The Doctrine of Scripture (2)

Lesson Eight: Transmission of Scripture (part 4)

Transmission of Scripture

Canons of Textual Criticism

- A. Internal Evidence
 - > "the reading which best explains the origin of the others is most likely original"
 - transcriptional probabilities based on scribal habits (unintentional and intentional)
 - intrinsic probabilities based on what the original authors most likely wrote

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Colossians 2:2: 15 variant readings!

"a true knowledge of the mystery...

- of God, Christ (tou geou Cristou)
- of God
- of Christ
- of God and Christ
- · of God, which is Christ
- of God in Christ
- of God the Father of Christ
- of God the Father and of Christ
- of God and of the Father and of Christ

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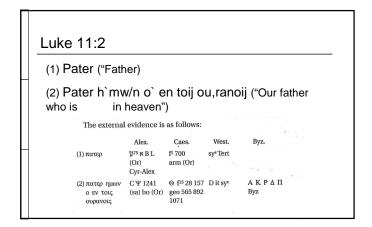
- A. Internal Evidence
 - 1. the harder reading is often preferable
 - 2. the shorter reading is generally preferable
 - 3. in parallel texts, differing readings are often preferable
 - 4. the reading that most closely conforms to the author's style is generally preferable

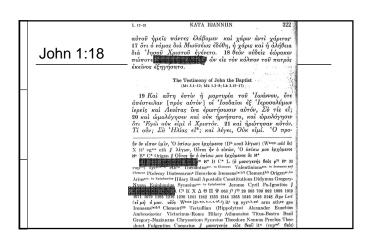
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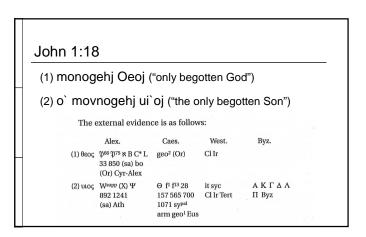
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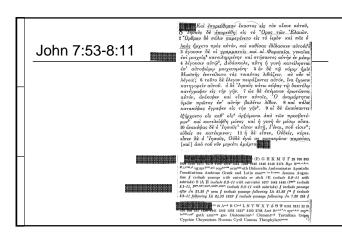
- B. External Evidence (manuscripts)
 - > "Manuscripts must be weighed not counted"
 - 1. The reading that is supported by the oldest manuscripts is generally preferable
 - 2. The reading with the widest geographical distribution of witnesses is more preferable
 - 3. The Alexandrian-type readings are generally preferable; Byzantine-only readings are least likely

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