

# **“The Visible and the Invisible”**

(T-12.X)

**Our problem: We see the physical and therefore it seems real. We don't see the spiritual, and therefore it seems unreal. It thus feels like our faith needs to overpower our senses.**

Notice how the physical is constantly assaulting your senses, constantly saying “I'm real!” While the spiritual is forever invisible, in hiding, debatable.

**The general principle: We see what we want to see, even if it's not there. We don't see what we don't want to see, even when it's right in front of us.**  
Life teaches us this, at least about other people.

*This principle is an explanation of our problem.*

We have switched the visible and the invisible. What we call the visible—the world of physical form—is actually invisible, because it isn't real. You can't see what's not there.

And what we call the invisible—the spiritual realm—is actually the visible, because it's what is real. It's what is really there.

**What is truly visible is the Son of God.**

“God's Son *can* be seen, because his vision is shared. The Holy Spirit looks upon him, and sees nothing else in you. What is invisible to you is perfect in His sight and encompasses *all* of it” (7:4-6).

**We don't see him because we don't want to see him.**

“Valuing nothing, you have sought it and found it. By making nothing real to you, you have seen it.

“But it is *not there*. And Christ is invisible to you because of what *you* have made visible to yourself” (6:8-7:2).

“For you chose to attack him, and he disappeared from your sight into his Father” (2:3).

“You attack the real world every day and every hour and every minute, and yet you are surprised that you cannot see it” (1:4).

**Great quote**

“For the remembrance of God can dawn only in a mind that wills to remember, and that has relinquished the insane desire to control reality. You who cannot even control yourself should hardly aspire to control the universe” (5:3-4).

*Could our not seeing the Son of God be a case of simply not wanting to see him? If so, what do you think the solution is?*

Change but your mind on what you want to see, and all the world must change accordingly. (W-132.4:4)

Choose, then, his body or his holiness as what you want to see, and which you choose is yours to look upon. Yet will you choose in countless situations, and through time which seems to have no end, until the truth be your decision. (T-24.VI.7:1-2)