

CAN FAITH BE FAIR AND AVOID BIAS?

Faith whether bad or good can be anti-bias. The religious version of faith however demands bias. You are not allowed to give any credence to doubts. Thus religion is deception.

Want proof? Here it is.

The Catholic Church in A Catechism of Christian Doctrine, Question 177, reveals that it is your typical religion when it says, "The sins against Faith are all false religions, wilful doubt, disbelief, or denial of any article of Faith, and also culpable ignorance of any of the doctrines of the Church".

Jesus condemned doubt as a sin or act of intentional malignance – so you deserve to be punished for it. He said that God will only do you the favour of answering prayer if your faith is unwavering - if you have no doubt.

Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801-1890) spoke for the Church when he wrote, "The Church does not allow her children to entertain any doubt of her teaching; and that, first of all, simply for this reason, because they are Catholics only while they have faith, and faith is incompatible with doubt. No one can be a Catholic without a simple faith, that what the Church declares in God's name is God's word, and therefore true. A man must simply believe that the Church is the oracle of God ... A person who says, "I believe just at this moment; but perhaps I am excited without knowing it, and I cannot answer for myself that I shall believe to-morrow", does not believe. A man who says, "I believe as far as I can tell, but there may be arguments in the background which will change my view", such a man has not faith at all. When the Protestants quarrel with us for saying that those who join us must give up all ideas of ever doubting the Church in time to come, they do nothing else but quarrel with us for insisting on the necessity of faith in her. Let them speak plainly: our offence is that of demanding faith in the Holy Catholic Church; it is nothing else. I must insist upon this: faith implies a confidence in a man's mind, that the thing believed is really true; but if it is once true, it can never be false."

If you are allowed to doubt and question and have faith only when it suits you there would be no need for Churches and Bibles - indeed it would be wrong to support them for they cause hurt and division - eg Roman Catholicism not allowing Protestants to receive communion. It would be possible to be a Catholic while denying that the Eucharist is really the body and blood of Christ and asserting that it should be abolished for it is boring rubbish. It would mean a Hindu should be called a Catholic if that is what he wants to be called though he accepts no part of the Catholic faith and has no interest in obeying the Church. It is obvious that a religion must set limits on what you are to believe. A person who thinks John the Baptist is the saviour and Messiah and not Jesus can't be called a Christian!

The Church and the Bible claim that the person who doubts or picks and chooses what he or she likes out of them and discards the rest is sinning and is calling God a liar. The fact that the person might not be doing that but merely thinking that the teachings the Church and the Bible says are God's might not be God's at all is dishonestly ignored. The person who faced with the prospect of doubting God's revelations and calling God a liar could simply change the reason for doubting. He could doubt that the messages are really God's. Then he has a free rein to doubt! Hinduism and Buddhism have no problem with doubt. It is only bigoted arrogant faiths such as Christianity and Islam and Judaism and Mormonism that do.

The Church teaches that faith in God requires that you accept that the Church has been appointed to speak for God so what it says is correct. It is the word of God. God gives supernatural light to your mind to help you to believe so the Church describes faith as a gift from God. It says only supernatural faith is pleasing to God. So if you doubt then you are indeed calling God a liar. True faith then is believing without doubting. It is firm.

If faith is a gift then sensing it is a gift is more important than its content. There is no point in having the truth if it did not come to you from God if faiths job is to forge a love relationship between yourself and God. The trouble with sensing that your faith is a gift means the way is opened for you to imagine that any religious nonsense comes from God. It is hardly a recipe for religious unity. If religion wants unity, it has to manipulate your imagination and make you think that its deliberations are God's.

This idea of faith being a revelation to you that God's revelation in the Church or Bible is true implies that you must know if God is giving you light or not. Otherwise the whole exercise is useless. Suppose Catholicism is the one true faith. If you are in a Protestant Church, you may have the gift of faith but it will tell you only that the Protestant doctrines that match the Catholic Church's are true. Thus it is your own fault if you adhere to the Protestant doctrines that contradict the Catholic Church. So you must be damned to Hell.

The Church and its Jesus are being bigoted and sectarian because they ask people who have different religious beliefs from them to doubt even if their version of religion commands that they must not doubt on pain of sin. So what they really think is that everybody should doubt their religion unless it is the Catholic Church or the revealed religion from Jesus. Their faith is based on a lack of concern for others and truth disguised as love. If God does miracles to defend such a faith then God loves control and power more than people. Such religion can hardly object if somebody becomes a worse bigot.

If you contradict something God supposedly revealed it might be that you don't doubt him but doubt that the revelation really came from him. The Church says that we are obligated and expected to believe whatever God has revealed because God knows the truth and knows things we don't and he would not deceive us. This idea accuses us of calling God a liar if we start to disbelieve in the teaching we believed was his teaching or if we started to doubt that God really said such things. The latter is certainly not calling God a liar but wondering if what you have been told really came from him. But the Church hates that point being brought up and ignores it. It slanders doubters.

If you sincerely think God is a liar then you are not sinning by doubting. You are just making a mistake. If you call God a liar you are not necessarily doubting him but you could be blaspheming him. This would not be the sin of doubt but of mere blasphemy. Thus the ban on questioning if something really is from God is about control and you are being exploited.

No matter what way you look at it, doubt cannot be a sin. The Church has to slander doubters to justify its power and its alleged right to tell people what they must believe. The whole faith is built on a vicious and cruel and cynical lie.

Doubt may do harm like when you doubt your friend who says that there is a bomb in the building and get blown up but it is never wilfully harmful. Doubt is sincerely questioning the truth of what you are told for insincere doubt is not doubt. To condemn doubt as sinful is to condemn honest thinking, integrity and sincerity and to incite slander and hatred against anybody that does doubt. To condemn doubt is to encourage arrogance, it is wanting people to regard their faith as truth itself and refuse to change their minds for they know it all.

The evidence that God has spoken is the miracles he reportedly does to verify that it is he who has spoken. For example, he supposedly raised Jesus from the dead to vindicate Jesus as his infallible prophet and Son. Suppose miracles are signs. Miracles then imply that doubting your faith is a sin. How? Because if miracles are evidence, then you are indeed calling God a liar if you ignore what they seem to imply. The Church says that the simplest soul can sin through doubting the teaching God has entrusted to the Church which implies that the faith is so obviously true and the miracles so marvellous that nobody has any excuse for not believing firmly in it not even the uneducated and naive person.

The doctrine that God guides people to the truth he has revealed logically implies that if you find your faith is weakening then you are calling God a liar so doubting even a bit is a grave sin. Mormons and Catholics have two incompatible faiths and both insist strongly that their faith has been revealed to them personally by God which shows that the doctrine is a deliberate lie. You would need to be as smart and virtuous as God to know if a communication you thought was divine inspiration really was that so the arrogance and false humility of religion is undeniable.

When religion tells you that it has the word of God it is telling you that it is your duty to listen to this word and you are calling God a liar if you ignore it or disbelieve it. It can't be a duty if you are entitled to doubt it as you see fit and should be free to! Face it, if religion were not after power it would focus on what people needed and what was right for them rather than on dogmas and saviours and things like the existence of God. Who cares what kind of God you believe in, be it a force like psychic power, a weak old man in the clouds or that God is just a metaphor for an ideal of goodness, as long as goodness is engendered and encouraged?

Even if faith is good religious faith is not good.

Faith can be open to new evidence.

Religious faith because it claims to be given to you by God cannot be for it asks that you take his word for it that what he communicates is true. That involves ignoring evidence against your belief.

The goodness of religious faith is the basic doctrine of each religion but faith is not good for it detests the doubting of the creed that it expresses itself in and when the foundation is bad so is the structure built on it. If God does miracles to guide you to a faith he is doing you no favours nor is he being honest! Miracles are blasphemy and religion cannot exist without hypocrisy so it is evil and to blame for all the wickedness worked in its name for if it didn't exist the wickedness might not have happened. The only faith that is good is faith in yourself for if you believe you can succeed and be happy your life will be less stressful and you will find that you improve in every way. Faith in God is no substitute for this. God can inflict depression on you and take away what he gave you to test you. It is a sin to believe that God will build up your self-esteem for it mightn't be his will. And those who like God the best are guilty of that sin. They are the proof that they don't need God and are foisting an unnecessary belief on the world and asking for it to be taken seriously. What is unnecessary should

not be taken seriously. Look at the deaths and suicides and people crippled with guilt over the god belief.

Christians follow Jesus who said that the most important commandment is that the Lord your God is one and you must love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind (Mark 12:29-34). For Jews and Muslims this commandment is binding as well as it originated with the prophet Moses who got it from God. This commandment has a hidden teaching. Part of it declares that there is only one God. So believing in God is far more important than loving him because you can't love him that much unless you believe in him first. To love God with all your heart means you must also believe in him with all your heart. You cannot love him fully if there is part of you having doubts that he exists.

Jesus then sanctioned the evil of dogmatism and narrowmindedness – that is why Catholics are expelled from the Church for saying Mary wasn't sinless all her days and if they advocate and believe in murdering they will not be expelled. Dogmatism is refusing to look honestly at anything that contradicts your opinion. It is making a god of your opinion. It is glorifying the evil of bias. How much better it is to unpeel your eyes and go where the truth and facts lead you!

Let people guide you but you remember you don't have to agree with anybody, pope or prophet or Jesus, for all alleged revelations from God are just human opinion and thinking and there is nothing intrinsically sacred about them!

Living without God is the key to self-esteem for the only reason a person does anything is for some kind of gratification for herself or himself meaning you are your own God and that you love yourself alone and this self-love benefits those you meet and makes you a worthwhile person. When you say you love others you simply mean that you cherish the happiness they bring you. It is that simple. The God belief or religion then are unnecessary for you can satisfy yourself if you know how and what is unnecessary is to blame for any evil that follows it and it gives people an extra excuse for causing trouble. Accordingly we have the right to condemn it and deny that any good it does justifies its existence. We must hate the dogmas but not the people that hold them. We want to help them.