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1st Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...



Author	When Written	Earliest Copy	Time Span	Number of Copies
New Testament	40-100 A.D.	125 A.D.	25yrs	5,300
Homer (<i>Iliad</i>)	900 B.C	400 B.C.	500yrs	643
Pliny the Younger	61-113 A.D.	850 A.D.	750yrs	7
Tacitus	100 A.D.	1100 A.D.	1,000yrs	20
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,000yrs	10
Plato	427-347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,200yrs	7

*compiled from Josh McDowell, "Evidence That Demands a Verdict"



“a comparison of Isaiah 53 shows that only seventeen letters differ from the Masoretic text. Ten of these are mere differences of spelling, like our “honor” or “honour” and produce NO change in the meaning at all. Four others are very minor differences, such as the presence of the conjunction, which is often a matter of style.

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"The other three letters are the Hebrew word for "light" which is added after "they shall see" in verse 11. Out of 166 words in this chapter, only ONE word is in question and it does NOT at all change the sense of the passage. This is typical of the whole manuscript."

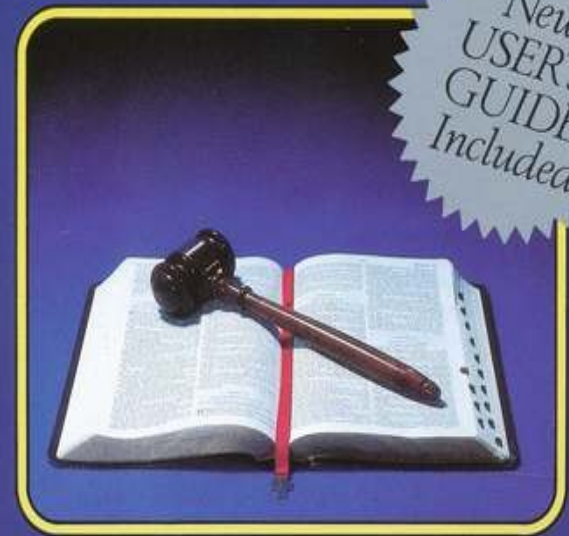
“In an article in the *North American Review*...it seem strange that the text of Shakespeare, which has been in existence less than two hundred and eight years should be FAR more uncertain and corrupt than that of the New Testament, now over eighteen hundred years old, during nearly fifteen of which it existed only in manuscript...With perhaps” a dozen or twenty exceptions, the text of every verse in the New Testament”

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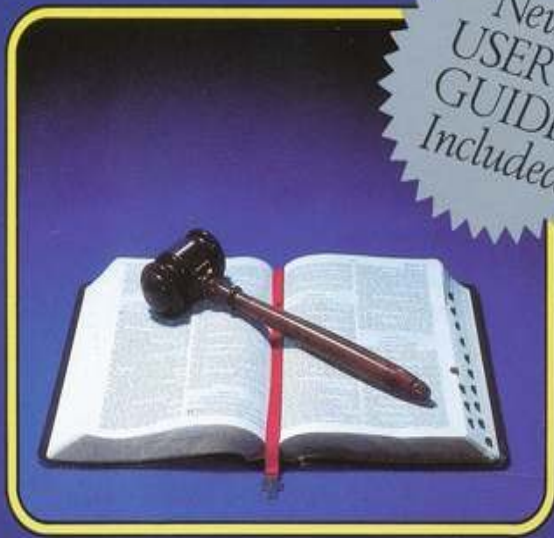
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“may be said to be so far settled by general consent of scholars, that any dispute as to it’s readings must relate rather to the interpretation of the words than to any doubts respecting the words themselves. But in EVERYONE of Shakespeare’s thirty-seven plays there are probably a hundred readings still in dispute, large portion of which materially affects the meaning of the passages in which they occur.”

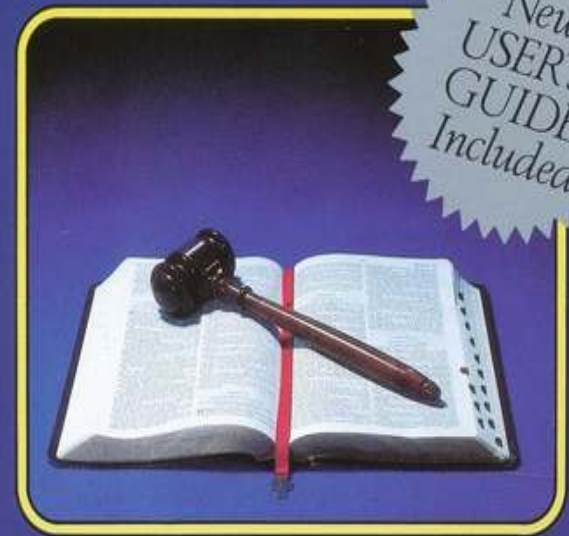
“ ‘only about one-eighth of all the variants had any weight, as most of them are merely mechanical matters such as spelling or style. Of the whole, then, only about one-sixtieth rise above *trivialities*, or can in any sense be call *substantial variants*. Mathematically this would compute to a text that is 98.33 percent pure.’ ”

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“Nevertheless, only a small number of these differences affect the sense of the passages, and only a fraction of these have any real consequences. Furthermore, no variant readings are significant enough to call into question ANY of the doctrines of the New Testament.”

Conservative dates:

- Death of Jesus Christ: 30 A.D. – 33 A.D
- Gospel of Mark – 70 A.D.
- Gospel of Matthew & Luke – 80 A.D.
- Gospel of John – 90 A.D.

The gap: 40yrs – 60yrs - *5,300)*

Suetonius 950 A.D. - 800yrs - 8

Aristotle 343 B.C. - 1,400yrs – 5

Thucycides 460-400 B.C. – 1,300yrs – 9



Death of Jesus Christ 30 A.D. – 33 A.D.

The Apostle Paul's death – 62 A.D

(Written by Luke) The Book of Acts – 50 A.D. (part 2)

The Gospel of Luke – Late 40's A.D. (part 1)

The Gospel of Mark – mid to early 40's A.D. (quoted)

Death of Jesus within 7-15yrs of record



1st Corinthians 15:3-6

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.



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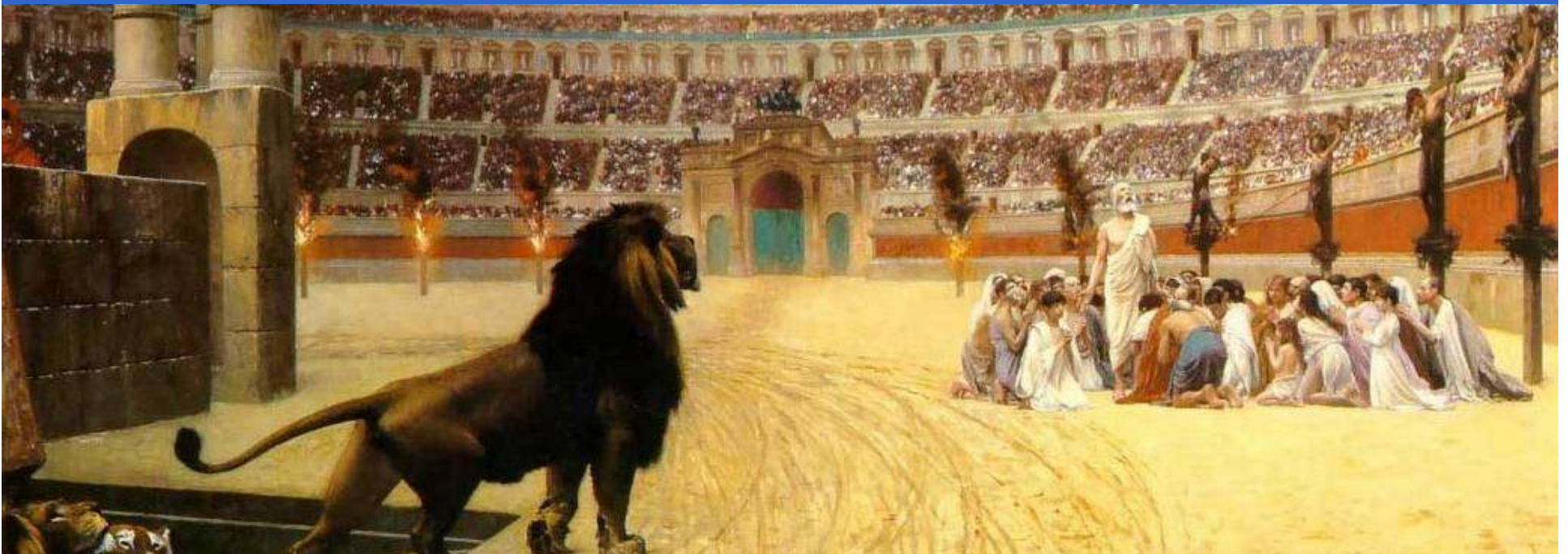
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“*virtually reconstruct the entire New Testament.*”

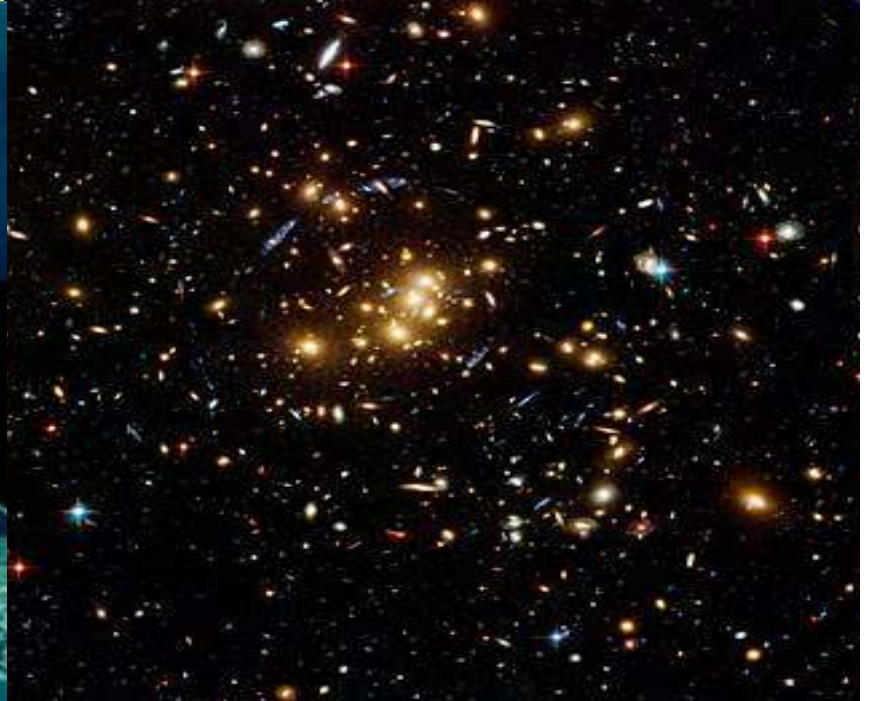
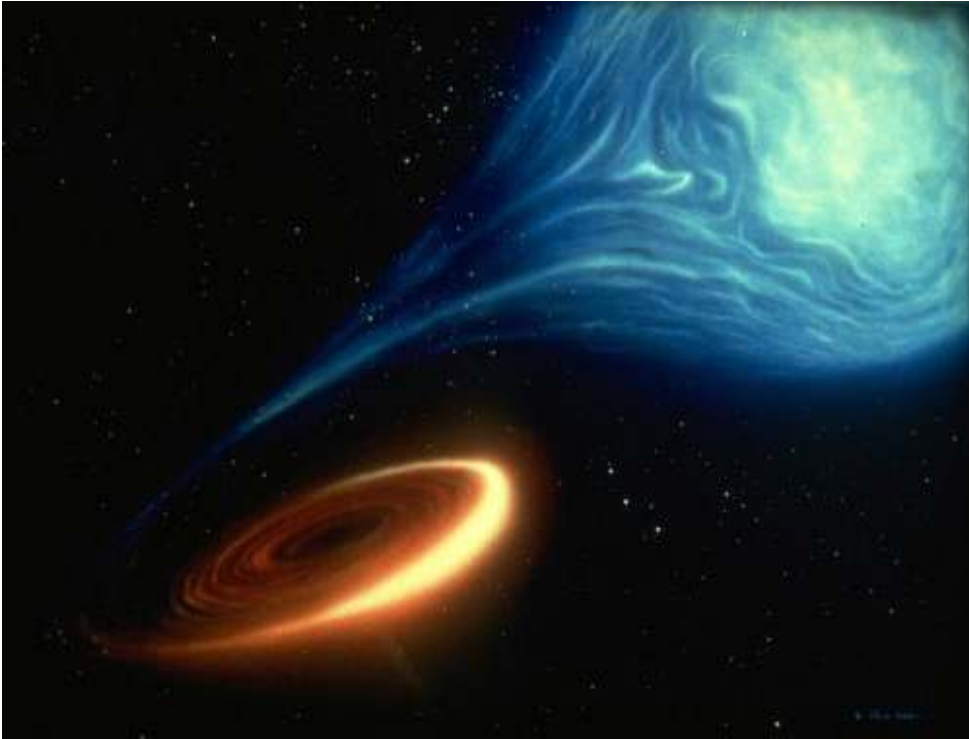
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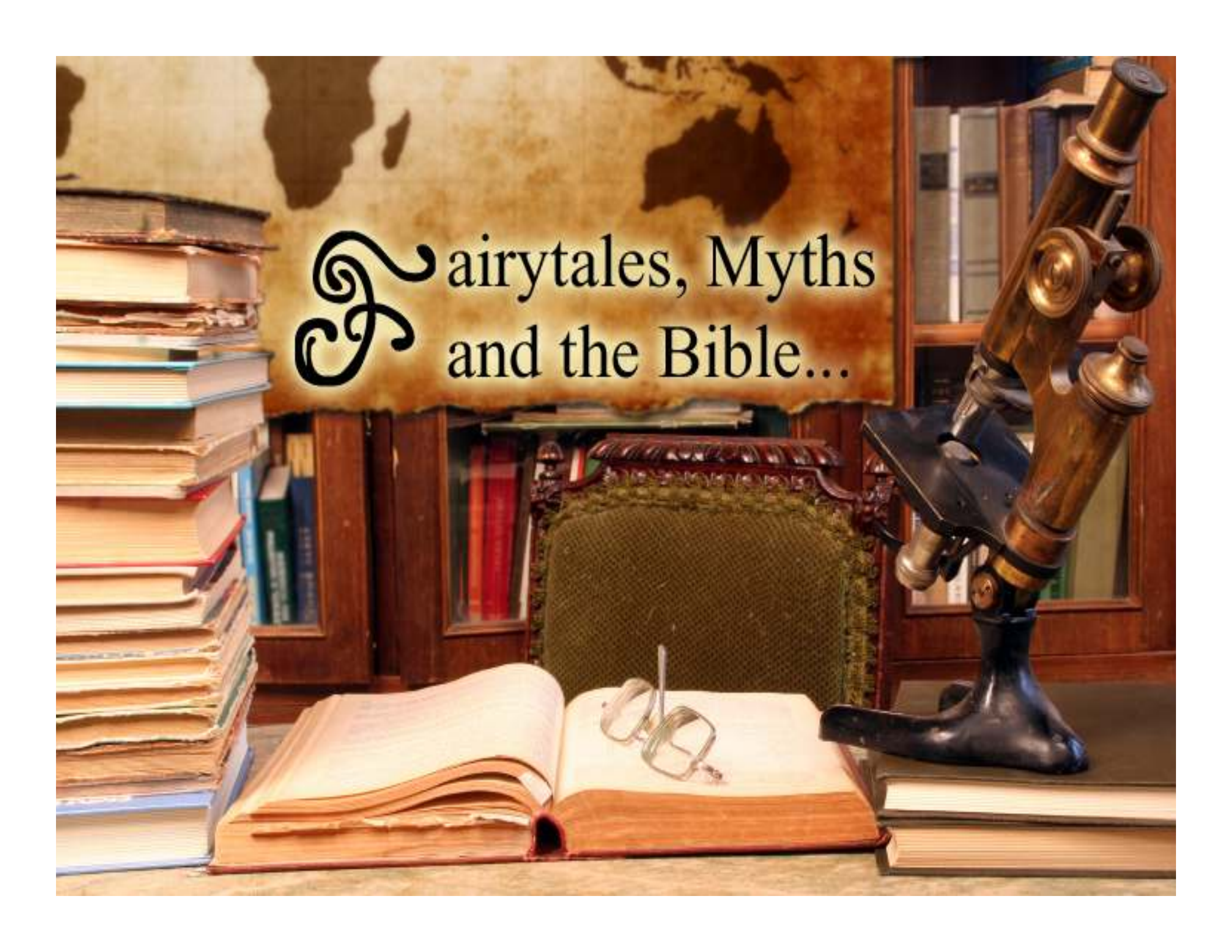
Ignatius – 70 A.D. to 110 A.D.

Polycarp – 70 A.D. to 130 A.D.

Hermas – 95 A.D. to 150 A.D.





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