

This thinksheet deprives scientific, economic, political, and religious dogmas of both truth-status and faith/doubt-status; and defines "cult" as lived dogma on the Left or Right. The visual here is also a paradigm: Jesus' heroic vertical struggle between doubt ["Why have You abandoned me?"] and faith ["Into your hands I commit my spirit."] is pincerred between dogma on the Right (Rome, Sadducees, Right-leaning Pharisees) and dogma on the Left (Hellenism, Zealotry, Left-leaning Pharisees).

whenever the courage we call for More that risks landing on Less, surrender my flatlander status within a "citizen") and open myself to the (to become [Greek] a "hero"); and Re-faith's vision inevitably, as the ac-and by his will will not permit the

FAITH

Incarnation continues faith, the trapeze leap occurs; Crucifixion occurs whenever I dogmatic arrangements (in Greek, being self-righteous rage of the merely pious surrection occurs, unpredictably but in tion of the God who by his nature cannot final victory of dogma.

1. Dogma, and thus cult as its lived for the reason that dogma is a defen-feelings (fear, anger, love, hate,

expression, cannot have truth-status sive-offensive mix of truth, authority, hope), error, opinion, prejudice. Dog-

DOGMA

(change)
(ideologies on the left)

ma is thus antonym and enemy of both faith/doubt, viz. science (i.e., the humble, nondogmatic, eager testing light of observation and experiment). the parent of the cults of scientism "heroes" as a necessary ladder out of "in" "-isms" now fracturing and threa-coalition of authentic religion (i.e., once (i.e., reason against all ration-

DOGMA

(permanence)
(ideologies on the right)

faith/doubt and that fragile child of scientific mentality and method: the and replacing/refining of theory in While rationalism is itself a dogma and and positivism, reason is honored by all the well of ignorance. Against all the tening the world, we desperately need a faith/doubt against all dogmas) and sci-alism and rationalizations).

2. Dogma, and thus cult as its lived the reason that dogma-cult expels the I am a believer rather than a "true at any moment of my life I am doubt-believing both my doubts and my be-myself by prayer, reason, and the com-the seductions of the sanctions of an-against both "tradition" and "trends"). genes, my pains, and my plans. I must functioning primarily for my own sur-the intellectual programming dogmatists ever trying to impose on me: pressures tions) must be offered up to the One risk of the abyss of absurdity, beyond the pregnant chaos of

expression, cannot have faith-status for dynamic polar of faith, viz. doubt. If believer" (i.e., a dogmatist-cultist), ing both my beliefs and my doubts and liefs. In this sifting, I must protect panionship of fellow-believers against tiquity and of contemporaneity (i.e., I must honor the dialog within me of my resist brainwashing myself with views viving and thriving, and resist equally in all fields of human endeavor are for-internal ("motives") and external ("sanc-who calls me to be more than I am at the on the faith that new creation is faith/doubt.

DOUBT

NOTES ON THE VISUAL:.....(1) The transept or horizontal shows the polarization and potential violence of antithetic rigidities, the hypertrophizing of our human need for "system," order at the risk of tyranny on the Right and anarchy on the Left. We humans do indeed need to unify "all things" into a way of seeing and living in the world (=my definition of "religion"). We do indeed need frames of reference, paradigms of thought aⁿaction. When ravaged by doubt, we are indeed tempted to cru-cify doubt (that inner friend of faith and truth, and enemy of dogma and cult), so desperate can we become for truth and security (as Jesus refused, but the Church did not, to answer Pilate's question [Jn.18.38])....(2) Theory yields quietly and nonviolently to fact, but dogma-cult yields only to the expulsive power of new d.-c.