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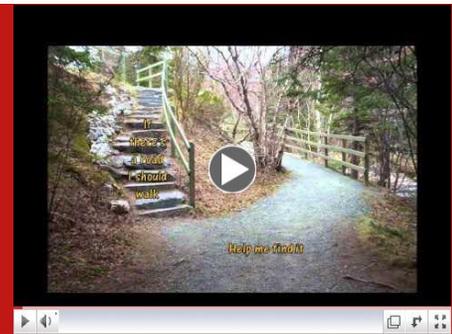
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Did I See That Right?

In 1890 a psychologist, George M. Stratton, tested the theory of visual perceptual adaptation (where our brain and our sense of vision collaborate). Because the retina receives images upside down, he was intrigued to see what happens when the brain receives an image that is right side up. He conducted an experiment. He wore a reversing telescope. After wearing them for several days he found his visual field had changed and the brain was able to adapt and perceive the world as normal.

There is a company today that produces reversing goggles. They have two Plexiglas prisms - one for each eye and causes images viewed through them to appear upside down. They claim no practical use for them; however, they do give us a compelling view of the world. These goggles support the experiments of Stratton - if you wear such goggles for long enough it is possible for your brain to adapt and everything will appear right side up.



"Help Me Find It" Sidewalk Prophets

Quote of the Week

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

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We live in a world that progressively seems upside down...right seems wrong and wrong seems right. Many times we adapt to the norms developing around us. They, with time, seem to be the thing we perceive as normal or right, when, in fact, we, at one time, thought the opposite. How do we know when is the right time to be persuaded to accept something we did not or could not in the past? This question can lead us in many confusing directions with many voices piloting our way. However, our guiding compass is the Word of God for there we know "what is true, what is noble, what is right, what is pure, what is lovely, what is admirable - anything that is excellent or praiseworthy - these are the things we are to think about." (Philippians 4:8)

If we study the Bible we will know right from wrong and wrong from right and our direction will be received from the truth...the Word of God. Is this simple? Maybe in our sophisticated world it seems simple, but God did not want us to wander wondering how to discern the world going on around us. "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15)

It's all about responsibility. "Do your best to present yourself to God as an approved worker who has nothing to be ashamed of, handling the Word of truth with precision." (2 Timothy 2:15) Our road map is the Bible - study it, revere it, and hold it as your absolute.

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