

Comparison of Greek NT Manuscript Families

~ 5,800
MSS

Majority / Traditional / Byzantine

> 95% of extant MSS

MSS may be more recent *

Erasmus NT:

Textus Receptus

Exceptional internal agreement

Basis of KJV, NKJV

Eclectic / Critical / Alexandrian

Less than 5% of extant MSS

MSS alleged to be older

Wescott-Hort NT:

Codex Vaticanus (B) **90%**

Codex Sinaiticus (Ⲛ) **7%**

Codex Alexandrinus (A) **2.5%**

B, Ⲛ disagree > 3,000 X in gospels

Basis of all modern translations
(NIV, NASB, ESV, HCSB, etc.)

* *Much older MSS of ancient versions can be linked to the Traditional Text. Traditional Text quoted 3-to-1 by Church Fathers.*

Textual Variant in **1 Timothy 3:16**

(oldest MSS are all uncial in style)

ΘEOC = God

In Majority / Traditional / Byzantine Texts

ΘC = "God" (*nomina sacra*)

In Codex Sinaiticus

OC = "who" (*nom, masc, sg*)

Codex Vaticanus does not contain 1 Timothy

Codex Alexandrinus agrees with Majority