

## Realization

# The Thin Veneer That We Call Reality

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### ABSTRACT

What we experience as reality, emotional, mental, and physical, is nothing more than the forms that arise, like a sort of boundary or etching, as That which is actually there, as That which is beyond reality, as That which is beyond words, as That which is beyond conception, flows in relation to Itself and so becomes defined in relation to Itself, and then apprehends as reality the forms, the etchings, the boundaries, that have arisen within Itself as a result of its flow, as a result of its movement, as a result of its being, in relation to Itself.

**Key Words:** veneer, reality, reflection, etching.

Reality is a thin veneer  
that lies over and obscures  
what is actually there  
where reality appears to be.

How thin is the veneer of reality?  
As thin as a reflection on a pool of water.

But that reflection can only hide  
what lies below  
as long as you think  
it is what you are.

For when you think  
it is what you are  
you remain focused upon it  
and what is actually there  
remains hidden  
while still in plain sight.

What is actually there  
where reality appears to be?  
What is it that remains hidden  
while still in plain sight?

Nothing that seems important  
as long as the forms

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that you apprehend as and call reality  
seem to be of primary importance.

And that is how it remains hidden  
while still in plain sight.  
Because as long as you identify with the forms  
that you apprehend as and call reality,  
as long as you think those forms  
are what you are,  
those forms, those realities,  
which are only reflections,  
only a thin veneer,  
seem more real  
than the underlying Actuality  
upon which they rest,  
seem more real  
than the underlying Actuality  
by which they are apprehended and known  
as reality.

So what is actually there  
where reality appears to be?  
What is it that remains hidden  
while still in plain sight?

It cannot truly be said,  
because what is actually there  
where the forms  
that we call reality  
appear to be  
is not Itself a form  
and so is not itself a reality.

And yet it Is,  
else no form, no reality,  
could ever exist,  
or be known to exist.

And so what is actually there  
where reality appears to be  
can only be pointed toward  
by saying it is That by which  
the forms that you call reality  
are apprehended and known as reality.

And it can truly be said

that That which is not itself a form,  
not itself a reality,  
and yet is That by which  
all forms are known as reality,  
is what you truly are  
and is also what you can know yourself to be  
once you recognize reality  
to be but a reflection,  
to be but a thin veneer,  
and so turn your attention  
away from the reflection  
toward what lies below,  
toward what was always there  
but was hidden  
while still in plain sight  
while your attention remained focused  
upon the forms, upon the reality  
that you only thought you were,  
upon the forms, upon the reality  
that you only seemed to be.

What we experience as reality,  
emotional, mental, and physical,  
is nothing more than the forms that arise  
like a sort of boundary or etching  
as That which is actually there,  
as That which is beyond reality,  
as That which is beyond words,  
as That which is beyond conception,  
flows in relation to Itself  
and so becomes defined in relation to Itself,  
and then apprehends as reality  
the forms, the etchings, the boundaries,  
that have arisen within Itself  
as a result of its flow,  
as a result of its movement,  
as a result of its being,  
in relation to Itself.

And so it is not that reality  
is not real,  
because it is.

It is only that reality  
is not really  
what we are.

Put another way,  
it is not the realness of reality  
that is in question,  
it is only the realness of reality  
as what we are  
that we need to question.