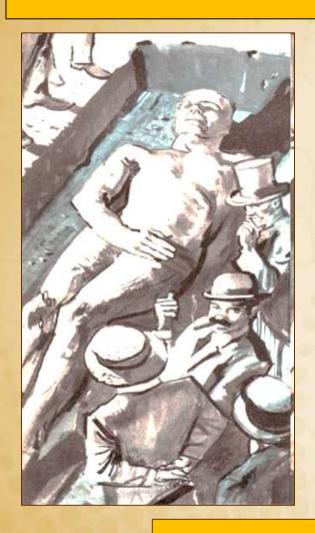
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A "Petrified man"
An Emily Dickenson Poem
The "Piltdown Man"

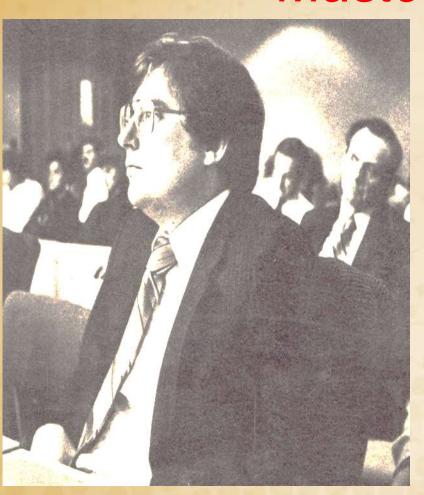
The "Petrified Man"



- 1868 George Hull paid \$2600 to stone masons.
- "The Cardiff Giant."

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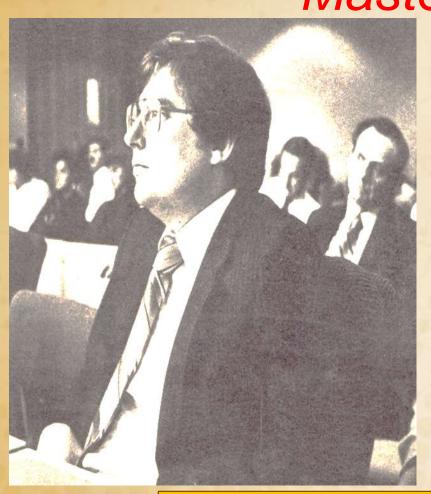
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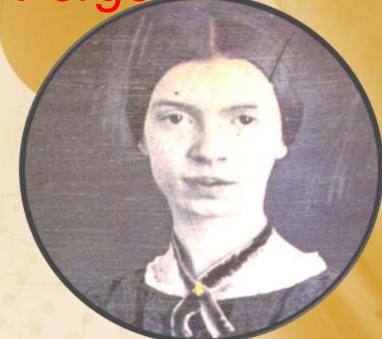


- Successfully duped:
 - FBI, Library of Congress,AntiquarianSociety
 - -LDS church!

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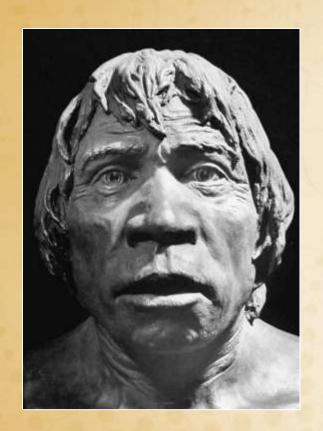
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Emily Dickenson 1830-1886

THE PILTDOWN MAN "HOMO-ERECTUS"



- > 1912 in Piltdown, England.
- Found the long sought after "missing link!"
- Charles Dawson amateur archaeologist.

THE PILTDOWN MAN "HOMO-ERECTUS"





- ➤ Human like "thick" skull.
- >A jaw bone and two teeth.
- > Primitive stone tools.

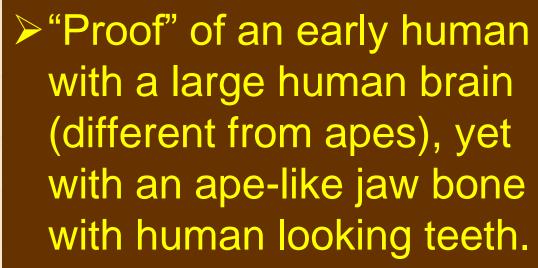


500,000 years old!

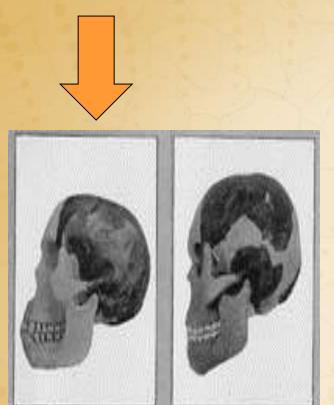
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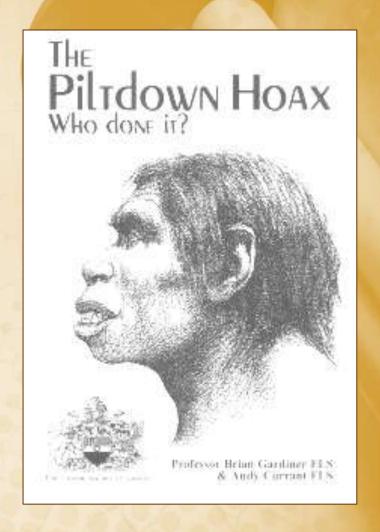


Supposed "scientific proof" touted for 40 years in text books/scientific community.



The Greatest Hoax in the History of Science?

"Sophisticated fraud of shocking proportions."



What do these three things have in common?

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The Piltdown Man"

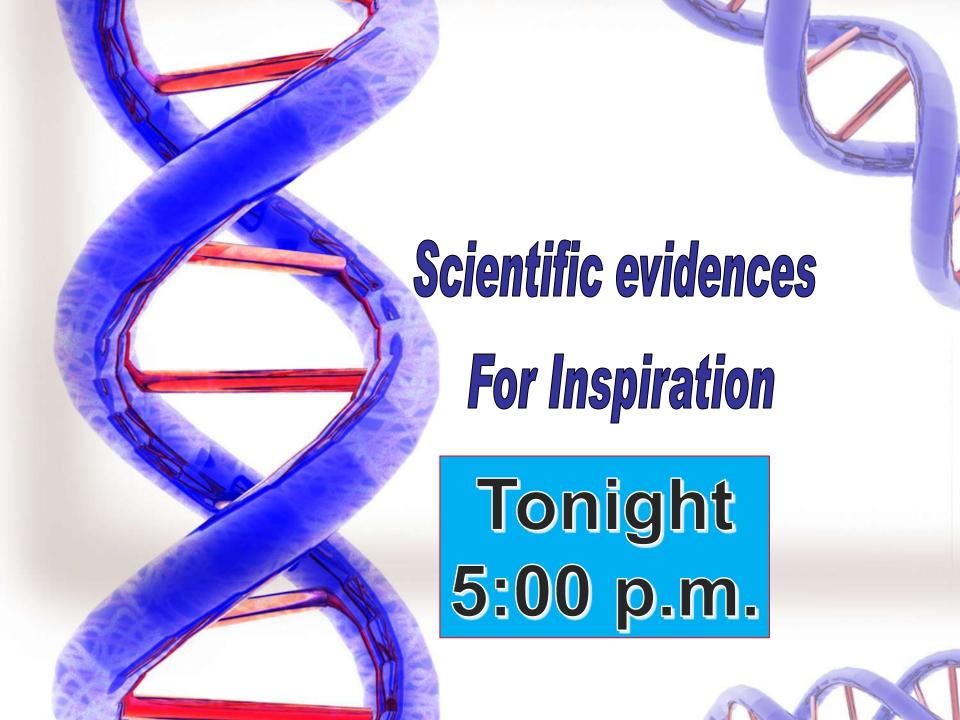


Welcome from the Kirkland church family!

"Born to belong to each other"



September 21, 2014





FOREVER THANKFUL



Ps 103

WHO HE IS (vs 1)
WHAT HE DOES (Vs 2-18)
WHERE HE DWELLS (Vs 19-22)

Sunday am Nov 23

Current Sermon Series:

Surviving the Storms Within

Depression
Guilt Grief
Forgiveness Loneliness
Worry Anger

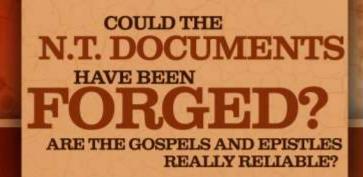


Fire Prevention for Blazing Christians

Eph 4:26
BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN;

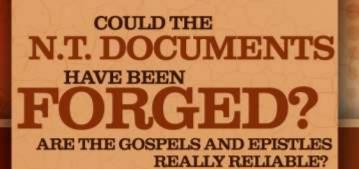
Sunday am Nov 30





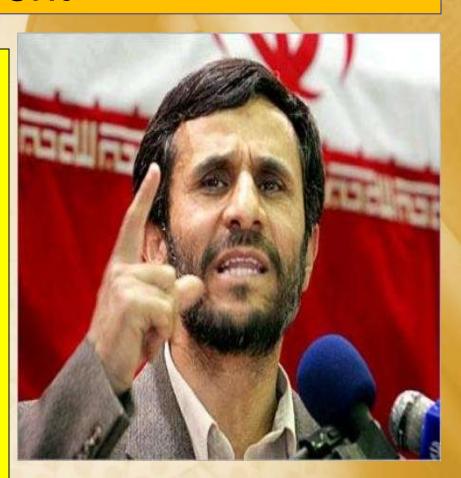
Letter to the Editor

"The idea that you must believe in Jesus or be lost never appeared in the Bible until between 780-800 AD. It is the best known forgery in the New Testament."

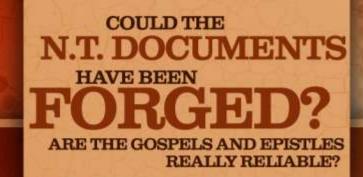


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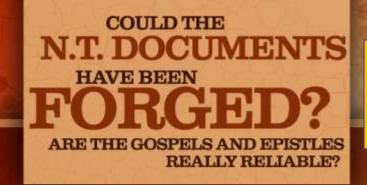
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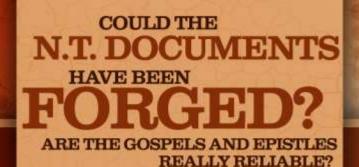
Mahmoud Ahmadinejad



- The N.T. is filled with verifiable facts!
 - –Acts 2:23ff You killed Him but God raised Him up!
 - –I Cor 15 More than 500 Witnesses at once!
 - 41 hours of testimony at 5 minutes a piece!



- The NT is filled with "eye witness" testimony.
 - 1 Jn 1:1 "We have heard, <u>seen with our eyes</u>, looked upon, and our hands handled…"
- How does this compare with reported eye witness testimonies of other manuscripts?

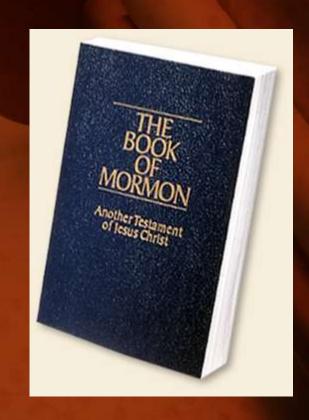


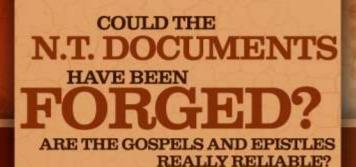
The Book of Mormon

Oliver Cowdery & David Whitmer & Martin Harris.

All three witnesses:

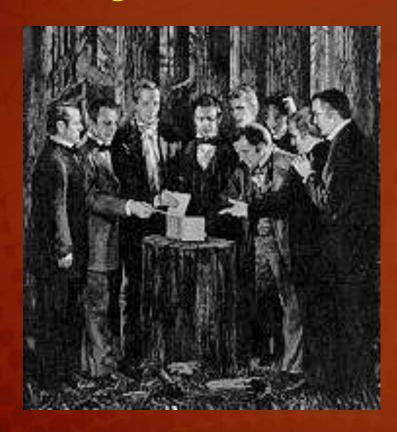
- Recanted.
- Excommunicated.
- Questionable character and stability

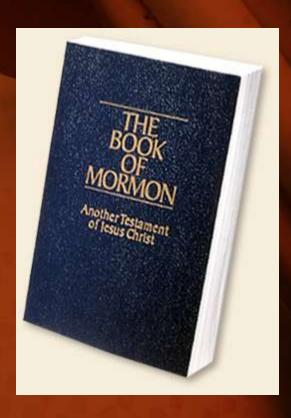


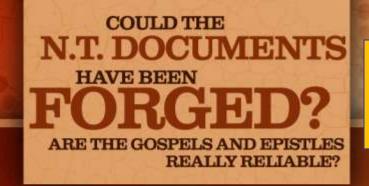


The Book of Mormon

The Eight Witnesses:





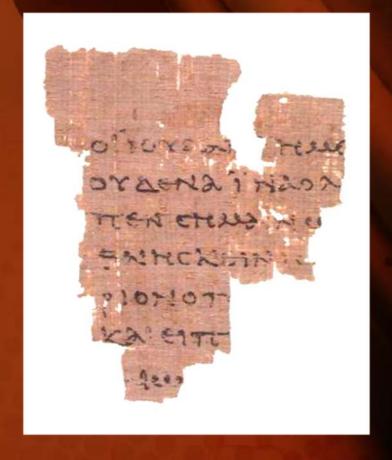


- In contrast, the NT has solid reliable eye witness testimony behind it.
- Plus, there is strong manuscript evidence to demonstrate its early date!

COULD THE
N.T. DOCUMENTS
HAVE BEEN
FORGED?
ARE THE GOSPELS AND EPISTLES
REALLY RELIABLE?

John Rylands Fragment John 18

- Ranks as the earliest known fragment of the New Testament
- 105-120 AD



The Gospel Of John

Rylands Library Papyrus P52





The Gospel Of John

Rylands Library Papyrus P52

GREEK TEXT

Recto: John 18:31-33
(Readable as Greek if "SYMBOL" font is installed)

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Letters in red are visible on the fragment; letters in black are reconstructed

Therefore Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Judeans said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death he would die. Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Judeans?"

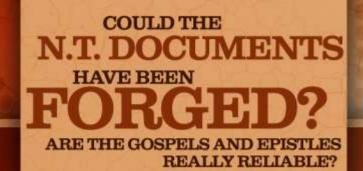
GREEK TEXT

Verso: John 18:37-38

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Therefore Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into society: to witness to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth hears my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Judeans again, and he told them, "I find no crime in him."



How do they compare?

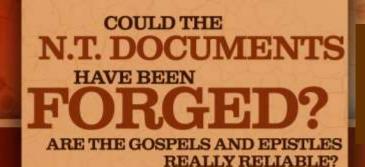
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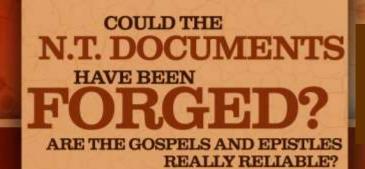
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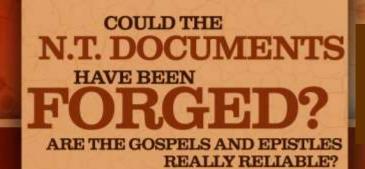
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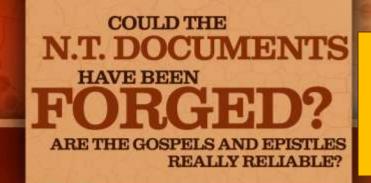
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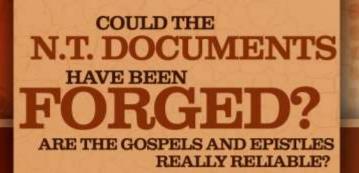


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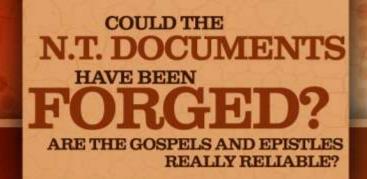


Sir Frederic Kenyon "The Bible and Archeology" pg 288.

"The interval between the dates of original composition and the earliest extant evidence has become so small as to be in fact negligible. Both the authenticity and the general integrity of the NT books may be regarded as finally established."

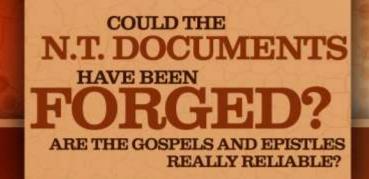


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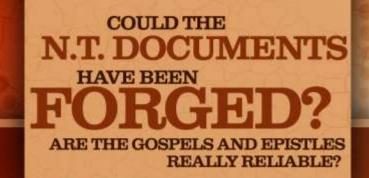
- Details change over time, easy to get mixed up and hard to keep straight.
 - -Greek coin forgeries dated 310 BC.
 - -The devil is in the details!
- Wise to avoid names, places, etc.



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Bible = DETAILS, DETAILS!

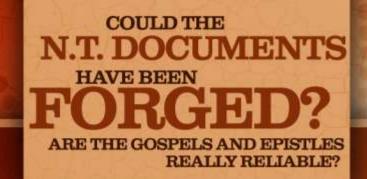
- –Jn 5:2 "Five porches in temple."
- -John references 10 small cities not found in the synoptic gospels.
- -Lk 3:1 ff Annas and Caiaphas



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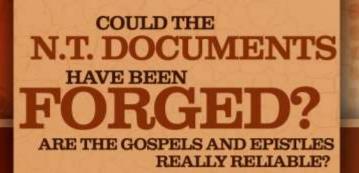
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-Acts 18:12 "Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, when the Jews with one accord arose against Paul and brought him to the judgment seat."



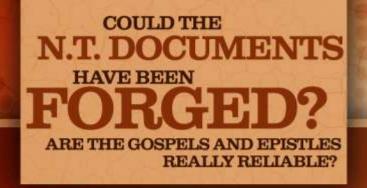
Have to be a vast conspiracy!

- Must have been a huge Group Effort!
 - Unified in teaching, thought, doctrine.
 - -Maintain secrecy. How likely?
- What would be the motive?
 - Received ridicule, poverty, death!
- Does it make sense?
 - The world's highest moral code was authored by a bunch of charlatans?



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"The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever" (I Peter 1: 22-25).