

THE LESSONS WE DON'T HEED FROM "THE EMPEROR HAS NO CLOTHES"

[This piece is also in the more extensive discussion of [The Consciousness Levels](#).]

We often laugh at the obviousness of the fact (actuality) that the emperor has no clothes...

The Fable: The Emperor Has No Clothes

In the tale, in one version, the emperor demanded that the clothes maker fellow craft the finest, most magnificent robes/clothes to wear, with the implied threat that if he was provided with less than perfect clothes, the clothes maker would be put to death.

Fearing death, the clothes maker tried his hardest, but knew that perfection was not possible, as the emperor or someone would find fault with it.

So, he came up with a scheme that was "fool proof" (although it actually involved enrolling people in foolery). He told the emperor that he had designed the most magnificent perfect robes for him to aware but that only highly intelligent people could see them. And he let it be known throughout the empire that it was so.

So he adorned the emperor with the clothes that any intelligent person could see were the most magnificent.

As the emperor was wearing his new robes in a parade before the people, people were exclaiming how utterly magnificent the robes were. They "oo"ed and "ah"ed over them.

And it was a magnificent celebration, until a child noted the actuality of the situation and, innocently, exclaimed "the emperor has no clothes!"

And things went downhill from there!

[\(The actual fable\)](#)

Everybody indicates that they understand the fable, often with a small smile of knowingness.

But I notice that they may not actually get some of the key points (as is true often when people use metaphorical or analogy type thinking).

When I am at a large seminar of people who are strong advocates of personal growth and having a great super-life, I see the "clothes makers" (the makers of magnificent images and

hopes) up on stage. And I notice the audiences' enthusiastic reaction to the hopes and shortcuts and giant leap forwards, often with "magic" to them.

It seems that about 90% of the audience "buys into" the concept but without having screened it to see if it has no clothes... to determine if it is "actual", or, in other words, factually tested.

If they did "test" it for truth, they would find much of it is only theoretical, "made up" without sufficient basis (sufficient steps leading from one thing to another) to it.

Perhaps 10% of them see that it is delightful, hopeful theory, but are willing to say that "the emperor (stage presenter) has no clothes!". [Or he/she has only remnants of clothes (facts that are true) and is weaving the picture together with invisible, non-existent thought/theories/"facts".]

Most often, the 10% does not point out to the 90% that the theory should be tested, as the 90% will resist or defend or get offended at this rude-feeling questioning of what they believe in.

So the 90% continue believing the non-truth-skipping-of-the-facts theory, but eventually some will begin to notice that "it's not working" and *then* they will begin to question, finally, the magical and/or shortcut solution that was put forth.

Those individuals who are committed to becoming Masters of Life, however, will always adhere to their commitment to question everything and to make sure it works in the actual (reality) world. And to not wait until they've suffered the consequences of it not working or until they are bashed over the head with the hard facts.

Of course, most of the nonsense or "less-than-truth" theories lie in the more intangible areas of life: in the "healing" modalities, in the [metaphysical](#) areas where the universe is harnessed to *do something for them*, in the areas where the results or process is hard measure or progress can actually be attributed to something else.

This piece will likely fall on "deaf ears" with the 90%. Almost all of them will not bother to read even the [summary of The Believing Brain](#), to learn more about what and how to question and discover the nonsense that is blown to bits by using the laser strength of the higher brain. And those who don't choose to go on that path to better "actuality" thinking will still default to the lower primitive mind's "non-thinking" mode and continue to live at a lower level of life, by far, than they could if they actually tested, with effective thinking, the proposed theories of the hope-makers and conjurers of pseudo-wisdom.

Note also that we tend to believe in symbols that are not reality. We tend to, although this is obviously ridiculous sounding, believe that the pictures in the menu are the food. We actually believe the picture of the future that our lower primitive mind offers up is a real threat, and then activate our fear response to handle it, although **the picture is not reality** and is only a symbol ...!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ([Read The Picture Is Not Reality - Lesson 101 In Thinking.](#))

