

Blind (reflection on John 9:1-41)

It is said that
there is none so blind
as the one who will
not see

It is not only
eyes clouded
at birth or by disease
damaged by the sun
or accident or age
that causes us to be
without vision

Jesus assures us
that the reason
for our blindness
is not our sin
or the sin of
our ancestors

Most of the time
I agree
physical blindness
is not the fault of humans
but I wonder/question
as I think did he

Not about the eyes
but about the mind
about the heart
the not seeing of that
which is right in front of us
the choosing
the refusal
to see the writing
on so many walls

Walls of discrimination
Walls of injustices
Walls of hate/violence/war
Walls of political differences
Walls between religion and science
Walls of a myriad of separations
Walls dividing the many beautifully
created - uniquely diverse -
Children of God

And I wonder
about the reasons
for blindfolds and
rose colored glasses

covering the windows of the soul

Shades of fear?
Shades of pride?
Shades of privilege?
Shades of perceived
Correct Interpretations of
The Scriptures?

I wonder
and I pray —

Open my eyes
Open our eyes
Open my/our minds
Open my/our hearts

Let me see
Let us see.

Amen.

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