

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

Declarative statements from 1 John (pt.2)

5. **If I hate (despise, detest) my brother, I am a murderer, I abide in darkness – 2:9-11, 3:15**
6. **I have an “anointing” from the Spirit; therefore “I can know all things” – 2:20-21, 26-28**

Declarative statements from 1 John (pt.2)

7. **If I practice righteousness, I am born of Him (*oida-ginosko*); either I am a child of God or a child of the devil – 2:29, 3:10**
8. **If I commit sin, I commit lawlessness; sin is the violation of law; the character of God does not sin – 3:4-9, 2:1, Matt. 7:23**

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?