

2017 LETTERS REFERENCING
“The Bible: Origin & Transmission”
series

January 2017

The Bible origin series overwhelmed me.

I am a philologist and work with ancient Greek manuscripts.

I had always dismissed the Bible as a credible work of literature.

These lessons convinced me not only of the credibility of the Bible as
a valid work of antiquity but as supernatural.

I am anxious to continue exploring more of these studies.

Copenhagen, Denmark

Very intellectually stimulating Bible origin and transmission studies.

Credibility for the Bible.

Remarkable book

Hong Kong

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The “Bible origin” series of studies stunned me.

I listened with profound attention to each.

I then listened anew as I followed with the documentation
(excellent PowerPoint).

As the teacher calmly, methodically and pleasantly explained the processes
and procedures, then explained the apparatus -

Despite myself I was realizing this is a supernatural book.

Subsequently I listened to every one of the “Life of Jesus”
and trusted in Him as my savior.

As did 6 of my family.

Kiev, Ukraine

February 2017

The Bible origin and transmission series has drawn scholars and laypersons
into a new appreciation and respect for the Bible.

I am aware of 2 presentations with the PowerPoints projected.

I hope I am not being presumptuous but I would ask if you would consider
a presentation in two parts and confine to the New Testament.

Many do not have the opportunity to attend 12 sessions but they would be able
to attend 2. Just to consider.

Thank you for this marvelous work.

Full of the Gospel.

Bonn, Germany

Marvelously intriguing presentations of the Bible origin and transmission.

They have been highly recommended as I travel throughout Europe.

I listened with great reluctance as I am not religious.

I was amazed.

Because I was so impressed I am now listening to the Bible Difficulties.

I am impressed by the straightforward nature of the presentation.

Not dodging issues.

I am beginning to understand something about the nature of the gospel.

Paris, France

I listen to the entire Bible origin and transmission series with great poignancy.

I had the immense privilege of working as a clerk during some of the Committee sessions.

I heard Professor Tatum's name mentioned frequently.

His opinions and insight were highly respected.

It was obvious that he had a close friendship with Professor Metzger
and Cardinal Martini.

I am so happy that their legacy has been renewed.

I am also delighted at the Gospel message in every message

Athens, Greece

April 2017

I know of the speaker - very well in fact.

He could post an extremely impressive background

and could refer to very well-known connections.

He clearly chooses to allow the messages to speak for themselves.

Milano, Italy

June 2017

The Bible origin series is a veritable masterpiece of scholarship and erudition.

The facility of the Greek language is admirable.

I am pleased to refer colleagues.

Athens, Greece

The “Bible origin” series is a masterful work.

The study was so superb that I made the journey from an agnostic to
trusting in Jesus as my savior.

Vienna, Austria

The excellent Bible origin series gave credibility for the Acts lessons

and the superb voyage across the Mediterranean.

New valuable information about Jesus.

Lisbon, Portugal

The Bible origin series is the most valuable contribution
to New Testament scholarship
since the peak of the 2 committees.

The knowledge and pronunciation of the Greek language is astounding.

I am so pleased that this scholarly work is presented
so that laypeople can understand
and, most importantly, every lesson contains the Evangelium.

Athens, Greece

The latest Acts message is the latest in a masterpiece of presentation. {Acts #36}

The presentation of the divinity and humanity of Jesus is
the best I have ever heard.

The knowledge of the Greek language provides the basis for the speaker's understanding
and the impetus of the Holy Spirit empowers the message.

Two formerly humanistic colleagues trusted in Jesus as a direct result of this message.

Sparta, Greece

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July 2017

The Bible origin and transmission series are the first important breakthrough in

New Testament scholarship since the 1980's.

These lessons are the first to successfully explain

the nuances of the Greek NT to laypeople.

And, the scholars I know freely admit that they have learned very much.

The facility in the Greek language and

the ability to read the ancient script based manuscripts

is extremely impressive.

Even more impressive is the inclusion of the Gospel in every lesson.

The series is a masterpiece.

San Donato Milanese, Italy

The masterful Bible origin series led me to this site.

The Acts studies drew me to the Bible.

The Bible drew me to Jesus.

Thank you for saving my life.

Milano, Italy

The excellent Bible origin series I found intriguing several months ago.

I continued to listen with delight.

Upon my third listening I trusted in Jesus as my substitute in death.

Prague, Czechoslovakia

The Bible origin series represents a tangible breakthrough in New Testament scholarship.

Carlo Martini was concerned that their work would not be understood
outside high academic circles.

I know that he knew this teacher

and that he is very happy that this series has been undertaken.

He, I am certain, is even more happy about the inclusion of
the Gospel in every lesson, without fail.

Milano, Italy

Amazing Bible origin studies.

Led me to the Bible and to serious consideration of Jesus.

Bonn, Germany

Superb, sophisticated presentation of the Bible origin and manuscript issues.

The ability to read the ancient Greek manuscripts is impressive
and is possessed by very few.

My acquaintances in the academic community respect this presentation,
and, consequently,

many now respect the Bible and the message of Jesus Christ.

El Agamy, (Alexandria), Egypt

August 2017

The Bible origin series is absolutely phenomenal.

The studies were recommended to me by many, but I shunned them
because of the overtly religious perspective.

The scholarship and presentation are extremely impressive
and I am warming to the spiritual content.

Vienna, Austria

The Bible origin series of studies represent the only contribution
to Greek MS studies in decades.

I am impressed to such a degree that I have begun
to explore the Bible studies on this site.

Cairo, Egypt

September 2017

The Bible origin and transmission series has reverberated throughout academic circles.

Nothing of this importance has been produced since

the work of the parallel committees decades ago.

I know who the speaker is.

He is clearly remaining anonymous deliberately

in order to bring to light the state of New Testament scholarship.

Budapest, Romania

The Bible origin and transmission series is outstanding.

I had followed the work of the Aland / Metzger committees

and had become disheartened that their work could fade into oblivion.

This series has recaptured their scholarly work and rendered it

comprehensible to the layperson.

For me the issue was that I grasped the validity of the New Testament.

More than anything else I grasped the message of the New Testament

and embraced my Messiah Yeshua haNotzri.

Jerusalem, Israel

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The Bible origin series is a monumental contribution
to the study of the New Testament text.

These studies have reinvigorated scholarly appreciation of the work
performed by the giants of the past, notably the last part of the 20th century.

I deduced fairly quickly who the speaker is.

He could have very easily offered some "name dropping"
but he clearly deliberately chose not to.

I appreciate this.

Everything he presented is available to the public through readily accessible sources.

So he intentionally made himself not the issue.

I commend this work and I am amazed at the pushback
from certain teachers who have a vested interest
in the actual Biblical text not being revealed.

I commend these studies also for the simple Gospel message in every study.

Nuremberg, Germany

Thank you for the very stirring presentations of
the Christian holy books which are magnetic.

Mecca, Saudi Arabia

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October 2017

I was initially drawn to this site because of the majestic Bible origin series
which represents unequivocally the most important
New Testament scholarship of this century.

The knowledge of Greek is impressive and exact.

Now additional lessons have been presented with teaching of the bematos.

The presentation is clear and simple and, yet again,
the Greek knowledge is exact and the presentation is absolutely correct.

Anyone who knows Greek will attest that this interpretation of the bematos
is perfectly in line with what the texts say.

Themistocles
Rafina, Greece

There are so many Bible studies available online.

As I listen to these lessons

and as I read the comments

I am struck by the fact that

what is unique about these messages is

that people are actually saved!

London, England

The Bible origin series is the most comprehensive and best presented study of
the New Testament textual restoration.

Nothing like this has been done in the past 30 years.

One measure of the importance of this series is that
now all of a sudden

we have people presenting New Testament manuscript studies
which are attempting in vain
to defend the poor Byzantine manuscripts.

It would be amusing were it not so sad.

Thank you for this scholarly work.

Berlin, Germany

The Bible origin series is a majestic presentation

which presents with irrefutable evidence

that the critical text has established

the original inspired words of Scripture.

As I was listening I recognized the speaker.

He is the one to whom Bruce Metzger was referring as

the only living native speaker of Classical Greek.

Gerhardti
Münster, Germany

Response begins on the next page.

Gerhardi, thank you for your gracious remarks.

The affirmations are most welcome.

Just a note of clarification:

Bruce Metzger was speaking in a hyperbolic manner,

which was totally in keeping with his facetious sense of humor.

We acknowledge the numerous scholars throughout the world

who maintain native Greek fluency and we appreciate

their comments based on their unique perspectives.

Johnny Tatum

November 2017

This professor was known for his fluency in several languages.

The Bible origin series could not have been possible without this proficiency.

The demonstration of the use of the apparatus was contagious.

Would he have any counsel for someone who would like to be able

to navigate through an apparatus with deeper knowledge?

I would like to take some college courses but Greek is not available

and I do not know which, if any, languages, I should consider.

My native language is Portuguese and my English is basically fluent.

I would like to explore these studies in greater linguistic depth.

Any suggestions would be most welcome.

All of the studies are excellent and interesting.

I was led to trust in Jesus as Savior many years ago through this teaching.

Joao
Sao Paolo, Brazil

Joao:

The most efficient investment one can make for language facility is to study linguistics.

In the case of the Greek text and the apparatus, 2 semesters of linguistics would enable one to understand the sense of a given apparatus and to be able to follow the Greek text and understand the main points with the aid of a dictionary.

After 4 semesters of linguistics, one would be able to understand the entire apparatus and to read with some facility the entire Greek text with occasional reference to a dictionary.

In a broader sense, a knowledge of linguistics greatly facilitates the ability to be proficient in any language!

If at all possible, the systematic study of Classical Greek (as opposed to "koine Greek", which is not even a real language), even for one semester would be of enormous benefit.

The best dictionary of which I am aware, and fortunately is available online is the Greek Lexicon - Perseus Digital Library - Tufts University:

(<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/resolveform?redirect=true>)

The definitions provided draw on a database of hundreds of years of Classical Greek literature.

I definitely do not recommend Vine's or Strong's. Both of them take great liberties with the definitions of the words. Both make "implications" about the word meanings. Their implications are normally completely gratuitous and very legalistic.

Johnny Tatum

I have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the Bible origin series,
which is tremendously important in that it provides
the only scholarly presentation of the work performed by
Lachmann, Tischendorf, Westcott & Hort, Nestle, Aland and Metzger.

The history and explanation of the process by which the New Testament autographs
were restored was in danger of being lost until this series appeared.

The presentation is masterful and the knowledge of Greek
including the ability to read the ancient manuscripts,
is most impressive and worthy of respect.

Now I listened to the explanation of the "bemas".
After listening I began to read commentaries so that I could understand the issue.

I am not a theologian by any means. However, I can state unequivocally
that the explanations of what the passages relating to the bema
are exactly correct.

Now I am beginning to listen to the "Life of Jesus" (series)
as He seems to be possibly more than a mere human.

ALL of these are very well done,
which is why I continue to listen.

Kavala, Greece