

Claire Rayner (1931 – 2010)

Claire Rayner, OBE (1931–2010), writer, broadcaster and social campaigner, was also the UK's best-known agony aunt.

"It used to amaze me, as I got older and reached the level of school where they taught us physics and chemistry, that the self-same teachers who taught the rules of scientific evidence, of the way experiments had to be repeatable to be true, of the way mathematics provided incontrovertible evidence of so many laws of nature, could stand in daily school prayers with their hands folded and eyes closed praying to a supernatural totally unproven being."