

THE MAGNETIC WAY OF HEALING

Zoe Newman discovers a 'charge card' with a difference

"When Uri Geller was bending spoons, I was bending spoons. From the age of four I've seen lights around everything. I thought it was my imagination and these things would go away, but they didn't."

This is Coby Zvikler, an Israeli born Mancunian, describing his first memories of the undoubted but strange healing gifts with which he has been endowed.

I was told about Coby by a London friend, another journalist, even more cynical than I am about these things. When he described how he had been affected by Coby's powers I wanted to meet this modern day healer. So modern in fact, he's able to heal with the aid of a 'credit card'.

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The Coby Card looks like an ordinary credit card with the same magnetic strip but it's this strip - invested with Coby's energy - that has the force, he claims, to put complaints such as frozen shoulders and back pain to rights.

A smart well-dressed man, looking younger than his 34 years, Coby explained how he discovered his powers. "I'd always been able to get people to move their limbs and feel tingling by concentrating on them but just thought of it as a party trick. Then I found that I had problems with electrical gadgets. For example, I was on a sunbed at the gym and felt I'd had more than my allotted 20 minutes. When I lifted the canopy, it was on zero but was still going; then I found that the staff were going mad because all the electrical equipment was resetting itself. Answering machines react peculiarly to me and the lights in my house are constantly going on and off by themselves.

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■ Coby in action at a fund-raising evening held by staff at Wythenshawe Hospital.

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believed it was psychological.

"Also, at the time, I was working for the family's leather business and doing very well financially. I didn't feel that my 'healing' made any sense so I was easily persuaded by my friends who were as interested in money as I was, not to carry on so I just used my 'gifts' to do party tricks for the next 12 years."

Three years ago Coby felt he wanted "to find" himself and went back to his homeland of Israel. His relatives were fascinated by his healing abilities and got him to try working on their necks, elbows and other joints. All successful. Coby then met an uncle who had been stabbed during the Six Day War and went every week to a pain clinic: "he believed I

could do something. I found the right spots, did my bit and he went to sleep. He woke up without the pain. I wasn't convinced and felt sure the pain would come back but my dad visited him six months later and he was still I. My uncle is a professor so my dad took notice and I decided to find out what I really could do.

"I went to a physiotherapist and told her I could get rid of pain but wasn't sure how far it went. She introduced me to a particular patient who was suffering a lot of pain from a neurotic disease." The physiotherapist was so pleased with what Coby was able to achieve that she asked him to work with other patients that she'd reached an impasse with.

Despite his success rate, Coby was still unsure about

So does it work...?

Cynic that I am, I felt I should test Coby but admitted to him that there was nothing wrong with me. He looked at me and said, "you've got a problem with your left shoulder and a very slight one in your lower back."

I was pretty taken aback. Yes, I did have a problem with my left shoulder but it only troubled me at night and I didn't think about it during the day - in fact I'd forgotten about it then. And, yes, again I never thought about the bruise at the base of my spine which had occurred years ago and just very, very occasionally gave me twinges. If Coby could do something about my shoulder I realised, it would be wonderful as I'd had weeks of discomfort when trying to sleep.

A colleague behind me. I stood in front of Coby with the card hung around my neck and waited. Nothing happened. Coby himself then closed his eyes and appeared to be concentrating hard on me. To my alarm, my left hand started tingling and then twitching, then started to move upwards of its own accord. Before I knew it my right arm followed suit. Coby lightly touched the back of

my neck where he said I had problems too (not unheard of in someone who spends many hours in front of a computer) and shortly my head tipped backwards. However, as the session carried on, the overwhelming feeling I had was that of growing taller and taller. In fact, I felt I was about to touch the ceiling. I also felt totally relaxed, as if hypnotised.

The shock came afterwards. My colleague who'd been standing behind me in case I should fall backwards told me, "your arms were up so high and I couldn't believe how you managed to bend your neck so far back. I've never seen anyone stand so straight and tall either." In fact, I had felt my arms had only moved slightly and my head just a little. The feeling I'd had of being at least ten feet tall had obviously translated itself into my stretching my body to its utmost.

It was back to the business of interviewing Coby after this and I was so busy the rest of the day that I put the experience to the back of my mind. It was the next day that it suddenly came to me: I'd had a night of shoulder free pain for the

first time in weeks.

The pain stayed away for a fortnight or so and I'm going to try a telephone call to Coby who has many clients ready to testify that his powers also work over the phone. The idea of the Coby Card (cost £25) which comes with an explanatory manual, is quite tempting.

Coby Zvikler doesn't think of himself as a scientist and he can't explain scientifically how his powers work. He says, "I seem to be able to focus a natural energy which is rather like electricity and gets the body's 'computer' working. I hope one day the scientists can explain it to me."

Coby's clients come to him with varying problems. They can be muscular or even addictions such as smoking or eating. He aims to help them all and has had success from those wanting to slim to a trapped nerve or undiagnosed 'gammie knee'.

Coby Zvikler can be contacted at his Manchester clinic, PO Box 90, Prestwich, M45 6ZH, tel. 0234 713414/0374 608421.

Coby also holds mass healing sessions at the Armitage Centre, Moseley Road, Fallowfield, Manchester on Sundays at 2.45pm, admission £3. (Arriving on time is necessary.)

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powers and had started to video what was happening. It was this videoing that was to bring about the famous Coby Card.

Explains Coby, "I played the video to 550 people over three day period at the Armitage Centre in Manchester and found that even those I got to stand with their backs to the TV were reacting. I wanted to identify what part of the video was causing this to happen so I copied the backing track and got people to play it on a walkman; then found it worked even when the headset was turned off. Somehow, whatever 'it' was, was transmitted on density magnetic tape.

"I was going to Cyprus on a demonstration tour and been warned that videos and cassettes would be copied. I wanted to sell more than one so looked for something with magnetic tape - and there was a Barclaycard. I had own cards with magnetic strips made. And they work."

Coby believes that everyone has something similar inside them which has an intricate programme (here he uses the analogy of salmon swims upstream) and the signal on the card sets this off. "My energy impregnates the magnetic band and this is like a cut which sets off a trigger, getting the body to right itself."

The Courier and the Alderley Edge Hotel have arranged for Coby to give a demonstration of his skills at their Ladies' Day to be held on 28 April. Coffee, lunch and a super fashion show will all be included. Cost is £25 the day and further details are available from the Courier on 01625 583033 and in the next issue of the Courier.