

Saints and sinners: Psychic predictions generally off-base

At the beginning of the new millennium, one of the supermarket tabloids asked an international panel of psychics to predict the course of world events in the year 2000.

I clipped the story in order to check the accuracy of their forecasts.

A seer from India said “A visitor from outer space will be welcomed by the president to the White House.” Wrong.

A Brazilian psychic predicted that “a new safe cigarette will be developed by a major U.S. tobacco company using flavored, dried herbs. By 2001, tobacco-filled cigarettes will be a thing of the past.” Wrong.

A leading Mexican psychic, who is said to have predicted the Waco disaster, announced that there would be a new pope — a German cardinal — by the end of 2000. Wrong.

“A cure for Alzheimer’s will be found before

Christmas of the year 2000,” predicted an Italian psychic. Another crystal ball that needed dusting.

What happened? Well, nobody’s perfect.

On one occasion in 1950, according to Lewis Drummond’s new book “The Evangelist” (W Publishing, 2001), Billy Graham said that Christ would return to Earth within two years.

This doesn’t mean these distinguished men were not good psychics. Psychics do other things besides forecast the future.

Edgar Cayce (pronounced “Casey”) said we all have psychic powers that allow us to tap hidden wisdom.

Cayce’s own psychic powers included the ability to diagnose illnesses and to prescribe treatments for patients he never saw.

He also gave “life readings” for people while in a trance. He told them of past incidents not



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only in their present life, but in their previous lives as well. He is responsible for the modern interest in reincarnation.

Cayce was born on a Kentucky farm in 1877. He was the only son in a churchgoing family of five children.

His psychic powers were accidentally discovered when he was 24. He caught a cold and suddenly lost his voice. After a year of medical treatment, he could still talk only in a rasping

whisper.

A local hypnotist volunteered his services and Cayce accepted. While in a hypnotic trance, he diagnosed his own ailment and prescribed the treatment for it.

Cayce was soon besieged by sick people who wanted to try his diagnostic and curative treatments.

Recipients were often hundreds of miles away. They merely mailed their inquiries to Cayce who, twice a day, would lie down on the couch, loosen his tie and shoelaces, and go into a self-induced trance. His wife would read the patients’ letters to him, and his secretary would take down Cayce’s remarks.

Jess Stearn, in his best-selling biography of Cayce titled “The Sleeping Prophet” (Bantam Books, 1990), writes, “I talked with a doctor from Harvard Medical School who checked on

what Cayce had to say. His feeling was that the man was about 95-percent right in his diagnoses.”

Some psychics claim to be able to put the living in touch with those who have died and are now living in the great beyond.

On his deathbed in 1926, the magician Harry Houdini told his wife that he would try to get in touch with her from the other world.

Every year for 10 years, on the anniversary of his death, Rosabelle would sit before a portrait of him and listen for his words — which never came.

Houdini had been unsuccessful in a similar experiment after his mother died in 1913.

He went to a medium who claimed to have contacted his mother. But the disembodied voice spoke with an Oxford accent. The only language his mother spoke was Yiddish.

Christian coffeehouses in America provide more than a cup of Joe

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EAST NORTHPORT, N.Y. — Henry Sanchez was reluctant to restart his social life after his wife of 27 years, Barbara, died from breast cancer last December.

His attitude changed after he found Samantha’s “Li’l Bit of Heaven,” a boutique-turned-Christian coffeehouse on Long Island. A warm hello from the proprietor, Samantha Tetro, and a supportive environment has made him a regular on Friday nights.

“I got this great big greeting when I came in the door,” the 52-year-old Sanchez said. “She held my hand and we sat on the couch.”

Tetro, who calls herself a messianic Jew — meaning a Jew who has accepted Jesus Christ as his or her savior

— opened the coffeehouse in 1994. Her goal was to create a place where people could make new friends, find solace and experience the love of God.

“I was watching the news and the news was so horrible I started to grieve in my spirit,” Tetro recalled. “I shut the TV off and cried out to God: ‘What’s wrong with this world? Can’t there be a little heaven on Earth?’ And that’s where the name came from.”

Tetro’s friends encouraged her to pursue the project and helped her get the donations she needed to open the coffeehouse in the clothing store she used to run.

Inside, tables with inspirational Christian literature surround a stage. Framed artwork with Scripture and Christian messages hang on the wall. Customers can choose from a selection

of pastry and drinks.

Though not affiliated with any church or religious organization, “Heaven” resembles a full-service ministry. There are programs on bereavement and for the divorced and single. The place also hosts a “Glory on Wheels” night for the physically challenged and a night of fellowship for U.S. military veterans. Tetro offers video seminars and Bible workshops, and invites guest speakers.

Tetro, 44, estimates 30,000 people have come to the coffeehouse, including some from Russia and Malaysia.

“It’s kind of like the United Nations when you come in,” Tetro said.

About 20 couples have met there and married, she says.

Christian coffeehouses became popular in the late 1960s and early ’70s

as part of the “Jesus movement,” during which some hippies began following Christ.

The coffeehouses died out by the 1980s as people in the movement got older, married and had less interest in organizing social gatherings. However, the establishments have regained popularity as Christians seek innovative ways to reach people. The Catholic Charismatic Center, which lists Christian coffeehouses on its Web site, has a record of at least one in every state.

In National City, Calif., just outside San Diego, Betty McCoy and her husband founded the “Steamed Bean Coffee House” seven years ago. The neighborhood had some rough sections, and she said pimps and drug dealers were among her customers. She said some Christian musicians would not perform

there because of the area’s reputation, but she persevered.

“God has kept us here,” she said.

Now, her customers include some college students, as a redevelopment project improves the neighborhood.

In Missouri, Don Sharp runs “The Gathering Place” coffeehouse, in Baden, a poor section of northeast St. Louis. Sharp, pastor of the Church of God Independent Holiness People, uses the coffeehouse to dispel misconceptions about the area.

“People have a negative view of north St. Louis,” Sharp explained. “This allows them to come and see what we have here and take that knowledge home with them.”

Still, ministering to the neighborhood is a central goal.

Sharp’s facility also has a day care



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