

# Why Are The Vast Majority Of People Blind?

The blindness I am talking about is “*spiritual*” blindness.

**Did you realise that there is a spiritual dimension to our lives?**

**Job 32:8** [NIV] *“But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that gives him understanding.”*

It is the spirit in humans that sets us apart from all other mammals.

**1 Corinthians 2:11** [NIV] *“For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no-one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”*

It is the spirit in humans that allows us to have thoughts. But these thoughts are limited to a human dimension without the addition of the Holy Spirit being actively at work in union with our spirit.

This is where blindness comes in. The blindness that God's “**Handbook For Life**”, the Holy Bible, talks about is “*spiritual*” blindness.

**How has this blindness come about?**

**Revelation 12:9** [King James] *“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which **deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”*

The Creator God has allowed Satan to deceive most people and this has left them blinded by the darkness of deception.

**The major deception, blindness, is the theory of evolution that seeks to explain this universe without accepting a Creator God.**

**Matthew 4:16** [NIV] *“the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”*

**How had these people moved from dark blindness into light?**

**John 8:12** [NIV] *“When **Jesus** spoke again to the people, he said, “**I am the light of the world**. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

**Jesus Christ is the light that changes the darkness or blindness into sight or daylight.**

**1 John 2:9-11** [NIV] *“Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. **But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness** and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.”*

**Hate, the total lack of any love, is likened to darkness.**

Jesus Christ came to this world to show us the Creator God who is love, a love that is likened to light.

**1 John 4:7-8** [NIV] *“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love.**”*

**The more we come to know God the more we realise this fact that God is love and the only source of true love.**

The word love is translated from the Greek word “*agapé*” describing a spontaneous love that is irrespective of the rights or response of the recipient.

**How did God prove this love for humans?**

**1 John 4:9-10** [NIV] *“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”*

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the Son of God showed this love God has for us.

**How should we respond to this love?**

**1 John 4:11-12** [NIV] *“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No-one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”*

We seek to love other human beings in the same way.

**1 John 4:13-14** [NIV] *“We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And **we have seen** and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world.”*

It is essential that the Holy Spirit becomes active in our lives, we then begin to receive sight, we see!

**1 John 4:15-16** [NIV] *“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.”*

Acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of God.

This new true love in us comes from God by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, joined to our spirit.

**Galatians 5:22** [NIV] *“But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,”*

Love is one of the fruits of this intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit.

**1 John 4:20-21** [NIV] *“If anyone says, “I love God,” yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: **Whoever loves God must also love his brother.**”*

The proof of this love in us is our love for other human beings.

**We don’t have to remain stumbling in the blind darkness that the majority of humans find themselves.**

Accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God and our Saviour from eternal death, the ultimate eternal darkness.

**Luke 11:13** [NIV] *“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will **your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**”*

Ask our Creator God for the active presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

This will bring to an end our "*spiritual*" blindness. The choice is yours to make.