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I Want to Believe • Help My Unbelief

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Truths About Belief

1. We n e e d belief.

CURIOSITY, PATTERN-FINDING, UNSETTLED MIND WITHOUT COHERENCE
EXPLAIN EVERYTHING WE CAN AND DEIFY WHAT WE CAN'T // ILLUSIONS

2. E v e r y t h i n g is belief.

GOOD NEWS • EVEN SKEPTICS ARE COLORED BY BELIEFS // BAD NEWS • EVIDENCE IS CIRCULAR
THE "WEATHER ROCK" • THE "TIGER REPELLANT"

3. We survive by adopting s y s t e m s of belief.

Therefore...

We don't need more logic or more evidence. We need a
b e a u t i f u l *epiphany and a paradigm-shifting*
e n c o u n t e r.

THIS IS HOW BELIEFS CHANGE // PTOLEMY & COPERNICUS
JESUS WANTS TO GIVE YOU YOUR MOMENT OF REVELATION.

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The entire problem is one of b e l i e f.

Jesus is okay with p a r t i a l belief.

OH, AND DON'T FORGET THE CONTEXT

Take it home:

Start with what you ***d o b e l i e v e*** *and*
bring ***t h a t m u c h*** *to Jesus.*

I HAVE DOUBTS TOO • BUT I HAVE LOGICAL REASONS FOR EXISTENCE OF GOD, RESURRECTION, AND SPECIFIC ANSWERS TO PRAYER.

I know God can _____ so I will _____.

I KNOW HE CAN SPEAK TO ME, SO I WILL READ MY BIBLE
INSPIRE ME, SO I WILL WORSHIP WEEKLY
GROW ME, SO I WILL JOIN A GROUP.

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