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Blindness and the sensitized nature of Words

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When sight is permanently limited, obscured, or unreliable, language takes the place of visual acuity as the primary input to reality. Whereas words were tools to support the visual nature of the world; through all forms of blindness, words become the access point to everything once known. This same dependency upon language to communicate, can also serve to sensitize the impact of words itself.

Through the well-meaning intentions and unawareness of others, the spoken word can penetrate deeply. Embedding another layer of upset upon the existing trauma of loss.

From this disturbance, arises the sensitivity to language in association and confrontation of the original trauma. Implemented from a displaced position of proving others wrong, the opportunity to objectively cope with the condition is lost.



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