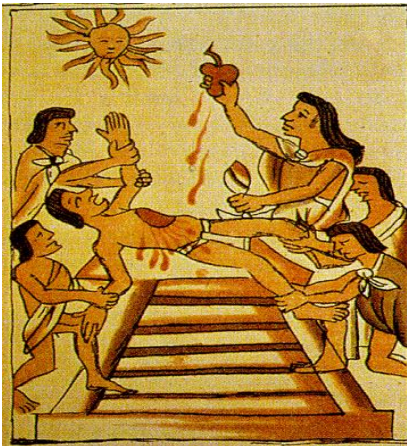




## WHEN FAITH BECOMES DANGEROUS

Some people in the world take “just have faith, it will work out” very seriously, even in conditions against reasoning they face dangerous experiences for testing their faith. But in fact, what is faith? This little word means confidence, assurance, and belief in your convictions or spirituality. Faith grows in each person and is influenced by cultural and social aspects, it is a personal experience such as mystical. Faith are the beliefs in something that you hope or want for your life and define your behavior; therefore, some people do extreme practices to acknowledge their faith.

In the history of humanity men have been attracted by unknown, inexplicable, unnatural and miracles reasons, Hegel said religion and philosophy are expressions of the



basic urge of conscious to learn about itself and its surroundings. Currently we can separate some aspects like religion, spirit, soul, god or beliefs. Also, William James distinguished between institutional religion and personal religion. Institutional religion refers to the religious group or organization and personal religion, in which the individual has a mystical experience. In both categories there are taboo practices, to illustrate this, no so far in processions in Chiquinquirá- Colombia there have been lacerated people, in Monserrate –Bogotá some people climb in their knees.



Vanuatu Pentecost Island is the home of the most dangerous prove of faith in the world, many people here have animistic beliefs and they try rituals in rain falls but the most important happens every year, they organize a ritual for the god favor. The ritual is for young man and boys, they have to jump from a tower and crush into the grown like a bungee jumping but without protection, this considered a sacrifice to the survivor of the community. The faith's work here is to give the man the courage to jump and don't feel fear, the longest jump is from 50mts, risk their own children's life for faith.

In the spring festivals in North Greece Angie Eleni there are special group of people that walk barefoot trough the fire and this doesn't just happen in Greece also in Japan, Sao Pablo-Brazil and all around the world. This is considered unnatural situations "sacred" just with the faith you can reach this dangerous objective, in

normal conditions you can't walk into fire. For this reason faith has a condition of miracle and is important owing to shows commitment. Other situation that shows faith's power is a man in Philippines that crucified himself every year for the favor of god with his family. How far would you go to prove your faith?

Definitely faith is a surprising power, is stronger that our logical sense or capacity to feel pain. Is a powerful



human tool that reach high and incomprehensible levels in the mind sometimes when faith is dangerous could affect other people for example when the religion searched is radical and is against other people like jihadists or extremist religion groups. Faith is a mirror of our beliefs and feelings, for this reason we must be careful about our mind health that depends our faith. Have how far do you reached for test your faith?