



Perspective Shaped by Where One Stands

Years ago, going to the laundry room near where I lived, I walked the shortest route. I was absolutely positive I was walking the quickest path. When I returned, however, another route was definitely shortest.

I was curious as to why this happened, when nothing had changed...except my perception.

The determining factor, I came to understand, was that I felt closer to my goal when I was in the same block as my destination. The sooner I crossed the street, the shorter the trip seemed.

Where we stand in relation to something makes all the difference in how we perceive. What we are experiencing does not change, only our interpretation of reality changes. How often are we

absolutely sure of our perspective, of what we experience as “truth” or “reality?” However, looking at the issue differently, our viewpoint is not the same.

Has this happened to you? Have you been absolutely sure of your position or viewpoint, only to find that it completely changes as soon as you look from a different perspective? It makes one pause and reflect, doesn't it?