Fick a Destiny, Any Destiny

David Blaine's street magic special is always fun to watch. If you haven't seen what he does, this is a great example:

Now, if you're anything like your immediate reaction was, "Oh my God — how did he do that?" It's not like he was bending reality's mind, since it looked like he had the chance to have "poked a card, any card." But in fact, where magic likes like Blaine's art is in creating the best illusion of all — the illusion that we have free choice.

One of the main reasons magicians are able to "fool" what card we've picked is because we have already determined what card we wanted to pick — it was never really actually "our" choice in the first place. Their trick lies in making us feel as though we're able to feel our free will and then "magically" make it come true.

Stephen Mijnheer and Robert Marston Osser in the authors of the book "Night of the One: What the Neuroscience of Magic Reveals about Our Everyday Reality," and they argue that our minds are far more complex than we ever imagined. It's a beautiful concept, one that's been made possible by the magic of our own free will. Our brains are capable of great things, and it's up to us to unlock our potential.

Rabbi Akiva's Magic Show

This is the title of the book "Sophisticated Street Magic," which tells the story of how Akiva, a great Jewish rabbi, performed magic tricks to entertain his students. According to the book, "Akiva's freedom, though hidden, was not denied his students.

But how does that work? How can there be free choice if God has foreseen everything?

Well, think about a single thread, tied to the heart of the universe. From the point of view of the magician, we are spinning the thread, and from our point of view, experiencing it. For the magician, "all is foreseen" — he knows what is going to happen, and he plans everything out meticulously. But for us, the "freedom of choice is given," because we feel we are free to pick any card at all. And, thanks to that, we believe we are free to choose our own destiny.

So, what does this mean for our lives? It means that we have free will. We can choose our own destinies, and it's up to us to make those choices. It's up to us to shape our own lives, and it's up to us to make those choices. It's up to us to shape our own lives, and it's up to us to make those choices.

And because we're free to make choices, we're also free to make mistakes. We're free to learn from our mistakes, and we're free to grow. We're free to explore, and we're free to experience. We're free to create, and we're free to express.

So, whether or not we're "free," it's much more important to us as a society than whether or not we're "free." It's more important to us as a society than whether or not we're "free." It's more important to us as a society than whether or not we're "free."

We experience from there that there is a great value in thinking like we can pick our own destiny — any destiny we choose.