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My Dear friends and creative thinkers,

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At the Apex of Perceptions

“Looking at life from a different perspective
makes you realize that it’s not the deer
that’s crossing the road,
rather it’s the road that’s crossing the forest”

Mohammed Ali

There is genius in how perceptions are interpreted. Some perceptions are so erudite and profound that they go down in the annals of philosophy and become legendary wisdom.

If I were to ask ‘What makes it possible to see the moon’, the most common straightforward response would be *‘the Sun’s light is deflected from the moon’s surface to the eye of the observer from where it reaches the optic nerve which sends the image to the brain’*. On the other extreme, a village dweller of early times would have said *‘The space between the observer and the moon makes it possible to see the moon’*. Both are correct from their perspective. The first is a technical answer from someone who has studied basic science and the second one from someone who keenly observes life is simply philosophical. But the one who sits at the apex of the precipice of perceptions draws a deeper insight from the answers viz: **When light deflects from an object and reaches the eye of the observer there is confirmation of the existence of the object. But that does not mean the object did not exist until the light reached the observer. Similarly, just because the celestial light has not reached the seeker, it does not mean the Divine does not exist.** A mind that soars to unimaginable heights has a broader perspective on what it sees. It is highly insightful, open, and churns information and turns knowledge into wisdom and ultimately into enlightenment.

The simple observation that it is the space between the observer and the moon that makes the seeing possible opens a whole new spectrum of extrapolations for a curious mind viz; Space is the dynamic invisible that makes it possible to have a wholesome experience of life. It is the space between the notes that makes the music. Without the space, there is cacophony – no words or discernible sentences. The same applies to our lives - too much clutter can stifle creativity and make our lives discordant.

Impeccable freedom is found in the space between thoughts.

But our darned limiting fixations make us respond abruptly to most situations. If I were to ask 'Where is the Sun?', you would immediately point to it without realizing what you are pointing at is only an image of the Sun; it takes the light 8.33 minutes to reach the Earth by which time the Earth's location in relation to the Sun changes. In this instance, the space between the two bodies makes it impossible to accurately locate the Sun. **The wisdom here is that light cannot be seen as an object; its purpose is to reveal objects.**

Perception is a gift of Nature to be aware of what the eye fails to see.

A dull mind is quick to reach a shallow conclusion from what it sees; it perceives meanness on the part of a wealthy man when a beggar is seen waiting, seemingly for long, at his door not realizing that the waiting is so that the beggar may be served a freshly baked loaf from the oven.

Some perceptions compel us to act with urgency and some make us react indifferently; everyone will buy an umbrella for shelter at the onset of the rainy season with the certainty that rains will come, but will not express any level of concern about any nuclear attack despite knowing that nuclear shelters are being built.

Your model of the world is held in your perceptions which shape your future. Perceptions are views that very often become rigid fixations of the mind and thus give rise to fragmentation and conflict. These fixations prevent reaching out and understanding that:

An open mind must constantly flow like a river.

The river carries gold dust as well as slime and slurry.

*When it reaches its home, all is engulfed
in the unitive ocean of greater truth.*

*Then there is no meaning to any judgment -
for we may meet in Heaven those we have judged as unworthy.*

Be Blessed

Anil Kumar