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**To:** Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Statement in the Daily Beast?  
**Date:** Wed, 06 Apr 2011 23:42:24 +0000

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Here is my response to the hundreds who are now attacking me on the web:

I will add one remark here, as most people have not read my full set of comments, posted after the post appeared.. I am myself rather disappointed by the lack of skepticism of this community. As I said, I have read numerous reports of orgies on Jeffrey's island involving me and other scientists during our meetings.. Orgies that never happened, I am VERY skeptical of other claims on his behavior. I am defending Jeffrey for 2 reasons: (1) Based on my knowledge and experience I am skeptical of the claims in the media and of those who have settled claims for money... namely I don't believe the published details just like I tend to be skeptical of many published details on the internet.. I don't believe Jeffrey did what has been claimed, and unless I see hard evidence, I will trust my own judgement here, and (2) Jeffrey went to prison, and I happen to believe that having served time, even those who questioned his behavior should be willing to give him the benefit of the doubt, again until proved otherwise, that he is working hard to live a good life and do good things. I for one am disgusted that people eat up the salacious nonsense they read on the web and then jump to conclusions about things and people they do not know.. I do not jump to condemn people, especially when it concerns their sexual preferences. I DO NOT CONDONE sex with young girls, or young boys for that matter.. because there are real victims there.. Until I know all the facts however, I do not jump to conclusions, and I am sorry, having seen the media frenzy around Jeffrey, and having seen the shoddy behavior of those who have attacked him, I remain skeptical, and I support a man whose character I believe I know.. If you want to condemn me for that, so be it.

L. Krauss

On Apr 6, 2011, at 3:56 PM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:

what evidence? no real sex.. where is she getting her so called facts

On Thu, Apr 7, 2011 at 12:18 AM, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Beyond anything else, you are my friend. I hope we can both always remember that, no matter what.

Are you coming this weekend at all?

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2011, at 3:15 PM, Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

no it was appreciated. thanks

On Wed, Apr 6, 2011 at 11:31 PM, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]> wrote:

just so you know.. you can read from bottom up.. you may be mad that I was blunt... haven't heard from you.. hope all is well..

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Rebecca Watson <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** April 6, 2011 10:28:36 AM MST  
**To:** Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>  
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Okay, will do.

On Wed, Apr 6, 2011 at 1:27 PM, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]> wrote:

ok.. I just sent an additional email which moderates this.. everyone was a victim, including Jeffrey here.. and there was no happy resolution.. please add.. "probably everyone was a victim, with no happy resolution or consequences of these activities", after "was the victim in this case."

On Apr 6, 2011, at 10:18 AM, Rebecca Watson wrote:

Okay, thanks for this statement . . . I'll print it in full along with the article, probably today. I very, very strongly disagree with your position and hope you eventually reconsider, but I do appreciate you taking the time to respond.

-R

On Wed, Apr 6, 2011 at 1:15 PM, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]> wrote:

jeffrey apparently paid for massages with sex... I believe him when he told me he had no idea the girls were underage, and I doubt that people normally are asked for or present a driver's license under such circumstances... Moreover, I also believe that Jeffrey is an easy target for those who want to take advantage of him... Moreover, I can say with great honesty that Jeffrey's time in prison led him to seriously examine his life in very positive ways and I don't believe in blanket condemnations of people. He served time for something that was determined was inappropriate. I honestly don't know who was the victim in this case. I fully expect that these masseuses knew what they were doing, and were not swayed to do anything with Jeffrey that they were not already doing. That is not to approve of the whole behavior, but lots of people I know and like have behavior I don't entirely approve of.. I know it is not politically correct to say that, because in general this is a very sensitive issue and all other things being equal one should take the side of the young women. But all things are not equal in this case, from my point of view. It is a judgement call, and I will not turn my back on a good friend so easily.

On Apr 6, 2011, at 9:57 AM, Rebecca Watson wrote:

Thanks for getting back to me. I was asking because I found the quote shocking . . . the evidence against Epstein is overwhelming and he's even pled guilty to paying for sex with a minor. It's in no way scientific or rational to assume that because you never saw him with an underage girl he

must actually be innocent. It is possible for a person to be kind and generous with his friends but still a criminal paying for sex with underage girls in his private life.

I'm going to write about the topic on Skepchick, and I'll include any additional statement you'd like if you want to provide more context or if you've changed your mind.

-R

On Wed, Apr 6, 2011 at 12:50 PM, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]> wrote:

yes it is.. Based on my direct experience with Jeffrey, which is all I can base my assessment on, he is a thoughtful, kind, considerate man who is generous to his friends, and all of the women I have known who have been associated with Jeffrey speak glowingly in the same words..

why are you asking?

On Apr 6, 2011, at 9:41 AM, Rebecca Watson wrote:

Dear Professor Krauss,

We met briefly after your talk in Ithaca a few months ago – I'm the girl on The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe podcast. I've really enjoyed your talks and books, but I was surprised to see you quoted in the Daily Beast recently defending Jeffrey Epstein:  
<http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2011-04-01/bill-clinton-katie-couric-woody-allen-jeffrey-epsteins-society-friends-close-ranks/2/>

Can you confirm if the following quote is accurate?

"If anything, the unfortunate period he suffered has caused him to really think about what he wants to do with his money and his time, and support knowledge," says Krauss. "Jeffrey has surrounded himself with beautiful women and young women but they're not as young as the ones that were claimed. As a scientist I always judge things on empirical evidence and he always has women ages 19 to 23 around him, but I've never seen anything else, so as a scientist, my presumption is that whatever the problems were I would believe him over other people." Though colleagues have criticized him over his relationship with Epstein, Krauss insists, "I don't feel tarnished in any way by my relationship with Jeffrey; I feel raised by it."

Thanks,  
Rebecca Watson

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