

# No need to worry



## CLERGY COMMENT

By DR. JOHN M. DRICKAMER  
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There is no need for Christians to worry about the reliability of the Biblical text. Various people have raised doubts about it, and some Christians have been troubled.

But the fact of the matter is that the transmission of the Biblical text is not a matter of concern. It leaves no point of Christian teaching in doubt.

The Bible was written between 1500 B.C. and A.D. 100. The original text of the Biblical books was handwritten, and all copies were made by hand for centuries.

The Bible was not printed until the 1450s, and then in Latin. The original texts in Greek and Hebrew were printed not many decades later.

People who have doubts are worried about mistakes possibly made by the copyists. But a scholarly study of the transmission of the texts removes any cause for concern.

The matter of the transmission of the texts should be studied carefully, but it does not cast any doubt on the Christian faith.

For the Greek New Testament we possess a vast number of manuscripts. There are thousands of manuscripts, in whole or in part. There are also thousands of manuscripts of ancient translations of the Greek text.

And there are quotations of most of the New Testament in the writings of ancient theologians.

The results of all the study of all the evidence confirm the text of the New Testament. There are many variant readings, but almost all of them are of no significance.

If only one manuscript contains a variant reading and all the others agree, then it is not to be taken seriously. A large number of the variants are mere matters of style or spelling (like the difference in English between "Savior" and "Saviour").

These could in no way affect the meaning or translation of a Bible passage.

The relatively few variants which do affect the meaning of a passage can easily be noted in footnotes. Many modern translations of the Bible do have such footnotes. There is no danger here.

Anyone can see that the differences still relate to minor matters. In no case whatsoever is any Biblical teaching called into question.

The transmission of the Old Testament text is even more phenomenal. The Jewish scribes operated with incredibly strict rules.

They even got down to counting words and letters. The result is that the Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered in 1947, only confirmed the Old Testament text.

The Word of God is not in doubt. The only doubt is in the minds of people. The way to remove that doubt is not to quibble about the Bible but to read and study it.



Organizer, Mauricette Spicer, with the Halton Lung Association was in the front lobby of Loblaws in Georgetown Saturday as she took care of the annual holly and mistletoe sales. (Herald photo)



## HOLLY DAYS

Megan Vincent, 8, was on hand in the front lobby of the Loblaws store in Georgetown on Saturday and helped the Halton Lung Association with their annual holly and mistletoe sales.

Dear Sir,  
I wish to thank all those who assisted in making Holly Day a success and in particular the Guides from the 9th company Ballinafad also the volunteers who gave their time and help.

On behalf of the Halton Lung Association, I also wish to thank Loblaws, Canadian Tire, the Brewery Retail, Miracle Food Mart and the Co-Op who allowed us to sell Holly and Mistletoe within their premises.

Mauricette Spicer

**Thanks for help**

**DID YOU KNOW?** By Janice

An **Albanian Mother Teresa**, the Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1979, was recognized for her work in Calcutta, India where she helped to alleviate much suffering of the poor. The real name of this great humanitarian: **AGNES GONXHA BEJAXHUI**. SHE JOINED A CONVENT AT 18.

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# Hospital laundry sent to Milton

By ANIPEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

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**Best wishes to all From the Works Department Town of Halton Hills**