

Emotions and the Moral Life

- Escriva speaks about the conflict of head and heart-rational vs. emotions



Vs.



What are Emotions?

- **Indicators**-say something about our vision of the world
- **Reactions**-how do we respond?
- **Must be tutored** by someone else (Aristotle)
- **May be misled** by others

- Types:

- Affective emotions:

- love → desire → joy (Aquinas)

- hatred → aversion → sadness (negative)

- Spirited emotions– “come into play when adversity, misfortune, or discouragement threaten our quest for the good...These are the emotions which protect us from abandoning something that is crucial to our well-being.” (Waddell)

- ex-hope vs. despair, courage vs. fear