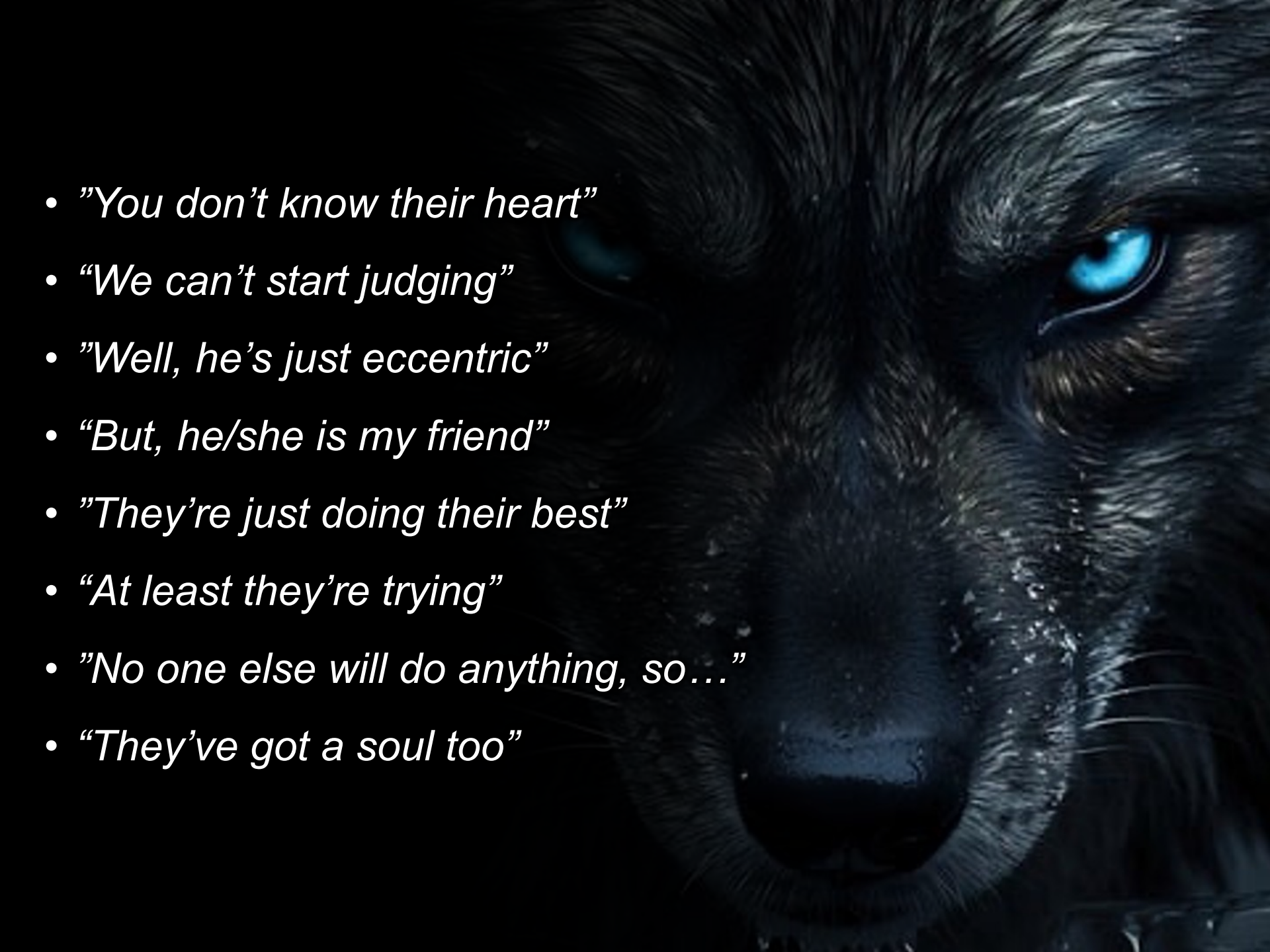


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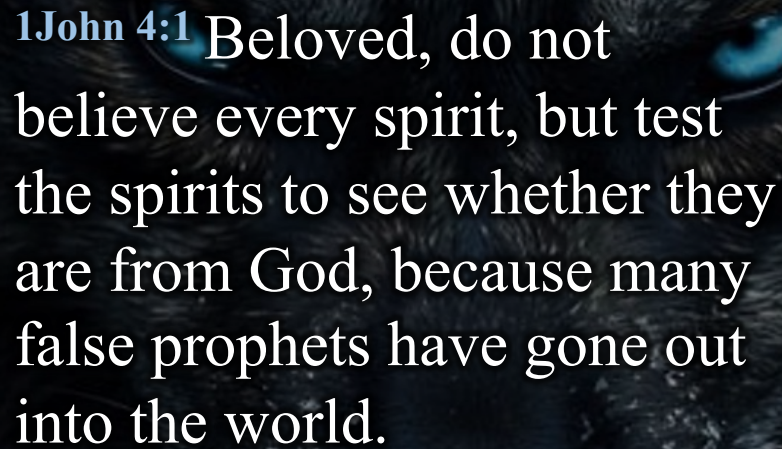


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DEFENDING THE WOLVES

Acts 20:28-31



1John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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(Matt. 7:15-20)

“Test” them.
(1 John 4:1)



²John 9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, and do not give him a greeting; ¹¹ for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.



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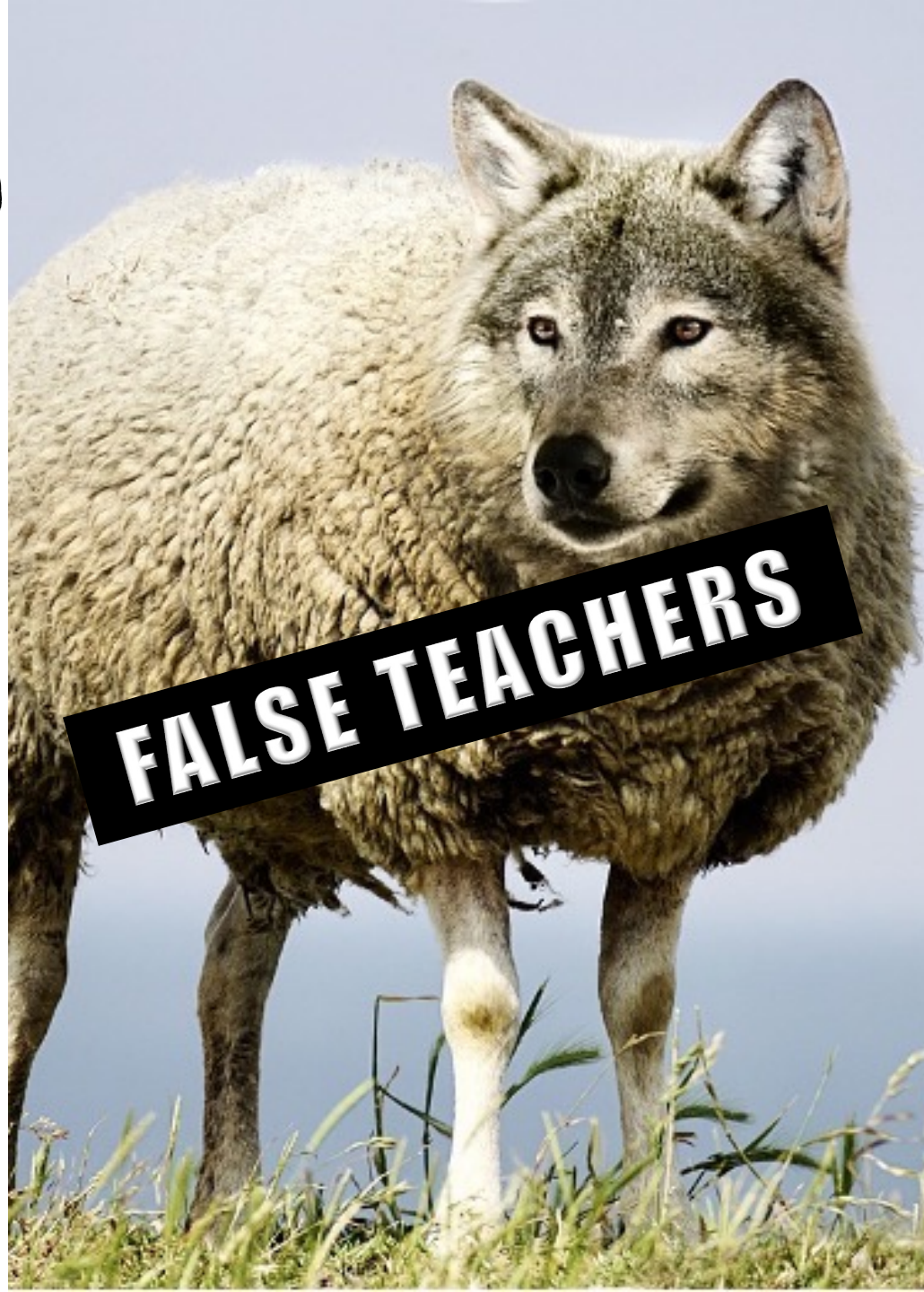
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Reject them.
(2 John 9-11)

How Do We Identify?

Wolves In Sheep's Clothing

- By their words.
(Gal. 1:6-9; 1 Tim. 6:3)
- By their actions.
(Rom. 16:17-18; Titus 3:9-10)
- By their behaviors.
(2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 Tim. 3:2-5)



Excusing The Predations

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Excusing this leads to sharing the blame with the false teacher.

Excusing this will not be excused by God.

