

## Reflections on Imagination

One of the fruits of crossing the Psychic Realm, the realm of the Divine Imagination, is the blossoming of the imaginative faculty in human beings. There are seven major types of imagination that are accessible through the Conscious mind that are activated and augmented as the Soul journeys through this realm. One or more of these abilities may flower as gifts—abilities of the Soul that are expressed through the personality.

*Visual imagination* (visualization) – this is the ability to hold the image of a three-dimensional object in the mind, to modify it and transpose it spatially.

*Auditory imagination* (composition) – the ability to hear musical notes and chords in the mind, and to construct melodies, themes, and songs

*Olfactory imagination* (perfumery) – the ability to recall scents, to add and subtract smells that evokes different moods or qualities

*Gustatory imagination* (culinary arts) – the ability to combine known tastes to create a dish with delicious flavor, texture, and aroma

*Tactile imagination* (design) – the ability to feel different fabrics in the mind and be able to select one appropriate for a garment under construction; the ability to sense the quality of surfaces, such as that used in the design of furniture, cabinetry, or home interiors

*Sexual imagination* (sensuality) – the ability to imagine the entire act of lovemaking to produce sexual arousal, including kissing, caressing, stroking, foreplay, and coitus

*Emotional imagination* (romance) – the ability to imagine a partner meeting the yearnings of your heart and fulfilling your expectations as a lover, spouse, parent, friend, companion, and playmate

*Spiritual imagination* (creation) – the ability to visualize an ideal desired outcome (dream), and to anchor this in the astral plenum for the creative forces of the Superconscious mind to manifest. Creation may be accomplished through intention coupled with visualization, by the inspired spoken word or affirmation, or feeling and believing that it shall be manifest (faith).

## The Liminal Bands of Imagination

Imagination opens endless possibilities for your life. It stimulates your creative impulses in a variety of areas. It is the abiding muse of the artist, the novel insight of the scientist, and the exciting entrepreneurial idea of the business owner.

But despite the many blessings that imagination yields, it has its dark side. The fantasies projected through the kaleidoscopic lens of imagination can also weave a web of illusions that ensnare the aspirant attempting to cross the Psychic Realm.

These non-integrated aspects of human desire dwell in the unconscious band of the mind. These fantasies, imbued with a powerful emotional charge, spawn obsessions, addictions, and delusions. They give rise to dynamic currents of the unconscious mind that must ultimately be borne into the light of consciousness and brought under your control. These liminal currents are your dark human passions, which are described on the next page.

Signs	Marked By	Dominant passion	Remedy
Catastrophic thinking	Obsessive worry	Fear	Defusing fears by rational analysis and experiencing that the fear is groundless
Acquisitive obsession	Desire for more money and possessions	Greed, avariciousness	Choosing to live simply, only purchasing what you need
Overindulgence of food and drink	Desire for more food	Gluttony	Eating to satisfy the body's needs for nutrition, controlling portions
Sexual craving	Obsession with sex	Lust	Learning to sublimate sexual energy into creative pursuits and voluntarily abstaining from sex
Intoxication	Seeking altered states of awareness and mood through the use of drugs and alcohol	Intemperance	Finding natural means to get "high" and to control moods, using meditation and prayer to cope

Signs	Marked By	Dominant passion	Remedy
Quest for attention and fame	Cultivating an image through publicity, telling tall tales about yourself, exaggerating your abilities to impress others	Egotism, narcissism	Learning to love and accept your self, adopting appropriate humility
Fascination with mystery and power	Seeking supernatural powers to obtain what you desire or to control other people, to obtain adulation and worship from others, and to obtain a sense of godlike omnipotence	Attachment	Detaching from the world mind, abiding in the Soul; asking to rightly use your powers and abilities

These passions of the unconscious subtly contaminate the motivation of the well-meaning aspirant. For example, aspirants are invaded by greed when they use the law of attraction to magnetize objects of desire, far more than they need or can use. They may use their ability to channel entities of the Psychic Realm to cultivate an aura of mystery and receive adulation from others, becoming highly attached to their new status of power and authority.

Seekers must practice discernment to catch these passions at work and gradually uproot and disarm them. They must be especially wary during their sojourn through the Psychic Realm because these passions may masquerade in different guises that seem so harmless initially.

## Phenomenal Illusions

A second wave of illusions awaits the wayfarer hoping to reach the serene shores of wisdom. These are the phenomenal illusions of the Subplanes of the Psychic Realm, where you encounter the following illusions.

Subplane	Typical Phenomenal Illusions
Materialization and dematerialization	Doomsday scenarios, utopian visions
Psychic Powers	Exaggeration and distortion of your visioning, healing and knowing abilities. For example, you may misinterpret what you see clairvoyantly; you may assume your healing attunement has greater impact than it actually does.
Healing	Elaboration of symbolic divinatory systems (e.g., astrology, Tarot, numerology) leads to misinterpretation of meaning and distortion of reality.
Heavenly Realms	Having visions of heavenly realms, believing them to be the Summum Bonum of spirituality. Contact with sundry spiritual guides, who may deliver dubious guidance.
Pleiadean Vortex	Contact with flying saucers and extraterrestrial entities, with reception of more dubious guidance.
Superreflective Ether	Contact with the astral shells of departed entities may give rise to the delusion you are actually contacting these individuals and channeling their guidance.

Subplane	Typical Phenomenal Illusions
Psychic Seeds	Grants the sense that you are loved and blessed by the Father Mother God, and that great magical power flows through you.

Your challenge in crossing the Psychic Realm is to learn to augment and develop the creative and constructive aspects of your imagination to enhance your career and personal life. You will need to begin to uproot the negative passions that arise from the perversion of imagination. You will need to begin to discern the illusions of the Subplanes of the Psychic Realm and detach from them with dispassion.

Imagination can bring many blessings to human life. But unchecked and undisciplined, wayward imagination can destroy. It is important to the seeker to understand the faculty of imagination, its undercurrents of fantasy and passion, and the illusions built into the phenomena of the Psychic Realm. By this means wayfarers can pass through the shifting quicksand of these realms and anchor their feet upon the rock of wisdom and discernment.



## Discerning What Is Real

To discern what is imagination and what is real, you must first check in with the touchstone of your inner sense of truth. So we monitor:

1. What is true at the level of my senses?
2. What is true for me emotionally?
3. What is true for me mentally (e.g., What is logical)?
4. What is true for me as a person (e.g., What are my true values)?
5. What is true for me noetically (e.g., What can I perceive with my attention and attentional principle that I know to be true)?
6. What is true for me spiritually?
7. What is my core of truth, who do I know myself to be in Eternity?

Starting with this touchstone of truth and reality, you can then determine what is real and what is imagination. Discernment begins with establishing your truth and reality, and then noting what does not fit into what you know to be true.

This does not mean you should reject anything that you do not know or perceive outright, but you can use some criteria to assess whether it is imaginary. Here are some general guidelines:

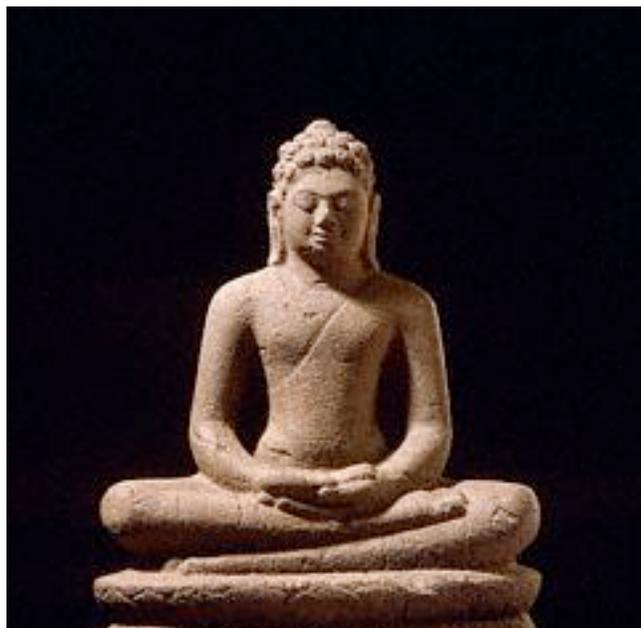
1. Is the phenomena I am sensing actually there, or is it an illusion (e.g., optical illusion, manipulation of appearance through light, graphic filters, makeup, or through magical manipulation)?
2. Is what I am feeling correct or am I projecting on this other person some of my own wishes, hopes, or fears?
3. Is my analysis logical and correct, or am I succumbing to logical fallacies?
4. Are my values congruent with who I am as a person, or am I rationalizing doing things that I know are not right?
5. Are the phenomena I perceive within consistent (e.g., when I go to the same focal point do I experience the same phenomena) or does it continually change so I am not certain what is stable?
6. Do I sense that what I am experiencing is genuinely coming from my spirit, or is does it come from another entity?
7. Based on my Soul's consciousness, does this phenomena fit within the parameters that I have experienced and can verify as real, or is it outside those parameters?

Truths can be held in four ways.

- Verified to be false, reject outright.
- Insufficient information to know either way, obtain further information and defer the decision.
- Appears to be accurate, but still have some questions, hold as a tentative or hypothetical truth.
- Verified to be true, accept.

We suggest that you spend some time after each meditation to determine what part of what you experienced resonates with your inner sense of truth and reality, and what does not.

Paying attention to what does not resonate will fine-tune your ability to make the subtle distinctions that lead to insight and wisdom, and help you avoid being swept away in the currents of fantasy and imagination.



Lead us from delusion to Abiding Truth, from the unreal to the Real, and from death to Immortality.

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