

National Enquirer - Psychic uses Mind Power to Bend Plastic

A little-known Swiss psychic is astounding top European scientists with mental power feats that go even further than those of Uri Geller.

Sylvio Meyer, a 34-year-old designer from Berne, can not only bend metal by psychic power, but also objects made of plastic — which if bent by physical force will snap almost at once.

While being closely watched by seven witnesses, Meyer merely stroked a plastic spoon 7 inches long with one finger — and it bent over to a right angle.

"When we used normal physical force to bend identical spoons, they snapped before going one-third as far," said one of Europe's outstanding parapsychologists, Prof. Hans Bender, who supervised the experiment.

"Sylvio is the first to bend plastic under controlled test



PSYCHIC Sylvio Meyer holds plastic spoon which he claims he bent with mental powers.

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conditions. Not even Uri Geller can do that," emphasized Prof. Bender, who is head of the Institute of Psychology at famed University of Freiburg in West Germany.

The unprecedented phenomenon took place at special tests in Switzerland watched by a reporter and photographer assigned by The ENQUIRER, as well as Prof. Bender and four scientific colleagues.

The objects that were bent by Meyer were supplied by The ENQUIRER in sealed packets and were marked with The ENQUIRER's initials, NE, to prevent any substitution.

Although Meyer easily bent metal objects by stroking them gently, he was unable to affect plastic, and after several hours it was decided to resume the tests next day.

One green 7-inch long plastic spoon was left on the table by the scientists for the psychic to practice with.

Said Prof. Bender: "Sylvio decided to have one last try before we broke up. As we all watched, he lifted the spoon from the table and began to stroke it lightly with one finger."

The professor's chief Swiss colleague, Bernhardt Walti, went on: "We all had our eyes glued to the spoon. We saw it slowly bend to an angle of 90 degrees."

Prof. Bender said: "Identical spoons bent by us snapped before reaching 30 degrees. We were just about to put the spoon bent by Meyer on the table to photograph it when he said: 'Wait. It's going to



SPOON bends in Sylvia Meyer's hand as he strokes it, watched by parapsychologist Prof. Hans Bender. This spoon was metal, but Meyer also bent a plastic one.

break.' And before our eyes, it snapped in half!"

In the U.S., Russell Targ, senior research physicist at California's Stanford Research Institute, where Uri Geller displayed his powers in 1972, said: "I do not know of anyone, including Uri Geller, who has demonstrated a psychic influence over plastic."

Researcher Dr. Eberhard Bauer, a close associate of Prof. Bender's, described an earlier experiment with Mey-

er: "I produced a coin from my pocket, a one-franc Swiss

piece about an inch across which is impossible to bend even if held in the teeth.

"Meyer merely balanced it across his forefinger. In less than a minute, it just flopped over his finger like soft chewing gum and curled almost in half."

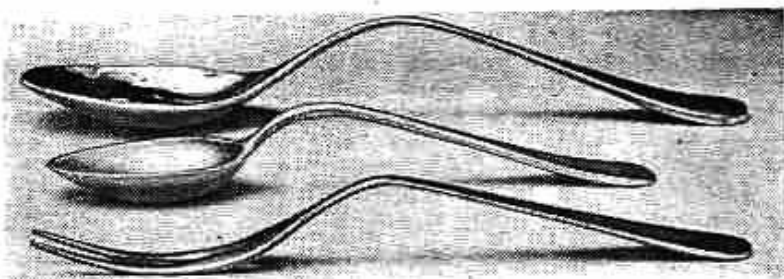
Bernhardt Walz tried Meyer with a compass, because the needle is "an object held in place not only by gravity but also by a magnetic field."

"I had checked carefully for magnets and metal in the room or on anyone's person before the test began."

"Meyer held his hands away from the compass and concentrated. After a few seconds the compass needle began to waver, swing from side to side, and finally was spinning in a complete circle!"

Scientists describe Meyer as modest, publicity-shy and unwilling to use his powers for money or entertainment.

"I am 100 percent convinced that Sylvia Meyer's psychic powers are genuine," said Prof. Bender.



THIS CUTLERY was bent by psychic power in tests watched by seven witnesses, five of them scientists.