

The Eye

The eye cannot be seen from earth, but the eye can see the earth. It watches everything that happens in perfect detail, each wave that crashes on the shore, each speck of dust that swirls in the air, each drop of rain that penetrates the dirt.

It would be wrong, however, to say that the eye is omniscient. The eye can only see what the sun illuminates. It cannot see what lies beneath the earth's surface or what lies on the earth's dark side as it rotates from day to night. The eye is limited to its own perspective.

The eye thinks that it alone rules the heavens, but in fact there are other eyes, as many as the stars. Because the eye only watches the earth, it is unable to see the other eyes. If the eye were to divert its myopic gaze for even an instant, it would not only know that the other eyes exist, but also much more than it thinks it knows now.

We, of course, do not know that the eye exists because we can't see it, even though it can see us. If we knew the eye was watching us, we might behave differently. But because we are oblivious to its penetrating surveillance, to its ability to see every move we make, we do what we want, without caring that we are being constantly observed.

The only power the eye has over us is its power of observation. It sees and knows us much better than we can see or know ourselves. If we could attain the perspective of the eye, we would see ourselves differently. But, like the eye, we would still not understand.