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Subject: Re: A psychological question: "choose to believe"

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HaTe wrote on Sun, 27 February 2011 11:55 So I shouldn't believe that there isn't poison in my food? I do believe that there isn't....and yes, Spooky. Everything is a choice, and everything has alternative choices. I can choose to either believe my food is poisoned, or not to. I choose to not to. It's both a belief and a choice.

Quote:What is not known surely cannot be believed?

That makes no sense whatsoever. Beliefs aren't based solely on facts, but opinions as well. God is the best example....I may not KNOW he is real, but I can still very much so believe he is.

This confuses me. I've always thought that actually knowing that whatever you're believing in is actually real or factual was a pre-requisite to "believing". Maybe it isn't. Maybe people are deceived as such. Maybe people don't require to know before believing; which I find hard to understand. Where is the line drawn between accepting what someone says, and actually believing them?

I dunno, this is getting too muddled for me. I can't understand the logic behind it. If I tell you x existed, but I had no evidence whatsoever to support it, then what information do you have to warrant belief other than this might end up being beneficial to you? (I.e, Heaven yay!) I can't think in such a way.

So by the looks of it, the answer to the OP is looking towards, yes, you probably could choose to believe; no matter how misinformed you may be.

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