

A Statement of Disbelief

Concerning God

We do not believe in an old white man with a beard in the clouds, nor in a Santa Claus who keeps a list of who is naughty and nice. We do not believe God is a judge waiting to condemn, vengeful and wrathful, who hates. We do not believe God punishes sin with floods and disasters, or that God created hell. We do not believe God's power is domination, or that God's knowing is surveillance. We do not believe God is in control of every suffering, or makes us suffer to teach and purify us. We do not believe God prefers white men, subjugates women, or has favorites. We do not believe God blessed slavery or sanctioned war. We do not believe faith is a transaction that buys prosperity. We do not believe God is a keeper of many rules to obey. We do not believe the flesh is bad and only the spirit is good. We do not believe God is separate and outside of us.



Concerning the Son

We do not believe Jesus was an afterthought, Plan B for a failed creation. We do not believe God killed Jesus, or that he was only a lamb offered to appease an angry God. We do not believe he was human but not quite human, nonsexual and never angry. We do not believe he is secondary to God. We do not believe he wants to be worshiped rather than followed, or that following him requires us to deny our personhood. We do not believe his life was a string of miracles beyond our reach, as if we could never do such things. We do not believe his love belongs only to the individual, or that some have more access to him than others. We do not believe the Bridegroom owns the Church.

Concerning the Spirit

We do not believe that because she is not male, she is lesser. We do not believe the Holy Ghost is an entity in a chair, or that the third in the Trinity was an afterthought. We do not believe the Spirit does the work while we stand by. We do not believe God is three separate, individual parts of a Godhead, but one life shared in love.

We lay these beliefs down.
We are free to believe again.