

Natural Theology

(AUTHORITY)

Revelation

Knowledge of god
established by reason,
experience and
experiments alone

Knowledge of god
established by
mystical experience

“One of the great commandments of science is, ‘Mistrust arguments from **authority**.’”
(Carl Sagan, *The Demon-haunted World*)

“Truth for **authority**, not **authority** for truth.”
(Lucretia Mott, Quaker abolitionist and women’s rights advocate)

“Whoever in discussion adduces [cites as evidence] **authority**
uses not intellect but rather memory.”
(Leonardo da Vinci)

“[In our youth] we believed anything that seemed to come to us with **authority**,
even if the **authority** was mostly our own belief.”
(Wendell Berry, *The Need to Be Whole*)

“The crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having **authority**,
and not as their [religious teachers].”
(*Gospel of Matthew*, chapter 7)

suggested by Carl Sagan, *The Varieties of Scientific Experience*