

Neil and his hopes for the future audio script

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Some of them are general, I don't know if they're predictions but I mean obviously...I have the..the same hopes I think as many people which is that they develop a cure or cures for for the major diseases. You know, it seems like it's possible within twenty years or something like...Obviously develop a cure for cancer, but others, you know. Or discover effective treatments for things like Alzheimer's and other, you know erm really significant illnesses erm...I don't...I hope most people hope that...But it would make a huge difference erm to to us...

And another thing that would make a huge difference is disc...discovering...And again this is something that I think we're incredibly close to...Discovering a sustainable means for er nuclear fusion. Erm...coz that in one go would solve or it solves the issue with fossil fuels. It doesn't solve the, you know...the the crisis with the environment but it's a huge step forward if they can invent some sort of machines that mean that we can use them in our own homes or something like that.

On a more personal level...I don't have particularly grand hopes. I just wanna become an old man. You know, schlepping around in his home, enjoying retirement...[*Surely, you're not thinking of that already? I try to...*] (Neil laughs) Well, I can't think...Yeah, well no you're right. It's not like I think of it everyday but when I was thinking of personal things. Well, I suppose...[*I sometimes think about retirement and had these semi-fantasies about maybe living by the...But then I realise that it wouldn't suit me at all, you know...that maybe living by the sea, not in an old people's area but in a kind of vibrant, coastal area with a nice balcony overlooking the sea, but of course this is probably never gonna happen*]. Well, it's, it's a, it's a hope, it's a dream...That's ok, I mean...

I mean I'd like to build myself a house in you know, like a sort of log cabin type thing in the country. But again, you know, would it suit me? Mosquitoes, everything. I don't know, but erm, but...[*Could you live in the countryside?*] Yeah, well I'm a city person that's true. So a part of me thinks, well when I retire or when I'm older, it's natural to move out of the city, but I don't know whether that's actually gonna be the case or not [So long as you don't complain about the wildlife] Right, yeah [City people have a habit of going "Can someone tell that cockerel to shut up?!"] Well, we've got...our upstairs neighbour, the neighbours have just bought a dog so I'm complaining about the wildlife here in central Pest (**part of Budapest**) because it won't stop barking all day err and erm yeah. [But an immediate hope would be the loss of life of your neighbour's

dog] (Both laugh). I've never felt, yeah. I've never felt erm, you know, animosity towards an animal until recently. Erm, but erm. [*Cats don't do that sort of thing, do they?*] No, I mean that's the beautiful thing about having cats, but if, if I lived in the country, I would get dogs as well. It's just I'm not a fan of having them in flats in the city, erm. I think it's ok for cats, but for dogs I wouldn't do it. But, but I would get a dog or two in the countryside erm, for sure. And I'd have time to learn stuff, you know the kind of things that I'm always telling myself I'm gonna learn like the piano keyboard, and a couple of other languages, whatever. I mean, I say I'd have time but I bet I wouldn't. I wouldn't find time.