

PASSION VERSUS REASON: THE 7 VARIATIONS AND THEIR EFFECTS

7 VARIATIONS: WHAT IS OVER WHAT?

1) DON'T DO	2) DON'T DO	3) YES DO	4) YES DO	5) DON'T DO	6) YES DO	7) YES DO
LOW OVER LOW	LOW OVER REASON	REASON OVER LOW	REASON OVER REASON	REASON OVER HIGH	HIGH OVER REASON	HIGH OVER HIGH

7 DESCRIPTIONS: WHAT GUIDES WHAT?

1) DON'T DO	2) DON'T DO	3) YES DO	4) YES DO	5) DON'T DO	6) YES DO	7) YES DO
A low passion guides a low passion.	A low passion guides reason.	Reason guides a low passion.	A reasoning principle guides reason.	Reason guides a high passion.	A high passion guides reason.	A high passion guides a high passion.

7 EXAMPLES OF ONE GUIDING ANOTHER

1) DON'T DO	2) DON'T DO	3) YES DO	4) YES DO	5) DON'T DO	6) YES DO	7) YES DO
Fear causes you to hate those you fear.	Lust has reason make excuses for lusting and immodesty.	Reason stops gluttony with common sense.	Analysis drives dissecting to discover right models.	You think you love but don't feel love.	Forgiveness has reason provide benefits for forgiving.	Courage protects and promotes love.

7 EFFECTS: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE GUIDES ANOTHER?

1) DON'T DO	2) DON'T DO	3) YES DO	4) YES DO	5) DON'T DO	6) YES DO	7) YES DO
excessive, extremist, damn, evil, mean, crude, vulgar, desire slave, antisocial, criminal, poison passion	denial, rationalization, excuses, lying, procrastination, compulsive, cheat, loser, blame, whine, addiction, immoral	responsible, self-control, self-reliant, self-motivated, social, adult, teacher, parent, leader, role model, example	objective, inspired thinking, pure reason, theoretical, discovery, right analysis, calculus, genius	robotic, dull, dead, boring, stifled, out of touch with feelings, overly intellectual, think Mr. Spock, Greek, Freud, TA	exciting, exhilarating, vibrant, creative, passionate, theological, philosophical, motivated, goal oriented, existential	wise, joyous, spontaneous, creative, intuitive, free, spiritual, deep, aplomb, sage, perceptive, vulnerable, empathic, childlike

3 TERMS FOR THIS HANDOUT

High Passions	care, charity, chastity, compassion, courage, diligence, faith, forgiveness, honesty, honor, hope, humility, integrity, justice, kindness, liberality, love, loyalty, modesty, patience, peace, prudence, purity, simplicity, singleness, temperance, wisdom.
Reason	analyzing, associating, comparing, correlating, deducing, delineating, dialectics, dissect, figuring, inducing, mapping, proving, relating, surrounding, thinking, understanding.
Low Passions	anger, boredom, covetousness, double-minded, envy, fear, flesh desires, gluttony, greed, hate, jealousy, lust, phoniness, pride, resentment, revenge, self-pity, sloth.

NOTES ON EXCEPTIONS

Single instances of either low or high passions can and do occur. For instance, a single feeling of fear can cause you to behave safely. All low passions are NOT bad. Sometimes a low passion is appropriate for safety or survival, but even then they should NOT rule reason and do NOT naturally need to rule reason. For example, anger or anxiety can help you to survive when they are about physical danger and pain. And at such times they are enough to direct your behavior because often there is little response time and certainly NOT enough to involve analysis or reason.