



Do All Roads Lead to Rome?

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1. What is your thought process when you are faced with something that challenges an existing belief for you? Is it purely rational? To what extent might emotion play a part?
2. What is something you believe in very strongly, and would argue with anybody that told you otherwise?
3. How can our awareness of the process of belief strengthen our beliefs and shape the way we interact with people from different faiths and backgrounds?
4. How would you react if somebody told you that what you believed was wrong? What would you use to weigh up their arguments?
5. Is it necessary to always keep an open mind, or are there some things you should believe even when it is harder to have faith?
6. Why do you think people feel the need to convince others to share the same beliefs as them? Is it important that everybody believes the same things all the time?
7. What are some potential problems of assuming all religions stand for essentially the same thing?
8. If you are convicted that something is true, do you have a moral obligation to share that truth with others?
9. Many hold a combination of beliefs but call themselves Christians. For example, a Christian who also believes that Buddha is good luck and bring prosperity. How would you respond to this person? Are we ever like this?
10. Is it ever acceptable to 'agree to disagree' on topics of difference?
11. What impact do you think it had that Paul used objects from their existing worship practices to open their eyes to a new set of beliefs? How important is it to understand the culture and beliefs of people we are in dialogue with?
12. What can we learn from the way that Paul reasoned with the people of Athens, when faced with conflicting beliefs? How might we apply this to our own interactions when discussing our beliefs with others?