

Commentary Descriptions

for *The Passionate Mind Revisited*

| Chapters | Commentaries |
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| | <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. |