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"Faith is believing in things when common sense tells you not to"

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A MANUAL FOR
CREATING
ATHEISTS

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“If one had sufficient evidence to warrant belief in a particular claim, then one wouldn't believe the claim on the basis of faith. 'Faith' is the word one uses when one does not have enough evidence to justify holding a belief, but when one just goes ahead and believes anyway.”
-Peter Boghossian



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Gal 3:6-14

6 Just as Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as
righteousness. 7 Therefore, recognize that it is those who are
of faith who are sons of Abraham. 8 The Scripture, foreseeing
that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the
gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the nations will be
blessed in you.” 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed
with Abraham, the believer.

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10 For all who are of works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all the things written in the book of the Law, to do them.” 11 Now, that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “the righteous one will live by faith.” 12 However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, “The person who performs them will live by them.” 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”— 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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Question

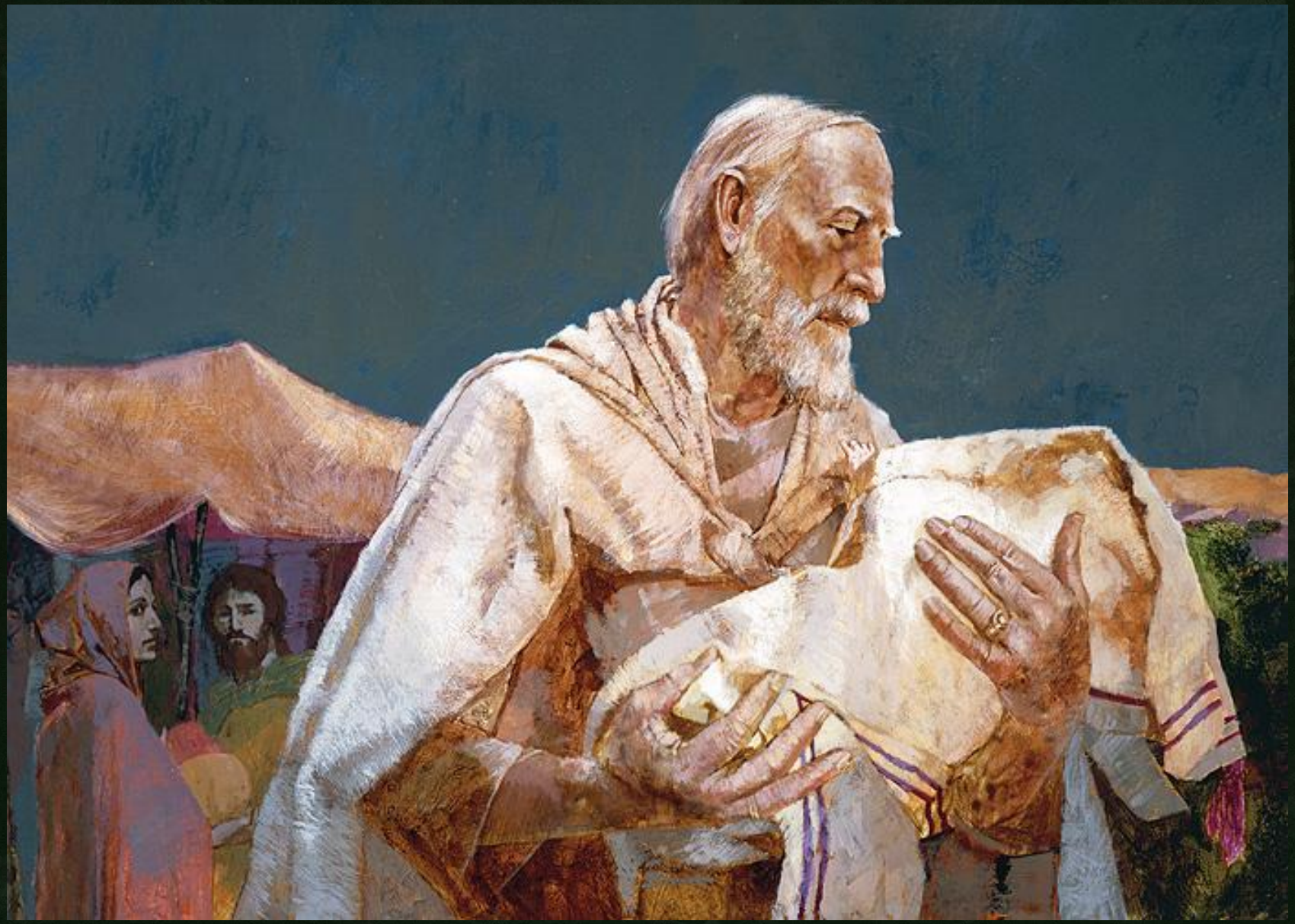
Paul’s question:

Galatians 3:5

Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith

Paul’s answer…

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Abraham - Gen 12:1-3

Now the Lord said to Abram,

“Go from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

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Abraham - Gen 15:5-6

5 And He took him outside and said, “Now look
toward the heavens and count the stars, if you are
able to count them.” And He said to him, “So shall
your descendants be.” 6 Then he believed in the
Lord; and He credited it to him as righteousness.

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Faith in God is not a blind leap without any evidence or, even worse, contrary to the evidence. Faith is simply trust. The Christian trusts in God. The scientific atheist has faith in science. If an atheist uses the scientific method to discover a medicine and then takes that medicine, he is exercising faith. He trusts his data, and he trusts that the medicine will cure him, not poison him. Some people may take the medicine with no thought whatsoever as to how it was developed or as to who prepared it. Others may only take the medicine after thoroughly investigating every aspect of the research. One person may take it with great confidence while another person takes it tentatively. In the final analysis, anyone who takes the medicine is exercising faith in the medicine.

Ultimately, it is not the strength of the faith that determines if the medicine will work, but the efficacy of the medicine. Great faith in bad medicine will not cure a person. It is the object of faith, not the strength of faith that makes the difference. Uncertainty about a good medicine will not hinder its efficacy, as long as it is taken as prescribed. Faith is not the opposite of doubt; in fact, doubt can exist even in the heart of faith (see Mark 9:24). A person can exercise faith (trust and commitment) while at the same time being unsure about the thing or person he has committed himself to. Someone once defined doubt as “faith seeking understanding.”

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Faith is just believing what God says He will do.

He will never fail us, his promises are true.

If we but receive Him His children we become.

Faith is just believing this wondrous thing is done.

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Those who are of faith- Matthew 3:9

and do not assume that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’; for I tell you that God is able, from these stones, to raise up children for Abraham.

Those who are of faith

- v7 “those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham.”
- v8 “God would justify the Gentiles by faith”
- v9 “those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.”

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Those who are of faith -Romans 4:1-8

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about; but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” 4 Now to the one who works, the wages are not credited as a favor, but as what is due. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing of the person to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

7 “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered.

8 Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account.”

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Those who are of the works of the Law

- v10 “as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse”
- v11 “no one is justified by the Law before God”
- v12 “the Law is not of faith”

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Those who are of the works of the Law

Habakkuk 2:4

4 “Behold, as for the impudent one,

His soul is not right within him;

But the righteous one ***will live by*** his faith.

Leviticus 18:5

So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, which, if a person follows them, then he ***will live by*** them; I am the Lord.

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law

- v13 “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law”
- v14 “in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles”
- v 14 “that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith”

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Romans 8:15-17

15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to
fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons
and daughters by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” 16 The
Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of
God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow
heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we
may also be glorified with Him.

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