Dawkins Interview Timeline

The interview took place on 16 September 1997, at Professor Dawkins’ house in England.

Not to scale.  RD = Richard Dawkins  GB = Gillian Brown  PH = Philip Hohnen

Answers in Genesis have an audio tape of the latter part of the interview, starting from the point at which Dawkins expressed his suspicions (B).  This audio tape comprises the sound track from the main video camera.  (Another video camera was also running during much of the interview.)  A copy of this same audio tape was sent to the previously sceptic Glenn Morton, who declared ‘I will state categorically that the audio tape of the interview 100% supports Gillian Brown’s contention that Dawkins couldn’t answer the question.’  The green (lightly shaded) segments of the graph above represent periods covered on the audio tape.  The red (darkly shaded) segments represent periods not covered on the audio tape.

Dawkins’ oft-discussed ‘11-second pause’ is represented in this chart by segments L and M, and is referred to on this chart by the term ‘silence’, rather than the usual term ‘pause’ in order to differentiate between this and the recording pauses.  It is 11 seconds from the end of GB’s question until RD’s audible intake of breath, and 19 seconds in total from the end of GB’s question until the pause in recording (O).  That is, L, M and N together comprise 19 seconds.  There is approximately seven seconds of silence between RD’s audible intake of breath and his request to stop.

The two occurrences of double slashes // represent breaks in recording.

In period O on this chart, i.e. after GB asked the info question and RD requested a stop, there was no speaking by anybody until GB said ‘Now recording’ and RD began speaking again with ‘Ok.  There’s a popular misunderstanding ...’.