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INTRODUCTION

Our topic tonight is **Perceptual Illusions and the nature of personal Reality**. We have previously reviewed that vision is our most precise sense modality as human beings. We have also reviewed that when presented with “artificial” (that is invented stimuli) the visual system is very easily fooled into “seeing things” that don’t exist.

Well, of course this is just what is happening when we watch a movie in a theatre, watch TV at home, look at avatars on a computer monitor, or even when we listen to someone’s voice on a telephone. The sound you hear on the phone, after all, is NOT your friend’s voice. That specific phenomenon of nature is across town or across the world someplace.

What you are hearing is the sound made by an electronically manipulated diaphragm of some sort, which creates a persuasive illusion which so closely resembles your friend’s voice that you mistake it for the same. Indeed, you have probably thought about it generally as being your friend’s voice, rather than an illusion merely mimicking that. That is, we relate to the technologically created illusions of our convenience as though they were the actual things. And, of course, they are simulations:)) They are sims.

In order to be functional, they do need to be accurate to some strategic essence of the actual reality, but they are always different too. So much of the world we live in is mediated by vicarious technologies of various sorts. And much of our basic neurology is easily fooled into thinking that “what we see, is what we get”. But “the devil is in the details”.

It is not as simple as that, and in the modern world all of us will run into difficulties where the simulations of reality that we deal with are in some strategic way different than the “actual” reality we think we are working with. So we watch the news and tend to believe that the world is in chaos, when the opposite is true. That is, “bad news sells” and so all the worse things happening in a world of 7 billion is crammed into the 30 minutes of the news broadcast and as Walter Cronkite used to say..” and that’s the way it is”

Except it isn’t. Those things are mostly true, but so out of keeping with the average net reality of things, as to make them fascinating to watch. “Seeing is Believing” but as with much else, it is more accurate to say that “Seeing is being Fooled”. So to make it simple, we are told that a plane crashed, but not that 30,000 of the same sort flew today without crashing (just in North America) or that 1,000,000 flew without incident since the last major crash.

Even in our own home, we tend to see the realities of our own loved ones and intimates through the templates of our own emotional tendencies, rather than objectively. So if we are very new in relationship, we see only the good things, and not the bad. And if we are old in relationship, we see only the bad things, and not the good. Our perceptions are colored by a well defined “halo perceptual effect” in the first instance, and to both well defined habituation and sensitization perceptual effects in the second.

That is in new relationships, we see only the good things, or the good angle on things.

In old relationships, we grow accustomed to and take for granted the things we like about our partner, and become progressively more sensitized and frustrated by the things we don’t like.



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To be objectively correct in our assessments of reality requires first and foremost that we be skeptical of our strong “first impressions”, and use clichés of various sorts to guide us in how to do this.

- ≈ Don't judge a book by it's cover
- ≈ Beauty is skin deep
- ≈ Count your blessings
- ≈ Look before you Leap
- ≈ Haste makes waste
- ≈ Less is more
- ≈ The years teach much that the days never know
- ≈ Money can't buy happiness
- ≈ Of course life itself can be counted upon to teach each of us, all of these lessons with time and sufficient travail.
- ≈ So don't sweat the small stuff. After all it's all small stuff.

So what do you think about being skeptical of your strongest emotional inclinations?

- ≈ What is more reliable, the heart or the head?
- ≈ And what of perception in SL?
- ≈ Are we more or less accurate about our perceptual biases here in SL do you think?

And with that I turn the discussion over to all of you:

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DISCUSSION:

- [16:45] Bill Hayabusa: much to seek and understand
- [16:45] DanD Rau: have more clues in real life to make judgements
- [16:45] Bill Hayabusa: perception
- [16:45] Reflection Freenote: yes, feel free to dive in any place you would like, the discussion is free ranging here:))
- [16:45] DanD Rau: IN SL we might have more time together and get more but fewer clues
- [16:45] Reflection Freenote: yes, Dan, we have many more
- [16:45] Sazzy Oh: if we have more clues in real life.. why do we get so close to people here?
- [16:46] Reflection Freenote: although Dan, the ones we have in RL are very tightly conditioned to our unconscious or midbrain processes, so we might be even more powerfully misled by our dispositions
- [16:46] Sazzy Oh: I think its because. we have to talk more here.. and we give away pieces of who we really are
- [16:46] DanD Rau: I agree, Ref
- [16:46] Reflection Freenote: yes, Dan, much more quality, time, I think. time with sharing of genuine thoughts
- [16:47] DanD Rau: Anonymity helps us to be less inhibited with our sharing in SL
- [16:47] Reflection Freenote: yes, sazzy, we get past the defenses really quickly and tend to "get real" I think, very fast
- [16:47] Sazzy Oh: and we are not influenced by how someone looks here.. everyone here can be beautiful.. so it what is inside.. that matters more
- [16:47] Reflection Freenote: yes, Dan about anonymity
- [16:47] Fujintaka Imako: on here people are not afraid to be themselves I think your not judges on looks age color or physical attributes but on the inner self
- [16:47] Reflection Freenote: right, Sazzy, about the general attractiveness of avatars
- [16:48] Reflection Freenote: right Fuji
- [16:48] Sazzy Oh: to me... our avatar.. is an artistic reflection of who we feel we are.. if we have the money to do what we want here
- [16:48] Reflection Freenote: all the biological prejudices that attach to age, gender, appearance, etc. just don't get a foothold
- [16:49] DanD Rau: What is interesting is that the illusion of SL (virtual world) allows more in-depth relationships
- [16:49] Reflection Freenote: yes, sazzy, the avatar is an artistic and symbolic representation of self, far more so than is our real body and appearance, which we are not free to manipulate
- [16:49] Sazzy Oh: in the real world.. we did not have any choices.. we have to go with what we got.. but here.. wow.. we can be anything
- [16:49] Bill Hayabusa: stripped down to pure personality
- [16:49] Sazzy Oh: yes bill
- [16:50] Bill Hayabusa: wow
- [16:50] Reflection Freenote: yes, Dan that is really quite remarkable. You know they are exploring using SL for diplomatic purposes for that very reason too. People are less defensive and more communicative. Less midbrain, and more neocortical
- [16:50] Fujintaka Imako: I think that happens because here a relationship is a bonding of the inner person; the world has no pull to a point
- [16:50] Reflection Freenote: yes, Bill, our genuine differences as thinking people come through:))
- [16:50] Sazzy Oh: yes.. so true
- [16:51] Reflection Freenote: yes Fuji we really get to relate to the person within
- [16:51] Sazzy Oh: so we are but an illusion here.. but somehow even more real than we really are
- [16:51] Fujintaka Imako: yes

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[16:51] Sazzy Oh: if that makes any sense at all

[16:51] DanD Rau: About using SL for diplomacy, I would think that it could not be anonymous. Therefore it would not be a lot different that a conference call

[16:51] Reflection Freenote: unless, of course, someone has the specific purpose to mislead others, in which case, that might be simpler?

[16:52] Sazzy Oh: yes.. men being the illusion of a woman or visa versa

[16:52] Reflection Freenote: for the recent arrivals, you can get the intro by clicking on the crystal ball above the fire

[16:52] Fujintaka Imako: I know of a man who is a female here

[16:52] Reflection Freenote: in general we are talking about perceptual illusions in RL and SL, and we are currently chatting about how it seems to be easier to get to know the inner person here in SL, rather than in RL

[16:52] Fujintaka Imako: but his female av is more him the his real life body

[16:53] DanD Rau: I have heard of a man who is a female rabbit here :-)

[16:53] Sazzy Oh: I wonder about that Fuji; I know people that play a male and a female; they can be someone differnt in each I guess

[16:53] Reflection Freenote: yes, I believe the transgender community is very active here for obvious reasons

[16:53] Fujintaka Imako: no I know him in rl we have become friends; he is his av; it shows his true self

[16:54] DanD Rau: I tried female here for two weeks - it is too hard being a woman. dresses, hair, makeup, etc.

[16:54] Sazzy Oh: the ones I know.. are very male.. even married in the real world.. but somehow want the experience of being a woman here

[16:54] Acuminous Watanabe: thanks Delphi auto thingy

[16:54] Acuminous Watanabe: Hi everyone :D

[16:54] Reflection Freenote: it does seem as though some people approach SL as a "game" even if they are not in specific RP, while most of us view this as an extension of our "true" selves (whatever that might be) ;-)

[16:54] Sazzy Oh: yes.. its .. Hard to be a woman :)

[16:54] Fujintaka Imako: hahaha

[16:55] DanD Rau: Sl is NOT a game. We interact with real people

[16:55] Fujintaka Imako: smiles

[16:55] Sazzy Oh: costs a lot more too

[16:55] Reflection Freenote: Reflection Freenote: in general we are talking about perceptual illusions in RL and SL, and we are currently chatting about how it seems to be easier to get to know the inner person here in SL, rather than in RL

[16:55] Valimare Naimarc: I always keep in mind there are real people behind the avs, but I don't think everyone looks at it that way.

[16:55] Fujintaka Imako: what people have to remember here is that there is a person at the end of the keyboard with a heart and feelings and emotions

[16:56] Sazzy Oh: yes.. so true

[16:56] Acuminous Watanabe: I think SL is as much a game socially as the "game" we play in our RL interactions

[16:56] Acuminous Watanabe: some people are better "players" than others

[16:56] Sazzy Oh: is it an illusion when some try to be something they are not.. and trick others.. I don't know

[16:56] Sazzy Oh: ahh yes

[16:56] DanD Rau: We can experiment here in SL in ways not reasonable in RL - particularly social interaction

[16:56] Fujintaka Imako: but don't we have that in rl

[16:57] DanD Rau: Sl has changed me in RL

[16:57] Fujintaka Imako: people who put on a front to hide their real selves

[16:57] Reflection Freenote: yes, above and beyond the standard illusions that we are all taken in by much of the time, here it is fairly easily to consciously mislead others if that is our intention

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- [16:57] Valimare Naimarc: I think that to people we do not know yet we tend to be deceptive. We put up our walls. pretend to be more self confident, more intelligent and more in control than we actually are.
- [16:58] Sazzy Oh: umm val.. I am me.. I don't know how to be anything else
- [16:58] Reflection Freenote: I wonder, if because of this major divide based on basic intentionality, if there is not some essential moral dimension to human interaction which is being highlighted here?
- [16:58] Sazzy Oh: sorry
- [16:58] DanD Rau: Our perceptions of others are colored by our evaluation of ourselves. That is illusion turning on illusion.. :-)
- [16:58] Acuminous Watanabe: yup, I agree Reflection ... especially relative to physical form. I think, however, that everything else may be more true to the person than some are willing to admit... even if we "pretend" who is it that "makes up" the story
- [16:58] Bill Hayabusa: to me is the most valuable commodity you can give
- [16:59] Valimare Naimarc: Sazzy, That is great, but I don't think most people are like that.
- [16:59] Fujintaka Imako: i think most people here act as they would in rl
- [16:59] Sazzy Oh: then they are losing out on an experience that is amazing to be a part of
- [16:59] Reflection Freenote: yes val, about the projections which we typically use to create images, both in RL and in SL "I don't know about you, but *I* am definitely "OK"";-)
- [16:59] Fujintaka Imako: some take the fantasy but the ethics and morals sre the same
- [17:00] Valimare Naimarc: I find it easier to communicate with people in SL than in RL. I am bad at reading body gestures and facial expressions. SL levels the playing field.
- [17:00] Sazzy Oh: good point val
- [17:00] Acuminous Watanabe: I don't know that I agree with THAT Fuji, I still think there is an element of exploration that supersedes what we are comfortable doing in RL for many "residents" but I do think that our truest self comes out here, at least as we see those desires currently
- [17:00] Reflection Freenote: yes, Dan about the centrality of our illusions about ourselves (these are indeed the most basically important)
- [17:00] Acuminous Watanabe: sometimes after a trial though, we decide to hold on or let go
- [17:01] Reflection Freenote: well, to play off of sazzy, fuji, and val's point above, even if I am misrepresenting myself, the way in which I choose to do that is unique to me and is always a projection of who I am on a deeper level, I think
- [17:02] Valimare Naimarc: Reflection, Yes and sometimes we can see through that and see it is an act.
- [17:04] Reflection Freenote: all this RL intrusion is an interesting element too:)) We are more free to be ourselves. Everyone just accepts each others limits here (or mostly:))
- [17:04] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: sl changes the nature of interpersonal relationships in that it does airbrush the persona
- [17:05] Reflection Freenote: not that I won't bitterly complain to the early leavers in IM!!!! ;-)
- [17:05] Fujintaka Imako: hahaha
- [17:05] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: it is very easy to "fall in love" in a perfect environment with a perfect "person"
- [17:05] Reflection Freenote: yes, Miss, I agree with that, do you have ideas as to why or how that might work that way?
- [17:06] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: no visible defects; no constraints
- [17:06] Valimare Naimarc: I don't think I am in the position to disagree with that Craken.
- [17:06] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: all of us great dancers
- [17:06] Fujintaka Imako: but I will
- [17:06] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: graceful movements
- [17:06] Valimare Naimarc: There is something different, I can't dance irl
- [17:06] Fujintaka Imako: it's easy to fall but it takes work to make it last
- [17:06] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: it might be impossible to make it last.
- [17:07] Fujintaka Imako: even here it must be give and take to have a relationship

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- [17:07] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: essentially it is a long distance relationship
- [17:07] Reflection Freenote: yes, MissC, certainly all of the external and symbolic elements are helpful, although we cannot actually touch each other which does provide some essential distance too.
- [17:07] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: yes.
- [17:07] Valimare Naimarc: I think that is a blessing and a curse.
- [17:07] Fujintaka Imako: hahaha
- [17:08] Bill Hayabusa: back to perception
- [17:08] Reflection Freenote: another point MissC, is that here if I have a momentary negative reaction to you, you don't see it, and I have a chance to calm down and think before I say something
- [17:08] Bill Hayabusa: if you allow yourself to be your av; to have the 5 senses; then is a long distance relationship
- [17:08] Reflection Freenote: right Val, about it being both a blessing and a curse
- [17:09] Bill Hayabusa: really what it is
- [17:09] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: yes, it allows one to be more measured and correct in behaviour; more optimal
- [17:09] Bill Hayabusa: more control
- [17:09] Reflection Freenote: yes, Miss, not only more correct, but more intuitive and less reflexive perhaps. more my better self:))
- [17:10] Fujintaka Imako: yes
- [17:10] Reflection Freenote: now voice takes some of that away, I think, which is why in SL, going to voice is another level of physical/personal intimacy in relationship often, I think
- [17:10] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: yes, better said; type is very alluring, however
- [17:11] Reflection Freenote: the word, artfully expressed, is enormously powerful
- [17:11] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: free from imperfections
- [17:11] Valimare Naimarc: I think text gets me into less trouble.
- [17:11] Marsilio Gagliano: /tab tab
- [17:12] Reflection Freenote: yes, it tends to slow the tempo of interaction down, which allows more thought per action than in RL (wow, that could be expressed as a mathematical ratio, think of the research possibilities!!!) ;-)
- [17:12] Valimare Naimarc: I find it easier to talk to people in text because I don't have to see their immediate reaction.
- [17:13] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: the written word is more powerful; it carries more weight; it sticks around
- [17:13] Reflection Freenote: yes val, we are not being assaulted with each others immediate unconscious and primal emotional responses, I think
- [17:14] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: and is not jarring, or loud, or obnoxious
- [17:14] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: it is personality free, easy to project anything one wishes onto it
- [17:14] Reflection Freenote: yes, MissC that last point is an important one. This medium really extends our short term memory. If we have a very strategic conversation with someone, we can REVIEW it!!! how about if we had that option in RL?
- [17:14] Marsilio Gagliano: abstract
- [17:14] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: it would change everything.
- [17:15] Valimare Naimarc: I tried communication with my rl gf through here just to see how that would work out, since she is extremely emotional which is exactly what make it difficult to talk to her. That didn't work out because would read what I said then yell at me because she sitting right next to me. That kind of defeated the purpose.
- [17:15] Fujintaka Imako: oh yes
- [17:15] Valimare Naimarc: *fires his typist*
- [17:15] Fujintaka Imako: go to be in dif places smile for that
- [17:15] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: hahah , val..:)
- [17:15] Bill Hayabusa: hahaha... can imagine that

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- [17:16] Reflection Freenote: Valimare, that is extremely creative, I must admit stifling a bit of a chuckle as I got that image, however;-)
- [17:16] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: you are so cool.
- [17:16] Valimare Naimarc: I think for it to work, the person has to at least be a in different room than you.
- [17:17] Reflection Freenote: actually, val, I think that can work very well, although you might have to make it far enough away that she cannot just come into the room where you are
- [17:17] Fujintaka Imako: hahaha
- [17:17] Reflection Freenote: I sometimes, have people who are having difficulty communicating face to face, do it in IM and that can be very, very different
- [17:17] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: I have a friend that will dominate a conversation for hours, literally get angry if I try to interject; but here he must play the game
- [17:18] Reflection Freenote: I had a shocking experience with that myself. In bringing my spouse of 30 years into SL, I experienced our time here almost as though it were our first date, long ago. It was most unusual :))
- [17:18] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: and it turns him into a different individual; it is the pacing.
- [17:19] Reflection Freenote: yes, MissC, here the more retiring get their say, and the more dominant, can't say anything at all until they hit "return":)))
- [17:19] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: enforced pacing.
- [17:19] Fujintaka Imako: congratulations reflective for a long and I hope happy marriage
- [17:20] Reflection Freenote: thanks Fuji:)) I am most fortunate
- [17:20] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: so that changes a person totally from who they are to what their av projects
- [17:20] Valimare Naimarc: I met my gf online in IRC. I think we got along more in there lol
- [17:21] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: 30 years, congratulations..
- [17:21] Reflection Freenote: the difference in a long term relationship is that without knowing it, I think we are unconsciously responding to each others habits so robotically that we lose sight of the infinite potentiality which is really there to be discovered anew each day. But those habits of response are not triggered to an avatar
- [17:21] Fujintaka Imako: yes, so all is new
- [17:22] Reflection Freenote: yes, the veil is lifted:))
- [17:22] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: so, basically, sl is a better world than FL
- [17:22] Fujintaka Imako: in many ways yes
- [17:22] Reflection Freenote: yes, no doubt about that MissC:)))
- [17:22] Fujintaka Imako: but we still need to function in RL
- [17:22] Reflection Freenote: also all the food is low calorie
- [17:23] Fujintaka Imako: hahaha
- [17:23] Reflection Freenote: also, you can buy things way cheaper here!!
- [17:23] Palani Allen: Ref, "first date"?,..... the experience of being in a timeless dimension!
- [17:24] Reflection Freenote: yes, well it was actually more like "our" first date. Which was a perceptual mindblower
- [17:24] Reflection Freenote: I wasn't even sure I remembered that person, and then "large as life" there she was;-)
- [17:24] Palani Allen: *smiles
- [17:24] Valimare Naimarc: In SL I can get away with have a second gf, IRL my gf would kill me if I had someone else.
- [17:25] Fujintaka Imako: ahhh but why do you need a second gf
- [17:25] Deoridhe Quandry: Sounds like you had somehow lost perception of the person you first met, Ref, but she was still there. Have any insight into why or how that happened?
- [17:25] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: so has your experience in SL changed your FL experience, Ref? In the way you relate to your SO now?
- [17:25] Reflection Freenote: yes, it is amazing that sometimes we can even turn down our jealousy responses, although mostly, I think we can just keep our relationships better compartmentalized

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- [17:26] Valimare Naimarc: Fuji, No one can be all things to you. At least that hasn't been the case with me.
- [17:26] Reflection Freenote: yes, Deo, mentioned it above, let me get it for you
- [17:26] Fujintaka Imako: then you have not found your soul mate, altho your very much in love
- [17:26] Valimare Naimarc: That is possible.
- [17:26] Reflection Freenote: *Reflection Freenote: the difference in a long term relationship is that without knowing it, I think we are unconsciously responding to each others habits so robotically that we lose sight of the infinite potentiality which is really there to be discovered anew each day. But those habits of response are not triggered to an avatar*
- [17:27] Deoridhe Quandry: Hmmm,ok.
- [17:27] Reflection Freenote: habit formations may be the bane of a long life;-))
- [17:28] Fujintaka Imako: a long life is a blessed life reflective
- [17:28] Reflection Freenote: it does seem as though modern identity is moving toward a more fractal nature in which we can have various elements of identity, simultaneously, like in SL and RL
- [17:29] Fujintaka Imako: sorry reflection
- [17:29] Reflection Freenote: yes, I definitely prefer it to the alternative Fuji:))
- [17:30] Reflection Freenote: this may also promote the possibility of more complex primary emotional bonds, although our jealousies are so powerful, there may be rigid limitations to this
- [17:31] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: is that a good thing or a bad thing for an individual?
- [17:31] Reflection Freenote: this is the end of our appointed hour, and I thank all of you for coming and offering such insightful comments. Feel free to stay and continue as you would like, and have a great week!!!!
- [17:31] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: to have more complex bonds
- [17:31] Reflection Freenote: MissC, I think that very much depends on the individual
- [17:31] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: it certainly would seem to tend to weaken the primary one
- [17:31] Reflection Freenote: if one is very secure, it is a wonderful opportunity, but if we have lots of anxiety, it could be very destabilizing, I think
- [17:32] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: simple because it is not the only cable holding the bridge, so to say
- [17:32] Palani Allen: Ref, then would you include feeling guilty (in regards to "complex bonds")?
- [17:32] Reflection Freenote: yes Palani, absolutely
- [17:32] Reflection Freenote: especially if there is not transparency in the primary relationship which is mostly the case, I think
- [17:33] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: will the formation of a complex bond be accepted in most cases with the primary? Or is the expectation that it will pose a clear danger to the exclusivity on which the coupling is based?
- [17:33] Reflection Freenote: it does seem as though the opportunities of virtual realities, also come at the cost of their very profound limitations, and these may tend to safeguard RL relationships also
- [17:34] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: well, emotionally, if new bonds are formed, the old bonds have less value
- [17:35] Reflection Freenote: It would be a truism in counseling circles, that the stability of a primary relationship is based more on the nature of the relationship, than it is upon the external factors that might typically endanger it
- [17:35] Reflection Freenote: said differently, when there are affairs, the problem is not the other person, but rather is some unacknowledged problem in the primary relationship
- [17:35] Valimare Naimarc: I don't think it has to work out that way. It could, but it could also be that we don't value others less as we form new bonds. We might have different bonds to different people for different reasons.
- [17:35] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: sound reasoning.
- [17:36] Fujintaka Imako: yes there are external pressures in a relationship but do you give in to them or work to safeguard the primary relationship
- [17:36] Reflection Freenote: certainly other relationships are the ways that unstable primary relationships typically get changed, but usually with enormous amounts of trauma when this happens in RL
- [17:37] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: your statement Fun, is in opposition to Ref's contention that if a relationship has value it would not be threatened.

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[17:37] Reflection Freenote: in SL, these sorts of relationships also bring change to primary relationships which can be beneficial, but typically, it seems without the collateral damage and carnage

[17:37] Fujintaka Imako: no I disagree

[17:38] MIssCrakenthorpe Flux: a loosening of the bonds is likely in some cases

[17:38] Fujintaka Imako: I know people who have left SL because their partner cheated on them they were devastated

[17:40] Reflection Freenote: yes, Fuji, I don't want to minimize the psychic pain which is involved, although seeing this very often in RL, myself, because of my work, what goes on there is typically far worse than just psychic pain (financial dislocation, legal complications, problems with children, etc.)

[17:40] Fujintaka Imako: oh yes

[17:40] Valimare Naimarc: I think that if there are problem with the primary relationship, say they are some of what you want and there are plenty of problems, one could land up finding more of what they want in a secondary relationship so they leave the primary for the secondary. If the primary was a stable relationship then I don't think the secondary relationship would harm that.

[17:41] Reflection Freenote: again if a primary relationship in RL is seriously threatened by a virtual relationship, this is a red flag for the primary relationship for sure, I think