

On March 15, the [Washington Post](#) website put a link to a small ethnographic study by [Daniel Dennett](#) and Linda LaScola entitled "[Preachers who are not Believers](#)." In this remarkable piece, the authors present interviews of five protestant pastors who have lost their faith, and analyse their predicament. This is stirring a growing [debate](#) not only at the WaPo website, but also on the religious blogosphere (e.g. [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)). It is of cognition-and-culture relevance because the interview, the analyses, and the arguments go into fine-grained discussions of the variety of cognitive attitudes involved in 'belief', which, with a few exceptions, have been sorely lacking in the ethnography of religion.