Magicology: illusions or reality

A mind-twisting article in Wired’s May issue quotes neurological researcher Stephen Macknik, “Tricks work only because magicians know, at an intuitive level, how we look at the world.” Adds Teller of Penn & Teller fame, “Giving the trick away [gives] nothing away because you still couldn’t grasp it.” Hmm. The magic of Bernie Madoff, now imprisoned CEOs, and defamed televangelists?