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Subject: Podcast Analysis, *StarTalk Podcast*

StarTalk Podcast is a video podcast primarily featured on YouTube. Neil Degrasse Tyson, a well known physicist in the scientific community, hosts it and discusses many anomalous and crazy science discoveries. The episode "Medieval Science and History" discusses the ancient beliefs of science and the process taken to confirm new discoveries. It would be a helpful podcast in understanding methodologies of the past.

The podcast does a good job with cinematography, switching camera angles to the correct speaker. It is also simplistic such that anybody is able to follow along with the conversation. The information is generalized down to a comprehensive level, instead of explaining all of the technical material. One improvement that could be made is pulling up sources of the material discussed to enhance the watcher's experience.

The podcast effectively goes through topics such as medieval torture, and ancient devices that could measure the time of day. Ancient civilizations had meticulous ways of doing so, but the discoveries propagated into the first mechanical devices ever created. It is an excellent source of wacky science, for scientists and students alike.