

- "Cleaning" our Lens

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The message - to clear the point of view.



A young couple, brimming with excitement, moved into their new apartment.

One crisp morning, as the wife gazed out the window, her eyes caught a glimpse of their neighbor hanging laundry out to dry. A frown creased her forehead as she exclaimed to her husband, "Look! Their laundry is filthy! I can't believe they'd even hang it up like that!"

Her husband merely shrugged and returned to his reading.

Days turned into weeks, and with each passing laundry day, the wife's commentary grew more pointed and sarcastic. She found fault with every article of clothing, convinced that her neighbor was incapable of properly washing anything. She even began to notice how filthy she perceived the entire neighborhood to be.

Her husband, wise and patient, remained silent, a knowing twinkle in his eye.

One sunny morning, a gleeful shriek echoed through the apartment. "Honey! Come quick!" the wife yelled, her voice laced with excitement.

He rushed to her side. "What is it, my dear?" he asked.

"Look!" she exclaimed, gesturing toward the neighbor's clothesline. "The laundry is finally clean! It's about time! And the street looks nice as well."

The husband chuckled, a warm smile spreading across his face. "Or," he said, "maybe I finally cleaned our windows."

Food for Thought:

**We don't see the world as it is; we see the world as we are.
It's worthwhile to clean our "window," the lens through which
we perceive the world.**

