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Suppressed Manuscript History Session 2

Introduction

A few important quotes to keep in mind as we go through this course:

"The largest impediment to discovering truth; is the belief you already have it." – Anonymous

"These [the Bereans] were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." – Acts 17:11 (KJV)

"He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock." – Luke 6:48 (KJV)

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" – Psalms 11:3 (KJV)

This session is broken up into five main sections:

- 1. God-Christ / Apostles & Torchbearers Antioch, Syria & Jerusalem (Traditional Text)
- 2. Influencers Between the Torchbearer Stream and Roman Stream
- 3. Roman Religion and Empire Past to Present
- 4. Influencers Between the Roman Stream and Heretical Cult Stream
- 5. Pagans / Gnostics / Heretics / Cults Alexandria, Egypt & Mystery-Babylon

Extra Bonus Section: Including a chart comparing manuscripts of other religions

The following questions, plus many others, will be answered by the end of this session:

- 1. Is there an Unbroken Manuscript Chain-of-Custody of Jesus' preserved teachings?
- 2. Which Modern Bible(s) are 100% reliable and why?
- 3. Did the Romanized Christians fully conform to what Lord Jesus Christ taught?
- 4. Why did Roman Emperor Constantine I alter God's 4th Commandment?

Important Note: No one can know chronology and dates of things long since passed with certainty unless expressly given by divine authority, and thus we caution the reader to assume a 'c.' in front of every date provided, which is the abbreviation for the Latin word *circa*, meaning *approximately*. Also, all Bible references used in this session will use a less common method of formatting. The common method is, when two verses adjoin each other, they are separated by a *comma* (example: John 3:16, 17). However, we use a *dash* instead (example: John 3:16-17) since this method makes the adjoining verses one unit when using most Bible software. Keep in mind also that Bible verses were not assigned numbers until 1555 A.D.,⁵ so these are not firm rules.

In this session we will be following a chart called, "CHART OF NEW TESTAMENT LINEAGE STREAMS: UNBROKEN CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY", which has user-friendly links to scanned images of the references cited in this lecture.

Section 1: God-Christ / Apostles & Torchbearers - Antioch, Syria⁶ & Jerusalem (Traditional Text)

Investigators and researchers are often are faced with conflicting eyewitness testimonies between opposing groups. Therefore, we propose to you throughout this session to keep in mind which groups appear trustworthy to provide you with the truth and which do not.



The groups we will start with (in the far-right column in the chart) is before the time Protestants or Roman Catholics existed and are composed of many diverse groups, which have always existed since the time of the Apostles. They have existed in many counties and have been called by many names,⁷ but we have simply dubbed them the *'Torchbearers'*.

Torchbearer Stream 30 A.D. – 150 A.D.

• **30-120 A.D.** Apostles & autographs of New Testament manuscripts (originals): These are the first Torchbearers for Lord Jesus Christ, who began spreading the Word of Truth.

There is strong evidence that the Apostle Saul/Paul brought the truth of the Gospel into Great Britain besides bringing the Gospel to Spain (Romans 15:28). There are testimonies from the following twelve early church writers that Saul/Paul made it to Britain and the Celtic nations: *Clemens Romanus* (Paul's friend), *Irenaeus, Tertullian, Eusebius, Theodoret, Jerome, Nicephorus, Chrysostom, Venantius Fortunatus, Sophronius, Josephus*, and *Gildas*. ^{8, 9, 10, 11}

A 600 page book from 1819 called, An essay on the origin and purity of the primitive church of the British Isles: and its independence upon the Church of Rome by William Hales, discusses another early influx of Christianity into, "Britain about A.D. 57, by Bran, the father of Caraciacus, and his associates, who had been converted to the Christian faith, during a seven years' residence at Rome, as a hostage for his son's fidelity, when liberated, and restored to his kingdom in Britain, by the emperor Claudius, A.D. 50. Bran was probably converted by Aquila and Priscilla, St. Paul's fellow-labourers in the Gospel, who were then resident at Rome, and formed a Church there. (Rom. xvi. 3—5.) The British Church appears to have been established in the reign of Lies, or Lucius, the great grandson of Caraclacus, about A.D. 177. "¹² The book also has information about Christianity's early introduction into Ireland and Gaul.

Of the early Christians in India, we read in *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*, originally written between 1516–1587 A.D., on page 34 that the Apostle Thomas was in India. "*He was called by this name in Syriac, but Didymus in the Greek; he was an apostle and martyr, and preached in Parthia* [north-eastern Iran] *and India.*"¹³

Of the early Christians in Africa, we also read in *Foxe's Book of Martyrs* on page 35 of the Apostle Simon the Zealot. *"He preached with great success in Mauritania* [Northwest Africa]

and other parts of Africa, and even in Britain, where through he made many converts, he was crucified by the pagans in the year 74.¹¹⁴

The 1st Generation Torchbearers were those that followed the Apostles and began to spread the Word of Truth to every area of Europe and beyond.¹⁵

- **90-150 A.D. The 2nd Generation Torchbearers:** By around 120 A.D., the Torchbearers had not only spread across many countries, but were known under many names, including: *Waldenses, Leonists, Paterines, Cathari*, etc. This was later confirmed by a Papal Inquisitor, Raynerus Saccho, and by the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Abbot, who was one of the translators of the King James Bible, as well as others. ^{16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22}
- Please continue to keep in mind that the Torchbearers cannot be considered Protestant or Roman Catholic, for neither existed at this time period. They were simply groups of people who wanted to exactly follow the risen Jesus' teachings, and were carriers (or bearers) of God's words and truth, even if it cost them their lives.

Torchbearer Stream 150 A.D. – 787 A.D.

- 251 A.D. The Cathari / Novatian: According to several references, the title of Cathari meant "the Pure", and was first assigned to those who followed an Italian pastor named Novatian (sometimes spelled, 'Novation'), who resisted corruption and wanted to live a life of holiness and purity.²³ Later this name appears to have been associated with many unrelated groups of Torchbearers to denote their standards of holiness. It has also been documented that a group of Torchbearers who lived in Germany adopted the name, Cathari.²⁴
- **600 A. D. The Vaudois:** At least since the beginning of the 6th century, the name 'Vaudois' has been used for the Torchbearers which lived in the Valleys of Piedmont. These valleys are surrounded by the Alps, the highest mountains in Europe and are some of the highest in the world, which act as a defensive barrier. The valleys are in the mountain range of the northernmost part of Italy, but the mountains also span France, Switzerland, and Germany. These Torchbearers were also called Vallenses and later were known as the Waldenses.^{25, 26}
- **660 A.D. The Cathari/Puritans:** The Puritans described here are not to be confused with the Puritans of the 1500s that had immigrated to America.^{27, 28} Although the more modern Puritans of the 1500s may trace their lineage back to the Puritans of the 600s, some of their understanding of the original doctrine of the Puritans has changed as a result of compromises.
- **787 A.D. The Valdenses/Patarines:**²⁹ The ancient early Christians that followed the teachings of Christ and the writings of the Apostles were dispersed to many regions and countries, but during times of intense persecution, the ones that survived the best were those in geographically protected areas, like the *Valleys of Piedmont* (sometimes spelled Piemont). This area was also nicknamed, *'The Israel of the Alps'*.³⁰

Torchbearer Stream 787 A.D. – 794 A.D.

• 794 A.D. The ancient Jews and Gentiles, who followed the ancient doctrines of the Patriarchs & Prophets and of Christ & Apostles, were often persecuted by those who aligned themselves with the state-approved religion(s): Roman Emperor Charles the Great

(Charlemagne) and Claudius Archbishop of Turin (of the Waldensian Valleys of Piemont/Piedmont) held a meeting called the *Francfort Council* with Roman Pope Adrian, in an attempt to convince the Church of Rome "to embrace the true Doctrine of Christ and his Apostles," but were unsuccessful.³¹

Torchbearer Stream 794 A.D. – 1181 A.D.

- 817 A.D. The valleys of Piedmont were inhabited by the Valdenses: Many Valdenses related by blood still live there today, but they now go by the name of Waldenses. The Archbishop of Turin Claudius, who lived not far from the Valleys of Piedmont, maintained a strong, vehement stance against idol worship.³²
- **1040 A.D. The Patarines:** The Patarines were named after *Pataria*, which is a place near Milan, Italy. They held communion with the Bishop of Milan, Italy and together sided against the Roman Pontiff Nicholas II. Although Voltaire was against Christians, he speaks of the Patarines, calling them the Piedmontese in his *General History*, and saying that they were very numerous at Milan.³³
- **1159 A.D. The people of the Piedmont Valleys finally came to settle into their permanent name**, *Waldenses*: The Torchbearers elsewhere however were called by other names. They were called *Paulicians* by some, after the Apostle Paul who taught them in those regions. In England, they were called *Puritans* for their commitment to holy purity, and they had also existed there since the time of the Apostles. They were branded with hot irons and burned alive by the state-run Roman Church of England, but the persecution only increased interest, creating an ever-growing number of strong believers.³⁴
- 1179-1181 A.D. Pope Alexander III in 1179 A.D. sanctioned a crusade against people Rome termed "heretics" in the South of France and elsewhere: These people were known as Cathari (pure ones), Patarenians, Albigenses, and others. In 1181 A.D., Pope Lucius III made a decree against the Torchbearers, calling them Catharists, Josephists, & heretics.^{35, 36}

Torchbearer Stream 1181 A.D. – 1205 A.D.

In modern times, many who attempt to research the Waldenses are led to believe that the Waldensian churches were started by Peter Waldo, but this can be disproven. Waldensian churches existed long before Peter Waldo, who lived during 1140 – 1205 A.D. This was confirmed by Gretzer, a Roman Jesuit in 1178 A.D.³⁷ It was the Roman papacy that started the myth that Peter Waldo started these churches. Enemies of the Waldenses agree that Waldensian Church history extends to apostolic times, per Raynerus Saccho, a Papal Inquisitor of the 13th century A.D., who was formerly a Vaudois (Waldensian) minister.^{38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44}

Torchbearer Stream 1205 A.D. – 1322 A.D.

• **1215 A.D.** At the twelfth ecumenical council, Pope Innocent III and 400 bishops enacted a decree to exterminate anyone perceived as heretics: This triggered new crusades against all who did not recognize the power of the Roman Pope. The decree was directed towards the Torchbearers, the Jews, and against all those who occupied the Holy Land.^{45, 46}

- 1259 A.D. The 500 Vaudois (Waldenses) in the Patarine Church of Albi, France were called Albigenses: There were also over 1,500 members in Concorezzo and 200 in Bagnolo.^{47, 48}
- **1322 A.D. According to a contemporary historian, half of England had become Lollards who followed many Waldensian beliefs:**⁴⁹ The Lollards also followed John Wycliffe, a reformed Roman Catholic priest.

Torchbearer Stream 1322 A.D. – 1560 A.D.

- There is documented evidence that on August 14, 1533 at least one Torchbearer group, the Dauphine [pronounced: *Do:fi•nee*], abstracted "*several ancient manuscripts and papers concerning the history of the Vaudois, of which they took possession before they went away,*" from the area of the Piedmont Valley, returning to their homeland in southeastern France in order to protect the information.⁵⁰ Some say that they did not become a state of the Roman Empire until the 11th century.
- June 3, 1535 A.D. A French Bible was translated by Pierre Robert Olivetan (John Calvin's cousin) from the Waldenses' pure Hebrew and Greek manuscripts: This costed the Vaudois 1500 golden crowns to have printed as a gift to the reformers.^{51, 52, 53, 54} Evidence is provided that the pure Hebrew and Greek manuscripts were preserved and passed down from the time of Christ and the Apostles to 1535 A.D.⁵⁵ Some going so far as to even refer to the pure texts as "original text".⁵⁶ Olivetan admitted that he was not the best qualified to do the translation, and he was only one man, but the Olivetan Bible had a marked impact. Shortly after completing the translation, Olivetan was poisoned and killed by the Roman papal inquisition in Rome. The famous reformer, John Calvin, updated the Bible in 1540-1560 A.D. and became known as the French and English 'Sword Bible', otherwise known as the 'Geneva Bible'.^{57, 58, 59}
- The Torchbearers' enemies had always attempted to tie the Torchbearer groups in with actual heretics and even called the Torchbearers by actual heretical names, but by now their adversaries were getting desperate. They started a lie too large to be believed by Philip VII, Duke of Savoy, and upon hearing it the Duke, "desired to see the Vaudois [Waldensian] children, it having been reported among the vulgar, that the Vaudois children were born with one eye in the midst of the forehead, and four rows of black teeth."⁶⁰

Torchbearer Stream 1560 A.D. – 1598 A.D.

• 1559 & 1560 A.D. The known authentic records proving the antiquity of the Waldensian churches were committed to flames by their Roman persecutors, who had spent two years industriously seeking them out:⁶¹ This was an attempt to silence the Waldensian Torchbearer history of the ancient manuscripts.

Torchbearer Stream 1598 A.D. – 1611 A.D.

• **1588 A.D. The** *Sword Bible* was revised by a famous French Reformer, Theodore Beza, who was a disciple of John Calvin and lived most of his life in Geneva, Switzerland: This newly revised Bible became known as the *Revised French Geneva Bible*.^{62, 63, 64} He also issued a Greek NT in **1598 A.D.** Although this was an improvement, he was still just one translator.

Torchbearer Stream 1611 A.D. – Present

- **1611 A.D. The** *King James Bible* **is finished:** There are several misunderstandings about the King James Bible. First, it was not written by King James, nor did he choose what text would be included in it. The King James Bible was translated by six groups comprised of forty-seven of the world's best translators. There is often confusion on how many translators were involved, because King James appointed fifty-four, "but the number actually employed upon it, in the first instance, was forty-seven."⁶⁵
- The King James translators lived and breathed a desire to follow God above all else and were trained from birth on multiple languages besides English. For example, the translator John Bois, "at the age of five years, he had read the Bible in Hebrew. By the time he was six years old, he not only wrote Hebrew legibly, but in a fair and elegant character."⁶⁶ Another example is Lancelot Andrews, who during his school vacation time, "would find a master, from whom he learned some language to which he was before a stranger. In this way after a few years, he acquired most of the modern languages of Europe."⁶⁷ ..."And a brave old chronicler remarks, that, such was his [Lancelot Andrews] skill in all languages, especially the Oriental [Eastern languages], that, had he been present at the confusion of tongues at Babel, he might have served as Interpreter-General! In his funeral sermon by Dr. Buckeridge, Bishop of Rochester, it is said that Dr. Andrews was conversant with fifteen languages."⁶⁸
- The following quote is from the book, *Translating the New Testament Epistles 1603-1611: A Manuscript from King James Westminster Company*, Edited by Ward Allen, which discusses how part of the translation was conducted by stating, "At various times King James's translators paused to scrutinize their revision of the Bishops Bible [which was their starting point for a new version]. Once a week translators assembled in companies [groups] to discuss the portion which during the preceding week each had emended. When a company finished revision of a book [of the Bible], the members of all the other companies scrutinized that revision. After a company had finished its entire assignment, its work was circulated among learned men of the kingdom [of England]. This circulation done, each company once more took its work to the anvil. Finally, at a general meeting in London, translators, selected from all the companies, reviewed the completed work and prepared a text for the printer. "⁶⁹ There are many more translation rules, as well as details about the individual translators, which we will not be covering here. For more information, you can read the book, *Translators Revived*, by Alexander Wilson McClure, published in New York, by Charles Scribner in 1853. At the time of this writing, it is available to download for free from archive.org.
- Many older Bibles, texts, and manuscripts were consulted by the translator teams, even from their own privately-held collections. However, depending on who you ask, modern scholars may tell you conflicting accounts of which primary base text was used to create the King James Bible. This is because none of the source texts that still exist today is a 100% match and for good reason. The Waldenses' pure Hebrew and Greek text (which is now missing) was likely the primary source text, but they used the Bishops Bible as their starting point.^{70, 71}
- We have evidence that the translators were familiar with the various Torchbearer groups and were Torchbearers themselves. For example, translator George Abbot, Archbishop of Canterbury, spoke at length of the Wycliffists, Dulcinists, Leonists, Waldenses, Albingenses, and others,⁷² and is listed in *The Churchman Volume 62* as a Puritan.⁷³

- Besides existing documents showing that the translators had knowledge of the different Torchbearer groups, and at least one of them being a Torchbearer, we have documented evidence that Pierre Robert Olivetan, a cousin to the famous reformer John Calvin, had a copy of the pure Hebrew and Greek text that the Waldenses preserved from the time of the Apostles.^{74, 75, 76}
- We also have some notes from the King James Bible translators, such as John Bois' 39 pages of handwritten translation notes.⁷⁷ Bois and others provide hints that they had and used Torchbearer manuscripts. Calculations have been conducted for how often the translations are attributed to "some source other than the Bibles listed" to create the KJV, versus how often the word choices in Manuscript 98 are attributed to text from the "Bibles listed".^{78, 79} The "Bibles listed" refers to the older Tyndale Bible, the Great Bible - Cloverdale, the Geneva New Testament 1557 -Whittingham, the Geneva Bible 1560, the Rheims New Testament, the Bishops' Bible, and the KJV translation notes written into the margins of one of the Bishops' Bibles.⁸⁰ Interestingly, the "other" source(s) was used approximately 40% of the time in the translation work to create the Authorized King James Version of 1611.^{81, 82} This conclusion is based upon the analysis of Manuscript 98, which is the name given to a collection of pages of translation notes for the New Testament from the King James Westminster Company. Keep in mind that the translators were never told to use the Rheims New Testament. It should also be pointed out that many assume that the translators used older Bibles as their primary resource to create the Authorized King James Bible, because of their fourteenth translation rule "directed them to use in addition to the Bishops' Bible, the Tyndale, Matthew, Cloverdale, Whitchurch [the Great Bible], and the Geneva."⁸³ This is assuming they didn't have the pure Greek and Hebrew texts from various Torchbearer groups, and we already know that the Pierre Robert Olivetan Bible used the pure Hebrew and Greek text from the Waldenses to create a French Bible, which later became the Geneva Bible. We should also not forget, as previously mentioned, the strong evidence that the Apostle Paul and other 1st century followers of Christ traveled to England and Ireland; who would have left pure documents behind, as well as the correct understanding of the manuscripts, to be then handed down from one generation to another. A draft of the Authorized King James Bible was even "sent to Ireland" as part of the widespread review process.⁸⁴

Note: A fire might be the cause for the loss of the KJV translation records, as well as the official proclamation authorizing the KJV to be used in Churches. Also, many researchers appear to get the date of the large fire wrong, for several reasons. Many previous authors from past generations wrote the wrong date, which was then copied by others. The greatest fire at Whitehall Palace lasted from apparently the end of December 1697 till around January 4, 1698.^{85, 86, 87} It also appears that Westminster was destroyed by fire.⁸⁸

• Some have believed that there have been many translation revisions to the King James Bible ever since 1611, but this is not true. The corrections made soon after the first 1611 print run were not a result of mistranslations, but as a result of printing press problems. "Some errors of the press having crept into the first edition, and others into later reprints, King Charles the First, in 1638, had another edition printed at Cambridge, which was revised by Dr. Samuel Ward and Mr. John Bois, two of the original Translators who still survived, assisted by Dr. Thomas Goad, Mr. Mede, and other learned men."⁸⁹ Evidence demonstrates that the modern Authorized King James Bibles are an accurate transmission of the King James translators' text of 1611. This includes the Authorized King James Version of 1611, minus the original printing errors and word-spelling changes, which have been determined by carefully conducted linguistic comparisons.^{90, 91, 92} Even the American Bible Society (ABS) had this to say. "The English Bible, as left by the translators, has come down to us unaltered in respect to its text; except in the changes of

orthography which the whole English language has undergone, to which the version has naturally and properly been conformed..."⁹³

• This prompts the question: Who is the best publisher of the KJV? There appears to be nearuniversal agreement that the Cambridge-type is the best, which avoids a few minor printing mistakes that the Oxford publisher had.⁹⁴ If you would like an affordable handmade Cambridgetype or Oxford-type KJV Bible, produced by a Bible-believing family-owned company, then you can purchase one from *ChurchBiblePublishers.com*, but they're also other good places to purchase from.^{95, 96} There are also some resellers that defend the KJV and have the KJV readily available in other languages, such as Spanish.⁹⁷ Another option is to print your own Cambridgetype KJV for free, by printing the included Cambridge-type KJV Bible document included with the free *Torchbearer Download Package* or as its own separate download from *TheTorhbearerSeries.com*.

Note: Over the last 400 years, the B-RAID⁹⁸ system of correcting manuscripts appears to have been adapted and employed in discovering, preventing, and correcting printing press errors for the Authorized King James Bible, which is still used to prevent errors today.⁹⁹ These minor mistakes made by men provide valuable insight into the free will God allows us to have, yet at the same time still allow for a God's total sovereign goal to be accomplished.¹⁰⁰

A biblical example of this is when Moses disobeyed and struck a rock a second time, when he was instructed by God to speak to the rock to obtain water. If Moses had followed God's instructions, it would have represented Christ's second coming. (Numbers 20:11, Deuteronomy 32:5-52).

At times, portions of the Bible have been misunderstood or hidden to man, as in the case during King Josiah's reign, "And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it." – 2 Kings 22:8 (KJV), but it is never lost to God, "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter." – Proverbs 25:2 (KJV). Doubts about biblical preservation, inspiration, interpretation, authority, doctrine, and truth can be mended by diligent research, prayerful study, trust in God, and faith the size of a mustard seed (Matthew 17:20). Do not let the small things erode your faith, when you know the foundational rock for your faith is true, which is the literal birth, death, and resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

• Many have also wrongly believed using *thees* & *thous* and similar language in the King James Bible clouds the translational meaning, and only existed culturally during the King James time period, therefore it should be done away with due to its outdated and archaic nature. In actuality, the *thees* & *thous* (as well as other words) were not in use during the time the 47 translators started their work in 1604 to translate the King James Bible. The KJV translators collectively decided to use the *thees* & *thous* (and other words), even though no one used them anymore, because it contributed to better translational accuracy and clarity of understanding (see references for additional details).^{101, 102, 103}

A cheat sheet for the 'thees' and 'thous' is:

Thee, Thou, Thy, Thine = Singular You, Ye, Your, Yours = Plural <u>Note</u>: Biblical Greek and Hebrew maintain a clear distinction between singular and plural personal pronouns and adjectives, as does the English used in the King James Bible.

• Several people have pointed out an interesting observation, and although it is interesting, we do not think it should be regarded as a reason for choosing to use the King James Bible.

There are Seven Complete English Bibles:¹⁰⁴

- 1) Wycliffe's Bible 1388
- **2)** Tyndale Bible 1526-1534
- 3) Coverdale Bible 1535
- Matthew's Bible 1537 (NT was from Tyndale, so this Bible is not counted) 4) Great Bible 1539

- Taverner's Bible 1539 (a minor revision of Matthew's Bible and is not counted) 5) Geneva Bible 1560

6) Bishops' Bible 1568

- Douay–Rheims Bible 1610 (Roman version from Latin Vulgate and is not counted) 7) King James Version 1611

"The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, <mark>purified seven times.</mark> " – Psalm 12:6 (KJV)

• This is not specific to the King James Bible, but we will touch on it here. There have been many supposed Bible contradictions that have been published on the Internet, the vast majority of which can be easily explained, even by only a small amount of research. For example, within just one website, there are over 101 supposed contradictions that are thoroughly resolved.¹⁰⁵

Section 1 Summary

We have now completed going over the rightmost column, the Torchbearer lineage, and have learned of an *Unbroken Manuscript Chain-of-Custody (UM-CoC)*¹⁰⁶ for the text of the Bible. This lineage has existed outside of the Roman Catholic and later Protestant lineages. We have also learned the following:

- Testimony from twelve biblical writers that Christianity was brought to Britain in the 1st century by at least one of the Twelve Apostles.
- 2. Testimony from two royal families that Christianity was also delivered to Britain in 57 A.D. and into Ireland/Gaul. The first British Torchbearer Church was established around 177 A.D.
- 3. The high likelihood of **Christianity** being brought into both **India** and **Africa** in the 1st century.
- 4. By the 2nd century, Christianity had spread to all of Europe.
- 5. The ancient Torchbearers were neither Protestant nor Roman Catholic, for neither existed at this early time.
- 6. A Roman Emperor as well as a Waldensian Torchbearer Archbishop tried to convince the **Church of Rome** to embrace the true Doctrines of Christ and his Apostles, but **failed**.
- 7. Roman persecutors admitted to the Torchbearers' ancient ties to the Apostles.
- 8. Roman Popes started exterminating anyone who does **not recognize the absolute power of the Pope**, including Jews and Torchbearers.
- 9. The **Torchbearers** of the '*Israel of the Alps*' **preserved the true Hebrew and Greek text** and provided a translated French copy to the Roman Catholic Reformers as a gift.

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- 10. **Half of England had become Lollards**, who followed many beliefs of the Waldenses and Roman Reformer John Wycliffe.
- 11. The Pierre Robert Olivetan Bible, John Calvin Bible, Theodore Beza Bible, and the 47 translators of the King James Bible **all used pure texts** obtained from the various Torchbearer groups.
- 12. At least some of the **King James Bible Translators** were **Torchbearers** themselves, who created **the ultimate English translation** of the Bible.

This is just part of the amazing history of how we obtained God's preserved Words in English.

Section 2: Influencers – Between the Torchbearer Stream and Roman Stream

<u>Note</u>: If you are using the 'Supplemental Lecture Notes' along with the corresponding, 'Chart of the New Testament Lineage Streams: Unbroken Chain-of-Custody,' you will notice if viewing them in full-color that the 2nd and 3rd level headings in the 'Supplemental Lecture Notes' match the corresponding colors in the full chart. For example: **Red** to **Red** | **Black** to **Black** | **Blue** to **Blue**. This is only for easier readability. If you only have black and white printed copies, it will not affect your ability to follow along. Free full-color digital copies of this material and more are available to download online.



We will continue working our way from right to left. The next column from the 'Torchbearers' is the 'Influencers – Those that have influenced the Roman lineage stream or the Torchbearer lineage stream'. As you will see for yourself, each of these primary lineage streams and influence streams has a direct effect on today's Christianity, and even how Bible doctrines (beliefs) are interpreted and understood today.

Influencers Stream (Romans | Torchbearers) 314 A.D.

• **314 A.D. Sylvester I joined the Romish Church and became the first documented Pope:** It has been called into question whether he was indeed the first Pope, since the primary document used as evidence for this is now widely regarded as a forgery.¹⁰⁷ A Roman Catholic Jesuit Priest, Robert Parsons in 1604, wrote in his book that the Waldenses, "*affirmed, that from the time of Pope Sylvester downward; the Roman Church had erred*".¹⁰⁸

Note: In a book on the history of the Waldenses, they had previously been called Leonists, who were previously called Paterines, but some have said they are also separate groups having mostly shared beliefs.¹⁰⁹

Influencers Stream (Romans | Torchbearers) 314 A.D. - 590 A.D.

• 590 A.D. Nine Bishops reject communion of the Pope as heretical.¹¹⁰

Influencers Stream (Romans | Torchbearers) 590 A.D. – 869 A.D.

• Until 869 A.D. All Ecumenical Councils had been held in or near Constantinople, and in the Greek language, not Latin:¹¹¹ This is because the power of the Church had tended to lean towards the eastern end of the Mediterranean, where today's modern-day Turkey and the western part of Syria resides, not Rome, Italy. It wasn't until after 869 A.D. that the Ecumenical Councils were held in Latin, the language of Roman imperialism.

Influencers Stream (Romans | Torchbearers) 869 A.D. – 1415 A.D.

• **1369-1415 A.D. John Hus was formerly of the Roman Catholic Priesthood, turned reformer, and tried to reform the Roman Church:** He was a hero to Martin Luther and other reformers. John Hus and his followers embraced some ideas and opinions from the *Wycliffists, Dulcinists, Leonists, Waldenses, Albingenses, and others.*¹¹² The Roman Church Reformers became reformers after their interaction with diverse Torchbearer groups who collectively held the correct doctrines (beliefs) and preserved the pure Hebrew and Greek manuscripts handed down from the Apostles. See the additional references for more examples of reformers embracing the ideas and beliefs of the Torchbearers.^{113, 114}

Influencers Stream (Romans | Torchbearers) 1415 A.D. – 1522 A.D.

• **1466-1536 A.D. Desiderius Erasmus Roterodamus:** A member of the Roman Catholic Priesthood who appeared make an attempt to reform the Roman Church from within, but wasn't successful. Erasmus created a Greek New Testament text in **1522 A.D.**, and although he seems to have held a neutral stance between the reformers and Rome, he did not always remain neutral. Such as his belief in transubstantiation, which is the Roman Church's belief that the real body and blood of Lord Jesus Christ are literally present in the bread and wine, which is still held by the Roman Church at the time of this writing.^{115, 116}

Influencers Stream (Romans | Torchbearers) 1522 A.D. – 1526 A.D.

1483-1546 A.D. Martin Luther: Was a former Roman Catholic Priest who became one of the well-known reformers and also attempted to reform the Roman Church. He created a German Bible between 1522-1534 A.D. Although Luther started out in defense of the Jewish people, he soon became disenfranchised with the Jewish rejection of Jesus, their long-awaited Messiah, and he fell back into old teachings.^{117, 118} We will skip these additional details for now, but will pick this back up later on in this session.

Influencers Stream (Romans | Torchbearers) 1526 A.D. – 1532 A.D.

• **1526 A.D. Waldensian meetings began to be held to discuss the Reformation:** The first documented meeting occurred in **1526 A.D.** when a pastor of Angrogna (northwestern Italy in the region of Piedmont) named Gonin brought back the publications of Luther from Germany, triggering several conferences to be held to discuss if the reformers were in alignment with their own core beliefs or not.¹¹⁹ On **September 12th**, **1532 A.D.**, the Vaudois Synod was held, where the reformers met with the Waldenses, and the Waldenses provided a pure apostolic Bible to the reformers. One of the reformers present at the meeting was quoted as saying they, "greatly rejoiced to see that people, who had ever proved faithful – that Israel of the Alps, to whose

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charge God had committed for so many centuries the ark of the new covenant – thus eager in his service. "And continuing, "...correctly copied with the hand at a date beyond all memory, they marveled at that favour of Heaven which a people so small in numbers had enjoyed, and rendered thanks to the Lord that the Bible had never been taken from them."¹²⁰

Influencers Stream (Romans | Torchbearers) 1532 A.D. – 1564 A.D.

• **1509-1564 A.D. John Calvin:** A Roman Catholic who later became a reformer. Calvin's cousin, Pierre Robert Olivetan, met with the Waldenses in **1532-1535 A.D.** and translated the pure Hebrew and Greek, which had been protected and handed down from one generation to the next from father to son, into the French Olivetan Bible. The following was written in the preface of the French Olivetan Bible by Pierre Robert Olivetan about his translation of the Bible published on June 3rd, 1535. "*I present this precious Treasure (whereof thou mayst say as the Children of Israel, yet hoping that it shall never create thee any trouble) in the name of a certain poor People thy Friends and Brethren in Jesus Christ, who ever since they were blessed and enriched therewith by the Apostles and Ambassadours of Christ, have still enjoyed and possessed the same : and being now willing to gratifie thee with what thou desirest so earnestly, they have given me a Commission to draw this precious Treasure out of the Hebrew and Greek Cabinets, and having wrapt up the same in a French Mantle, to the best of my skill, and according to that talent which the Lord hath given me, forth-with to present thee with it (O poor Church) on whom no man bestoes any thing. "^{121, 122, 123} The full text is much longer, but this will give you a better idea of what was written.*

Note: "Thus was the primitive church preserved in the Alps to the very period of the Reformation. The Vaudois are the chain which unites the reformed churches with the first disciples of our Saviour. It is in vain that Popery, renegade from evangelical verities, has a thousand times sought to break this chain ; it resists all her efforts. Empires have crumbled—dynasties have fallen—but this chain of scriptural testimony has not been broken, because its strength is not from men, but from God."¹²⁴

Influencers Stream (Romans | Torchbearers) 1500s A.D. – Present

• Starting at least in the **1500s** as a result of interacting with some of the reformers of Church of Rome and some tiring of the repeated persecution, the Waldenses began compromising their heritage of true doctrine and theology for the sake of unity. This did not change the text of their Bible, but it affected their understanding of it and the high holy standards they once held. A modern Waldensian Pastor, *Esteban Gignous Janavel*, who is a direct descendant of a famous Janavel,¹²⁵ is seeking to restore and maintain the true pure holiness of the Waldensian apostolic doctrine.

Section 2 Summary

In summary, we have seen both positive and negative effects upon the Torchbearer Lineage Stream. On the positive, we have individuals who embraced the truth carried by dozens of Torchbearer groups composed of millions of diverse people. On the negative, many gave up several of the true doctrinal beliefs that had been passed down from the Apostles so they could join the growing Roman Reformers. This decision was not unanimous however, since "*a number dissented*", including two pastors who refused to sign and withdrew from the Synod. This was "*the first schism which ever broke out in the Vaudois Church. It must be observed, however, that the two dissenting pastors did not belong to the valleys, but to Dauphiny.*"¹²⁶ The merger of

multiple Torchbearer groups with the reformers effectively created a 3rd group, whose name and movement never having existed before the 16th century. They were known as the *Protestants*, with the name meaning "*those that protest*," which refers to those that protest the authority of the Roman Pope.¹²⁷

Reminder from the previous section: On August 14, 1533 at least one Torchbearer group, the Dauphine, who refused to compromise the original beliefs of the Apostles, abstracted "several ancient manuscripts and papers concerning the history of the Vaudois, of which they took possession before they went away," from the Piedmont Valley to protect the information.¹²⁸

Section 3: Roman Religion and Empire – Past to Present



We will now go through the center column called 'Roman Religion and Empire'.

Roman Stream 30 A.D. – 380 A.D.

- 313 A.D. Edict of Milan: Christianity is made legal by Emperor Constantine I after his claimed vision in the sky.¹²⁹ This had both positive and negative effects. Prior to this Edict, the official Roman religion had been one of paganism with pagan priests¹³⁰ (an example of this was Mithraism, the practice of worshipping the sun),¹³¹ and remained so even after the Edict. The Edict of Milan made it so the Torchbearer Christians would no longer be persecuted by the Roman Empire. This lack of persecution was clearly positive, but it also meant many would become Christian and risk nothing by doing so, creating a lack of motivation to either commit to being fully in or out, resulting in many Nominal Christians.¹³²
- 321 A.D. Emperor Constantine I makes Sunday the day of rest for worshiping the Sun God Apollo:¹³³ Pagan-Christian coins are also then minted long after Constantine's supposed conversion (see the reference section, of the Chart of New Testament Lineage Streams, for images of the coins).^{134, 135} We find numerous revealing details in a book published in 1900 called Lectures on the History of the Eastern Church by Arthur Stanley, in which it states, "His [Constantine I] coins bore on the one side the letters of the name of Christ; on the other the figure of the Sun-god, and the inscription 'Sol invictus,' as if he could not bear to relinquish the patronage of the bright luminary which represented to him, as to Augustus and to Julian, his own guardian deity." then goes on to say, "The retention of the old Pagan name of 'Dies Solis,' or 'Sunday,' for the weekly Christian festival, is, in great measure, owing to the union of Pagan and Christian sentiment with which the first day of the week was recommended by Constantine to his subjects Pagan and Christian alike, as the 'venerable day of the Sun.' His decree, regulating its observance, has been justly called 'a new era in the history of the Lord's 'day.' It was his mode of harmonizing the discordant religions of the empire under one common institution."¹³⁶ These were just two of many early examples of Constantine enacting his plan, which was to unify his All credit, praise, honor, and glory belongs to our beloved God!

diverse empire within one new state-approved religious belief system in order to maintain and obtain more control over the population.

325 A.D. Council of Nicaea: Constantine continues to push for merging Christianity with other religions of the Pagan Roman Empire by declaring Sunday as the day for the celebration of the Pagan-Christian Astarte-Easter (also known by other pagan names). There are dozens of old and rare books published on this subject, but let us go through just a small sampling by reading a portion of A History of the Christian Councils: From the Original Documents Vol 1 by Karl Joseph, published in 1894, where Constantine I addresses the counsel. "We give you good news of the unity which has been established respecting the holy Passover"... "All the brethren in the East who formerly celebrated Easter with the Jews, will henceforth keep it at the same time as the Romans, with us, and with all those who from ancient times have celebrated the feast at the same time with us." ... "It was declared to be particularly unworthy for this, the holiest of all festivals, to follow the custom (the calculation) of the Jews, [and the Torchbearers] who had soiled their hands with the most fearful of crimes, and whose minds were blinded." Constantine must have forgotten that Jesus was born to a Jewish family and most of the Apostles and early followers of Jesus were Jewish, and it was Jewish people who wrote most of the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. Constantine continues, "In rejecting their custom, we may transmit to our descendants the legitimate mode of celebrating Easter... We ought not therefore to have any-thing in common with the Jews."¹³⁷ By association, all Seven Festivals of Israel of the Jewish-Christians are to no longer to be observed.

<u>Note</u>: Hanukkah is not one of the Seven Festivals of Israel, but it was implied to be observed during the times of Jesus (John 10:22). The seven most important Jewish-Christian holy-days are; *Passover*, *Unleavened Bread*, *First Fruits*, *Pentecost* (Feast of Weeks), *Trumpets*, *Atonement*, and *Tabernacles*.

If we are to understand how some of the current doctrines have gone astray, it is of paramount importance to understand the catalyst (original cause), so we will continue with this a little further. Rome was the catalyst for Roman Christians distancing themselves from the Jewish people, festivals, and customs which was/is against the beliefs of the Torchbearers. The Torchbearers have always followed the true Passover¹³⁸ on the 14th day of the Jewish month of Nisan, and then celebrated Christ's resurrection day (First Fruits^{139, 140}) not Astarte-Easter.¹⁴¹, ¹⁴² Constantine continues, "...to separate ourselves from the detestable company of the Jews, for it is truly shameful for us to hear them boast that without their direction we could not keep this feast"... "But even if this were not so, it would be your duty not to tarnish your soul by communications with such a wicked people (the Jews)."... "Our Saviour has left us only one festival day of our redemption, that is to say, of His holy passion, and He desired (to establish) only one Catholic Church."... "and every one, I hope, will agree upon this point. As on the one hand, it is our duty not to have anything in common with the murderers of our Lord."... "We should have nothing in common with the Jews."... "Easter should be everywhere celebrated on one and the same day, "..." The Synod requires, 1st, that Easter day should always be a Sunday (and therefore decides against the Quartodecimans); and 2^{nd} , that it should never be celebrated at the same time as the feast of the Jews. It results from this second decision, that according to the Synod, if the day should fall on a Sunday, Easter was not to be celebrated on that Sunday, but a week later. "143, 144, 145 Quartodecimans is the name given to those who continued to observe Nisan 14 as the true Passover and as well as the day Jesus died. There is more information contained within the scanned references, which are included at the end of the, *Chart of the New* Testament Lineage Streams: Unbroken Chain-of-Custody, but we will move on.

- A positive thing that came out of the Council of Nicaea was that *Arianism* was rightly condemned during the meeting.¹⁴⁶ We will briefly go over Arianism later in this session.
- 337 A.D. Pope Julius I creates Christ-mas:^{147, 148, 149} He invents this holi-day from the combined pagan Roman festivals of *Saturnalia & Sol Invictus* and re-designated them as the Feast of Christ's Nativity, *'mass on Christ's day'*, or shortened as Christ-mas. This was done even *"in spite of serious objections"*¹⁵⁰ and others calling it a *"questionable innovation"*.¹⁵¹ Most who want to portray Christ-mas in a less pagan light do so by comparing only the Roman holi-day of *Sol Invictus*, leaving out the closer Roman holi-day of *Saturnalia*. Other traceable ancient pagan holi-days were also included, likely in an attempt to better unify (through compromise) the whole empire. The following is a few of the many things the holi-days would involve for the winter festivals of Saturnalia & Sol Invictus:
 - 1. wild drunken licentiousness;¹⁵²
 - 2. unrestrained merriment;¹⁵³
 - 3. no public business could be transacted;¹⁵⁴
 - 4. law courts were closed;¹⁵⁵
 - 5. schools kept holiday;¹⁵⁶
 - 6. to commence a war was impious;¹⁵⁷
 - 7. indulgences were granted;¹⁵⁸
 - 8. presents were interchanged among friends;¹⁵⁹
 - 9. toys to children;¹⁶⁰
 - 10. crowds thronged the streets shouting Saturnalia;¹⁶¹
 - 11. ornamented trees;¹⁶²
 - 12. a cooked goose;¹⁶³
 - 13. yule cakes;¹⁶⁴
 - 14. deities worshiped, venerated, or honored:
 - Lord of the fir-tree,¹⁶⁵
 - Queen of Heaven,^{166, 167}
 - Sun-god Helios,¹⁶⁸
 - Sol.¹⁶⁹
 - Saturn,^{170, 171}
 - Osiris, ^{172, 173}
 - Etc.

The whole month of December was considered a dedication to Saturn.¹⁷⁴ The Sun-god Apollo was also worshiped and venerated under different names. More information can be found within the definitive book on this subject from 1524 A.D., but unfortunately, it is not written in English (perhaps someone will translate it in the future).¹⁷⁵

The Roman Church, and later the reformers who used to be part of the Roman Church, still held to many of the traditions, beliefs, and ideologies of Rome. Christ-mas was never part of the traditions and beliefs of Jesus and the Apostles, and instead – since the time of the Apostles – the Torchbearers have observed Hanukkah, not Christ-mas. To illustrate the pure, unyielding, and uncompromising views held by the various Torchbearer groups of the 1600s, as demonstrated by the Puritans during the times shortly after the King James Bible was created, the following information is presented:

On **December 24th**, **1652**, the Parliament of England voted and passed a law banning the celebration of Christmas.¹⁷⁶ At the time, the Puritans referred to Christmas Day using the

following strong terms, "Profane Man's Ranting Day, the Superstitious Man's Idol Day, the Papist's Massing Day, the Old Heathen's Feasting Day, the Multitude's Idle Day, Satan-that Adversary's-Working Day".^{177, 178} This sentiment was also reflected in America, especially in Massachusetts, when "the New Englanders who gave America the traditions of thanksgiving day, thanksgiving-day proclamations, the Mayflower Compact, John Winthrop's 'City on a Hill,' and election-day sermons, criminalized the celebration of Christmas... in 1659... and 'whosoeuer shall be found observing any such day as Xmas or the like...' would *be fined.* "^{179, 180} In both of these previous examples, those siding with the traditional Roman beliefs (the Roman Church and many Roman Reformers) eventually caused the laws to be reversed in England in 1660 when Charles II reversed all laws from the previous eight years¹⁸¹ and was reversed in Massachusetts in 1681,¹⁸² against the strong objections of the diverse Torchbearer groups at the time. The Puritans, Quakers, etc.¹⁸³ were also against Christ-mas, but these were not Torchbearers in the strictest sense, they were Protestants, who most of which still held a few flaws in their doctrine from Roman influence. The Cathari Puritans held closer to the true doctrine passed down by the Apostles. As a side note, Christmas was not made a national holi-day in the United States of America until June 28th, 1870.¹⁸⁴

- 363-364 A.D. The Council of Laodicea, Canon 29 outlawed the keeping of God's 4th **Commandment:** "A Christian shall not stop work on the Sabbath [Saturday]," and reaffirmed changing the Lord's Day from Saturday to Sunday by redefining the meaning of the Lord's Day to mean Sunday. They also reaffirmed an Anti-Semitism stance (following Constantine's example) against following anything that the Jewish people observed, including one of the Ten Commandments that had been written in stone by God's own hand. They coined the terms 'Judaize' & 'Judaizer' and broadly misapplied what Saul/Paul said in Galatians 2:14 about requiring non-compelled Gentiles to live like the Jews. The Roman Council of Laodicea, Canon 29 went so far as to say that if, "Any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anathema from Christ. "185, 186 Anathema meaning, banned, cursed and damned. 187, 188 These stances still influenced and held sway over the future Roman Church Reformers, including Martin Luther and others,^{189, 190} Rome certainly appeared to be maintaining a strong stance against the Jewish people, which seems to be counterproductive based upon what God said of the Jews. "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." - Genesis 12:3 (KJV). Later, the Ten Commandments were redefined by the Roman Church.¹⁹¹ In some examples, they simultaneously condemned and approved of the veneration of idols (still held today),¹⁹² changed the order in which the Commandments appeared by duplicating a Commandment in order to remove one,¹⁹³ and subtly removed words like the removal of "bow down" to images¹⁹⁴ as stated in Exodus 20:4-5.¹⁹⁵ This affected two Commandments: keeping the Sabbath holy (the 4th Commandment) and of not committing idolatry (the 2nd Commandment), which both the Jews and Torchbearers held in high regard.¹⁹⁶
- **380 A.D. Edict of Thessalonica:** The new Roman form of Pagan-Christianity was signed into law as the *official Roman religion* by Emperors Theodosius and Valentinian II through this Edict, thus proclaiming Rome as the Catholic (or Universal-Unified) religion. They also contemplate the use of *physical force* in the service of orthodoxy for the first time.¹⁹⁷ The Roman Emperor Gratian, is sometimes left out of the list of those who signed this Edict, but for the sake of completeness in these Supplemental Lecture Notes, we wanted to mention that he was probably also one of the signers of the Edict.

Roman Stream 380 A.D. – 9th Century A.D. The Forgery Mill Begins¹⁹⁸

There is a large amount of information we could cover regarding famous and not so famous forgeries, but for the sake of time, we will only choose a few to discuss.

- **498-514 A.D. Pope Symmachus and the 'Symmachan' MS forgeries:** "The object of these forgeries was to produce alleged instances from earlier times to support the whole procedure of the adherents of Symmachus, and in particular, the position that the Roman bishop could not be judged by any court composed of other bishops... These forgeries are not the first documents to maintain this latter tenet. "¹⁹⁹ To the Bishop of Passau, "some, if not all, of the "Forgeries of Lorch", a series of documents, especially the Bulls of the Popes Symmachus, Eugene II, Leo VII, and Agapetus II, fabricated to prove that Passau was a continuation of a former archdiocese named Lorch. By these he attempted to obtain from Benedict VI the elevation of Passau to an archdiocese, the re-erection of those dioceses in Pannonia and Moesia which had been suffrages of Lorch, and the pallium for himself. "²⁰⁰ For those who are unaware, a Bull in this context is the name given to public decree, letters patent, or charter issued by a Pope of Rome.
- 772-795 A.D. Pope Hadian I, the son of a Roman nobleman, introduced the 'Donation of Constantine' MS forgeries: These forgeries were believed to be legitimate for four centuries after being introduced as evidence for the lineage and supremacy of the Popes. These forgeries, supported by Popes, are still held today by many as evidence for the ecclesiastical supremacy and temporal sovereignty of the Popes of Rome.²⁰¹ "In 1440 Lorenzo Valla counseled Eugenius IV not to rely upon the Donations of Constantine, which he proved to be spurious [false]."²⁰²
- **9th Century A.D. The** *'Pseudo-Isidorean Decretals'* **MS forgeries:** These consist of a large collection of nearly *one-hundred* manuscript forgeries, which at the time served as a *"perfect deception"* to provide support to previous MSS, and to prove by early authority the absolute power of the Pope and of the Roman Church. *"the secret lay concealed long enough to fortify every branch of ecclesiastical authority, to make political rulers tremble, and to make Rome ready... to extend her spiritual scepter over all rulers."* It is also worth mentioning that at the time they pretended these were real by acting as if they were miraculously discovered (*"thanks to good-fortune, they had been discovered."*).²⁰³ Also, *"New research has shown that they used the library of the monastery of Corbie on the Somme* [to create the forgeries]. *"²⁰⁴* The Roman Church has so far admitted that *fifty-eight* are forgeries.²⁰⁵

Roman Stream 9th Century A.D. – 1605 A.D.

• 1605 A.D. The Gunpowder Plot (also known as *The Jesuit Treason*): This was a well-known plan to blow up England's Parliament with barrels of gunpowder underneath in a cellar, in order to kill King James I and the Parliament to stop the translation of the new English Bible (among other reasons). It has been said of one of the conspirators in *The Churchman's Magazine 1845*, Sir Everard Digby, *"So far was this man deluded by false religion, and governed and blinded by the priests of his church, that, even when preparing for his death (being executed as a traitor) he wrote to his wife, declaring "that if he had thought there had been the least sin in the plot he would not have been of it for all the world," and that "no other cause drew him to hazard his fortune and life but zeal to God's religion."" The 1845 magazine goes on to say to its readers, <i>"be led to share the full light and blessing of the Gospel of peace – may be led to enquire into what their Church really is, not what her priests declare her to be – may be led to study the holy Scriptures, not the Popish Bible, which is translated from false Latin copies, but the Protestant*

Bible, translated from the original languages in which its different parts were written. "... "Let us pray that they may come out from a Church which sanctions and commands murder and treason when it can advance her interests and ambitions,".²⁰⁶ The Gunpowder Plot occurred in 1605, with the translation of the King James Bible starting in 1604 and finishing in 1611. Shortly after in the 1620s, the Puritans settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts.²⁰⁷

Roman Stream 1605 A.D. – 1859 A.D.

• Around 1859 A.D. The Codex Sinaiticus Manuscripts loosely form a Greek Bible with a claimed authorship date of 400 A.D.: It is however very likely a professional forgery created by a master forger who has confessed to the crime, but that is up to you to decide after reviewing the evidence presented. It has unfortunately never been chemical tested to determine conclusively whether it is a forgery, which under the conditions it was found and having a known master forger admit involvement, is completely against normal protocol and procedure. Nevertheless, it has been used in the translation of most modern Bibles since 1881. See the chart, 'Codex Sinaiticus: Legitimate or Forgery? The Suspects' by Peter D. Arvo, which includes extensive research, research notes for further research, and numerous old newspaper articles. This includes scanned images of the referenced material, enabling quick validation of the facts presented in their original context.²⁰⁸

Roman Stream 1859 A.D. – 1946 A.D.

• 1881 A.D. Suspected manuscript forgeries were used in creating altered Greek New Testament texts by Westcott & Hort: Evidence from the son of Dr. Brooke Foss Westcott and the son of Dr. Fenton John Anthony Hort suggest their fathers were very much Gnostics and Occultists before, during, and after they worked on Greek New Testament texts.²⁰⁹ That Greek text is used for new Bible translations today, and that same text was used later by Nestle & Aland's texts, who doubted that the Bible was true. The doubting *Nestle-Aland* texts of 1898 A.D. directly influenced the text used by the *United Bible Society* (UBS) of 1946 A.D., and has continued up to our present time. See the chart called. *Westcott and Hort: Occultists or Christians? You Decide* ' by Peter D. Arvo, which includes information on Dr. Eberhard Nestle and extensive references with scanned images of the referenced pages, enabling quick validation of the facts presented in their original context.²¹⁰

Note: Keep in mind the oldest manuscript available, The Jesus Papyrus, AKA Magdalen College Papyrus P64, at around 60 A.D. agrees with the King James Bible and Textus Receptus against the newer Nestle-Aland & UBS textbooks.^{211, 212, 213, 214, 215}

We are going to recap briefly something from the previous session, as it is worth repeating and expanding on. Most say that only the autographs (originals) were inspired, but this is a modern concept,²¹⁶ which was first proposed by a Roman Catholic priest named Richard Simon in **1689** to prove we need *textual criticism*.²¹⁷ This view was popularized in **1881** by B. B. Warfield and A. A. Hodge,²¹⁸ and by others.²¹⁹ It was also held by people like Dr. Constantine Tischendorf, Dr. Brooke Foss Westcott, Dr. Fenton John Anthony Hort, Dr. Eberhard Nestle & Dr. Kurt Aland, Dr. Eugene A. Nida. Eugene Nida extended the problems specifically with what is called the *Dynamic Equivalency*²²⁰ translation method. (Notice the date **1881** keeps coming up as does the 1800s.) The year 1881 is when we believe the official abandonment of *Biblical Redundant Array of Independent Documents (B-RAID)*²²¹ began and the *Unbroken Manuscript Chain-of-Custody (UM-CoC)*²²² first started to be largely ignored.

Roman Stream 1881 A.D. – Present

1881+ A.D. The creation of many revised Bibles continues: They are created by those who doubt God preserved his words, and whose footnotes and editing only creates more doubts in the minds of people who use them. These Bibles use the new *Nestle-Aland* and *UBS* scholarly textbooks, which are based upon a very unstable foundation.^{223, 224, 225} Those that utilize these textbooks admit that they do not have 100% of God's preserved Word, and also admit that they are incapable of producing a perfect translation. Some of the many *Doubting Bibles* are as follows: NLT, NIV, CEB, NKJV, ASV, RSV, ESV, JB, LB, TEV, NEB, NASV, GNB, NAB, CEV, NBV, NWT, etc...^{226, 227, 228} The following two Bibles use paraphrase²²⁹ so extensively that they should not be considered for use as a Bible: *The Living Bible (TLB)* and *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language (MSG)*.

Section 3 Summary

- 1. **313 A.D. Edict of Milan.** Christianity made legal under Emperor Constantine I. Nominal Christianity begins.
- 2. **321 A.D. Constantine I.** Makes Sunday a day of rest to worship Sun God Apollo. Pagan-Christian coins are minted.
- 3. **325** A.D. Council of Nicaea. Constantine's replacement of the Jewish-Gentile-Christian *'Passover' & 'First Fruits'* with *'Good Friday' & 'Astarte-Easter'*. By association, all *'Seven Festivals of Israel'* of the Jewish-Gentile-Christians are to no longer be observed. *'Astarte-Easter'* is to be pushed back by a week when required, so it never falls on the correct Jewish day. Arianism was rightly condemned during the meeting.
- 4. **337 A.D. Pope Julius I.** Has the pagan festivals of '*Saturnalia*' & '*Sol Invictus*' re-designated and re-invented as '*Christ-mas*'. The Torchbearers continued to observe Hanukkah, not Christ-mas. Christ-mas never caught on in England and the United States when they were predominantly Torchbearer-controlled countries. Christ-mas was even made illegal in England in 1652, and in Massachusetts in 1659, but was later reversed by those in favor of Romanist traditions.
- 5. **363-364 A.D. Council of Laodicea Canon 29.** Outlawed keeping God's 4th Commandment, which is to keep the Sabbath holy. Creating anti-Semitic terms of *'Judaize'* and *'Judaizer'* designed to shame people from not associating with Jewish people, or with the true Jewish-Christian beliefs of the Apostles and the resultant Torchbearers. With the *Roman Church* as well as *Protestant Churches* saying in agreement they are to be *'anathema'* meaning banned, cursed, and damned. Later the Roman Church altered, redefined, and reordered the Ten Commandments to further obscure Saturday the *'Sabbath'* and *'Idolatry'*.
- 6. **380 A.D. Edict of Thessalonica.** Pagan-Christianity was signed into law as the official Roman religion; proclaiming Rome as the Catholic (or Universal-Unified) religion.
- 7. **498** A.D. **9th Century A.D.** Rome had created nearly 100 known forgeries, with the Roman Church so far admitting that fifty-eight are forgeries. How many more will be discovered if they were all submitted to forgery testing via non-destructive chemical analysis?
- 8. **1605 A.D. The Gunpowder Plot.** The plot to blow up England's Parliament and halt the creation of the King James Bible.
- 9. **1859 A.D. Codex Sinaiticus Manuscripts.** Were shown in the 1800s as well as today to have evidence of being forgeries, but as of this time, no forgery testing via non-destructive chemical analysis has been conducted.
- 10. 1881 A.D. Westcott & Hort. Were shown to be strongly associated with Gnosticism and the Occult, and who used at least one manuscript that is very likely a professional forgery (to the benefit of the Roman Church) to create a new Greek New Testament text. This Greek text would later be updated by Nestle-Aland 1898 A.D., and then by the United Bible Society (UBS) 1946

A.D. to be used in the translation of nearly all modern Bibles. Could this be part of the morally complacent global eclectic ecumenical religion long ago predicted by the Bible? Some may not be aware that on **March 29, 1994**, a joint declaration was signed called, *'Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium'*, in which a large group of leading evangelicals compromised biblical truth in order to get closer with the Roman Church. Many Roman Reformers of the past continued to hold onto many of the traditions, beliefs, and ideologies of Rome, not having gone far enough in reforming themselves. The following quote speaks well against this, *"It's better to be divided in truth, than united in heresy."* – Anonymous.

Modern time. Finally, remember that many Bibles translated since 1881 use one or all of the following translational systems: 1) The Westcott & Hort Text. 2) Eugene Nida's Dynamic Equivalency. 3) Paraphrase. 4) Other known/forged texts (i.e. some of the Dead Sea Scrolls).^{230, 231}

Section 4: Influencers – Between the Roman Stream and Heretical Cult Stream



We are down to the last two columns of the chart. In this column, 'Influencers – Those that have influenced the Heretical Cult Stream or Roman Stream', you will discover those who have assisted in influencing some of the changes to the original doctrine of the Apostles. This altered doctrine has been spreading amongst Bible colleges and universities for a long time, but has dramatically increased since the 1800s and 1900s. This altered doctrine has had a direct impact on what pastors believed and taught for generations now, and has contributed to the growing lack of clarity and trust in the Holy Scriptures taught today.

Please take a moment to reflect on the following quotes again:

"The largest impediment to discovering truth; is the belief you already have it." – Anonymous

"These [the Berean's] were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." – Acts 17:11 (KJV)

"He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock." - Luke 6:48 (KJV)

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" - Psalms 11:3 (KJV)

Influencers Stream (Heretical Cults | Romans) 35 A.D. – 110 A.D.

• **35** A.D. – **110** A.D. **Ignatius of Antioch:** Promoted God's laws for mankind as being *Jewish* only laws that only the Jews needed to follow, thus removing the distinction between *God's* permanent laws and *Jewish local & time-period laws* (the Jewish local & time-period laws were added to by the Jewish Pharisee Rabbis as time went on). A short example of one of God's laws for mankind is the 4th Commandment to keep Saturday the Sabbath holy, which was first followed by God in Genesis 2:2-3, followed by Moses in Exodus 16:22-23 (See also Exodus 16:5-45). This Commandment was said to be known during Exodus 18:16 (including the 10th Commandment against covetousness in Exodus 18:21), then officially given later as the 10 Commandments at Mount Sinai verbally in Exodus 20, then God wrote them in stone with his own finger twice (Exodus 31:18, 32:19, 34:1, 29). Scripture also says that the Sabbath is still in effect at Lord Jesus Christ's return (Ezekiel 46:1). This is not meant to be a case study of all the evidence for the Sabbath, or God's laws being perpetually in effect unless God explicitly changes them. In the next session, we will touch on Jesus' clarification on how to observe the Sabbath, and how the Apostles and Torchbearers observed it.^{232, 233}

Note: Ignatius is said to be the first recorded to use the term *Catholic*, meaning *Universal*, but exactly when the term was first used to describe Christians has been largely lost to time.²³⁴

Influencers Stream (Heretical Cults | Romans) 110 A.D. – 215 A.D.

• **150** A.D. – **215** A.D. Titus Flavius Clemens (Clement of Alexandria): He was a follower and great admirer of Plato's Greek philosophical teachings and was Origen's teacher. Clement was brought up in the schools of Alexandria, where the Platonic doctrines were taught and were looked upon as a source for Gnosticism; this will also equally apply to Origen, who we will discuss shortly.^{235, 236} Other Greek philosophers known at the time include Socrates and Pythagoras, who also developed an unhealthy view of the Bible.²³⁷ Clement of Alexandria was the first known to promote the *Allegorization* of most Scripture, which included Scripture that described the supernatural actions of God and anything else that Clement couldn't understand from a physical naturalistic viewpoint, with Origen following his teacher's lead. For example, they regarded both the Paradise Garden of Eden and the Genesis creation account as allegories representing spiritual virtues, which go against other clear teachings in the Bible that these are literal historical events.²³⁸ This is not to be confused with known identified figures of speech in the Bible, which include known legitimate metaphors, similes, parables, allegories, etc.²³⁹

Influencers Stream (Heretical Cults | Romans) 215 A.D. – 240 A.D.

160 A.D. – 240 A.D. Sextus Julius Africanus: He attended schools in Alexandria, which were in stark contrast to the schools of Antioch. He was the first strong promoter of the Sethite Theory which influenced Eusebius, Origen, the early Church of Rome, and many others.^{240, 241} "The supposition that the Sons of God were the sons of Seth, and the daughters of men (Heb. Adam) were the daughters of Cain, to whom great numbers of very beautiful women were born (it is supposed), has no foundation in Scripture: nay, it is against Scripture, for Seth was not God, and Cain was not Adam. "²⁴² Interestingly, even those who were prone to allegorizing the supernatural aspects of Scripture do not do so in this case. For example, Clement of Alexandria is of the belief that sons of God | บioí τοῦ Θεοῦ | Ἐζήτα] (Benoth Adam) means daughters of Adam, which matches the meaning throughout the Bible. Philo, Josephus, Justin Martyr, Tertullian, Lactantius, and others also agreed.²⁴³ Also speaking of angelic beings comingling with humans, many authors of the 1800s had the following to say: "this view was maintained by the ancient Jewish synagogue, by

Hellenistic Jews at, and before, the time of our Saviour's sojourn on earth, "²⁴⁴ another stated, "*they are angels... is most strongly represented in the old synagogue and church.*"²⁴⁵ The view that angelic beings comingled with humans also fits modern UFO abduction reports, where the Sethite Theory does not. We will perhaps discuss the 'Sons of God' topic in a future Page Briefing²⁴⁶ in more detail, with additional historical and scriptural evidence, but for now, let us move on.

Influencers Stream (Heretical Cults | Romans) 240 A.D. – 254 A.D.

• 184 A.D. – 254 A.D. Origen Adamantius (Origen of Alexandria): Following in the footsteps of his teacher, Clement of Alexandria, he too was a strong promoter of the Allegorization of most Scripture.²⁴⁷ He vainly mixed godliness with the philosophy of Plato, and applied the Greek method of allegorical interpretation to the Jewish Scriptures.²⁴⁸ Origen, "absolutely abandons the literal sense when he asserts that all passages of Scripture have a spiritual sense, but that all passages have not a corporeal sense, – that there is often a Spiritual truth under a corporeal falsehood, – that the Scripture has incorporated with history many things which have never happened–and that the mind which does not perceive that the Scripture relates many events as having really happened which could not have taken place in the manner related, must be weak and bounded in its operations."²⁴⁹ Origen, like Clement, was deeply affected by his study of Greek philosophy, and in the end could never shake off the false perception.²⁵⁰ Again, keep in mind we are not speaking of the legitimate allegories to be found in the Bible, and other forms of figures of speech.²⁵¹

Isaiah 28:20 is a legitimate allegory from the Bible:

"For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it."

<u>Note</u>: "The prophet is speaking of the great fear which ought to agitate the people of Judea at the speedy coming of Sennacherib; but they preferred to be left in their false security. By this beautiful allegorical illustration they are informed that their rest should be restless, and their sleep should be soon disturbed."²⁵²

For a complete list of the types and instances of figures of speech found in the Bible, please see E. W. Bullinger's 1,164-page book from 1898 called, *Figures of Speech Used in the Bible: Explained and Illustrated*. Bullinger states in the book, "We have catalogued over 200 distinct figures, several of them with from 30 to 40 varieties. Many figures have duplicate names which brings up the total number of names to more than 500."

Influencers Stream (Heretical Cults | Romans) 254 A.D. – 842 A.D.

337 A.D. – 842 A.D. In 337 A.D., Bishop Eusebius forbade images and pictures of Christ on the premise: "that no man knoweth the Son but the Father." Three hundred years later, the worship of images became general practice in Roman-controlled churches under Roman Pope Gregory III against the 2nd Commandment of the Bible. At the same time, Leo III of the Eastern Churches resisted and destroyed idols, causing anger in Rome. Those destroying idols were known in Rome as "image-breakers" and "Paulicians". In 731 A.D., Roman Pope Gregory III officially anathematized (denounced & cursed) the iconoclasts (destroyers of images). In 754 A.D., 338 bishops met and declared that images of Christ were unlawful. This held until a compromise was made in 842 A.D. between the Eastern, Greek, Armenian, Coptic and Rome All credit, praise, honor, and glory belongs to our beloved God!

Churches, who all agreed to forbid statues, but allowed pictures, leaving only the Paulicians to hold their stance against idols.²⁵³

Influencers Stream (Heretical Cults | Romans) 85 A.D. – 1878 A.D.

- **Replacement Theology (Supersessionism):** Since early times, there are some who, upon blaming the Jews for Lord Jesus Christ's death, wanted to revoke God's promises to the Jews and reassign them to the Gentile church. This encouraged anti-Semitism and a growing lack of knowledge of Jewish cultural understanding that is woven throughout the Old and New Testaments, and of the true nature of God's promises themselves. The following are some of those who followed this belief and its effects, but it is not intended to be an exhaustive list:
 - **85** A.D. **160** A.D. Marcion: Said to be, "the most dangerous among the Gnostics... represents an extreme anti-Jewish and pseudo-Pauline tendency... and turns the gospel into an abrupt, unnatural, phantom-like appearance... he was excommunicated by his own father [who was a bishop]..." Marcion has said, "The God of the Old Testament is harsh, severe and unmerciful as his law... [He is] finite, imperfect, angry Jehovah of the Jews." Another statement about Marcion, "Marcion rejected all the books of the Old Testament, and wrested Christ's word in Matt. 5:17 into the very opposite declaration: "I am come not to fulfil the law and the prophets, but to destroy them." In his view, Christianity has no connection whatever with the past, whether of the Jewish or the heathen world". Polycarp, who has been referred to as a direct disciple of John the Apostle, is also known to have strongly disapproved of Marcion's theology. "Polycarp of Smyrna, meeting with Marcion in Rome, and being asked by him: "Dost thou know me?" [Polycarp] answered: "I know the first-born of Satan."²⁵⁴
 - 100 A.D. 165 A.D. Justin Martyr: In the following statements made by Justin Martyr, he blames *all* Jews for Lord Jesus Christ's death, which is against Jesus and most of the Apostles, who were themselves by birth Jewish. "*Circumcision given as a sign, that the Jews might be driven away for their evil deeds done to Christ and the Christians*."… "*The Jews sent persons through the whole earth to spread calumnies on Christians. For other nations have not inflicted on us* [Christians] *and on Christ this wrong to such an extent as you have, who in very deed are the authors of the wicked prejudice against the Just One, and us who hold by Him.*"… "So that you [Jews] are the cause not only of your own unrighteousness, but in fact of that of all other men."²⁵⁵
 - 272 A.D. 337 A.D. Constantine I: Rome has continuously oppressed Israel and persecuted the Jews, which has been demonstrated throughout the history of the Roman Empire. The Roman Emperor Constantine I, seized on the opportunity to drive a wedge between the Jewish & Gentile followers of Christ (Christians) and the traditional Jews, and at the same time merge Rome's diverse pagan cultures to create a new Rome approved universal (Catholic) Christianity. We have already largely covered Emperor Constantine's strong suggestion that, *"We ought not therefore to have anything in common with the Jews, "256 and we covered that he then proceeded to create new universal pagan-Christian holi-days. In each case, the Romans changed the date of the real holy-day and ensured it would never fall upon the correct day, even if that meant pushing it back an extra week.²⁵⁷*

Roman Empire Approved Holi-days Which Are Anti-Jewish / Anti-Christian:

†Sunday Sun-god Apollo Worship replaces *Saturday-the-Sabbath* (date changed) References: ²⁵⁸, ²⁵⁹, ²⁶⁰, ²⁶¹, ²⁶², ²⁶³, ²⁶⁴

- *†Saturnalia & Sol Invictus* re-designated/invented *Christ-mas as birthday* (date changed) References: ^{265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271} also see Torchbearers' perspective^{272, 273}
- *†Astarte-Easter* replaces *First Fruits / Resurrection Day* (date changed) References: ^{274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280}

†Good Friday replaces *Passover of Nisan 14 / Christ's death* (date changed) References: See Easter references and also Passover reference²⁸¹

All previously held Jewish-Christian holy-days are banned,^{282, 283, 284} outlawed, or shamed by naming followers of the true holy-days '*Judaizers*, '²⁸⁵ using the Bible verse out of context from what was intended in Galatians 2:14. However, this did not stop many of the Jews and the Torchbearers from trying to preserve the true holy-days.

There appears to be close similarities between the leadership of the Roman Empire and what Daniel 7:25 describes. "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." History has a tendency to repeat, as do prophetic patterns in the Bible.

- 1198 A.D. 1216 A.D. Pope Innocent III: Under Pope Innocent III, the persecution of the • Jews increased, which would later be imitated by future Roman leaders and eventually the Nazis. Pope Innocent III, in conjunction with multiple Roman council meetings, enacted the following: "Jews in all Christian countries and at all times should wear a dress differing from that of the Christians."... "Jews to wear a peculiar dress. Therefore it was decreed that, from the twelfth year of their age, Jews were to wear a peculiar color as a badge of their race, the men, on their hats, and the women, on their veils. This stigma on the Jews was an invention of Pope Innocent and of the Fourth Council assembled at Rome."... "the pope borrowed the idea of forcing the Jews to wear a peculiar badge from the fanatical Mahometans [Islamic followers]."... "This barbarous treatment of the Jews, Pope Innocent III now imitated, and their greatest humiliation during six centuries of European life dates from November 30th, 1215."... "... exclusion of the Jews from all honors and offices,"... "The Jew-badge, square or round in form, of saffron yellow or some other color, on the hat or on the mantle, was an invitation to the gamin to insult the wearers, and to bespatter them with mud; it was a suggestion to stupid mobs to fall on them, to maltreat, and even kill them; and it afforded the higher class an opportunity to ostracize the Jews, to plunder them, or to exile them. Worse than this outward dishonor was the influence of the badge on the Jews themselves. They became more and more accustomed to their ignominious position, and lost all feeling of self-respect."... "The great misery of the Jews during the Middle Ages began with Pope Innocent III."²⁸⁶ If this was not bad enough, there was also an agreement to exterminate all those that opposed the Empire's power. "The twelfth ecumenical council, held at the Lateran in 1215 under Pope Innocent III, and attended by more than 400 bishops, enacted a decree of excommunication and extermination against all heretics and their abettors. "287
- 1483 A.D. 1546 A.D. Martin Luther: As mentioned earlier, Luther was a Roman Catholic Priest who later created a German Bible. Although he started out in defense of the Jewish people, he soon became disenfranchised with the Jewish rejection of Jesus their long-awaited All credit, praise, honor, and glory belongs to our beloved God!

Messiah, and he fell back into old Roman beliefs and teachings. He rapidly went from defender to oppressor, becoming a major promoter of hatred against the Jews and all things related to the Jews. As he describes in his own words in his book, '*The Jews and their Lies*', published in 1543. A shocking chart has been compiled below called '*Martin Luther vs Nazi Legislation and Actions Chart*' by Peter D. Arvo to show just how close the Nazis followed Martin Luther's suggestions. In order to understand the Bible fully, we will discuss in a later session why this distancing from the Jewish people and their ancient cultural biblical understanding, is still very relevant today.^{288, 289}

Martin Luther vs. Nazi Legislation and Actions Chart					
Martin Luther advocated the below in his treatise called "The Jews and their Lies".	Nazis were said to have used some of Luther's published works as propaganda, which helped pass the following Nazi legislation and actions.				
1) "Put fire to Jew schools and houses." (page 40)	Kristallnacht " <i>Night of Broken Glass</i> " (November 9-10, 1938)				
 "refuse to let them own houses among us." (page 40) 	The first Jewish ghetto Piotrków Trybunalski (October 8, 1939)				
3) "take away from them all of their prayer books and Talmuds wherein such lying, cursing, and blaspheming is taught." (page 41) "prohibit their Rabbis to teach" (page 41)	Main Office for Press and Propaganda of the German Student Union proclaimed a nationwide "Action against the Un-German Spirit", Jewish book burning begins (April 8, 1933)				
 "take away all the currency and silver and gold" (page 42) 	Decree on the Confiscation of Jewish Property (October 3, 1938)				
5) "protection for Jews on highways be revoked" (page 41) "forbid land and highways to such usurers" (page 41)	Reich Ministry of Interior decree restricting the freedom of movement of Jews (November 28, 1938)				
6) "not lords, nor officials" (page 41) "everything they have they have stolen from us, and have robbed through their usury, since they have no other income." (page 42)	Law for the Reestablishment of the Professional Civil Service removes Jews from government service. (April 7, 1933). Decree on the Exclusion of Jews from German Economic Life closes all Jewish-owned businesses. (November 12, 1938). The <i>Frank Edict</i> , which made it so Jews will no longer receive wages for their labor (March 3, 1941)				
7) "no right to be in the land" (page 41) "their activities not to be protected. For you should not and cannot protect them unless you want to be partners of their abominations" (page 42)	First deportation of German Jews into occupied Poland begins (February 12, 1940)				
We strongly condemn all Anti-Semitism					

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• **1846** A.D. – **1878** A.D. Pope Pius IX: The following was written by Samuel Weed Barnum, who studied at Yale and assisted with the revision of Webster's Dictionary in the 1800s: "The Jews were, even under Pius IX., compelled to live mainly in the Ghetto, or Jewish quarter, which is the lowest and filthiest region in Rome, separated by a wall from the rest of the city, and situated on the east bank of the Tiber, opposite the north end of the island."... "Rome," said Dr. J. G. Holland in 1869, "is nothing but a show."... "The Rome of to-day is indeed

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nothing but a great museum of curiosities, papal and pagan, living and dead. The lovers of light and liberty are pining in her political prisons; her multitudinous beggars are licensed like porters and go around the streets with brass tickets hung to their necks. The Jews are still confined mainly to their dirty quarters, by him who assumes to represent the love of God in the Jew Jesus. There is no such thing as liberty in Rome—civil or religious. The people groan under a despotism more intensely hated than those who are unacquainted with its spirit and operations can possibly conceive. "²⁹⁰

Influencers Stream (Heretical Cults | Romans) 1878 A.D. – Present

• Much could be said about this lineage stream from 1878 to the present time, but for the sake of time, let us continue.

Section 4 Summary

- 1. 35 A.D. 110 A.D. Ignatius. Promoted God's laws for mankind as being Jewish-only laws.
- 2. **150** A.D. **215** A.D. Clement. First known to *Allegorize* Scripture. Followed Plato's Greek philosophical teachings and was a product of the Alexandrian school system.
- 3. 160 A.D. 240 A.D. Julius Africanus. First known strong promoter of the *Sethite Theory* and also attended the Alexandria school system.
- 4. **184 A.D. 254 A.D. Origen.** Strong promoter of the *Allegorization* of most Scripture and also followed the Greek philosophy of Plato.
- 5. **731 A.D. Pope Gregory III.** Under his watch the *worship of images* became general practice in Roman-controlled churches.
- 85 A.D. to Present. *Replacement Theology* (or Supersessionism) was first recorded to start with the Gnostic and extreme anti-Jewish Marcion and continued with many who had an association with Rome. Including, but not limited to: *Justin Martyr* (100 A.D. – 165 A.D.), *Constantine I* (272 A.D. – 337 A.D.), *Pope Innocent III* (1198 A.D. – 1216 A.D.), *Martin Luther* (1483 A.D. – 1546 A.D.), & *Pope Pius IX* (1846 A.D. – 1878 A.D.).

There has been a consorted effort since the time of the Apostles to the present time to drive a wedge between Jews & Gentiles who follow Lord Jesus Christ the Messiah, and between *Jewish-cultural-understanding* and *Gentile-understanding* of the Bible. Could it be that if both perspective sides were to get together, people would find clarity to the Bible that the ancient Torchbearers were willing to suffer for?

Note: As a word of warning. Most if not all of the information you will find available from Roman sources in the past, as well as modern times, will try their best to associate the heretical groups of Arians, Manichaeans, and others to the different Torchbearer groups in order to slander them.

Section 5: Pagans / Gnostics / Heretics / Cults^{291, 292} - Alexandria, Egypt²⁹³ & Mystery-Babylon



This is our last and shortest lineage column to review. Those in this lineage stream have almost always had one thing in common; they *deny Christ's deity*. Is it only coincidence that most of today's non-Christian Occult groups, Pseudo-Christian Cult groups, New Age Mysticism, and many modern Secret Societies, started in the 1800s at the same time the Doubting Bibles began?

Heretical Cults Stream 30 A.D. – 90 A.D.

30 A.D. – 90 A.D. Simon Magus, Glaucias, and Theudas: It has been stated of Simon, "the system of uniting Christianity with Gnosticism began with that heretic," ... "[what] Simon Magus began was brought to perfection by Valentinus, who came to Rome in the former part of the second century." One of the many common heretical beliefs of the Gnostic Schools is that, "the God of the Old Testament was not the Father of Jesus Christ; that there was no resurrection or final judgment." Gnostics would often pick and choose what they wanted to believe from Eastern Principles, Jewish Kabbalah (or Cabbala), and Platonic (Plato's philosophy), thus they could be considered an Eclectic type of religious belief system.²⁹⁴ Paul warns against the "worshipping of angels" (Colossians 2:18), yet "It is said by Tertullian, that Simon Magus worshiped Angels, and that he was rebuked for this by St. Peter, as for a species of idolatry."²⁹⁵ As notorious as Simon Magus, Glaucias, and Theudas were, who lived during the time of the Apostles, their students Basilides, Valentinus, and Marcion became even more notorious Gnostics of their time period.²⁹⁶

Heretical Cults Stream 90 A.D. – 160 A.D.

 100 A.D. – 160 A.D. Valentinus (disciple of Marcion): An early Christian Gnostic Theologian leader and influential heretic.^{297, 298}

Valentinus and Marcion's followers would:

- 1. Reject the Old Testament.
- 2. Reject The Law & Prophets.
- **3.** Reject the physical resurrection of Jesus.
- 4. Reject marriage.
- 5. Reject the apocalypse.
- 6. Believed physical matter is eternal (from Greek philosophy)
- 7. Mutilated the meaning of the New Testament, Etc.²⁹⁹

Heretical Cults Stream 160 A.D. – 336 A.D.

256 A.D. – 336 A.D. Arius of Alexandria: A presbyter (leader) of Alexandria who put forth a system of denying the divinity of Christ, and regarding him only as the first and most excellent of created beings, which denies the Trinity.³⁰⁰ This system called Arianism was rightly condemned at the Nicene (Nicaea) Council in 325 A.D.³⁰¹ These heretical ideas have not gone extinct and still exist to this day. The modern-day followers of Arius dramatically increased in the 1800s, like many other Christian cults that sprang up as a direct result of the influx of heretical manuscripts, forgeries, and Doubting Bibles that followed after Westcott & Hort introduced their unbelieving and corrupted texts.

An example of modern-day Arianism is the religion of *Jehovah's Witnesses*, who deny Christ's deity. This is made clear as stated on their official website, "the God of the Bible is never described as being part of a Trinity."³⁰² Since this is a widespread issue, we will provide ample biblical evidence for the Trinity later in this session, but for now we will provide just one verse. 1 John 5:7 (KJV) – "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." Jesus is described as "the Word" in the Bible multiple times, such as in John 1:1, John 1:14, and Revelation 19:13. The Trinity is a confusing topic for many, and no one should fault anyone for having confusion on this subject, which also confuses the best of scholars, but Jesus was crucified for claiming to be God. Jehovah's Witnesses unfortunately go one step further than denying the Trinity, and step into the realm of the heretical Gnostics with the bizarre belief that Jesus was the Archangel Michael.³⁰³ Unlike the Arian view, which had come about during the time of the Apostles and was rightly condemned as heresy at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D., the modern heretical concept of 'Jesus as an Archangel' was not known as a held belief by anyone during the time of the Apostles, nor by the followers of the Apostles, and not even by the time the Council of Nicaea met in 325 A.D. However, Gnostics were known to venerate angels.³⁰⁴

Note: For some reason, many modern Arian leaders will selectively quote the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, while leaving out crucial information or by providing selective information out of context.³⁰⁵

Heretical Cults Stream 336 A.D. – 340 A.D.

• 260 A.D. – 340 A.D. Eusebius Pamphili (Eusebius of Caesarea): Supported ideas of Constantine I, Arius, and Origen. ^{306, 307}

Heretical Cults Stream 340 A.D. – 430 A.D.

• **354 A.D. – 430 A.D. Aurelius Augustine (Augustine of Hippo):** He was another follower of Plato's Greek philosophical teachings,³⁰⁸ the first non-Gnostic to promote Amillennialism, and convinced the Roman Church that the thousand-year reign of Christ had already started with the first advent (first coming of Christ).³⁰⁹ The early church had always been Premillennial (Chiliasm) and believed in a physical resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ. "It is commonly agreed by the best modern historians, that, from the death of the apostles till the time of Origen, premillennialism was the general faith of those who were regarded as strictly orthodox Christians." Premillennialism was "already received by Gentile Christians before the close of the first century and was expressly rejected during the first half of the second century, only by most Gnostics."³¹⁰, ³¹¹ Augustine also adopted the Sethite Theory³¹² and promoted the Allegorization of Scripture; not to the extent that Clement and Origen did, but well beyond the normal known figures of speech contained in the Bible.³¹³

A few definitions defined:

Amillennialism = the rejection of the belief that Jesus will have a literal thousand-year-long physical reign on the earth.

Premillennial = the belief that Jesus will physically return to the earth (the Second Coming) and reign before the Millennium, for a literal thousand-year golden age of peace.

Heretical Cults Stream 430 A.D. – 1830 A.D.

• **1830 A.D. The Book of Mormon:** Translated by Joseph Smith from supposed tablets obtained from a claimed deceased person named Moroni. In reality, Smith's wife said he had a diseased mind, he was wanted by police, and arrested on multiple criminal charges.^{314, 315} There really isn't a reason to go deeper into this group, whose founders were wanted in multiple states for serious crimes and who claimed communication with spirit-beings under false pretenses. For those who would like to read up on why troops were even called in to deal with the situation, obtain a free trial subscription to *Newspapers.com* and search in the *1800s* for the word "*Mormon.*" In doing this, you will find dozens of old scanned newspaper articles spanning across numerous states in the United States of America, with the reports of suspected criminal con-artist activity and more.

Heretical Cults Stream 1830 A.D. – 1945 A.D.

• **1945 A.D. The Nag Hammadi:** Gnostic text that was found in 1945 A.D. and suspected to date to around 376 A.D., though this may turn out to not be the case.³¹⁶

Heretical Cults Stream 1945 A.D. – Present

- There is little doubt that additional fragmented Gnostic and heretical texts will continue to be discovered and dug out of the ground in Egypt.
- It is worth providing the following warning: It is quite possible that at some point in the future a new discovery will likely take place that purportedly disproves prior long-held biblical beliefs. It also would not be surprising if this text turns out to be an actual ancient heretical manuscript, but it could also be, in reality, a modern forgery that was skillfully composed with an overstated age, and thus will be placed above other manuscripts that have more evidence and support on their side. In either case, it will likely pass chemical tests and other scrutiny thrown at it. This new fraud of the future should be easy to predict; since if you were a fallen angel, what better way would there be to create massive doubt and destroy faith in God's Word amongst those who are already using doubt-inducing Bibles (Doubting Bibles)?

Section 5 Summary

- 1. **30** A.D. **90** A.D. Simon Magus. Credited with being the first heretic to create a system of uniting Christianity with Gnosticism, but he surely wouldn't be the last.
- 2. **100 A.D. 160 A.D. Valentinus.** Christian Gnostic Theologian leader who followed Greek philosophy. You may or may not have noticed that Westcott & Hort, who worked on creating a new Greek New Testament text, also followed Greek philosophy and Gnostic beliefs.

- 3. **256** A.D. **336** A.D. Arius. A leader of Alexandria who put forth a system of denying the divinity of Christ and the Trinity. Jehovah's Witnesses are a modern-day example of Arianism, combined with a Gnostic belief that Jesus was the Archangel Michael.
- 4. 260 A.D. 340 A.D. Eusebius. Supported the ideas of Constantine I, Arius, and Origen.
- 5. **354** A.D. **430** A.D. Augustine. The first non-Gnostic to promote the heretical Amillennialism belief. He also adopted the Sethite Theory, the Allegorization of Scripture, and Plato's Greek philosophical teachings.
- 6. 1830 A.D. Book of Mormon. A modern example of what happens when occult divination practices are combined with and superimposed upon the Word of God.

Bonus Section

Bonus Section 1: World's Largest Religion's and Their Manuscripts

• Since it is often helpful to see how other ancient manuscripts stack up against each other as far as accepted evidence is concerned, we will briefly look at *'The Eclectic Manuscripts Comparison Chart: Bibliographical Test'*. Each area of the chart has been researched, updated, and has references added corresponding to the latest information per the date listed at the top of the chart. The manuscript totals in the chart will continue to change as a result of new manuscripts being discovered that are held within private collections, and unidentified manuscripts stored in universities and museums. Therefore, the chart should only represent a best effort. Having covered the importance of B-RAID and the Unbroken Manuscript Chain-of-Custody (UM-CoC) in the previous session, you should be familiar with the crucial role B-RAID and UM-CoC play in obtaining 100% accuracy.

The Eclectic Manuscripts Comparison Chart: Bibliographical Test © 2018 Peter D. Arvo (CC BY-NC-ND 4.0) Last updated: 7/16/2019 TheTorehbearerSeries.com						
Author / Work	Claimed Date Written (Begin-End)	Earliest Surviving MSS	Approx. time: Original to Surviving MS	Number of MMS	Accuracy of MMS to Each Other	
Christian: New Testament ³¹⁷	$\begin{array}{c} c.27 \sim 30 \text{AD}^{318} \\ - \\ c.66 \sim 96 \text{AD}^{319}, \\ 320, 321 \end{array}$	c.60AD ^{322, 323} – c.200AD ^{324, 325}	Less than 100 years	5,856+ ³²⁶ (18,130†) ^{327, 328}	99.5% ³²⁹ (100% with B-RAID & UM-CoC)	
Jewish: Old Testament ³³⁰	c.1350BC ^{331,} ³³² _ c.450BC ^{333, 334}	<i>c</i> .1208BC ³³⁵ – <i>c</i> .587BC ^{336, 337}	Less than 150 years	17,000+ ^{338, 339}	99.99996% ³⁴⁰ (100% with B-RAID & UM-CoC)	
Islamic: Quran ³⁴¹	$\begin{array}{c} c.610 \mathrm{AD}^{342} \\ - c.653 \mathrm{AD}^{343}, \\ {}_{344} \end{array}$	c.568?AD ³⁴⁵ – c.750AD ³⁴⁶	Less than 150 years ^{347, 348, 349}	96+ ^{350, 351} ?	N/A ³⁵²	
Hindu: Upanishad ³⁵³	<i>c</i> .1700BC ³⁵⁴ - <i>c</i> .1600AD ³⁵⁵	<i>c</i> .1040AD ³⁵⁶ – <i>c</i> .1464AD ^{357,358}	2700+ years	1 ^{359, 360, 361} ?	N/A ³⁶²	
Buddhist: Sutras ³⁶³	$c.600 BC - c.500 BC^{364}$	$c.1AD^{365} - c.99AD^{366}$	500+ years	267 ³⁶⁷ ?	Insufficient Data	
Homer: Iliad ³⁶⁸	<i>c</i> .800BC - <i>c</i> .700BC ³⁶⁹	c.493AD ³⁷⁰ - c.508AD ³⁷¹	1,193 years	2,000+ ^{372,373,374}	95%? ³⁷⁵	

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Aristotle: Writings ³⁷⁶	<i>c</i> .384BC - <i>c</i> .322BC ³⁷⁷	<i>c</i> .900AD ³⁷⁸	1,222 years	1,000 ³⁷⁹	Insufficient Data	
Plato: Tetralogies ³⁸⁰	<i>c</i> .427BC - <i>c</i> .347BC ³⁸¹	<i>c</i> .869AD ^{382, 383}	1216 years	238 ³⁸⁴	Insufficient Data	
Manuscripts must date before 1455 AD (time of the first printing press book) in order to be counted above. ? = Incomplete data. Circa (abbreviated <i>c</i> .) is widely used in historical writing to signify ' <i>approximately</i> ' when exact dates are not accurately known. Manuscript (abbreviated MS) and Manuscripts (abbreviated MSS). \dagger = MSS in non-native languages dating to same time period. Christ's ministry start date is estimated, since we don't know his exact <i>Birth</i> 4BC-1BC / <i>Death</i> 30BC-33BC (see refs). ^{385, 386, 387}						

- Christianity began when Jesus started his ministry at around 30 years old, but there has been much scholarly debate on what exact year he started his ministry. However, there is sufficient evidence to reasonably conclude that he started his ministry in 27 A.D., or within three years of that date, and continued for only a few short years. The official start of the Christian Church was on Pentecost, which occurred a few weeks after Christ's death and resurrection.³⁸⁸ The end of new Scripture would have occurred when John wrote Revelation between 66 A.D. ~ 96 A.D. According to WorldAtlas.com, *Christianity has 2.22 billion* followers as of September 10th 2018.³⁸⁹
- The Jewish sacred text is also the Christian Old Testament text, which the Christian should hold in equally high esteem as the New Testament text. According to WorldAtlas.com, *Judaism has 13.9 million* followers as of September 10th 2018.³⁹⁰
- All of Islam's various original Quran versions (from 634 A.D. 663 A.D.) were collected and destroyed by Uthman ibn Affan (second cousin and son-in-law to Muhammad) in the year 653 A.D. and was rewritten. This newly re-written and standardized version was distributed in 653 A.D. and is called the Uthmanic Codex. Therefore, there is no way to verify the accuracy of the new Uthmanic Codex versions compared to the originals, and thus logically there is also no way for a Quran manuscript to ever date older than the year 653 A.D., since that would be before Uthman collected and burned all original versions.³⁹¹ According to WorldAtlas.com, *Islam has 1.605 billion* followers as of September 10th 2018.³⁹²
- Hinduism has no single belief system and instead comprises of several varied and changing systems of philosophy, belief, and ritual.³⁹³ Hindu texts fall into one of two categories: *Sruti* (heard) or *Smriti* (remembered) texts. Sruti (heard) scriptures are considered divinely inspired and fully authoritative for belief and practice, with the only text falling into this category is the *Vedas*. The Smriti (remembered) texts are generally considered the most recent, and are recognized as the products of the minds of the sages. Despite the Smriti's lesser authority, they are the most representative of actual Hindu beliefs and practices.³⁹⁴ Since the collection of the Hindu text, called the Upanishad, is considered sacred scripture by most Hindu traditions, this is what was counted in the manuscript chart.³⁹⁵ The manuscripts were said to be composed from 1700 B.C.,³⁹⁶ and continued to be composed throughout the early modern era of 1600 A.D.,³⁹⁷ thus the religious texts have been ever-changing. Many of the older texts have undoubtedly not survived as a result of being written on short-lived palm leaves and birch bark.³⁹⁸ According to WorldAtlas.com, *Hinduism has 1.05 billion* followers as of September 10th 2018.³⁹⁹
- Buddhism originated in ancient India between the 6th and 4th centuries B.C. and was founded by a Hindu teacher, Siddhartha Gautama, otherwise known as Buddha. Buddha means 'Awakened One' or 'Teacher'.⁴⁰⁰ Siddhartha never claimed to be a god or a prophet.⁴⁰¹ The Buddhist's main dominant text is the Sutras, but there is some overlap between the text used by Hindus and

Buddhists. Most people believe that the Dalai Lama is the leader of the Buddhists, but this is far from true. The Dalai Lama is the head of the newest school of Tibetan Buddhism⁴⁰² that was founded between 1357 A.D. – 1419 A.D., which doesn't show up on many historical Buddhism timelines.⁴⁰³ This type of Buddhism is called *Gelug*,⁴⁰⁴ also known as the *Yellow Hat* school. The Dalai Lama has an extremely large office palace located in India, in contrast to their perceived humble lifestyle.⁴⁰⁵ Buddhism is the only religion of these top five religions that do not believe in an intelligent creator God,⁴⁰⁶ which is refutable by two firm realities: *'Irreducible complexity*'⁴⁰⁷ and the *'Law of Entropy*'.⁴⁰⁸ According to WorldAtlas.com, *Buddhism has 488 million* followers as of September 10th 2018.⁴⁰⁹

• Also included in the chart are some classical works: Homer's Iliad, writings by Aristotle, and Plato' Tetralogies. This is just to give you a feel for how some non-religious texts compare.

Bonus Section 2: Lewis' Trilemma

- Next, I thought we would quickly touch on the claims made about Jesus by people of other religious affiliations as either being merely a good moral teacher, a prophet, or a wise man.^{410, 411, 412, 413, 414} Can any of views be true in light of Jesus proclaiming to be God? Let's go over some Bible verses about Jesus as God and a quick chart, so that everyone is clear on what the Bible is stating about Jesus. Then we will look at the chart '*Lewis' Trilemma Chart Jesus Says He Is God Decision'*, and see what options are available.
 - 1. Isaiah 9:6 (KJV) "For unto 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, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
 - Matthew 1:23 (KJV) "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Which is a reference back to the Old Testament. "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14 (KJV)
 - *3.* Matthew 28:18 (KJV) "*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."*
 - *4.* John 1:1 (KJV) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
 - 5. John 1:14 (KJV) "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."
 - 6. 1 John 5:7 (KJV) "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."
 - 7. John 5:22-23 (KJV) "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him."
 - 8. John 8:58 (KJV) "Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."

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This is a reference back to the Burning Bush encounter in the Old Testament. "And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you." - Exodus 3:14 (KJV)

- 9. John 10:30 (KJV) "*I* [Jesus] and my Father are one."
- 10. John 14:9 (KJV) "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?"
- 11. John 20:28 (KJV) "And Thomas answered and said unto him [Jesus], My Lord and my God." Thomas, having seen Jesus raised from the dead, realizes who Jesus was. Jesus, a trained Jewish Rabbi, never attempts to correct Thomas for calling him Lord and God, because Jesus is Lord and God.
- 12. 1 Timothy 3:16 (KJV) "God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

There are hundreds of examples of Jesus fulfilling Old Testament prophecies (many fulfilled by the actions of his enemies), which fulfilled the Jews' long-awaited Messiah's first coming as the incarnated one true God (see references).^{415, 416} If anyone is confused on how God can be threein-one, or feels that the Trinity is a mistake in doctrine, please read the two short articles written on *Creation.com* referenced here.^{417, 418} We also have included a chart below, which provides a small example of the dozens of overlapping titles and attributes of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost/Spirit. (Also see the '*Trinity Time Domains Chart*' from The Torchbearer Series for a possible 3-in-1 Trinity solution.)

Father-Son-Spirit: Titles and Attributes Chart			
This is a short list of the dozens of overlapping titles and attributes for God that are in the Bible.			
Also see the 'Trinity Time Domains Chart' from The Torchbearer Series for a possible 3-in-1 Trinity solution.			
Mutual Title or Attribute	God the Father (Jesus)	God the Son (Jesus)	God the Holy Ghost (Jesus)
God	1 John 5:7, John 1:18; 6:27, Philippians 1:2; 2:11, Ephesians 4:6, 2 Thessalonians 1:2	1 John 5:7, John 1:1-3; 1:14; 1:18; 20:28, Isaiah 9:6, Colossians 2:9, Hebrews 1:8, Titus 2:13	1 John 5:7, Acts 5:3-4, 2 Corinthians 3:15-17
Lord	Deuteronomy 10:17, Psalm 110:1	Matthew 22:43-45	2 Corinthians 3:18
YHWH (Yahweh)	Exodus 6:3	Jeremiah 23:6	Micah 3:8
Creator	Genesis 1:1-3, Psalms 102:25, Isaiah 44:24	John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:16-17, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Hebrews 1:2; 1:8-12	Genesis 1:2, Job 26:13; 33:4, Psalm 104:30
Father	Matthew 6:9, Psalm 89:26	Isaiah 9:6	Matthew 28:19, 1 John 5:7
Savior	Isaiah 43:11, 45:15, 21-22, Hosea 13:4, 1 Timothy 1:1	John 4:42, Acts 4:12, 13:23, Philippians 3:20, 2 Timothy 1:10, Titus 1:4, 2:13, 3:6, 2 Peter 1:11, 2:20, 3:18, 1 John 4:14	John 3:5, 1 Corinthians 12:3
Has Will & Are Distinct	Luke 22:42, Matthew 3:16- 17; 28:19, John 17:1	Luke 22:42, Matthew 3:16- 17; 4:1; 28:19, John 17:1	Acts 13:2, 1 Corinthians 12:11, 1 Samuel 19:20, Matthew 3:16-17; 4:1; 28:19
Can Raise the Dead	1 Kings 17:17-24, Deuteronomy 32:39; 1 Samuel 2:6, 1 Thessalonians 1:8–10	Luke 7:11-17, 8:52-56, John 2:19, 5:28, 29, 10:27, 11, 28	Romans 8:11
Judge	Genesis 18:25, Psalm 7:11; 50:6; 94:1-2; 96:13; 98:9; 62:12, Joel 3:12, John 8:50, Romans 2:16	John 5:22-27, Acts 17:31, 2 Corinthians 5:10, John 5:22-23, 2 Timothy 4:1	Acts 5:3-5, John 16:7-11
All Bible verses use the King James Bible All credit, praise, honor, and glory belongs to our beloved Godl © 2018 Peter D. Arvo (CC BY-NC-ND 4.0) Last updated: 10/6/2019 TheTorchbearerSeries.com			

As we take a look at the following chart, so named the *Lewis' Trilemma Chart* after the widely famous author C.S. Lewis (who is perhaps most recognized for his Christian books and the Namia series), it is recognizable that there are only three distinct paths. Lewis recognized that Jesus did not leave many options open, nor did he intend to, in how people thought of him.



Summary of Bonus Sections

• These two bonus sections were intended to provide you a bit more detail on manuscripts, and a glimpse of the evidence available for Lord Jesus Christ being God.

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Session Summary

• In this session we have answered the following questions:

Is there an Unbroken Manuscript Chain-of-Custody (UM-CoC) of Jesus' preserved teachings?

Yes, the many Torchbearer groups have preserved the truth up to the time the King James Bible was written.

Which Modern Bible(s) are 100% reliable and why? The King James Bible is 100% reliable because the true Hebrew and Greek texts were passed on to these believing translators, and many of the 47 translators, if not all of them, were themselves Torchbearers.

Did the Romanized Christians fully conform to what Lord Jesus Christ taught? No, those who followed Rome and later the Roman Church never fully followed Lord Jesus Christ's teachings. The primary goal for Rome was not to follow Christ, but was to combine the different religions within their Empire and create a new compromised and unifying religion, which they named Roman Catholic.

Why did Roman Emperor Constantine I alter God's 4th Commandment? To completely separate from everything associated with the Jews, who always rebelled against Rome, and by doing so denounce any Jewish connection to the newly formed Universal (Catholic) Roman religion, which was far different from the Christianity followed by the Twelve Apostles of Christ and by the Jewish-Gentile Torchbearers. Constantine's plan was the same as past and future emperors (and later popes): unify the diverse empire within a single new state-approved religious belief system in order to maintain, and to obtain, more control over the population. If a person didn't comply, different tactics were implemented to shame, persuade, cut off benefits, persecute, deport, and if all else fails – execute, which

occurred even before Constantine's time. (See "Papyrus Oxyrhynchus 3929, a libellus from the Decian persecution, found in Oxyrhynchus in Egypt" as a method of tracking compliance to an Empire-wide loyalty oath.)^{419, 420}

It is up to you to decide if what you learned is both reasonable and probable.

End of Course B501: Session 2 of 3

A call to accept and follow Lord Jesus Christ, who is God: A human judge cannot be both *merciful & just* at the same time, since if he always sentences a person to the punishment he deserves, he is just but is not merciful, yet if he is merciful and doesn't sentence a person to what he deserves, then he provides mercy, but is not just. God is completely holy & righteous, and God must uphold his own laws, so someone must be punished for crimes committed against him. However, no one can take another person's place for the punishment unless they are completely pure and without sin. So God himself is the only one that can be both *merciful & just* at the same time, by ensuring justice is done in that he (Jesus) being without sin, having not committed any crime, can suffer our punishment in our place. We have to agree to allow him to take our place to receive mercy. If we don't, we must be judged and punished for our crimes (sins).

I strongly encourage you to diligently seek additional information if you are not yet ready to accept that God entered into our physical reality as Lord Jesus Christ in order to die in your place for your crimes (sins) against God. If you are ready to accept his sacrifice on the cross to pay for your crimes (sins), then say the following wholeheartedly out loud:

Dear Heavenly Father, I realize that I have broken your laws, and have always deserved your just punishment. Please forgive me of my crimes against you. I believe and trust that your Son, Lord Jesus Christ, paid for my crimes when he died on the cross, and that I have been forgiven, and cleansed of every crime I have ever committed against you. I welcome you into my heart and life, to mold me into the person you meant for me to become. Please provide for me a new heart and mind that is always focused on your good and righteous ways. For my part, I will seek to know more about you and your ways, and to keep your ways, so I may have stronger faith, trust, and love for you and your ways that continues to grow with time. In the name of your Son Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah, Amen.

Please join us in our next session, where we will provide the restored core doctrine (beliefs) of the Torchbearers you may want to understand. Until next time, may God always provide for you an open heart, mind, and spirit to him and his ways, which are above our own ways and above the ways of man. **All credit, praise, honor, and glory belongs to our beloved God!**

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