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**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 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].

Gili gili hocus focus

- “Hocus Pocus Junior: The Anatomie of Legerdemain”, published on 1635, first ever book on english tricks literature. Claims Hocus Pocus name of most popular illusionist.
- 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

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- 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

Indian Rope Trick

- 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