**Vision**

**And God saw everything that he had made,**

**and, behold, it was very good.**

**And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**

***(Genesis 1:31)***

**The Lord does not see as mortals see;**

**they look on the outward appearance,**

**but the Lord looks on the heart.**

 ***(1 Samuel 16:7)***

**The eyes of the Lord are in every place,**

**beholding the good men and the bad.  *(Proverbs 15:3)***

**Where there is no vision, the people perish*.***

***(Proverbs 29:18)***

**See, I am doing a new thing!**

**It is happening already, do you not see it?**

 ***(Isaiah 43:19)***

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**

***(St. Matthew 5:8)***

**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.**

***(St. Matthew 20:29)***

**We do not rejoice in the things which are seen,**

**but in the things which are not seen;**

**for the things which are seen are temporal,**

**but the things which are not seen are eternal.**

***(2 Corinthians 4:18)***

**For it is through faith we understand**

**that the worlds were framed by the word of God,**

**so that the things which are seen came to be**

 **from those which are not seen.**

***(Hebrews 11:3)***

**To see abundance everywhere is to turn on the lights, which enables you to see Allness even within illness, and all-sufficiency even in lack. *(Eric Butterworth, Unity Minister)***

**We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open. *(Jawahartal Nehru)***

**Don’t worry about what’s ahead. Just go as far as you can go -- from there you can see farther. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Researchers at Glasgow University (in Scotland, of course, have discovered a singularly unsurprising fact: People who had a moderate amount of alcohol to drink find potential partners 25 percent more attractive than they do when they are sober. I’d really like to know how they conducted that study! (*Samantha Weaver, in Tidbits)***

**As a boy I was ashamed to wear glasses. I memorized the eye chart, and then on the test they asked essay questions. *(Woody Allen)***

**Husband says to wife while shopping: “Here’s something new: large-type alphabet soup for senior citizens.” *(The Saturday Evening Post cartoon)***

**I believe encounter with an alien civilization will be an elevating or a dangerous experience, stimulating and interesting. There are those who say we, as mere mortals, have no business questioning the secrets of the universe. I cannot imagine a more foreboding apocalyptic vision than the fate of a mankind possessed with cosmic powers and condemned to solitary confinement on one small planet. *(Krafft A. Ehricke, in Skyline)***

**The mother apologized to her unexpected ministerial guest for serving the apple pie without cheese. Her son slipped quietly away from the table for a moment, then returned with a small piece of cheese, which he laid on the guest's plate. The visitor smiled thankfully at the lad, and putting the cheese in his mouth, remarked, “You must have sharper eyes than your mother, sonny. Where did you find it?” The boy replied with a flush of pride, “In the mousetrap.” *(Leslie and Bernice Flynn, in Humorous Incidents and Quips)***

**Besides learning to see, there is another art to be learned – not to see what is not! *(Maria Mitchell, astronomer)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*An artist can look at a pretty girl and see the old woman she will become. A better artist can look at an old woman and see the pretty girl she used to be. A great artist can look at an old woman, portray her exactly as she is and force the viewer to see the pretty girl she used to be. More than that, he can make anyone with the sensitivity of an armadillo see that this lovely young girl is still alive, imprisoned inside her ruined body. He can make you feel the quiet, endless tragedy that there was never a girl born who ever grew older than 18 in her heart, no matter what the merciless hours have done. *(Robert A. Heinlein, in Stranger in a Strange Land)***

**Grandpa: “Why are you painting without your eyeglasses?” Grandma: “I’m doing it to free myself from reality in my art. Someone once said, ‘No great artist ever sees things as they really are. If he did, he would cease to be an artist.’” Grandpa: “I guess that would explain why you’re painting the lamp instead of your canvas.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

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Astronomers have calculated the mass of a large number of galaxies. They can tell that 90% of a galaxy’s mass is concentrated in a comparatively small region at its center. *(Isaac Asimov)***

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**Astronauts can spot the Great Wall of China from low Earth orbit, along with plenty of other things like the Giza pyramids and even airport runways. But they can’t see the Wall from the moon. *(LiveScience.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, November 3, 2006)***

**Orbiting astronauts say they can see the wakes of ships. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Today’s athletes are smarter than yesteryear’s, but their eyesight isn’t as good. Generally. What is happening is said to please the educators and optometrists. Today’s myopic, high IQ athletes are succeeding where 100 years of propaganda failed – they are popularizing both scholarship and spectacles. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**Woman: “They say that men get more and more attractive as they get older.” Grandma: “I don’t think it’s that they get more attractive. I think it’s just that our eyes get worse.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Gloria: “Are you more attractive without glasses, Lance?” Lance: “I don’t know. I can’t see myself without glasses.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

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**If your eyesight tests at 20/40, you see about as well as the normal baby who’s six months old. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A bush baby’s eyes reflect light so strongly at night that you can see them from 435 yards away! *(Kim Taylor, in Light, p. 7)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Nelson: “You were just kidding about having eyes in the back of your head, weren’t you, Grandma?” Grandma: “Try me. Stick that tongue back in your mouth or I’ll put a clothespin on it.” Nelson then tells the dog: “Well, that explains a lot.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**In South Florida, where I live, it is not uncommon among elderly retiree couples for the man to continue doing all the driving even after his eyesight has declined to the level of an eggplant. I have personally ridden down here, terrified, in cars driven by men who could not, from a distance of twenty feet, distinguish between a freight locomotive and Britney Spears. *(Dave Barry)***

**When one of his players was thrown out at home, the high school baseball coach from Davidson County, North Carolina, went ballistic. He charged the ump, screaming and protesting the call until he was tossed from the game. Following the rule book, the ump ordered the coach to “go where I can’t see you.” That’s when the coach jumped onto home plate, saying, “I guess I’ll just stand right here, because you haven’t seen anything that happened here all night!” *(Kent Crim, in Carolina Country magazine)***

**To view the wonders of the undersea world that no other man had probably seen, Admiral R. J. Galanson, chief of U. S. Naval Materials, peered through the portholes of a U. S. Navy deep-submersible craft nearly half a mile below the surface of the Pacific Ocean. The first thing he saw on the ocean floor was an empty beer can. *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 332)***

**Better vision may only help you see more of what you don’t want to see. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Optometrist to patient: “I used to have a bigger eye chart, but I wasn’t making any money.” *(Jim Unger, in Herman comic strip)***

**Love looks through a telescope; envy, through a microscope. *(Josh Billings)***

**Driving through the desert in New Mexico, I stopped by a dusty little gas station in the middle of nowhere. I filled up my tank and went in to pay the cashier. “How much is it?” he asked. “I'm not sure,” I replied, slightly startled. “Ten something.” The attendant gave a supremely weary sigh. He then pulled out a pair of binoculars, peered through them out the plate-glass window and after a moment said languidly, “It looks like ten twenty-five to me.” *(Margaret Chen, in Reader's Digest)***

**An economist was asked to talk to a group of business people about the recession. She tacked up a big sheet of white paper. Then she made a black spot on the paper with her pencil and asked a man in the front row what he saw. The man replied promptly, “A black spot.” The speaker asked every person the same question, and each replied, “A black spot.” With calm and deliberate emphasis the speaker said: “Yes, there is a little black spot, but none of you mentioned the big sheet of white paper. And that’s my speech.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**To see a world in a grain of sand, and a heaven in a wildflower: Hold infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour*. (William Blake)***

**It is only the blind eye of the adult that finds the familiar uninteresting. *(Margaret Wise Brown)***

**I could see much farther, if my vision weren’t blocked by reality. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Good week for: Passive aggression, after Louisiana Family Eyecare offered to "GLADLY provide no-cost eye exams to all NFL officials," so other football fans don't "feel our pain." A blown pass-interference call in last week's NFC championship game cost the New Orleans Saints a place in the Super Bowl. *(The Week magazine, February 1, 2019)***

**At the end of the art period the very young assistant to the Nursery School teacher was checking the drawings of the four-year-olds. Pausing before a blank sheet of paper she inquired unwisely of its owner “What’s that?” “A boat.” “But I don’t see any boat.” “It just sank.” *(Mrs. R. D. Campbell)***

**How’s That Again? Classified ad in the Lake, Zurich, Illinois, Advertiser: “Braille dictionary for sale. Must see to appreciate.” *(Reader’s Digest)***

**Nelson: “Grampa, are your eyes out of focus?” Grandpa: “Yes, Nelson, but we actually don’t see with out eyes. We see with our brains. The eyes are basically the cameras of the brain. Unfortunately, my brain’s out of focus too.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Earth’s crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God; but only the one who sees, takes off his shoes. The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries. *(Elizabeth Barrett Browning)***

**A burly professional wrestler was visiting his friend in a small town, and one night they stayed a little too long at the pub. Not wanting to drive, they decided to walk home. As they were crossing a farmer’s field, a bull charged them. The wrestler grabbed the bull by the horns, and they went down in a snarling heap. Finally the bull jumped up and ran away. “Wow,” said the friend, “that was quite a tussle. “Yeah,” the wrestler replied, “and if I hadn’t had that last drink, I would have gotten that guy off his bicycle.” *(Don Johnson, in Reader’s Digest)***

**A father took his son camping to show him how to live outdoors. As the father cupped his hands into a stream, the boy cried out, “You're not going to drink that, are you, Dad?” “Of course,” said the father, emptying the spring water into his mouth. “Dad, I didn't mean the water,” said the boy, “I meant the tadpole.” *(Rotary Down Under)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Grandma: “Your father can’t find his glasses.” Daughter: “That’s a shame. I wonder where they could be.” Grandma: “I don’t know. We can’t find the TV remote either, but now it doesn’t seem to matter.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Grandma: “I can’t find my glasses. Have you seen them?” Daughter: “You’re wearing them, Mom.” Grandma: “No, these are my old glasses. I only wear them to look for my new glasses.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

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**Hertz had been in business for nearly twenty years when Avis started up. Hertz was owned at the time by General Motors, which had plenty of financial muscle to stave off new competition. But Avis decided to rent at airports – a market that Hertz refused to see as profitable. Because of finding a void in the marketplace, Avis became a major player in the car rental business only because Hertz failed to seize the opportunity first. *(Joe Griffith, in Speaker’s Library of Business, p. 282)***

**A man and his wife on a long trip pulled off the road into a full-service gas station. After the station attendant had washed their car’s windshield, the man in the car shouted to the station attendant, “It’s still dirty. Wash it again.” So the station attendant complied. After he finished washing it again and started to hand the man his receipt, the man in the car angrily said, “It’s still dirty. Don’t you know how to wash a windshield?” Just then the man’s wife reached over, removed her husband’s glasses from his face, and cleaned them with a tissue. She then placed them back on her husband and behold -- the windshield was clean! *(Alexander Lockhart, in The Portable Pep Talk) 521986***

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**The doctor assured Cal that his eyesight would improve if he ate carrots. “That's a lot of baloney,” said Cal. “Well,” asked the doctor, “did you ever see a rabbit with eyeglasses?” *(Jeannette Fidell, in Jokes, Jokes, Jokes, p. 46)***

**In the year 600 B.C. or thereabouts, a wise man of India named Susrata used the point of a needle to push a cataract away from the lens in a blind man’s eye to let light enter. It worked and is in the scrolls as the first known eye operation. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Does one have to go through catastrophe to arrive at vision? *(Niki de Saint Phalle, artist)***

**Frank says to Ernest at the Department of Motor Vehicles: “What I really resent is having my vision checked by somebody who thinks this picture looks like me.” *(Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)***

**When light hits your eye, a protein called rhodopsin therein starts a chemical chain reaction that lets you see. It’s the fastest chemical reaction known. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**To a child under age 6, a bleeding finger means more than a broken arm. Tots don’t think it’s important if they can’t see it. So says a pediatrician. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**Saturday has always been “cleaning day” in the old homestead, and my mother still adhered to the ritual after all her children had left the nest. When I stopped by to visit her one Saturday, I was surprised to find her relaxing in a favorite chair. “Aren't you feeling well?” I asked. “I feel fine.” “But you're not cleaning.” “After all these years I've finally figured out how to get it done in half the time,” Mom told me. “I simply take off my glasses.” *(Pat Millis, in Reader's Digest)***

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**Being very close doesn’t necessarily mean having the best view. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Billy says to his mother: “I don’t WANT to close my eyes. It’s dark in there.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Jeffy puts the camera up to his eye and says to Billy: “I can’t see anything.” Billy: “You’re closin’ the wrong eye.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

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**Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it. *(Confucius)***

**“Peter, there were two cookies on the shelf last night. How come there is only one there now?” “It was so dark, I guess I didn't see the other one.” *(Jeannette Fidell)***

**Crankshaft: “Marcus, ditch the bag of corn chips!” Marcus: “Man, before Crankshaft got those nasty new glasses, he could never see back this far. And no way he could read what it said on the bag!” *(Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)***

**Blondie: “Here's my coupon that gives me $10 off.” Clerk: “That's only on purchases of $100 or more! You didn't read the fine print.” Blondie: “What fine print?! I didn't see any fine print!” Clerk: “See? It's right there. How about me selling you a magnifying glass so you won't make that mistake again?” *(Dean Young & Denis Lebrun, in* Blondie *comic strip)***

**The man looks through the binoculars at his wife and says: “Now that you mention it, I do see the signs of crow’s feet at the corners of your eyes.” *(Dick Wingert, in Hubert comic strip)***

**One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done. *(Marie Curie)***

**I told my doctor that every time I look in the mirror I get sick. He told me, “At least your eyesight is good.” *(Rodney Dangerfield)***

**The man who insists upon seeing with perfect clearness before he decides, never decides. *(Henri-Frederic Amiel)***

**In Germany’s Stuttgart is a dentist named Veronica Seider, and what’s so different about her is her eyesight. Correspondents say she sees 20 times better than the norm. Claim is she can identify people more than a mile off. Remarkable, if true. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**At Disney studios in Burbank, California, Mike (former Disney executive Mike Vance) could gaze out of his office window, across Buena Vista Street, to St. Joseph’s Hospital where Walt Disney died. His death was preceded by an amazing incident that reportedly took place the night before in Walt’s hospital room. A journalist, knowing Walt was seriously ill, persisted in getting an interview with Walt and was frustrated on numerous occasions by the hospital staff. When he finally managed to get into the room, Walt couldn’t sit up in bed or talk above a whisper. Walt instructed the reporter to lie down on the bed, next to him, so he could whisper in the reporter’s ear. For the next 30 minutes, Walt and the journalist lay side by side as Walt referred to an imaginary map of Walt Disney World on the ceiling above the bed. Walt pointed out where he planned to place various attractions and buildings. He talked about transportation, hotels, restaurants and many other parts of his vision for property that wouldn’t open to the public for another six years. A man who lay dying in the hospital whispered in a reporter’s ear for 30 minutes, describing his vision for the future and the role he would play in it for generations to come. This is the way to live -- believing so much in your vision that even when you’re dying you whisper it into another person’s ear. *(Mike Vance & Diane Deacon, in Think Out of the Box)***

**A seeing-eye dog, or any dog trained to guide the blind, cannot tell a red light from a green one. When it leads its master across the street, it watches the traffic flow to tell when it is safe to cross. *(Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts, p. 40)***

**As a student, Beryl Benacerraf struggled to read because of undiagnosed dyslexia. But as a Harvard Medical School resident, she discovered her remarkable knack for a different kind of reading. Benacerraf proved exceptional at scouring fetal ultrasound images to spot congenital anomalies and gynecological disorders, and thanks to her research, ultrasound became routine in prenatal care. “Pictures just speak to me. I can see things that nobody else can see,” she said. Downplaying her hard work, Benacerraf often claimed her success stemmed from her neurological difference. “It never goes away,” she once said. “That’s probably a good thing, because if dyslexia went away, then the other gifts would go away, too. *(The Week magazine, November 4, 2022)***

**Eagles see better than humans on clear days; humans see better than eagles on foggy days. *(Uncle John’s Best Bathroom Reader, p. 104)***

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**Thomas Edison, though still in possession of his sight, found Braille preferable to visual reading. *(Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts, p. 155)***

**Vision without execution is hallucination. *(Thomas Edison)***

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**It has been noted that the effect your glasses have on your vision depends on what you drink out of them. *L. M. Boyd, in Boyd’s Book of Odd Facts, p. 5)***

**While being shown the Mount Wilson Observatory in California, Mrs. Albert Einstein was told that the giant telescope was required for establishing the structure of the universe. Mrs. Einstein was not impressed. “My husband does that on the back of an old envelope,” she said*. (Ronald W. Clark, in Einstein: The Life and Times)***

**If we had a keen vision of all that is ordinary in human life, it would be like hearing the grass grow or the squirrel’s heart beat, and we should die of that roar which is the other side of silence. *(George Eliot)***

**People seem not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character. We can only see what we are, and if we misbehave we suspect others. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Physiology working with psychology is demonstrating that hearing and seeing can be developed in every cell in the body, independent of ears and eyes*. (Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 56)***

**Every woman has 20/20 vision when she steps into another woman’s home. *(Arnot L. Sheppard, Jr.)***

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**I’ve seen so many things I never expected to see that now I expect to see everything. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The way you get to know yourself is by the expressions on other people’s faces, because that’s the only thing that you can see. *(Gil Scott-Heron)***

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**It had been many years since my last eye exam, and my wife was pestering me to make an appointment. The more she nagged, the more I procrastinated. Finally, she made an appointment for me. The day before I was to see the doctor, I was in an affectionate mood. After kissing and hugging her, I told her she really looked good to me. “That does it,” she said. “I’m canceling your appointment.” *(Edgar M. Burns, in Reader’s Digest)***

**A New York University professor has had a digital camera implanted in the back of his head as part of an avant-garde art project. Visual artist Wafaa Bilal will keep the camera in his head for a full year, capturing a still image every minute to demonstrate what he’d see if he had eyes in the back of his head. Bilal says the surgery to implant the camera, with only local anesthetic, was more painful than he’d expected, and that if he’d known in advance how much it would hurt, “I don’t think I would have done it.” *(The Week magazine, December 17, 2010)***

**Researchers have determined that it is impossible to develop eyestrain from looking on the bright side of things*. (Bits & Pieces)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Grandma: “How about going to the fabric shop with me?” Grandpa: “I can’t. I’m having trouble with my eyes.” Grandma: “Oh? What’s the problem?” Grandpa: “I can’t see myself going to the fabric shop.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Tales of Hasidim: An old Rabbi once asked his pupils how they could tell when the night had ended and the day had begun. “Could it be,” asked one of the students, “when you can see an animal in the distance and tell whether it is a sheep or a dog?” “No,” answered the Rabbi. Another asked, “Is it when you can look at a tree in the distance and tell whether it is a fig tree or a peach tree?” “No,” answered the Rabbi. “Then when is it?” the pupils demanded. “It is when you can look on the face of any man or woman and see that it is your brother or sister. Because, if you cannot see this, it is still night.” *(Robert J. Wicks, in Touching the Holy)***

**First Woman: “Have you ever been on a blind date?” Second Woman: “I went with a guy to see a faith healer once.” First woman: “How’d it work out?” Second Woman: “Good, right up until the miracle where his sight was restored.” *(Johnny Hart, in B.C. comic strip)***

**The central problem of science is not the physical world being observed but the fallibility of the observer. The mind is always playing tricks, sometimes by chance but often because of the very way it works. Information about the world enters the mind through the senses, but the senses are notoriously unreliable. They color and distort information even as they transmit it. Then there is imagination, which continuously changes what the senses report to fit its own program. Man needs facts, but facts are hard to come by. He is locked in a struggle not only with traditional error but with his own nature. *(O. B. Hardison, Jr., in Disappearing Through the Skylight, p. 18)***

**You once said a restaurant owner years ago found a way to keep his waitresses and cooks from fighting with each other. How? He narrowed the pass-through window horizontally. They could see each other’s waistlines but not each other’s eyes. People don’t fight as much, he said, if they can’t see the looks on the other’s faces. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A husband and wife sat in front of their fireplace. She asked, “Can you see figures in the fire?” “Yes, dear,” replied her spouse. “What kind of figures?” the wife persisted. “Forty dollars a cord for the wood,” he sighed. *(Frank J. Markey, McNaught Syudicate)***

**What is important is that there is a search for resolution to a problem, a leap of faith into the unknown and effort to see things without distortion. This means looking at everything as though we see it for the first time. Looking at life as it looked when we were children, the fresh untarnished view of the world. *(Priscilla Sanville)***

**My brother-in-law was a wildlife officer, and one day he had to attend the hearing of a man whom he had charged with a fishing violation. A witness testified that he had seen the man in a boat on the lake on the day in question. The defense lawyer, however, tried to impeach the witness's credibility. “It's quite a distance from shore to the middle of the lake,” he said with scorn. “You sure you saw my client?” “Yes, sir,” the witness replied. “Tell me,” the lawyer continued, “just how far can you see?” “Well, sir,” the witness testified, “I can see the moon. How far is that?” *(Beth B. Godfrey, in Reader’s Digest)***

**A vision foretells what may be ours. It is an invitation to do something. With a great mental picture in mind we go from one accomplishment to another, using the materials about us only as stepping stones to that which is higher and better and more satisfying. We thus become possessors of the unseen values which are eternal. Vision is of God. A vision comes in advance of any task well done. *(Katherine Logan)***

**Realize that what we are seeing is a mirror of our own consciousness.
It is interesting that the Hebrew word from which we get the word eye is ayin, which literally means “fountain.” This suggests a powerful insight. Sight is not simply a matter of registering what we see out there, and “seeing is believing.” It is that, but so much more. True seeing is a flow of consciousness, flowing like a fountain from within. Thus where you are in consciousness has everything to do with what you see in experience. *(Eric Butterworth, in Spiritual Economics, p. 48)***

**Listen to Benjamin Franklin on buying things just to impress the neighbors: “The eyes of other people are the eyes that ruin you. If all but myself were blind, I should neither want a fine house nor fine furniture.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**In 1960 a 20-year-old college dropout named Wayne took a job working on a garbage truck. Talk about a dead-end job! But instead of seeing a low-status, low-paying job, Wayne saw a wealth-creating opportunity. He learned the business, worked his way up to manager, saved his money, and then bought his own garbage truck. Soon Wayne started buying up small local garbage hauling companies, then companies in nearby cities, then companies in cities all across America. Ten years later Wayne was part owner in Waste Management, the largest business of its kind in the world, earning over $2 billion in annual revenues! In 1986 Wayne saw another opportunity in the emerging market of video rentals. He bought into a small chain of video stores named Blockbuster Video. Seven years later the original three Blockbuster stores had grown to 4,500 stores in 10 countries. Today Wayne Huizenga is the owner of three professional sports teams in the Miami area, including the Miami Dolphins football team! *(Burke Hedges, in You Can’t Steal Second With Your Foot On First, p. 99)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Daughter: “Aren't you going to get a new pair of glasses, Dad?” Grandpa: “I don't know.” Grandma: “Some gal told him he looks ‘cute’ without them, so now he won't wear them.” Grandpa: “That's not true. It's just that my vision has gotten better, so I don't need 'em as much anymore.” Daughter: “We're over here, Dad.” Grandpa: “Uh?” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Be willing to get close to a situation in order to see it differently.
When we understand another person’s life better, our sense of being personally offended and threatened diminishes. Out of deep, authentic listening and speaking, new solutions are born. *(Mary Murray Shelton)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**An artist asked a friend to visit his studio to see a painting he had just finished. When the friend arrived at the painter’s house, he was ushered into a dark room where he was asked to wait. After about fifteen minutes, the artist entered the room and warmly greeted his guest. “I suppose you thought it unusual to be left in that dark room for so long,” the artist said. “Yes,” the man replied. “I did.” “Well, you see,” said the artist, “I knew that if you came into my studio with the glare of the street in your eyes, you couldn’t appreciate the fine coloring of the picture. So I left you in this dark room till the glare had gone out of your eyes.” *(Dr. Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)***

**I thought I was having a glorious vision – then I discovered it was my own real life! *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Walter D. Cavett tells about a boy who was taken by his father on a camping trip to the Adirondacks. They hired a guide, left the beaten trails, and spent a week in the heart of the woods. The boy was greatly impressed by the ability of the guide to see all sorts of things invisible to the ordinary eye. One day, after the guide had been pointing out some of the hidden secrets of nature, the boy asked with an awed voice, “Mister, can you see God?” The old man replied, “My boy, it’s getting so I can hardly see anything else when I’m out in the woods.” *(Dynamic Preaching)***

**When we learn to see in everything the picture that God sees, we are nearer to Reality than those who see the opposite, for they are still living in the world of the senses, while we have gone to the heart of Reality. Then when the time comes to treat for a condition, we do not have to snatch ourselves out of a negative attitude and endeavor to lift ourselves into the place of spiritual vision. *(Frederick Bailes)***

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**It is easier to perceive error than to find truth, for the former lies on the surface and is easily seen, while the latter lies in the depth where few are willing to search for it. *(Goethe)***

**Take care of your body with steadfast fidelity. The soul must see through these eyes alone, and if they are dim, the whole world is clouded. *(Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)***

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**In 1848 James Marshall, who was building a sawmill on California’s American River, noticed a glimmer in the water. “By god, boys, I think I found a gold mine,” he told his fellow workers. When word got out, the Great Gold Rush was on. *(Joseph A. Harriss, in Reader’s Digest)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Charlie Boswell has always been one of my heroes. He has inspired me and thousands of others to rise above circumstances and live our true passion. Charlie was blinded during World War II while rescuing his friend from a tank that was under fire. He was a great athlete before his accident and in a testimony to his talent and determination he decided to try a brand new sport, a sport he never imagined playing, even with his eyesight . . . golf! Through determination and a deep love for the game he became the National Blind Golf Champion! He won that honor 13 times. One of his heroes was the great golfer Ben Hogan, so it truly was an honor for Charlie to win the Ben Hogan Award in 1958. Upon meeting Ben Hogan, Charlie was awestruck and stated that he had one wish and it was to have one round of golf with the great Ben Hogan. Mr. Hogan agreed that playing a round together would be an honor for him as well, as he had heard about all of Charlie’s accomplishments and truly admired his skills. “Would you like to play for money, Mr. Hogan?” blurted out Charlie. “I can’t play you for money, it wouldn’t be fair!” said Mr. Hogan. “Aw, come on, Mr. Hogan $1,000 per hole!” “I can’t, what would people think of me, taking advantage of you and your circumstance,” replied the sighted golfer. “Chicken, Mr. Hogan?” “Okay,” blurted a frustrated Hogan, “but I am going to play my best!” “I wouldn’t expect anything else,” said the confident Boswell. “You’re on Mr. Boswell, you name the time and the place?”A very self-assured Boswell responded “10 o’clock . . . tonight!” *(John Kanary, in A Cup of Chicken Soup for the Soul, p. 64)***

**One of the golfers on the pro tour some years ago was a pompous egomaniac with the emotional maturity of a six-year-old. He could do nothing wrong and always had a quick excuse for any loss: it was a lousy course, the other golfers were cheating, the weather was terrible, etc. As if these faults were not enough, he was also not above hustling a few extra dollars playing amateurs in cities on the tour for $50 a hole. One day he was approached by a man wearing dark glasses and carrying a white cane who offered to play him for $100 a hole. “Why, I can't play you,” the professional protested. “You're blind, aren't you?” “Yes, I am,” replied the man. “But that's all right. I was a state champion before I went blind. I think I can beat you.” Now the conceited one had not been doing well lately -- he needed the money. Anyway, blind or not, if the guy was crazy enough to challenge him...well, why not? “You did say $100 a hole?” The blind man nodded. “Well, all right. It's a deal. But don't say I didn't warn you -- you'll lose your money. When would you like to play?” “Any night at all,” replied the blind man. “Any night at all.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Nelson: “Ugh! I don’t feel good! The whole house is spinning around!” Grandma: “You’d better take off Grampa’s eye-glasses. They’re making you nauseous. Pretty soon you’ll be disoriented and confused and start bumping into things if you keep wearing these.” Nelson: “Am I turning into Grampa?” Grandma: “Maybe, but I think we caught it in time.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Going through some of my grandfather's old books, I found a Serviceman's Spiritual Handbook from World War II. “I didn't know Pop was in World War II,” I said to my father. “Where was he stationed?” “He was in the Army at Camp Hatteras, assigned as a lookout to watch for German U-boats,” my father replied. “So he was never in active combat abroad?” I queried. “That's right,” my father answered. “The Army didn't think his eyesight was good enough.” *(Sarah B. Paul, in Reader's Digest)***

**Billy: “Grandma! Put on your glasses so I can see you!” *(Bill Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**The Great Wall of China is the only artifact on earth that is visible from near space. *(Quentin Compson, in Amazing Facts & Trivia, p. 91)***

**While giving her medical history, a new patient mentioned an episode of hallucinations. I asked what they looked like. “Well, doctor, I really don’t know,” she said. “I wasn’t wearing my glasses at the time.” *(Dr. Joseph S. Eastern, in Medical Economics)***

**When Nathaniel Hawthorne, a heartbroken man, went home to tell his wife that he had been fired from his job in a customhouse and confessed that he was a failure, she surprised him with an exclamation of joy. She said triumphantly, “Now, you can write your book!” He replied with sagging confidence, “Yes, and what shall we live on while I am writing it?” To his amazement, she opened a drawer and pulled out a substantial amount of money. He exclaimed, “Where on earth did you get that?” She answered, “I have always known that you were a man of genius. I knew that someday you would write a masterpiece. So every week out of the money you have given me for housekeeping, I have saved something; here is enough to last us for one whole year.” From her trust and confidence came one of the greatest novels of American literature -- The Scarlet Letter. *(Joe Griffith, in Speaker’s Library of Business, p. 102)***

**Every healing of Jesus was a turning away from the illusion of good and evil to the recognition of the perfect Life of God as the only Reality. Because he understood this, he could speak with authority. He could order the man with the withered hand to stretch forth his hand because Jesus did not see a withered hand. He saw only the wholeness of Life*. (Jack E. Addington, in The Hidden Mystery of the Bible, p. 131)***

**You have to have a vision. It’s got to be a vision you articulate clearly and forcefully. You can’t blow an uncertain trumpet. *(Rev. Theodore Hesburgh)***

**The mind of the bigot is like the pupil of the eye; the more light you pour upon it, the more it will contract. *(Oliver Wendell Holmes)***

**If you asked the average person how far they can see with the naked eye, you probably will get an answer that might range from a mile to several miles, depending on where they are. Most people don’t think about looking at the sky. You can see 93 million miles when you look at the sun -- because that’s how far away it is. And that’s far from the limit of the average naked eye. At night you can see stars that are trillions of miles away. *(Charles Reichblum, in Knowledge in a Nutshell, p. 177)***

**During its decade in space, the Hubble telescope has changed the way we see the universe, and Ball Aerospace doesn't mind taking some of the credit. Ball built the lenses that corrected Hubble's faulty vision in 1993. Until then, the far reaches of space looked like a blur. With the telescope's vision fixed, scientists have made remarkable discoveries about how stars are formed, the power of galaxy-sucking black holes, and the potential fate of the universe itself. While Hubble has another 10 years of life, Ball is already developing its bid to build the Next Generation Space Telescope that will be placed in space a million miles from Earth and be able to peer even deeper into the cosmos. *(Richard Williamson, in Denver Rocky Mountain News, April 25, 2000)***

**Two duck hunters were hidden in a marsh, waiting for dawn to break. In an effort to keep warm, one was repeatedly hitting a thermos bottle of coffee and the other a flask of brandy. Immediately after sunrise a single duck flew overhead. The coffee drinker raised his gun, took careful aim and fired but missed. The brandy drinker aimed, fired, and the duck fell. “Nice shot?” exclaimed the first hunter. “Aw, it was easy,” said the second. “When you shoot at a flock that size, you're bound to hit one!” *(F.G. Kernan, in Quote magazine)***

**Are you looking with the outer eye of the senses, or are you seeing with the inner eye of Spirit? It is with the inner eye that we see truth. *(Dr. Nona L. Brooks, in Mysteries, p. 24)***

**Choose to see things from the inside out. In spiritual understanding we know that all the forces in the body are directed by thought and that they work in a constructive or a destructive way, according to the character of the thought. Medicine, massage, and all the material means of healing accomplish but incomplete, unsatisfactory, temporary results, because they work only from the outside and do not touch the inner springs that control the forces. *(Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 43)***

**An artist who wanted a home among the Taconic Hills of Vermont was talking the matter over with a farmer who allowed that he had a house for sale. “I must have a good view,” said the artist. “Is there a good view?” “Well,” drawled the farmer, “from the front porch yuh kin see Ed Snow’s barn, but beyond that there ain’t nothin’ but a bunch of mountains.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**When Jesus healed, how did he heal? If you’re coming to Jesus this morning and talking to him about your illness, what would Jesus do? Jesus would not see your illness. What did he see? He saw perfection. He sees absolutely perfect God-Health flowing through you, no matter what your body is saying. *(Christopher Ian Chenoweth, Unity Minister)***

**The blind man was standing in front of a building jiggling his tin cup when a woman stopped and dropped a quarter into the cup. “God bless you!” the blind man beamed. “I knew you had a kind heart the minute I laid eyes on you.” *(Ralph Marquard)***

**Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakens. *(Carl Jung)***

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**Helen Keller was able to do wonderful things sighted people could not do. She could remember people’s handshakes years after last meeting them. She could identify hundreds of plants by their smell. Once, at a competition held by a group of rug experts, all the judges were blindfolded. Each judge had about an hour to feel many different rugs. Then they had to identify each one by touch. Only Helen was able to identify all the rugs. *(Betty Debnam, in Rocky Mountain News)***

**I who am blind can give one hint to those who see -- one admonition to those who would make full use of the gift of sight: Use your eyes as if tomorrow you would be stricken blind. And the same method can be applied to the other senses. Here the music of voices, the song of a bird, the mighty strains of an orchestra, as if you would be stricken deaf tomorrow. Touch each object you want to touch as if tomorrow your tactile sense would fail. Smell the perfume of flowers, taste with relish each morsel, as if tomorrow you could never smell and taste again. Make the most of every sense; glory in all the facets of pleasure and beauty which the world reveals to you through the several means of contact which Nature provides. But of all the senses, sight must be the most delightful. *(Helen Keller)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Just because we cannot see clearly the end of the road, that is no reason for not setting out on the essential journey. *(John F. Kennedy)***

**The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers. *(Martin Luther King Jr.)***

**A different language is a different vision of life. *(Federico Fellini)***

**Sports Illustrated ran this letter from Elizabeth Douaire: “The highlight of my week was when our 21-month-old daughter looked at the cover of your swimsuit issue, pointed and said, ‘Mommy.’ What a perfect child -- except, perhaps, for her eyesight!” *(Reader's Digest)***

**A loaf of bread fell from a bakery truck and as it hit the pavement a crumb broke off. Three sparrows swooped down on the crumb and began fighting over it. One bird finally succeeded in flying off with the crumb, the two others in close pursuit. A series of frenzied aerial maneuvers followed until the crumb was at last consumed by one of the birds. The loaf was untouched. Only the crumb had seemed worth the fight. If the birds had displayed more vision and less greed, they could have all been satisfied. People, like birds, quarrel over trivialities. In the heat of the struggle life’s bigger, more enriching prizes escape them. *(Bits & Pieces)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Look at everything as though you were seeing it either for the first or last time. Then your time on earth will be filled with glory. *(Betty Smith, in A Tree Grows in Brooklyn)***

**You can’t expect a man to see eye to eye with you when you’re looking down on him. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**On a clear day, you can see forever from a lookout point near Chattanooga, Tennessee. Seven states are visible from this promontory -- Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, and Kentucky. *(Denver P. Tarle, in A Treasury of Trivia, p. 32)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Man: “You have to help me find my glasses.” Woman: “You lost 'em?” Man: “I put them on the night table and now they're gone and I can't look for them because I can't see.” Woman: “Sitting there with your glasses lost actually makes you look more manly.” Man: “More manly. Do tell.” Woman: “More unable to find things.” *(Stephen Hersh, in Bliss comic strip)***

**Then it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the person that each one is in God's eyes. If only they could see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time, there would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed. I suppose the big problem would be that we would all fall down and worship each other*. (Thomas Merton)***

**When Michelangelo was asked how he could carve his magnificent David out of a shapeless block of marble, he replied that David had always been in the stone. A sculptor merely had to remove what was not David. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 1)***

**Before the invention of the microscope and the telescope, humans had a limited view of the world. The telescope made it possible for us to explore the vastness of the universe. On the other hand, the microscope made it possible for us to view the equally endless worlds that exist on a blade of grass or in a tiny drop of water. *(Jeff Harris, in Shortcuts)***

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**I went to see my doctor. “Doctor, every morning when I get up and I look in the mirror, I feel like throwing up; what’s wrong with me?” He said, “I don’t know but your eyesight is perfect.” *(Tidbits of Denver)***

**Man: “Doctor, when I look in the mirror, I don't know who I am.” Doctor: “Have you tried Windex?” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**After the painter Monet died, the waterlily ponds at his home, the inspiration for some of his greatest paintings, were left to deteriorate. Lately they have been restored. An admirer of Monet who expectantly visited them left in bitter disappointment. The reason, it was suggested, is that the beauty could be beheld only through the vision of the artist. *(W. Paul Jones)***

**On a visit to Scotland, a fellow went to Loch Ness, hoping to get a glimpse of the lake's famous resident. “When does the monster usually appear?” he asked a guide. “Usually after about five Scotches,” was the reply*. (James Dent, in Charleston, W.Va. Gazette)***

**Whatever her personal travails, Maria Montessori’s educational vision has not only survived into a new century, it is thriving as never before. Many of her once-radical ideas – including the notions that children learn through hands-on activity, that the preschool years are a time of critical brain development and that parents should be partners in their children’s education – are now accepted wisdom. “She made a lasting contribution,” says David Elkind, professor of child development at Tufts University and author of The Hurried Child. “She recognized that there was an education particularly appropriate to young children, that it wasn’t just a smaller-sized second grade.” *(Mary Shute, in Smithsonian magazine)***

**The more intelligent people are the more they see differences. To the unimaginative everything looks alike. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**I see God in every human being. *(Mother Teresa)***

**The obscure we see eventually, the completely apparent takes a little longer. *(Edward R. Murrow)***

**If you’ve had the same pair of eyeglasses for more than two years, you’ve beaten the national average. That’s how long the average wearer is said to use a pair. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Only to the white man was nature a wilderness and only to him was the land infested with wild animals and savage people. *(Chief Luther Standing Bear of the Oglala Sioux)***

**Claim is that the neatest of all housekeepers – a place for everything and everything in its place – are the blind. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**My face in the mirror isn’t wrinkled or drawn. My house isn’t dirty. The cobwebs are gone. My garden looks lovely, and so does my lawn. I think I might never put my glasses back on. *(Ray Kerley)***

**No More Reading Glasses? The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first prescription eye drops to treat age-related farsightedness, also known as presbyopia. The drops could potentially replace reading glasses for up to 1.8 million people around the world. The eye drops, which go by the brand name Vuity, work by reducing your pupil size and expanding your depth of focus so you can see closeup objects more clearly. The drug is intended to be used once a day, but not if you have to drive at night, as shrinking your pupils impairs low-light vision. This treatment may be best suited for people in their 40s and 50s, as the drops are less effective for those with advanced presbyopia. *(Mark Witten, as it appeared in the July/August, 2022 issue of Reader’s Digest, on page 38)***

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**Worker: “Thornton wants to see you in her office, Ed!” Ed: “Why? Can't she see me from there?” *(Tom Batiuk and Chuck Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)***

**While in a local optometrist's office, I overheard a patient checking in with the receptionist. “Gee,” said the patient, “I hope I'm in the right office.” “Well, if you don't see what you're looking for,” the receptionist replied, “you've come to the right place.” *(Suzan L. Wiener, in Catholic Digest)***

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**In 1793, a girl in Tourcoing, France, was born with only one eye -- in the center of her forehead! Otherwise normal, the girl lived to the age of 15. *(Timothy T. Fullerton, in Triviata, p. 47)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*A first-grader came to the ophthalmology office where I work to have his vision checked, He sat down and I turned off the lights. Then I switched on a projector that flashed the letters F, Z and B on a screen. I asked the boy what he saw, Without hesitation he replied, “Consonants.” *(Stephen Downing, in Reader's Digest)***

**75% of optometrists wear eyeglasses. *(Russ Edwards & Jack Kreismer, in The Bathroom Trivia Digest, p. 93)***

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**Nelson: “You’re going outside the lines, Grampa.” Grandpa: “I know. That’s how you can tell someone’s creative. They don’t conform to someone else’s guidelines.” Nelson: “Really?” Grandpa: “Absolutely. In my case, though, it just means I need new bifocals.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**My eyes have gotten so bad. I bought this oversized TV so I could see the screen without straining! Now if they only made an oversized remote!” *(Art & Chip Sansom, in The Born Loser comic strip)***

**My son and I, shopping for a present for his sister, thought we had found the perfect gift – a pair of opera glasses. When I asked the price, the clerk replied, “A hundred and twenty-five dollars.” “What?” said my son. “I think we’ll just buy her tickets closer to the stage.” *(Jacqueline Jehle, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Pirates believed that piercing the ears and wearing an earring improved eyesight. This idea, scoffed at for centuries, has been reevaluated in light of acupuncture theory. The point on the lobe where the ear was pierced corresponds to the auricular acupuncture point controlling the eyes. *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts, p. 101)***

**It’s strange, but wherever I take my eyes, they always see things from my point of view. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**A traffic cop flagged down a young driver, glancing at his license, then remarked, “Oh, so you're a preacher. Now don't go telling me you didn't see that stop sign.” Replied the youthful minister, “Oh, to be sure I saw the sign, officer. The point is -- I didn't see you.” *(Leslie and Bernice Flynn, in Humorous Incidents and Quips, p. 47)***

**Every U. S. president has worn eyeglasses. *(Boyd’s Curiosity Shop, p. 209)***

**Billy says to Mom: “Know what, Mommy? You have pretty all over your face.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**I am upset. I just found out I have to have this little procedure done. Nothing complicated, but they tell me it is going to improve my vision about 70%. I'm nervous. I hate getting my bangs cut*. (Anita Wise, in Catholic Digest)***

**If you put things in proper perspective, you will find that a good many things you have been doing and the way you have been doing them have been wholly unnecessary. *(Dr. Eugene B. Mozes, in Living Beyond Your Heart Attack)***

**The only real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes*. (Marcel Proust)***

**We are not primarily put on this earth to see through one another, but to see one another through. *(Peter de Vries)***

**Radio telescopes on Earth have helped astronomers to detect very distant objects. The most distant galaxy so far observed by astronomers is at least 6 billion light-years away. *(Pam Beasant, in 1000 Facts about Space, p. 5)***

**Warning: The Surgeon General has determined that reading tiny labels can be hazardous to the health of your eyes! *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**Do something quickly! I’m beginning to see things as they really are again! *(Ashleigh Billiant, in Pot-Shots)***

**It’s not working on the other person, it’s working on yourself. It’s not setting them right, it’s seeing them rightly. And this has to do with what goes on in you in your consciousness. *(Dr. Eric Butterworth, Unity Minister)***

**After I had been married many years, my original wedding band had become worn and thin. With our anniversary coming up, I asked my husband for a new ring. But this time, I wanted one with diamonds. We went down to the jewelry store to pick one out. “My eyes aren't as good as they used to be,” I said to my husband as we waited for a clerk. “So I'd really like diamonds I can see.” “Sir,” interjected a woman who'd overheard our conversation, “it would be cheaper if you bought her glasses.” *(Mildred Bernatchez, in Reader's Digest)***

**A computerized robot “Guide dog” designed in Japan, emits ultra-sound waves that bounce off obstacles to guide a blind person around them or, if it is not safe to proceed, it waits until the obstacle disappears and can even plot the best route from start to finish! *(Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: Weird Inventions and Discoveries, p. 18)***

**There is nothing as easy as denouncing. It doesn’t take much to see that something is wrong, but it takes some eyesight to see what will put it right again. *(Will Rogers)***

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**Rosiness is not a worse windowpane than gloomy gray when viewing the world. *(Grace Paley, American writer)***

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**Researchers at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, say they’ve learned sad people see the world more clearly than do happy people. Moodiest of us, they say, are more realistic when depressed than when manic. But they do not yet know whether depression makes us see the truth or the truth makes us depressed. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Every man takes the limits of his own field of vision for the limits of the world. *(Arthur Schopenhauer)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*As the father rests his glasses on the top of his head, the child says: “Daddy, are your glasses up there so you can see your ideas better?” *(Bill Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Give our eyes adequate time to adjust and to see things differently.
It takes the human eyes an hour to adapt completely to seeing in the dark. Once adapted, however, the eyes are about 100,000 times more sensitive to light than they are in bright sunlight. *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts, p. 25)***

**Seeing through is rarely seeing into. *(Elizabeth Bibesco, writer)***

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**On a clear night, I was stargazing with my children and pointed to the Big Dipper. They were having trouble spotting the group of stars, but finally, the younger one exclaimed, “I see it! It’s the one that looks like a shopping cart.” *(J. F., in Reader’s Digest)***

**The total number of stars visible to the naked eye is perhaps 4,000, counting all that are visible from every point on earth*. (Henry M. Morris, in Science and the Bible, p. 11)***

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**Vision: the art of seeing things invisible. *(Jonathan Swift)***

**Most people fortunately have the gift of vision, but practically all must be taught to really see. *(Clarice L. Hallberg, in Arts & Activities)***

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*The largest operational telescope in the world is 236.2-inch reflecting telescope in the Caucasus Mountains of the U.S.S.R. Assembled in October 1970, it is 80 feet long, weighs 935 tons, and contains a mirror which weighs 78 tons by itself. The light-gathering power of this telescope is so great that it can detect the light of a single candle, 15,000 miles away*. (Timothy T. Fullerton, in Triviata, p. 131)***

**The huge, 200-inch Hale reflector on Palomar Mountain in California – the world’s largest working optical telescope – can see as many as a million galaxies inside the bowl of the Big Dipper alone. *(Kenneth F. Weaver, in Reader’s Digest)***

**The telescope on Mount Palomar, California, can see a distance of 7,038,835,200,000,000 million miles. *(Noel Botham, in The Best Book of Useless Information Ever, p. 67)***

**James Webb telescope: NASA’s long-awaited James Webb Space Telescope has produced a series of crystal-clear images of the cosmos. The $10 billion space observatory is the most powerful ever built, more than 100 times more sensitive to light than its predecessor, the Hubble. It was created through the combined efforts of about 20,000 engineers, astronomers, technicians, and government officials from the U.S., Canada, and Europe over 30 years. Orbiting the sun at a point about 1 million miles from Earth, the telescope has already producedextraordinary detailed images of Jupiter. It’s now allowing us to look at galaxies as they were not long after the formation of the universe in the Big Bang, 13.8 billion years ago, and scrutinize planets around other stars for signs of life. “We’re in for a great adventure,” says astronomer Alan Dressler. *(The Week magazine, December 30, 2022 / January 6, 2023)***

**Some telescopes have been put into Space. They can “see” more clearly than telescopes on Earth and can detect invisible energy waves. One day they may discover new stars and planets. *(Pam Beasant, in 1000 Facts about Space, p. 5)***

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**My grandson Andrew was thrilled with the money he found under his pillow after he lost his first tooth. “Now I know what the tooth fairy looks like!” he announced. “Oh?” said his mother, thinking he must have seen her slipping the money under his pillow. Andrew held up his shiny one-dollar coin with the profile of Susan B. Anthony on it. “See! There she is!” *(Margaret Stringer, in Reader's Digest)***

**If it weren't for tunnel vision, they wouldn't have any vision at all*. (Donald E. Westlake)***

**Until recent years, we could only speculate on what life was like for an unborn baby. Then, major advances in ultrasound scanning began opening a window to the womb; doctors could view every movement of the baby on a television-like screen. The pictures show unborn babies yawning, sucking, grasping, stretching, blinking and making faces -- in short, all the things they will do after birth*. (Henci Goer, in Reader’s Digest)***

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**See Here! Umpire Red Jones attended church with a friend. Opening the program, he found that his buddy had arranged for the two of them to sing a special hymn together: “Open My Eyes That I May See.” *(Ernie Harwell, in Diamond Gems)***

**A famous big-league umpire said that he could never understand how crowds in the grandstand, hundreds of feet from the plate, could see better and judge balls and strikes more accurately than he could, when he was standing directly behind it*. (Bits & Pieces)***

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**And what is it like when we have unhealthy eyes? Jesus calls on the prophet Isaiah: “For this people’s heart has grown dull, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn – and I would heal them.” *(St. Matthew 13:15)*. *(Philip White, in Unity magazine)***

**As a WAF assigned to recruiting duty in Atlanta, I was fortunate to find living quarters in a beautiful Southern home. The aristocratic elderly lady who owned the house lived alone and seemed to have limited communication with the outside world. However, she was always on hand to look me over and wave good-by as I left for work. Conscious of her watchful eye, I was careful to keep my WAF uniform well pressed. When the first month’s rent was due, I handed her a check, which she promptly handed back. “But why?” I asked, in panic. “Do you want me to move?” “Why no, honey,” she answered warmly. “It’s just that I’ve watched you go to work for an entire month wearing the same dress, and it’s about time that you had a new one. Take the rent money and splurge.” *(Lt. Col. Sara Harris, in Reader’s Digest)***

**A guy applies to the welfare office. They ask why he needs financial assistance. “I'm having trouble with my eyes,” the man says. “I can't see myself going to work.” *(Cindy Adams, in New York Post)***

**In the faces of men and women I see God. *(Walt Whitman)***

**No great artist ever sees things as they really are. If he did, he would cease to be an artist. *(Oscar Wilde)***

**Stevie Wonder calls his trusted network of family, friends and associates “my eyes.” *(Martin Torgoff)***

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