SPIRITUAL AUTISM

(Quotes from <u>Blink</u>, by Malcolm Gladwell)

- They have difficulty drawing understanding from anything other than the literal meaning of words.
- Everything that goes on inside the mind that he cannot observe directly is a problem for him.
- In anything less than a perfectly literal environment, the autistic person is lost.
- If you can't put yourself in the mind of someone else then there's nothing special to be gained by looking at eyes and faces.
- For a person with autism, a face is just another object.
- "He allowed his mother's hand to dress him, paying not the slightest attention to her."
- All of us gravitate toward things that mean something to us, and for most of us, that's people. But if people don't anchor meaning for you, then you seek something that does.