

Letters To The Editor

The Anatomy of the Head and the Heart: A Comic Application To Family Life

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MRA: If the man is the head of the family what is the woman?

MRI: The opposite of head is tail.

MRA: It is unfair to say that the woman is the tail of the family

MRI: I think she is the neck because she supports the head.

MRA: The man and the woman support each other. In your study of Anatomy what are the two most important parts of the body?

MRI: The head and the heart.

MRA: So if the man is the head of the family what is the woman?

MRI: I see what you mean. She is the heart of the family.

MRA: It makes sense.

MRI: Is it scriptural that the woman is the heart of the family?

MRA: It is not unscriptural. If you have read John 21:25, you would have known that not everything Jesus said is in the scripture.

MRI: Is there any anatomical basis for likening the heart to the woman?

MRA: Yes. The heart like the woman sends nourishment to the entire body. It also gives warmth (love) to the entire body including the head.

MRI: Is that the reason why the heart is the symbol of love?

MRA: It is possible. When the heart stops performing its function all the body becomes cold and if nothing is done it dies.

MRI: Why is it that anatomically the heart is in the centre of the body?

MRA: It is because the heart plays a central role for the entire body. A good keeper positions himself very well to cover the entire post. The heart is well positioned to take care of every member of the body including the head and the toes.

MRI: The head does not have that anatomical advantage.

MRA: The head is at one end of the body so it is more difficult for it to take care of the entire body efficiently. To succeed it has to work overtime like a keeper that is not well positioned.

MRI: Do you have more anatomical reasons to give?

MRA: Anatomically the heart is not as strong as the head.

MRI: The heart is also smaller than the head.

MRA: Anatomically the head and the heart play very essential and complementary roles. However, the head is external while the heart is internal.

MRI: What are you trying to demonstrate by that?

MRA: In a family the man and the woman play very essential and complementary roles. The man is the Minister of External Affairs while the Minister of Internal Affairs. They are both cabinet ministers.

MRI: That means that they have to support each other in order to function optimally.

MRA: Yes. However, since the head is external and is seen by everyone sometimes it takes all the glory and applause meant for the entire body.

MRI: Perhaps that is why when somebody is praised he nods his head.

MRA: Since the head is external it does not like to be disappointed by the heart especially in public. It hides in shame when it is humiliated.

MRI: The heart is internal so it is better shielded from humiliation than the head.

MRA: Now that you seem to be convinced that the woman is the heart of the family, what do you think of a man that denies that?

MRI: I think that he is brainless.

MRA: What do you think of a woman that denies that the man is the head of the family?

MRI: I think that she is heartless

MRI: I think that it is very appropriate. A good woman is a sweetheart, a sweet mother...in sum; she is the OBIUDO of the family.