



into the Melting Pot

the question is more important than the answer

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What Do You Believe? A gentle introduction to 'The Creed'

The four meanings of faith:

- ❖ Assensus – Belief, giving mental assent to a proposition, believing a claim or statement is true
- ❖ Fiducia – Trust
- ❖ Fidelitas – Fidelity, loyalty, allegiance, commitment at the deepest level
- ❖ Visio – Vision, a way of seeing (the whole)

Credo (I believe) does not have to mean agreeing to the literal and factual truth (although this is the understanding for many/most today), but rather commit to, give my heart to. The words believe and below are related.

(Ref: The Heart of Christianity, Marcus J Borg)

	Apostles' Creed Methodist Worship Book baptism service	Yes	No	Don't Know	Rewrite /Define
1	I believe in God,				
2	the Father				
3	almighty,				
4	Creator of heaven and earth.				
5	I believe in Jesus Christ,				
6	God's only Son,				
7	our Lord,				
8	who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,				
9	born of the Virgin Mary				
10	suffered under Pontius Pilate,				
11	was crucified,				
12	died,				
13	and was buried;				
14	he descended to the dead.				
15	On the third day he rose again,				
16	he ascended into heaven,				
17	he is seated at the right hand of the Father,				
18	and will come again				
19	to judge the living and the dead.				
20	I believe in the Holy Spirit,				
21	the holy catholic Church,				
22	the communion of saints,				
23	the forgiveness of sins,				
24	the resurrection of the body,				
25	and the life everlasting.				