Belief - the end of a truth, the beginning of a lie

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Belief is the end of a truth, the beginning of a lie. Belief has always been of thought, so it has always been a lie. It is born, or starts, after the speaking of a truth.

In our society it is considered an admirable trait to stand up for our beliefs. It is strange thing that something that can be so sour for us. People seem to be so proud of their beliefs. They say, “Stand up for your belief.” Yet belief is a sign of a lazy mind. When belief happens then killing can happen. All kinds of things on this planet can happen because belief takes the place of actual thinking, the actual looking to see what it either is or isn’t. Once you have a belief about something, you no longer have to pay attention to it. It is strange that something so dastardly (as belief) to the human brain would have such a high place on the rung of importance.

We revere beliefs, but they are actually detrimental which isn’t surprising because this is a planet of robots. It’s a planet of “re-peats.” All the Peats are dead. All we have is repeat, repeat, belief, belief—reinforce the belief then have another belief.

Suppose someone gives of their life and actually discovers a truth for themselves. Then out of the excitement or whatever that is, they repeat that truth to someone else. The other person has given nothing for it.

For example if they repeat a saying, such as, “The truth will set you free.” That truth was discovered by someone else. But I discovered, on my own and by myself, that “speaking truth will set you free.” It is not that the truth will set you free; it is the speaking of the truth that will set you free.

Part of the discovery of the truth is speaking it. Many people cannot even think of a truth to speak. And if they speak that they cannot think of a truth to speak, that is a truth spoken. It means that their whole life is belief (which is a truth).

Some people ask me if they have to speak something for it to be true. Whether or not it is still the truth if you don’t speak it is a tough question to answer. If you did have to speak it, that would imply that there is no truth before we could speak. And in that sense there was no truth before we could speak because there was no word called
truth. But there was reality before there was language. And we can live in reality and see truth without speaking it. Deaf people prove that.

Here is how belief gets started: Let’s take an example of a blind person. If they discover there is a wall 12 steps to the left, that discovery is truth. If another blind person comes and the first tells them there is a wall 12 steps to the left, then that second person has to rely on belief. We consider that to be knowledge passed down from one to another, and that is supposed to be a beneficial thing.

Yet, there is a fine line there. The probability is that the second person, sooner or later, is going to have to run into that wall to find out if it is really there or not in order to find the truth of it for himself. Otherwise he will never know if it is there or not. He might go and maneuver around that wall and make it to the kitchen. Then someone might ask them if there was a wall back there, and they will probably answer “yes” because they were told, not because they discovered it themselves.

This is what happens with everyone. Someone experiences something, and they pass it on to someone else who doesn’t experience it. Then they pass it on and on. Down the line it goes without any experience of it. That is how belief is born.

As with the example of the blind person, if you really press them for the truth, they might then stop and go and experience it themselves to know for sure. Then if they go back and touch a wall, they can then say a truth: “There is a wall there.”

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That is what happens in the realm of religious belief: Someone said they discovered God, and another asked what did he look like? The first person said, “It was a bright light.” Then 50 million people are seeing bright lights.

Then I say, “I discovered God.”

You ask, “What did he look like?”

I answer, “He had a white robe and had a cane.” So then many other people saw this man with a white robe and a cane, and they all believe it fervently and go to church to worship this thing and give money to the church to give to God.

We accept these beliefs willingly because we don’t have to think. The key to it is that once they have accepted the contextual action called belief, they will accept any explanation of what the belief. And then that person tells someone else and on and on.

Then after we have God (or any belief), we can have this mother Mary who got pregnant without getting laid, and everyone believes it. They say the Immaculate
Conception was a miracle. No it was not a miracle. It was a belief. And then out of this Immaculate Conception we have someone called Jesus. People who then say they are worshiping Jesus are really worshiping their own thinking. And they build stories on it. I call it building your house of toothpicks.

People kill for the belief. "My God is better than your God, and I am willing to prove it." The belief of God has killed more people than all the other things put together. And here is the most dangerous part of it: Let's say that in some form, say some spiritual form, in some strange form, there is such a thing as an actual god, but you, for instance, believe there is a god that is a white light or some old gentleman in a robe, or whatever your belief is. If you believe all these things, then that very belief is going to stop you from discovering God.

When we believe something it stops the actuality of it ends, and we die in belief. At our (physical) death, each person says, "I could have lived this life differently."

We could have lived life without getting caught in this thing called belief. Yet at the beginning of our lives, we are taught by believers (our parents) to believe. Even if they don't believe in a god or Jesus, they still had belief. They believe in many things and all of them are insane.

For example, people perpetuated the belief in Santa Claus. For children, their parents are the most important people in their lives and are their great protector, so they believed everything the parent told them.

And they would fight for those beliefs (as if they were true); and since it was their parents telling them that, they could not imagine them lying. That is a huge thing. That is another place where we take a huge hit psychologically; because that was the place we learned that our parents were liars. Once we learn that our parents are liars that destroys our whole world because if your parents lie— and they are the most precious thing on the planet— then what must the whole world be? Liars! So then you join in on that lie and make up your own illusion and live in that illusion for the rest of your life, just as your parents did.

By living in illusion I mean all the lies we are taught to believe like being polite, telling your children there is a Santa Claus and a tooth fairy. So you make sure that you make your children robots. And it was made sure of by our parents that we are robots, and it was made sure by their parents that they were robots. A robot is an illusionary being. We are illusionary beings. We live in illusion, in our thoughts. We live a lie inside of our thoughts.

When our whole life is an illusion, thinking is thinking us. We are trapped inside of thought, and then thought thinks us. Thought makes us jealous, thought makes us angry and thought makes us kill Afghanistan people. Thought makes us kill people.
Thought makes the Muslims kill the Catholic people because the Catholics are wrong because they have the wrong God. The same thing is said of the Jewish people. It is true insanity, and it is caused by belief. Belief is the impregnator of the insanity. Once you are impregnated with belief, you are insane.

If we didn’t have belief we wouldn’t have drug addicts, cigarettes, beer, alcohol and all of those kinds of things. Belief and religion are the greatest drugs on this planet. If we don’t have belief, we would not be living in illusion. Then we wouldn’t have to kill the thing that is taking us through life – our bodies.

When we do things that are detrimental to ourselves, we don’t have any care or love for ourselves, our bodies.

Where belief is, love cannot manifest. Where belief is, violence is. Violence and love cannot manifest in the same space. They cannot occupy the same space at the same time. That is why I say there is no love on planet earth, and there is no intelligence on planet earth. This earth is a violence filled, knowledge based belief.

Yet most people don’t think they are violent. They don’t see the smallest denominator of violence which is belief. Belief is the smallest denominator. And once it is born, it begins to stretch itself and gets larger and larger. Then people come up with God, then Mother Mary, then a Jesus and then the 6 acres for sale in Florida that is under 3 feet of water. They come up with all those things. They all come from this tiny little space called belief. People blame other people for being swindled out of money, but they were the ones who believed it in the first place, but then they want someone else to blame and want others to feel sorry for them. The function of belief is the destruction of the brain.

Once the brain is destroyed by belief, then knowledge can gain a foothold. I recall Krishnamurti said something about us taking a wrong turn. What that meant to me was that at in the beginning we created our lives; we lived with intelligence. Intelligence manifested into experience, experience died and it went into memory where it was dead. Then we went back to creation, we created the next move, and this was all in an instant. We experienced the next creation, and it went to memory and it died there.

Somewhere along the line, though, one of those experiences went into memory and a mistake was made. The experience didn’t die. It circled around and came back into our next experience. So suddenly we were bringing our lives forth from memory instead of from creation. As the experience continued, soon creation disappeared and intelligence disappeared until all we have is memory going into experience and experience going back into memory. Around and around it goes, forever repeating itself, and we are caught in it. We are caught in the circle of ignorance, of insanity and of illusion.
Creation means bringing forth from nothing, not having been before. Creation is not done by anything outside of us (like a god), and it doesn’t come from thought. Creation is outside of thought, outside of time.

Creation is first experienced and spoken as a truth manifesting itself. Then it goes into memory. Then we attach something to it, so it doesn’t die. For example, we have an orgasm, and then we attach a thought to that in our memory, "Wasn’t that great?" Then we grab hold of the memory of the orgasm, so then we have the orgasm again, but each orgasm is lessened by virtue of it being a memory. The anticipation of it, the thoughts about it, somehow lessens it by the memory and anticipation and comparing with the first one (the memory). We don’t experience it new each time (from creation), we experience it from memory.

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Creation creates from nothing, and intelligence manifests that which is created (experienced), and then it goes to memory. If an alive and aware human being, the experience dies in the memory, then a new experience is created. A new experience is manifested. But we just repeat from memory, repeat from memory over and over. We have been doing that for 3 millions years, or however long it has been.

We have no true action, it is all reaction. We act from memory. Thinking is thinking us. Yesterday is making us angry today. Isn’t that ridiculous, holding on to things that were done years ago and still being angry about it? It doesn’t die in the memory. It gets attached, and it works both ways.

For example you can think about how someone gave you a diamond ring for your anniversary. You can even attach a pleasurable memory to the memory of the anniversary. That is attaching a memory to a memory. And it is the memory attached to the memory that we tug on to bring that memory back.

I am saying there are no real human beings on the planet. There are only images killing images and praying to God that the killing stops. How is it that the illusion is stronger than reality? How can there be hundreds of thousands of people who we are still killing? How can there be all the wars and all the killing? I used to say they should close all the churches as a religious gathering places and keep the doors open and let people come in to communicate and talk. We could then say, “This used to be a house of insanity, and now it is a house of sanity.”

People want to go to church and pray and be told what to do. It is a lazy action/reaction. For some reason we are willing to have our children raped, we are willing to allow our females to get beat by their husbands; and we are willing to kill each
other rather than be alive, rather than aware, rather than be real. We would rather hold
on to a memory, hold on to a belief.

The answer to all this is transformation, transformation of the self. And it begins by
doing exactly what I am doing, speaking the truth.

Here’s the problem: everything I just spoke is the truth, and if there is anyone
reading this, they might say, “That is not truth, how can that be true? He says there is
no god, and I saw this or that which shows me that God is true.” People argue with
what I am saying while I am saying it. Therefore, they are not going to hear what I am
saying because they are going to be thinking about what I am saying. The same is true
if they are agreeing with it as well. So the very saying of it is the destruction of it if there
is a thinking of it while it is being spoken.

People ask me, “What are the qualities of living without belief (transformed)?” That is
an interesting question. What would be the quality of living on a planet where there are
no murders, where there were no children being molested, where no wives are being
beaten or religious people killing people? There would be a lot less suffering, misery
and drug situations. That would all be correcting itself. Notice I am not saying it will be
corrected. If truth is spoken, then all that which is will be in the process of correcting
itself.

And I am not saying for people to just stop belief right now. No, that is not it, that isn’t
it. That is a function of violence in itself.

The only thing we can do is speak the truth about it—that we do believe—because
forcing our beliefs to no longer be just reinforces the belief, and it is force which is
violence.

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So instead of dropping our belief, we see we are believers and living from belief
which is the ending of the happening (of belief). That ends it. You see?

People talk about what is, and I am saying become what is. Be the robot that
believes, and speak the truth of it (that you are a robotic believer), and you will see that
it is stupid. The ignorance will be self explanatory. The problem is we don’t see it. In
order to see it, we would have to have intelligence to see our ignorance.

By seeing, I mean to see something as it is. But most people fool themselves, and
think they do see it. They say they go to church every Sunday and see God.

So, it wouldn’t be to say, “I am not going to go to church anymore”. It wouldn’t be
that. If you are a church-goer, then go to church and see the insanity of it.
For example, if you say you read this by Edward Jones telling you how insane it is to be religious and to go to church, the ideal would be to go to church (if you already go to church, I am not suggesting to go to church) and discover the insanity of it. Listen to the preachers tell about the talking snake that told Adam not to eat the apple, about the woman who got pregnant and all that stuff.

But people want to believe those things because it makes their life easier, because they don’t have to argue with their parents and because they just believe.

And we are promised a reward if we believe. We want to believe that as well because we are all still children. We are all still four years old. What happens to the rewards as you get older? Both the rewards and punishments get larger. We are going to burn in hell or go to heaven. So that is how they perpetuate it. If you believe, then you will go to heaven; and if you don’t, you will burn in hell. One of the things that people say is, “You say there is no god, and maybe there isn’t, but I am not going to take any chances.” What they don’t see is that if there really is a god, and they believe in a god, they are never ever going to meet God. They are only going to meet their beliefs.

You hear some born-again people speak of a near death experience and say they almost died and went heaven. They met St. Peter and he said God said it wasn’t their time and to come back to earth. I have died, and in death there is no thought. There are no people talking to you in death. That is in the insane asylum called church.

We are instilled with big reward and big punishment and that makes it easy for us to accept belief. And it makes it easier for the preacher to collect more money. More money, more heaven. Less money, more hell.

You might ask if belief is the root of all this, or is it the instilling of fear? Now you have to get deeply into this and walk directly into the core of it in order to find out. If you get to the core of it, you would discover that thought is it. Thought is the core. Thinking there is a reward and punishment, and thought is what invents the belief, and fear comes out of thinking.

The great news is that on this entire planet we have only one problem: Thought. That is the only problem we have on the whole planet. If we solved the problem of thought, all the other problems would dissolve away. All of the other supposed problems are solved.

On this planet we have thought. Thought is what is here now, and love, intelligence and creation are not. Where thought is, they are not.
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