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Gardner dedicated a major part of his time and effort to exposing scientific hoaxes. His interest in these activities began when he repudiated a text he originally approved of in his youth: *The New Geology* by George McCready Price which argued against Darwin's theories.

His knowledge of magic proved valuable in exposing charlatans, even ones with very sophisticated frauds like Uri Geller who bent metal spoons on live TV. Geller had previously passed the analysis of two independent scientists.



Uri with His Bent Spoon

Gardner wrote *Fads and Fallacies in the Name of Science* in 1950, was one of the founding fathers of *Skeptical Enquirer*, and more than several books on the subject.



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