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What It's Like

This is how a street scene looks with normal vision.



Example of a typical phantom image.

While most people have no control over when the hallucination will begin or end, the hallucinations most often occur when the person is in a room with dim illumination or when not visually active. Turning on a lamp, watching TV or engaging in another visual activity may temporarily stop the hallucinations.

While there is no cure for the Charles Bonnet syndrome, the brain eventually adjusts to the person's vision loss. The hallucinations usually go away after one or two years.

New Book Stand with Light

For many people who read with magnifiers or strong reading glasses, a book stand and a good light are a must. The new BookStand Lite by Ottlite takes care of both needs with one product.

This clever product offers the ultimate in utility and comfort. It is great for reading, holding cookbooks, computer work and



and more. This book stand provides High Definition Natural Lighting to provide enhanced contrast while decreasing eye strain when reading. The book stand adjusts both vertically and horizontally to conform to your reading materials. The LED illumination lasts up to 40,000 hours and is powered by three AAA batteries. The BookStand Lite is available at all ViewFinder locations.

Miscellaneous News

- ◆ViewFinder Teacher & Student Low Vision Aid Grants are distributed at the end of each quarter. Please request a grant at info@viewfinderlowvision.com
- ◆ViewFinder College Scholarship application form is due by April 30, 2011. This scholarship is available to all college students. Please request an application at info@viewfinderlowvision.com.

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