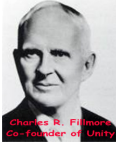


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Today's Lesson
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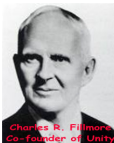
A Matter of Belief

In the matter of belief, Charles Fillmore understood it as:




1. *An inner acceptance of an idea as true;*
2. *That belief is closely related to faith;*
3. *That belief functions both consciously and sub-consciously*

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4. *That many of the false individual and race beliefs are very active below the conscious level; and*
5. *That to erase these hidden error beliefs, a comprehensive program of denial is necessary, because:*
6. *Man thinks of himself as being cut off from God and alone.*

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Do not believe in anything simply because you have heard it.

Do not believe in anything simply because it is spoken and rumored by many.

Do not believe in anything simply because it is found written in your religious books.

Do not believe in anything merely on the authority of your teachers and elders.


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Do not believe in traditions because they have been handed down for many generations.

But after observation and analysis, when you find that anything agrees with reason and is conducive to the good and benefit of one and all, then accept it and live up to it.

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The author of Mark tells this story about Jesus and one of his healings:

And Jesus said to the boy's father, "All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief." (Mark 9:24)

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As today's Daily Word affirmation reminds us:

I accept grace with a grateful heart.

Do you believe that grace is everywhere present and available to you as:

God's Radiant Activity Continuously Expressed

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Unity's twelve belief statements for creating a stronger belief system:

1. *Believe in yourself - you are marvelously endowed.*
2. *Believe in your work - all honest work is sacred.*

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3. *Believe in this day - every minute contains an opportunity to express God's plan for good.*
4. *Believe in your family - this is done by creating harmony by trust and co-operation.*
5. *Believe in your neighbor - the more friends you make the happier your life will be.*
6. *Believe in spiritual values - you can never go wrong doing what's right.*

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7. *Believe in your decision - go to headquarters (God) first and then follow the guidance.*
8. *Believe that you are meant to be healthy and prosperous. Stop looking for things to always be wrong or waiting for the "other shoe to drop."*
9. *Believe in the now, yesterday has past. Recall it, learn from it, and move on; for tomorrow is not here yet.*

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10. *Believe in your church - you encourage others to attend by living the principles that are taught and attending yourself.*
11. *Believe in God's promise you are never alone - "I am with you always." For the Lord of your being resides within you, you dwell in the Christ presence at all times.*
12. *Believe in God's mercy - if God loves and forgives you with an everlasting love, you can love and forgive yourself.*

Then try again tomorrow. After all, it's just a matter of belief.