

Two Things at Once – Optical Illusions

Explain the Incarnation: When God (Jesus, the second person of the Trinity) became human while remaining divine:

- According to the mystery of the Incarnation, Jesus has two natures.
- Jesus is completely human and completely divine at the same time.
- Jesus is not more human than divine, and He is not more divine than human.
- In His humanity, Jesus was like us in all things—except sin. This means that He was born, He experienced human emotions, and He died—just like all human beings.
- In His divinity, Jesus performed supernatural miracles.

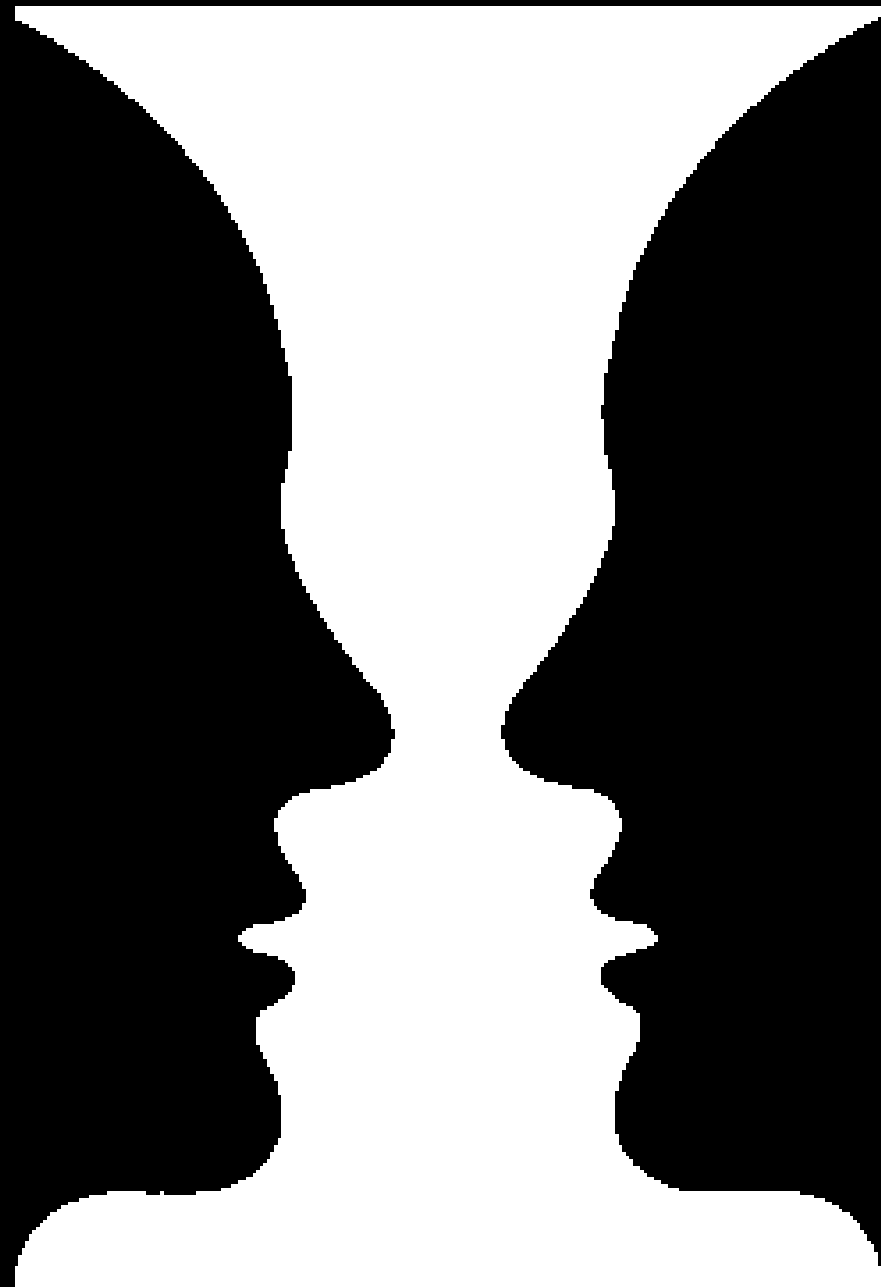
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In this activity you are going to view optical illusions to reinforce the idea of how something can be two things at the same time (Jesus is both human and divine at the same time).

Look at each optical illusion together and tell each other what you see. Do you see the same image?

- If you don't see the same thing, share what you do see.
- If you see the same thing, try to see the other image.

* * Following each picture page, you will find a description of both images.**



What do you see?

- Faces (black)
- Vase (white)



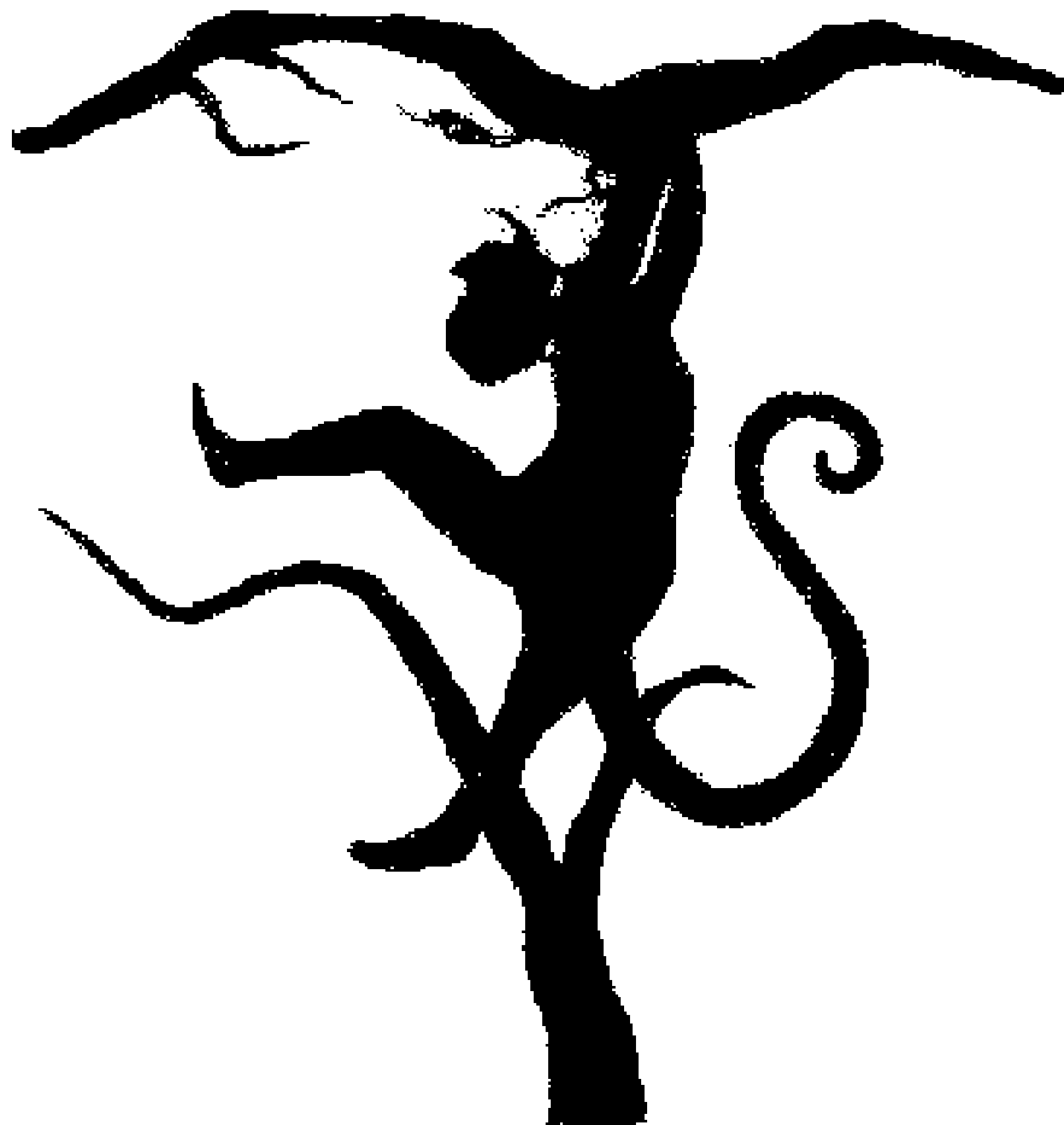
What do you see?

- Young lady looking over her shoulder.
- Old lady looking down.

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What do you see?

- Good
- Evil



What do you see?

- Panther
- Monkey swinging from a tree



What do you see?

- Young man looking over his shoulder
- Old man



What do you see?

- Tree
- Gorilla and Tiger
- Two dogs



What do you see?

- Duck
- Rabbit



What do you see?

- Person with glasses
- The word “Liar”



What do you see?

- Horse
- Sideways frog



What do you see?

- Man with saxophone
- Woman



What do you see?

- Apple core
- Two faces



What do you see?

- Statue of a head
- Person in a thick coat looking into the darkness

Reflection

- How many did you agree on?
- How many did you see different images?

One half of each optical illusion may be easier to see—just as some Scripture passages better reveal Jesus' humanity and some better reveal His divinity.

However, the optical illusions are always made of two images at the same time—just as Jesus is always fully human and fully divine at the same time.