

# **ORIGIN OF THE CRITICAL TEXT**

**A Synopsis of Significant Factors**

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# FIVE PIVATOL POINTS

- The points pertain to the origin of the corrupted Critical Texts that lie behind the modern versions of the Bible.

# FIVE PIVOTAL POINTS

- It is important for believers to understand the origin and the influence of these false original language texts on:
  - Doctrine,
  - The practice of doctrine,
  - The application of doctrine to the situations of others,
  - The translation of these false texts.

# FIVE PIVOTAL POINTS

- **The Modern Critical Texts Resulting from the Five Pivotal Points are:**
  - **1. The False Hebrew Texts**
    - (e.g. Biblia Hebraica Leningradensia, Ben Asher Text)
  - **2. The False Greek Texts**
    - The United Bible Society Texts (UBS<sup>4</sup>) and Nestle/Aland (NA<sup>28</sup>) with their subjective critical apparatus that is now in digital form.
    - Majority Greek Texts: Hodges & Farstad 1982 and Pierpont & Robinson 1991

# FIVE PIVOTAL POINTS and THE SIX ASSOCIATED PERSONS

## ◆ Pivotal Point #1. Satan.

- He is the initiator of the devious disrespect for and changing of the Words of God, which began “in the beginning” (Gen. 3ff, Mat. 4ff).
  - “Yea, hath God said...?”

# FIVE PIVOTAL POINTS and THE SIX ASSOCIATED PERSONS

## ◆ Pivotal Point #2 Origen (182-251 AD)

- The first two centuries after the completion of the New Testament were the most destructive era for the Words of God.
- This was particularly true in Alexandria, Egypt where dozens of cults existed. Origen was an Arian who taught in Alexandria.



# FIVE PIVOTAL POINTS and THE SIX ASSOCIATED PERSONS

## ◆ Pivotal Point #2 Origen (Continued)

- Origen lived and taught in an Alexandrian theological school. Wherever he traveled, he changed Biblical manuscripts to fit his doctrine and philosophy.

# **FIVE PIVOTAL POINTS and THE SIX ASSOCIATED PERSONS**

## **◆ Pivotal Point #3 Jerome (c. 347-420 AD)**

- Jerome's publication of the Latin Vulgate in 405 AD, constructed from Alexandrian text-type manuscripts, was a crucial key in the continued assault on the Bible. Its influence from 325 AD to the present would be immense because of the Roman Catholic Church.**

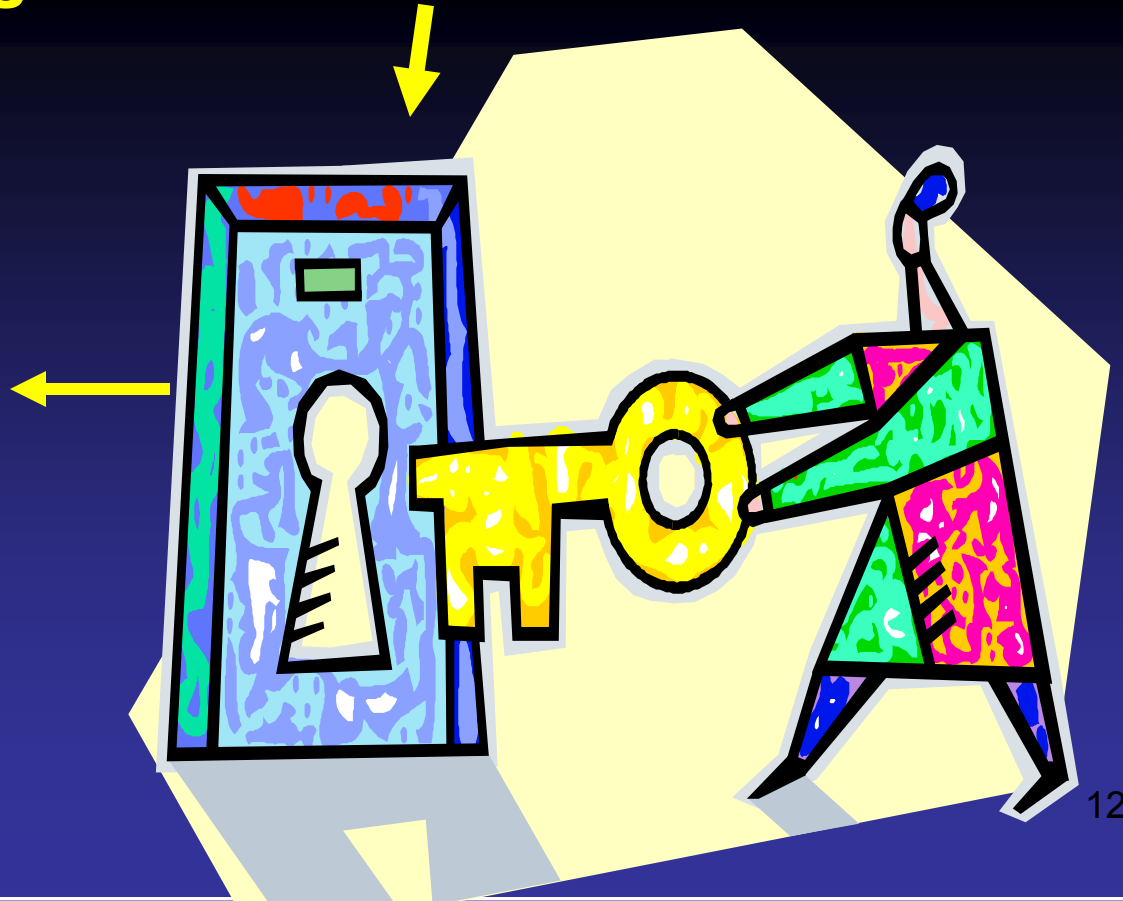
# FIVE PIVOTAL POINTS and THE SIX ASSOCIATED PERSONS

## ◆ Pivotal Point #4 Darwin (1809-1882).

- The publication of Charles Robert Darwin's book, "*On The Origin of Species*," in 1857 caused many 'scholars' to believe that the book of Genesis was a fable or myth, which destroyed confidence in the inspired Words of God.

- ◆ The book, “On The Origin of Species,” unlocked the “Door of Doubt.”
- ◆ The book ushered into modern times the contempt for the literal interpretation of Scripture through the “Door of Doubt.”

- Creation account is a myth or an allegory.
- Miracles are impossible,
- The wilderness temptation is an allegory, etc.



# **FIVE PIVOTAL POINTS and THE SIX ASSOCIATED PERSONS**

## **◆ Pivotal Point #5 W/H**

**Brook F. Westcott (1828-1903)**

**Fenton J. A. Hort (1828-1892)**

- Westcott and Hort: professors at Cambridge; one was a bishop in the Anglican Church.**

# FIVE PIVOTAL POINTS and THE SIX ASSOCIATED PERSONS

## ◆ Pivotal Point #5 W/H

- W/H constructed in secret a 'new' false Greek text OVER 30 YEARS (1851-1881) from the false tenets of modern textual criticism.
- The 'new' Greek text released in 1881 would become the basis for the corrupted text behind modern versions of the Bible.

# Pivotal Points

- What follows is an expansion of information about the five pivotal points and the six persons associated with each point.

# Pivotal Point #1 Satan

- 1. He is the Great Liar, Deceiver, Murderer, and Instigator of Iniquity.
- 2. He is the progenitor or originator of changing, adding to, and subtracting from God's Words and false interpretation of them.
- 3. He is the instigator of DE (FunE) translating of the Words of God.
  - “thou shalt not surely die”
  - “Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil”



# Pivotal Point #1 Satan

- 4. The Devil, along with his army of fallen angels, is the underlying spiritual force causing the perpetuation of changing, adding to, and subtracting from God's Words throughout the centuries.

# Pivotal Point #1 Satan

- Paul said:
- “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.”

Ephesians 6:12

# Pivotal Point #1 Satan

- He is One Who Seeks His Own Glory:

- Jesus said: “He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.”  
John 7:18

# Pivotal Point #1 Satan

<b>Gen. 3:1ff</b>	<b>He is the ‘Instigator’ of the Fall</b>
<b>Mat. 4:1ff</b>	<b>He is the ‘Tempter’ in “The Wilderness Temptation.”</b>
<b>Jn. 8:44</b>	<b>Jesus calls the Devil, a “liar” and a “murderer”</b>
<b>Rev. 12:9, 20:10</b>	<b>Satan is called the “Deceiver.”</b> <b>He is the Dragon that empowers the “Beast” and the “False Prophet.” This is the false trinity.</b>

- **Pivotal Point #2 Origen**

## Pivotal Point #2 Origen

- 1. He was an Arian. He subordinated the Lord Jesus Christ to a created being.
- 2. He was proud to be called a Gnostic:
  - He taught that literal interpretation was for the uninitiated.
  - Gnostics taught that secret knowledge leads to salvation & good works.
- 3. He denied a literal Hell.

## Pivotal Point #2 Origen

- 4. He taught transubstantiation.
- 5. He denied a physical resurrection.
- 6. He believed in baptismal regeneration.
- 7. He believed in the preexistence of the human soul.

# Pivotal Point #2 Origen

- 8. He allegorically dismissed the Passover, and
- 9. He dismissed Jesus' wilderness experience.
- 10. He accepted the Apocrypha.
- 11. He credited the book, "Shepherd of Hermas," for his allegorical system.<sup>24</sup>



# Pivotal Point #2 Origen

- 12. He taught allegory.
- 13. HE HAD LITTLE FAITH IN THE SCRIPTURES.
- 14. He castrated himself, believing this would lead to piety as a eunuch (Mat. 19:12)

# Pivotal Point #2 Origen

If you forget everything else about Origen,  
please remember these three points:

- 15. He was an Arian and a Gnostic.
- 16. He is the original author of the LXX.
- 17. According to Dr. Floyd Jones, the following authors report:
  - Eusebius' *"Ecclesiastical History,"* Bk. VI, Chapt. 23,
  - Elgin S. Moyer's *"Who was Who in Church History,"* p. 315, John Reumann's, *"The Romance of Bible Scripts and Scholars,"* pp. 98-103

- “Origen traveled extensively and everywhere he found a Greek New Testament, it was altered to fit his doctrine. He, of course, felt that he was merely “correcting” the manuscripts.
- “However, men of God do not change original manuscript readings....
- “Origen had a wealthy patron (Ambrosius) who supplied over seven stenographers, as many copyists, and girls skilled in calligraphy to accompany and assist him as he systematically altered Scripture.”

# • Pivotal Point #3 Jerome

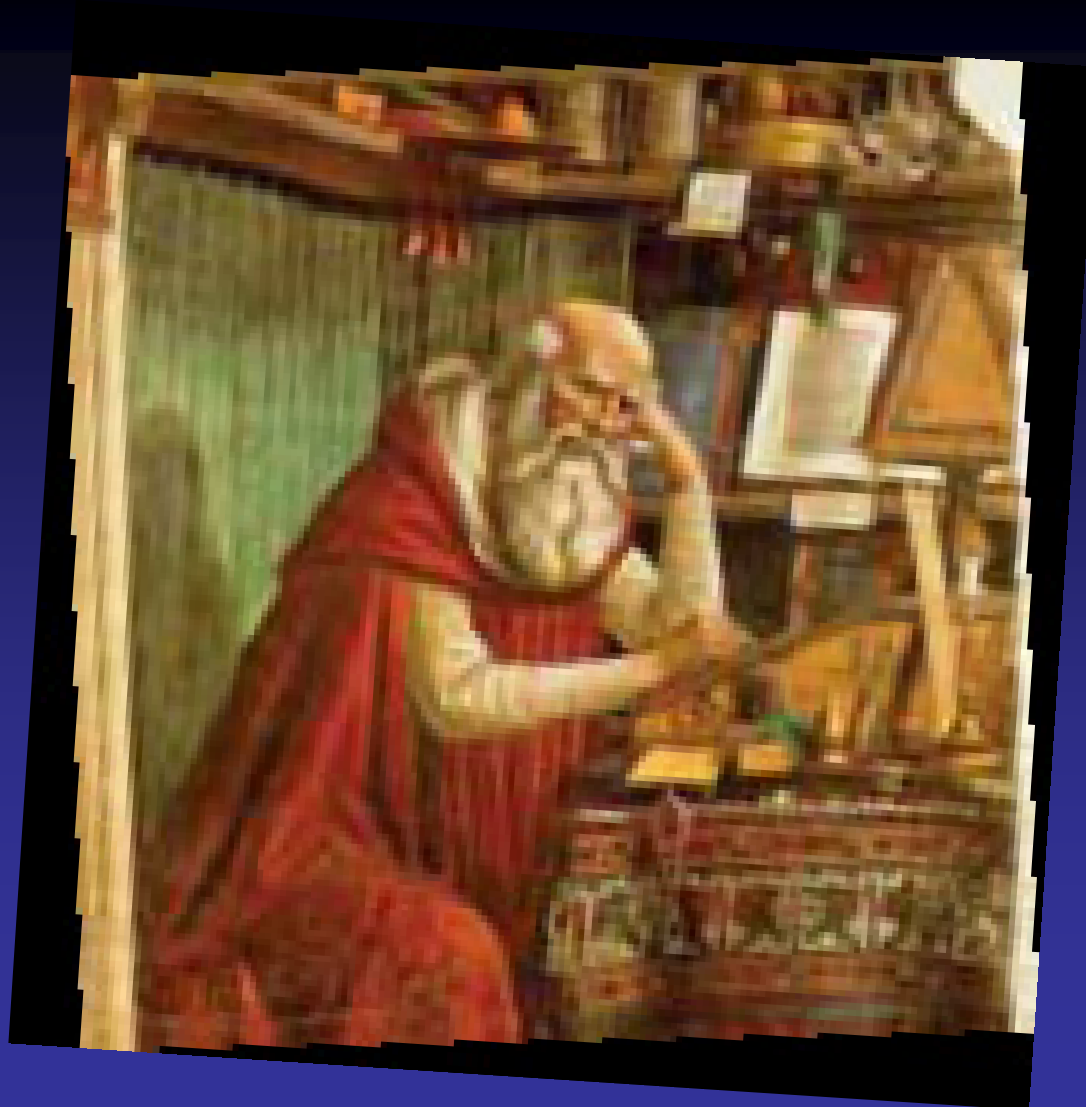
## Pivotal Point #3 Jerome

- *Eusebius Sophronius Hieronymus* or St Jerome of Stridonium.
- Jerome published the Latin Vulgate in 405 AD.
- It was constructed from Alexandrian text-type manuscripts. He used Origen's LXX.
- It was a crucial key in the continued assault on the Bible.

# Pivotal Point #3 Jerome

- The Latin Vulgate's influence in the West was and is GREAT because of the Roman Catholic Church. (UBS, Archbishop Carlo Maria Martini)
- There is a connection between Origen, Eusebius, and Jerome.

# Jerome



- **Pivotal Point #4 Darwin**



# Pivotal Point #4 Darwin

- Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882).
- The publication of Charles Darwin's book, "*On The Origin of Species*," in 1857 caused many 'scholars' to believe:
  - 1. Evolution was true. (Yet, it is only a theory).
  - 2. Therefore, they conclude:
    - The book of Genesis was a fable or myth as well as many other parts of the Bible;
    - Heaven and hell were types of the here and now;
    - The miracles were not true (virgin birth, resurrection, etc.

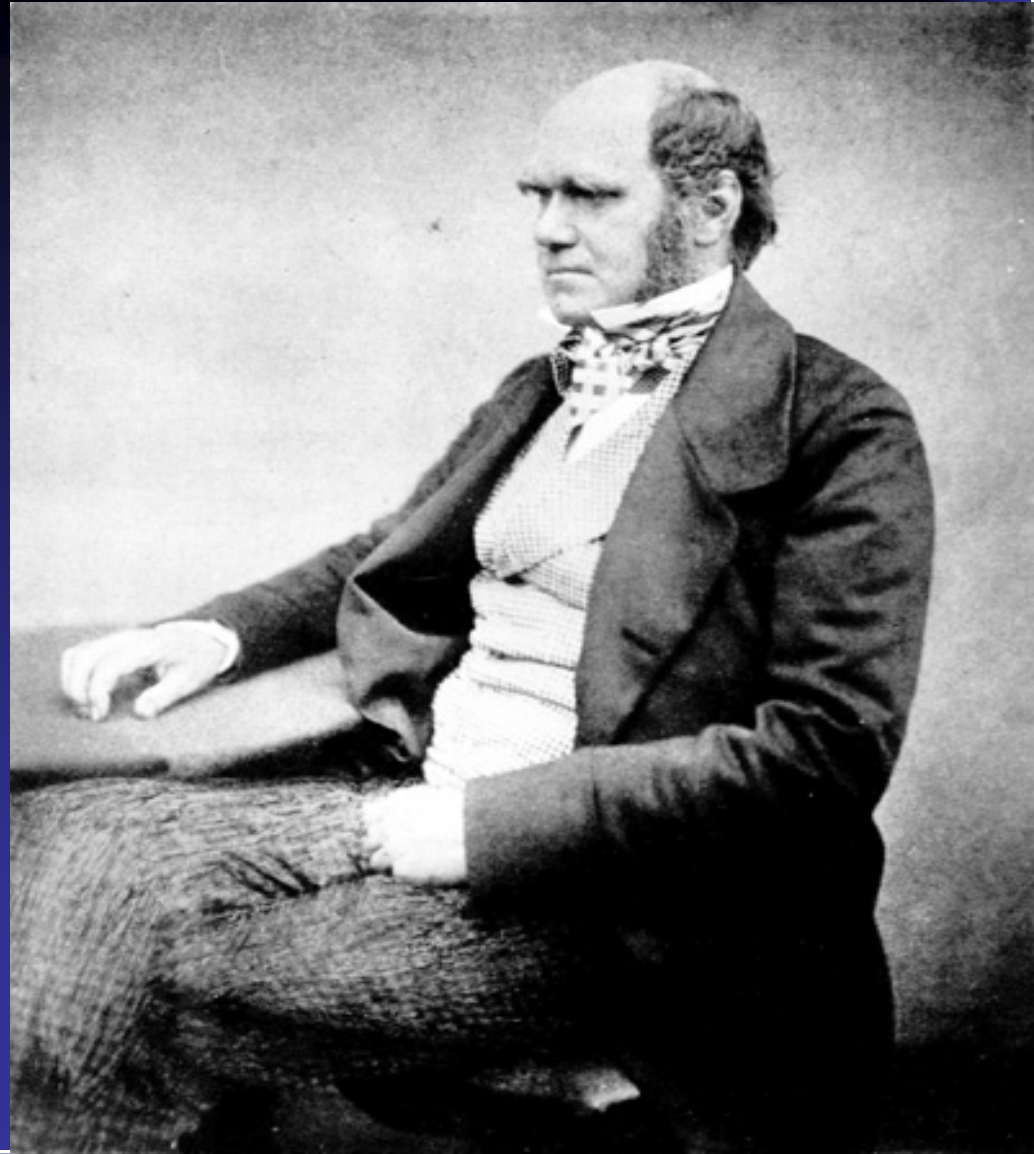
## Pivotal Point #4 Darwin

- For many, Darwin's work destroyed confidence in the inspired Words of God to the "jot and tittle" and for literal interpretation. It is a work of the Devil.
- It freed men to assault the Living Words of a Living God.
- The connection of Darwin with Westcott and Hort is notorious. They could not help but believe that Darwin's "On The Origin of Species" was "true."

# Charles Darwin & His Grandfather Erasmus Darwin

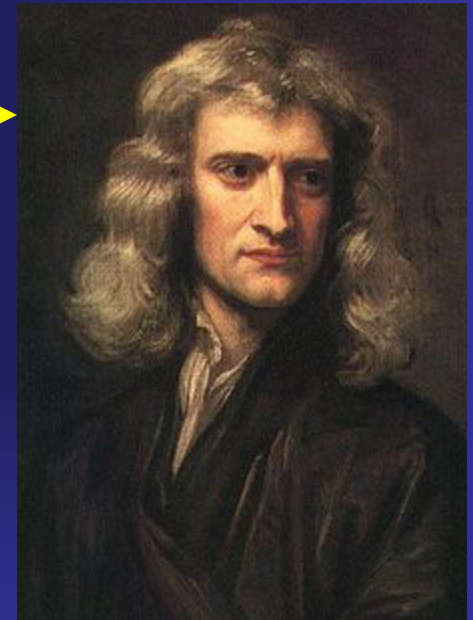


Proposed  
evolution  
to Charles



In reality, Charles Darwin only demonstrated that there is natural selection in a species; not evolution.

- In recognition of Darwin's pre-eminence, he was one of only five 19<sup>th</sup> century UK non-royal personages to be honoured by a state funeral, and was buried in Westminster Abbey, close to
  - John Herschel (1792-1871) and
  - Isaac Newton ((1643-1727) →



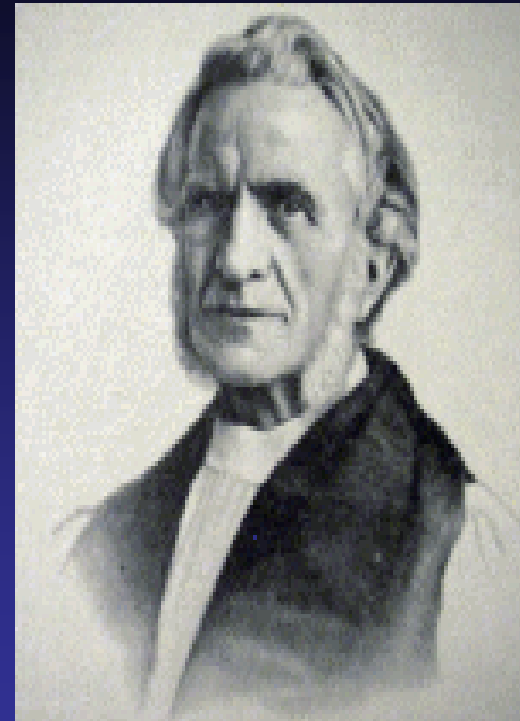
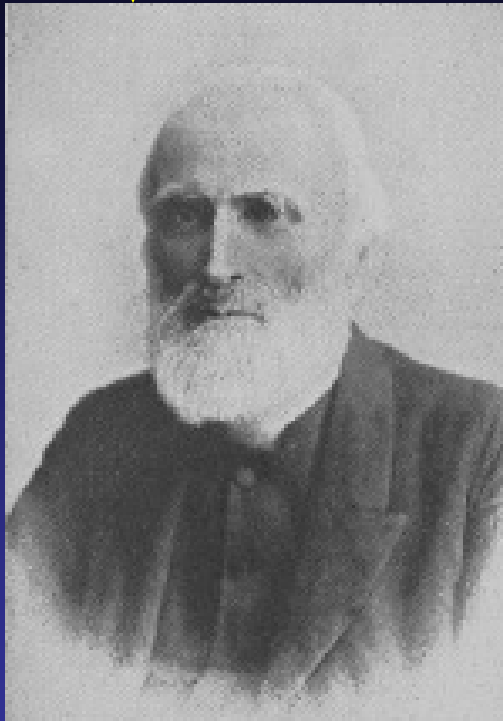
Great scientists and mathematicians who investigated God's creation; although they were unorthodox.

- **Pivotal Point #5**
- **Westcott & Hort**  
**(W/H)**

# Pivotal Point #5 W/H

- Westcott and Hort were two professors at Cambridge in the mid to late eighteen hundreds.
- They constructed a 'new' false Greek text from their false tenets of textual criticism.
- The 'new' text would become the basis of the corrupted text behind modern versions of the Bible.

# Hort & Westcott



## Pivotal Point #5 W/H

- Their favorite MS was Vaticanus (B)
- There are five principle MSS TCs prefer:

<b>1. Aleph (Sinaiticus)</b>	<b>IV Century</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>Gospels, Acts, Epistles, Revelation</b>
<b>2. Alexandrinus</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>Gospels, Acts, Epistles, Rev., minus portions of Mat., Jn., &amp; 2 Cor.</b>
<b>3. B (Vaticanus)</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>Rome</b>	<b>Gospels, Acts, Epistles, (minus portions of 1 Tim., Philemon, Heb.</b>
<b>4. C (Ephraemi Rescriptus)</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>Portions of all the NT books</b>
<b>5. D (Beza)</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Cambridge</b>	<b>Portions of Gospels, Acts, James, &amp; Jude</b>



# THE TWO ROADS





# **Further Expansion of the Five Pivotal Points**

# The Disease of Textual Criticism (DOTC)

**With W/H, the Disease of Textual Criticism  
(DOTC) began:**

# Epidemiology of DOTC

Exposed	Exposed	Exposed
<p><b><u>Never Contract the Disease</u></b> (e.g. Dr. D. A. Waite, David Otis Fuller, Edward Hills)</p>	<p><b><u>Contract the Disease, cleansed, but (never) cured.</u></b> [Like many men who are in a half-way house, one foot in TC and the other out (e.g. many schools, like Bob Jones University). Like Typhoid Mary, they can spread the disease unawares.]</p>	<p><b><u>Contract the Disease,</u></b> expose and infect many others with it, destroying confidence in God and His Words, and die from it. Metzger, Ehrman, Westcott, Hort, &amp; all the rest.</p>

- **Pivotal Point #1:**
  - **Satan**

# The Coordinator of Attacks on the Living Word and Living Words

- Satan is a created being who was present:
  - in the Garden,
  - in the Wilderness Temptation of our Lord.
- He continues to be present in the world.
- He will be thrown into the Lake of Fire.

# Satan

- Jesus said:

***“He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.**”*

- ***“When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own:**”*

- ***for he is a liar, and the father of it.”***



# Satan and His Mark

- Dean Burgon said:
- “...the Scriptures for the very reason because they were known to be the WORD OF GOD became A MARK for the SHAFTS OF SATAN from THE BEGINNING.”
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Dean John William Burgon, *The Causes of Corruption of the Traditional Text of the Holy Gospels*, Vol II p. 12.

# The Target of Satan's Shafts



# Satan

- Dr. Waite said:

- Satan is the master of deceitful doubting and he is the author of all this CONFUSION.

THE SUPERIOR  
FOUNDATION  
OF THE  
KING JAMES BIBLE



D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D.

# Satan

- The Apostle Paul said:
- *“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”*
- 2 Corinthians 11:3

# Satan

- Dr. Cloud said:
- “When one is searching out issues pertaining to the Bible, he must never lose sight of the FACT that there is a DEVIL, and that this Devil has been actively resisting the pure Word of God from the beginning.

# Satan

- “He is the adversary of God and of God's Truth. We do not make these studies in a climate of spiritual neutrality. It was DR. DEVIL IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN who first hissed, "Hath God said?" and instructed and encouraged Eve in twisting, adding to, denying, and changing the Words of God.”
- (David W. Cloud, *Way of Life Encyclopedia of the Bible & Christianity* (Way of Life Literature, Port Huron, MI, 4th Edition, 2002) 63).

- **Pivotal Point #2:**

- **Origen**

# Origen

- 1. Has been called the worst heretic and perverter of Scripture in history.
- 2. He denied a literal Hell.
- 3. He denied a physical resurrection.
- 4. He believed in the preexistence of the human soul.



# Origen

- 5. He believed in regeneration by baptism.
- 6. He believed in infant sprinkling.
- 7. He taught transubstantiation.
- 8. He alleged that Satan was paid a ransom by Christ's death, which allowed a "mystical kiss," whatever that means.

# Origen

- 9. He was an allegorist who allegorically dismissed:
  - The Passover
  - Jesus' wilderness experience
  - The purging of Herod's temple
- 10. He attributed "The Shepherd of Hermas" to inspiring his allegorical system.
- 11. He accepted the Apocrypha as Scripture.
- 12. He was a mental case, who castrated himself

# Origen

- “For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from *their* mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*.”
  - Matthew 19:12
- “He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD.”
  - Deuteronomy 23:1

# Origen

- 13. He wrote over 30,000 pages as commentary. His Scripture “quotes” are never the same; and they are conflicting.
- 14. He most likely used 1. Aquilla, 2. Symmachus, and 3. Theodotin’s Greek paraphrase of the OT to construct the fifth column of his “Hexapla” called LXX
- 15. Origen’s 5<sup>th</sup> Column is the LXX, the Septuagint of today. It is the Vaticanus...

# Origen & The Origin of the CT

- 16. Pamphilus, Origen's student, influenced Eusebius, who was a Bishop of Caesarea in Palestine. (*Eusebius Pamphili*)
- 17. Emperor Constantine commanded Eusebius to quickly make 25 copies of the Bible.
- 18. Eusebius most likely used the LXX of Origen, a complete Greek Bible, that was housed in Origen's library that Pamphilus set up in Caesarea.

# Origen

- Origen's "LXX" (The "G") is the notorious manuscript, Vaticanus. It is either:
  - 1. One of the 25 copies of Eusebius' Bible for Emperor Constantine (it is highly decorated and embossed)
    - OR
  - 2. A copy of the 25 Bibles of Eusebius, which was from Origen's LXX.

# THE ROOT OF THE CT

- ORIGEN'S VATICANUS MSS
  - WHICH IS
- THE SEPTUAGINT (LXX)

- **Pivotal Point #4:**

- **Jerome**



# JEROME

- 1. He was a bitter, hostile man.
- 2. He hated the Waldensian sympathetic scholars, Helvidus, Jovinian, & Vigilantius in Northern Italy who used the Old Latin MSS closer to the TR/TT, calling them many vulgar (bad) names.
- 3. His Latin Vulgate, completed in 405 AD, was continually under revision by Roman Catholic scholars throughout the next 1000 years, but retained its affinity for Origen's LXX, the root of the CT.

# Jerome

- 4. The Roman Catholic Church forbade priests to use any Bible other than Jerome's (modified) Latin Vulgate, and
- 5. Refused to allow Scriptures into the hands of the laity.

# Jerome

- 6. Roman Catholic Archbishop, Carlo Maria Martini, along with B. Metzger, Kurt Aland, Eugene Nida, Allen Wikgren, Matthew Black, and Roman Catholic “advisors” were editors of the United Bible Societies (UBS) Greek Text, which is basically the text from Origen to Jerome to W/H via the Vaticanus MS (B), the modern TC’s favorite MS.
- 7. The influence of Origen and Jerome’s text continues to this day.

- **Pivotal Point #4:**

- **Darwin**

# Darwin

- **The Event That Strengthened Biblical Attacks:**

- In modern history, the release of Charles Darwin's "*On The Origin of Species*" in 1859 was a very significant event.
- It freed unbelievers to claim the Bible contained fables and myths, undermining its inspiration (2 Tim. 3:16).
- (See Bruce Metzger's "Readers Digest Condensed Bible")

# Darwin

- Students of history can detect the influence this book has had on those rewriting the Bible.
- Two of the most important men in the history of the CT, Westcott and Hort, were influenced by Darwin's suppositions.

- **Pivotal Point #5:**

- **Westcott & Hort**

# “The Straw That Broke the Camel’s Back”





# THE FINAL STRAW

- Westcott & Hort's Modern Critical Text
- IT IS NOT “NEW”
- But, it was the straw that caused ‘scholars’ to throw out the TR/TT

# Westcott & Hort's Modern Critical Text

- Westcott & Hort's *"casting upon the world"* the 'new' Greek text before they were *"called a heretic"* from their *positions of authority* as *"scholars"* and *"churchmen."*
- The 'new' Greek Text was not 'new' at all, It was PRIMARILY the Vaticanus from Origen's pen. It is the 5<sup>th</sup> column of the Hexapla.

# ORIGEN'S HEXAPLA

Ps. xlv. (xlvī.) 1—3.

Henry Barclay Swete's

Old Testament in Greek, 1902

SYMMACHUS.

ἐπινίκιος·  
τῶν νιῶν Κόρε  
ὑπὲρ τῶν αἰωνίων  
ψδῆ.  
ὁ θεὸς ἡμῖν  
πεποιθήσεις καὶ ἰσχύς,  
βοήθεια  
ἐν θλίψεσιν  
εὕρισκόμενος σφόδρα.  
  
διὰ τοῦτο  
οὐ φοβηθησόμεθα  
ἐν τῷ\* συγχεῖσθαι  
γῆν  
καὶ κλίνεσθαι  
ὄρη  
ἐν καρδίᾳ  
θαλασσῶν.

\* MS. ταῖς.

LXX.

εἰς τὸ τέλος·  
ὑπὲρ τῶν νιῶν\* Κόρε  
ὑπὲρ τῶν κρυφίων  
ψαλμός.  
ὁ θεὸς ἡμῶν†  
καταφυγὴ καὶ δύναμις,  
βοηθὸς  
ἐν θλίψεσι  
ταῖς εὐρούσαις ἡμᾶς‡  
σφόδρα.  
  
διὰ τοῦτο  
οὐ φοβηθησόμεθα  
ἐν τῷ ταρασσέσθαι  
τὴν γῆν  
καὶ μετατίθεσθαι  
ὄρη  
ἐν καρδίᾳ  
θαλασσῶν.

\* With interlinear variant τοῖς νίοις (Th.).  
† MS. 1<sup>a</sup> *παντι* ἡμῶν (PΛq. Sym.).  
‡ With interlinear variant εὐρεθήσεται ἡμῖν.

THEODOTION.

τῷ νικοποιῷ\*·  
τοῖς νίοις Κόρε  
ὑπὲρ τῶν κρυφίων  
ψδῆ\*.  
ὁ θεὸς ἡμῶν  
καταφυγὴ καὶ δύναμις,  
βοηθὸς  
ἐν θλίψεσιν  
εὐρέθη† σφόδρα.  
  
διὰ τοῦτο  
οὐ φοβηθησόμεθα  
ἐν τῷ ταρασσέσθαι  
τὴν γῆν  
καὶ σαλεύεσθαι‡  
ὄρη  
ἐν καρδίᾳ  
θαλασσῶν.

\* With marginal variants, εἰς τὸ τέλος, ψαλμός (LXX.).  
† With interlinear variant ταῖς εὐρούσαις ἡμᾶς (LXX.).  
‡ With interlinear variant μετατίθεσθαι (LXX.).

# Were Westcott & Hort Heretics?

- Hort said: “ I have sort of a craving that our text should be cast upon the world before we deal with matters likely to brand us with suspicion.”
- “I mean, a text issued by men who are already known for what will undoubtedly be treated as dangerous heresy will have great difficulty in finding its way to regions which it might otherwise hope to reach and whence it would not be easily banished by subsequent alarms.”

# **HERESIES OF WESTCOTT AND HORT**



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# Were Westcott & Hort Heretics?

- Westcott said: “How certainly I should have been proclaimed a heretic.”
- “If he [a heretic] be condemned, what will become of me?”

# Were Westcott & Hort Heretics?

- Hort said:
- “Evangelicals seem to me perverted rather than untrue. There are, I fear, still more serious differences between us on the subject of authority, and especially the authority of the Bible.”
- “But I am not able to go as far as you in asserting the absolute infallibility of a canonical writing.”

# Were Westcott & Hort Heretics?

- They believed there was more “revelation” in Greek philosophy by Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle than the Bible.
- They believed Charles Darwin above the Bible.
- They accepted Mariolatry (worship of Mary) and investigation into paranormal occurrences.



# Were Westcott & Hort Heretics?

- They were members of the Broad Church, an affiliation of men who supported many heretical and apostate beliefs.
- Westcott did not believe in miracles.
- The second “coming of the Lord Jesus Christ” was the “fall of Jerusalem” and his “coming to us now.”

# Were Westcott & Hort Heretics?

- Heaven was not an actual place.
- Moses and David were not actual persons, but allegorical and poetic characters.
- They were Universalists who had abandoned the doctrine of the atonement.
- They believed eternal life was the knowledge of God here and now.

# Were Westcott & Hort Heretics?

- They were affiliated with the Oxford Movement, which was the attempt to return the Anglican Church under the auspices or control of Rome.

# Westcott and Hort's Approach

- They were devising a way to get rid of the TR/TT, which they considered “vile” and “villainous.”
- They approached the textual issue from five (5) fallacious tenets of textual criticism.

# Westcott and Hort's Principles

## #I. Basic Approach

- The New Testament should be treated like any other book (e.g. like a secular book). This is called “the neutral naturalistic approach.”
- Therefore, what the Bible says about itself concerning preservation is moot.

# Westcott and Hort's Principles

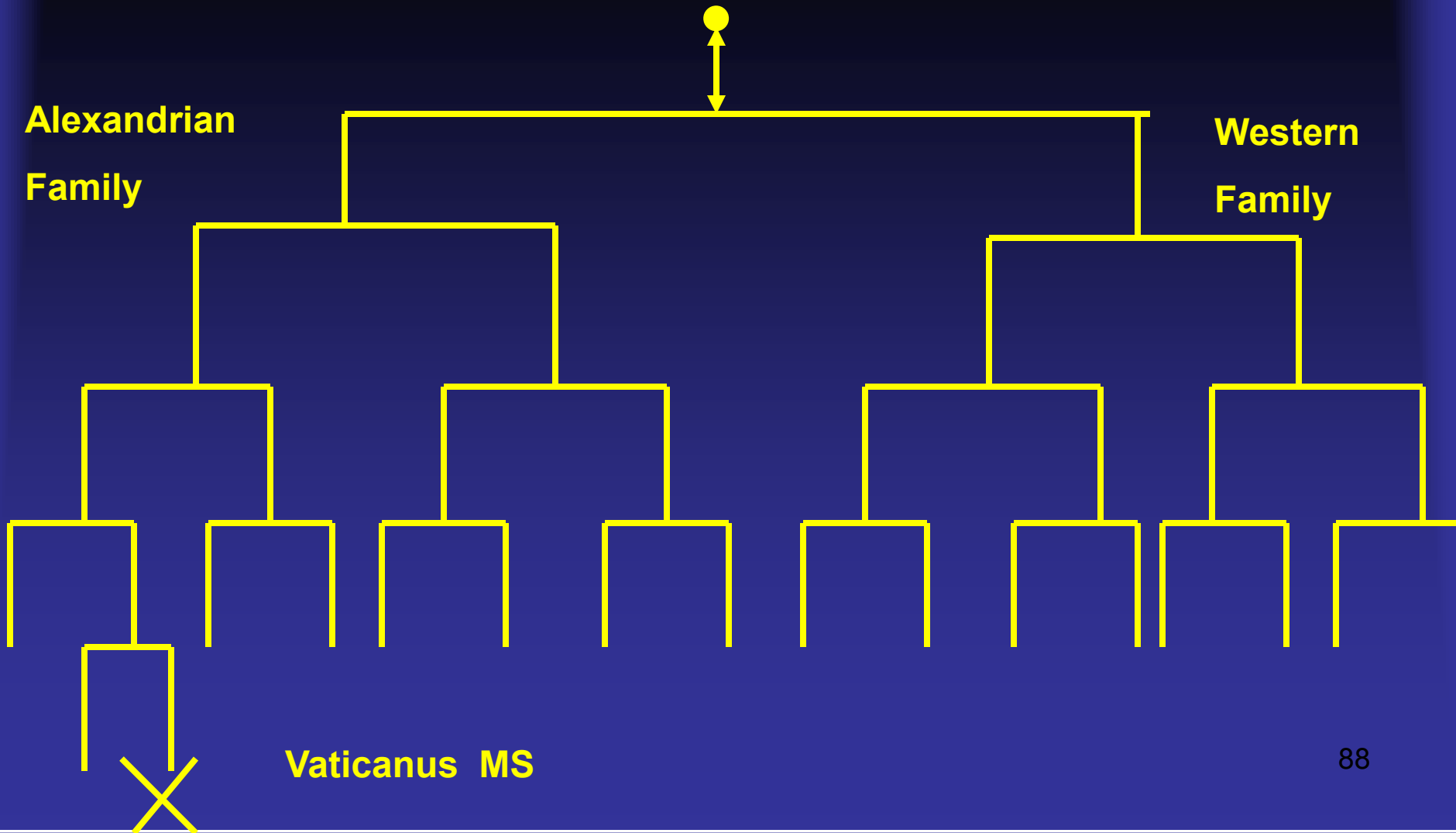
## #2. Genealogy

- They devised families of texts to hide the few manuscripts (1%) supporting their 'new' Greek text, which is the basis of the modern CT.
- B. Metzger admits that the UBS Greek texts (UBS<sup>1-4</sup>) is the basic text developed by Westcott and Hort. [e.g. Vaticanus MS B]

# Falsified Genealogical Research

- It has been proven that Westcott and Hort NEVER performed the Genealogical research that they implied in their writings (uncovered by Wilbur Pickering & M. M. Parvis).
  - In other words: “They lied.”
- This is similar to drug companies who falsify their research.

# The Principle of Genealogy (Must Assume No Corruption)





# Westcott and Hort's Principles

## #3. Conflation

- Combine or add words to make the text more understandable or clearer
- W/H reported 8 conflations as examples of many more.
- Dean Burgon disproved 6 of their 8 before he died. And the other two are surely false, also.

# Westcott and Hort's Principles

## #3 Conflation

- The Alleged Conflation allowed W/H to assert “Internal Considerations” (IE)
- Allowed them to say:
  - 1. The shorter reading is most likely correct.
  - 2. The harder reading is preferred.

# Westcott and Hort's Principles

## #4 Internal Evidence (IE)

- Of course, W/H's false IE allowed them to say that the TR/TT was:
  - 1. Easier to read
  - 2. A fuller text
- That is, the scribes conflated the TR/TT, so it is a false text. The B MS is shorter. They wrongly asserted that B is the "oldest and best" and therefore closest to the original.

# Westcott and Hort's Principles

- The Final Result of W/H Principles,
  - Which Are Nothing But Theories:

## “Conjectural Emendation”

- I Will Guess At Which Words Are The Words Of God

# If Time Allows

- We will examine the evolution of textual criticism through men associated with Roman Catholicism and “scholars.”

# The Speculation of Men Leading Up to W/H

- 1. Early Philosophers: Cain, Babel (rejection of one God), Zoroaster (confusion concerning after-life, demons, judgment), Buddha, Confucius, Lao-Tse (Taoist), Thales, Anaximander, Anaximenes, Heracleitus, Protagoras, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle,

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## 2. The Unholy Triumvirate:

- Socrates
  - Plato
- Aristotle

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- Plato

- He was a homosexual.
- He taught a counterfeit 'trinity' (an unknowable God, a created Logos, a 'soul of the world').
- He was a despiser of the God of Moses.



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- Greek philosophy was the impetus for Gnostic cults:
- Arianism = Jesus was created being
- Socinianism = Jesus was not God
- Sebellianism = No Trinity, Jesus was only a separate manifestation of the one God (Unitarianism, Modalism)

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## 3. Philo Judaeus (c. 20 BC-50 AD):

- **Neo-Platonism:**
  - Later called Scholasticism
  - A False Trinity,
  - A Pleroma,
  - Genesis is a myth,
  - Amalgamated OT and Greek Philosophy.

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- 4. Pantaenus (c. 181 AD)
- Founded the infamous Catechetical school in Alexandria, Egypt.
- He was noted for being one of the “deepest Gnostics.”

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- **5. Clement of Alexandria (150-270 AD)**

- **He taught Origen.**
- **He was honored to be called a Gnostic.**
- **He believed his & Plato's writings were inspired.**
- **He labored to show how a believer could rise to the position of a true Gnostic.**

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- 6. Origen

- See previous slides on Origen.
- He moved to Caesarea, a city on the edge of Judea and Syria.
- He established a school there.

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- 7. Pamphilus (240-309 AD)
- He was a student of Origen.
- After Origen's death, he established a library to house his 30,000 plus pages of writings, particularly the Hexapla.

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- 8. Eusebius Pamphii

- He was a student of Pamphilus.
- He was Bishop of Caesarea.
- He was Emperor Constantine's theologian.
- He was ordered by the Emperor to quickly produced 25 'bibles' for the Empire. Where do you think he got them? They were most likely Origen's LXX, which is the progenitor of MS B.

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- 9. Jerome

- See previous slides.
- He published the Latin vulgate translation from Alexandrian text-type MSS.
- There is NO doubt that the confusion surrounding the Latin Vulgate contributed to the speculation about the Bible that arose during the Reformation.



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- **10 Hugo Grotius (1583-1645).**
  - Made speculative changes in the text as if it were a secular book.
- **11. Steven Courcelles (c. 1658).**
  - Continued the trend of Grotius.
- **12. Richard Simon (1638-1712).**
  - Called the Father of Modern Biblical Criticism.
  - He was a French Priest.

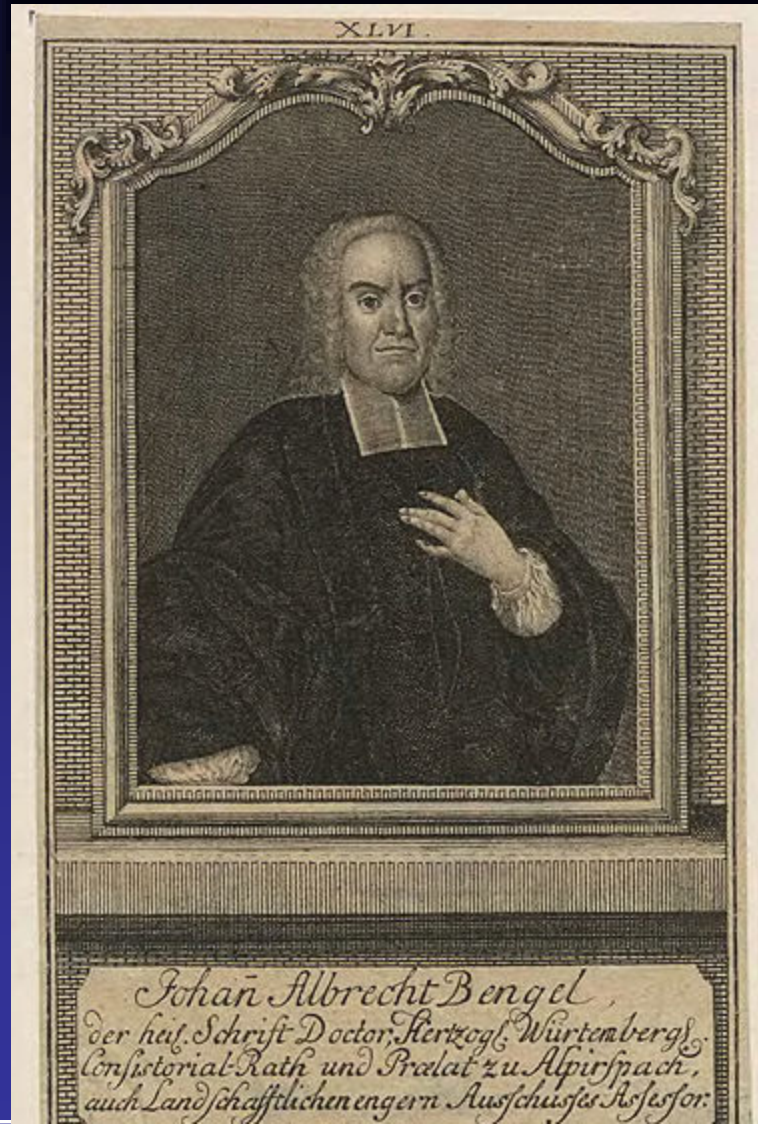
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- **13. John Fell (1675)**
  - Englishman
  - Suggested ways the scribes may have changed the text.
- **14. Gerhard von Maestricht (1711)**
  - Published a list of 43 rules to deal with those alleged mistakes.

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- Shortly after Fell and von Maistricht, the search for the “oldest” MSS began to REPLACE the Greek TR/TT.
- 15. Richard Bently (1662-1742)
  - Planned a “thoroughly naturalistic method” of textual criticism to reconstruct the Greek NT.
  - He believed that he could reconstruct the text available at the time of the Council of Nicea (325 AD).

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- 16. J. A. Bengel (1687-1752)
  - A Lutheran divine.
  - He believed the hardest reading should be preferred over the easiest reading.

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- **17. Johann Semler (1725-1795)**



- A German historian and churchman who maintained the Scriptures contained merely local and temporal value.
- Believed the scribes purposefully corrupted the MSS with their changes.
- Father of German Rationalism.

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- **18. J. J. Griesbach (1745-1812)**
  - A student of Semler.
  - Believed the NT was more contaminated than any other MSS.
  - Believed the most suspicious reading is the one that yields a sense favorable to the nourishment of piety.
  - The second century was the time when the MSS were severely corrupted beyond repair.

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- **19. Carl Lachmann (1793-1846)**
  - It was not possible to ‘construct’ a text any earlier than the 4<sup>th</sup> century.
  - He proposed “CONJECTURAL EMENDATION.”
  - He published a Greek NT in 1831

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- **20. Jean Astruc (1684-1766)**
  - A French catholic physician.
  - He said Moses used two different names of God and therefore two different MSS to write Genesis.
- **21. Johann Gottfried Eichorn (1752-1827)**
  - Expanded Astruc's ideas
  - Declared many books in the NT were spurious.
- **22. Alexander Geddes (1737-1802)**
  - Speculated the Pentateuch and Joshua were put together from fragments.
  - The ideas of these men were the start of the JEDP (Documentary Theory) of the Pentateuch.



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- PRECIOUS, PRESERVED, PURE
- INSPIRED, INERRANT, INFALLIBLE
  - WORDS

• **THE END**