

IS THE BIBLE AUTHENTIC?
 PART 2: NEW TESTAMENT AUTHENTICITY
 PART B—THE RELIABILITY OF THE TEXT TODAY

- I. Three Main “_____” for “_____” Greek Text
 - A. The “_____” Text—essentially the Byzantine Text
 - 1. None earlier than the _____ century, but outnumbers all others by the _____ century
 - 2. Has never been _____ into a _____ text
 - 3. Has never been the basis for an _____
 - B. The “*Textus Receptus*”—an _____ example from the _____ text family
 - 1. _____ in the _____ and _____ centuries
 - 2. _____ basis of the KJV and the NKJV
 - 3. Today’s TR most closely resembles the _____ of four revisions by Stephanus, but is not _____ with any previous text
 - C. The “Eclectic” or “_____” Text
 - 1. Produced in the mid-_____ century by team led by Westcott and Hort using _____ manuscripts and _____ texts than _____ had been available to Erasmus
 - 2. Sought to reconcile _____ between the _____ texts and the most _____ texts, generally favoring the _____
 - 3. Nestle-Aland revision, currently in its 28th edition became the basis for nearly every English translation of the _____

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II. Bibliographical Test for the _____ of the New Testament Text

A. Testimony of the _____

1. Not one article of _____ or precept of _____ is
_____ or _____
2. No fundamental _____ rests on a
_____ reading (cf. 1 John 5:7-8)

B. _____ evidence

1. There are _____ to _____ NT manuscripts extant
2. Earliest copy of a _____ of the NT is separated from the
original by no more than _____ years
3. Earliest _____ copy of the NT is separated from the
original by no more than _____ years
4. Comparison of copies of the NT leaves less than _____% in doubt

C. Manuscript reliability is supported by early _____

D. Manuscript reliability is supported by early church _____

E. “How much _____ do the _____ make?”

1. The KJV translators sometimes employed textual _____
2. The Greek texts contain almost the same number of _____
3. There are a _____ verses which the Eclectic Text or the MT do
not include
4. Every _____ verse still appears in the footnotes of
those texts
5. Modern versions _____ the questionable verses
6. Modern versions give the benefit of the doubt to other
_____ passages
7. Modern versions do not follow the Eclectic Text _____
8. The test of a translation’s _____ cannot be the
number of _____ verses it prints

9. Only a _____ of variants affect understanding significantly