

.nat human beings in the course of timell $\frac{1}{2}$ because it isn't. Groups of people left to themselves are just as apt to reach erroneous ideas as truth. Look at the many nations of the world which have the craziest, fantastic ideas which they believe and which they follow. Look at the Roman nation, a great and cultivated nation, which after hundreds of years of successive wars, still believed that it was necessary every time their armies crossed a river, to stop and look at the birds flying, in order to see how many birds there were, to see whether you go home, or whether you dared cross the river, and if there wasn't you'd have to stop and wait, and the Romans lost ~~an~~ ^{some} important battles, because they ^{would} stopped and waited a couple of hours until they got the right number of birds there, and the enemy would escape in the meantime. There have been some of the foolishest ideas believed by every group of people, in the course of years they have come to and they have adopted them, and they have held them, every group of people in the world. People left to themselves have reached the most fantastic ideas, but Jesus Christ set the seal of His approval upon the results of this process among the Jews, that that upon which they agreed was true, that they were the books were inspired of the Holy Spirit, and intended to be authoritative. And the only way we can possibly explain God's setting the seal of His approval upon the result of this process is to consider that He knew that He was the creator of the Universe, had so providentially directed and controlled in this particular instance, that as a result of His providential control, regardless of what arguments the Jews may have used, or what discussions they may have had, or what accidents may have entered into the determination, their result was that all the Jews unanimously ~~accepted~~ ^{accepted} these particular 39 books, and no others, and so we have an objective judgement which is possible. We hold these 39 books, not because we can prove they were written by prophets not because we can prove who wrote them because we have no idea who wrote them not because their authors were good men, because some of them were very wicked men, not because we receive an inspirational lift from them because we can easily get greater lifts from some other books than ^{if we} from some of these, ~~and~~ make it a matter of our subjective relationship to them, but it is an objective matter, because Jesus, the Christ took an attitude toward