

## CHRISTIAN FAITH DEMANDS TO BE TREATED LIKE SOME KIND OF MAGICAL KNOWLEDGE

The Bible does not mean mere belief by faith. It means God is giving you light and faith is trusting in him. Belief has no personal element while faith has. Its about connecting in a relationship to someone. The Bible says that faith is a gift from God.

Many religions teach that faith is knowledge or that though you say you believe you should treat and think of this belief as one hundred per cent certain for you even you it is not in the sight of correct reason. They say that it is certain for you and only a miracle by God could make it that persuasive for you. Where are the psychiatrists and psychologists who can't explain such religious faith? Nowhere. They explain it as delusion. Wouldn't embracing faith be an attempt to become insane?

It isn't faith but delusion and self-deception so why is it called faith? The promise of real faith is used as a bait for believers to work on their transformation into insane people. The Church wants people that way to mould and shape them into her distorted idea of perfection.

Jesus was as bad when he said we must love God totally, that is alone, and to love ourselves and others for him which is not really loving them at all. God commanded the same via Moses. You can't do that if faith is just accepting what is probable for that leaves a part that is not sure. It would then be a case of "I love God yes but only in so far as I believe. In so far as I doubt or disbelieve, I do not love him." Jesus specifically said that God has to be loved with all the mind and not just with the heart or will. He did not say loving God as much as we could do was the ideal. God does not command the impossible. So Jesus was saying the true lover of God does not believe in the faith but knows it is true. He was endorsing delusion. You cannot know - period.

Jesus did not refer to proofs for God and indeed the Jews had none but their allegedly miraculous scriptures so we can't make the excuse for him that he thought God should be put first for he can be proved. Even if he can be, I am still more sure I exist than God does. What if correct reason shows God exists? I am still more sure I exist for I don't need to think it out. I merely see it.

You need total proof for the existence of God and the veracity of what he has reportedly revealed before you can consider obeying God's command to die for the spread of the faith or to avoid abjuring it. This proof does not exist so it is clear that faith is considered to be magical knowledge. That means that nobody can lose their faith without malevolently departing from divinely given knowledge. To accuse them of insincerity and heresy would be to condone suspicion and sectarianism. And that accusation is being made implicitly.

Jesus claimed to be the way, truth and the life (John 14:6)- that is he gives us the life of God and we experience God living inside us. It follows then that he came to be truth and life for us. It follows then that once you believe in him and experience his life-giving power you have no excuse for departing from the faith or any part of it. The New Testament claims to be the truth and that those who believe have the truth (2 Timothy 6:3,4). So it is forbidden for the Christian to say, "I believe I have the truth". The Christian must say, "I have the truth." There is no doubt that Christianity advocates stubborn arrogance. Truth is naturally intolerant of error so if you have the truth then tolerating those who differ or their views would be wrong.

And what if you think you have the truth? Unnecessary intolerance ensues. Thinking you have the truth is no justification for intolerance. Thinking is not good enough and what you think one day will be reversed the next day. You need to know the truth. Thinking you have the truth is intolerant in itself because truth or imagined truth are both intolerant of what is regarded as error. The arrogance of the believer who pretends she knows what she is not really that sure of is evil but becomes gross evil and puts evil off the scale when the faith involves doctrines such as that God sends those who die divorced from him to Hell forever and that contraception is a grave sin and so on.

Jesus claimed to be the Truth and Catholicism and Christianity claim to be the one true faith. They say Jesus commanded we must worship God in truth, that is by having his truth. So you are not allowed to treat say, your Catholic religion as probably true or possibly true. You treat it as the truth and as if everything was proven even when it is not. In other words, you obey the papal ban on birth-control no matter how evil or absurd this ban seems to you. This is a very arrogant,

stubborn, pig-headed, irresponsible, dangerous and fanatical example that the Roman Catholic religion is setting.

Jesus said that it was eternal life to know him and God in John 17:3. There is no hint that he meant know to be likely to be true so it was know in the full sense. See 1 John 5:20. Chapter 2 speaks of the early Gnostics who sinned freely but claimed to know God and John says only a person who is obedient could say that. The Gnostics said that magical knowledge was superior to belief so John is not denying that there is such a thing as such knowledge but is saying that they do not possess it.

The doctrine that faith is magically knowing proves that those Christians who say that an unfair bias necessarily exists in those who say that Jesus never rose or worked miracles are wrong. The sceptics are or should be biased towards the truth but the early Church was a fruitcake cult intolerably biased towards false doctrine and therefore unworthy of trust. And today's Christians are its successors.

If faith is experienced as knowledge it might as well be real knowledge. If I am sure of something 100%, whether I am right or wrong, its like knowledge to me and may as well be. God could implant the necessary education and proofs into your mind like you put files on a computer program. He can make faith that way. And yet there are excuses for why God can't give real knowledge miraculously like, "Oh God would rather we were not completely sure for it is more sacrificial to sacrifice for things that you are not sure of," and, "God would be forcing us to believe and stay believing if it was knowledge. Others would be forced by our knowledge to start believing just like we are forced to see that one and one is two by mathematicians." That is as stupid as saying the following. I have given my all in sacrifice for my baby's happiness. I know my baby exists and loves me. Therefore it follows that the good I have done for my baby is worthless for as I have that knowledge." The doctrine that knowing God exists means your good works for him are devalued is an insulting one.

The idea that if we can't believe but if we obey God we will find ourselves receiving the gift of faith just means that we are to hypnotise ourselves by telling ourselves that God exists and religion is true until we succeed in believing it. People accepting the notion that the proof of the pudding is in the eating have been lured into Scientology and all kinds of nonsense. Its manipulative.

The Church says that faith is not just belief. It is like an experience of God. It is a gift of God. The Church says that faith is knowledge. It is belief in the sense that knowledge is loosely called belief. Doubters and those who struggle to believe are told to act as if they know. Indeed, the Church would be unable to function if the pope resigned every time he had a doubt. It is thought that if you act as if you know you will know.

The notion that faith in the true religion of God is knowledge implies that the members of the contrary faiths and creeds only imagine they know. A Mormon cannot know that the non-material Catholic God is a fiction if the Catholic knows that there is no God but that one.

The thought that you know your religion is true is the corner-stone of fundamentalism. They see their beliefs as facts. As it is sometimes necessary to impose facts on people - for example, a Geography Teacher who denies the existence of Australia will be fired or forced to agree that Australia exists - fundamentalists say their doctrines are facts and so must be imposed on society and on civil law.

A person who thinks they know their religion is true cannot get together with members of other religions for prayer and so on. There can be no ecumenism or "agreeing to disagree." Agreeing to disagree suggests that the truth of the religion they are in is not that clear or that it is understandable to mistake it for untruth or possible untruth. Grace means it is not understandable. You are to blame if you have not asked God for light.

The doctrine of faith being caused by grace or God's miraculous power clearly opens the door to fundamentalism. Islamic terrorists don't go that far with faith. They would be worse if they did. Christianity is creating an atmosphere that can lead the Islamists to go too far.

Paul said that the grace that is faith saves for it is humble and good. We see that it is really a pride-filled deceptive form of opposition to God and true decency. Faith being the work of grace is a harmful doctrine.



