

TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND!

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"It's right there under your nose, can't you see it!"

We've all heard that statement at some time or another; especially those who, like myself, are so nearsighted that without the scientific wonder of glasses, contacts, or laser surgery, we can barely see the ground we walk on!

Though we all live in the same world, not all of us "see" it the same way. Some seem to be more "aware" of the world around than others. Children and artists tend to be that way. Ask a child to draw a picture of mom or dad or the family dog, and you'll see things like eyelashes, freckles, wrinkles, and fleas. (most of the fleas are usually on the dog.)

I think that as we "grow up" and learn to generalize, compartmentalize, and other "wise", we tend to become somewhat desensitized to the finer details of life; the details that allow us to appreciate and experience all of the wonderful things that were right there "under our noses" all the time!

Our spiritual experience is no different. Why do you suppose that Jesus said, "You must become like a little child to experience the kingdom of God."? Think about it. What we have unlearned, we can relearn. Let us remember a few things that spiritually will restore that childlike zest for life:

God is real. He's bigger than you. He loves you very much.... Angels exist. God lets them help us out a lot. We keep them very busy, but I'm sure they don't mind. They like us too, especially when we are singing God's praise.... The devil is real. He doesn't like us at all! God is bigger than him too, so we don't need to worry, or be afraid.

These are not difficult things to comprehend. Think about them every day; you'll be surprised at how much more of the spiritual world you will begin to experience. Open your eyes. There's a lot more to see than you thought!