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*Free yourself from set beliefs and dogmas if you wish to discover your own truths,  
-Osho*

You may be born in a Hindu, Christian or Jewish family; they all condition your **mind** that there is a God. They give a certain image, certain ideas, about God. And they create in you such **fear** that to doubt is dangerous.

Believe, and you are on the side of God; doubt, and you are on the side of the Devil. A child is bound to buy whatever story you are giving him. He is afraid. He is afraid to be alone at home at night, and you are talking about eternal hell: 'You go on falling and falling into darkness and deeper darkness, and there is no end to it, and you can never come out of it.' Naturally, the child simply shrinks from doubting, becomes afraid that it is not worth it.

And belief is so simple. Nothing is expected of you — just to believe in God...that he will redeem you too, is so easy. And this happens at such a small age. And then you go on growing, and the belief and the conditioning and the ideas and the **philosophy** all go on top of it — that it is very difficult to dig and find out that there was a day when you were also full of doubt. And the doubt has been crushed.

Once you close the doors of doubt, you have closed the doors of reason, thinking, asking, inquiring. You are no more really a human being. You are just a zombie, hypnotised, conditioned and persuaded out of fear, out of greed, to believe in things which no normal child is going to believe if all these things are not arranged. Once you stop doubting and thinking, you can believe anything.

The politician wants it, because if you are a believer in a certain religion, you are gullible. If you go to a place of worship, it is enough indication that you are not a man who thinks, questions, argues, who will not take anything unless it is proved logically, rationally, scientifically. Whether you are a Hindu, Muslim, Christian, or a Jew, it does not matter, because the basic strategy is exactly the same: close the doors of doubt completely, don't take any chances, don't leave any question marks in the person, and fill his mind with all kinds of beliefs.

I want you to become completely free of all jargon that has been given to you by others. And I am not giving you any jargon. So try to understand my different position. That's why I say this is the first religion of the world.

If you change your religion from one faith to another, nothing will change. You will only be changing superficial words, clothes perhaps, at the most; not even your skin will be touched. You will remain

the same person. Of course, you will have a new set of beliefs instead of the old set of beliefs. My function is totally different. My function is to take away whatever you have got and not to give you anything in its place. Once hindrances are removed, you will start growing and flowing. You will start searching on your own, and soon you will gain strength and a new power, because even a small discovery on your own will give you such immense [happiness](#) that you cannot conceive it.

Just a small discovery on your own and you are a different being, because now truth is born in you. It may be just a seed, but the beginning has been made. You will feel a new thrill, which is not possible if I give you a belief, a ready-made dogma, an ideology. So I don't give you anything, I only take away all that you have.

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