

SUMMARY

1. The present extant Greek manuscripts of the New Testament testify there are many variations in the text. However, the extant manuscripts also provide the means for correcting those supposed mistakes.
2. Variations came about in many ways. Some were accidentally done, others intentionally done.
3. Though there are a number of texts involved in the problem, there is not even one Bible doctrine that is affected by such variations. No Bible doctrine is based upon one single text, thus, the variations do not affect what God wants us to do or to know.
4. Considering the various ways a text could be changed, whether accidentally or purposely, it is little short of miraculous that we have so much assurance concerning the Greek text of the New Testament.
5. Ponder the quote by Sir Fredric Kenyon: *"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."*
6. Our present day Greek text is without doubt almost 100% like the original autographs. We actually have a New Testament text which is over 99% trustworthy and whole.
7. Furthermore, we actually know the various words, and/or verses that make up the one percent of doubtful text!
8. Wikgren and Irwin state that only 400 or so variants affect the sense in any great degree, and only about 40 are of real significance.
9. Therefore, we may with assurance read our New Testament, whether Greek or a translation from Greek and feel that we are reading what God had written some 2,000 years ago.
10. There is certainly no book written at or about the time of the Bible that has as good or greater evidence for its integrity as does the Bible.



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INTRODUCTION

It's important to realize that we _____
_____ have the _____ autograph
copies of the various Bible books.

There are probably many good reasons why we don't have the originals – Let me give you couple...

1. **Probably the biggest reason is that it might have been an impossibility that they could have been saved except by _____**

2. **It's possible that they would have been _____, so God took them away**

Which brings us to the question of

T _____
I _____
W _____

The textual critic can, with considerable assurance, recover the original text from the materials we do possess and so the autographs would not need to be preserved!



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1. The integrity of the Old Testament text

A. The _____: The distance between the _____ and the first _____

B. The _____ handling of the _____: How the Old Testament was _____

The integrity of the Old Testament was completely taken apart by these scholars.

- *The text is* _____
- *It is riddled with* _____

Therefore you can't trust the text...

- **AND, it was written down** _____ **_____ which explains the accuracy of the prophecies.**

C. The incredible _____: The _____ Scrolls



2. The integrity of the New Testament Text

A. There are literally _____ of copies of New Testament manuscripts

B. But there's a problem: The copies _____

C. How did the _____ come to be?

D. By _____ do the copies differ?

E. Here is a list of the various errors found in the New Testament.