

Can the senses be wrong?

Post by "Todd" of October 6, 2019 at 8:24 PM

If you want to change "intellect" to "subconscious", then my objection is withdrawn :-).

However, I'm still going to point out that "subconscious" is still not the word I would choose. (That word is "irrational", which I shamelessly appropriate from DeWitt.) But I see the direction you're trying to go, so forgive me if I'm being pedantic.

Feelings are conscious (we are aware of them - usually, I suppose), but they don't proceed from reason, they are more automatic than that - hence, "irrational". Perhaps you could say feelings are generated unconsciously, but we perceive them with the conscious (?) - I'll defer to others as to whether this is accurate.

I gave the optical illusion example just to begin with a simple illustration of how Epicureans delineate the senses from reason. But the rest of my response was directed at the examples you gave - intoxication, mental illness, hypnotism, etc.

Most of us here aren't scholars either. Just geeks, possibly. 😊