

## The Dark Room

'You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free'

It's like this:

Imagine you find yourself sitting in a completely dark room. There is no light whatsoever entering this room and therefore you are totally unable to perceive or be aware of anything about the room or anything in it. You are aware to a certain extent of the chair you are sitting in, but you are unable to see it.

There is a man sitting to your right who is in total agreement with you, that the room is pitch black and he too says he is unable to see anything. However to your left sits a woman, who for some strange and wonderful reason is able to explain to you and share with you the complete and accurate definition of the room and all it contains. She is able to explain the pattern of the rug. The design of the wallpaper. The colour of the woodwork. She is even able to explain the type of mantelpiece and the ornaments that sit on it. There are also several pictures on the walls of the room, and she is able to clearly define them in all their detail.

You turn to the man sitting at your right, and you endeavour to explain to him the details of the room that you have received from the woman. He scoffs and says, "You don't know that, you can't see that, you are just as much in the dark here as I am. It is impossible to see anything in a dark room". He knows that what you are saying has not come from your own awareness and you know he is right. You cannot see the room and what it contains, for you are only aware of the darkness.

You then start to wonder how on earth this woman can see with such clarity and detail in the dark? You decide to humble yourself and ask her. "How can you see these things when the room is completely dark?" Her reply astonishes you, and you wonder if she is perhaps not a little mad when she replies, "oh, the room is not dark. The room is full of light. The sunlight is streaming through the windows and everything can be clearly seen".

You think to yourself, "this can't be true, for I am aware of how dark the room is, and besides that, the man sitting at my right agrees with me. He too knows he is sitting in the same darkened room. So, how can she say, the room is full of light?"

You turn to her again and ask her. "If the room is full of light, then why can I not see the room and all its contents. I can only see darkness. I cannot see a thing. Nothing. I am not aware of any of the things you have mentioned. "Nor will you be", she replies. "As long as you continue to say, I am in a dark room. I cannot see a thing. I can only see the darkness, and as long as you continue to say these words, so shall the darkness remain with you. But rather you must speak

the truth". "But what is the truth", you ask. "I have already told you the truth", she replies, "the room is full of light. That *is* the truth". She continues by asking you a question., "look. What does the truth do?" You ponder her question and say, " humm, what do you mean?" She repeats her question, "what does the truth always do?" Seeing that you are not going to be coming up with an answer anytime soon, she answers for you. "The truth exposes the lie. Where ever there is truth , no lie can remain. In the same way as darkness cannot remain where there is light. Then, where has the darkness gone? Where did the lie go?" Again you search your mind for an answer, but you're not sure what she is getting at. Then it dawns on you. They don't actually go anywhere. For they never were. Darkness is only the absence of light. In the same way a lie is only absence of the truth. They both have no true reality in themselves.

"So", you ask her, "what must I do in order to see the room in the light as you do. Where is the switch that I need to throw, that I may light the room?" You feel this is a very fair question, but again the woman's reply astonishes you. "There is no switch", she declares. "No one seeks a switch in a light room. You would only seek a switch in a dark room. Therefore by asking where is the switch? You merely compound your belief that you are in a dark room and not a light one, and thereby continue in the lie. Do you not see that?" "I do. I do". you reply. You are beginning to grasp what she means. You then say "correct me if I'm wrong, but what you are asking me to do is to simply accept the real truth about the room, that it is actually full of light, in spite of any appearances of darkness". "Yes, exactly, that is it", she affirms. "continue to state what is real and true, and your word will not return to you void. You will see the results of your faith, and you will then see the room as it truly is and has always been, for remember; you are not speaking the words to make a dark room light, but rather you are speaking the truth, that the room is, and has always been full of light. There never was any dark room".

Then like a thunderbolt from on high, it hits you. The room was never dark. It was you who were in the dark. You were blind. You were blind to the truth. You couldn't see the truth, because you had been blinded by the lie. The lie that the room was dark. Now you can see. Now you see what the woman had seen all along. You realise that what she had really been telling you was to find your eyes and when you have found your eyes you will be able to see. You realise that this is what Jesus was getting at when he told us to "Seek ye first the Kingdom of heaven and all these things (in the room or the awareness of them), will be added to your vision".

A seeker, seeks the Light, but the Light seeks not, for it *knows* it is the Light".

Unless we realise, that the eyes we see out of are actually God's very own eyes how will we ever see the Truth. He *is* the Truth. He is the only one who knows what Truth is. For He knows Himself as the Only One. Unless we recognise that we are actually He, and we are seeing with His eyes

for as He is in this world so are we. We must realise that we too are the Truth, for there is only the One. I AM the One and only. I AM the Truth. I AM He that can SEE. I AM God not man. I AM the Lord and beside ME there is no other. I AM that I AM.

*If your eye be single (to The Truth of your Being), your body, (Whole Self), will be full of Light.*

*For he (Jesus), made himself as God and felt it not robbery to do so, and we are asked to follow him. So to be his true follower we must do as he did.*