



Pesky Bible Questions



Do We Have The Original Bible?

“the New Testament is without a doubt the best-attested book from the ancient world.”-Neil R. Lightfoot



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“The Christian can take the whole Bible in his hand and say without fear or hesitation that he holds in it the true word of God, handed down without essential loss from generation to generation throughout the centuries.”-Sir Frederic Kenyon

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“if the New Testament were a collection of secular writings, their authenticity would generally be regarded as beyond all doubt...[In] point of fact there is much more evidence for the New Testament than for other ancient writings of comparable date”-F.F. Bruce

Why Are Some Verses Missing?

John 5:4; Acts 8:37; I John 5:7

Acts 8:36-37 (KJV)

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Acts 8:36-37 (ASV)

³⁶ And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, *here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?* ³⁷ *And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*

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Jerome (Latin Vulgate)	AD 400
Erasmus (Greek NT)	AD 1522
King James Bible	AD 1604
Codex Sinaiticus (AD 330)	AD 1844
Codex Vaticanus (AD 300)	AD 1867
Wescott-Hort Greek Text	AD 1881
Revised Version	AD 1885
American Standard Version	AD 1901

Which Translation Should I Use?

Textus Receptus

Kings James Version (1611)

New King James Version (1982)

Wescott-Hort

Revised/American Standard (1901)

New American Standard Bible (1971)

English Standard Bible (2001)



What About Red Letters?

Louis Klopsch published the first modern red letter edition New Testament later in 1899.

John 14:26

John 16:12-15

II Peter 1:20-21



Who Decided Which Books Are In The Bible?

Muratorian Fragment	AD 170
Origen's list	AD 275
Eusebius Church History	AD 340
Athanasius of Alexandria	AD 367

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I Corinthians 14:37-38

If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. 38 If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

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Hebrews 2:3-4

how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.