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The Best Optical Illusions of the Year 2007


I bet you didn't even know there was a contest.

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The winner of the contest is remarkable.. not only it's an illusion but also explains more about our visual system.

"Twin Towers of Pisa":

http://illusioncontest.neuralcorrelate.com/index.php?module=pagemaster&PAGE_user_op=view_page&

by [flernk](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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My brain a splode.

by [FarcicalFart](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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This one is my favorite. I had to open it up in an image editor and swap them to prove it for myself. :-)

by [jimbojim](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Too bad we can't see any of them since the site is dead already.

by [realitybias](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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The BEST optical illusion...

Tricking us that the page does not exist.

by [drakeqta](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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The page seems to be deader then a doornail, but I did find the leaning tower one here along with an explanation of how it works...

http://3quarksdaily.blogspot.com/3quarksdaily/2007/05/best_visual_ill.html

by [MrBabyMan](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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This would seem to be a strong argument for linking to a scraping blog with better servers, such as boingboing, rather than the original source.

by [ChronicColonic](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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I took the same image and made four pictures of the leaning tower. Each tower to the right looks like it is leaning a little further to the right.. Pretty cool!

by [dokbeast7](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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I still don't understand how these could be the best of 2007. It's not even June yet.

by [birkoph](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 10 diggs



Best illusion of 2007, Digg is passing off as a news site.



by [adsoftheworld](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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You should check this one out too: http://creativebits.org/amazing_optical_illusions
Really surprising effect!



by [glypht](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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by [glypht](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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by [bowdie](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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glypht : Nope, it got me too. Windows2000 and firefox.



by [mesoiam](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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adsoftheworld that one is amazing



by [deadmann](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Damn, I thought it was a stereo pair at first.



by [ransomowris](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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<http://duggmirror.com>

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by [silverchrysalis](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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now i feel all queasy



by [soda0289](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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by [FuzzyBunny89](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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by [pogfreak](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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fuzzy bunny was a noob
fuzzy bunny had no clue
that the link he said was broken
was encoded with a referer's token



by [FuzzyBunny89](#) on [5/22/07](#)

- 3 diggs

Sorry about that one guys, by the time i had finished submitting the comment, there was already a correction by gmprunner. My apologies.



by [kelcan](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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This server is an illusion.

 by [ericdano](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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WTF. Aren't we only in May? What happens if someone comes out with something better?

Seriously. I don't get it. PC World publishes a Best Products of 2007, and it's only May. Now this. Geeze. What, we going to start seeing 2009 cars two years early now?

 by [pianomahnn](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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With this method they can run the same type of story multiple times. It's magical marketing!

 by [lanki](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 8 diggs  

These illusions come from the vision sciences conference held last week in Florida. It's not like they time these things so they can coincide with the new year, it's just one of those little satellite conferences that coincide with the bigger cognitive psychology conferences.

One of last years winners still makes me smile for no particular reason.

The bicycle illusion:

http://www.psych.ubc.ca/~ennslab/research/bicycle_index.html

 by [laserblazer](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 0 diggs  

The production values in that bicycle illusion clip remind me of 'Lost' but with better dialog.

 by [ZeRux](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Off topic, but does someone knows where the photo from bicycle illusion is taken ('cause that town looks pretty to me)?

 by [KiSA](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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I have to say, I saw all of the dots move but the bike didn't seem to 'bob up and down' like I expected it to



 by [ejsocom](#) on [5/22/07](#)


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If you're tripping...just sayin'.

2007 isn't even halfway, how can you hold a contest for this year already?

 by [icoms](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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 by [roger](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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"It's an illusion, Michael. A trick is something a whore does for money....or cocaine!"

 by [akinser](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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 by [santaliqueur](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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@ akinser:

watch the extended pilot.



by [devindotcom](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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roger -

I thought he said "candy"?



by [HawkeyeMatt](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 8 diggs

Extended pilot = Cocaine

Broadcasted pilot = Candy



by [roger](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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@devindotcom

They're right, its from the extended pilot. I did think the candy line was funnier though.



by [ruddy](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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by [tmyprod](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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by [gmprunner](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Here's the illusion: the page suddenly stops appearing! Ooooooooooh, aaaaaaaaaah!



by [aldenhg](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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I knew there was a competition, but you can't see it without special glasses.



by [ares623](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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by [actorboy](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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This is why Digg needs an optical illusions section.



by [zedlander](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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The winning illusion, since the site is down:

http://scienceblogs.com/omnibrain/2007/05/best_visual_illusion_of_the_ye_2.php



by [blooperspree](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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I never saw the contest coming. :-P



by [lovelifenow](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 2 diggs

<http://shapirolab.net/> recieved last years best illusion award



by [yomamaisfat](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 8 diggs

I've seen this trick. You click on it and a zombie screams at you or your computer gets a virus.

 by [fnord185](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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#1 was hard to believe so I made this quick animation to prove it. Impressive:

http://www.allyzabba.com/images/screenhunter_05_may_17_1355.swf [235k swf file]

Hope it doesn't kill my server too quickly. :)

 by [bahimiron](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Nice animation.

Anyone who can see those hidden images in stereogram posters could pretty easily confirm that the images are the same by unfocusing and overlapping the two.

 by [littlemarcho](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Sorry for spam, but this one shits all over them!

<http://www2.psy.unsw.edu.au/Users/BAnderson/chess.jpg>

they are the same, really!

 by [mnx12](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 0 diggs  


I don't get it, they look the same...Is something supposed to look different?



 by [firstpost](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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this one is kind of the same idea:

<http://langabi.name/blog/wp-content/images/blog/optical%20illusion.jpg>

 by [mustacheo](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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 by [wyrdness](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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I don't know why people are digging him down. That one is excellent. The 'black' and 'white' chess pieces are exactly the same shades.

 by [bwood](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Woah.. that was fantastic. At first it looked like the top chess is white, and the bottom is black. But when you put the two together, its exactly the same shade!! Cool.

 by [mrassman](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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That one is fantastic.

 by [stormmind](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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 by [stormmind](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Nevermind. Get it now. =P

 by [mrossman](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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..yes they are. You can check with photoshop if you want.

 by [fatpads](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 0 diggs  

That's pretty incredible.

 by [muffinmanpoo](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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<http://www.xkcd.com/c237.html>

 by [stephant](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Here is a paper that explains it and has examples:

<http://www2.psy.unsw.edu.au/Users/BAnderson/TexturedWhites.pdf>

 by [kewlito](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 4 diggs  

For the non-believers:

<http://img372.imageshack.us/img372/6473/untitled1js4.gif>

 by [CharlesV](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Here's a few of them, in the video for Whitest Boy Alive's Golden Cage. Really helps to see these illusions in motion / explained. (especially the checkerboard shadow illusion)

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=bOP37A1EhEs>

 by [firstpost](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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sorry for the spam before, but on this page it's much better and there's proof:

http://web.mit.edu/persci/people/adelson/checkershadow_illusion.html

 by [dcbrown07](#) on [5/22/07](#)

- 3 diggs  



i was at this contest

 by [lanki](#) on [5/22/07](#)

- 1 digg  

vss for life

 by [boxerjess](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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 by [Btrash](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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it is the same exact picture you douche.

 by [mrossman](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Yeah.. you're buzzed.

 by [iamjaredc](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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 by [asbest](#) on [5/22/07](#)- 3 diggs  

grunning bada @!

 by [daniel](#) on [5/22/07](#)+ 4 diggs  

I bet the server didn't even know it was to be raped by diggers

 by [raindowg](#) on [5/22/07](#)+ 2 diggs  

And if anyone is interested, yet another link to a bunch of illusions, that I've had bookmarked for some time now.

<http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/~akitaoka/saishin-e.html>

A lot of them are pretty neat-o.

 by [MattD1](#) on [5/22/07](#)- 1 digg  

Here's a good optical illusion:

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=807885014283530747>

 by [Synth3t1c](#) on [5/22/07](#)+ 1 digg  

is this an outlet for you to shove your athiest ideas down my throat? I'm not ripping on athiesm (its a personal choice that i respect) but it doesn't have anything to do with this. you are a retard for posting this here.

digg this man down!

 by [wizzardnstuff](#) on [5/22/07](#)+ 4 diggs  

Stare at the picture for long enough and it changes:

<http://www.cleric.za.org/illusion/>

 by [avihappy](#) on [5/22/07](#)+ 1 digg  

Is this a screamer?

 by [Mageant](#) on [5/22/07](#)+ 2 diggs  

This proves that there is less objectivity in what we sense than we like to believe. A significant amount of interpretation goes into what we see. I wonder what else there is that we cannot see, simply because our brain cannot interpret it correctly?


 by [meshman](#) on [5/22/07](#)+ 2 diggs  

Very cool but what time warp does PCWorld live in to have a Best of 2007 in May?

 by [catalysis](#) on [5/22/07](#)+ 6 diggs  

Check out this one. It's like you can see your brain moving.

<http://www.psy.ritsumei.ac.jp/~akitaoka/rotsnakee.html>

 by [speedyrev](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 2 diggs  

How about the illusion that your server can handle the digg effect.

 by [BowzZer](#) on [5/22/07](#)

- 3 diggs  

Forbidden

You don't have permission to access /index.php on this server.

Additionally, a 403 Forbidden error was encountered while trying to use an ErrorDocument to handle the request.

Apache/1.3.37 Server at illusioncontest.neuralcorrelate.com Port 80

 by [Acill](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 2 diggs  

Wow, the one that hides the site with these errors was the best one ever! ;)

Warning: Unknown(/home/macknik/public_html/illusioncontest/index.php): failed to open stream: Permission denied in Unknown on line 0

Warning: Unknown(/home/macknik/public_html/illusioncontest/index.php): failed to open stream: Permission denied in Unknown on line 0


Warning: (null()): Failed opening '/home/macknik/public_html/illusioncontest/index.php' for inclusion (include_path='.:usr/lib/php:usr/local/lib/php') in Unknown on line 0

 by [gaboo](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 1 digg  

Here's the mirror for those getting errors (like me):

http://duggmirror.com/offbeat_news/The_Best_Optical_Illusions_of_the_Year_2007/

 by [GETLIQUIFIED](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 1 digg  

none are working

awe, i really wanted to see this :(

 by [iwantawii](#) on [5/22/07](#)

+ 1 digg  

If you guys like these then you may find these interesting:

<http://www.astraldynamics.com/tutorials/?BoardID=9>

They're articles on training the eye to see auras, and more than just opposite colors or after images. I never really got too far, but it's interesting what you can see when you're sitting around, bored -- especially when watching a relatively non-moving person, such as class or a speaker. The guides do not claim to allow you to see "cancer" or something in a person, more subtle energies are more than meets the eye.

The key idea, is to notice the difference in what you see between a living and non-living object, such as the aura surrounding a green plant and the aura surrounding a green shirt.

 by [politechaos](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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Well, I thought there I saw a contest, but it turns out it was just a spiral and some squiggly lines.

 by [jstevoh](#) on [5/22/07](#)


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Here's a Marilyn Monroe Illusion:

http://scienceblogs.com/omnibrain/2007/05/marilyn_monroe_visual_illusion_2.php

as well as another illusion that was a top finisher in the contest:

http://scienceblogs.com/omnibrain/2007/05/bouncing_brains_and_blue_banan.php

 by [juicey](#) on [5/22/07](#)


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WOW! Two fucking towers next to each other. What's the illusion, are you only supposed to see one?! WOOP-ITY-DO! Did they also mention that 100% of the members are part of the generatic association?

 by [xurxo7](#) on [5/22/07](#)

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The website is up again!! you can see all the illusions now. They are awesome!

 by [dspain](#) on [5/23/07](#)

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Check out the ones in the "Color" column, and especially check out the yellow Rubik's cube-ish thing.

<http://www.purveslab.net/seeforyourself/?1>

 by [macknik](#) on [5/23/07](#)

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Diggers: thank you so much for your interest in our contest. YOU are the reason that we hold it every year. As a neuroscientist I can tell you that your comments and curiosity about the illusions are right on the mark! I hope you can come to next year's contest in Naples Florida on May 10, 2008.

Steve Macknik -- On behalf of the Neural Correlate Society and the illusion creators.

 by [angoulemmy](#) on [5/23/07](#)

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Own up, is this a meta-pic of the diff tween Dems & Repubs, Labour & Tory, etc!

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