Does The Bible Contain Error?

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Intro

- Approach utilised: Textual Criticism
- Definitions
  - Autograph – first/original text
  - Manuscript – copies of the original text, or copies of copies
  - Variant – any difference from a standard text
- New Testament Manuscripts
  - Greek (5,800+ copies) [as of 28th September 2015]
  - Latin (10,00+ copies)
  - Slavic (4,000+ copies)
  - Armenian (2,587 copies)
  - Coptic (975 copies)
  - Syriac (350+ copies)
- Total number of words in the New Testament: _____
  Estimated number of variants: _____

I) Why are there discrepancies in the Bible if it is the Word of God?

- Scribal errors contribute to discrepancies in the manuscripts
  - Types of errors – unintentional & intentional
- Types of variants

	Likely to be in the original text?	Meaningfully alter the text?
Not meaningful, not viable	✘	✘
Viable, not meaningful	✓	✘
Meaningful, not viable	✘	✓
Meaningful and viable	✓	✓

- Article X of the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy: "We affirm that inspiration, strictly speaking, applies only to the autographic text of Scripture, which in the providence of God can be ascertained from available manuscripts with great accuracy. We further affirm that copies and translations of Scripture are the Word of God to the extent that they faithfully represent the original."
- Impact on core doctrine? _____

II) How can we reconcile them?

- Solution: Text Reconstruction