Doubt

**Advice should always be consumed between two thick slices of doubt. *(Walt Schmidt, in Los Angeles Parklabrea News)***

**The beginning of wisdom is found in doubting. *(Peter Abelard, theologian)***

**Until we realize that things might not be, we cannot realize that things are. *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**Doubt vs. Faith: Doubt sees the obstacles -- Faith sees the way. Doubt sees the darkest night -- Faith sees the day. Doubt dreads to take a step - Faith soars on high. Doubt questions, “Who believes?” -- Faith answers, “I.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Jan speaks to Sylvia on phone: “Hi, Sylvia. This is Jan, your real estate agent. I have found the house for you and Dan.” Sylvia: “Really?” Jan: “Yes! It’s perfect! It has everything you want! It’s in great shape and it’s in your price range!” Nelson: “Mom, can you tell me a bedtime story?” Sylvia: “In a minute, Nelson. Right now someone is telling one to me.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother. *(Kahlil Gibran)***

**I respect faith, but doubt is what gives you an education. *(Wilson Mizner, playwright)***

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**Give me the benefit of your convictions, if you have any; but keep your doubts to yourself, for I have enough of my own. *(Goethe)***

**Doubt can only be removed by action. *(Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)***

**With knowledge comes more doubt. *(Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)***

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**A Puff in the Buff: I have doubts about my health club. The locker room has a smoking and non-smoking section. *(Ellen Orchid, in Catholic Digest)***

**To have doubted one's own first principles is the mark of a civilized man. *(Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., in Collected Legal Papers)***

**He who knows nothing, doubts nothing. *(Italian proverb)***

**I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from doubt. (Charles Horace Mayo, American surgeon and co-founder of the Mayo Clinic (1865-1939)**

**One of Catholicism's leading candidates for sainthood, it turns out, doubted the existence of God, said Helen Kennedy in the New York Daily News. For four decades, Mother Teresa was the epitome of Christian selflessness, ministering to the suffering masses of Calcutta. But in a new book, Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light, the Nobel Prize-winning missionary's letters reveal that amid this misery she often failed to feel "even the smallest glimmer" of God's presence in the world. "I am told God lives in me," she wrote," and yet the reality of darkness and coldness and emptiness is so great that nothing touches my soul." Heartbroken by the suffering she witnessed daily, the nun longed for God "with all power of my soul -- and yet between us there is terrible separation." Mother Teresa even called Jesus "the absent one," confessing after receiving a major humanitarian award, "This means nothing to me, because I don't have Him." *(The Week magazine, September 14, 2007)***

**It's OK to have doubts -- but try to avoid having doubts about your doubts. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Prickly problem: it is possible to live with doubt. I have just finished a third agonizing year of not knowing if my cactus plant is dead or alive. *(Mary Ann Serenda, in "Line o' Type," Chicago Tribune)***

**Don’t mask self-doubt with contempt. *(Zadie Smith)***

**Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we often might win, by fearing to attempt. *(William Shakespeare, in Measure for Measure)***

**Anybody who’s really successful has doubts. *(Jerry Bruckheimer, in Men’s Journal)***

**Doubt is thought and thought is life. Systems which end doubt are devices for drugging thought. *(Albert Guerard, novelist)***

**Doubt isn’t the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith. *(Paul Tillich)***

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**Doubt is not a pleasant condition, but certainty is absurd. *(Voltaire)***

**A weak man has doubts before a decision, a strong man has them afterwards. *(Karl Kraus, Austrian writer)***

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