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Stalwart Defense of the Holy Bible

*Draws frequently from Edward F. Hills which will be noted by the reader; his book should also be read for a more thorough understanding.

*Lays out a convincing case the LXX is the OT portion of the 5th column of Origen's Hexapla, which was copied by Eusebius' scribes to make fifty Bibles for Constantine the Great and his Eastern religion. Notwithstanding this history is conjectural.

*Foundations of genealogical method, conflation theory, higher criticism 'rules' are brought down.

*New insight into Hort's Romanism; he carried about a Catholic idol box for prayers, also Westcott's captivation with the *pieta*.

*The lie of 'new information'; Reformation-era lower textual critics knew all the textual variants prior to the 18thC Germans.

NT Textual Criticism as a science is as bone fide as the 'Theory' of Evolution. In like fashion it is thrust forward to the public as above reproach, with impressive words such as 'scientific', 'scholarly', 'accurate', 'new research', etc. Upon closer inspection one finds the wafer-thin layer of a balloon with corresponding interior substance.

The issue for the inquiring reader will be spiritual, no matter how compelling the textual evidence and history may be, one must accept perfect preservation of the text, then by faith move to accept one translation as a manifestation.

Proof of this spirituality is how modern critics still subscribe to conclusions of W-H while abandoning their axioms, rooted in Vaticanus (which overthrow the historic and providential witness of God found in 95%+ of Greek papyri, uncials, minuscules and lectionaries).

The amazing spirit of 'modern' textual criticism is well described by the author:

"Enormous egos vascillitating between opinions in the rarefied atmosphere on the edge of [Mount] Olympus."