

# It Would Make Him Pull His Hat Over His Eyes!

by Thomas Brooks

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*Thomas Brooks emphasizes the pervasive nature of secret sins and the necessity of divine cleansing through humility and repentance.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 19:12, Psalm 139:23-24, Proverbs 28:13, Jeremiah 17:9, Matthew 7:3-5, Romans 3:23, Galatians 6:1, Ephesians 4:22-24, James 4:6, 1 John 1:8

**Topics:** "Self-Examination", "Secret Sins"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes that all Christians harbor secret sins, often unknown even to themselves. He reflects on the nature of human error, asserting that no one, regardless of their holiness or wisdom, can fully comprehend their own sins. Brooks highlights various forms of secret sins, including pride, hypocrisy, and unbelief, suggesting that if these were visible, it would cause profound shame. He urges believers to seek God's cleansing from these hidden faults, echoing the plea found in Psalm 19:12.

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## Transcript

All Christians have their secret sins. Secret not only from other men--but from himself! It is but natural for every man to err, and then to be ignorant of his errors. Every man's sins are beyond his understanding. There is not the best, the wisest, nor the holiest man in the world--who can give a full and entire list of his sins. "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults." Psalm 19:12

"Who can understand his errors?" This interrogation has the force of an affirmation: "Who can?" No man! No, not the most perfect and innocent man in the world!

O friends! who can reckon up . . .  
the secret sinful imaginations,  
the secret sinful inclinations,  
the secret pride,  
the secret blasphemies,  
the secret hypocrisies,  
the secret atheistical risings,  
the secret murmurings,  
the secret repinings,  
the secret discontents,  
the secret insolencies,  
the secret filthinesses,  
the secret unbelievings,  
which God might every day charge upon his soul?  
Should the best and holiest man on earth have but  
his secret sins written on his forehead, it would not  
only put him to a crimson blush--but it would  
make him pull his hat over his eyes, or cover  
his face with a double scarf!  
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