

Can we Trust the Text of the Bible?

Exhibition and presentations by Dr Trevor R Allin

Session 2: Codex Sinaiticus

Handout 3: More Conspiracy Theories

An extremely small number of people aggressively promote conspiracy theories about Codex Sinaiticus and often against the other major codices, in their defence of the “King James Version” of the Bible and the so-called “Textus Receptus” Greek text of the New Testaments.

Their claims lack any basis in fact, but by hiding inconvenient information and by creating some quite fantastical theories, they succeed in persuading some people.

They have self-published a few books and numerous videos on YouTube.

As a start to seeing how false these conspiracy theories are, I recommend in the first instance the following two book reviews, which also provide further links to other key publications, including J.K. Elliott’s important “Codex Sinaiticus and the Simonides Affair”.

Review of Bill Cooper’s “The Forging of Codex Sinaiticus”, here:

https://livingwater-spain.com/Cooper_Review.pdf

A review of Jack A Moorman’s “Was Codex Sinaiticus Written In 1840!”, here:

https://livingwater-spain.com/Moorman_Review.pdf

For more detailed accounts of the relevant information, the following on-line articles are most informative:

CRITICAL REVIEWS OF THE 19TH CENTURY FORGERY THEORY "New Evidence on the Question of Whether or not Codex Sinaiticus is a 19th-century fake" by Elijah Hixson

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/6it6k7i9j7xohzt/Hixson--New%20Evidence%20on%20Is%20Codex%20Sinaiticus%20A%20Fake.pdf?dl=0>

Unpublished Book Review of David W. Daniels, "Is the World's Oldest Bible A Fake?" by Elijah Hixson

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/qhjcllynyt4yyud/Hixson--Unpublished%20Review%20of%20David%20W.%20Daniels.pdf?dl=0>

IS DAVID W. DANIELS’ “CODEX SINAITICUS EVIDENCE” A FAKE? by Kevin McGrane

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/21qe61ryne81tx6/McGrane--Is%20David%20W.%20Daniel%20Codex%20Sinaitucs%20Evidence%20a%20Fake.pdf?dl=0>

A REVIEW OF THE FORGING OF CODEX SINAITICUS BY DR W. R. COOPER AGAINST DETAILED BACKGROUND OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE CODEX BY KEVIN MCGRANE

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vwxqhmjeymltyha/McGrane--A%20Review%20of%20The%20Forging%20of%20Codex%20Sinaiti.pdf?dl=0>

Grace Life Bible Church: “Codex Sinaiticus Research Update: I have Changed My Mind”

Uploaded by Pastor Bryan Ross, 10th September 2021: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWD7TCxiAy8>

Ross promotes the King James Version of the Bible and uploaded a series of videos supporting the conspiracy theories about Codex Sinaiticus, but in September 2021 he concluded that all of the conspiracy theories were false, misrepresented information and went against undisputed facts.

With some of the above extremely long web links, a simple internet search for the authors’ names (Elijah Hixson and Kevin McGrane), possibly with the article title, is likely to bring up the articles, which at the time of preparing this handout can be downloaded in pdf format.

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