

Epicurean substitute for prayer

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This is quite thought provoking [Martin](#) !

Overall, I like it. But in the spirit of inquiry, can we really say that we don't have any beliefs without becoming Skeptics? For instance, I believe that I'm not a brain in a vat. Do I know that? I think so, but I could be wrong. I believe what science tells me, to the extent of my understanding as a lay person. Do I know it? Not really, I'm accepting the information provided by people that I consider honest and better informed than me. More "knowledgeable."

belief

1. *an acceptance that a statement is true or that something exists. "his **belief in** the value of hard work"*
2. *trust, faith, or confidence in someone or something. "I've still got belief in myself"*

knowledge

1. *facts, information, and skills acquired by a person through experience or education; the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject. "a thirst for knowledge"*
2. *awareness or familiarity gained by experience of a fact or situation. "the program had been developed **without his knowledge**"*

Thanks for posting this: it's a good opportunity to clarify the definitions and ramifications of the terms knowledge and belief.