

someone that we believe in God, we are not presenting to him some incredulous matter that he should find hard to accept. As noted, men generally believe in God. This is not (as said before) the same as Christian belief but it is the cry of our hearts to find identification with and through a Deity. Some men will call that deity "fate:", others "luck" and some "god". But it is a force beyond themselves before which they feel helpless and impotent. To that extent we find all men believing in "God".

Paul, in Acts 17, asserts the reality of God and the group of men on Mars Hill does not argue the point. But Paul astounds them by telling them that he will declare to them the "unknown God" and will prove the validity of his knowledge by exhibiting Christ who was raised from the dead to prove the truth of Divine origin. This will be accepted by faith or denied. And that brings us to the concept of Hebrews 11...one comes to God believing, not with full intelligence, but believing. And as his heart and mind are opened to the facts of God's dealing, he is enabled to know and understand more of the wonderful character and dealing of God. By faith we come believing in Him--that he is and that he will honor those who seek him.

The definition then, for Christians, of the God of belief, will come from the Bible. The belief they hold will be a more particular belief than what is held by all men in general. It will find a more realistic substance and a fuller expression in the force that he exercises on life. It is a belief, not in things or forces, but in a revealed person. And that is basically what we mean when we say: "We believe in God."

2. Discussion

a. We believe in God who is personal.

As Hebrews 11:6 puts it..."he must believe that he is...". Our God is a Being.