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Artist Statement

The HELMET Project

At 8am on September 11, 2001, it was easy to perceive our lives as serene; we were safe.

Even while Bernie Madoff's crimes were being exposed,
most saw our economy, our country,
as prosperous; we led the world.

And while the scientific community embraces a vision of quantum mechanics and string theory,
shattering our basic understanding of the observable universe,

we are left behind only capable of viewing Newton's world; we are blind.

We are a visually biased society, living in a time in which we can no
longer believe in what we see.

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