



into the Melting Pot

the question is more important than the answer

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What's Left? What do you believe and why?

Following many of the previous Melting Pot sessions, where we have deconstructed much of the 'traditional' view of the Christian Faith, we now seek to distil what it is we *do* believe in.

- What is it about the mystery of existence that draws us to some understanding of spirituality we call God?
- What is the reality of the unseen?
- What's so special about Jesus?

The table below was used in our very first session back in September 2013 (though the item 5 has now been split in two).

	Apostles' Creed Methodist Worship Book baptism service	Yes	No	??	Rewrite / Define
1	I believe in God,				
2	the Father				
3	almighty,				
4	Creator of heaven and earth.				
5	I believe in Jesus				
6	Christ				
7	God's only Son,				
8	our Lord,				
9	who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,				
10	born of the Virgin Mary				
11	suffered under Pontius Pilate,				
12	was crucified,				
13	died,				
14	and was buried;				
15	he descended to the dead.				
16	On the third day he rose again,				
17	he ascended into heaven,				
18	he is seated at the right hand of the Father,				
19	and will come again				
20	to judge the living and the dead.				
21	I believe in the Holy Spirit,				
22	the holy catholic Church,				
23	the communion of saints,				
24	the forgiveness of sins,				
25	the resurrection of the body,				
26	and the life everlasting.				

Also from that session, we have 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 believe are related.

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

So let's start writing down, as best we can, some ideas of a re-expression of our faith.