

letters FROM john



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Test the Spirits

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone into the world.

-1 John 4:1

Test Criteria

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God ... We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how you recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

-1 John 4:2 & 6

Peter Enns

“Instead of relying on absolute either-or thinking, a trusting faith understands that trusting God is a process that takes time and practice. That pilgrimage doesn’t necessarily follow a linear progression but accepts the unpredictable and disquieting nature of life as an encounter with God—and a move ultimately toward God, trusting that God is involved in that very process.”

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