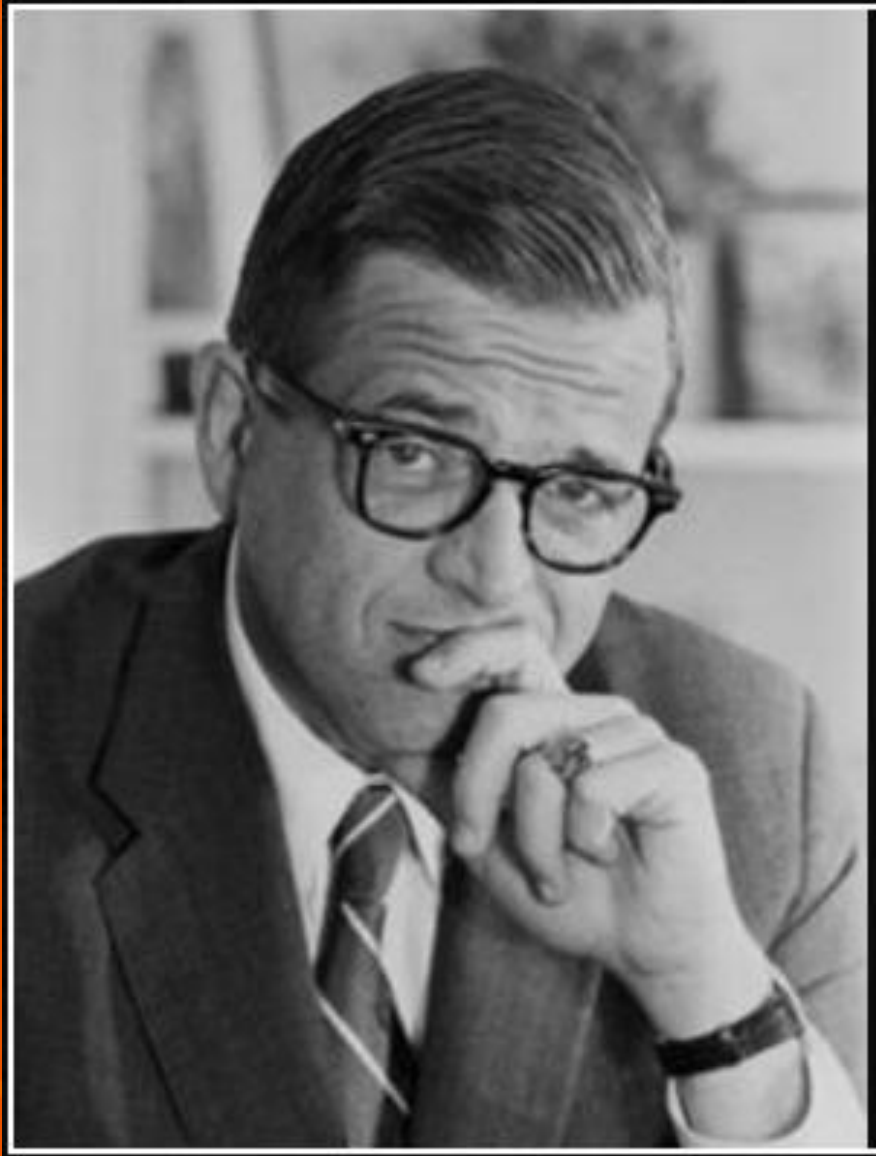

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The Bible

The Bible is Accurate



The Bible's historical accuracy is a reminder that while "the heavens declare the glory of God," there's also plenty of evidence among the rubble and ruins.

— Charles Colson —

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Simply stated, textual criticism is a method used to determine what the original manuscripts of the Bible said. The original manuscripts of the Bible are either lost, hidden, or no longer in existence. What we do have is tens of thousands of copies of the original manuscripts dating from the 1st to the 15th centuries A.D. (for the New Testament) and dating from the 4th century B.C. to the 15th century A.D. (for the Old Testament). In these manuscripts, there are many minor and a few significant differences. Textual criticism is the study of these manuscripts in an attempt to determine what the original reading actually was.

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Fragment of the Gospel of John

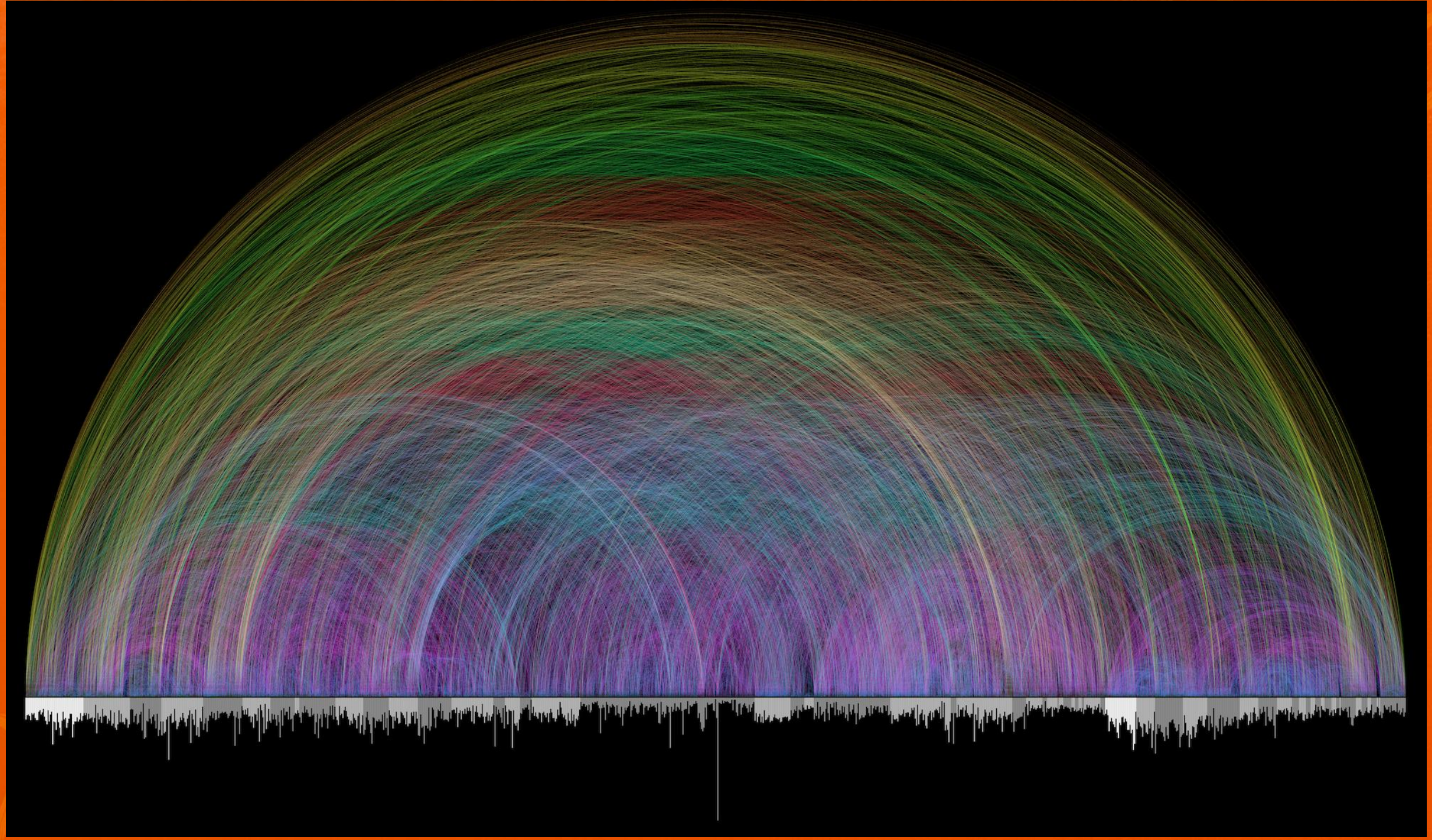
The oldest known manuscript of the New Testament dated between 125-150 AD from Egypt. Written in Greek on papyrus, and found in 1920.

John 18:31-33 "Then said Pilate unto them, *Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?*" (KJV) Only partial segments are visible (reverse text). www.bibleandscience.com

The Bible is Unified

The Bible is a diverse collection of ancient literature that challenges modern readers with a question: why are all of these shorter books, poems, prophecies, letters, and other kinds of writing all collected into one large book? Is it for convenience, or is there another reason?

These good questions have no simple answers, but when we read the Bible through a certain paradigm, we see a deep unity. The stories link together. Readers see characters returning to the same mountain, or the same well, generation after generation - each time adding new scenes and new meaning to a long saga. Fascinating patterns emerge through repeated words and images. For example, Eden, the tabernacle, the temple, and a carpenter from first-century Nazareth all have a lot in common, but not at first glance.



2 Timothy 3:16-17 **NIV - UK**

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21 **NIV - UK**

20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



Sir Christopher Wren

The Bible is Powerful

Hebrews 4:12-13

12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

2 Peter 3:14-16 NIV - UK

14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 15 Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 ***He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand****, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.*

1. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)
2. John Newton (1725-1807)
3. Nicky Cruz
4. Lee Strobel
5. Rosaria Butterfield

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2 Timothy 2:15 **NIV-UK**

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.