

TRUE BELIEVERS

- They are less confident that humans can sort things out for themselves.
- They look for help from the outside – from God, spirits, or extraterrestrials.
- Their world is black and white. They seek simple and certain truths provided by a source that they think is more reliable than the human mind.
- They prefer a universe proportioned to human scale.
- They are repulsed by diversity, comforted by dogma and respectful of authority.
- They go out of their way to offer (sometimes forcibly administer) their truths to others, convinced of the righteousness of their cause.
- They are likely to be “born again,” redeemed by faith and the apocalyptic.
- Although generally pessimistic about the state of this world, they are confident something better lies beyond the grave.

Religion (of True Believers) is Defended by:

- Ancient texts – Bible, Quran, or LDS scripture.
- Strong belief or faith.
- Revelation – Usually given to only a select few people, whose interpretations vary widely and whose stories do not require corroboration (accepted by faith).

SKEPTICS

- They are the children of the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment.
- They are always a little lost in the vastness of the cosmos, but they trust the ability of the human mind to make sense of the world.
- They accept the evolving nature of truth and are willing to live with a measure of uncertainty.
- Their world is covered in shades of gray.
- They tend to be socially optimistic, creative, and confident of progress.
- Since they hold their truths tentatively, skeptics are tolerant of cultural and religious diversity
- They are more interested in refining their own views than in proselytizing others.
- If they retain any religious underpinnings from their upbringing and culture, they wrestle with God in a continuing struggle of faith.

Secularism or Science (of Skeptics) is Defended by:

- The five senses. The human brain.
- The scientific method.
- Experiments that are juried by peers. Ideas that can't withstand cross examination are eliminated and forgotten.