

# OVERCOMING BLINDNESS

Elizabeth Goldring is an artist, poet and Senior Fellow at the Center for Advanced Visual Studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She has battled diabetes since early adulthood and macular degeneration since the mid-1970s, when she abruptly lost her vision.

Christian Debenedetti, writing in an article for WebMD, said Goldring took an exam about 10 years ago to determine if she had any operable retina left. Goldring was able to see an abstract shape beamed onto a tiny section of one of her retinas. Her doctor was using a scanning laser ophthalmoscope, or SLO. She asked to see a “sun,” and her doctor obliged. She could see that, too.

Further experiments were done by Robert Webb, the inventor of the laser device. Goldring found that the laser device was able to project on the retina of her eyes faces and words that she could see. Based on these experiments, researchers believe many blind people have parts of their retinas that may be able to sense visual information projected directly onto their retinas by a laser.

After the experiments, Goldring said, “That was the first time in several months that I had seen a word, and for a poet, that’s an incredible feeling.”

Just as Elizabeth Goldring could not see without the assistance of this laser device projecting words and images into her eyes, there are many truths we cannot see unless God reveals them to us by His Spirit.

We are blind about spiritual things apart from such revelation. We should find quiet times in our lives to allow for that important communication with our Maker.

*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).*

– Beecher Hunter