

What do I “know”?

Truth can only be revealed to select few, and then only by divine revelation - Gnosticism

Truth cannot be known for sure – Agnostic
Agnostic atheism – I don't *believe* in the existence of a deity, but I don't claim to *know* if one does or does not exist.

Agnostic theism – I don't claim to *know* of the existence of a deity, but I still *believe* a deity exists

What do I “know”?

“ginosko” – to come to understand, to bring to absolute, perfect knowledge or understanding, esp. as relates to an object

“oida” – to see; perfect or complete knowledge, derived from divine revelation or from observation

Definitive statements from 1 John (pt.1)

- 1. If I walk in the “light”, I have fellowship with God and the brethren – 1:1-7**
- 2. God is faithful and just to forgive me my sins when I confess (and repent) – 1:8-10**
- 3. How I know if I know Him and abide in Him: If I keep His commandments – 2:3-6**
- 4. If I love the world, the love of the Father is not in me – 2:15-17**

Conclusion: What do I “know”?

John uses “ginosko” and “oida” a total of 33 times in the letter of I John. (2nd only to Paul in I Corinthians, 39 times in 16 chapters, minus the Gospels, Acts, and Revelation)

John 20:30-31, 21:24 – Do I trust those who were eyewitnesses? Am I willing to believe?

I John 5:13, 18-20 – I can know the truth...and I can know if I have a home waiting in Heaven...so do I right now?