

Glory of a Heart Fully Alive

Conventional Wisdom	Truth	Transformational Understanding
Heart is basically bad.	Proverbs 4:23 Deuteronomy 6:5	Heart is gloriously good.
I want to be known for a great mind.	Matthew 5:8	I want to be known for a great heart.
We should seek harmony and compromise.		We were born into a world at war
The heart is evil and desperately wicked		We have been given new hearts.
God's blessings are waiting for us in heaven.	1 Timothy 4:8	God's blessings are for both heaven and in this life.
Eternal life starts when we die.	Romans 6:4	Eternal life starts when we believe.
God is not concerned about our happiness.		God's happiness and my happiness are tied together.
We must not fight.		We are made for battle.
Our hearts lead us astray.	Ephesians 1:18	The eyes of our hearts need to be enlightened.
We are insignificant to God.		God loves you; you matter to Him.
Jesus came to bring peace.	Matthew 10:34	Jesus came to begin a sword.
What you see is what you get—a boring, frustrating, meaningless existence.		The world in which we live is a combat zone, a violent clash of kingdoms, a bitter struggle unto the death.
We are worms.	Psalms 8:3-5	We were created in the image of God. Fearfully and wonderfully made, fashioned as living icons of the bravest, wisest, most stunning Person who ever lived.
We are totally depraved.		Our original glory, which comes before sin, is deeper to our nature.
We are nothing.		We were crowned with glory and honor. We seek after bravery because we remember, if only faintly, that we were once more than we are now.
God wants peace now.	Exodus 15:3	War is a central theme of God's activity. Yahweh is a warrior.
The birth of Christ was to bring peace on earth.	Matthew 2:13 Ephesians 4:8-9 Revelation 1:18 Revelation 19:11-15	The birth of Christ was an act of war, an invasion. The whole life of Christ is marked by battle and confrontation.
God is against all war.		God is fighting for our freedom and restoration.
We should not expect nor prepare for battle.		The glory of God is man fully alive. In the meantime, Paul says, arm yourselves, and the first piece of Equipment he urges

		us to don is the belt of truth (Eph. 6:10-18).
Life is unfair; it is meaningless torture.		Until we come to terms with war as the context of our days we will not understand life.
Most people get stuck at some point because God appears to have abandoned them. He is not coming through.		Everything is going according to schedule.
Life is about establishing peace and tranquility.		You won't understand your life, you won't see clearly what has happened to you or how to life forward from here, unless you see it as battle—a war against your heart.
We don't see clearly because we don't see with our mind.		We don't see clearly because we don't see with the eyes of our heart.
The mind is what is most important.	2 Corinthians 4:16-18	The heart is what is most important.
What you see is what is real.		As in the parable of The Matrix, there is far more going on here than meets the eye.
We need to be more earthly minded.		Things are not what they seem. There is more going on here than we imagined. We live in two worlds. We are urged, for our own welfare, to act as though the unseen world is, in fact, more weighty and more real and more dangerous than the part of reality we can see.
We do not have a key role to play.	Ephesians 5:14-16	A great struggle or quest or battle is well under way. This is a world at war. Something large and immensely dangerous is unfolding all around us, we are caught up in it, and above all we doubt we have been given a key role to play.
The only danger we have to fear is the religious right.		We live in a far more dramatic, far more dangerous story than we ever imagined.
Life is boring, frustrating, and unfair.		This is our world's most desperate hour. Without this burning in our hearts, we love the meaning of our days.
We do not have a crucial role to play. We are not heroes. We are not significant.		We have a crucial role to play. We are not what we seem.
The Enemy has nothing to fear from us.		You are not what you think you are. There is a glory to your life that your Enemy fears, and he is hell-bent on destroying that glory before you act on it.
The Enemy is not fighting us. We are our own enemy.		The story of your life is the story of the long and brutal assault on your heart by the one who knows what you could be and fears it.
The world is getting along OK.	2 Cor. 3:15; 4:3-6	The whole world lies under the power of the

		Evil one. They are in a fog, under a spell.
We are individuals.		We are to play out our lives as part of a greater story.
Life is about efficiency, busyness, and productivity.		We have seized upon efficiency, busyness, and productivity and have lost our heart. We are sleepwalking through life.
	Deut. 6:5	
	1 Samuel 16:7	
	Proverbs 3:5	
	Psalms 119:11	
	Matthew 15:8	
	2 Chronicles 16:9	
	Matt. 5:8	
	Luke 8:15	
The heart is evil.		The heart is the source of all creativity, courage, and conviction.
The heart must be ignored.		The heart is central; to find our lives, we must make it central again.
A person's character is determined by his mind.		A person's character is determined by his motives, and motive is always a matter of the heart.
The mind equals reason and the heart equals emotion.	Proverbs 23:7 Romans 10:9-10	Our deepest thoughts are held in our hearts.

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