

PERCEPTION QUOTES

"It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances. The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible."—Oscar Wilde

...the vestibule of the bath house warms those who enter from the street and chills those leaving the baths...the same wine seems sour to those who have eaten dates and sweet to those who have eaten nuts.—Sextus Empiricus

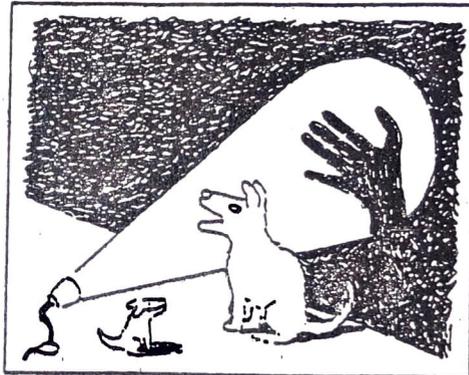
The eye altering alters all.—William Blake

Were the eye not attuned to the Sun,
The sun could never be seen by it.
—Goethe

The eye obeys exactly the action of the mind.—Ralph Waldo Emerson

There is more to seeing than meets the eyeball.—Norwood Hanson

A fool sees not the same tree that wise man sees.—William Blake



What can give us surer knowledge than our senses?
With what else can we better distinguish the true from the false?—Lucretius

A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral.—Saint-Exupery

All seeing is *seeing-as*. There is no innocent eye. Nietzsche called this the *fallacy of the immaculate perception*. In order for you to perceive something, you must add to your sense datum; you must furnish an element of projection.—Reuben Abel

...new ideas in physics amount to a different view of reality. The world is not a fixed, solid array of objects, out there, for it cannot be fully separated from our perceptions of it. It shifts under our gaze, it interacts with us, and the knowledge that it yields has to be interpreted by us. ...whatever fundamental units the world is put together from, they are more delicate, more fugitive, more startling than we catch in the butterfly net of our senses.
—J. Bronowski

