

agnostic

1. [æɡ'nɒstɪk] *n филос.*
агностик
2. [æɡ'nɒstɪk] *а филос.*
агностический

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

- **I. ag·nos·tic** [agnostic agnostics] *BrE* [æɡ'nɒstɪk] ^ɹ *NAmE* [æɡ'nɑːstɪk] ^ɹ

noun

a person who believes that it is not possible to know whether God exists or not

compare ↑atheist

Derived Word ↑agnosticism

Word Origin:

mid 19th cent.: from ↑a- 'not' + gnostic 'relating to knowledge, especially mystical knowledge'.

- **II. ag·nos·tic** **adjective**

Main entry: ↑agnostic_{derived}

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

ag·nos·tic /æɡ'nɒstɪk, əɡ- \$ -'nɑː-/ *BrE* ^ɹ *AmE* ^ɹ **noun** [countable]

[**Date:** 1800-1900; **Language:** Greek; **Origin:** agnostos 'unknown, unknowable', from a- 'not' + gnostos 'known']

someone who believes that people cannot know whether God exists or not ⇒ **atheist**

—**agnostic** **adjective**

—**agnosticism** /-təsɪzəm, -tɪsɪzəm/ **noun** [uncountable]

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THESAURUS

■ **someone who does not believe in God**

▪ **atheist** *noun, adjective* someone who believes that God does not exist: I'm a confirmed atheist.

▪ **agnostic** *noun, adjective* someone who believes that people cannot know whether God exists or not: He was an agnostic rather than an atheist.

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