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**With or Without You:
Faith, Commitment, and the Religious Imagination**

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The relationship between commitment and doubt is by no means an antagonistic one. Commitment is healthiest when it is not without doubt, but in spite of doubt. – Rollo May

There has been a recent movement in Analytic Philosophy of Religion toward so-called “non-doxastic” accounts of religious faith. Such accounts attempt to make faith compatible with degrees of doubt (or “non-belief”). However, these models of faith tend to rule out both complete certitude and all-out disbelief. In this talk, I attempt to defend an alternative model of religious faith – one which decentralizes the epistemic role of belief in faith and focuses instead on the volitional aspect of commitment. As a substitute for the cognitive element of faith, I focus on the role that the imagination (necessarily) plays in the religious life, and I argue that imaginative engagement with religious propositions and concepts is sufficient to give rise to the affective states and actions relevant to religious faith.

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