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- The word for 'Eye' in Arabic is '**Basar**'

فَبَصَرُكَ الْيَوْمَ حَدِيدٌ

“so your eye today is sharp”



- The word for 'Sight' is also '**Basar**'

مَا زَاغَ الْبَصَرُ وَمَا طَغَى - The sight did not shift, nor did it cross the limits. (53:17)

- Another element is '**Basirat**', means '**Insight**' the faculty of the heart which can comprehend'



قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بَصَائِرُ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ فَمَنْ أَبْصَرَ فَلِنَفْسِهِ وَمَنْ عَمِيَ فَعَلَيْهَا

“Lights of discernment and insight have come to you from your Lord. Whoever therefore discerns, does so for his own good; and whoever chooses to be blind , does so to his own harm.” (6:103)



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Contemplate these faculties, each of them, on their own, is undoubtedly invaluable.

Imagine you are no longer able to see our mothers who brought us into the world, and our fathers who fed and looked after us, and our children whom we love and would die for.



It is springtime and everywhere is full of different coloured flowers, the kids are playing together happily, yet we cannot see them and we are deprived of experiencing the joy in these scenes. Is there a more sorrowful situation?



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- Or, is the inability to see and comprehend the existence of Allah ﷻ with an eye of faith more sorrowful? He who has created us out of non-existence and has given us life, instead of creating us as a stone, as soil or as any other non-living solid thing, and who also created us with a spirit instead of creating us as a plant, and who also created us as a human being which is the most honourable of the creatures, instead of creating us as an animal, and who has also honoured us with Islam.



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- Without a doubt, the inability of man to get to know his Creator and obey Him, that is, the inability to use his Basirat (insight) is more sorrowful and is a much greater blindness.

وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ يَنْظُرُ إِلَيْكَ أَفَأَنْتَ تَهْدِي الْعُمْيَ وَلَوْ كَانُوا لَا يُبْصِرُونَ

“Among them are such as look towards you, but how can you guide the blind, if they are lacking the power of (in)sight?” (10:43)

- Can we answer the question was “Abdullah ibn *Umm-i Maktum*, whose bodily eyes did not see, yet who had *basirat* (insight), really blind, or was *Abu Jahl* without the insight who witnessed a lot of proofs, yet did not believe?”

أَفَلَمْ يَنْظُرُوا إِلَى السَّمَاءِ فَوْقَهُمْ كَيْفَ بَنَيْنَاهَا وَزَيَّنَّاهَا وَمَا لَهَا مِنْ فُرُوجٍ ﴿٦﴾ وَالْأَرْضِ مَدَدْنَاهَا وَأَلْقَيْنَا فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَأَنْبَتْنَا فِيهَا مِنْ كُلِّ زَوْجٍ بَهِيجٍ ﴿٧﴾ تَبْصِرَةً وَذِكْرًا لِّكُلِّ عَبْدٍ مُّنِيبٍ

“But do they, then, never observe the sky above them how We have constructed it and adorned it, and that there are no rifts in it? And the earth – We have spread it out, and set therein firm mountains, and caused to grow thereon every lovely pair of vegetation. (All this is a means of) insight and reminder for every servant (of Allah) willing to turn to Him in repentance” (50:6-8)

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- In spite of all these signs in the universe and the Qur'an and the Messenger of Allah, if man cannot find his Creator, even if his bodily eyes are healthy and functional, in truth, he is blind

فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى فَمَنِ اتَّبَعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَىٰ وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا
وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَىٰ قَالَ رَبِّ لِمَ حَشَرْتَنِي أَعْمَىٰ وَقَدْ كُنْتُ بَصِيرًا
قَالَ كَذَلِكَ أَتَتْكَ آيَاتُنَا فَنَسِيتَهَا وَكَذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ تُنْسَىٰ

“...If there comes to you from Me a guidance , then whoever follows My guidance, will not go astray, nor will he be unhappy. But as for him who turns away from My remembrance, his will be a suffocated life, and We will raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection.” He says: “My Lord, why have You raised me up blind, while I used to be seeing?” (Allah) says: “Just so. Our revelations came to you but you ignored them, so today you will be ignored.” (20:123-126)

Do you see your family becoming blind to Allah, His Commands, to His Prophet? His Life, His Sunnah

Do you remain oblivious of His signs? Do you look at people or look into people?

So are we really able to see?

The Prophet ﷺ: The most evil blindness is the blindness of the heart.

What Do You See?

