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## **BIBLE TALK**

Question: Is Atheism and Agnosticism the same, if not, what are the differences?

Answer: "Atheism" is a refusal to accept God as deity, believing that there is absolutely no proof for, but much against the existence of God. The "agnostic" is unwilling to accept the evidence available, proving the existence of God. He believes that there is insufficient information to either believe or disbelieve in the deity of God.

The Bible recognizes that there are some "*secret things*" that belong to God, while others "*belong to us and to our children forever...*" (Deut. 29:29) The concept of the Bible itself carries the implication that at least through it religious matters are made known. Paul recognized man's capabilities for knowing and reasoning by saying, "*what can be known about God*" and affirms that this "*is plain to them.*" His eternal power and deity are recognizable "*in the things that have been made.*" It was so clear in Paul's own mind and should have been for those who rejected and failed to accept it. They were "*without excuse*" (Rom. 1:18-20).

Jesus taught that man could KNOW the truth (Jn. 8:32) through which faith would develop (Rom. 10:17). Note the seriousness of rejecting God and His word (Jn. 12:47-50). John declared that the people KNEW the truth from which no lie could originate (I Jn. 2:20-21). The Bible affirms that through revelation and reasoning, we can know and understand truth and accept God's deity, the absence of which is damnable (Heb. 1:5-6)! In Paul's Mar's Hill sermon, he said there was a time when God overlooked ignorance, but now commands repentance (Acts 17:30). Knowing God, dismisses atheism and agnosticism!

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