FINDING FAITH  In the midst of uncertainty

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When we order a meal in a restaurant, we don't go back into the kitchen and stand over the chef's shoulder... we give the order to the waiter and continue enjoying our dining partners. We may hear the chaos in the kitchen but we are unaffected by it because we have faith that our order will emerge just as we ordered it. Why can't we have as much faith in God as we have in McDonalds?

Imagine that every thought, word and deed is a prayer, and this prayer is an order that we place with the Universe. We can trust that God’s Grace will bring us a reflection of this prayer, even though the most important and powerful time of the creative process is the time of chaos and uncertainty. The divine chaos of the void is so powerful because that is when things are being taken apart and reformulated so that the whole is more than the sum of its parts. We can have faith that God is the chef and it will all turn out fine. So how can we find faith in the midst of uncertainty?

F. Forgiveness
A. Affirmation
I. Intention
T. Trial
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Forgiveness – Finding Faith begins with understanding what undermines our faith. Our memories of the past (when our faith was not fulfilled) sabotages the positive faith that we want. These memories gave us faith in the wrong things. We have faith that “he” won’t call. We have faith that things won't turn out right, because that is what has happened in the past. We have faith that we will experience pain and suffering again. This “negative faith” is based on our wounding in the past, and creates an echo of the same experiences from our past.

We can counteract “negative faith” by invoking the grace and light of God that heals our inner cause, and changes our outer experience. Our inner cause may have been disappointment in a person, place or thing. Forgiveness moves the light and grace of God into that place in our hearts where faith has been betrayed and restores a sense of love. Forgiveness creates “divine amnesia” where we forget to re-create the past because that is the only vision that we can hold in our minds. With “divine amnesia” the light of God that is in the moment of now will obliterate the power of the past and create an experience that reflects the bliss of the moment.

Affirmations hypnotize the brain. If you tell the brain the truth as you want to experience it (an affirmation) something shifts in your mind (a shift in your perception) and you begin to believe and operate in accordance with the affirmation. The brain secretes neuropeptides that change the chemistry and the vibrational rate of the cells and this change in vibration attracts a new outcome to you. An affirmation molds the unformed substance that you have created through your prayers of forgiveness (the divine substance that is like “play doh”). The substance is formed in accordance with the energy and meanings of our affirmations. Affirmations work for specific aspects or experiences that we desire.
**Intention.** As metaphysicians, we no longer believe that life happens to us. We believe that we can make life happen for us. When you believe that life happens to you, you are always going to be the victim of unintended consequences. When you believe that you have the power to make life happen for you, you create the consequences by healing the inner cause and thus changing the outer effect. Where an affirmation is a statement of truth for a specific aspect of experience, an Intention is a broad view of our desired end-state (the reflection of a broad range of affirmations). When you set your intention, that vision pulls your forward and begins to attract circumstances that reflect this vision.

Years ago I had the intention of becoming financially independent so that I could devote more of my time to the ministry. In order to do so, I wanted a promotion so that I could earn and save more. I asked my boss to “put in a good word” for me with his colleague who was responsible for the promotion I targeted. He agreed to do so, but stated that he never “ran into” this colleague to put in a “plug” for me in a way that was natural and not contrived. Within an hour he came back to me saying “You’ll never guess who I ran into….” (he had run into this colleague “accidentally”). This was an example of the energy of the vision arranging the circumstances that would enable it to manifest.

**Trial.** We used to call it trial and error. We now call it trial and experience. We understand that there are no errors, just experiences that give us an opportunity to learn, grow and heal. What we judge to be an error is just the universe reflecting to us an aspect of our consciousness that sabotages our desires. Without active, proactive meditation, this is the only way we see an outer reflection of our subconscious minds so that we can heal our consciousness at the deepest level possible.

Our task is to put God to the test. Malachi 3:8 – 11 said “Put me to the test and I will pour your out a blessing” Call on God repeatedly through prayer, meditation, and practicing the presence of God and you will stay in the flow of grace that will out-picture in your life. It becomes especially important to call on God when we are in the midst of uncertainty, and to ask for the healing power of God’s grace, so that it can restore your faith.

**Healing** is the substitution of truth where there has been an illusion. Healing is the purpose of our lives, and each experience that we have enables us to examine our beliefs and see where we hold illusions that cause us to not enjoy our lives. We can then substitute the truth for these illusions and move into a deeper union with God’s love and enjoy our lives more. The healing truth is that God loves us, no matter what our lives look like in the moment. The healing truth is that there is a plan for our lives and this plan is meticulously guided by the guardian angels who are emissaries of light, and that even if we don’t understand it, this plan will move us into a deeper and closer relationship with God. When we find our faith, even in the midst of uncertainty, this faith contains the power to heal. Trust God to guide your path. Forgive the past, affirm the present, set your intention, try God’s grace, and heal your erroneous beliefs and this is how you will find faith in the midst of uncertainty.