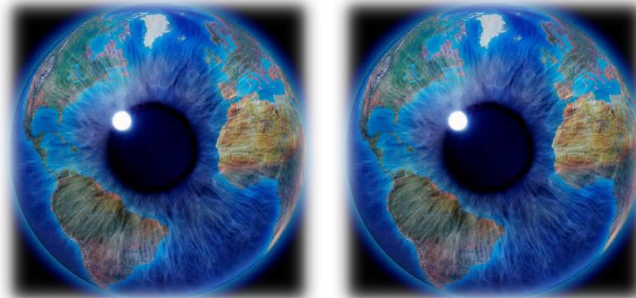


The Eyes of the Creator



How to begin? This is the true question that I have faced for months. How do you write about how vastly different the Creator sees Mankind and our life events individually and collectively? How do you write about how blind and limited Mankind is? How do you show how there is more to life than what meets the physical eye? How do you write about what cannot be seen by everyone? Why is it important anyway? Is it critical for our understanding in this world or the world to come? I don't know, but here we go.



Ferdinand Magellan was the Spanish explorer who led the first expedition to sail around the world. As he approached the tip of Argentina, in the year 1520, he came to the region he named Tierra del Fuego (land of fire), because there were natives on the shore tending several large fires. But as the great ships passed by the natives, who had surely never seen nor heard of sailing vessels in their lives, they completely ignored the ships as though they did not exist. When Magellan and his crew landed he learned that they had considered the ships unreal, an apparition, because they were so unlike anything they had seen before.

Magellan's experience with the natives of Argentina is a metaphor of modern civilization. We see sights around us every day that point to God's presence and we dismiss them as unreliable, because they are beyond our experience in the world as we know it. We have kept ourselves

from seeing and understanding the spiritual and supernatural world around us because of a fixed mindset that is unwilling to accept the concept of God. *Contributed By: Rodney Buchanan*

The story of the Spanish Explorer Magellan and the Natives of Argentina led me to subject matter that has been on my mind for months. In a few brief words, I shall try to reveal:

- 1) what humans see physically and process
- 2) what the Creator of the World sees and cares about
- 3) how humans can learn to see what the Creator sees

These tracks of words are merely observations of one human desperate for understanding of the world around him.

Sight Defined:

There are many definitions of *sight*, but here are just a few that support our lesson:

1. *the power or faculty of seeing; perception of objects by use of the eyes; vision.*
2. *an act, fact, or instance of seeing.*
3. *one's range of vision on some specific occasion*
4. *a view; glimpse.*
5. *mental perception or regard; judgment.*

Importance of Sight



The human eye is the organ which gives us the sense of sight, allowing us to learn more about the surrounding world than we do with any of the other four senses. We use our eyes in almost every activity we perform, whether reading, working, watching television, writing a letter, driving a car, and in countless other ways. Probably most people would agree that sight is the most precious of the five senses, and many people fear blindness more than any other disability.

Sight has to be the most important sense because it lets us explore the world that we live in. Sight unlike the other four senses, lets us concretely describe and imagine objects, people and things. Without the use of sight we would be lost. I'm not saying that the other senses aren't useful and important, but we could make out OK without them. Using the other senses has their perks when

it comes to things like food and listening to people talk. But seeing things lets us understand the world in full circle. Having sight enables us to perceive everything that surrounds us and have knowledge of direction, locations, geography, etc. *Eric's Blog*

1) What Humans See Physically and Process

Now that it has been discussed that sight is arguably the most important of the five human senses and it has been described how humans physically see. We shall now focus on what we process when we see things physically. It is this processing of our physical images that paints our view of others, self, and the world and ultimately our behavior and reactions to this view.

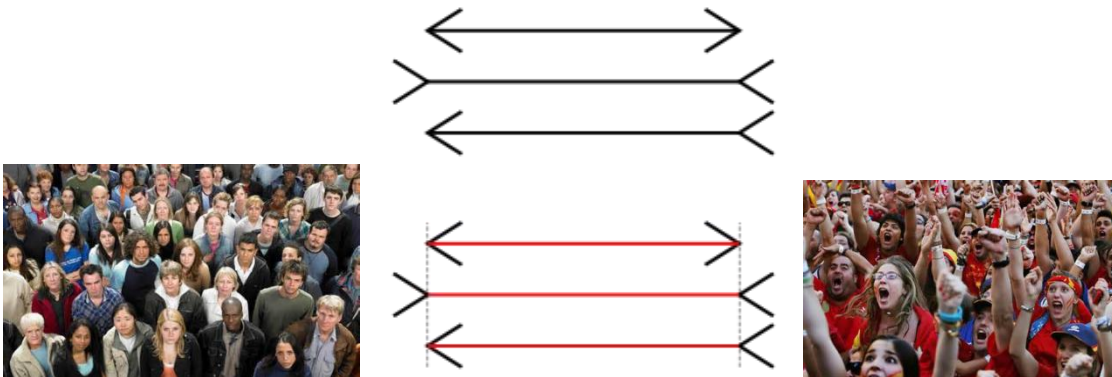
Humans See in the Here and Now

Many scientists believe that the Universe is approximately 14.5 billion years old. And with certainty I can say that No Humans were around 14.5 billion ago. As a matter of fact, our life span relative to the age of the Universe is minuscule. And because of our tiny length of time in the physical world as we know it, most humans are physically programmed to see in the Here and Now. Seeing in the Here and Now only allows Humans to see **glimpses of reality**. Rarely is time taken to connect the dots of these glimpses that we see to get a true and accurate picture. It may be said that much of what Humans see are visual illusions.

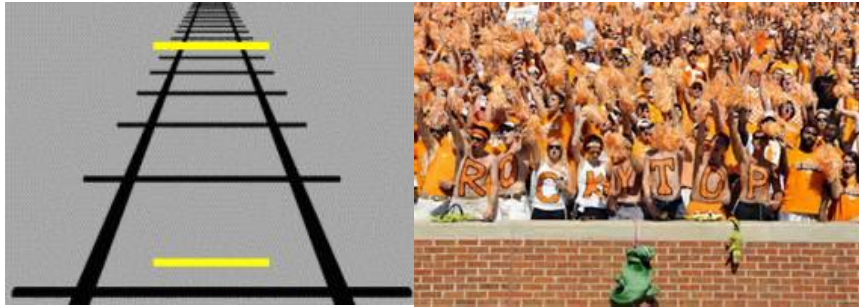
Visual Illusions

There are many times that we think we see things with Certainty. But much of what we humans see with our natural eyes is illusion (literally and symbolically). Visual illusions are **discrepancies between reality and visual perceptions**. There are more than 200 literal visual illusions already discovered, and most are due to perceptual constancy. Some examples of literal visual illusions are:

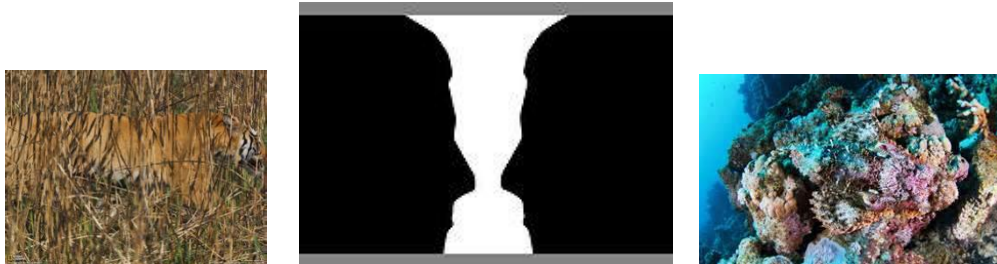
- The Muller-Lyer Illusion, where a line looks shorter if enclosed with arrow heads pointing inwards than with arrow heads pointing outwards. But the line is the same size. The same can be seen in humans....we may appear somewhat different, but physically we are practically the same.....no matter how hard we try to differentiate ourselves.



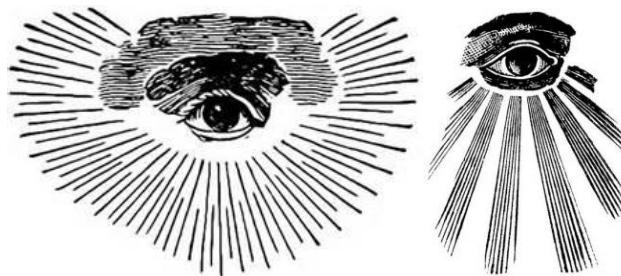
- The Ponzo Illusion, where lines nearer to the converging lines look longer than those farther.....Same for this crowd of fans.



- Reversible figures and vase. Is it a vase or 2 twins staring at each other? Look closely. Do you see the tall grass or the tiger.....the coral or the cuddle fish

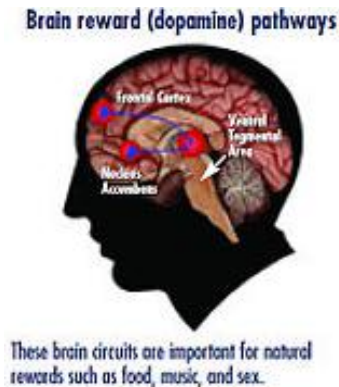


Line of Sight



I entered the physical Universe in the 1960's and my line of sight was somewhat predetermined by what was already in existence when I arrived. Some of my first sights were of: food, shelter, family, nature, poverty, religion, violence, sports, technology, politics..... These things that I saw had been in the physical world long before I arrived and they had an origin that I could not see. I only saw the 1960's version of these illusions which helped paint my individual and world views and eventually my behavior and reactions to these views.

We See What Is Rewarded



Certain neural structures, called the reward system, are critically involved in mediating the effects of reinforcement. A reward is an appetitive stimulus given to a human or some other animal to alter its behavior. Rewards typically serve as reinforcers. A reinforcer is something that, when presented after a behavior, causes the probability of that behavior's occurrence to increase. This reward/reinforcer pattern starts with all humans very early in our lives and continues all of our life.

We see: sweets that tastes good



We process: acting out, crying, dressing in costume, or good behavior gets me sweets



We do: crying, dressing in costume, or good behavior



If we get our desired physical reward as a reinforcer, we commit this behavior to permanent memory and practice it. If we don't get our reward, we abandon our behavior, the desire, or look for another way.

Even if humans can't achieve celebrity status, wealth, fame, or power, the illusion still resides in our brains. And many humans continue to process and do at a lower level than celebrities. Often these illusions create expectations that cannot be met or sustained at any level including celebrities. Unfulfilled expectations can lead to terrible consequences. And if we study our history books throughout ancient times and various cultures, these same illusions have occurred to humans worldwide through the ages. Our human vision has been blurred to the point of blindness by our: line of sight, visual illusions, reliance on sensory reward, and processing method.

Human Blindness: The Seeing Blind

*This is why I use these stories to teach the people: They see, but they don't really see.....
Matthew 13:13a*



Helen Adams Keller (June 27, 1880 – June 1, 1968) was an American author, political activist, and lecturer. She was the first deaf-blind person to earn a bachelor of arts degree. The story of how Keller's teacher, Anne Sullivan, broke through the isolation imposed by a near complete lack of language, allowing the girl to blossom as she learned to communicate, has become widely known through the dramatic depictions of the play and film *The Miracle Worker*. A prolific author, Keller was well-travelled and outspoken in her convictions. She once said:

The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision. ~ [Helen Keller](#)

What did Jesus mean that people see but don't really see? What did Helen mean that some people have sight but no vision? It is my opinion that because humans see in such a limited, here and now, sensory plane that much of what we see is not a complete picture. Even in the natural realm there are many examples:

- Scientists have stated that Humans are over-using our natural resources to get cheap products for the Global Economy. At our current rate of consumption, we would need (5) Earths....we only have (1) Earth. Why do we not see this complete picture?



- Slavery was legally abolished in Russia (1723), Greece (1822), Mexico (1824), USA (1865), Cuba (1886), Brazil (1888), China (1910), Iran (1928), Saudi Arabia (1962),and globally by 1980's. Yet look at these statistics from the CNN Freedom Project:



With these kinds of staggering statistics, why do humans not see the reality of slavery today?

Think about these two points: the people that hurt me the most in life carried no visible weapons.



The people that helped me the most had no halos or PhD.



We can see very little from what we see. And it is very clear that what we see is not a complete and accurate picture. Humans spend lots of time, energy, and resources to become **experts** at incomplete pictures. The really scary part is that we have grown accustom to seeing such a limited picture that we think that they are real and use these blurred images to navigate our lives. These blurred illusions are in every walk of life: religion, education, relationships, sports, industry, economics, politics, health..... Here are a few examples:



- In education learning is real; massive homework is not



- In sports one group connected with common goal is real; destroying your body is not



- In health maintaining health balance is real; winning competitions are not

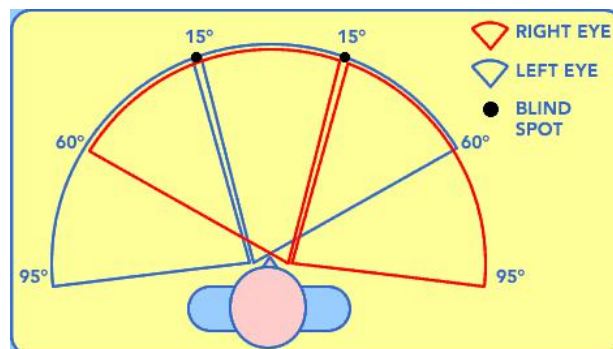
2) What The Creator Sees and Cares About

Take heed, you senseless ones among the people; you fools, when will you become wise? Does He who implanted the ear not hear? Does He who formed the eye not see?..... Psalm 94:8-10



All hope is not lost. There is One who sees *the Truth, the Whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth*. There is One who sees the **complete picture** from start to finish. There is One who **knows the Way** to navigate in this life and the next. We shall now discuss how and what the One Creator sees.

The Creator is a Spirit...He does not have Human or Animal Eyes



A NORMAL HUMAN VISUAL FIELD

Human field of vision can be measured in terms of degrees from the center. With a healthy and normal eye, you should be able to see approximately 95 degrees temporally (towards your ear)

and approximately 60 degrees nasally (towards your nose) from the center. You should also be able to see 60 degrees above and 75 degrees below from the center. This means each eye gives you a horizontal field range of 155 degrees and vertical field range of 135 degrees at a given time. Humans have many blind spots.



The animal with the weirdest and most amazing eyes in the world is the mantis shrimp. Mantis shrimp have much better color vision than humans (their eyes having 12 types of color receptors, whereas humans have only three), as well as ultraviolet, infrared and polarized light vision, thus having the most complex eyesight of any animal known. Each eye has “**trinocular vision**” and complete depth perception, meaning that if a mantis shrimp lost an eye, its remaining eye would still be able to judge depth and distance as well as a human with his two eyes.

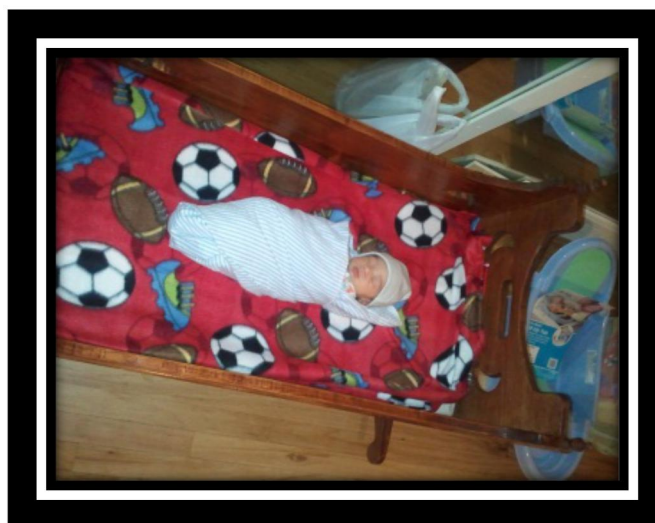
Commentary:

Even though nature has creatures with extremely great eyesight, **NONE** can see **like the Creator**. His eyes are not natural or physical. They don't get tired and need no adjusting. He has **NO blind spots**. He has **NO** prey or conquering predators to watch for. Unlike natural physical creatures, the Spiritual Creator can see not only the outward parts, but He also **can see the thoughts, heart, will, and path of everything in the Universe(s) all at the same time**. How Awesome is that?

The Creator Sees Both Macro and Micro



Before the birth of my firstborn child, I decided to make a Scandinavian Rocking Cradle. And although I had created other projects before, I wanted this creation to be Special and last for generations to come. I looked at existing designs; I talked to people who actually had children to understand the best way to rock a baby; I thought of the materials that would last; I thought a great deal on safety; I thought of the comfort for the baby and the person placing the baby into the cradle; I thought of how to transport the cradle; I thought of how to add special designs to make the cradle completely unique from any other cradle ever built; I thought of my children and grandchildren using the cradle and passing the cradle on to their children. And I did all of this thinking before I ever started the project. I thought from start to finish. It was my most precious project. Not because of its design or materials or workmanship, but because of the little ones, my legacy, that would one day partake of the creation.



Commentary:

The above example is only an Earthly example of trying to see in both Macro View and Micro View. But this example pales in comparison to the Macro and Micro View that the Creator sees.

*The Lord says, "My thoughts are not like yours.
Your ways are not like mine.
Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so my ways are higher than your ways,
and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8,9*

Macro View:



He sees all eternity at the same time; He sees before the Big Bang and after the final Trumpet blows; He sees over 108 billion human lives lived completely; He sees the lives of trillions of animals, insects, sea creatures, trees, plants....; He sees all that is in the Universe(s) and nothing moves without his knowledge. He sees the nature of Mankind; He sees the strength and weakness of Mankind united. Think on some these Macro pictures that the Creator sees. Humans cannot see one of these things clearly and in its entirety with our natural eyes.

Micro View:



Because He is God, I understand how He can see the Macro View. But what truly amazes me about the Creator is how He can see the Micro View also. He sees subatomic particles; He sees the sea creatures at the bottom of the ocean; He sees each gnat and mosquito and ant; He sees exactly how many hairs are on each person's head; He sees my fear; He sees my pain; He sees my potential; He sees my thoughts before I think them; He sees my heart and soul. There is nothing that he doesn't see about me individually. And not only does He see, He cares about what He sees; He understands; He listens to my mind, thoughts, words. I have an audience with the King of the Universe who has all those Macro things to watch and all those Micro things to see in each of us. This just blows my mind. It is too much for me to comprehend.

The Creator Sees Everything

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:13



When humans watch the news or read the newspaper, we see a small glimpse of the reality of Crime against people and nature. Often our glimpse is so brief that we cannot feel the emotional toll that has taken place on the Victims of Crime. And the more we watch/read, the more we become desensitized to the plight of others. But there is No such thing for the Creator.

The Creator Sees 100% Reality 100% of the Time: And He feels the pain of all the victims.



Closure? The Execution Was Just the Start

By DAVID SPIEGEL

Fifteen of the 18 reporters who covered Harris's execution agreed to participate in our study, the results of which were published in the American Journal of Psychiatry in 1994. It was a small but significant sample: The reporters had been chosen by lottery and were thus random representatives of the much larger group that had applied to cover Harris's execution.

We found that these professional journalists suffered severe after-effects, at least in the short term. One was tearful for weeks afterward; several told us they felt listless and had difficulty concentrating; a number reported nightmares. Several sought counseling, and one quite ambitious reporter uncharacteristically declined to cover the Los Angeles rioting that occurred shortly after the execution.

These men and women were displaying many of the reactions usually associated with acute stress. They had difficulty managing the emotions that the execution aroused. More than half of our sample said they felt distant from their own emotions, a third reported that they felt

"confused and disoriented," 60 percent were "estranged or detached from other people," and more than half said they tried to "avoid thoughts or feelings about the execution." One-third reported feeling "despair or hopelessness," and 20 percent felt "uncontrollable and excessive grief." I happened to speak to the wife of one of them some six months later. When I asked how her husband was doing, she replied: "He is a basket case. If he ever covers another execution, we're getting a divorce."

The above article by David Spiegel is an example of how humans are affected by "ONE" horrific event that occurred in a controlled environment probably for about the space on one hour on one day. Now stop for a minute and think about the violence that the Creator has to see "EVERYDAY", "ALL DAY 24/7", "EVERYWHERE", "SINCE TIME BEGAN".

Take a look at the following collage very slowly and carefully to get a glimpse of the violence that the Creator has seen and felt, sees and feels, and will see & feel.



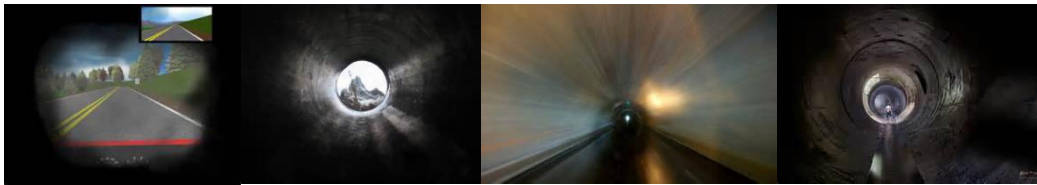
I will list a few violent things that the Creator **sees and feels** in its entirety....not just a glimpse:

- Rape and torture of children
- Rape and torture of women
- Rape and torture of men
- Physical and verbal child abuse
- Sawing of human body parts
- Human bodies stretched until limbs are torn from body
- Humans hanged from rope until death
- Crucifixions (including His own Son's)
- Abduction of humans by other humans
- Sale of humans into slavery
- People eaten alive by animals as a form of torture
- Humans held in captivity
- Humans whipped and beaten
- Animals forced to fight to death
- Animals mistreated by human owners
- Humans and animals starved to death
- Sadistic serial killers
- Animals killed by human pollution
- Animals killed by destruction of habitat
- The eating of human flesh
- Humans buried alive
- Experimentation on humans and animals
- WAR
- Humans nails, eyes, tongue...removed from body
- Impalement
- Head Crushing
- Drowning
- And many others

Most humans cannot bear to watch any of the above in reality for long without being mentally and emotionally affected. And in current society, we are even warned by television or movies if these kinds of violent acts will be shown so that we can prepare ourselves for the horrible shock or so that we can choose not to watch. Our Creator does not have this option. In fact He knows before it happens what will happen; He also knows the painful after effects (which can be more painful than the actual act) of such violence and depravity that humans inflict on other humans and animals. I now feel tremendous sorrow for the Creator because of what He has to see Every Day.

The Creator Sees How Everything and Everyone is Connected

Tunnel Vision



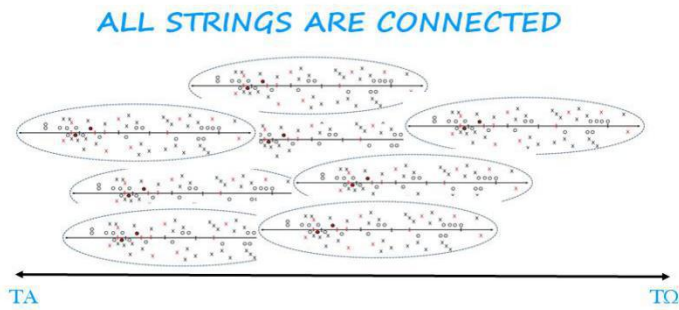
1. a condition in which peripheral vision is greatly restricted
2. narrowness of viewpoint resulting from concentration on a single idea, opinion, etc., to the exclusion of others . *World English Dictionary*

Because of our self-centered nature we humans often focus our sight on ourselves and maybe a few people that are like ourselves. We see our family members, our neighbors, our co-workers, and scenery that surrounds us. And *maybe* we care and focus on a few of these people and things. But what we care most about is **“our” way of life**....preserving it if it is pleasing to us or changing it if it not pleasing to us....either way the focus is on our viewpoint. Almost ALL humans suffer from this Tunnel Vision.



Every day approximately 93,000 flights are starting from 9,000 airports worldwide. The interesting part is that at all times there are between 8,000 and 13,000 airplanes in the air. To prevent these planes from flying into each other there are thousands of air traffic controllers

watching radar screens, and there are thousands of people watching the controllers while they work.



Unlike humans, our Creator does not have Tunnel Vision and sees how Everything and Everyone is Connected. It is estimated that there have been about 108 Billion people that have lived since humans arrived on Earth. The Creator has seen the first and will see the last of mankind as well as the rest of things in the Universe. And because sees these connections and transitions of our life “strings”, **He and He Alone** is the only One in a position to Govern Justly. He needs no Supervisor to watch Him either.



He sees in both the natural and spiritual realms.



He sees the enemy that we cannot see. Even if that enemy is inside of us. And not only does He see, He cares... for not just some of us....but He cares for All of us. And even if we don't see what looks like justice in our lifetime, it will occur because the Just Creator must judge our internal and external deeds.



How Do Humans See What the Creator Sees



Now that we have explored the tremendous differences between what Mankind sees and processes vs. what the Creator sees and cares about, there is one burning question left. Can we humans ever truly see any reality as the Creator sees it? Or should we be resigned to seeing illusions and glimpses of reality our entire life? Can we stay stuck in the Hall of Mirrors never knowing which path is the true path for our life? Here is how Mankind can see as the Creator:

Slow Down



It's an irony of our modern lives that while technology is continually invented that saves us time, we use that time to do more and more things, and so our lives are more fast-paced and hectic than ever.

Life moves at such a fast pace that it seems to pass us by before we can really enjoy it.

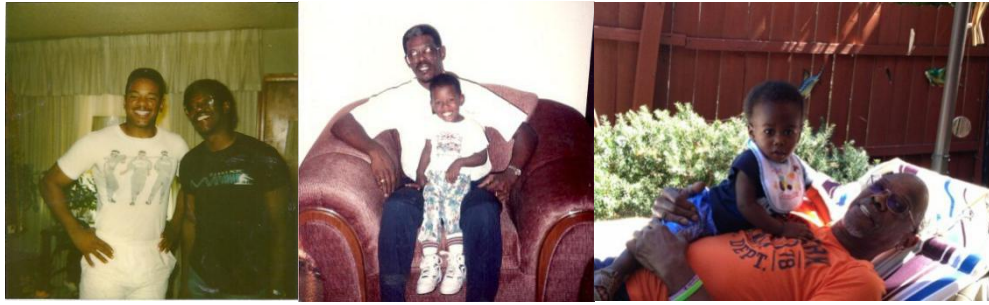
However, it doesn't have to be this way. Let's rebel against a hectic lifestyle and slow down to enjoy life.

A slower-paced life means making time to enjoy your mornings, instead of rushing off to work in a frenzy. It means taking time to enjoy whatever you're doing, to appreciate the outdoors, to actually focus on whoever you're talking to or spending time with — instead of always being connected to a Blackberry or iPhone or laptop, instead of always thinking about work tasks and emails. It means single-tasking rather than switching between a multitude of tasks and focusing on none of them.

Slowing down is *most times* a conscious choice, and not always an easy one, but it leads to a greater appreciation for life and a greater level of happiness.

Post written by Leo Babauta: The 10 Essential Rules for Slowing Down and Enjoying Life More

Slow Down Lessons



In November of 2013 my oldest brother Frank was diagnosed with Colon Cancer. By the time he got the diagnosis, the cancer was already at Stage 4. By the end of February 2014, my brother died. In those few short months I visited him often as he started aggressive chemotherapy.



I wanted to be near my brother and his family to support as best I could during this difficult time. Little did I realize that this difficult period of suffering would offer me so many lessons on life, dying, people, and death. One of those lessons was on “Slowing Down”. Chemotherapy, surgery, and a colonoscopy will force any patient to slow down. But because I was with my brother day and night, I also had to slow down. And when you slow down and death is knocking at your door, you focus on **only** the things that are “**Real**”. Here are a few things that he and I focused on:

- The health and condition of his body
- The amount of rest he had
- How precious each second of life is
- The amount of nutrition his body received daily
- How to get the body’s waste out of the body
- The level of pain he was at each moment
- The people that you love and care about
- Provision for family after death
- Relationship with the Creator

That’s it! That’s All!



I was also there with him during the 2014 Super Bowl....but when you slow down and focus on what is “real”, the Super Bowl watched by millions around the world was not on the list. Neither was work, traffic, bills, entertainment, selfish pursuits, mistakes, the weather and almost every other thing. What truly amazed me was throughout all the suffering and dying, Frank never complained. He was offering words of encouragement to everyone whom he talked to until the end. And I could see the genuine love and concern that everyone that visited had for him because he touched their lives in a positive way. Lesson Learned.

Final Slow Down Thoughts

$$t_P \equiv \sqrt{\frac{\hbar G}{c^5}} \approx 5.39106(32) \times 10^{-44} \text{ s}$$

The Planck time is the time it would take a photon traveling at the speed of light to across a distance equal to the Planck length. This is the ‘quantum of time’, the smallest measurement of time that has any meaning, and is equal to 10^{-43} seconds. This measurement of time is so much smaller than one second and it is the only way that scientists measure events since the beginning of Creation. Most humans cannot even conceive of time this small....this is very slow time.



But we may be very familiar with “instant replay” or the “pause button” or “rewind button”. These modern technologies help us fast paced humans slow things down so that we can see some truth. Our Creator is able to see life events in super slow motion. If we humans want to see what the Creator sees, we need to **SLOW DOWN, PAUSE**, and focus on the “**REAL**” things in life.

Understand Our Limitations and Need

Clint Eastwood may not be your first choice for understanding truth. But there is one quote of his that does resonate with biblical truth. Eastwood says “a man has got to understand his limitations.” Proverbs 3:7 says “don’t be wise in your own eyes.” In other words if you think your own understanding is something you can rely on, you are headed for trouble.



Edward Ryon Makuahanai Aikau (Kahului, Hawaii, May 4, 1946 – March 17, 1978) was a well-known Hawaiian lifeguard and surfer. Not one life was lost while he served as lifeguard of Waimea Bay, as he braved waves that often reached 30 feet (9.1 m) high or more. In 1971, Aikau was named Lifeguard of the Year. In the 1970s, bumper stickers and T-shirts with the phrase "Eddie Would Go" spread around the Hawaiian Islands and to the rest of the world. According to maritime historian Mac Simpson, "Aikau was a legend on the North Shore, pulling people out of waves that no one else would dare to. That's where the saying came from -- Eddie would go, when no else would or could. Only Eddie dared."



In 1978, the Polynesian Voyaging Society was seeking volunteers for a 30 day, 2,500-mile (4,000 km) journey to follow the ancient route of the Polynesian migration between the Hawaiian and Tahitian island chains. At 31 years of age, Aikau joined the voyage as a crew member. The Hokule'a left the Hawaiian islands on March 16, 1978. The double-hulled voyaging canoe developed a leak in one of the hulls and later capsized about twelve miles (19 km) south of the island of Molokai. In an attempt to get help, Aikau paddled toward Lanai on his surfboard. Although the rest of the crew was later rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Cape Corwin, Aikau was never seen again. He removed his life jacket since it was hindering his paddling of the surfboard. The ensuing search for Aikau was the largest air-sea search in Hawaiian history.

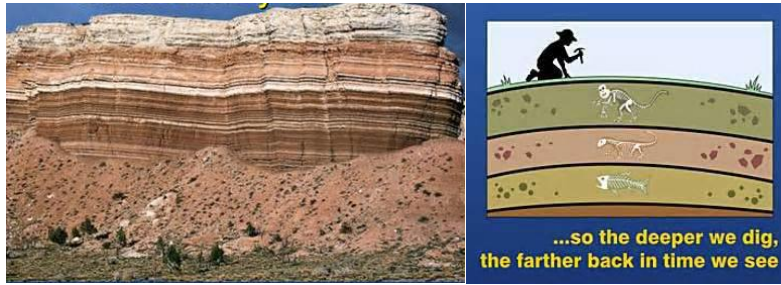


If you have ever sailed out to sea or flown above it, you realize how vast the oceans are and how tiny you are compared to the sea. And when you can't see land, the ocean appears the same in every direction that you look. Some scientist say we know more about outer space than we do about the oceans and seas on our planet Earth. As creatures of the dry earth, humans are extremely limited when swimming, especially alone, in the ocean. We need help with navigation and understanding what dangers lay beneath the surface.

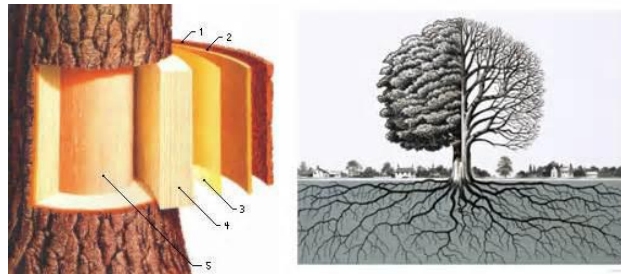


This need for navigation and understanding of dangers is also true with the rest of our lives. The world we live in is much greater than the oceans. And no matter how strong and knowledgeable that we think we are, we cannot navigate and walk/swim this life alone. If we humans want to see what the Creator sees, we need to Understand our Limitations and Need for Guidance.

See with Spiritual Eyes



- If we humans are to see with Spiritual Eyes, we must look beyond the surface.



- We must peel back the layers and look all the way to the roots and not just at the branches.



- We must understand that we may be just looking at one piece of the entire puzzle and that the puzzle is not yet finished. And that's OK. It takes time to understand connections.



- We must recognize that there are many layers to each person that we cannot see.

Final Comments



A man was driving through a mining region one Sunday when he noticed a large number of mules in an open field. When he inquired about this unusual sight, he was told that the work animals had been brought up from the dark passages below to preserve their eyesight. Unless they were regularly exposed to the sunlight, they would eventually go blind.

Contributed By: Lonnie Erwin

If we humans want to see what the Creator sees, we must:

- Understand how important sight is
- Understand to look beyond the “here and now”
- Beware of Illusions
- Look beyond our natural sensory perception and rewards
- Seek Vision and not just Sight
- See what’s “REAL”



Where there is no “Light” there is no “Sight”. We must come out of the dark passages of the Earth. We must come up to the “Light” that lights the world Spiritually so that we can see with the same Spiritual Eyes as the Creator. When you see and process what He sees, you will be able to understand yourself and others, make necessary changes to yourself, and then change the World.