

Pagan Christianity

The History of the Bible, the Origins of Catholicism, and the Septuagint

When working with a class, I advise setting up a point system. It would help if you thought about charging parents a fee for the class, and those fees go toward the kids' prizes for the top three who earn the most points. You can also use this as a ministry opportunity and absorb the costs. An idea of a reward prize could be a book of interest in the subjects you are learning together to start their library with a gift card.

The point system is a powerful tool for fostering learning and goal orientation. I've observed students becoming more engaged, taking notes, and memorizing facts. This system encourages them to set goals and work towards achieving them.

After each video, I questioned them about what they had learned the previous day. At the end of each video, I asked what they had learned for points.

DiggingIn2Truth encourages the use of the King James Bible because there are changes made to the modern versions. Try using a parallel Bible to see the differences yourself.

Review:

- Who made dramatic changes to the Christian faith to unite his empire? **Constantine**
- What sign did Constantine see, and what did it mean? **A cross with the phrase, conquer by this sign**
- When did Constantine adopt Christianity? **324 A.D.**
- What was the first act Constantine adopted? **The Edict of Milan** Which lead to what? **The tolerance of all religions**
- What did Constantine allow? Pagan beliefs to be adopted into Christianity
- People joined the church for what reasons? **Political**
- What are some of the changes?
 - What did they change the name of idols to? **The names of saints**
 - **Mary worship**
- Mithraism is what? **Eating the flesh and drinking the blood of a bull (what did they worship in the Old Testament? The golden calf)**
- What else did Mithraism offer? **7 sacraments**
- How was baptism changed? occur? **That you believe that Jesus Christ, who died for your sins, is the son of God, Acts 8:36-37**

- Constantine believed baptism did what? **Washed away sins, hence why he waited till the end of his life to be baptized**
- What was adopted into the Catholic belief through Constantine? **That baptism frees one from sin and makes you a member of Christ's body**
- What 3 things did Christ end with his death but are present in paganism? **The temple, priesthood, and the sacrifice.**
- What made Christianity different from paganism? **They had no sacred objects, sacred spaces, and no sacred persons**
- When did Constantine construct the first church building? **327 A.D.**
- What did Constantine use for a pattern for the church buildings? **Temples**
- What did Constantine give to churches? **Tax-exempt status**
- What was the most significant change Constantine made to Christianity? **A new Bible**
- **What beliefs did Constantine bring into Christianity? A middle-of-the-row view on the deity of Jesus Christ and accepted Arianism and Semi-Arianism into the doctrine**
- What were the belief of Arianism and Semi-Arianism? **Jesus was the highest of creatures, not God manifested in the flesh.**
- **How many Bibles did Constantine as to be made? 50**
- Where were these Bibles made? **Egypt**
- Who was the man in Egypt that made the 50 Bibles? **Origen**
- How many copies have survived today out of the 50? **2**
- Who made the Septuagint? **Origen**
- The Septuagint changed the name Yahweh or Jehovah to what? **Lord**
- What new name was given to Elijah? **Helios meaning sun god**
- What pagan name was left in the Septuagint as Lord? **Baal**
- King Ptolemy the 2nd accepted the universal position that all gods are true. How was this done? **By changing the names of God from Yahweh and Jehovah to Lord.**
- Origen took the Septuagint that was made under the rule of King Ptolemy the 2nd that was translated from Greek to Hebrew back to what? **Back to Hebrew, leaving all the changes to the names of God and Elijah**
- What else did Origen do to the changed word of God? **He added his own beliefs.**
- **What are the beliefs of Origen?**
 - **The Holy Spirit was feminine**
 - **Soul Sleep**
 - **Baptismal Regeneration**
 - **Jesus Was only a created being, NOT God**
 - **Purgatory**
 - **Transubstantiation**

- **Transmigration of the Soul and Reincarnation**
 - **Doubted the temptations of Jesus in Scripture**
 - **Biblical scripture was not literal, and the creation story was a myth**
 - **True man of God should be castrated**
 - **Believed eternal life is not a gift, works based**
 - **No physical resurrection of the believers**
- What is used today to determine the wording of new versions? **The Septuagint made by Origen**
 - Why do the two remaining manuscripts of the 50 Bibles agree with the Septuagint? **Because they came from the same person, Origen**
 - What are the names of the 2 manuscripts from the 50 Bibles produced by Constantine? **Cyanidicus and Vaticanus**
 - **Where do all modern versions get their manuscripts from? Egypt**
 - What is Egypt in the Bible a picture of? **The World**
 - How many manuscripts make up the King James Bible? **Over 5,000**
 - All new Bible versions come from how many manuscripts? **2**
 - How many words are missing from the NIV from the King James Bible? **64,000**
 - Who would attack the deity of Jesus Christ? **Antichrist**
 - What does the Title the Vicar of Christ mean? **In place of Christ on Earth**
 - What are the ways Satan copies God:
 - **He has his own spiritual father**
 - **His own spiritual children**
 - **His own angels**
 - **His own preachers**
 - **His own gospel**
 - **His own church**
 - **His own doctrine**
 - **His own spirit**
 - **His own Jesus**
 - **His own Christ**

1 THE TWO CITIES

Dr. Jack Moorman, who spent many years in researching the question of Bible versions, has stated that the transmission of the Greek text of the New Testament is essentially a "tale of two cities", viz., Antioch and Alexandria. Dr. Moorman writes: "Just as surely as the King James text was woven into the spiritual life of Antioch in Syria, so was the modern versions text in Alexandria. Today a person must decide whether he is more comfortable with a Bible whose roots go back to one or the other of these two cities...certainly Antioch has by far the most glorious heritage."

ANTIOCH: Here was the springboard for the Gentile church. It became the center for Gentle Christians just as Jerusalem was for the Jews. "The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch" (Acts 11:26). Antioch was the center for the outreach of the apostle Paul and his missionary journeys. Many of the disciples also visited Antioch. Antioch was the "heartbeat" of Christianity.

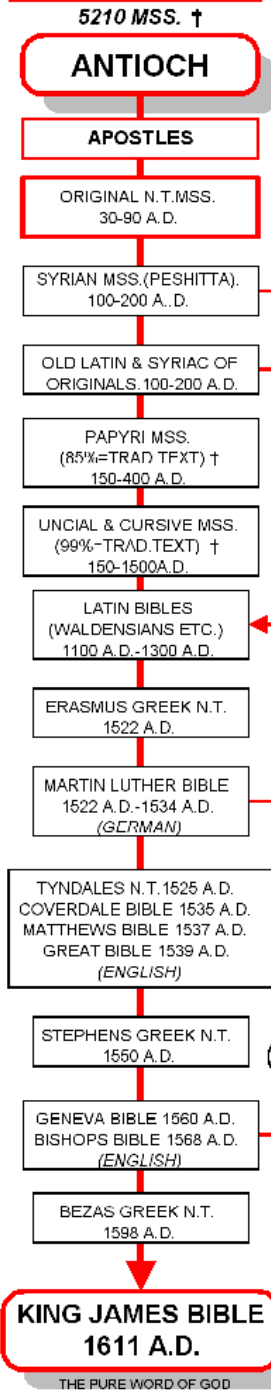
ALEXANDRIA: The place where most of the modern texts and translations originated, had no such glory. It is true, however, that Alexandria became a center of intellectualism. Such men as Clement and Origen were active in this area. It was also noted as a place where every deviant sect was represented. Religious corruption and false doctrines were prevalent including Gnosticism, Arianism, pagan philosophy, etc. Alexandria was the place where the intellectuals of Christianity were attracted.

2 THE TWO ESSENTIALS

Since God has inspired His Word has He also preserved His Word? Has He preserved it for every generation? The Westminster Confession (1846) states: "The Scriptures were immediately inspired of God and under His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages." The Bible has the final say in the matter: "The words of the Lord are pure words...Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." (Psalm 12: 6,7). If we accept the inspiration of Scripture we must also accept that every word has been and will be preserved through the ages in the church. Both together are essential doctrines.

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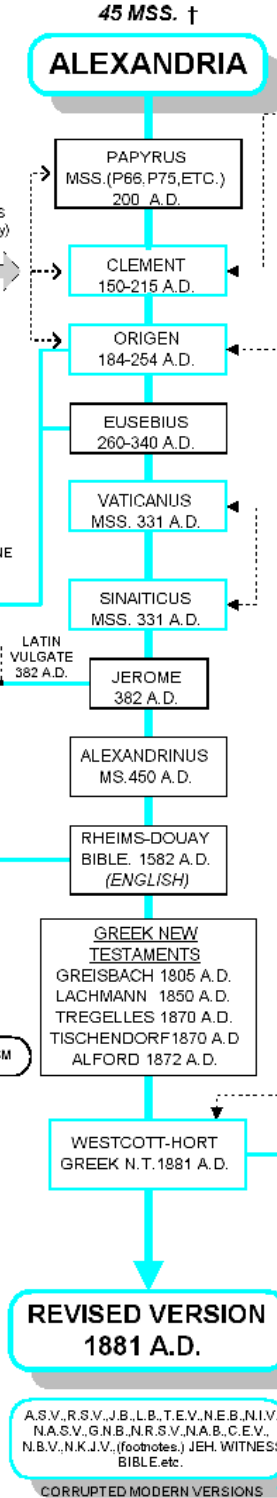
TRADITIONAL TEXT LINE



PROVIDENTIAL PRESERVATION OF THE TEXT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

CORRUPTION OF THE SCRIPTURES (Gnosticism, Arianism, pagan philosophy)

ALEXANDRIAN TEXT LINE



3 THE TWO HERETICS*

CLEMENT: He accepted Greek philosophy and the Apocrypha as divinely authoritative. He was head of the catechetical school at Alexandria, and believed that salvation could be obtained through various means including baptism, faith and works, faith alone etc.

ORIGEN: He also became head of the catechetical school. A man of superior intellect he however denied the Bible's historicity, eternal punishment, the Holy Spirit's eternality, salvation by grace etc. He was given to the allegorizing of scripture. * Data from: "Final Authority" by William P. Grady.

4 THE TWO FALSE WITNESSES **

Discarded and hidden for 1600 years, these two corrupted manuscripts form the basis of all MODERN VERSIONS. They disagree with each other in over 3000 places in the Gospels alone. It is the **VATICAN MSS.** (which include the Apocrypha) that the translators mostly relied upon. Both had their roots in Alexandria and show the influence of Origen.

** Data from H.C. Hoskier's "Codex B and its Allies".

A total of 43 other manuscripts indicate some support for this text compared to 5210 which support the Traditional Text. †

John W. Burgon, states: "These are two of the least trustworthy documents in existence..." ("Revision Revised.")

5 THE TWO APOSTATE REVISIONISTS

Westcott and Hort Both were apostates. Westcott did not accept: Genesis 1-3; Bodily resurrection of Christ; Miracles and literal coming of Christ. Was partial to Romish ways. Hort did not accept the infallibility of Scripture. He also favored Darwin's theory of evolution. Both men did not believe in eternal punishment or the vicarious atonement. (Data from, "Life & Letters", 1896., 1903.)

6 CHANGES COMPARED WITH THE TRAD. TEXT.†

GREEK WORDS: Added=306, Omitted=2987
VERSES: Omitted = 20

* Data from E.W.Fowler's "Evaluating Versions of the N.T."

Note: Most of these changes originate in the W-H text and most have been carried into the modern versions.

† Data from Jack Moorman's "Forever Settled."