

for first-hand critical observation is vouchsafed him. The opportunity may occur at any time: the readiness is all. Really clinching evidence in such a case is never in the past; a *prima facie* case for investigation is established by the records, but real conviction must be attained by first-hand experience in the present.

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The quotation is from the writings of Symmachus, an important personage in the 4th century A.D.; not the Pope of that name, but a pagan proconsul rather hostile to official Christianity. The reference is *Epp.* x. 54. The passive voice of the verb is not a misprint; it appears intended to convey the sense not merely of arriving at truth but of being assisted or guided thereto.