

‘Aristotle on Illusions, Hallucinations and Dreams’

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There are a number of attempts in the secondary literature to show that Aristotle is some sort of direct realist or even a disjunctivist, after the manner of John McDowell. A close examination of Aristotle's treatment of illusions, hallucinations, and dreams and their relation to genuine perceptions suggests that this is not the case. Rather he identifies a common core underlying phenomenologically similar perceptual experiences, in line with a causal theory of perception.