

Human, Sub-Human and Animal

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Normality?

- My friend Peter
 - Why this talk
 - A Life model
 - A passion for sadness
 - References
 - Scripture
 - CS Lewis et al
 - Long experience and meditation
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The Human Model

- Hybrid of Nature and Supernature
 - Soul – Psyche – Ego
 - Processes **feelings** to make decisions
 - Body – Intellect and physical senses
 - Source of **“Passions”**
 - Spirit – Sense of value
 - Source of **“Emotions”**
 - NB – the problem with **words**
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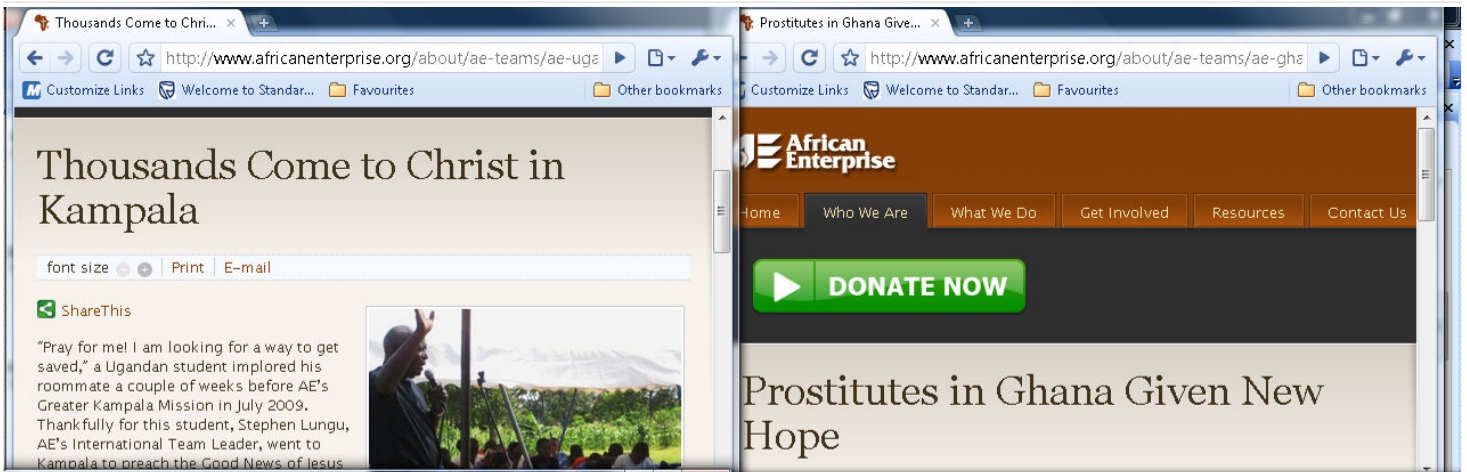
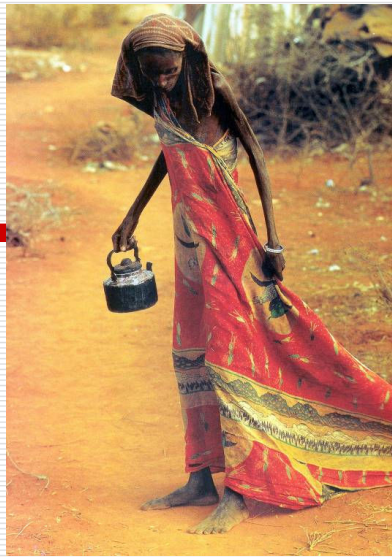
The Body – physical senses

- Animal Nature:
 - Pleasing or Displeasing signals
 - “Nice” or “Nasty”
 - “Passionate” feelings
 - e.g. Sport – winning, team
 - Road Rage
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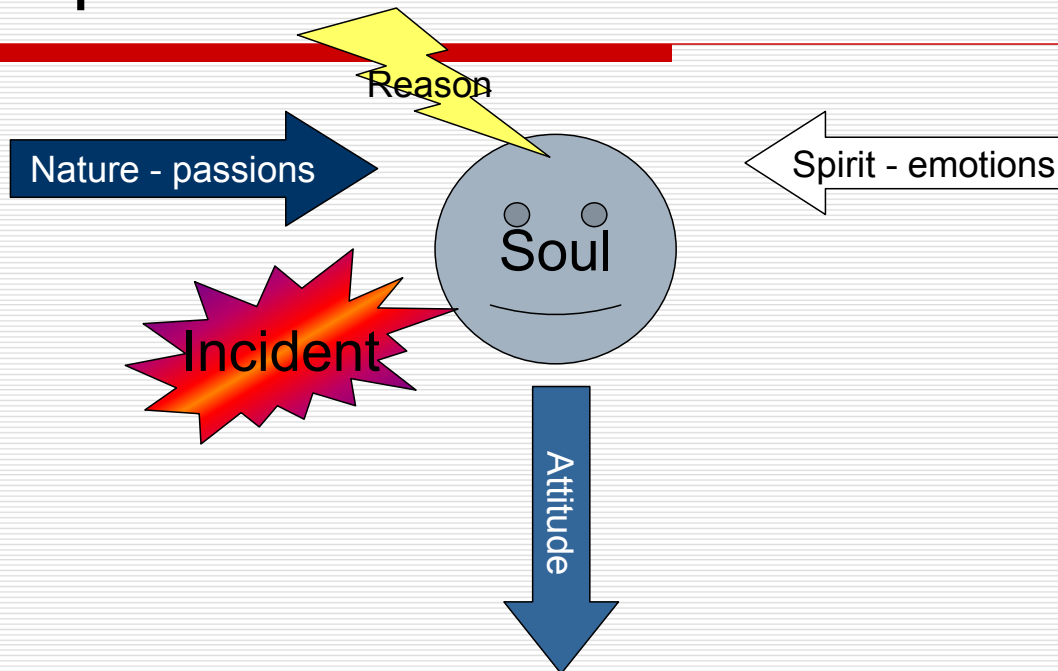


Spirit – “Pneumos”- Eternal

- Intuition – Edifying or Unedifying
 - “Good” or “Bad”
 - “Beautiful” or “Ugly”
 - “Just” or “Unjust”, etc
 - “Emotional” feelings
 - e.g. Admiration of perseverance,
 - Revulsion at greed
 - Can be with or without Passion
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Simple but True





PASSIONS

Natural Feelings, related to: Hunger/
Thirst/ Fear/ Lust/ Tribe-family Bonds/
Winning/ Dominance/ Identity/
Acceptance/ Reputation/ Safety/ Self-
expression/ Entertainment/ Ownership/
Achievement/ Longevity/ Expertise/
Learning/ Strength/ Intelligence etc.

Alone, do not qualify you as a normal human being

If Purely Animal -

- Atheism
 - Much of Psychology ignores Spirit
 - Creates Animal solutions that only address animal issues
 - True to Darwin's model
 - Seems to grant ultimate freedom
 - In fact leads to ultimate slavery –
 - to Nature
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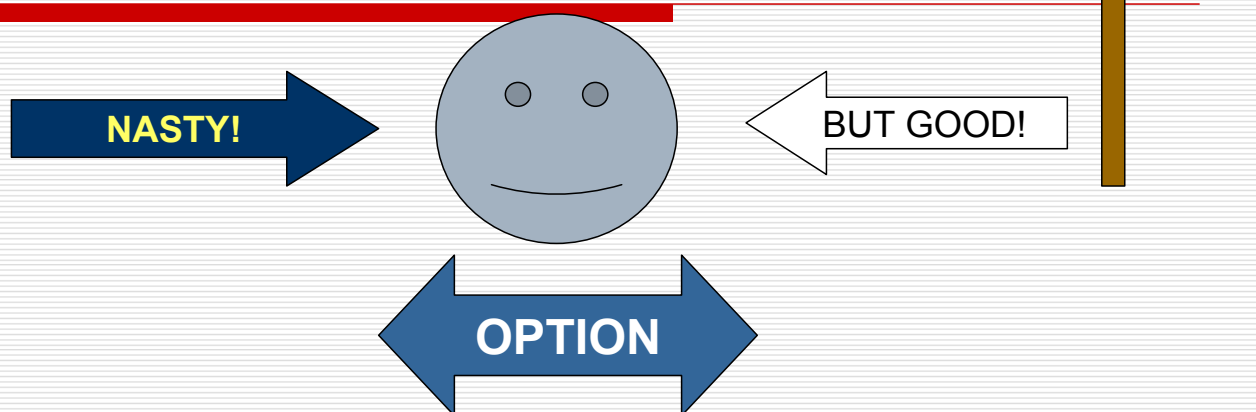
Emotions: Spirit Soars or Groans

Supernatural feelings related to:

Honesty, Liberty, Justice, Courage,
Temperance, Prudence, Faithfulness,
Hope, Charity, Beauty, Appropriateness,
Purity, Generosity, Humility, Self-
Sacrifice, Serving, Diligence, Wonder,
Thankfulness.

**All speak of Human calling to
goodness and meaning**

Battle Ground



INTELLECT: What is happening? What is true?
Consequences of accepting truth. **How to maximise
happiness and reduce misery.** Alternative choices,
Risks of alternatives.

NICE OR NASTY?

YOUR TURN: YOU ARE THE ACTOR

Downing three helpings of Malva pudding

Beating up an old guy who criticises your driving

Allowing the other to have the last word in a disagreement

Rape

Admitting you're wrong

Earning money by accepting sex from drunks

Paying for sex

GOOD AND BAD

YOUR TURN: You are the Actor

Downing three helpings of Malva pudding

.. that you don't enjoy, in order to please your hostess

Giving your best to fix your motor bike

.. to the extent that your family feel abandoned

Admitting you're wrong

Earning money by accepting sex from drunks

..in order to feed your starving children

Allowing the other to have the last word in a disagreement

Ignoring emails from people you don't like or don't have time for

Giving you Son to die on the cross for the sin of mankind

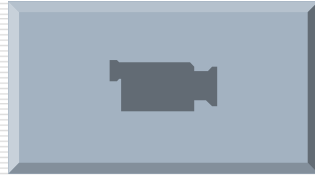
We usually decide by Feelings

- Not on rationality
 - Important to do it by Emotions, not Passions
 - Values are a mark of Human-ness
 - To question values is backward step to in-human-ness
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Christianity – reconciles Emotion and Passion

- Establishes powerful, true Values
 - Enfolds Passions in light
 - Jesus Christ the only full Human
 - We bob in and out of Humanity
 - Sub-Human in between
 - But not Animal – until we embrace evil
 - Tend to forget what we've got.
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And Now a taste of Spirit



Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is good, if there is any virtue, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on these things... and the God of peace will be with you.
