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Humans-Some Uncommon Bizarre Personas

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ABSTRACT

Six components viz., physical appearance, human thoughts, human emotions/feelings, human behaviour, human mind/brain, and human perception form layers over our true self to create our Human Persona. Each component carries in it some rare and bizarre element which rarest of rare humans exhibit in their personality. Their persona is what we call Bizarre Human persona which is what we shall be exploring in this paper. Through this paper, a journey is undertaken to explore the bizarre aspects of the human persona which will surprise many of us. It is a totally weird world where we confront bizarre uncommon rarest of rare abnormal human personalities which will make you gasp, "Do such bizarre people exist in this world?"

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There is an infinitely finite number of humans in this world, each being a unique individual personality. No two humans are exactly the same in this world; not even the twins. You may contest this statement because there are look-alike twins and moreover it is said that there are at least 7 people in this world who look just as you look. Probability wise the occurrence has a very low probability of occurrence of similar-looking people in the world.

Still, I assert that there is not even a single person who has the same human persona that I or you have. There may be 7 people who may be look alike but they won't have my human persona because the human persona is not only the human appearance; human appearance is only a part of the persona-there are many other characteristics that constitute the human persona.

The human persona has *Physical Appearance* as only one of the seven components. While the probability that there will be two persons with similar appearance is very remote (only 7 persons are there in the world who have a similar physical appearance as possessed by a person), the probability that person having a similar-looking person will also possess the same other characteristics of persona is remotest and is simply not possible. The persons who are even look-alike will have a different way of thinking, emotions, behaviour, different acumen of mind and brain and most importantly, the 'True Self' which some call the 'Soul'.

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While there may be probabilities associated with other human attributes, there is an absolute certainty that souls of distinct people are distinct and each has a unique 'True Self'.

While it is improbable even that all other characteristics could find a duplicate but the 'True Self' is absolutely unique for each living person and hence my assertion that there is no one is the same as me is absolutely true and can be considered as absolute universal truth.

As detailed in my book (2021) –"Facets of Human Persona-Some Perspectives", I explained that the human persona is a mask over our '*true self*' which is at the core of each human persona. The mask over the core true self is composed of layers of six human attributes viz.

- Human Physical Appearance
- Human thoughts
- Human Brain and Mind
- Human Emotions and Feelings
- Human Behaviour
- Human Perception

All seven attributes (Above six and the core- 'True Self') jointly create the exact persona of the individual. The Human Persona is not stagnant; it goes on changing continuously with time.

The components are presented in the picture of the Human Persona Wheel (inspired by Miller's Life Wheel). The Human Persona of an individual has a unique self and his actions through the other six components define a unique human persona for the individual.

The wheel of the human persona is presented below:

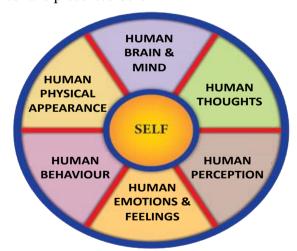


Figure 1: Integrated human persona wheel

Each component of the human persona is a layer that masks the true self. The human persona of a person is indeed unique and just imagine there are infinitely finite distinct human persona at any time in this world, and each has a unique identity. We are all distinct but we may have similarities on some characteristics of persona but all characteristics taken together will never match.

In this paper, we shall explore bizarreness prevailing in each of the above six human attributes which generate weird and rarest of rare Bizarre Human Persona.

Bizarre human personas are extreme Abnormal Persona. Bizarre human personas manifest due to some bizarreness in some component of the human persona. The bizarreness is found in each of the six components and each bizarre aspect of a component creates a rarest of rare bizarre human persona.

We begin our journey into the bizarre aspects of each component and explore the facets of the bizarre human persona generated by them.

Starting with Human Physical Appearance

Human Physical Appearance and Bizarre Human Persona

The physical appearance is God-given and is a very important part of the Human Persona because this is what the world sees at first sight. The sight creates an impression of the persona. This impression gets corrected with the manifestation of other attributes over a period of time when those get perceived by the world.

Physical appearance is considered normal when constituted of body parts at proper places and in the right numbers. The parts may look different; even the overall body structure may look different which gives a totally different visual appearance - as described in my above-cited book, the bodies have different somatypes-- Bone structure and muscle mass (or lack thereof) differentiate body types, not how much weight a person carries. The *Somatypes* are of three types:

- Ectomorph
- Mesomorph
- Endomorph

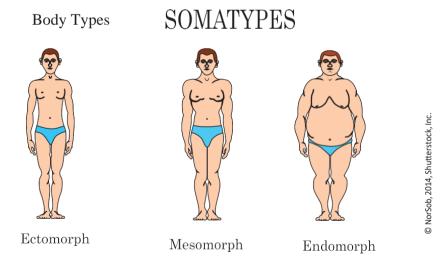


Figure 2 -Human Body Somatypes

Ectomorph people are usually thin, bony (small-boned), and tall. Ectomorphs appear fragile; they usually have flat chests and limited muscular development.

Mesomorph people have a triangular body shape with broad shoulders and a tapering at the hip; they are muscular, with a good balance between height and weight, and are usually described as athletic in appearance.

And the *Endomorph* people typically have bodies that are rounded, oval, or pear-shaped; they are usually heavy-set or stocky but not necessarily obese.

All people mostly can be grouped into one of these somatypes when we consider their body appearance. Even though body shapes and types are different, they will be considered normal as long as they are part of the above grouping.

Similarly, the body parts may be different -viz. eye color may be black, blue but so long as there are two eyes situated at the right place in the body are functional; the appearance is normal. Different people will have different shapes of nose, ear, chin, or lips but as long as the number and locations are the same and the parts are normally functional; the parts are normal and form a part of our normal physical appearance.

What I am trying to say is that even though all people are distinct in appearance but there is normalcy in human physical appearance as long as basics are the same i.e., each human is complete with all parts and the placement of parts in relation to each other is same and functional.

Deviation from normal physical appearance gives rise to *abnormal physical appearance*: Physical Appearance is considered normal so long each human has a body comprising of a face (having two eyes, two ears, one nose, pair of lips, teeth, tongue), two hands (having five fingers in each hand), two legs and feet(having five nails in each foot) and a midriff or torso having heart, lungs, and stomach ... Physical appearance of humans is normal if above parts are all in place; if even one part is missing the appearance becomes abnormal-person with one leg (a lame person) is abnormal, person missing one or both eyes is abnormal.... On the other hand, if we see some additions in the human part we, again, term it as abnormal physical appearance –persons having an additional finger (besides the five) is considered an abnormal appearance!!

The deviation could be due to a missing part of the body or an extra part or a deformity. Or body part is present but not functional—all these would be abnormal physical appearances. The commonest example is transgender for obvious reasons. Dwarfs miss the height and may be considered humans with abnormal appearance. People born blind, born without hearing capacity or lame people are other examples. Some people are having six fingers instead of five-they also are with abnormal physical appearance.

All these deviations from normal are not bizarre as these are not rare. The bizarre physical appearances are rarest of rare abnormal appearances. The above-cited abnormal appearances are not rarest of rare and, hence, are not bizarre.

Bizarre Human Physical appearances

The rarest of rare human physical appearance could be the rare babies born with two heads or twins born with connected bodies. Such rare humans are reported in history even though such humans would have lived a short life.

Caleb Compton (2013) describes and also presents a picture of bizarre humans born with weird deformities or weird appearance –those are the best examples of Bizarre Human Persona by virtue of their physical appearances.

Just look at babies who were born with joint heads:



Figure 3- Bizarre human physical appearance- babies with joined heads

The above picture is of Manar Maged born in Cairo in 2004; Manar and her twin sister were fused together at the head. Her twin had no limbs and could only smile, blink and cry.

At ten months of age, Manar was taken to a hospital in Cairo after she became very ill. It was decided that without the removal of the parasitic twin, they would both die. Unfortunately, after they were separated, the twin died as it used the blood supply of Manar and could not survive without her. Less than a year later, Manar also died due to a brain infection that was caused by complications from the surgery.

This is a weird and bizarre human physical appearance that had a very short life—indeed a Bizarre Human Persona by virtue of bizarre physical appearance.

The author gives an account of another bizarre human physical appearance of a man called Joseph Merrick, the Elephant Man. Born in 1836, the Englishman became a celebrity in London and also gained fame around the world. He was born with Proteus syndrome—a condition that causes huge lumps to develop on the skin and the bones to deform and thicken. Joseph's mother died when he was eleven and he was rejected by his father. He left home at a young age and worked in Leicester before contacting a showman. He was the main act and gained his stage name—the 'Elephant Man'.

You will gasp when you look at his picture which is reproduced below:

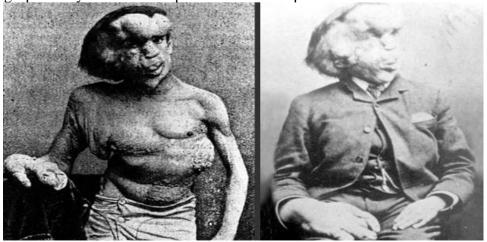


Figure 4: Bizarre physical appearance --' Elephant Man' Mr. Joseph Merrick

Due to the size of his head, Joseph had to sleep sitting up. His head was so heavy that it was impossible for him to sleep lying down. One night in 1890, he attempted to sleep 'like normal people' and dislocated his neck in the process. He was found dead the next morning. Weird, isn't it, most bizarre human persona ever seen?

Another bizarre personality described by the author is Didier Montalvo, from rural Colombia developed congenital melanocytic nevus, which causes moles to grow all over the body at an incredibly fast rate. As a result of this disease, a mole grew so large that it covered Didier's entire back. He was dubbed 'turtle boy' by his peers as the huge mole looked like a shell.



Figure 5—Bizarre child Didier with tortoise back

Apparently, Didier was conceived on an eclipse and the locals believed his mole was the work of the devil. For this reason, he was shunned by other children and banned from the local school. When British surgeon Neil Bulstrode heard about Didier's condition, he travelled to Bogota so he could operate and remove the mole. Didier was six years old when the surgery was performed. It was a success and the whole mole was excised. After the operation, Didier now goes to school and lives a normal, happy life.

The stories about bizarre humans are real-life stories and not all are pathetic, above one was a story of hope for such bizarre human personas.

Bizarre at its extreme is the boy called Petero Byakatonda from a small, rural town in Uganda who suffers from crouzon syndrome. This affects about one in every 25,000 births, but Petero's case is an extreme one. Crouzon syndrome causes malformation of the skull, which in turn pushes the eyeballs out of their sockets and the ears down, leading to problems with sight and hearing. In developed countries, the deformities caused by crouzon syndrome

Figure 6—Extreme bizarre face - Petero Byakatonda are usually treated very soon after birth but Petero did not receive this treatment as he lives hundreds of miles away from a hospital.

Petero's neighbors tormented and shunned him for his appearance and he locked himself away in his room, hardly ever leaving the house. A doctor noticed his condition when driving through Petero's village. The doctor raised enough money for Petero to travel to Austin, Texas, for life-changing surgery. He spent six months there while doctors re-shaped his skull. This put a lot of pressure off his optic nerve and brain. A second operation was needed to reconstruct the bone around Petero's eyes. Complications occurred during the second surgery—he lost 80% of his total blood volume and his condition turned critical. Luckily, he survived and he now lives a happy life in his village.

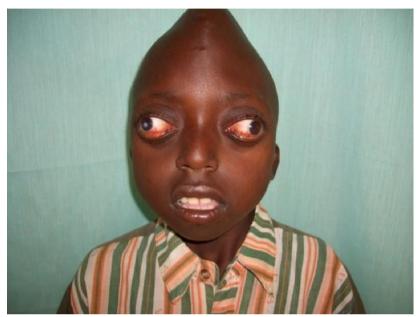


Figure 6—Extreme bizarre face - Petero Byakatonda

There are several rarest of rare bizarre humans described by the author in his paper, I have picked only a few to share in this paper to make readers aware of how bizarre a human persona could be because of the bizarre frightening human appearances.

In the foregoing paragraphs, we had looked at abnormal human persona with respect to the component 'Physical Appearance'.

Next, we take up human thoughts:

Bizarre Human Persona by virtue of bizarre thoughts

The way physical appearance is considered normal, all other characteristics get a normal perception through the common ways they function and any deviation from the consistent pattern would term them as abnormal and even a single deviation in even one of the characteristics will make the human persona abnormal.

We shall not be repeating above for other characteristics of human persona when we take them up for exploring bizarreness in them because the above fact holds true for all characteristics that we shall be discussing.

Coming back to human thoughts, our way of thinking and resultant behaviour also follows a pattern in most humans.

The general normal pattern of thinking has three basic features:

- A thought persists until it has manifested completely and unless it is replaced by another consciously desired thought.
- The contents of the thought are so organized that they are related to each other and do not blend with each other but are arranged in an organized manner and sequence.
- Sudden ideas, related thoughts, or observations that appear during the formulation of a particular thought do not intrude and disturb the continuity

The thought process expressed either in written or spoken form is the syntactical and grammatical structure, i.e., how the thoughts are formed and connected to each other; they concern the flow of ideas and they convey a meaning by its contents. Normally, we all experience our thoughts to be our own and well in our control.

Normal thinking follows the above pattern where the thoughts flow in a stream and persist till a new thought replaces it. The normal thoughts are well organized and we are in control of our thoughts and the resultant behaviour. Disturbance in any of these characteristics leads to disorders of form and stream of thought process.

Abnormal thinking or thoughts creep in when either instead of we controlling the thoughts, thoughts start controlling us and lead us astray in behaviour; or continuity of thought is disturbed or rationality of thoughts go for a toss. Abnormal thoughts lead to bizarre thoughts.

Let us consider some bizarre thoughts which lead to bizarre human persona-

Thoughts are normal as long as we control them but there are instances where some persons even though physically appearing normal are not able to control their thoughts; these are bizarre people whose thoughts have overpowered them. These bizarre personalities do bizarre actions owing to the bizarre thoughts which make them do the things which a normal person will not do in a situation.

What if you see a person washing paper currency with water and for him /her it is a normal thought and action!! The person is a slave of cleaning '*OCD*' (obsessive-compulsive disorder). The appearance-wise person is absolutely normal but is possessed by a weird thought process making him /her a *bizarre human persona*.

OCD impacts our thoughts and behaviour and makes them abnormal persons to the extent of putting them in the category of bizarre personalities.

What is OCD

As per Hector Colon Rivera and Howland Molly (2020) the *obsessive-compulsive disorder* (*OCD*) is a disorder in which people have recurring, unwanted uncontrolled thoughts, ideas, or sensations (obsessions) that make them feel driven to do something repetitively (compulsions). Repetitive behaviours, such as hand washing, checking on things, or cleaning, can significantly interfere with a person's daily activities and social interactions.

Many people without OCD have distressing thoughts or repetitive behaviors. However, these thoughts and behaviors do not typically disrupt daily life. For people with OCD, thoughts are persistent, and behaviors are rigid. Not performing the behaviors commonly causes great distress. Many people with OCD know or suspect their obsessions are not realistic but still, they perform the compulsive action because it gives relief to their minds. Even if they know their obsessions are not realistic, people with OCD have difficulty disengaging from the

obsessive thoughts or stopping the compulsive actions i.e., their thoughts are not in their control but the thoughts control them.

A diagnosis of OCD requires the presence of obsessions and/or compulsions that are time-consuming (more than one hour a day), cause significant distress, and impair work or social functioning.

What is meant by *Obsessions and Compulsions?*

Obsessions

Obsessions are recurrent and persistent thoughts, impulses, or images that cause distressing emotions such as anxiety or disgust. Many people with OCD recognize that the thoughts, impulses, or images are a product of their minds and are excessive or unreasonable. However, the distress caused by these intrusive thoughts cannot be resolved by logic or reasoning. Most people with OCD try to ease the distress of the obsessions with compulsions, ignore or suppress the obsessions, or distract themselves with other activities.

Typical obsessions:

- Fear of getting contaminated by people or the environment
- Disturbing sexual thoughts or images
- Fear of blurting out obscenities or insults
- Extreme concern with order, symmetry, or precision
- Recurrent intrusive thoughts of sounds, images, words, or numbers
- Fear of losing or discarding something important

Compulsions

Compulsions are repetitive behaviors or mental acts that a person feels driven to perform in response to an obsession. The behaviors typically prevent or reduce a person's distress related to an obsession. Compulsions may be excessive responses that are directly related to an obsession (such as excessive hand washing due to the fear of contamination) or actions that are completely unrelated to the obsession. In the most severe cases, a constant repetition of rituals may fill the day, making a normal routine impossible.

Typical compulsions:

- Excessive or ritualized hand washing, showering, brushing teeth, or toileting
- Repeated cleaning of household objects
- Ordering or arranging things in a particular way
- Repeatedly checking locks, switches, or appliances
- Constantly seeking approval or reassurance
- Repeated counting to a certain number

Whatever persuasive tactics you use, you cannot force them to deviate from their obsessions and compulsive behaviors which even if they know that these are not correct way of thinking and acting but they will still be compelled to do it. You can do nothing but pity them for their miserable and bizarre obsessions.

People with OCD are not very common and are not normal (though by appearance they look normal), they are not normal by virtue of their bizarre thoughts which put them under the category of *humans with bizarre persona*.

Let us now take up another characteristic of human persona --brain and mind

Bizarre human personas due to unusual uncommon brains and minds

The human brain is a unique marvel of nature. This marvelous machine has no comparison. Through the working of the brain, we perceive the world around us through the known five known senses- seeing, hearing, Smelling, tasting, and touching.

While it is beyond the scope of this paper to capture complete details about perception circuitry in the brain, we summarily state that the perception happens when sensory information from sense organs flow into the brain which has one hundred billion nerve cells (neurons, synapses, etc.) scattered in different parts of the brain forming circuitry and the awareness comes through communication between the nearly infinite cells through their interconnections constituting the circuitry in different portions of the brain. The flow of information happens when neurons encode information electrically and the brief electrical pulses travel along biological cables (axons) that extend from the cell bodies of neurons to connect their input to their outputs with other neurons. Thus, information travels through the neuron circuitry to reach different lobes of the brain where perception processing takes place. The whole process is very complex.

Through this complex process, we see, hear, smell, taste, and touch when the brain is functioning normally but when some part of the brain malfunctions or when a person has some abnormality in the brain, the manifestation of sight, etc., gets impaired and the person gets to experience weird happenings and acts and behaves in a manner which can be called weird or bizarre. Such people, no longer, are normal people and because of their bizarre experiences and bizarre behavior they give rise to their bizarre human persona.

In the following paragraphs, we shall explore bizarre human persona caused due to aberrations in mind/brain working.

Bizarre human persona due to damage in the brain

Kumar Naresh (2020) in his paper, "Human perception –some bizarre perspectives" describes some human persona that manifests due to damage in some parts of the brain-

We shall see some bizarre personalities manifesting because of slight damage to some portion of their brains. The human persona which appears so organized and normal turns into highly abnormal and bizarre when even slight damage occurs in some part of the brain.

1. We know about colour blindness where some people are not able to see some colour, their brains, simply do not have the ability to see that colour but there are cases where a person sees the whole world in black and white. It happens when an *area called V4* in the temporal lobe is damaged. This area is processing Colour in our vision and the damage to this area drains out colours from our visual system. Apart from missing to see colours all abilities of vision remain intact. How bizarre it would seem when a person is not able to see the blue sky, pink rose, and the colourful world around him/her.

Such people are rare and possess bizarre human persona as, unlike normal humans they cannot perceive colours as they are but everything is in only two shades i.e., black or white.

David Eagleman in his book, "Incognito", talks about the profound impact of even slight damage to brain circuitry on our behaviour: -

2. People with a condition called *Prosopagnosia* cannot distinguish between familiar and unfamiliar faces—they recognize based on other cues such as hairlines, gait, and voices to recognize the people they know. This state can also be called "Face Blindness". Some people are born with this brain deficiency and for them, it is normal

that they do not recognize faces, but this condition also occurs sometimes when a normal person meets head injury.

Again, such people are rare and can be said to possess *Bizarre Human Persona*

Another bizarre condition of humans from Eagleman's book-

- 3. There is a brain disorder called Alien hand Syndrome which can result from splitbrain surgeries. In this disorder, the two hands express conflicting desires e.g., one hand can pick up a newspaper whereas the other hand will slap it back down. A patient in this situation often says he is not doing it is happening by itself. In this condition, the person is not having control over his hands and the two hands are doing opposite things against his wishes. This is another form of bizarre human persona
- 4. Another brain disorder is *Anosognosia* This term describes a total lack of awareness of impairment, and a typical example is a patient who completely denies his very obvious paralysis. The person even though has an impairment in the body but denies it and feels he is a normal human. These are abnormal humans and can be considered having bizarre human persona due to brain malfunction.

In his book, Eagleman describes a weird incident in which owing to brain malfunctioning a person does an act which is difficult to believe that such bizarre persona can materialize due to brain damage.

5. On 1-8-1966 Charles Whitman went berserk and started shooting and killing people from the top floor of the University of Texas Tower. After cops killed him, a suicide note was found on him "I do not really understand myself these days. I am supposed to be an average reasonable and intelligent man. However, lately (I cannot recall when it started) I have been a victim of many unusual and irrational thoughts." Doctors studied his brain and discovered that there was a tumor about the diameter of a nickel. The tumor called a glioblastoma had blossomed from beneath a structure called the *Thalamus*, impinged on the *hypothalamus*, and compressed a third region, called the Amygdala. The Amygdala is involved in emotional regulation, especially as regards fear and aggression. It has been researched that damage to this region caused emotional and social disturbances. Such emotional and social disturbances are bizarre in the history of humans and such persons possess Bizarre Human Persona.

Another form of bizarre human personas who violate social norms due to brain damage is described in the same book:

6. There is a tragic brain disorder called frontotemporal dementia in which frontal and temporal lobes degenerate. Patients lose the ability to control the hidden impulses. Through the impulses, they indulge in violating social norms—shoplifting in front of the store manager, removing clothes in public, or being physically or sexually aggressive.

I, now, make you acquainted with a rare bizarre human persona arising out of a strangest mental disorder called, "Cotard Syndrome" in which the person has a weird perception of self. During an attack of temporal lobe epileptic seizure; he looks absolutely normal person, composed otherwise but when enquired about him/her, the reply is that he/ she is a corpse. Here is a conversation between such a patient Yousaf Ali and the doctor at Medical College Hospital at Chennai (source Tell-Tale Brain by V Ramachandran):

"......Doctor— What brings you to the hospital?

Ali-Not much can be done, I am a corpse

Doctor- Ali, where are you?

Ali- At the Medical College, I think I used to be a patient at the Kilpauk Hospital (he was being treated there)

Doctor--- Are you saying that you are dead?

Ali—Yes, I don't exist. You could say I am an empty shell. Sometimes I feel like a ghost that exists in another world.

Doctor—Ali, what are you saying? Are you saying that you may not exist? How do you explain that you are talking to me right now?

Ali appeared confused and a tear started forming in his eyes. 'Well, I am dead and immortal at the same time.'

The above paragraphs give a glimpse about bizarre personality and this leaves us bewildered that the human persona can get so much distorted when a brain part is damaged.

When the brain is damaged, apart from weird perception, human behavior in other aspects also gets strange change.

7. In his book V Ramachandran, "Tell-Tale Brain", he goes on to talk about people who do not have damaged brains but are born with an unusual brain e.g., Synesthesia is not a neurological disorder but people with Synesthesia have a surreal blending of sensation, perception, and emotion. Synesthetes (as such people called) experience the ordinary world in an extraordinary way. Some of them see colours associated with numbers—say when they look at digit 7 which is printed in black ink, they will perceive red-coloured 7—they simply cannot see black coloured 7. He talks about a woman Francesca who when with closed eyes touches Denim, she feels sadness, touches silk to feel the emotion of peace and calm, wax gives her embarrassment and grade 60 sandpaper evokes a sense of guilt in her. Some people visualize different colors with different notes of music. They see colourful sceneries whenever music is played.

These are weird and bizarre classes of abnormal people who can be undoubtedly classified as people with *bizarre human persona*.

So much so for the bizarre human persona which manifests due to damage in the brain or due to abnormal brain. Such people are unfortunate to have damaged brains which alter their status from normal humans to bizarre humans.

As stated at the beginning of the paper the human persona is constituted of seven components and we have been discussing how in each component when a deviation occurs there arises a bizarre human persona.

Next in line of discussions is human behaviour-

Bizarre human behaviours giving rise to a bizarre human persona

In the above paragraphs, we have been discussing how brain damages give rise to bizarre humans when the damage in the brain affects their capabilities and they become bizarre persons. Human behaviour is also impacted by the damages in the brain and people resort to bizarre behaviour.

The brain damages affect human behaviour-

• The Brain damage in what is called Broca's area in the frontal lobes of the brain results in a speech disorder.

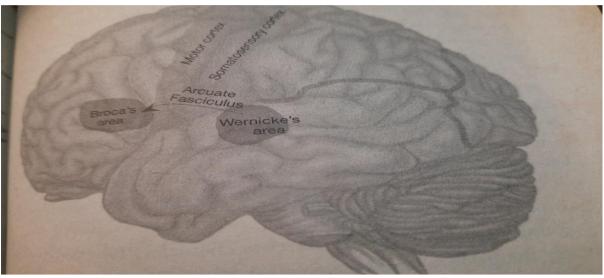


Figure 7: The two language areas in the brain are Broca's area (in Frontal Lobes), Wernicke's area (in the Temporal Lobe)

A person with this speech impediment finds it very hard to speak simple sentences like, "Please give me a glass of water". The speech disorder is a language deficit resulting in speech impediment-this disorder is called *Broca's Aphasia*, named after a French neurologist *Paul Broca* who discovered this syndrome in 1865. The damage is in the frontal lobe in the region that separates the parietal and front lobes. (book "Tell-Tale Brain") The disorder is very rare and the visual perception is very distressing. People with speech impairment due to brain damage look normal in appearance but when they open their mouth to speak, their bizarre persona becomes visible. They are very unfortunate people whose bizarre behaviour in speech makes them a part of the group of people classified in the group of humans with *bizarre human persona*.

• Another strange behavior emerging from brain damage is "Somatoparaphrenia" in which the person disowns a part of the body and tells it does not belong to him/her but to a different person. When the right hemisphere of the brain suffers a stroke, sometimes a rare combination of lesions S1, S2, and SPL in the hemisphere happens which gives rise to this strange syndrome. (Tell-Tale Brain)

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It is not always that the brain disorders or unusual brains make people miserable or unfortunate, there are occasions when brain anomalies bring in humans some rare capabilities to make them possess rare bizarre human personas

• Steven Sloman and Philip Fernbach (2017) in their book, "The Knowledge Illusion" describe a patient aged 34 years, , suffering from a disorder called *Hyperthymesia* which made her remember just about everything she experienced from the age of eleven. She could recall all events for every day between the eleventh year till date. In fact, when she sees a date flashed on TV or elsewhere, she automatically goes back to that day and remembers where she was, what she did, what day of the week it was, and so on.... Bizarre, isn't it?

This is rarest of rare bizarre human persona

Thus, we see that behaviours deviate from normal due to brain damage or malfunctions and we have before us people who are not only abnormal but bizarre!! We have also discussed

Obsessive Compulsion disorders while discussing human bizarre thoughts; OCD also is abnormal behaviour that is very bizarre and pushes a normal persona to a bizarre persona.

After discussing human behaviour (a part of human persona), next for discussion is Human Perception which is an important component of human persona. We shall now see people who possess bizarre perceptions which make their human persona a bizarre human persona.

The bizarre human perception which creates a bizarre human persona

In the above paragraphs, we saw that the brain which perceives the world with normal five senses, and when a part of the brain is damaged it creates bizarre behaviours/ capabilities which give rise to a strange human persona which can be termed as Bizarre.

But can you imagine that perception can happen without the use of the normal five senses? In discussions so far, we have discussed perceptions for which we have some known sense which makes its perception.

Scientifically perception happens through the use of our five senses: Seeing, Hearing, Touching, Smelling, and Tasting. Our eyes, ears, skin, nose, and tongue; the sense organs pass on signals to our brain and we perceive things. This is the normal understanding of Perception. There are of course bizarre variations though!!

It is scientifically thought that we cannot perceive without the above five senses. But most of us have heard about the proverbial "sixth sense", some call it intuition, others name it hunches but we feel that occasionally we perceive things without using the normal five senses. Are these perceived through a sixth sense? Does sixth sense exist for which we have, currently, no knowledge? The sixth sense, indeed, is not a normal sense but is a bizarre sense of *Human Perception*, and people possessing it do exhibit Bizarre Human Persona.

Let me take you on a tour where events happened and were perceived externally i.e., without the use of the known five senses. There are a vast number of such events that have happened (which were perceived without the use of known five senses) and are still happening across the world and we are wonderstruck as we do not know how these happen.

These events or incidents can be broadly grouped under "Telepathy", Clairvoyance, Remote Viewing, Precognition, and After death communications (ADCs). These events happen through the rare capabilities of some humans whom we may call psychics or mediums. They are normal people in appearance but are not normal, rather abnormal and bizarre as far as their human perception is concerned. They possess bizarre sense which makes them perceive things without the known normal five senses—In a sense, we can say they possess Bizarre Human Persona by virtue of their bizarre Human Perception through hitherto unknown sense which may be called sixth sense

Bizarre Human Perception through ADC (After Death Communication)

Erica Simon narrates innumerable real-life incidents that point to the continuation of life after death, where the discarnate spirits have communicated to their living relatives. I reproduce some of the events:

Second lieutenant Lesile Poynter was killed on 25th October 1918. The evening at nine o clock, his sister, miles away in England, had just settled herself in bed when she saw him enter her room. He bent over and kissed her, a kiss which she "did not feel," and then stood up and looked at her,

smiling. "I have never seen anyone look so intensely happy in life," She said, "this is one of the things that makes me know there's a second life or he would not have looked like that." As she watched, he faded away. Two weeks later a War Office Telegram informed the family of his death on that date. (Erica Simon, 2006, Life after Death, pp15,16)

Another incident from the same book:

On the night of June in Indianapolis, Mrs. Gladys Watson was awakened from a deep sleep by someone quietly but insistently calling her name. As she roused and sat up, she was astonished to see her paternal grandfather, to whom she was devoted, leaning towards her. He looked perfectly real and lifelike. There was a pleasant smile on his face, "Don't be frightened," he reassured her in a warm, affectionate voice. "It's only me, I've just died." Mrs. Watson found tears starting in her eyes and she instinctively reached across the bed to rouse her sleeping husband. "This is how they'll bury me," her grandfather said indicating the dark suit and black bow tie he was wearing. He added: "I just wanted to tell you I've been waiting to go ever since the mother was taken." Gladys Watson could see her grandfather looked as solid as though he were physically present in the room. And she heard his voice not with an inner ear but as though he were actually speaking to her.

Mrs. Watson shook her husband again, but the apparition had vanished before he awakened. He told her that she had simply been dreaming and that her grandfather was alive and well with her parents in Wilmington. Because she was so upset, he decided to prove it by phoning them--- only to learn that his wife's grandfather had died at home a few minutes before. (pp 16,17)

These afterlife *Apparition* incidents leave us wonderstruck and lead us to think, "How could this happen".

Joseph Murphy narrates another queer and interesting incident:

A widow visited me last year, saying that her husband, shortly before his demise, had told her that he had made out a new will leaving all of his estates to her. But his lawyer knew nothing about it and he had a will made ten years back. She had searched everywhere but could not find the new will.

I suggested to her that she claimed, 'Infinite intelligence knows where the will is and reveals to me.'

She started praying and after three or four days of praying, she distinctly heard her husband's voice in the kitchen where she was doing ironing: 'Look up the 45th chapter of Isaiah.' She did and there she found the new will, attested by two witnesses, all in legal phraseology, dated and signed.

The after-death communication (ADC) from a dead person is beyond belief – "How could this happen?"

These are weird and bizarre perceptions by rare humans who can be said to possess Bizarre Human Persona by virtue of bizarre perceptive capability of communicating with spirits due to their unknown sense or capability.

Bizarre Human Perception through Telepathy

Dean Radin (2006) in his book, "Entangled Minds" (pp21,22) gives an incident in the life of Mr. Hans Berger who gave the world "EEG":

One morning, while a young boy, Hans was on horseback during a training exercise, his horse suddenly reared. Hans was tossed into the air and he landed hard on the road, directly in the path of a fast approaching, horsedrawn cannon. He realized with horror that he was about to be crushed, but the driver of the cannon managed to stop the horses in time. The accident left Hans thoroughly shaken but without serious injury.

At the same very moment, many miles away in his family's home, his older sister was suddenly overwhelmed with an ominous certainty that something bad had happened to Hans. She anxiously insisted that her father sent him a telegram. Hans on receiving the telegram knew that his feelings of intense fear had somehow reached his sister.

Many years later, Hans wrote, "This is a case of spontaneous telepathy in which at a time of mortal danger, I transmitted my thoughts and my sister, who was particularly close to me, acted as the receiver".

Telepathy, a connection between two minds is not possible as per current laws of science and the bizarre perception is ability is seen in rarest of rare psychics who can be termed as humans possessing Bizarre Human persona by virtue of their Bizarre Human Perception

Bizarre Human Perception through Precognition

Radin talks about Precognition about the worst terrorist 9/11 attack on the World Trade Centre Towers in the USA on September 9, 2001, where the twin towers were brought to dust by the crashing of an airplane into the building by the terrorists, killing many people. There were more than 14000 cases of precognition of the event that was reported in which people could foresee the event. These were collected and are listed at Rhine Research Centre. One such case is given below:

On September 10, 2001 midnight, Dr. MacGregor was on a flight and managed to occupy vacant seats and tried to sleep as it was a long flight. In his own words," I emptied my mind of all thoughts, focused my attention on the muted roar of engines, and lay very still—more awake than ever.

In the evening it was almost imperceptible, the strange feeling that started to come over me. It began with an awareness of how absolutely still my body was. I wondered vaguely why it was so perfectly motionless and felt a strong urge to move it. The more I tried to move, however, the more I detected a kind of resistance. Something hard and unyielding surrounded my body, immobilizing it. Yes, I felt it clearly now, I was encased and held fast in concrete...

The feeling of being imprisoned in concrete intensified—with it now was a sense of dread. I could not turn my head or move my arms or legs or expand my lungs with a deep breath of air. I was hopelessly trapped and on the verge of claustrophobic terror. And then the pain began. For the concrete was moving. From all sides it was pressing it on me, tighter and tighter, squeezing me with unbearable force. My body was about to be crushed. There was nothing to hold on to, nowhere to run to. In another moment my *life would be over...*

It was a long trip from Seattle to the island where we lived. We arrived home at 6 am on September 11.

Three thousand miles away, the World Trade Tower Centre was bursting in flames after being hit by airplanes. Thousands of lives ended that morning in the crush of concrete!!!!!!...

The precognition on such a large scale leaves us overwhelmed!!

14000 people and Dr. MacGregor who could foresee the unfortunate terrorist attack did possess a bizarre perception called precognition which creates their *bizarre human persona* by virtue of *bizarre perceptive capability* of precognition.

Bizarre Human Perception through Clairvoyance

Clairvoyance is nothing but seeing through the mind's eye. Normal perception of sight occurs through our eyes but when we see things without the use of eyes it is a *bizarre perception* called Clairvoyance.

A *Clairvoyant* incident is reported by Dr. Joseph Murphy, (2014) in his book, Psychic Perception—the magic of Extrasensory Power (pp 10):

I took a trip on one of the fishing boats in Hawai and on the boat was a boy about 12 years old. While having a conversation with him I mentioned that I was writing a book psychic principle and immediately he narrated his own incident—he told me that a month ago when his father died on the island of Oahu, a few hundred miles away, he knew it and ran in and told his mother, "Mom, papa is dead. I saw him and talked to him." His father's death was later confirmed by long-distance phone. The little boy had a clairvoyant vision of his father, who appeared to him and said, 'Goodbye'.

The incident, no doubt, is perplexing to blurt out, "How could this happen!"

Abraham Lincoln, some have said, was a clairvoyant who accurately predicted his own death. Whether this is true or just a coincidence is debated; however, the facts seem to tell a very interesting story.

Just days before Lincoln was shot, he told his wife of a dream that he had: "He was woken up by the sound of crying and went into the East Room of the White House, where a casket was laid open. There was a throng of mourners as well as several men guarding the casket. When he asked who was in the casket, one of the soldiers told him that it was the President, who had been killed by an assassin."

Three days after telling his wife this dream, Lincoln was shot and killed by John Wilkes Booth. (https://biography.yourdictionary.com/abraham.lincoln)

This is the most profound incident of *Clairvoyant Premonition*.

Clairvoyant people, again, are normal people by their human appearance but are rare and bizarre humans who can see through the mind's eyes, and certainly, they can be considered people possessing *Bizarre Human Persona*

We have discussed above several incidents which defy logic and their perception cannot be explained by our known five senses and these are not normal events, hence, these Paranormal events are considered Bizarre events, and The Humans who perceive such events are people with Bizarre Human Persona.

Be it a case of Telepathy, Clairvoyance, Remote viewing, Precognition/ Premonition, Apparition manifestation, Out of Body Experiences, After- death communication, or

Reincarnation --- all these paranormal events are perceived without the use of the known five senses.

The Paranormal events are bizarre incidents of Perception and the psychics or mediums who perceive such events are *Bizarre Human Persons* by virtue of *Bizarre Human Perception*!!

We have by now seen that the several components of the human persona when deviating from normality create Bizarre Human Persona. We have covered all components except the component of Human Emotions and Feelings.

We shall be ending the paper with the last component of human persona i.e., Human Emotions and Feelings

Bizarre Human Emotion and feelings leading to Bizarre Human Persona

We all, almost all laugh when we are happy, weep and grieve when some near-dear one departs us forever, are surprised when something unexpected happens, are sad when we feel lonely and long for some company, and so on...

The feelings and emotions are normal when most of us consistently express the same emotion or feelings in a situation. Have you seen a person happy when his/ her some near dear one has passed away or for that matter, even a stranger has passed away? If so, the person must be a weird mad person or out of this world. There are hardly any such persons that we may have come across, at the most we confront people who do not express their emotions in a situation. They are introverts.

Deviations from normal feelings and emotions do happen in people with mood disorders. There may be people whose span of happiness or sadness in a situation is longer than most of us.

A mood disorder is a mental health problem that primarily affects a person's emotional state. It is a disorder in which a person experiences long periods of extreme happiness, extreme sadness, or both.

It is normal for someone's mood to change, depending on the situation. However, to be diagnosed with a mood disorder, symptoms must be present for several weeks or longer. Two of the most common mood disorders are depression and bipolar disorder

Depression is a common mental disorder. Grief or sadness is a typical response to a traumatic life event or crisis, such as the death of a spouse or family member, loss of a job, or a major illness. However, when the depression continues to be present even when stressful events are over or there is no apparent cause, physicians would then classify the depression as clinical or major depression. For a person to be diagnosed with clinical depression, symptoms must last for at least two weeks.

Bipolar disorder is defined by swings in mood from periods of depression to mania. When someone experiences a low mood, symptoms may resemble those of clinical depression. Depressive episodes alternate with manic episodes or mania. During a manic episode, a person may feel elated or can also feel irritable or have increased levels of activity. There are different types of bipolar disorders.

We shall not go into details of the mood disorders because there are not the rarest of rare emotions which could be termed Bizarre Human Emotions which we are trying to explore.

Some rare bizarre feelings or emotions are discussed below (Source: Rise Earth > Peace Quarters; Reference: - http://www.dictionaryofobscuresorrows.com/)

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- The weird and bizarre feeling and emotion is the one found as in Lachesism- it is the desire to be struck by disaster—to survive a plane crash, to lose everything in a fire, to plunge over a waterfall—which would put a kink in the smooth arc of your life, and forge it into something hardened and flexible and sharp, not just a stiff prefabricated beam that barely covers the gap between one end of your life and the other. (https://lite987.com/weird-emotion-names/)
 - The desire to be struck by disaster does not come from the need to have a reason for sadness though. More than anything it comes from the need to have something, anything at all because even worse than feeling sad is to feel nothing, is to feel numb. Such emotion or feeling is really bizarre and people suffering from Lachesism are, for sure, having *Bizarre Human Persona*
- There is another type of feeling which tells you that you are a misfit in a situation. This feeling is *Monachopsis*. This is a delicate feeling of being a misfit or out of place. We all carry this feeling sometime or the other; it becomes a bizarre feeling when it is present most of the time and in most of the situation. In a way such people suffer from some sort of social phobia which all the time makes them uncomfortable with a sense of inferiority that they are misfit in the situation and they would like to be out of the situation.
 - Such people are ever frightened and so carry a *Bizarre Human Persona* by virtue of a *bizarre feeling*
- Another weird and bizarre feelings in humans is described by Radhika Taori (2021)Nodus Tollens is a realization that your life does not make any sense. Although it
 may be a temporary phase but not necessarily once in a lifetime event. It may occur
 again and leave everlasting effects. You may feel, that the hard work you have done
 till now to reach wherever you are, is useless because you are not happy. Time seems
 to pass as quickly as the blink of an eye but your life remains a mess. You try to
 connect each broken thread so as to make some sense but all you find every time are
 dead ends and unknown origins.

Voicing this feeling is even more difficult because you have no idea what's going on with you. As we continue to move forward, our life goal keeps shifting due to multiple occurrences of Nodus Tollens. Due to this, we may come across the fear of time running out to accomplish life goals set by us or the fear of losing out on opportunities.

This is a weird and bizarre feeling associated with a loser. The human persona of such people is, indeed, a Bizarre Human Persona triggered by a bizarre feeling.

- One more weird and bizarre feeling that some people have is termed as *Mauerbauertraurigkeit*. The feeling is like creating an emotional wall around you that you do not want anyone to cross over. You feel this when you have the urge to repel and shoo away people away from you whether they be close friends or family or strangers. This is again a feeling which creates within you a social boycott and you are comfortable staying alone and you feel agitated when someone tries to approach you. This is another *Bizarre Human Persona* by virtue of weird feelings.
- The last weird and bizarre feeling I wish to talk about is a feeling which makes you shrink your existence and you feel so trivial and small and the world around is very vast to make you feel insignificant. The Weird and bizarre feeling is **Occhiolism**. A feeling when you suddenly realize the smallness of your perspective compared to the

vastness that the world holds. People with this view are bitten by severe inferiority complex and feel their existence as trivially small and insignificant. They possess *Bizarre Human Persona* by virtue of bizarre emotion and feeling.

In this paper, we have taken a queer journey by getting ourselves acquainted with the rarest of rare types of personalities. The journey taken has followed the route where we stopped temporarily at each pillar of the human persona and looked minutely at aberrations in its structure which unfolded bizarre aspects of the human persona. Be it human physical appearance a pillar of the building of human persona where we saw aberrations of bizarre physical appearance in form of the bizarre human persona of people with double heads besides people with weird unbelievable limbs; be it the vital pillar of mind and brain where we explored people with bizarre persona arising out of damaged parts of the brain which made them perceive queer things; bizarre human perception was also witnessed in form of people having bizarre perceptual capabilities not limiting to the known five senses and we found aspects which we find difficult to believe which the people with bizarre persona could do with the bizarre capabilities they possessed. Even emotions and human behaviour, another pillar on which Human Persona stands have bizarre aspects which give rise to strange and bizarre human persona.

The journey has been really queer and hair raising and I am sure the facts brought out would have astonished you and you would have been prompted to yell "How could this be??"

The human persona which is a mask created by the layers by its six components shields the real "you" the "True Self' in you which is not seen by the world at any time. The six layers above the 'true self' are so opaque that no light can ever penetrate and reveal the true self. All the layers have aberrations which we have been discussing throughout the paper and these aberrations bring out the bizarre aspect from each layer which singly creates bizarre personas and we have a vast number of rare people who have a bizarre human persona.

The 'true self' at the core of Human Persona is the only vital component which is not having any aberration – it is clear like a mirror the brightness and clarity of which depends upon the magnitude of intelligence and knowledge gained and accumulated in it over an infinite number of bodies it has resided in (gaining more and more intelligence and knowledge) during the infinite number of lives it has seen in different human personas which carried it in infinite lives manifested with it being at the core of persona.

I conclude by just sharing with readers one fact about the origin of this paper. Having recently published my book, "Facets of Human Persona- some perspectives", I realized that I had missed a vital chapter in the book which was Humans- Some Uncommon Bizarre Personas, and hence this paper!!...

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