

## 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!*



*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.*"

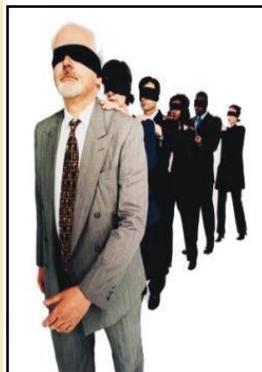
*They are nature's greatest force, one which can sustain life or destroy it."*

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).