

Suppose the oath was this: "In God we trust."
 The ~~believer~~ ^{atheist} wouldn't take it: "I don't believe in God;
~~and~~ I don't trust in God, either." The believer wouldn't take it:
 "I believe in God, and I trust in Him, but I don't know
 about you." The agnostic wouldn't take it: "Maybe our
 trust is God - in that case I'll take it, but then,
 maybe ^{it's} our lack of trust in each other is ^{what}
~~starts us believing in a God - in~~ ^{gives us trust} ^{has us trusting} ^{to trust}
 that case I won't. I'm balanced in indecision."

There is only one kind of person who would take
 the oath - a liar. Also, children, ^{idiots, lunatics} Martians, and
~~and~~ Buddhas, ~~and~~ those whose every ^{act} self-awareness
 goes ^{has} with a question mark, whose soul is not
 'I...' but 'I?'. Perhaps it is just as well to
 take the oath, ^{giggling and grinning} ~~and~~ ^{or} laugh. "Welcome to the nut-house,
 Sam!"