

Commentary Descriptions

for *The Passionate Mind Revisited*

Chapters	Commentaries
	<i>The commentaries develop the chapters' social and philosophical dimensions.</i>
Introduction	The Introduction sets the stage for “bringing spirituality down to Earth” by discussing social evolution and worldviews.
1. Authority	Our book <i>The Guru Papers: Masks of Authoritarian Power</i> is our commentary on Authority – especially the Introduction and “Authority, Hierarchy, and Power.”
2. Belief	Being Better Believers investigates the relation between beliefs and worldviews, values, identity, violence, certainty, and relativism.
3. Pleasure & Desire	Pleasure & Power looks at the relation of our genetic conditioning to social manipulation, consumerism and addiction, predation, and the two faces of power.
4. Fear	The social dimension is included in the chapter. <i>The Guru Papers</i> addresses the manipulation of fear and desire, and also fear within fundamentalism.
5. Freedom	Whose Life is Sacred? describes the way gender differences have been institutionalized into a dysfunctional, patriarchal global “sexual order” with unconscious reproduction. This has led to the gendered, intertwined, two out-of-control global explosions of life and death that fuel each other: overpopulation in the female sphere of life-reproduction; and destruction (violence and reckless production) in the male sphere of power hierarchies and killing.
6. Images	From Images to Identity shows how the real problem is not ego, but rather self-images that harden into narrow, rigid identities that fragment the world and cause violence.
7. Love	Love & Care distinguishes between the two, showing care’s uniqueness and crucial importance for the social arena and global challenges. Love is personal, but care can extend to the global.
8. Time	It’s About Time reveals quandaries and offers a rigorous critique of the “Be here now” ideal and mentality, showing how destructive it can be for our future. It examines time within different worldviews and presents a more viable approach. The past (causality) and especially the future (consequences) need to be taken into account more—not less. <i>Time + commentary sets up and is part of Meditation</i>
9. Meditation	Control Through Surrender reveals how “spiritual” practices can be their own form of mental conditioning, distinguishing between mechanical techniques and a meditative frame of mind.
10. Evolution	Intelligence Without Design approaches the “intelligent design vs scientific materialism” controversy over evolution from a totally different perspective by offering a more likely framework than either that we think offers more possibility.