

Wisdom Should Not be Equated with Certitude.

“The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves and wiser people so full of doubts.” Bertrand Russell

When I was young I felt cursed by my intellect, because I was unable to "prove" to myself the truth of Christianity. Though I desperately wanted to be "saved," I never felt that I qualified, because I was told over and over again that in order to be saved, one had to "believe." How on earth was one to know what "level" of belief was required, since belief can only be measured in degrees, and is rarely "absolute?" The more I tried to believe the more inadequate I felt. The more I tried to understand Christian theology, the more new questions that arose in my mind. After a lifetime of searching (about 50 years since my spiritually troubled youth), I do believe I have found most of the important answers. However, I still have many more questions than answers. Could it be that honest atheists might be "closer" to God than many Christians who refuse to think for themselves?