

BORN BLIND

Some people are born into the world without sight. They have never seen color, the sky, a bird or flower, or even a human being. Can you imagine suddenly being given **SIGHT**? Would you **EVER** forget such an experience?

One day, as Jesus was passing by, "...he saw a man which was **BLIND** from his birth...he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, and said unto him, **GO, WASH** in the pool of Siloam" (JOHN 9:1-7).

The blind man **OBEYED**, boldly declaring: "...**ONE THING I KNOW**, that, whereas I WAS **BLIND**, **NOW I SEE**" (JOHN 9:25).

Every *human being* is born into this world a **SINNER**, and is "**BLIND**" to *spiritual truth*. But, we are also **GIVEN** the opportunity to "**RECEIVE OUR SIGHT!**"

Jesus said, "**I AM the LIGHT OF THE WORLD: he that FOLLOWETH ME shall NOT walk in DARKNESS**" (JOHN 8:12). **HE IS "...the TRUE LIGHT [WHICH ALSO MEANS THERE IS A FALSE LIGHT], which LIGHTETH EVERY MAN [IN EVERY NATION] that cometh into the world"** (JOHN 1:9).

Let me repeat, **EVERY MAN** that is born into this world is **EXPOSED** to the **LIGHT** (PSALM 19:1-14), and is **GIVEN** a **CHOICE** to receive this **LIGHT** or *reject it*.

Have you ever admitted to God that **YOU** were a *sinner*? **SIN** is *breaking* God's laws! Have you ever told God that **YOU** were **SORRY** that you were a *sinner*? If you haven't, you're still *spiritually BLIND!*



They are nature's greatest force, one which can sustain life or destroy it."

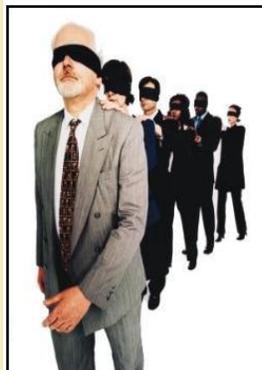
Indonesia is one of many places that lives in *spiritual blindness*. The *Hindus* there worship what they believe are "*spirits*" controlling their own volcanoes. Their president said, "*Volcanoes are the thrones of the gods.*"

Yet God said, "*See now that I, even I, am HE, and there is no god with me: I KILL, and I MAKE ALIVE; I WOUND, and I HEAL: neither is there ANY that can deliver out of my hand*" (DEUT. 32:39). What a God!

Because of the eruption of Mt. Merapi (below-left), the faithful (below) began marching up the slopes of the mount, bearing *offerings* as they follow their *Gatekeeper*. His mission: To *appease* the spirit, *believed to dwell in the mountain*, from being angry by **GIVING** *their offerings*.



The **BLINDNESS** of these *Hindus* is no different than the *error* of the *Mormons*, who believe an angel spoke to *Joseph Smith*, resulting in *another testament of Jesus Christ* called the *Book of Mormon*; or *Islam*, whose followers believe an angel spoke to *Muhammad*, resulting in the Koran; or the *Jehovah Witnesses*, who blindly follow the error of their *New World Translation*.



Satan is deceiving billions, being "...the **god** of **THIS** world [WHO HAS] **BLINDED** THE MINDS of them which **BELIEVE** NOT, lest the **LIGHT** of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the **IMAGE** of God, should **SHINE** unto them" (2 COR. 4:4).

The **ONLY WAY** to receive **SIGHT** is to **REPENT** to God *for your sins*, and be **BORN AGAIN!** You need to **FEEL SORRY** for what you've done, and what you've **FAILED** to do in the sight of God.

There are those who appear righteous and holy, and have done a lot of good. Outwardly they appear to be *without* spot or blemish! They say *many touching and lovely things about Jesus and boast how they love him*, but have **NEVER repented!**

Jesus calls them **HYPOCRITES**, saying, "...this people **DRAWETH NIGH** unto me with their mouth, and **HONoureth** me with their lips; but their **HEART [THEIR BLINDED MIND]** is **FAR FROM ME**. But **IN VAIN** they do **WORSHIP ME**, teaching for doctrines the commandments of **MEN**" (MATT. 15:7-9).

Jesus said to the man that was *born blind*, "**For JUDGMENT** I am come into this world, that **THEY** which **SEE NOT** might see; and that **THEY** which see might be made **BLIND**" (JOHN 9:39).

EYES BLINDED BY THE FOG OF THINGS
CANNOT SEE TRUTH
EARS DEAFEN BY THE DIN OF THINGS
CANNOT HEAR TRUTH
BRAINS BEWILDERED BY THE WHIRL OF THINGS
CANNOT THINK TRUTH
HEARTS DEADEN BY THE WEIGHT OF THINGS
CANNOT FEEL TRUTH
THROATS CHOKED BY THE DUST OF THINGS
CANNOT SPEAK TRUTH

Jesus came, **NOT** to call those who can **SEE**, but to **CALL** those who are **BLIND!** "...for I **AM NOT COME** to call the righteous, but **SINNERS TO REPENTANCE**" (MATT. 9:13).

Have you **EVER** been a **SINNER**? Have you **EVER** been **BLIND**? Were you **EVER DELIVERED** from the **POWER OF DARKNESS**, and **TRANSLATED** into the kingdom of God's Son (COL. 1:13)?

To be **BORN OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH** means that you *prayed* words similar to these, just like a **LITTLE CHILD**: "*God be MERCIFUL TO ME a sinner*" (LUKE 18:13). If you have **DONE** this, **YOU** are **IN CHRIST**, you are a **NEW CREATURE**; *old things* are **PASSED AWAY**; and **ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW** (2 COR. 5:17).

Then **YOU** can say with the man that was **BORN BLIND**: "**ONE THING I KNOW...I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE**" (JOHN 9:25).