# 2021-2023

# Letters commenting about the Greek Language on Radical Grace.com



# **January 2021**

These studies are superb.

The knowledge of Greek is extremely impressive and precise.

One would say a native speaker.

Nectarios Trikala, Greece



Excellent Bible studies.

The series concerning the restoration of the Biblical text are veritable masterpieces.

This scholar was a member of the New Testament committees;

in fact he is the only living link to the two groups.

In a sense he is finalizing their work.

Karl Munich, Germany

"The Bible – Origin & Transmission" series

RadicalGrace.com



Excellent study of "Jesus loves me."

{Located in the "Audio Bible Studies" table under "Topical Messages"}

The knowledge of Greek language is very impressive and interesting.

Georgios Nicosia, Cyprus



### **March 2021**

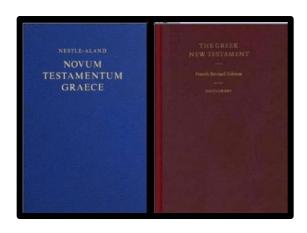
Thank you for delivering the gospel and introducing me to the critical text.

Any news on a translation of that document from Greek to English?

And, if so, any way we can help?

Grace and peace :)

Rob Winnipeg, Canada



#### Hello Rob!

Thank you for all of your encouraging messages over the years.

As for the critical text, the situation is almost unbelievable. All of the work that was expended to discover the original New Testament words -- work that goes back generations and culminating in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century - and yet the restored New Testament has never been translated into any language.

Obviously the good news is that the exact inspired words in the autographs have been recovered for those of us who access the critical text.

I was considering translating the NT critical text into English myself in the 1990's but there was no interest. Bruce Metzger warned me there would not be any but I did not believe him at the time.

One point is that the handouts that are offered with each Radical Grace audio lesson contain corrections based on the critical text (as well as Rahlf's Septuagint for the Old Testament). Combining those handouts would be a start!

Should anything change, we will let you know.

Johnny

# **July 2021**

Excellent treatise on "The Bible Origin" series,

to which I was drawn based on commentaries from Europe 1.

My colleagues are astonished.

The religious perspective is interesting.



Maëlle Geneva, Switzerland

La série sur "L'origine de la Bible" est bouleversante.

Je sais que le professeur parle un excellent français

mais je suis sûre que ce serait un fardeau de traduire en français.

J'apprécie beaucoup vos présentations à la télévision.

Je suis en train d'ouvrir la Bible!

Translation:

The series on "The Origin of the Bible" is overwhelming.

I know the teacher speaks excellent French

but I am sure it would be a burden to translate into French.

I really appreciate your presentations on the television.

I am now opening the Bible!

Eugénie Île-de-France, France



# September 2021

Sur la base des exigences données par Madame Lachowsky,

j'ai écouté toute la série sur les "Origines de la Bible".

Cette série est essentielle pour les chrétiens.

Le professeur Tatum est la seule personne au monde

à connaître ce que les comités ont accompli

en restaurant le texte original du Nouveau Testament.

Je suis en mesure de recommander avec enthousiasme ces études à mes collègues.

#### Translation:

Based on the requirements given by Madame Lachowsky,

I listened to the entire series on the "Origins of the Bible".

This series is essential for Christians.

Professor Tatum is the only person in the world

who is familiar with what the committees accomplished

in restoring the original text of the New Testament.

I am able to enthusiastically recommend these studies to my colleagues.

Félicien Genève, Switzerland



### December 2021

This scholar has made an invaluable contribution to the preservation and appreciation of the restored words of the New Testament.

He is the only living person who was involved with both committees and therefore in a perfect position to preserve their work.

Theodore London, England



The professor is indeed an expert. Bruce Metzger referred to him as "the only living native speaker of classical Greek".

Jerome Berlin, Germany

### Here is a response to a similar letter we received four years ago:

Thank you for your gracious remarks.

*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

# **January 2022**

Superb presentation of the reconstruction of the New Testament texts.

The teacher had contacts with both committees.

I am grateful that he has preserved the work of these scholars.

Tubias München, Germany



"The Bible: Origin & Transmission" series

Every Christian should listen to these studies.

It requires attention because the subject is so complex.

The presentation is provided by an actual member of the committees.

Thank you for the Gospel presentation in every study.

Luka München, Germany

# February 2022

The Bible origin series is a true masterpiece.

This information is available nowhere else,

and the presenter is probably the only person in the world

who has this knowledge and understanding.

Paul Berlin, Germany



### **March 2022**

These studies have changed my life.

The professor has a remarkable understanding of the Greek language.

So his insights into the Bible are perspicacious.

Aristophanes Athens, Greece



### **August 2022**

The media appearances led me to discover the magnificent Bible origin series.

After the second study I realized the identity of the professor.

I appreciate that he has brought to light the activity of the committees

from a perspective that only he would probably have.

There was a towering figure in the late 18th and early 19th century

named Major Howell Tatum.

He was an engineer who spoke several languages and was a Greek scholar.

His ancestors still live in Normandy.

I have to believe that this professor is of the same family.

Gilles Le Havre, France

See the last 2023 letter below that explains the connection with Howell Tatum.

2023 Letters from Listeners begin on the next page



UBS Greek New Testament Committee - 1980

I was delighted to discover the Bible origin series.

It did not take me long to realize who this presenter is.

He played an intrumental role in establishing the Greek New Testament text.

I also came to the relization that he is almost certainly the only person in the world

who has this connection to the committees

and who can provide the world with the understanding

of the discovery of the original words that God breathed.

Goswin München, Germany



"The Bible: Origin & Transmission" series

Robert King, Johnny's linguistics professor, recently went to be with Jesus.

Although he had lived with Alzheimer's disease for years,

he always remembered Johnny and listened to his podcasts with great delight.

He passed along the Bible origin series to his colleagues around the world with pride.

He loved telling people that he taught Johnny all about linguistics.

In fact many times he stated that, over his 40 plus years of teaching,

Johnny was the brightest student he ever had

and that he had learned some things from Johnny.

Sometimes he would laugh and say that it made him mad

at how easily Johnny could speak foreign languages!

He particularly enjoyed visiting with Johnny over a cup of coffee.

I know that Bob would want me to thank you

for the wonderful moments you gave him over the years!

Dinah
Dallas, Texas





I was delighted to discover this website for many reasons.

My ancestors were born into slavery.

They were blessed to be transferred to Major Howell Tatum in Tennessee.

Major Tatum promptly gave them their freedom

and gave them a start to financial independence.

He provided education and training for them.

Many artists, athletes and musicians trace their lineage back to this group who took the name Tatum as their family name.

Regardless of the DNA, many black Americans to this day

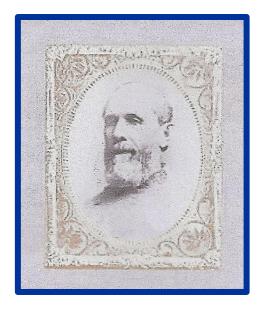
consider Major Tatum as our Grandpa Howell.

Major Tatum was a very powerful Bible teacher.

He was a Greek scholar and taught using the original words of Scripture.

I feel certain that Professor Tatum is following in the footsteps of Grandpa Howell

Marcus Atlanta, Georgia



Major Howell Tatum

a.k.a.

"Grandpa Howell"

