



# Biblical Apologetics

Know Why You Believe

# Lost in Translation



A historical nautical chart on aged, yellowish paper. It features a grid of latitude and longitude lines. Two compass roses are visible: one on the left and one on the right, both with lines radiating from their centers. The chart includes various markings, including small circles, lines, and some faint text or symbols. The overall appearance is that of an old, well-used navigational tool.

# Apologia

A “Ready Defense”

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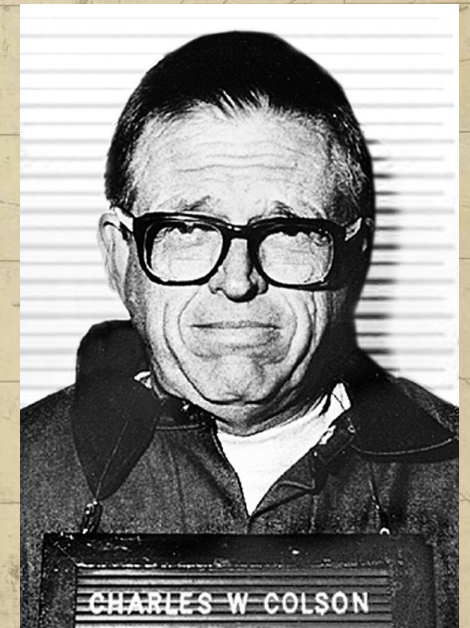
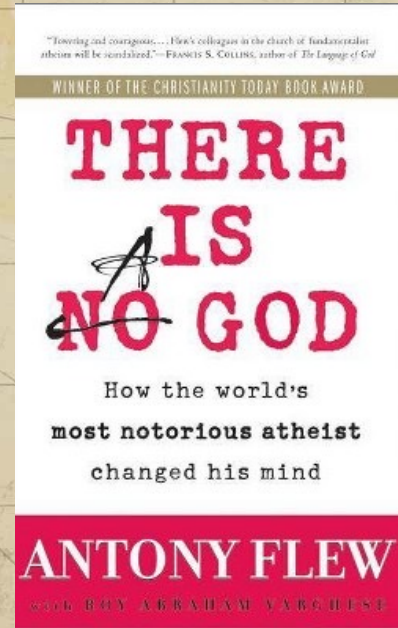
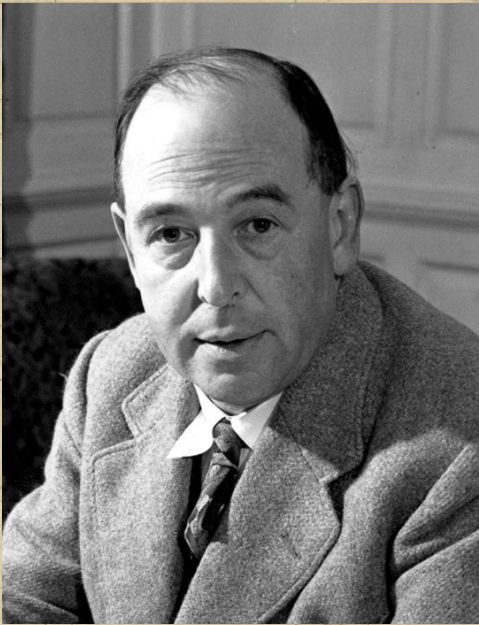
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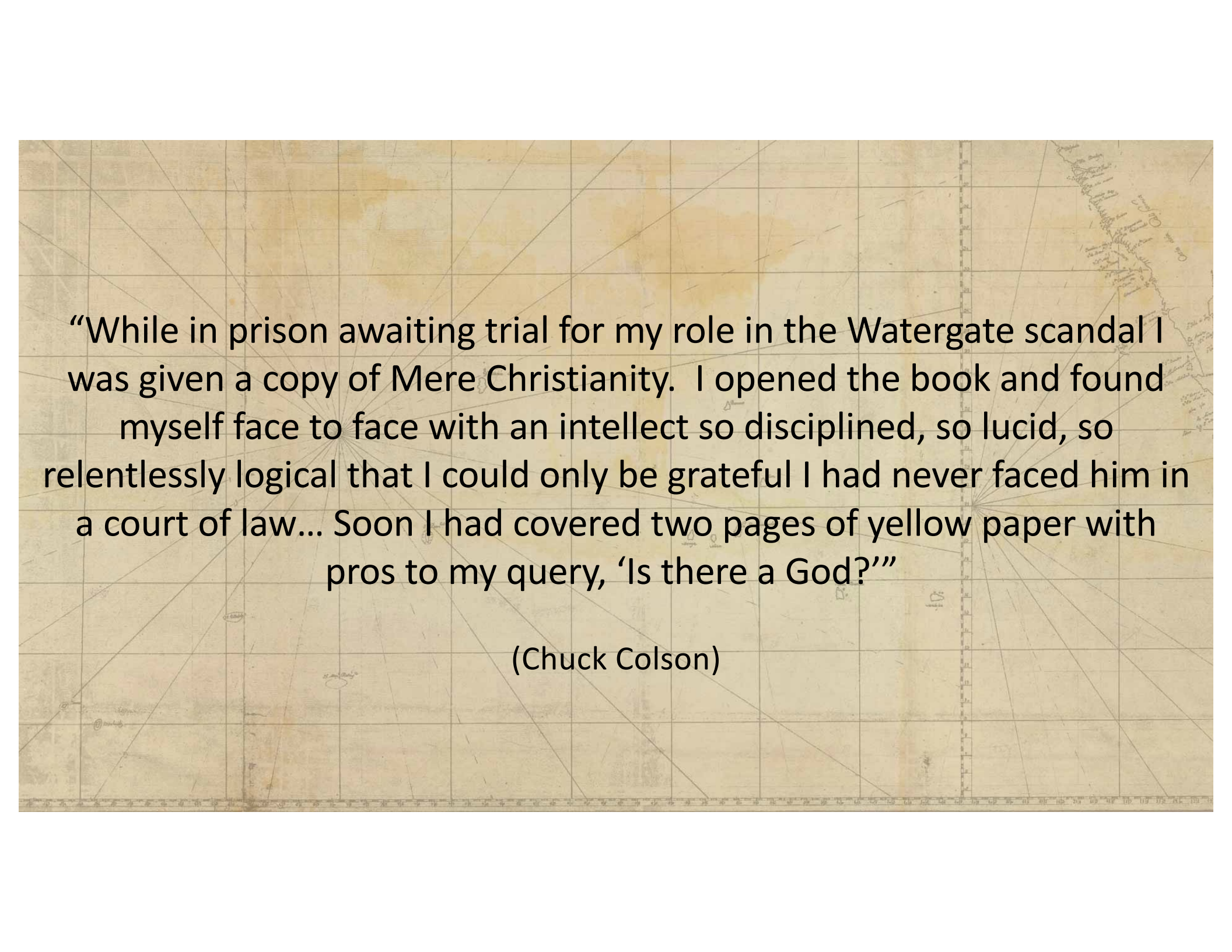
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# Why Study Apologetics?

Apologetics is a tool that God uses to foster **SALVATION DECISIONS**





“While in prison awaiting trial for my role in the Watergate scandal I was given a copy of Mere Christianity. I opened the book and found myself face to face with an intellect so disciplined, so lucid, so relentlessly logical that I could only be grateful I had never faced him in a court of law... Soon I had covered two pages of yellow paper with pros to my query, ‘Is there a God?’”

(Chuck Colson)

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Apologetics can **weaken** an unbelievers **confidence** in their **world view**



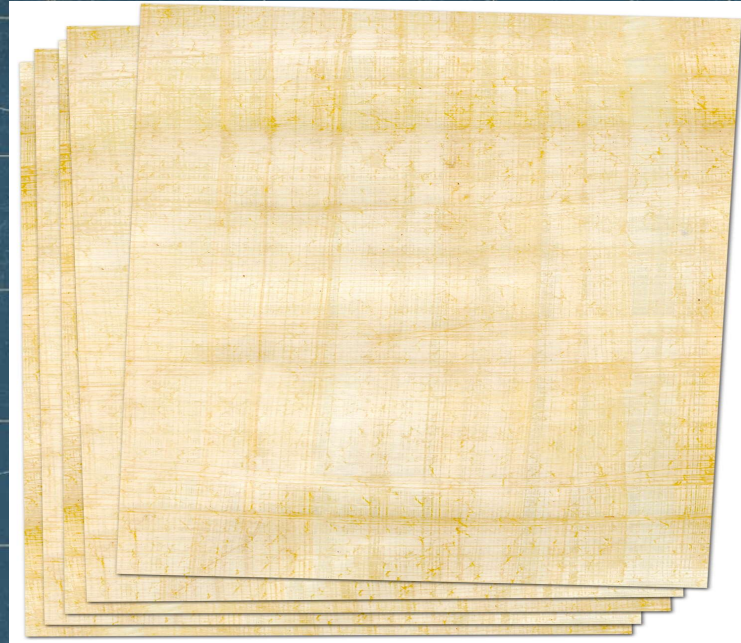
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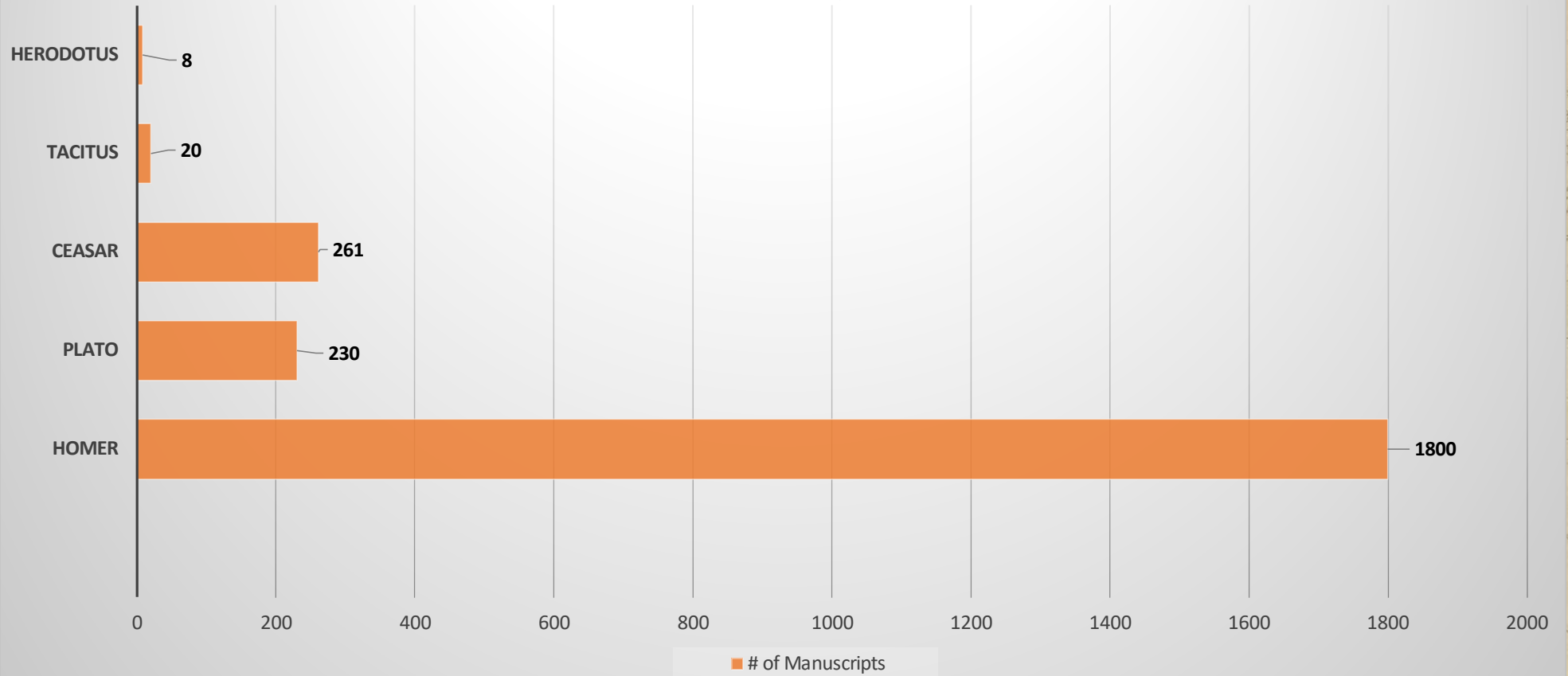
***Strengthen  
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We no longer have the originals

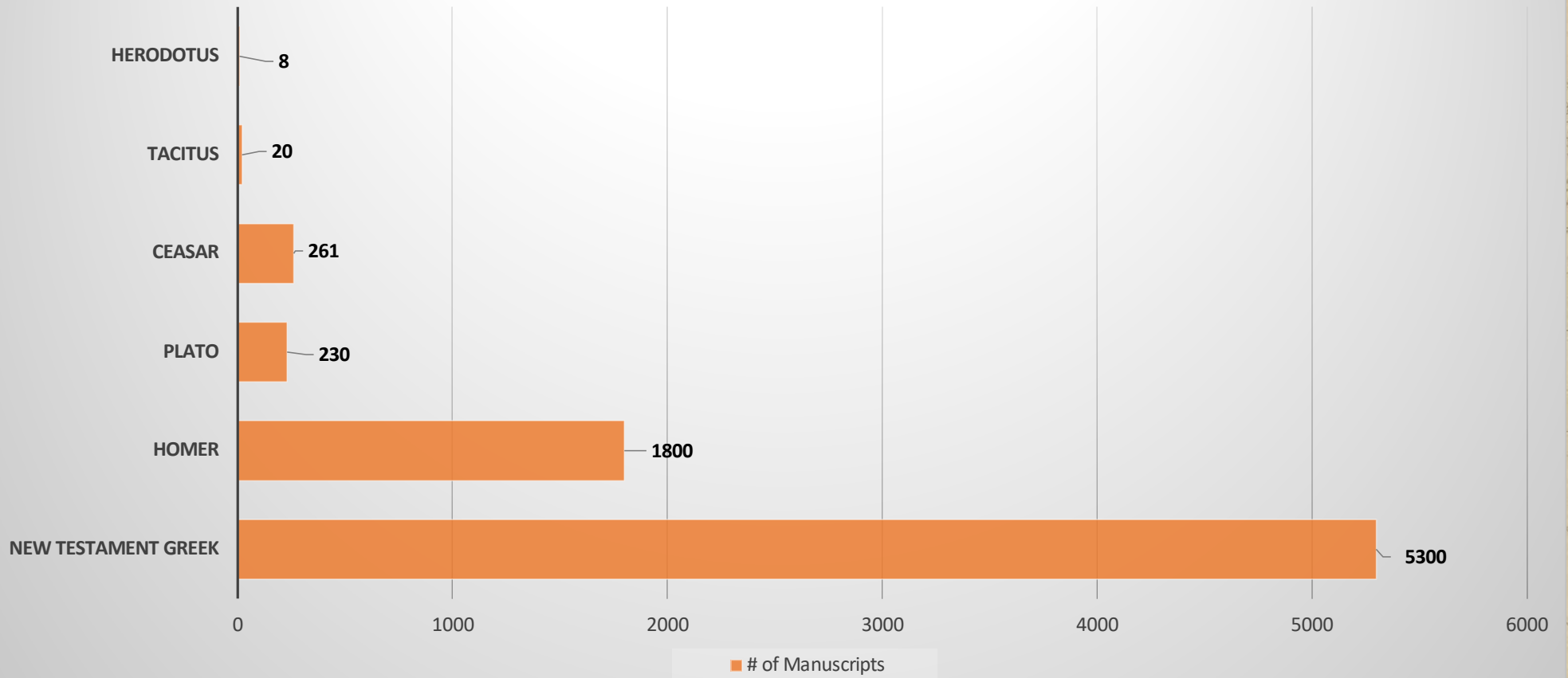


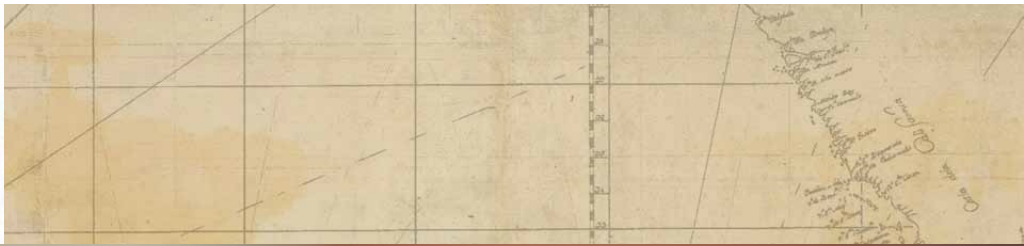
Question : Will the absence of the originals prevent us from knowing what the autographs said?

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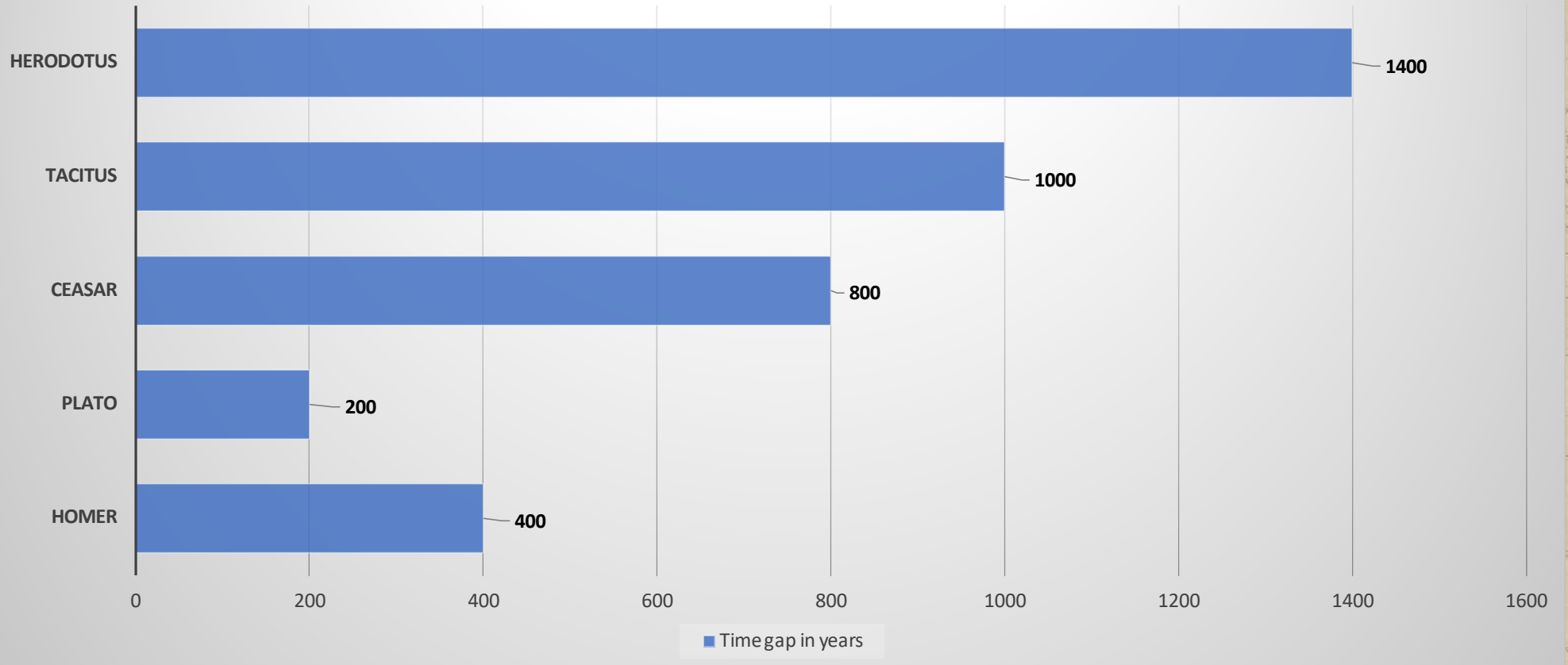
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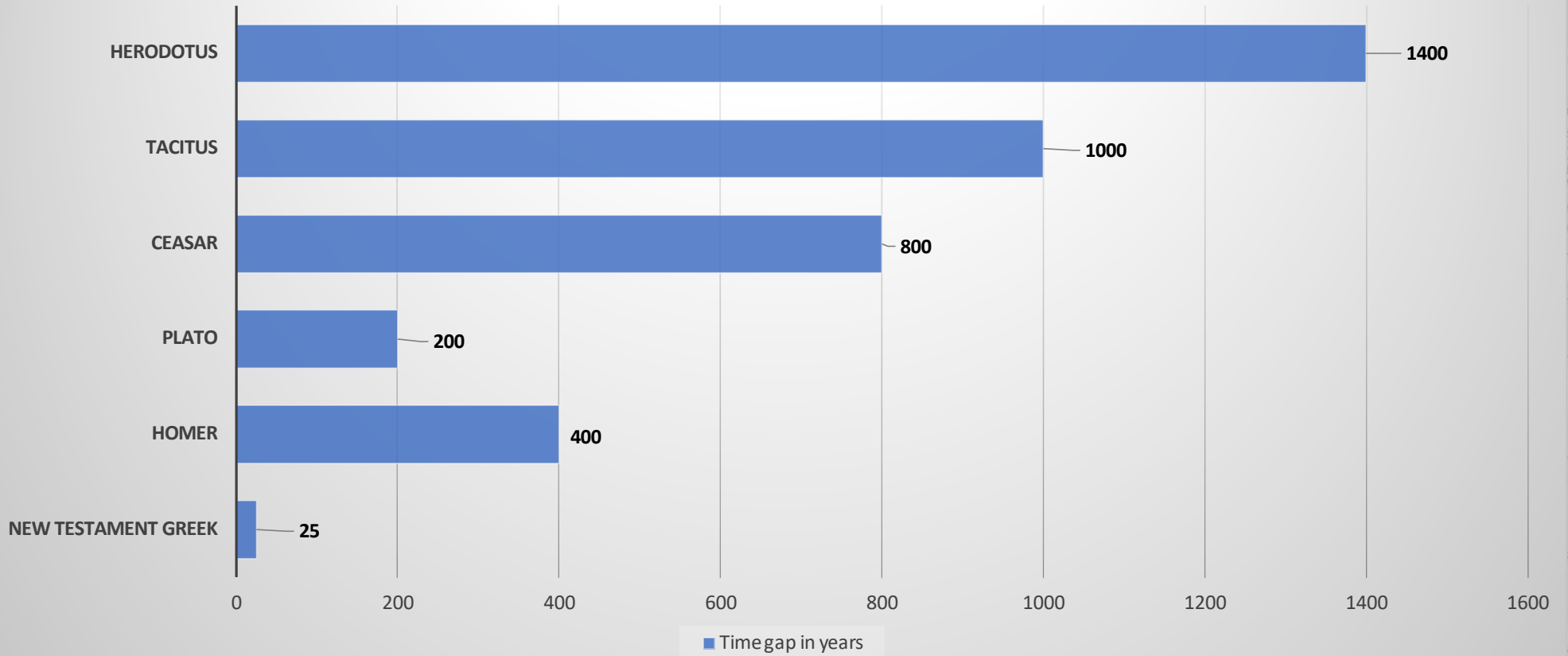




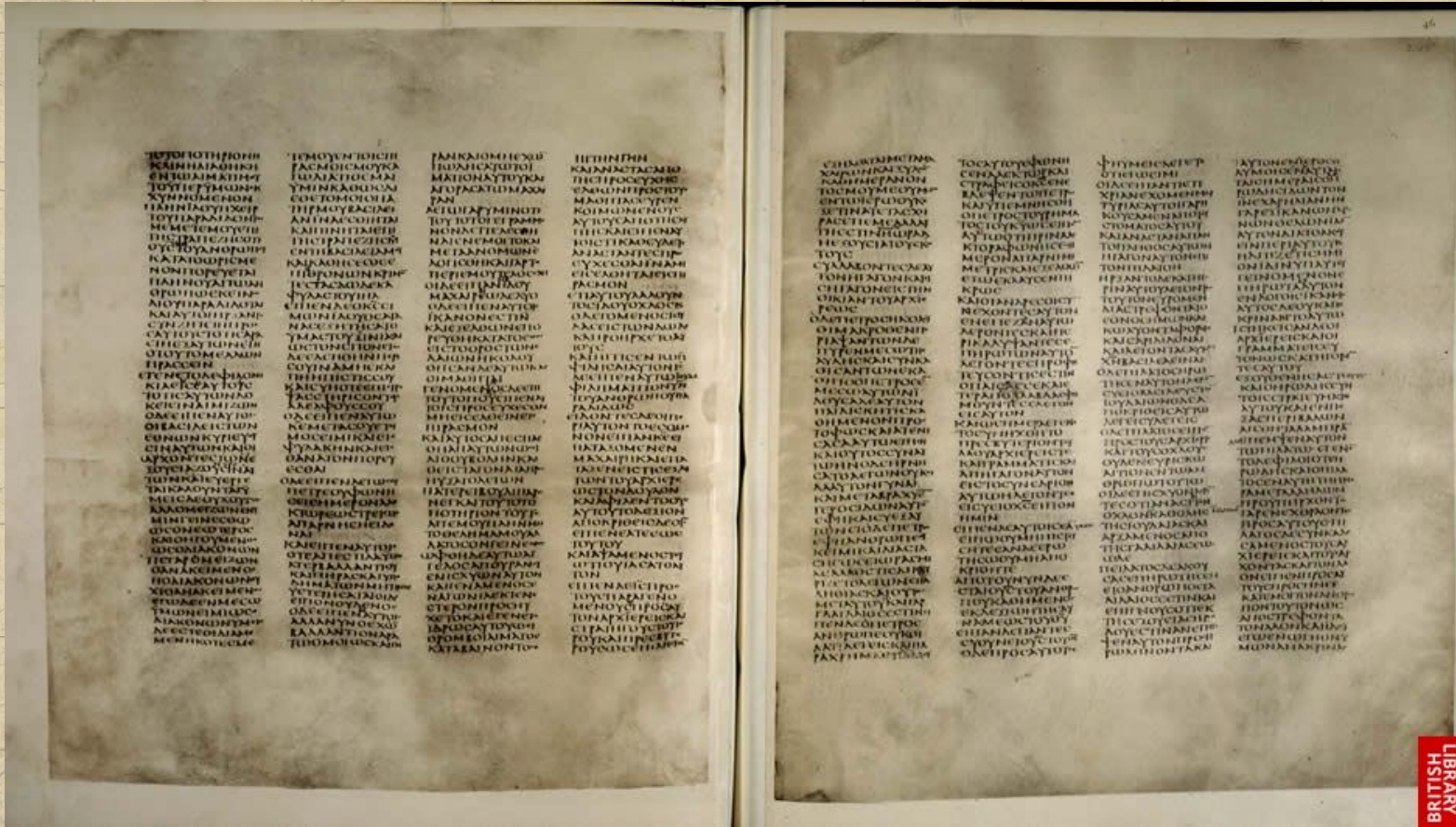
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# Codex Sinaiticus



Discovered in St Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mt Sinai in 1859.

The manuscript was found in the monastery dump.

The manuscript dates to 330 AD

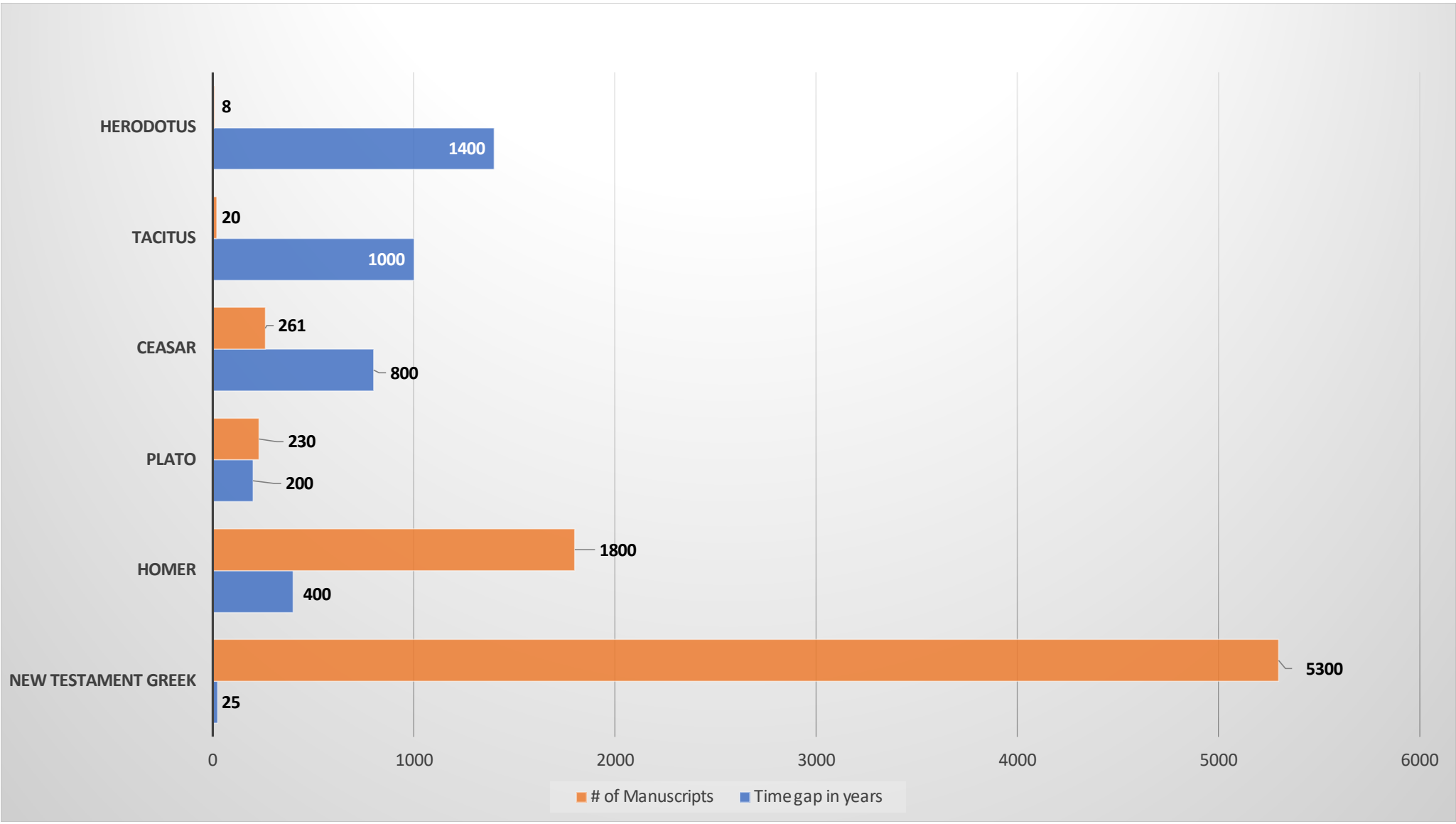
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# The John Rylands Papyrus

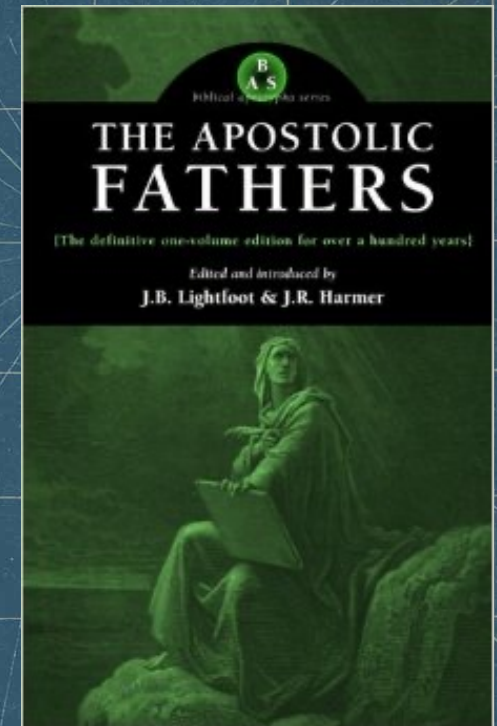
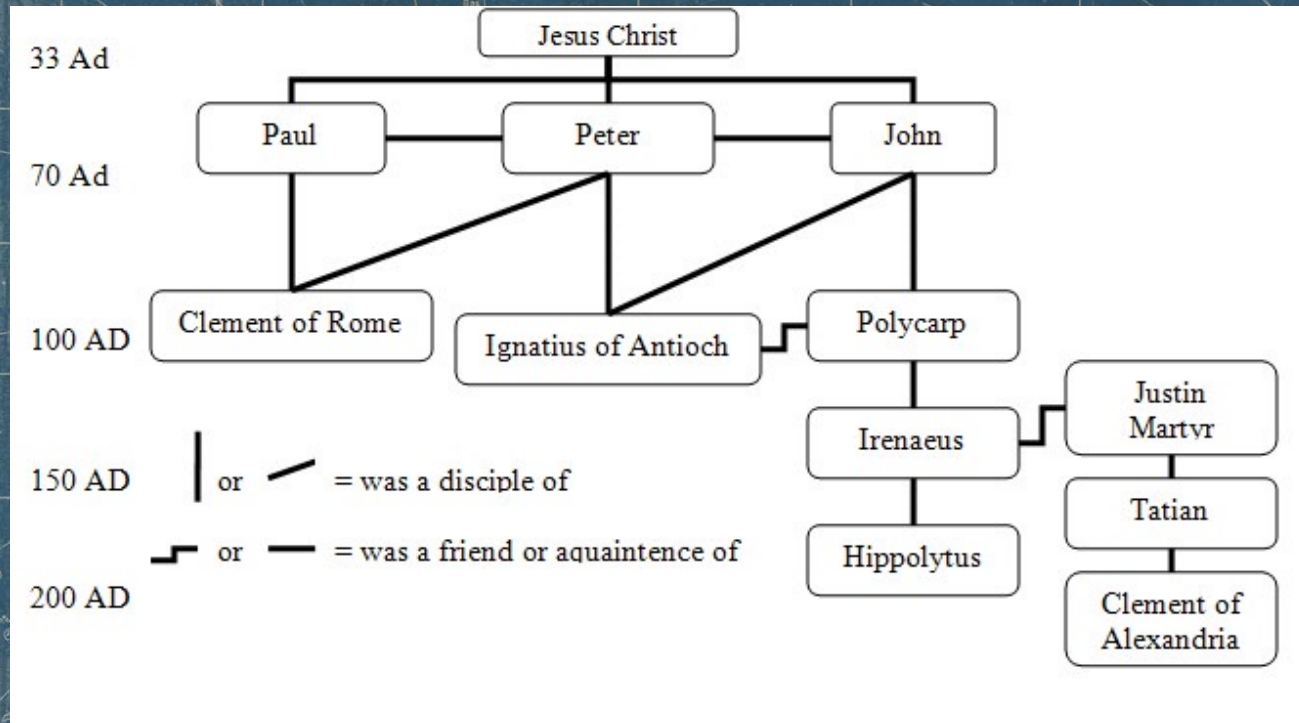


**Found in Egypt**  
A section of John 18  
(verses 31-33 and 37-38)

**Dated to 117 AD**



# Early Christian Literature



36,289 Direct Quotations from the NT!



# In Summary

The Bible in your hand today is **NOT** passed down through a game like 'telephone'. It is a direct translation of the original Greek text from which we have vastly more manuscript copies and closer dating to the originals than any other document from antiquity **BY FAR.**

# Next Week : Has God Spoken?

