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## 1. Summary

We offer a translation of the New Testament and release it into the public domain. The underlying Greek text is *The New Testament in the Original Greek, Byzantine Textform 2005*, by Maurice A. Robinson and William G. Pierpont (RP). We also cover textual variations where RP differs from the Received Text (various editions) and from the Greek Orthodox Church Patriarchal text of 1904, in Greek and English, exhibited as an interleaved text. The translation is available alongside the exact original text, with textual, grammatical and expository notes, and also as English text only.

This introduction is shorter and simpler than our detailed introduction. In particular, we present the different Greek texts rather summarily. For detail as to how we have used them, the reader is referred to the detailed introduction.

## 2. Copyright

There are two areas of copyright to consider: the copyright of sources used and the copyright of our own work. It will be seen that the Greek text and the English translation have been placed in the public domain.

### *Copyright of sources used*

The Greek text as starting material is the Robinson-Pierpont Byzantine Textform 2005, available from <http://byztxt.com/downloads.html>. The copyright of the Robinson-Pierpont Byzantine Textform 2005 reads:

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In collations with other texts, we refer to the Robinson-Pierpont Byzantine Textform 2005 text as RP.

A full collation (excepting a few trivial differences noted below) is made with:

- The Greek Orthodox Church Patriarchal text of 1904, (so not copyright), available from Google, <https://sites.google.com/a/wmail.fi/greeknt/home/greeknt> though we originally obtained it, in a slightly different form, from the now defunct <http://kainh.homestead.com> by Petros Petallides. We refer to this text as P1904, or P1904u (uncorrected), or P1904c (as corrected by Antoniades).
- Editions of the Received Text: Stephanus 1550, Elzevir 1624, Scrivener 1894 (so not copyright), available from <https://sites.google.com/a/wmail.fi/greeknt/home/greeknt>, though originally obtained from the now defunct <http://koti.24.fi/jusalak/GreekNT/NTTexts.htm>. We

refer to these texts collectively as TR, or individually as S1550, E1624 and S1894 respectively.

Additional material believed to be copyright free used for supplementary collations includes:

- *A Full and Exact Collation of about Twenty Manuscripts of the Holy Gospels*, F.H.A. Scrivener, 1853.
- *An Exact Transcript of the Codex Augiensis*, F.H.A. Scrivener, 1859. The book contains collations of fifty manuscripts, between them covering the whole of the New Testament.
- Various works on the text of the New Testament by J.W. Burgon, (19<sup>th</sup> century, so not copyright).
- The Clementine Vulgate: *Biblia Sacra juxta Vulgatam Clementinam*, M. Tweedale (ed.). Available at <http://vulsearch.sf.net/html>: accessed on 17/11/2009. The copyright reads, “*The text is released into the public domain...*”. We refer to this text in our notes as VulgC.
- The Syriac Peshitta: the edition of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in the printing of 1966. The text was prepared before 1920, and there is no standard copyright notice in the book, so we presume the text is copyright free. In any case it is only occasionally cited for text-critical reasons. We refer to this text in our notes as SyrP.

Additional **copyrighted** material used for occasional collations includes, amongst other works:

- *The Greek New Testament According to the Majority Text* by Z.C. Hodges and A.L. Farstad. We refer to this text in our notes as HF.
- *Biblia Sacra Vulgata*, the Latin Vulgate edition of the Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft Stuttgart, 1983. We refer to this text in our notes as VulgS.

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We have also consulted references not directly concerned with text-critical issues, especially *The Companion Bible*. A full list is given under *References* below.

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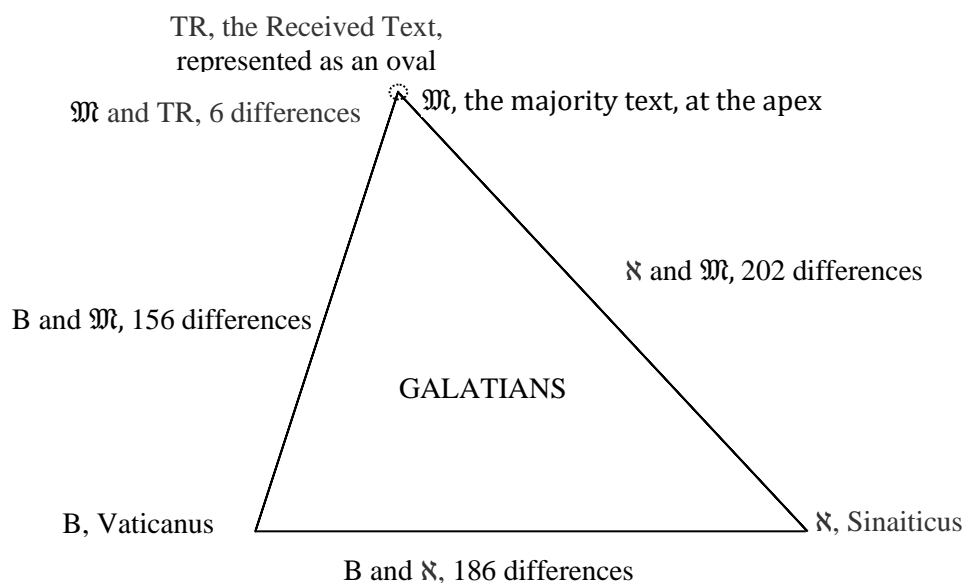
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## **3. The Greek Texts**

The choice of the Robinson-Pierpont text for the principal underlying Greek text was made because we consider it to be in principle the best attested text, not simply because it as a whole is consistently attested by the vast majority of manuscripts, but also because it has good early version support (especially the Syriac Peshitta, and often also the Vulgate), and good “church father” support. It is also underpinned by well-founded working principles of transmissional history. See the works of J.W.

Burton L. Spurgeon and F.H.A. Scrivener, and the appendix to the Robinson-Pierpont text by Maurice A. Robinson, *The Case for Byzantine Priority*, for a detailed factual and scholarly rebuttal of the modern critical approach which favours the few and mutually highly disparate manuscripts from Egypt (Sinaiticus and Vaticanus) and their scarce supporters among the ancient witnesses. This degree of disparity between them and the majority text can be quantified, as has been done by the late Leslie McFall for the gospels<sup>1</sup> and subsequently by the present author for Galatians<sup>2</sup>, with the latter results exhibited as a triangle below.



It is seen that Vaticanus and Sinaiticus (the Alands' "text category 1"<sup>3</sup>) are much too far apart to form a text category as claimed, yet these manuscripts are jointly enlisted in "the battle against the Textus Receptus"<sup>4</sup>. The Textus Receptus is boldly called "the poorest form of the New Testament text"<sup>5</sup>, and the Byzantine (i.e. majority) text is portrayed as "irrelevant for textual criticism"<sup>6</sup>, yet Vaticanus is nearer the majority text than it is to Sinaiticus! Moreover, the majority text is essentially contained even in Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, because when those two differ, which they do twice as often as they mutually agree against the majority text, 96% of the time one or the other contains the majority text reading.

In summary, the majority text is attested with a consistent voice by over 1000 manuscripts<sup>7</sup>, and the opposition is hopelessly divided, yet even so to a considerable extent it contains the majority text, thus militating for the majority text being in their archetype, and hence earlier.

Our Greek text and our English translation interleave various other majority text type Greek texts, but the texts have a lot in common, because they are of a "majority text" type. We are not concerned with the so called eclectic texts, such as the Westcott and Hort text or the Nestle-Aland texts, which give preference to minority readings over the majority. The basic texts are denoted by RP for Robinson-Pierpont (the main text), P1904 for the Eastern Orthodox Patriarchal text, and TR for the Textus Receptus (or Received Text). There are a few variations within these traditions which describe below. Since the texts are similar, we present them as one text with occasional splitting into the separate

<sup>1</sup> *The Significance of Split Text-Types for the Recovery of the Original Text in the Gospels*, October 2014. Intended for publication in JETS, but this was impeded by his death shortly after writing the article.

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.faraboveall.com/015\\_Textual/SinVat\\_Galatians.pdf](http://www.faraboveall.com/015_Textual/SinVat_Galatians.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> *The Text of the New Testament*, Kurt and Barbara Aland, p.107.

<sup>4</sup> *The Text of the New Testament*, Kurt and Barbara Aland, p.11.

<sup>5</sup> *Novum Testamentum Graece*, 26th edition, Introduction, p.39.

<sup>6</sup> *The Text of the New Testament*, Kurt and Barbara Aland, p.103.

<sup>7</sup> 1218 listed at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Byzantine\\_text-type](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Byzantine_text-type), 14 March 2018 14:33.

editions where they differ. As we only allow for one punctuation and capitalization system for the common portion, it is always that of the RP text unless noted otherwise. Where there is a split, the RP text is enclosed in braces, {...}, and the other readings are enclosed in square brackets, [...]. Sometimes verse boundaries differ among the texts; this is indicated using the symbol ¶. Also, RP orders the books differently from the AV. The “catholic epistles” (James - Jude) come after Acts, and Hebrews comes between 2 Thessalonians and 1 Timothy. On the [www.FarAboveAll.com](http://www.FarAboveAll.com) website, we provide a file in both AV and RP book order.

The Robinson-Pierpont Text of 2005 has been amended with a few capitalization, punctuation and accentuation corrections where the case is virtually indisputable. We have occasionally kept the Greek as it stands but *translated* with different punctuation; we do this where the case is more subjective. Such cases are clearly indicated in the notes column alongside our translation. The RP text offers marginal readings. In such cases we denote the main text by RP-main, and the marginal reading by RP-marg. There is also a verse relocation; RP and P1904 Romans 14:24-26 are at Romans 16:25-27 in TR. The RP text is available at [www.byztxt.com](http://www.byztxt.com).

The Patriarchal Greek text is especially used by the Eastern Orthodox Church, and, like the Received Text, is close to the majority text. It is denoted by P1904, as it is based on the edition of Antoniades published in 1904. The original edition contained a few obvious errors; in these cases, we denote the uncorrected edition by P1904u and the corrected by P1904c. Such cases do not affect the English. The text is freely available as a scan and a digitization from Google.

The Textus Receptus, or Received Text, is denoted by TR. Where different editions of the Received Text differ, they are denoted as follows S1550 for the Stephanus 1550 edition, E1624 for the Elzevir 1624 edition, and S1894 for the Scrivener 1894 edition. These editions are available from Google. Where these editions agree, the symbol TR is used. TBS-TR refers to the Received Text as published by the Trinitarian Bible Society, which we understand is identical to S1894, the usefulness being that it is available in printed form with accentuation and punctuation. We do not show the headings and subscriptions to the books of the New Testament in the interleaved text, but we give them for E1624 in chapter 5.

A variant reading denoted by MISC represents a reading which is at least moderately supported by Scrivener's manuscripts, but which is not read by RP P1904 or any TR edition.

## 4. The Translation

The translation given is our own, whilst making use of what we have learned from reference works. It is fairly literal, but not slavishly so. A very literal translation can be misleading, e.g.

Καὶ πάλιν ἀπέστειλεν πρὸς αὐτοὺς ἄλλον δοῦλον  
And again he sent another servant to them [Mark 12:4]

but this is not about sending a third servant, but a second one, and the sense is  
Then he sent another servant to them.

In some cases, a literal translation would appear self-contradictory, e.g.

κεκερασμένου ἀκράτου  
mixed unmixed [Rev 14:10]

but the word for *mix* also means *to prepare* or *serve* a drink, so we translate  
poured undiluted.

We have specifically avoided consulting any other translation of the Bible while making our own translation, but we have made abundant use of commentaries and dictionaries and other reference works, especially [CB], (*The Companion Bible*).



## 4.1 Typographic Conventions

### In the Greek and the translation (and occasionally in the notes):

- *Round brackets* contain text present in the scripture, where the parenthetical character of it militates for brackets in English. In other words, they have their ordinary meaning.
- *Braces*, { } are used to indicate text *in* the Robinson-Pierpont text where there are variants among the other editions. The abbreviations for editions in agreement with the Robinson-Pierpont text are listed.
- *Square brackets*, [], are used to indicate text *not in* the Robinson-Pierpont Greek text. The text in the square brackets is also greyed out (where supported by the software). This does not mean that the text in square brackets is definitely spurious; it is difficult to assess the balance of textual witness weight for some verses.
- The use of *braces* and *square brackets* is illustrated below:

|                 |   |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Matt 3:8</b> | Ποιήσατε οὖν {RP P1904: καρπὸν ἄξιον} [TR: καρπούς ἀξίους] τῆς μετανοίας· | So produce {RP P1904: fruit} [TR: fruits] worthy of repentance, | καρπὸν ἄξιον, <i>fruit worthy</i> , RP P1904 F1853=14/19 F1859=4/7 vs. καρπούς ἀξίους, <i>fruits worthy</i> , TR F1853=4/19 (Scrivener's bcxy) F1859=3/7 vs. another reading, F1853=1/19 (Scrivener's <u>u</u> ). |
|-----------------|---|---|---|

### In the translation:

- **Italics** are used where a word is supplied to make normal English. Often it is the verb *to be* that is supplied.
- We do not normally remark on the converse – the omission of a word in English to allow the English to conform to normal idiom. This is largely a matter of Greek and English idiom. Compare French: *c'est la vie = that's life*, not (*that's the life*).
- A thick dotted underline is to draw attention to a **textual issue** in the English where more than one variant has been translated by the same English. We do not use braces and square brackets in such cases.
- A dashed underline is to draw attention to a **translation issue**, explained in the notes.
- Rather than combining the two underline styles, where this is logically the case, we simply use the thick dotted underline.
- Distinguish between the minus sign (-) and the dash (–) in variant text sections. The minus sign means *words absent*, whereas the dash is a punctuation symbol to be retained in the full verse text. Compare:

|                  |   |  |
|------------------|---|--|
| <b>Matt 10:8</b> | Ἄσθενούντας θεραπεύετε, λεπρούς καθαρίζετε, {RP: - } [P1904 TR: νεκρούς ἐγείρετε,] δαιμόνια ἐκβάλλετε· δωρεὰν ἐλάβετε, δωρεὰν δότε. | Cure <i>those who are ill</i> , cleanse the lepers, {RP: - } [P1904 TR: raise <i>the dead</i> ,] cast out demons. You have received without charge; give without charge. |
|------------------|---|--|

|                 |   |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| <b>Rev 13:6</b> | Καὶ ἤνοιξεν τὸ στόμα αὐτοῦ εἰς βλασφημίαν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, βλασφημήσαι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, καὶ τὴν σκηνὴν αὐτοῦ, {RP P1904: – } [TR: καὶ] τοὺς ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ σκηνοῦντας. | And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name and his tabernacle {RP P1904: – } [TR: and] those who dwell in heaven. |
|-----------------|---|--|

- **Variant verse numbering** is indicated as follows: the symbol ¶ is inserted at the point of divergence, and an explanation is given in the notes column.
- **Bold font** in the translation is reserved for quotations from elsewhere in scripture, mostly from the other testament. As a basis we are guided by the Companion Bible [CB], but not exclusively so.
- **Direct speech** is denoted in a different way per level. Five levels are needed, as in the following artificial example: I said, “You said, ‘He said, «She said, «We said, "Hello." » »’ ” The only Biblical references requiring five levels in our translation is in the Old Testament, at Jeremiah 29:4-28. Note that we avoid using the apostrophe (single quote) for direct speech, reserving it for contracted forms such as “*don't*”.

### In the verse number cell

- We draw attention to a textual issue using bold font, as in **Matt 3:8** above.
- We draw attention to an important translation issue using italics e.g.

|                    |   |   |  |
|--------------------|---|---|--|
| <i>Eph</i><br>2:19 | ” Ἄρα οὐν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ<br>ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι,<br>ἀλλὰ συμπολίται τῶν<br>ἁγίων καὶ οἰκεῖοι τοῦ<br>θεοῦ, | So then, you are no longer<br>strangers and foreigners, but<br>joint citizens of the holy <i>places</i><br>and <i>are</i> God's household<br>residents, | of the holy places:<br>genitive, so not as the AV,<br><i>with the saints</i> . |
|--------------------|---|---|--|

- We draw attention to a punctuation, capitalization, accenting, breathing or iota subscript issue using underlining in the verse number cell, e.g.

|                           |  |  |   |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| <u>Mark</u><br><u>1:3</u> | Φωνὴ βοῶντος ἐν τῇ<br>ἐρήμῳ, Ἐτοιμάσατε<br>τὴν ὁδὸν κυρίου·<br>εὐθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς<br>τρίβους αὐτοῦ. | <b><i>The voice of the one crying<br/>out in the desert, ‘Prepare<br/>the way of the Lord; make<br/>his paths straight.’</i></b> ” | Our punctuation agrees<br>with RP P1904 TBS-TR,<br>but not HF, who read:<br><i>crying out, ‘In the desert<br/>prepare...’</i> . |
|                           |  |  | <b>Isa 40:3.</b>  |

### In the notes cell:

- The symbol ← can be read as *comes from the more literal*, and the symbol ≈ can be read as *is equivalent to but is not in the exact words of*.

Where we diverge from RP, the word “divergence” is used, e.g.

|                             |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| <u>James</u><br><u>1:15</u> | Ἐῖτα ἡ ἐπιθυμία<br>συλλαβοῦσα τίκτει<br>ἁμαρτίαν· ἡ δὲ<br>ἁμαρτία<br>ἀποτελεσθεῖσα<br>ἀποκύει θάνατον. | then when desire has<br>conceived, it bears sin, and<br>sin, when it has been brought<br>to full maturity, engenders<br>death. | engenders: if the verb is<br>from ἀποκυέω, as in James<br>1:18, one would expect the<br>accentuation to be ἀποκυεῖ.<br>An accentuation divergence<br>from RP P1904 TBS-TR. |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|

## 4.2 The Notes

The size of the notes text is easily adjustable in the css style sheet. We have reduced the text size by 10% in the pericope de adultera, John 7:53-John 8:11, and in the whole of Revelation, because of the many variant readings. In the same passages, the table column widths have been adjusted to give the notes more width.

The notes are ordered in a hierarchy:

- 1) Verse division variations between editions come first - we first identify what we are talking about.
- 2) Then textual issues - determining the text before we address translation issues.
- 3) Then punctuation or significant capitalization issues, since they affect the reading.
- 4) Then notes on references to the O.T.  
At this level a double line is drawn to separate the two major hierarchical categories, (1-4) and (5).
- 5) Then notes on the translation itself.

The critical evidence is given as follows

- RP, P1904, TR, S1550, E1624, S1894 are used as in the Greek text.
- HF denotes Hodges and Farstad's *The Greek New Testament According to the Majority Text* (Nelson). On its own, HF stands for the *unreduced*, (virtually) *undivided* majority text (also represented by  $\mathfrak{M}$ , which we occasionally use). We only occasionally cite this book.
- HF-Mred denotes a reduced majority text according to Hodges and Farstad (who use a bold **M**). This will always be in the main HF text.
- HF-Mpt denotes a part of the majority text according to Hodges and Farstad (who use **MP<sup>t</sup>**). If the reading is in the HF text, (so perhaps the larger part), we specify HF-Mpt-text, otherwise HF-Mpt-app (app=apparatus).
- HF-Mf1 denotes a family within the majority text, from Hodges and Farstad.
- F1853=n/m gives the number of manuscripts collated by F.H.A. Scrivener in his book *A Full And Exact Collation Of About Twenty Manuscripts Of The Holy Gospels*, (Cambridge, 1853), reprinted by Kessinger, ISBN 143694273X. Of the *m* manuscripts containing the verse, *n* support the specified reading. We count a first and second hand as two separate witnesses. We also count a double reference where two specimens of a verse occur (as happens in lectionaries) but disagree mutually, so counting the references as two separate witnesses. That is why the number of witnesses may be more than the number of manuscripts. We remark that Scrivener's manuscript *u* was not collated by Scrivener himself, and was very poorly collated, and so will often apparently, but incorrectly, show no deviation from the reference (Elzevir 1624) when almost all other manuscripts do show a deviation. Where a count is 4 or less, but not for F1859 in the gospels, we list the manuscripts (using Scrivener's identifying letters for compactness), so as to suggest which manuscripts are repeatedly in the sample minority. Sometimes we have additional manuscript information in our HTML source; to include it directly would overload our notes column.
- F1859=n/m gives corresponding manuscript information from the appendix in Scrivener's *An Exact Transcript of the Codex Augiensis*, where collations of about 50 manuscripts are given, being about 13 collations per non-gospel book of the New Testament, and about 7 additional manuscripts for the gospels.
- Sometimes Scrivener explicitly identifies manuscripts which agree with his collation reference, e.g. by listing manuscripts containing the variation, then adding "*non ivz*" or "*cum Elzev. Ino*". This is certainly not necessarily an exhaustive list; see his collations at 1 Tim 6:12

as an illustration. In such cases, we list all manuscripts containing the non-variant reading, often underlining those explicitly specified, e.g. (Scrivener's b\*lno) at Gal 5:4.

- We also count P1904 and TR as a manuscript each. Where the TR is split among S1550, E1624 and S1894, we count the various readings as two or three separate witnesses, but never as more than one witness for any one reading.
- R=n:m gives the relative strength of a disparity or near disparity to RP, n being the number of F1853 and/or F1859 manuscripts, including TR and P1904, supporting RP, and m being the number against. Sometimes extra textual information is given in HTML comments, there not being room to present more detail in the browser-displayed documents.
- See our separate notes on Scrivener's collations for further details on our use of them.
- VulgC, VulgS, SyrP are as noted in the References.

### 4.3 Names

The policy is

1. We largely retain AV spelling, but not absolutely. The rationale for retaining AV naming is that familiar names (in the Gentile world) are retained, whereas names such as e.g. Avraham, Yitshak, Yaacov could be a distracting departure.
2. Where Hebrew personages are mentioned in the New Testament, we Hebraize them and so depart from the AV, except where the names are relatively well known. We follow AV Hebrew transliteration for some other Hebrew personages, (צ,ז=z; כּ,ח=ch; נ,ה=h; ק=k) so we write *Zadok* in Matt 1:14, rather than the AV's *Sadoc*. We also write *Zechariah the son of Barachiah* (Matt 23:35) to retain the Hebrew flavour in an Old Testament context, and we have *Jeconiah* (not *Jechonias*) in Matt 1:11. The well-known New Testament names *Jesus*, *Judas*, *James* are retained. Roman and Greek names unique to the New Testament are generally also as in the AV, which suitably de-hellenizes Roman names, e.g. Φῆστος becomes *Festus*.

It is unfortunate that this policy clashes with representing a textual issue about a name in the English, e.g. at Luke 3:27,

{RP-text: Johanan} [RP-marg P1904 TR: Joanna]

where the RP reading would be more accurately represented by *Joanan*. But we give an accurate representation in the notes.

### 4.4 Italicization Policy

The general plan is to italicize to indicate supplied words, and also finite auxiliaries where the Greek structure is a phrase. A major exception is where we provide a complete note where idiom has been translated idiomatically and in some cases it would be misleading to italicize part of the idiom, though in other cases we italicize part.

## 5. The Textus Receptus Headings and Subscriptions

The interleaved text does not show the headings and subscriptions which are present in editions of the TR. Below we show these for E1624 (the Elzevir edition of 1624), which we have taken directly from the printed edition. In contrast, P1904 only contains brief titles and no subscripts, except Τέλος (end) at the end of Revelation, not necessarily to be taken as scripture.

| <i>Book</i> | <i>Title</i>   | <i>Subscription</i> |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| Matt        | Τὸ κατὰ Ματθαῖον Εὐαγγέλιον.<br>The Gospel according to Matthew. | <i>none</i>         |

| <b>Book</b> | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Subscription</b>   |
|-------------|--|---|
| Mark        | Τὸ κατὰ Μάρκον Εὐαγγέλιον.<br>The Gospel according to Mark.  | <i>none</i>   |
| Luke        | Τὸ κατὰ Λουκᾶν Εὐαγγέλιον.<br>The Gospel according to Luke.  | <i>none</i>   |
| John        | Τὸ κατὰ Ἰωάννην Εὐαγγέλιον.<br>The Gospel according to John.   | <i>none</i>   |
| Acts        | Πράξεις τῶν ἁγίων ἀποστόλων.<br>Acts of the holy apostles.   | Τέλος.<br>End.  |
| Rom         | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Ῥωμαίους ἐπιστολή.<br>The epistle of Paul the apostle to <i>the Romans</i> .                         | Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Κορίνθου διὰ Φοίβης διακόνου τῆς ἐν Κενχρειαῖς ἐκκλησίας.<br>Written to <i>the Romans</i> from Corinth through Phoebe <i>the servant of the church in Cenchreae</i> .  |
| 1 Cor       | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Κορινθίους ἐπιστολή πρώτη.<br>The first epistle of Paul the apostle to <i>the Corinthians</i> .      | Πρὸς Κορινθίους πρώτη ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Φιλίππων διὰ Στεφανα καὶ Φουρτουνάτου καὶ Ἀχαϊκοῦ καὶ Τιμοθέου.<br><i>The first epistle</i> written to <i>the Corinthians</i> from Philippi through Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus and Timothy. |
| 2 Cor       | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Κορινθίους ἐπιστολή δευτέρα.<br>The second epistle of Paul the apostle to <i>the Corinthians</i> .   | Πρὸς Κορινθίους δευτέρα ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Φιλίππων τῆς Μακεδονίας διὰ Τίτου καὶ Λουκᾶ.<br><i>The second epistle</i> written to <i>the Corinthians</i> from Philippi of Macedonia through Titus and Lucas.                                      |
| Gal         | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Γαλάτας ἐπιστολή.<br>The epistle of Paul the apostle to <i>the Galatians</i> .                       | Πρὸς Γαλάτας ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Ῥώμης.<br>To <i>the Galatians</i> written from Rome.  |
| Eph         | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Ἐφεσίους ἐπιστολή.<br>The epistle of Paul the apostle to <i>the Ephesians</i> .                      | Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Ῥώμης διὰ Τυχικοῦ.<br>To <i>the Ephesians</i> written from Rome through Tychicus.  |
| Phil        | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Φιλιππησίους ἐπιστολή.<br>The epistle of Paul the apostle to <i>the Philippians</i> .                | Πρὸς Φιλιππησίους ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Ῥώμης διὰ Ἐπαφροδίτου.<br>To <i>the Philippians</i> written from Rome through Eraphroditus.  |
| Col         | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς ἐπιστολή.<br>The epistle of Paul the apostle to <i>the Colossians</i> .                   | Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Ῥώμης διὰ Τυχικοῦ καὶ Ὀνησίμου.<br>To <i>the Colossians</i> written from Rome through Tychicus and Onesimus.   |
| 1 Thes      | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Θεσσαλονικεῖς ἐπιστολή πρώτη.<br>The first epistle of Paul the apostle to <i>the Thessalonians</i> . | Πρὸς Θεσσαλονικεῖς πρώτη ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Ἀθηνῶν.<br><i>The first epistle</i> to <i>the Thessalonians</i> written from Athens.  |

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| 2 Thes      | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Θεσσαλονικεῖς ἐπιστολὴ δευτέρα.<br>The second epistle of Paul the apostle to <i>the</i> Thessalonians. | Πρὸς Θεσσαλονικεῖς δευτέρα ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Ἀθηνῶν.<br><i>The second epistle to the Thessalonians</i> written from Athens.  |
| 1 Tim       | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Τιμόθεον ἐπιστολὴ πρώτη.<br>The first epistle of Paul the apostle to Timothy.                          | Πρὸς Τιμόθεον πρώτη ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Λαοδικείας, ἣτις ἐστὶ μητρόπολις Φρυγίας τῆς Πακατιανῆς.<br><i>The first epistle to Timothy</i> written from Laodicea which is the capital city of Phrygia of Pacatiana.   |
| 2 Tim       | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Τιμόθεον ἐπιστολὴ δευτέρα.<br>The second epistle of Paul the apostle to Timothy.                       | Πρὸς Τιμόθεον δευτέρα τῆς Ἐφεσίων ἐκκλησίας πρὸς ἐπίσκοπον χειροτονηθέντα ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Ῥώμης ὅτε ἐκ δευτέρου παρέστη Παῦλος τῷ Καίσαρι Νερόνι.<br><i>The second epistle to Timothy</i> ordained as bishop of the church of <i>the</i> Ephesians, written from Rome when Paul appeared (← was present) for the second time before Nero the Caesar. |
| Titus       | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Τίτον ἐπιστολή.<br>The epistle of Paul the apostle to Titus.   | Πρὸς Τίτον τῆς Κρητῶν ἐκκλησίας πρῶτον ἐπίσκοπον χειροτονηθέντα ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Νικοπόλεως τῆς Μακεδονίας.<br>To Titus of the church of <i>the</i> Cretans, ordained first bishop, written from Nicopolis of Macedonia.  |
| Phmon       | Παύλου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἢ πρὸς Φιλημόνα ἐπιστολή.<br>The epistle of Paul the apostle to Philemon.                                     | Πρὸς Φιλημόνα ἐγράφη ἀπὸ Ῥώμης διὰ Ὀνησίμου οἰκέτου.<br>To Philemon written from Rome through Onesimus <i>the</i> servant.  |
| Heb         | Ἡ πρὸς Ἑβραίους ἐπιστολή.<br>The epistle to <i>the</i> Hebrews.  | Πρὸς Ἑβραίους ἐγράφη ἀπὸ τῆς Ἰταλίας διὰ Τιμοθέου.<br>To <i>the</i> Hebrews written from Italy through Timothy.   |
| James       | Ἰακώβου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἐπιστολὴ καθολικὴ.<br><i>The universal epistle</i> of James the apostle.                                     | <i>none</i>   |
| 1 Pet       | Πέτρου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἐπιστολὴ καθολικὴ πρώτη.<br><i>The first universal epistle</i> of Peter the apostle.                          | <i>none</i>   |
| 2 Pet       | Πέτρου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἐπιστολὴ καθολικὴ δευτέρα.<br><i>The second universal epistle</i> of Peter the apostle.                       | <i>none</i>   |
| 1 John      | Ἰωάννου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἐπιστολὴ καθολικὴ πρώτη.<br><i>The first universal epistle</i> of John the apostle.                          | <i>none</i>   |

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| 2 John      | Ἰωάννου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἐπιστολή καθολικὴ δευτέρα.<br><i>The second universal epistle of John the apostle.</i> | <i>none</i>         |
| 3 John      | Ἰωάννου τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἐπιστολή καθολικὴ τρίτη.<br><i>The third universal epistle of John the apostle.</i>    | <i>none</i>         |
| Jude        | Ἰούδα τοῦ ἀποστόλου ἐπιστολή καθολικὴ.<br><i>The universal epistle of Jude the apostle.</i>                  | <i>none</i>         |
| Rev         | Ἀποκάλυψις Ἰωαννου τοῦ θεολόγου.<br><i>The Revelation of John the theologian.</i>                            | Τέλος.<br>End.      |

There are also chapter and verse number headings (e.g. Κεφ α'. 1.)

## 6. Some Statistical Results

Sometimes RP does not agree with the majority of Scrivener's manuscripts. That does not mean that RP is wrong, because the Scrivener's manuscripts are a small sample, and maybe not representative of the whole; they are the manuscripts in England of which Scrivener was aware. Nevertheless, we calculate a chi-squared value to see if the manuscript support would be significant if the sample were random, and if so, we indicate a “**disparity**” (and we suggest such as a topic of further research). **Strong disparities** to the RP text are ones with a value of less than 0.05 (or 5%) probability resulting from the calculation. We also note cases which are “**nearly a disparity**”, as also worthy of further research.

Scrivener published collations of about 20 manuscripts of the gospels in 1853, and another 7 collations of the gospels in 1859. It is interesting to see whether the two sets appear to be independent samples of the majority text, or whether they show a strong (anti-)correlation. We calculate a chi-squared value on a 2 x 2 contingency table, and a corresponding probability value that the two samples are from the same set.

For example, in Luke 19:32, the RP reading is supported by 19/19 manuscripts from the 1853 collations (with 0 against), and 4/6 of the 1859 collations (with 2 against). The chi-squared statistic, indicated in our notes column by X2, is 6.9, and the probability value, denoted by PV, is 0.9%. This is less than 5%, and if it were the only trial (textual variation), conventionally, it would suggest that there is a significant difference in the sample populations. In our printed/printable edition we remark on cases where the probability value is less than 1%, as “**very significantly disparate**”.

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| <b>Luke 19:32</b> | Ἀπελθόντες δὲ οἱ ἀπεσταλμένοι εὔρον καθὼς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς {RP TR: - } [P1904: , ἐστῶτα τὸν πῶλον]. | Then those <i>who had been sent off</i> went off and found {RP TR: <i>it</i> } [P1904: a foal standing,] as he had told them. | ἐστῶτα τὸν πῶλον, <i>the foal standing</i> : absent in RP TR F1853=19/19 F1859=4/6 vs. present in P1904 F1853=0/19 F1859=2/6. F1853 and F1859 are very significantly disparate, X2=6.9 PV=0.9%. |
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There are about 50 cases of a “very significantly disparate” outcome out of about 1400 variations in the gospels. In Luke 19:23, manuscripts Hz align themselves with the P1904 reading (as often happens), and we do not consider such cases in themselves to undermine our contention that the manuscripts collated by Scrivener are probably a fair sample, even if not a completely random one, of the full set of majority-text type manuscripts.

It is possible in some cases that a “very significantly disparate” outcome is an indication that Scrivener made an error, e.g. exchanging the variant list with the E1604 list, especially where the two samples are distinctly opposed (which is not the case of Luke 19:32 shown above), but verification of such a suggestion would require recourse to (scans of) the manuscripts themselves.

## 7. Some Search Strings (for the On-line Edition) of Interest

Where we use the term “Scrivener manuscript”, we refer to the limited set of manuscripts under consideration, sometimes including TR and P1904, according to context.

| <i>Search string</i>                  | <i>What you find: verses where</i>   |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| {RP                                   | There are variant readings.  |
| P1904 TR                              | P1904 and TR agree.  |
| P1904:                                | P1904 and TR disagree.   |
| A strong disparity                    | There is a strong disparity between the Scrivener manuscripts and RP.                              |
| A disparity                           | There is a modest disparity between the Scrivener manuscripts and RP.                              |
| A weak disparity                      | There is a weak disparity between the Scrivener manuscripts and RP.                                |
| Nearly a disparity                    | There is nearly a disparity between the Scrivener manuscripts and RP.                              |
| divergence from RP                    | There is a punctuation, capitalization, breathing, accent or iota subscript issue.                 |
| A disparity with RP-marg              | Scrivener's manuscripts have little or no support for RP-marg.                                     |
| R=                                    | There are variant readings and there is a disparity or nearly a disparity.                         |
| R=0                                   | The RP text has the support of no Scrivener manuscript.  |
| R=1                                   | The RP text only has the support of 1 Scrivener manuscript.  |
| TR F1853=0                            | The TR has no support from F1853 Scrivener manuscripts at all.                                     |
| TR F1859=0                            | The TR has no support from F1859 Scrivener manuscripts at all.                                     |
| X2=                                   | The F1853 and F1859 manuscripts appear to be disparate sets, with the chi-squared value indicated. |
| collusion between P1904 and TR        | There is little or no support for a P1904 and TR reading.  |
| challenge <i>or</i> challenge to F185 | We question Scrivener's collations (denoted by F1853 and F1859).                                   |

The following are of a grammatical nature. The verses found are not necessarily an exhaustive set, but they will serve as examples.

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| use of the participle | Occurrences of imperatival, conditional, concessive, causal, gerundial, cohortative, and temporal use of the participle. |
| inceptive             | Inceptive aorist (the start of an action).   |
| conative              | Conative imperfect (an attempt).   |
| Hebraic genitive      | Where a noun in the genitive serves as an adjective.   |



|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| subjective genitive | Where a noun in the genitive equates to a subject of a cognate verb.  |
| objective genitive  | Where a noun in the genitive equates to an object of a cognate verb.  |
| genitive absolute   | Absolute clauses (though some are not absolute). A few examples only.   |
| use of kai          | Translations of καί other than <i>and</i> , e.g. <i>although</i> (concessive), <i>or</i> (disjunctive), <i>yet / but</i> (adversative), <i>so that</i> (purposive), <i>if</i> (conditional), <i>when</i> (temporal), <i>consecutive</i> (result). |
| redundant           | Cases of a redundant ὡς.  |
| otiose              | Cases of a redundant καί, often after a comparison.   |

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| <!--AV differs textually; sense not affected.--> | Less significant cases where the AV differs from our translation textually. |
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## 8. Abbreviations and References

### Abbreviations

|     |                        |
|-----|------------------------|
| AV  | Authorized Version     |
| LXX | Septuagint             |
| NT  | New Testament          |
| OT  | Old Testament (Tenakh) |

### Bible book abbreviations

#### Old Testament

|       |              |       |                 |       |           |
|-------|--------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------|
| Gen   | Genesis      | 2 Chr | 2 Chronicles    | Dan   | Daniel    |
| Ex    | Exodus       | Ezra  | Ezra            | Hos   | Hosea     |
| Lev   | Leviticus    | Neh   | Nehemiah        | Joel  | Joel      |
| Num   | Numbers      | Esth  | Esther          | Amos  | Amos      |
| Deut  | Deuteronomy  | Job   | Job             | Obad  | Obadiah   |
| Josh  | Joshua       | Ps    | Psalms          | Jonah | Jonah     |
| Judg  | Judges       | Prov  | Proverbs        | Mic   | Micah     |
| Ruth  | Ruth         | Eccl  | Ecclesiastes    | Nah   | Nahum     |
| 1 Sam | 1 Samuel     | Song  | Song of Solomon | Hab   | Habakkuk  |
| 2 Sam | 2 Samuel     | Isa   | Isaiah          | Zeph  | Zephaniah |
| 1 Ki  | 1 Kings      | Jer   | Jeremiah        | Hagg  | Haggai    |
| 2 Ki  | 2 Kings      | Lam   | Lamentations    | Zech  | Zechariah |
| 1 Chr | 1 Chronicles | Ezek  | Ezekiel         | Mal   | Malachi   |

#### New Testament

|       |               |        |                 |        |            |
|-------|---------------|--------|-----------------|--------|------------|
| Matt  | Matthew       | Eph    | Ephesians       | Heb    | Hebrews    |
| Mark  | Mark          | Phil   | Philippians     | James  | James      |
| Luke  | Luke          | Col    | Colossians      | 1 Pet  | 1 Peter    |
| John  | John          | 1 Thes | 1 Thessalonians | 2 Pet  | 2 Peter    |
| Acts  | Acts          | 2 Thes | 2 Thessalonians | 1 John | 1 John     |
| Rom   | Romans        | 1 Tim  | 1 Timothy       | 2 John | 2 John     |
| 1 Cor | 1 Corinthians | 2 Tim  | 2 Timothy       | 3 John | 2 John     |
| 2 Cor | 2 Corinthians | Titus  | Titus           | Jude   | Jude       |
| Gal   | Galatians     | Phmon  | Philemon        | Rev    | Revelation |

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