

The Greenwood Report

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Editing Interviews

The last few months I have been working on getting transcriptions of the most recent interviews for the movie we are working on. The interviews (over 50, so far), average 45 minutes to an hour each. Editing and proofreading the resulting transcripts takes approximately four times the amount of time as the original interviews themselves took. Doing the math... ..that comes out to 150 hours of processing to get the finished transcripts.

As I've been going over the interviews I have noted some great comments about the supernatural and about belief systems. Below are a few distinctive ones.



My computer screen while editing our interview with Milt Larson
the founder of the Magic Castle in Hollywood

"THE JAMES RANDI EDUCATION FOUNDATION HAS ONE VERY BASIC PREMISE. WE'RE NOT ANTI-RELIGIOUS. NOW, I'M NOT RELIGIOUS AT ALL. I'M NOT AN AGNOSTIC. I'M AN ATHEIST. I'VE CONVINCED MYSELF OVER ALL THESE YEARS THAT THERE IS NO AVAILABLE EVIDENCE TO PROVE RELIGIOUS CLAIMS. BUT IF PEOPLE WANT TO HAVE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS — IF IT MAKES THEM FEEL BETTER AND MORE SECURE AND THEY WANT TO BELIEVE THERE'S AN AFTERLIFE, THAT'S FINE WITH ME. I DON'T HAVE ANY ARGUMENT WITH THAT, BECAUSE THEY CAN'T PROVE THEIR POINT. I CAN'T PROVE THAT IT ISN'T SO, AND I DON'T TRY TO PROVE A NEGATIVE IN ANY CASE.

James Randi on Religion:

Investigator and demystifier of paranormal and pseudoscientific claims



It is pretty simple; if "science" can't measure it, it doesn't exist. See the back for a different perspective...

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Pop Haydn on Science:

Current Vice-President of Hollywood's Magic Castle.
Dropped out of the seminary and turned to magic
full-time



"YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THE WORLD OR YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FUNCTION AT ALL. THOSE ASSUMPTIONS — THOSE PREMISES — SHOULD ALWAYS BE TESTED. IN THE REAL WORLD THERE IS NO FRAUD AND DECEIT IN NATURE. YOU KNOW, SCIENTISTS ARE USUALLY, YOU KNOW, SO USED TO STUDYING NATURE, THEY FORGET THAT WHENEVER A PERSON IS INVOLVED THERE IS A TENDENCY — THERE'S ANOTHER AGENDA OTHER THAN SCIENCE GOING ON — SOMEBODY WANTS FAME AND FORTUNE AND MONEY, THEN THE WHOLE SCIENTIFIC THING COULD BE DISTURBED."

... and on Atheists:

"ATHEISM TO ME IS JUST SOMETHING THAT IS HEALTHY FOR RELIGION. I THINK THAT WITHOUT ATHEISTS — WITHOUT PEOPLE ATTACKING AND CHALLENGING US — WE WOULD GET FLABBY AND WEAK AND WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO GOD'S WORK IN THE WORLD."

Some very thought provoking content for the movie, wouldn't you agree?

We believe that "God's work in the world" for this movie is to encourage viewers to know what they believe and why. Additionally, we want to give them the opportunity to engage in respectful dialogue about the evidence for faith in God, compared to the evidence for faith in the materialistic world view, which requires just as much faith - if not more.

Please join us in praying for:

- ⇒ Direction in the screen writing, so that this film will be intriguing and relevant to today's culture
- ⇒ For the project funding which is now needed to focus the necessary resources on getting the film finished, as well as building the companion, follow-up web site.



Yours for helping reach the lost,

Craig and Sheila