

Rossmoor psychic Chuck Coburn helps others grow spiritually

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Resident Chuck Coburn has been studying shamans and spiritual leaders worldwide for almost 30 years. His house, which resembles a museum exhibit, proves it.

From an authentic spear gun from a Kenyan Maasai warrior, to scarves that were personally blessed by the Karmapa lama in Tibet and a peace pipe used in Native American shaman rituals, Coburn's collection represents who he is—a psychic.

These days, Coburn does psychic readings with clients two or three times a week. Many are Rossmoor residents and friends who have been seeing him for almost 20 years. When he was more involved though, Coburn would meet with clients two to three times a day with a nine-month wait for appointments.

Discovering a special gift

Coburn first discovered he had the gift of psychic powers at age 40, during a dinner at the San Francisco Waterfront Restaurant. A woman he recently met at a seminar suddenly told him that her "spiritual guides" were telling her that he had psychic abilities.

To prove it to him though, she asked him to pick a random person inside of the restaurant and visualize something about them. To amuse her, Coburn visualized a scenario with a blonde woman just a few feet away. He saw her being violently choked by a man. He also visualized someone wearing what looked like a white mechanics uniform, sitting on the same woman, punching her in the chest and upper body.

Then just 15 minutes later, the same blonde woman bolted up from her table and began choking. Her male companion got up and placed his

hand around her neck to try to free her breathing. A third person, wearing a white pantsuit, jumped in and began performing CPR, pounding on her chest to dislodge the food.

"It scared the hell out of me," he said.

Studying shamanism

While his first experience may have scared him, it also intrigued him.

He found himself enrolling in classes within the parapsychology department at John F. Kennedy University, where he met his psychic mentor, Gerri Patton. He and his wife of 26 years, Shirl, also traveled to remote places in Chile, Tibet, Africa, England, Greece, Bhutan, Egypt, Turkey and Ethiopia to

study with shamans, spiritual leaders and mystic healers.

It was during the trip to Brazil that Coburn officially became a believer. A shaman told him that his stepdaughter, who was thousands of miles away in Danville, Calif., had a pituitary tumor on her lungs. At the time his stepdaughter had been battling a mysterious illness. Doctors later diagnosed her with Cushing's disease—exactly what the shaman described.

"I'm a big skeptic, but you have to be open to the possibility," he said.

It wasn't until 10 years later, after he retired from his \$8 million construction business, that Coburn was able to fully

concentrate on being a psychic.

He hosted his own television show called "Personal Pathways" during the '90s, assisted local law enforcement with finding missing people, investigated paranormal activity (ghost hunting), appeared in over 50 radio shows and has lectured for local classes and workshops.

Coburn has also participated in metaphysical research with Stanford Research Institute, JFK University and the U.S. government.

To add even more credibility to his name, Coburn has written two books. His first, "Funny You Should Say That,"

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was written primarily for his family and friends to explain how he stumbled on becoming a psychic. His second, "Reality is Just an Illusion," tells more of his travels and experiences with shamans and spiritual leaders.

Channeling spiritual guides

During Coburn's readings, which typically last 75 to 95 minutes, he channels his client's spiritual guide, and tells his client what the spirits are saying. However, he said that the readings are only effective for those who believe. "It's only as open as the people are to the process," he said.

While Coburn does charge a fee for his readings, it's mostly for authenticity. Otherwise, he said, the line would be out the door for free readings. Still, he

gets random phone calls from people who can't find their car keys, jewelry and even their passports. He usually gets it right on the money.

When his abilities were still a new concept to him, Coburn did what many would do if they recently found out they were psychic—go to the casino. However, he learned the expensive way that he could not use his abilities for personal benefit. He tried to visualize the winning numbers and failed.

"It doesn't work like that," Coburn said. "(Being psychic) is a spiritual gift for helping other people to understand and evolve their own spiritual path."

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Psychic Chuck Coburn showcases his African masks used in tribal dances. He has traveled to dozens of remote places around the world to study with mystic healers and spiritual leaders.