Doubt

Christian Theism *(4 –17th C)*

Deism *(18th C)*

Naturalism *(19th C)*

Modern Secularism: *materialism, scientism*

Postmodern Pluralism: *spiritual but not religious*

Faith

Commit, Rely, Depend, Go All In

Involves **Risk**

Requires **Knowledge**

Culture says doubt is required for faith

Elizabeth Gilbert, *Eat, Pray, Love:* faith in God requires “a mighty jump from the rational over to the unknowable.” “If faith were rational, it wouldn’t be—by definition—faith. Faith is belief in what you cannot see or prove or touch. Faith is walking face-first and full-speed into the dark.”

Doubt Is Not Necessary

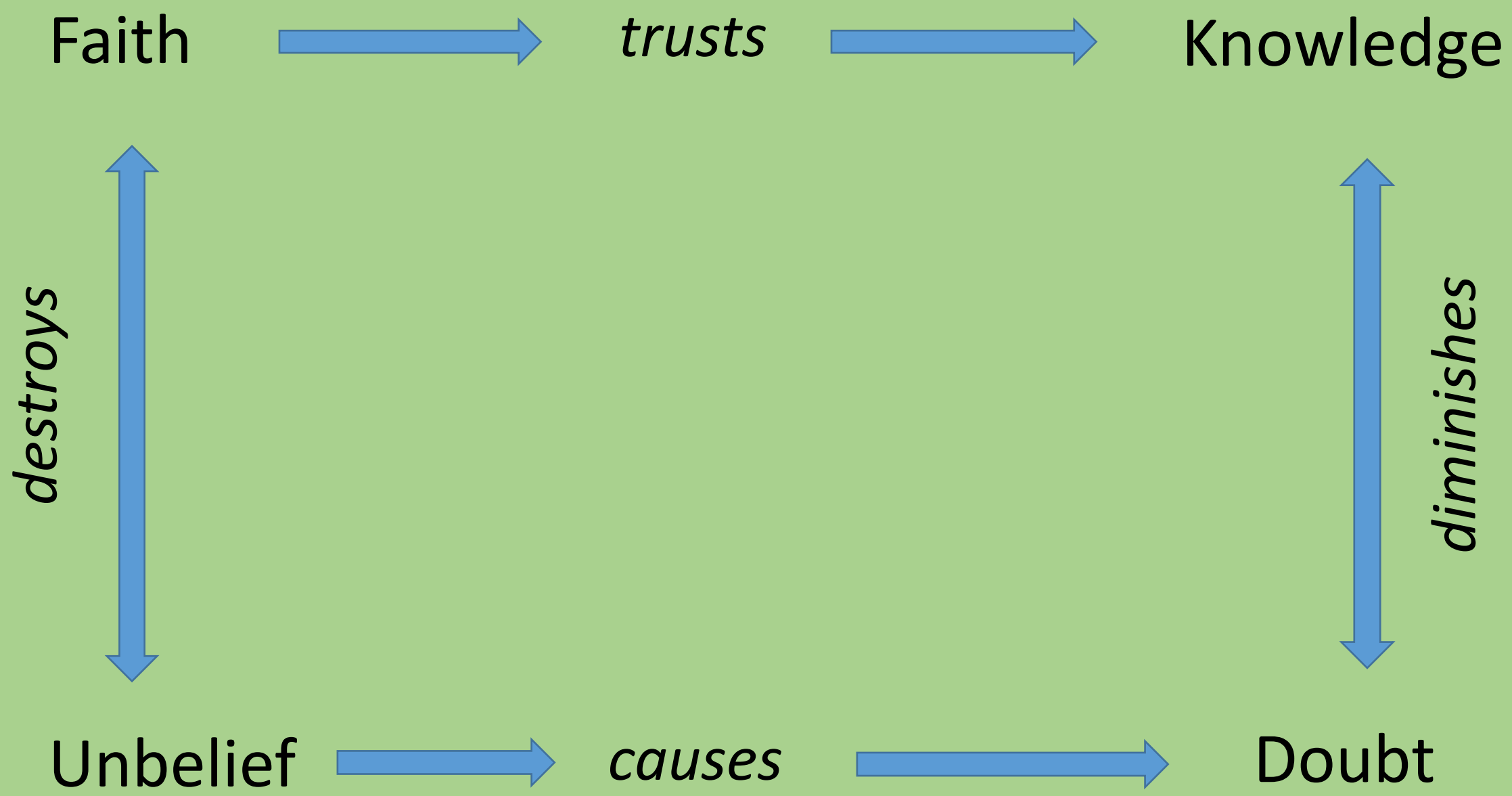
To **Believe**

For **Freedom**

To **Love**

Doubt Is Not the Opposite of Faith

Commit even when unsure *(Luke 23:46)*
Doubt is normal for large commitments
Distress is a sign of faith *(Mark 9:24)*
Object of Faith > Size of Faith *(Matt. 17:20)*
Opportunity
- **Vaccination**
- **Express Commitment**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