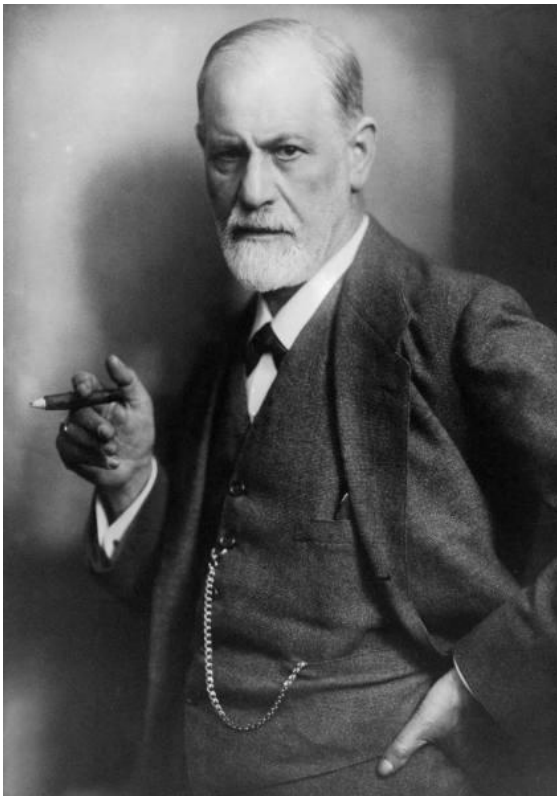
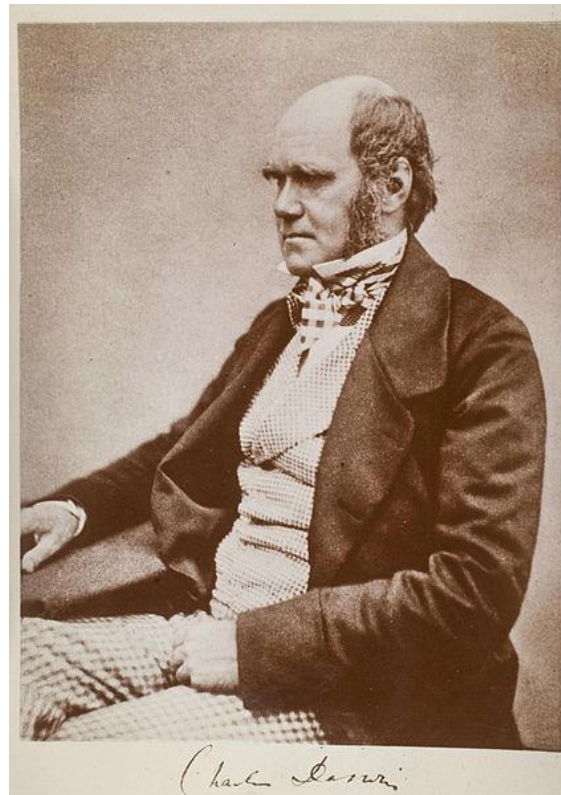


What Do These Three Have in Common?

Sigmund Freud



Charles Darwin



iphone 5



Iphone 5 Quote – news.com.au

- ▶ As of 6.30am this morning it was reported that around 50 people were in [the Sydney] line.
- ▶ First in line was 22-year-old Jonathan Ries who calls himself "the ultimate queuer".
- ▶ He said by the time the phone came out at 8am this morning, he would have been waiting 10
- ▶ hours.
- ▶ "I didn't sleep much at all," he said.
- ▶ "I've been up since 6am yesterday and here since 10pm last night.
- ▶ "The true Apple fans don't pre-order. They line up. I'm expecting a lot of happiness and relief
- ▶ once I get the phone."



The Writer of Hebrews

- ▶ Predated all of it
- ▶ Moses was the champ for the Jews – freed them from bondage, many miracles, friend of God ... but he couldn't get the job done
- ▶ Why?
- ▶ It was an inside job
- ▶ There is a telling line here
- ▶ ““They always go astray in their heart ...” Hebrews 3:10

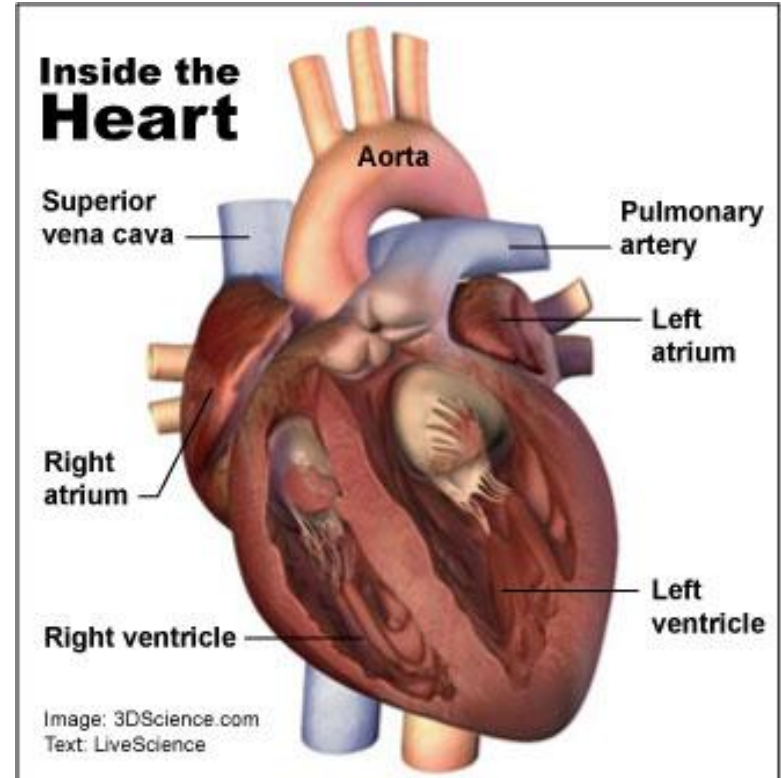


What is the Heart?

- ▶ The inner self that thinks, feels, and decides.
- ▶ Emotions are experienced by the heart.
 - ▶ Love and hate (Ps 105:25; 1 Peter 1:22); joy and sorrow (Eccl 2:10; John 16:6); peace and bitterness (Ezek 27:31; Col 3:15); courage and fear (Gen 42:28; Amos 2:16).
- ▶ The thinking processes of man (the mind) are said to be carried out by the heart.
 - ▶ The heart may think (Est 6:6), understand (Job 38:36), imagine (Jer 9:14), remember (Deut 4:9), be wise (Prov 2:10), and speak to itself (Deut 7:17). Decision-making is also carried out by the heart. Purpose (Acts 11:23), intention (Heb 4:12), and will (Eph 6:6) are all activities of the heart.
- ▶ Finally, heart often means someone's true character or personality.
 - ▶ Purity or evil (Jer 3:17; Matt 5:8), sincerity or hardness (Ex 4:21; Col 3:22); and maturity or rebelliousness (Ps 101:2; Jer 5:23) - all these describe the heart or true character of individuals. God knows the heart of each person (1 Sam 16:7). Since a person speaks and acts from his heart, he is to guard it well (Prov 4:23; Matt 15:18-19). The most important duty of man is to love God with the whole heart (Matt 22:37). With the heart man believes in Christ and so experiences both love from God and the presence of Christ in his heart (Rom 5:5; 10:9-10; Eph 3:17).

What is Inside the Heart?

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? “I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.” Jeremiah 17:9–10



What was the problem with Israel?

- ▶ We find out in psalm 95 that the place where it all happened was Meribah and Massah
- ▶ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.” Ps 95:7–11



Don't be like that guy

- ▶ Don't be like the Israelites
- ▶ This is what they were like



What Happened At Meribah and Massah?

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" Ex 17:1-7

2 Now there was no water for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. 3 And the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before the LORD! 4 Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? 5 And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink." 6 Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, 7 and the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 8 "Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle." 9 And Moses took the staff from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

10 Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?" 11 And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. 12 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them." 13 These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the LORD, and through them he showed himself holy. Nu 20:2-13



The Israelites Heart

- ▶ ... out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
Lk 6:45
- ▶ Why do we grumble?
 - ▶ We want a life without obstacles – yet God places obstacles in our way to complete us
 - ▶ We believe the lie that we can find life outside of God and get frustrated when we don't
 - ▶ Because we desire a life without any need to trust – God will regularly take us beyond our own resources and strength to learn his grace is sufficient



What Was Wrong? Mike Wilkerson

- ▶ The Israelites didn't have just a natural desire for water; they wanted water, and they wanted it on their terms, and they disbelieved that God would provide.
- ▶ Because they did not get it on their terms they questioned whether God was with them or not – questioned his character
- ▶ The Israelites in the wilderness put their own desires at the centre of the universe and demanded that God, Moses, and the wilderness revolve around them. But such boundless desire can never be satisfied on human terms and was never meant to be. Only God gets life on his own terms.
- ▶ David Powlison defines grumbling simply as “dissatisfaction with what is.” Paul Tripp says, “Grumbling is the background drone of a discontented heart.” In other words, whatever my present situation holds is not what I want, so I grumble and grasp.



Heart Totally Messed Up

- ▶ “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” Romans 3:10–12
- ▶ Yet ... The human heart seeks transcendence, is impressed by antiquity, searches for wisdom, yearns for justice, needs hope, loves beauty, senses its own darkness, is appalled by evil, repulsed by death and aches for the reassurance of a satisfying story to make sense of our existence.
- ▶ Like a sea eagle's supporter who could support anyone else
- ▶ Like an insane man who keeps drinking salt water rather than spring water from an uncracked bottle



The Hope of 'Today'

- ▶ “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts ...
Heb 3:7–8
- ▶ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Heb 3:13
- ▶ “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” Heb 3:15
- ▶ Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” Heb 4:6-7



God Will Give Us a New Heart

- ▶ And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, 20 that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. Eze 11:19–20
- ▶ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. Eze 36:25–27



Quotes from the video

- ▶ Bashed senseless
- ▶ Parents made the decision to turn off life support
- ▶ I think he chose you
- ▶ The gift of life
- ▶ Inside Costa's chest beats the heart of their murdered son
- ▶ Your heart is not good, it is not well, it is not healthy
- ▶ A fatal viral heart condition
- ▶ To live you needed a heart transplant
- ▶ You knew for you to live somebody had to die
- ▶ Zamut family is my family
- ▶ I promise you I am gonna look after it (the heart)

- ▶ Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.
Pr 4:23

