



Optical Illusions

Can you trust your eyes?

What you see is what you get, right? Not always. For instance, check out this picture. At first glance, it looks like a cube. But look closer. It has an impossible shape. Would you be able to build a real box like this? Try it with a set of blocks. It will never work. It only looks like it might work because it's a kind of trick picture called an optical illusion.



Your eyes constantly send messages to your brain about what they see. Your brain has the big job of sorting out these messages and figuring out what they mean. When your brain gets a confusing message, it quickly searches for a way to make sense of it. Optical illusions happen when your brain wrongly interprets your eyes' messages.

Optical illusions are fun because they challenge us to look closely and think carefully. They also remind us our eyes and minds are easily fooled.

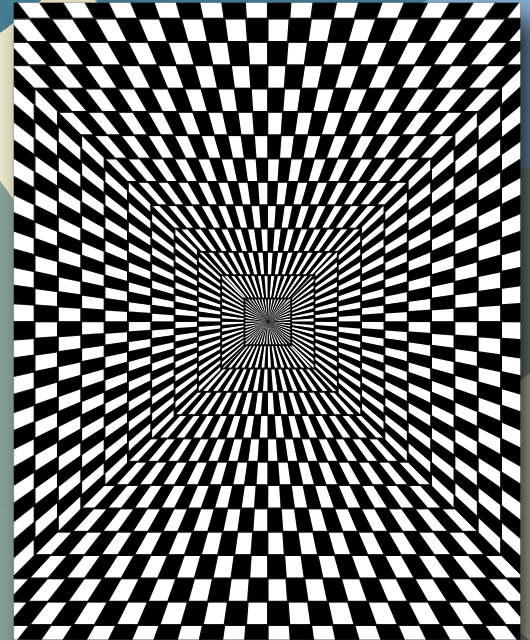
Jesus warned His disciples about one kind of deception that's not fun. In fact, He said we should guard against it. Jesus said in the last days before He returns there will be sneaky people teaching wrong things about God. They might even say the Bible is untrue and that we don't have to follow Jesus to get to heaven. Of course, Jesus said we shouldn't believe them!

"Watch out that you are not deceived" (Luke 21:8, NIV).

Reading the Bible helps us learn to recognize God's truth so we won't be fooled by spiritual illusions.

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You might think you see curves in this picture, but it's made of straight-sided blocks.



Did you know?

The giant squid takes the prize for the world's largest eyes. This underwater creature's mega-eyeballs are about the size of beach balls!

Sailors once thought wearing a gold earring improved their eyesight. Your eyes are made up of more than 2 million working parts.

JUST FOR laughs

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Pea Cub.
Pea Cub who?
Peek-a-boo,
I see you, too.

