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in China. And this paper money was easy to use because it didn't have the amount written on it so that the writing would be different on each piece, but it was stamped on it; it was printed on it; and thus the pieces of printed money were identical with each other. And people said, "What a silly thing!" / ^{And so} ~~in~~ it was over a century before ^{many} people paid much attention to what Marco Polo wrote. But a few years after Marco Polo wrote quite a different "book" appeared. A book appeared of travels in the Orient by Sir John Mandeville. And Mandeville told most fascinating stories about his travels through the ^{the} Bible Lands, and on into China, and different regions around. He had most interesting accounts in the story, and a hundred years after Marco Polo died there were probably a thousand people who were familiar with the writings of Sir John Mandeville to every one who had ever heard of Marco Polo. Today the situation is exactly the reverse. I would venture to say that today there are a hundred thousand, or maybe a million people who've heard of Marco Polo to every one who has ever heard of Sir John Mandeville. Now, why is this? It is because people began to question Sir John Mandeville's statements, and found they weren't true. People found that Sir John Mandeville had simply copied from the accounts of travelers, and in copying he made mistakes. He'd gotten things ~~in~~ twisted, and we have found the documents from which he copied, and we can see the mistakes that he made. Sir John Mandeville is today a museum piece. I never heard of him until last week. In fact, last week I was looking up ~~Marco~~ Marco Polo in the encyclopedia, and I found the statement there that a century after his death ~~that a century after his death~~ Sir John Mandeville was far better known (in the world? and his work?) ~~than~~ ^{everywhere} than Marco ~~MP~~ Polo was, and that led me to look up Sir John Mandeville in the encyclopedia. Now, what is the Bible like? Is it like Marco Polo, a writing by someone who has had experience and tells us what he sees upon which we can depend, or is it like Sir John Mandeville, a gathering

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