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— Marilyn Moore of Bristol

## Puck POWER?

**Who wants to feel like a million bucks? You do? Then plant yourself in the hot seat and correctly answer this million-dollar question:**

**What is Puck power?**

- A. The new slogan for the National Hockey League.
- B. The mantra of those who pay homage to Puck, the impish trickster featured in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Night Dream."
- C. What you feel when you get intimate with a divinely inspired puck-shaped healing instrument designed to repair one's tattered aura.
- D. Just another "New Age" gadget that has no provable scientific effectiveness except the ability to separate consumers from their hard-earned money.

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Before you give your final answer, you might consider using one of your lifelines on this one.

Let's cut to the chase and phone a friend.

Lucky you! Regis allows you to phone two friends — one who's felt the power of this healing tool and one who's skeptical that a man-made disc can save the entire world from human suffering, as its manufacturer claims.

First, you call Marilyn Moore, who lives in Bristol and has been sharing her Super Puck distributed by The Gentle Wind Project world healing organization in Kittery, Maine, for the past four years with anyone who would like to test the device's power for free.

She's excited that company reps are coming to Langhorne this weekend, giving everyone in town the chance to hold the tool for free during a two-day event at the McIntosh Inn. Tool holding will take place Saturday and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. There will also be a relationship seminar Saturday from 2-6 p.m. (\$65 per person or \$100 for two).

The company claims that the tool's healing technology is effective immediately after holding it for about 10 minutes just once in your life.

"I get different reactions from different people. But I can only think of one time someone I asked didn't want to hold it," says Moore, who has been a tool keeper for four years. "Maybe I was a little too forward with it," she adds.

What motivates Moore to share her tool with others is her belief that the plastic disc — which she purchased for \$2,200 from the non-profit company — patches the holes in a person's aura, or energy field. Although some people report instant and dramatic results, for Moore the changes were subtle — even slow in coming.

It was a year before she actually made the connection between having held the puck and all the "good feelings" she'd been experiencing in her life, says Moore.

But once she realized the positive effects of the tool, she decided to travel 1,000 miles to a convention in Florida, like the one in Langhorne this weekend, to purchase one for herself so she could share the power of the puck with others. She makes her puck available to the public on Wednesday evenings at Ted's Wellness Center on Otter Street in Bristol Borough, located above NBA Organic Food Store. And sometimes she just shares it spontaneously with people she senses are in need.

"I share the tool because I feel it's helpful, it's like sharing a good thing," says Moore. "I function 200 percent better for having held the tool — and holding it regularly. It makes me feel calm and gives me a sense of clarity about things," says Moore.

How it works, according to Gentle Wind spokeswoman Mary "Moe" Miller, is through



### Amazing Randi says "D."

The internationally recognized skeptic, James Randi, says "With these people, the first thing you'll find is they use a lot of 'pseudo-science' bubble, like 'quantum physics.' And they love to use the word 'vibration.' Just when you try to pin them down about how their gadget works, they tell you it's one of the great mysteries of humanity, or some similar line."

To read more of Randi's comments and his offer to give away \$1 million, [click here](#).

the vibrational physics that occur when the contents of the puck (herbs, precious stones and cell salts, including arsenic) interacts with one's aura.

### For more information

For more on The Gentle Wind Project:  
[www.gentlewindproject.org](http://www.gentlewindproject.org)

For more on the Philadelphia Association for Critical Thinking: [www.phact.org](http://www.phact.org)

Miller says the Gentle Wind Project began when six friends with the common goal of saving humanity founded the company 20 years ago. The idea for the puck came to them via a mutual psychic impression. One of the founders, also an engineer, was able to interpret the blueprint, resulting in the creation of the puck about 10 years ago. The six friends sold their homes, cars and cashed in their retirement funds to support the Gentle Wind Project. They only began accepting donations in the last few years, when their own resources ran out, says Miller.

The company says it's tested the instruments on "thousands of people" and that "thousands of practitioners and patients" in hospitals and clinics around the world are also holding the puck to help them through everything from depression to symptoms of cancer. Although none of their clinical studies are posted on their Web site, copies of their research is available for a \$25 donation. Some of their more dramatic claims include:

- Women who've spent years in abusive relationships are suddenly able to change their lifelong patterns and finally find happiness.
- Inmates who held the tool were less likely to return to jail.
- War veterans with post traumatic stress disorders improved dramatically, and their years of painful nightmares stopped instantly.

Of course, how it works isn't all that important to tool keepers, such as Moore. She has invested in several tools, from a \$125 laminated card to the \$2,200 Super Puck over the past four years, each time upgrading for the more technologically advanced version of the tool.

"I don't remember how much I've spent on tools. But that's not an issue for me. I can't put a price on how I feel inside for having held the tool. Anyone can hold the tool, free of charge. And for those who believe in what Gentle Wind is doing, those who feel compelled to, can help the company by donating enough to receive a tool," says Moore.

OK, time's running out. It's time to make that second call. You phone Eric Krieg, president and founding member of PhACT — Philadelphia Association for Critical Thinking — a local organization that spends a lot of time investigating claims made by organizations like The Gentle Wind Project.

Krieg recently contacted the folks at Gentle Wind and offered to help them spread the word about their product if they would allow him to conduct some studies of his own.

Says Krieg, "If the puck can cure people, let's all find out together so we can help the whole world alleviate suffering. If it's all just in people's heads, let's allow the truth to save people a lot of time and money."

According to Krieg, Gentle Wind's sales pitch sounds strikingly similar to that of many others, mostly Internet-based outfits offering a magic puck — crystal, magnet, contraction — with paranormal, instantly inexplicable power that will transform them physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Although this particular company says it's not a cult or religion and is definitely not "New Age," after reading through their Web site, Krieg is skeptical.

"I've never seen so much new age drivel on one page," says Krieg.

The danger here, adds Krieg, is the company's claim that the design for the puck was sent to the company's founders via *psylhis*. Blueprints and that the power of the puck is impossible for any human to understand. Also, that those involved sold all their worldly possessions to support the cause — saving humanity.

"Those of us involved in real science have a track record at knocking out diseases using methods that are verifiable and understandable. As soon as any company starts making money on something like a 'healing puck,' you have to be skeptical that their bottom line is offering humanity a tool to end all suffering. I think, if you take a look at their priorities, you can see the bottom line," says Krieg, an electrical engineer who lives in Upper Dublin.

Krieg is referring to the various "healing instruments" and accessories available through donation to the The Gentle Wind Project.

For example, there's the Sacred Book of Healing (\$25); the Physical Equilibrium Symbol (\$200); and the System 10.5, which includes the Super Puck and a Unified Field Alignment (\$22,500), which integrates all their previous healing systems with new "ancient technology," described by Gentle Wind as "VERY ANGLN1 — a number too long to write and not from this anal or continuum healing system."

According to the company, the pricey nature of these humanitarian instruments is meant to "keep new-age dabblers away and to provide a way for supporters of this work to help ease our financial burdens in research and development."

Just like Moore, Krieg is equally open to the idea of supporting something good for people that can be proven effective. But most of the companies with divinely inspired products shun media exposure. They prefer to work through word-of-mouth referrals by those, like Moore, who believe in products based on "vibrational physics" and other forms of "junk science," as he calls it. In this case, Moore approached the media to promote this weekend's event to allow others to hold the puck for free.

Based on the pile of unanswered requests Krieg has made to other companies with similar miraculous claims, he predicts the Super Puck and its creators will continue to make money for a while and then disappear like the wind.

"If they will just work with me nicely, I feel I could make it a national focal point. I think I could get them on '20/20' if they'd just let me borrow a puck and try it out on some feeder fish or some other control group. Otherwise, all their claims and anecdotes mean nothing."

It's time for your final answer. If you're interested in feeling the power of the puck for yourself before answering, feel free to check out The Gentle Wind Project's open house this weekend in Langhorne and decide for yourself.

But heed this parting advice from Krieg, who says that while being a good skeptic requires an open mind, it should have nothing to do with opening your wallet. In fact, any time money is involved, a person's skeptical sensors should be tingling.