

Are you a layman?

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Probably. “Layman” has two meanings. It can refer to a person who is not qualified or experienced in a subject, or someone (un lego) who only has general knowledge about something. The plural is laymen. Some examples:

- In the context of economics I am a layman (...soy un lego).
- The book was written for a layman and not for an expert (...fue escrito para un lego, no para un experto).
- Speaking in layman’s terms (hablando en términos sencillos...), the issue

Often a person might say “in this context I am a layman”. The person may just want to be modest, or they may only know a little about a subject.

The other meaning of layman (seglar, laico) refers to a person who is involved in the Christian church but is not a member of the clergy (clero) or a monk (monje). Here is an example: the layman asked the priest for advice (el lego pedía al sacerdote para obtener su consejo).

So, are you a layman?