

The Human Element: **Faith Substances of the World.**

There are Three Main Forms of Belief in the Word.

- 1. Monotheism**
- 2. Polytheism**
- 3. Atheism**

Each of these three forms of belief, cultivates different types of beliefs according to specific systems that are made up of various concepts of values, moral codes, and rationality.

- A. **Monotheism** – Mono meaning One, represents the belief in One supreme being ruler over the universe. The common belief is that Deity is called God.
- B. **Polytheism** – Poly meaning multiple, represents the belief that many gods rule and have impact on the universe. From this form of belief, many accept the value that each belief is equal and bounding.
- C. **Atheism** – Meaning anti Divine, represents the group who do not accept that there is a Deity ruling over us, but that we, the humans are enlightened to rule our own purpose and existence. From this form of belief comes concepts that are viewed as negative.

There are types of beliefs that are created from the three forms.

The Two major types of beliefs that make all belief forms are:

- **Predestination** – The belief that everything has its place and is working according to a design or purpose.
- **Free Will** – The belief that humans have no set path but that which they set for themselves. The Universe is free flowing with energy and creativity.

It is important to learn what your belief system is and how to share it. First, understand that as a Church of Christ Christian, we have both types of belief working at different levels in our faith.

- There is a predestined order for Christianity – Those who obey God and live righteously, we believe will go to heaven. Because God has already decided this before creation.
- We have been given free will, but not or our liberal choices...but the freedom to obey God because it is the correct path for humans.