

Believing vs. Beliefs

Some of our beliefs
should be discarded,
whereas our believing
should be deepened.

Beliefs are mental
and abstract;
believing is spiritual,
but concrete.

Beliefs are personal
and subjective;
believing is interpersonal
and intersubjective.

You can change your beliefs
without disturbing believing;
for, believing is
born from faith
while some beliefs are
founded on folly.

Why are we loath to admit that
our beliefs may be
erroneous
or based on fear
or prejudice?

Changing our beliefs
requires enlightenment;
a change in our believing
involves a conversion.

Believing deals with ultimates:
persons and causes;
beliefs treat contingents:
judgments and opinions.

Wrong beliefs violate
truth and honesty;
a failure in believing
injures trust and love.

Entertain beliefs,
but cherish believing;
hold beliefs lightly,
but believe profoundly.

And never substitute
beliefs for believing.

The enemies of Jesus
persecuted Him
because of their beliefs;
they would have
embraced Him,
had they believed.

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