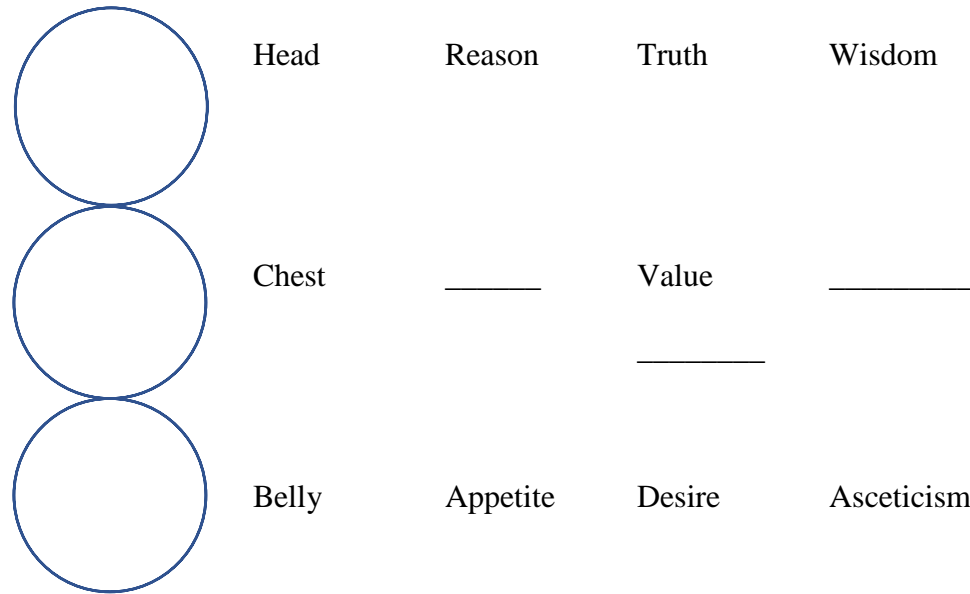


Truth that Awakens Desire: Preaching Truthfully & Meaningfully
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“Without the aid of trained emotions the intellect is powerless against the animal organism. . . . In battle it is not syllogisms that will keep the reluctant nerves and muscles to their post in the third hour of the bombardment. The crudest sentimentalism . . . about a flag or a country or a regiment will be of more use. We were told it all long ago by Plato. As the king governs by his executive, so Reason in man must rule the mere appetites by means of the ‘spirited element.’ The head rules the belly through the chest—the seat . . . of Magnanimity, of emotions organized by trained habit into stable sentiments. The Chest-Magnanimity-Sentiment—these are the indispensable liaison officers between cerebral man and visceral man. It may even be said that it is by this middle element that man is man: for by his intellect he is mere spirit and by his appetite mere animal.”

C. S. Lewis, The Abolition of Man, pp. 24-25

“Those who have prided themselves on being literal . . . will be found to be among the least significant of writers. . . . But open your Plato, and you will find yourself among the great creators of metaphor, and therefore among the masters of meaning. . . . It will have escaped no one that in such a scale of writers the poets will take the highest place But it must not be supposed that I am in any sense putting forward the imagination as the organ of truth. We are not talking of truth, but of meaning: meaning which is the antecedent condition both of truth and falsehood, whose antithesis is not error but nonsense. I am a rationalist. For me, reason is the natural organ of truth; but imagination is the organ of meaning. Imagination, producing new metaphors or revivifying old, is not the cause of truth, but its condition.”

C. S. Lewis, “Bluspels and Flalansferes” *Selected Literary Essays*.