

The Continuum of the Resolute Faith  
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From Everywhere in Scripture. THE CONTINUUM OF THE RESOLUTE FAITH

#1. Belief and knowledge are often thought to be synonymous. But they are not.

#2. Each one exercises a purpose in the aforementioned continuum. There is

- GOD, source of all things -->
- Then REVELATION breaks into human consciousness -->
- KNOWLEDGE accrues -->
- And then comes BELIEF.

Belief is the act of creating active relation between God and things. Belief is the conscious decision to connect; to cross the gulf between the word of God and time, nature, the material, circumstance.

- Peter had knowledge of Christ, but not the belief to connect it to the world of things (Matthew 14:22-31). Belief is the necessary element to link the wisdom of God and the power of God to things in the material universe.
- The centurion held just such a belief in Christ (Matthew 8:5-13). Prerequisite to belief as conscious decision to connect are God, revelation and knowledge.

#3. There is the human tendency to accept only that half of the whole continuum. Result: fullness of faith does not develop.

#4. Friedrich Nietzsche ("God Is Dead," 19th century Germany) was asked why he so detested Christianity. Nietzsche said, "I was never impressed that the members of my father's church enjoyed their religion." Plenty of scholarship but no belief.

This half-continuum appears everywhere in Scripture. But it starts in Genesis 3. The gulf between Biblical knowledge and time is linked by a resolute belief.