

PETER HURKOS

biography



Peter Hurkos is considered by experts to have been the world's foremost psychic. Born May 21, 1911, in Dordrecht, Holland (*died June 1, 1988 in Los Angeles, CA*), he acquired his psychic gift in 1941 after falling from a ladder and suffering a brain injury. He was in a coma for three days at the Zuidwal Hospital. Upon regaining consciousness, he discovered he had developed an ability to pierce the barriers that separate the past, present and future. With stunning accuracy, he was able to see into the unknown.

Hurkos gained worldwide acceptance as a psychic detective, working on cases involving missing planes, persons, and murder victims after his fall. Some of his most illustrious cases were "The Stone of Scone" [*London, England*], "The Boston Strangler Multiple Murders" [*Boston, Massachusetts*], "The Missing Thai Silk King, Jim Thompson" [*Asia/Thailand*], "The Ann Arbor Co-Ed Murders" [*Ann Arbor Michigan*], and "The Sharon Tate Murders" [*Los Angeles, California*].

In 1956, Hurkos was brought to the United States by Andrija Puharich, MD (*died 1994*) to be tested at his Glen Cove, Maine medical research laboratory. For two-and-a-half years he was tested under tightly controlled conditions. The results convinced Dr. Puharich that Hurkos' psychic abilities were far greater than any he had ever tested (*before or thereafter*) . . . a remarkable 90% accuracy.

Hurkos' forte was psychometry, the ability to see past-present-future associations by touching objects.

"I see pictures in my mind like a television screen. When I touch something, I can then tell what I see." - said Peter Hurkos

Decorated as a war hero by Queen Juliana of The Netherlands (*there is a statue commemorating Hurkos and seven other Dutch Underground war heroes in the Center Square in Rotterdam*). He had been a consultant to every President of the United States from Eisenhower to Reagan. Hurkos received countless police badges from police chiefs around the world, including one from the International Police Association, and INTERPOL. His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, decorated Hurkos stating; "I hope you will always use your God-given Gift for the betterment of mankind. Use it as an instrument to touch the people, to help them."

Hurkos made numerous television and radio appearances, both here and abroad, among them: "The Merv Griffen Show," "The Johnny Carson Show," "Breakaway," "The Phil Donahue Show," "The Regis Show," "Ed Sullivan Show," "Geraldo," "What's My Line," local and national news programs, and "One Step Beyond" [*a two-parter on ABC/ emphasizing the highlights of Hurkos' life*]. He guests starred on ABC's "Matt Houston," as himself.

Hurkos astounded international audiences with his amazing psychic demonstrations, and is



credited with more than fifteen primetime hours of specials which have achieved unprecedented high



ratings: Japan/ six hours for TV-TOKYO and NET-TV "The Greatest Psychic in The World . . . Peter Hurkos" (*-a two-parter, film at Dr. Puharich's lab in Dobson, NC where Hurkos was specifically tested for this special, and also on location in Japan, where Hurkos gave a live unrehearsed demonstration which included finding one person*), The Netherlands/nine hours for TROST-TV "Peter Hurkos" (*- four-part special highlighting Hurkos' finding the kidnapped Dutch millionaire, Maup Cransa*), Canada/two and a half hour special for CBC "Psych-Out with Peter Hurkos" (*-which created a circuit overflow when Hurkos began speaking with the home audiences by telephone*).

He also appeared in several motion pictures as himself: "The Amazing World of Psychic Phenomena" [*Sunn International*]; "Mysterious Monsters" [*David Wolper*]; and "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" [*Paramount*]. 20th Century Fox

highlighted his abilities in the motion picture "THE BOSTON STRANGLER" which starred Tony Curtis, Henry Fonda and George Kennedy and directed by Richard Fleisher.

Various prominent, worldwide publications reported his exploits throughout his lifetime: TIME, NEWSWEEK, OMNI, LIFE, TRUE, READER'S DIGEST, PLAYBOY, THE NATIONAL ENQUIRER, LADIES HOME JOURNAL, etc.

Hurkos published three books: PSYCHIC [*Bobbs-Merrill*], THE PSYCHIC WORLD OF PETER HURKOS [*Doubleday*], and PETER HURKOS: I HAVE MANY LIVES [*Doubleday*]. His achievements have been the focal points of more than seventy-five books [*see lists of some of the books attached*].



Over his lifetime Hurkos proved to be a top-draw headliner at Night-Clubs and on the Concert stage. Hurkos explained why he was able to demonstrate with such ease before audiences anywhere anytime: "When you have a gift, you don't have to be afraid to prove it. Sometimes people try to trick me, but I touch their object . . . I see pictures in my mind about what is happening . . . then I tell them."



Peter Hurkos believed there were (*are*) a lot of charlatans, and counseled: "If you ever go to a psychic, don't ask any questions or give any clues. If they are psychic, they should be able to tell what the problem is."

Hurkos resided in Studio City at the time of his death, with his wife, Stephany Hurkos, a personal manager, and their daughter Gloria. His hobbies were gardening and painting (oil painting). One of his paintings is currently on display at New York's Museum of Modern Art. Some of his other paintings adorn the residences of former President Ronald Reagan, and The General Omar N. Bradley Museum in Carlisle, Penn.

So he was . . . Peter Hurkos: the man . . . the artist . . . the psychic . . . A gentle man with a warm heart . . . giving to all . . . Peter Hurkos.

QUOTES FROM VIP'S

His Holiness, Pope Pius XII:

"I hope you will always use your God-given gift for the betterment of mankind... use it as an instrument to touch the people, to help them."

President Ronald and Nancy Reagan:

"We want you to know how deeply grateful we are... You support and encouragement mean so much to us, and we will do our best to keep faith with you."

President Lyndon B. Johnson:

"Thank you for your help. It has meant much to me. I am most grateful for your aid."

Edward W. Brooke:[U.S. Senator]

"Thank you warmly, Peter. I am particularly grateful for your aid."

Hubert H. Humphrey:

"Thank you Peter, for your amazing help. It has meant much to me. I am most grateful."

Dix R. Fetzer:[Chief of Police, Bridgewater, N.J.]

"Amazing abilities, Peter Hurkos has. I only wish every police force could use him as I have. He has been a God-send."

Robert B. White:[Chief of Police, Palm Springs, CA]

"Your psychic ability has aided our department in finding a missing boy. Thank you."

Andrija Puharich, M.D.:[he brought Hurkos to the US]

"After extensive testing under controlled conditions, I am convinced that Peter Hurkos is the greatest of anyone I have ever tested as a psychic. His abilities are so far reaching, that he hasn't even scratched the surface of what he can do with his abilities and mind."

Loyal Davis, M.D.:[famed neurosurgeon, and Nancy Reagan=s step-father]

"What you have is tactile-stimuli. A very high degree of tactile-stimuli. It is amazing what you are able to do with your mind."

General Omar N. Bradley:

"Peter Hurkos is an amazing man. I saw him locate a missing aircraft from a map that was upside down, in my living room. He is a good man, he always thinks of others. He is my friend."

Queen Juliana: [The Queen of the Netherlands]

"Thank you for your patriotic deeds. You, and the other underground fighters, have kept this country from falling. May God Bless you."

Gus Turbeville: [Professor at Sociology, Wisconsin State University]

"The most remarkable demonstration, I have ever seen. I only wish the entire world could witness you each and every time."

Jeffrey Smith:[Professor at Stanford University]

"Your psychometry was tremendous. You demonstrate your powers in such a way that the scientific world will at last awake to what you have to offer."

C. V. Wood, Jr.: [President of McCulloch Oil]

"As a result of years of controlled testing, I feel that I can state that, in my opinion, Peter Hurkos is truly a phenomenon of psychic capability."

F. Regis Riesenman, M.D.: [Arlington, VA]

"You alone, Peter, can bring into focus, once and for all, the true concept of psychometry and its potentialities."

A. Razzaque Ahmed, M.D.: [U.C.L.A. Medical School]

"I do not know in what words to tell you how utterly impressed I am. There is no doubt in my mind that the Creator of this planet and the universe has gifted you with some of the most unusual, uncommon and remarkable qualities that I have ever seen in my life. For a man who has this great depth and insight into the past, present and future, you are most humble and simple. Gandhi often said that the greatest quality a human being could be born with is that of simplicity and humility. You certainly seem to have an abundant supply of both."

Ni, Hua-Ching: [Union of Tao and Man]

"Thank you for your reading. I am impressed by your achievement. Although everyone is more or less psychic, your special achievement is a great service to the world in helping people make the right decisions. Not all psychics are as genuine and direct as you."

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9. **BOXOFFICE** movie
10. **NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP** movie



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