

One of the implications of the concept “sole primary authority,” in the sense of *norma normans sed non normata*, is that there neither is nor can be any way of testing the authority of the primary authority (this being, of course, why it’s primary!). As certain as it is that even a primary authority stands on the same level as those over whom it is or has authority vis-à-vis the primal source whence it derives its authority, it is equally certain that the only way to determine what the primal source does in fact authorize is to appeal to just that primary authority.

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