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I hold it. This is the more difficult task, because some of the foundations of faith belong to a region of experience which does not readily lend itself to plain and simple exposition.

“Further, it is necessary to make a distinction between belief and opinion. I may have a thousand opinions but no belief at all. For an opinion is a static thing which makes no difference to my conduct; but the moment it begins to make a real difference to me, then it becomes a belief. A belief is distinguished from an opinion by possessing and being a force. Very few of our opinions matter at all, but our beliefs matter everything. And in that continent of opinions which most of us hold the important matter is that bright, comparatively small, burning core of belief which governs our life. It will be obvious, therefore, that I am not proposing to draw out anything in the nature of a creed or a confession. All I want to do is to try to straighten out our