

Wikipedia Co-Founder Larry Sanger Announces Plan to Convert to Christianity

Larry Sanger, the co-founder of Wikipedia, has revealed plans to convert to Christianity after spending most of his adult life as a religious skeptic.

Sanger recently announced on X his intention to “seek to be confirmed in early September into the Anglican Church of North America,” adding with humor, “I’m fairly sure they’ll let me in.”

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As reported by The Christian Post, Sanger explained his decision by describing a recent visit to an Anglican Church service: “I absolutely loved the liturgy, which I found deeply spiritual, as well as the fellowship. It helps that the liturgy is all on overhead projectors, and the acoustics are such that I could actually hear the sermon if I turned my hearing aids all the way up.”



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Sanger said he stopped believing in God as a teenager but later spent more than two decades studying Christianity on his own. After reading the Gospels in 2020, he concluded that he did believe in God and needed to “pray to God properly.”

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The 57-year-old internet pioneer also highlighted why he chose the Anglican Church of North America, noting that the denomination is “entirely consistent with my approach” because “they have been set up to be welcoming to a wide variety of Christians, while being firm on the fundamentals.”

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Once a central figure in creating the world’s largest online encyclopedia, Sanger has since emerged as one of Wikipedia’s sharpest critics. He contends the site’s neutrality policy is “dead” and pointed to its coverage of Jesus as an example of bias. “It simply asserts ... that ‘the quest for the historical Jesus has yielded major uncertainty on the historical reliability of the Gospels,’” he said. “A great many Christians would take issue with such statements, which means it is not neutral for that reason.”

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