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Text

Verse 1

What he sees he does not desire, but that which he does not see he desires, it seems. I think he will wander for a long time, but he will not find that which he desires.

Verse 2

What he has he isn’t satisfied by that, what he wishes for, received, he condemns, for his desires know no bounded limits, I must revere the one without desire.