

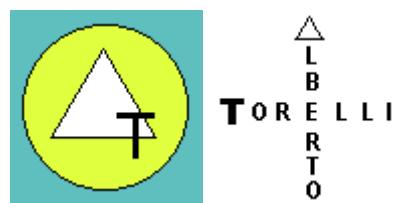
Con Ormond McGill

Alla memoria di un grande maestro. Ormond McGill nacque a Palo Alto, in California, il 15 giugno 1913, e fece il suo primo spettacolo vero e proprio nel 1927, all'eta' di 14 anni. Da allora il suo interesse per l'ipnosi continuo' ad aumentare, e con il nome d'arte di dottor Zomb fece spettacoli di ipnotismo in tutto il mondo (Stati Uniti, Canada, India, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Giappone, Corea, Polinesia, Australia, Nuova Zelanda, ecc.). Ha scritto decine di libri sull'ipnosi, ha ottenuto un Ph.D. all'universita', ed e' diventato piuttosto noto come concologo (studioso di conchiglie e molluschi), ma soprattutto e' stato sicuramente uno dei massimi esperti di ipnosi da palcoscenico e di ipnosi orientale. Dopo la morte della moglie Delight a causa di un cancro (1976), Ormond fu molto vicino all'abbandono della carriera, ma poi fortunatamente cambio' idea. Dagli anni '90 in poi, ormai ottantenne, Ormond McGill si e' dedicato anche all'ipnosi clinica, sviluppando alcune tecniche innovative, e viaggiando nuovamente intorno al mondo per insegnare l'ipnotismo in molte scuole importanti. Quando l'ho incontrato per la prima volta negli Stati Uniti, a Nashua (vicino a Boston), e' stato fantastico partecipare al suo seminario e assistere alle dimostrazioni dal vivo. La cosa piu' straordinaria e' che nessuno ha mai parlato male di quest'uomo, forse perche' aveva un animo nobile e sincero. Lui diceva sempre: "se non hai qualche parola gentile da dire, allora stai zitto". E' morto il 19 ottobre 2005 a Santa Rosa, in California (USA). Era noto come il 'veterano' degli ipnotisti americani.

With Ormond McGill

In memory of an outstanding mentor. Ormond McGill was born in Palo Alto, California, in June 15, 1913, and performed his first complete show in 1927, when he was 14 years old. Since then, his interest in hypnosis continued to grow, and with the stage name of Doctor Zomb he performed hypnotic stage shows all over the world (USA, Canada, India, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Polynesia, Australia, New Zealand, etc.). He wrote tens of books on hypnosis, he got his PhD from University, and he became rather known for his studies as conchologist (collecting and studying mollusc shells), but above all he has been certainly one of the most outstanding experts in hypnosis (stage hypnosis and also oriental hypnosis). After the death of his wife Delight because of a cancer (1976), he was about to put an end to his career, but fortunately he then changed his mind. From the '90s on, in his eighties, Ormond McGill turned his attention also to clinical hypnosis, developing some innovative techniques, and traveling again around the world teaching hypnotism in many important schools. When I met him for the first time in the USA, in Nashua (near Boston), it was wonderful to join his seminar and see him performing live demonstrations. The most extraordinary thing is that nobody had ever to say anything bad about this man, maybe because he had a noble and honest soul. He used to say: "if you don't have a gentle word to say, then keep yourself silent". He died in October 15, 2005, in Santa Rosa, California (USA). He was known as the 'dean' of American hypnotists.





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