

GDL David White

Welcome welcome back to Good Day Live I'm Michelle Mira along with our special guest David A R White So I said I wanna be David A R Rocks Yeah you're welcome I was watching the trailer for this and I was like he rocks David A R rocks Thanks for being here You are literally as I said earlier you're the multi hyphenate you're actor producer writer What like what else everything author author things you know been here for a while So like literally right here like how you've been here for like 10 minutes What drives you in in all these different directions like Mr David R White who is that You know uh you know I don't II I started out as an actor so I moved here to do that and um and and you know was very fortunate to uh that Burt Reynolds took a liking to me to put me on the show you know for about 3.5 years and and uh yeah II I it was a it was an unbelievable learning experience because everybody on that show had either won an Oscar and an Emmy or Tony That's not scary at all Well that's your first gig right It was my first one Yeah And then from a guy from you know middle of nowhere Kansas uh who had not watched a lot of movies or TV S the only thing I had seen was Burt Reynolds from smoking the bandit So everybody else I I didn't know who they were which was probably a good thing because there was I didn't have I wasn't nervous for that How did that happen I mean you were how old 18 19 when you moved out here Did you have an epiphany before you moved out Like I need to go to L A to act I did I I grew up as a Mennonite and uh the joke is is if you don't know anything about the Mennonites the Mennonites make the Mormons look like a pack of hells angels because the Mennonites are super conservative So I saw one movie in the theater the 1st 18 years of my life Uh uh it was a movie called Grease Oh awesome Yeah And I just uh uh remember seeing Olivia Newton John and those black type and and thinking to myself wow I for sure I am going to hell a um so uh uh but uh you know but I always had this dream inside of me to go into the entertainment industry I didn't know exactly why Um but I just I you know um I tried to go to school I tried to follow the the path that my family had had done They had all gone to this Bible school Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and they'd all graduated and met their significant others there And then um you know after a year I I basically called my dad to say dad I want to leave Bible school and I'm going to go to Hollywood to be an actor And uh there's a long silence on the phone Uh but you know eventually they support they supported me in in you know so so I just kind of came out here

with a with a blind passion for you know for this industry and a fascination with this industry And so I loved every part of it I've always wanted to be a producer I kind of did it a little bit you know growing up in high school kind of you know fixing plays because we never had a drama department either So it was like I was used to bringing people together and and finding people's strengths and and going here you do this you do that And that's you know and and in the process of that you know with the camaraderie of and Burt Reynolds was really good at this That was what Burt Reynolds was really good at And what I loved about the what I walked away from evening shade most with was I moved around a bit as a kid you know and um and Burt had all his friends over 30 years on that TV show I love that And I was like that's what I wanna do and when I you know I want to stay here in and I want to work with my friends and you know I I have a uh I'm loyal to a to a degree you know Um but I also have a good way I think of recognizing people's strengths and then putting them you know in those uh areas And so um I'm a big believer of of giving people their dreams and and whatever they you know they have a dream of because I think that that they're probably gifted a lot of times at that thing and you know in movies is is you know I mean I've produced I think 80 move 80 something movies of that we're gonna we're gonna test you on but it's finding that thing you know that people are good at So yeah No I love that I feel like you're like my soul brother because I too I love that so much and I got a I got a taste of it in 2020 where I was like everything shut down I was like what should I do And I had just adopted this dog and I decided to make a series on it and it was my first experience producing and getting the cast together and it brought me so much joy like seeing other people acting and it was just the coolest thing in the world So it's really cool to see it done on this level Um Which um we did five episodes uh raised the money we did it Indiegogo campaign I wrote every episode I casted everyone They were all my intention for the show was everyone had to be coming from like a really good space And I wanted to whoever worked on that show I wanted them to catapult to their next paying gig because I couldn't pay them And I am happy to report that every single person that worked on that show is now getting paid in the industry doing what they love I thought you were gonna say now getting paid but not by me not getting paid by me But uh it's really fun to see uh the woman that played my boss She just sold her movie to HBO Max She's you know she's doing amazing things You're doing amazing things Like it's just so cool It's always fun to see that Yeah it's really fun to see that You're just starting out when

you're first produced you're like a baby in it and you're doing great And he's like on the other side of that coin where 40 50 60 80 projects what are the uh something like that Here's my question Obstacles Do you have any I mean like it seems like you make so many movies how could there be But I'm sure there are Yeah Yeah there's obstacles for everybody I mean you know it's like um there's uh uh and you're and it's you're never you never meet the achievement you know you you you achieve something but then there's always another thing that you're wanting to achieve and so it takes time and you know it's like uh thank God that we have are still alive and that we've you know had this time to do it And um but uh um it wasn't Hollywood didn't you know they they were very nice to me at the beginning and then you know and then there was a lot of walls up And so I think I I acted through my twenties um but I wasn't doing what I exactly wanted to do in my acting side And I also had a lot of time I I made enough money that I didn't have to have another job all the time which is you know a blessing But you're like a poor rich man You can't actually you know going out to eat is is is you know you're like oh I only have this much money in my bank account I can only do this much stuff Uh and and I thought I would produce later in my life But but instead I started when I was 29 I produced my first feature And um and because of that founded market a niche that allowed me then to to do other things that I wanted to do is that when you started writing as well or were you writing before that No II I look at myself as a rewriter I mean I I have written I have uh uh but I'm not a great writer There's like great writers and then there's the guy who can kind of hobble stuff together Uh So and I feel like that's me so modest But you have to you know you sometimes you can't afford that guy who can write and you or you want to try that I also you know I directed I think I've done like six I think I directed like six or seven movies but I also realized that that's an exhausting thing I actually don't I don't really want to do anymore So I haven't done a movie directed a movie in quite a while because it's not really my passion So it's like finding your thing that you want you know and then getting other people to help you along the way for whatever else mostly acting and producing for you is that creating acting producing and then you know we we created pure flicks me and two other guys Uh In 2005 we started a production and distribution company in the Faith and Family genre Um And you know we did we released a lot of movies God's not dead came out in 2014 That that was the number one independent live action movie of that year that um you know it transformed our where we were we put where all of a sudden you know

everybody from Hollywood's calling and saying how do we get into this industry Because you made it for 1.2 million It did 63 million of that is ranked in the top 10 most profitable movies of all time based on its ro I congratulations Thank you I uh there's many people that deserve that Congratulations But but the coolest thing I actually find about the irony of life is that God's not dead sits right next to this famous movie called Greece for Five and Six That's thing based on their So how do you how do you even work that out in your brain And what what would you say is the one thing that brought you to that dream realization or like outliving that dream and getting your movie right next to Greece what would you say the consistency was for you I think just doing it wherever you're at you know with whatever your budget our first movie was \$88,000 So um you know you you just start but that's my that's my my you know what I tell everybody is just like just start walking and then along the way you you figure it out even if you don't know I mean it was a bunch you know when we did our first one it was three actors and a director DP who did it you know And so but you just have to start and we and we finished shooting it was a 66 minute movie So you know features are 88 It was too short So we just were like ok how do we figure this So we did a lot of walking shots Like if you ever watch the mountain after there's a lot of walking shots to fill you know but it was like the little thing that could the engine and that was that movie that actually started years later like 10 15 years later And it was our first movie into Sony and that's great And you know and then Sony bought pure flicks and down there So um thank you Greece right I mean you know there's a lot thank you God First I want to say how do you want to say Thank you God One person you could thank what would you do It's a movie I would thank you be of all things that created all these wonderful people And Greece number two and Olivia Newton John we'll get to all of them the black the black pants that's down the list But uh I actually heard earlier today uh your talent is your work ethic and you seem to have like a very very prominent work ethic Uh any advice to the people at home Just uh how to I mean I think people are wired in different ways you know some people are just they they don't stop and they just continue on and they go which is a blessing and a curse I think in a lot of ways because I also think you know I didn't take weekends off forever I finally had forced myself to just go hey you know what it's ok to to do not do anything for the day Like I I still don't quite have that concept down of like let's just like if you just watch television do nothing I don't even know exactly how that would go But but um you know uh I I forgot the question uh

work ethic But I I think you're just I think what you're saying is you're just built that way Like it's just that's just what it is I mean the work ethic is you know I think you the the the leaders in this you you look at Mark Wahlberg you look at the rock you look at those guys I mean there's a whole Vester Stallone there's like a whole list of those guys that have done You know that that II I don't actually want to do all of that what they're doing I don't need a shoe brand and a and a and a new now gym You know Wahlberg he a car dealership I mean Oh my gosh he's like the things that that man accomplishes Mark Wahlberg you're a superstar superstar Um But you know I I do try to find a balance somewhere that way and um and I just have a love of creating positive uplifting inspirational and entertainment and as long as I'm alive and then I'm thankful to be able to do that That's super cool We are um on that same train Uh Speaking of fun positive uplifting Can we take a look at this movie Love on the rock behind us A quick trailer Yeah Initiate Clarence Protocol medusa ones Send them our young one the one I like You know who I am You know what I could do to you Is he dead Hey are you in Switzerland Is this your boat Oh Miss Switzerland No one yells in Welcome to for the love lobster The love Lord Today would have been our 15 year anniversary How is how's the boat How's the business How are you living the dream living the dream you just remember called and you're one of the shows Martin Hey you help it I like the island It's unbelievable I just wish I had someone to share Came to Malton to get start What Because we're used to this space being What happened to the laboratory Take ship named Luigi Santini So where's the panacea Now the GN 13 he did have contact with Colton Ropes So currently in possession of the life If we don't get it first there's no telling what the other side will do it The stop it I'm not a school teacher Oh really I created a serum It's a cure Oh cancer Diabetes All of them Gone in in in I had a dress picked up for Tonight's sweet Are you former Chicago cop You looking for this I think he's fading I think it's time to get the game back together You be back at Love on the road But you gotta think you close off Not something I know I'm not supposed to have a crush on my face Everyone has their purpose I think this one's o'neal starring him His mind You don't win this game I'm the guy that wins Uh oh that's a work Where's the AMMO It's Byob Bring your own Oh really Oh that's cool Wow Awesome And this is on Pure Flix right now right It's on Pure Flix It's also everywhere else Apple itunes you know um in whatever stores What was it like shooting in Malta Uh Malta was amazing Um during the panic we shot that in November 2020 is when I went there And so uh I wanted to go to an

island just to get out of L A Uh for obvious reasons I did too Well no islands would have us like we tried we tried It was originally in Barbados where where we the idea was and then it was you know in all these different places and the the quarantine was so long but we ended up Matt Marston Uh one of the producers on the show is married to uh higher up in the Maltese governments do and had pulled some strings for us to be able to get us cleared So we were so it took a while though to get cleared because we were you know we were stuck in Miami for a while then we were stuck in London for a while because trying to travel in 2020 with a group of people was just very difficult to get there So they had just finished the Jurassic World there You've seen that you know it's out in Malta Yeah So we ended up coming in where no one else and no one else was shooting at the time and we just got all these toys and the whole island opened up for us It was an unbelievable experience that you know Yeah And if you've never been there it's such a beautiful beautiful uh landscape There's all this biblical history there That's fascinating And all this other history too They've you know mix of movies that have been shot there Yeah it looks beautiful I did You have a drone There was 90 shots like beautiful shots of drones We had everything we had a lot of toys Yeah Yeah It's a great shot He was like I love the shot I love that shot I shot I self produce my own uh shorts is what like one a year So like I can't help it when I see it I'm like oh that's a good shot That's a good shot How did they get that shot Yeah there's a lot of those in that movie though Is this another one There are so many you've starred in over 30 films Uh that's just like a trailer you've done you've done quite a lot Um It's really impressive and I mean clearly you followed your intuition to like come out to Los Angeles and follow that dream and that passion which is really cool Uh We want to ask you some questions It's uh name that movie Is that the name of our game Name that movie See if we can do it I think that's the name of it or we gonna give you a character Are you asking me That sounds like a good like just making sure we were all like on the same page Name that role OK You wanna go first you can do you want me to Yeah you can go first I'm gonna name a role that you've done and then the object is for you to guess which movie it's in OK No pressure This is fun Uh OK Conrad Champlain Oh I think that's good Uh Yeah I think it was what is it Extra Conrad I think Uh now mind you he's been in over like 40 different things So if he even gets it that's impressive champagne I think it's I think it's Conrad chap Yes Yes But I can you give me a hint Like can I have the first letter of the B is it brother White Oh wow Bells of innocence Wow You got me That

went way back 20 years Norris movie wasn't really directed that Mike Norris directed it Yeah Cool cool That was a very old one I bring a little closer Uh not this one this one dancer and the Dame That's the movie I was supposed to say the role Yeah I can't tell you the role because I can't even Billy Gardell and Eva Larue That was a fun dog And yes we did that in Louisiana It was like a it was a very bizarre not bizarre It was just a fun too Gotta love bizarre I gotta wear these amazing white suits Oh bad guy Did you have like Miami like beach You know like Don Johnson suits Awesome Love it Ok All right All right I get the game now Um Oh give me a moment Give me a moment Alright Oh this is a good one Are you going I have one Yeah Ok way back But really good movie Where did you play an army pilot Oh helicopter pilot in uh in a movie called Outbreak Yes Love that Love that movie Dustin Hoffman Was it Dustin Hoffman Kevin Spacey Cuba Gooding Junior Donald Sutherland How was it like working with him Did you were you on the same scene as him or my first day Warners Brothers a lot You know I was so excited to be in this movie and because I had stumbled into the audience this is another thing you know it's just like when you even you don't even get auditions It was actually for my buddy and I was there it was over Christmas break and I just happened to be there and then they're like you want to audition and I was like yes I would he had already auditioned and so I ended up getting you know this and uh and so my first day I was excited to be there Donald Sutherland I he did like 72 takes in this helicopter you know that was whatever flying And you know and he had like one or two lines not a lot but I was watching him do that 72 different ways you know with uh Wolfgang Peterson was director So um and uh and afterwards he came down it was like an hour take of this you know not very many lines I said um I said something like you're uh it was really or he goes um I said you're amazing It was really wonderful to watch And he and he just looked at me you know down because he's so and he's like I know And I was like wow all right Something to take from that conversation I've had with him Donald Sutherland Nice Just like yeah Yeah Whether he's a method guy I don't know but he's definitely not in the mood to have a conversation that is hilarious Gotta love that story And I'm gonna love this one if I can get this right How to play this Ok Oh I like it I actually don't know it The marriage retreat Oh yeah Ok What was that Actually That was our first one with Jeff Fay Uh in this one Yeah And he was great Uh but uh it was it was like couples retreat but a bunch of couples that go and you know marriages are falling apart and they you know need help you produce that as well Yeah Did you decide to act in it after or

you were acting And then uh I think yeah I think it was producing first and then ended up being one of the couples I got another one that's Reverend Dave Hill That's I keep playing that guy You got another one coming up actually Yeah It's the God's not dead sure Just making sure You know what I actually do know because uh yeah I keep reading scripts about that Is that coming out do you know Well number four So God that we the people came out last year around no in theaters just for three days It was because of the pandemic It was a weird thing but but it ended up being on 600 theaters for three days It was sold out and standing ovations It was amazing That's great And you know and and all the same thing with the Walmarts and Targets and all this other stuff and uh and it was just the same as the three Like I didn't even know people buy DVD anymore and they same thing like people love the God's a dead franchise And so it's it's an amazing franchise to be part of And yeah and so we're ramping up number five in November and probably back in the wonderful city of Louisiana Awesome Awesome Awesome I mean you've got so many things happening Um you got love on the rock You've also um have a sitcom You have uh nothing's impossible That's going to be released this fall Yeah You really don't take any weekends off Do you Strong strong daughters Yeah Now I have a thing I I really want kids and not even in a relationship but I feel like I'm gonna have daughters at some point What is that What is that movie about Strong strong It was based on a best selling book by Doctor Meg Meeker And she uh and I love this book because it was about dads and I have two daughters And so um and how to raise your daughters because I don't know if you know this but you women are a fascinating breed I do not understand I know especially his dads and you know so it's like uh uh I I love the book Doctor Me me me had had a um a thing with all the NB or the NFL guys who had kids She came in and was like you know so she's she's like this queen of of of psychology for you know uh dads in different in different places And so I always wanted to make that I always love the father of the bride And I loved you know this idea of taking this book in the in the the moments from it and trying to put it into a movie for people like myself And so yeah that movie came out My daughter my youngest daughter is in that movie and Robin Lively Bart Johnson So yeah it was awesome Really good as well Ok Ok How old are your daughters Nine and 12 Nine and 12 And um that's awesome That's so cool Yeah they are awesome I can't wait to see them in more movies Ok So this is your camera right over here for those that don't know who you are which I feel like everyone does Plus the way where can they find you Where can they see you

and all that great stuff Well I met David A R White Uh A lot of people know me as the God's not dead Guy Uh but I'm not a pastor but I play one sometimes in movies and then I shoot people too Um So uh at David A white and all the social platforms So yeah he's got range No pun in Thank you so much for being here Yes guys Appreciate it Thank you Thank you so much for watching Good Day live wherever you are I hope you have a good day See you tomorrow