



## Faith That Takes A Stand

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Our Lord said, "When the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" (Lk. 18:8). The Lord does not mean just any faith for the faith yields the definite article. Humans all have a natural faith, anchor and chosen faith. "From the heavens, behold — and marvel!" (Job. 2:10).

The faith that our Christian Lord is talking about is an spiritual and special faith which we hope to have shown in this article. There are, in fact, three types of faith, and maybe more than three types also.



<sup>1</sup>  
\*Natural faith:  
This is the faith that is common to all humans, and even the devil has it as we mentioned before. It resides in the depths of our being and in the vision of God in the hearts of both primitive and civilized man.

Primitive man felt in the depths of his being that he was weak and that he needed an external power to protect him. Or he felt the need for a source of good to satisfy him, or he experienced fear of an



external power that controlled his life and death. Hence, man began to worship the sun, the moon, the sea, cows, savage beasts and so on

As for civilized man, he began to be in pain because of his psyche, his mind, or his morals. The cries of Neitsche, the concepts of Marx, and the spurious freedom of Sartre are probably all modern gods in our civilized era. All of them show us glimpses of their depths that indicate the human desire for a good and powerful being who saves mankind from their weaknesses, their fears, and their failings.

Therefore, “there is not even one atheist” as St. Augustine says. The following are some quotations that indicate this:

“I believe in a Thinking Being that governs this universe, but I do not think it is a person,” (Albert Einstein).

“God is dead, and the only thing that is left for us to do is to fill the blank He has left.” (Neitsche).

“I call you by the name of higher man, for man is something we must transcend and surpass.” (Neitsche).

“Neitsche wants to release the wings of man to make him have the greatest metaphysical experience ever.” (Zakaria Ibrahim).

“God is dead, but that does not mean that He does not exist or that He is no longer there, but it means that He used to talk to us but now is silent.” (Sartre).

“Man is the origin of man.” (J.P.Sartre).

“Man is a useless lost hope.” (J.P.Sartre).

“You created me, but You should not have created me free.” (J.P.Sartre).

We perceive man’s confusion in these quotations, for as he tries to find himself, he imagines that doing away with God is the only solution. The Lord, in His love and tenderness, is still perfectly willing to reveal Himself to the humble “he who loves Me ..... I will manifest Myself unto him.”(Jn. 14: 21).



Faith is the message that helps our limited and finite eyes see our freedom to perceive what is beyond the finite. God is the message that we put in our eyes to help us see what is beyond our natural vision.

That is why every attempt to explain the truths of faith in purely rational terms obscures the extent to the level of collapsing and sinking faith.

All attempts to simplify the truths of faith so that they can be understood and assimilated by the natural brain is a distortion of them. God is revealed only in the humble mind that is enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

Moreover, unless the truths of faith that we perceive through the Holy Spirit and in which we rest are converted into real and daily action that changes our lives and behavior, and into an assurance that is apparent in the difficulties of life and reality, we will not benefit from the theoretical faith and will not be saved.

Hence, we encourage a humble dialogue with the truth to avoid the truth, rather than promoting the simplification of the truths of faith so that they are easy enough for the natural brain to assimilate.

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**Experiential Faith:**  
This is the experiential faith that we have gained through grace. For Faith is the gift of God." (Eph. 2:8)

Faith holds onto God and does not let go. It has a firmness of the joys of heaven and faith that there is a real and living relationship between the soul and God.

It is the faith of the Virgin that contradicted her reasons, but through it she understood the possibility of a miraculous Conception and so submitted with joy and thanksgiving.

It is the faith of Joshua, son of Nun, who climbed the prism to "wash their feet in the overflowing waters of the Jordan" - though they were no longer water, but milk. "And so it was."

It is the faith of St. Athanasius, who said to spend the last penny in his pocket, confident that God would need it the right time!



Do we have the faith, the faith that takes a name? When we enter into thick darkness, or have growing doubts, are we at our end and return to the Divine Word that supports us without our feeling it?

When we experience the bitterness of defeat, do we accept it from the living hand of our Omnipotent God, confident that His hand only gives us what is good?

When we embrace us, do we shake off the dust and ask the Spirit of God to "come and dwell in us", and are we full of faith that He does?

When we suffer material or moral losses, do we rejoice that within us or are we silent, saying: "God will be done, this is all for our good?"

What is the essence of our experience of a living personal living God who sticks closer than a brother, and who is more powerful and greater than the universe? His presence in our personal lives in the right way which frequently contradicts our own ideas and our individual needs.

**My young brother,**  
Do not be confused with natural faith, or with natural faith, but enter into a living dialogue with Christ. He knows the preoccupations of your heart, and shares all your joys. He comes to your salvation at the right time. Connect with Him all the break of dawn so that your name may be changed and that you may become a blessing.

Give Him everything you hold dear!

your sins

your doubts

your ambitions



your name

your name

Be confident that you will not be lost, for heaven is not a myth and Christ is not a legend! "Put us on the Lord's boat" through every prayer and action. "As a ball of wax" - so that you can easily accept the plan of His will. May the Lord be with you again.