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If you don't find some of your beliefs challenged by this episode, you weren't listening hard enough. Our guest, Dr. Michael Shermer, defends Holocaust deniers, debunks anti-vaxxers and much more in a sweeping conversation that hits at the heart of some of the most controversial and polarizing issues of our time. How do we search for truth in a world full of noise? How do we uphold free speech and freedom of inquiry during that quest? How do we wrestle with some of the biggest and toughest issues we face as a society today? We talk about all that and much more in this interview with Michael.

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In our previous episode, we brought back author Charles Duhigg to share the secrets and the science of building better habits. Be sure to check out that episode. Now, for our interview with Michael.

Dr. Michael Shermer is an author, the founding publisher of Skeptic Magazine, a monthly columnist for Scientific American, a regular contributor to time.com, and a presidential fellow at Chapman University. His new book is Giving the Devil his Due, a defense of free speech and open inquiry in politics, culture and science. He's also the author of The Believing Brain: From Ghosts and Gods to Politics and Conspiracies and many other works.