
Dr. Phil

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/09 12:07

Did anyone see the previews for an upcoming show on Dr. Phil featuring Maureen McCormack? It looked very strange. They showed her father calling her a liar and her crying. They also showed her brother who suffers from mental illness or some kind of brain damage. She was forced to put him in a residential setting after the death of her mother.

They never said when it was coming on and I checked Dr. Phil's website and couldn't locate anything about it. It's not on the schedule for this week.

I'll try to keep check, but if anyone hears more, let me know.

I really want to see this. I haven't been watching Celebrit Fit Club this season, although I have wanted to. I have seen Maureen on a few interviews. During the interviews she has talked about bulimia and cocaine problems in her past. It seemed to me that something was off in those interviews. Her answers did not flow freely and the interview seemed strained. Whenever they asked her to elaborate, she couldn't. She just repeated the one sentence answer. I noticed it with all the interviews so I don't think it was the interviewer but Maureen. I shrugged it aside, but now I'm wondering again. Perhaps she is just not used to be in the limelight. What is the deal with her? Any thoughts?

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/05/09 12:30

I was just looking around too.

I saw parts of yesterdays show but didn't catch the previews. While I was searching around, I did find reference to Dr. Phil when he was filling in for Larry King earlier in April and Maureen was making the rounds regarding CFC. Maybe something was said then and her father is actually abusive. I wonder why it was that she had to put her brother in a special facility and not her dad? Maybe he had removed himself from overseeing his son's care. That interview seemed to have gone well.

I will keep an eye out. You know though, that you can't always count on previews to give accurate depictions of shows.. Didn't we learn that with SO's previews?

Maureen did have other issues she's had to deal with when she was younger. She seems to have what appears to be a good marriage and an almost adult daughter. In the realm of Hollywood the fact that she and her husband are still together must say something about her. I have not had a bad impression of her on any of the interviews. She seems to be an sensitive person typically and tears up easily. It wouldn't take much conflict with her dad to get her to cry I don't think.

But my impression is that she isn't a liar and I'm going to give her a huge benefit of doubt on this one! There's more to that interview than meets the eye... But I'm sure if there is dirt on Maureen that the tabloids would have been having a field day out of it. Maybe her dad resents her celebrity..

Who knows! I feel bad for her! (at this point anyway!)

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/09 13:57

Yeah I know how the previews can be distorted to make things appear different than the actual report. Could be the case here. In the preview this man, supposedly her father, is saying "All she ever did is lie, lie, lie". Then they show Maureen crying and her brother just standing there. The announcer is saying things like "You will be shocked to hear the story behind Maureen/Marsha Brady".

I don't suggest she has been lying, I just question the reason behind the strained interviews. They just didn't flow like most interviews do. Even lay people who are being interviewed about obstacles in their life, seem to have more chit chat to them than she did in these interviews. I could feel the interviewers were uncomfortable with the timing of her answers and how she just dropped them without much elaboration. Then when asked, she just repeated what she said and stopped talking. Perhaps she was just embarrassed or perhaps there were details she didn't want her family to know about. I just hope I don't miss this show.

It seems like I have a mental block and I keep missing things I really want to see, like DR. Stan the other night. That's unforgivable.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by kisergurl - 2007/05/09 19:59

The Psychologist (spelling) made some sort of reference to it on Celebrity Fit Club, I think on the first weigh in. I fully didn't get all of it, but Maureen had tears welling up in her eyes. I think they said something about talking about it at a later date. I would love to know also. I think Maureen had too much on her plate and after her mother's death, she placed her brother in a facility and now is feeling guilty and is emotionally spent over this. Plus, isn't her father an alcoholic???? (I may be wrong) I get all the rag magazines and read them, but there is so much falsehoods in them all! unsure:

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/05/09 20:33

I did see a short piece today. I didn't catch when it would be on. Maybe next week..?

The snatchett I saw was not on the set..but outside somewhere.. The father seemed to be really agitated. Maybe they did an intervention or something. I've got to think that maybe Maureen spoke with Dr. Phil about her own struggles off camera when she saw him earlier in April.

I think it was inferred that a brother had gotten the father turned against her. But we all know how family dynamics can be especially if some have deeper issues or long held grudges.

They did show a man purported to be a brother.. I don't think it's the one they've shown pictured during CFC. So I have to lean toward thinking it's another brother.

She's readily admitted her early addiction problems and problem with bulimia.

Maybe Dr. Phil was trying to help with some sort of intervention. Especially if her father is an alcoholic.

I do want to see the show for myself so will keep an eye peeled on the show's website as to when it is supposed to air.

CFC is in the can (completed taping)... So maybe it comes up again. Dr. Phil doesn't tape that far ahead I don't think. Maybe he was trying to do it in conjunction with something else that comes out on CFC. I'm just thinking 'out loud'...! LOL!

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/11 11:38

They say Maureen will be on sometime in May. I'm going to keep my ears open.

KPW, did you see the show yesterday and today about the couple from Virginia? The husband was obsessed with his wife. The things he did are too voluminous and bizarre to believe, but they range from GPX tracking her car to putting hidden cameras throughout the house. He was really wacky. Anyway, Dr. Phil convinced him to go into a residential treatment program to save the marriage. He doesn't change and ends up in jail after violating a restraining order. What a weird story, although, I think there are many people out there like that. I certainly have had clients who were involved in situations like that.

I can't recall what part of VA they were from.

It's odd that the man is the one who wrote the letter to Dr. Phil for help and from the day he went on the show, over the course of a month lost his house, wife, kids, job and freedom. I'm not saying that it is funny, but it is ironic. Of course, he brought it on himself.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/05/11 12:18

I think they were follow up shows to a show I did see about 2 weeks or week and a half ago. They did show some previews about the update and having been saying that it is bizarre. I didn't pick up where they were from when I saw the first show. He seemed desperate. Desperate people do desperate things!

I am really concerned for her! He sounded like he needed more than just a restraining order! I think today is supposed to be another followup. I'll try to catch it!

Let me know if you figure out what part of Virginia they are from. I sure hope they aren't in my neighborhood! He's a nut!

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/11 12:42

At one point they showed the local news in VA reporting the man missing. He has just violated the order and made a comment that was taken as he might harm himself. I couldn't tell what station it was and they bleeped out his last name. Shortly after that broadcast he was picked up by police and put in jail.

I never saw the first part of the show that told how this man was early in the marriage. How did she get involved with someone so obsessive. He wanted to keep her trapped so badly that he faked a visectomy. He actually cut his groin to simulate the incision. What a nut. I think he is the kind of guy who could kill her and the kids and then blame her for making him do it.

Yesterday in my area, a young man went to the house of his former 17 year old girlfriend who was the mother of his young child and shot her in the back when she returned home from high school. He tried to get inside where the baby was and when he couldn't, he turned the gun on himself. She died and he is in critical condition. It breaks my heart to hear such tragic cases involving people who supposedly love each other.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/05/11 16:22

Rats, I just got home and realize I forgot to set the vcr to record Dr. Phil. Maybe I'll catch them on reruns.. This one is bound to be rerun!

Last night I caught part of Leno's monologue and he had on Ross the Intern on doing a piece about the Kentucky Derby. I then flipped it to Letterman and Dr. Phil was on there! I think I might have caught him at the tail end of talking about Maureen.. I am not positive though..Seemed it lead into a discussion where Letterman started holding pics up of various people and asking Dr. Phil what was going on with them..

One was David Hasselhoff..Another was Paris Hilton, and a couple others..

But I thought it funny that some of our recent topics were on the late shows!

BTW, Ross looked great! Dr. Phil sounded like his season was wrapped up. He may have had knee surgery recently though. I'm sure his show will be rolling into reruns soon. I'll keep an eye on his website so to catch it again.

Yeah, I do remember the vasectomy story they shared. She thought that was kind of wierd that he wasn't very sore like some of her friends husbands had shared.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by kisergurl - 2007/05/11 23:01

The news said the man was from Round Hill Virginia that is not to far from KP or me.....YIKES!:blink:

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/05/17 15:29

I just happened to see the previews for the Dr. Phil show and the episode involving Maureen McCormack. It will be on Tuesday.

I just saw a clip I hadn't seen before. I'm really curious about what is going on... ! The Dr. Phil clipped made it sound like there was something to the accusation of her being a psychopathic liar.. But then again...He could have just been repeating what her father had said.. Her father certainly didn't seem very loving.. in the confrontation piece I saw.. It looked like she was trying to confront him..

Anyway.. Make sure you set your recorders if you want to catch that episode.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/17 17:47

Thanks, KPW. I will certainly try to record the show.

Have any of you watched Dr. Phil the last several weeks?

He is definitely moving more and more towards shock television. It's becoming more and more of a Jerry Springer format. I mean he sits the people across from each other and allows them to start yelling at each other. He eventually tries to reign them in to listen to him, but not until they get all worked up, crying, swearing or whatever. I really liked it better when it was set up more in a therapeutic format.

The other day when the woman from VA was afraid of her husband after he left the Dr. Phil studio on his way back to treatment. He jumped from the car and disappeared from the Dr. and the cameras. The Dr. Phil producer was on her cell phone trying to get police help. They kept saying they were afraid he was going to come back to the studio to confront the wife. Wife was crying and acting terrified. But, they all continued to stand outside the tv studio. Why not go inside where it was safer? Maybe they have security, but that guy was pretty sharp. He could con his way back into the studio area. It was just too much unnecessary drama IMO and that showed a lack of brains in their safety precautions.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by kisergurl - 2007/05/17 21:30

Debby, I have noticed the same thing, and I was beginning to think "Do they need more ratings"? I watched the show that you are referring to and it was on the border line of Jerry clashes with Phil! I felt at one point that maybe the producers were pushing for that drama, but who knows? I watched some show on VH1 about Springer Hustle and it sort of was sort of on the same page the producers were taking the "guest and pumping them up on what to say and what to do"! I am seeing more sensitive subjects, so I hope it doesn't go that route!:huh:

There was suppose to be a segment on Maureen McCormack on Access Hollywood or Entertainment tonight but , I forgot which one and also forgot about it until it was too late. The commercial clip they showed was a question asked to Marie's about cocaine use.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by wish - 2007/05/18 00:24

I agree his shows are getting like springer. the one in the house with the stage moms and their kids is good.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by kisergurl - 2007/05/18 11:50

Wish, I saw that one too about the stage moms. I was happy when Dr. Phil set them on the couch, and gave them a good look at themselves. I felt those mothers pushed to far! I just wonder how many of them took what he said to heart, or are they still being over bearing?:angry:

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/18 12:48

Now the one that the stage mom's sat on the couch was a little different. Those women needed to have their butt spanked and I don't even believe in corporal punishment. LOL. The one with the potty mouth should have been asked to leave. Her cursing in the children's presence was horrible. The lady has no class, no talent and is portraying her 13 year old daughter as a sex object.

What I saw on that show was verbal abuse IMO. To allow it to go on under your supervision and taping is condoning that abuse. I would think that those kids will one day ask why did Dr. Phil televised me being abused as a child and did nothing about it but air it and question their moms for 15 minutes?

Those mothers are out to lunch for sure. Their ideals are so out of focus. They expect their child to be a great singer, but they don't give them singing lessons. They expect their child to perform on Broadway, but they don't give her dancing lessons. IT IS CRAZY.

It's so sad to see how misguided these mothers are. Where are the fathers? Those children need some protection from these women IMO.

I could have fainted when you said Marie Osmond and cocaine in the same sentence. I didn't see that. I am shocked to say the least. I intend to look for more details. Let me know if you hear anything else.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by kisergurl - 2007/05/18 13:07

Debby, I was shocked as well when they showed that clip with Maureen yesterday, and I really wanted to see that show. I forgot about them til it's too late! I believe it was Access Hollywood, but they don't show repeats.:(I will let you know if I see anything.

Post edited by: kisergurl, at: 2007/05/18 17:35

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by kisergurl - 2007/05/18 17:23

For those interested, Access Hollywood is doing a second part interview with Maureen from the Brady Bunch at 7:30 tonight. I goofed up in a previous post and said it was Marie Osmond and they asked her about her cocaine use. Please forgive me for even printing false info on Marie. (my brain and my fingers were doing entirely two different things):sick:

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/21 11:16

Thanks for the update Kisergirl.

Donny Osmond has told of a time in his career, mid-eighties, when he was desperate for work. He said he couldn't even get arrested. LOL. He wanted to dump the squeaky clean image he had from childhood to try to get a record deal. He says he talked to Michael Jackson about it. Michael had not had that problem migrating into an adult star. Michael advised Donny to purposefully get arrested for drugs. I'm serious. He was going to not really do the drugs but plant them on himself and then voluntarily get arrested. They thought the publicity would HELP his career. Donny says he was so desperate that he did consider it, but his brothers talked him out of it.

He did just fine right after that when he went to England and got a record deal for "Soldier of Love", which did well in the US because they played it on the radio for weeks without telling the name of the artist until it went to the top of the charts.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by kisergirl - 2007/05/21 23:52

Yw Debby!!:lol:

Those young kids on Dr. Phil today were very good, but I sort of felt a little sad about the dialog that a few of them used. I know they were acting, but their subject matter seemed a little blue. I felt it came across as they were speaking of how they felt. I know the boys even wrote a song about their mother being a witch (Dr. Phil's staff made them change the B to a W), and their father helped them write it.:S

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/22 12:20

I agree KiserGirl. I thought the exact thing about the performances those kids gave. Even the one that won who had the dramatic acting that was so tragic. You could tell she meant it when she said she was a miserable kid. It's as if those kids are screaming to their mothers that they don't want to do that anymore but the mothers just refuse to listen. It was quite sad. I guess Dr. Phil is so smart, but he missed this one IMO.

I know Dr. Phil wanted to give the kids inspiration and not let that be a negative experience, but I think it was very misleading. I don't think any of those kids is really ready for professional work. I guess the girl who won is possibly. It appeared her mom was depending on her financially for support.

If they had ever watched the try outs in NY by kids for roles on Broadway, they would know that there are thousands of children who are OUTSTANDING in singing, dancing and acting. My question is why were some of those really good kid performers not on Dr. Phil? Maybe those kids have reasonable mothers supporting them, I don't know, but, I didn't like the thing about the kids. I think those handpicked judges were not honest about what they thought of those kids. I hope they gave the mothers more constructive criticism in private.

In the earlier show, one of the professionals told one little girl's mother that her daughter needed to work on her lisp. Her lisp was quite obvious and even distracting to me. It was because her upper teeth were protruding. It appeared that braces would have corrected that. How could her mother be blind to that problem? Something that major should be addressed before you parade your child around inviting scrutiny. Cindy Brady might have been cute, but this girl is too old for that kind of handicap to be an asset.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by kisergirl - 2007/06/03 20:17

I recently have noticed that Dr. Phil's format has changed, so I read an article in the Star magazine (which we all who read these know that they are sometimes not accurate) stating that Dr. Phil wants to sever or loosen the ties that he has with Oprah. That article says that his ratings had fallen, and Oprah had more control over what is being aired. I remember

years ago when her tv show first came on it had alot of drama to it. Oprah has since changed the format to a more of a life learning and spiritual healing process. I feel that the article more or less is stating that Dr. Phil wants more control of what he wants aired,and Oprah isn't happy about how his show is airing now! The article states that she isn't happy about Dr. Phil's family being involved in his show, for instance Robin giving people advice,and not being trained or have a degree to do so. Sometimes when you give someone power they want more power.:huh:

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by Debby - 2007/06/04 12:33

If Dr. Phil must choose between Robin and Oprah, he will select Oprah. I think he is scared of Robin, or at least he acts like it.
When she snaps, he jumps.

I don't know where the wild drama is coming from. Does Dr. Phil believe it portrays him in a positive light. Everytime I see the previews of the Dr. Phil house I cringe. It is soooooo cheesy. He actually works people up to get the most crazy behavior IMO.

Oprah is one of my heros, however it wasn't too long ago that I thought she used poor judgment in airing an interview with that little boy who was kidnapped then discovered alive years later. The boy hadn't even gone to therapy yet and the interview was just days after his rescue. I still repect her, but I think she dropped the ball on that one.

I really enjoyed Dr. Phil when he was more authentic and less full of sensationalism. The more squirelly the better for that show.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by kisergurl - 2007/06/04 23:23

Yes, all it boils down to is power,money,and sometimes greed!:angry:

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2007/06/07 02:21

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Posted by Debby - 2007/06/07 12:46

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Yes, he must know this. How can he maintain his self respect? Maybe he has too many yes men around him.

He is soooo proud of his crew. He praises them all the time, but really who are they? The few that I have seen the crew made me wonder if they are high school or college interns....not that there is anything wrong with that, but he makes it sound a certain way that just makes me wonder, especially after seeing that director standing in the alley way behind the studio frantically calling 911. She was there with a wife whose husband had just left the studio in a car bound for rehab and jumped out of the car. Professionals thought he could be a danger to her. You really had to see it, but it turned me off.

What was so funny is that when they left the drama in the alley, they took the wife into Dr. Phil's office and he sat there calmly as if he was bored and told Wife that she had to stop letting her husband push her buttons and she needed to just calm down. I know, UNBELIEVEABLE. His own crew has just created that scene. Go Figure.

He must know viewers are turned off by this junk. How could he not know? People post their objections on his message board all the time.

Post edited by: Debby, at: 2007/06/07 12:49

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by mazzy - 2007/06/13 13:35

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Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/06/13 13:47

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Amen sister.

I just posted about Dr. Stan under the Bad Girls Club thread. I finally saw him on that show last night! What a hoot. I won't repeat my opinion here.

Dr. Stan is so much better than Dr. Phil, IMO. He seems to like television, as he keeps going on shows. Certainly somebody wants him.

I've grown weary of Dr. Ablow. He is smart, but so laid back about everything. I just want to say get some backbone man.

There was a 14 year old girl dating a 19 year old man on the show. She was upset her mom wouldn't get off her back. She snapped at her mother on the stage and told her to shut up. Dr. Ablow just stood there. The absurdity of the situation just went way over his head.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by Debby - 2007/11/20 13:32

Did any of you see Dr. Phil today and yesterday? It was a 2 parter that has turned into a 3 parter. Yesterday he had a couple who were near divorce because of Husband lying and cheating on her. He vowed he had changed but the show did a polygraph and he failed. Dr. Phil was trying to get him help in treating whatever was causing this compulsive

behavior. I kept screaming at the tv, Run for your life lady. THis guy seemed crazy to me and not the kind of man you want to live with, especially with his cheating and lying. He gave me the creeps.

Anyway, the couple leaves the show and returns home and the Husband confides in his wife that he has raped and murdered several people. He described how and when he did it and even took her to the scene of where he claims he left one of the bodies!!!! Wife says he got very sexually aroused when he told the accounts. She now has a restraining order against him and the FBI and police are trying to see if his claims are true.

Tomorrow he is coming back on the show to answer questions. Is this the craziest thing you have ever heard of? It turns out my instincts are right.

I'm thinking that even if he is lying about these stories, that is just as horrific as if he had really done it IMO.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by mazzy - 2007/11/20 19:52

I didn't see the show, but going by your description... wow... Dr. Phil and Jerry Springer may want to hook up.

Debby... if you watch tomorrow's show, please let us know what happened.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/11/21 09:54

I saw previews of it last week but didn't catch it. I think had he really been a murderer and it was confirmed that it would have made the national news!

If he did that to intimidate his wife... then that is creepy and should be able to keep that restraining order!

Funny, (not really) But I just spent time with a friend going through problems with a husband who lies and tries to twist things into blaming everything on her. A couple years ago he was being verbally abusive and threatening. She's gotten more of a backbone since then and I don't know if that could just escalate things. He seems to have a darkside too.

With all the things you hear on the news sometimes, you wonder if it's how some of those things got started.

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Of course, the Wife has lifted the restraining order!!! She is as whacky as he is. Husband has agreed to receive

psychiatric help and stay away from Wife and Kids until he gets better. Right.... The Husband resembles the guy who lied to his wife about being in medical school and when he couldn't lie anymore, he killed her in bed and threw her body in a trash dump. He finally confessed. They are very much alike.

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I remember the story you referred to about the guy who lied to his wife about being in medical school and when he was caught he killed her. What I found frightening about that story was that up until that incident he appeared to be the nicest guy... his mother-in-law loved him, but he was leading a double life, and seemed to have snapped when his wife confronted him about the lies.

The jerk you are describing sounds more than a little troubled... I'm surprised that Dr. Phil had him and his wife on as guests. Oh, well.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by Debby - 2007/11/26 12:33

Dr. Phil has gone from being an on air therapist to more of a talk show host. He is good about getting people in touch with treatment centers or counselors to help them, but he has moved away from who he was as a guest on Oprah. He was really good then and I enjoyed his message. He has gotten very far away from that kind of delivery.

Has anyone else watched the show recently? It seems as if I have not seen Robin in the audience as she normally is. Maybe I missed her, but usually she is very prominent and exits the stage with Dr. Phil. I have read in the tabloids that their marriage is on the rocks due to women going after Dr. Phil. Is that crazy or what? I don't know why, but I can't imagine that. LOL. Of course, I don't believe the stuff in those magazines, but still it made me wonder what was up.

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Re:Dr. Phil

Posted by wish - 2007/11/27 01:04

Liked DR. Phil when he was on Oprah.
