



The Primitive Texts of the Gospels and Acts

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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.New Testament textual critics are accustomed to accept it as a rule that the shorter of two competing readings is more likely to be the true one. This rests on the assumption that the change which produced the variance of reading in different manuscripts was editorial, not accidental. Accident may omit; an addition is usually the result of deliberate alteration. A classical philologist, however, like the Corpus Professor of Latin at Oxford who writes this book, is more familiar with accident than intention as the cause of corruption in ancient texts, and therefore brings a fresh eye to these New Testament questions. Taking accident as a more important element than Westcott and Hort, or most modern critics, have believed, Professor Clark holds that many of the readings of Codex Bezae and the Western Text (which are often longer than those of the Vatican and Sinaitic codices) are probably original. His argument is (1) that, as the papyri show, books in the early centuries were frequently written in narrow columns of ten to twelve letters; (2) that both the...



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