

# The Journey of Faith



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**Sports:**  
*Football, Baseball, Basketball, Nascar...*

**Aviation & Space**

**Music**

**Entertainment**

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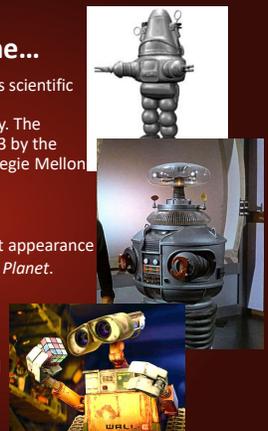
### The Robot Hall of Fame...

Recognizes notable robots in various scientific fields and general society, as well as achievements in robotics technology. The organization was established in 2003 by the School of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburg, PA).

**Robby, the Robot** made his first appearance in the 1956 MGM movie, *Forbidden Planet*.

**Robot B3** – *Lost in Space*

**WALL-E** – “Waste Allocation Load Lifter — Earth Class”



### The National Toy Hall of Fame...

Recognizes recognizes the contributions of toys and games that have sustained their popularity for many years. (Rochester, NY)

- Barbie
- Crayola Crayon
- Erector Set
- Etch A Sketch
- Frisbee
- Hula hoop
- Lego
- Lincoln logs
- Marbles
- Monopoly
- Play-Doh
- Radio Flyer wagon
- Roller Skates
- Teddy Bear
- Tinkertoy
- View-Master
- Duncan Yo-Yo



### "Hall of Fame"

...2012 song by Irish pop rock band The Script

Yeah, You could be the greatest  
 You can be the best  
 You can be the King Kong banging on your chest  
 You could beat the world  
 You could beat the war  
 You could talk to God, go banging on his door  
 You can throw your hands up  
 You can beat the clock  
 You can move a mountain  
 You can break rocks  
 You can be a master  
 Don't wait for luck  
 Dedicate yourself and you can find yourself

*Standing in the hall of fame  
 And the world's gonna know your name  
 'Cause you burn with the brightest flame  
 And the world's gonna know your name  
 And you'll be on the walls of the hall of fame*



## Hebrews 11

Frequently referred to as  
 “Faith’s Hall of Fame”

But... is it?

### Hebrews 11:1 -

Faith is the *confidence* that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. (NLT)

Now **faith** is the *assurance* of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (NASB)

Now **faith** is the *substance* of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (KJV)

Now **faith** is the *title-deed* of things hoped for, the conviction of things which are not being seen. (Wuest – The New Testament: An Expanded Translation)

“Faith is the *‘hupostasis’* of things hoped for...”

From *huphistemi*:

“To stand under, beneath”

“To undergird or support”

“A foundation”

*E.g. - a building, a contract, a promise*

In other words...

“*that which underlies what is apparent.*”

...that which, though perhaps unseen, exists beneath and supports what is visible.

The three religious claims (Christian, Jewish, and Muslim, respectively) represent faith as defined by philosopher Walter Kaufmann: “intense, usually confident, belief that is not based on evidence sufficient to command assent from every reasonable person.”

Indeed, there is no evidence beyond revelation, authority, and scripture to support the religious claims above, and most of the world’s believers would reject at least one of them. To state it bluntly, such faith involves pretending to know things you don’t. Behind it is wish-thinking, as clearly expressed in Hebrews 11:1 ☞: “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”



**Eiffel designed a tall, central pylon (92 feet, or 28 meters) to be the primary support structure of the Statue’s interior. The pylon serves as the central attachment point for a lightweight truss work of complex asymmetrical girders which forms the Statue’s body.**



elements of the Statue of Liberty. In his early work designing railway bridges, Eiffel relied on sophisticated mathematical designs renowned for their lightness, grace, and strength.

When the Statue of Liberty’s initial internal designer, **Eugene Viollet-le-Duc**, unexpectedly passed away in 1879, the Franco American Union and **Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi** hired Eiffel as his replacement. While Eiffel praised and retained Viollet-le-Duc’s plans for the sculpting and connection of the copper sheets (he would use Viollet-le-Duc’s repoussé technique and armature bars), he ultimately changed the initial plans for the interior design in favor of a modern approach. The Statue’s new internal structure would not rely on weight to support the copper skin but rather a flexible, skeletal system.

Hebrews 11:10... he was looking for the city which has foundations...

verse 27, as seeing him who is invisible. Faith apprehends as a real fact what is not revealed to the senses. It rests on that fact, acts upon it, and is upheld by it in the face of all that seems to contradict it. Faith is real seeing."

The word "substance" deserves careful treatment. It is hypostasis, made up of stasis "to stand," and hypo "under," thus "that which stands under, a foundation." Thus, it speaks of the ground on which one builds a hope.

**Hebrews 1:3** And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (New American Standard Bible)

**Hebrews 3:14** For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, (New American Standard Bible)

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (New American Standard Bible)

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## No Faith in Science

Why the Higgs boson is not like a sea of milk that sustains the gods.



By Jerry A. Coyne

Walter Kaufmann Quotes

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Walter Kaufmann

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Of course it's not seen. Does that mean, however, that it involves "pretending to know things you don't know"? Not at all. We know all kinds of things we haven't seen and can't see.

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Still there are many among us who think we have good evidence and we're using sound reason to conclude that God exists and rewards his seekers. Jerry Coyne and Peter Boghossian, from whom Coyne borrowed his definition of faith, would undoubtedly dispute that. They could argue in any of three ways: that the evidence is not there, that our chain of reasoning is unsound, and/or that we are not reasonable people.

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But we cannot reasonably grant that Christian faith involves pretending to know things we don't know. But there is much evidence for God. It ranges from philosophical to documentary to archaeological to experiential; for Christianity claims that God works in history in identifiable ways.

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**Hebrews 2:3-4**

It was declared at first by the Lord [the reference here is to Christ on earth], and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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Consider also the entire letter to the Hebrews, which is a closely argued explanation for how the way of Christ fulfills and supersedes the ancient way of the Hebrew religion. This is *reasoning* in action. Granted, the letter contains less appeal to contemporary evidence than, say, the Gospel of John, but that's for good reason: it was written to people who needed a different kind of question answered. But evidence and reasoning are by no means absent.

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***Hebrews 10:35-36 -***

*"...so that...*

***You may received what was promised!"***