The Skepticism of Thomas

John 20:24-25

except to sign ye will not believe.
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John XX: 24, 25. Except three signs, ye will not believe Thomas, called Didymus, or the Twin, not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples bare witness that they had seen the Lord.

Mark. He refused to accept their agreeing testimony. He demanded physical evidence in order to believe. He voluntarily withheld his faith from the resurrection.

Faith is in some cases not a matter of will. Unbelief or disbelief is a mere matter of lack of proof, and as soon as the evidence is sufficient, belief comes as a matter of course.

Difference whenever we touch moral or religious questions, or even questions more or less remotely connected with them, you touch man's selfish interests; and then men will not believe, i.e. will not submit themselves to the light or seeing truth, yield to its power
The forms of Skepticism prevalent in the Church of Christ.
1. Doubts about Holy Scripture - its inspiration - infallibility
2. Doubts about the Personality of the Holy Ghost
3. Doubts about the Divinity or Deity of the Son of God
4. Doubts about the Nature and Effect of the Atonement
5. Doubts about the final Perdition of the Ungodly
6. Doubts about Prayer and Providence
For example, Law of Stewardship.

Imperfect evidence
-of culpable ignorance of testifying
-Slight study of evidence of the Bible itself

2. Perversion of the natural heart - Pater Mundis

Subject: Skepticism inside nominal Church of Christ

3. Natural inclination on sense evidence

Testimony of others versus senses

4. Claim of a serious Rationalism - Pride of Reason

Reluctance to exercise Faith
Causes of Skepticism:

1. Imperfect Evidence: Often culpable ignorance of testimony
2. Study of evidence of the Bible itself
3. Imperfect obedience to known duty
4. Perversity of the natural heart: Pater Mundi

5. Natural reliance on sense evidence
   Testimony of others versus senses

6. Charm of Spurious Rationalism: Pride of Reason
   Reluctance to exercise faith
5. False idea of a type of 'Culture
Reading and poisoning the mind.
Any fool may ask questions which a wise man can't answer.

6. Imperfect obedience to known duty
especially a prayerless life

7. Negative and sensational preaching,
Ransacking the foundation of its power—in deceiving men of its deep and true sincerity.