

“What’s it all about? – Jesus”

In the after-glow of the “*Living Faith*” week, what will keep you thinking and alert, how will you keep alive the excitement of the week’s visiting Missioners and their message, the meetings and the activities? Well obviously daily Bible reading and prayer, Sunday services and week day meetings, joining with new and existing friends in new and existing groupings.

But for those of us who wish to contemplate privately on the issues of Faith, here are a few comments, statements and quotations, from other people. You might like to use them as a daily theme for such private devotions; what do they mean for you? You could also use them for discussions in your private and public groups. After all each one of us seeks God in our way. Pick and choose, they are offered in no particular order.

“Faith is an attitude to life and as such is something we can choose, or not. There are no knock down proofs, no guaranteed highs, no spiritual silver bullet. .. we come to a point where we have to choose. Shall I suspend my disbelief and leap into space?”
(Bp John Pritchard in “God lost & Found)

“Faith is confidence in what we hope for, and assurance about what we do not see.”
(Hebrews 11:1-3)

“Belief is not a form of knowledge, but a free act, an expression of the will.”
(Soren Kierkegaard 1813-1855)

“Live your beliefs, and you can turn the World around,”
(Henry David Thoreau 1817-1862)

“Faith which does not doubt, is dead faith.”
(Miguel de Unamuno 1864-1937)

“Doubt is an essential element of faith.”
*(Michael Arditti *)*

“To me faith means not worrying.”
(John Dewey 1859-1952)

“Take the first step of faith. You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”
(Martin Luther King 1929-1968)

“We must be critical of our beliefs, subjecting them to interrogation.”
(Alister McGrath 1953-)

“Faith consist in believing when it is beyond the power of reason to believe.”
(*Voltaire 1694-1778*)

“Faith is a knowledge within the heart, beyond the reach of proof. “
(*Khalil Gibran 1883-1931*)

“Faith is not something to grasp, it is a state to grow into.”
(*Mahatma Gandhi 1869-1948*)

“Hope is a core element of faith.”
(*Bp John Pritchard 1948-*)

“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.
To one without faith, no explanation is possible.
(*Thomas Aquinas 1225-1274*)

“It is vital that Christians live out their faith publicly, rather than settling for the deathly cosiness of private beliefs expressed in sanctified settings.”
(*Jon Kuhrt **)

“Faith goes hand in hand with a willingness to question.” (Tina Beattie *)

“There lives more faith in honest doubt, believe me, than in half the creeds.”
(*Alfred Lord Tennyson 1809-1892*)

“Respect the mystery! Don’t try to find an answer.” (Paulo Coelho 1947-)

“The believer has to keep thinking about his deeply problematic faith commitment, faith demands thought”
(*Theo Hobson 1972-*)

“You know, my faith is one that admits some doubt.” (*Barack Obama 1961-*)

(* living; no dates)

**“Give me the wings of faith, to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.”**(*Isaac Watts 1674-1748*)

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