

# Challenge

*Do We need a New NT?*



**Rationale**

Just a thought.

Something deep to think about.

I'm not demanding that a new NT be put together.

It's time we all questioned absolutely everything we know.

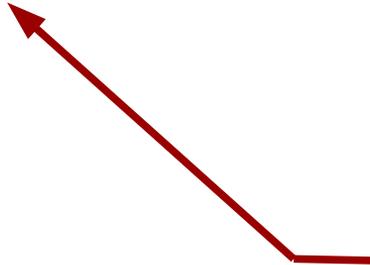
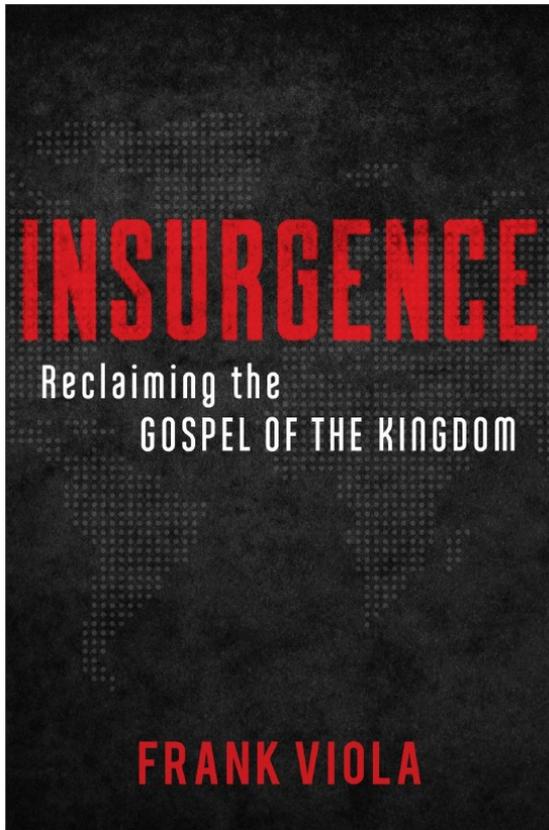
This is what the Trinity is wanting now, more than ever.

Myself, I've been questioning everything since the 1980s.

The followers of Jesus turned the world upside down in the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

They were insurgents in the world system of their day.

This is what the Kingdom does – it's impacting.



**Do you  
remember this?**

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In this new era of the Kingdom, we need to be reprogrammed of anything that doesn't align with Heaven.

We won't be able to align with the Trinity and go where they're taking us while we refuse to listen to them and to change what we believe.

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The Jewish leaders of Jesus' day wouldn't change their mind and move into the spiritual Kingdom that he reinstated.

They missed out because they rejected something that went against their firmly established belief system.



**Analysis**

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My question, 'Do We Need a New NT?', is one we should ask, knowing that we are sons, not Christians.

We must challenge the *status quo* that exists anywhere and everywhere.

Remember this? – Unless something has been instigated by the Trinity and overseen to its completion, it doesn't belong in the Kingdom.

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This is especially the case now that our King is shaking the foundations of both the world system and the church system.

Everything that can be shaken is being shaken.

He started this in the previous decade – it's now escalating.

The purpose is to shake us loose from what's irrelevant, and at the same time, establish his Kingdom as supreme in our hearts and minds.

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The shaking is also sifting us to find out where our heart is.

Is our allegiance to him and his Kingdom?

Or is it to the church system and its religion, or the world system?

Keep an eye on what happens in this  
new decade

**In the meantime, back to my question**

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I've written numerous times that we only have a skerrick amount of the documents that were written by the apostles of the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

I've also written before, that the church from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century onwards was a religion. It became dominated by the Roman Catholic institution from then on.

So why should we accept *fait accompli* that the NT we have is all that we should've had in the compilation?

**Let's look at what one  
scholar has written about  
this question**

# The Essay

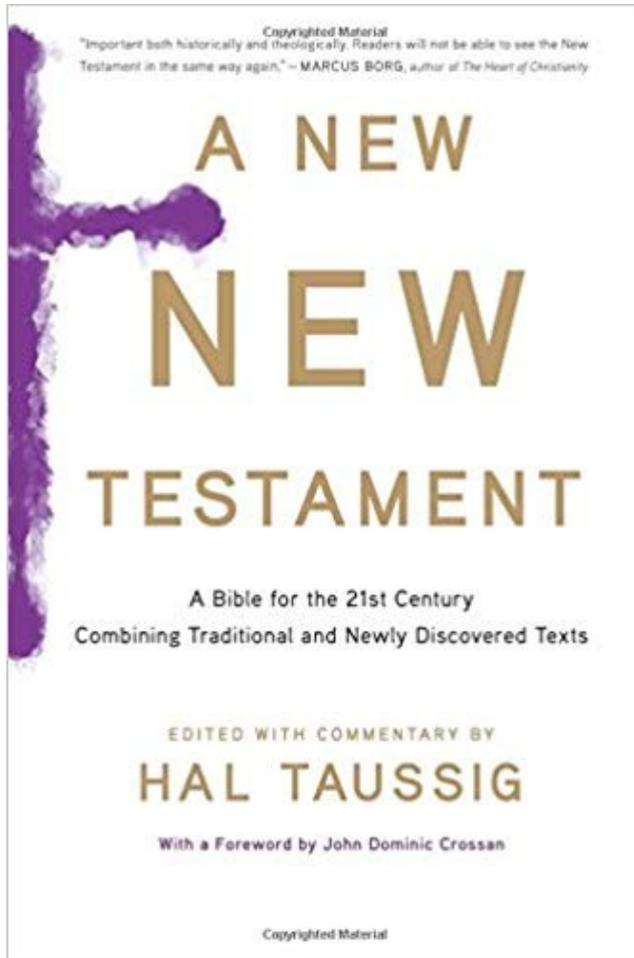
## “A New New Testament?”

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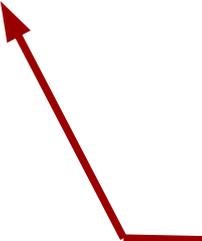
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“Shaped by events and decisions in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, the writings that make up the New Testament reflect the literature of only one faction of early Christianity. It’s the literature of the specific Christian community favored by the Roman Emperors Constantine and Theodosius, a group Bart Ehrman refers to as the “Proto-Orthodox”. Out of the many Christian faith communities – and many non-Christian religions as well – these emperors endorsed one faction. It was the leaders of this group that created our present New Testament. Naturally, they weighted their authoritative scriptures with the writings they preferred. So it is biased in the sense that it ignores the writings of many other early Christian groups, promoting only one view of the faith. It is also biased in another sense: the New Testament itself reflects 4<sup>th</sup> century thinking. It reflects debates in that era that came to view Jesus as divine, Mary as special and Paul as the pre-eminent apostle – all highly contested views within early Christianity.”

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“The New Testament privileges Paul’s theology. Of the twenty seven books that make up the New Testament, fourteen are writings either by Paul or attributed to Paul. In addition, the large Book of Acts focuses primarily on the doings of Paul. So fifteen out of twenty seven writings – more than 50% – are devoted to Paul’s perspective. In that sense the New Testament is bloated, top-heavy with Pauline Christian theology. This was to be expected, for the segment of early Christianity that the Roman emperors favored were Pauline Christians. The New Testament thus excludes other ways of understanding Jesus, his message and significance. Some Christian communities focused more than Paul did on Jesus’ life and teachings. Surprisingly, they attributed little if any import to his suffering, death and resurrection. →

→ Their focus was on the promised Kingdom of God and they looked forward to its eventual manifestation on Earth. So thought Jesus' first followers in Jerusalem, the "Jesus Movement" under James. They also thought of him as human."



**WOW.**  
**That's important**

### The New Testament that we have:

- “obscures the Jesus of history
- hides his disciples
- ignores Jesus’ influential brother (James)
- downplays the role of Mary Magdalene while enhancing the role of Mary Jesus’ mother
- blames the Jews for the execution of Jesus rather than the Romans
- obscures the fact that there were many more early writings than just the ones found in the New Testament. ”

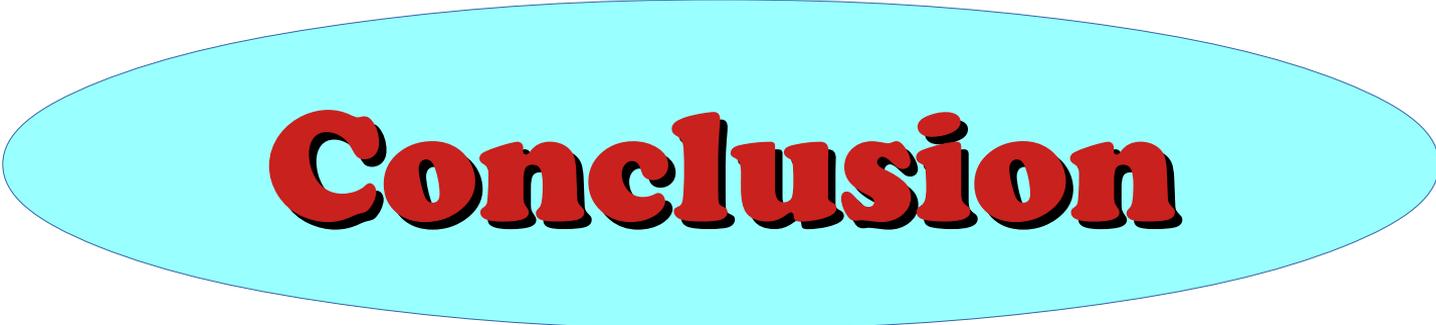
“In their zeal to go beyond the constraints of tradition, the Protestant Reformers landed upon the Bible as the foundation of faith, especially the New Testament and the writings of Paul. The problem, however, is that the Reformers didn’t go far enough. They didn’t reach 1<sup>st</sup> Century bedrock, just the 4<sup>th</sup> Century.”

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**Conclusion**

Our NT is a product of Roman Catholicism.

It's not a complete reflection of what Holy Spirit would have wanted, based on what he revealed in the 1<sup>st</sup> century.



**Post Note**

My question was actually a mute question.

We don't need a NT which reflects the full revelation given to all the apostles in the 1<sup>st</sup> century.

Why?

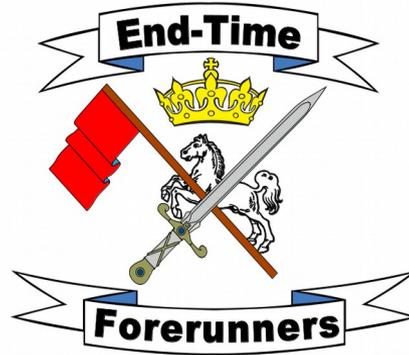
Because we have access through the Spirit to **ALL** the knowledge that there is to know. We just have to connect and take it in.

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So, in reality, the NT, like the Law originally was, is just a tutor to get us ready for operating maturely as sons through our spirit-to-Spirit connection with the Trinity.

That's Kingdom functionality.

See Galatians 3:24 (AMP)



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