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## “Doubting as Faith”

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**“Doubt is not the opposite of faith;  
it is one element of faith.” Paul Tillich**

### Questions to think about:

- \* What is the role of “doubt” in one’s faith life?
- \* Can doubt be a good thing?
- \* Is there a point at which doubt begins to NOT be a good thing anymore? Is there a “line” it can cross?
- \* Can doubt lead to a paralyzing of one’s faith?

### Some thoughts from Rachel Held Evans (<http://rachelheldevans.com/>):

- \* “We’ve never been taught to doubt well.”
- \* I believe that doubt is a part of a vibrant, growing faith.
- \* I believe that doubt is necessary as it helps us identify those parts of our faith which are dying and/or dead.
- \* I believe doubt can lead us to embracing the mysteries of faith.

### Deuteronomy 29:29:

“The secret things belong to the Lord...”

### Apophatic Theology:

“Apophatic theology, also known as Negative theology or Via Negativa is a theology that attempts to describe God, the Divine Good, by negation, to speak only in terms of what may not be said about the perfect goodness that is God. It stands in contrast with Cataphatic theology. In brief, negative theology is an attempt to achieve unity with the Divine Good through discernment, gaining knowledge of what God is not (apophasis), rather than by describing what God is.”

### Other quotes:

“Doubt is not the opposite of faith; certainty is.”

“Doubt is not the opposite of faith; apathy is.”