

“What if some do not believe... ?”

Romans 3:3

What if some do not have faith?
Will their lack of faith nullify God's
faithfulness? **NIV**

What if some did not believe?
Will their unbelief make the faith
of God without effect? **KJV**

Literal = the faith of God (pistis tou theou)

NIV = faithfulness of God

KJV = human faith in God

A QUESTION HAVING TWO POSSIBLE NUANCES

1. Does human unbelief cancel/affect **God's** faithfulness (NIV)
2. Does unbelief of [**some**] humans ruin the reality of faith [**for others**] (KJV)

There is no dispute that faith,
acknowledgement, worship, reverence
of God/in God is severely attacked or
gone absent from our culture today.
This was not always so.

WHY do beliefs CHANGE or DIE?

New **FACTS** become available
(information change)

* The old belief is proven **wrong**

New **REALITIES** emerge

(circumstances/comparisons change)

* The old belief becomes **unpopular**

New facts about God? **NO**

The Bible? **YES** (many confirmations
of historical details)

New realities that have changed the
perception of God? **YES**

a) **Wealth** (self sufficiency)

I DO NOT **NEED** to trust God
to supply my needs!

b) **Technology** (busyness)

I DO NOT HAVE **TIME** to trust God
or even contemplate whether I should!

Humanism (science)

I DO NOT **WANT** to trust God. I wish to measure/explain everything by my “reason!”

Humanism.

All questions of origin, identity, and purpose must be explained from the natural world.

“The universe is all there is or ever was or ever will be.” Carl Sagan

Science is exciting! It can also be a trip of self-centeredness that reaches a destination of hopelessness.

- No choice (*Darwin*)
- No responsibility (*Marx*)
- No absolutes (*Freud*)
- No future (*Dawkins*) etc., etc.

These (historically recent) realities now
COMPETE with faith/worship/devotion
so that in practice MANY people do not
pursue or possess FAITH IN GOD.

QUESTION

Does this massive void of faith change

✓ God's faithfulness (to do) NIV

✓ effectiveness/force/reality/capability
of our faith in Him? KJV

a) God ➤ **Impossible!**

b) Believer ➤ **Impossible!**

1. Do not be **intimidated** by cultural **pressure**
2. Do not be **influenced** by **popularity!**