

Seekers and Skeptics.

Dear Friend,

Recently Wikipedia cofounder Dr. Larry Sanger became a Christian. During his pre-teen years Sanger had encountered Christianity and attended a church, but during his teenage years disillusionment set in because Christians were unable or unwilling to answer the deeper questions that he was asking¹. Sanger's experience of Christians and Christianity is unfortunately quite common. The failure of Christians to answer life's deeper questions is a recurring theme that has caused many to lose hope and faith in Christianity². This ought not to be the case. Thankfully times have changed, and Christians have in recent times provided many significant responses to life's toughest questions³. These responses have largely been driven by the rise (and now, fall) of the new atheist movement of the early two-thousands⁴. Now, interestingly, the tide seems to have turned and Christianity appears to be on the intellectual offensive once again. In science and philosophy⁵, and even culture⁶, Christianity is winning over some of the greatest minds while many others appear to have an existential longing for the beauty of Christianity⁷ and the satisfaction of relationship with the Infinite-personal God⁸. So how are you doing as a seeker or skeptic? Do you think that your beliefs and worldview make sense of life, and answer life's big questions? As Christians, we believe that our Christian understanding of the world (our worldview) fits the "data of reality" better than the alternatives. We invite you to share and discuss your beliefs with us in a conversation and a venue of your choice :-) Please get in touch.

Regards and blessings,
Dr. Rob Ward

¹ See Sanger's lengthy explanation here: <https://larrysanger.org/2025/02/how-a-skeptical-philosopherbecomes-a-christian/>

² I speak for myself in this case and have heard many similar stories from others. As a teenager I believed Christianity to be a silly fairytale

³ The list of books and authors is enormous and continues to grow. *The Reason for God* Tim Keller; *The God who is there*, Francis Schaeffer

⁴ Ironically, Sanger and others have become Christians because of the weakness of the arguments provided by the new atheists. Atheist Prof. Michael Ruse went as far as to say of Richard Dawkins's *God Delusion* book: "The God Delusion makes me embarrassed to be an atheist".

⁵ See for example Stephen Meyer's *Return of the God Hypothesis* and his interview on Joe Rogan's podcast

⁶ Richard Dawkins surprised many people when he called himself a "cultural Christian", yet he continues to passionately dislike Christianity

⁷ A few examples are Canadian clinical psychologist Jordan Peterson, British historian Tom Holland, and the late British philosopher Anthony Flew (I highly recommend his last book).

⁸ The "Infinite-personal" phrase appears in the writings of Dr. Francis Schaeffer. The idea captured by "Infinite-personal" is that of the Biblical God who is infinite in power and perfection and who became incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth, bridging the relational gap between God and humanity. This is the core of Christianity — power made perfect in weakness, and the Infinite giving himself for the lost