

*Q*—What bearing witness counts in principle as appropriate to, or authorized by, a religious community's explicit primal authorizing source?

*A*—That bearing witness counts in principle as appropriate to, or authorized by, a religious community's explicit primal authorizing source that either is (or belongs to) the formally normative witness/primary authority of that community or else substantially agrees with that witness/authority.

*Q*—What bearing witness is (or belongs to) the formally normative witness/primary authority of a religious community?

*A*—That bearing witness is (or belongs to) the formally normative witness /primary authority of a religious community that (1) makes or implies the claim to be appropriate to, or authorized by, that community's explicit primal authorizing source by asserting or implying the decisive significance of that source for human existence; and (2) is not just *an* instance of asserting or implying this, but *the* instance of doing so, in the sense of the earliest, the original and originating, and therefore constitutive, such instance.

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