

## Believe

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I just inserted in my student's document  
another MS Word comment,  
Calibri font in a pink background,  
telling him that "it doesn't matter what you believe."

I didn't quite mean that.

You see, he was writing a technical document,  
a letter where he had already written "you see"  
even though I don't see.  
And he knew only how to "think" in every fourth sentence,  
proving he didn't,  
and "hope" for my understanding after feigning gratitude in the  
final line.

I almost typed "avoid subjectivity."  
I often do.  
Or "your beliefs matter less than proof."  
And I have.  
Or, since I was tired, "Delete" or "Rephrase."  
And they do.

But I believe I don't quite mean those, either.

You see, I've read Derrida  
even as far back as Kant and Plato.  
And I know that the belief is all that matters,  
and that rationality fails when they write.

So next time, I think,  
I'll insert in my student's document  
an MS Word comment,  
Calibri font in a pink background,  
and tell him that "it doesn't matter what you believe"  
while believing that it does.