

Supernatural and the Senses

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You know, I think that in the end, it comes down to what you **define** as ill.

Also, I think that, as Epicurus said, **what our senses tell us is real, but how we interpret them isn't.**

So, let's jump into the first question: what do you define as ill? When someone sees something you don't see, I wouldn't necessarily call it mentally ill. For example, my mother can't see colours. She can only see black, white and grey. Is she physically ill? From her perspective, no; that's the world how she perceives it. But from the perspective of a „normal“ person, she's most certainly ill. Just the same thing applies here. Illness is very relative, it's not an objective label.

now let's get into the second part. I've made the discovery that as soon as you allow supernatural things to slide into your own life, even when it's something as minor as Platos forms, that means that you'll get very strange results. I think that a separation here is needed: there's a difference between believing that **only what you see is true**, as in that case my mom should dismiss every thought of colour, and believing that **there are things out there which you can't possibly perceive**. Like God.

As a conclusion: it may well be that this person see demons and angels. But then, these things aren't supernatural- they're simply a part of our world, because they consist of atoms and void. Maybe our eyes simply aren't adapt at seeing them, just as I can't smell like my dog can- and this person simply has incredible biological luck. **There's no way in judging if this person is right or wrong.** Still, either a) there truly are angels- but then they are normal creatures, and you shouldn't fear them. Or b) there're no material angels- in that case, it's pure superstition and thus worthless.

So basically, the best thing to do is to follow Pyrrhonist advice here and dismiss judgement on this subject. That doesn't mean that her viewpoint is valid- it simply means that you can't prove nor disprove it, and thus you should suspend judgement on that. Easy as that 😊

Hope that helped!