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MURATORIAN CANON-most ancient Irish Christian document

Earliest catalogue of Books of the NT OXFORD
1740 MURATORI Ambrosian Library Rome

Original from Mid 2nd century

Original from monastery of Bobbio Irish monastery of Columbanus and the fragment itself is from 725-750 according to Muratori but it was incorrectly attributed to Chrysostom Muratori ascribes to Roman Presbyter Caius AD 196 but that does not ally with his reference to Pius as Bishop of Rome(127-157)

Simon De Magistris 1772 held it came from Papias of Hierapolis-that is too early Baron Bunsen in his Analecta ascribes it to Hegesippus-tried to prove from Eusebius use of the NT books that this was so. **Hegesippus** did write 'FIVE BOOKS OF MEMORANDA HUPOMEMATA. Westcott spoke of it's(i.e. Hegesippus' memoirs) "marvelous blunders" It has 33 clerical blunders in 30 lines-3 omissions one substitution and four false alterations-a maverick scribe.

Muratorian document –comment on the NT BOOKS;-

*“Evangelist Luke-3rd evangelist-(destroyed quire of leaves probably mention Matthew and Mark)-Fourth evangelist **John** who as he says declares the great hope of the nativity passion and resurrection and life and conversation with the disciples and DE GEMINO EIUS ADVENTU-THE FIRST(advent) IN HUMBLE DEMEANOUR BUT THE SECOND WHICH IS IN FUTURE OUTSTANDING IN KINGLY POWER.*

***Is it any wonder that John constantly speaks in his epistles so often of what our eyes have seen and our ears heard and our hands handled**-these things we have written. All the Acts of the Apostles are written and comprehended in one single book to Theophilus-the story of Peter and also the work of Paul to the cities and plan to visit Spain.*

The epistles of Paul himself understood as from a certain place or directed to a place. He himself declares (A)first of all Corinthian schism and heresy and (B) second his indictment. ROMANS ordination of the scriptures but also their principle theme is Christ XPM. He writes fully of the grounds of Christian disputation

Paul like John writes to seven churches –CORINTHIANS-FIRST, EPHESIANS -SECOND, PHILIPPIANS- THIRD, COLOSSIANS -FOURTH, GALATIANS-FIFTH, THESSALONIANS -SIXTH, ROMANS -SEVENTH. He wrote again to the Corinthians and Thessalonians for correction. He returned to the whole orb of the earth where he diffused churches to help them understand. John also in the apocalypse was permitted to write to seven churches. Paul also wrote once to Philemon and once to Titus and twice to Timothy about affection and diligence-about the honour of the church and ecclesiastical ordination.

There were others created to the Laodiceans and Alexandrians in Paul's name which are not able to be received by the catholic church. There are mild objections to Jude and the subscription of Second John.”

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Teach the man who knows and the one who has not learned equally –and whether or not he has been desirous **Thucydides 2.60**

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