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Interview with Brian Dunning, creator of the Skeptoid podcast. Topics include skepticism and Dunning's presentation of supposed paranormal sounds, "Sounds from Beyond."

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TRANSCRIPT

A couple of weeks ago, I interviewed Brian Dunning, the creator and host of the Skeptoid podcast. This podcast, which answers all manners of pseudoscience and cultural myth with scientific reality, has a weekly audience of over 80,000 listeners and is a TOP 5 science podcast on iTunes. Brian has also been involved in the creation of the television pilot *The Skeptologists*, the critical thinking video *Here Be Dragons*, and has just premiered the *inFact* video podcast.

He's obviously a busy guy and the whole conversation was a last minute kind of thing: I contacted him 2 days prior, jotted down some notes in the meantime, and wedged myself between his other appointments that day. We set up my gear in his hotel room and talked for about an hour. I've taken out most of the 25 minutes or so of the conversation concerning skepticism. I'm an avid listener of Skeptoid and had a lot of questions that ended up being too much of a digression for the Sound in the Machine podcast. If anyone would like to hear this part of the discussion, e-mail me at briansnead@gmail.com and I'll send it over to you. I also removed a 10 minute section on his process for producing Skeptoid episodes, but I plan to post that soon.

In this version of the interview, you'll hear a bit about Skeptoid and his presentation entitled, *Sounds from Beyond*, which he describes as "weird recordings and sounds from all areas of the paranormal."

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