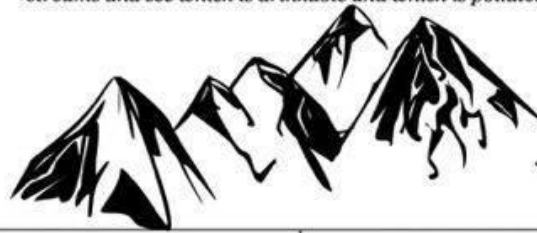


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Which stream of manuscripts would you like to drink from?

Two streams flow from the top of a mountain. The mountain is two thousand feet high and unsurpassable. One stream represents a pure water source at the top of the mountain. One stream represents a polluted, undrinkable source. Let's examine both streams and see which is drinkable and which is polluted.



Isaiah 31:1
"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help..."

Acts 11:26
"...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

MINORITY TEXT - ALEXANDRIAN TEXT

Origen 184-254 A.D.
He rejected salvation by grace, eternal punishment, the literal interpretation of scripture, and the eternity of the Holy Ghost.

Eusebius 260-340 A.D.
He made 50 copies of Origen's Greek N.T. as instructed by Emperor Constantine for the new churches he planned to build in Constantinople.

Codex Sinaiticus 331A.D.
Found in a monastery on Mount Sinai, 1844 A.D.

Codex Vaticanus 331 A.D.
Found in Vatican Library, 1481 A.D.

Both Codex Vaticanus and Sinaiticus are from the 50 copies transcribed and sent out by Eusebius.

This stream consists of 10-15% of existing manuscripts.

Westcott-Hort Greek N.T. 1881
These men were Catholic sympathizers and denied the literal interpretation of scripture. Hort denied the existence of the devil, a literal Hell, and atonement. Westcott denied eternal punishment, miracles, and Christ's bodily resurrection. These men used primarily the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus to make their Greek N.T.

Basis for most modern versions.

Example of a literal English translation from Greek Manuscripts:
NASB John 1:18 "No one has seen God at any time; the **only begotten God** who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him."

MAJORITY TEXT - TEXTUS RECEPTUS

Syrian (Peshitta) 100-200 A.D.

Old Latin and Syriac of Originals
100-200 A.D.

Latin Bibles used by the Waldensians
1100 A.D.-1300 A.D.

The Peshitta, Old Latin, Syriac, and Waldensian Bibles were used by the non-Catholic, "free churches" that have always existed separate from Catholicism, dating back to the 1st century.

Erasmus Greek N.T.
1522 A.D.

Martin Luther Bible 1522 A.D.-1534 A.D. (German)

Tyndale N.T. 1522 A.D.
Coverdale Bible 1535 A.D.
Matthew Bible 1537 A.D.
Great Bible 1539 A.D.
Geneva Bible 1560 A.D.
Bishops' Bible 1568 A.D.

KJV 1611 A.D.

This stream consists of 85-90% of existing manuscripts.

Example of a literal English translation from Greek Manuscripts:
KJV John 1:18 "No man hath seen God at any time; the **only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*."

Which stream do you trust?

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