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There are none so blind as those who will not see. Recently I was reminded of this proverbial saying as I wore a patch over one of my eyes. In the aftermath of a routine visit to my eye doctor I suffered what he called a *corneal abrasion* or a scratch on the eyeball. The result was extreme pain and increased light sensitivity. So I wore an eye patch for a day. As I attempted to carry out my daily assignments I found that I was hindered quite a bit. I was at a disadvantage when it came to depth perception. I couldn't see my path as clearly as I could with two eyes. I was especially hindered when I tried to teach. I couldn't see my notes or the Bible text clearly. I really wanted to see clearly so I could communicate the Lord's message effectively. So my mind kept reflecting on this proverb. And I began to think that there are those among us who *will not see*. It seems they go out of their way *not* to see.

I wondered where this proverb might have originated and “Googled” the phrase on the internet. Now you can't always put a lot of stock in what you find documented that way. But where this search took me was very instructive. According to this source, the proverb goes back to the mid 1500s. He claims the entire phrase is, *‘There are none so blind as those who will not see. The most deluded people are those who choose to ignore what they already know.’* The author on this website uses this phrase to introduce his new way of thinking. He claims that most of us are blinded to, in his opinion. He claims this proverb resembles that written in Jeremiah 5:21: *Now hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes but do not see; who have ears but do not hear.* He quotes this verse and then launches off into his own philosophical discovery of the true Human Condition that he calls *The Third Alternative*. Here's a sample of his enlightened discourse.

The Third Alternative

So far in human history one has had only two choices: being human or being divine. Given that there has only been one alternative to being worldly or being otherworldly or **one had to become divine to escape from the Human Condition**. Thus the ego had to dissolve. Yet the deeper identity or the soul, the spirit, the being or remained intact only to wreak its havoc once again ... now disguised as The Self. Once one sees that the Tried and True is the Tried and Failed one easily recognises today's third alternative: actual freedom ... and it outstrips any Altered State Of Consciousness. **A new way to live life on this verdant planet has been discovered which eliminates the need to humble oneself in a degrading surrender and servitude to some imagined deity.** It is now possible to live freely in this newly emerging post-spiritual epoch, attaining full and mature use of one's innate faculties ... and easily superseding all of the revered saints and sages. Actual freedom is a tried and tested way of being here in the world as it actually is ... stripped of the veneer of reality that is superimposed by the psychological and psychic entity within the body. This entity is the feeling of identity that inhibits any freedom and sabotages every well-meant endeavour.

Here is an actual freedom from the Human Condition, surpassing Spiritual Enlightenment and any other Altered State Of Consciousness, and challenging all philosophy, psychiatry, metaphysics (including quantum physics with its mystic cosmogony), anthropology, sociology ... and any religion along with its paranormal theology. Discarding all of the beliefs that have held humankind in thrall for aeons, the way has now been discovered that cuts through the Tried and True and enables anyone to be, for the first time, **a fully free and autonomous individual living in utter peace and tranquility, beholden to no-one.**

I think he may be saying that The Self is his greatest enemy. He'd be right about that. I also see he has not *escaped* his human condition but he has *defined* it. He is deluded in thinking he is free when he is bound to a self-worshipping, idolatrous lifestyle, believing an ancient lie that our human ancestors believed. *We can be as God...let us live independently of Him.* Jesus summed it up one day when He told some false teachers who overheard Him talking to a formerly blind man:

“...For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.” Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, “We are not blind too, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.” (John 9:39-41)

“I see,” said the blind man. This is my confession. Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

Blessings to you,
Pastor Sam