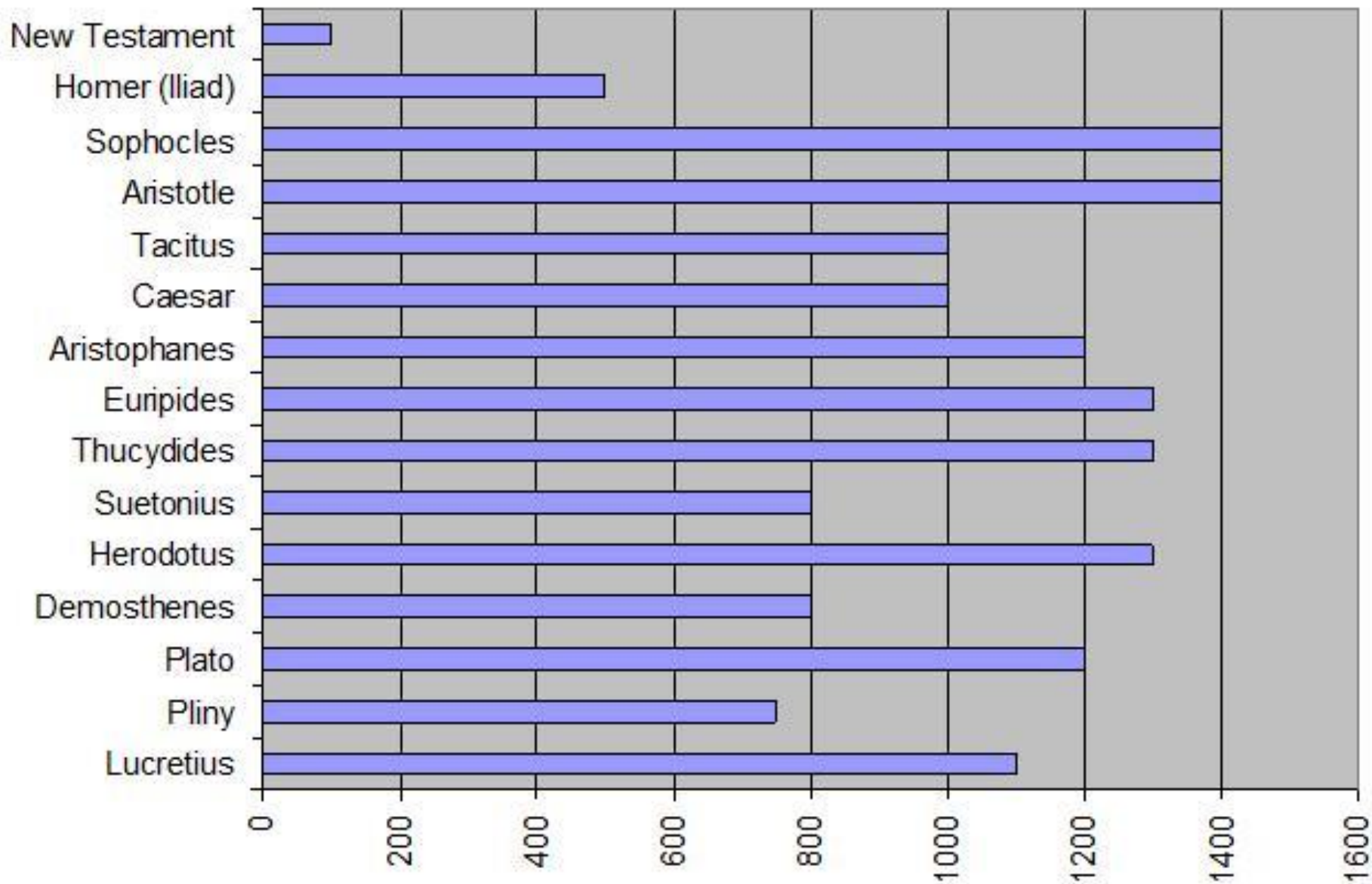


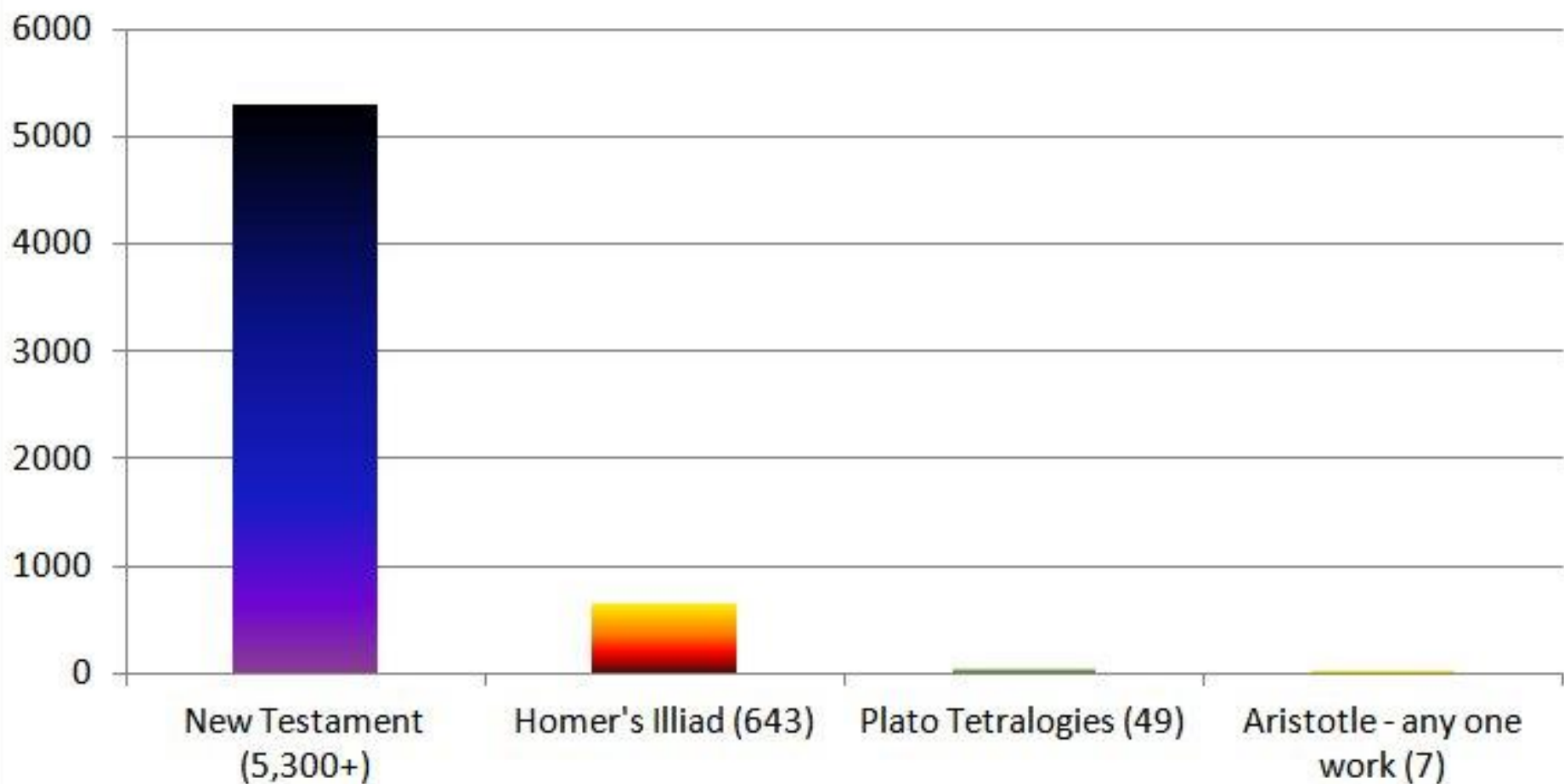
Lesson 26

**External Evidence of Inspiration: The
Transmission of the Text**

Approximate Time Span Between Original & Copy



Number of Original Language Manuscripts



Author	Book	Date Written	Earliest Copies	Time Gap	No. Of Copies
Homer	<i>Iliad</i>	800 B.C.	c. 400 B.C.	c. 400 yrs.	643
Herodotus	<i>History</i>	480-425 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,350 yrs.	8
Thucydides	<i>History</i>	460-400 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,350 yrs.	8
Plato		400 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,300 yrs.	7
Demosthenes		300 B.C.	c. A.D. 1100	1,400 yrs.	200
Caesar	<i>Gallic Wars</i>	100-44 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,000 yrs.	10
Livy	<i>History of Rome</i>	59 B.C.–A.D. 17	4 th cent. (partial) mostly 10 th cent.	c. 400 yrs. c. 1,000 yrs.	1 partial 19 copies
Tacitus	<i>Annals</i>	A.D. 100	c. A.D. 1100	c. 1,000 yrs.	20
Pliny Secundus	<i>Natural History</i>	A.D. 61-113	c. A.D. 850	c. 750 yrs.	7
New Testament		A.D. 50-100	c. 114 (fragment) c. 200 (books) c. 250 (most of the N.T.) c. 325 (complete N.T.)	+ 50 yrs. 100 yrs. 150 yrs. 225 yrs.	5366

EARLY CHURCH FATHER'S REFERENCES TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

WRITER	GOSPELS	ACTS	PAULINE EPISTLES	GENERAL EPISTLES	REVELATION	TOTALS
JUSTIN MARTYR	268	10	43	6	3 (266 allusions)	330
IRENAEUS	1,038	194	499	23	65	1,819
CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA	1,017	44	1,127	207	11	2,406
ORIGEN	9,231	349	7,778	399	165	17,922
TERTULLIAN	3,822	502	2,609	120	205	7,258
HIPPOLYTUS	734	42	387	27	188	1,378
EUSEBIUS	3,258	211	1,592	88	27	5,176
GRAND TOTALS	19,368	1,352	14,035	870	664	36,289

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the word of God**

**Because the
Bible tells us so**

*"but how can you be sure
it's the word of God?"*

*"but how do you know
it's infallible?"*

"but why believe the Bible?"

**The Bible is
infallible**