

Test the truth and doubt the doubt!

Step One – ‘Questioning’: This is doubt investigation. A good and right process (To know the *‘Truth that will make you free’* you have to question!)

Step Two – ‘Challenging’: This is doubt speculation. The doubt being harboured is so because the challenge appears to have some genuine credibility and solid evidence, and needs further examination with a right attitude. (This is what the Apostle Paul applauded the Berean’s for doing. (Acts 17:10-11))

Step Three – ‘Scepticism’: This is doubt accommodation and is moving the candidate into a dismissive rather than engaging space. Healthy scepticism holds doubt because evidence warrants it. However, unhealthy scepticism is usually the result of conditioning rather than investigating.

So what pushes us ‘over the edge’ into full blown cynicism? Fear, pain, distrust and the suspicion they can generate. Perhaps nihilism, ‘self-ism’, rebellion and the arrogance they can muster?

Step Four – ‘Cynicism’: This is doubt justification – I am now predisposed to view all data presented to me through a lens of predetermined doubt!

In this place I am a very real candidate for ‘unbelief’, a condition difficult to move and troublesome for any soul who wants to discover God’s Truth.

Remember...

“Without faith, it is impossible to please God!”

Hebrews 11:6