

# Clearly Confused Kitty

My late wife, Betty, and I used to wonder whether or not our four dogs and our old cat, John, could see the television shows we watched. We didn't expect them to understand the shows. We just wondered if they could even see the pictures. After all, we understood there were really no pictures on the screen. There were just repeating lines of dark and light and color, changing 30 times a second, that our eyes registered and our brains interpreted as moving pictures.

Would the eyes and brains of our pets recognize the same pictures we saw, we wondered?

We saw little indication at the time that our animals were aware anything was happening. They almost never noticed the sounds from the set, either. There was only one exception that we were aware of to that. One time, we noticed our long-haired, silver bitch's ears perk up when a dog on television barked; but her interest was gone in an instant. Lady, Sheila, Taka, and John didn't seem to hear it.

Since then I have become aware that not all animals are as insensitive to television as ours were. I still don't know why ours never seemed to notice anything on the screen.

Well, it doesn't matter. This video shows a computer monitor; not a television screen. I realize the details are different, but the principle is the same.

In this short video, the cat appears to recognize a toy ball on the screen. She paws the screen as if to play with it, not recognizing the picture of her younger self playing with the ball in real life.

When she can't touch the ball, but the kitten on the screen tosses it around, she quickly looks up as if to ask, "What's

going on here? Are you playing tricks on me?" Then she examines the back of the screen, apparently trying to find the ball.

I believe it was Aristotle (Or was it Socrates? No, Aristotle, I think.) who wrote that animals are like automatons, moving in a fog, and having no thought of what is actually happening around them. For almost the next 2000 years, philosophers and naturalists accepted this as fact, just because Aristotle said so. Thankfully, modern scientists don't do that. They make observations and they experiment to find out the truth. They have finally begun to realize what animal lovers knew long-ago – that mammals, birds, and at least some other animals are indeed intelligent and aware.

Nevertheless, their brains are not the same as ours, and their intelligence and awareness are not the same as ours. It is very difficult to understand their minds without anthropomorphizing them. That is, assuming that they are like our own.

Videos like this show us some of the similarities and some of the differences between their minds and ours.

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## [Testing Carbon Dioxide's Ill Effects on Health](#)

**Actually, it ought to be convincing.**

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# Aiden: Future Zoologist

This young man's name is Aiden. I don't know anything else about him except the very little I was able to glean from Youtube and Go Fund Me. I just found the video on Youtube a few hours ago.

According to his [Go Fund Me page](#), his older sister is accepting contributions for his college fund. I cannot vouch for this. I have no idea whether or not it is legitimate. For what it's worth, here's the text from there.

Aiden has a passion for animals and nature and dreams of being a zoologist in the future. I noticed all the support and love he's getting from the video, so I decided to start a college fund for him early so that he can be set in the future and choose from whatever college he dreams of attending! This is a college fund for Aiden being raised by his older sister, donors are those he has inspired with his nature videos on YouTube and Twitter.

It mentions Miramar, Florida, so I assume that's where he lives.

Aiden's knowledge of backyard wildlife is phenomenal, as well as his language skills and vocabulary and the ease with which he shows us the things most of us always missed in our own backyards.

He wants to be a zoologist. He might be the Richard Dawkins of his generation. In fact, now that I think of it. Dawkins says he wasn't even unusually interested in nature until he was in college, so this young man has a big head start on him.

With George Bush's awesome sounding No Child Left Behind Program, we've spent so many resources trying to educate kids that will wear diapers all their lives and never learn to

read—kids who perhaps should indeed have been left behind—that we have little left for kids like Aiden. Our public school system can't even begin to meet their educational needs. (And now our President and his Education Secretary want to gut the system instead of improving it. But that's another story for another day.)

I hope, for the future of humanity, that Aiden is able to get the education he needs. It is young people like him who will build our tomorrows.

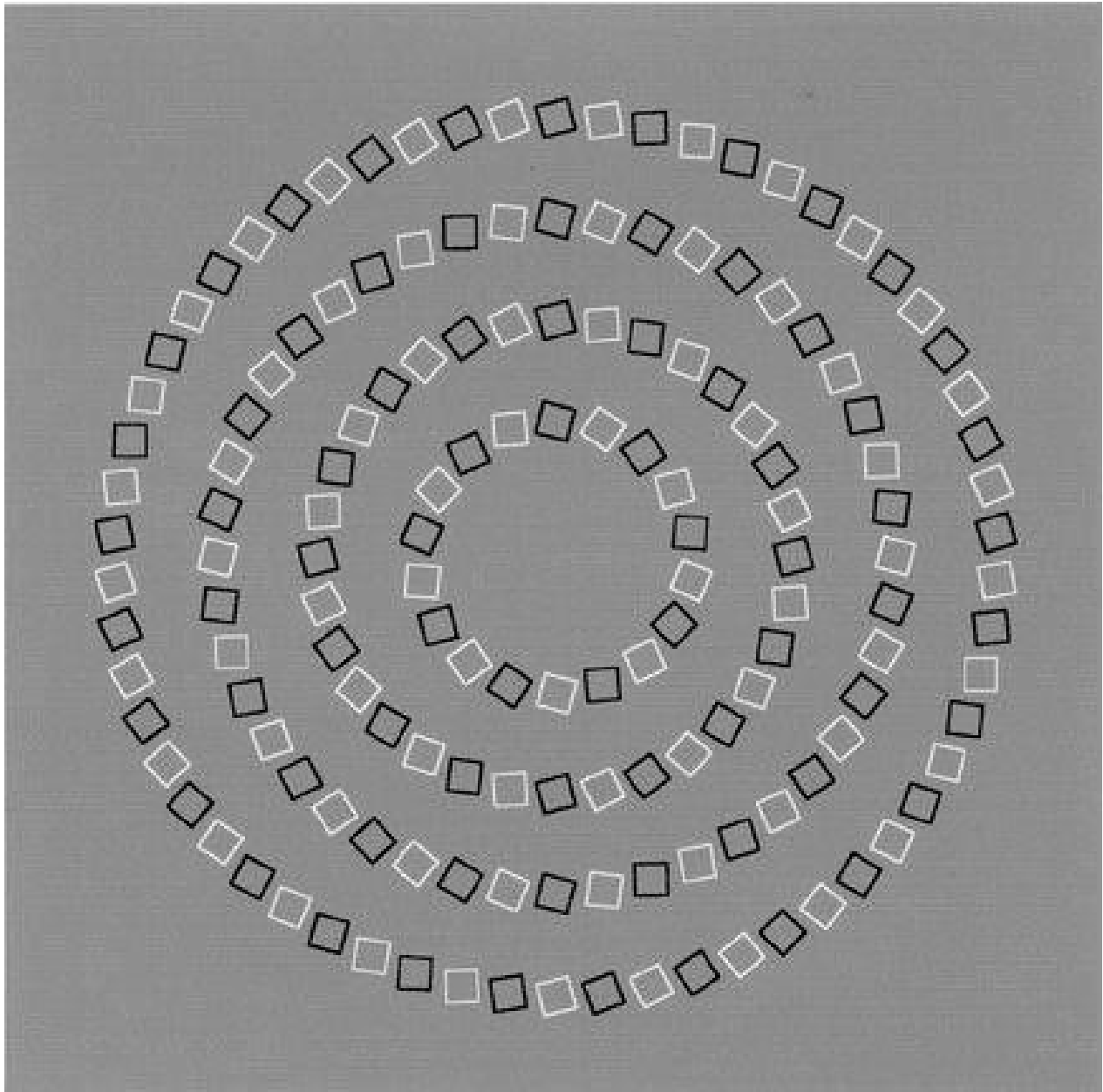
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**Source:**

- [Go Fund Me](#)

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# Illusion



# 4 Perfectly Round Circles

Illusion from the Internet

Apparently these little black and white squares form four perfect circles. Can you see them?

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# Still More America First

Yemen

Scotland

Uganda

Venice

Dresden

Canary Islands

Nigeria

Thüringen

Landle

Swabia

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And this one's just for a little more fun.

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# More America First!

Yesterday, I posted a group of videos created in response to President Trump's America First Foreign Policy (which you can read [here](#)) and his inauguration speech, which ended with these words: "From this day forward, it's going to be only America first. America first."

This is another group that wouldn't fit on yesterday's post. I suspect there are still others have not found yet. If so, I'll post them when I find them. (If you find them first, please let me know I a comment below.)

The following videos are satire. Just enjoy them for what they are – humorous commentary about the President's policy.

**One note of caution: When the POTUS himself talks about grabbing women by their genitals and uses the F word freely on national television, it is to be expected that commentators will use similar language.**

That said, enjoy.

**Namibia**

**Azores**

**Madeira Island**

**New Zealand**

**Ostfriesland**

**Ethiopia**

**Philippines**

**Taiwan**

**Croatia**

**Singapore**

**Bulgaria**

**Kosovo**

**Poland**

**Croatia**

**Austria**

**Lower Franconia**

**Colombia**

**Pakistan**

**Kazakhstan**

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I can't vouch for the rest. Well, I can't really vouch for any of them, but . . .

**The Galactic Empire**

**Mars**



Westeros (from Game of Thrones)

Hogwarts

Mordor

Panem (from The Hunger Games)

Word (How did a word processor get in here?)

It's still wonderful to have a president who inspires such respect and admiration from the rest of the world, the Solar System, the galaxy, and the gamesphere.

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Sources:

- [The Whitehouse](#)

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**America First! America First!**

**“America First Foreign Policy**

The Trump Administration is committed to a foreign policy focused on American interests and American national security.”

Those are the opening words of President Trump's America First Foreign Policy, which you can read [here](#). It continue:

“With a lifetime of negotiating experience, the President understands how critical it is to put American workers and businesses first ...”.

“President Trump will ensure that on his watch, trade policies will be implemented by and for the people, and will put America first.”

It reiterated the message of his inauguration speech, “From this day forward, it’s going to be only America first. America first.”

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**A talk show from The Netherlands reportedly made this one first.**

**A late night show in Germany saw it, thought it was funny, created its own version, and invited comics of other nations to follow suit.**

**Denmark**

**Sweden**

**Here’s Portugal.**

**Russia**

**The United Kingdom**

**Spain**

**Madeira**

**Japan**

**Malta**

**India**

**Austria**

**France**

**Moldova**

**Romania**

**Mexico**

Sweden

Bavaria

China

Finland

Ireland

The Muslim World

Luxembourg

Iran

Serbia

Israel

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## [Awsome Interpretation of Jupiter](#)

Watch this on full screen with your speakers turned up.

“This animation by Seán Doran uses the stunning images recently sent back by the Juno probe. Nobody was expecting the degree of complexity in Jupiter’s multiple storm systems – it really is an extraordinary sight.”

The music is from 2001: A Space Odyssey.

Thanks to [Why Evolution Is True](#) for pointing out this awesome video.

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**Sources:**

- [Why Evolution Is True](#)
  - [YouTube](#)
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## **Arrogant Atheists? Not Many.**

Many religious people – like Ken Ham, Bill O’Riley, and many others – think all atheists are arrogant. I’ve run into this many times in the 35 years since I realized God wasn’t real.

I admit I’ve known some arrogant atheists, but I can only think of three or four. I’ve known many more atheists who were humble, kind, intelligent, thoughtful, and all around good people. The kind of people you’d love to have visiting in your home.

This young man says it best.

Check out his other videos at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG1uayRlzz3ahT8ISRdyw7Q>

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# Days Without Embarrassing America



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