1. Define certitude. Explain various kinds of certitudes possible.

Definition of certitude [plural certitudes]

1 : the state of being or feeling certain

2 : certainty of act or event

3 : something that is certain : certainty [From Merriam Webster Dictionary]

Certitude is defined as the firm assent of mind to the truth, based on evidence. In simple terms it is “the conviction that such and such is (is not) the case.” Certitude is complete assurance. The achievement of certitude involves the search for truth, with the aim of understanding (knowing) and recognizing the truth.

It is quite the same as ‘Certainity’. ‘Certainty’ means the state of being certain, but certitude, means the state of feeling absolutely convinced. Certitude is a feeling while certainty involves inherent factuality.

If certitude is based on evidence, there are different kinds of knowledge and expected certitudes on the basis of different kinds of knowledge, and consequently the different kinds of evidences.