

# A Clear, Wide Space

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**Terry:** I'm sitting here cracking up. So this is what I searched high and low for???? Right under my nose the whole time. I guess I should just forget it and appreciate the new perspective, but a morbid curiosity has me wondering why this could not be seen before. It's kind of like awareness was so intertwined with mind there was no getting them apart. But once the mind notices awareness, its source, aware of it the mind processes this revelation and is more than happy to submit. Until then I guess the ignorant mind thought it was self-aware all along.

~ Terry Nolan

**James:** Thanks for these emails, Terry. I enjoy them immensely. We call it the "Royal Secret." It is the most valuable thing in the world yet you can let it sit out on the coffee table and no one will take it, because they do not know its value. It is, to quote the *Upanishad*, "nearer than the near." All that is required is the means to separate it from the mind.

And yes, the joke is that the mind thought it was self-aware. I am happy for you.

~ James