"We must distinguish between a sense-illusion and an illusion of the understanding. The rope-snake illusion is produced by wrong interpretation of the matter presented to the senses. The illusion ceases as soon as we have been convinced that it is a rope. But if a man sees a double moon due to an eye disease, this illusion will continue even when he is told that the moon is single.

Moreover, there are hallucinations and dreams where the visions are present with vividness, which is a characteristic feature of direct sense perception. They lack vagueness and generality which is a feature of conceptual thought.

Constructiveness' is the essence of the spontaneity of the Understanding: it is defined as the cognition of a real thing in the guise of a general image. Such constructiveness (Kalpana = yojana) will be absent in a hallucination because there the corresponding particular external thing is absent.

Hallucinations, vivid dreams and "flower in the sky", then, will be non-constructive. Would they be right perceptions merely because they do not involve mistaking one thing for another? They are not constructions on the basis of a real sensation, so, being non-constructive, they may fall under the definition of right sense perceptions?

To guard against such consequences, the addition of the qualification 'non-illusive is necessary. And 'non-illusive' will mean 'non-subjective', non-conceptual, hence non-empirical and ultimately real."

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