

Truth – Do we care?

Jesus and Pilate discussion - John 18:37-38 ESV

Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

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Truth – Do we care?

If someone answered your questions about Christianity to the point that it seemed true beyond a reasonable doubt, would you become a Christian?

If no then your resistance is emotional not intellectual
Most doubt is emotional – we don't want it to be true.

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Truth

- Correspondence theory – the statement is true if it corresponds to reality.
 - This is the only theory of truth that can be used consistently – because it is true!
- Aristotle - “To say of what is that it is not, or of what is not that it is, is false, while to say of what is that it is, and of what is not that it is not, is true; so that he who says of anything that it is, or that it is not, will say either what is true or what is false.”

SIX Truths about Truth

- Truth is discovered, not invented. It exists independent of anyone's knowledge of it.
- Gravity existed prior to Newton.
- Truth is transcultural; if something is true, it is true for all people, in all places, at all times.
- $2+2=4$ for everyone, everywhere, every time.
- Truth is unchanging even though our beliefs about truth change.
- Earth has always been round.

SIX Truths about Truth

- Beliefs cannot change a fact, no matter how sincerely they are held.
 - The belief I can fly does not make it true.
- Truth is not affected by the attitude of the one professing it.
 - An arrogant person does not make it false.
- All truths are absolute truths.
 - There are no relative truths.

Truth is Not Ice Cream

- Subjective – true only for the person speaking
 - Personal preference
 - Neither right or wrong (True or False)
- Objective – true for the object
 - Preferences don't matter
 - Either right or wrong (True or False)
- Christianity is claiming to be Objectively true
- Stop relativizing Christianity

The Road Runner Tactic

“All religious beliefs are true.”

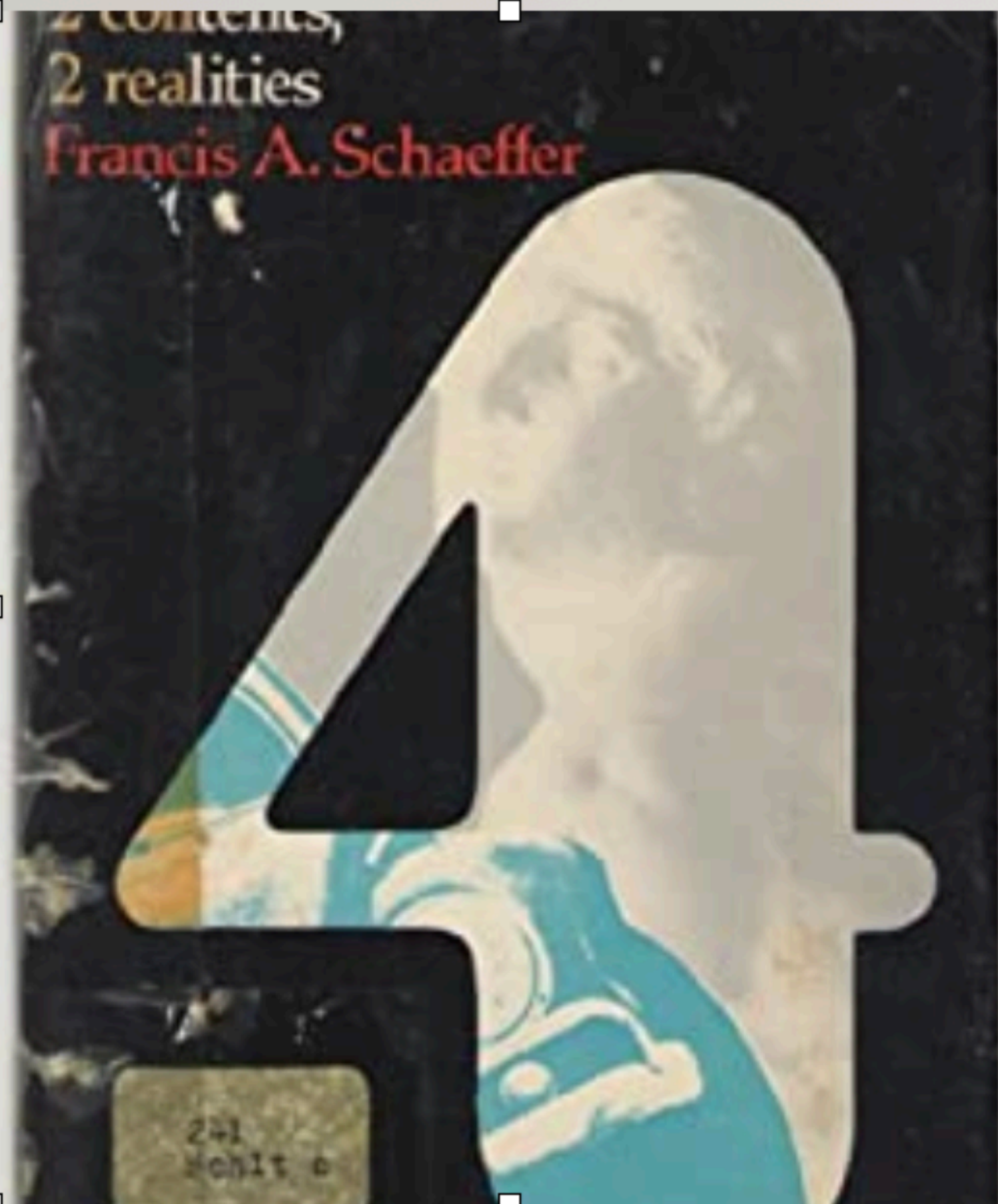


“My religious belief is that all religious beliefs are not true. Is my belief true?”

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Can all Religions be True?

- All religious beliefs cannot be true because many religious beliefs are contradictory.
- World religions have more contradictory beliefs than complementary ones.
- They disagree on virtually every major issue, including the nature of God, the nature of man, sin, salvation, heaven, hell and creation.
- Subjective Personal Experience is the WORST way to try to determine which Religion is True!



SOUND DOCTRINE

HONEST ANSWERS TO HONEST
QUESTIONS

TRUE SPIRITUALITY

BEAUTY OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

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TACTICS

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One Basic Goal

Leave a stone in their shoe.
Annoy them in a good way.

Tactics

Ground Rules

1. If you get angry you loose. If they get angry you loose.
2. Never make a statement when a question will do.
3. Listen to understand, not to respond.
4. Know when to walk away.

Columbo #1

“What do you mean by
(that)?”

Columbo #2

“How did you come to that conclusion?”

Columbo #3

“Have you considered . . .?”

Taking the Roof Off

“Let’s take what you have said
And see where it goes . . .”

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CATEGORIES FOR CONVERSATIONS

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Talking to Strangers

- What would it take for me to convince you that your Mom was a Cuban spy?
 - What would your initial reaction be?
 - Would you be defensive?
 - Would you be objective?
 - Would it happen in one conversation?
 - Would the other persons attitude and demeanor matter in the conversations?
- Apply this to Mormons – You are asking them to abandon their entire worldview and admit they have been lied to their whole life.
 - Eternal Life for Mormons

I once was lost

Five Thresholds of postmodern conversion

1. Moved from distrust to trust – they learned to trust a Christian
2. Moved from complacent to curious – they became curious about Jesus
3. Moved from being closed to change to being open to change in their life
 - Hardest threshold to cross
4. Moved from meandering to seeking – they became actively and purposefully seeking God
5. Moved into a saving relationship with Jesus – they repented and trusted in Jesus
 - Where is [X] on this path and how can I help them take the next step?
 - What conversations are appropriate at each level to help them take the next step?

1. I'm a Mormon and you're an Evangelical. What you have is false and I have the full and true gospel.
2. I'm a Mormon/Christian and you're an Evangelical/Christian. We essentially believe the same thing and we can learn from one another.
3. I'm a Mormon/Christian and you're an Evangelical/Christian. I like learning from the Bible and you teach and know the Bible. I want to learn from you.
4. I'm a Mormon and you're a Christian. I realize that we don't believe the same thing about the Bible, God, Jesus, Salvation, etc... and I want to learn more.
5. I'm a Mormon and you're a Christian. I fully realize the differences between the two faiths. I'm counting the cost of truly trusting and following Jesus.
6. I'm a Christian. I am saved by Jesus' performance for me not my performance for him. It has cost me my family, social network and potentially my job. I have a new family of faith now.

Stages of Mormons Coming to Saving Faith

- What questions would be appropriate for a person at each stage?
 - What questions would NOT be appropriate for a person at each stage?
- At what stage would apologetics-type questions and discussions come into play?
 - How frustrating will it be to try and have a Level 4 discussion with a level 1 person?
- Think about this with ALL your discussions with unbelievers

DOES GOD EXIST?

ARGUMENT FROM
PHILOSOPHY

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Twelve Point Argument for Christianity

1. Truth about reality is knowable.
2. Opposites cannot both be true.
3. The theistic God exists.
4. If God exists, then miracles are possible.
5. Miracles can be used to confirm a message from God.
6. The New Testament is historically reliable.
7. The New Testament says that Jesus claimed to be God.
8. Jesus' claim to be God is confirmed by miracles.
9. Therefore, Jesus is God.
10. Whatever Jesus (who is God) teaches is true.
11. Jesus taught that the Bible is the Word of God.
12. Therefore, it is true that the Bible is the Word of God
(Anything opposed to it is false)

How Reason can lead to God

- Take everything that exists – “the Blob of everything”
 - Nothing outside the Blob could account for the Blob
- The blob is full of dependent things – things that rely on something else for their existence.
 - But how do we account for the Blob if it is full of ONLY dependent things – the Blob cannot depend on anything for its own existence.
- There must be some FOUNDATION that has an independent, self-sufficient, NECESSARY, nature.
 - It is the sort of thing that MUST exist – therefore it must be ETERNAL

How Reason Can Lead To God

- This FOUNDATION must be all powerful
 - Because the foundation could not receive its power from something outside the BLOB – it must have a power that exists by its own nature.
 - This power must be eternal.
- What is one thing in the Blob – YOU! What kind of thing are you?
Four Characteristics of Humans that must be accounted for:
 - Minds – Can physical particles produce minds?
 - Complex Bodies – you are basically information (DNA).
 - Moral Agents – What best describes our moral landscape and our experience of it?
 - Rational Agents – Where does reason come from? Could reason come from non-reason?

How Reason Can Lead To God

- What this all points to is that at the bottom of ALL reality (foundation) – must be a RATIONAL, Mind-Like being with a MORAL Nature.
- Inference to the best explanation – What best explains all the data?
 - Our worldview must be coherent, cannot contain contradictions and must be able to explain all the data.
- This FOUNDATION would also be PERFECT
 - It must have NO defects or imperfections
 - It cannot possibly be improved
- Thus by pure reason we have arrived at the greatest possible treasure, the self-sufficient, eternally powerful, supremely rational and perfectly good, CREATOR GOD

How this helps

- Any view of God that is less than that CANNOT account for all reality.
 - Any material GOD CANNOT account for all reality.
- We can go further – The Kalam Cosmological Argument
 - Every Effect has a Cause
 - The universe came into existence (is an effect)
 - The universe has a cause
- The theory of General Relativity tells us that time, space and matter are co-relative – you can't have one without the other.
 - So if time, space and matter came into existence at the Big Bang ---- then the cause of the Big Bang would have to be timeless, spaceless and immaterial.

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ARGUMENT FROM
MORALITY

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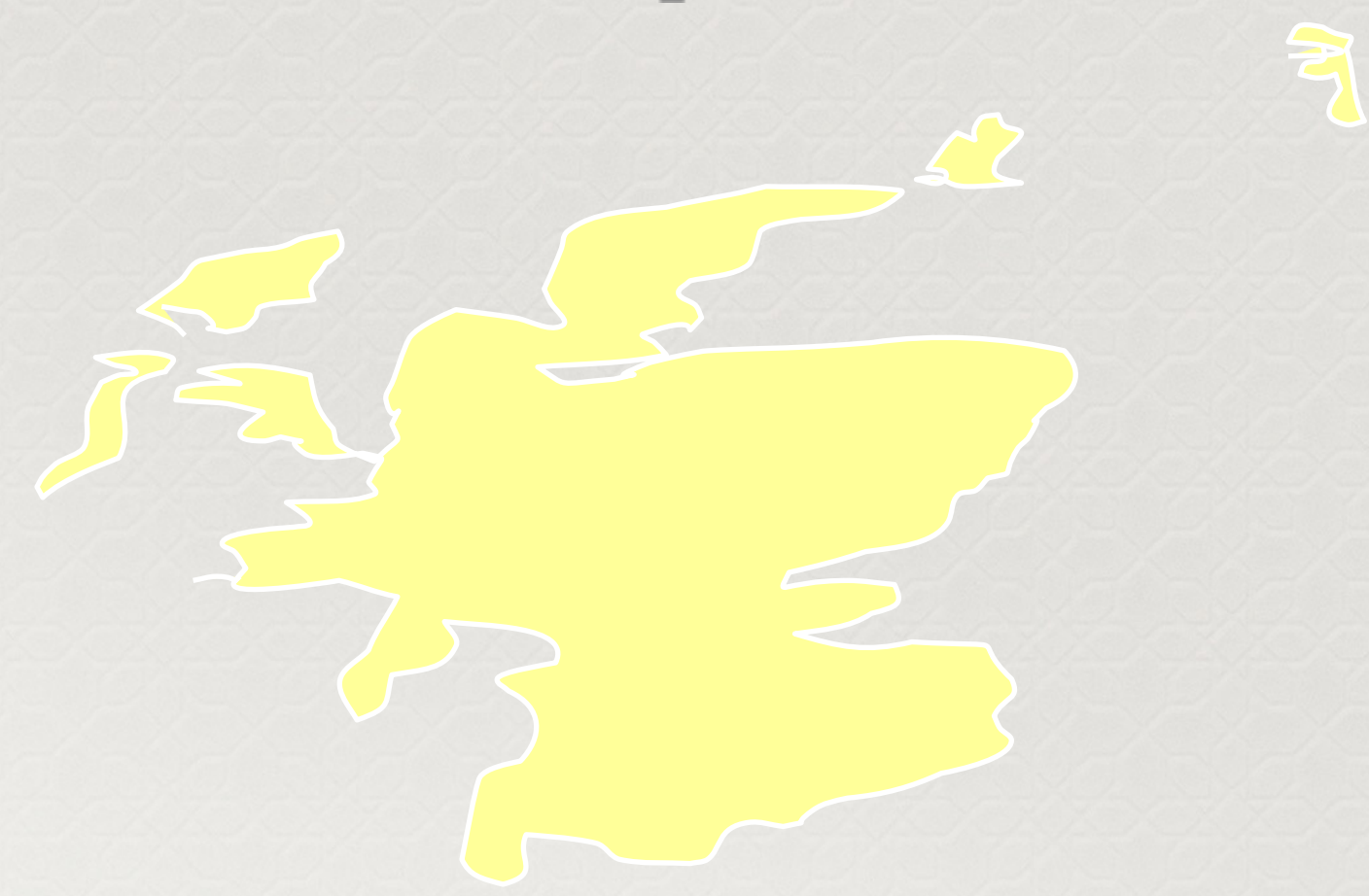
HOW DO YOU DISCOVER who's right & who's wrong?



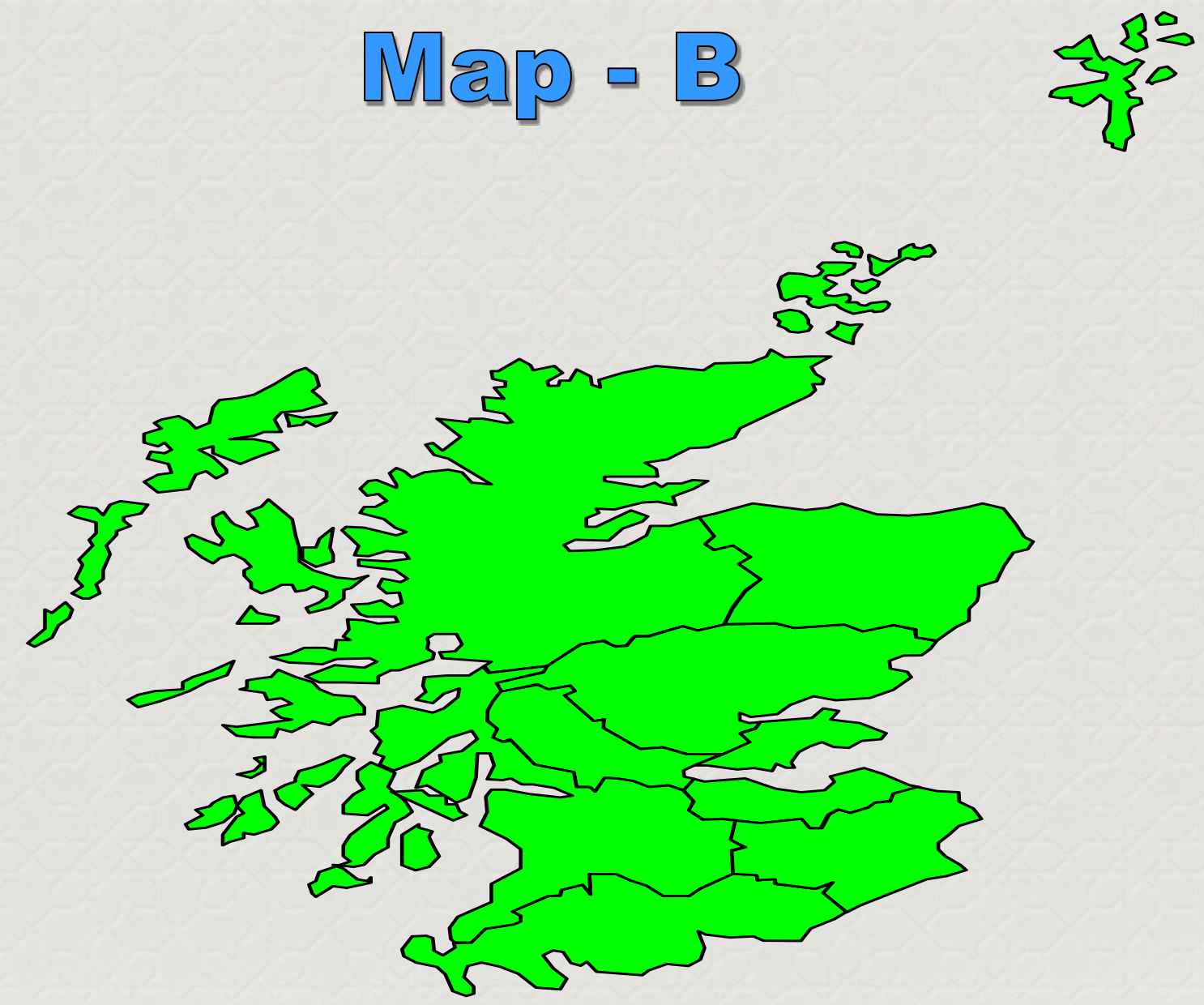
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MAPS OF SCOTLAND

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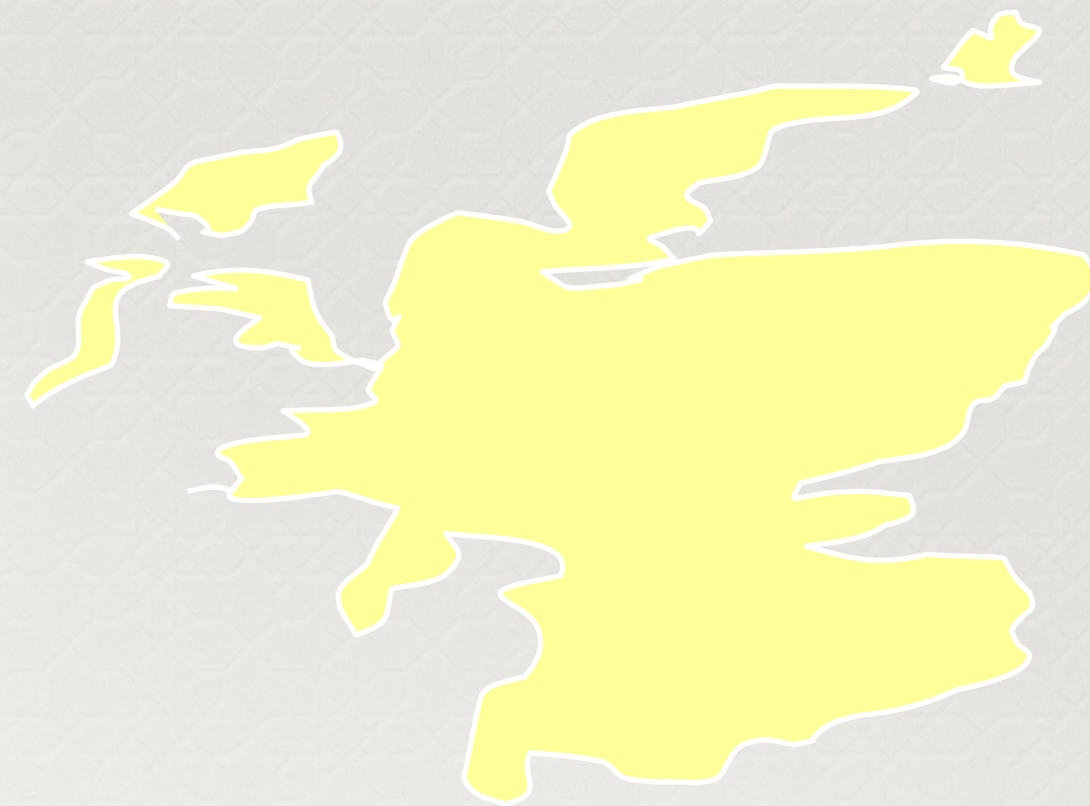


Map - B

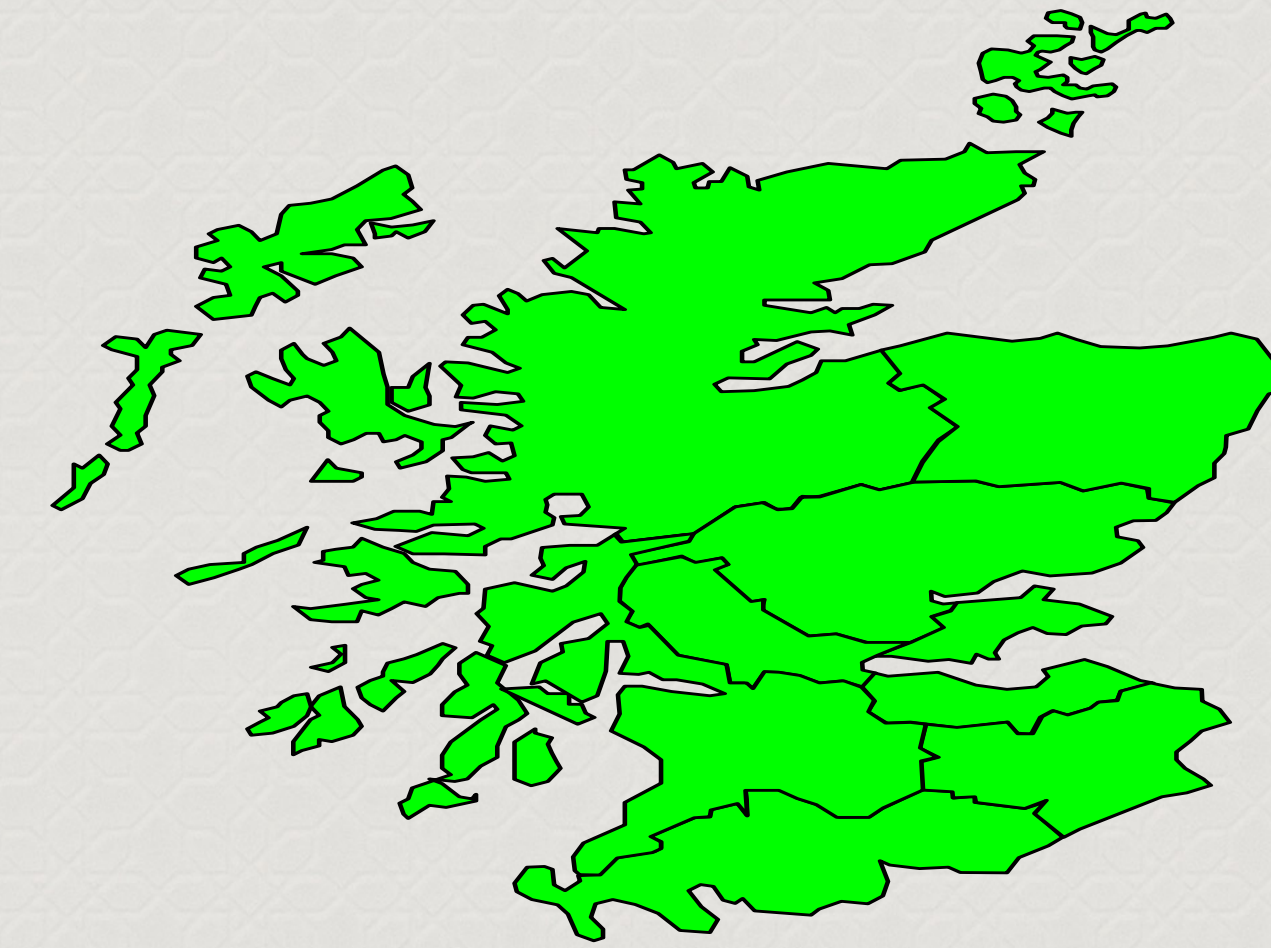


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The Real, Unchanging Scotland



Map - A



Map - B



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C.S. Lewis
Mere Christianity, p 45.

“{As an atheist} my argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it uniuist?”

Straight Line = Standard



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If There is no God...

- 1. The Nazis were not wrong**
- 2. Love is no better than rape**
- 3. There are no human rights**
- 4. Religious crusades are not wrong**
- 5. Tolerance is no better than intolerance**
- 6. Can't complain about the problem of evil**

WE ARE NOT SAYING

- **Atheists Can't Be Moral– They Can**
- **Atheists Don't *Know* Morality– They Do**

WE ARE SAYING

- **Atheists can't *justify* morality. Knowing what's right does not explain *why* the standard of Rightness exists.**
- **You can know what's in a book and deny there is an author, but there would be no book to know unless there was an author.**
- **Atheists can know what's right and deny God, but there would be no Right without God.**

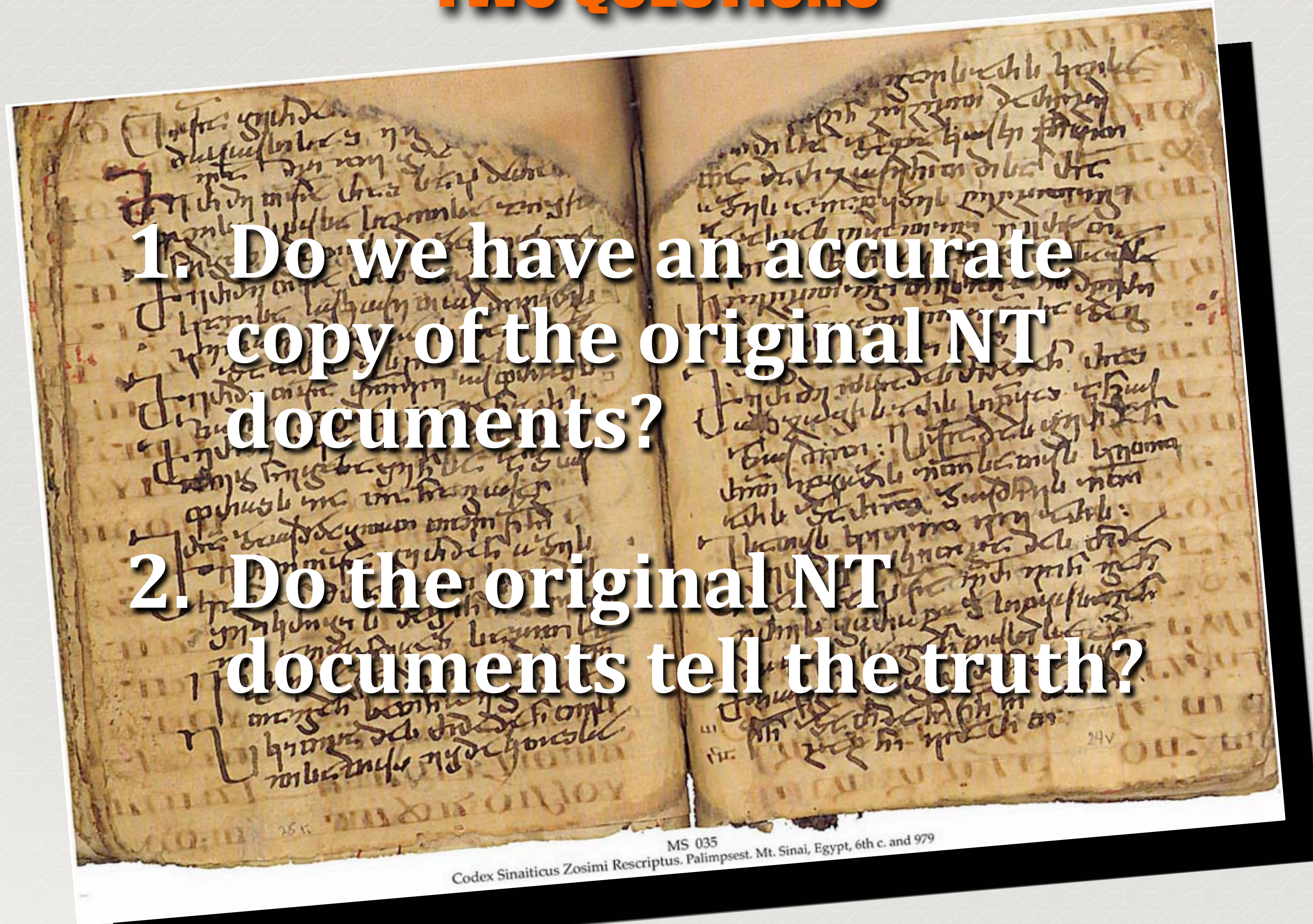
RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE

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TWO QUESTIONS



1. Do we have an accurate copy of the original NT documents?

2. Do the original NT documents tell the truth?

New Testament

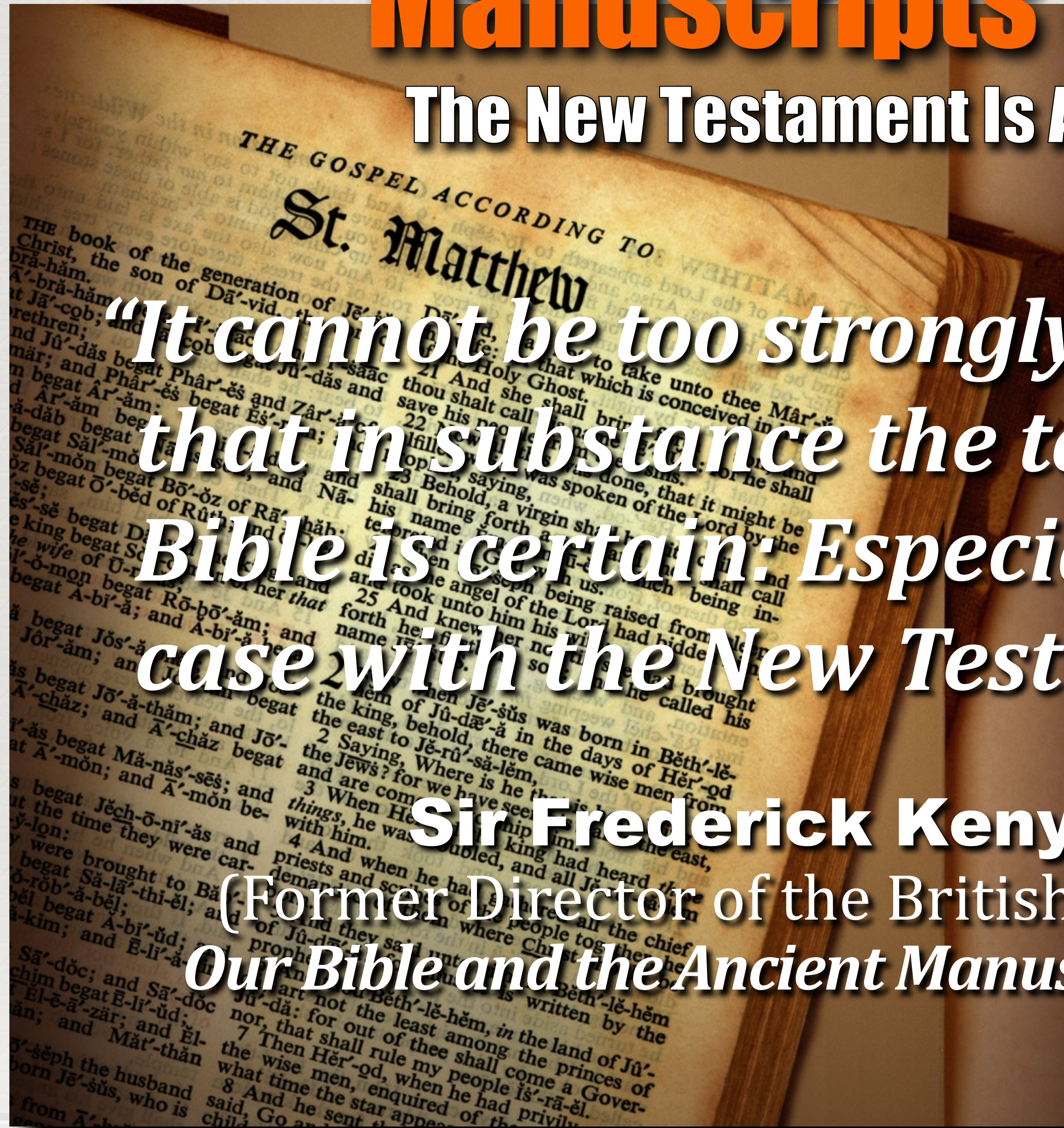
- 27 different documents
- Written on 27 different scrolls
- 9 or 10 different authors (depending on who wrote Hebrews)
- Written over a 20-50 year period
- The individual writings have since been collected into one book we now call the Bible.
- NT is thus not one source, but a collection of sources.

Original?

- We do not have the originals of any of the New Testament documents.
- *Is that a problem?*
- Manuscripts – copies of the originals and copies of the copies etc...
- *We want early and abundant manuscripts*
- The NT manuscripts that we have are better supported than the best ten pieces of classical literature combined.

Manuscripts Show

The New Testament Is Accurate



"It cannot be too strongly asserted that in substance the text of the Bible is certain: Especially is the case with the New Testament."

Sir Frederick Kenyon

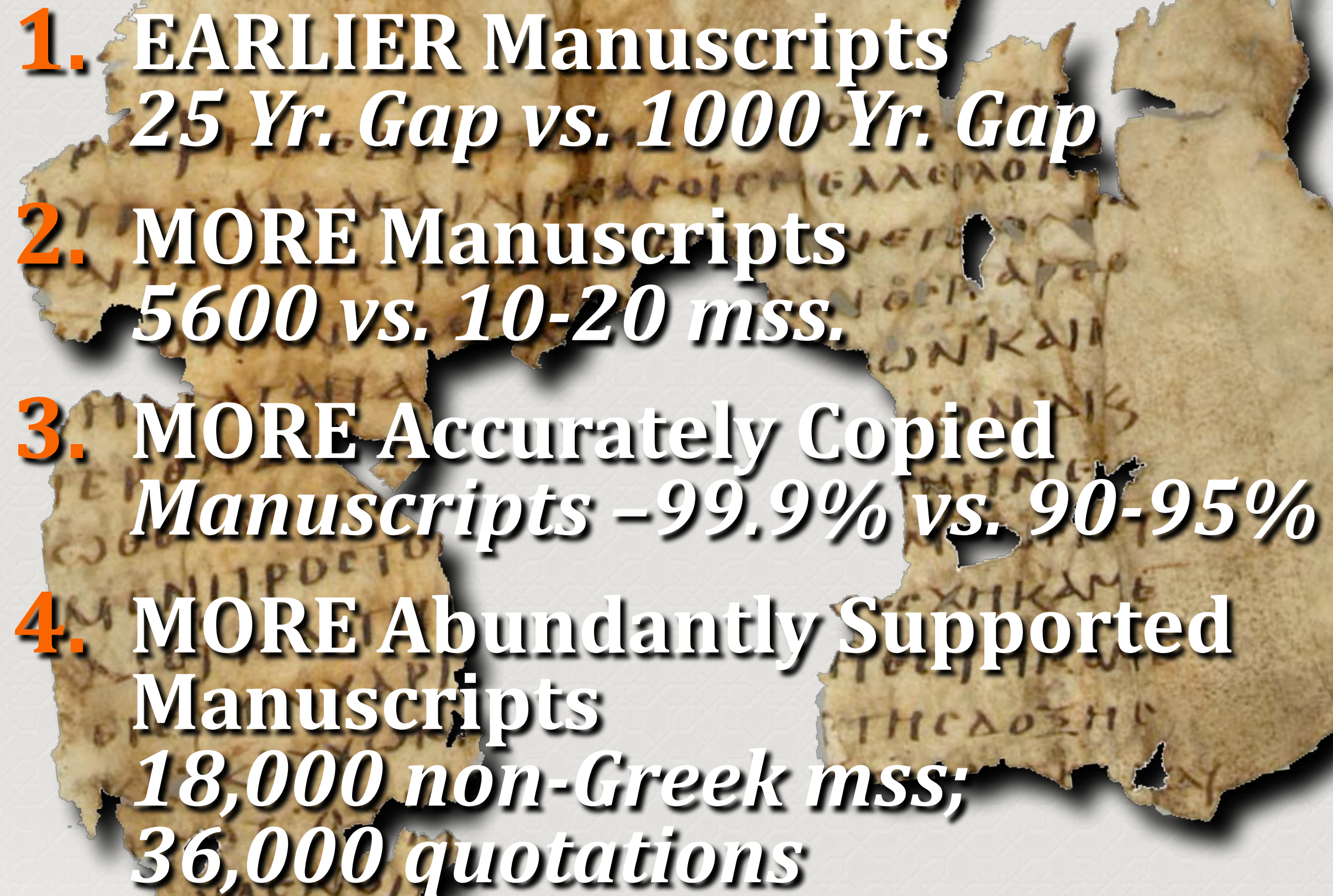
(Former Director of the British Museum)

Our Bible and the Ancient Manuscripts, p.23

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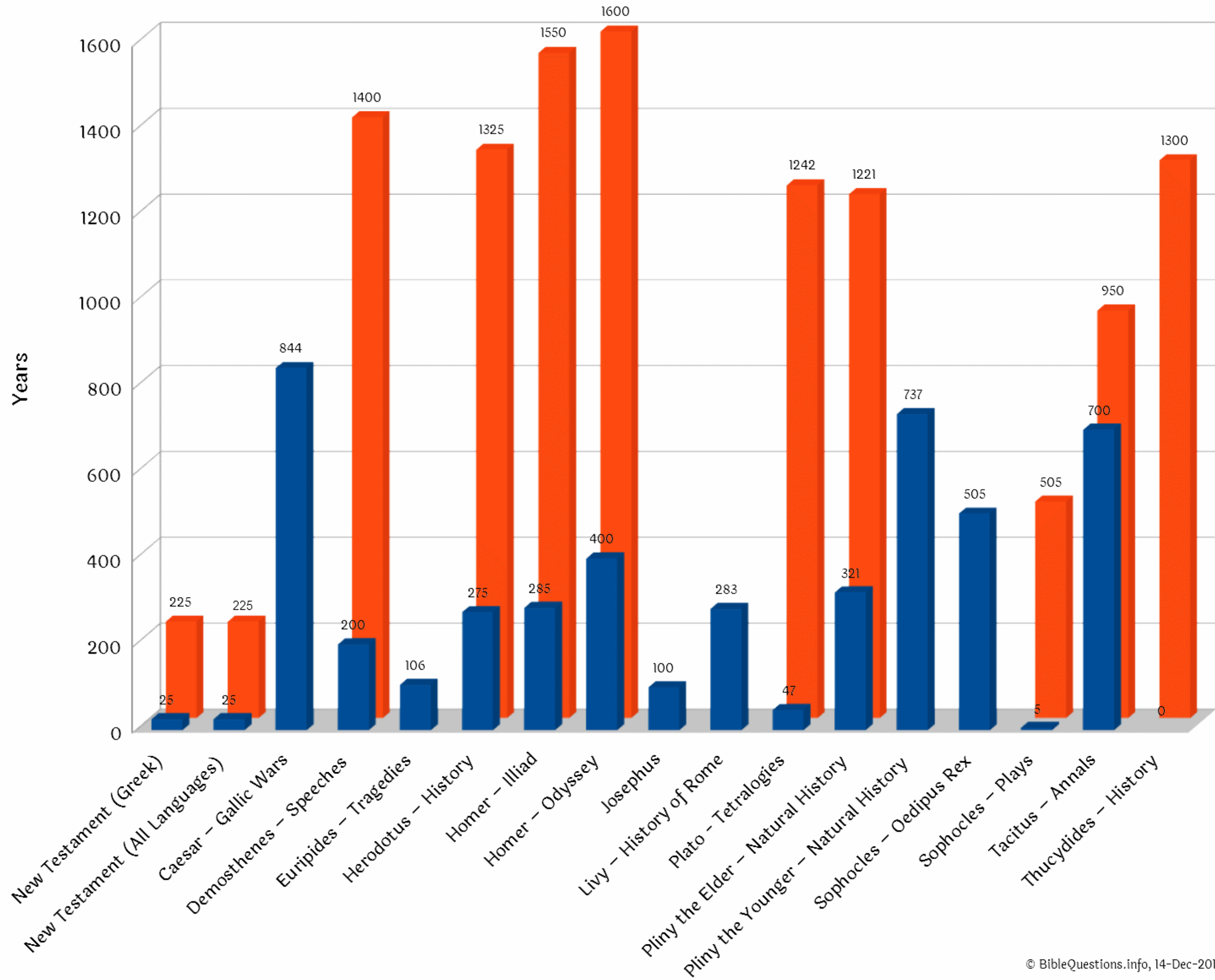
HOW DO WE KNOW WE HAVE

an accurate copy of the original NT?

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- 1. EARLIER Manuscripts**
25 Yr. Gap vs. 1000 Yr. Gap
 - 2. MORE Manuscripts**
5600 vs. 10-20 mss.
 - 3. MORE Accurately Copied Manuscripts**
-99.9% vs. 90-95%
 - 4. MORE Abundantly Supported Manuscripts**
*18,000 non-Greek mss;
36,000 quotations*

Years Between Date Written and Earliest Fragment or Manuscript

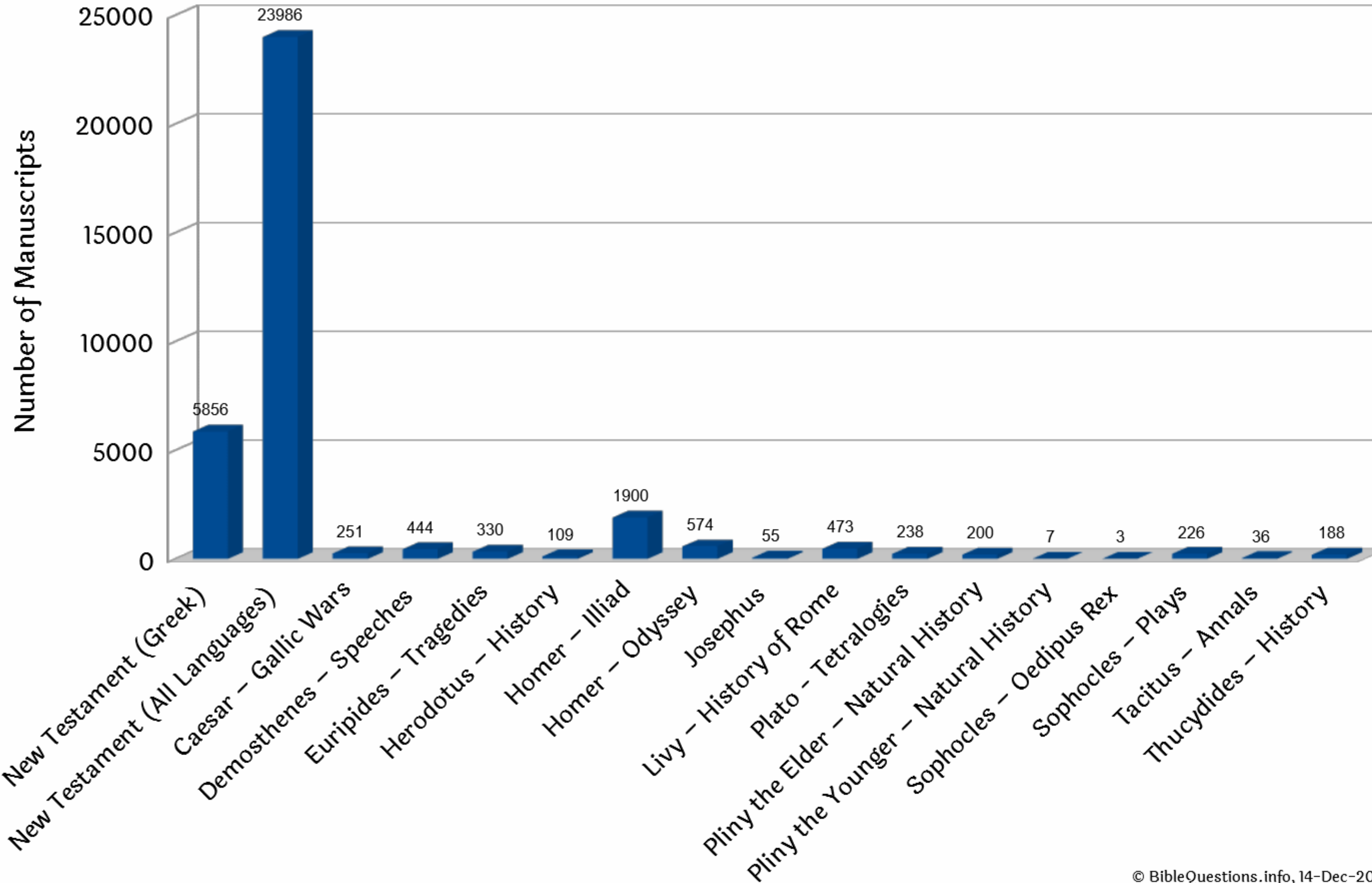
■ Years Between Date Written and Earliest Fragment (BibleQuestions.info)
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Number of Manuscripts for Ancient Works



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More Manuscripts

- There are around 6,000 handwritten Greek manuscripts of NT.
- In addition there are over 18,000 manuscripts in other languages.
- Some manuscripts are complete Bibles, some are complete books, some are pages, some are scraps.
- Next closest is the Illiad by Homer – 1900 manuscripts.

Earlier Manuscripts

- John Rylands fragment - Earliest undisputed manuscript is segment of John 18:31-33, 37-38.
- Dated between A.D. 117-138 (some say earlier).
- There are 9 disputed fragments that date from A.D. 50 – 70 found with the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Earlier Manuscripts

- Most of the NT, including all of the Gospels, survives from A.D. 250.
- Codex Vaticanus – manuscript of the entire NT from about A.D. 325.
- Several other complete manuscripts survive from this century.
- Textual indicators suggest they are in a family of manuscripts that can be traced back to A.D. 100 – 150.

Diocletian



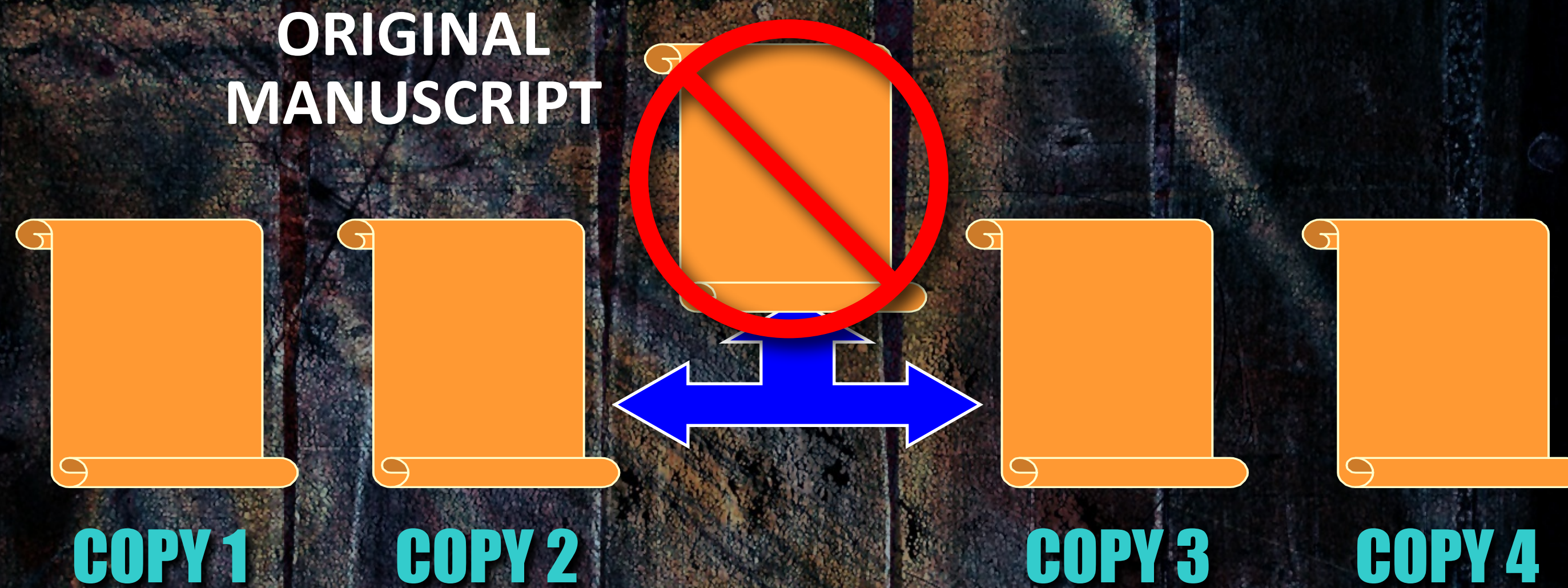
Roman Emperor 284-305 A.D.

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More Abundantly Supported

- Even if Diocletian was successful, we could reconstruct the entire NT from the early church father's quotations.
- They quoted the NT so much (36,289 times) that all but eleven verses of the NT can be reconstructed just from their quotations.

How do we know what the original said?



Copy 1: God is #ust and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
Copy 2: God is j#stand the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
Copy 3: God is ju#t and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
Copy 4: God is jus# and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
Original: God is just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

The NT Documents Have Far Fewer Variations Than This Example

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Aunt Sally's Secret Sauce

ORIGINAL RECIPE



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No Original?

- Why could this be a better scenario than having the original?
- Speculation

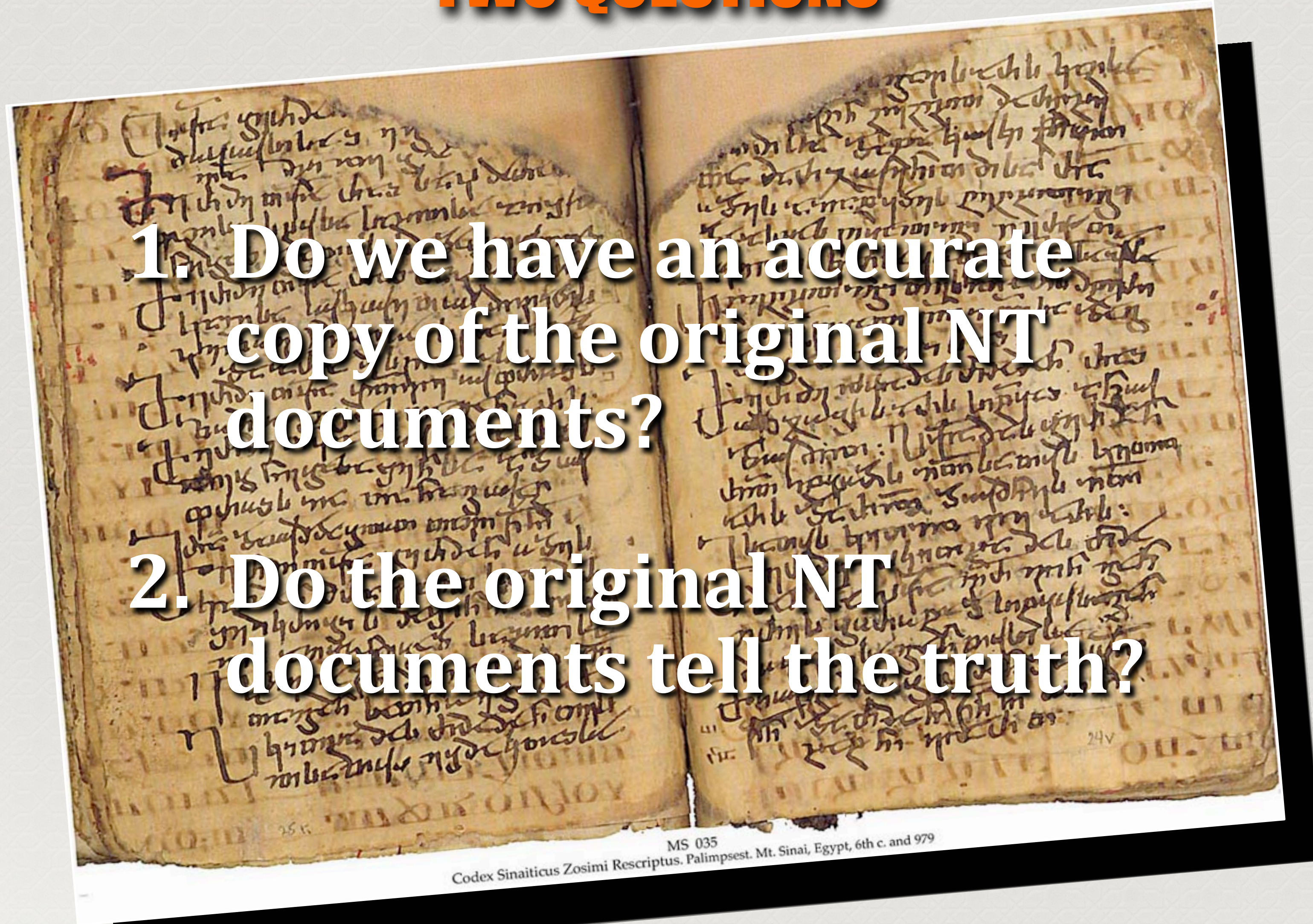
Skeptic

- There are over 200,000 errors in the Bible.
 - Not errors – but variants
 - Vast majority are grammatical
 - Spread throughout the 5,700+ manuscripts
- Westcott and Hort estimated that only 1 in 60 variants have any significance.
 - This would leave a text 98.33% pure
- Metzger – 99.5% accurate
 - .5% in question doesn't affect a single doctrine of the Christian faith.

No one's hiding them

- John 7:53 – 8:11 – The Woman Caught in Adultery
 - The earliest manuscripts don't include this
- Mark 16:9 – 20 – The Long Ending to Mark
 - The earliest manuscripts don't include this
- What do we do with it?
 - Don't build your theology on something from here only – Mark 16:18

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EVIDENCE FOR THE RESSURRECTION

A minimal facts arguement

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The Philosophy to Keep God Out

“It is not that the methods and institutions of science somehow compel us to accept a material explanation of the phenomenal world, But, on the contrary, that **we are forced by our a priori adherence to Material causes** to create an apparatus of investigation and a set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counter-Intuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that **Materialism is absolute**, for **we cannot allow a Devine Foot in the door.**”

Richard Lewontin, New York Review of Books, January 9, 1997.



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The most critical of scholars. . .

- Agree with all of these minimal facts regarding the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Yeshua of Nazareth and the Reactions of his followers.
- What we conclude from these minimal facts is up to us.

What if the Bible is not reliable?

- For the Christian who believes the Bible is reliable and inspired
Yeshua is raised from the dead
- For the skeptic who believes the Bible is reliable but NOT
Inspired, Yeshua is raised from the dead.
- For the skeptic who believes the Bible is NOT reliable and
Just a book of ancient literature, Yeshua is raised

What are the minimal facts?

- Yeshua died by crucifixion
- Empty Tomb
- Yeshua's followers believed they had seen him alive

And died for that belief

- Changed lives of Saul, Jakob, and Yeshua's brothers

Fact #1

Yeshua Died by Crucifixion

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- Flavius Josephus - Jewish/Roman Historian 1st century CE
- Tacitus 56AD-120AD Regarded as the greatest Roman historian
- Lucian 125 AD to 180 AD Roman Satirist
- Babylonian Talmud 6th Century AD
- 6 additional critically accepted ancient sources

Josephus 37 CE - 100CE

- Stated that Yeshua was crucified during the reign of Tiberius by the Prefect Pontius Pilate (Antiquities 18:63)
- Recorded Yakov, brother of Yeshua (called the Messiah), being Brought before the Sanhedrin for stoning.
(Antiquities 20:200)

Cornelius Tacitus 55-120CE

Therefore, to stop the rumor, Nero substituted as culprits and punished in the utmost refinements of cruelty, a class of men loathed for their vices, whom the crowd styled Christians. Christus, the founder of the name, had undergone the death penalty in the reign of Tiberius by sentence of the procurator Pontius Pilatus, and the pernicious superstition was checked for a moment, only to break out once more, not merely in Judea, the home of the disease, but in the capital itself, where all things horrible or shameful in the world collect and find a vogue.

Tacitus

- Christians are named after their founder, “Christus” - Messiah
- This “Christus” died by State death penalty during Emperor Tiberius’
Reign 14-37 AD under direction of Pontius Pilate
- His death did not put an end to the “pernicious superstition”
- Followers and Superstition spread to Rome



*“Pontius Pilate
Prefect of Judea”*

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Lucian 2nd century Greek Satirist

“The Christians, you know, worship a man to this day- the distinguished personage who introduced their novel rites **and was crucified on that account** . . . You see, these misguided creatures start with the general condition that they are immortal for all time, which explains the contempt of death and voluntary self-devotion which are so common among them, and then it was impressed on them by their original lawgiver that they are all brothers, from the moment that they are converted, and deny the gods of Greece, and **worship the crucified sage**, and live after his laws.”

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Babylonian Talmud

Yeshu was hanged on Passover Eve. Forty days previously, the herald had cried, “He is being led out for stoning because he has practiced sorcery and led Israel astray and enticed them into apostasy. Whosoever has anything to say in his defense, let him come and declare it.” As nothing was brought forward in his defense, he was hanged on Passover Eve.

Early Attestation

- Bart Ehrman, Professor NT UNC: In his book “Did Jesus Exist?”

Lists **II** independent ancient historical sources for the Crucifixion of Jesus.

- Paul Myers, professor of ancient History @ Western Michigan U.

States that most of the events in the ancient world depend on one

Witness. **Two witnesses make an event unimpeachable.**

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Other ancient events . . .

What evidence is there for other historical figures?

Alexander the Great BCE 350

- The earliest reference is 300 years after his death
- BEST sources are by Plutark and Arian 425-450 years after his death

Tiberius Ceasar dies 1 cent. CE

- Best account of his existence is by Tacitus in AD 110. 80 years after his death.
- Next best is Diokasus 180 years after his death

Early Eye Witness Testimony

- Bart Ehrman (agnostic) states that the creed found in 1 Corinthians 15:3 dates 1 to 2 years after the Crucifixion.
- James DG Dunn, prof. NT U of Durahm: Dates creed to within 6 months of Crucifixion
- Gospels and epistles were all written in the 1st century, with oral transmission by eyewitnesses extending into the 2nd century.

The crucifixion is arguably the most well documented event in ancient history!

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Fact #2

Empty Tomb

Critically accepted that the Tomb was **Empty**

Critical Explanations?

- Disciples stole the Body . . .
- People went to the wrong tomb . . .
- Yeshua was never buried: acknowledges his death, and now has to deal with resurrection.
- Swoon Theory: professional killers don't know how to kill. Only one example of someone surviving crucifixion, and he was taken off the cross with two others who still died.
- Merely a copy-cat legend of Mythos, Osirus

Mithras

- Too late to influence Christianity (*from early 2nd Century A.D.*).
- Born out of a rock (*not a virgin*).
- He was said to be a god not a teacher; he didn't have 12 disciples.
- He didn't sacrifice himself, he sacrificed a bull.
- We don't know anything about his death (*there was no resurrection*).



Fact #3

Followers believed they had seen
the risen Yeshua

Peter, Jakob, Paul - Martyrs

- All three were killed for holding fast to Yeshua being raised from death.
- All three knew for certain whether or not Yeshua was really raised from death.
- What about Islamic martyrs?

What do skeptical scholars say?

- Dale Allison- Princeton Theological: “I’m a skeptic, but I’m sure the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples after his death.”
- EP Sanders Duke U. Historian: “The following is a historical fact, ‘The earliest disciples saw the risen Jesus. I don’t know how they saw him, but they saw the risen Jesus.’”

Fact #4

Changed lives of Saul and Jakob

- Jakob- Yeshua's brother did not follow him during his ministry and even taunted him. Mk 3:21, 31-34, 6:3; Jn 7:1-10
- Jakob and brother were with Yeshua in the upper room after the Resurrection. Acts 1:14
- Jakob- Leader of Jerusalem Church
- Paul reported his activities to James
- Jakob died a martyr's death (Josephus)

- Saul/Paul a former persecutor of followers of Yeshua made a complete 180 in belief and practice to become the most prolific writer of the NT
- Dies a Martyr's death in Rome historically by beheading

- What can account for these men (and others) who died for what they knew to be true or false?
- What did they gain? Money? Sex? Power?
- What explains such radical behavior?

Leading skeptical views

- Drug-induced hallucinations
- Grief induced hallucinations
- Grief induced dreams

6 Es of a Verifiable Event

- Enemy attestation (Jewish leadership claim of stolen body)
- Embarrassing testimony (men hiding in fear, women discover tomb)
- Early Testimony (Gospels/creeds contemporary with event)
- Eye witness testimony (collaborative testimony, not contradictory)
- Extra-Biblical Testimony
- Excruciating Testimony

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ISRAEL

THE KEY

TO UNLOCKING

EVERYTHING

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Who/What is Israel?

- Nation **created** by God through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- Nationality passed through the father. (Lev. 24:10-16, Acts 16)
- Women who marry into the nation (i.e. Rehab, Ruth)
- Religious affiliation/beliefs not indicative of nationality of Israel. Atheists, Agnostics, Buddhists, New Age, Christian (Messianic)

Israel used
2,570 times

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Old Testament

Vs

Hebrew Bible

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Abrahamic Covenant

- Unilateral and Unconditional (Gen. 12:3, 15)
- Land, Seed, Blessing (Gen 12, 15, 22,27)
- Extended thru Issac - Jacob - 12 sons

Jacob to Israel

12 sons to 12 tribes

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Mosaic Covenant

- Only conditional covenant in the Bible
- Purpose of Law to keep Israel Holy
- Applies only to Israel
- Law is indivisible (James 2:10)

Natural Law

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Davidic Covenant

- Unilateral and Unconditional
- Seed of David to rule Israel forever
- Physical Literal Kingdom

The King: Yeshua the Messiah Son of David

❖ 1. Establishment of the Throne

- ❖ Psalm 2:6-8 “As for me I have set my **King on Zion my holy hill.**” I will tell of the decree; “The Yehovah said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
- ❖ Isaiah 9:6-7. For to us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **Mighty God**, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace of there shall be no end, **upon the throne of David**, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it and justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The seal of Yehovah of hosts will perform this.
- ❖ Isaiah 16:5. Then a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the **tent of David** one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness.
- ❖ Jeremiah 23:5-6. Behold, the days are coming, declares Yehovah, when I will raise up for **David a righteous Branch** (tsemach), and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. **And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘Yehovah is our righteousness’.**

- ❖ Jeremiah 33:14-17 “Behold, the days are coming, declares Yehovah, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous **Branch(tsemach) to spring up for David**, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: “Yehovah is our righteousness.” For thus says Yehovah: **David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel...**

1. **Physical earthly reign (not only in our hearts)**
2. **Physical descendant of David is Yehovah- The God man**
3. **From the house of Judah and line of David**

Israel branch of Government

- ❖ Yeshua Messiah King
 - ❖ David (resurrected)
 - ❖ Jer. 30:9 But they shall serve Yehovah their God and David thier king, whom I will raise up for them.
 - ❖ Ezk. 34:23-24 And I will set up overtime one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, Yehovah, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am Yehovah; I have spoken. See also Hosea 3:5
 - ❖ Twelve Apostles
 - ❖ Mt. 19:28 Yeshua said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followers me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. See also Luke 22:28-30
 - ❖ Princes
 - ❖ Isaiah 32:1, Ezekiel 45:8. Princes / rulers with authority from God have some type of ministerial rule over the tribes of Israel
 - ❖ Judges. Counselors
 - ❖ Isaiah 1:26. And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city.

Reign from Jerusalem

Isaiah 2:2-4

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the Lord
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,
and many peoples shall come, and say:
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,^[a]
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore



Denying a physical kingdom

Some of the strongest fundamental churches still preach that Christ will return to gather national Israel unto Himself, and I say that is deception and will keep the Kingdom of God from coming to pass! Likewise, those who are waiting for Christ to catch a few people away so God can judge the world are waiting in vain!

Jesus Christ has now done all He can do, and He waits at the right hand of His Father, until you and I as sons of god, become manifest and make this world His footstool. He is waiting for us to say, "Jesus, we have made the kingdoms of this world the Kingdom of our God, and we are ruling and reigning in Your world. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Dominionist—

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Dominion Theology

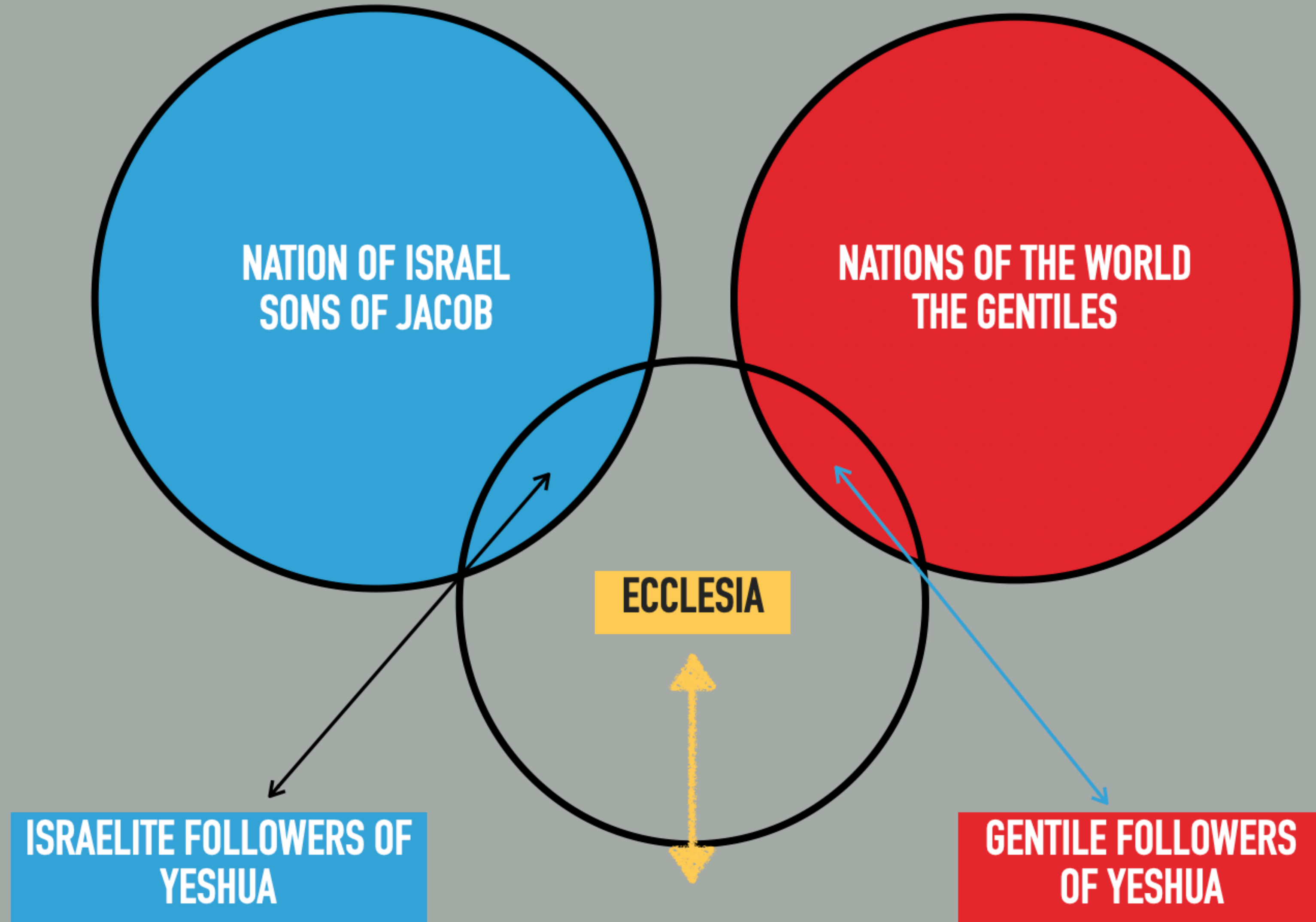
Dominionism strips Yeshua of his power to come at his will and places his fate in the hands of man's attempt to not only win the world over to the gospel but to place the world under the dominion of man's "Christian rule," which then ushers in Lord Yeshua's return.

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New Covenant Jer. 31:31-37

- Promised to and made with National Israel
- Israel is never to be abandoned
- Language parallels Isaiah 11 and Messianic Kingdom

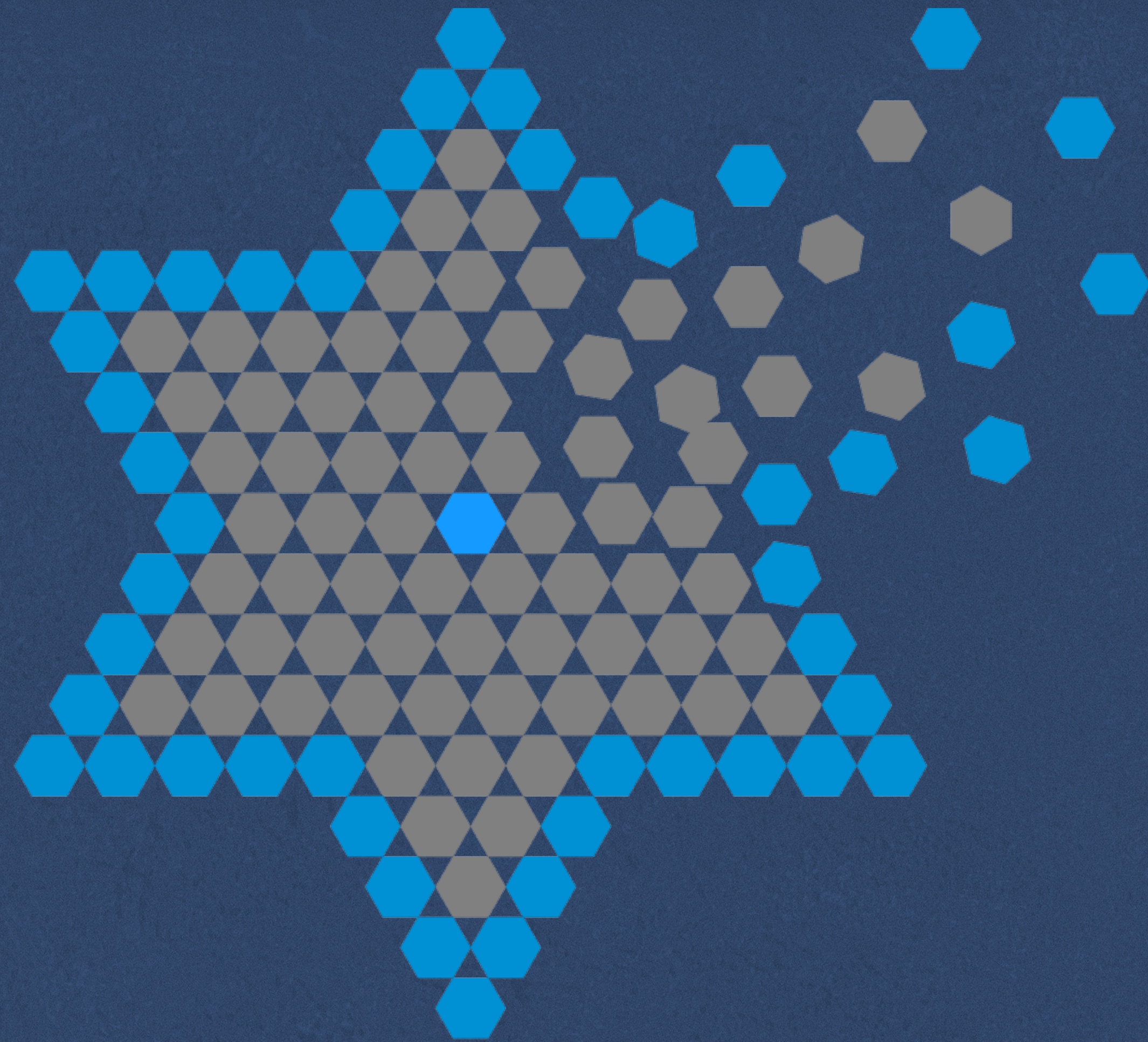
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