

# “Secrets of the Psychics” Video Notesheet



*“If Uri Geller bends spoons with divine powers, then he's doing it the hard way.”*

*“Everyone who believes in telekinesis, raise my hand.”*

*-- James “The Amazing One” Randi*

1. What is the percentage of Americans who claim to have “had a psychic experience”?
2. What is James Randi’s profession?
3. List some of the mental powers that Uri Geller was supposedly able to display.
4. How does Randi duplicate some of the “Geller effects” using standard trickery?
5. What happened when Uri Geller was tested on Johnny Carson’s “Tonight Show”?
6. What were some of the claimed “miraculous” abilities of Christian televangelist Peter Popoff?
7. When Randi’s team investigated the source of Popoff’s “divine messages”, what did they discover?
8. What happened to Peter Popoff after his trickery was exposed on the “Tonight Show”?
9. Explain how you think Randi accomplished the illusion of “psychic surgery”.

10. When Randi visited the college class for the test of astrology, how many of the students gave their horoscope a high rating for accuracy? Why did so many give their horoscope a high rating?
11. When he was going through college, what “profession” did psychologist Ray Hyman pick up?
12. What happened why Ray Hyman told his clients the exact opposite of what he “was supposed to tell them” during his palm readings?
13. Name some examples of the popularization of psychic phenomena in post-Communist Russia.
14. During the tests at the Moscow Institute for the Brain, the psychic attempted to influence what physical processes of the test subject?
15. What were the results of the psychic test? How did these results compare to that expected by chance?
16. At the Traditional People’s Medical Center, what are some of the treatments provided to patients?
17. While testing the “healing water”, what device did the psychics use to detect the “charge”?
18. What amazing property did the “healing water” supposedly have that put an end to all of Randi’s tests?
19. When the two psychic women gave their reading of Ted Bundy, describe their method. Why did Randi make it a point to remain silent?
20. What were the results of the reading? Upon learning the true nature of Ted Bundy, how did the psychics react?