

take qualities in myself and say, These qualities must be in God, because I am built after the image of God, and therefore much of me is similar to God, and yet the human race has fallen into sin, the image of God in it has been corrupted. We have been so affected by sin, there is so much evil in us, that if we take out parts of ourselves and say, these tell us what God is like, we are just as apt to ~~put~~ pick out parts that are the results of sin, and are not the ~~xxxx~~ results of God's image. We cannot tell what God is like, what God's purposes are, anyway, except objectively by examining the evidence, and in this field in which you cannot gather the evidence I am giving to you.....end of 0 63

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.....therefore it is an objective matter the determination of religious truth, seeing what God's word says. Now then, you want to know how extensive God's word is. What are the precise books in God's word? The only way that you can determine that is the objective way of finding out what books did Christ set the seal of His approval upon. The N. T. is clear that Christ took a certain definite attitude toward a group of books. That group of books which the Jews of His day held to be authoritative, He recognized as authoritative. He recognized them as something that His people were fools and slow of heart that they did not thoroughly ~~xxx~~ study and find everything they could / they could of what they meant and stand upon it. It is then, to us, an objective question, what are the books ~~xxx~~ upon which Christ set the seal of His approval, and the answer to that is very simple. It is those books which the Jews in His day accepted as being God's word. That being the case the objective question is moved one step further. What are the books which the Jews in the time of Christ accepted as authoritative, and the answer to that question is very easy to get, because it is historically demonstrative, that the books which the Jews at the time of Christ accepted as authoritative were exactly the books which are in our O. T. today. No more, and no less. And Josephus said, every Jew ~~xx~~ would willingly die for these books. No one has dared to add anything to them or take anything from them. And so, this objective question is definite now regarding the O. T. These are the books upon which our Lord Jesus Christ set the seal of His approval. Now Mr. Rupprecht's question related to some remarks I