

The Eye: light or darkness

The Light in You

<u>Luk 11:34</u> The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when *thine eye* is evil, thy body also *is* full of darkness. <u>Luk 11:35</u> Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

Testament of Solomon

Chapter 105. The thirty-fifth said: "I am called Phthenoth. I cast evil eye on every man. Therefore, the eye much suffering, if it be drawn. frustrates me." <u>Sir 9:5</u> Gaze not on a maid, that thou fall not by those things that are precious in her.

Gaze - look steadily and intently, especially in admiration, surprise, or thought.

<u>Sir 9:6</u> Give not thy soul unto harlots, that thou lose not thine inheritance.

<u>Sir 9:7</u> Look not round about thee in the streets of the city, neither wander thou in the solitary place thereof.

<u>Sir 9:8</u> Turn away thine eye from a beautiful woman, and look not upon another's beauty; for many have been deceived by the beauty of a woman; for herewith love is kindled as a fire. Acts of Thomas

8...And when the flute-girl had finished her flute-playing, she sat down opposite him, and looked steadily at him. But he looked at no one at all, neither did he pay attention to anyone but kept his eyes only on the ground waiting until he could depart.

Rueben 5:3 For moreover, concerning them, the angel of the Lord told me, and taught me, that women are overcome by the spirit of fornication more than men, and in their heart they plot against men; and by means of their adornment they deceive first

their minds, and by the glance of the eye instill the poison, and then through the accomplished act they take them captive. 4 For a woman cannot force a man openly, but by a harlot's bearing she beguiles him.

Testament of Judah

Chapter 12:1 And now I command you, my children, hearken to Judah your father, and keep my sayings to perform all the ordinances of the Lord, and to obey the commands of Alahayim. 2 And walk not after your lusts, nor in the imaginations of your thoughts in haughtiness of heart; and glory not in the deeds and strength of your youth, for this also is evil in the eyes of the Lord.

Judah

12:3 Since I also gloried that in wars no comely

woman's face ever enticed me, and reproved Reuben my brother concerning Bilhah, the wife of my father, the spirits of jealousy and of fornication arrayed themselves against me, until I lay with Bathshua the Canaanite, and Tamar, who was espoused to my sons. 4 For I said to my father-in-law: I will take counsel with my father, and so will I take thy daughter. And he was unwilling, but he showed me a boundless store of gold in his daughter's behalf; for he was a king. 5 And he adorned her with gold and pearls, and caused her to pour out wine for us at the feast with the beauty of women. 6 And the wine turned aside my eyes, and pleasure blinded my heart. 7 And I became enamoured of and I lay with her, and transgressed the commandment of the Lord and the commandment of my fathers, and I took her to wife. 8 And the Lord rewarded me according to the imagination of my heart, inasmuch as I had no joy in her children.

Judah

Chapter 13:1 And now, my children, I say unto you, be not drunk with wine; for wine turneth the mind away from the truth, and inspires the passion of lust, and leadeth the eyes into error.

2 For the spirit of fornication hath wine as a minister to give

pleasure to the mind; for these two also take away the mind of man. 3 For if a man drink wine to drunkenness, it disturbeth the mind with filthy thoughts leading to fornication, and heateth the body to carnal union; and if the occasion of the lust be present, he worketh the sin, and is not ashamed.

Dan

Chapter 2 1 And now, my children, behold I am dying, and I tell you of a truth, that unless ye keep yourselves from the spirit of lying and of anger, and love truth and longsuffering, ye shall perish. 2 For anger is blindness, and does not suffer one to see the face of any man with truth.

3 For though it be a father or a mother, he behaveth

towards them as enemies; though it be a brother, he knoweth him not; though it be a prophet of the Lord, he disobeyeth him; though a righteous man, he regardeth him not; though a friend, he doth not acknowledge him. 4 For the spirit of anger encompasseth

him with the net of deceit, and blindeth his eyes, and through lying darkeneth his mind, and giveth him its own peculiar vision. 5 And wherewith encompasseth it his eyes? With hatred of heart, so as to be envious of his brother

Acts of Thomas 27

...abstain from fornication and covetousness (greed) and the service of the belly: for under these three heads all sin cometh about.

Service Belly - insatiableness

Abstain - restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something.

For fornication blinds the mind and

darkens the eyes of the soul, and is an obstruction to life (conversation) of the body, making the whole man weak and casting his whole body into sickness. And greed puts the soul into fear and shame; being within the body it seizes upon the goods of others, and is under fear unless it resorts to other men's goods to their owner it be put to shame. And the service of the belly casts the soul into thoughts, cares and vexations, taking thought lest it come to be in want, and have need of those things that are far from it.

Napthali

2:6 ...as his eye, so also is his sleep

Rom 7:10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.
Rom 7:11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.
Rom 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

<u>Rom 7:13</u> Was then that which is good made death unto me? Alahayim forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

<u>Rom 7:14</u> For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

<u>Rom 7:15</u> For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

<u>Rom 7:16</u> If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.

<u>Rom 7:17</u> Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

<u>Rom 7:18</u> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not.

<u>Rom 7:19</u> For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

<u>Rom 7:20</u> Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

<u>Rom 7:21</u> I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

<u>Rom 7:22</u> For I delight in the law of Alahayim after the inward man:

<u>Rom 7:23</u> But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members

Hermas Parable 9

2[79]:6 And the shepherd saith unto me; "Why questionest thou within thyself and art perplexed, and bringest sadness on thyself? For whatsoever things thou canst not comprehend, attempt them not, if thou art prudent; but entreat the Lord, that thou mayest receive understanding to comprehend them.

2[79]:7 What is behind thee thou canst not see, but what is before thee thou beholdest. The things therefore which thou canst not see, let alone, and trouble not thyself (about them; but the things which thou seest, these master, and be not over curious about the rest; but I will explain unto thee all things whatsoever I shall show thee. Have an eye therefore to what remaineth

Issachar

Chapter 3 1 When, therefore, I grew up, my children, I walked in uprightness of heart, and I became a husbandman for my father and my brethren, and I brought in fruits from the field according to their season. 2 And my father blessed me, for he saw that I walked in rectitude before him.

• <u>Rectitude - morally</u> correct behavior or thinking; righteousness.

3 And I was not a busybody in my doings, nor envious and malicious against my neighbour. 4 I never slandered any one, nor did I censure the life of any man, walking as I did in singleness of eye. 5 Therefore, when I was nineteen years old, I took to myself a wife, for my labour wore away my strength,

and I never thought upon pleasure with women;

but owing to my toil, sleep overcame

me. 6 And my father always rejoiced in my rectitude, because I offered through the priest to the Lord all first-fruits; then to my father also. 7 And the Lord increased ten thousandfold His benefits in my hands; and also Jacob, my father, knew that Alahayim aided my singleness.

8 For on all the poor and oppressed I bestowed the good things of the earth in the singleness of my heart.

Napthali

2:8 For Alahayim made all things good in

their order, the five senses in the head, and He joined on the neck to the head, adding to it the hair also for comeliness and glory, then the heart for understanding, the belly for excrement, and the stomach for (grinding), the windpipe for taking in (the breath), the liver for wrath, the gall for bitterness, the spleen for laughter, the reins for prudence, the muscles of the loins for power, the lungs for drawing in, the loins for strength, and so forth. 9 So then, my children, let all your works be done in order with good intent in the fear of Alahayim, and do nothing disorderly in scorn or out of its due season. 10 For if thou bid the eye to hear, it cannot; so neither while ye are in darkness can ye do the works of light.

Issachar

Chapter 4 1 And now, hearken to me, my children, and walk in singleness of your heart, For I have seen in it all that is well-pleasing to the Lord. 2 The single-(minded) man coveteth not gold, He overreacheth not his neighbour, He longeth not after manifold dainties, He delighteth not in varied apparel. 3 He doth not desire to live a long life, But only waiteth for the will of Alahayim. 4 And the spirits of deceit have no power against him, for he looketh not on the beauty of women, lest he should pollute his mind with corruption. 5 There is no envy in his thoughts, no malicious person maketh his soul to pine away, Nor worry with insatiable desire in his mind. 6 For he walketh in singleness of soul, and beholdeth all things in uprightness of heart, Shunning eyes made evil through the error of the world, lest he should see the perversion of any of the commandments of the Lord

Chapter 7 1 Behold, therefore, as ye see, I am a hundred and twenty-two years old and am not conscious of committing any sin. 2 Except my wife I have not known any woman. I never committed fornication by the uplifting of my eyes. 3 I drank not wine, to be led astray thereby; I coveted not any desirable thing that was my neighbour's. 4 Guile arose not in my heart; A lie passed not through my lips. 5 If any man were in distress I joined my sighs with his, And I shared my bread with the poor. I wrought holiness, all my days I kept truth I loved the Lord with all my strength; 6 Likewise, also every man I loved more than my children, with all my heart. 7 So do you also these things, my children, and every spirit of Beliar shall flee from you, and no deed of wicked men shall rule over you; And every wild beast shall ye subdue, since you have with you the Alahayim of heaven and earth and walk with men in singleness of heart.

Gad

5:7 For true repentance after a holy

sort destroyeth ignorance, and driveth away the darkness, and enlighteneth the eyes, and giveth knowledge to the soul, and leadeth the mind to salvation. 8 And those things which it hath not learnt from man, it knoweth through repentance.

 holy - dedicated - (of a person) devoted to a task or purpose; having <u>single-minded</u> loyalty or integrity.

Benjamin

Chapter 4 1 See ye, therefore, my children, the end of the good man? Be followers of his compassion, therefore, with a good mind, that ye also may wear crowns of glory. 2 For the good man hath not a dark eye; for he showeth mercy to all men, even though they be sinners. 3 And though they devise with evil intent concerning him, by doing good he overcometh evil, being shielded by Alahayim: and he loveth the righteous as his own soul. 4 If anyone is glorified, he envieth him not; if anyone is enriched, he is not jealous; if anyone is valiant, he praiseth him; the virtuous man he laudeth, on the poor man he hath mercy; on the weak he hath compassion; unto Alahayim he singeth praises. 5 As for him who hath the fear of Alahayim, he protecteth him as with a shield; him that loveth Alahayim he helpeth; him that rejecteth the Most High he admonisheth and turneth back; and him that hath the grace of a good spirit he loveth as his own soul. Chapter 5 1 If, therefore, ye also have a good mind, then will both wicked men be at

peace with you, and the profligate will reverence you and turn unto good; and the covetous will not only cease from their inordinate desire, but even give the objects of their covetousness to them that are afflicted. 2 If ye do well, even the unclean spirits will flee from you; and the beasts will dread you. 3 For where there is reverence for good works and light in the mind, even darkness fleeth away from him. 4 For if any one does violence to a holy man, he repenteth; for the holy man is merciful to his reviler, and holdeth his peace. 5 And if any one betrayeth a righteous man, the righteous man prayeth: though for a little he be humbled, yet not long after he appeareth far more glorious, as was Joseph my brother.

Chapter 6 1 The inclination of the good man is not in the power of the deceit of the spirit of Beliar, for the angel of peace guideth his soul. 2 And he gazeth not passionately upon corruptible things, nor gathereth together riches through a desire of pleasure. 3 He delighteth not in pleasure, he grieveth not his neighbour, he sateth not himself with luxuries, he erreth not in the uplifting of the eyes, for the Lord is his portion. 4 The good inclination receiveth not glory nor dishonor from men, and it knoweth not any guile, or lie, or fighting or reviling; for the Lord dwelleth in him and lighteth up his soul, and he rejoiceth towards all men alway. 5 The good mind hath not two tongues, of blessing and of cursing, of contumely and of honor, of sorrow and of joy, of quietness and of confusion, uncorrupt and pure, concerning all men. 6 It hath no double sight, nor double hearing; for in everything which he doeth, or speaketh, or seeth, he knoweth that the Lord looketh on his soul. 7 And he cleanseth his mind that he may not be condemned by men as well as by Alahayim. And in like manner the works of Beliar are twofold, and there is no singleness in them

Luk 11:33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth *it* in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.

<u>Luk 11:36</u> If thy whole body therefore *be* full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Gospel of Thomas

Chapter 22. 1. Yache saw infants being suckled. He said to his disciples, "These infants being suckled are like those who enter the kingdom." 2. They said to him, "Shall we then, as children, enter the kingdom?" 3. Yache said to them, "When you make the two one, and when you make the inside like the outside and the outside like the inside, and the above like the below, and when you make the male and the female one and the same, so that the male not be male nor the female; 4. and when you fashion eyes in the place of an eye, and a hand in place of a hand, and a foot in place of a foot, and a likeness in place of a likeness; then will you enter the kingdom."