Individual lived inquiry

By individual lived inquiry I mean simply the active, innovative and examined life, which seeks both to transform and understand more deeply the human condition. The examined life, as I construe it, involves four basic strands:

- Opening to the immediate revelation, here and now, of being-in-a-world, of participating in the sheer presence of being, and its manifold powers and presences on different levels.
- Opening to impulses to creative action and exploration, to their felt sense of fit within their total context, balancing the claims of the inner life and the outer life, and of the personal, the cultural and the planetary.
- Exercising a finely-tuned discrimination about both these kinds of opening.
- Engaging in dialogue and active co-operation with others on a similar path.

The bottom line of all this is that, for the examined life, revelation is here and now; and spiritual authority is within. Such authority is relative to its context and unfolding, never final, and always open to spiritual revision.