

# THE BUTTERFLY THAT ISN'T BLUE

A GUIDE TO COLOUR SUBTRACTION





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# Preface — Tested by Colour and Sound

At the age of seven some seance~tits came to my school to 'test' certain people. At that time, I had no idea what they were looking for, and never suspected a thing. Knowing what I do now, I see things totally differently

The first test was for colour. A heavy book of dots was placed before me. Numbers were said to be hidden in the patterns. Others saw them instantly. I did not. The verdict: colour-blind.

The second test was for sound. A pair of headphones covered my ears. Tones were played — sometimes higher, sometimes lower — and I was asked to judge between them. Again, the verdict was uncertain: my perception could not be trusted.

There was a third test too. I was asked to explain how an engine worked — how its parts moved together, how power turned into motion. This was meant to measure my comprehension of mechanics, the way things are said to function.

On the surface, these were innocent exercises. But looking back, I find it deeply suspicious.

Because there has never been anything wrong with my vision. I see colour vividly. My tonal hearing is sharp. My mechanical awareness is intact. The tests were not revealing a defect in me — they were revealing the intentions of the system.

It seems now as though they were searching for children who would not easily conform. Those who saw differently, heard differently, or thought differently were quietly marked as “defective.” Not because we were broken, but because we might one day become a problem to their systems of control.

That is why the labels came so quickly. Colour-blind. Tone-deaf. Mechanically deficient. They were not medical verdicts. They were psychological shackles, designed to weaken confidence and seed self-doubt. If you can convince a child that their senses are untrustworthy, you bind them early to the authority of others.

But in my case, the plan failed.

At seven, I carried the weight of those verdicts. But over time, life itself revealed the truth. My senses are not broken. What was broken was the measure by which they were judged. The blindness was not in me, but in the system that insists the surface is the whole story.

The Blue Morpho butterfly proves it. Its wings blaze with impossible blue, yet no pigment carries that colour. The eye insists on the surface illusion, but truth lies beneath. The butterfly is not blue, yet it appears bluer than anything we know.

So too with sound. The world insists that A440 is the “standard pitch,” but coherence whispers in another tone, A432, that cannot be erased. The test was never about my ears. It was about whether I would align to distortion.

And so too with engines, machines, and systems. The test was never about mechanics. It was about whether I would accept the official machinery of the world at face value, or whether I would one day question the hidden field that drives it all.

At seven years old, I was told I was defective. At forty-seven, I know the truth: I was never defective. I was different. And different is exactly what the system feared.

This book is not the story of a perceived deficiency. It is the story of discovery. The revelation that what dazzles the senses is never the whole truth — and that illusion itself may be an invitation into coherence.

## **The Nature of Light**

Light is one of the simplest things we know, and one of the most mysterious. We live bathed in it every moment of our lives, yet it remains a riddle that resists final definition. Ask a physicist, and they will tell you that light is both a particle and a wave — a contradiction that only deepens the longer you look at it.

At its essence, light is energy on the move. It belongs to the family of electromagnetic radiation, a spectrum that stretches from the slow hum of radio waves to the violent crackle of gamma rays. Human eyes detect only a thin sliver of this spectrum — what we call “visible light” — from about 400 to 700 nanometres in wavelength. That narrow window is our rainbow: violet at the short-wave end, red at the long-wave end, with every shade in between.

Light is not coloured. Light is frequency. Colour is the name we give to the brain’s translation of frequency into experience.

But what makes light so astonishing is how easily it can be bent, shaped, and tricked.

### **Refraction: Light Through Glass and Water**

When light moves from one medium into another — from air into water, or through glass — it slows down. This slowing bends its path, like a runner cutting across sand. A straight stick plunged into a pond looks bent, not because the stick has changed, but because the light carrying its image has been refracted.

Refraction is how lenses focus, how rainbows split, how the world through a drop of water becomes a miniature lens. The Morpho’s wings use a cousin of this bending — but on a scale so fine it works not with lenses but with nanostructures.

### **Reflection: The World on the Surface**

When light strikes a mirror or a still pond, much of it bounces back. Reflection is what allows us to see our own faces in glass, or a mountain doubled in a lake. But reflections are never perfect — some light is always absorbed, some scattered, some bent into hidden depths.

Reflection is surface truth: dazzling, immediate, and yet incomplete. The Morpho adds to this by selective reflection: bouncing certain wavelengths while cancelling others, presenting the eye with an edited version of the light that touches it.

### **Diffraction: The Splitting of Light**

Pass light through a narrow slit, and it spreads. Pass it across a grid of fine lines, and it fans into colour. This spreading and separation is diffraction — the principle behind the iridescence of CDs, soap bubbles, and the rainbow shimmer of an oil slick.

The Morpho’s scales are natural diffraction gratings, sculpted by evolution to play with light at its

own wavelength. Each ridge on the wing acts like a slit in a diffraction experiment, teasing colour into being.

## **Interference: When Waves Collide**

Light waves can reinforce each other, amplifying brightness, or cancel each other, producing darkness. When two waves overlap, they interfere. This is not theory but daily reality: it is why noise-cancelling headphones work, why thin films produce colours, why the Morpho glows with impossible brilliance.

On its wings, tiny layers of cuticle are stacked like sheets of glass, each separated by distances just right to interfere with red and yellow light. These cancel out, leaving only blue. It is subtraction as creation — absence becoming presence.

## **Polarisation: The Hidden Orientation of Light**

Light waves vibrate in many directions, but filters can force them into alignment. Polarised sunglasses, for instance, block glare by filtering out horizontal waves reflected from water. Many insects, including butterflies, see polarisation directly, giving them a map of the sky invisible to us.

The Morpho's scales also polarise light, twisting it into forms that intensify its shimmer depending on the viewing angle.

## **The Playfulness of Light**

Together, these effects — refraction, reflection, diffraction, interference, polarisation — show us that light is not fixed, but playful. It bends, it scatters, it cancels itself out, it multiplies. It is a trickster no less than the butterfly that wears it as a cloak.

And perhaps this is the deepest lesson: that what dazzles our senses is not colour itself, but light shaped by context. The Morpho is not blue — but light makes it blue. The sky is not blue — but scattering makes it so. A rainbow is not an object in the air — but refraction and reflection in countless droplets paint it across the sky.

Light is never what it seems. It is always an invitation.

# **Prologue — The Surface and the Secret**

There is something so beautiful about the reflective quality of glass, a beauty that always draws me back to water. A reflection on still water can be so perfect that the eye cannot help but rest upon it. The mirrored world looks whole, flawless, complete — as if reality has duplicated itself for our delight.

And yet, in that very perfection, a trick is played. The eye is so consumed by what it sees upon the surface that it forgets what lies beneath. The depths vanish. The hidden life is lost. Sight does not linger where it is not invited.

This is the nature of vision: it tells us only part of the story. The eye does not show us truth — it shows us interpretation. It presents us with a version of the world that feels complete, and because it feels complete, we rarely stop to question it.

A butterfly lands before you. Its wings blaze with the most exquisite blue, a blue so radiant it seems to carry its own light. You do not ask how. You do not wonder why. You accept the gift your eye has offered and move on, satisfied that you have seen the butterfly as it is.

But the Blue Morpho carries a secret. That dazzling colour — that overwhelming shimmer — is not there at all. If you were to grind its wings to dust, the blue would vanish. No pigment would remain, no trace of the sky’s hue bound into its scales. For the Morpho’s brilliance is not born of colour, but of absence. Its wings are not painted blue — they are engineered to subtract every other shade. Red, yellow, green: all are cancelled out by the microscopic lattice of ridges and lamellae. What remains is not pigment but illusion, not substance but structure, not colour but the appearance of colour.

The Morpho is not blue. It only seems to be.

And yet — here is the mystery — it is in the seeming that the truth is revealed. The butterfly is not lying to us. It is playing with us. It is showing us that sight is never the whole story, that what we see is always the marriage of light, structure, and perception. Nature hands us an illusion so convincing we take it for fact, then waits patiently for the moment we begin to question.

Perhaps this is what nature has been whispering all along: look again.

The water that reflects also conceals. The glass that shows also distorts. The butterfly that glows also deceives. What we take as reality may only be the opening move in a deeper game — a game that rewards curiosity, that honours those who refuse to stop at the surface.

The Morpho’s wings are not just a marvel of physics. They are an invitation. An invitation to look more deeply. To suspect that life may be more than it appears. To discover that nature, in its wisdom, does not always tell us the truth directly — but instead, with a smile, plays with our senses until we are ready to see.

# Colour, Tone, and the Field

When we study light and sound together, a pattern emerges. Both operate on harmonic laws. Both have octaves, intervals, and resonances that resolve into balance.

In the visible spectrum, the centre point is green (~495–570 nm).

- Red (~620–700 nm) is the longest wavelength in the band — the base, the lower octave.
- Violet (~380–450 nm) is the shortest — the crown, the upper octave.
- Green is the balance point between them, the surplus left after red and blue are absorbed in photosynthesis.

In the musical scale, the note G functions as the root and closure before the octave repeats. It is the ground-note, the harmonic anchor.

Placed side by side:

Light (Colour)	Wavelength (nm)	Tone (Note)	Field Meaning
Red (Base)	620–700	C / D (low)	Extraction, survival, lower octave
Orange / Yellow	570–620	E / F	Energy, transformation
<b>Green (Balance)</b>	<b>495–570</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Coherence, surplus, balance</b>
Blue	450–495	A	Clarity, resonance

Light (Colour)	Wavelength (nm)	Tone (Note)	Field Meaning
Violet (Crown)	380–450	B	Transcendence, upper octave

**Green** is the harmonic hinge.

- It is the balance point in light.
- It is the root note G in sound.
- It is the colour of chlorophyll's gift to the biosphere.
- It is what remains when the extremes have been taken in.

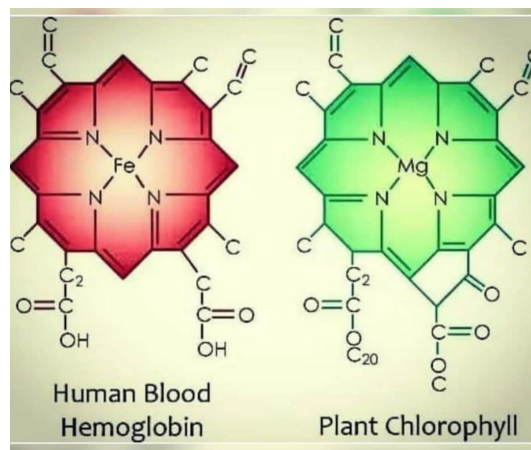
From this perspective

Offerings of **green** are offerings of coherence: surplus that aligns with the harmonic law of the field.

Offerings of **red** belong to the lower octave: extraction, base frequency, survival at the cost of balance.

The field responds accordingly.

What this means: blood sacrifices are a lower vibrational form of offering, and incompatible with the built in harmony of the field itself. This is what the field itself is trying to tell you.



### Why Blood Sacrifice Is not beneficial to the field

The field operates on harmonic law. Frequency seeks balance, closure, and coherence. What resonates is multiplied. What distorts collapses.

Blood is red because of hemoglobin — an iron-based pigment that absorbs almost everything except the longest wavelengths of visible light. In frequency terms, red sits at the base of the spectrum: the lower octave, the survival band.

A sacrifice of blood is an act of extraction. It removes life-force through destruction rather than offering surplus through balance. It is rooted in the lowest frequency of the field, a vibration of loss, violence, and subtraction.

But the field does not multiply distortion. It multiplies coherence.

That is why blood sacrifice cannot harmonise with the field. It is incoherent by design: a collapse into base frequency, unbalanced by surplus, unanchored in harmony. It may shock, it may

dominate, but it cannot resonate.

In contrast, the surplus of the field — fruit, seed, light, song — emerges from coherence. These are not extracted through violence but generated through balance. They belong to the mid-point of the spectrum, the note G, the colour green: the harmonic centre where the field recognises itself.

*The field receives what resonates. It cannot receive what destroys.*

## Chapter One — What Colour Really Is

Colour feels absolute. A red rose is red. A green leaf is green. A blue sky is blue. We do not doubt it. The eye shows us something vivid and self-evident, and we accept it as reality.

But colour is not in the flower, the leaf, or the sky. It is not even in the butterfly's wings. Colour exists only in the meeting point between light and perception — between the dance of photons and the translations of our eyes and brain.

Light, at its essence, is vibration. It travels as waves, each with a frequency and a wavelength. Some waves are short and fast, carrying more energy — these we see as violet or blue. Others are long and slow, carrying less energy — these we see as red. Between them unfolds the rainbow: the narrow band of electromagnetic radiation visible to the human eye.

Outside this narrow strip lies infinity: X-rays, radio waves, gamma rays, ultraviolet, infrared. The eye is blind to all but a sliver. And yet we live our lives as though that sliver were the whole.

The eye receives these vibrations through receptors tuned to three overlapping ranges: red, green, and blue. From these, the brain constructs the illusion of a continuous spectrum. What we “see” is not light itself, but a story told about it — a rendering, a map, a useful fiction.

That is why a reflection on water can so easily trick us. Our vision collapses a world of depth into a world of surface, translating infinite layers into a single flat image. We believe the story because it works, because it feels whole. But wholeness is not the same as truth.

So it is with every colour. The green of the leaf is not green in itself. It is the light that has been rejected by the leaf's pigments. The rose is red because its molecules refuse to absorb that frequency, bouncing it back to our eyes. The sky is blue not because it is filled with pigment, but because shorter blue wavelengths scatter more readily in the air.

Colour is always absence disguised as presence. What we see is what has been spared.

And so the butterfly prepares its stage. The Blue Morpho does not carry blue. Its wings are a carefully-built field of subtractions — tiny ridges that cancel out red, orange, and yellow, until only blue remains to strike the eye. The butterfly is not showing us what it is, but what it is not.

This is the paradox at the heart of sight: what we see is always a residue, a remainder, a trick of survival. The rose invites the bee with colours that are not its own. The sky presents us with a blue that belongs only to scattering, not to substance. And the butterfly dazzles us with a hue that has never touched its scales.

To know colour is to know illusion.

The question is: do we stop there — content with the story nature has placed before our eyes? Or do we ask why, and step into the deeper architecture hidden beneath the shimmer?

Because nature is playful. It gives us beauty to admire, yes — but it also hides riddles in plain sight,



waiting for those who dare to look beyond the surface.

## Chapter Two — The Morpho's Secret

The first time you see a Blue Morpho in flight, it feels impossible to look away. Its wings flash like fragments of the sky, each movement catching the sun and scattering it into brilliance. From one angle the blue blazes like fire, from another it softens to a pale shimmer, and from another still it disappears into brown and shadow. It is as if the butterfly carries not one colour, but many, each unveiled only when it chooses.

And yet here lies the secret: the Morpho is not blue at all.

If you were to reduce its wings to powder, the dust would turn dull and lifeless. No trace of blue would remain. The pigment of the butterfly is brown, like soil, like bark, like earth. The radiance comes from something else entirely — not colour in the chemical sense, but structure.

Under a microscope, the Morpho's scales reveal themselves as cathedrals of light. Each scale is covered with rows of microscopic ridges, stacked like shingles on a roof, but on a scale smaller than the wavelength of visible light. These ridges act like a hall of mirrors, splitting, bending, and cancelling different parts of the spectrum.

Red, orange, and yellow are subtracted, absorbed or scattered away. Green is muted. And what remains — what is left over when all else is removed — is the shimmering blue that dazzles our eyes.

This is called structural colour. Unlike pigments, which rely on molecules to absorb certain wavelengths, structural colour relies on geometry. It is not paint, but physics. The shape of the surface itself decides what the eye will see.

Peacock feathers, beetle shells, opals, even bubbles on water — all use the same principle. They bend and interfere with light until illusion becomes visible. But the Morpho butterfly is its grand master. Its wings are tuned to create a blue so deep, so luminous, that it seems more real than reality itself.

And here is where nature plays with us. Our senses insist: the butterfly is blue. But truth insists otherwise: the butterfly has no blue in it at all.

The Morpho's gift is not deceit but invitation. It invites us to notice that vision is never final, that sight alone is not enough. The butterfly whispers, What you see is not what I am. Look again.

In this way the Morpho becomes both artist and trickster. It paints with absence. It sculpts with nothing. It teaches us that what dazzles the eye may be built from emptiness — and that illusion, far from being false, can be a deeper form of truth.

Because sometimes, what is not there is the very thing worth seeing.

## Chapter Three — Nature as Trickster

The Blue Morpho is not alone in its mischief. It belongs to a long lineage of nature's riddles, each one crafted to charm the senses and confound the mind. When you begin to notice them, you realise the world is not a fixed picture at all, but a stage play — and nature is the trickster playwright.

Think of a mirage. On a hot road the horizon seems to ripple with water. Your eyes are certain: a pool lies ahead. You approach, only to find nothing but asphalt and air. The water never existed.

What you saw was not liquid but heat — light bent by temperature, painting an image that was never there.

Or think of the peacock's feather. To the eye it glows with emerald and sapphire, shifting as you move around it. Yet the feather itself contains no jewel-like pigments. Its colour, like the Morpho's, is an interference pattern: microscopic lattices sculpting light into illusion. A peacock does not wear gemstones on its tail. It wears geometry.

The same is true of opals, which scatter light into rainbow fire. Or soap bubbles, which shimmer with flowing colour that exists only as long as the film holds. Even the sky above us is a daily trick: it seems blue, yet contains no blue pigment, no paint, no stain. It is scattering alone — particles of air sending shorter wavelengths tumbling toward our eyes.

Everywhere we look, nature is playing. It offers surfaces of certainty, then hides riddles within them.

But here is the deeper truth: these tricks are not meant to deceive us. They are meant to awaken us.

A mirage is not a lie. It is a lesson in the bending of light. A peacock's tail is not vanity. It is architecture disguised as beauty. The sky's blue is not emptiness. It is scattering, reminding us that perception is always the meeting point between the world and the witness.

The Blue Morpho, then, is not hiding its true self from us. It is showing us how easily truth and illusion intertwine, and how much more there is to see when we begin to question.

Nature is not serious in its lessons. It does not lecture in stone or thunder. It winks, it plays, it dances with our senses. It shows us reflections in still water, illusions on hot roads, colours where no pigments exist. It allows us to believe the surface, but reserves its deepest truths for those willing to look twice.

This is the trickster's gift: illusion that leads not to delusion, but to wonder.

The Morpho's wings are part of that laughter. They shimmer like a magician's cloak, hiding the mechanics in plain sight, inviting us into the deeper joke of reality. The butterfly is not blue — and yet it is more blue than anything else we have ever seen.

And in that paradox lies its teaching: what dazzles the senses is only the beginning of sight.

## Chapter Four — What Illusion Reveals

We are taught, almost without words, that solidity is truth. That what can be touched, weighed, and measured is real — and that what shifts with the light is somehow less. But the Blue Morpho overturns that assumption in a single flash of its wings.

For pigments fade. Paint cracks. Dyes dissolve in sun and rain. Time erodes all colour born of substance. But the Morpho's wings do not fade. Their radiance is not painted on, not layered in chemical bonds that age or break. Their brilliance is geometry alone — structure tuned so finely that light itself becomes the paintbrush.

This is the paradox: the butterfly's colour is an illusion, and yet it endures longer than any pigment could. The unreal is, in this case, more lasting than the real.

Structural colour is incorruptible because it is not a thing but a relationship. The ridges of the wing

are fixed; the light will always play across them in the same way. So long as there is an eye to see, the blue will return, unchanged.

The same lesson echoes through other illusions of nature. Opals retain their fire long after pigments in canvas have dimmed. The blue of the sky returns every morning, unbothered by the centuries. The shimmering feathers of a bird of paradise outlast the leaves of the forest floor.

Pigment depends on substance. Structure depends only on order.

And order — once written — does not age.

What the butterfly reveals, then, is not only the trick of colour, but the endurance of form beyond matter. Its wings say: what you take for illusion may be more eternal than what you call real.

There is a teaching hidden here, one that ripples far beyond physics. How much of what we dismiss as insubstantial — love, joy, truth, coherence — is in fact the most enduring thing of all? And how much of what we clutch at — possessions, pigments, painted surfaces — will fade as quickly as dust?

The Morpho does not answer this question with words. It answers with shimmer. With a colour that does not exist, and yet persists. With a beauty that comes not from what is present, but from what has been removed.

Illusion, then, is not a betrayal. It is a revelation.

The butterfly plays with our senses not to mock us, but to guide us — to show us that the unseen structure behind appearances is more real than appearances themselves.

Perhaps that is why, when its wings catch the light, we cannot look away. Somewhere inside us, we recognise the truth: what dazzles the eye is not pigment, but pattern. Not matter, but coherence. Not substance, but the hidden law that shapes it.

The Morpho whispers: *look deeper. What endures is not what you think.*

## Chapter Five — The Play of Coherence

If you could shrink yourself small enough to walk across the surface of a Blue Morpho's wing, you would find yourself in a forest of light. Rows upon rows of tiny ridges rise like trees, stacked in tiers so fine that they rival the wavelength of colour itself. From a distance the order looks perfect, but up close you would notice something else — a subtle irregularity, a living variation in the pattern.

No ridge is exactly like another. No row is mathematically flawless. There are gaps, shifts, tiny asymmetries. And yet it is precisely these imperfections that make the butterfly shimmer as it does.

If every ridge were identical, the light would fall into strict order and reflect back as a flat, uniform blue. Beautiful, perhaps, but static — lifeless in its sameness. Instead, the small irregularities scatter the light just enough to create play: flashes, ripples, the sense of colour alive in motion. The wing does not merely reflect light. It dances with it.

This is coherence — not the brittle rigidity of perfection, but the living harmony of pattern and variation. A choir is not made of one note, endlessly repeated, but of many voices, each slightly different, blending into something greater. A forest is not rows of identical trees, but trunks of many



shapes, branches growing in their own directions, together forming a single canopy.

So it is with the Morpho's wings. The brilliance lies not in flawless repetition, but in the balance between order and variation. Too much chaos, and the colour would dissolve into noise. Too much rigidity, and the colour would become flat and lifeless. In between lies the secret: play.

Nature understands this at every scale. Snowflakes are patterned, but never identical. Leaves grow to a form, but each one has its quirks. Even the beat of the human heart carries tiny irregularities — subtle fluctuations that doctors now recognise as signs of health. Perfectly mechanical rhythm is not life, but death. Life requires a measure of variation, a shimmer of freedom within the pattern.

The Blue Morpho embodies this truth. Its wings are perfectly imperfect. Structured enough to sustain coherence, irregular enough to sparkle with life.

What the butterfly reveals is that beauty does not come from rigidity, but from resonance — from pattern that is strong enough to hold together, and flexible enough to move with light.

When its wings flash in the forest, we see not just colour, but coherence itself in play. A living invitation to remember that life, too, is meant to shimmer.

## Epilogue — The Butterfly's Smile

Most people who meet a Blue Morpho remember only the flash of its wings: the blaze of blue that seems to light the forest from within. For them, the butterfly is simply blue, and that is enough.

But those who look closer discover the joke. The Morpho is not blue at all. Its colour lives only in the dance between structure and light, absence and presence, illusion and perception. What dazzles us is not pigment, but geometry — not substance, but subtraction.

And in this, the butterfly is smiling.

It smiles at the way our senses cling to surfaces. It smiles at how easily we are enchanted by what we see. And it smiles, too, because its secret is not hidden — it is given freely, written openly into every scale, waiting for us to ask the simplest of questions: Why does it shine?

The Morpho does not deceive us. It invites us. Its brilliance is not a mask but a riddle, a playful hint that reality is always more than the eye admits. It teaches us that what we call illusion may be the truest truth of all — that light, not pigment, is what endures; that coherence, not substance, is what sings.

Perhaps this is why the butterfly's flight feels so unforgettable. It is not merely a creature passing through the trees. It is a messenger of perception itself, reminding us that the world is playful, layered, and alive with meaning.

The Blue Morpho is not blue. And yet it is more blue than anything we have ever seen.

This is nature's paradox. This is the butterfly's smile.

## The Narrow Window of Sight

When we speak of colour, we are really speaking of light — and not all of it, but only a fraction so small it almost disappears when compared to the whole.

Light is a wave of energy. The measure of that wave can be given in wavelength (the distance from one peak to the next) or in frequency (how many times it oscillates per second). These two are inverses of each other, linked by a simple equation:

$$c = \lambda \nu = \lambda \nu$$

where  $c$  is the speed of light,  $\lambda$  (lambda) is wavelength, and  $\nu$  (nu) is frequency.

The entire range of possible wavelengths is called the electromagnetic spectrum. It stretches from unimaginably tiny waves — gamma rays, with wavelengths shorter than a single atom — to radio waves that can be longer than mountains.

But the human eye sees almost none of it.

## Visible Light: The Human Band

The window of sight is only from about 380 nanometres to 700 nanometres (a nanometre is a billionth of a metre). Within this narrow strip lies the rainbow:

- Violet → ~380–450 nm (~790–670 terahertz)
- Blue → ~450–495 nm (~670–606 THz)
- Green → ~495–570 nm (~606–526 THz)
- Yellow → ~570–590 nm (~526–508 THz)
- Orange → ~590–620 nm (~508–484 THz)
- Red → ~620–700 nm (~484–430 THz)

Everything we call colour is contained in this thin slice — less than one octave on the grand piano of the universe.

## The Spectrum Beyond

Outside this sliver, light still roars with power, but our eyes are blind to it:

- Gamma Rays (<0.01 nm) — the violence of nuclear decay.
- X-Rays (0.01–10 nm) — able to pass through flesh and reveal bone.
- Ultraviolet (UV) (10–380 nm) — the unseen flame that tans skin and powers photosynthesis.
- Infrared (IR) (700 nm–1 mm) — the glow of heat, the warmth we feel but cannot see.
- Microwaves (1 mm–1 m) — the hum of ovens and satellites.
- Radio Waves (1 m–100 km+) — the longest waves, carrying music and voices around the globe.

Compared to all this, our vision is the narrowest of windows — a peephole into infinity.

## The Trick of the Morpho

And this is where the butterfly's playfulness begins.

Our eyes can only see the rainbow band. The Morpho knows this. It does not need to sculpt gamma rays or radio waves; it needs only to bend light in that tiny slice where our perception lives. By cancelling red and yellow, it leaves only blue — and within our limited window, the illusion is complete.

*To the eye, it is truth.*

*To science, it is structure.*

*To the butterfly, it is play.*

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