



Standing on the bare ground, —
my head bathed by the blithe air,
and uplifted into infinite space, —
all mean egotism vanishes.
I become a transparent eye-ball;
I am nothing; I see all;
the currents of the Universal Being
circulate through me;
I am part or particle of God.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Nature*

The idea of the transparent eyeball first appeared in Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay, *Nature*, published in 1836.
This drawing by Peter Bowden is based on the "Transparent eyeball" as illustrated by Christopher Pearse Cranch, ca. 1836-1838