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I'll offer another point of view. The origin of the illusion idea were folks who disciplined themselves so intensely that they were able to manifest seeming miracles. Of course their followers remembered them in a slightly exaggerated form to enhance their own presumed illumination. That's just normal human stuff. A little fudge here and there and before you know it someone is a saint.

Anyway, most of the folks who are asserting that all is illusion have driven cars, watched TV, lived in comparative luxury (certainly not poverty), in general didn't do physical labor as part of their livelihood, shopped in grocery stores and believed in mysticism but not a Creator. It seems to me the idea that all is illusion is an intellectual escape route enhanced by an emotional attachment to the feeling that one knows the secret of the universe. If you follow it to a logical conclusion... if all is illusion then the illusion that it is an illusion is an illusion.

Here's my perspective. The Creator is the source of all. I'll think of the created universe as his self-created body that is maintained by an eternal outpouring of energy. In short the entire universe is a state of continuous creation. There is a purpose. Our physical plane has a purpose. It is upheld by the constant emergence of energy and pattern that is admittedly transformed downward through many agents. However at the heart of it all is the Creator. Without that Being there would be nothing. Therefore the world we live in is just as real as God. It's just quite distant so it seems a bit more tenuous.

You can test my assertion that '*the world is an illusion*' is an intellectual postulate and no more real than that. How? I'll bet you can't hold it in your heart.