

Reflection Tuesday 4th Week Easter 2022

Last Sunday evening the Theologica Society met in St Mary's to reflect on the theme of 'Doubt'. Both in Acts and in John's gospel Doubt plays a major role in Jesus' encounters with the religious authorities. Unfortunately for them, doubt was an obstacle to belief, although doubt can be understood in other positive ways. The speakers on Sunday made clear that questions raised by doubt are not only important but necessary for our faith to grow. In this sense doubt urges us to search for a deeper understanding of our belief and the God in whom we believe, knowing that we can never fully understand our faith and religion in this life – only in the next. In other words, a healthy faith requires us to doubt or question our faith for our faith to grow.

Faith in Honest Doubt *Alfred Tennyson*

You tell me, doubt is Devil-born.
I know not: one indeed I knew
in many a subtle question versed,
who touched a jarring lyre at first,
but ever strove to make it true:
perplexed in faith, but pure in deeds,
at last, he beat his music out.
There lives more faith in honest doubt,
believe me, than in half the creeds.
He fought his doubts and gathered strength,
he would not make his judgment blind,
we faced the spectres of the mind
and laid them: thus he came at length
to find a stronger faith his own;
and Power was with him in the night,
which makes the darkness and the light,
and dwells not in the light alone,
but in the darkness and the cloud,
as over Sinai's peaks of old,
while Israel made their gods of gold,
altho' the trumpet blew so loud.

Did you hear about the horse that doubted everything? He was a neeeeiighsayer.

I doubt whiskey is the answer, But it's worth a shot.

"Remember son, a smart person always has doubts about something. Only a total idiot can be 100% sure about everything. Son "Dad, are you sure?" Father: "Absolutely!"