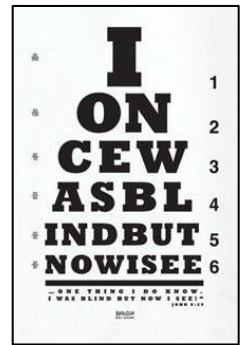




# Spiritual Blindness

**Everybody's Got it!**



## Eye Exam #2

**Psalm 51:5** Behold, I was born into the mold of darkness and sin; my mother was a sinner and when she conceived me, I was born a sinner too. [I was born in darkness too.]

**Psalm 51:6** But Lord, You want truth and light to be in my inward being, my mind and my heart. Into my inward being you will expose and shine Your Wisdom and Light [so that I have the chance to accept it].

1.   Y  N Does Psalm 51:5 actually say that I was born in a mold, a carbon copy of sin?
2.   Y  N Does it actually say that I was born a sinner and that my inherited condition is in irreversible darkness?
3. You may not like the sound of that. Please comment.

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4. The Hebrew word for "inward being" is "that hidden part of me that only God can see". God built it (in creation); He knows how it works; He knows what it needs. After Adam & Eve disobeyed and chose darkness, what has God been doing to the "inward being" of all people born ever since (Psalm 51:6). \_\_\_\_\_

5.   Y  N Isn't it true that the words used are "expose" and "shine", not "FORCED"?
6.   Y  N Is it fair to say that even though people may "force" religion on others, that God will not "force" you?

**Prov. 1:24-29** The young adults of Israel paid no attention to God & His Wisdom; they hated Godly counsel plus blew off God's warnings. They wasted too much time; they will not find Me now; I will not answer because they hated the knowledge & light of God and CHOOSE NOT to worship and honor the Lord God.

**Joshua 24:15** Choose today whom you will serve. Serve the Lord (Light) or serve the gods of the enemies (darkness). Joshua said, "BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD."

1. What does every man and woman have to do with light and darkness AND good & evil?
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**John 3:19** And this is the reason for judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because they prefer and practice evil.

**John 1:9** That Light that John the Baptizer testified of was the True Light who gives light to every man who is born.

**John 12:46** Jesus said, "I have come as a light into the world; whoever believes in Me will not live in darkness anymore."

**Matt. 5:14** Jesus said to the people, "You are the light of the world."

**Matt. 5:16** Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men [reflect My light] so that mankind will see your good life and also see your God."

**2 Cor. 3:14** The people of Israel were blinded from birth by a veil (attack of Satan); it covers the heart & keeps it dark.

**2 Cor. 3:16** But when a person turns to the Lord, the veil is removed; that person will now have light, freedom, and life.

1. How did Light get into the world? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How does Satan affect that Light? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How do we know that Jesus is the right Light? \_\_\_\_\_
4. After we become a believer, how can Jesus call us "the light of the world"?  
(Matt. 5:14,16) \_\_\_\_\_
5. When we become a believer, what happens? \_\_\_\_\_

THE CAUSE OF PHYSICAL BLINDNESS - Injury, disease, congenital condition (Human)

THE CAUSE OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS - Congenital condition from birth (Sinner)

1. Remember Psalm 51:6 above? Write it down. \_\_\_\_\_

### Study Words

Perception = To receive through the senses (hear, see, smell, taste, touch)

Awareness = To be alert to the senses

Discernment = To understand what you are aware of

Understanding = To be compassionate about what you have discerned

Judgment = To make decisions based on your understanding

Deception = To falsify the perceptions & awarenesses

### Physical Perception Case Study

John is in his house on the second floor. He smells something (**perception**). "Oh oh!! That is smoke" (**awareness**). "This could be serious" (**discernment**). "I better call out & find all the family" (**understanding**). John calls the fire department and evacuates the house (**judgment**). John ignores the smoke or denies he smells smoke (**deception**).

2. How could being on drugs (physically impaired) at this moment affect the outcome?

3. How could being blind (physically impaired) affect the outcome?

### Emotional Perception Case Study

Sean is out walking and sees a man trying to jump off a bridge (**perception**). "Oh no, that guy's trying to jump" (**awareness**). "This guy wants to kill himself" (**discernment**). "He needs help" (**understanding**). "Hey fella. Please don't do that. Get down. We need help over here." (**judgment**). Sean turns down a side street saying "I don't want to get involved" (**deception**).

4. Why did Sean **not** get involved? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What could have been happening inside his head. \_\_\_\_\_

### Spiritual Perception Case Study

Hiding in the dark alley, Freddie sees two old people leaving a store (perception). Those people are alone (awareness). "Hey, they may have money." (discernment) "I live on the streets; I need money; they don't need it." (Understanding) Freddie attacks them; "empty your pockets you old losers." (judgment) "There's nothing bad about this; this is survival." (deception)

6. What is winning in Freddie's life & behavior?      \_\_Light      \_\_Darkness

STAYED TUNED TO EYE EXAM #3. Does your heart have eyes?