Comparison of Greek NT Manuscript Families



Majority / Traditional / Byzantine

> 95% of extant MSS

MSS may be more recent *

Erasmus NT:

Textus Receptus

Exceptional internal agreement

Basis of KJV, NKJV

Eclectic / Critical / Alexandrian

Less than 5% of extant MSS

MSS alleged to be older

Wescott-Hort NT:

Codex Vaticanus (B) 90%

Codex Sinaiticus (☎) 7%

Codex Alexandrinus (A) 2.5%

B, ★ disagree > 3,000 X in gospels

Basis of all modern translations (NIV, NASB, ESV, HCSB, etc.)

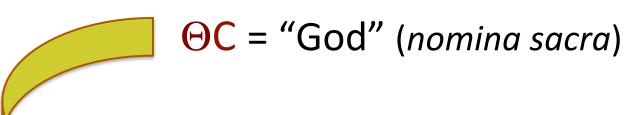
^{*} Much older MSS of ancient versions can be linked to the Traditional Text. Traditional Text quoted 3-to-1 by Church Fathers.

Textual Variant in 1 Timothy 3:16

(oldest MSS are all uncial in style)

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EOC = God

In Majority / Traditional / Byzantine Texts



In Codex Sinaiticus

Codex Vaticanus does not contain 1 Timothy

Codex Alexandrinus agrees with Majority