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Table 1. Discredited Scientific Theories.

Theory	Truth
Cold Fusion	In 1989, Martin Fleischman and Stanley Pons conducted experiments and reported generation of a low energy nuclear reaction ¹ . The media took these reports and raised hopes of a future technology capable of generating cheap and abundant energy supply. Fortunately, other scientists attempted to replicate the experiments and didn't obtain the same results. Soon, this theory was discredited.
Flat Earth	In ancient times, people thought the earth was flat and that going far enough in one direction would result in falling off the earth. This theory persisted until advancements in science challenged it. As early as the sixth century BCE, Pythagoras proposed a mind-boggling theory to people of his day that the earth was round ² . Nevertheless, after many centuries later of additional significant scientific studies into the matter and acceptance by the educated men of the time validating Pythagoras' theory, several early Christian leaders continued denying that the earth was round by supporting their claim using the Bible as proof ³ . Fortunately, most people living on the planet today don't believe this.
Static Universe	In 1917, Albert Einstein proposed that space is neither expanding nor contracting. In other words, we live in a static universe . However, in 1929, Edwin Hubble made a discovery that the universe isn't static, but expanding. Even Einstein can be wrong too.

¹ Simon 2002, 49.

² Russell 1997. There is a great debate among scholars and religious leaders between the BC/AD and the BCE/CE systems for representing dates. I'll use the latter system because the other one misrepresents the birth of Jesus by as much as seven years. To illustrate my point, how can Jesus be born in 7 BC (Before Christ)? The BCE represents "Before Common Era" while CE represents "Common Era." Anno Domini (AD) means "In the Year of the Lord," and should be placed before the year and not after it. Of note, the BC/AD system was introduced by Dionysius Exiguus in the sixth century. Regardless, both systems represent the same dates.

³ 1 Chronicles 16:30, Psalms 93:1, 96:10, 104:5, and Isaiah 45:18.

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Table 1. Discredited Scientific Theories (continued).

Theory	Truth
Phrenology	In 1796, German physician Franz Joseph Gall believed that a person's personality, thoughts, and emotions were caused by the different parts of their brain. Several other scientists supported this theory, resulting in the establishment of several phrenological societies and the use of phrenologists as the professional name of these scientists. It was taken seriously and was prevalent within written publications during the nineteenth century. Yet, mainstream academia rejected it since the basis of this theory didn't have valid scientific basis. Throughout the twentieth century, additional experimental data contradicted the items within the theory, causing most scientists to completely abandon it.
Vulcan Planet	In 1860, French mathematician Urbain Jean Joseph Le Verrier announced the discovery of Vulcan, a planet between Mercury and the Sun ⁴ . Several other observations supported this discovery. Yet, for several decades, many others couldn't find this planet. In 1915 as part of his theory of relativity, Albert Einstein explained that the object discovered by Le Verrier and others was the perihelion shift of Mercury ⁵ . A perihelion shift involves the concept of curved space and time. On a side note, this was also the name for the fictional planet of the ancestors of the character Spock in the <i>Star Trek</i> science fiction shows.

⁴ Encyclopædia Britannica 1911. His most famous achievement was his prediction in 1846 that Neptune existed, which was later confirmed by Johann Galle and Heinrich d'Arrest about a month later.

⁵ Ryden 2003.

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Table 1. Discredited Scientific Theories (continued).

Theory	Truth
Luminiferous Aether	In 1704, using information derived from personal scientific experiments, Isaac Newton proposed that light travels on very small particles, called Aether (or ether). More than a hundred years later, James Clerk Maxwell developed a theory of electromagnetic waves that suggested that light didn't require a particle for propagation ⁶ . Albert Einstein disproved much of the ether theory in 1920, although not completely ⁷ . Shortly afterwards, the scientific community no longer supported this theory of light travel.
Martian Canals	In 1877, the Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli observed several dark lines on the planet of Mars and assumed they were canals. For several decades, other astronomers continued to support this theory of canals on Mars. By 1903, Joseph Edward Evans and Edward Maunder conducted experiments to discount the idea that Mars contained canals. Several other scientific studies continued to erode this theory, until it was finally disproved in 1965 with pictures taken by NASA's Mariner IV of the barren landscape ⁸ .

⁶ 1878 and 1864.

⁷ 1922.

⁸ Smith et al. 1965.

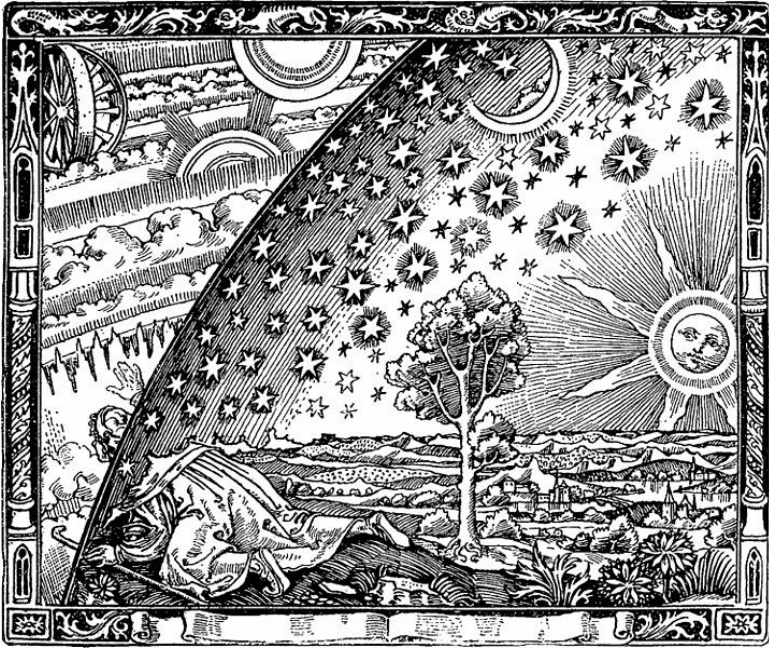


Figure 1. The Atmosphere: Popular Meterology.

L'Atmosphere: Météorologie Populaire (1888) by Camille Flammarion.

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Table 2. Questions Eliciting False Answers.

Question	Description
Assumptive Question	This bases the question on an assumption. “How much will the price of gas go down next month?” assumes that the price will go down.
Linked Statement	This links two different items together and doesn’t provide the same information for both items. Asking “Would you prefer to live in Detroit or Lansing where the crime rate is high?” doesn’t mention anything about the crime rate in Detroit.
Implication Question	This provides a cause and effect result to the answer of the question. “If you stay out late tonight, how will you remain awake at work tomorrow morning?”
Asking for Agreement	This is typically the closed question that requires either a “yes” or “no” answer. “Do you agree that we need to help our church members before helping anyone else?”
Tag Question	These usually involve short phrases that end in a negative question. “You are coming to the very important church meeting, aren’t you?”
Coercive Question	The context or tone of the question results in either an implicit or explicit coercion. In the following example, “How can you say that you will not be there?” the questioner conveys negative consequences for not attending.

Table 3. Different People Describing a Movie.

Person	Description
Young Child	Tells the story, listing the sequence of events , but not necessarily in the right order.
Emotional Child	Explains that the movie was very scary with witches and wizards and flying monkeys
Adolescent	Describes the movie’s special effects.
Intellectual	Identifies the themes within the movie.

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Table 4. Symptoms of Post-traumatic Stress.

Symptom	Description
Intrusion	Since the sufferer can't process difficult emotions in a normal way, he or she re-experiences the trauma in recurrent nightmares or daytime flashbacks, leading to high anxiety levels.
Hyper-arousal	Characterized by a state of nervousness, the person is in fight-or-flight mode, exhibiting jumpiness in connection with sudden sounds or movements.
Avoidance	The event is so distressing that the person strives to avoid contact with everything and everyone—even his own thoughts—that can arouse memories of the trauma. This leads to isolation.

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Table 5. Facts Contradicting Popular Misinformation.

Person	Description
Charles Lindbergh	He wasn't the first man to cross the Atlantic Ocean by air. He was the first to do it solo, doing it in May 1927 ⁹ . However, it was Captain John Alcock and Lieutenant Arthur Brown who made the first non-stop crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in June 1919 ¹⁰ .
Columbus	He wasn't the first European to discover North America, which was done by Viking Leiv Eiriksson ¹¹ .
The Wright Brothers	They weren't the first to fly an airplane. Others, such as Gustav Whitehead, Clément Ader, and Alexander Mozhaiski have valid claims to have done this prior to the Wright Brothers ¹² .
Alexander Graham Bell	He didn't invent the telephone. Although he was the first to obtain a patent for it. Elisha Gray was the first to create a working telephone ¹³ .
Charles Darwin	He wasn't first to create theory of evolution. It was based upon theories of previous scientists, including Jean-Baptiste Lamarck, Pierre Louis Maupertius, and Erasmus Darwin ¹⁴ .
Thomas Edison	He didn't invent the light bulb. He just made it better. Others developing it prior to him were Humphrey Davy and Frederick de Moleyns ¹⁵ .
George Custer	He wasn't a general at the Battle of Little Big Horn, even though he was a general during the Civil War. Following the war as the size of the US Army was reduced, he returned to the permanent rank of lieutenant colonel ¹⁶ .

⁹ Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum 2011.

¹⁰ The New York Times 2011.

¹¹ Ryne 2011.

¹² See Randolph and Phillips 1935, Crouch 2011, and Gray 2011.

¹³ Baker 2000, 90-91. The Patent Office quoted that, "while Gray was undoubtedly the first to conceive of and disclose the [variable resistance] invention, as in his caveat of 14 February 1876, his failure to take any action amounting to completion until others had demonstrated the utility of the invention deprives him of the right to have it considered."

¹⁴ Gould 2002, 187; Bowler 2003, 73-75; and Fara 2011.

¹⁵ Lamont-Brown 2004 and Encyclopædia Britannica 2011.

¹⁶ Custer and Custer 1950, 185, 296.

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Figure 2. Christ in Front of Pilate.
jezus przed pilatem (1881) by Mihály Munkácsy.

Table 6. Controversies of Percentages.

Profession	Characteristics	Big Ball	Small Ball
Accountant	Number (each)	1	99
	TOTAL NUMBER	1	99
	Percentage	1%	99%
Painter	Area (square in. each)	600	6.06
	TOTAL AREA	600	600
	Percentage	50%	50%
Truck Driver	Weight (pounds each)	396.0000	0.0404
	TOTAL WEIGHT	396	4
	Percentage	99%	1%

Source: Haraburda 2008

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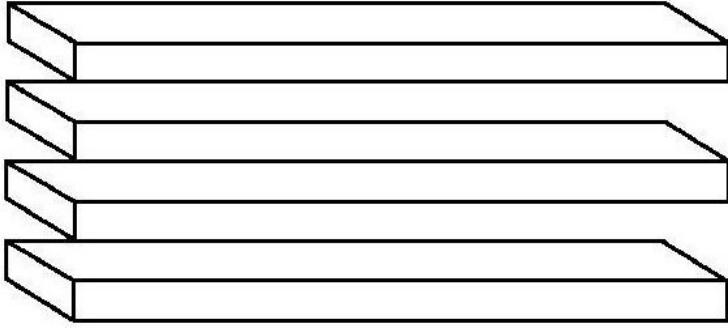


Figure 3. Different Number of Shelves Image.

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Figure 4. Plato, Seneca, and Aristotle.

An illustration in the medieval manuscript, *Devotional and Philosophical Writings* (C. 1325-1335).

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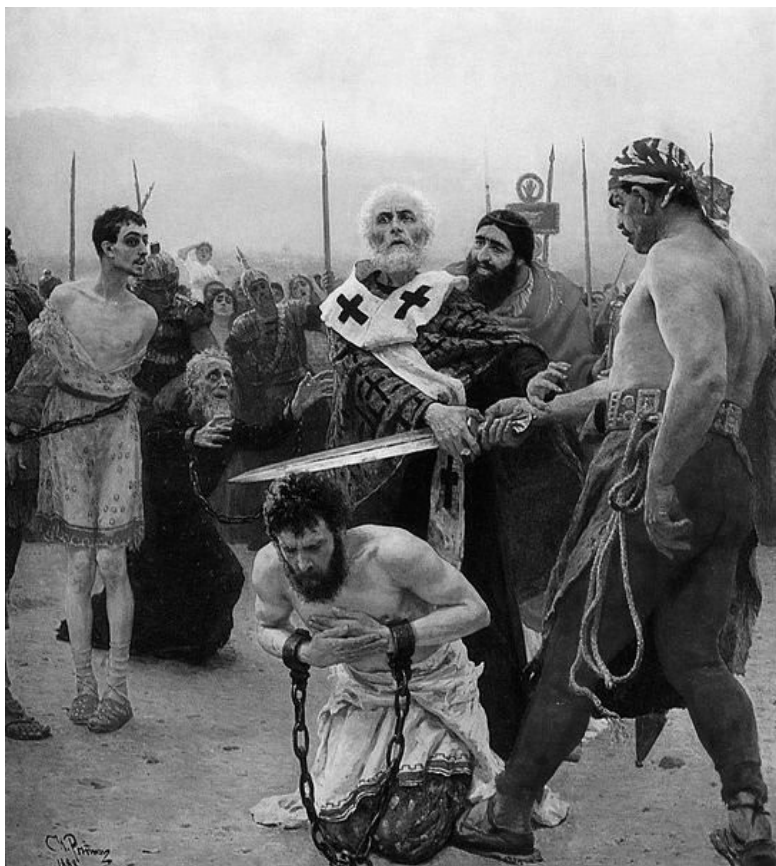


Figure 5. Saint Nicholas of Myra Saves Three Innocents from Death.
Николай Мирликийский избавляет от смерти трёх невинно осуждённых by Ilya Repin (1888)¹⁷.

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Figure 6. Curses Against the Pharisees.
Imprécations contre les pharisiens (c. 1886-1894) by James Tissot.

Table 7. Ecumenical Councils.

Council	Location	Year	Emperor	Pope
First	Nice	325	Constantine	Silvester
Second	Constantinople	381	Theodosius	Damasus
Third	Ephesus	431	Theodosius II, Valentinian III	Celestine Leo I
Fourth	Chalcedon	451	Valentinian III Marcian Pulcheria	Leo I
Fifth	Constantinople	553	Justinian I	Vigilius
Sixth	Constantinople	680- 81	Constantine Pogonatus	Agatho I
Seventh	Nice	787	Constanine VI Irene	Hadrian

Source: See especially Schaff and Wace 1899



Figure 7. The Kiss of Judas and Peter Cutting off the Ear of Malchus.
O beijo de Judas e Pedro cortando a orelha de Malchus (1786) by José Joaquim da Rocha.

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Figure 8. Inquisition Scene.

Tribunal de la Inquisición o Auto de fe de la Inquisición
(1819) by Francisco Goya.

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Figure 9. Joan at the Stake
by Jules Eugène Lenepveu (1890).

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Figure 10. Inquisition Torture Chamber.

by Bernard Picard (1716). Obtained from Louis-Ellies Dupries' *Mémoires historiques pour servir à l'histoire des Inquisitions*.

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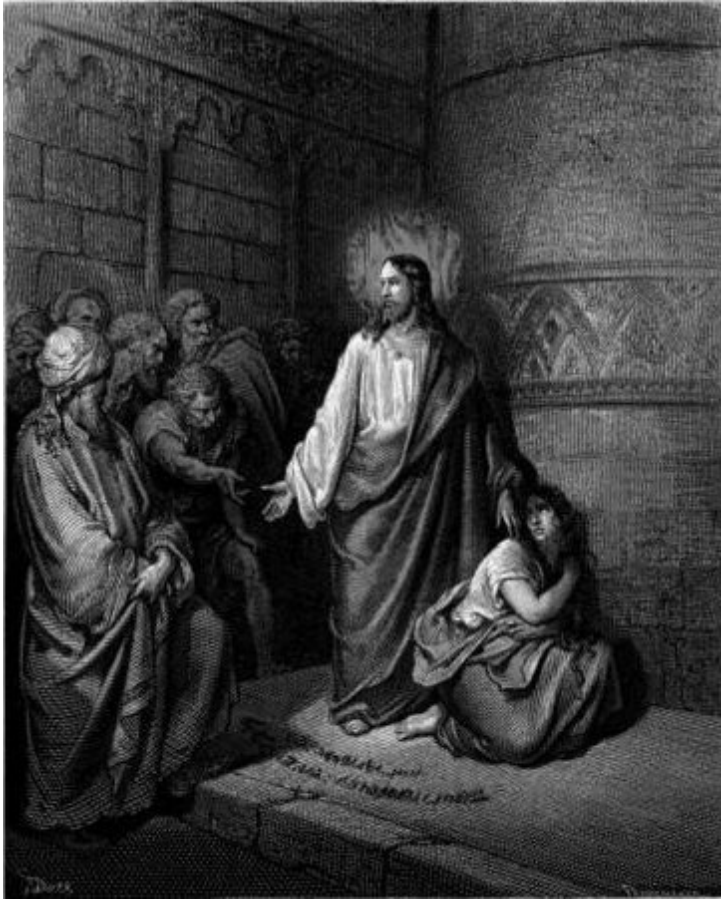


Figure 11. Jesus and the woman taken in adultery
by Gustave Doré (1865).

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Table 8. Books of the Bible – Old Testament.

Book	Author	Date Written	Original Language
Pentateuch:			
Genesis	Moses	≈ 1445 BCE	Hebrew
Exodus	Moses	1445-1405 BCE	Hebrew
Leviticus	Moses	1405 BCE	Hebrew
Numbers	Moses	1444-1405 BCE	Hebrew
Deuteronomy	Moses	1405 BCE	Hebrew
Historical:			
Joshua	Joshua	1404-1390 BCE	Hebrew
Judges	Samuel	1374-1129 BCE	Hebrew
Ruth	Samuel	1150 BCE	Hebrew
1 Samuel	Samuel	1043-1011 BCE	Hebrew
2 Samuel	Ezra (possible)	1011-1004 BCE	Hebrew
1 Kings	Jeremiah (possible)	971-852 BCE	Hebrew
2 Kings	Jeremiah (possible)	852-587 BCE	Hebrew
1 Chronicles	Ezra (possible)	450-425 BCE	Hebrew
2 Chronicles	Ezra (possible)	450-425 BCE	Hebrew
1 Esdras	Ezra	330 BCE	Hebrew
Ezra	Ezra	538-520 BCE	Hebrew, Aramaic
Nehemiah	Nehemiah	445-425 BCE	Hebrew
Tobias	Tobias	7 th Century BCE	Hebrew, Aramaic
Judith	unknown	2 nd Century BCE	Hebrew
Esther	Modcai (possible)	465 BCE	Hebrew
1,2,3,4 Maccabees	unknown	135 – 63 BCE	Greek
Wisdom:			
Job	Job (possible)	Unknown	Hebrew
Psalms	David and others	≈ 1000 BCE	Hebrew
Odes	unkown	unknown	Hebrew, Greek
Proverbs	Solomon and others	950-700 BCE	Hebrew
Ecclesiastes	Solomon	935 BCE	Hebrew
Song of Solomon	Solomon	965 BCE	Hebrew
Sirach	Jesus, son of Sirach	180 – 175 BCE	Hebrew

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Table 8. Books of the Bible – Old Testament. (continued).

Book	Author	Date Written	Original Language
Major Prophets:			
Isaiah	Isaiah	740-680 BCE	Hebrew
Jeremiah	Jeremiah	627-585 BCE	Hebrew, Aramaic
Lamentations	Jeremiah	586 BCE	Hebrew
Baruch	Baruch	599 BCE	Hebrew
Ezekiel	Ezekiel	593-560 BCE	Hebrew
Daniel	Daniel	605 – 536 BCE	Hebrew, Aramaic
Minor Prophets:			
Hosea	Hosea	710 BCE	Hebrew
Joel	Joel	835 BCE	Hebrew
Amos	Amos	755 BCE	Hebrew
Obadiah	Obadiah	840-586 BCE	Hebrew
Jonah	Jonah	760 BCE	Hebrew
Micah	Micah	700 BCE	Hebrew
Nahum	Nahum	663-612 BCE	Hebrew
Habakkuk	Habakkuk	607 BCE	Hebrew
Zephaniah	Zephaniah	625 BCE	Hebrew
Haggai	Haggai	520 BCE	Hebrew
Zechariah	Zechariah	520-518 BCE	Hebrew
Malachi	Malachi	600-450 BCE	Hebrew

Sources: Bechtel, 1910; Bradlaugh 1881; Drum 1912; Gigot 1907, 1909, 1912; Pope 1910; and Souvay 1909

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Table 9. Books of the Bible – New Testament.

Book	Author	Date Written	Original Language
Gospels:			
Matthew	Matthew	60s CE	Greek
Mark	Mark	Late 50s CE	Greek
Luke	Luke	60 CE	Greek
John	John	80s – 90s CE	Greek
Apostolic History:			
Acts	Luke	61 CE	Greek
Pauline Epistles:			
Romans	Paul	55 CE	Greek
1 Corinthians	Paul	54 CE	Greek
2 Corinthians	Paul	55 CE	Greek
Galatians	Paul	49 CE	Greek
Ephesians	Paul	60 CE	Greek
Philippians	Paul	61 CE	Greek
Colossians	Paul	60 CE	Greek
1 Thessalonians	Paul	50-51 CE	Greek
2 Thessalonians	Paul	50-51 CE	Greek
1 Timothy	Paul	62 CE	Greek
2 Timothy	Paul	63 CE	Greek
Titus	Paul	62 CE	Greek
Philemon	Paul	60 CE	Greek
General Epistles:			
Hebrews	Unknown	60s CE	Greek
James	Jesus' Half Brother	40s – 50s CE	Greek
1 Peter	Peter	63 CE	Greek
2 Peter	Peter	63-64 CE	Greek
1 John	John	Late 80s CE	Greek
2 John	John	Late 80s CE	Greek
3 John	John	Late 80s CE	Greek
Jude	Jesus' Half Brother	60s-70s CE	Greek
Apocalypse:			
Revelation	John	80s – 90s CE	Greek

Source: Bradlaugh 1881

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Table 10. Books of the Bible – Apocrypha.

Jewish Origin:	
Henoch Assumption of Moses Secrets of Henoch 3,4 Esdras Apocalypse of Baruch Apocalypse of Abraham Apocalypse of Daniel Jubilees	Jannes and Mambres 3,4 Machabees Psalms of Solomon Prayer of Manasses Sibylline Oracles Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs Ascension of Isaias
Christian Origin:	
Infancy Gospel of James Gospel of the Infancy Gospel of Gamaliel Transitus Mariæ Gospel according to the Hebrews Gospel According to the Egyptians Gospel of Peter Gospel of Philip Gospel of Thomas Gospel of Bartholomew Gospel of the Twelve Apostles Report of Pilate to the Emperor Gospel of Nicodemus Minor Pilate Apocrypha Narrative of Joseph of Arimathea Legend of Abgar Letter of Lentulus Acts of Peter Acts of John Acts of Andrew Acts and Martyrdom of Matthew Acts of Thomas	Acts of Bartholomew Acts of Peter and Paul Acts of Paul Acts of Paul and Thecla Acts of Philip Acts of Matthew Teaching of Addai Acts of Simon and Jude Acts of Barnabas Gesta Matthiæ Testamentum Domini Nostri Jesu Preaching of Peter Judicium Petri Preaching of Paul Epistles of the Blessed Virgin Epistle of Peter to James the Less Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians Correspondence of Paul and Seneca Apocalypse of Mary Apocalypses of Peter Apocalypse of Paul

Source: see Reid 1907

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Table 11. Some Books Missing From the Bible.

Book	Description
Books of Adam and Eve	Considered written by unknown Egyptians. Parts of these can be found in the <i>Talmud</i> , the <i>Koran</i> and elsewhere. It was important in the original literature of early humans. The original manuscript was written in Arabic.
Prayer of Azarias	This prayer had been cut from the Bible. But in the Vulgate, the Greek translation of Daniel, it's inserted in the third chapter between the twenty-third and twenty-fourth verses. It was Azarias' prayer while he was standing in the fiery furnace with his two friends, Ananias and Misael.
General Epistle of Barnabas	Many ancient church authorities deem this to be canonical and genuine. It was read widely in the churches at Alexandria. It's supposed to have been written by Barnabas, an apostle and companion of Paul.
Prophecy of Baruch	Baruch, a disciple of Jeremiah., wrote it After Nebuchadnezzar plundered the temple of Jerusalem, Baruch described Jeremiah predicting the return of the Babylonians.
Gospel of the Birth of Mary	Written by Matthew, it's considered genuine and authentic by the early church. It was later rejected by various edicts and councils of the early Church. It described Mary's origin and her life leading to the birth of Jesus.
First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians	Clement was a disciple of Peter. This was publicly read in the early church. This was rejected by early church fathers because they claimed it didn't honor the Trinity doctrine. This letter chastised the congregation for sedition and blasphemy.
Book of Enoch (Ethiopian Enoch)	The early church widely read and used this book during the first three centuries. The Council of Laodicia discredited and banned it. It was discovered in the Dead Sea Scrolls.
Book of the Secrets of Enoch	Widely used by early Christians, it was found in Russia and Servia. It explained and verified some of the darker and more mysterious passages of the New Testament.
Shepherd of Hermas	Hermas, the brother of Bishop Pius of Rome, wrote it. Early church leaders read it for direction and confirmation of the faith. It contained visions on how to live a godly, faithful Christian life.
Letter of Herod to Pilate the Governor	These connected the death of Jesus to Roman History. It gave us an overview of what happened to Herod after Jesus' crucifixion.
Letter of Pilate to Herod	This was the response to Herod's letter. Pilate also described several events regarding Jesus' death and resurrection.

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Table 11. Some Books Missing From the Bible (continued).

Book	Description
Epistles of Ignatius	Ignatius was the Bishop of Antioch in Syria from 67-107. He wrote letters dealing with morality, faith, martyrdom and Jesus to various congregations while a prisoner and on his journey to Rome to martyrdom
First Gospel of The Infancy Of Jesus Christ	Written by Thomas. Used by early Christians along with the other four gospels. The Synod at Angamala condemned these gospel in 1559. Mohammed may have used it to compile the <i>Koran</i> .
Epistles of Jesus Christ and Abgarus, King of Edessa	Discussed in the public registers and records of the city of Edessa in Mesopotamia. It was written in the Syriac language. They are considered Apocryphal. The Epistles contain two letters: King Abgarus' request for help from Jesus, and His reply.
Book of Jasher	It's an ancient Hebrew manuscript that is mentioned twice in the Bible (Joshua 10: 12 and 2 Samuel 1:17). This book provided insight into the historical period from creation through the time of Joshua. Although a man named Jasher wrote the book, the Hebrew word Jasher meant straight or upright. Therefore, the translated name of this book could be The Book of the Straight or Upright
Epistle of Jeremiah	Unknown author's letter written in Greek to the Jewish captives of Nebuchadnezzar. It's a warning to the people to beware of idolatry. The early church declared it canonical.
Wisdom of Jesus, Son of Sirach	The early church used it. Written in Hebrew by Jesus, son of Sirach, between 190 and 170 BCE. It's about morality and wisdom.
Book of Judith	Written by Joachim during the reign of Manasses. The Protestants excluded it from the Bible because it didn't exist in the Hebrew Bible. It described a virtuous woman who, by her actions, saved Israel from destruction by Holofernes and his vast army.
First and Second Books of Maccabees	Written by an unknown Palestinian from 135 – 63 BCE, these contained a history of the Jews. Both books can be found in the Catholic Bible
Third and Fourth Books of Maccabees	Written by a Jew, they were used by the Greek Church. The Third book was intended to comfort to the persecuted Jews in Alexandria during the reign of Ptolemy Philopator. And, the Fourth one described the destruction of Jerusalem.

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Table 11. Some Books Missing From the Bible (continued).

Book	Description
Prayer of Manasseh	Manasseh was an immoral king of Judah because he worshipped false gods. While in prison, he repented of his gross sins against God with this prayer. After his imprisonment, he removed all false gods and their altars. As part of his repentance, he then restored the worship of God to Judah.
Gospel of Nicodemus	Written by Nicodemus, a disciple of Jesus Christ. It was used by early Christians and churches until the end of the third century. It was considered canonical until its later removal by various edicts and councils of the early church.
Acts of Paul and Thecla	It's believed to have been a forgery, even though they were considered genuine by the early Christians. Emperor Zeno had a vision of Thecla, who promised him the restoration of his empire. Emperor Zeno's empire was restored and he built a beautiful temple in honor of Thecla in Seleucia, Isauria. Assumed to have been written during the Apostolic Age ¹⁸ .
Report of Pilate to Augustus Caesar	Pilate sent this letter to Caesar with his private report of the occurrences surrounding Jesus' crucifixion.
Report of Pontius Pilate to Tiberius	Written by Pilate to Tiberius Caesar, describing the details about Jesus' crucifixion and events immediately following.
Letter of the Smyrnaeans	Written from the church at Smyrna to the church of Philomelium to describe Polycarp's martyrdom which took place in either 155 or 166.
Odes of Solomon	The origin and date of writing are unknown. It contained beautiful songs of joy and peace. Some believed them to be songs written by newly baptized Christians.
Psalms of Solomon	An ancient Semitic writer wrote this collection of eighteen war songs during the middle of the first century BCE. These war songs were widely circulated and held a prominent position in the early church. It's an eyewitness account of ancient history, telling the story of a great nation in the greatest crisis of its existence.
Wisdom of Solomon	Written in Greek, probably not by Solomon. It contained information on wisdom, how to obtain it and its benefits.

¹⁸ The Apostolic Age represents the time from Jesus' crucifixion in 30 CE until the death of John in 115 CE.

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Table 11. Some Books Missing From the Bible (continued).

Book	Description
Book of Susanna	It's about a good woman wrongly accused by two lustful men of committing immoral acts with them. It included how Daniel defended and saved her life. Excluded from the Bible because it wasn't written in Hebrew originally.
Thomas' Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus Christ	Thomas wrote this and connected it with the Gospel of Mary. It's an account of the miracles and supernatural actions that occurred during the infancy of Jesus.
Book of Tobit	Tobit and his son Tobias wrote this during the early seventh century. Fragments of the book were found in the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Protestants rejected The Book of Tobit as non-canonical and had it removed from the Bible.
Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs	A Pharisee, wrote these as biographies between 107 and 137 BCE. Considered an actual source to the books of the Bible. For example, the Sermon on The Mount contained phrases from these testaments. Paul, too, used them.

Source: Brinkley 2005.

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Table 12. Eight Popular Misquotes of the Bible.

Misquotes	Comments
Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven.	It's from John Milton's <i>Paradise Lost</i> , a poem about the fall of man involving Satan's temptation ¹⁹ .
Cleanliness is indeed next to godliness.	This exact phrase comes from John Wesley's 1778 sermon based upon 1 Peter 3:3-4. However, the theme may an ancient one since Francis Bacon provided a similar saying in his 1605 <i>The Advancement of Learning</i> .
Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.	This was similar to Matthew 7:12.
A fool and his money are soon parted.	The quote was actually a proverb found in Thomas Tusser's poem <i>Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry</i> ²⁰ .
God helps those who help themselves.	Sidney Algernon, an English politician and army colonel executed for his part of a plot against King Charles II of England, wrote this. It was later published in 1698 after his death ²¹ . Also, Benjamin Franklin quoted this in his 1757 <i>Poor Richard's Almanac</i> . Although credited to Algernon, its original origin is really based upon Aesop's Fables from the sixth century BCE ²² . Nevertheless, the Bible specifically stated the opposite ²³ .
The lion shall lie down with the lamb.	There were a couple of Bible verses similar to this quote. The closest is probably from Isaiah 11:6.
Money is the root of all evil	This one isn't technically a misquote, but one of omission. It's missing part of the sentence that radically changes the meaning. It is missing the first three words, "The love of," from 1 Timothy 6:10. Money isn't inherently evil, and can be used for good things. However, the love of money causes a person to be selfish.
Spare the rod, spoil the child	There were a couple of Bible verses similar to this quote. The closest was probably from Proverbs 13:24.

¹⁹ 1667. In Book I, line 263.

²⁰ 1557, 19. "A foole and his monie be soone at debate, which after with sorrow repents him too late."

²¹ Contained in chapter 2 section 23 is, "Help thyself, and God will help thee."

²² In the fable, "Hercules and the Waggoner" is quoted as, "heaven helps those who help themselves."

²³ Isaiah 25:4.

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Figure 12. Papyrus 20.
Contains James 2:19-3:9 (c. third century).

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Figure 13. Adam and Eve in Worthy Paradise
by Peter Paul Rubens (1615).

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Table 13. List of Biblical Contradictions.

Statement	Contradictory Statement
Man was created after other animals (Genesis 1:25-27)	Man was created before other animals (Genesis 2:18-19)
Adam and Eve was about original blessing (Genesis 1:26-30)	Adam and Eve was about original sin (Genesis 3:1-19)
God was satisfied with His work (Genesis 1:31)	God was dissatisfied with His work (Genesis 6:6)
Salah's father was Arphaxad (Genesis 11:12)	Salah's father was Cainan (Luke 3:35-36)
Marriage to a sister allowed (Genesis 17:15-16 and 20:12)	Marriage to a sister forbidden (Deuteronomy 27:22; Leviticus 20:17)
Abraham's wife was Keturah (Genesis 25:1)	Abraham's concubine was Keturah (1 Chronicles 1:32)
Children punished for parent's sins (Exodus 20:5)	Children not punished for parent's sins (Ezekiel 18:20)
Polygamy allowed (Exodus 21:10; 1 Kings 11:3)	Polygamy forbidden (1 Corinthians 7:2; Deuteronomy 17:17)
God is seen and heard (Exodus 24:10, 33:11-23)	God is invisible and unheard (John 1:18, 5:37)
Killing is allowed (Exodus 32:27)	Killing is forbidden (Exodus 20:13)
David took 700 horsemen (2 Samuel 8:4)	David took 7,000 horsemen (1 Chronicles 18:4)
Elijah ascended to Heaven (2 Kings 2:11)	Only Jesus ascended to Heaven (John 3:13)

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Table 13. List of Biblical Contradictions (continued).

Statement	Contradictory Statement
Wisdom is a source of enjoyment (Proverbs 3:13-17)	Wisdom is a source of grief and sorrow (Ecclesiastes 1:17-18)
Godly (people) receive property and worldly goods (Psalms 37:28-37; Job 42:12)	Godly (people) receive misery and destitution (Hebrews 11:35-40; Luke 21:17).
David's throne to last forever (Psalms 89:35-37)	David's throne was cast down (Psalms 89:44)
Man can find God if they seek Him (Proverbs 8:17)	Man can't find God if they seek Him (Proverbs 1:28)
Evil won't happen to the godly (Proverbs 12:21; 1 Peter 3:13)	Evil will happen to the godly (Hebrews 12:6; Job 2:3-7)
Laughter is commended (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 and 8:15)	Laughter is condemned (Ecclesiastes 7:3-4; Luke 6:25)
God creates evil (Isaiah 45:7)	God does not create evil (1 Corinthians 14:33)
Mary's father-in-law was Jacob (Matthew 1:16)	Mary's father-in-law was Heli (Luke 3:23)
God's spirit is love and gentleness (Galatians 5:22)	God's spirit is vengeance and fury (Judges 15:14; 1 Samuel 18:10-11)
All Scripture is inspired (2 Timothy 3:16)	Some Scripture isn't inspired (2 Corinthians 11:17)
God gives freely to those who ask (James 1:5-6)	God withholds his blessings (John 12:40; Joshua 11:20)

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Table 13. List of Biblical Contradictions (continued).

Statement	Contradictory Statement
Jesus 3 days and 3 nights in the grave (Matthew 12:40)	Jesus 2 days and 2 nights in the grave (Mark 15:42-46 and 16:9)
Satan entered Judas during supper (John 13:27)	Satan entered Judas before supper (Luke 22:3-7)
There were 14 generations from Abraham to David and 14 generations from Babylonian captivity to Jesus (Matthew 1:17)	There were 13 generations from Abraham to David and 13 generations from Babylonian Captivity to Jesus (Matthew 1:2-6 and 12-16)
God tempts man (Matthew 6:13)	God doesn't tempt man (James 1:13)
Marriage is encouraged (Matthew 19:5)	Marriage is discouraged (1 Corinthians 7:1-8)
Judas died by suicidal hanging (Matthew 27:5)	Judas didn't die by suicidal hanging (Acts 1:18)
Two thieves rebuked Jesus (Matthew 27:44; Mark 15:32)	Only one thief rebuked Jesus (Luke 23:39-40)
Jesus was all-powerful (Matthew 28:18; John 3:35)	Jesus wasn't all-powerful (Mark 6:5)
Jesus was crucified at the 3 rd hour (Mark 15:25)	Jesus was crucified at the 6 th hour (John 19:14-15)
Jesus' mission was peace (Luke 2:13-14)	Jesus' mission wasn't peace (Matthew 10:34)
Poverty is a blessing (Luke 6:20-24; James 2:5)	Riches are a blessing (Proverbs 10:15; Job 22:21-25 & 42:12)

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Table 13. List of Biblical Contradictions (continued).

Statement	Contradictory Statement
Two angels seen standing at the sepulcher (Luke 24:4)	One angel seen sitting at the sepulcher (Matthew 28:2-5)
Jesus was equal with God (John 10:30; Philippians 2:5-6)	Jesus wasn't equal with God (John 14:28; Matthew 24:36)
Impossible to fall from grace (John 10:28; Romans 8:38-39)	Possible to fall from grace (Ezekiel 18:24; Hebrews 6:4-6; 2 Peter 2:20-21)
God is war (Isaiah 51:15)	God is peace (Romans 15:33)
Abraham had two sons (Galatians 4:22)	Abraham had only one son (Hebrews 11:17)
Two angels seen inside sepulcher (John 20:11-12)	One angel seen inside sepulcher (Mark 16:5)
Holy Spirit bestowed at Pentecost (Acts 1:5-8)	Holy Spirit bestowed before Pentecost (John 20:22)
God knows the hearts of men (Acts 1:24)	God tests men to find out what's in their heart (Genesis 22:12)
Women have rights (Acts 2:18 and 21:9)	Women don't have rights (1 Timothy 2:12; 1 Corinthians 14:34)
Man justified by faith alone (Romans 3:20-4:2; Galatians 2:16-3:11)	Man not justified by faith alone (James 2:21-24; Romans 2:13)
Judging others allowed (1 Corinthians 5:12)	Judging others forbidden (Matthew 7:1-2)

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Table 13. List of Biblical Contradictions (continued).

Statement	Contradictory Statement
Dead will be resurrected (1 Corinthians 15:16 and 52; Revelation 20:12-13; Luke 20:37)	Dead will not be resurrected (Job 7:9-10; Ecclesiastes 9:5; Isaiah 26:14)
Jesus ascended from Mount Olive (Acts 1:9-12)	Jesus ascended from Bethany (Luke 24:50-51)
Judas purchased potter's field (Acts 1:18)	Chief Priests purchased potter's field (Matthew 27:6-7)
Lying is allowed (James 2:25)	Lying is forbidden (Revelation 21:8)
Earth will be destroyed (2 Peter 3:10; Hebrews 1:11; Revelation 20:11)	Earth won't be destroyed (Psalms 104:5; Ecclesiastes 1:4)

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Table 14. Transcription Errors.

Error Type	Description
Dittography	This means writing more than once what should have only been written once. The word God, written as <i>Θεός</i> in Greek, appears twice in Mark 12:27 in several works ²⁴ . Another biblical example involves Matthew 27:17. There use to exist copies of this Gospel that contained a reference to Jesus Barabbas following Pilate's question asking whom he should release. There is speculation that an inattentive second century scribe mistook the final syllable of <i>ὑμιν</i> , "unto you," for the abbreviated word <i>ιν</i> , meaning "Jesus," and carelessly duplicated the last two letters as <i>ὑμιν ιν</i> before the word <i>βαραββαν</i> , "Barabbas" ²⁵ . Clearly, Jesus wasn't called Barabbas, a sinner; and, fortunately, this error has been corrected since then. An English example of dittography includes writing the word "latter" instead of "later". "Latter" means nearest the end. "Later" means after something else. This also partially explains why computerized spellchecking of documents doesn't always identify misspelled words.
Fission	This means improperly dividing one word into two words. An English example of this is writing the word "nowhere" into "now here". What's more, writing the phrase "Jesus is nowhere" as "Jesus is now here" by eliminating a space and fusing two words together results in a completely different phrase and meaning.
Fusion	As the opposite of fission, this means combining the last letter of one word with the first letter of the next word. An English example of this writing "Look it is there in the cabinet" instead of "Look it is therein the cabinet," which has a slightly different meaning.

²⁴ Patzia 2011, 232.

²⁵ Burgon 1896, 53-54.

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Table 14. Transcription Errors (continued).

Error Type	Description
Haplography	This is the opposite of dittography, which means the omission of letters, words, or sentences. An example of this is the phrase “money is the root of all evil”, as seen in Table 12, that lacks the words “the love of”. Other biblical examples can be found in Sir Fredrick Kenyon’s 1901 <i>Handbook to the Textual Criticism of the New Testament</i> ²⁶ . Omissions in transcription includes scribes who left out words; whether misled by proximity of a similar word, or by recurrence of similar letters ²⁷
Homophony	This means writing a word with a different meaning for another word when both words have the exact same pronunciation. This is a difficult one to discover since most of the information about Jesus was oral for the first few decades after His death. Illustrating this problem is the English example of “meat” being written for the word “meet” since they both have the exact same sound but different meanings. Also, the words “there,” “their” and “they’re” is another example, one that is frequently committed.
Metathesis	This means an improper exchange in the order of letters. Some ancient documents containing Mark 14:65 has the phrase <i>ἔλαβον</i> meaning “they took,” while others have the phase <i>ἔβαλον</i> with the exchange of only two letters that means “they threw” ²⁸ . An English example of this involves the writing of the word “mast” with either “mats,” “cast or “cats,” all of which have different meanings.

²⁶ A good example is at the end of this book from pages 298-312.

²⁷ Burgon 1896, 66-67.

²⁸ Patzia 2011, 233.

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Table 15. Translation Errors.

Error Type	Description
Specialization	This is a narrowing of meaning. Similar to what happened to the word “girl”, the word “deer” used to mean any kind of beast and now means a specific one.
Generalization	This is a widening of meaning. The word “clerk” used to mean a member of the clergy, and now means an office worker.
Amelioration	This is an elevation of meaning. Similar to what happened to the word “brave”, the word “pretty” used to mean a negative sense of cunning or crafty and now describes beauty.
Pejoration	This is the degradation of meaning. Using the example of the word “awful”, King James in 1688 described the new St. Paul’s Cathedral as “amusing, awful and artificial”. respectively referring it to mean “wonderful, impressive as full of awe, and skillfully displaying art”.
Transfer	This is a complete change in meaning. The word “bureau” used to mean course woolen cloth in the twelfth century, a counting table in the fourteenth century, and to the room containing the counting table in the seventeenth century.

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Table 16. Major Christian Denominations.

Denomination	Description
Roman Catholic	It was founded in Rome in 1054 as a result of the Great Schism ²⁹ . They have over one billion followers ³⁰ . Its original language was Latin. They use the <i>Roman Missal</i> as their worship literature ³¹ .
Orthodox	It was founded in Constantinople in 1054 as a result of the Great Schism too. They have over 200 million followers. Its original language was Greek ³² .
Lutheran	Martin Luther founded it in Germany in 1517 with his publication of <i>Ninety-five Theses</i> against indulgences ³³ . They have about eighty-five million followers. The original languages were German and Latin. They use the <i>Book of Concord</i> as their worship literature ³⁴ .
Presbyterian	John Calvin founded it in Scotland in 1560 ³⁵ . They have about fifty million followers. The original languages were French and Latin. They use the <i>Directory for Worship</i> as their worship literature ³⁶ .

²⁹ See especially Salembier 1907.

³⁰ I obtained these numbers of followers on January 21, 2012, from the www.adherets.com website, which is a growing collection of over 40 thousand adherent statistics and religious geography citations with references to published membership/adherent statistics and congregation statistics for over 4,200 religions, churches, denominations, religious bodies, faith groups, tribes, cultures, and movements.

³¹ Websites: www.catholic.org and www.vatican.va.

³² Website www.ec-patr.org/athp/index.php?lang=en.

³³ Gassmann et al. 2001, xvi.

³⁴ Website www.ilc-online.org.

³⁵ Walker 1906, 392.

³⁶ Websites www.ipc-ealing.co.uk and www.pcusa.org.

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Table 16. Major Christian Denominations (continued).

Denomination	Description
Methodist	John Wesley founded it in England in 1739 ³⁷ . They have about fifty million followers. The original languages were English and Latin. They use the <i>Book of Discipline</i> as their worship literature ³⁸ .
Anglican / Episcopalian	King Henry the VIII founded it in England in 1532 with his issuance of an <i>Act of Restraint of Appeals</i> ³⁹ . They have about eighty million followers. The original languages were English and Latin. They use the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> as their worship literature ⁴⁰ .

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³⁷ Overton 1891 and Tomkins 2003, 75.

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Figure 14. Jim Jones as the Loving Father of the “Rainbow Family”
Brochure of Peoples Temple portraying the cult leader (1978)⁴².

⁴² Retrieved from the website of the Jonestown Institute which states: “Tape transcripts, summaries, some primary source documents, and all photographs on this site are free and available to the public for use by crediting: The Jonestown Institute, <http://jonestown.sdsu.edu>”.

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Figure 15. Members of the Westboro Baptist Church.

They demonstrate at the Virginia Holocaust Museum. With permission from J.C. Wilmore, a writer and photographer (2 March 2010).



Figure 16. Burning of Templars.

Verbrennung von Templern. (British Library, Royal 14 E V f. 492v) by Verbrennung von Templern (1479-1480).

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Figure 17. The Cadaver Synod of 897.

Le Pape Formose et Etienne VII - Concile cadavérique de 897
(1870) by Jean-Paul Laurens. Pope Formosus and Stephen VII.



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Figure 18. The Army of the Second Crusade.

They find the remains of the soldiers of the First Crusade by Gustave Doré (1877).



Figure 19. Flagellation of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Flagellation de Notre Seigneur Jesus Christ (1880) by William-Adolphe Bouguereau.

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Figure 20. Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream.
by James Tissot (1896).



Figure 21. Saul Attempts to Kill David
by Gustave Doré (1866).

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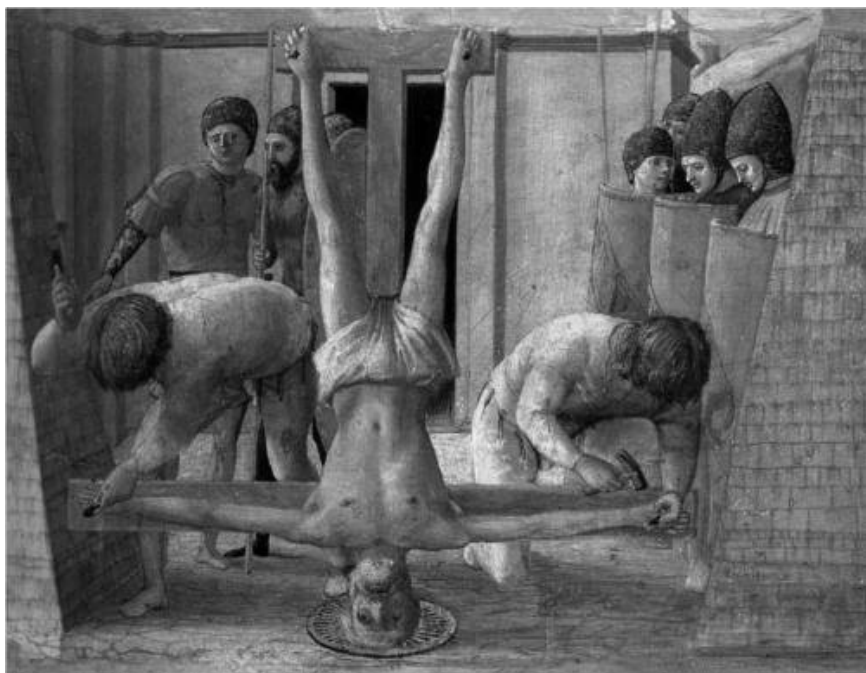


Figure 22. Crucifixion of St. Pete.
by Masaccio (1426).

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Table 17. Early Christians Martyrs.

Martyr	Date (CE)	How	Where
Judas Iscarat	33	Suicide	Jerusalem
James, son of Zebedee	44	Beheaded	Jerusalem
James, son of Alphaeus	54	Stoned	Jerusalem
Philip	60	Hanged	Hierapolis, Turkey
Simon Zelotes	61	Crucified	Suanir, Iran
Barnabas	61	Stoned	Salamis, Cyprus
James, Jesus' brother	62	Stoned	Jerusalem
Matthias	64	Burned	Axum, Ethiopia
Paul, Saul of Tarsus	64	Beheaded	Rome, Italy
Simon Peter	64	Crucified	Rome, Italy
Judas Thaddeus	66	Clubbed	Ardaze, Turkey
Bartholomew	68	Crucified	Albana, Armenia
John Mark	68	Trampled	Alexandria
Andrew	69	Crucified	Patras, Greece
Matthew	70	Stabbed	Nubia, Ethiopia
Thomas	82	Speared	Mylapore, India
Timothy	90	Beheaded	Ephesus, Turkey
Luke	91	Hanged	Rome, Italy
John Boanerges	96	Boiled in Oil	Ephesus, Turkey

Source: see Barrett and Johnson 2001, 229.

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Table 18. Methods of Christian Martyrdom.

<u>Method</u>	<u>Magnitude</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Magnitude</u>	<u>Method</u>	<u>Magnitude</u>
Assassinated	3	eaten alive	3	put to death	5
Annihilated	7	eaten by piranhas	2	quartered	3
attacked during sleep	4	electrocuted	4	racked to death	4
bayoneted	5	electronically killed	2	roasted alive	4
beaten to death	7	executed	4	run over by tank	2
beheaded	4	exposed to elements	6	run over by vehicle	4
bled to death	6	frightened to death	3	savaged by dogs	3
boiled in oil	2	frozen to death	6	savaged by animals	5
blown up	5	garroted	4	sawed in two	3
brainwashed to death	5	gassed	6	shedding blood	6
broken on wheel	2	gibbeted	4	shot	10
buried alive	4	guillotined	4	shot by sniper	6
burned at stake	4	hacked to death	5	slashed to death	7
buried in sand	4	hanged	5	slaughtered	7
butchered	9	hanged upside down	3	speared to death	4
cannibalized	3	hunted to death	4	stabbed to death	5
chemically killed	7	immolated	4	starved to death	10
clubbed to death	5	immured	2	stoned	3
crucified	4	impaled	4	strangled	4
crushed to death	3	injected	5	suffocated	4
cut to pieces	5	killed by contract	3	targeted in war	5
decapitated	4	killed by mob	7	terrorized to death	6
deprive of medication	6	killed extra-judicially	5	throat slit	7
died after beating	8	killed during genocide	9	thrown from aircraft	2
died prison release	6	killed with sword	9	thrown off building	3
died in custody	5	knifed	7	thrown over cliff	4
died in interrogation	4	lashed to death	4	thrown overboard	4
died in prison	10	left to die	6	thrown to crocodiles	2
died in slavery	6	liquidated	7	thrown to lions	3
died of injuries	9	lowered into sewage	4	thrown to sharks	2
died on release	7	lynched	4	tied behind vehicle	3
died under torture	6	machine-gunned	6	torched	5
disemboweled	3	massacred	8	torn apart by horses	3
dismembered	5	murdered	5	tortured to death	5
driven mad	5	mutilated to death	4	trampled to death	4
driven to suicide	3	poisoned	4	wiped out	6
drowned	6	pushed under traffic	3		
drugged to death	4	pushed under train	3		
10 – Over 10 million		5 – From 100,000 to 500,000			
9 – From 4-10 million		4 – From 10,000 to 100,000			
8 – From 2-4 million		3 – From 1,000 to 10,000			
7 – From 1-2 million		2 – From 100 to 1,000			
6 – From 500,000 to 1 million		1 – Under 100			

Source: Barrett and Johnson 2001, 230.

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Figure 23. Parable of the Good Samaritan.
by Jan Wijnants (1670).

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Table 19. List of My Group Memberships

Group Type	Membership
Family	Haraburda households.
Alumni	Creston High School. Grand Rapids Junior College. Central Michigan University. Michigan State University. Defense Acquisition University. Several military War Colleges.
Military	Association of the United States Army. Reserve Officers Association. United States Army.
Veteran	American Legion. Veterans of Foreign Wars.
Professional	American Institute of Chemical Engineers. American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. American Society for Quality. National Society of Professional Engineers.
Business	Business companies. Military organizations. Owen County Chamber of Commerce.
Athletic	United States Judo Association.
Volunteer	Terre Haute Children’s Museum Board of Directors. Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Examiner. Friends of McCormick Creek’s State Park.

Table 20. Individual vs Collective Narcissistic Thinking

Individual	Collective
I’m extraordinary.	My group is extraordinary.
I’m more attractive than others.	My group is more attractive.
I rarely fail.	My group rarely fails.
I influence others.	My group influences others.
People don’t listen to me.	People don’t listen to my group.

Source: de Zavala et.al. 2009.

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Figure 24. Me and My Drill Sergeant.

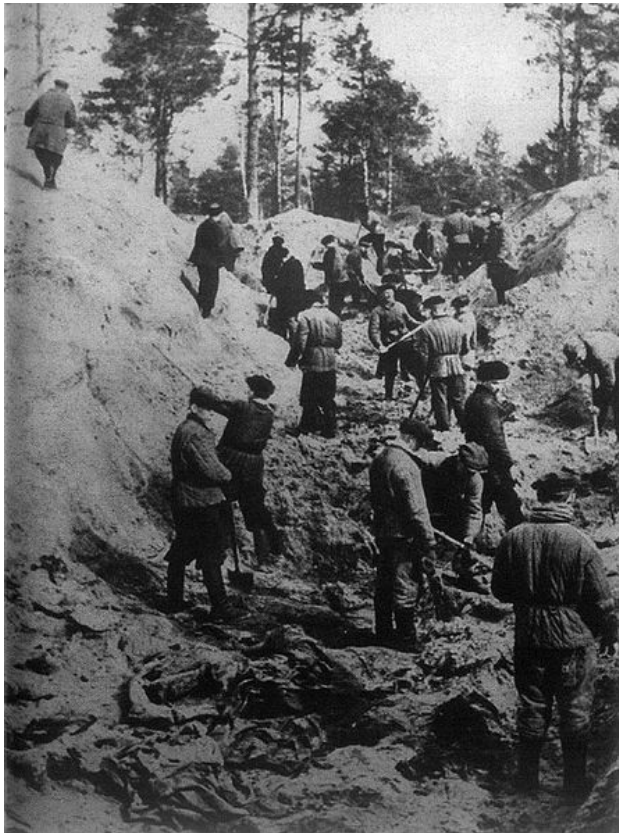
Photo taken at USO club near Fort Jackson (August 1981)⁴³.

⁴³ This USO club used to be on the corner of Laurel and Park in Columbia, South Carolina. The club relocated to the airport where it serves all military families flying through the area.

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Figure 25. Charge of the Light Brigade.
by Richard Caton Woodville (1894).



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Figure 26. Exhumation of Polish Officers from Katyn Massacre.

Excavation of graves containing Polish Generals Mieczysław Smorawiński and Bogusław Bohaterowicza (1943)⁴⁴.



Figure 27. Space Shuttle Challenger Crewmember Remains.

NASA photo of remains transferring from 7 hearse vehicles to a MAC C-141 plane at the Kennedy Space Center's Shuttle Landing Facility for transport to Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. (30 August 1988.)⁴⁵.

⁴⁴ Obtained from public domain photo contained in Andrzej Leszek Szcześniak's 1989 *Katyń: Tło historyczne, fakty, dokumenty*..

⁴⁵ The STS-51L crew consisted of: Mike Smith; Dick Scobee; Ron McNair; Ellison S. Onizuka; Greg Jarvis; Judy Resnik; and Sharon Christa McAuliffe.

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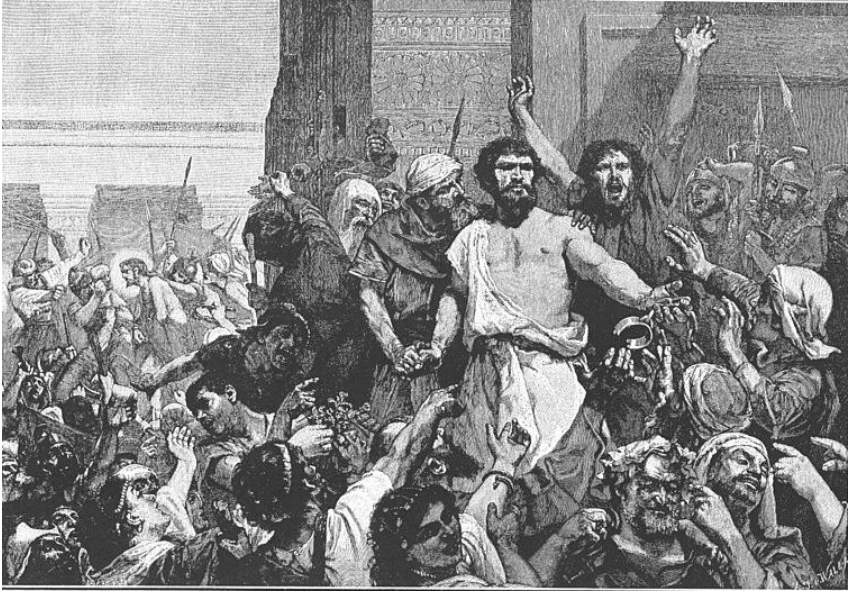


Figure 28. Give us Barabbas.

Illustrations from volume 9 of *The Bible and its Story Taught by One Thousand Picture Lessons*, edited by Charles F. Horne and Julius A. Bewer (1910).

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Table 21. Christian Bumper Stickers

God helps those who help themselves.	Take a friend to Heaven!
God is a republican (or democrat or liberal).	The Big Bang theory. And God said 'Pulleth my Finger.'
Believe in God and you shall prosper.	One Nation under God!
Did you thank God today?	WWJD?
Even Darwin KNOWS God created earth (now).	Interface with God: jesus@heaven.net
Exercise daily – walk with the Lord!	God answers knee-mail.
CAUTION! Non-exposure to the Son will cause burning.	Open your Heart, open your Mind, open your Bible!
Don't blame God for the things that people do.	JESUS Don't Leave Earth Without Him.
God's last name is not damnit!	Got Jesus?
God's Love is Big Enough for All of Us.	STUFF TO DO: Pray, Vote, Buy More Ammo!
God's not dead, he's still alive, he's my co-pilot.	Tithe if you love Jesus! Anyone can honk.
God gives and forgives, Man gets and forgets!	As long as there are tests, there will be Prayer in school.
God is. Any questions?	The Christian Right is neither.
God says it, I believe it, That settles it.	The 10 Commandments are not multiple choice.
God is too big to fit into just one religion.	Caution! In case of rapture, this car will swerve.
God spoke, and BANG! It happened!	Keep your eyes on the cross.
Jesus is the reason for the season!	1 Cross + 3 Nails = 4 Given.
If going to Church makes you a Christian, does going into a garage make you a car?	Stop using Jesus as an Excuse! Christians make great lovers.

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Figure 29. Lamentations of Mary Magdalene on the Body of Christ.
by Arnold Böcklin (1868).

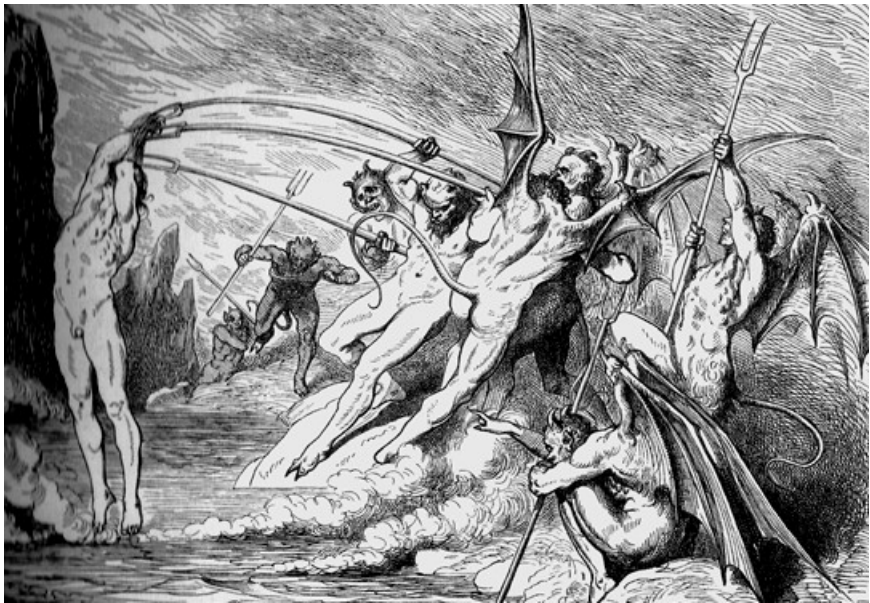


Figure 30. Inferno 22.
by Gustave Doré (1857).



Figure 31. The Birth of Venus.
by William-Adolphe Bouguereau (1879).

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Table 22. Women as Weaker Sex in Ancient Documents

Document	Description
Plato's <i>The Republic</i>	Socrates asked his older brother, Glaucon, "And can you mention any pursuit of mankind in which the male sex has not all these gifts and qualities in a higher degree than the female" ⁴⁶ ?
<i>Oeconomicus</i>	Another Socratic dialogue, Xenophon wrote, "The ideal woman should see as little as possible, hear as little as possible, and ask as little as possible" ⁴⁷ .
Hindu, Code 5:148 of the <i>Law of Manus</i>	Dictated that women, "As a child, she must remain under her father's control; as a young woman, under her husband's; and when her husband is dead, under her sons. She must never seek to live independently" ⁴⁸ . Also according to Code 5:158, women must be devoted to a single husband and remain celibate as a widow.
Buddhist prayers	Includes asking for male rebirth ⁴⁹ .
Jewish prayer	Offers thanks to God, "Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has not made me a heathen ... or a woman" ⁵⁰ .
<i>Koran</i>	Stated that a woman's worth is considered that of half a man ⁵¹ .

⁴⁶ The quote was usually written as "Do you know anything at all practiced among mankind, in which in all these respects, the male sex is not far better than the female?"

⁴⁷ The actual quote in my translation was written as "What proficiency was she likely to bring with her, when she was not quite fifteen at the time she wedded me, and during the whole prior period of her life had been most carefully brought up to see and hear as little as possible, and to ask the fewest questions."

⁴⁸ Manu 2004, 96. Manu was the mythical first king of the Earth.

⁴⁹ Faure 2003, 112.

⁵⁰ Payne 2009, 84.

⁵¹ Bhutto 1998.

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Table 23. Biblical Rules I Refuse to Follow

Scripture	Biblical Rule
Leviticus 19:19	Don't wear clothes made of several fabrics.
Leviticus 19:27	Don't cut your hair nor shave.
Leviticus 20:9	Kill anyone who curses their parents.
Leviticus 20:10	Kill anyone committing adultery.
Leviticus 21:9	Burn to death any prostitute who is the daughter of a priest.
Leviticus 21:17-18	The blind and lame can't go to God's altar.
Leviticus 24:14-16	Kill anyone who curses God.
Deuteronomy 13:6-10	Kill anyone who suggests worshipping another god.
Deuteronomy 13:12-15	Destroy cities and everything in it if they worship a different god.
Deuteronomy 17:2-7	Kill anyone with a different religion.

Table 24. Recent Heroic Individuals.

Person	Description
Anuradha Koirala	Founder of the Maita Nepal and called the “Angel of Mercy” ⁵² by Prince Charles, spent several years working to prevent human trafficking and sexual exploitation in Nepal. Her work included raiding brothels, educating people and providing a safe haven for thousands of Nepalese women and girls ⁵³ . For her work, she was honored as the 2010 CNN <i>Hero of the Year</i> .

⁵² This is the same title also given to Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

⁵³ Joshi 2004, 248.

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Table 24. Recent Heroic Individuals (continued).

Person	Description
Liviu Librescu	A Holocaust survivor and celebrated expert in composite structures and aeroelasticity with prestigious awards, taught engineering classes at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In April 2007, Seung-Hui Cho killed thirty-two people in a deadly shooting rampage on campus. Dr. Librescu, at 76 years old, held the door of his classroom shut to allow most of his twenty-three students the time to escape to safety. While holding the door, Cho shot Dr. Librescu five times, killing him ⁵⁴ . From the words of Jesus, there is no greater love than that of someone making the ultimate sacrifice for someone else ⁵⁵ . How ironic for someone to survive the Holocaust, only to be killed in a senseless massacre more than sixty years later.
Irena Sendler	A twenty-something year old, risked her life numerous times in Nazi-occupied Poland. While forging documents and frequently entering the Warsaw ghetto, she helped smuggle thousands of children from the ghetto into safety, ultimately placing them in convents, orphanages, and Polish families ⁵⁶ . Thousands of women owe their lives to her.
Harriet Tubman	An African American woman who helped about seventy slaves move north to freedom during thirteen trips on the Underground Railroad during the Civil War ⁵⁷ . Later in life, she promoted women's suffrage.

⁵⁴ See especially Moynihan 2007. The massacre took place on the date of the Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah). Minal Panchal, a graduate student, was the only student of his killed.

⁵⁵ John 15:13.

⁵⁶ See especially Mieszkowska 2011.

⁵⁷ See especially McGowan and Kashatus 2011.

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Figure 32. Marriage at Cana.
by Tintoretto (1561).



Figure 33. Last Judgment.
Laatste Oordeel (1558) by Pieter Bruegel the Elder.

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Abbreviations

AD	Anno Domini
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AWOL	Absent Without Leave
BC	Before Christ
BCE	Before Common Era
BRM	Basic Rifle Marksmanship
CARM	Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry
CE	Common Era
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CNN	Cable News Network
CQ	Charge of Quarters
D&C	Drill and Ceremony (ie military marching)
DFAC	Dining Facility (military)
DWP	Democratic Workers Party
EC-PATR	Ecumenical Patriarch (of Constantinople)
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
GI	Government Issue
ILC	International Lutheran Council
KP	Kitchen Police (ie military kitchen duties)
MCF	Military Correction Facility (ie jail)
NAE	National Association of Evangelicals
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
NT	New Testament
OIC	Officer in Charge
OT	Old Testament
PCA	Redeemer Presbyterian Church
PCUSA	Presbyterian Church USA
POV	Privately Owned Vehicle
PSYOPS	Psychological Operations (military)
PT	Physical Training
PTL	Praise The Lord (organization)
PTSD	Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
ROTC	Reserve Officers' Training Corps
THREATCON	Threat Condition
TDY	Temporary Duty (official travel)
TV	Television
UCMJ	Uniform Code of Military Justice

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UMC	United Methodist Church
US	United States
USMA	US Military Academy (West Point, NY)
USO	United Service Organization (military)
VUCA	Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, and Ambiguous
VX	O-ethyl S-[2-(diisopropylamino)ethyl] methylphosphonothioate [a WMD nerve agent]
WAC	Women's Army Corps
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction
WWII	World War II
WWJD	What Would Jesus Do?
ΘΣ	God (nominative Greek)
ΙΣ	Jesus (nominative Greek)
ΚΣ	Lord (nominative Greek)
Ϡ	papyri codice symbol (followed by a superscript)