

# Nate's "Allegory of the Oasis" Graphic

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I think I've got the perfect flow. I'll make a few different images that will have a clear, linear, arrow-pointing, 1-2-3 flow to them.

1. Animals are born in the the Garden of Pleasure, birds circling above, within the center of the Atomic Oasis.
2. Over time, we get misdirected by the Winds of Skepticism into the Desert of Superstition.
3. We become scared and confused in the Stormy Dialectic, fleeing from thunderous bolts of Divine Illumination.
4. Completely lost into endless, dry plains, we begin to hallucinate icons and symbols in the arid Valley of Mirages.
5. We then see the Mountains of Virtue in the distance, and strain our bodies trying to climb them.
6. Aching, cold, thirsty, craving nurishment, we follow a preconceived inclination to correct our painful experiences.
7. An animal called 'Sensation' distantly sees the colorful gardens, hears sounds of life, and visually follows a stream flowing from the mountains.
8. An animal called 'Preconceptions' remembers the circling birds from youth, and anticipates the oasis by following new birds above.
9. An animal called 'Feelings' (maybe a blind animal) judges that the stream flowing from the mountain is pleasant, and so feels their way home.
10. Ultimately, the animals find their way back into the Garden of Pleasure by trusting (and cultivating!) their natural wisdom.