

## **A study on the concept of “Lost”**

**LOST:** from various dictionaries

1. Misplaced or left in a place unknown or forgotten; that cannot be found;
2. Ruined; destroyed; wasted or squandered; employed to no good purpose;
3. Forfeited;
4. Not able to find the right way, or the place intended.
5. Bewildered; perplexed; being in a maze;
6. Alienated; insensible; hardened beyond sensibility or recovery;
7. Not perceptible to the senses; not visible;
8. no longer known or possessed

**What are some things that might be thought of as lost? The material world's view:**

- Health
- Eyesight, hearing, faculties
- Teeth
- Job
- Purpose
- Supply, income
- Movement and flexibility
- Youth
- Family member; a person; husband; friend;
- Spiritual understanding
- Money; retirement funds
- Direction
- Memory

**Total opposite to God and the spiritual idea of man.**

All in the list above have to do with decay, deterioration, aging, disintegrating in quality, function or condition; impairment; degenerate; decline; to descend; to regress; to rot; worsen.

**FACULTY**, *noun* [Latin *facultas*, from *facio*, to make.]

1. That **power of the mind or intellect which enables it to receive**, revive or modify perceptions; as the *faculty* of seeing, of hearing, of imagining, of remembering, etc.: or in general, the faculties may be called the powers or capacities of the mind.
2. The power of doing anything; ability. There is no *faculty* or power in creatures, which can rightly perform its functions, without the perpetual aid of the Supreme Being.
3. The power of performing any action, natural, vital or animal.
4. Facility of performance;

Mary Baker Eddy's view:

If Spirit, Soul, could sin or be **lost**, then being and immortality would be lost, together with all the faculties of Mind; but being cannot be **lost** while God exists.  
(SH 215:4)

There is more Christianity in seeing and hearing spiritually than materially. There is more Science in the perpetual exercise of the Mind-faculties than in their **loss**. **Lost** they cannot be, while Mind remains. The apprehension of this gave sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf centuries ago, and it will repeat the wonder.  
(SH 487:6)

The fact is real faculties of Mind cannot be **lost**. There is only "seeming" **loss** as a result of the lies from error and sense testimony. But it doesn't matter how many lies are told, how many people believe them, or how big the lie is—the smallest Truth eradicates them, "A grain of Christian Science does wonders for mortals, so omnipotent is Truth . . ." (SH 449:3-5 (to ,))

**SH 87:25 (only)**

The true concept is never **lost**.

**SH 214:26–30**

How transient a sense is mortal sight, when a wound on the retina may end the power of light and lens! But the real sight or sense is not **lost**. Neither age nor accident can interfere with the senses of Soul, and there are no other real senses.

**SH 259:15–18**

If man was once perfect but has now lost his perfection, then mortals have never beheld in man the reflex image of God. The **lost** image is no image. The true likeness cannot be **lost** in divine reflection.

**SH 303:28-30**

Spiritual man is the image or idea of God, an idea which cannot be **lost** nor separated from its divine Principle.

**SH 359:31**

When others see them as I do, in their true light and loveliness, — and know that these ideals are real and eternal because drawn from Truth, — they will find that nothing is **lost**, and all is won, by a right estimate of what is real.”

**SH 407:21-22 (to 2nd .)**

If delusion says, “I have **lost** my memory,” contradict it. No faculty of Mind is lost.

**SH 486:23-26**

Sight, hearing, all the spiritual senses of man, are eternal. They cannot be **lost**. Their reality and immortality are in Spirit and understanding, not in matter, — hence their permanence.