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February 11th 2016: What Do We Love and Why? The Battle for the Valentine's Day Guest Spot: An Interview with Either Saint Valentine or the Hilarious Madam Mazurka, Whoever Wins!

St. Valentine and Madam Mazurka are battling to be the guest on this show. By legend, Valentine is a third century priest who defied the Romans and married couples, even though the empire wanted young men to stay unmarried so they would be more likely to be better killing machines. St. Valentine says his voice should be heard to counteract all the romantic and commercial nonsense about the day. He also claims priority because the day was named after him. Madam Mazurka is a hilarious dead Transylvanian psychic who knows all about love and who thinks she has more to say than a churchman. She say

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Madam Mazurka

If you think the picture of Madam Mazurka looks a lot like Beth with a scarf around her head, you would be right. Madam Mazurka appeared one evening in 1999, when friends were visiting Beth in Oregon, where she lived at the time. Beth donned a scarf and suddenly developed an accent and a personality that made us laugh. Madam Mazurka is psychic, witty, smart, perceptive and pulls no punches! What do we know about her? She claims to be dead a long time, she uses the name Mazurka, which is a Polish dance made famous by Chopin, she's raunchy, direct and doesn't stand on ceremony, and she's got an accent like a Hungarian, which fits her assertion that she's from Transylvania. (Beth's dad's parent

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Saint Valentine

Legend says that a 3rd century priest was martyred by the Romans for marrying couples when the authorities wanted young men single so they would be better soldiers. Legend also says that just before his execution, he signed a note "From Your Valentine." Some say there were actually two executed clerics named Valentine. The church does not claim that there is any reliable information about him, but people associate him with courtly love. The 5th century church created a Feast of St. Valentine's Day to counteract pagan promiscuity. In the 1300s the day became associated with romantic love, but it wasn't till the 1840s that mass-produced Valentine's cards turned the holiday commercial. And boy

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