
The lineage of the scriptures

How they were preserved throughout history

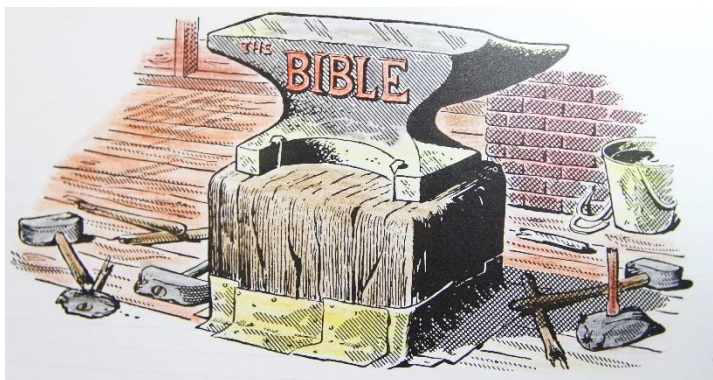
John 15:3 *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.* But which words and which manuscripts shall we trust?

Modern Bibles are based on Westcott and Hort's use of corrupt manuscripts. 'The most widely sold editions of the Greek New Testament are largely based on the text of the Codex Vaticanus.' How foolishly then is its use defended by Protestant ministers! The following quotes explain why there was a reformation and upon that which the reformation was built. Many quotes are from *B J Wilkinson a scholar in many languages and history.*

The codex sinaiticus has approximately 23,000 corrections (that is about 30 corrections on each page) and was rejected by Erasmus when translating the scriptures from original tongues. Just as surely as the Vatican propagated and destabilized people's trust in creation toward the big bang theory so too it undermined the word of God by forgeries. These false manuscripts come from their hand- in the Vatican or its monastery. Therefore, scholars conclude 'If the Biblical text could vary so, it must be for doctrinal reasons and it couldn't be the immutable word of God.'

Almost all the Codex **Vaticanus** has a strange and newer appearance of the period from which it was entered into the record of the Vatican library in 1475. These are the words of Dr Scot McKendrick Head of the Western manuscripts/ British Library/London. It appears as a 15th century text rather than the 4th century text it claims to be dated from. The Bible of the Protestant reformation was not based on these texts.

You see knowledge; that is truth establishes something to put our faith in and the change in God's word undermined faith having a undercurrent that few perceive.



"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3.)but if they remain secure God will see them through

"As an educator, the Holy Scriptures are without a rival. The Bible is the most ancient and the most comprehensive history that men

possess. It came fresh from the Fountain of eternal truth, and throughout the ages a divine hand has preserved its purity." The Bible as an Educator E G White

2 Peter 1:19 *We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:*

We are often told that inspiration cannot be traced or can only be traced to the Church of Rome but this is incorrect. The following extracts are used to outline how God's word was preserved throughout the ages leading us back to the creator and the laws that laid the fabric for our creation.

The apostles wrote the New Testament in the language of the time- Greek



Lucian of Antioch (c. 240–January 7, 312) at a time when philosophy and scripture were being mixed together preserved the Holy Scriptures. When the great Reformation began, almost the first thing they did was to reach out, seize, and place at the foundation of the Reformed Church the Greek New Testament of Lucian. *B J Wilkinson*

Lucian was arrested. Unlike many of the Church's martyrs, it was not a short process for Lucian. **Over a period of nine years he was tortured as the Empire hoped to manipulate him to deny his faith.** Every time they asked over nine years, Lucian refused to deny his faith--a faith that had already cost him dearly and would likely cost him even more dearly if he continued to refuse.

Well-known writers like Jerome, Erasmus, and Luther, and, in the nineteenth century, John William Burgon and Fenton John Anthony Hort, whether friends or opponents, agree that Lucian was the editor who passed on to the world the Received Text. — the New Testament text which was adopted at the birth of all the great churches of the Reformation. Not a single church born of the Reformation, such as Lutheran, Calvinistic, Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, or Adventist, adopted any other Bible than that whose New Testament text came down from Lucian... In the Latin Vulgate of the Papacy it adopted a New Testament text with passages radically different from the same in the Received Text. It also made the decrees of the councils and the bulls of the popes equal to the books of the Bible. *Truth Triumphant B J Wilkinson p54*

Lucian is also commonly credited with a critical recension of the text of the Septuagint and the Greek New Testament, which was later used by Chrysostom and the later Greek fathers, and which lies at the basis of the textus receptus- Dr. Hort, *Introd. and Append. to Westcott and Hort's Greek Test.* (Lond. and N. York, 1881), p. 138, says of Lucian: "Of known names his has a better claim than any other to be associated with the early Syrian revision; and the conjecture derives some little support from a passage of Jerome.

The text which Lucian gave to the world was to all intents pure and correct. Even his opponents declare that there are no Greek New Testaments older than Lucian's, and that with it agree the great mass of Greek manuscripts. *Truth Triumphant B J Wilkinson p55*

"With Antioch of this period is to be associated the foundation of a school of theology by Lucian, of whom little is known of biographical detail, save that he was a presbyter, held aloof from the party in Antioch which opposed and overcame Paul of Samosata, taught there from c. 275 to 303, and died

a martyr's death in 312.... Like Origen, he busied himself with textual and exegetical labors on the Scriptures, but had little liking for the allegorizing methods of the great Alexandrian. A simpler, more grammatical and historical method of treatment both of text and doctrine characterized his teaching."



*"The Protestant denominations are built upon that manuscript of the **Greek New Testament** sometimes called **Textus Receptus**, or the **Received Text**. It is that **Greek New Testament** from which the writings of the apostles in **Greek** have been translated into **English, German, Dutch** and other languages. During the dark ages the **Received Text** was practically unknown outside the Greek Church. It was restored to Christendom by the labours of that great scholar **Erasmus**. It is altogether too little known that the **real editor of the Received Text** was **Lucian**. None of Lucian's enemies fails to credit him with this work. **Neither Lucian nor Erasmus, but rather the apostles, wrote the Greek New Testament**. However, Lucian's day was an age of apostasy when a flood of deprivations was systematically attempting to devastate both the Bible manuscripts and Bible theology. **Origen, of the Alexandrian college, made his***

***editions and commentaries of the Bible a secure retreat for all errors, and deformed them with philosophical speculations introducing casuistry and lying. Lucian's unrivalled success in verifying, safeguarding, and transmitting those divine writings left a heritage for which all generations should be thankful."** Truth Triumphant B J Wilkinson*

The **Textus Receptus** was established on a basis of the Byzantine text-type, also called '**Majority text**', **Traditional Received Text (Textus Receptus)**, also called the **Byzantine Text** or the **Majority Text** because it is based on the **vast majority** of manuscripts still in existence.

Textus Receptus (Latin: "received text") is the name subsequently given to the succession of printed Greek texts of the New Testament which constituted the translation base for the original German Luther Bible, the translation of the New Testament into English by William Tyndale, the King James Version, and for most other Reformation-era New Testament translations throughout Western and Central Europe. The series originated with the first printed Greek New Testament to be published; a work undertaken in Basel by the Dutch Catholic scholar and humanist Desiderius Erasmus in 1516, on the basis of some six manuscripts, containing between them not quite the whole of the New Testament. The lacking text was translated from Vulgate. Although based mainly on late manuscripts of the Byzantine text-type, Erasmus's edition differed markedly from the classic form of that text. Wikipedia

Textus Receptus was used by the Waldenses and all the Protestant churches which was restored to Christendom by the labours of that great scholar, Erasmus.

Legacy of Tyndale's work

The legacy of Tyndale's Bible cannot be overstated. His translations laid the foundations for many of the English Bibles which followed his. His work made up a significant portion of the Matthew Bible which was the first authorized version of the English Bible.^[29] The Tyndale Bible also played a key role in spreading reformation ideas to England which had been reluctant to embrace the movement. His works also allowed the people of England direct access to the words and ideas of Martin Luther

whose works had been banned by the state. Tyndale achieved this by including many of Luther's commentaries in his works. In 1536 the crown authorities strangled Tyndale to death and subsequently burned his body.....an act constituted as denial of the resurrection of the body. Yet in 1965 a catholic version of the RSV appears

Reaction of the Catholic Church

Tyndale's translations were condemned by both church and state in England, where it must be said it took longer for the reform movement to take hold. Tyndale was forced to flee England for the continent where he found safe haven in pro-reform areas. The church and state reacted strongly against Tyndale's work, banning his New Testament of 1526 from England. In addition, any copy of his work found in England was to be burned. Many Catholic scholars attacked Tyndale and his translations, the foremost of whom was Saint Thomas More. More and the Catholic Church refuted Tyndale's translations because they argued that Tyndale had purposefully mistranslated the texts in order to promote anti-clericalism and heretical views.

The King James Bible- Tyndale Bible's greatest impact on society today is that it heavily influenced and contributed to the creation of the King James Version, which is one of the most popular and widely used Bibles in the world today. Scholars tell us that around **90% of the King James Version is from Tyndale's works with as much as one third of the text being word for word Tyndale.**

The RSV copyright and revision

The Revised Standard Version (RSV) which Ellen G White scriptural references are taken from is an English translation of the Bible published in the mid-20th century. It traces its history to William Tyndale's New Testament translation of 1525.

1962 printings- Minor modifications to the RSV text were authorized in 1959 and completed for the 1962 printings.

1971 Second Edition of the New Testament

In 1971, the RSV Bible was rereleased with the Second Edition of the Translation of the New Testament. Whereas in 1962 the translation panel had merely authorized a handful of changes, in 1971 they gave the New Testament text a thorough editing. This Second Edition incorporated Greek manuscripts not previously available to the RSV translation panel, namely, the Bodmer Papyri, published in 1956-61.

The **Bodmer Papyri** are a group of twenty-two papyri discovered in Egypt in 1952. They are named after Martin Bodmer who purchased them. The papyri contain segments from the Old and New Testaments, early Christian literature, Homer and Menander. The oldest, dates to c. 200. The papyri are kept at the Bibliotheca Bodmeriana, in Cologny, Switzerland outside Geneva. In 2007 the Vatican Library acquired two of the papyri, which are kept at the Vatican Library.

Plans announced by the Foundation Bodmer in October 2006¹ to sell two of the manuscripts for millions of dollars, to capitalize the library, which opened in 2003, drew consternation from scholars around the world, fearing that the unity of the collection would be broken.

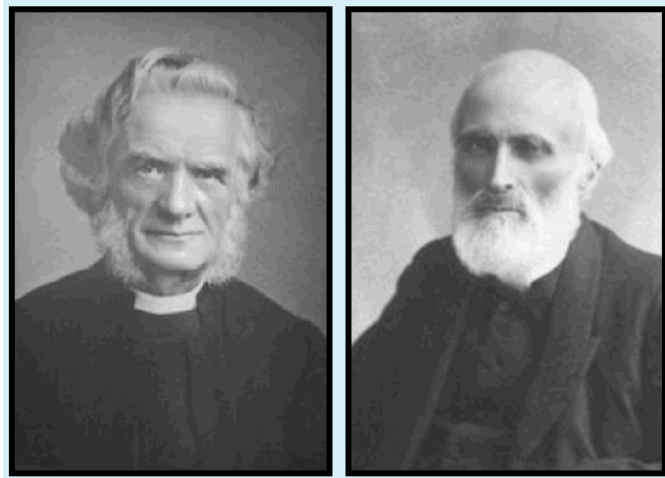
Then, in March 2007 it was announced the Vatican had acquired the Bodmer Papyrus XIV-XV, which is believed to contain the world's oldest known written fragment from the Gospel of Luke, the earliest known Lord's Prayer, and one of the oldest written fragments from the Gospel of John.

The papyri had been sold for an undisclosed "significant" price to Frank Hanna III, of Atlanta, Georgia. In January 2007, Hanna presented the papyri to the Pope. They are kept in the Vatican Library and will be made available for scholarly review, and in the future, excerpts may be put on display for the general public. They were transported from Switzerland to the Vatican in "An armed motorcade surrounded by people with machine guns." The papyri contain segments from the Old and New Testaments

The Ignatius Bible- RSV-Catholic New Testament was published in 1965 and the full RSV-Catholic Bible in 1966.

*Creation <-The Law- natural, moral health <- an organised movement <- messiah
<- disciples <- the church of the East/Syria <- Lucian / Waldenses <- Erasmus
<- Tyndale <-KJV (The King James Bible)*

'Westcott and Hort were active in the British nineteenth century Ghost Society and in the Society for Psychical Research. They were interested in paranormal phenomena. These two Anglican theologians created a Greek text based on the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus which disagrees in many verse wordings with the Textus Receptus Greek text, used for the King James Version of 1611. Almost all recent New Testament translations are from the 1881 Westcott-Hort Greek text - and not from the Textus Receptus.'



The church of God is described in Revelation 12 as fleeing into the wilderness. This was not the church of Rome. The church were the people of history that are known as the Waldenses and Albigenses and others who were hunted down by Rome. Rome would bind up and take away the word of God from the common person and set it to the flames. The daily ministrations of Christ were taken away and replaced by worldly priests and Roman laws.

Revelation 6⁶ And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

14¹⁴ And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15¹⁵ And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16¹⁶ And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his



mouth. ¹⁷ And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Images from the Matterhorn to Zurich museum where the history of the reformation is on display for the public including the last scene with the St Bartholomew massacre which led to mass migration from France into Switzerland.

Hebrews 11: ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

³⁸ (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

