

## Manuscript evidence for superior New Testament reliability

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Table 1

<b>Author</b>	<b>Date Written</b>	<b>Earliest Copy</b>	<b>Approximate Time Span between original &amp; copy</b>	<b>Number of Copies</b>	<b>Accuracy of Copies</b>
<b>Lucretius</b>	died 55 or 53 B.C.		1,100 yrs	2	
<b>Pliny</b>	A.D. 61-113	A.D. 850	750 yrs	7	
<b>Plato</b>	427-347 B.C.	A.D. 900	1,200 yrs	7	
<b>Demosthenes</b>	4th Cent. B.C.	A.D. 1100	800 yrs	8	
<b>Herodotus</b>	480-425 B.C.	A.D. 900	1,300 yrs	8	
<b>Suetonius</b>	A.D. 75-160	A.D. 950	800 yrs	8	
<b>Thucydides</b>	460-400 B.C.	A.D. 900	1,300 yrs	8	
<b>Euripides</b>	480-406 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1,300 yrs	9	
<b>Aristophanes</b>	450-385 B.C.	A.D. 900	1,200 yrs	10	
<b>Caesar</b>	100-44 B.C.	A.D. 900	1,000 yrs	10	
<b>Livy</b>	59 BC-AD 17	----	???	20	
<b>Tacitus</b>	circa A.D. 100	A.D. 1100	1,000 yrs	20	
<b>Aristotle</b>	384-322 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1,400 yrs	49	
<b>Sophocles</b>	496-406 B.C.	A.D. 1000	1,400 yrs	193	
<b>Homer (Iliad)</b>	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643	95%
<b>New Testament</b>	1st Cent. A.D. (A.D. 50-100)	2nd Cent. A.D. (c. A.D. 130 f.)	less than 100 years	5600	99.5%