



# Endorsements



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I welcome the plans of the Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts (CSNTM) to take digital photographs of all the surviving New Testament manuscripts in Greek and other ancient languages. This very ambitious undertaking will provide internet access to an enormous number of photographs. In due course an invaluable research tool will be available free of charge. Distinguished experts as well as students at all levels will benefit from this bold undertaking.

At present only a small percentage of manuscripts of the New Testament are available in photographs or on microfilms. Almost without exception the quality is inferior. Digital photographs taken with the highest quality cameras will be an enormous step forward, as will the ready availability of every page of every manuscript! So I welcome this initiative wholeheartedly.

Graham Stanton  
Emeritus Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity  
University of Cambridge



Any manuscript transcription that has been based on microfilm images and not more recent high definition color images is going to contain mistakes. Therefore, it is vitally important that the future work of New Testament textual critics be based as much as possible upon more recent imaging standards and the resources they produce. In this light, the work of CSNTM in both creating new sets of high definition color images of biblical manuscripts as well as so generously providing these for all interested researchers is of the greatest importance to better understanding the transmission and history of the biblical text.

Kent Clarke, PhD  
Brooke Foss Westcott Professor in New Testament  
Textual Criticism  
Trinity Western University  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
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Professor Daniel Wallace has been well known and respected internationally for decades because of his meticulous scholarship in the field of Greek New Testament textual criticism. The Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts, of which he is its executive director, is a worthwhile and valuable institution that merits strong financial support and backing. The work already achieved by the Center is impressive and its future plans are viable and important. The aim to publicise the results of its work via the internet is a welcome move to enable a wider scholarly community to benefit from the often pioneering work Wallace and his team achieve. The photographic images obtained are to be made available gratis to bona fide scholars; that appropriately generous dissemination is welcome and to be encouraged, adding to the reputation and prestige of the Center.

Prof J K Elliott  
University of Leeds,  
United Kingdom

EBERHARD KARLS  
UNIVERSITÄT  
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The work of CSNTM is extremely important for preparing a new scholarly edition of the N.T. text because it provides the editors with coloured photos of excellent quality of important old manuscripts which are much more informing and expressive than the older microfilm copies. This work brings not only a better base for editing the New Testament but gives also the possibility of finding new, up-till-now unknown manuscripts.

Their discovery of an early majuscule palimpsest of Mark in Istanbul is a sensation because we have up to now only very few early manuscripts of Mark. Their pioneer-work deserves all support.

Martin Hengel  
Emeritus Professor  
of New Testament and Early Judaism  
Universität Tübingen  
Germany



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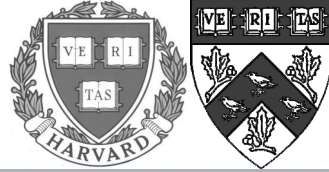
When wild and unsubstantiated claims are being made about the level of stability or corruption of the Greek text of what we call the NT the only way forward is to have before us clear images of the original papyri and codexes from the earliest period of Christian history for critical scrutiny and comparison. Dan Wallace and his team have undertaken the enormous task of providing us with this necessary source evidence for scholarly assessment. I can think of few projects more necessary or important for the future of NT studies in the 21st century than this one.

Dr. Ben Witherington, III  
Amos Prof. of NT  
Asbury Theological Seminary, Kentucky  
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I heartily endorse any attempt to photograph the vast number of Greek New Testament manuscripts that are scattered throughout the world, whether in library, monastery, or private holdings. As a matter of historical record, these documents desperately need to be preserved in electronic photographic form lest they disappear forever due to fire, theft, or natural destruction. Even apart from such a possibility, the need for such documents to be openly accessible worldwide to students of the humanities remains a pressing concern. The Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts therefore deserves all the financial support that can be mustered in relation to this most important task.

Maurice A. Robinson, PhD  
Senior Professor of NT and Greek  
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I support with enthusiasm the efforts of the Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts to produce digital photographs of Greek New Testament manuscripts in various collections worldwide and to make them available to scholars committed to the assessment of these ancient treasures. The Center's use of recent and emerging technologies will provide the clarity and definition lacking in the vast majority of currently available images. In addition, unknown or previously uncataloged manuscripts will be discovered, thereby enriching our understanding of the nature and history of the New Testament text.

Eldon Jay Epp  
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Harkness Professor Biblical Literature and Dean of  
Humanities and Social Sciences, emeritus,  
Case Western Reserve University

LEE STROBEL

I enthusiastically support the center's mission to preserve the text of ancient manuscripts for analysis by scholars and others. This is a vitally important endeavor, which the center is undertaking with great integrity and extraordinary skill.

Lee Strobel  
Author  
*The Case for Christ*  
and *The Case for the Real Jesus*



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It is my great privilege to endorse the work of the Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts (CSNTM). Under the direction of Dr. Daniel Wallace, the CSNTM is performing a great service to the scholarly community, specifically in the area of manuscript studies and textual criticism, by their dedicated work towards the goal of producing digital photographs of extant Greek New Testament manuscripts. These physical manuscripts are scattered all around the world (including places where they have been practically inaccessible), and to make them accessible to scholars doing textual research is a crucial task. In this process, even a large number of new manuscripts, hitherto unknown, apparently have come to light and are becoming officially registered as Greek New Testament manuscripts.

In my own research on hundreds of manuscripts during the years, I realize the benefit I would have if I could access and examine original color images of the manuscript. In my experience, and judging from the samples I have seen of images from various expeditions, the CSNTM is truly on the cutting edge in terms of utilizing photographic technology to produce the best possible results.

It is my hope that this enterprise will attract the support of a large number of stakeholders to embrace their exciting vision to make the manuscripts of the Greek New Testament available in digital form with the approval of the holding institutions. I am also delighted that the CSNTM cooperates with other leading institutes worldwide in this field of expertise.

Tommy Wasserman, Ph.D.  
Academic Dean and Lecturer in New Testament  
Örebro Theological Seminary  
Sweden

Along with a few other centres with somewhat complementary aims in Claremont and New Orleans, CSNTM is to be commended for its commitment to producing high-quality images of NT manuscripts and making them as widely available as feasible. The Board of Directors includes established and respected NT scholars with demonstrated expertise in NT textual criticism and related matters. CSNTM has made strategically important contacts with holders of often-unpublished manuscripts, and the Centre brings to its projects a high level of professional expertise in the very technical tasks of photography involved. I am impressed with what I have seen and I offer my very best wishes for the future of this important endeavor.

L. W. Hurtado, Head of the School of Divinity  
Professor of NT Language, Literature & Theology  
New College  
University of Edinburgh  
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United Kingdom



“Armed with high-tech cameras and computers, Daniel B. Wallace travels around the world to photograph New Testament manuscripts that are centuries old... His work assures that the treasured contents will be preserved.”

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What we need today is someone to articulate the link between modern translations and the original text. Frankly, this is why I am so excited about the Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts (CSNTM): The biblical manuscript evidence tells a story that suggests that what we read in our New Testament today does indeed go all the way back to the first century testimony of the apostles concerning Jesus Christ!

It is an extremely noble activity—and one that takes a certain level of maturity because it is so long range—to support the work of New Testament manuscript study. I can hardly think of any task more foundational to the faith of our generation and the generations to come.

Consequently, I am very excited about CSNTM. Their work in the digital photography and analysis of New Testament manuscripts is a huge enabler to the future progress of New Testament manuscript studies. It is innovative and unique; no one else is doing what CSNTM is doing. What they need most, at this time, is funding so that they can pursue these documents, photograph them, and reveal them to the world.

Josh D. McDowell  
Josh McDowell Ministry



I am thankful for the excellent work of the Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts. Their work in making available computer-readable photos of hundreds of thousands of pages of ancient copies of the New Testament will provide scholars all over the world immediate access to manuscripts that up to this time could only be seen by a handful of scholars who could travel to obscure libraries around the world. The work of CSNTM will eventually improve the accuracy of translators as they decide among variant readings in different manuscripts, and will also serve to confirm the remarkable reliability of the New Testament as it has been preserved for us today. The ministry of CSNTM is a work of much value to the kingdom of God.

Wayne Grudem, Ph.D.  
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