It's a magical world
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Let's begin with incantations

- **Abracadabra**
  - Aramaic phrase meaning "I create as I speak"
  - Greek "Αύρα κατ' αύρα" meaning "from Aura to Aura"
  - In the Hebrew language, "אברא" translates as "I will create" and "כדברא" as "as spoken". Hebrew words Ab (Father), Ben (Son) and Ruach A Cadsch (Holy Spirit).
  - Slavic language, 'obroc o dobra' what mean holy pray like verse 'turn to good o my good god'
  - Avada Kedavra is known as the Killing Curse in Harry Potter!

  'let the thing be destroyed': the 'thing' was the illness, but Rowling changed it to person [1].


Hax pax max Deus adimax, a pseudo-Latin phrase, claims Oxford dictionary

Roman Catholic liturgy containing phrase “Hoc est corpus meum”, meaning “This is my body”

Ochus Bochus, a magician and demon of the north

Gili gili? Middle east, east origin – something about to happen
Few others before we move on

"ablanathanalba"
- appear throughout the Greek Magical Papyri
- barbarous names were of Egyptian origin

“anexhexeton”
- medieval period most were from Greek and Hebrew sources
Chinese Water Torture Cell

- Comes from Chinese origin, developed in England in the year of 1911, by an American
  - Houdini tried first milk can escape, but failed to patent
  - Performed one-act play he called Houdini Upside Down
  - In 2003 Sidney Radner, who was given the rights by Houdini's brother, filed suit against John Gaughan
- Modern Versions
  - Doug Henning performed a version on television in 1975
  - A similar, but simpler, immersion escape is featured in the 2006 movie The Prestige
  - In 2003, and again in 2012, Chicago magician Dennis Watkins performed the Chinese Water Torture Cell while playing the role of Harry Houdini in Death and Harry Houdini
How demography plays a role

http://www.nature.com/nrn/journal/v9/n11/full/nrn2473.html
Indian rope trick
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- 9th-century Hindu teacher Adi Shankara
  - juggler who throws a thread up into the sky
  - he climbs up it carrying arms and goes out of sight
  - he engages in a battle in which he is cut into pieces, which fall down
  - finally he arises again

- Pu Songling records a version in Strange Stories from a Chinese Studio
  - mandarin requests wandering magician produce a peach in the dead of winter
  - magician's son climbs the rope, vanishes from sight, and then (supposedly) tosses down a peach, before being "caught by the Garden's guards" and "killed"
  - Son is brought to life after magician is paid for the peach