

Seeing is Believing?



or

Perception can be Misleading

Ambiguity

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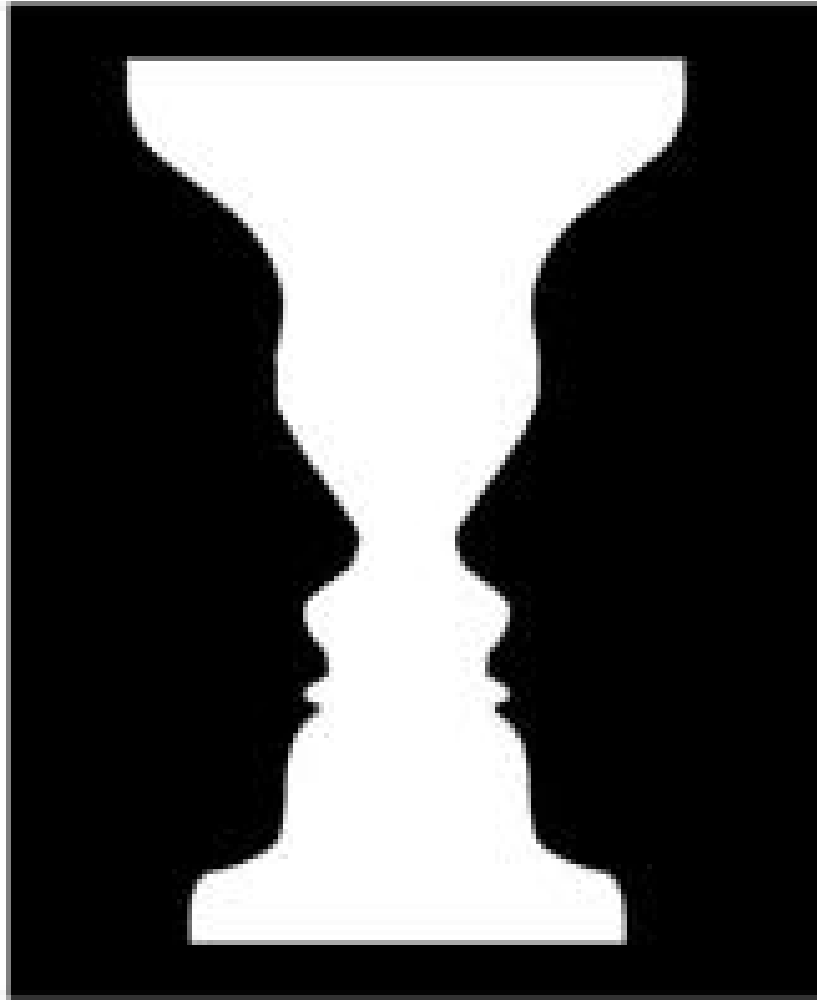
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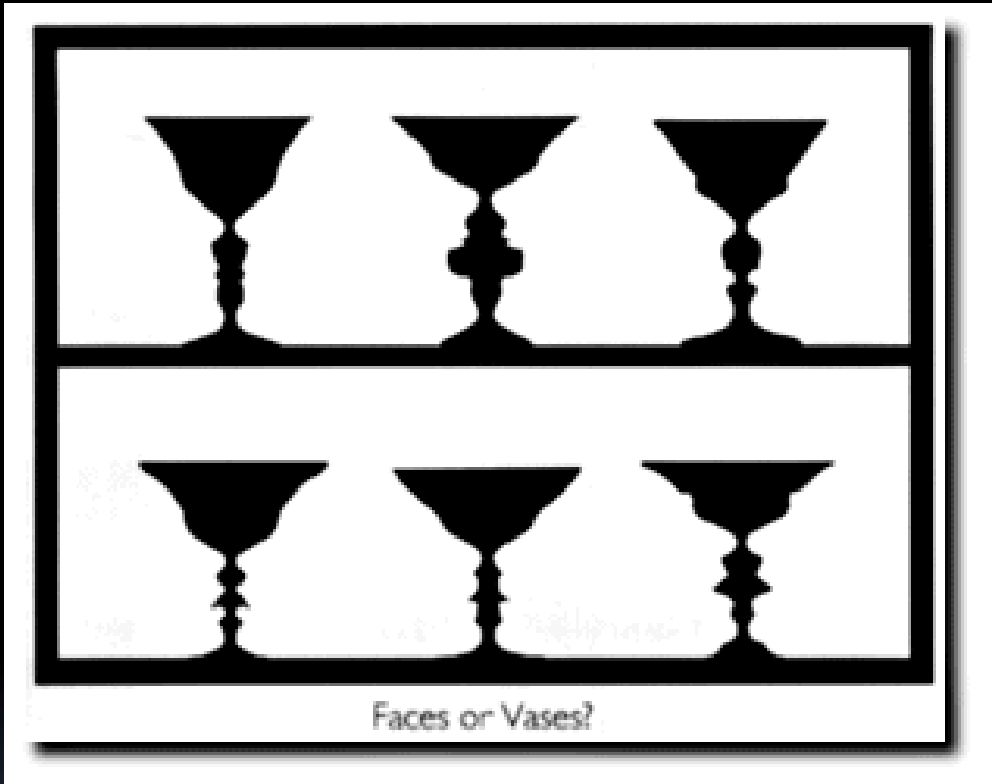
My Wife and my Mother-in-law



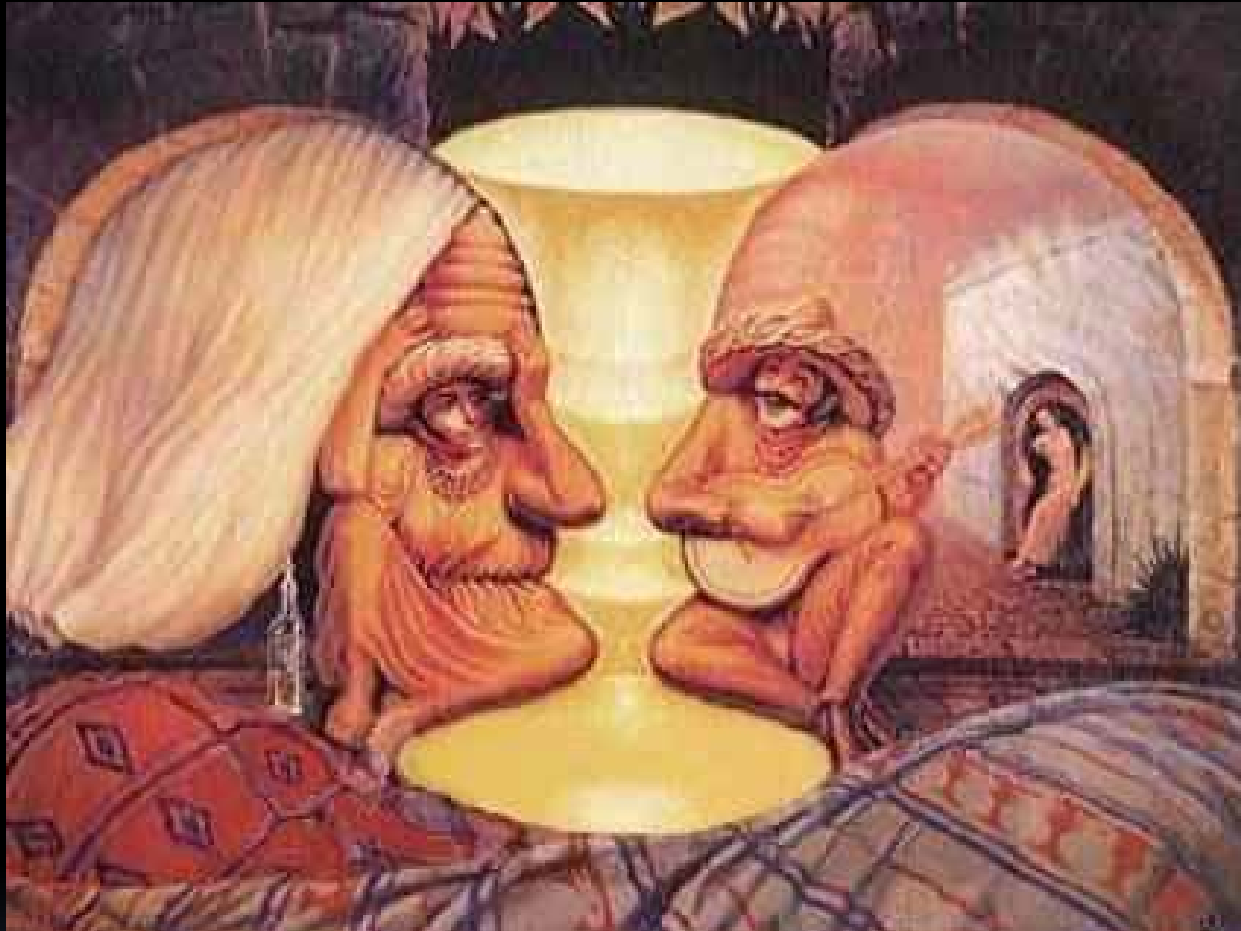
An old woman or a young woman?



Faces or vase?



Faces or Vases?



An old couple is remembering the times when they were young and full of life

看法不同

看似雲層又似峰。
各方看法不全同。
嬌娃老婦因人異，
面孔花瓶肇畫朦。
物像模糊愚耳目，
思維僵硬困牢籠。
節流增稅難和協，
黨派紛爭國庫窮。

Seeing Things Differently

Are they clouds, or are they mountain peaks?

From their own perspectives people see things differently.

Some see it as an ugly old lady; others, a young beauty.

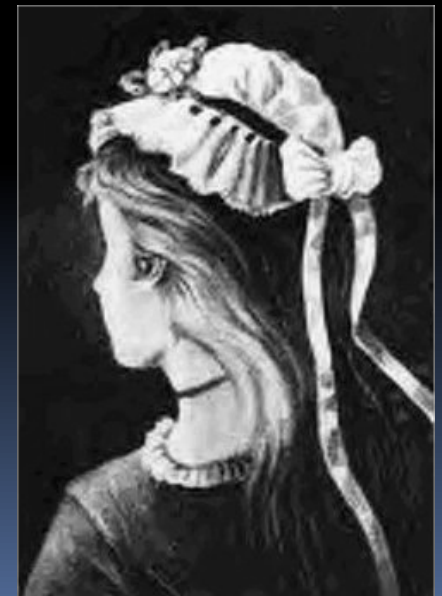
An ambiguous picture can trigger one to see either faces or a vase.

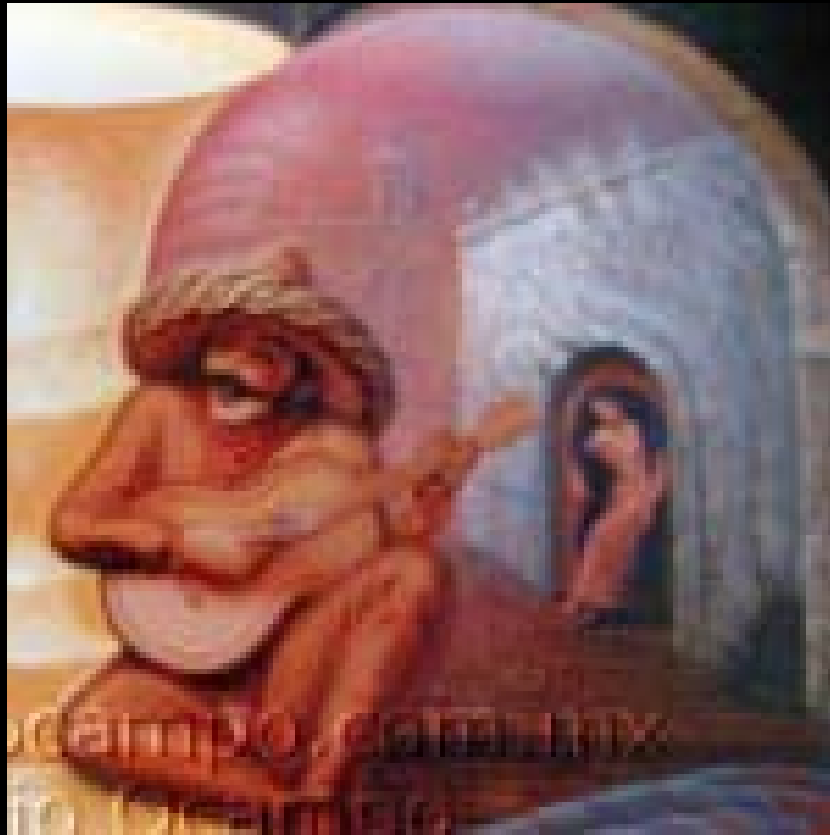
Our ears and eyes can be fooled by vague sounds or images.

Rigidity in thinking can keep our thoughts confined in a cage.

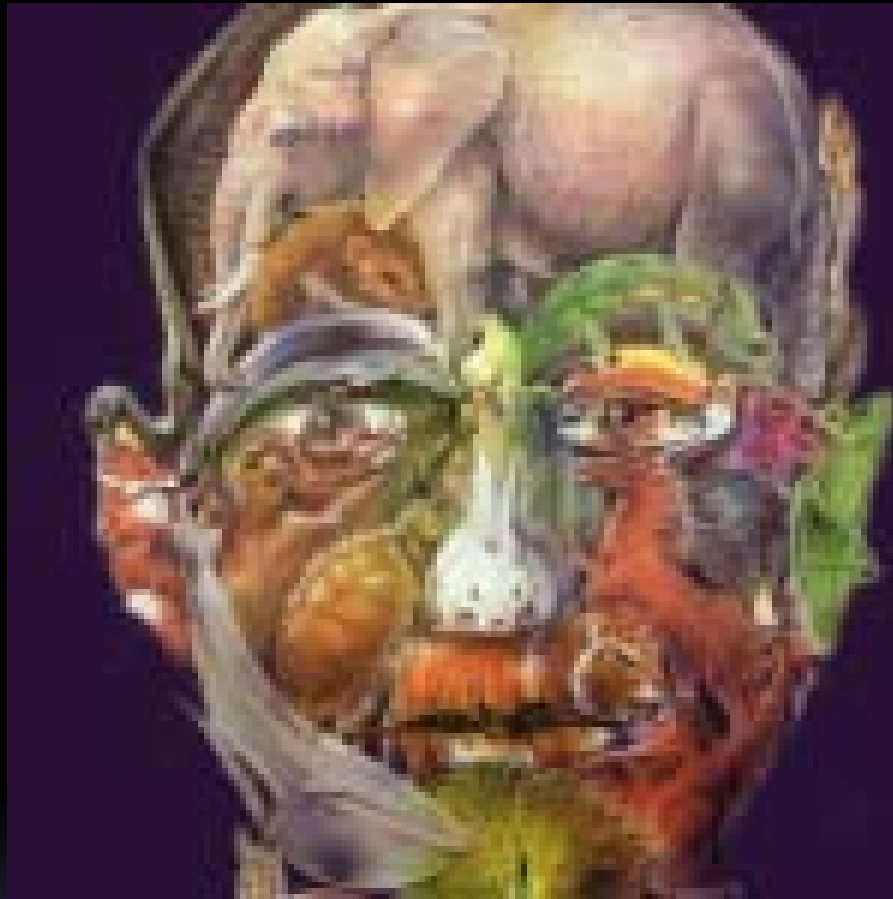
Political gridlock on spending and taxes will continue.

Meanwhile tax revenue is adversely affected by partisan bickering.





What else do you see ?



Discover animals in these images, by looking at them in different ways.



The clown in nudes

Is that a polar bear or a seal on the optical illusion picture below?





Same picture upside down



Same picture upside down



What do you see?



What was Sigmund Freud thinking?



Is a hidden tiger somewhere?



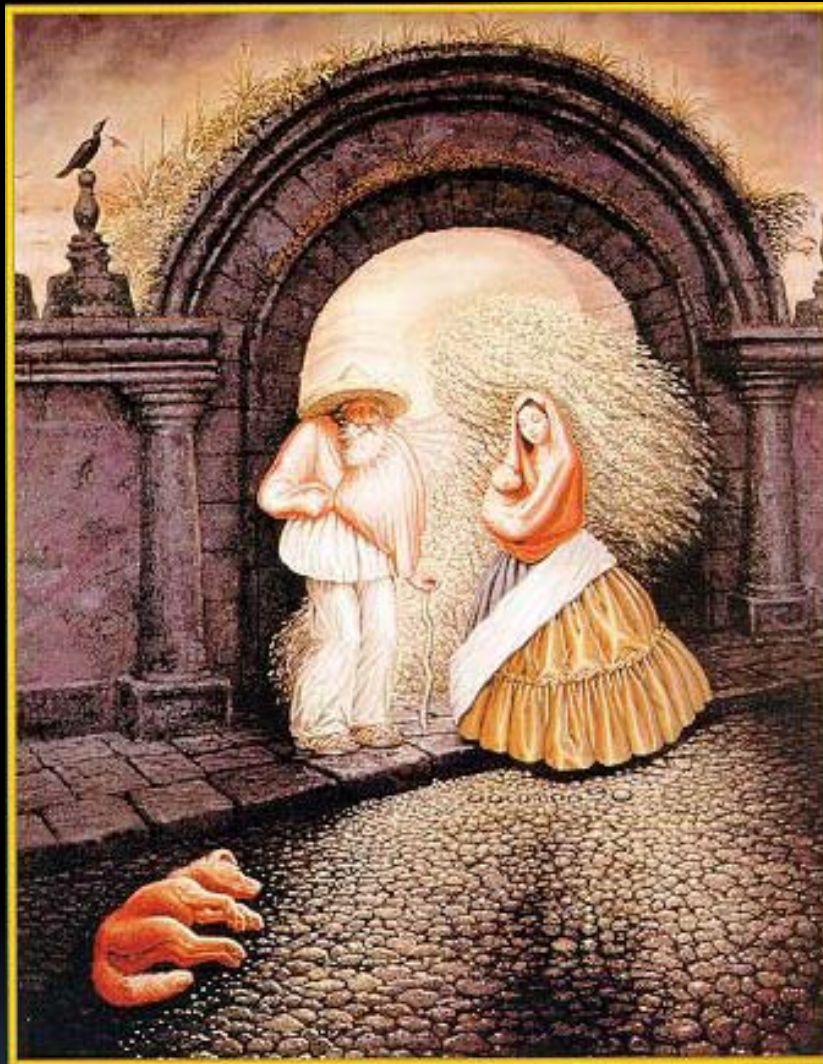
Whole family mind teaser - father with mother and daughter (by G. H. Fischer).



A similar example of ambiguous visual illusions - father and son.



A landscape and the face of a bearded man.



Count the Faces



More Count the Faces



How many people are there?



Is it a mirror or ghost?



What do you see on her face?



What do you see?





幻象

雨後殘雲環禿樹，疏林突現雪山巔。
汪洋碧海浮城堡，大漠黃沙顯綠泉。
餓體勞形迷視野，胡思亂想失真詮。
模糊景物愚心眼，幻象疑真當實傳。

Illusions

The clouds are over the bare trees
after the rain,
Suddenly I see behind the thin woods
a mountain peak with a snowy scene.
Having been in the ocean for a long time,
we may see a castle on the sea floating.
On a desert, we may see
the illusion of an oasis appearing.
When we are tired and hungry,
we may see things less clearly.
When we give our thoughts free rein,
we may mix the reality with a dream.
When things are vaguely presented,
we are more likely to be fooled.
When we spread the news,
we are more likely to report
our fantasy as if it were true.

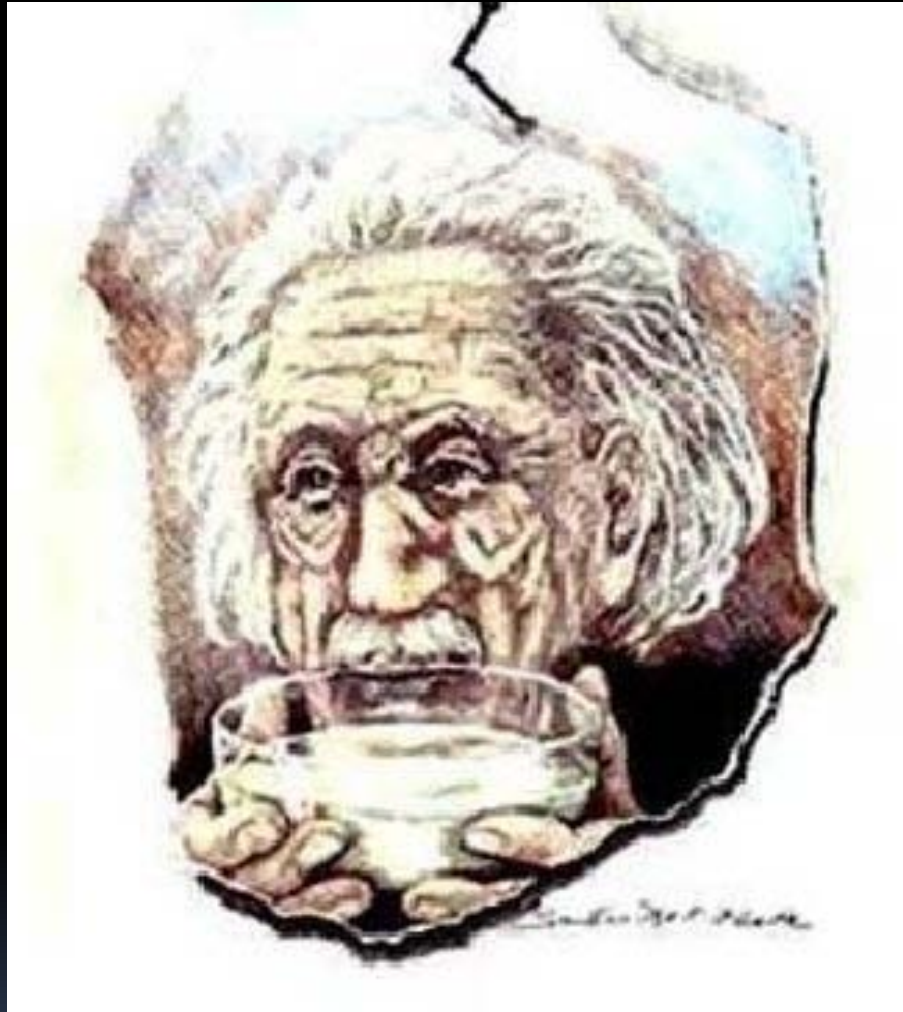








What do you see on and around the tree?



How special are his nose and eyes?



Is this a ghost or what?



These scary fellows don't always appear as they seem. Obviously Dr. Angry appears on the left and Mr. Smiles on the right. But if you back away from your computer screen a few feet, the effect will switch around; Mr. Smiles will change places with Dr. Angry. The effect works at different distances for some people. I had to move back about 15 feet before the switch occurred.



We are a pattern seeking species, but sometimes we have to look hard to see the obvious.
How quickly can you find the face in the beans?



Closer & closer....

Hames was walking on an island in the South Pacific where he saw a Jesus-like figure standing on a beach. The man had long dark hair and a light grey cloak, hunched slightly and with his head bowed as if he were in solemn contemplation or prayer, standing completely alone just beyond some driftwood on the beach. His girlfriend, Tara, took a few photos as they approached the man. Examine these photos carefully, and then go to the **next** page to see the last photo.



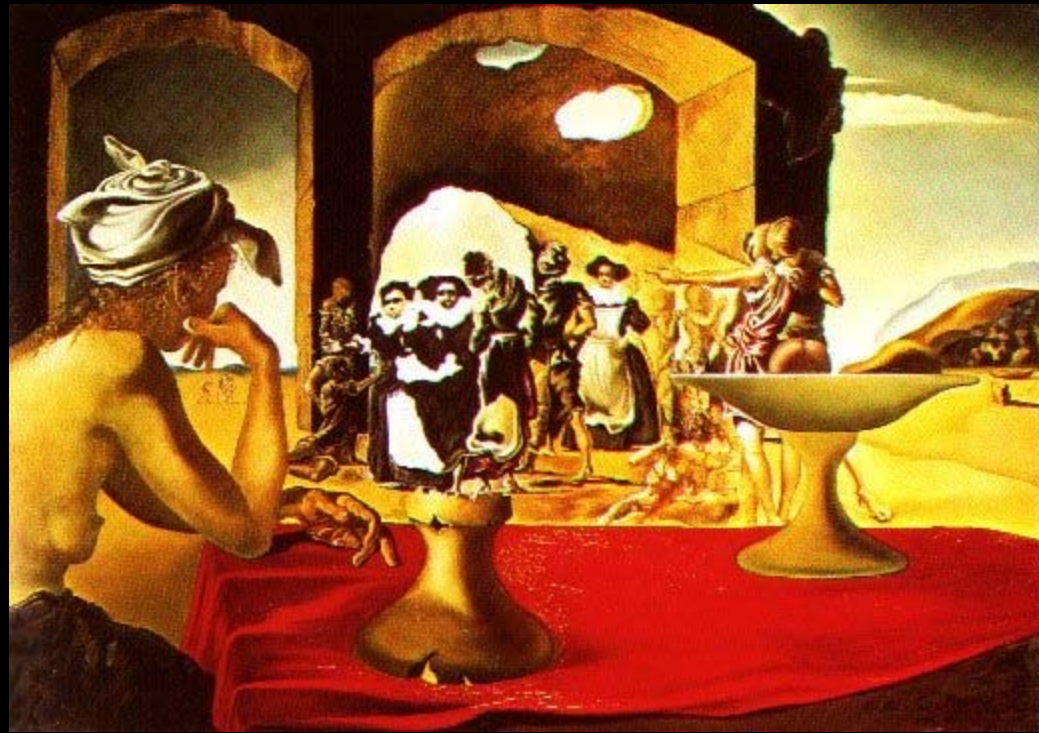
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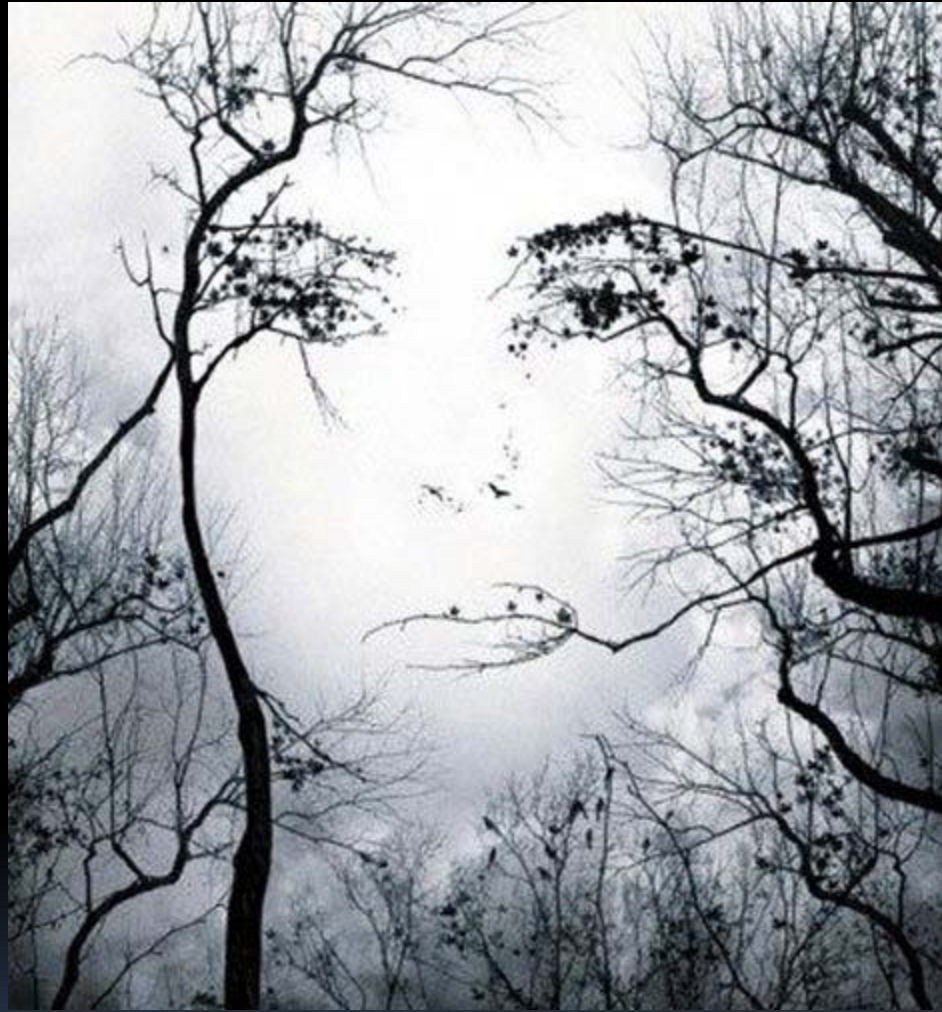
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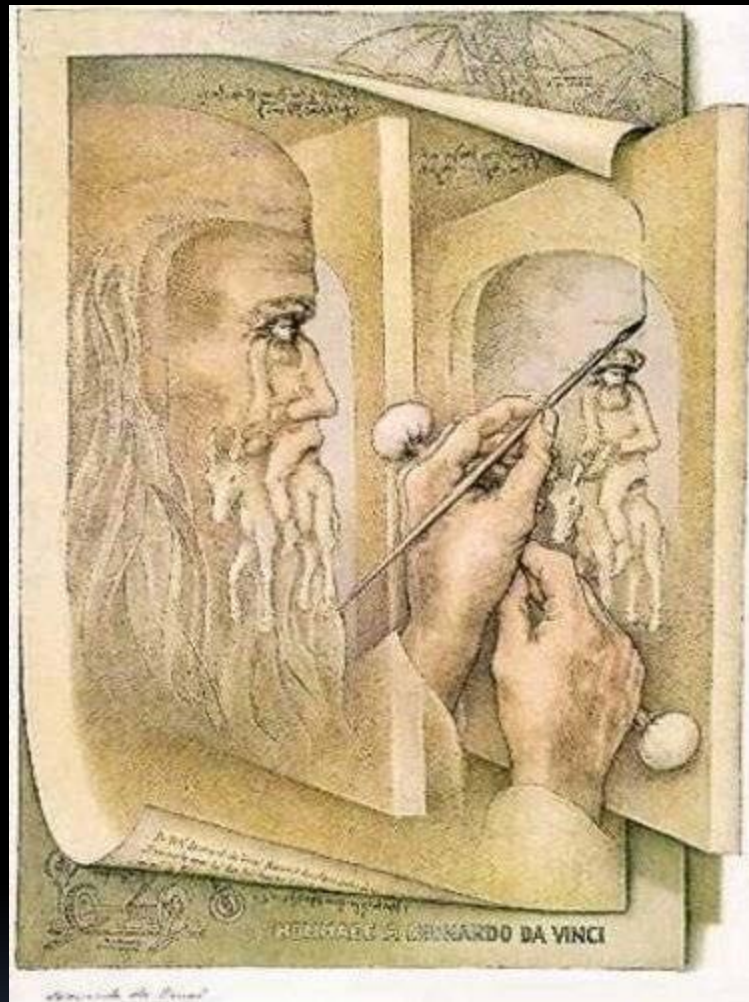
How many people are there?



What do you see?



Look closely at the image. How many hidden images do you see?



Look closely and watch the image transform before your eyes.



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經驗思維感覺牽。模糊物象靠心連。
張三看似雲遮月，李四疑猜浪蓋船。
挨餓荒郊粗糲美，乾喉大漠濁泉鮮。
開懷得意時飛逝，苦澀窮途日若年。



Perception

Perception influences the way we experience and think.

Ambiguous objects rely on our mind to supply a link.

Zhang San interprets the picture as the moon behind the clouds.

Li Si perceives it as a boat overturned by billows.

Coarse rice in the wilderness could be very delicious for someone who is starving.

Feeling thirsty on the desert, muddy water could be very refreshing.

Time seems to fly when someone feels content and blessed.

In rough and hard times, days pass as if they were years.







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A Dreamy World
A man's dreams are an index to his greatness.



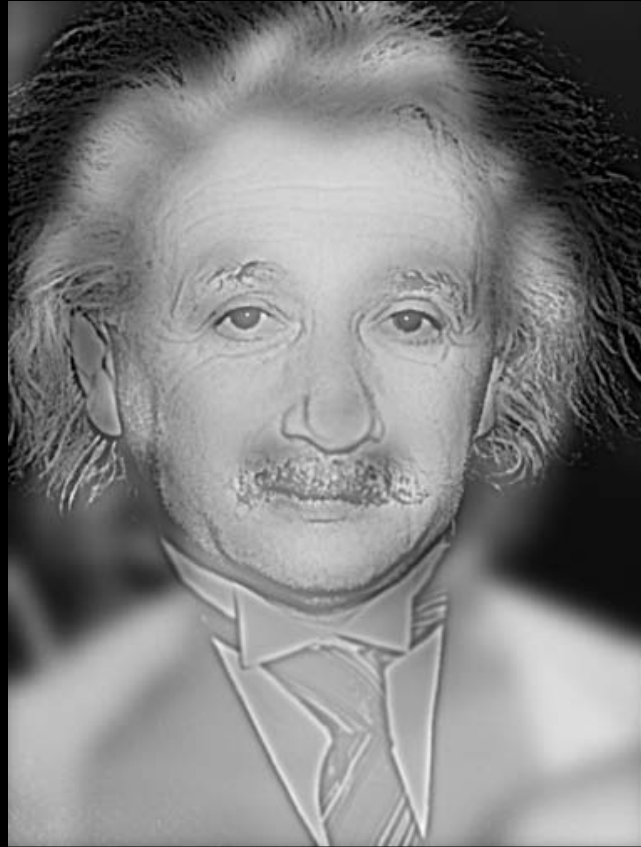
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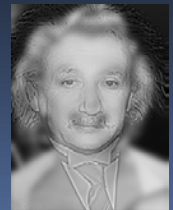






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When you look at the image above, whose face do you see? At normal screen viewing distance you should see the face of the great scientist Albert Einstein. Now squint your eyes or take a few steps back from the image. Does a certain Hollywood personality pop into view? The Marilyn Einstein hybrid image was created by Dr. Aude Oliva for the March 31st 2007 issue of New Scientist magazine.





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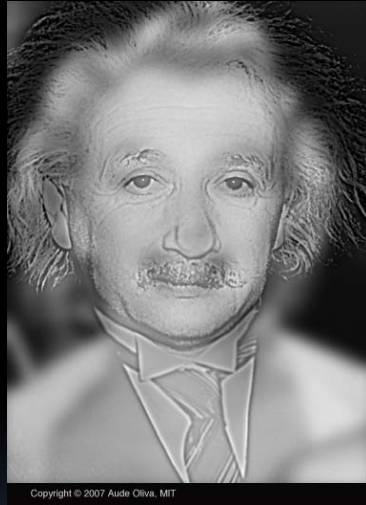
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