

# Saints and sinners: Consider the mysteries of the mind

It takes a lot to surprise a newscaster. They've seen everything.

But Mindy Drayer was astounded.

Her guest in the TV studio was "the amazing Kreskin" who calls himself a mentalist, one who can read other people's minds. For this experiment, he asked Mindy to bring some books into the studio. She went out and brought in four books from the newsroom chosen at random.

"Take one of the books and open it," Kreskin told her. She picked a book from the middle of the pile and opened it.

"Did you open it to page 169?" he asked. Her mouth dropped. Yes, it was page 169. "Is there a number on the first line of the page?" he asked. "Yes," she said. "Is the number 25?" he asked. It was.

"Does it mention the Berlin Olympics?" he wanted to know. Bingo again.

The book was "The Inextinguishable Symphony: A True Story of Music and Love in Nazi Germany," (John Wiley & Sons, 2001) not a book Kreskin could be expected to have been familiar with.

I called the TV station when the program was over to ask Mindy if everything had happened the way it appeared to the TV audience. She said it had. "I still can't believe it," she said.

Later I went to the library and found the book in question. I turned to page 169. The first line read, "a town 25 miles northwest of Berlin's Olympic Stadium."

There are others beside Kreskin who have been able to do amazing things with their minds. Uri Geller was an Israeli psychic who could bend spoons just by thinking of bending spoons. And there was Brian O'Leary. He was a NASA astronaut who became a physics professor at



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Princeton University, a prestigious member of the U.S. scientific community in the 1960s and '70s. Then he turned his energies to serious investigation of the paranormal.

In questioning the standard laws of physics, O'Leary was branded a crackpot and ostracized from the cadre of scientists he had once greatly influenced. He decided to devote his time to teaching workshops around the country.

An editor at the greeting-card company who

attended O'Leary's spoon-bending workshop said, "When I arrived, I was skeptical of his claim that most of us would be bending spoons at the end of the two-hour session. I was certain I would either uncover his 'trick' or be unable to bend a spoon. However, I left with a beautifully and symmetrically bent spoon (which I later made into a necklace).

"A key feature of the workshop was the breathing exercise. We were to inhale and fill ourselves with the limitless energy of the universe, then exhale and imagine we were breathing this energy into our surroundings.

"Using this breathing technique, the audience took about 10 deep breaths together while standing and holding our spoons lightly in our hands. These were not trick spoons. We each brought our own spoon from home.

"When O'Leary said 'Bend!' we all began

bending the spoons. My spoon felt like butter in my hands as I twisted it easily in three lovely swirls.

Almost everyone in the audience of 60 succeeded as I had, some dramatically.

"How was a skeptic like me able to do that? Was it because I was trusting enough to try it? Or because some powers are omnipresent whether I believe in them or not?"

What are we to make of people like Kreskin, Geller and O'Leary? Wayne Dyer in his book, "Real Magic," (Harper Mass Market Paperbacks, 1993) says, "Few of us have been trained to tap into the powers of our minds. We do not grasp that we are invisible. We do not conceive the possibility that the inner world we know as thought and feeling may have a real structure."

Or as Walt Whitman said, "There is more to us than appears between our hat and our boots."

# King's Chapel a mixture of history and religion in downtown Boston

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BOSTON — King's Chapel has survived both war and religious dispute in its three centuries of existence and still manages to thrive in modern, downtown Boston.

As top on the Freedom Trail, Boston's popular pathway of historic sites, the chapel is one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in New England.

It also has a burying ground next door where visitors can see the gravestones of history book figures like John Winthrop, Massachusetts' first governor, and Mary Chilton, the first woman to step off the Mayflower.

The chapel is more than a tourist attraction — it also has an active congregation of some 400 members. And if visitors stop in for a service, they'll hear an unusual — indeed unique — mix of

Unitarian theology and Anglican liturgy, a product of the chapel's strange history.

In 1686, England's King James wanted an official Church of England presence in the Puritan-leaning Massachusetts Bay Colony. He had to seize the land for King's Chapel by eminent domain because no one in Boston would donate land for an Anglican Church.

There was more awkwardness following the colonies' revolution against the monarchy a century later.

King's Chapel found a spiritual home by combining the Anglican liturgy of the church's founders with the theology of the Unitarians — then an emerging, breakaway wing of Massachusetts' Puritan settlers.

The instigator was James Freeman, a young Harvard divinity graduate whom the congregation invited to read the An-

glican morning prayers and give occasional sermons.

Freeman became uncomfortable with the prayers, and expressed his objections in a series of sermons in 1785.

"He preached these sermons on the full expectation that he would be fired," says the Rev. Earl Holt, the minister at King's Chapel. Instead, the congregation voted to adopt some of his changes and keep a more liberal prayer book, which is essentially still in use there today.

"It wasn't anything radical, but it does basically reflect the Unitarian concept of one God rather than the Trinitarian concept of three in one," Holt says. "That's the basis for King's Chapel's claim to be the oldest Unitarian church."

The worship is conservative by Unitarian standards; it is one of only a handful of Unitarian churches that use a

prayer book at all.

Holt, who spent 27 years at a Unitarian church in St. Louis before coming here last May, says the style is growing on him.

"This is a place that combines those (Unitarian and Anglican) traditions," he said. "At first, I took it on faith. But the more I participate in it the more meaningful it becomes."

Given the delicate politics and the mostly wooden structure, Holt says, it's remarkable the church survived, both as an institution and a building.

Originally, there was just a small, wooden structure on this now busy street corner in Boston's financial district, a few steps from Government Center.

In 1749, Peter Harrison of Newport, R.I., considered by some to be America's first professional architect, designed a more splendid Georgian build-

ing around the old one.

Many members were loyalists who opposed the Revolution, and the story is they fled with the wood from the original church to Nova Scotia during the Revolution.

Among those who have worshipped here are Oliver Wendell Holmes, both father and son. The chapel bell and communion silver came from silversmith Paul Revere, who claimed the bell was his largest ever. The pulpit, Holt says, is the oldest one in continual service in the country.

There is also a rich musical tradition at King's Chapel. The original organ — the chapel is now on its fifth — was the first in New England (the Puritans were then opposed to instrumental music). The chapel was the site of the first New World performance of a number of noted choral works, including Handel's

"Messiah." Now, there are monthly Tuesday concerts.

Hundreds of Freedom Trail visitors pass through King's Chapel and the burying ground next door each day during the summer tourist season.

To the modern churchgoer, the chapel has an unusual arrangement of pews that are more like boxes. Each family had its own box, and often brought small heaters with them to place in the center.

"Apparently the families tried to outdo each other in terms of fabric quality and that sort of thing," Holt says.

The burying ground, the first public one in Boston, also gets its share of visitors. Among those buried there are Hezekiah Usher, Boston's first bookseller; John Proctor, a "writing master" at once-next-door Boston Latin School; and a pair of fiery Puritan ministers, John Cotton and John Davenport.



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