

Title:	<b>My Corrupt Faith</b>
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## **1. Faith**

To understand what truly motivates me, I must:

- understand faith
- how faith interacts with morals and values
- that faith is the dominant controller of my life and behaviour

### **1.1. What faith is**

*"Faith is what may be called a tele-microscopic faculty the soul discovers in the depth of being, which, pressed into service, penetrates and illuminates the interior darkness, and enables the soul to live in the future as if that future were already present."*

Aphraar, The Gate Of Heaven

*"Faith is the assured expectation of the things hoped for, the evident demonstration of realities though not beheld."*

The Bible, Hebrews 11:1

Faith is what I emotionally feel or expect as a certainty to be true for me now and in my future

Faith (either pure or corrupt) determines all my desires, what I believe are the possibilities for my future, and drives what I hope for and my actions

### **1.2. Every human has faith**

Faith is what motivates all human desire and aspiration

Every person has faith in something, since faith is what motivates behaviour (thoughts, ideas, concepts, beliefs, words, actions, desires and aspirations), and since no person is void of these effects, no person is without faith

Faith is the motivation that drives the direction of change, and is expressed as an intended or aspired to soul based emotional state motivating future decisions, choices and actions

I believe and expect what I have faith in to be true for me, even though I may not have proof that such beliefs and expectations are true

Often my beliefs and expectations are not true for many reasons:

- I have never experimented with God's Truth to know what is true
- My retained unreleased emotional experiences create assumptions of 'truth'
- My childhood and education create assumptions of 'truth' or limits in the possibilities of God's Truth
- My fear of previous pain and suffering, or possible future pain and suffering, prevents me from changing my assumptions about truth

### **1.3. Faith is not intellectual belief**

Faith is not an intellectual concept driven by a facade, for example:

- I claim to believe in an afterlife, but when my child dies, I am stricken with grief I cannot overcome; this indicates there is no true faith in an afterlife, but rather a definite faith in the false belief that death of the physical body is the end of life or relationships
- I claim to believe in love, but I desire to feed my own or others addictions, which indicates that there is no true faith in love as God defines love, but rather a definite faith in selfish short term pleasure or avoidance of pain, and the desire to call addiction 'love', and I use my claim to maintain a false image of myself and my beliefs
- I claim to believe in God's Way and Divine Truth, but do nothing to live in harmony with God's Laws, which indicates there is no true faith in God's Laws, God's Way or Divine Truth, but rather a definite faith in my upbringing, my concepts, and society's definition of the way a good life is lived even though such things cause pain and suffering
- I claim to understand sin, but I constantly sin, which indicates there is no faith in the benefits of understanding sin, the benefits of not sinning, or God's concept of sin, but rather, faith that sin (or my own self righteous maintenance of false beliefs) will give me what I need and want, when I want it, and because I do not consider consequences I really have faith that I am my own God, able to determine for myself right and wrong without consequence

### **1.4. General comments about faith and corruption**

Often the word 'faith' is assumed to be pure, in harmony with God's Laws

- E.g. Faith in God's Truth, God's Love, or God's Laws

But the word can also be used to demonstrate the motivation for the things I desire, **whether those things are pure or evil**

- E.g. Faith that evil, error, sin, or that the outcomes of sin are good and desirable
- E.g. Faith that unloving emotions such as anger, greed, hopelessness, addiction, passivity, selfishness etc, or the suppression of emotions, is/are good and desirable

Any pure motivation or desire that I have developed can be corrupted

- E.g. Love corrupted becomes addiction
- E.g. Truth corrupted becomes facade
- E.g. Care for self corrupted becomes fear
- E.g. Curiosity corrupted becomes cynicism and doubt

1.5. Corrupt faith causes sin

# Motivations to Sin

**All motivations are internal**

Motivation is my incentive, drive, enthusiasm, impetus, stimulus, longing, aspiration



What I **emotionally** believe to be true for **me** now and in **my** future that is flawed, unloving, untrue, unreal or false from God's Perspective

What I **emotionally** believe is right or righteous for myself and others, that is wrong or unrighteous from God's Perspective

What I **emotionally** believe is important, enjoyable, or good, that is unimportant, painful, bad for me and others, or of no value from God's Perspective



Faith dominates morals and values  
Pure faith can dominate corrupt morals and values

When I am born, I have no faith, and I do not have any developed motivation or desire, which means faith can be developed in a corrupt or pure manner

Faith itself can be developed in harmony with God's Principles, and become pure, or can be developed in disharmony with God's Principles, and become corrupt

**Faith, when pure, is the most powerful force for positive change**

**Faith, when corrupted, is the most powerful force for sin**

2. The power of faith compared to morals and values

The interplay between faith, morals and values, in determining motivations for behaviour

2.1. Limits of morals and values

Although morals and values drive future decisions and choices, they are really a reflection of or aspect of my **current** condition

- **Will** is the genuine personal expression of the gift of Free Will, is determined by the current soul based emotional condition, is developed by desire, is measured by its relative harmony with God's Principles, and drives the thoughts, beliefs, attitudes, actions, allowance of inspiration and response to memories of the individual
- **Will** is driven by the soul's current condition and determines what the soul will automatically do in the current moment unless desire or faith is engaged to progress or regress

Morals and values play a part in my motivations and reflect my **current** condition but faith is the largest factor determining my sin and my subsequent behaviour, because faith drives my **future** desires and decisions, and therefore my change

## **2.2. Faith dominates morals and values**

Morals and values are the result of my current condition, while my faith determines my future direction

- What I want for my future will always be more important to me than what has happened to me in the past
- Although the pain and suffering of the past can be emotionally released, the past itself is fixed and unable to be changed, while the future is full of infinite possibilities, and can be changed with any decision
- Since I am naturally more attuned to the possibilities of my future, than what is past and unchangeable, faith (my desires for my future) becomes dominant over my current condition (the result of my unchangeable past)
- Since morals and values are a part of my current condition, faith has power over morals and values, and has the power to change my morals and values in any direction
- True faith is stronger than corrupt faith, since true faith is bound to God's Truth, and corrupt faith is based upon erroneous flawed human reasoning and expectations
- Corrupt faith on a subject will preclude a true faith about the same subject, since my soul is precluded from having opposing faith's about the same subject
- Corrupt faith must be emotionally removed before a true faith can enter my soul

## **2.3. Faith and the analogy or illustration of mud representing sin**

The following analogy or illustration of mud representing sin applies no matter what my morals and values are, and whether I receive help (outside influence) or not:

- My corrupt faith causes me to jump in the mud
- My corrupt faith causes me to enjoy the mud
- My pain and suffering causes me to eventually hate the mud
- My lack of pure faith causes me to stay stuck in the mud
- Developing pure faith causes me to desire to get out of the mud
- My pure faith in action results in myself freeing from the mud
- My pure faith in action results in me washing myself clean

## **3. Governance of faith over morals and values determines the way I sin**

Morals and values are always subordinate to my state of faith

Faith is the largest driving force within me

Faith will govern how I sin and how I change

### **3.1. The battle between faith, morals and values**

My condition of faith, whether it is pure and in harmony with God's Laws, or corrupt and out of harmony with God's Laws, will determine how faith wins the battle with morals and values

- If faith, morals and values are all in harmony with God's Principles, then there is no conflict between my faith, and the morals or values I retain (this condition happens when I am at-one with God) and there is no battle between faith, morals and values
- If faith is in harmony with God's Principles, but my morals and values are corrupt, although not perfect now, I will continue to grow towards perfection, have a strong desire to accept God's Principles in my future, and to release any precluding conditions or emotions within my soul that prevent me from accepting God's Principles, and my faith will successfully overcome and remove my corrupt morals and values
- If morals and/or values are in harmony with God's Principles, but my faith is corrupt, my corrupted faith will determine that I degrade my soul condition further by sinning more, potentially also corrupting my morals and values, and eventually my corrupt faith dominates to the point that my sin creates enough pain and suffering to cause me to examine and change what I have faith in
- If faith, morals and values are all corrupt, in disharmony with God's Principles, again there is no battle between faith, morals and values, and I will run headlong from sin to more sin, with no pause until my sin creates enough pain and suffering to cause me to examine and change what I have faith in

**3.2. Faith is the controlling force over behaviour and change**

While morals and values motivate me, I must consider that my faith is the main controlling force over my behaviour and my future

- My internal hierarchy determines that some morals are more important than other morals, but faith will guide the positive development or degradation of my morals
- My internal hierarchy determines that some values are more important than other values, but faith will guide the positive development or degradation of my values
- My internal hierarchy determines that some morals are more important than some values, but faith will guide the positive development or degradation of my morals that control my values
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The internal hierarchy with regard to morals and values (our current condition) is governed by faith (which drives my aspirations or desires for a different future condition)

How my faith is developed will **ultimately** determine the internal decision tree applied to all thoughts, ideas, concepts, beliefs, decisions and actions, since faith has governance over current condition and motivation

**3.3. Example governance of pure faith over values and morals**

Value	I am very hungry (true)
Moral	I should not steal (true)
Faith	I believe that if I follow God's Laws and I treat others with respect as the Law demands, not only will my life benefit now, but also my life after I pass will benefit, and that passing from earth into the spirit world is the truth of my future (true)
Situation	I have the opportunity to get some food, but it would mean stealing it from another person or a location that does not belong to me

Decision Now value will be negated by the power of my pure faith, which is in harmony with moral, and so, I will not steal under any circumstance. Since I am now in harmony with God's Law spirit assistance can be given to help me find food honestly, it is certain I will not remain hungry

**3.4. Example governance of corrupt faith over values and morals**

Value I am very hungry (true)  
Moral I should not steal (true)  
Faith I believe that following God's Laws is not practical for living in the circumstance, and, if I believe in God at all, I believe that God will allow me to, or even want me to, steal if the situation demands it, and I have no true belief in an afterlife correcting my sin (corrupt)  
Situation I have the opportunity to get some food, but it would mean stealing it from another person or a location that does not belong to me  
Decision Now moral will be negated by my corrupt faith, and since I am very hungry, having the opportunity, I will steal the food

**4. Examples of corrupt faith causing sin**

The purpose of providing examples is not to provide rules for actions and decisions, but rather, is to help me understand how corrupt faith motivates the sins I commit

Obviously there are an infinite amount of situations that can be discussed, and it is important to apply the principles rather than examine each possible situation

Examples of corrupt faith are included in appendices at the end of this document

**5. Sins are evidence of corrupt faith**

Evidence for a corrupt faith based condition, or a lack of development of a pure faith in harmony with God's Principles, can be found by examining my sins, and also the outcomes of my sins (my behaviour) that brings pain and suffering to myself and others

Evidence for a pure faith in harmony with God's Principles can be found by examining my actions deemed as loving by God that bring happiness to myself and others

Since there are an infinite number of ways I can sin, there are an infinite number of possible examples of the evidence of an internally corrupt faith, or lack of pure faith

Examine the list presented in "My Corrupt Morals & Values" section "Sins are evidence of my corrupt morals and values", and question the condition of faith that drives these sins

**6. Conclusion**

**Reminders**

My faith will govern my moral and value system

My corrupt faith will determine how I sin, why I sin, how I respond to my corrupt morals and values, how I change, and when I change

My sins are evidence of how my faith is corrupt

**Next Presentation: My Corrupt Faith Q&A**

10 minute break

## 8. Appendix 1 Examples of corrupt faith causing sin

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### 8.1. Example corrupt faith regarding family

Value	I value equality in humanity (true)
Morals	I should not steal (true) I should not kill (true)
Faiths	Family provides security and value that God cannot offer (corrupt) I will get love, value and worth by caring for my children (corrupt) My child will die if I do not steal or kill for water (corrupt) I cannot emotionally cope with my child dying (corrupt)
Situation	My child is physically dying from lack of hydration
Decision	Since the circumstance is severe for my child, my corrupt faith determines that I will ignore the value and morals and either steal and/or kill others in order to get water (a sin of commission)

### 8.2. Example corrupt faith regarding family or friends

Value	Lying causes pain and suffering (true)
Moral	Lying is wrong (true)
Faiths	Telling the truth gets me into trouble (corrupt) Lying protects people (corrupt) My family or friends cannot emotionally handle this truth (corrupt)
Situation	I saw a friend cheating on their partner
Decision	I will definitely lie, offer an incomplete explanation, or withhold the truth of the situation, since my corrupt faith justifies the action as self protective or in the best interest of my friend or their partner (sin of commission or omission)

### 8.3. Example corrupt faith regarding sexual addiction

Value	I value monogamous relationships (true)
Moral	My sexual desires should be subordinate to the sexual contract I have made with my soul mate (true)
Faiths	It is impossible to find my soul mate amongst 7 billion people (corrupt) My soul mate attraction will always be highly sexually charged (corrupt) Nothing bad happens if I have a monogamous relationship with someone I know is not my soul mate as long as I am faithful to them (corrupt)
Situation	I do not know who my soul mate is, but I am very sexually attracted to a person who is also attracted to me

Decision My value and moral will have no bearing in my conduct, and rather, my corrupt faith will determine that I have a sexual relationship with the person (which will be a sin against my soul, a sin of commission)

**8.4. Example corrupt faith regarding money**

Values I value the welfare and wellbeing of others (true)  
I work hard and deserve a good holiday (true)

Moral It is right to give to people in need (true)

Faiths I will die of starvation if I do not have a nest egg at all times (corrupt)  
If everyone worked hard no-one would be hungry (corrupt)  
The world will always have the problem of starvation (corrupt)

Situation I have the opportunity to permanently help a starving child rather than going on an expensive holiday

Decision My corrupt faith, although sometimes contradictory logically, all support my decision to go on an expensive holiday, and I will delay the satisfaction of my moral and values or give token support to them (sins of commission and omission)

**8.5. Example corrupt faith regarding romantic relationships**

Value I would like to romantically feel close to another (true)

Moral I believe that intimacy is a human right (corrupt)

Faiths Love hurts (corrupt)  
All persons of the opposite gender have unchangeable character traits that end up hurting me (corrupt)

Situation Someone I am attracted to is attracted to me and wants to have a relationship with me

Decision My corrupt faith about the character of the opposite gender, along with my inability to have faith in love, will cause me ignore my value and moral, and either avoid the relationship completely, or do things to sabotage the relationship (sin of omission or commission)