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Illusion/Delusion

Swift

Written by James Randi

Monday, 25 May 2009 00:00

I recently attended a rather special conference at which was held the 2009 Best Illusion of the Year contest. There, I met Dr. Shen Lin, a mathematician, who soon solved one of my mentalism tricks, after some head-scratching and deep thought! At dinner that night, I also met Professor Thomas V. Papathomas, Director of the Laboratory of Vision Research with Rutgers University Department of Biomedical Engineering. He forwarded me an excellent illusion, to be viewed at [YouTube](#). Take a look, and be amused and amazed!



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Hmmm...

written by **BillyJoe**, May 25, 2009

Well it's good, but hands up who hasn't seen it at least ten times already.

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Jaded?

written by **Anitya**, May 25, 2009

Why would the fact that you have already seen something make it any less interesting?

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written by LovleAnjel, May 25, 2009

It's bizarre how our brain will shift its visual interpretation of something. One second it's a face following you with its eyes and the next it's a negative image.

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written by ErikStanfill, May 28, 2009

This is great illusion. Many of you may have seen this with the "statues" in the pre-show/queue area of Disneyland's "Hanunted Mansion" attraction.

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written by DrMatt, May 30, 2009

Jerry Andrus did lots of stuff like this.

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Why be amazed?

written by rjh01, May 31, 2009

This is a very common illusion I have seen several times. Very easy to do. James Randi is presenting it as if it is something new.

It is not even a very good youtube of it.

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