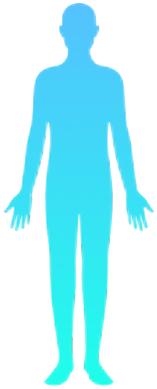


Imaginary and Real are binary opposites. They rely on each other and are only possible because of each other. We experience reality through our imagination and we imagine based on our experiences in reality.



Imagination is one of the most essential skills in life, necessary in all aspects of life and to move forward. Imagination is an instinct necessary to survive. In human beings, our ability to imagine has made it possible for us to flourish and advance technologically as well as socially and it is one of the reasons human beings are now at the top of the food chain. Imagination has helped create art and culture as well as scientific advancements. These creations have been very unique to humanity.



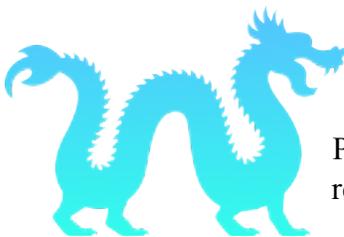
We imagine everything we do and every step we take. We do it so much unconsciously every second of our lives that often we don't realize that imagination is essential to even think and plan our next step.

But if this is imagination, what is reality?

For so long people haven't been concerned with this question of what reality really is, if it is anything. Ancient societies have always tried to explain things they didn't understand using imagination and stories. This is a reason why all old societies and civilizations have myths and legends about how the world was formed or the basic questions about life and men and women.

This is how people formed religions and rules about how to live.

Myths are a perfect example of the use of human imagination used to survive and make sense of the world. Myths are explanations and beliefs that people have had for generations. These beliefs have no real reasoning. Myths are sort of like religion, but they aren't really believed by people anymore. They are like legends that are passed on, just like other traditions. They were formed when people had no knowledge of scientific explanations and so were used to explain the world.



Myths started coming about after human beings started to settle down and moved on from *hunter gatherer* to *farmer*.

The first myths started from Mesopotamia

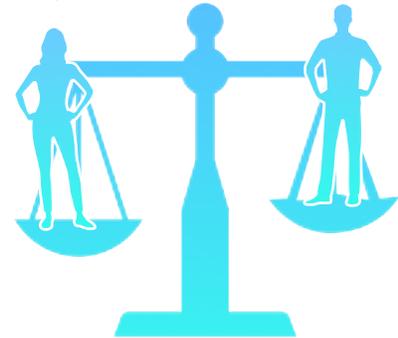
Proper Myths are myths that explain the creation of the world and are mostly religious

Most myths are based on local weather and surrounding area. This includes the ecology, the kind of animals around and the sort of landscape it is.

Most myths start of the world with sexual reproduction, cosmic egg or something similar. But almost all the myths agree that before the world there was chaos, or darkness etc.

Some commonalities in ancient myths are :

- Mother Earth
- Father sky
- Sexual reproduction
- Creation of men superior to women
- Judgement
- Explanation of societal behavior



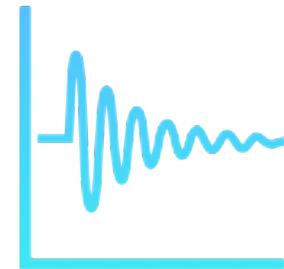
How do we know anything?

Humans have developed a certain sense of logic over time and experience. Because of this somethings have become second nature and almost an instinct.

That said how do we know anything really?

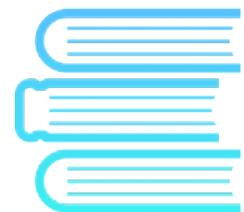


Over the years science has helped us be certain of a lot of things. We have made many discoveries by making theories and testing for them. Many theories get proven wrong and some overcome the test of time and knowledge and this is how we become certain of them and call them facts. But this is always temporary and everything we know is always liable to change and can always be proven wrong.



Some people who believe in divinity and religion believe in the knowledge given from that religion because it is Devine knowledge from God. These people believe in the absolution of that knowledge and are not willing to accept anything else.

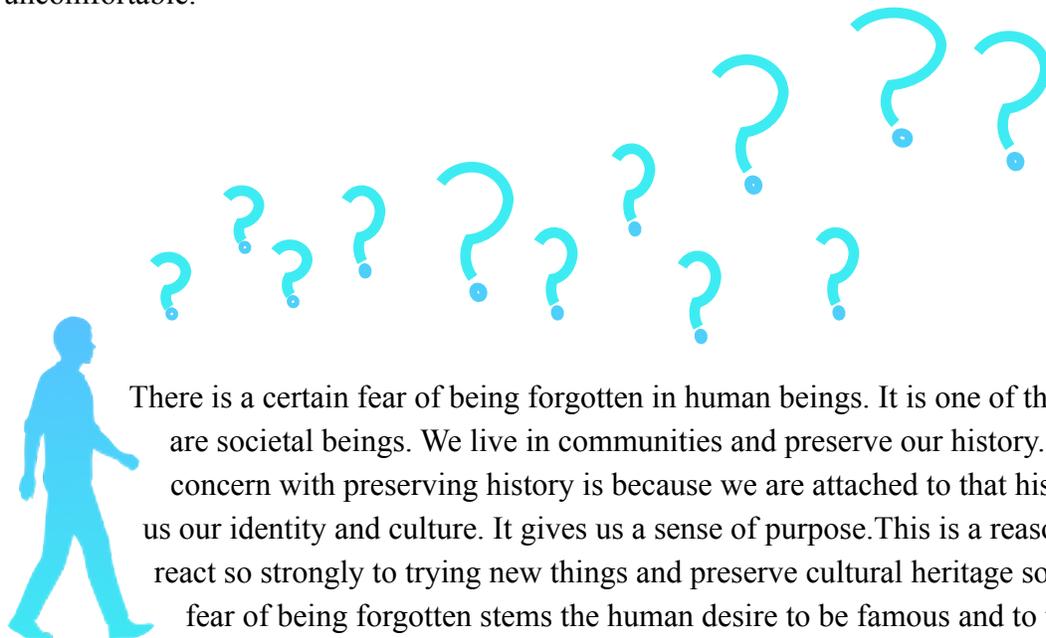
Human beings do not react well to change and don't want to be proven wrong and act violently and aggressively if presented with some contradiction.



Why do more people don't think about such things?

There is certainly a fear among humans of change. We are afraid that if we change, everything that we hold dear will cease to matter anymore. People don't like thinking about philosophical questions because there are no concrete answers and most people think it is a waste of time.

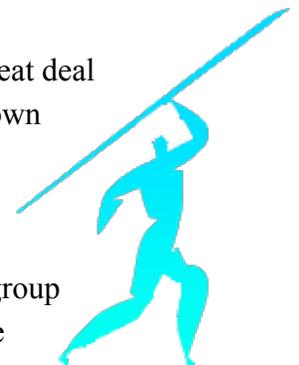
Although we all have such questions, the fact that there is no real answer discourages many and also distracts them from their routine thought process and forces them to reflect with can be uncomfortable.



There is a certain fear of being forgotten in human beings. It is one of the reasons we are societal beings. We live in communities and preserve our history. This deep concern with preserving history is because we are attached to that history. It gives us our identity and culture. It gives us a sense of purpose. This is a reason why people react so strongly to trying new things and preserve cultural heritage so keenly. This fear of being forgotten stems the human desire to be famous and to the desire to worship a god.

Belief in god comforts us with the fact that we will never be forgotten. It tells us that we have an eternal soul that will live on forever. It comforts us by giving hope that we will never be alone. This is the reason why so many religion and cultures have a belief in reincarnation.

Although we treat our eyes as one of the most important body parts and put a great deal of importance on eye witness, they are not completely reliable. Studies have shown that we forget what we see after a little while and our minds can easily be influenced and changed if a lot of other people believe in something else. We are easily influenced by a crowd, and do not want to be the odd one out. This can easily be traced back to the hunter gatherer society, when being part of the group meant being alive and not suffering from hunger. This also explains why we like to be a part of a group or community.

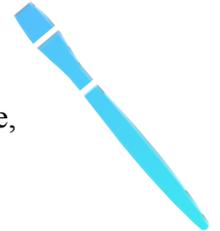


Why do we create?

It is no secret that human beings are unique in the fact that they love to create. We have developed and come so far from our hunter gatherer societies. We have evolved into masses and different cultures. Have built cities and created art and literature and are still doing so today.



All of this stems from our love to create. We have evolved so far that we even enjoy creating different tastes, rather than just eat to survive. We create fashionable clothes rather than be practical with what we wear. This need to create has evolved into want and that is because in this society we don't have to survive, we can live.

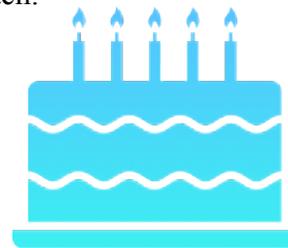


How do we create?

We are able to create anything because we are able to imagine anything. We can imagine because we have experiences, and our collective conscience. Our ability to imagine helps us analyze our needs according to different situations and thus helps us apply that previous information to the current problem. This process has helped create numerous modern technologies.



It hasn't just helped create a technological advancement but some more basic advancements like new kinds of food as well. Humans are the only species that create food in so many different ways from scratch.



We change and transform and plan our path because we are able to imagine. We have controlled our decisions because we have imagination. I would just conclude by saying that imagination and reality would always go hand in hand. Our lives would be unimaginably different if we didn't have the ability to imagine.

