re-think No. 77

A TRUE HEART TRANSPLANT

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We have been taught that the *heart* is no different to the *mind*! The heart is simply the 'will' while the mind includes the emotions, memory and knowledge. However the Lord caught my attention with the scripture shown first in this writing ... if they were the same, why did Jesus separate them in this command. Selah (stop and ponder this!).

Have you ever heard expressions like these? A COLD HEART (no acceptance). . . A HARD HEART (no forgiveness). . . HEARTLESS? . . . FOLLOW YOUR HEART ... WHAT IS THE 'HEART' OF THE MATTER? ... HAVING A HEART-TO-HEART TALK! or USE YOUR BRAIN! Even the irreligious use such phrases! Here is a headline challenge to examine one's heart?

(Mat 22:37) Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (38) This is the first and great commandment. The soul is the full expression of life including the two major sources of one's thinking or one's intelligence . . . the heart and the mind. Jesus quoted ... (Deut. 6:4) Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: (5) And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. (6) And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

We are *fearfully and wonderfully made* being. You have intelligence in your mind, in your heart and in your *complete* expression/being (soul). *First the natural and then the spiritual* is a principle and gives us one of the greatest parables. <u>Father-God desires a full commitment from each of these areas</u> with the result that will become one expression of Himself in the earth.

CHRIST-IN-YOUYES! IN YOUR HEART!

The heart is the connection with the Spirit of God, the breath of life which is God-Life and our human expression of that life. Eph. 3:17 *That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith*. Christ-Spirit dwells in our hearts. Christ who is the Living-Word abides in our hearts. Gal 4:6 *And because ye are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father*. Here is the foundation of relationship with our Father.

THE AMAZING HEART

The heart is a large tireless muscle going under the name of myocardium. The strength of the left side is *six times stronger* than the right. By bioscience's own measuring, the heart is *5,000 times more electromagnetically powerful than the brain*. Even if one is pronounced as 'brain-dead', the heart can continue to beat on its own. This energy can be scientifically measures up to 40 feet away!

The heart is the centre of your life. It pumps your blood to every cell of your body . . . about 100,000 times a day or 40 million times a year. 65% of the heart's cells are neuro-transmitters (ref. Chilton Pierce) and the heart turns this electromagnetic strength into energy. Your heart does not need your brain to tell it what to do for your heart has its own intelligence/nervous system. It will start beating once it is transplanted into a body needing it. Your DNA which is in every cell, is supplied with its intelligence from the heart.

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CHANGE OF HEART . . . FROM PURITY TO UNRESPONSIVE AND STONY

The brain/mind can only operate from what has been put into it via study, experience, inheritance etc. When God formed a man out of the earth, that body had a brain/mind in it as well as a heart. The true life of the Father was placed in this new heart. This initial creation of a spirit-light-man included the Spirit of God's Son (for Adam was a son of God) which was Christ. Out of this relationship, Adam walked in the Garden with God.

God then created a body from earth and breathed into that body the breath (spirit) of LIVES for the Hebrew word - *CHAYIM* - for 'life' is in the plural. One breath to live by and another to speak with! *And man became a living soul* (Gen.2:7).

'SOUL', as I see it today, is a combination of HEART and MIND and includes the BODY. We are made so that there is to come forth from each of us a pure harmony as Father's life is expressed in a true unity of these three main parts of man's 'control system'.

The brain/mind in the way it was made is predominantly geared to look out for the interests of the body in relation to time and space. Adam 'fell' when he/she listened to their brain instead of their heart. Their heart contained the nature and presence of God including God's wisdom.

The heart thus is the very center of life for every cell and it ensures that this constantly renewed life is transported to every cell of the body ... including the brain cells! How your heart is affects every cell of your being. Each cell carries its own intelligence and thus knows how to develop its particular organ etc. (Mat 5:8) *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God*. Adam saw God and walked with Him until Adam/Eve no longer followed their heart ... pulled off course through the reasoning of the serpent — to obtain more knowledge.

As God began unveiling Himself (image [m.] and likeness [f.]) to His creation, He separated mind and spirit by bringing forth Eve out of Adam. God called their name Adam (Gen.5:1). The two aspects of intelligence (heart and mind) were to blend 100% as one expression of life.

ADAM/EVE HAD A STROKE!

We are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps.139:14). Our heart has two sides (ventricles) ... one is bigger than the other! The right side pumps the blood to and from the lungs while the left side pumps the blood to the brain/mind and hence to all cells. A 'heart-attack' is when the connection between the heart and the lungs is clogged and made ineffective. A 'stroke' is when the connection between the heart and the brain/mind gets clogged.

We have seen previously that Christ/Spirit dwells in our hearts. Spirit (Gk. PNEUMA) is the same word as used for BREATH. It is like every time we take a breath of fresh air, the Spirit of life refreshes the blood that the heart has brought to it for that purpose! Doctors treat heart and lungs as one operational unit. The heart and blood need those constant new breaths to stay alive.

Adam and Eve's 'fall' was a falling away from the reality of God's presence because they ignored their heart and moved only from their brain/mind. You will have notice how that the temptation was via reasoning? Reasoning with one's mind can be the deadly enemy of faith ... Christ dwells in the heart by faith ... ignoring the hearts impulse or input was ignoring the Spirit of God. He was ignored by their mind which is so very practical because it was full of reasonings and the fruit of the forbidden tree was just what the brain/mind thought would be good for itself and the body! Knowledge, knowledge ... the brain/mind constantly seeks after it. With the knowledge amassed, it can reason/debate and the result will usually be death for in so doing one partakes of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (EVE-ill)!

This resulted in 'fallen-man' having a stony, unresponsive heart with just a small amount of 'life' seeping through from time to time. Gen. 6:5 *And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the*

earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. We even find that God hardened Pharaoh's heart so that Pharaoh's brain would 'kick-in' fully to defend his outer man.

Without a CHANGE OF HEART ... (Luke 24:25) one is slow to believe! (Heb. 3:12) *Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.* Even with a change of heart and you do not 'follow your heart', you can become an unbelieving believer or even a skeptic (heaven forbid!)!

Without a CHANGE OF HEART ... one's understanding is blocked! (Mat 13:15) For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Without a CHANGE OF HEART ... one resists the Holy Spirit! (Act 7:51) Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

Without a CHANGE OF HEART ... one does not grasp God's full provision! (I Cor.2:9) *But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him.*

Without a CHANGE OF HEART affecting the brain/mind, the brain can enter into a lethal alliance with its body ... suicide results!

CONVERSION

Believing starts in the heart. So many so-called conversions which have not lasted started in the brain/mind and that is why the change was easily reasoned away! (Rom 10:9) *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* (10) *For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* Conversion is like a 'blood-transfusion' and is therefore a heart matter entirely. Psalm 51:10 ... *renew a right spirit in me.*

A HEART TRANSPLANT

A STONY HEART IS REMOVED BY GOD . . . God is the DONOR of the new heart ... HIS! Ezek. 36:26 *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.* The new heart is coupled with a new spirit resulting in a complete change . . . in fact a new life entirely.

It is a documented fact that the heart received in a transplant operation brings with it some attributes of the character and memory of the donor.

Testimony No. 1: (Doctor relating) "An 8-year old girl who received the heart of a murdered 10-year old girl. Her mother brought her to me (Doctor) when she started screaming at night about her dreams of the man who had murdered her donor. She said her daughter knew who it was! After a bit, her mother and I decided to call the police and, using the descriptions from the little girl, they found the murderer. He was convicted with evidence my patient provided. The time, the weapon, the place, the clothes he wore, what the little girl had said to him . . . everything the little heart transplant recipient reported was completely accurate."

Testimony No. 2: Testimony of a 41-year old male heart transplant who received the heart of a 19-year old girl killed when her car was struck by a train. "I felt it when I woke up. You know how it feels different after a thunderstorm or heavy rain? You know the feeling in the air? Well that's how I felt. It was like a storm happened inside of me or like I had been struck by lightning. There is a new energy in me. I feel like nineteen again. I'm sure I got a strong man's heart because I sometimes I can feel like a roar or surging power within me that I never felt before. I think he was probably a truck driver or something like that and he was probably killed by a cement truck. I feel the sense of speed and raw power in me." His wife commented, "He's a kid again. He used to struggle to breathe and

had no stamina at all, but now he's like a teenager. The transplant changed him completely. He keeps talking about power and energy all the time. He says he has had several dreams that he is driving a huge truck or is the engineer of a large steam engine. He is sure that his donor was driving a big truck when a bigger truck hit him."

TRUE CONVERSION INCLUDES A HEART TRANSPLANT

One is directed to 'Ask Jesus to come into your heart'. However many 'conversions' are only a mental agreement with the knowledge that has been shared regarding what God accomplished in Jesus, His Son. (Eph 3:16) That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; (17) That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, (18) May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; (19) And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Without a heart transplant the filling up with all the fullness of God might turn out to be a long hard battle against the reasonings of the mind which mostly functions with the 'letter of the word'.

THE MIND-BRAIN

The mind-brain can only operate from the knowledge that has been placed in it (i.e. what has been and what might be!). It has the insatiable desire for more knowledge through study and experiences. The Pharisees and Sadducees of old were lawyers and masters of the law ... they had studied the law in every detail. With all that knowledge, they were devoid of compassion or any other heartfelt reaction such as was demonstrated by Jesus who *had compassion on the people*. The main function of the brain-mind is to see to the welfare of the body defending it from all unknown infiltrations. Such are Christians who find it so hard to see the spiritual import of the word of God and will thus requires 'chapter and verse' for every new thought. Such discources are not a heart-to-heart sharing but rather a heart-to-brain/mind argument. Denominations have all sprung from the brains/minds of men. The revelation that comes via the Spirit into the heart is blocked from getting to the mind. Here is the beginning of 'a stroke'! When it does get through, then the mind begins to be renewed. It is by the renewing of the mind that progress is made (Rom.12:1-3). The heart operates in the 'now' . . . present truth.

The brain-mind will endeavour to put the heart under stress and strain in order to fulfill its own aims. The brain-mind will look for blame to be laid outside of itself to the point of trying to change people that think differently as well as sometimes becoming argumentively aggressive.

HEARTS AND MINDS

The mind-brain can be likened to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for out of it comes religion in all its forms ... while the heart pictures for us the tree of life provided that it is a new heart with God's life and thinking!

A successful marriage is when two hearts are truly connected by the Spirit of God . . . that is when God joins two folks together! Just as you have never seen a Valentine's card with an arrow joining two brains, nor will you witness true union when a heart of one appears to be joined with the brain-mind of the other! The heart will hear from God while the brain will move from limited logic. Such a person will keep changing their mind ... thinking alternately from the logical brain to discerning heart... thus *this double-minded man is unstable in all his ways*!

A new way of looking at the following verse ... *My thoughts are not your thoughts* (Isaiah 55:8). . . says the heart to the mind/brain! By implication, there will be a true marriage of heart and mind. As we progress, we shall see that *the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and*

minds through Christ Jesus (Philip. 4:7). Unity or oneness will only be experience when all parties listen to their hearts. (Col 3:15) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

SPEAK FROM THE HEART

One will always speak from the heart . . . if the brain-mind has overrun the hearts promptings, then evil or lifeless things will come forth devoid of wisdom and compassion. On the other hand by constantly acknowledging that Christ dwells in one's heart, then the words coming forth will be life and blessing ... therefore choose life and blessing that thou and thy seed may live (Deut. 30:19). Rom 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; (9) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For quietening your heart in order to hear the Father's voice ... look at re-think No.76 entitled 'HEART-TO-HEART WITH GOD under "Present Truth" heading.

HEALING THE BROKENHEARTED

Jesus, the Pattern Son, was given a commission which included *TO HEAL THE BROKEN HEARTED* (Luke 4:18). *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit dries up the bones* (Prov. 17:22). The same commission is ours'. Laughter is a great healing component. Many a healing is recorded where laughter was the main medicine.

A SIMPLE HUG ... allows the heartbeat of one to affect the other ... energy of life is transmitted even though only in a small way. Husbands and wives intimately embracing also imparts life and health. A baby being breast-fed, the mother is imparting life energy to the infant.

Heart-felt-sincere prayers are clinically proven to truly add to the healing after a transplant or simply a broken heart. A 'heart' gets broken when betrayed, constantly ridiculed and/or defamed, when tragedy has struck, separated from a loved-one and so on. The one who is caring for such will impart the opposites holding, where possible, the needy one close to their heart and speaking words of truth and life into that one. Let your heart speak out the words 'I LOVE YOU' for such induces the peaceful heart.

SOME ADDED SCRIPTURES

(1 Peter 3:4) But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. We have the mind of Christ ... He is in us to become AS US.

(Matt. 5:8) Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

(Heb. 4:12) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. If forced to chose, would those who know you say you are a 'person of the head' or 'of the heart'? Would they describe you as a person who makes decisions almost exclusively based upon rational and analytical consideration of the issue involved or as someone who tends to be more intuitive and instinctive? Observe what comes out of the overflow of your heart! Maybe is it time for some HEART-SEARCHING? The pure heart is one in which Christ Jesus is Lord . . . then His thought will become your thoughts etc.