

PARSHAT RE'EH
DEUTERONOMY 11:26-16:17
HAFTARAH ISAIAH 54:11-55:5
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Untitled (Black Blue Painting), 1968
Mark Rothko

THE MIRACLE OF SEEING

1. רֵאָה אֲנִי נָתַן לְפָנֶיכֶם הַיּוֹם בְּרָכָה וּקְלָלָה
See I am giving to you this day blessings and curses. (Deuteronomy 11:26)

רֵאָה – “see”, imperative singular
לְפָנֶיכֶם – “to you”, plural
2. וּדְבַרְתֶּם אֶל־הַסֶּלֶעַ לְעֵינֵיהֶם וְנָתַן מִמֶּיּוֹ
...speak to the rock before their eyes and it will give its water... (Numbers 20:83.)
3. Who is wise? One who sees that which is born [הָרוּאָה אֶת הַנוֹלָד]. (Talmud, Tamid 32a)



Monk by the Sea
Caspar David Friedrich

4. “A painting is not a picture of an experience; it is the experience.” (Mark Rothko)

“A picture lives by companionship, expanding and quickening in the eyes of the sensitive observer.” (Mark Rothko)

“A picture must be miraculous.” (Mark Rothko)

5. The miracle is the moment in which you're capable of seeing inside an object, something that is in no way detectable. In that object, you see something beyond words, beyond language and beyond understanding. (Dr. Federico Campagna, on the work of Mark Rothko)