

belief[bɪˈliːf] *n*

1. вера, доверие

beyond /past/ belief - невероятно, немыслимо

hard of belief - недоверчивый

light of belief - легковёрный

unworthy of belief - не заслуживающий доверия (о слухе *и т. п.*)

it staggers belief - трудно поверить

I haven't much belief in his honesty - я не слишком верю в его честность

2. 1) вера, убеждение

a man of strong beliefs - глубоко убеждённый /идейный/ человек

he has a strong belief in all-round education - он глубоко убеждён в необходимости всестороннего образования

2) *рел.* вера, верование

the Belief - символ веры, кредо

heathen beliefs - языческие верования

strange beliefs - странные поверья

superstitious beliefs - суеверия, приметы

belief in God [afterlife] - вера в бога [загробную жизнь]

the beliefs of the Christian Church - вероучения /догмы/ христианской церкви

3. *разг.* мнение, убеждение; понимание

wrong belief - неправильное мнение, заблуждение

it is my belief that ... - по-моему, по моему мнению /убеждению/

to the best of my belief - насколько я понимаю, насколько мне известно

in the wrong belief that ... - исходя из неправильного представления, что ...; ошибочно думая, что ...

belief

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be·lie·f [belief beliefs] *BrE* [bɪˈliːf] *NAmE* [bɪˈliːf] **noun**1. **uncountable** ~ (in sth/sb) a strong feeling that sth/sb exists or is true; confidence that sth/sb is good or right

• I admire his passionate belief in what he is doing.

• belief in God/democracy

• The incident has shaken my belief (= made me have less confidence) in the police.

2. **singular, uncountable** ~ (that...) an opinion about sth; sth that you think is true• She acted **in the belief that** she was doing good.• **Contrary to popular belief** (= in spite of what people may think), he was not responsible for the tragedy.

• There is a general belief that things will soon get better.

3. **countable, usually plural** something that you believe, especially as part of your religion• **religious/political beliefs**

• A society should be judged on its beliefs and values.

compare ↑disbelief, ↑unbelief**more at** beggar belief/description **at** ↑beggar *v.*, to the best of your belief/knowledge **at** ↑best *n.***Idiom:** ↑beyond beliefWord Origin:Middle English: alteration of Old English *gelēafa*; compare with ↑believeThesaurus:**belief** **noun**1. **U**

• belief in God/a cause

faith • **trust** • **confidence** • **conviction** •**Opp:** disbelief, **Opp:** doubtbelief/faith/trust/confidence **in** sb/sth**shake** sb's belief/faith/confidence/conviction**destroy** sb's belief/faith/trust/confidence2. **C, U**

• It's my belief that she's telling the truth.

opinion • **view** • **feeling** • **judgement** • **conviction** • **theory** • |**formal** **contention** • **hypothesis** • **thesis** •the belief/opinion/view/idea/point of view/feeling/judgement/conviction/theory/contention/hypothesis/thesis **that...**a **strong** belief/opinion/view/feeling/convictiona **popular** belief/opinion/view/feeling3. **C, usually pl.**

• You need to examine your own attitudes and beliefs.

values • **principle** • **ideal** • **ethics** • **conviction** • **teaching** • **doctrine** • **philosophy** • **code** • |sometimesdisapproving **ideology** • |**formal** **ethos** • **tenet** •**religious** beliefs/values/principles/ideals/conviction/teaching/doctrine/philosophy/code/ethos/tenets**political** beliefs/values/principles/ideals/ethics/convictions/doctrine/philosophy/code/ideology/ethos/tenets**hold** beliefs/valuesExample Bank:

- Contrary to popular belief, deserts are not always hot.
- Contrary to popular belief, rainforests are not jungles through which you have to slash a path.
- Each religion has its set of beliefs.
- He shared his father's belief that people should work hard for their living.
- He tried to impose his beliefs on other people.
- Here the apostle Peter affirms his belief that the scriptures are 'inspired'.
- I have very firm beliefs about moral issues.
- I think the rights and wrongs of eating meat are a matter of personal belief.
- I took the job in the mistaken belief that I would be able to stay in London.
- It beggars belief how things could have got this bad.
- She clung to the belief that he would come back to her.
- She did it in the belief that it would help her career.
- She has lost her belief in God.
- She was strict with her children in the genuine belief that it was the right thing to do.
- The Labour Party must stick to its beliefs.
- The child's death shook her belief in God.
- The exam results encouraged the belief that he was a good teacher.
- The people still follow their traditional beliefs.
- There is a belief among young people that education is a waste of time.
- They had a shared belief in the power of education.
- They were persecuted for their religious beliefs.
- This latest evidence strengthens our belief that the government is doing the right thing.
- You must respect other people's beliefs.
- a belief in God
- an attempt to reconcile apparently opposite beliefs
- beliefs about the origin of the universe
- the basic beliefs of Christianity
- Belief in God is more than a matter of logic.
- Contrary to popular belief he was not involved in the affair.
- He insisted that giving blood was against his religious beliefs.
- It's my belief that she's telling the truth.
- People who did not subscribe to the dominant beliefs of society were widely persecuted.
- She acted in the belief that she was doing the right thing.
- The beliefs of a minority have come to dominate the political agenda.
- The incident has shaken my belief in the police.
- Those holding Socialist beliefs were expelled from the organization.
- We remain united in our belief in democracy.
- You need to examine your own attitudes and beliefs.

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[Word Family: noun: ↑belief, ↑disbelief, ↑believer, adjective: ↑believable ≠ ↑unbelievable, ↑disbelieving, verb: ↑believe ≠ ↑disbelieve; adverb: ↑unbelievably]

[Date: 1100-1200; Origin: Probably from Old English *geleafa* 'belief', from *leafa* 'belief, faith'; influenced by *believe*]

1. [singular, uncountable] the feeling that something is definitely true or definitely exists

belief in

" a strong belief in God

belief that

" her sincere belief that her brother was not the murderer

in the belief that

" Thieves broke into the building in the mistaken belief that there was expensive computer equipment inside.

2. [singular] the feeling that something is good and can be trusted

belief in

" If you're selling, you have to have genuine belief in the product.

" When you get something wrong, it can shake your belief in yourself.

3. [countable] an idea that you believe to be true, especially one that forms part of a system of ideas:

" religious beliefs

" Several members hold very right-wing beliefs.

4. **beyond belief** used to emphasize that something is so extreme that it is difficult to believe:

" What she did was stupid beyond belief.

⇒ **it beggars belief** at ↑*beggar*²(1), ⇒ **to the best of your belief** at ↑*best*³(4), ⇒ ↑*disbelief*, ↑*unbelief*

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

▪ **a firm/strong belief** It is still my firm belief that we did the right thing.

▪ **a strongly-held/deeply-held belief** (=that you believe very much) her strongly-held belief that things were much better in the past

▪ **a common/popular/widespread belief** (=that a lot of people believe) There is a common belief that educational standards are declining.

- **a widely-held belief** (=that a lot of people believe) The article expressed the widely-held belief that unemployment leads to crime.
- **a mistaken/false belief** the mistaken belief that cannabis is not an addictive drug
- **a sincere belief** (=based on what you really feel is true) We have a sincere belief in the power of art to enhance human life.
- **a passionate belief** his passionate belief that technology is a tool to be used for the benefit of mankind

■ verbs

- **have a belief** You must always have the belief that you can succeed.
- **hold a belief** He held this belief until the day he died.
- **be based on the belief that ...** Our policies must be based on the belief that the planet's resources are finite.

■ phrases

- **it is my belief that** It is my belief that most teachers are doing a good job.
- **contrary to popular belief** (=opposite to what most people think) Contrary to popular belief, boys are not usually better at maths than girls.

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- **religion** [uncountable and countable] a set of beliefs about a god, and the ceremonies and customs that go with these beliefs. Also used when talking about all religions in general: Judaism is one of the great religions of the world. | African tribal religions | a lecture on the role of religion in society
- **faith** [uncountable and countable] a religion, especially one of the large important world religions. Also used when talking about religious belief in general: The school welcomes children of all faiths. | His religious faith was always deeply important to him.
- **belief** [uncountable and countable] the act of believing in a god or gods, or the ideas that someone believes because of their religion: We all have the right to freedom of belief. | They were persecuted because of their religious beliefs.
- **denomination** [countable] a religious group that has slightly different beliefs from other groups who belong to the same religion: The church is the largest Christian denomination in the United States.
- **sect** [countable] a group of people who have their own set of religious beliefs and customs, especially a group that has separated from a larger group: He became a member of a Buddhist sect. | There are two sects in Islam - the Sunni and the Shi'a. | an obscure religious sect
- **the church** [singular, uncountable] the Christian religion in general: How great is the influence of the church in present-day society? | The church has a lot to say about this.
- **the Catholic/Protestant etc church** (also **Church**) [countable] one of the separate groups within the Christian religion: the Methodist Church
- **cult** [countable] an extreme religious group that is not part of an established religion – often used to show disapproval: The suicides have been linked to a strange religious cult. | the traditional pagan cults of Ancient Rome
- **creed** [uncountable and countable] *formal* the religion that you belong to, and the set of beliefs that you accept in order to belong to it – often used in phrases when saying that your religion should not affect how you are treated: There must be no discrimination because of race, colour, or creed. | You will be rewarded whatever your race or creed.
- **faith community** [countable] *formal* a group of people who share the same religious beliefs – used especially in official contexts: the benefits of living within a supportive faith community

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