weird bloke who does

206  
00:07:07,589 --> 00:07:05,120  
the hospital portal thing i said yeah

207  
00:07:09,189 --> 00:07:07,599  
but um i do sometimes go anonymously to

208  
00:07:11,270 --> 00:07:09,199  
their meetings and i talk to them just

209  
00:07:13,430 --> 00:07:11,280  
neutrally without telling them who i am

210  
00:07:15,189 --> 00:07:13,440  
other times i do people even know who i

211  
00:07:16,950 --> 00:07:15,199  
am or i tell them who i am in which case

212  
00:07:18,870 --> 00:07:16,960  
i've never had any problems i've never

213  
00:07:20,629 --> 00:07:18,880

had any um

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00:07:22,950 --> 00:07:20,639

no one's ever sort of shown me the door

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00:07:24,469 --> 00:07:22,960

or made me feel unwelcome at any time

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they've always been very very

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00:07:28,230 --> 00:07:26,319

accommodating of me

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so but i've gone to various events you

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00:07:32,070 --> 00:07:30,080

can see on the top left there that is

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00:07:33,830 --> 00:07:32,080

actually the focus is slightly out but

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00:07:35,189 --> 00:07:33,840

you can see um

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00:07:37,510 --> 00:07:35,199

that's actually a skeptic conference

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that's actually the um i think that's

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one of the honest the amazing meetings

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they they have they have uh conferences

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just like we do it's strange it's almost

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like a kind of parallel world

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it's it's they have all the things that

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we have they have the equivalent of

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sufan

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00:07:53,670 --> 00:07:52,080

which is various local groups that meet

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together usually usually part of the

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skeptics in the pub franchise they have

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big conferences just like um you know

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the uh the ufo conventions and things

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like that it's like tam london there's

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there's the uh skepticon and

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mostly in the united states just like

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with the ufo

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movement it's mostly americans that do

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this but uh

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qed is actually a british conference you

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can go to

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and

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there's um there's films there's an

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honest liar that's a documentary

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about a famous skeptic and i've watched

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that i actually went to the premiere of

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00:08:34,469 --> 00:08:32,399  
that they had a big screen premiere here

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00:08:36,149 --> 00:08:34,479  
in britain i went to watch that

253  
00:08:37,829 --> 00:08:36,159  
paranormalities are booked by professor

254  
00:08:40,149 --> 00:08:37,839  
richard wiseman

255  
00:08:42,870 --> 00:08:40,159  
it's a very interesting thing here

256  
00:08:44,470 --> 00:08:42,880  
what's it's called why we see what isn't

257  
00:08:46,230 --> 00:08:44,480  
there

258  
00:08:48,310 --> 00:08:46,240  
that's in a very uh

259  
00:08:49,990 --> 00:08:48,320  
very provocative title anyway i wrote a

260  
00:08:52,310 --> 00:08:50,000  
long review of that and

261  
00:08:53,750 --> 00:08:52,320  
for a while it was actually on the uh

262  
00:08:55,750 --> 00:08:53,760  
it was actually on the google rankings

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00:08:58,310 --> 00:08:55,760

above the publisher's own page which

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must have delighted the author

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bad science by ben goldtaker that's

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another one you may have heard ben

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goldtaker he's got a column in the

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guardian in fact all these major

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skeptics seem to have columns in the

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guardian it goes with the territory um

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that's a book about uh what he sees as

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um medical pseudoscience

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he's been very quiet the last couple of

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years for some reason

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the local skeptics groups and there's

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00:09:26,790 --> 00:09:25,360

they they're called skeptics in the pub

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00:09:28,790 --> 00:09:26,800

most of them although there are some

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00:09:31,670 --> 00:09:28,800

that have different names

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00:09:33,430 --> 00:09:31,680

but uh a skeptic in the pub group is

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00:09:34,870 --> 00:09:33,440

basically a group of skeptics who get

281

00:09:36,630 --> 00:09:34,880

together in a pub a bit like what we're

282

00:09:37,829 --> 00:09:36,640

doing now we have some have to drink

283

00:09:39,990 --> 00:09:37,839

very often they invite a speaker

284

00:09:41,670 --> 00:09:40,000

sometimes they just they just exchange

285

00:09:42,949 --> 00:09:41,680

ideas

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00:09:44,870 --> 00:09:42,959

and um

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00:09:46,790 --> 00:09:44,880

they these are all organized

288

00:09:49,269 --> 00:09:46,800

independently in local areas people come

289

00:09:51,430 --> 00:09:49,279

up they give a few pounds for donations

290

00:09:53,269 --> 00:09:51,440

and they make friends and they network

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00:09:54,949 --> 00:09:53,279

and they they it means they can connect

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00:09:57,269 --> 00:09:54,959

with their fellow skeptics in the local

293

00:10:00,310 --> 00:09:57,279

area again it's a parallel sort of

294

00:10:02,710 --> 00:10:00,320

mirror universe to our own almost

295

00:10:04,230 --> 00:10:02,720

there are over 300 skeptics in a pub in

296

00:10:07,590 --> 00:10:04,240

the country in the world actually

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00:10:09,190 --> 00:10:07,600

including um i think 150 here in britain

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00:10:10,870 --> 00:10:09,200

i'm actually a member of oxford skeptics

299

00:10:12,949 --> 00:10:10,880

in the pub i say member i'm just on

300

00:10:15,269 --> 00:10:12,959

their mailing list you know i think so i

301  
00:10:17,430 --> 00:10:15,279  
go along regularly to their meetings

302  
00:10:21,509 --> 00:10:17,440  
um

303  
00:10:22,710 --> 00:10:21,519  
there's there is actually a cardiff

304  
00:10:23,910 --> 00:10:22,720  
skeptics in the pub and there's one in

305  
00:10:25,750 --> 00:10:23,920  
aberystwyth

306  
00:10:27,110 --> 00:10:25,760  
there's not one in swansea for some

307  
00:10:29,110 --> 00:10:27,120  
reason

308  
00:10:30,949 --> 00:10:29,120  
yeah i wonder i don't know why there's

309  
00:10:32,790 --> 00:10:30,959  
not one in swansea because nearly most

310  
00:10:34,550 --> 00:10:32,800  
major cities actually in in the country

311  
00:10:36,470 --> 00:10:34,560  
have a skeptics in the pub and there's

312  
00:10:37,750 --> 00:10:36,480  
there's also plenty in the united states

313  
00:10:39,750 --> 00:10:37,760

in um

314

00:10:41,750 --> 00:10:39,760

some in australia

315

00:10:43,829 --> 00:10:41,760

southeast asia has a lot of them there

316

00:10:44,829 --> 00:10:43,839

there's a couple in india

317

00:10:47,350 --> 00:10:44,839

they're common

318

00:10:48,630 --> 00:10:47,360

worldwide and um

319

00:10:50,710 --> 00:10:48,640

honestly if you want to go along to one

320

00:10:52,310 --> 00:10:50,720

of these it's it's worth doing it's an

321

00:10:54,069 --> 00:10:52,320

interesting experience

322

00:10:55,670 --> 00:10:54,079

um i've started going to the ones in

323

00:10:57,829 --> 00:10:55,680

london there's four separate skeptics in

324

00:10:59,509 --> 00:10:57,839

the pub in london i went to i've been

325

00:11:01,190 --> 00:10:59,519

i've been to two of those no three i've

326

00:11:02,470 --> 00:11:01,200

been to three of the four

327

00:11:04,550 --> 00:11:02,480

and um

328

00:11:06,310 --> 00:11:04,560

it's like i said i went along i didn't

329

00:11:07,990 --> 00:11:06,320

introduce myself at first now they sort

330

00:11:10,949 --> 00:11:08,000

of know who i am

331

00:11:12,389 --> 00:11:10,959

because my my notoriety is spread but

332

00:11:13,829 --> 00:11:12,399

they they'll make you welcome they

333

00:11:15,910 --> 00:11:13,839

actually say it actually says on the

334

00:11:18,150 --> 00:11:15,920

skeptics in the pub website it says um

335

00:11:19,829 --> 00:11:18,160

non-skeptics are welcome

336

00:11:21,590 --> 00:11:19,839

if you if you if anyone wants to set up

337

00:11:22,949 --> 00:11:21,600

a skeptics in the pub group i'm not i'm

338

00:11:25,430 --> 00:11:22,959

talking generally now i'm not you guys

339

00:11:27,350 --> 00:11:25,440

here but you could just set one up and

340

00:11:28,710 --> 00:11:27,360

you don't need to join you don't need to

341

00:11:30,230 --> 00:11:28,720

sign any paperwork i don't think there's

342

00:11:32,069 --> 00:11:30,240

any copyright on the franchise you just

343

00:11:33,750 --> 00:11:32,079

say you're a skeptic of the pub and then

344

00:11:35,750 --> 00:11:33,760

you can list yourself on the um on the

345

00:11:36,949 --> 00:11:35,760

world network

346

00:11:38,790 --> 00:11:36,959

and um

347

00:11:42,949 --> 00:11:38,800

that's uh that's all there is to it

348

00:11:46,710 --> 00:11:44,790

now the um

349

00:11:48,550 --> 00:11:46,720

i think probably the

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00:11:50,550 --> 00:11:48,560

the greatest accolade the yardstick of

351  
00:11:52,870 --> 00:11:50,560  
achievement within the skeptic movement

352  
00:11:55,269 --> 00:11:52,880  
is be to become a skeptic rock star and

353  
00:11:57,430 --> 00:11:55,279  
they do use the term rock star

354  
00:11:58,550 --> 00:11:57,440  
that is to become the top skeptic in the

355  
00:12:01,829 --> 00:11:58,560  
land

356  
00:12:03,990 --> 00:12:01,839  
and to be the the person who is on speed

357  
00:12:05,110 --> 00:12:04,000  
dial for every journalist whenever they

358  
00:12:06,230 --> 00:12:05,120  
want

359  
00:12:11,509 --> 00:12:06,240  
to

360  
00:12:13,269 --> 00:12:11,519  
a haunting a ufo

361  
00:12:14,230 --> 00:12:13,279  
something else like that you know what

362  
00:12:15,670 --> 00:12:14,240  
you know those new stories where they

363  
00:12:16,949 --> 00:12:15,680

always play the x-files music in the

364

00:12:19,350 --> 00:12:16,959

background

365

00:12:21,590 --> 00:12:19,360

yeah those are usually not very good but

366

00:12:23,509 --> 00:12:21,600

you obviously interview someone one of

367

00:12:25,110 --> 00:12:23,519

us probably um i know that you guys in

368

00:12:27,670 --> 00:12:25,120

this group are often in the media do a

369

00:12:29,590 --> 00:12:27,680

lot of a lot of work with journalists

370

00:12:32,470 --> 00:12:29,600

um they'll bring on a skeptic just to

371

00:12:34,310 --> 00:12:32,480

provide balance and um there's several

372

00:12:36,069 --> 00:12:34,320

of these are me i suppose you call them

373

00:12:37,350 --> 00:12:36,079

pop skeptics

374

00:12:38,949 --> 00:12:37,360

and probably the biggest one in this

375

00:12:41,269 --> 00:12:38,959

country is at least it used to be until

376

00:12:43,110 --> 00:12:41,279

recently was professor chris french

377

00:12:45,350 --> 00:12:43,120

and here we see him here on the program

378

00:12:46,389 --> 00:12:45,360

this morning debating gary hesseltine

379

00:12:48,310 --> 00:12:46,399

it's you can get if you want to watch

380

00:12:50,829 --> 00:12:48,320

this on youtube it's there yeah i think

381

00:12:54,230 --> 00:12:50,839

gary gets the better of him but

382

00:12:56,150 --> 00:12:54,240

um professor chris french is a uh

383

00:12:58,069 --> 00:12:56,160

he's the head of the anomalistic

384

00:13:00,949 --> 00:12:58,079

psychology department

385

00:13:03,910 --> 00:13:00,959

at goldsmiths college london

386

00:13:05,030 --> 00:13:03,920

now um it's um anomalistic psychology

387

00:13:08,550 --> 00:13:05,040

it's an interesting they have these

388

00:13:10,470 --> 00:13:08,560

names and um yeah he um he's actually

389

00:13:12,230 --> 00:13:10,480

quite a likable chap he

390

00:13:14,230 --> 00:13:12,240

he's he's one of these skeptics i don't

391

00:13:15,829 --> 00:13:14,240

have a problem with the skeptics for

392

00:13:18,790 --> 00:13:15,839

their beliefs if they're if they behave

393

00:13:20,710 --> 00:13:18,800

themselves in a civilized manner um i

394

00:13:22,230 --> 00:13:20,720

don't mind them at all um there are

395

00:13:24,150 --> 00:13:22,240

those that don't behave in a civilized

396

00:13:25,750 --> 00:13:24,160

manner i'll just talk a little bit about

397

00:13:27,829 --> 00:13:25,760

those

398

00:13:31,269 --> 00:13:27,839

but um

399

00:13:32,790 --> 00:13:31,279

french actually he invented he um

400

00:13:34,550 --> 00:13:32,800

he organized a conference a couple years

401  
00:13:36,710 --> 00:13:34,560  
ago called seriously suspicious he

402  
00:13:39,350 --> 00:13:36,720  
invited me to speak

403  
00:13:41,189 --> 00:13:39,360  
and um quite i said yeah sure chris i'll

404  
00:13:42,629 --> 00:13:41,199  
come along to that and um i did an

405  
00:13:43,910 --> 00:13:42,639  
interesting talk about the the medium

406  
00:13:45,750 --> 00:13:43,920  
helen duncan

407  
00:13:48,389 --> 00:13:45,760  
um and it went it was very it was great

408  
00:13:50,629 --> 00:13:48,399  
fun everyone had a really good time so

409  
00:13:52,870 --> 00:13:50,639  
the rock star skepticism

410  
00:13:54,310 --> 00:13:52,880  
chris french he's there

411  
00:13:56,230 --> 00:13:54,320  
he's the guy you have he used to he's

412  
00:13:57,590 --> 00:13:56,240  
the guy you used to have on speed dial

413  
00:13:59,030 --> 00:13:57,600

if you were a journalist and you wanted

414

00:14:00,790 --> 00:13:59,040

you call them a frenchie come wheel him

415

00:14:02,790 --> 00:14:00,800

into the studio put the skeptic side

416

00:14:03,990 --> 00:14:02,800

across so we have balance on this new

417

00:14:04,949 --> 00:14:04,000

story

418

00:14:06,949 --> 00:14:04,959

but

419

00:14:08,870 --> 00:14:06,959

he's now retired

420

00:14:11,269 --> 00:14:08,880

um so but he does have a young

421

00:14:12,870 --> 00:14:11,279

apprentice waiting in the wings

422

00:14:15,350 --> 00:14:12,880

and later on this talk i'll tell you who

423

00:14:16,550 --> 00:14:15,360

i think that young apprentice is and the

424

00:14:22,710 --> 00:14:16,560

young apprentice is actually a very very

425

00:14:27,509 --> 00:14:25,910

so what is a skeptic

426

00:14:29,189 --> 00:14:27,519

now

427

00:14:31,269 --> 00:14:29,199

it's it's actually a more difficult

428

00:14:33,110 --> 00:14:31,279

question to answer and you think because

429

00:14:35,110 --> 00:14:33,120

i mean i would say a skeptic is that

430

00:14:36,790 --> 00:14:35,120

person he's the person

431

00:14:38,150 --> 00:14:36,800

who will approach you when you start

432

00:14:40,310 --> 00:14:38,160

talking about your beliefs and say these

433

00:14:41,910 --> 00:14:40,320

things are not real

434

00:14:43,509 --> 00:14:41,920

however

435

00:14:45,829 --> 00:14:43,519

there's a little bit of an anomaly here

436

00:14:48,550 --> 00:14:45,839

for example you may ask yourself

437

00:14:50,069 --> 00:14:48,560

well suppose you could say well

438

00:14:51,590 --> 00:14:50,079

the skeptic is the guy who questions

439

00:14:52,949 --> 00:14:51,600

things the skeptic's a guy who's looked

440

00:14:54,710 --> 00:14:52,959

into something and says this is not

441

00:14:56,550 --> 00:14:54,720

wrong so this is not real what you

442

00:14:57,910 --> 00:14:56,560

believe in if it's a ufo it's if it's a

443

00:14:59,189 --> 00:14:57,920

ghost or a poltergeist to something it's

444

00:15:00,470 --> 00:14:59,199

not real

445

00:15:02,710 --> 00:15:00,480

and they're the person who comes along

446

00:15:06,550 --> 00:15:02,720

and pours cold water on anything that's

447

00:15:07,590 --> 00:15:06,560

weird and strange and spooky

448

00:15:09,430 --> 00:15:07,600

um

449

00:15:10,710 --> 00:15:09,440

now they will deny that though they will

450

00:15:12,949 --> 00:15:10,720

deny that

451  
00:15:14,470 --> 00:15:12,959  
now what the i think the best place to

452  
00:15:17,509 --> 00:15:14,480  
start is to read a description of

453  
00:15:18,389 --> 00:15:17,519  
themselves what they call themselves

454  
00:15:19,990 --> 00:15:18,399  
um

455  
00:15:22,470 --> 00:15:20,000  
now this is something i lifted from the

456  
00:15:24,949 --> 00:15:22,480  
oxford skeptics in the pub webpage

457  
00:15:27,350 --> 00:15:24,959  
a skeptic is one who rigorously

458  
00:15:29,670 --> 00:15:27,360  
rigorously and opens openly applies the

459  
00:15:31,749 --> 00:15:29,680  
methods of science and reason to all

460  
00:15:34,389 --> 00:15:31,759  
empirical claims can you all hear me all

461  
00:15:36,629 --> 00:15:34,399  
right yeah you can okay

462  
00:15:39,590 --> 00:15:36,639  
a skeptic provisionally proportions

463  
00:15:41,509 --> 00:15:39,600

acceptance of any claim to valid logic

464

00:15:43,509 --> 00:15:41,519

and a fair and thorough assessment of

465

00:15:45,430 --> 00:15:43,519

available evidence and studies the

466

00:15:47,430 --> 00:15:45,440

pitfalls of human reason and the

467

00:15:49,670 --> 00:15:47,440

mechanisms of deception

468

00:15:51,590 --> 00:15:49,680

so as to avoid being deceived by others

469

00:15:54,230 --> 00:15:51,600

or themselves

470

00:15:55,829 --> 00:15:54,240

that is uh that is there the definitions

471

00:15:57,590 --> 00:15:55,839

their own definition of themselves a

472

00:15:58,949 --> 00:15:57,600

skeptic but i'm going to argue tonight

473

00:16:01,430 --> 00:15:58,959

ladies and gentlemen this is not a

474

00:16:03,910 --> 00:16:01,440

definition of what a skeptic is

475

00:16:06,629 --> 00:16:03,920

this is a slogan

476

00:16:10,629 --> 00:16:06,639

this is a projection this is a

477

00:16:12,710 --> 00:16:10,639

facade it's a persona that the skeptics

478

00:16:16,069 --> 00:16:12,720

believe that they are

479

00:16:17,829 --> 00:16:16,079

but then they are actually not

480

00:16:20,230 --> 00:16:17,839

but mostly i know the weird thing is

481

00:16:21,189 --> 00:16:20,240

that most of them don't realize this

482

00:16:22,629 --> 00:16:21,199

most of them actually don't even

483

00:16:24,389 --> 00:16:22,639

understand themselves

484

00:16:25,749 --> 00:16:24,399

and sometimes you might think that's a

485

00:16:27,749 --> 00:16:25,759

bit arrogant to me i've never been a

486

00:16:29,430 --> 00:16:27,759

skeptic i might become one one day you

487

00:16:31,350 --> 00:16:29,440

know you never know i mean

488

00:16:33,430 --> 00:16:31,360

if you've always got to leave the

489

00:16:34,470 --> 00:16:33,440

possibility open that one day

490

00:16:36,310 --> 00:16:34,480

you know something will come along and

491

00:16:38,150 --> 00:16:36,320

it will change my mind i might have a

492

00:16:40,389 --> 00:16:38,160

sudden change in mind internally which

493

00:16:42,389 --> 00:16:40,399

will turn me into a skeptic but um it's

494

00:16:43,829 --> 00:16:42,399

unlikely actually because i have looked

495

00:16:45,350 --> 00:16:43,839

at both sides of this

496

00:16:49,990 --> 00:16:45,360

the people the people who tend to become

497

00:16:55,590 --> 00:16:52,230

but um

498

00:16:59,189 --> 00:16:58,150

i would i define skeptic as the one one

499

00:17:03,269 --> 00:16:59,199

who

500

00:17:05,029 --> 00:17:03,279

believes that everything outside

501  
00:17:07,829 --> 00:17:05,039  
normal reality

502  
00:17:10,710 --> 00:17:07,839  
within the known systems

503  
00:17:12,470 --> 00:17:10,720  
of the universe is not real someone who

504  
00:17:14,710 --> 00:17:12,480  
believes that and promotes that idea i

505  
00:17:17,270 --> 00:17:14,720  
think that's a more accurate description

506  
00:17:20,150 --> 00:17:17,280  
of what a skeptic is

507  
00:17:21,829 --> 00:17:20,160  
um to give you an example

508  
00:17:25,029 --> 00:17:21,839  
supposing

509  
00:17:26,789 --> 00:17:25,039  
someone came to you

510  
00:17:28,549 --> 00:17:26,799  
or someone approached somebody saying

511  
00:17:29,990 --> 00:17:28,559  
i've got i've seen a ufo i've got a

512  
00:17:31,750 --> 00:17:30,000  
photograph of it and they show you the

513  
00:17:33,669 --> 00:17:31,760

photo

514

00:17:35,110 --> 00:17:33,679

right there there are two skeptics there

515

00:17:36,950 --> 00:17:35,120

who look at it one of them looks at it

516

00:17:38,230 --> 00:17:36,960

and says oh that's interesting

517

00:17:40,310 --> 00:17:38,240

tell me more

518

00:17:41,909 --> 00:17:40,320

and they interview the witness

519

00:17:43,990 --> 00:17:41,919

they go to the location where this

520

00:17:45,830 --> 00:17:44,000

happened they phone around and looked

521

00:17:46,870 --> 00:17:45,840

and they they call all the local areas

522

00:17:48,630 --> 00:17:46,880

to see if there are any balloons

523

00:17:50,549 --> 00:17:48,640

launched and things like that any

524

00:17:51,590 --> 00:17:50,559

stranger drone festivals or anything

525

00:17:53,350 --> 00:17:51,600

like that

526

00:17:54,789 --> 00:17:53,360

um and then they come back to the

527

00:17:55,990 --> 00:17:54,799

witness and they say

528

00:17:57,669 --> 00:17:56,000

that i've looked into this i'm sorry

529

00:17:59,990 --> 00:17:57,679

this is not a ufo this is a weather

530

00:18:02,470 --> 00:18:00,000

balloon swamp gas stroke drone whatever

531

00:18:04,630 --> 00:18:02,480

okay and then the second skeptics

532

00:18:05,750 --> 00:18:04,640

the second skeptic the witness goes up

533

00:18:08,070 --> 00:18:05,760

shows in the photograph the second

534

00:18:09,590 --> 00:18:08,080

skeptic goes that's not real it's i'm

535

00:18:12,390 --> 00:18:09,600

not even going to look at it or examine

536

00:18:14,950 --> 00:18:12,400

it it's not real it's not a ufo

537

00:18:16,390 --> 00:18:14,960

now of those two skeptics the latter one

538

00:18:17,830 --> 00:18:16,400

is considered the best and biggest

539

00:18:19,430 --> 00:18:17,840

skeptic

540

00:18:22,230 --> 00:18:19,440

the one who says i'm not even gonna look

541

00:18:24,390 --> 00:18:22,240

at it it's not real

542

00:18:26,070 --> 00:18:24,400

so that doesn't fit in with that

543

00:18:27,750 --> 00:18:26,080

definition does it because i mean i

544

00:18:29,669 --> 00:18:27,760

don't actually disagree with anything

545

00:18:31,830 --> 00:18:29,679

within that within that slogan i really

546

00:18:33,029 --> 00:18:31,840

don't

547

00:18:35,270 --> 00:18:33,039

now

548

00:18:36,390 --> 00:18:35,280

if you're ever in these i'm going to

549

00:18:38,230 --> 00:18:36,400

i'll give you a little bit of a few

550

00:18:41,669 --> 00:18:38,240

instructions about what you may be able

551  
00:18:43,990 --> 00:18:41,679  
to do if you're ever if you ever ah

552  
00:18:46,630 --> 00:18:44,000  
trapped one of these people and um you

553  
00:18:48,630 --> 00:18:46,640  
wanna and they're saying things to you

554  
00:18:50,710 --> 00:18:48,640  
and you about what you believe and you

555  
00:18:53,830 --> 00:18:50,720  
want to defend yourself or

556  
00:18:56,950 --> 00:18:53,840  
successfully rebut their rebuttal

557  
00:18:58,710 --> 00:18:56,960  
because they do they use a few tricks

558  
00:19:00,630 --> 00:18:58,720  
there's a few um

559  
00:19:02,789 --> 00:19:00,640  
i would say uh

560  
00:19:05,430 --> 00:19:02,799  
rhetorical tactics that they use

561  
00:19:07,590 --> 00:19:05,440  
to it which in a sense bamboozles you

562  
00:19:10,630 --> 00:19:07,600  
it's essentially they can it's it's a

563  
00:19:11,990 --> 00:19:10,640

kind of sophistry they use um i'm going

564

00:19:14,630 --> 00:19:12,000

to go through a couple of those now now

565

00:19:16,870 --> 00:19:14,640

one of those is this one raising the bar

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00:19:18,390 --> 00:19:16,880

demand evidence from your opponent for

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00:19:19,909 --> 00:19:18,400

everything he says and when he delivers

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00:19:21,590 --> 00:19:19,919

demand more and when he delivers more

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00:19:23,669 --> 00:19:21,600

demand even more remember your thirst

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00:19:25,029 --> 00:19:23,679

for evidence must be unquenchable

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00:19:27,430 --> 00:19:25,039

give you a good example or a

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00:19:29,190 --> 00:19:27,440

hypothetical example a guy's walking his

573

00:19:32,470 --> 00:19:29,200

dog in the wood late at night

574

00:19:34,390 --> 00:19:32,480

outside a military base

575

00:19:35,750 --> 00:19:34,400

a triangular object descends into the

576

00:19:38,230 --> 00:19:35,760

forest

577

00:19:40,150 --> 00:19:38,240

it leaves marks on the ground little

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00:19:42,710 --> 00:19:40,160

aliens come out and start dancing around

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00:19:45,190 --> 00:19:42,720

it the guy runs home

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00:19:47,909 --> 00:19:45,200

tells tells the newspapers tells tells

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00:19:49,510 --> 00:19:47,919

everyone calls the police calls everyone

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00:19:51,350 --> 00:19:49,520

and um

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00:19:53,669 --> 00:19:51,360

eventually ends up in the news

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00:19:54,950 --> 00:19:53,679

now what would a skeptic say the skeptic

585

00:19:56,390 --> 00:19:54,960

would say i don't believe you there's

586

00:19:58,230 --> 00:19:56,400

not enough evidence for this we just got

587

00:19:59,990 --> 00:19:58,240

your word for it

588

00:20:01,190 --> 00:20:00,000

there's no uh there's there was no alert

589

00:20:04,950 --> 00:20:01,200

at the base

590

00:20:06,789 --> 00:20:04,960

come out and examine the

591

00:20:08,310 --> 00:20:06,799

location none of none of the security

592

00:20:09,990 --> 00:20:08,320

police saw it

593

00:20:11,350 --> 00:20:10,000

the the deputy base commander didn't

594

00:20:12,789 --> 00:20:11,360

come out into the forest he didn't make

595

00:20:14,710 --> 00:20:12,799

any kind of recording on his dick to

596

00:20:16,630 --> 00:20:14,720

phone

597

00:20:18,789 --> 00:20:16,640

so uh if if that happened i would

598

00:20:22,390 --> 00:20:18,799

believe you but until then i'm afraid

599

00:20:24,789 --> 00:20:22,400

there's just not enough evidence

600

00:20:26,630 --> 00:20:24,799

what have i just described

601  
00:20:28,230 --> 00:20:26,640  
you know i just yeah you know i've just

602  
00:20:29,590 --> 00:20:28,240  
i've described the renducian forest

603  
00:20:30,310 --> 00:20:29,600  
incident

604  
00:20:33,430 --> 00:20:30,320  
so

605  
00:20:35,750 --> 00:20:33,440  
the in a sense the skeptic has set a

606  
00:20:37,750 --> 00:20:35,760  
is set a finish line which you can cross

607  
00:20:39,350 --> 00:20:37,760  
supposing in that statement because they

608  
00:20:40,950 --> 00:20:39,360  
do say things like that which once

609  
00:20:42,630 --> 00:20:40,960  
you've crossed it they can say well if

610  
00:20:45,669 --> 00:20:42,640  
that happened i'd believe you

611  
00:20:47,029 --> 00:20:45,679  
but when you fulfill that

612  
00:20:48,549 --> 00:20:47,039  
when you fulfill that criteria when you

613  
00:20:49,909 --> 00:20:48,559

cross that finish line when you tick

614

00:20:51,990 --> 00:20:49,919

those boxes

615

00:20:54,630 --> 00:20:52,000

on the form what do they say okay i

616

00:20:56,549 --> 00:20:54,640

believe you now but they don't do they

617

00:20:59,110 --> 00:20:56,559

they say no no no hang on no it could

618

00:21:00,870 --> 00:20:59,120

have been a lighthouse

619

00:21:03,270 --> 00:21:00,880

it could have been it could have been a

620

00:21:04,549 --> 00:21:03,280

truckload of burning manure

621

00:21:06,630 --> 00:21:04,559

that's

622

00:21:08,390 --> 00:21:06,640

what a pile of manure that is

623

00:21:10,549 --> 00:21:08,400

oh it could have been a joyriding ice

624

00:21:13,190 --> 00:21:10,559

cream van

625

00:21:15,590 --> 00:21:13,200

that's got to be my favorite

626

00:21:17,029 --> 00:21:15,600

so it could be all those things so i'm

627

00:21:18,230 --> 00:21:17,039

afraid it's not a ufo you know that i

628

00:21:19,350 --> 00:21:18,240

think i think this is what it was

629

00:21:21,510 --> 00:21:19,360

instead

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00:21:22,710 --> 00:21:21,520

so that's that is uh that's raising the

631

00:21:25,350 --> 00:21:22,720

bar

632

00:21:27,110 --> 00:21:25,360

soccer with the occam

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00:21:28,549 --> 00:21:27,120

occam's razor all things being equal

634

00:21:30,390 --> 00:21:28,559

most the most likely explanation is

635

00:21:31,909 --> 00:21:30,400

usually the right one

636

00:21:33,750 --> 00:21:31,919

now uh you may have heard this quoted on

637

00:21:34,950 --> 00:21:33,760

the film contact it's an interest that's

638

00:21:36,630 --> 00:21:34,960

an interesting film which i discussed

639

00:21:38,470 --> 00:21:36,640

the last time i was here

640

00:21:40,149 --> 00:21:38,480

but um occam's razor is a problem

641

00:21:41,510 --> 00:21:40,159

solving exercise which work it's

642

00:21:43,669 --> 00:21:41,520

actually a very good problem-solving

643

00:21:45,669 --> 00:21:43,679

exercise for known systems so for

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00:21:47,350 --> 00:21:45,679

example if your radio if your portable

645

00:21:48,310 --> 00:21:47,360

radio breaks down

646

00:21:50,149 --> 00:21:48,320

um

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00:21:52,070 --> 00:21:50,159

before you open it and stick screwdriver

648

00:21:54,230 --> 00:21:52,080

in and start fiddling with it

649

00:21:55,830 --> 00:21:54,240

try changing the batteries first

650

00:21:57,350 --> 00:21:55,840

because the flat batteries are probably

651

00:21:58,870 --> 00:21:57,360

the most likely

652

00:22:00,710 --> 00:21:58,880

problem which will cause a radio to

653

00:22:01,909 --> 00:22:00,720

malfunction once you've done that if it

654

00:22:03,270 --> 00:22:01,919

doesn't work then you can stick your

655

00:22:04,630 --> 00:22:03,280

screwdriver in and start fiddling with

656

00:22:06,470 --> 00:22:04,640

it but until then you'll go for the most

657

00:22:08,789 --> 00:22:06,480

likely explanation first

658

00:22:10,710 --> 00:22:08,799

now what they'll say the problem is you

659

00:22:13,990 --> 00:22:10,720

can't apply that to unknown systems for

660

00:22:17,430 --> 00:22:14,000

example um you could for example if you

661

00:22:19,110 --> 00:22:17,440

could say well which is more likely

662

00:22:20,789 --> 00:22:19,120

regarding um

663

00:22:22,789 --> 00:22:20,799

regarding rendezvous for us coming back

664

00:22:25,110 --> 00:22:22,799

to this metaphor again

665

00:22:28,149 --> 00:22:25,120

you know was it a lighthouse

666

00:22:30,710 --> 00:22:28,159

or was it aliens from the planet zog

667

00:22:32,149 --> 00:22:30,720

which is more likely

668

00:22:34,710 --> 00:22:32,159

you know and you could say well you know

669

00:22:36,870 --> 00:22:34,720

well i don't the answer to that would be

670

00:22:38,549 --> 00:22:36,880

well i don't actually know how often

671

00:22:40,630 --> 00:22:38,559

aliens from the planet zog actually land

672

00:22:42,149 --> 00:22:40,640

and interact with people i don't know

673

00:22:44,310 --> 00:22:42,159

which is it more likely that it was

674

00:22:47,029 --> 00:22:44,320

aliens from the planet zog landing or

675

00:22:49,110 --> 00:22:47,039

was it more likely that a group of

676

00:22:50,470 --> 00:22:49,120

highly trained us air force security

677

00:22:52,630 --> 00:22:50,480

police

678

00:22:54,870 --> 00:22:52,640

saw a light flashing through the trees

679

00:22:56,310 --> 00:22:54,880

coming from a well-known local landmark

680

00:22:58,149 --> 00:22:56,320

i thought it was a triangular object

681

00:22:59,110 --> 00:22:58,159

with aliens floating around it

682

00:23:00,310 --> 00:22:59,120

so it's a good thing when you get

683

00:23:02,230 --> 00:23:00,320

anywhere so whenever you're challenged

684

00:23:04,149 --> 00:23:02,240

with occam's razor always turn it back

685

00:23:05,430 --> 00:23:04,159

on them and say well okay

686

00:23:06,789 --> 00:23:05,440

you you're dealing with an unknown

687

00:23:08,630 --> 00:23:06,799

system and you're trying to assign a

688

00:23:11,909 --> 00:23:08,640

hierarchy of likelihoods within that

689

00:23:13,430 --> 00:23:11,919

unknown system and you can't do that

690

00:23:14,870 --> 00:23:13,440

you can't do you can only do it with

691

00:23:17,110 --> 00:23:14,880

known systems where we know the

692

00:23:21,029 --> 00:23:17,120

likelihood of different outcomes as an

693

00:23:27,590 --> 00:23:23,190

extraordinary claims

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00:23:29,190 --> 00:23:27,600

require extraordinary explanations

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00:23:31,669 --> 00:23:29,200

now uh whenever you s this is

696

00:23:33,750 --> 00:23:31,679

interesting thing firstly um if any if a

697

00:23:35,669 --> 00:23:33,760

skeptic ever says this to you right can

698

00:23:37,830 --> 00:23:35,679

you do us a favor right just for my

699

00:23:39,430 --> 00:23:37,840

amusement if for no other reason reply

700

00:23:41,029 --> 00:23:39,440

to them oh that's interesting that's a

701

00:23:42,710 --> 00:23:41,039

good phrase i'll remember that oh i

702

00:23:45,029 --> 00:23:42,720

thought of another it's good to be

703

00:23:47,190 --> 00:23:45,039

open-minded but not so open-minded that

704

00:23:48,950 --> 00:23:47,200

your brain falls out

705

00:23:51,190 --> 00:23:48,960

yeah the reason is that both of these

706

00:23:53,269 --> 00:23:51,200

are skeptic cliches and skeptics use

707

00:23:55,750 --> 00:23:53,279

them all the time they have um

708

00:23:58,230 --> 00:23:55,760

they they like old jokes now neil

709

00:23:59,830 --> 00:23:58,240

degrasse tyson who was the um he's the

710

00:24:01,669 --> 00:23:59,840

current presenter of the cosmos series

711

00:24:02,549 --> 00:24:01,679

after carl sagan died he did the second

712

00:24:04,470 --> 00:24:02,559

series

713

00:24:06,310 --> 00:24:04,480

um he was at a skeptic conference and he

714

00:24:07,909 --> 00:24:06,320

he made that statement it's good to be

715

00:24:09,750 --> 00:24:07,919

open-minded but not so open-minded your

716

00:24:11,269 --> 00:24:09,760

brain falls out and the audience still

717

00:24:12,950 --> 00:24:11,279

laughed

718

00:24:14,070 --> 00:24:12,960

unbelievable

719

00:24:15,510 --> 00:24:14,080

i wish they

720

00:24:20,149 --> 00:24:15,520

if i tell a joke more than two or three

721

00:24:23,750 --> 00:24:21,510

but if you're a skeptic and you tell the

722

00:24:24,630 --> 00:24:23,760

joke over and over again

723

00:24:28,710 --> 00:24:24,640

people

724

00:24:30,070 --> 00:24:28,720

sorry all right

725

00:24:34,470 --> 00:24:30,080

i hope you'll have time for questions at

726

00:24:37,669 --> 00:24:36,149

now the thing is this this has been

727

00:24:40,870 --> 00:24:37,679

attributed to carl sagan the guy who

728

00:24:42,630 --> 00:24:40,880

presented who uh presented um

729

00:24:44,789 --> 00:24:42,640

cosmos he was also a big proponent of

730

00:24:46,950 --> 00:24:44,799

seti as you knew if he was here if you

731

00:24:49,510 --> 00:24:46,960

hear from my last appearance

732

00:24:50,950 --> 00:24:49,520

and um he uh

733

00:24:52,070 --> 00:24:50,960

he coined this phrase extraordinary

734

00:24:53,269 --> 00:24:52,080

claims require extraordinary

735

00:24:54,390 --> 00:24:53,279

explanations

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00:24:55,669 --> 00:24:54,400

well um

737

00:24:57,029 --> 00:24:55,679

there's a problem with this particular

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00:24:58,870 --> 00:24:57,039

statement one is that it's simply a

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00:25:00,870 --> 00:24:58,880

qualitative emotional kind of reaction

740

00:25:03,590 --> 00:25:00,880

to something so for example

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00:25:05,750 --> 00:25:03,600

um you present a claim okay you can send

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00:25:07,750 --> 00:25:05,760

a claim an extraordinary claim well

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00:25:09,669 --> 00:25:07,760

what kind of how do you apply a quantity

744

00:25:12,070 --> 00:25:09,679

to that in other words could you could

745

00:25:14,470 --> 00:25:12,080

you create a scale and say this has this

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00:25:15,990 --> 00:25:14,480

has five extraordinary points this claim

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00:25:17,669 --> 00:25:16,000

so then you need an explanation with

748

00:25:18,789 --> 00:25:17,679

more than five extraordinary points

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00:25:20,630 --> 00:25:18,799

there's got to be five or above

750

00:25:21,830 --> 00:25:20,640

extraordinary points

751

00:25:23,269 --> 00:25:21,840

and you get a tape version there's a

752

00:25:25,110 --> 00:25:23,279

technique that's ten five extraordinary

753

00:25:26,549 --> 00:25:25,120

points ten extraordinary points hold a

754

00:25:27,909 --> 00:25:26,559

tape measure up to it weigh it on a

755

00:25:30,149 --> 00:25:27,919

scale which gives you how many

756

00:25:31,269 --> 00:25:30,159

extraordinary points it has

757

00:25:32,470 --> 00:25:31,279

it's

758

00:25:33,990 --> 00:25:32,480

you can't do that because the word

759

00:25:35,190 --> 00:25:34,000

extraordinary doesn't apply to any kind

760

00:25:37,590 --> 00:25:35,200

of quantity

761

00:25:39,350 --> 00:25:37,600

it's simply a statement of your

762

00:25:41,350 --> 00:25:39,360

extraordinary essentially is how people

763

00:25:42,710 --> 00:25:41,360

react subjectively to

764

00:25:43,990 --> 00:25:42,720

to a phenomenon

765

00:25:45,750 --> 00:25:44,000

and there's no way to measure that

766

00:25:48,310 --> 00:25:45,760

because only you know how extraordinary

767

00:25:49,510 --> 00:25:48,320

something you find something no one else

768

00:25:55,029 --> 00:25:49,520

so

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00:25:57,029 --> 00:25:55,039

what i think uh evidence should be

770

00:25:58,710 --> 00:25:57,039

adequate to explain the claim

771

00:25:59,990 --> 00:25:58,720

and if it does then that's as far as i'm

772

00:26:01,350 --> 00:26:00,000

concerned the claim has been proved

773

00:26:03,430 --> 00:26:01,360

saying just saying it's extraordinary

774

00:26:07,029 --> 00:26:03,440

doesn't doesn't really add or subtract

775

00:26:11,430 --> 00:26:08,830

the santa claus

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00:26:13,269 --> 00:26:11,440

gambit maybe skeptics can't rule out the

777

00:26:15,029 --> 00:26:13,279

existence of the loch ness monster but

778

00:26:17,029 --> 00:26:15,039

we can't rule out the existence of santa

779

00:26:19,669 --> 00:26:17,039

claus either does that mean that santa

780

00:26:21,510 --> 00:26:19,679

claus is there for real now this is a

781

00:26:22,789 --> 00:26:21,520

slight adaptation on a more general

782

00:26:24,789 --> 00:26:22,799

point which is this the burden of

783

00:26:27,750 --> 00:26:24,799

evidence the skeptics are not making the

784

00:26:29,750 --> 00:26:27,760

claims the onus the onus

785

00:26:31,029 --> 00:26:29,760

is on the believer to provide evidence

786

00:26:32,630 --> 00:26:31,039

that their claim is true not on the

787

00:26:34,789 --> 00:26:32,640

skeptic for proving that it is not the

788

00:26:37,269 --> 00:26:34,799

onus the onus that's a width i never

789

00:26:39,110 --> 00:26:37,279

heard the word onus

790

00:26:40,470 --> 00:26:39,120

and until i heard it from a skeptic in

791

00:26:42,549 --> 00:26:40,480

this particular statement i've never

792

00:26:44,230 --> 00:26:42,559

heard it since from anyone else

793

00:26:46,230 --> 00:26:44,240

it's it's owner seems to be one of these

794

00:26:48,390 --> 00:26:46,240

words that the skeptics love

795

00:26:49,909 --> 00:26:48,400

and it's one of the little um that's

796

00:26:51,510 --> 00:26:49,919

what's one of their habit words they do

797

00:26:53,430 --> 00:26:51,520

have a few habit words onus is one of

798

00:26:55,350 --> 00:26:53,440

them another is caveat

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00:26:57,029 --> 00:26:55,360

skeptics love the word caveat if you

800

00:26:58,310 --> 00:26:57,039

listen to them for like more than half

801  
00:27:00,950 --> 00:26:58,320  
an hour actually guaranteed they will

802  
00:27:03,510 --> 00:27:00,960  
say the word caveat at some point

803  
00:27:04,950 --> 00:27:03,520  
but this is actually a misrepresentation

804  
00:27:06,789 --> 00:27:04,960  
of us what i think what they're trying

805  
00:27:08,470 --> 00:27:06,799  
to say is that people who are not

806  
00:27:10,789 --> 00:27:08,480  
skeptics

807  
00:27:12,149 --> 00:27:10,799  
use this fallacy they say well i was

808  
00:27:13,750 --> 00:27:12,159  
walking along the shores of loch ness

809  
00:27:15,110 --> 00:27:13,760  
and i saw a monster

810  
00:27:17,269 --> 00:27:15,120  
and therefore it's real because you

811  
00:27:19,029 --> 00:27:17,279  
can't prove i didn't i don't i've never

812  
00:27:21,590 --> 00:27:19,039  
met a serious nessie researcher or

813  
00:27:23,269 --> 00:27:21,600

ufologist a ghost hunter or anyone else

814

00:27:24,870 --> 00:27:23,279

who actually believes that who actually

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00:27:26,230 --> 00:27:24,880

believes that they just have to say

816

00:27:27,590 --> 00:27:26,240

something and they weren't supposed to

817

00:27:29,350 --> 00:27:27,600

believe them because it can't be

818

00:27:31,830 --> 00:27:29,360

falsified

819

00:27:33,750 --> 00:27:31,840

i've never ever suggested i've never

820

00:27:35,669 --> 00:27:33,760

ever suggested that's the case myself i

821

00:27:37,750 --> 00:27:35,679

don't know any serious researcher who

822

00:27:39,990 --> 00:27:37,760

thinks that that's the case either so if

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00:27:43,029 --> 00:27:40,000

a skeptic is if a skeptic is kind of is

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00:27:45,029 --> 00:27:43,039

using this in a sense to

825

00:27:46,310 --> 00:27:45,039

as a description of most people who are

826

00:27:48,310 --> 00:27:46,320

not skeptics then it's a false

827

00:27:51,669 --> 00:27:48,320

description and they do this a lot they

828

00:27:53,190 --> 00:27:51,679

tend to straw man us quite a bit

829

00:27:55,110 --> 00:27:53,200

casting doubt

830

00:27:56,630 --> 00:27:55,120

911 truth has got it wrong about page

831

00:27:58,389 --> 00:27:56,640

jewish jet because they forgot to take

832

00:27:59,909 --> 00:27:58,399

into account that it crossed into

833

00:28:01,990 --> 00:27:59,919

different into a different time zone so

834

00:28:03,909 --> 00:28:02,000

let's talk about that for a while the

835

00:28:05,190 --> 00:28:03,919

pain stewardship referred it refers to

836

00:28:06,389 --> 00:28:05,200

the golfer pain steward who had a

837

00:28:08,870 --> 00:28:06,399

private jet

838

00:28:10,950 --> 00:28:08,880

uh this jet uh actually lost its cabin

839

00:28:12,149 --> 00:28:10,960

pressure and everyone onboard suffocated

840

00:28:13,190 --> 00:28:12,159

while it was in the air including the

841

00:28:15,269 --> 00:28:13,200

pilot

842

00:28:17,669 --> 00:28:15,279

and um it took a while for the it

843

00:28:20,470 --> 00:28:17,679

apparently took two hours for the

844

00:28:22,070 --> 00:28:20,480

the air defenses to find them when uh

845

00:28:23,350 --> 00:28:22,080

people often say well actually you know

846

00:28:25,590 --> 00:28:23,360

why didn't why did it take why did it

847

00:28:28,789 --> 00:28:25,600

take that long for 911 but it apparently

848

00:28:30,950 --> 00:28:28,799

took um much it took a much shorter time

849

00:28:32,870 --> 00:28:30,960

in this case than it did for 9 11. but

850

00:28:34,789 --> 00:28:32,880

the point is that

851

00:28:37,269 --> 00:28:34,799

this was actually a mistake

852

00:28:40,630 --> 00:28:37,279

the response time was the same for both

853

00:28:43,669 --> 00:28:40,640

this jet and for the 911 incident yet

854

00:28:44,950 --> 00:28:43,679

the skeptics um

855

00:28:46,789 --> 00:28:44,960

point out that this is something that

856

00:28:48,149 --> 00:28:46,799

researchers got wrong so that means all

857

00:28:50,789 --> 00:28:48,159

the other scholarship related to the

858

00:28:51,750 --> 00:28:50,799

subject of 9 11 and and why the official

859

00:28:53,830 --> 00:28:51,760

story

860

00:28:55,350 --> 00:28:53,840

should be questioned is therefore thrown

861

00:28:57,350 --> 00:28:55,360

out the window

862

00:28:59,110 --> 00:28:57,360

because they made one mistake that's

863

00:29:01,110 --> 00:28:59,120

classical casting down now this is the

864

00:29:03,590 --> 00:29:01,120

ultimate in casting down the sneer this

865

00:29:05,830 --> 00:29:03,600

is an extension of casting doubt to the

866

00:29:07,430 --> 00:29:05,840

levels of absurdity

867

00:29:09,909 --> 00:29:07,440

anyone who believes we've been visited

868

00:29:13,350 --> 00:29:09,919

by extraterrestrial aliens must be a

869

00:29:15,029 --> 00:29:13,360

lunatic a fool or a con man

870

00:29:17,430 --> 00:29:15,039

if you believe that if you believe this

871

00:29:19,350 --> 00:29:17,440

you must be a maniac a simpleton or a

872

00:29:21,350 --> 00:29:19,360

fraud

873

00:29:22,870 --> 00:29:21,360

now this i told not all skeptics are

874

00:29:23,909 --> 00:29:22,880

civilized and some will say things like

875

00:29:25,669 --> 00:29:23,919

this but

876

00:29:27,110 --> 00:29:25,679

leaving aside the insulting nature of

877

00:29:29,510 --> 00:29:27,120

what they're saying

878

00:29:30,630 --> 00:29:29,520

but what

879

00:29:34,470 --> 00:29:30,640

what does this tell us about the

880

00:29:40,389 --> 00:29:36,630

it tells us nothing

881

00:29:42,389 --> 00:29:40,399

it's this is worthless as an axiom in

882

00:29:44,470 --> 00:29:42,399

every single way

883

00:29:46,230 --> 00:29:44,480

it's i could just i could i could adapt

884

00:29:48,149 --> 00:29:46,240

it and say everyone who thinks two plus

885

00:29:50,389 --> 00:29:48,159

two is f everyone who thinks two plus

886

00:29:52,389 --> 00:29:50,399

two equals four is a maniac

887

00:29:53,430 --> 00:29:52,399

a lunatic and a fool or simpleton and a

888

00:29:56,630 --> 00:29:53,440

fraud

889

00:29:57,669 --> 00:29:56,640

does that mean two plus two equals five

890

00:29:59,110 --> 00:29:57,679

no

891

00:30:01,269 --> 00:29:59,120

but they will say this this is called an

892

00:30:02,870 --> 00:30:01,279

ad hominem attack it's also uh poisoning

893

00:30:05,029 --> 00:30:02,880

the well fallacy

894

00:30:06,950 --> 00:30:05,039

i think the ultimate the ultimate

895

00:30:10,070 --> 00:30:06,960

expression of this going back to 911

896

00:30:12,950 --> 00:30:10,080

again the ultimate expression is i think

897

00:30:14,789 --> 00:30:12,960

is an example which richard which um

898

00:30:16,230 --> 00:30:14,799

which a lot of people a lot of people

899

00:30:17,590 --> 00:30:16,240

when when people question the official

900

00:30:20,310 --> 00:30:17,600

story of 9 11

901  
00:30:22,310 --> 00:30:20,320  
you'll often get this they'll say

902  
00:30:24,149 --> 00:30:22,320  
you think the jews were phoned up the

903  
00:30:25,669 --> 00:30:24,159  
night before and told to stay off work

904  
00:30:27,830 --> 00:30:25,679  
don't you

905  
00:30:29,430 --> 00:30:27,840  
and richard dawkins who's i'll talk a

906  
00:30:31,350 --> 00:30:29,440  
bit more about him in a minute now he

907  
00:30:33,510 --> 00:30:31,360  
was um he's like a famous atheist

908  
00:30:35,750 --> 00:30:33,520  
skeptic he did a program called enemies

909  
00:30:38,070 --> 00:30:35,760  
of reason and he addresses cons he

910  
00:30:39,750 --> 00:30:38,080  
dresses the conspiracy angle only once

911  
00:30:42,149 --> 00:30:39,760  
in the entire series and he brings up

912  
00:30:43,990 --> 00:30:42,159  
this point he said you may think that

913  
00:30:45,669 --> 00:30:44,000

conspiracy theories are harmless but

914

00:30:47,830 --> 00:30:45,679

what about all the people who say the

915

00:30:50,950 --> 00:30:47,840

jews were phoned up the day before 9 11

916

00:30:52,470 --> 00:30:50,960

told to stay off work

917

00:30:54,630 --> 00:30:52,480

that's that's the only reference he

918

00:30:57,190 --> 00:30:54,640

makes that entire subject

919

00:30:59,269 --> 00:30:57,200

as it happens um over 300 jews died on 9

920

00:31:01,990 --> 00:30:59,279

11 including six israelis and i don't

921

00:31:03,269 --> 00:31:02,000

know anyone who seriously doubts that

922

00:31:06,149 --> 00:31:03,279

it's a bit unlikely isn't it can you

923

00:31:11,590 --> 00:31:09,190

hello ishmael is that you yeah who is

924

00:31:13,029 --> 00:31:11,600

this it doesn't matter listen someone's

925

00:31:14,470 --> 00:31:13,039

gonna go down don't go into work

926

00:31:17,669 --> 00:31:14,480

tomorrow who it doesn't matter just

927

00:31:21,190 --> 00:31:19,990

no it's it's they say this because they

928

00:31:24,230 --> 00:31:21,200

want to

929

00:31:25,669 --> 00:31:24,240

it is an attack against our character

930

00:31:27,350 --> 00:31:25,679

that's what it is they want to stay they

931

00:31:29,350 --> 00:31:27,360

want us to be wrong

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00:31:31,669 --> 00:31:29,360

but they can't prove us wrong so they

933

00:31:33,669 --> 00:31:31,679

say well you're a bad person therefore i

934

00:31:35,269 --> 00:31:33,679

don't have to prove you wrong

935

00:31:37,029 --> 00:31:35,279

it's a very nasty thing and they do this

936

00:31:38,470 --> 00:31:37,039

a lot this i they in the longer version

937

00:31:40,549 --> 00:31:38,480

of this talk i go into more details

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00:31:42,549 --> 00:31:40,559

about the skeptic thug element

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00:31:43,990 --> 00:31:42,559

which does exist and i've been i've been

940

00:31:46,549 --> 00:31:44,000

the target of them myself i had to call

941

00:31:48,230 --> 00:31:46,559

the police at one point

942

00:31:51,190 --> 00:31:48,240

coincidence theory it's just a

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00:31:53,430 --> 00:31:51,200

coincidence you know who's had this one

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00:31:54,870 --> 00:31:53,440

it's just a coincidence

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00:31:56,470 --> 00:31:54,880

i'm surprised i'm surprised no one's had

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00:31:58,789 --> 00:31:56,480

this one from a skeptic it's a very very

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00:32:00,470 --> 00:31:58,799

common method you say something

948

00:32:02,870 --> 00:32:00,480

like that and they'll say

949

00:32:04,630 --> 00:32:02,880

oh it's just a coincidence right well

950

00:32:06,070 --> 00:32:04,640

this is this is a important point the

951  
00:32:07,350 --> 00:32:06,080  
problem with the coincidence when they

952  
00:32:09,430 --> 00:32:07,360  
say it's just a coincidence that's kind

953  
00:32:11,029 --> 00:32:09,440  
of a get out of jail free card

954  
00:32:12,789 --> 00:32:11,039  
it's kind it's it's actually

955  
00:32:15,509 --> 00:32:12,799  
intellectually lazy and dishonest for

956  
00:32:17,509 --> 00:32:15,519  
them to say that because you see

957  
00:32:20,549 --> 00:32:17,519  
there is nothing physically possible in

958  
00:32:23,669 --> 00:32:20,559  
this universe which is so unlikely

959  
00:32:25,029 --> 00:32:23,679  
that you could say that can never happen

960  
00:32:26,710 --> 00:32:25,039  
it could just cannot happen because it's

961  
00:32:28,230 --> 00:32:26,720  
too unlikely you never it could happen

962  
00:32:29,590 --> 00:32:28,240  
and they take this the skeptics take

963  
00:32:31,110 --> 00:32:29,600

this ball and they run with it to the

964

00:32:32,710 --> 00:32:31,120

point where they say they come up with

965

00:32:34,310 --> 00:32:32,720

all kinds of um

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00:32:35,909 --> 00:32:34,320

ways of making up to something which is

967

00:32:37,669 --> 00:32:35,919

highly unlikely to be coincidental is a

968

00:32:38,710 --> 00:32:37,679

coincidence

969

00:32:41,830 --> 00:32:38,720

um

970

00:32:43,110 --> 00:32:41,840

there's all kinds of this

971

00:32:44,870 --> 00:32:43,120

when it comes to synchronicity for

972

00:32:46,549 --> 00:32:44,880

example people who have synchronistic

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00:32:47,509 --> 00:32:46,559

experiences like you'll just think

974

00:32:48,870 --> 00:32:47,519

you're thinking about someone you

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00:32:50,710 --> 00:32:48,880

haven't seen for years and years and

976

00:32:51,830 --> 00:32:50,720

years and suddenly you meet them the

977

00:32:54,950 --> 00:32:51,840

very next moment they sort of come

978

00:32:56,470 --> 00:32:54,960

around the corner have you had that

979

00:32:58,630 --> 00:32:56,480

oh it's very common synchronicity is

980

00:33:00,470 --> 00:32:58,640

very common i get a lot of that um

981

00:33:02,070 --> 00:33:00,480

professor gary schwartz was doing a talk

982

00:33:03,990 --> 00:33:02,080

the other day about it which i listened

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00:33:05,750 --> 00:33:04,000

to it's very interesting

984

00:33:07,830 --> 00:33:05,760

the problem is you see i got into a

985

00:33:10,230 --> 00:33:07,840

debate with a guy called dr paul rogers

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00:33:11,830 --> 00:33:10,240

about this when i was at a conference in

987

00:33:15,830 --> 00:33:11,840

in bath

988

00:33:19,269 --> 00:33:17,590

and i said to him

989

00:33:20,230 --> 00:33:19,279

okay if someone comes up to you if

990

00:33:24,230 --> 00:33:20,240

someone

991

00:33:25,909 --> 00:33:24,240

lottery five weeks in a row would you

992

00:33:27,110 --> 00:33:25,919

accept that as coincidence he said no of

993

00:33:28,549 --> 00:33:27,120

course not i said why not it's

994

00:33:29,590 --> 00:33:28,559

physically possible

995

00:33:31,909 --> 00:33:29,600

why not

996

00:33:34,070 --> 00:33:31,919

it's incredibly unlikely i mean the odds

997

00:33:36,230 --> 00:33:34,080

are 13 million to one raised to the

998

00:33:38,389 --> 00:33:36,240

power of five that's such a huge number

999

00:33:40,310 --> 00:33:38,399

it's impossible to imagine it's that

1000

00:33:41,909 --> 00:33:40,320

unlikely but if you buy a ticket five

1001  
00:33:44,389 --> 00:33:41,919  
weeks in a row it's physically possible

1002  
00:33:46,070 --> 00:33:44,399  
for you to win five weeks in a row

1003  
00:33:47,509 --> 00:33:46,080  
and he said no that's not possible it's

1004  
00:33:48,310 --> 00:33:47,519  
not possible that could happen i said

1005  
00:33:50,549 --> 00:33:48,320  
right

1006  
00:33:51,750 --> 00:33:50,559  
where is the statistical ceiling then

1007  
00:33:54,389 --> 00:33:51,760  
for you

1008  
00:33:56,310 --> 00:33:54,399  
above which you will stop using

1009  
00:33:57,590 --> 00:33:56,320  
that trump card you will stop saying

1010  
00:34:00,549 --> 00:33:57,600  
things are coincidence where is it where

1011  
00:34:02,710 --> 00:34:00,559  
is the cutoff point between what you in

1012  
00:34:04,149 --> 00:34:02,720  
in terms of the hierarchy of likelihood

1013  
00:34:05,990 --> 00:34:04,159

in which you

1014

00:34:07,350 --> 00:34:06,000

will say it is a coincidence it

1015

00:34:09,030 --> 00:34:07,360

could be a coincidence if it's below

1016

00:34:10,790 --> 00:34:09,040

that but it could be a coincidence if

1017

00:34:13,030 --> 00:34:10,800

it's above that and he couldn't answer

1018

00:34:14,950 --> 00:34:13,040

me because the skeptics have never

1019

00:34:16,869 --> 00:34:14,960

actually had any kind of conference and

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00:34:18,389 --> 00:34:16,879

agreed on it and they say they mumble

1021

00:34:19,909 --> 00:34:18,399

things about p values and bayesian

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00:34:22,069 --> 00:34:19,919

inference and things like that but they

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00:34:23,510 --> 00:34:22,079

cannot answer that simple question until

1024

00:34:25,349 --> 00:34:23,520

they can answer that simple question

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00:34:29,030 --> 00:34:25,359

they cannot use this

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00:34:30,710 --> 00:34:29,040

not as a successful rebuttal

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00:34:32,710 --> 00:34:30,720

because you know it's it's because it

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00:34:34,869 --> 00:34:32,720

can be used so

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00:34:36,629 --> 00:34:34,879

so randomly and and so gratuitously in

1030

00:34:38,470 --> 00:34:36,639

that way

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00:34:40,710 --> 00:34:38,480

so and he did see i think hopefully i

1032

00:34:42,389 --> 00:34:40,720

gave him something to think about there

1033

00:34:43,510 --> 00:34:42,399

but if you if you do win i mean

1034

00:34:46,470 --> 00:34:43,520

obviously i think if someone won the

1035

00:34:47,909 --> 00:34:46,480

lottery five weeks in a row um

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00:34:50,230 --> 00:34:47,919

you'd be you'd probably be arrested and

1037

00:34:52,389 --> 00:34:50,240

questioned wouldn't you because

1038

00:34:53,750 --> 00:34:52,399

and um you'd you could you could go to

1039

00:34:55,510 --> 00:34:53,760

court obviously you could afford a very

1040

00:34:58,230 --> 00:34:55,520

good lawyer so you could don't get out

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00:34:59,589 --> 00:34:58,240

of it quite easily

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00:35:01,270 --> 00:34:59,599

but you could you could go to court and

1043

00:35:02,470 --> 00:35:01,280

you could just stand up and say you know

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00:35:03,910 --> 00:35:02,480

when it comes to the defense you could

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00:35:06,390 --> 00:35:03,920

stand up and say your honor i'm just a

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00:35:08,470 --> 00:35:06,400

very lucky guy and sit down again and

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00:35:11,750 --> 00:35:08,480

they'd have to acquit you

1048

00:35:13,270 --> 00:35:11,760

if there's no evidence you've been

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00:35:17,349 --> 00:35:13,280

tampering with vlan slots in it's

1050

00:35:19,030 --> 00:35:17,359

awaiting the balls or anything you know

1051  
00:35:21,190 --> 00:35:19,040  
rational explanations i'm sure there's a

1052  
00:35:22,550 --> 00:35:21,200  
rational explanation for this now this

1053  
00:35:23,510 --> 00:35:22,560  
isn't really a criticism but this is

1054  
00:35:24,470 --> 00:35:23,520  
just like

1055  
00:35:26,230 --> 00:35:24,480  
um

1056  
00:35:28,150 --> 00:35:26,240  
now it's not just skeptics who use this

1057  
00:35:30,150 --> 00:35:28,160  
steve mara has a habit of using this

1058  
00:35:31,910 --> 00:35:30,160  
phrase and i do mention to it sometimes

1059  
00:35:33,349 --> 00:35:31,920  
i've interviewed him a few times and

1060  
00:35:36,150 --> 00:35:33,359  
i've said steve look can i be very

1061  
00:35:36,950 --> 00:35:36,160  
pedantic about and i take him up on this

1062  
00:35:38,790 --> 00:35:36,960  
now

1063  
00:35:39,990 --> 00:35:38,800

the thing about this what do they mean

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00:35:41,829 --> 00:35:40,000

when they say there's a rational

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00:35:43,750 --> 00:35:41,839

explanation

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00:35:45,990 --> 00:35:43,760

because uh irrational i don't believe

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00:35:47,190 --> 00:35:46,000

the word the adjective rational cannot

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00:35:49,190 --> 00:35:47,200

be

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00:35:50,950 --> 00:35:49,200

used to apply to an explanation it can't

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00:35:52,950 --> 00:35:50,960

be used to apply to a conclusion only to

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00:35:54,630 --> 00:35:52,960

a method

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00:35:57,430 --> 00:35:54,640

so

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00:35:59,910 --> 00:35:57,440

it's like you could say well i examined

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00:36:02,150 --> 00:35:59,920

this particular case rationally and i

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00:36:04,550 --> 00:36:02,160

concluded that it is really aliens these

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00:36:06,470 --> 00:36:04,560

ufos really are aliens therefore

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00:36:08,630 --> 00:36:06,480

i've i've used rationality and i've come

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00:36:10,310 --> 00:36:08,640

to an irrational conclusion

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00:36:12,390 --> 00:36:10,320

you know alternatively you could be a

1080

00:36:14,630 --> 00:36:12,400

skeptic and you could be the skeptic who

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00:36:16,470 --> 00:36:14,640

i said earlier who takes who someone

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00:36:17,510 --> 00:36:16,480

hands him a photo any kids

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00:36:19,430 --> 00:36:17,520

i'm not going to look at this because

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00:36:21,589 --> 00:36:19,440

it's not real

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00:36:23,750 --> 00:36:21,599

that skeptic therefore has come has been

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00:36:26,230 --> 00:36:23,760

totally irrational and come to a

1087

00:36:27,990 --> 00:36:26,240

rational explanation

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00:36:32,310 --> 00:36:28,000

so you see what i mean the word rational

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00:36:37,430 --> 00:36:35,510

maybe the clown had a day off

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00:36:38,550 --> 00:36:37,440

now this is a the clown's day off

1091

00:36:40,470 --> 00:36:38,560

fallacy

1092

00:36:41,990 --> 00:36:40,480

is the

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00:36:43,430 --> 00:36:42,000

the most extreme example of what i was

1094

00:36:44,790 --> 00:36:43,440

saying earlier about the burden of

1095

00:36:46,710 --> 00:36:44,800

evidence

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00:36:48,790 --> 00:36:46,720

and skeptics will will do this so

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00:36:50,470 --> 00:36:48,800

supposing you're walking along

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00:36:52,069 --> 00:36:50,480

the shores of loch ness you see the loch

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00:36:54,069 --> 00:36:52,079

ness monster you tell a skeptic and the

1100

00:36:56,230 --> 00:36:54,079

skeptic will say no you didn't see the

1101  
00:36:57,910 --> 00:36:56,240  
loch ness monster all that happened was

1102  
00:36:59,670 --> 00:36:57,920  
a clown had a day off from the circus

1103  
00:37:01,109 --> 00:36:59,680  
and decided to play a trick on you he

1104  
00:37:03,190 --> 00:37:01,119  
dressed up as a monster unifor he

1105  
00:37:04,870 --> 00:37:03,200  
dressed up in a monster costume and went

1106  
00:37:07,430 --> 00:37:04,880  
swimming in the lake to see if anyone

1107  
00:37:08,630 --> 00:37:07,440  
would think it was a loch ness monster

1108  
00:37:10,550 --> 00:37:08,640  
and

1109  
00:37:11,910 --> 00:37:10,560  
i would you would say the answer to that

1110  
00:37:13,589 --> 00:37:11,920  
is well how do you know which clown

1111  
00:37:15,430 --> 00:37:13,599  
where is he did you could you produce

1112  
00:37:16,630 --> 00:37:15,440  
him can you give me his phone number

1113  
00:37:18,230 --> 00:37:16,640

and the skeptic will say i don't know

1114

00:37:19,190 --> 00:37:18,240

what clown it is

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00:37:20,710 --> 00:37:19,200

it's just

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00:37:22,710 --> 00:37:20,720

it's more likely that it was some clown

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00:37:23,990 --> 00:37:22,720

with a day off from the circus

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00:37:25,349 --> 00:37:24,000

and um

1119

00:37:26,870 --> 00:37:25,359

you suddenly realize at that point this

1120

00:37:29,430 --> 00:37:26,880

is kind of a variation of the occam's

1121

00:37:31,510 --> 00:37:29,440

razor fallacy because you you realize at

1122

00:37:34,630 --> 00:37:31,520

that point the skeptic

1123

00:37:37,990 --> 00:37:36,069

debunking becomes a feat of the

1124

00:37:39,670 --> 00:37:38,000

imagination

1125

00:37:42,150 --> 00:37:39,680

all you have to do if someone presents

1126  
00:37:43,589 --> 00:37:42,160  
you a claim which is outside the skeptic

1127  
00:37:45,349 --> 00:37:43,599  
milieu

1128  
00:37:47,829 --> 00:37:45,359  
all you have to do if you're a skeptic

1129  
00:37:49,589 --> 00:37:47,839  
is think of something that it might be

1130  
00:37:51,510 --> 00:37:49,599  
physically possible regardless of how

1131  
00:37:53,190 --> 00:37:51,520  
unlikely it is

1132  
00:37:55,430 --> 00:37:53,200  
and it wins by default because it

1133  
00:37:56,710 --> 00:37:55,440  
doesn't involve ufos or monsters now i

1134  
00:37:58,150 --> 00:37:56,720  
never understood why something should

1135  
00:37:59,829 --> 00:37:58,160  
win by default just because it doesn't

1136  
00:38:02,870 --> 00:37:59,839  
use involved ufos and monsters but

1137  
00:38:04,630 --> 00:38:02,880  
that's what i think they it's um

1138  
00:38:06,390 --> 00:38:04,640

according to some kind of principle

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00:38:07,430 --> 00:38:06,400

which i don't quite understand if you

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00:38:10,150 --> 00:38:07,440

can think of something that doesn't

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00:38:12,310 --> 00:38:10,160

involve ufos or monsters or ghosts then

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00:38:13,750 --> 00:38:12,320

you've you've won the arguments just

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00:38:14,950 --> 00:38:13,760

because

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00:38:16,550 --> 00:38:14,960

and um

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00:38:17,670 --> 00:38:16,560

and therefore you you just it doesn't

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00:38:19,270 --> 00:38:17,680

matter how unlikely it is it doesn't

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00:38:21,990 --> 00:38:19,280

matter if it is literally just something

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00:38:23,589 --> 00:38:22,000

you thought of off the top of your head

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00:38:27,109 --> 00:38:23,599

so the clown's day off fallacy is used

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00:38:28,870 --> 00:38:27,119

very very commonly among skeptics

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00:38:30,790 --> 00:38:28,880

now

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00:38:32,470 --> 00:38:30,800

the big one what motor one thing that

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00:38:33,990 --> 00:38:32,480

motivates them i think is when it comes

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00:38:36,470 --> 00:38:34,000

to this question are we alone in the

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00:38:37,670 --> 00:38:36,480

universe now the answer to this question

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00:38:38,950 --> 00:38:37,680

i think is no

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00:38:41,190 --> 00:38:38,960

i think most people in this room

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00:38:43,030 --> 00:38:41,200

probably agree with me if not all of you

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00:38:45,190 --> 00:38:43,040

but um

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00:38:48,550 --> 00:38:45,200

the skeptic will go will say something

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00:38:50,390 --> 00:38:48,560

like this this is why i think there's um

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00:38:51,670 --> 00:38:50,400

i think there's an emotional element to

1163

00:38:54,069 --> 00:38:51,680

this

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00:38:55,589 --> 00:38:54,079

they will say well

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00:38:57,109 --> 00:38:55,599

some people think that we're there are

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00:38:59,750 --> 00:38:57,119

aliens out there and that we're not

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00:39:01,270 --> 00:38:59,760

alone in the universe but you know

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00:39:03,270 --> 00:39:01,280

i think they're just doing it because

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00:39:04,710 --> 00:39:03,280

they want that comfort they don't like

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00:39:06,790 --> 00:39:04,720

the idea it's uncomfortable to think

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00:39:08,710 --> 00:39:06,800

we're just this tiny little pale blue

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00:39:09,910 --> 00:39:08,720

dot that carl sagan calls you know no

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00:39:12,470 --> 00:39:09,920

one wants to believe we're just this

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00:39:15,190 --> 00:39:12,480

tiny little oasis of life in this

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00:39:17,430 --> 00:39:15,200

infinite cosmic desert of nothingness

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00:39:19,030 --> 00:39:17,440

and you know some people they they make

1177

00:39:20,790 --> 00:39:19,040

up these stories because well it gives

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00:39:23,430 --> 00:39:20,800

them comfort so they don't have to face

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00:39:25,670 --> 00:39:23,440

the reality that's what they say

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00:39:28,870 --> 00:39:25,680

but of course the proviso is and the the

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00:39:30,870 --> 00:39:28,880

immediate follow on from that is but i

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00:39:33,750 --> 00:39:30,880

don't need to do that

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00:39:35,589 --> 00:39:33,760

i can face this harsh reality i'm strong

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00:39:38,069 --> 00:39:35,599

enough and mean enough and superior

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00:39:40,150 --> 00:39:38,079

enough that i could live my life knowing

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00:39:42,390 --> 00:39:40,160

that i live on the only living planet in

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00:39:44,950 --> 00:39:42,400

the universe i don't need any kind of

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00:39:46,950 --> 00:39:44,960

cotton wool rap fantasy to get me out of

1189

00:39:50,870 --> 00:39:46,960

my bed every morning

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00:39:53,190 --> 00:39:50,880

therefore i'm very superior to you

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00:39:55,030 --> 00:39:53,200

and um that i think means so when the

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00:39:56,630 --> 00:39:55,040

skeptics say it's wishful thinking that

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00:39:58,230 --> 00:39:56,640

we're not alone in the universe i think

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00:39:59,750 --> 00:39:58,240

that cuts both ways

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00:40:01,670 --> 00:39:59,760

you could say like you could answer that

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00:40:03,270 --> 00:40:01,680

it is wishful thinking that

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00:40:04,790 --> 00:40:03,280

if you believe we're not alone in the we

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00:40:06,550 --> 00:40:04,800

are alone in the universe that's also

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00:40:07,910 --> 00:40:06,560

wishful thinking

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00:40:09,589 --> 00:40:07,920

because for the reasons i've just

1201  
00:40:11,430 --> 00:40:09,599  
described it gives it gives you a sense

1202  
00:40:13,190 --> 00:40:11,440  
of superiority you can back slap with

1203  
00:40:14,550 --> 00:40:13,200  
other people and say look at us

1204  
00:40:17,670 --> 00:40:14,560  
we can face the truth and these other

1205  
00:40:19,030 --> 00:40:17,680  
people can't we're way above them

1206  
00:40:20,630 --> 00:40:19,040  
which of course is why they need people

1207  
00:40:23,109 --> 00:40:20,640  
like us

1208  
00:40:25,030 --> 00:40:23,119  
see because from their point of view

1209  
00:40:29,510 --> 00:40:25,040  
if it wasn't people like us who they who

1210  
00:40:33,030 --> 00:40:31,030  
it's all academic anyway because we're

1211  
00:40:36,069 --> 00:40:33,040  
not alone in the universe i believe

1212  
00:40:37,990 --> 00:40:36,079  
and that's a rational explanation

1213  
00:40:39,349 --> 00:40:38,000

so where does skeptics start where do

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00:40:40,710 --> 00:40:39,359

skeptics come from now when we think of

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00:40:41,750 --> 00:40:40,720

skeptics we think of them as something

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00:40:43,190 --> 00:40:41,760

modern

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00:40:44,790 --> 00:40:43,200

we think of it something that post

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00:40:46,870 --> 00:40:44,800

enlightenment you know when people

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00:40:48,790 --> 00:40:46,880

discovered science

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00:40:50,470 --> 00:40:48,800

and um they started investigating things

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00:40:53,030 --> 00:40:50,480

rationally rather than just believing in

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00:40:54,470 --> 00:40:53,040

the church and things like that um

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00:40:57,510 --> 00:40:54,480

everyone says well that's kind of where

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00:40:59,829 --> 00:40:57,520

skepticism started because um skeptics

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00:41:01,910 --> 00:40:59,839

rose with the arrival of science and

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00:41:04,470 --> 00:41:01,920

reason but in fact

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00:41:06,630 --> 00:41:04,480

skeptic skepticism is which what we

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00:41:08,870 --> 00:41:06,640

would recognize as the skeptic

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00:41:10,710 --> 00:41:08,880

movement began much earlier it goes back

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00:41:12,870 --> 00:41:10,720

all the way through history

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00:41:14,630 --> 00:41:12,880

and i think the earliest example of this

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00:41:16,069 --> 00:41:14,640

can be found in ancient india probably

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00:41:18,829 --> 00:41:16,079

the first

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00:41:21,430 --> 00:41:18,839

there was the

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00:41:22,870 --> 00:41:21,440

chavakas now this was an indian set

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00:41:24,309 --> 00:41:22,880

which interestingly even though they

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00:41:25,910 --> 00:41:24,319

were skeptics

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00:41:27,109 --> 00:41:25,920

they were considered part of hinduism

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00:41:29,430 --> 00:41:27,119

and they still are even though they were

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00:41:30,550 --> 00:41:29,440

kind of neocharvaking movements today

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00:41:31,910 --> 00:41:30,560

and um

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00:41:34,150 --> 00:41:31,920

they believe if you listen to what they

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00:41:36,230 --> 00:41:34,160

say it's it's incredible it's exactly

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00:41:37,510 --> 00:41:36,240

what skeptics say today they say there

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00:41:39,190 --> 00:41:37,520

is nothing that could not be perceived

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00:41:41,750 --> 00:41:39,200

rational there is no soul there is no

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00:41:43,750 --> 00:41:41,760

afterlife there are no gods

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00:41:45,589 --> 00:41:43,760

human beings are matter

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00:41:46,950 --> 00:41:45,599

consciousness is consciousness comes

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00:41:48,630 --> 00:41:46,960

from the brain all kinds of things like

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00:41:49,750 --> 00:41:48,640

that very often i think i think they

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00:41:51,510 --> 00:41:49,760

often thought that it came from the

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00:41:53,829 --> 00:41:51,520

liver rather than the brain where they

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00:41:56,069 --> 00:41:53,839

did believe that um it was a product of

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00:41:57,829 --> 00:41:56,079

for the workings of the body

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00:42:00,630 --> 00:41:57,839

so very similar to what the richard

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00:42:01,990 --> 00:42:00,640

dawkins is and and chris francis say of

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00:42:03,349 --> 00:42:02,000

this world today and this is very i say

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00:42:04,870 --> 00:42:03,359

this is very very old this tradition

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00:42:07,270 --> 00:42:04,880

goes back a long way

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00:42:08,790 --> 00:42:07,280

it's a very funny story actually um

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00:42:10,630 --> 00:42:08,800

of a chap who um

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00:42:12,710 --> 00:42:10,640

he was actually a skeptic and he joined

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00:42:15,510 --> 00:42:12,720

the british humanist association

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00:42:16,870 --> 00:42:15,520

and became an atheist and a skeptic and

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00:42:18,150 --> 00:42:16,880

he was very worried because his parent

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00:42:19,589 --> 00:42:18,160

he was from a hindu family and his

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00:42:20,710 --> 00:42:19,599

parents were very devout used to go to

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00:42:22,950 --> 00:42:20,720

the temple and everything like that and

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00:42:24,470 --> 00:42:22,960

worship the gods on diwali and things

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00:42:27,349 --> 00:42:24,480

like that and then

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00:42:29,670 --> 00:42:27,359

he wondered how they would cope with him

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00:42:32,309 --> 00:42:29,680

you know their son becoming an atheist

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00:42:33,750 --> 00:42:32,319

and a skeptic and a materialist

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00:42:35,190 --> 00:42:33,760

and eventually he plugged he plucked up

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00:42:36,309 --> 00:42:35,200

courage and he went and told them he

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00:42:37,349 --> 00:42:36,319

says

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00:42:38,470 --> 00:42:37,359

i've joined the british human

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00:42:39,510 --> 00:42:38,480

association i'm a skeptic i don't

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00:42:42,150 --> 00:42:39,520

believe in any of this sort of thing i'm

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

very very sorry and his parents went

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00:42:46,390 --> 00:42:44,480

may the gods be praised our son has

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00:42:49,430 --> 00:42:46,400

discovered the sacred hindu tradition of

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00:42:50,630 --> 00:42:49,440

the charvakas and they were overjoyed

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00:42:54,470 --> 00:42:50,640

so

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00:42:57,750 --> 00:42:55,430

but

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00:42:59,670 --> 00:42:57,760

i think um this is this guy here i think

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00:43:01,510 --> 00:42:59,680

is uh where where the modern skeptic

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00:43:03,030 --> 00:43:01,520

movement i think it begins in terms of

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00:43:04,790 --> 00:43:03,040

the bond and practices probably begins

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00:43:06,550 --> 00:43:04,800

with this guy here he was um

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00:43:08,150 --> 00:43:06,560

he was a skeptic who's very into bondage

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00:43:09,030 --> 00:43:08,160

and things like that and s m as you can

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00:43:13,190 --> 00:43:09,040

see

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00:43:14,710 --> 00:43:13,200

escapologist this is harry houdini

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00:43:15,990 --> 00:43:14,720

now he's a very interesting figure

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00:43:18,390 --> 00:43:16,000

indeed because

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00:43:19,670 --> 00:43:18,400

he i think is the first person

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00:43:21,990 --> 00:43:19,680

who

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00:43:23,349 --> 00:43:22,000

i think

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00:43:25,270 --> 00:43:23,359  
had the kind of attitude that modern

1302  
00:43:27,670 --> 00:43:25,280  
skeptics have towards the paranormal in

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00:43:28,950 --> 00:43:27,680  
which they essentially challenge us in

1304  
00:43:30,309 --> 00:43:28,960  
in this particular way that modern

1305  
00:43:31,990 --> 00:43:30,319  
skeptics do

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00:43:33,349 --> 00:43:32,000  
they keep they come in your face and say

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00:43:34,950 --> 00:43:33,359  
this is not true this is not true this

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00:43:36,950 --> 00:43:34,960  
is not true

1309  
00:43:38,870 --> 00:43:36,960  
he he was famous for his tricks he used

1310  
00:43:40,550 --> 00:43:38,880  
to escape from things as you can see

1311  
00:43:41,829 --> 00:43:40,560  
he's locked up in chains now but he

1312  
00:43:43,109 --> 00:43:41,839  
could break out of these chains he could

1313  
00:43:45,589 --> 00:43:43,119

pick locks with his bare teeth and

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00:43:47,030 --> 00:43:45,599

things like that amazing chat

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00:43:48,630 --> 00:43:47,040

they locked him in a milk churn and

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00:43:51,030 --> 00:43:48,640

filled it with water once and he managed

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00:43:54,150 --> 00:43:51,040

to get out of it

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00:43:58,069 --> 00:43:55,829

he's no one ever realized the secrets of

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00:43:59,430 --> 00:43:58,079

his tricks

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00:44:00,790 --> 00:43:59,440

but somebody used to they locked him in

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00:44:02,470 --> 00:44:00,800

bank vaults

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00:44:03,670 --> 00:44:02,480

inside the body of a dead whale once it

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00:44:06,630 --> 00:44:03,680

was amazing

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00:44:08,470 --> 00:44:06,640

and he became world famous now um

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00:44:11,270 --> 00:44:08,480

he died interesting he died

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00:44:13,349 --> 00:44:11,280

on halloween night in 1926

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00:44:14,710 --> 00:44:13,359

after a short illness because someone

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00:44:17,990 --> 00:44:14,720

punched him in the stomach in a fight

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00:44:19,990 --> 00:44:18,000

and he got uh he got a ruptured appendix

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00:44:22,150 --> 00:44:20,000

but long before then he said to his wife

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00:44:23,910 --> 00:44:22,160

bess and to his mother he said then

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00:44:25,349 --> 00:44:23,920

you know um

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00:44:27,510 --> 00:44:25,359

these these um

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00:44:28,630 --> 00:44:27,520

these these mediums these psychics

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00:44:29,750 --> 00:44:28,640

they're all fake you know they're all

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00:44:31,190 --> 00:44:29,760

fake

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00:44:32,550 --> 00:44:31,200

and he got very angry because when his

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00:44:34,390 --> 00:44:32,560

mother died in particular he was

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00:44:36,870 --> 00:44:34,400

extremely upset because

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00:44:39,349 --> 00:44:36,880

mediums would he saw mediums

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00:44:41,190 --> 00:44:39,359

at spiritual churches and seances

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00:44:42,550 --> 00:44:41,200

pretend what as he saw pretending to

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00:44:44,390 --> 00:44:42,560

channel the spirits of the dead to

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00:44:45,829 --> 00:44:44,400

grieving relatives and things like that

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00:44:47,750 --> 00:44:45,839

making money off it and things like this

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00:44:50,550 --> 00:44:47,760

and he hated that sort of thing and so

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00:44:52,230 --> 00:44:50,560

he went on a crusade to try and um put a

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00:44:55,829 --> 00:44:52,240

stop

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00:44:57,109 --> 00:44:55,839

cash prize

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00:44:58,470 --> 00:44:57,119

for anyone who could prove

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00:45:01,030 --> 00:44:58,480

scientifically

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00:45:02,550 --> 00:45:01,040

that they could do what they claim to do

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00:45:03,670 --> 00:45:02,560

um brother can someone give me a time

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00:45:05,750 --> 00:45:03,680

call when i've gone three quarters of an

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00:45:08,150 --> 00:45:05,760

hour so how am i doing

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00:45:09,589 --> 00:45:08,160

right you are he he he offered a cash

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00:45:10,790 --> 00:45:09,599

prize to anyone who could do it no one

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00:45:12,390 --> 00:45:10,800

ever claimed it now there's another

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00:45:14,069 --> 00:45:12,400

skeptic a more recent one who actually

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00:45:16,390 --> 00:45:14,079

did the same thing i'll talk about him

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00:45:17,750 --> 00:45:16,400

yeah i'll talk about him later

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00:45:20,470 --> 00:45:17,760

but um he

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00:45:22,710 --> 00:45:20,480

houdini was open-minded enough

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00:45:24,470 --> 00:45:22,720

to examine the possibility that

1365

00:45:25,829 --> 00:45:24,480

there might actually be an afterlife and

1366

00:45:28,390 --> 00:45:25,839

it may be possible once you're in that

1367

00:45:29,430 --> 00:45:28,400

afternoon to communicate with us with

1368

00:45:31,589 --> 00:45:29,440

your living

1369

00:45:33,190 --> 00:45:31,599

the living people you leave behind

1370

00:45:34,390 --> 00:45:33,200

so what he did was he left a coded

1371

00:45:36,150 --> 00:45:34,400

message

1372

00:45:37,910 --> 00:45:36,160

with his wife bess he wrote it in a

1373

00:45:39,349 --> 00:45:37,920

piece of letter only only the two of

1374

00:45:40,950 --> 00:45:39,359

them knew about it he locked it in they

1375

00:45:42,550 --> 00:45:40,960

locked it in a safe no one else ever saw

1376

00:45:44,390 --> 00:45:42,560

it but it was a it was a letter with

1377

00:45:46,150 --> 00:45:44,400

coded information in it

1378

00:45:48,150 --> 00:45:46,160

so and then he encouraged her to go to

1379

00:45:51,270 --> 00:45:48,160

see all the mediums she could and he

1380

00:45:53,829 --> 00:45:51,280

says best if if i die before you do

1381

00:45:55,990 --> 00:45:53,839

i'll come back and i will um i'll give

1382

00:45:58,230 --> 00:45:56,000

you this coded message if it's really me

1383

00:45:59,670 --> 00:45:58,240

so you'll know that it's true and as it

1384

00:46:01,270 --> 00:45:59,680

happens he died very suddenly i mean he

1385

00:46:03,510 --> 00:46:01,280

died he was not very old he died very

1386

00:46:05,510 --> 00:46:03,520

suddenly but best indeed did do that now

1387

00:46:07,670 --> 00:46:05,520

according to official stories today

1388

00:46:09,670 --> 00:46:07,680

you'll find out that um

1389

00:46:12,069 --> 00:46:09,680

bess actually never got the coded

1390

00:46:14,390 --> 00:46:12,079

message from harry after his death

1391

00:46:16,710 --> 00:46:14,400

however um the the today the harry

1392

00:46:19,109 --> 00:46:16,720

houdini fan club they still hold

1393

00:46:21,430 --> 00:46:19,119

an annual seance every year at the

1394

00:46:22,870 --> 00:46:21,440

knickerbocker hotel in new york city say

1395

00:46:24,870 --> 00:46:22,880

harry come back harry come back and

1396

00:46:26,309 --> 00:46:24,880

harry apparently never come back

1397

00:46:28,150 --> 00:46:26,319

but

1398

00:46:29,829 --> 00:46:28,160

what's something very interesting and

1399

00:46:31,750 --> 00:46:29,839

this is this comes into other subjects

1400

00:46:33,270 --> 00:46:31,760

about how information is suppressed

1401  
00:46:35,030 --> 00:46:33,280  
because i got given a present it was a

1402  
00:46:38,550 --> 00:46:35,040  
book on on the it was the reader's

1403  
00:46:40,790 --> 00:46:38,560  
digest encyclopedia of the paranormal

1404  
00:46:43,670 --> 00:46:40,800  
1983

1405  
00:46:45,190 --> 00:46:43,680  
very old out of print obviously someone

1406  
00:46:46,230 --> 00:46:45,200  
one of the porters of my hospital found

1407  
00:46:48,790 --> 00:46:46,240  
it on the league of friends store and

1408  
00:46:49,910 --> 00:46:48,800  
bought it for me it was very nice of him

1409  
00:46:51,670 --> 00:46:49,920  
i had a look through it and there was a

1410  
00:46:53,109 --> 00:46:51,680  
page here on houdini

1411  
00:46:54,550 --> 00:46:53,119  
and i read i read through and it led me

1412  
00:46:56,309 --> 00:46:54,560  
to write an article called the houdini

1413  
00:46:58,069 --> 00:46:56,319

code which you could find on my on my

1414

00:46:59,670 --> 00:46:58,079

panma blog today

1415

00:47:01,750 --> 00:46:59,680

because in this article it claims that

1416

00:47:03,510 --> 00:47:01,760

bess actually did get a coded message

1417

00:47:05,589 --> 00:47:03,520

from harry houdini

1418

00:47:08,069 --> 00:47:05,599

on one of the seances that he came

1419

00:47:11,349 --> 00:47:08,079

through with the actual code that she

1420

00:47:12,150 --> 00:47:11,359

had arranged with him and she reported

1421

00:47:14,470 --> 00:47:12,160

it

1422

00:47:15,990 --> 00:47:14,480

but that now is not repeated in any

1423

00:47:19,430 --> 00:47:16,000

modern literature you have to go back to

1424

00:47:21,270 --> 00:47:19,440

a book from from 40 years ago

1425

00:47:22,549 --> 00:47:21,280

to just to get information so it was

1426

00:47:23,510 --> 00:47:22,559

worth looking at the older books if you

1427

00:47:25,510 --> 00:47:23,520

come across an older book on the

1428

00:47:28,790 --> 00:47:25,520

paranormal ufology or something always

1429

00:47:33,109 --> 00:47:31,510

there are several organizations i'll

1430

00:47:35,510 --> 00:47:33,119

have a break after this one steve all

1431

00:47:37,510 --> 00:47:35,520

right there are several organizations

1432

00:47:39,670 --> 00:47:37,520

connected to um

1433

00:47:41,109 --> 00:47:39,680

to skepticism now

1434

00:47:43,030 --> 00:47:41,119

of course we have organizations too

1435

00:47:45,030 --> 00:47:43,040

there's euphoria there's suffon of

1436

00:47:46,549 --> 00:47:45,040

course there's many many others

1437

00:47:49,270 --> 00:47:46,559

but the skeptics have their equivalent

1438

00:47:50,630 --> 00:47:49,280

as i'm explaining in terms of um

1439

00:47:52,150 --> 00:47:50,640

intellectual groups and things like that

1440

00:47:53,270 --> 00:47:52,160

and this is the biggest it's called it's

1441

00:47:54,549 --> 00:47:53,280

called the committee for skeptical

1442

00:47:55,670 --> 00:47:54,559

inquiry but used to be called the

1443

00:47:57,349 --> 00:47:55,680

committee

1444

00:47:59,109 --> 00:47:57,359

for the scientific investigation of

1445

00:48:01,430 --> 00:47:59,119

claims of the paranormal

1446

00:48:03,750 --> 00:48:01,440

a cycop and everyone thinks that's kind

1447

00:48:06,549 --> 00:48:03,760

of a joke psy cop

1448

00:48:08,549 --> 00:48:06,559

the policeman of psychical research

1449

00:48:10,470 --> 00:48:08,559

um apparently it wasn't intentional

1450

00:48:12,230 --> 00:48:10,480

according to their founder paul kurtz it

1451

00:48:14,309 --> 00:48:12,240

was found it was founded by a guy it was

1452

00:48:15,589 --> 00:48:14,319

founded in 1975 by a man called paul

1453

00:48:17,430 --> 00:48:15,599

kurtz who

1454

00:48:19,589 --> 00:48:17,440

is a rather shady character and in the

1455

00:48:21,910 --> 00:48:19,599

longer version of this talk i um i'll go

1456

00:48:23,510 --> 00:48:21,920

into i go into more details about that

1457

00:48:24,870 --> 00:48:23,520

but all the figure all the major

1458

00:48:26,950 --> 00:48:24,880

skeptical figures including those i'm

1459

00:48:28,309 --> 00:48:26,960

going to talk about in the second half

1460

00:48:30,950 --> 00:48:28,319

are members of

1461

00:48:32,950 --> 00:48:30,960

some way associated with this group

1462

00:48:35,270 --> 00:48:32,960

um it holds an annual conference it

1463

00:48:37,030 --> 00:48:35,280

publishes um a magazine called the

1464

00:48:38,950 --> 00:48:37,040

skeptical inquirer

1465

00:48:41,349 --> 00:48:38,960

um there's many it does many many other

1466

00:48:43,030 --> 00:48:41,359

things it organizes uh investigations

1467

00:48:44,549 --> 00:48:43,040

and things like that and it's it's

1468

00:48:45,910 --> 00:48:44,559

interesting to look into it and listen

1469

00:48:48,950 --> 00:48:45,920

look what they say

1470

00:48:51,030 --> 00:48:48,960

and i've been investigating an awful lot

1471

00:48:51,910 --> 00:48:51,040

and the people associated with it

1472

00:48:53,349 --> 00:48:51,920

there's a

1473

00:48:54,549 --> 00:48:53,359

a quite an interesting array of

1474

00:48:56,150 --> 00:48:54,559

characters i must say they're very

1475

00:48:57,990 --> 00:48:56,160

different in many many different ways

1476

00:49:08,150 --> 00:48:58,000

all united though

1477

00:49:14,470 --> 00:49:11,109

now the skeptical inquirer is a magazine

1478

00:49:17,109 --> 00:49:14,480

which is published by by the csi

1479

00:49:19,030 --> 00:49:17,119

i think it's yeah i was just thinking um

1480

00:49:20,710 --> 00:49:19,040

she must get my magazines mixed up here

1481

00:49:22,870 --> 00:49:20,720

and there's one called the skeptic which

1482

00:49:25,030 --> 00:49:22,880

i think is michael sherman's magazine

1483

00:49:27,270 --> 00:49:25,040

but this is the uh site this is the csi

1484

00:49:29,670 --> 00:49:27,280

magazine the reason interestingly cycop

1485

00:49:32,069 --> 00:49:29,680

changed its name to csi

1486

00:49:34,069 --> 00:49:32,079

because of a lawsuit by uri geller who

1487

00:49:36,150 --> 00:49:34,079

i'm sure you're familiar with as there's

1488

00:49:38,470 --> 00:49:36,160

a long complicated story about that it's

1489

00:49:40,309 --> 00:49:38,480

it's a rivalry that goes back about 50

1490

00:49:41,510 --> 00:49:40,319

years i don't have time to go into it

1491

00:49:42,950 --> 00:49:41,520

now

1492

00:49:45,190 --> 00:49:42,960

but um

1493

00:49:47,430 --> 00:49:45,200

this is the equivalent of like nexus or

1494

00:49:49,829 --> 00:49:47,440

ufo truth magazine or ufo data all these

1495

00:49:51,750 --> 00:49:49,839

other magazines that come out

1496

00:49:53,750 --> 00:49:51,760

on our side of the debate

1497

00:49:56,069 --> 00:49:53,760

and it they discuss a lot of the very

1498

00:49:57,750 --> 00:49:56,079

similar subjects that these two i've got

1499

00:49:59,510 --> 00:49:57,760

some copies of nexus with me actually i

1500

00:50:01,750 --> 00:49:59,520

was reading them on the train

1501  
00:50:03,109 --> 00:50:01,760  
and um i've read skeptical inquirer i've

1502  
00:50:04,630 --> 00:50:03,119  
actually um

1503  
00:50:06,390 --> 00:50:04,640  
the uk skeptic magazine i actually

1504  
00:50:08,710 --> 00:50:06,400  
subscribed to them for a year that was

1505  
00:50:10,630 --> 00:50:08,720  
edited by professor chris french who i

1506  
00:50:12,710 --> 00:50:10,640  
talked about before it's now edited by

1507  
00:50:13,910 --> 00:50:12,720  
deborah hyde who's another skeptic

1508  
00:50:15,349 --> 00:50:13,920  
so um

1509  
00:50:17,030 --> 00:50:15,359  
as you can see they're discussing the

1510  
00:50:18,390 --> 00:50:17,040  
face on mars

1511  
00:50:19,589 --> 00:50:18,400  
according to the skepticists of course

1512  
00:50:20,710 --> 00:50:19,599  
it's just a

1513  
00:50:22,630 --> 00:50:20,720

a random

1514

00:50:24,870 --> 00:50:22,640

randomly shaped lump of rock a lot with

1515

00:50:26,870 --> 00:50:24,880

all the other things surrounding it but

1516

00:50:28,549 --> 00:50:26,880

obviously you see it's this is what i

1517

00:50:30,470 --> 00:50:28,559

mean about it being a parallel world you

1518

00:50:32,390 --> 00:50:30,480

can read these magazines you can even

1519

00:50:34,230 --> 00:50:32,400

recognize you can recognize the subject

1520

00:50:36,069 --> 00:50:34,240

certainly you can even recognize some of

1521

00:50:38,069 --> 00:50:36,079

the stylistic elements to to the

1522

00:50:39,910 --> 00:50:38,079

magazine but it's approaching it from

1523

00:50:42,309 --> 00:50:39,920

another angle it's like it's like being

1524

00:50:43,589 --> 00:50:42,319

alice going through the looking glass

1525

00:50:45,750 --> 00:50:43,599

there's several of these magazines in

1526  
00:50:48,069 --> 00:50:45,760  
the uk like skeptic uk skeptic magazine

1527  
00:50:50,150 --> 00:50:48,079  
you know several others

1528  
00:50:52,309 --> 00:50:50,160  
and um

1529  
00:50:54,069 --> 00:50:52,319  
pardon me that's just a coincidence i'm

1530  
00:50:55,190 --> 00:50:54,079  
sure

1531  
00:50:56,549 --> 00:50:55,200  
now i'm going to talk about some of the

1532  
00:50:58,309 --> 00:50:56,559  
individuals

1533  
00:51:00,150 --> 00:50:58,319  
who make up the skeptic movement wide

1534  
00:51:01,829 --> 00:51:00,160  
for a variety a modelly crew of

1535  
00:51:03,430 --> 00:51:01,839  
characters of various

1536  
00:51:06,069 --> 00:51:03,440  
shades various characters various

1537  
00:51:07,510 --> 00:51:06,079  
abilities various levels of honesty

1538  
00:51:09,109 --> 00:51:07,520

intelligence

1539

00:51:10,950 --> 00:51:09,119

and you've got to start with this guy

1540

00:51:13,510 --> 00:51:10,960

this is the great grandfather and

1541

00:51:16,470 --> 00:51:13,520

godfather of modern skeptics it is james

1542

00:51:18,870 --> 00:51:16,480

randy and his real name randall james

1543

00:51:22,710 --> 00:51:18,880

hamilton's wing

1544

00:51:24,470 --> 00:51:22,720

born in 1928 about 18 months after harry

1545

00:51:25,589 --> 00:51:24,480

houdini died

1546

00:51:28,710 --> 00:51:25,599

now

1547

00:51:30,470 --> 00:51:28,720

i i'm interested in reincarnation so i

1548

00:51:32,470 --> 00:51:30,480

can't out wondering when i listen to

1549

00:51:34,710 --> 00:51:32,480

this guy listen to what he says

1550

00:51:36,950 --> 00:51:34,720

whether harry got to the spirit world

1551  
00:51:38,710 --> 00:51:36,960  
and thought i want to have another go i

1552  
00:51:39,829 --> 00:51:38,720  
want to come back and try again as

1553  
00:51:41,670 --> 00:51:39,839  
somebody else

1554  
00:51:43,510 --> 00:51:41,680  
and so he came back as this guy james

1555  
00:51:45,270 --> 00:51:43,520  
randy and there's he actually passed

1556  
00:51:48,150 --> 00:51:45,280  
away a few months ago and i did a

1557  
00:51:49,510 --> 00:51:48,160  
special program about it on my show

1558  
00:51:50,790 --> 00:51:49,520  
and i did a couple of interviews about

1559  
00:51:54,230 --> 00:51:50,800  
it because it really was an end of an

1560  
00:51:56,309 --> 00:51:54,240  
era actually when when james randy died

1561  
00:51:58,309 --> 00:51:56,319  
randy um was

1562  
00:51:59,990 --> 00:51:58,319  
he was one of these people i mean people

1563  
00:52:02,630 --> 00:52:00,000

say he's

1564

00:52:04,710 --> 00:52:02,640

painting his own life in a slightly rosy

1565

00:52:06,390 --> 00:52:04,720

colored hue

1566

00:52:08,710 --> 00:52:06,400

and indeed he has been caught out

1567

00:52:10,390 --> 00:52:08,720

telling a few porkies now and again

1568

00:52:11,829 --> 00:52:10,400

but he he's one of these he said he was

1569

00:52:12,790 --> 00:52:11,839

one of these kids who was too bright for

1570

00:52:14,470 --> 00:52:12,800

school

1571

00:52:16,309 --> 00:52:14,480

so he used to he was too intelligent to

1572

00:52:17,589 --> 00:52:16,319

go to school so he used to bunk off

1573

00:52:20,470 --> 00:52:17,599

school and used to go to down to

1574

00:52:21,990 --> 00:52:20,480

downtown toronto canada where he lived

1575

00:52:23,109 --> 00:52:22,000

he used to go into theaters and watch

1576  
00:52:25,349 --> 00:52:23,119  
the great

1577  
00:52:26,870 --> 00:52:25,359  
magicians perform

1578  
00:52:28,230 --> 00:52:26,880  
and he wanted to do that he wants he

1579  
00:52:30,790 --> 00:52:28,240  
wanted to be

1580  
00:52:33,349 --> 00:52:30,800  
a magician like a stage illusionist

1581  
00:52:35,109 --> 00:52:33,359  
and when he was i think like 15 years

1582  
00:52:36,950 --> 00:52:35,119  
old he he ran away from home and joined

1583  
00:52:39,829 --> 00:52:36,960  
a circus apparently

1584  
00:52:41,430 --> 00:52:39,839  
and became the amazing randy

1585  
00:52:43,670 --> 00:52:41,440  
and um

1586  
00:52:47,190 --> 00:52:43,680  
and he was very similar to houdini in

1587  
00:52:49,430 --> 00:52:47,200  
the sense that he saw people

1588  
00:52:51,510 --> 00:52:49,440

who were using the same methods of stage

1589

00:52:54,950 --> 00:52:51,520

magic as he saw it

1590

00:52:56,390 --> 00:52:54,960

but were pretending to be really magic

1591

00:52:58,230 --> 00:52:56,400

and they'd often charge all amount of

1592

00:53:00,230 --> 00:52:58,240

money for example performing miracles

1593

00:53:02,790 --> 00:53:00,240

telling you your fortune telling you

1594

00:53:04,309 --> 00:53:02,800

which job to apply for which horse to

1595

00:53:05,750 --> 00:53:04,319

bet on in a race

1596

00:53:07,589 --> 00:53:05,760

things like that

1597

00:53:09,430 --> 00:53:07,599

and for small fee they would they would

1598

00:53:11,510 --> 00:53:09,440

go and they would do that and contact

1599

00:53:12,630 --> 00:53:11,520

your dead relatives things like that

1600

00:53:16,069 --> 00:53:12,640

and

1601  
00:53:17,990 --> 00:53:16,079  
realized these were just charlatans they

1602  
00:53:19,670 --> 00:53:18,000  
were they were using the same methods as

1603  
00:53:21,589 --> 00:53:19,680  
stage illusionism

1604  
00:53:23,430 --> 00:53:21,599  
but they were pretending to be real

1605  
00:53:26,390 --> 00:53:23,440  
and uh the bane of his life was uri

1606  
00:53:28,069 --> 00:53:26,400  
geller who uh actually he throws to

1607  
00:53:30,230 --> 00:53:28,079  
prominence in 1970 he came over from

1608  
00:53:32,470 --> 00:53:30,240  
israel and started bending spoons

1609  
00:53:34,230 --> 00:53:32,480  
and things like that um

1610  
00:53:36,230 --> 00:53:34,240  
he's a bit of a he's not a very original

1611  
00:53:38,549 --> 00:53:36,240  
magician in that sense however there's a

1612  
00:53:40,150 --> 00:53:38,559  
there's a story behind um

1613  
00:53:43,589 --> 00:53:40,160

arrigela which i don't have time to talk

1614

00:53:45,430 --> 00:53:43,599

about now but he was recruited to the

1615

00:53:47,030 --> 00:53:45,440

remote viewing program for the cia and

1616

00:53:48,710 --> 00:53:47,040

for mossad it's a very very long story

1617

00:53:50,390 --> 00:53:48,720

but that's actually been confirmed now

1618

00:53:52,069 --> 00:53:50,400

but randy never talks about that and

1619

00:53:53,829 --> 00:53:52,079

there's a reason why he doesn't which i

1620

00:53:55,750 --> 00:53:53,839

will talk about in the longer version of

1621

00:53:57,190 --> 00:53:55,760

this discussion

1622

00:53:59,670 --> 00:53:57,200

but he um

1623

00:54:02,230 --> 00:53:59,680

he founded the james randy educational

1624

00:54:04,150 --> 00:54:02,240

foundation and said there's several

1625

00:54:06,549 --> 00:54:04,160

conferences he set up which are called

1626  
00:54:08,069 --> 00:54:06,559  
the amazing meeting after the amazing

1627  
00:54:09,510 --> 00:54:08,079  
randy and they became very successful

1628  
00:54:11,430 --> 00:54:09,520  
there's been about i think there's been

1629  
00:54:13,109 --> 00:54:11,440  
about 15 of those conferences including

1630  
00:54:14,870 --> 00:54:13,119  
one over here in britain there was there

1631  
00:54:15,829 --> 00:54:14,880  
was tom london which i went along to

1632  
00:54:18,309 --> 00:54:15,839  
actually

1633  
00:54:20,549 --> 00:54:18,319  
it was in the the london metropole

1634  
00:54:22,150 --> 00:54:20,559  
hilton very very posh place it wasn't

1635  
00:54:22,950 --> 00:54:22,160  
cheap actually i couldn't afford to go

1636  
00:54:25,349 --> 00:54:22,960  
again

1637  
00:54:26,950 --> 00:54:25,359  
i just went once and um

1638  
00:54:28,710 --> 00:54:26,960

again it was it was strange to be there

1639

00:54:30,230 --> 00:54:28,720

and realize that i was kind of in a

1640

00:54:31,670 --> 00:54:30,240

parallel world

1641

00:54:33,510 --> 00:54:31,680

and but i had some very interesting

1642

00:54:36,230 --> 00:54:33,520

experiences which i'll talk about in in

1643

00:54:38,230 --> 00:54:36,240

a little while when i was there not just

1644

00:54:40,549 --> 00:54:38,240

relating to randy i met randy actually i

1645

00:54:42,230 --> 00:54:40,559

spoke to him he's a quite short guy

1646

00:54:43,589 --> 00:54:42,240

and i just said hello to him i was

1647

00:54:44,870 --> 00:54:43,599

actually introduced by a guy called dave

1648

00:54:47,270 --> 00:54:44,880

alan greene

1649

00:54:49,510 --> 00:54:47,280

who um he runs

1650

00:54:51,109 --> 00:54:49,520

the westminster skeptics in the pub who

1651  
00:54:52,870 --> 00:54:51,119  
has outed me

1652  
00:54:54,150 --> 00:54:52,880  
as a woo-woo

1653  
00:54:55,430 --> 00:54:54,160  
yeah well actually it was one of the

1654  
00:54:56,950 --> 00:54:55,440  
trolls didn't like actually wrote him

1655  
00:54:59,270 --> 00:54:56,960  
and said are you aware you have a

1656  
00:55:00,950 --> 00:54:59,280  
believer attending your conferences your

1657  
00:55:02,710 --> 00:55:00,960  
your your skeptic meetings and he said

1658  
00:55:04,870 --> 00:55:02,720  
yeah it's all right and when i went in

1659  
00:55:06,870 --> 00:55:04,880  
again dave came up and he said i've been

1660  
00:55:08,230 --> 00:55:06,880  
hearing stories about you ben

1661  
00:55:09,670 --> 00:55:08,240  
but anyway um

1662  
00:55:11,670 --> 00:55:09,680  
he was all right dave was fine with me

1663  
00:55:13,510 --> 00:55:11,680

attending bingham being a believer and

1664

00:55:15,829 --> 00:55:13,520

attending but he introduced me to randy

1665

00:55:17,589 --> 00:55:15,839

and i i spoke to randy briefly

1666

00:55:18,950 --> 00:55:17,599

and

1667

00:55:20,710 --> 00:55:18,960

but um

1668

00:55:22,470 --> 00:55:20,720

he has um

1669

00:55:24,950 --> 00:55:22,480

he he has like a

1670

00:55:26,630 --> 00:55:24,960

lot he is a showman essentially he's

1671

00:55:28,789 --> 00:55:26,640

trained his entire life to perform on

1672

00:55:30,390 --> 00:55:28,799

stage to people he's been on tv

1673

00:55:33,670 --> 00:55:30,400

he's been on tours he's been all over

1674

00:55:35,589 --> 00:55:33,680

the place he's he's invested he's

1675

00:55:37,109 --> 00:55:35,599

he's really like

1676

00:55:40,150 --> 00:55:37,119

somebody who knows how to act he

1677

00:55:42,069 --> 00:55:40,160

essentially is an actor and he does act

1678

00:55:43,670 --> 00:55:42,079

and he tells

1679

00:55:45,750 --> 00:55:43,680

untruths about people

1680

00:55:47,990 --> 00:55:45,760

there's a guy called rupert sheldrake

1681

00:55:49,589 --> 00:55:48,000

who is willing to work with skeptics he

1682

00:55:51,030 --> 00:55:49,599

works closely with chris french he's a

1683

00:55:52,549 --> 00:55:51,040

guy who came up with more for genetic

1684

00:55:54,470 --> 00:55:52,559

fields so he's kind of on our side of

1685

00:55:55,670 --> 00:55:54,480

the fence with things like that

1686

00:55:57,270 --> 00:55:55,680

but he won't work with randy because

1687

00:55:58,710 --> 00:55:57,280

he's randy's a liar

1688

00:56:00,870 --> 00:55:58,720

i've got an audio actually i play in the

1689

00:56:03,190 --> 00:56:00,880

longer version of this talk where he he

1690

00:56:05,030 --> 00:56:03,200

goes into more detail about the the the

1691

00:56:06,390 --> 00:56:05,040

fact that randy attacked him personally

1692

00:56:09,030 --> 00:56:06,400

trying to smear him randy's done this

1693

00:56:09,910 --> 00:56:09,040

several times to people

1694

00:56:11,270 --> 00:56:09,920

but

1695

00:56:12,870 --> 00:56:11,280

he is

1696

00:56:14,950 --> 00:56:12,880

considered a lily white angel of

1697

00:56:16,309 --> 00:56:14,960

skepticism within the skeptic movement

1698

00:56:18,390 --> 00:56:16,319

everyone thinks he's wonderful he's like

1699

00:56:20,470 --> 00:56:18,400

he's everybody's granddad

1700

00:56:21,750 --> 00:56:20,480

and his death actually represent means

1701

00:56:23,990 --> 00:56:21,760

it really is the end of an era for a

1702

00:56:24,789 --> 00:56:24,000

skeptic movement i think

1703

00:56:26,630 --> 00:56:24,799

but

1704

00:56:27,910 --> 00:56:26,640

the reason people think i think really

1705

00:56:29,349 --> 00:56:27,920

look up to him within the skeptic

1706

00:56:31,190 --> 00:56:29,359

movement

1707

00:56:34,390 --> 00:56:31,200

is this

1708

00:56:35,829 --> 00:56:34,400

that is one million us dollars

1709

00:56:38,069 --> 00:56:35,839

randy has done exactly the same as

1710

00:56:41,030 --> 00:56:38,079

houdini or maybe it's houdini and around

1711

00:56:43,349 --> 00:56:41,040

his body we don't know but it's more

1712

00:56:45,109 --> 00:56:43,359

it's even more money randy in the 60s

1713

00:56:47,109 --> 00:56:45,119

decided because he did what houdini did

1714

00:56:48,870 --> 00:56:47,119

he decided to expose what he saw as the

1715

00:56:52,230 --> 00:56:48,880

fake mediums

1716

00:56:54,549 --> 00:56:52,240

so he set up his the james randy

1717

00:56:57,270 --> 00:56:54,559

million dollar challenge

1718

00:56:59,190 --> 00:56:57,280

this is organized in and um

1719

00:57:01,349 --> 00:56:59,200

and administered by the james around the

1720

00:57:03,670 --> 00:57:01,359

educational foundation

1721

00:57:05,109 --> 00:57:03,680

and um what you do is he he challenges

1722

00:57:07,270 --> 00:57:05,119

people who believe in something or have

1723

00:57:08,789 --> 00:57:07,280

some kind of psychic ability or can do

1724

00:57:11,270 --> 00:57:08,799

anything miraculous

1725

00:57:13,990 --> 00:57:11,280

to prove it in a properly controlled

1726

00:57:15,589 --> 00:57:14,000

scientific tests

1727

00:57:16,950 --> 00:57:15,599

properly organized

1728

00:57:18,309 --> 00:57:16,960

by conditions which are agreed

1729

00:57:19,910 --> 00:57:18,319

beforehand with lawyers and with

1730

00:57:21,510 --> 00:57:19,920

everyone else if you can go up and you

1731

00:57:23,829 --> 00:57:21,520

can perform it in a controlled

1732

00:57:26,470 --> 00:57:23,839

investigative condition he will give you

1733

00:57:27,829 --> 00:57:26,480

one million us dollars

1734

00:57:29,829 --> 00:57:27,839

and um

1735

00:57:30,789 --> 00:57:29,839

he no one's ever won those million

1736

00:57:33,829 --> 00:57:30,799

dollars

1737

00:57:35,510 --> 00:57:33,839

and this for randy is his way of saying

1738

00:57:36,870 --> 00:57:35,520

all these things are not true these

1739

00:57:38,789 --> 00:57:36,880

people are all lies because if they was

1740

00:57:39,910 --> 00:57:38,799

someone if they if it was true someone

1741

00:57:42,069 --> 00:57:39,920

would have come along and won this

1742

00:57:43,670 --> 00:57:42,079

million dollars in fact it's you

1743

00:57:45,109 --> 00:57:43,680

generally saying that skeptics like old

1744

00:57:48,630 --> 00:57:45,119

jokes

1745

00:57:51,270 --> 00:57:48,640

randy's on stage and this happened at

1746

00:57:53,510 --> 00:57:51,280

the tam london

1747

00:57:54,870 --> 00:57:53,520

um frenchy always french was actually

1748

00:57:56,470 --> 00:57:54,880

the uh

1749

00:57:58,870 --> 00:57:56,480

the master of ceremonies and he said he

1750

00:58:00,069 --> 00:57:58,880

said randy i can't help imitating his

1751

00:58:01,910 --> 00:58:00,079

voice

1752

00:58:03,349 --> 00:58:01,920

randy tell me in all the times that

1753

00:58:05,510 --> 00:58:03,359

you've been administering the million

1754

00:58:07,750 --> 00:58:05,520

dollar challenge has anyone ever come

1755

00:58:09,910 --> 00:58:07,760

along and made you think this is it

1756

00:58:12,069 --> 00:58:09,920

we've got someone who's going to win it

1757

00:58:13,829 --> 00:58:12,079

and randy says no

1758

00:58:15,589 --> 00:58:13,839

and everyone laughs

1759

00:58:16,950 --> 00:58:15,599

everyone knows he's going to say that

1760

00:58:21,270 --> 00:58:16,960

but they still laugh and they laugh

1761

00:58:24,870 --> 00:58:23,430

now you you might think i mean and on

1762

00:58:26,870 --> 00:58:24,880

the surface this is what skeptics will

1763

00:58:29,430 --> 00:58:26,880

always bring this up

1764

00:58:32,950 --> 00:58:29,440

how come nobody nobody's ever won

1765

00:58:34,390 --> 00:58:32,960

the jrf one million dollar challenge

1766

00:58:35,990 --> 00:58:34,400

and it's when you look at when you go to

1767

00:58:37,910 --> 00:58:36,000

the j ref reps it's actually been

1768

00:58:39,910 --> 00:58:37,920

stopped now actually was it was stopped

1769

00:58:42,150 --> 00:58:39,920

so the the challenge was discontinued a

1770

00:58:45,430 --> 00:58:42,160

couple of years ago when randy sort of

1771

00:58:46,549 --> 00:58:45,440

stepped back from and sort of retired um

1772

00:58:47,910 --> 00:58:46,559

but before then you could look at the

1773

00:58:49,750 --> 00:58:47,920

pages and it's i think they're all

1774

00:58:51,510 --> 00:58:49,760

archived you look through it all does

1775

00:58:53,030 --> 00:58:51,520

look above board

1776

00:58:54,789 --> 00:58:53,040

it has the

1777

00:58:56,710 --> 00:58:54,799

superficially you can read through that

1778

00:58:58,470 --> 00:58:56,720

and think yes this makes sense if i had

1779

00:59:00,950 --> 00:58:58,480

some kind of psychic ability i'd go for

1780

00:59:02,789 --> 00:59:00,960

this and win the million dollars

1781

00:59:06,789 --> 00:59:02,799

but it's not

1782

00:59:10,950 --> 00:59:09,430

this is a lawsuit here by george

1783

00:59:12,390 --> 00:59:10,960

simpson

1784

00:59:15,270 --> 00:59:12,400

you can see here there's the firm at the

1785

00:59:16,789 --> 00:59:15,280

top this is a george this is a lawsuit

1786

00:59:18,870 --> 00:59:16,799

against the jrf

1787

00:59:22,230 --> 00:59:18,880

it mentions dj grothy who was the uh

1788

00:59:25,349 --> 00:59:22,240

president of the jrf and uh james randy

1789

00:59:26,870 --> 00:59:25,359

yeah randall james hamilton's wing

1790

00:59:28,150 --> 00:59:26,880

george simpson

1791

00:59:29,510 --> 00:59:28,160

basically

1792

00:59:31,349 --> 00:59:29,520

applied he applied for the million

1793

00:59:33,510 --> 00:59:31,359

dollar challenge and he then went on to

1794

00:59:35,270 --> 00:59:33,520

sue the jruff for wrongful termination

1795

00:59:36,950 --> 00:59:35,280

of contract

1796

00:59:40,470 --> 00:59:36,960

this is very interesting

1797

00:59:41,910 --> 00:59:40,480

now the skeptics don't talk about this

1798

00:59:44,230 --> 00:59:41,920

they never talk about it there was one

1799

00:59:45,430 --> 00:59:44,240

thread on the csi forum i remember

1800

00:59:47,829 --> 00:59:45,440

because i'm actually a member of lots of

1801  
00:59:49,829 --> 00:59:47,839  
these skeptic forums i go i go under a

1802  
00:59:51,030 --> 00:59:49,839  
fake id i don't tell them who i am but

1803  
00:59:52,230 --> 00:59:51,040  
i'm a member of some of these skeptic

1804  
00:59:54,150 --> 00:59:52,240  
forms i used to be i don't really bother

1805  
00:59:56,069 --> 00:59:54,160  
with them anymore but when this came up

1806  
00:59:57,829 --> 00:59:56,079  
they just they just there's a very very

1807  
01:00:01,510 --> 00:59:57,839  
short thread which no one ever really

1808  
01:00:02,950 --> 01:00:01,520  
got into very very much and um it ended

1809  
01:00:04,710 --> 01:00:02,960  
basically the theme of it was oh we're

1810  
01:00:06,069 --> 01:00:04,720  
all on randy's side randy's the good guy

1811  
01:00:07,430 --> 01:00:06,079  
here

1812  
01:00:09,270 --> 01:00:07,440  
and they never really explored the

1813  
01:00:10,470 --> 01:00:09,280

details of this very much and they don't

1814

01:00:12,150 --> 01:00:10,480

i'm going to bring up another case in a

1815

01:00:14,710 --> 01:00:12,160

minute where they also seem to have a

1816

01:00:17,030 --> 01:00:14,720

very extraordinary lack of perception

1817

01:00:19,430 --> 01:00:17,040

of themselves extraordinary inability

1818

01:00:22,630 --> 01:00:19,440

for introspection

1819

01:00:24,390 --> 01:00:22,640

but this actually is monumental because

1820

01:00:26,230 --> 01:00:24,400

what happens simpson sued them what he

1821

01:00:27,430 --> 01:00:26,240

basically is claiming

1822

01:00:28,630 --> 01:00:27,440

is that he applied for the million

1823

01:00:30,390 --> 01:00:28,640

dollar challenge

1824

01:00:32,950 --> 01:00:30,400

he did the preliminary test and passed

1825

01:00:34,789 --> 01:00:32,960

the preliminary tests then he he assumed

1826  
01:00:36,630 --> 01:00:34,799  
because that's what the rules say the

1827  
01:00:37,829 --> 01:00:36,640  
jriff would invite him back to do the

1828  
01:00:39,030 --> 01:00:37,839  
proper test

1829  
01:00:40,630 --> 01:00:39,040  
and they just stopped returning his

1830  
01:00:42,630 --> 01:00:40,640  
calls

1831  
01:00:43,829 --> 01:00:42,640  
they ghosted him

1832  
01:00:45,109 --> 01:00:43,839  
they wouldn't answer his emails or

1833  
01:00:47,750 --> 01:00:45,119  
nothing like that so he took he took

1834  
01:00:48,950 --> 01:00:47,760  
this to court and he said they they just

1835  
01:00:50,150 --> 01:00:48,960  
they just so they can't do this

1836  
01:00:52,309 --> 01:00:50,160  
according to their own contract they

1837  
01:00:53,670 --> 01:00:52,319  
can't just terminate me like this

1838  
01:00:55,349 --> 01:00:53,680

yeah i went above board it's all done

1839

01:00:56,549 --> 01:00:55,359

above board according to all these long

1840

01:00:59,030 --> 01:00:56,559

list of rules that are part of the

1841

01:01:00,870 --> 01:00:59,040

giangraph so jf didn't really have a leg

1842

01:01:03,190 --> 01:01:00,880

to stand on

1843

01:01:05,109 --> 01:01:03,200

now what's interesting is that um

1844

01:01:06,470 --> 01:01:05,119

this this went to and this went to and

1845

01:01:08,549 --> 01:01:06,480

throw for a while it was covered on the

1846

01:01:09,990 --> 01:01:08,559

csi thread the only place in the entire

1847

01:01:11,349 --> 01:01:10,000

skeptosphere where anyone was talking

1848

01:01:13,349 --> 01:01:11,359

about it

1849

01:01:14,710 --> 01:01:13,359

and then it just then what happened was

1850

01:01:16,710 --> 01:01:14,720

the csi

1851

01:01:18,230 --> 01:01:16,720

deleted the thread

1852

01:01:20,549 --> 01:01:18,240

and

1853

01:01:22,390 --> 01:01:20,559

all details were removed from all the

1854

01:01:25,109 --> 01:01:22,400

other all the other places george

1855

01:01:28,309 --> 01:01:25,119

simpson's website also removed

1856

01:01:30,549 --> 01:01:28,319

all details relating to this incident

1857

01:01:32,630 --> 01:01:30,559

so basically both sides simpson and the

1858

01:01:34,710 --> 01:01:32,640

jref both went quiet and they didn't

1859

01:01:36,150 --> 01:01:34,720

discuss it anymore that can only mean

1860

01:01:38,950 --> 01:01:36,160

one thing

1861

01:01:41,030 --> 01:01:38,960

they settled out of court

1862

01:01:42,630 --> 01:01:41,040

and that's an interesting question why

1863

01:01:44,470 --> 01:01:42,640

why did

1864

01:01:45,510 --> 01:01:44,480

grothy and the others at the jrf settle

1865

01:01:47,670 --> 01:01:45,520

why did they settle out of court why

1866

01:01:49,910 --> 01:01:47,680

didn't they fight this

1867

01:01:52,309 --> 01:01:49,920

if the jref really the jref million

1868

01:01:55,109 --> 01:01:52,319

dollar challenge really is the last word

1869

01:01:57,349 --> 01:01:55,119

the black and white line in the sand

1870

01:01:59,589 --> 01:01:57,359

over which every paranormal claim has to

1871

01:02:02,549 --> 01:01:59,599

pass over and it's so simple it's so

1872

01:02:05,589 --> 01:02:02,559

obvious it's so it's so transparent that

1873

01:02:07,109 --> 01:02:05,599

if real paranormal abilities existed

1874

01:02:09,190 --> 01:02:07,119

then we'd know about them because of

1875

01:02:11,029 --> 01:02:09,200

this if that is true why didn't they

1876

01:02:12,630 --> 01:02:11,039

fight it in court just think what just

1877

01:02:14,549 --> 01:02:12,640

think what great publicity that would

1878

01:02:16,230 --> 01:02:14,559

have been for randy for the jrf for the

1879

01:02:18,230 --> 01:02:16,240

skeptic movement they fought george

1880

01:02:19,990 --> 01:02:18,240

simpson in court on one

1881

01:02:22,390 --> 01:02:20,000

a guy you command randy can't a guy

1882

01:02:24,870 --> 01:02:22,400

tried to sue me one day and uh well i

1883

01:02:26,950 --> 01:02:24,880

took him to court and i screwed him

1884

01:02:28,390 --> 01:02:26,960

just imagine that but they didn't

1885

01:02:29,750 --> 01:02:28,400

that's interesting thing which they

1886

01:02:32,950 --> 01:02:29,760

don't talk about the skeptics don't talk

1887

01:02:34,230 --> 01:02:32,960

about it this is project alpha

1888

01:02:36,150 --> 01:02:34,240

this is very interesting that there on

1889

01:02:37,670 --> 01:02:36,160

the on the right is james randy and that

1890

01:02:39,829 --> 01:02:37,680

and the two guys next to these two young

1891

01:02:41,270 --> 01:02:39,839

fellows are mike edwards and steve shaw

1892

01:02:42,710 --> 01:02:41,280

steve shaw at the bottom there he's

1893

01:02:44,309 --> 01:02:42,720

today called banner check and he's a

1894

01:02:45,910 --> 01:02:44,319

magician

1895

01:02:47,990 --> 01:02:45,920

yet um a few a number of years ago when

1896

01:02:49,750 --> 01:02:48,000

they were kids they were like amateur

1897

01:02:51,910 --> 01:02:49,760

magicians when they used to do card

1898

01:02:53,270 --> 01:02:51,920

tricks and ben spoons like uri geller

1899

01:02:54,710 --> 01:02:53,280

and they used to they did they didn't do

1900

01:02:56,390 --> 01:02:54,720

it professionally they just did it to

1901

01:02:58,470 --> 01:02:56,400

amuse their school friends just to play

1902

01:02:59,829 --> 01:02:58,480

tricks in class and things like that

1903

01:03:03,029 --> 01:02:59,839

yet something very interesting happened

1904

01:03:05,190 --> 01:03:03,039

james mcdonald of mcdonald douglas

1905

01:03:06,710 --> 01:03:05,200

um he was he's a bit like bob bigelow

1906

01:03:07,910 --> 01:03:06,720

you know bob bigelow's doing this bix

1907

01:03:09,910 --> 01:03:07,920

thing um

1908

01:03:12,309 --> 01:03:09,920

that's not this this other guy james

1909

01:03:13,510 --> 01:03:12,319

mcdonald in 1979 he tried to do

1910

01:03:15,910 --> 01:03:13,520

something similar

1911

01:03:17,190 --> 01:03:15,920

he called it the james mcdonald psychic

1912

01:03:19,750 --> 01:03:17,200

laboratory he set it up at the

1913

01:03:21,589 --> 01:03:19,760

washington university usa and he paid

1914

01:03:23,430 --> 01:03:21,599

half a million dollars she put into it

1915

01:03:25,270 --> 01:03:23,440

was a lot of money in those days

1916

01:03:27,829 --> 01:03:25,280

he recruited the best psychic

1917

01:03:29,589 --> 01:03:27,839

researchers in the world to come and

1918

01:03:32,630 --> 01:03:29,599

study at this laboratory to try and find

1919

01:03:34,789 --> 01:03:32,640

real paranormal phenomena

1920

01:03:36,470 --> 01:03:34,799

and um it's privately funded by him it

1921

01:03:37,910 --> 01:03:36,480

was all all out of his own pocket he was

1922

01:03:40,230 --> 01:03:37,920

very he's a real enthusiast james

1923

01:03:41,829 --> 01:03:40,240

mcdonald he really was

1924

01:03:43,750 --> 01:03:41,839

around he decided

1925

01:03:45,750 --> 01:03:43,760

to try and infiltrate

1926

01:03:48,710 --> 01:03:45,760

this this group

1927

01:03:50,309 --> 01:03:48,720

and put in some fake psychics to see how

1928

01:03:52,230 --> 01:03:50,319

far they would go

1929

01:03:53,589 --> 01:03:52,240

this way just seeing how good research

1930

01:03:55,510 --> 01:03:53,599

how good were these researchers that

1931

01:03:56,950 --> 01:03:55,520

mcdonald had actually had actually

1932

01:03:58,470 --> 01:03:56,960

recruited

1933

01:03:59,829 --> 01:03:58,480

were they really up to the scratch what

1934

01:04:01,430 --> 01:03:59,839

was paranormal investigation and

1935

01:04:03,190 --> 01:04:01,440

psychical research really a proper

1936

01:04:05,190 --> 01:04:03,200

science that's what was under under

1937

01:04:07,589 --> 01:04:05,200

under will's being tested here so he got

1938

01:04:08,789 --> 01:04:07,599

shawn edwards now to go he said go up to

1939

01:04:09,910 --> 01:04:08,799

because you're unknown like these two

1940

01:04:12,390 --> 01:04:09,920

guys they'd like to say it was just

1941

01:04:14,230 --> 01:04:12,400

amateurs they did tricks at school they

1942

01:04:16,069 --> 01:04:14,240

weren't they didn't have a public face

1943

01:04:17,430 --> 01:04:16,079

where you know if they turn up and

1944

01:04:18,870 --> 01:04:17,440

mcdonald could like look them up and

1945

01:04:21,750 --> 01:04:18,880

find out they were working for randy or

1946

01:04:25,829 --> 01:04:23,109

just go in there

1947

01:04:27,670 --> 01:04:25,839

use your tricks

1948

01:04:29,029 --> 01:04:27,680

i'll see if how far you can get now

1949

01:04:29,990 --> 01:04:29,039

there are two there were two stories to

1950

01:04:32,549 --> 01:04:30,000

this

1951

01:04:34,069 --> 01:04:32,559

firstly according to james roundly he's

1952

01:04:36,950 --> 01:04:34,079

he did there's a video of him boasting

1953

01:04:39,109 --> 01:04:36,960

about it game set and match to him

1954

01:04:40,390 --> 01:04:39,119

edwards and shaw went in there matt labs

1955

01:04:41,990 --> 01:04:40,400

were overwhelmed

1956

01:04:43,510 --> 01:04:42,000

and their eyes were their eyes were

1957

01:04:44,710 --> 01:04:43,520

spinning because they found real

1958

01:04:46,069 --> 01:04:44,720

psychics

1959

01:04:47,349 --> 01:04:46,079

and stephen shaw are sitting there going

1960

01:04:49,270 --> 01:04:47,359

like that doing their little tricks you

1961

01:04:50,870 --> 01:04:49,280

know bending spoons secretly and things

1962

01:04:52,710 --> 01:04:50,880

like that switching props and stuff like

1963

01:04:56,950 --> 01:04:52,720

that and going we got them fooled here

1964

01:04:58,789 --> 01:04:56,960

we got them fooled and then in 1983

1965

01:05:00,789 --> 01:04:58,799

the big reveal came

1966

01:05:01,990 --> 01:05:00,799

the matlabs people organized a press

1967

01:05:03,670 --> 01:05:02,000

conference

1968

01:05:04,870 --> 01:05:03,680

and they invited all the world's media

1969

01:05:06,950 --> 01:05:04,880

this was their moment this is when they

1970

01:05:08,630 --> 01:05:06,960

were going to get a nobel prize

1971

01:05:10,870 --> 01:05:08,640

ladies and gentlemen

1972

01:05:13,589 --> 01:05:10,880

we have two real psychics that have been

1973

01:05:17,270 --> 01:05:13,599

scientifically proven to be true come in

1974

01:05:18,950 --> 01:05:17,280

steve shaw and mike edwards

1975

01:05:20,710 --> 01:05:18,960

mike edwards steve shaw and my kid would

1976

01:05:23,029 --> 01:05:20,720

come up to the microphone they go and

1977

01:05:24,549 --> 01:05:23,039

everyone goes to them um steve mike tell

1978

01:05:26,150 --> 01:05:24,559

us about what you were doing at mac labs

1979

01:05:27,430 --> 01:05:26,160

nikki well to be honest ladies and

1980

01:05:30,470 --> 01:05:27,440

gentlemen

1981

01:05:35,589 --> 01:05:33,430

shock horror red faces embarrassment all

1982

01:05:37,430 --> 01:05:35,599

round everyone at mac labs goes oh my

1983

01:05:38,789 --> 01:05:37,440

god

1984

01:05:39,829 --> 01:05:38,799

and they walk away and they're really

1985

01:05:41,589 --> 01:05:39,839

really

1986

01:05:43,029 --> 01:05:41,599

and they're totally not only shane face

1987

01:05:45,270 --> 01:05:43,039

randy likes playing his little tricks on

1988

01:05:46,789 --> 01:05:45,280

people you know that's that's the story

1989

01:05:48,069 --> 01:05:46,799

according to james randy however someone

1990

01:05:49,910 --> 01:05:48,079

called michael falborn has written

1991

01:05:51,670 --> 01:05:49,920

another article about this was actually

1992

01:05:53,109 --> 01:05:51,680

published in nexus magazine

1993

01:05:54,630 --> 01:05:53,119

which actually takes that whole thing

1994

01:05:56,870 --> 01:05:54,640

apart

1995

01:05:59,349 --> 01:05:56,880

and realizes that that randy is actually

1996

01:06:00,710 --> 01:05:59,359

presenting a fake account of what really

1997

01:06:03,990 --> 01:06:00,720

happened

1998

01:06:06,470 --> 01:06:04,000

firstly the mac labs team never ever

1999

01:06:08,470 --> 01:06:06,480

made that announcement they never said

2000

01:06:09,829 --> 01:06:08,480

that ed was unsure were the real thing

2001  
01:06:11,349 --> 01:06:09,839  
they were interested at first with what

2002  
01:06:12,549 --> 01:06:11,359  
they were doing but they never actually

2003  
01:06:14,710 --> 01:06:12,559  
made their they said it was they were

2004  
01:06:15,910 --> 01:06:14,720  
encouraged by the initial um the initial

2005  
01:06:17,670 --> 01:06:15,920  
test they were doing but they never

2006  
01:06:19,270 --> 01:06:17,680  
actually came forward and said sean

2007  
01:06:20,390 --> 01:06:19,280  
edwards are real and in fact later on

2008  
01:06:22,069 --> 01:06:20,400  
one of them said that they actually

2009  
01:06:23,190 --> 01:06:22,079  
suspected those guys are playing magic

2010  
01:06:25,109 --> 01:06:23,200  
tricks

2011  
01:06:26,630 --> 01:06:25,119  
and they started to control from it

2012  
01:06:28,230 --> 01:06:26,640  
and that once they controlled from it

2013  
01:06:29,990 --> 01:06:28,240

for it they realized that they didn't

2014

01:06:32,470 --> 01:06:30,000

take any more interest in these guys

2015

01:06:35,029 --> 01:06:32,480

the event which took place in 1983

2016

01:06:37,430 --> 01:06:35,039

was not a mac labs press conference it

2017

01:06:38,950 --> 01:06:37,440

was nature magazine the mac labs team

2018

01:06:41,510 --> 01:06:38,960

just had a little segment in there which

2019

01:06:42,549 --> 01:06:41,520

is the warm-up act

2020

01:06:44,549 --> 01:06:42,559

thirdly

2021

01:06:47,349 --> 01:06:44,559

shaw and edwards were dropped from the

2022

01:06:48,950 --> 01:06:47,359

project in 1982 a whole year

2023

01:06:50,150 --> 01:06:48,960

before the matlab's presentation they

2024

01:06:51,510 --> 01:06:50,160

were told they were actually invited

2025

01:06:53,190 --> 01:06:51,520

back just

2026

01:06:56,069 --> 01:06:53,200

just for like for old time's sake when

2027

01:06:57,670 --> 01:06:56,079

they did this um this press conference

2028

01:07:01,670 --> 01:06:57,680

so

2029

01:07:03,589 --> 01:07:01,680

who's telling the truth here randy orton

2030

01:07:05,510 --> 01:07:03,599

you can believe randy if you like

2031

01:07:07,750 --> 01:07:05,520

but he's he's a showman

2032

01:07:12,390 --> 01:07:07,760

and he's he lies he's there's several

2033

01:07:17,029 --> 01:07:15,029

but credit where credit's due

2034

01:07:18,870 --> 01:07:17,039

peter pop off now this is one of these

2035

01:07:19,750 --> 01:07:18,880

tally evangelists the reason i'm

2036

01:07:21,750 --> 01:07:19,760

bringing this up because this is

2037

01:07:24,630 --> 01:07:21,760

something good that randy did but it led

2038

01:07:25,910 --> 01:07:24,640

to something very very bad later on

2039

01:07:27,750 --> 01:07:25,920

peter popoff is one of these tele

2040

01:07:29,589 --> 01:07:27,760

evangelists this is a uniquely american

2041

01:07:30,950 --> 01:07:29,599

phenomenon where these like these

2042

01:07:33,750 --> 01:07:30,960

preachers with these big southern

2043

01:07:35,510 --> 01:07:33,760

baptist voices voices they fill football

2044

01:07:36,870 --> 01:07:35,520

stadiums full of people going oh the

2045

01:07:39,430 --> 01:07:36,880

lord is with you

2046

01:07:42,549 --> 01:07:39,440

and and healing apparently performing

2047

01:07:44,150 --> 01:07:42,559

miraculous healing on people

2048

01:07:46,470 --> 01:07:44,160

and what's what what about pop-off is

2049

01:07:48,549 --> 01:07:46,480

that when he was doing this miraculous

2050

01:07:50,630 --> 01:07:48,559

healing he seemed to know everyone's

2051

01:07:52,870 --> 01:07:50,640

name in the audience

2052

01:07:54,870 --> 01:07:52,880

he seemed to know who they were

2053

01:07:55,910 --> 01:07:54,880

and um he said that the angels were

2054

01:07:57,349 --> 01:07:55,920

telling him when he was doing this

2055

01:07:59,029 --> 01:07:57,359

miraculous healing

2056

01:08:00,870 --> 01:07:59,039

however someone in the audience noticed

2057

01:08:02,390 --> 01:08:00,880

that he had like some strange object in

2058

01:08:04,390 --> 01:08:02,400

one of his ears

2059

01:08:05,910 --> 01:08:04,400

it was actually an electronic earpiece

2060

01:08:08,470 --> 01:08:05,920

covered by a flesh-coloured piece of

2061

01:08:10,470 --> 01:08:08,480

plastic so it couldn't be seen

2062

01:08:14,230 --> 01:08:10,480

and they really what they thought was

2063

01:08:16,390 --> 01:08:14,240

that he was getting insider information

2064

01:08:17,990 --> 01:08:16,400

beamed to him by someone basically

2065

01:08:19,349 --> 01:08:18,000

talking to him into his earpiece giving

2066

01:08:20,229 --> 01:08:19,359

insider information on the audience

2067

01:08:22,149 --> 01:08:20,239

because the audience when they were

2068

01:08:23,430 --> 01:08:22,159

coming in they filled out prayer cards

2069

01:08:25,669 --> 01:08:23,440

giving them the names and everything and

2070

01:08:27,510 --> 01:08:25,679

put them in there it's what they do as i

2071

01:08:29,510 --> 01:08:27,520

said this is an american sort of a big

2072

01:08:31,110 --> 01:08:29,520

big business american religious

2073

01:08:33,110 --> 01:08:31,120

practice

2074

01:08:36,550 --> 01:08:33,120

so randy sent in a guy with a with a

2075

01:08:40,550 --> 01:08:38,789

in 1986 a man sneaked in there with this

2076

01:08:43,030 --> 01:08:40,560

radio scanner to see what he could pick

2077

01:08:45,269 --> 01:08:43,040

up and indeed he heard they picked up

2078

01:08:46,630 --> 01:08:45,279

the signal of somebody

2079

01:08:49,749 --> 01:08:46,640

beaming

2080

01:08:51,189 --> 01:08:49,759

and you could hear him talking the lady

2081

01:08:53,110 --> 01:08:51,199

at the bottom of the road is called

2082

01:08:54,870 --> 01:08:53,120

so-and-so that lady over there is called

2083

01:08:55,829 --> 01:08:54,880

so-and-so things like that

2084

01:08:57,430 --> 01:08:55,839

so

2085

01:08:58,950 --> 01:08:57,440

to be honest this guy was a con man he

2086

01:09:01,349 --> 01:08:58,960

was proven to be a con man and someone

2087

01:09:03,669 --> 01:09:01,359

exposed him if randy did that well good

2088

01:09:05,269 --> 01:09:03,679

the problem is

2089

01:09:07,189 --> 01:09:05,279

skeptics

2090

01:09:09,510 --> 01:09:07,199

suffer from a terrible

2091

01:09:11,829 --> 01:09:09,520

problem when it comes to hubris

2092

01:09:13,269 --> 01:09:11,839

they get too big for their boots and as

2093

01:09:15,349 --> 01:09:13,279

i said because of their lack of

2094

01:09:17,669 --> 01:09:15,359

understanding of themselves

2095

01:09:19,669 --> 01:09:17,679

they often make enormous blunders they

2096

01:09:21,110 --> 01:09:19,679

who claim to be the ultimate arbiters of

2097

01:09:22,789 --> 01:09:21,120

what is true or false through science

2098

01:09:24,470 --> 01:09:22,799

and reason and evidence and empiricism

2099

01:09:26,309 --> 01:09:24,480

and all these sorts of things

2100

01:09:28,950 --> 01:09:26,319

show a remarkable lack of understanding

2101

01:09:31,990 --> 01:09:28,960

of what that process really is

2102

01:09:33,269 --> 01:09:32,000

case in point psychic sally morgan you

2103

01:09:34,789 --> 01:09:33,279

seen this lady

2104

01:09:36,709 --> 01:09:34,799

she's a very famous psychic medium

2105

01:09:39,110 --> 01:09:36,719

appeared on the living channel today she

2106

01:09:40,789 --> 01:09:39,120

does theater tours and things like that

2107

01:09:42,870 --> 01:09:40,799

now what happened was she appeared in in

2108

01:09:44,309 --> 01:09:42,880

dublin ireland and someone in the

2109

01:09:46,390 --> 01:09:44,319

audience claimed they heard someone

2110

01:09:50,870 --> 01:09:46,400

backstage talking

2111

01:09:52,789 --> 01:09:50,880

um and was whispering things which um

2112

01:09:55,430 --> 01:09:52,799

they assumed were connected to what

2113

01:09:56,709 --> 01:09:55,440

sally was supposedly channeling

2114

01:10:00,229 --> 01:09:56,719

and

2115

01:10:02,149 --> 01:10:00,239

what happened was the skeptics took this

2116

01:10:03,590 --> 01:10:02,159

they picked it up and they blew it out

2117

01:10:06,070 --> 01:10:03,600

of poor proportion

2118

01:10:09,750 --> 01:10:06,080

and paul zenin who's a famous magician

2119

01:10:11,750 --> 01:10:09,760

and skeptic the two often go together

2120

01:10:13,750 --> 01:10:11,760

he he published an article in a daily

2121

01:10:15,510 --> 01:10:13,760

mail saying sally morgan is pulling a

2122

01:10:19,110 --> 01:10:15,520

pop off she's doing exactly the same

2123

01:10:21,510 --> 01:10:19,120

thing she has a radio earpiece

2124

01:10:23,030 --> 01:10:21,520

and she's receiving not psychic messages

2125

01:10:24,630 --> 01:10:23,040

but radio messages from someone

2126

01:10:26,470 --> 01:10:24,640

backstage giving her information on the

2127

01:10:27,830 --> 01:10:26,480

people in the audience they probably had

2128

01:10:29,350 --> 01:10:27,840

to fill out obviously you had to fill

2129

01:10:31,510 --> 01:10:29,360

out buy a ticket not to fill out a form

2130

01:10:33,189 --> 01:10:31,520

and things like that

2131

01:10:35,669 --> 01:10:33,199

the problem was there's no evidence that

2132

01:10:37,750 --> 01:10:35,679

this is the case now if i'd been

2133

01:10:38,709 --> 01:10:37,760

this is where i out skeptic the skeptics

2134

01:10:40,070 --> 01:10:38,719

because

2135

01:10:41,510 --> 01:10:40,080

if i'd been in that position what i

2136

01:10:44,550 --> 01:10:41,520

would have done is i'd have done what

2137

01:10:46,390 --> 01:10:44,560

james randy did i'd have got a um

2138

01:10:47,990 --> 01:10:46,400

i've got someone with a radio scanner

2139

01:10:49,030 --> 01:10:48,000

put inserted them into the audience to

2140

01:10:51,510 --> 01:10:49,040

see if they could pick up the

2141

01:10:53,350 --> 01:10:51,520

transmissions to and see see if sally

2142

01:10:54,630 --> 01:10:53,360

has something in here get like a

2143

01:10:56,310 --> 01:10:54,640

telescope and zoom in and see if she's

2144

01:10:58,390 --> 01:10:56,320

got something in her ear

2145

01:10:59,990 --> 01:10:58,400

the earpiece that's what i would do and

2146

01:11:01,669 --> 01:11:00,000

if she was found if she was doing that

2147

01:11:04,070 --> 01:11:01,679

if she's really doing that i would say

2148

01:11:05,510 --> 01:11:04,080

expose her name and shame her

2149

01:11:06,950 --> 01:11:05,520

boot her out of the whole mediumship

2150

01:11:08,310 --> 01:11:06,960

circles

2151  
01:11:09,590 --> 01:11:08,320  
but no one did that they didn't bother

2152  
01:11:11,350 --> 01:11:09,600  
doing that they didn't bother gathering

2153  
01:11:13,110 --> 01:11:11,360  
the evidence

2154  
01:11:15,750 --> 01:11:13,120  
zenon just published this article and

2155  
01:11:17,430 --> 01:11:15,760  
sally morgan sued him and won 110 000

2156  
01:11:19,830 --> 01:11:17,440  
pounds in damages

2157  
01:11:20,709 --> 01:11:19,840  
plus costs very richly deserved i might

2158  
01:11:22,390 --> 01:11:20,719  
add

2159  
01:11:24,310 --> 01:11:22,400  
because she was she suffered harassment

2160  
01:11:25,750 --> 01:11:24,320  
as as i said there is a skeptic thug

2161  
01:11:27,430 --> 01:11:25,760  
element which i talked more about in the

2162  
01:11:29,030 --> 01:11:27,440  
longer version this talk

2163  
01:11:30,790 --> 01:11:29,040

but they sent they sent her death

2164

01:11:32,950 --> 01:11:30,800

threats and all kinds of threats they

2165

01:11:34,870 --> 01:11:32,960

sent her pictures of dead bodies now

2166

01:11:36,070 --> 01:11:34,880

that's an interesting modus operandi

2167

01:11:38,229 --> 01:11:36,080

because

2168

01:11:39,990 --> 01:11:38,239

the skeptic thug element has sent other

2169

01:11:41,350 --> 01:11:40,000

people pictures of dead bodies when they

2170

01:11:42,950 --> 01:11:41,360

when they don't like them and want to

2171

01:11:45,030 --> 01:11:42,960

harass them and threaten them including

2172

01:11:46,390 --> 01:11:45,040

someone called rebecca watson

2173

01:11:48,870 --> 01:11:46,400

who i talk about in the longer version

2174

01:11:51,110 --> 01:11:48,880

of this talk i suspect the same people

2175

01:11:53,430 --> 01:11:51,120

who attacked rebecca watson were the

2176

01:11:54,950 --> 01:11:53,440

people who attacked sally morgan

2177

01:11:56,950 --> 01:11:54,960

so the hundred and ten thousand damages

2178

01:11:58,790 --> 01:11:56,960

was richly deserved

2179

01:12:00,709 --> 01:11:58,800

what's what's really galling is the

2180

01:12:02,950 --> 01:12:00,719

skeptics themselves seem completely

2181

01:12:04,870 --> 01:12:02,960

unaware they seem bliss in blissful

2182

01:12:07,430 --> 01:12:04,880

ignorance of the mor the magnitude of

2183

01:12:09,590 --> 01:12:07,440

their blunder

2184

01:12:11,270 --> 01:12:09,600

you they the forums were buzz saying

2185

01:12:12,790 --> 01:12:11,280

though this isn't really isn't fair of

2186

01:12:14,550 --> 01:12:12,800

course she's using an earpiece we all

2187

01:12:15,830 --> 01:12:14,560

know that poor paul's end of the daily

2188

01:12:17,350 --> 01:12:15,840

mail had ever you know

2189

01:12:19,430 --> 01:12:17,360

defending paul's end and defending the

2190

01:12:20,790 --> 01:12:19,440

daily mail

2191

01:12:22,870 --> 01:12:20,800

there was there was only one skepta

2192

01:12:23,990 --> 01:12:22,880

cashier who who seemed to get it he was

2193

01:12:25,990 --> 01:12:24,000

i can't remember his name but he wrote

2194

01:12:27,270 --> 01:12:26,000

an article explaining you know this is

2195

01:12:28,790 --> 01:12:27,280

this was this could have been a

2196

01:12:30,630 --> 01:12:28,800

wonderful moment for the skeptic

2197

01:12:32,470 --> 01:12:30,640

movement to expose her the way round the

2198

01:12:34,390 --> 01:12:32,480

exposed pop-off

2199

01:12:37,030 --> 01:12:34,400

but instead they snatched defeat from

2200

01:12:38,310 --> 01:12:37,040

the jaws of victory

2201

01:12:39,750 --> 01:12:38,320

i mean what

2202

01:12:41,030 --> 01:12:39,760

do these people actually understand what

2203

01:12:42,470 --> 01:12:41,040

rep what evidence actually is you're

2204

01:12:43,750 --> 01:12:42,480

going to go to court

2205

01:12:45,430 --> 01:12:43,760

with something like this just imagine

2206

01:12:46,950 --> 01:12:45,440

you went to court and said

2207

01:12:48,390 --> 01:12:46,960

sally morgan's using an earpiece the

2208

01:12:49,910 --> 01:12:48,400

owner says where's your evidence the

2209

01:12:52,070 --> 01:12:49,920

honor his honor the judge where's your

2210

01:12:54,149 --> 01:12:52,080

evidence well your honor we uh we sort

2211

01:12:56,390 --> 01:12:54,159

of occam's razored it and a burden of

2212

01:13:00,470 --> 01:12:56,400

evidence and and which is more likely

2213

01:13:02,630 --> 01:13:00,480

and onus owners owners owners

2214

01:13:04,390 --> 01:13:02,640

taste dismissed

2215

01:13:07,110 --> 01:13:04,400

remember skeptics

2216

01:13:11,189 --> 01:13:07,120

ordinary claims require ordinary

2217

01:13:14,870 --> 01:13:13,189

now this mick west i'm sure you've heard

2218

01:13:17,189 --> 01:13:14,880

of this anyone in ufo circles would know

2219

01:13:19,030 --> 01:13:17,199

about mick west just a bit small there

2220

01:13:20,630 --> 01:13:19,040

but um that is the guy i showed you

2221

01:13:22,630 --> 01:13:20,640

earlier now he runs something called

2222

01:13:23,910 --> 01:13:22,640

metabunk.org which is a general sort of

2223

01:13:26,470 --> 01:13:23,920

skeptic

2224

01:13:28,229 --> 01:13:26,480

thing but he's become very very vocal

2225

01:13:30,310 --> 01:13:28,239

since 2017

2226

01:13:31,590 --> 01:13:30,320

because the arrival of what i call new

2227

01:13:33,830 --> 01:13:31,600

ufology

2228

01:13:35,189 --> 01:13:33,840

has galvanized this guy and i've been

2229

01:13:36,950 --> 01:13:35,199

looking at all the things he's been

2230

01:13:38,070 --> 01:13:36,960

saying now um

2231

01:13:40,470 --> 01:13:38,080

if you want to mean if you want to know

2232

01:13:42,470 --> 01:13:40,480

what i mean by new ufology

2233

01:13:45,110 --> 01:13:42,480

basically anyone who says uap instead of

2234

01:13:46,310 --> 01:13:45,120

ufo is a new ufologist they just watch

2235

01:13:49,750 --> 01:13:46,320

it's what's emerged out of the whole

2236

01:13:52,070 --> 01:13:49,760

2017 eight tip tsa stuff

2237

01:13:55,669 --> 01:13:52,080

and he's a he's a very very staunch

2238

01:13:58,790 --> 01:13:57,510

and he's completely wrong about all

2239

01:14:01,110 --> 01:13:58,800

kinds of things in the same way that all

2240

01:14:04,149 --> 01:14:01,120

skeptics are wrong

2241

01:14:05,030 --> 01:14:04,159

he says david fravor saw seagulls

2242

01:14:06,709 --> 01:14:05,040

um

2243

01:14:08,390 --> 01:14:06,719

he saw a reflection in the cockpit

2244

01:14:09,430 --> 01:14:08,400

camera he was aircraft and things like

2245

01:14:12,870 --> 01:14:09,440

this

2246

01:14:15,350 --> 01:14:12,880

clown's day off fallacy

2247

01:14:17,910 --> 01:14:15,360

he said well they say well mick what did

2248

01:14:19,189 --> 01:14:17,920

you say he saw seagulls he's a pilot

2249

01:14:21,430 --> 01:14:19,199

you may have seen it mick says oh he

2250

01:14:23,030 --> 01:14:21,440

mace in an airliner oh my god i'm never

2251

01:14:25,350 --> 01:14:23,040

gonna fly again

2252

01:14:26,790 --> 01:14:25,360

if a fully armed fighter jet can't tell

2253

01:14:28,790 --> 01:14:26,800

the difference between an airliner and

2254

01:14:30,310 --> 01:14:28,800

anything else you know i don't want to

2255

01:14:32,149 --> 01:14:30,320

go on an airliner

2256

01:14:33,430 --> 01:14:32,159

and the whole cockpit canopy thing was

2257

01:14:35,510 --> 01:14:33,440

he said that the tic tac was a

2258

01:14:37,910 --> 01:14:35,520

reflection in the cockpit canopy

2259

01:14:39,430 --> 01:14:37,920

again this this is the clown's day off

2260

01:14:41,110 --> 01:14:39,440

fallacy because he's just making that up

2261

01:14:42,709 --> 01:14:41,120

he doesn't know it he's just

2262

01:14:44,229 --> 01:14:42,719

he's just conjuring it up off the top of

2263

01:14:45,910 --> 01:14:44,239

his head

2264

01:14:47,830 --> 01:14:45,920

he interviews people on both sides of

2265

01:14:49,990 --> 01:14:47,840

the argument this guy's this guy is

2266

01:14:54,310 --> 01:14:50,000

different from a lot of skeptics

2267

01:14:57,510 --> 01:14:55,590

well he's not that he's not different

2268

01:14:59,669 --> 01:14:57,520

from all of them to be fair he's like i

2269

01:15:01,189 --> 01:14:59,679

mentioned dave allen green chris french

2270

01:15:03,110 --> 01:15:01,199

he's um

2271

01:15:05,270 --> 01:15:03,120

he's a sort of guy i could sit down and

2272

01:15:07,270 --> 01:15:05,280

i could have a discussion with him you

2273

01:15:08,950 --> 01:15:07,280

know i could go to the partner right now

2274

01:15:12,310 --> 01:15:08,960

i could have a point with him have a

2275

01:15:13,990 --> 01:15:12,320

point a lager and talk about

2276

01:15:17,030 --> 01:15:14,000

and talk about things you know

2277

01:15:18,470 --> 01:15:17,040

and i think he'd be civil he is actually

2278

01:15:19,990 --> 01:15:18,480

respectful

2279

01:15:22,470 --> 01:15:20,000

i think he's wrong

2280

01:15:23,590 --> 01:15:22,480

but he's respectful he interviews people

2281

01:15:25,510 --> 01:15:23,600

who don't agree with him he had some

2282

01:15:28,709 --> 01:15:25,520

very interesting interviews with uh

2283

01:15:30,630 --> 01:15:28,719

ufo jesus do you know the guy i mean um

2284

01:15:34,950 --> 01:15:30,640

post-disclosure world are you youtuber

2285

01:15:37,990 --> 01:15:36,870

now this is michael sherman this is a

2286

01:15:40,550 --> 01:15:38,000

very interesting chat because this is

2287

01:15:42,390 --> 01:15:40,560

one of the rock stars he's an american

2288

01:15:45,030 --> 01:15:42,400

but he's like the chris french guy he's

2289

01:15:47,030 --> 01:15:45,040

like he's the renter skeptic which is a

2290

01:15:49,430 --> 01:15:47,040

quote from another pop skeptic

2291

01:15:51,270 --> 01:15:49,440

he is the uh the guy you said you call

2292

01:15:52,390 --> 01:15:51,280

up whenever you have a

2293

01:15:53,669 --> 01:15:52,400

something in the media if you're

2294

01:15:55,830 --> 01:15:53,679

american this is the guy you'll probably

2295

01:15:58,229 --> 01:15:55,840

call up he's written book he books like

2296

01:16:00,630 --> 01:15:58,239

the skeptic's encyclopedia why do people

2297

01:16:01,830 --> 01:16:00,640

believe crazy things

2298

01:16:03,350 --> 01:16:01,840

and um

2299

01:16:05,590 --> 01:16:03,360

and other things like that he's a very

2300

01:16:07,430 --> 01:16:05,600

very die-hard skeptic now his background

2301

01:16:09,189 --> 01:16:07,440

is very interesting and

2302

01:16:11,350 --> 01:16:09,199

his story in the last few years has

2303

01:16:12,790 --> 01:16:11,360

become even more interesting

2304

01:16:15,830 --> 01:16:12,800

what he did was you see he used to be a

2305

01:16:18,310 --> 01:16:15,840

long distance cycle racer and um one day

2306

01:16:20,070 --> 01:16:18,320

he was riding along very tired

2307

01:16:21,910 --> 01:16:20,080

because uh it's very it's an exhausting

2308

01:16:23,270 --> 01:16:21,920

sport long long distance cycle racing is

2309

01:16:25,990 --> 01:16:23,280

very exhausting

2310

01:16:28,470 --> 01:16:26,000

and he had a hallucination he had a

2311

01:16:30,950 --> 01:16:28,480

a altered state of consciousness

2312

01:16:32,790 --> 01:16:30,960

and he which involved manifestations and

2313

01:16:34,550 --> 01:16:32,800

everything

2314

01:16:36,950 --> 01:16:34,560

and he

2315

01:16:39,189 --> 01:16:36,960

unlike many many people unlike uh other

2316

01:16:41,430 --> 01:16:39,199

people i'm going to speak about tonight

2317

01:16:43,590 --> 01:16:41,440

he he didn't start off believing it all

2318

01:16:45,910 --> 01:16:43,600

to be real he didn't he's a lot of them

2319

01:16:47,430 --> 01:16:45,920

start off believing that this is like a

2320

01:16:49,510 --> 01:16:47,440

real experience they're really seeing

2321

01:16:52,149 --> 01:16:49,520

other worlds and other entities and you

2322

01:16:53,669 --> 01:16:52,159

know these angels and things like that

2323

01:16:54,790 --> 01:16:53,679

and then they become a skeptic later he

2324

01:16:56,550 --> 01:16:54,800

didn't do that he started off

2325

01:16:58,790 --> 01:16:56,560

immediately and in

2326

01:17:00,149 --> 01:16:58,800

his view understanding that what he saw

2327

01:17:02,229 --> 01:17:00,159

wasn't real it was just a trick of his

2328

01:17:03,430 --> 01:17:02,239

brain because basically it's caused by

2329

01:17:04,790 --> 01:17:03,440

exhaustion

2330

01:17:06,790 --> 01:17:04,800

and hyperventilation because he was

2331

01:17:08,310 --> 01:17:06,800

cycling a long distance

2332

01:17:09,990 --> 01:17:08,320

so he became a psychologist to try and

2333

01:17:11,510 --> 01:17:10,000

work out why these things happen why do

2334

01:17:13,350 --> 01:17:11,520

people see these sorts of things and he

2335

01:17:14,950 --> 01:17:13,360

went on to found to become the editor of

2336

01:17:16,550 --> 01:17:14,960

skeptic magazine he does all kinds of

2337

01:17:18,070 --> 01:17:16,560

other skeptic things he organizes a

2338

01:17:19,750 --> 01:17:18,080

skeptic conference

2339

01:17:21,990 --> 01:17:19,760

uh he's very much like say this rock

2340

01:17:23,350 --> 01:17:22,000

star kind of person

2341

01:17:24,630 --> 01:17:23,360

now um

2342

01:17:26,709 --> 01:17:24,640

over the last few years something very

2343

01:17:29,350 --> 01:17:26,719

interesting has happened firstly

2344

01:17:31,030 --> 01:17:29,360

a lot of the skeptics turned against him

2345

01:17:32,550 --> 01:17:31,040

because there was a lot of there's a

2346

01:17:34,470 --> 01:17:32,560

factional fight that's broken out in the

2347

01:17:35,750 --> 01:17:34,480

skeptic movement several actually which

2348

01:17:37,669 --> 01:17:35,760

i talked about in the longer version of

2349

01:17:39,110 --> 01:17:37,679

this lecture

2350

01:17:41,750 --> 01:17:39,120

and he became the target of a lot of

2351  
01:17:43,350 --> 01:17:41,760  
abuse from the skeptic thug element

2352  
01:17:45,510 --> 01:17:43,360  
but also

2353  
01:17:47,830 --> 01:17:45,520  
even this was after that happened so you

2354  
01:17:49,510 --> 01:17:47,840  
can't just blame it on that

2355  
01:17:51,110 --> 01:17:49,520  
after that happened he posted something

2356  
01:17:52,470 --> 01:17:51,120  
on his website which is really amazing i

2357  
01:17:54,070 --> 01:17:52,480  
mean his website's not very interesting

2358  
01:17:55,430 --> 01:17:54,080  
michael sherman.com he just publishes

2359  
01:17:57,590 --> 01:17:55,440  
links to his

2360  
01:17:59,350 --> 01:17:57,600  
scientific american articles

2361  
01:18:00,790 --> 01:17:59,360  
we published an article saying i'm

2362  
01:18:01,669 --> 01:18:00,800  
paraphrasing i can't remember the exact

2363  
01:18:03,430 --> 01:18:01,679

quote

2364

01:18:05,750 --> 01:18:03,440

i just had an experience which rocked me

2365

01:18:07,910 --> 01:18:05,760

back on my heels it shook my skepticism

2366

01:18:09,590 --> 01:18:07,920

to its core

2367

01:18:11,510 --> 01:18:09,600

we should never allow we should never

2368

01:18:13,270 --> 01:18:11,520

close our minds to the mysterious and

2369

01:18:15,350 --> 01:18:13,280

magnificent regardless of their causal

2370

01:18:17,030 --> 01:18:15,360

nature

2371

01:18:18,149 --> 01:18:17,040

what a remarkable thing for a skeptic to

2372

01:18:19,590 --> 01:18:18,159

say

2373

01:18:23,030 --> 01:18:19,600

and indeed this caused a little bit of a

2374

01:18:24,229 --> 01:18:23,040

stir in the skeptic forum world

2375

01:18:26,790 --> 01:18:24,239

they thought what's happening here

2376

01:18:28,630 --> 01:18:26,800

what's mike what's he talking about

2377

01:18:30,390 --> 01:18:28,640

and he's he went on say if i had heard

2378

01:18:32,630 --> 01:18:30,400

this story from other people i wouldn't

2379

01:18:34,070 --> 01:18:32,640

have believed it and she he has heard it

2380

01:18:36,149 --> 01:18:34,080

from other people he's not believed it

2381

01:18:39,270 --> 01:18:36,159

the story was this he got married to a

2382

01:18:40,950 --> 01:18:39,280

woman called jennifer a german lady

2383

01:18:42,470 --> 01:18:40,960

and they got married in his home in

2384

01:18:44,229 --> 01:18:42,480

california usa

2385

01:18:46,229 --> 01:18:44,239

and they had all of she moved over from

2386

01:18:48,950 --> 01:18:46,239

germany to live with him there

2387

01:18:50,870 --> 01:18:48,960

and brought all his belongings

2388

01:18:53,590 --> 01:18:50,880

all her belongings with her was shipped

2389

01:18:55,910 --> 01:18:53,600

over including an old-fashioned radio a

2390

01:18:57,590 --> 01:18:55,920

1978 phillips transistor radio didn't

2391

01:18:59,830 --> 01:18:57,600

work but she kept it for sentimental

2392

01:19:01,270 --> 01:18:59,840

reasons because it belongs to her father

2393

01:19:03,110 --> 01:19:01,280

who died

2394

01:19:04,470 --> 01:19:03,120

hadn't worked for anybody years and

2395

01:19:06,229 --> 01:19:04,480

hadn't worked at all

2396

01:19:07,590 --> 01:19:06,239

so sherman said maybe i can get this to

2397

01:19:09,270 --> 01:19:07,600

work so he

2398

01:19:11,510 --> 01:19:09,280

he put his screwdriver and started

2399

01:19:13,430 --> 01:19:11,520

fiddling it fiddling with his inside you

2400

01:19:14,790 --> 01:19:13,440

know breaking occam's razor in that

2401

01:19:16,550 --> 01:19:14,800

respect

2402

01:19:18,149 --> 01:19:16,560

he couldn't get it to work so he shoved

2403

01:19:19,110 --> 01:19:18,159

it into his desk drawing his study and

2404

01:19:22,070 --> 01:19:19,120

left it

2405

01:19:23,750 --> 01:19:22,080

to throw it away because his wife wanted

2406

01:19:25,270 --> 01:19:23,760

to keep it for that reason because her

2407

01:19:27,350 --> 01:19:25,280

dad was dead

2408

01:19:28,790 --> 01:19:27,360

then the wedding began in his home in in

2409

01:19:30,149 --> 01:19:28,800

the us you can get married in your own

2410

01:19:31,750 --> 01:19:30,159

home

2411

01:19:34,470 --> 01:19:31,760

and there's not the not the vicar

2412

01:19:36,229 --> 01:19:34,480

because he's an atheist the celebrant

2413

01:19:37,750 --> 01:19:36,239

was they were just exchanging vows with

2414

01:19:39,189 --> 01:19:37,760

the celebrant with all their friends and

2415

01:19:41,590 --> 01:19:39,199

family around them

2416

01:19:43,510 --> 01:19:41,600

and suddenly the sound of music breaks

2417

01:19:45,669 --> 01:19:43,520

out in the room

2418

01:19:47,110 --> 01:19:45,679

sherman goes oh my god some buggers gone

2419

01:19:48,709 --> 01:19:47,120

and left their mobile phone on haven't

2420

01:19:50,390 --> 01:19:48,719

they see what usually happens with these

2421

01:19:53,430 --> 01:19:50,400

sort of things he looks around angrily

2422

01:19:55,270 --> 01:19:53,440

everyone goes not me mine's switched off

2423

01:19:57,270 --> 01:19:55,280

but the music is coming from upstairs he

2424

01:19:59,110 --> 01:19:57,280

goes upstairs the music is coming from

2425

01:20:00,470 --> 01:19:59,120

his study he goes into the study the

2426  
01:20:01,430 --> 01:20:00,480  
music is coming from the draw in the

2427  
01:20:03,910 --> 01:20:01,440  
desk

2428  
01:20:05,590 --> 01:20:03,920  
he opens it up and this old philips

2429  
01:20:07,510 --> 01:20:05,600  
transistor radio

2430  
01:20:08,950 --> 01:20:07,520  
is playing music

2431  
01:20:11,830 --> 01:20:08,960  
it's not just playing any song either

2432  
01:20:13,590 --> 01:20:11,840  
it's playing a song that jennifer's dad

2433  
01:20:14,709 --> 01:20:13,600  
particularly liked

2434  
01:20:17,030 --> 01:20:14,719  
and it was a song that was not

2435  
01:20:18,790 --> 01:20:17,040  
broadcasting on any local radio station

2436  
01:20:21,430 --> 01:20:18,800  
indeed modern radio stations are all

2437  
01:20:22,629 --> 01:20:21,440  
digital now uh you know analog uh this

2438  
01:20:25,189 --> 01:20:22,639

is an old analog radio it wouldn't

2439

01:20:26,790 --> 01:20:25,199

picked it up anyway

2440

01:20:28,229 --> 01:20:26,800

and jennifer it happened just as they

2441

01:20:30,470 --> 01:20:28,239

were exchanging vows and jennifer was

2442

01:20:32,070 --> 01:20:30,480

just thinking

2443

01:20:34,870 --> 01:20:32,080

wouldn't it be lovely if my dad was here

2444

01:20:37,590 --> 01:20:34,880

i wish he was here

2445

01:20:40,310 --> 01:20:37,600

how about that eh

2446

01:20:42,550 --> 01:20:40,320

and um so is

2447

01:20:43,910 --> 01:20:42,560

is michael sherma about to fall off the

2448

01:20:46,550 --> 01:20:43,920

skeptic wagon

2449

01:20:48,629 --> 01:20:46,560

is he about to cross the aisle if he

2450

01:20:50,070 --> 01:20:48,639

does then he'll get a lot of abuse

2451  
01:20:51,590 --> 01:20:50,080  
because the skeptics don't take kindly

2452  
01:20:52,629 --> 01:20:51,600  
to such a high level defection they

2453  
01:20:54,149 --> 01:20:52,639  
really won't

2454  
01:20:55,590 --> 01:20:54,159  
so i kept a very close eye on this guy

2455  
01:20:56,950 --> 01:20:55,600  
this is a few years ago this happened i

2456  
01:20:58,390 --> 01:20:56,960  
kept a very close eye on what he was up

2457  
01:20:59,830 --> 01:20:58,400  
to

2458  
01:21:01,910 --> 01:20:59,840  
nothing happened for a while this this

2459  
01:21:03,910 --> 01:21:01,920  
often happens um he just carried on

2460  
01:21:05,510 --> 01:21:03,920  
walking down skeptic avenue for a while

2461  
01:21:06,229 --> 01:21:05,520  
brushing himself off and just carrying

2462  
01:21:08,709 --> 01:21:06,239  
on

2463  
01:21:10,629 --> 01:21:08,719

and that you know these sort of road to

2464

01:21:13,030 --> 01:21:10,639

damascus experiences

2465

01:21:14,149 --> 01:21:13,040

are actually quite rare

2466

01:21:15,830 --> 01:21:14,159

you don't you know you don't know you

2467

01:21:17,270 --> 01:21:15,840

don't get them all the time usually what

2468

01:21:19,030 --> 01:21:17,280

happens is seeds are planted you know

2469

01:21:20,709 --> 01:21:19,040

that phrase seeds let's plant the seeds

2470

01:21:21,990 --> 01:21:20,719

let them grow

2471

01:21:23,669 --> 01:21:22,000

and

2472

01:21:25,189 --> 01:21:23,679

so i i thought to myself even though

2473

01:21:26,950 --> 01:21:25,199

he's just carrying on as normal being a

2474

01:21:28,950 --> 01:21:26,960

skeptic

2475

01:21:31,030 --> 01:21:28,960

he may he may have had an experience he

2476

01:21:33,030 --> 01:21:31,040

may got something in that experience

2477

01:21:34,870 --> 01:21:33,040

which will eventually mature and bloom

2478

01:21:37,830 --> 01:21:34,880

within him and cause him to change his

2479

01:21:41,750 --> 01:21:39,350

and then he appears on the joe rogan

2480

01:21:44,149 --> 01:21:41,760

show with graham hancock

2481

01:21:45,189 --> 01:21:44,159

this is more recent the first um

2482

01:21:47,590 --> 01:21:45,199

the first time that it's very

2483

01:21:50,390 --> 01:21:47,600

belligerent they were arguing then he

2484

01:21:52,149 --> 01:21:50,400

appears again and he's uh they graham

2485

01:21:55,350 --> 01:21:52,159

hancock of course is like one of these

2486

01:21:56,709 --> 01:21:55,360

he's a spiritual person

2487

01:21:58,550 --> 01:21:56,719

they get on very well now i found out

2488

01:22:00,470 --> 01:21:58,560

that here sherman and graham hancock are

2489

01:22:02,070 --> 01:22:00,480

now good friends

2490

01:22:03,430 --> 01:22:02,080

and graham hancock is trying to persuade

2491

01:22:05,750 --> 01:22:03,440

sherman to take ayahuasca in the

2492

01:22:07,030 --> 01:22:05,760

brazilian jungle like he did

2493

01:22:08,310 --> 01:22:07,040

do you know that you remember that about

2494

01:22:10,310 --> 01:22:08,320

how he um

2495

01:22:11,350 --> 01:22:10,320

graham hancock took this psychoactive

2496

01:22:13,030 --> 01:22:11,360

drug

2497

01:22:14,390 --> 01:22:13,040

um

2498

01:22:16,149 --> 01:22:14,400

i think we may be about to see the

2499

01:22:17,030 --> 01:22:16,159

fruits of sherbert's experience here and

2500

01:22:22,709 --> 01:22:17,040

we

2501

01:22:25,270 --> 01:22:22,719

think because skeptics do change their

2502

01:22:27,030 --> 01:22:25,280

minds skeptics do come over to our side

2503

01:22:28,709 --> 01:22:27,040

indeed sometimes people on our side go

2504

01:22:29,750 --> 01:22:28,719

over to them i mean they both make

2505

01:22:31,990 --> 01:22:29,760

converts from each other i'm going to

2506

01:22:33,990 --> 01:22:32,000

discuss a character in a mission in a

2507

01:22:35,990 --> 01:22:34,000

little while who is one of those people

2508

01:22:37,590 --> 01:22:36,000

who went over from our side to them but

2509

01:22:39,669 --> 01:22:37,600

so both sides make converse from each

2510

01:22:41,590 --> 01:22:39,679

other they sort of pass each other

2511

01:22:42,870 --> 01:22:41,600

in opposite directions

2512

01:22:44,629 --> 01:22:42,880

and this is who i'm talking about susan

2513

01:22:47,030 --> 01:22:44,639

blackmore

2514

01:22:49,750 --> 01:22:47,040

yes you've heard of her it's

2515

01:22:52,470 --> 01:22:49,760

she is like uh she was rent a skeptic

2516

01:22:53,910 --> 01:22:52,480

and um indeed

2517

01:22:55,510 --> 01:22:53,920

she calls herself that she coined the

2518

01:22:57,110 --> 01:22:55,520

phrase rent a skeptic as a sort of

2519

01:22:58,470 --> 01:22:57,120

self-deprecating joke but that's what

2520

01:23:00,229 --> 01:22:58,480

she was

2521

01:23:02,790 --> 01:23:00,239

whenever this is a british british lady

2522

01:23:05,270 --> 01:23:02,800

whenever she was on tv

2523

01:23:07,270 --> 01:23:05,280

because

2524

01:23:09,270 --> 01:23:07,280

one of you one of us was in there when

2525

01:23:10,550 --> 01:23:09,280

it was in in the studio

2526

01:23:12,790 --> 01:23:10,560

it's possible because you guys are in

2527

01:23:14,550 --> 01:23:12,800

the media a lot here emily steve you're

2528

01:23:16,229 --> 01:23:14,560

in the media a lot you may you may well

2529

01:23:17,990 --> 01:23:16,239

have bumped into her if at some point i

2530

01:23:19,430 --> 01:23:18,000

don't know if you did but

2531

01:23:20,950 --> 01:23:19,440

she was always brought in to provide

2532

01:23:23,990 --> 01:23:20,960

balance before the skeptic side of the

2533

01:23:26,870 --> 01:23:24,000

story interesting thing though was

2534

01:23:27,990 --> 01:23:26,880

she was like a a real new age spiritual

2535

01:23:29,750 --> 01:23:28,000

person

2536

01:23:32,070 --> 01:23:29,760

for a long time what happened was this

2537

01:23:33,750 --> 01:23:32,080

interesting story in 1970 she was at

2538

01:23:36,149 --> 01:23:33,760

saint hilda's college in oxford it's a

2539

01:23:37,910 --> 01:23:36,159

women's college in in oxford and she was

2540

01:23:39,830 --> 01:23:37,920

doing what students do getting partying

2541

01:23:41,510 --> 01:23:39,840

getting drunk taking drugs well i don't

2542

01:23:43,110 --> 01:23:41,520

know exactly what drug it took she took

2543

01:23:46,149 --> 01:23:43,120

but she reports that it gave her the

2544

01:23:48,709 --> 01:23:46,159

most incredible trip imaginable

2545

01:23:50,390 --> 01:23:48,719

and it changed her life she she was

2546

01:23:52,470 --> 01:23:50,400

absolutely certain this experience she'd

2547

01:23:54,229 --> 01:23:52,480

have had under the influence of the drug

2548

01:23:56,310 --> 01:23:54,239

was real

2549

01:23:57,669 --> 01:23:56,320

and it she she said that she's just

2550

01:23:59,430 --> 01:23:57,679

dropped whatever she was doing she

2551

01:24:00,229 --> 01:23:59,440

stopped she switched the courses she was

2552

01:24:02,390 --> 01:24:00,239

on

2553

01:24:03,830 --> 01:24:02,400

and she immediately said i i need to be

2554

01:24:05,110 --> 01:24:03,840

able to prove this i don't i can't know

2555

01:24:07,030 --> 01:24:05,120

what course she was on something else

2556

01:24:09,350 --> 01:24:07,040

but she immediately went and enrolled in

2557

01:24:10,550 --> 01:24:09,360

a parapsychology course

2558

01:24:11,669 --> 01:24:10,560

i've got to prove this i've got to i

2559

01:24:12,550 --> 01:24:11,679

know what's real but i've got to prove

2560

01:24:14,149 --> 01:24:12,560

it

2561

01:24:18,070 --> 01:24:14,159

well she kept she kept doing this for a

2562

01:24:20,070 --> 01:24:18,080

while then in 1979 dr dr carl sargent

2563

01:24:22,390 --> 01:24:20,080

came on the scene after carl sargent he

2564

01:24:23,669 --> 01:24:22,400

was doing these um

2565

01:24:25,350 --> 01:24:23,679

he was doing these experiments because

2566

01:24:28,070 --> 01:24:25,360

susan blackmore always thought that uh

2567

01:24:29,750 --> 01:24:28,080

psy was the best way of dealing with

2568

01:24:32,149 --> 01:24:29,760

getting the evidence she needed psi is

2569

01:24:33,590 --> 01:24:32,159

like a laboratory investigation of a

2570

01:24:35,669 --> 01:24:33,600

psychic phenomena

2571

01:24:38,229 --> 01:24:35,679

and uh you know mind mind powers and

2572

01:24:40,470 --> 01:24:38,239

things like that and he was um

2573

01:24:41,990 --> 01:24:40,480

he was using the ganzfeld test now

2574

01:24:44,149 --> 01:24:42,000

ganzfeld is where

2575

01:24:45,910 --> 01:24:44,159

people try to transmit thoughts from one

2576

01:24:47,830 --> 01:24:45,920

room to another where they cut the two

2577

01:24:49,830 --> 01:24:47,840

people are no contact if you've seen

2578

01:24:51,590 --> 01:24:49,840

people lying around with golf balls over

2579

01:24:53,750 --> 01:24:51,600

their eyes in red light that's that's

2580

01:24:55,430 --> 01:24:53,760

the ganzfeld experiment

2581

01:24:57,590 --> 01:24:55,440

and sergeant was getting these amazing

2582

01:24:59,750 --> 01:24:57,600

results from cambridge at the cambridge

2583

01:25:02,070 --> 01:24:59,760

university for these ganzfeld tests and

2584

01:25:04,390 --> 01:25:02,080

she was susan blackwell was overjoyed

2585

01:25:05,990 --> 01:25:04,400

she thought this is it

2586

01:25:07,430 --> 01:25:06,000

so she phoned up sergeant and she said

2587

01:25:09,430 --> 01:25:07,440

can i come to you can i come and work

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01:25:10,870 --> 01:25:09,440

with you can i please please come to

2589

01:25:12,550 --> 01:25:10,880

come to your laboratory and supervise

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01:25:14,070 --> 01:25:12,560

you please please let me come to your

2591

01:25:16,229 --> 01:25:14,080

laboratory and supervise you and he said

2592

01:25:18,870 --> 01:25:16,239

yeah sure so she burnt rubber getting up

2593

01:25:20,470 --> 01:25:18,880

to cambridge and um

2594

01:25:22,149 --> 01:25:20,480

and after a while she published a report

2595

01:25:24,070 --> 01:25:22,159

for the journal of the society for

2596

01:25:25,669 --> 01:25:24,080

psychical research

2597

01:25:27,270 --> 01:25:25,679

and you can almost feel the pain in the

2598

01:25:28,470 --> 01:25:27,280

words she writes it's still on her

2599

01:25:29,910 --> 01:25:28,480

website now

2600

01:25:31,669 --> 01:25:29,920

she concluded that sergeant was

2601

01:25:32,950 --> 01:25:31,679

committing scientific fraud

2602

01:25:34,629 --> 01:25:32,960

he was cheating

2603

01:25:36,390 --> 01:25:34,639

he's producing fake data to get the

2604

01:25:37,990 --> 01:25:36,400

wrong results

2605

01:25:42,229 --> 01:25:38,000

and she was very unhappy about this but

2606

01:25:46,390 --> 01:25:44,229

she was called into the office by a head

2607

01:25:48,229 --> 01:25:46,400

of department who said susan

2608

01:25:50,229 --> 01:25:48,239

how dare you accuse a distinguished

2609

01:25:52,870 --> 01:25:50,239

scientist carl sargent

2610

01:25:54,950 --> 01:25:52,880

how dare you accuse her you a mere sort

2611

01:25:57,430 --> 01:25:54,960

of second-rate post-graduate

2612

01:26:00,709 --> 01:25:57,440

accusing the the wonderful carl sergeant

2613

01:26:02,310 --> 01:26:00,719

of fraud who do you think you are

2614

01:26:03,750 --> 01:26:02,320

and um

2615

01:26:05,590 --> 01:26:03,760

as far as she was concerned all she was

2616

01:26:07,430 --> 01:26:05,600

doing was doing her job

2617

01:26:08,790 --> 01:26:07,440

she'd gone up there wanting this to be

2618

01:26:10,709 --> 01:26:08,800

real and found out that it wasn't and

2619

01:26:13,189 --> 01:26:10,719

she'd reported that

2620

01:26:15,430 --> 01:26:13,199

that was her job and she did it

2621

01:26:17,030 --> 01:26:15,440

and she was being reprimanded and

2622

01:26:18,390 --> 01:26:17,040

punished

2623

01:26:20,950 --> 01:26:18,400

for doing what she thought was what she

2624

01:26:23,669 --> 01:26:20,960

was supposed to do the right thing

2625

01:26:26,709 --> 01:26:23,679

this very much upset her and i know

2626

01:26:29,510 --> 01:26:26,719

i know how much it upset her because

2627

01:26:31,270 --> 01:26:29,520

at tam london in 2010 she was on stage

2628

01:26:33,110 --> 01:26:31,280

this wasn't recorded anywhere but she

2629

01:26:34,790 --> 01:26:33,120

burst into tears

2630

01:26:36,470 --> 01:26:34,800

after 30 years

2631

01:26:38,950 --> 01:26:36,480

it hurt her enough that she burst into

2632

01:26:40,870 --> 01:26:38,960

tears on stage

2633

01:26:42,709 --> 01:26:40,880

now uh

2634

01:26:44,310 --> 01:26:42,719

could i play amateur psychologist for a

2635

01:26:45,990 --> 01:26:44,320

moment

2636

01:26:48,310 --> 01:26:46,000

i mean i don't like doing that because

2637

01:26:50,870 --> 01:26:48,320

there's nothing in this world i despise

2638

01:26:53,270 --> 01:26:50,880

more than an amateur psychologist

2639

01:26:54,390 --> 01:26:53,280

except perhaps a professional one

2640

01:26:55,990 --> 01:26:54,400

but um

2641

01:26:58,149 --> 01:26:56,000

if i can play him as a psychologist i

2642

01:26:59,669 --> 01:26:58,159

would say possibly she has an axe to

2643

01:27:02,149 --> 01:26:59,679

grind

2644

01:27:05,110 --> 01:27:02,159

maybe a just one

2645

01:27:06,870 --> 01:27:05,120

she's she is clearly certainly in 2010

2646

01:27:08,790 --> 01:27:06,880

she was act bitter and angry over the

2647

01:27:10,310 --> 01:27:08,800

way she'd been treated

2648

01:27:12,149 --> 01:27:10,320

and this could have influenced the fact

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01:27:13,750 --> 01:27:12,159

that a few years after this experience

2650

01:27:15,750 --> 01:27:13,760

she was like she said i was lying in the

2651  
01:27:18,149 --> 01:27:15,760  
bath one day and suddenly it just came

2652  
01:27:19,750 --> 01:27:18,159  
to me maybe all this is not true maybe

2653  
01:27:21,510 --> 01:27:19,760  
there is no paranormal and i've just

2654  
01:27:22,550 --> 01:27:21,520  
been chasing an illusion for all these

2655  
01:27:24,870 --> 01:27:22,560  
years

2656  
01:27:26,629 --> 01:27:24,880  
and so she she became a skeptic and she

2657  
01:27:28,629 --> 01:27:26,639  
developed a second career as a skeptic

2658  
01:27:30,229 --> 01:27:28,639  
but is it possible

2659  
01:27:32,470 --> 01:27:30,239  
what influence didn't happen in that

2660  
01:27:34,629 --> 01:27:32,480  
influenced her in that way

2661  
01:27:36,870 --> 01:27:34,639  
may not have been something factual or

2662  
01:27:38,950 --> 01:27:36,880  
evidential as a part of her research

2663  
01:27:41,830 --> 01:27:38,960

but because of the emotional pain she

2664

01:27:44,070 --> 01:27:41,840

felt that the result of this injustice

2665

01:27:45,270 --> 01:27:44,080

that she perceived was was conducted

2666

01:27:46,870 --> 01:27:45,280

against her

2667

01:27:48,550 --> 01:27:46,880

i don't know if carl sergeant was

2668

01:27:50,229 --> 01:27:48,560

cheating he got away with it

2669

01:27:53,350 --> 01:27:50,239

he left science after a while today he

2670

01:27:57,990 --> 01:27:55,590

richard dawkins now this is an

2671

01:28:00,390 --> 01:27:58,000

interesting character this guy is one he

2672

01:28:01,430 --> 01:28:00,400

is the best-selling non-fiction author

2673

01:28:02,870 --> 01:28:01,440

in the world

2674

01:28:04,950 --> 01:28:02,880

his book the god delusion has anyone

2675

01:28:06,070 --> 01:28:04,960

actually read it who's read that you

2676

01:28:08,229 --> 01:28:06,080

know one

2677

01:28:10,790 --> 01:28:08,239

oh brianna you've read it and

2678

01:28:12,790 --> 01:28:10,800

you have as well sir yeah it's um it's

2679

01:28:15,110 --> 01:28:12,800

been translated into dozens of languages

2680

01:28:17,270 --> 01:28:15,120

it's found all over the place very very

2681

01:28:18,950 --> 01:28:17,280

influential book indeed

2682

01:28:21,430 --> 01:28:18,960

now what's interesting about this chap

2683

01:28:23,669 --> 01:28:21,440

is that he bridges the gap between

2684

01:28:25,030 --> 01:28:23,679

atheism and skepticism into what it is

2685

01:28:27,189 --> 01:28:25,040

today which essentially is an

2686

01:28:29,910 --> 01:28:27,199

amalgamation of the two movements

2687

01:28:31,830 --> 01:28:29,920

i mean atheism is simply

2688

01:28:34,550 --> 01:28:31,840

it's simply a disbelief in god i mean

2689

01:28:37,030 --> 01:28:34,560

you could you could until dawkins came

2690

01:28:39,910 --> 01:28:37,040

along you could actually be an atheist

2691

01:28:41,669 --> 01:28:39,920

and still believe in like ufos and and

2692

01:28:43,510 --> 01:28:41,679

paranormal things and things like that

2693

01:28:45,669 --> 01:28:43,520

after dawkins you can't

2694

01:28:48,229 --> 01:28:45,679

since dawkins came along you have this

2695

01:28:49,750 --> 01:28:48,239

kind of skeptic milia i mean i um

2696

01:28:51,830 --> 01:28:49,760

i talked to the being about the michael

2697

01:28:53,590 --> 01:28:51,840

barkin's cultic milieu which which

2698

01:28:56,709 --> 01:28:53,600

includes people like us wide-eyed

2699

01:28:58,229 --> 01:28:56,719

tinfoil hatters like like you and me but

2700

01:28:59,910 --> 01:28:58,239

the skeptics have their skeptic milia as

2701

01:29:00,870 --> 01:28:59,920

well and dawkins is

2702

01:29:17,030 --> 01:29:00,880

a

2703

01:29:18,709 --> 01:29:17,040

live

2704

01:29:21,830 --> 01:29:18,719

and he's written um a book called the

2705

01:29:26,790 --> 01:29:24,550

10 out of 10 for bro he's he's he's a

2706

01:29:28,149 --> 01:29:26,800

gutsy man he uses that kind of

2707

01:29:29,430 --> 01:29:28,159

uh interestingly the american publisher

2708

01:29:31,430 --> 01:29:29,440

wouldn't let him use that title and he

2709

01:29:32,629 --> 01:29:31,440

has got a different title in america but

2710

01:29:34,310 --> 01:29:32,639

it's called the dork installation if you

2711

01:29:36,550 --> 01:29:34,320

buy it over here he's written several

2712

01:29:38,550 --> 01:29:36,560

other books the dawkins is god

2713

01:29:40,629 --> 01:29:38,560

was it where dawking went dawkins went

2714

01:29:42,229 --> 01:29:40,639

wrong and things like this now if

2715

01:29:43,990 --> 01:29:42,239

someone writes books about me and saying

2716

01:29:46,070 --> 01:29:44,000

i'm wrong i'll say okay let them let

2717

01:29:48,550 --> 01:29:46,080

them write books saying i'm wrong and

2718

01:29:50,390 --> 01:29:48,560

i'll like discuss this with them

2719

01:29:53,430 --> 01:29:50,400

dawkins didn't do that when when dawkins

2720

01:29:55,669 --> 01:29:53,440

was asked to comment on mcgrath he just

2721

01:29:57,030 --> 01:29:55,679

said this he just said

2722

01:29:58,870 --> 01:29:57,040

he just said oh

2723

01:30:01,189 --> 01:29:58,880

alister mcgrath has written three books

2724

01:30:05,110 --> 01:30:01,199

with my name in the title never before

2725

01:30:07,030 --> 01:30:05,120

was a dog praised so much by his fleas

2726

01:30:10,149 --> 01:30:07,040

i think that's just so ungenerous it's

2727

01:30:12,229 --> 01:30:10,159

just so just dismissive and

2728

01:30:13,750 --> 01:30:12,239

i think derogatory

2729

01:30:15,430 --> 01:30:13,760

someone writes he writes a book someone

2730

01:30:17,430 --> 01:30:15,440

doesn't agree with him oh my god they

2731

01:30:19,750 --> 01:30:17,440

must be they must be nasty now there

2732

01:30:23,189 --> 01:30:19,760

must be a bad person and he's involved

2733

01:30:25,030 --> 01:30:23,199

with cycop and all the others as well

2734

01:30:26,470 --> 01:30:25,040

oh here we go here we go we got we gotta

2735

01:30:31,350 --> 01:30:26,480

go don't we

2736

01:30:31,360 --> 01:30:36,950

yes

2737

01:30:40,550 --> 01:30:38,149

last

2738

01:30:42,709 --> 01:30:40,560

and definitely least

2739

01:30:43,510 --> 01:30:42,719

in this rogues gallery

2740

01:30:47,750 --> 01:30:43,520

of

2741

01:30:49,669 --> 01:30:47,760

cox

2742

01:30:51,669 --> 01:30:49,679

who is this guy this this guy is the

2743

01:30:53,189 --> 01:30:51,679

young apprentice i told you about for

2744

01:30:54,709 --> 01:30:53,199

chris french

2745

01:30:56,950 --> 01:30:54,719

he's the guy he's going to be the mr

2746

01:30:58,149 --> 01:30:56,960

skeptic you call and he's more precise i

2747

01:31:00,629 --> 01:30:58,159

mean i think he's going to play a

2748

01:31:02,070 --> 01:31:00,639

completely new role in the media but as

2749

01:31:03,430 --> 01:31:02,080

i was saying you know mick west is

2750

01:31:05,510 --> 01:31:03,440

someone i could sit down and have a beer

2751

01:31:07,990 --> 01:31:05,520

with if i sat down with this guy the

2752

01:31:09,990 --> 01:31:08,000

beer would go over his head

2753

01:31:12,229 --> 01:31:10,000

he's one of the most unpleasant arrogant

2754

01:31:14,149 --> 01:31:12,239

obnoxious individuals

2755

01:31:16,070 --> 01:31:14,159

in the public sphere today

2756

01:31:17,270 --> 01:31:16,080

he he doesn't he can't get into debates

2757

01:31:19,430 --> 01:31:17,280

with people he appeared on the

2758

01:31:21,030 --> 01:31:19,440

australian program called qi

2759

01:31:23,110 --> 01:31:21,040

and he was just interrupting he was

2760

01:31:24,870 --> 01:31:23,120

insulting he was he was he literally

2761

01:31:26,390 --> 01:31:24,880

threw

2762

01:31:28,709 --> 01:31:26,400

papers at somebody it was he was

2763

01:31:30,149 --> 01:31:28,719

disgraceful there's disgraceful behavior

2764

01:31:31,350 --> 01:31:30,159

but who was where does he come from i

2765

01:31:34,790 --> 01:31:31,360

mean

2766

01:31:36,790 --> 01:31:34,800

according to people who knew him in the

2767

01:31:38,310 --> 01:31:36,800

scientific world before he was famous

2768

01:31:40,470 --> 01:31:38,320

they said he was he was a second-rate

2769

01:31:43,750 --> 01:31:40,480

particle physicist he got like a two he

2770

01:31:45,350 --> 01:31:43,760

got like a a 2-2 degree scraped into a

2771

01:31:46,950 --> 01:31:45,360

job with the with cern at the large

2772

01:31:49,030 --> 01:31:46,960

hadron collider

2773

01:31:51,590 --> 01:31:49,040

but then the bbc did a documentary about

2774

01:31:53,430 --> 01:31:51,600

albert einstein in 2005 the centenary of

2775

01:31:55,590 --> 01:31:53,440

the relativity

2776

01:31:56,790 --> 01:31:55,600

and this guy was on it

2777

01:31:59,350 --> 01:31:56,800

and uh

2778

01:32:01,590 --> 01:31:59,360

what can i say opportunity knocked

2779

01:32:03,510 --> 01:32:01,600

a star was born doesn't matter how much

2780

01:32:04,870 --> 01:32:03,520

he knows about he doesn't matter how

2781

01:32:06,149 --> 01:32:04,880

thanks for coming

2782

01:32:08,790 --> 01:32:06,159

it doesn't matter how much he knows

2783

01:32:10,470 --> 01:32:08,800

about his subject you know he he has

2784

01:32:13,270 --> 01:32:10,480

shiny white teeth

2785

01:32:15,510 --> 01:32:13,280

and silky black hair and a

2786

01:32:17,189 --> 01:32:15,520

and a high-pitched effeminate voice and

2787

01:32:18,709 --> 01:32:17,199

you know and that's that's what gets you

2788

01:32:20,870 --> 01:32:18,719

on tv and of course the ability to

2789

01:32:21,830 --> 01:32:20,880

repeat anything i tell you to repeat

2790

01:32:23,590 --> 01:32:21,840

and

2791

01:32:25,270 --> 01:32:23,600

also um

2792

01:32:27,510 --> 01:32:25,280

i should add

2793

01:32:28,950 --> 01:32:27,520

the things he comments on he he knows

2794

01:32:30,629 --> 01:32:28,960

nothing about anything except particle

2795

01:32:32,070 --> 01:32:30,639

physics i'm sure he knows everything

2796

01:32:33,830 --> 01:32:32,080

loads of things about particle physics

2797

01:32:35,110 --> 01:32:33,840

that i couldn't learn in every lunchtime

2798

01:32:36,310 --> 01:32:35,120

i had

2799

01:32:38,070 --> 01:32:36,320

but this guy

2800

01:32:39,590 --> 01:32:38,080

he comments on everything else he knows

2801  
01:32:41,590 --> 01:32:39,600  
nothing about

2802  
01:32:43,750 --> 01:32:41,600  
david attenborough famous uh famous

2803  
01:32:45,430 --> 01:32:43,760  
naturalist on tv the guy used to sit in

2804  
01:32:49,430 --> 01:32:45,440  
the jungle with gorillas

2805  
01:32:53,030 --> 01:32:49,440  
famous guy he's appointed cox cox

2806  
01:32:56,390 --> 01:32:54,790  
i mean that's uh

2807  
01:32:58,470 --> 01:32:56,400  
why why not a biologist this guy's a

2808  
01:32:59,910 --> 01:32:58,480  
particle physicist why not a biologist

2809  
01:33:02,950 --> 01:32:59,920  
how am i doing for times what's the time

2810  
01:33:06,950 --> 01:33:04,470  
i better get a move on i'll get a move

2811  
01:33:09,270 --> 01:33:06,960  
on sorry guys

2812  
01:33:11,430 --> 01:33:09,280  
now the skeptocracy

2813  
01:33:13,270 --> 01:33:11,440

ruled by skepticism

2814

01:33:15,990 --> 01:33:13,280

now as you may think well skeptics are

2815

01:33:20,870 --> 01:33:16,000

into free speech human rights

2816

01:33:25,510 --> 01:33:23,110

who know who's heard of this ted gates

2817

01:33:28,229 --> 01:33:25,520

graham hancock and rupert sheldrake they

2818

01:33:29,669 --> 01:33:28,239

appeared on a tedx white chapel

2819

01:33:31,430 --> 01:33:29,679

now um

2820

01:33:32,790 --> 01:33:31,440

they had a they basically did their talk

2821

01:33:35,910 --> 01:33:32,800

about um

2822

01:33:37,590 --> 01:33:35,920

about spiritual spiritual matters

2823

01:33:39,030 --> 01:33:37,600

um states of consciousness and things

2824

01:33:41,750 --> 01:33:39,040

like this

2825

01:33:43,669 --> 01:33:41,760

and um tedx deleted they ted to the tedx

2826  
01:33:45,750 --> 01:33:43,679  
youtube channel they deleted the videos

2827  
01:33:47,590 --> 01:33:45,760  
they deleted the videos they just said

2828  
01:33:49,110 --> 01:33:47,600  
even though here we at tedx believe in

2829  
01:33:50,709 --> 01:33:49,120  
free expression

2830  
01:33:53,350 --> 01:33:50,719  
we believe that we understand that the

2831  
01:33:54,790 --> 01:33:53,360  
opinions of those they are those of the

2832  
01:33:57,189 --> 01:33:54,800  
speakers are not necessarily those of

2833  
01:33:58,390 --> 01:33:57,199  
dedex or tedx white chapel

2834  
01:34:00,390 --> 01:33:58,400  
we nevertheless feel we have a

2835  
01:34:01,990 --> 01:34:00,400  
responsibility to our viewers and to our

2836  
01:34:03,830 --> 01:34:02,000  
scientific community

2837  
01:34:05,350 --> 01:34:03,840  
when those speakers wander too far into

2838  
01:34:08,070 --> 01:34:05,360

the realms of pseudoscience and

2839

01:34:10,149 --> 01:34:08,080

speculation so therefore we have removed

2840

01:34:12,149 --> 01:34:10,159

these videos and intend to place them in

2841

01:34:13,830 --> 01:34:12,159

a location where their factual issues

2842

01:34:16,070 --> 01:34:13,840

could be better dealt with

2843

01:34:17,510 --> 01:34:16,080

what they did was they they put them as

2844

01:34:18,950 --> 01:34:17,520

rupert sheldrake said they put them in

2845

01:34:19,990 --> 01:34:18,960

the naughty corner

2846

01:34:21,910 --> 01:34:20,000

now this is something called ted

2847

01:34:23,430 --> 01:34:21,920

controversies which is another youtube

2848

01:34:25,189 --> 01:34:23,440

channel which is apparently for things

2849

01:34:26,629 --> 01:34:25,199

like that same they didn't they didn't

2850

01:34:28,550 --> 01:34:26,639

send to them you understand they just

2851  
01:34:30,310 --> 01:34:28,560  
moved them to this new youtube channel

2852  
01:34:32,310 --> 01:34:30,320  
but it's a youtube channel that has a

2853  
01:34:33,750 --> 01:34:32,320  
fraction of the subscribers funnily

2854  
01:34:37,270 --> 01:34:33,760  
enough it was a youtube channel it was

2855  
01:34:39,910 --> 01:34:37,280  
actually set up after they deleted

2856  
01:34:41,590 --> 01:34:39,920  
hancock and sheldrake from the main tedx

2857  
01:34:43,430 --> 01:34:41,600  
channel

2858  
01:34:44,950 --> 01:34:43,440  
and um

2859  
01:34:46,390 --> 01:34:44,960  
even older

2860  
01:34:48,390 --> 01:34:46,400  
there's only two videos on it and it's

2861  
01:34:50,310 --> 01:34:48,400  
those two

2862  
01:34:51,990 --> 01:34:50,320  
so but luckily they've gone viral now

2863  
01:34:53,510 --> 01:34:52,000

and they're all over the place but it

2864

01:34:54,870 --> 01:34:53,520

just goes to show you know that skeptics

2865

01:34:56,070 --> 01:34:54,880

often talk about the free exchange of

2866

01:34:57,750 --> 01:34:56,080

information and things like that but

2867

01:34:59,669 --> 01:34:57,760

they don't actually believe it

2868

01:35:00,950 --> 01:34:59,679

this is a very this this motley crue is

2869

01:35:03,270 --> 01:35:00,960

very interesting

2870

01:35:05,030 --> 01:35:03,280

there this these people here that's a g

2871

01:35:06,070 --> 01:35:05,040

jamie ian swiss on the far right there's

2872

01:35:08,709 --> 01:35:06,080

a couple of other people there and

2873

01:35:10,790 --> 01:35:08,719

there's steve novella on the far left

2874

01:35:13,590 --> 01:35:10,800

um now he's he has a good name because

2875

01:35:15,430 --> 01:35:13,600

he tells a tall story and um i'm just

2876

01:35:16,950 --> 01:35:15,440

going to play you a little audio

2877

01:35:18,149 --> 01:35:16,960

which should come through that speaker

2878

01:35:19,350 --> 01:35:18,159

there

2879

01:35:21,510 --> 01:35:19,360

which um

2880

01:35:23,030 --> 01:35:21,520

i think i think this is this thing this

2881

01:35:24,149 --> 01:35:23,040

illuminates that

2882

01:35:28,070 --> 01:35:24,159

this

2883

01:35:29,669 --> 01:35:28,080

absolute blindness to their own nature

2884

01:35:30,790 --> 01:35:29,679

that the skeptics

2885

01:35:32,390 --> 01:35:30,800

display

2886

01:35:37,830 --> 01:35:32,400

have a listen to this see i'll show you

2887

01:35:42,950 --> 01:35:40,870

so i guess the goal then is to

2888

01:35:45,030 --> 01:35:42,960

really teach them to be critical

2889

01:35:48,070 --> 01:35:45,040

thinkers and let religion take care of

2890

01:35:50,070 --> 01:35:48,080

itself i think yeah i think it would but

2891

01:35:50,950 --> 01:35:50,080

you know it's always a risk and you know

2892

01:35:53,830 --> 01:35:50,960

i do

2893

01:35:55,910 --> 01:35:53,840

one um secular humanist parent

2894

01:35:58,070 --> 01:35:55,920

told me that they basically took the

2895

01:35:59,189 --> 01:35:58,080

approach of what you just said teach

2896

01:36:00,790 --> 01:35:59,199

them to be critical thinkers but

2897

01:36:03,270 --> 01:36:00,800

basically say nothing about religion and

2898

01:36:04,470 --> 01:36:03,280

then their children will grow up and

2899

01:36:06,470 --> 01:36:04,480

make up their own mind which they're

2900

01:36:07,830 --> 01:36:06,480

going to do anyway and it turned out

2901

01:36:08,790 --> 01:36:07,840

that you know his daughter became a

2902

01:36:11,590 --> 01:36:08,800

buddhist

2903

01:36:13,430 --> 01:36:11,600

and he was not happy about that um and

2904

01:36:15,750 --> 01:36:13,440

he thought in retrospect and perhaps he

2905

01:36:17,669 --> 01:36:15,760

made a mistake by by leaving it so

2906

01:36:19,030 --> 01:36:17,679

open-ended again i don't have the answer

2907

01:36:20,390 --> 01:36:19,040

to not telling you what to do when it

2908

01:36:22,870 --> 01:36:20,400

comes to that but

2909

01:36:29,350 --> 01:36:22,880

his conclusion was i if i had to do it

2910

01:36:34,149 --> 01:36:31,109

i would have indoctrinated her into

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01:36:39,910 --> 01:36:37,270

i would have indoctrinated her

2912

01:36:41,430 --> 01:36:39,920

into non-belief

2913

01:36:43,990 --> 01:36:41,440

think about those words think about what

2914

01:36:46,310 --> 01:36:44,000

they mean let them echo around your head

2915

01:36:48,950 --> 01:36:46,320

let them catch on every tool you have in

2916

01:36:51,189 --> 01:36:48,960

your mental arsenal for detecting

2917

01:36:54,070 --> 01:36:51,199

fallacy contradiction i would

2918

01:36:55,910 --> 01:36:54,080

indoctrinate her into non-belief

2919

01:36:57,590 --> 01:36:55,920

now

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01:36:59,350 --> 01:36:57,600

if skeptics really believe what they

2921

01:37:01,030 --> 01:36:59,360

actually are according to the original

2922

01:37:03,189 --> 01:37:01,040

definition i read at the beginning from

2923

01:37:05,030 --> 01:37:03,199

oxford skeptics in the pub

2924

01:37:07,430 --> 01:37:05,040

and then they said i would indoctrinate

2925

01:37:09,189 --> 01:37:07,440

someone into non-belief

2926

01:37:11,189 --> 01:37:09,199

that completely nullifies everything

2927

01:37:12,790 --> 01:37:11,199

within that description

2928

01:37:14,310 --> 01:37:12,800

they're essentially saying that the

2929

01:37:19,109 --> 01:37:14,320

skeptic

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01:37:21,109 --> 01:37:19,119

reason apportioning all evidence

2931

01:37:23,109 --> 01:37:21,119

studying the pitfalls of human reason

2932

01:37:25,430 --> 01:37:23,119

and and deception

2933

01:37:27,990 --> 01:37:25,440

all those things have to be offline in

2934

01:37:29,669 --> 01:37:28,000

order in order to preserve the skeptic

2935

01:37:31,350 --> 01:37:29,679

world view

2936

01:37:32,790 --> 01:37:31,360

in order to keep being a skeptic you

2937

01:37:40,950 --> 01:37:32,800

have to stop

2938

01:37:44,149 --> 01:37:43,109

this is this is this really is something

2939

01:37:45,590 --> 01:37:44,159

you should always bring up whatever

2940

01:37:47,189 --> 01:37:45,600

whatever skeptic says like something

2941

01:37:49,590 --> 01:37:47,199

like to you

2942

01:37:52,790 --> 01:37:49,600

skepticism is not a belief system any

2943

01:37:53,990 --> 01:37:52,800

more than the off switch is a tv channel

2944

01:37:56,870 --> 01:37:54,000

they say things like that all the time

2945

01:37:58,229 --> 01:37:56,880

they cannot pretend that anymore

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01:38:00,550 --> 01:37:58,239

if they can indoctrinate people into

2947

01:38:02,070 --> 01:38:00,560

non-belief and you know novella uttered

2948

01:38:04,149 --> 01:38:02,080

those words and he just carried on and

2949

01:38:06,070 --> 01:38:04,159

he didn't even understand it when this

2950

01:38:07,350 --> 01:38:06,080

issue went straight over his head he's

2951

01:38:09,270 --> 01:38:07,360

just carried on

2952

01:38:10,709 --> 01:38:09,280

i mean it's this it's uh forgot the

2953

01:38:12,070 --> 01:38:10,719

number of the show it's one of the early

2954

01:38:15,669 --> 01:38:12,080

episodes of the skeptic's guide to the

2955

01:38:17,030 --> 01:38:15,679

universe his radio show

2956

01:38:22,709 --> 01:38:17,040

come on

2957

01:38:22,719 --> 01:38:26,149

one second ladies and gents

2958

01:38:31,590 --> 01:38:28,390

oh come on

2959

01:38:33,990 --> 01:38:31,600

that's it

2960

01:38:35,510 --> 01:38:34,000

right the conveniently told confession

2961

01:38:37,990 --> 01:38:35,520

story

2962

01:38:39,109 --> 01:38:38,000

right ctcs conveniently told confession

2963

01:38:40,470 --> 01:38:39,119

story this is something you've got to be

2964

01:38:42,470 --> 01:38:40,480

aware of you've got to be wary of this

2965

01:38:45,109 --> 01:38:42,480

sort of thing

2966

01:38:47,189 --> 01:38:45,119

this here is a creature known as patty

2967

01:38:49,109 --> 01:38:47,199

now in 1967 this is the this creature

2968

01:38:50,310 --> 01:38:49,119

was captured by uh the patterson gimlin

2969

01:38:53,830 --> 01:38:50,320

film

2970

01:38:55,270 --> 01:38:53,840

made people have

2971

01:38:57,109 --> 01:38:55,280

gone backwards and forwards over whether

2972

01:39:00,070 --> 01:38:57,119

it was real or fake is it true is it

2973

01:39:02,070 --> 01:39:00,080

false well uh chris packham you may have

2974

01:39:04,229 --> 01:39:02,080

heard of him he's a bbc

2975

01:39:06,229 --> 01:39:04,239

nature presenter now he is david

2976

01:39:07,350 --> 01:39:06,239

attenborough's natural success not coxy

2977

01:39:09,350 --> 01:39:07,360

boy

2978

01:39:11,189 --> 01:39:09,360

it's it's a biologist a nature it's a

2979

01:39:12,709 --> 01:39:11,199

nationalist anyway he got he took a

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01:39:15,590 --> 01:39:12,719

phone call from bob gimlin one of the

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01:39:17,750 --> 01:39:15,600

one of the photographers the guy who

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01:39:19,350 --> 01:39:17,760

who made this and he said bob bob gimlin

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01:39:21,350 --> 01:39:19,360

confessed that it was fake

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01:39:22,870 --> 01:39:21,360

he said that's my wife dressed in a

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01:39:24,070 --> 01:39:22,880

furry gorilla suit

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01:39:25,830 --> 01:39:24,080

and we got her to walk in front of the

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01:39:27,189 --> 01:39:25,840

camera we made the video we got a fake

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01:39:29,109 --> 01:39:27,199

bigfoot video

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01:39:30,310 --> 01:39:29,119

now the response from the skeptics has

2990

01:39:33,510 --> 01:39:30,320

been

2991

01:39:35,270 --> 01:39:33,520

we have a confession case closed

2992

01:39:37,669 --> 01:39:35,280

someone's confessed that's the end of it

2993

01:39:39,270 --> 01:39:37,679

you stop writing you you put that pen

2994

01:39:40,550 --> 01:39:39,280

down we're not gonna look we're not

2995

01:39:42,470 --> 01:39:40,560

going to look at this again we're not

2996

01:39:44,390 --> 01:39:42,480

going to study it again it's all over

2997

01:39:45,830 --> 01:39:44,400

it's not real we know because somebody

2998

01:39:47,830 --> 01:39:45,840

confessed

2999

01:39:50,310 --> 01:39:47,840

but a confession is a claim too and

3000

01:39:52,390 --> 01:39:50,320

confessions can be falsified

3001

01:39:54,629 --> 01:39:52,400

dr paul vella who sadly has passed away

3002

01:39:56,629 --> 01:39:54,639

he's a he was a cryptozoologist

3003

01:39:58,390 --> 01:39:56,639

he went to this location where this took

3004

01:39:59,830 --> 01:39:58,400

place it's been very precisely located

3005

01:40:01,270 --> 01:39:59,840

within the within the woods of

3006

01:40:03,750 --> 01:40:01,280

california

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01:40:06,070 --> 01:40:03,760

and um he did a few measurements using

3008

01:40:07,910 --> 01:40:06,080

the computer generated imagery and

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01:40:09,430 --> 01:40:07,920

analysis and he works out that figure

3010

01:40:10,790 --> 01:40:09,440

you see there is six foot seven feet

3011

01:40:13,030 --> 01:40:10,800

tall

3012

01:40:15,109 --> 01:40:13,040

is bob clement's wife really that's all

3013

01:40:16,629 --> 01:40:15,119

is she

3014

01:40:21,109 --> 01:40:16,639

then you better not winger if she burns

3015

01:40:24,149 --> 01:40:22,950

uh bob gimlin could well have falsified

3016

01:40:25,910 --> 01:40:24,159

that confession he could have faked it

3017

01:40:26,950 --> 01:40:25,920

but the skeptics don't look into they

3018

01:40:28,790 --> 01:40:26,960

don't even

3019

01:40:29,750 --> 01:40:28,800

if we say make a claim if we make a

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01:40:31,030 --> 01:40:29,760

claim

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01:40:32,950 --> 01:40:31,040

oh it's got to be proportioned to

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01:40:34,310 --> 01:40:32,960

evidence if we make a claim but it's a

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01:40:35,669 --> 01:40:34,320

confession that we fake something no

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01:40:37,430 --> 01:40:35,679

that's it we accept it without looking

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01:40:38,790 --> 01:40:37,440

at it again case closed

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01:40:41,109 --> 01:40:38,800

another example

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01:40:42,790 --> 01:40:41,119

alex malarkey this is a book called the

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01:40:44,629 --> 01:40:42,800

boy who came back from heaven by kevin

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01:40:47,109 --> 01:40:44,639

and alex malarkey alex malachi was a

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01:40:49,030 --> 01:40:47,119

young boy injured very badly in a

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01:40:50,390 --> 01:40:49,040

in a car crash when he was six years old

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01:40:52,390 --> 01:40:50,400

spent the next couple of years in

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01:40:54,390 --> 01:40:52,400

hospital in a coma eventually he

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01:40:56,870 --> 01:40:54,400

recovered and he reported what we call

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01:40:58,310 --> 01:40:56,880

we would call a near-death experience

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01:40:59,910 --> 01:40:58,320

it was a book very similar to danny and

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01:41:01,350 --> 01:40:59,920

brinkley's um saved by the light i don't

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01:41:04,149 --> 01:41:01,360

know if you've ever read that it's a

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01:41:05,910 --> 01:41:04,159

very similar book anyway uh he the

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01:41:07,270 --> 01:41:05,920

skeptics always said maybe he made this

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01:41:09,350 --> 01:41:07,280

up anyway he made a confession on

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01:41:11,030 --> 01:41:09,360

facebook he's like he's about 18 now

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01:41:14,070 --> 01:41:11,040

he's he's a lot older

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01:41:15,590 --> 01:41:14,080

and um the skeptics again i heard about

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01:41:17,750 --> 01:41:15,600

this on skeptic's guide to the universe

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01:41:19,030 --> 01:41:17,760

steve novella he said well um alex

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01:41:20,709 --> 01:41:19,040

malaki's confessed that he made the

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01:41:22,550 --> 01:41:20,719

whole thing up that's it it's all over

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01:41:24,870 --> 01:41:22,560

case closed but

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01:41:26,310 --> 01:41:24,880

again is it real did he

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01:41:28,629 --> 01:41:26,320

is there a reason why someone would fake

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01:41:31,270 --> 01:41:28,639

a confession i think so because see his

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01:41:33,270 --> 01:41:31,280

parents split up his mother beth was was

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01:41:34,790 --> 01:41:33,280

angry with the husband and

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01:41:36,310 --> 01:41:34,800

there was some kind of lawsuit involving

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01:41:38,470 --> 01:41:36,320

the royalties of the book she had to sue

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01:41:39,990 --> 01:41:38,480

her own her own ex-husband and her own

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01:41:41,910 --> 01:41:40,000

son

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01:41:44,390 --> 01:41:41,920

also you know he he was became a

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01:41:46,470 --> 01:41:44,400

celebrity he's very sick boy he was just

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01:41:48,070 --> 01:41:46,480

learning to walk and talk again

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01:41:49,669 --> 01:41:48,080

and people were knocking on his door

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01:41:52,629 --> 01:41:49,679

every day of the week and he got fed up

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01:41:54,790 --> 01:41:52,639

with that so is it possible that he

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01:41:56,390 --> 01:41:54,800

made up that confession just to try just

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01:41:57,990 --> 01:41:56,400

he may have said to his dad can we just

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01:41:59,669 --> 01:41:58,000

roll this back and maybe we can live a

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01:42:01,270 --> 01:41:59,679

kind of normal life

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01:42:03,830 --> 01:42:01,280

almost exactly the same as these two

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01:42:05,510 --> 01:42:03,840

ladies this is kate and marguerita fox

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01:42:06,950 --> 01:42:05,520

in 1848

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01:42:09,030 --> 01:42:06,960

they claimed that there were they've

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01:42:10,870 --> 01:42:09,040

heard strange noises in their house

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01:42:11,990 --> 01:42:10,880

and they ended up doing a tour in the

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01:42:13,910 --> 01:42:12,000

country they became international

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01:42:15,590 --> 01:42:13,920

celebrities they're credited with

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01:42:16,550 --> 01:42:15,600

inventing spiritualism although it's not

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01:42:17,590 --> 01:42:16,560

true

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01:42:19,750 --> 01:42:17,600

but again

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01:42:21,189 --> 01:42:19,760

40 years later they confessed that they

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01:42:23,189 --> 01:42:21,199

made the whole thing up

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01:42:24,629 --> 01:42:23,199

but did they because they they were both

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01:42:26,310 --> 01:42:24,639

suffering terribly from the celebrity

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01:42:27,510 --> 01:42:26,320

lifestyle it's not what's cracked up to

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01:42:29,350 --> 01:42:27,520

be i don't think

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01:42:31,590 --> 01:42:29,360

they both had drink problems their

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01:42:33,030 --> 01:42:31,600

marriages were in bad shape

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01:42:34,470 --> 01:42:33,040

and they may have had they may have come

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01:42:36,470 --> 01:42:34,480

to the same conclusion

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01:42:37,430 --> 01:42:36,480

as alex malarkey

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01:42:39,590 --> 01:42:37,440

now this is the bit you've all been

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01:42:41,669 --> 01:42:39,600

waiting for

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01:42:44,629 --> 01:42:41,679

now this here is dr david clarke and

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01:42:46,229 --> 01:42:44,639

andy roberts who don't like me very much

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01:42:48,229 --> 01:42:46,239

they said they said in their column in

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01:42:50,470 --> 01:42:48,239

14 times that i was full of

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01:42:52,870 --> 01:42:50,480

guff

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01:42:54,310 --> 01:42:52,880

i take that as a compliment but um i've

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01:42:58,470 --> 01:42:54,320

actually met these guys i've spoke to

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01:43:02,310 --> 01:43:00,470

but um

3101  
01:43:04,629 --> 01:43:02,320  
they uh

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01:43:06,550 --> 01:43:04,639  
the question is that

3103  
01:43:08,149 --> 01:43:06,560  
i've got to ask a question

3104  
01:43:10,870 --> 01:43:08,159  
are skeptics just skeptics because they

3105  
01:43:13,910 --> 01:43:10,880  
like being skeptics or are they put

3106  
01:43:15,350 --> 01:43:13,920  
are they put into this world to debunk

3107  
01:43:16,470 --> 01:43:15,360  
what we say because there's some kind of

3108  
01:43:18,629 --> 01:43:16,480  
cover-up

3109  
01:43:20,709 --> 01:43:18,639  
this this especially applies to the ufo

3110  
01:43:23,590 --> 01:43:20,719  
issue maybe to others as well which i'll

3111  
01:43:24,870 --> 01:43:23,600  
say at the very very end but um

3112  
01:43:25,990 --> 01:43:24,880  
you've got to ask them you've got to ask

3113  
01:43:27,350 --> 01:43:26,000

some questions there's actually no

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01:43:29,350 --> 01:43:27,360

evidence that any of the individuals

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01:43:31,189 --> 01:43:29,360

i've talked about today

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01:43:32,310 --> 01:43:31,199

um have any connections to intelligence

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01:43:33,990 --> 01:43:32,320

services

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01:43:35,830 --> 01:43:34,000

or um

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01:43:37,109 --> 01:43:35,840

psychological warfare think tanks and

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01:43:39,510 --> 01:43:37,119

any of those sort of things with one

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01:43:41,030 --> 01:43:39,520

exception james randy with james randy

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01:43:42,790 --> 01:43:41,040

there is a reason to be suspicious of

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01:43:44,470 --> 01:43:42,800

his motives however i don't have time to

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01:43:46,790 --> 01:43:44,480

tell you about that this evening i go

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01:43:47,830 --> 01:43:46,800

into it in a longer version of this talk

3126  
01:43:49,669 --> 01:43:47,840  
but um

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01:43:52,709 --> 01:43:49,679  
of all the a lot of ufologists and

3128  
01:43:54,470 --> 01:43:52,719  
people like this have been accused of

3129  
01:43:55,669 --> 01:43:54,480  
perhaps

3130  
01:43:57,750 --> 01:43:55,679  
putting out false information

3131  
01:43:59,510 --> 01:43:57,760  
deliberately for this for the sake of

3132  
01:44:00,950 --> 01:43:59,520  
the covering up the reality of

3133  
01:44:02,790 --> 01:44:00,960  
extraterrestrial life one of them is

3134  
01:44:04,550 --> 01:44:02,800  
actually a very old and very respected

3135  
01:44:06,310 --> 01:44:04,560  
ufologist indeed in this country jenny

3136  
01:44:10,390 --> 01:44:06,320  
randalls

3137  
01:44:11,990 --> 01:44:10,400  
someone that she is compromised and

3138  
01:44:14,149 --> 01:44:12,000

she's working for some kind of authority

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01:44:16,470 --> 01:44:14,159

that wants to cover up ufos now

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01:44:17,270 --> 01:44:16,480

um the individual actually who made this

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01:44:19,830 --> 01:44:17,280

um

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01:44:21,270 --> 01:44:19,840

suggestion is actually someone who tends

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01:44:23,270 --> 01:44:21,280

he he tends to make these kinds of

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01:44:24,790 --> 01:44:23,280

suggestions about almost everybody

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01:44:26,790 --> 01:44:24,800

so i usually take them with a grain of

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01:44:28,950 --> 01:44:26,800

salt and i i'm certainly not accusing

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01:44:30,950 --> 01:44:28,960

jenny randles of doing anything wrong in

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01:44:32,470 --> 01:44:30,960

this in this situation there's no hard

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01:44:34,550 --> 01:44:32,480

evidence however there's no doubt that

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01:44:36,149 --> 01:44:34,560

in the late 90s she took

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01:44:37,350 --> 01:44:36,159

she took a different turn she changed

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01:44:39,350 --> 01:44:37,360

her mind and there may be completely

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01:44:41,109 --> 01:44:39,360

innocent reasons for this

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01:44:43,350 --> 01:44:41,119

but um this is a book she wrote this

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01:44:46,629 --> 01:44:43,360

this was a book she published in 1984

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01:44:49,030 --> 01:44:46,639

sky crash a cosmic conspiracy co-war

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01:44:51,350 --> 01:44:49,040

co-authors as you can see

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01:44:53,270 --> 01:44:51,360

brenda butler and dot straight

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01:44:55,590 --> 01:44:53,280

who today stand by their story about the

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01:44:57,350 --> 01:44:55,600

renducam forest incident

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01:45:00,709 --> 01:44:57,360

come forward in time

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01:45:03,350 --> 01:45:00,719

to 2000 i think it's 2009.

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01:45:05,350 --> 01:45:03,360

ufos that never were

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01:45:06,950 --> 01:45:05,360

this is a book all about cases that have

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01:45:08,870 --> 01:45:06,960

been sold and found out not to be real

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01:45:10,950 --> 01:45:08,880

ufos and it's like she's written an

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01:45:12,390 --> 01:45:10,960

entire book about that i mean it takes a

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01:45:13,590 --> 01:45:12,400

lot of effort to write a book i know

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01:45:15,189 --> 01:45:13,600

because you can see here i've written

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01:45:16,550 --> 01:45:15,199

three of them here

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01:45:18,550 --> 01:45:16,560

but um

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01:45:21,109 --> 01:45:18,560

it's it seems like a big deal to talk

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01:45:22,709 --> 01:45:21,119

about to to write an entire book about

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01:45:23,910 --> 01:45:22,719

solved cases it's like

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01:45:25,750 --> 01:45:23,920

it's like sort of walking forward while

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01:45:27,270 --> 01:45:25,760

looking over your shoulder you know

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01:45:28,790 --> 01:45:27,280

i thought well why did jenny why did she

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01:45:30,390 --> 01:45:28,800

do this i mean i actually met jenny

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01:45:31,910 --> 01:45:30,400

reynolds a couple years ago i didn't get

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01:45:34,310 --> 01:45:31,920

the chance to ask her look at the

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01:45:35,910 --> 01:45:34,320

co-authors

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01:45:37,189 --> 01:45:35,920

i don't know if you can see that guess

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01:45:39,350 --> 01:45:37,199

who they are

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01:45:41,030 --> 01:45:39,360

andy roberts dr david clarke the two big

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01:45:42,830 --> 01:45:41,040

skeptics

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01:45:45,270 --> 01:45:42,840

people who said i was full of

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01:45:46,790 --> 01:45:45,280

guff skip that

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01:45:49,030 --> 01:45:46,800

and that

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01:45:50,870 --> 01:45:49,040

now this is helen duncan

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01:45:54,070 --> 01:45:50,880

now she i've done an entire talk on this

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01:45:56,310 --> 01:45:54,080

lady she was supposedly the last witch

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01:45:58,790 --> 01:45:56,320

and she was prosecuted in the old bailly

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01:46:00,070 --> 01:45:58,800

under the witchcraft trial now if if

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01:46:02,950 --> 01:46:00,080

mediums are

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01:46:05,189 --> 01:46:02,960

is in under the witchcraft act of 1735

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01:46:07,669 --> 01:46:05,199

this is 1941 this happened

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01:46:10,070 --> 01:46:07,679

no sorry 1944 and the question has to

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01:46:11,669 --> 01:46:10,080

remain like

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01:46:12,870 --> 01:46:11,679

they thought that she was getting secret

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01:46:15,109 --> 01:46:12,880

information

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01:46:16,870 --> 01:46:15,119

from spirits of the dead

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01:46:17,830 --> 01:46:16,880

and that possibly the german spies were

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01:46:19,590 --> 01:46:17,840

watching her this was in the middle of

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01:46:21,430 --> 01:46:19,600

world war ii

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01:46:23,350 --> 01:46:21,440

and so she was basically put away in

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01:46:27,109 --> 01:46:23,360

prison so that she couldn't

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01:46:28,629 --> 01:46:27,119

do her mediumship the question is though

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01:46:30,390 --> 01:46:28,639

the question you've got to ask yourself

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01:46:31,910 --> 01:46:30,400

is if it's not real why did they do that

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01:46:33,750 --> 01:46:31,920

do they all just believe in the sort of

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01:46:35,430 --> 01:46:33,760

thing or do they know something deep

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01:46:36,950 --> 01:46:35,440

down that we don't

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01:46:37,830 --> 01:46:36,960

about psychic powers and things like

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01:46:39,350 --> 01:46:37,840

that

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01:46:40,870 --> 01:46:39,360

and i've done an entire presentation on

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01:46:45,510 --> 01:46:40,880

this

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01:46:47,030 --> 01:46:45,520

after you died now after you're dead

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01:46:48,390 --> 01:46:47,040

have any of you seen something called

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01:46:50,629 --> 01:46:48,400

the discovery

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01:46:52,070 --> 01:46:50,639

it's a film it's got robert redford in

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01:46:53,590 --> 01:46:52,080

it

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01:46:55,430 --> 01:46:53,600

anyone seen that

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01:46:57,350 --> 01:46:55,440

you've seen that yeah it's it's worth

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01:46:59,750 --> 01:46:57,360

it's very interesting isn't it yeah

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01:47:03,350 --> 01:46:59,760

because it's on netflix you can it's i

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01:47:04,790 --> 01:47:03,360

think it's spread somewhere else now um

3227

01:47:06,870 --> 01:47:04,800

it's it's an it's it's kind of an

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01:47:09,750 --> 01:47:06,880

example of kind of what like the books

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01:47:11,990 --> 01:47:09,760

i've written about are what would happen

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01:47:13,430 --> 01:47:12,000

if we discovered the truth about ufos in

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01:47:14,550 --> 01:47:13,440

other words there was a lot of people

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01:47:16,149 --> 01:47:14,560

believe it anyway but what if the

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01:47:17,350 --> 01:47:16,159

cover-up ended and there was never any

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01:47:18,629 --> 01:47:17,360

doubt

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01:47:20,310 --> 01:47:18,639

what is the same thing with the

3236

01:47:21,990 --> 01:47:20,320

afterlife

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01:47:23,990 --> 01:47:22,000

what effect would that have on society

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01:47:25,590 --> 01:47:24,000

in the film the discovery

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01:47:27,590 --> 01:47:25,600

explores that in very interesting detail

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01:47:29,270 --> 01:47:27,600

but what's more helen duncan was going

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01:47:30,629 --> 01:47:29,280

to perform in court

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01:47:32,229 --> 01:47:30,639

she wanted to prove herself innocent by

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01:47:33,910 --> 01:47:32,239

performing her seance in court and they

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01:47:35,030 --> 01:47:33,920

wouldn't let her do it

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01:47:36,950 --> 01:47:35,040

even though it could it could have

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01:47:38,950 --> 01:47:36,960

proved her right

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01:47:40,709 --> 01:47:38,960

if you want to know more about me

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01:47:42,470 --> 01:47:40,719

there are still three copies of my books

3249

01:47:44,709 --> 01:47:42,480

there you see the roswell rising a novel

3250

01:47:45,669 --> 01:47:44,719

of disclosure and it's two sequels

3251

01:47:47,030 --> 01:47:45,679

and this is a book like if you're

3252

01:47:48,550 --> 01:47:47,040

interested in ufos and you know there's

3253

01:47:50,629 --> 01:47:48,560

a cover-up just imagine what would

3254

01:47:52,629 --> 01:47:50,639

happen if that cover-up ended and i

3255

01:47:53,830 --> 01:47:52,639

managed i imagined that

3256

01:47:55,430 --> 01:47:53,840

and it came and i had a thought

3257

01:47:57,189 --> 01:47:55,440

experiment which led to a scenario a

3258

01:47:58,629 --> 01:47:57,199

story i'm a writer of fiction i've

3259

01:47:59,910 --> 01:47:58,639

written five novels and lots of short

3260

01:48:01,910 --> 01:47:59,920

stories

3261

01:48:03,430 --> 01:48:01,920

and so i wrote three books about it and

3262

01:48:05,350 --> 01:48:03,440

there are there are three copies there

3263

01:48:08,070 --> 01:48:05,360

are three copies there ten pounds for

3264

01:48:10,070 --> 01:48:08,080

one book fifteen for two twenty five for

3265

01:48:11,910 --> 01:48:10,080

three

3266

01:48:13,590 --> 01:48:11,920

there we go and um if you wanna know

3267

01:48:15,109 --> 01:48:13,600

more about me

3268

01:48:17,430 --> 01:48:15,119

as steve said at the beginning i got a

3269

01:48:19,270 --> 01:48:17,440

website called hapan mo hospital

3270

01:48:20,470 --> 01:48:19,280

porter's against the new world order if

3271

01:48:22,390 --> 01:48:20,480

you go to that website there's lot

3272

01:48:26,550 --> 01:48:22,400

there's actually

3273

01:48:27,910 --> 01:48:26,560

now a youtube channel my own radio shows

3274

01:48:29,830 --> 01:48:27,920

a forum it's a very multimedia

3275

01:48:32,149 --> 01:48:29,840

experience so you expect to be there a

3276

01:48:33,350 --> 01:48:32,159

long time i know that rihanna you've had

3277

01:48:34,709 --> 01:48:33,360

a look at a lot of things there haven't

3278

01:48:37,109 --> 01:48:34,719

you yeah and i know some of the rest you

3279

01:48:38,310 --> 01:48:37,119

have as well so um

3280

01:48:39,910 --> 01:48:38,320

you know if you if you're i think if

3281

01:48:40,870 --> 01:48:39,920

you're interested in the subjects talked

3282

01:48:42,629 --> 01:48:40,880

about

3283

01:48:43,830 --> 01:48:42,639

at this these meetings and you come

3284

01:48:45,590 --> 01:48:43,840

regularly to these meetings and you've

3285

01:48:48,310 --> 01:48:45,600

enjoyed this meeting you'll enjoy these

3286

01:48:49,990 --> 01:48:48,320

books and you'll enjoy my website but

3287

01:48:51,430 --> 01:48:50,000

anyway i really appreciate you we've

3288

01:48:52,709 --> 01:48:51,440

gone on a little bit late and i

3289

01:48:55,010 --> 01:48:52,719

appreciate you hanging on for me thank

3290

01:49:01,400 --> 01:48:55,020

you very much

3291

01:49:07,990 --> 01:49:02,709

[Applause]

3292

01:49:11,030 --> 01:49:10,310

have we got time

3293

01:49:14,010 --> 01:49:11,040

if

3294

01:49:26,229 --> 01:49:14,020

steve

3295

01:49:33,270 --> 01:49:29,109

are indirectly skeptics because when we

3296

01:49:35,350 --> 01:49:33,280

go to investigate the ufo sighting

3297

01:49:37,910 --> 01:49:35,360

the first thing we'll do is try to find

3298

01:49:40,709 --> 01:49:37,920

the rational explanation

3299

01:49:43,589 --> 01:49:40,719

and then we'll try to find

3300

01:49:46,149 --> 01:49:43,599

is this person looking for information

3301

01:49:49,270 --> 01:49:46,159

are they are they uh not quite 100

3302

01:49:50,470 --> 01:49:49,280

mentally are they on drugs

3303

01:49:52,709 --> 01:49:50,480

and then you're trying to find the

3304

01:49:56,229 --> 01:49:52,719

russians

3305

01:50:00,950 --> 01:49:59,030

uh chinese lantern is it the iss going

3306

01:50:20,709 --> 01:50:00,960

over is it a satellite is it a

3307

01:50:24,790 --> 01:50:22,870

absolutely i apologize if i

3308

01:50:26,790 --> 01:50:24,800

misrepresented you in any way

3309

01:50:29,030 --> 01:50:26,800

but you see in a sense what you've just

3310

01:50:31,669 --> 01:50:29,040

illustrated is the difference between

3311

01:50:33,189 --> 01:50:31,679

uh the the actual definition which they

3312

01:50:34,950 --> 01:50:33,199

the skeptics give themselves which i

3313

01:50:37,189 --> 01:50:34,960

wholeheartedly agree with which is what

3314

01:50:38,470 --> 01:50:37,199

you talked about it's the skeptic who

3315

01:50:40,470 --> 01:50:38,480

looks at the photos i said at the

3316

01:50:41,589 --> 01:50:40,480

beginning and says what's this hey look

3317

01:50:43,109 --> 01:50:41,599

into it they might find it's just a

3318

01:50:44,950 --> 01:50:43,119

weather balloon as opposed to the

3319

01:50:47,030 --> 01:50:44,960

skeptic who says i'm not even gonna look

3320

01:50:49,109 --> 01:50:47,040

at it i know it's not real

3321

01:50:50,310 --> 01:50:49,119

so but the second one is the one who is

3322

01:50:53,189 --> 01:50:50,320

the most

3323

01:50:54,790 --> 01:50:53,199

most skeptical of all you see so that's

3324

01:50:56,709 --> 01:50:54,800

that's kind of what the point is of this

3325

01:50:58,709 --> 01:50:56,719

entire talk which is what is the

3326

01:51:00,070 --> 01:50:58,719

definition of being a skeptic and one of

3327

01:51:01,669 --> 01:51:00,080

the people who call themselves skeptics

3328

01:51:03,990 --> 01:51:01,679

are very often not skeptics in the way

3329

01:51:07,350 --> 01:51:04,000

you define yourself

3330

01:51:09,750 --> 01:51:07,360

anyone else hello is someone over there

3331

01:51:11,990 --> 01:51:09,760

did you have your hand up

3332

01:51:13,030 --> 01:51:12,000

anyone else got their hand up

3333

01:51:14,709 --> 01:51:13,040

sir

3334

01:51:17,270 --> 01:51:14,719

i don't really think that james randy

3335

01:51:19,189 --> 01:51:17,280

was a skeptic

3336

01:51:21,510 --> 01:51:19,199

i think uh there was something deep

3337

01:51:23,189 --> 01:51:21,520

belonging to what he was thinking

3338

01:51:26,629 --> 01:51:23,199

um i think he did believe and he was

3339

01:51:28,229 --> 01:51:26,639

just trying to find other people

3340

01:51:30,790 --> 01:51:28,239

in the same milk

3341

01:51:32,229 --> 01:51:30,800

it's if you if you um look at the longer

3342

01:51:34,229 --> 01:51:32,239

version is talk i'll go into it there's

3343

01:51:36,070 --> 01:51:34,239

some very suspicious elements of james

3344

01:51:39,030 --> 01:51:36,080

brown his connections to various

3345

01:51:40,390 --> 01:51:39,040

organizations such as darpa

3346

01:51:42,470 --> 01:51:40,400

and um

3347

01:51:44,390 --> 01:51:42,480

there's also the uh ironically the

3348

01:51:47,030 --> 01:51:44,400

mcdonald douglas corporation james

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01:51:48,790 --> 01:51:47,040

mcdonald's organized organization which

3350

01:51:50,070 --> 01:51:48,800

indicate that he knew more than he was

3351  
01:51:51,510 --> 01:51:50,080  
saying and he

3352  
01:51:53,510 --> 01:51:51,520  
appeared to be engaged on an active

3353  
01:51:55,189 --> 01:51:53,520  
campaign of suppression

3354  
01:51:56,629 --> 01:51:55,199  
so what could we call obviously we can't

3355  
01:51:57,830 --> 01:51:56,639  
ask him now unless he's gone somewhere

3356  
01:51:59,990 --> 01:51:57,840  
we can channel him i'll be a bit of a

3357  
01:52:02,310 --> 01:52:00,000  
surprise for him but um

3358  
01:52:03,669 --> 01:52:02,320  
i'm uh i'm convinced that guy there is

3359  
01:52:05,830 --> 01:52:03,679  
evidence that's something i think a lot

3360  
01:52:07,750 --> 01:52:05,840  
of scientists

3361  
01:52:09,189 --> 01:52:07,760  
don't say what they believe

3362  
01:52:11,910 --> 01:52:09,199  
because they

3363  
01:52:13,910 --> 01:52:11,920

uh fear losing their jobs

3364

01:52:15,109 --> 01:52:13,920

carl sagan was one because i heard that

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01:52:17,830 --> 01:52:15,119

he actually did believe in

3366

01:52:19,669 --> 01:52:17,840

extraterrestrials but professionally

3367

01:52:20,870 --> 01:52:19,679

he kept away from him he changed his

3368

01:52:22,550 --> 01:52:20,880

tune very suddenly actually because in

3369

01:52:24,070 --> 01:52:22,560

the 60s he was in the new a stuff and

3370

01:52:25,430 --> 01:52:24,080

things like that he was like blackmore

3371

01:52:27,030 --> 01:52:25,440

and he changed his position very

3372

01:52:29,750 --> 01:52:27,040

suddenly and there's people have asked

3373

01:52:31,830 --> 01:52:29,760

questions about why that was bryce is

3374

01:52:33,750 --> 01:52:31,840

has actually portrayed this fictionally

3375

01:52:35,750 --> 01:52:33,760

in the dark skies tv series it's very

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01:52:37,270 --> 01:52:35,760

interesting yeah and it's true

3377

01:52:39,510 --> 01:52:37,280

scientists are people they're human

3378

01:52:41,350 --> 01:52:39,520

beings this idea they can just go around

3379

01:52:42,870 --> 01:52:41,360

drawing perfect circles everywhere and

3380

01:52:44,310 --> 01:52:42,880

they're never affected by anything other

3381

01:52:45,750 --> 01:52:44,320

than that you know their their

3382

01:52:47,669 --> 01:52:45,760

rationality their observations and

3383

01:52:49,589 --> 01:52:47,679

things like that is false we already

3384

01:52:51,589 --> 01:52:49,599

know that he can't if carl sagan's

3385

01:52:53,189 --> 01:52:51,599

sergeant was cheating

3386

01:52:54,870 --> 01:52:53,199

is he the only one

3387

01:52:56,629 --> 01:52:54,880

i mean a lot of them cheat a lot of he

3388

01:52:57,750 --> 01:52:56,639

was cheating to get positive results but

3389

01:52:59,510 --> 01:52:57,760

i'm sure there are many who will cheat

3390

01:53:01,990 --> 01:52:59,520

to get negative results but because they

3391

01:53:03,669 --> 01:53:02,000

got rent to pay like everyone else

3392

01:53:05,430 --> 01:53:03,679

they've got they have a life outside

3393

01:53:07,430 --> 01:53:05,440

science which is affected by what they

3394

01:53:09,750 --> 01:53:07,440

say with it within their scientific

3395

01:53:13,030 --> 01:53:09,760

research

3396

01:53:14,870 --> 01:53:13,040

anyone else

3397

01:53:17,750 --> 01:53:14,880

you know anything about please more

3398

01:53:19,510 --> 01:53:17,760

about who he's more peacemore

3399

01:53:21,270 --> 01:53:19,520

yeah it's a village in berkshire and

3400

01:53:23,270 --> 01:53:21,280

allegedly there was a deep underground

3401

01:53:25,430 --> 01:53:23,280

military base beneath it i've been

3402

01:53:28,149 --> 01:53:25,440

looking for evidence of that and

3403

01:53:30,070 --> 01:53:28,159

funnily enough there is a strange i saw

3404

01:53:32,149 --> 01:53:30,080

something on youtube where some

3405

01:53:34,310 --> 01:53:32,159

australians said he went to piedmont it

3406

01:53:38,310 --> 01:53:34,320

wasn't it was in australia and he

3407

01:53:41,669 --> 01:53:39,430

yeah that's

3408

01:53:43,270 --> 01:53:41,679

that's standalone yeah it's there's a

3409

01:53:46,390 --> 01:53:43,280

there was a base that definitely exists

3410

01:53:49,589 --> 01:53:46,400

in central australia called pine gap

3411

01:53:50,470 --> 01:53:49,599

and i've seen it's a very strange place

3412

01:53:52,790 --> 01:53:50,480

yeah

3413

01:53:54,709 --> 01:53:52,800

it's it's a very it's some people have

3414

01:53:55,669 --> 01:53:54,719

suggested that

3415

01:53:57,990 --> 01:53:55,679

there was something there was some kind

3416

01:53:59,350 --> 01:53:58,000

of distraction i i don't i it's probably

3417

01:54:00,790 --> 01:53:59,360

not actually but

3418

01:54:02,550 --> 01:54:00,800

there is something weird at the the

3419

01:54:03,750 --> 01:54:02,560

hardware laboratory site which indicates

3420

01:54:05,430 --> 01:54:03,760

is there is still some kind of

3421

01:54:06,950 --> 01:54:05,440

underground working there which would

3422

01:54:08,310 --> 01:54:06,960

tell me what the witnesses said about

3423

01:54:11,750 --> 01:54:08,320

being the entrance to this place air

3424

01:54:13,189 --> 01:54:11,760

force base tunnels to the air force base

3425

01:54:13,990 --> 01:54:13,199

where

3426  
01:54:18,550 --> 01:54:14,000  
so

3427  
01:54:20,830 --> 01:54:18,560  
barry king wrote about it barry king it

3428  
01:54:22,390 --> 01:54:20,840  
was the house you know

3429  
01:54:23,669 --> 01:54:22,400  
so

3430  
01:54:24,950 --> 01:54:23,679  
it's difficult there's very little

3431  
01:54:26,310 --> 01:54:24,960  
information on it

3432  
01:54:28,229 --> 01:54:26,320  
and there's no evidence at the village

3433  
01:54:29,910 --> 01:54:28,239  
itself i went to visit the village

3434  
01:54:31,350 --> 01:54:29,920  
and there's nothing there but it's just

3435  
01:54:32,790 --> 01:54:31,360  
normal village but

3436  
01:54:36,490 --> 01:54:32,800  
yes ma'am

3437  
01:54:36,500 --> 01:54:47,189  
[Music]

3438  
01:54:51,750 --> 01:54:48,790

that is the obvious answer is reynolds

3439

01:54:53,510 --> 01:54:51,760

and forrest that is that is very that's

3440

01:54:55,990 --> 01:54:53,520

probably the best documented one of the

3441

01:54:57,589 --> 01:54:56,000

best documentary vocations in history

3442

01:54:59,750 --> 01:54:57,599

there's many others there's witnesses

3443

01:55:01,510 --> 01:54:59,760

there's several contacts and experiences

3444

01:55:02,629 --> 01:55:01,520

and people like that i'm convinced

3445

01:55:03,990 --> 01:55:02,639

they're telling the truth because

3446

01:55:05,510 --> 01:55:04,000

they're people i know and i've actually

3447

01:55:08,070 --> 01:55:05,520

witnessed some of the strange phenomena

3448

01:55:09,669 --> 01:55:08,080

that that affects them so yeah there's

3449

01:55:11,510 --> 01:55:09,679

so many i could i could i'm not i

3450

01:55:12,870 --> 01:55:11,520

couldn't pick one i don't think

3451

01:55:16,229 --> 01:55:12,880

but thanks for the question yeah good

3452

01:55:21,350 --> 01:55:18,870

what do you think of derek agora

3453

01:55:24,310 --> 01:55:21,360

have you ever been to one of his uh no i

3454

01:55:26,229 --> 01:55:24,320

have not i know that david ike actually

3455

01:55:28,149 --> 01:55:26,239

went to a sitting with him

3456

01:55:31,189 --> 01:55:28,159

and and so did his wife and found him

3457

01:55:33,430 --> 01:55:31,199

very interesting i i know he's been

3458

01:55:34,870 --> 01:55:33,440

he's been accused of faking he's faking

3459

01:55:36,310 --> 01:55:34,880

things he's been caught out sometimes

3460

01:55:38,070 --> 01:55:36,320

making stuff up

3461

01:55:39,589 --> 01:55:38,080

and of course when he when he got i

3462

01:55:40,629 --> 01:55:39,599

think getting his job with the media has

3463

01:55:41,830 --> 01:55:40,639

made him

3464

01:55:43,669 --> 01:55:41,840

possibly

3465

01:55:45,189 --> 01:55:43,679

die around a few curves for the sake of

3466

01:55:47,830 --> 01:55:45,199

the audience and i know there's a guy

3467

01:55:48,870 --> 01:55:47,840

called ross hemsworth i know who he used

3468

01:55:51,189 --> 01:55:48,880

to present something called ghost

3469

01:55:53,270 --> 01:55:51,199

detectives on channel 4. and he said

3470

01:55:55,030 --> 01:55:53,280

he's he's been trying to get in he often

3471

01:55:56,550 --> 01:55:55,040

finds it difficult to get back into

3472

01:55:58,070 --> 01:55:56,560

paranormal broadcasting because they say

3473

01:56:00,229 --> 01:55:58,080

things like that we're going to have to

3474

01:56:01,350 --> 01:56:00,239

deliver for the audience regardless of

3475

01:56:03,030 --> 01:56:01,360

what you find

3476  
01:56:04,550 --> 01:56:03,040  
meaning we have to fake stuff you can't

3477  
01:56:05,910 --> 01:56:04,560  
find real ghosts we have to put in fake

3478  
01:56:08,470 --> 01:56:05,920  
ghosts

3479  
01:56:10,070 --> 01:56:08,480  
um but derek acura may well have gone he

3480  
01:56:11,669 --> 01:56:10,080  
may have gone down that road where ross

3481  
01:56:12,870 --> 01:56:11,679  
didn't

3482  
01:56:14,390 --> 01:56:12,880  
so

3483  
01:56:16,070 --> 01:56:14,400  
you know what

3484  
01:56:18,229 --> 01:56:16,080  
yeah

3485  
01:56:19,270 --> 01:56:18,239  
i went to one of his shows um

3486  
01:56:21,589 --> 01:56:19,280  
probably

3487  
01:56:23,350 --> 01:56:21,599  
11 years ago he's passed away now too

3488  
01:56:24,950 --> 01:56:23,360

yeah it's no longer my father passed

3489

01:56:27,669 --> 01:56:24,960

away

3490

01:56:29,750 --> 01:56:27,679

so i was in the grand theater in swansea

3491

01:56:30,550 --> 01:56:29,760

so i went there just went to see what

3492

01:56:32,149 --> 01:56:30,560

was

3493

01:56:33,430 --> 01:56:32,159

you know what what is showing take

3494

01:56:37,030 --> 01:56:33,440

really

3495

01:56:39,589 --> 01:56:37,040

and uh he was calling out these um

3496

01:56:40,629 --> 01:56:39,599

these references to people in his brain

3497

01:56:42,390 --> 01:56:40,639

people put their hand up this is

3498

01:56:43,350 --> 01:56:42,400

reference anyone there and as slow as

3499

01:56:46,390 --> 01:56:43,360

you went through the information the

3500

01:56:50,310 --> 01:56:48,310

so the end it was i looked i was my

3501  
01:56:52,149 --> 01:56:50,320  
managing work

3502  
01:56:54,790 --> 01:56:52,159  
and he was having information about his

3503  
01:56:56,229 --> 01:56:54,800  
uh his father

3504  
01:56:57,830 --> 01:56:56,239  
i don't kevin throwing it very

3505  
01:56:59,189 --> 01:56:57,840  
interesting i don't believe he's

3506  
01:57:00,550 --> 01:56:59,199  
completely fake and i don't believe he's

3507  
01:57:02,149 --> 01:57:00,560  
right now he's

3508  
01:57:03,430 --> 01:57:02,159  
i've done other people who've met him

3509  
01:57:05,030 --> 01:57:03,440  
and said you know

3510  
01:57:08,950 --> 01:57:05,040  
some great detail

3511  
01:57:10,709 --> 01:57:08,960  
only only his family would know

3512  
01:57:12,550 --> 01:57:10,719  
i had a chat with him at work about it

3513  
01:57:14,149 --> 01:57:12,560

and he was uh

3514

01:57:15,109 --> 01:57:14,159

it's quite compelling

3515

01:57:16,550 --> 01:57:15,119

yeah

3516

01:57:18,149 --> 01:57:16,560

it's essentially a lot of a lot of

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01:57:19,350 --> 01:57:18,159

genuine mediums when they get famous

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01:57:20,790 --> 01:57:19,360

they will

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01:57:22,790 --> 01:57:20,800

they get pressured into faking stuff you

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01:57:24,550 --> 01:57:22,800

know i mean i met yvette fielding once

3521

01:57:26,709 --> 01:57:24,560

at the conference in

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01:57:27,990 --> 01:57:26,719

the rock on and she swears blind

3523

01:57:29,990 --> 01:57:28,000

everything on

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01:57:30,870 --> 01:57:30,000

everything i'm most wanted is real

3525

01:57:32,790 --> 01:57:30,880

but

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01:57:39,350 --> 01:57:32,800

you know i question that i do

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01:57:42,790 --> 01:57:41,030

i think it is do you think you're

3528

01:57:44,229 --> 01:57:42,800

talking about

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01:57:46,470 --> 01:57:44,239

a.i

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01:57:48,790 --> 01:57:46,480

was this the one with that guy whether

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01:57:51,350 --> 01:57:48,800

they find jesse marcel's diary yeah and

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01:57:53,510 --> 01:57:51,360

they talk about this thick and terrorist

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01:57:55,510 --> 01:57:53,520

that he was terminal truth by his face

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01:57:57,109 --> 01:57:55,520

but that's any i think it's called voice

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01:57:58,870 --> 01:57:57,119

analysis yeah i'm not sure exactly how

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01:58:00,629 --> 01:57:58,880

that is abused his voice and facial

3537

01:58:02,310 --> 01:58:00,639

facial expressions it's similar to a

3538

01:58:07,030 --> 01:58:02,320

polygraph yeah i'm not sure exactly how

3539

01:58:09,750 --> 01:58:08,470

it is a very interesting and i'm not

3540

01:58:12,390 --> 01:58:09,760

sure exactly how it works but it's like

3541

01:58:14,550 --> 01:58:12,400

a polygraph it won't it won't clear

3542

01:58:15,430 --> 01:58:14,560

their name unfortunately um because i

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01:58:18,470 --> 01:58:15,440

know there's been people who've

3544

01:58:20,470 --> 01:58:18,480

subjected to multiple polygraph tests um

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01:58:22,229 --> 01:58:20,480

larry warren for example bob lazar

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01:58:23,990 --> 01:58:22,239

travis walton and people still accuse

3547

01:58:24,709 --> 01:58:24,000

them of making things up

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01:58:27,189 --> 01:58:24,719

so

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01:58:28,950 --> 01:58:27,199

whatever happened i mean

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01:58:30,709 --> 01:58:28,960

it's it's slightly different method yeah

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01:58:32,470 --> 01:58:30,719

i don't know how accurate it is does

3552

01:58:34,149 --> 01:58:32,480

some yeah hello

3553

01:58:36,229 --> 01:58:34,159

this hasn't got a lot to do with what

3554

01:58:38,390 --> 01:58:36,239

you said tonight you mentioned you

3555

01:58:39,510 --> 01:58:38,400

regain a little longer yeah

3556

01:58:42,310 --> 01:58:39,520

and

3557

01:58:44,310 --> 01:58:42,320

back in 1998 they had them down the

3558

01:58:46,149 --> 01:58:44,320

vetch in swansea

3559

01:58:47,830 --> 01:58:46,159

it was the last home game of the season

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01:58:50,310 --> 01:58:47,840

it was a bottom division they were

3561

01:58:53,030 --> 01:58:50,320

playing doncaster and doncaster had

3562

01:58:55,109 --> 01:58:53,040

already been relegated to the conference

3563

01:58:56,709 --> 01:58:55,119

so they had girl in the swans dress you

3564

01:58:59,750 --> 01:58:56,719

know before the game

3565

01:59:01,430 --> 01:58:59,760

to give them some positivity or whatever

3566

01:59:05,189 --> 01:59:01,440

it was the worst millionaire dr i've

3567

01:59:09,109 --> 01:59:07,510

do you know he claims he can he claims

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01:59:10,709 --> 01:59:09,119

he can do that he claims he can change

3569

01:59:12,870 --> 01:59:10,719

the course of football you know what

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01:59:15,030 --> 01:59:12,880

like at the halftime he went into the

3571

01:59:17,109 --> 01:59:15,040

set stood on a center spot

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01:59:19,910 --> 01:59:17,119

and bent the spoon and on and off frank

3573

01:59:21,830 --> 01:59:19,920

was singing at them

3574

01:59:23,270 --> 01:59:21,840

i don't eat he would i pray i think that

3575

01:59:25,430 --> 01:59:23,280

guy will say anything to keep people

3576

01:59:27,189 --> 01:59:25,440

talking about him he's saying like he

3577

01:59:29,030 --> 01:59:27,199

said that in the in the european cup

3578

01:59:30,390 --> 01:59:29,040

finals he was he could he could say i

3579

01:59:31,830 --> 01:59:30,400

made the ball go this way and i made the

3580

01:59:33,270 --> 01:59:31,840

ball go that way but he didn't do a very

3581

01:59:34,460 --> 01:59:33,280

good job in the final with a penalty

3582

01:59:35,589 --> 01:59:34,470

shootout did he

3583

01:59:37,350 --> 01:59:35,599

[Music]

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01:59:40,950 --> 01:59:37,360

he didn't do a very good job there

3585

01:59:42,709 --> 01:59:40,960

unless he's unless he's supporting italy

3586

01:59:44,149 --> 01:59:42,719

but he's recently said things like oh

3587

01:59:46,149 --> 01:59:44,159

aliens are going to land that's his

3588

01:59:49,510 --> 01:59:46,159

latest thing he's in the papers aliens

3589

01:59:51,350 --> 01:59:49,520

will be landing and i'm like oh yeah

3590

01:59:52,870 --> 01:59:51,360

you'll agree that

3591

01:59:54,950 --> 01:59:52,880

um

3592

01:59:57,950 --> 01:59:54,960

a lot of information

3593

01:59:59,990 --> 01:59:57,960

say in the military in the u.s is very

3594

02:00:02,629 --> 02:00:00,000

compartmentalized so that

3595

02:00:05,830 --> 02:00:02,639

very few people know about particular

3596

02:00:11,350 --> 02:00:05,840

projects yeah but

3597

02:00:13,910 --> 02:00:11,360

my viewpoint is in a similar way

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02:00:15,430 --> 02:00:13,920

ufologists and spiritualists are

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02:00:18,070 --> 02:00:15,440

compartmentalized

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02:00:20,790 --> 02:00:18,080

and we will only make progress on this

3601

02:00:23,189 --> 02:00:20,800

subject when they come together well it

3602

02:00:24,870 --> 02:00:23,199

does help i mean john keel was a was a

3603

02:00:26,470 --> 02:00:24,880

researcher who did understand that there

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02:00:29,510 --> 02:00:26,480

was you know paranormal phenomena and

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02:00:31,510 --> 02:00:29,520

ufologies for ufos were often associated

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02:00:32,790 --> 02:00:31,520

this doesn't mean that ufos are somehow

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02:00:34,790 --> 02:00:32,800

ephemeral and they don't produce

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02:00:35,510 --> 02:00:34,800

physical phenomenon because they do

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02:00:37,189 --> 02:00:35,520

but

3610

02:00:40,070 --> 02:00:37,199

there was a connection between the two

3611

02:00:42,550 --> 02:00:40,080

and i i do think that barkin michael

3612

02:00:43,910 --> 02:00:42,560

barkin is right about the cultic milieu

3613

02:00:45,270 --> 02:00:43,920

if you if you tend to believe in one

3614

02:00:47,030 --> 02:00:45,280

thing you will often believe in another

3615

02:00:49,030 --> 02:00:47,040

i'm not the only ufologist who's also

3616

02:00:50,950 --> 02:00:49,040

interested in spiritualism for example

3617

02:00:53,030 --> 02:00:50,960

there are there is a massive overlap

3618

02:00:55,109 --> 02:00:53,040

between the two not exclusive not

3619

02:00:56,870 --> 02:00:55,119

exclusive but the two they are kept

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02:00:58,470 --> 02:00:56,880

apart

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02:00:59,750 --> 02:00:58,480

and

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02:01:01,189 --> 02:00:59,760

it may be

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02:01:03,189 --> 02:01:01,199

that

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02:01:04,870 --> 02:01:03,199

ufologists

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02:01:06,870 --> 02:01:04,880

of skeptics

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02:01:10,229 --> 02:01:06,880

too skeptical

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02:01:12,229 --> 02:01:10,239

of spiritualists who believe that

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02:01:14,310 --> 02:01:12,239

channeled information

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02:01:16,229 --> 02:01:14,320

is true information but that will only

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02:01:18,629 --> 02:01:16,239

come out in time

3631

02:01:20,629 --> 02:01:18,639

that that they are talking the truth in

3632

02:01:23,589 --> 02:01:20,639

terms of what's happening and all the

3633

02:01:25,830 --> 02:01:23,599

subject it really its consciousness is

3634

02:01:28,790 --> 02:01:25,840

is where we are on it i was having a

3635

02:01:31,910 --> 02:01:28,800

conversation earlier today

3636

02:01:32,790 --> 02:01:31,920

no i haven't heard yet that because

3637

02:01:34,229 --> 02:01:32,800

i mean

3638

02:01:35,350 --> 02:01:34,239

it's really strange because earlier

3639

02:01:37,270 --> 02:01:35,360

today i was having a conversation with

3640

02:01:38,870 --> 02:01:37,280

with some people and it was it was a

3641

02:01:41,030 --> 02:01:38,880

private conversation i won't go into

3642

02:01:43,189 --> 02:01:41,040

details but we were talking about

3643

02:01:44,229 --> 02:01:43,199

something very similar about a case

3644

02:01:46,149 --> 02:01:44,239

which is

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02:01:48,390 --> 02:01:46,159

usually thought of as euphological but

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02:01:49,270 --> 02:01:48,400

may well have nothing more to do with

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02:01:50,390 --> 02:01:49,280

us

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02:01:51,910 --> 02:01:50,400

demonology

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02:01:53,350 --> 02:01:51,920

and things like that

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02:01:55,109 --> 02:01:53,360

and that we would

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02:01:56,550 --> 02:01:55,119

it's possible that we we've generically

3652

02:01:59,510 --> 02:01:56,560

categorized some of these cases in the

3653

02:02:00,950 --> 02:01:59,520

wrong fire or they may be more than one

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02:02:02,070 --> 02:02:00,960

phenomenon we don't know we don't

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02:02:03,510 --> 02:02:02,080

necessarily

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02:02:05,910 --> 02:02:03,520

understand that possibly because we

3657

02:02:08,070 --> 02:02:05,920

don't we do tend to be more too

3658

02:02:10,310 --> 02:02:08,080

specialized maybe which is why i tend to

3659

02:02:12,229 --> 02:02:10,320

be more ecumenical funny enough you know

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02:02:15,189 --> 02:02:12,239

um i was chastised i was a member of the

3661

02:02:17,589 --> 02:02:15,199

911 truth group and um i was chastised

3662

02:02:19,189 --> 02:02:17,599

once by the chairman because i did a

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02:02:20,310 --> 02:02:19,199

talk and i mentioned ufos and he says

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02:02:22,229 --> 02:02:20,320

don't mention that we don't want to be

3665

02:02:24,149 --> 02:02:22,239

associated with that funny enough bryce

3666

02:02:26,149 --> 02:02:24,159

zabel said exactly the same thing in the

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02:02:28,149 --> 02:02:26,159

opposite direction he said don't talk

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02:02:30,149 --> 02:02:28,159

about 911 when you're talking about ufos

3669

02:02:33,270 --> 02:02:30,159

because it for the very same reason it

3670

02:02:35,109 --> 02:02:33,280

discredits us does anyone else want to

3671

02:02:37,270 --> 02:02:35,119

have a little bit of something else

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02:02:38,390 --> 02:02:37,280

any more questions ladies and gents

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02:02:39,109 --> 02:02:38,400

sir

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02:02:40,390 --> 02:02:39,119

but

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02:02:42,550 --> 02:02:40,400

it's been great

3676  
02:02:43,350 --> 02:02:42,560  
tonight

3677  
02:02:44,629 --> 02:02:43,360  
oh

3678  
02:02:48,310 --> 02:02:44,639  
you're very welcome

3679  
02:02:50,629 --> 02:02:48,320  
yeah it's if the the the details on my

3680  
02:02:52,790 --> 02:02:50,639  
website and it's all on there i'm at

3681  
02:02:54,870 --> 02:02:52,800  
porterhood on twitter and i've got some

3682  
02:02:56,149 --> 02:02:54,880  
books here if you're interested and um

3683  
02:02:58,149 --> 02:02:56,159  
there's all these other things that you

3684  
02:03:03,830 --> 02:02:58,159  
can you can pick up