

# Being a True Christian

## *In a World of Biblical Compromise*

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### **A) Introduction**

Before one can understand God's Word one must learn what His Word is. Did God fulfill His promise to keep His Word pure? If so where is it? Did God mean that keeping His Word pure would end up with over 200 English versions today with 9 main ones? Or did He mean He would keep His Word pure, which means that ONLY one English translation can be right if ALL versions contradict each other.

God gave us His Word as a manual as to how to live here on earth. If one reads different contradictory versions and says that he uses the Holy Spirit to decipher where the Truth lies in between, then he is relying on his own private interpretation. You say oh no! The Holy Spirit guides me. Well if that was true then how can two born again believers believe that train of thought, yet have two different conclusions as to what the Holy Spirit is telling you the Word means? Can't happen. The Bible in its entirety was INSPIRED through the work of the Holy Spirit using holy men to write what God wanted us to know and learn. It is not up for private interpretation on any level.

Let me go right to the Word of God:

**2 Peter 1:19-21**

***We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.***

Christians who have bought into the New Evangelism/Modern Gospel (I will refer to this as NE/MG from this point forward) false teaching state things like:

***Paul admits that that is his opinion, He says, "I believe", when it comes to woman teaching. His letters were put into the Bible. Not the Gospels, some of it was clearly his opinion.***

***For instance, Paul's letters. Awesome and so filled with God's words of wisdom but also Paul goes on his own way sometimes, with his own opinion. He admits it too. Could be the culture of the time, I'm not sure. But.. For instance....1 Timothy 5:23 That isn't God's word about Wine. And 1 Timothy 2:12 Paul says, "But I suffer not a woman to teach...." He is saying, "I" Not God. So that is admitting that it is his opinion. No where in this writing does He say God's idea about woman.***

Right there their understanding of what the Word of God is flawed. ALL SCRIPTURE is God BREATHED, period. NEVER was it Paul's opinions or any other writer of Scripture. God wrote it all, He used men as His pen. Your understanding, whether it came by your own determination or that of the NE/MG is irrelevant. It is not the Truth of God. If you use these FALSE bibles, then you have the wrong foundation for learning His Word.

That is why they have this false understanding that anyone and everyone who claims to be saved can read multiple versions of His Word, which contradict each other, and the Holy Spirit will tell you in your heart what God "really meant".

That is complete chaos, it is of the devil. God is about order, thus His promise to keep His Word pure was **revealed by the Holy Spirit** when the holy men were used by God to write His Word, not for our private interpretation. In this country alone there are 14,728 DIFFERENT denominations because of this private interpretation, all claiming that, as NE/MG "Christians" do, that Holy Spirit guided them to their understanding. Yes the Holy Spirit guides us to HIS Word.

One must be obedient to God with a pure heart and clean hands to be completely walking with the Spirit. Disobedience, for instance not separating from the world and its false churches and teachers and professing Christians is proof that one's disobedience results in the inability to discern who God is. You become the center of your world instead of God. I will discuss THE HEART in another area, but I need to point out that God only seals our salvation in our heart, not the inability to be deceived.

***Ephesians 1:13***

***In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise***

***Jeremiah 17:9-10***

***The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.***

Many Modernists claim that Paul's writings were not given by inspiration of God and that he did not know that he was writing Scripture. Consider an excerpt from a book by Edgar Johnson Goodspeed (1871-1962), a Bible translator who worked on the Revised Standard Version and who also produced his own translation called the American Translation of the New Testament (1923):

“Paul did not expect his letters to be preserved or collected, still less to be regarded as Holy Scripture”(Goodspeed, *The Formation of the New Testament*, 1926, p. 11).

That this is heresy is evident from the following Bible facts:

**1. JESUS CHRIST SAID PAUL WROTE BY INSPIRATION.**

***“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come” (John 16:13).***

Christ promised that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles “***all truth.***” This, of course, is a prophecy of the divine method whereby the New Testament would be formulated. The writers of New Testament Scripture did not write their own descriptions of the events of Christ's life, nor did they create their own doctrine.

They wrote revelation by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. That is what the Lord Jesus Christ promised, and that is good enough for me.

**2. PAUL SAID PAUL WROTE BY INSPIRATION.**

***“But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ” (Galatians 1:11,12).***

***“Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commanding of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith” (Romans 16:25,26). “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory” (1 Corinthians 2:7). “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. ... Now we have received, not the spirit which is of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;***

*comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (1 Corinthians 2:10,12-13). “If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 14:37). “How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)” (Ephesians 3:3,4).*

Words could not be plainer. There is no doubt that the Apostle Paul **DID** understand that he had been given revelation by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that the things he was writing were the very words of God. He called his own writings “the commandments of the Lord.” That is good enough for me.

### **3. PETER SAID PAUL WROTE BY INSPIRATION.**

***“And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are somethings hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction” (2 Peter 3:15-16).***

The Apostle Peter called Paul’s writings **“scripture.”** That is good enough for me.

If you refuse to understand that there are NO OPINIONS in the Bible, then you will continue to be deceived and continue to have a false understanding of who and what Jesus is and why we must obey His commandments and separate from the world. Separation is another chapter in this Book which I will discuss with you later on.

### **Back to the Authority of Scriptures....**

Those who read multiple versions of Scripture lack the knowledge of Authority from God, leaving one to discern what is and what isn't with no Standard. Thus satan's master plan to deceive the world, including believers is not only alive and well in the western world, but the majority rule. And it has happened so quickly.

What is required from a believer is to understand that there cannot be over 200 versions in English that MASSIVELY contradict each other, and have the equivalent of 65,000 pages of the Word of God missing, yet all be equally the Sovereign Word of God.

What is required is a study on the subject as to how the Bible was written, who wrote it, What Scriptures were not put in to it, and why. What original transcripts were used for what versions and what apostate versions were used for others. If one studies, like many believers have done over the centuries, then one would ONLY be able to conclude that ONLY the KJV is the PROMISED PURE WORD OF GOD.

But instead people say ignorant things like:

*I also question the King James Bible. I use it along with the Aramaic and New Living Translation, usually. But the KJ is from England. England is run by Catholics. It is old english talk. You say it is "Authorized". In England... New Living Translation is Tyndale, supposedly "authorized" too. Who has the authority to authorize? I wish we spoke Hebrew and Greek and could just read the original transcripts. But we cannot. So we as Christians are blessed because we have the Holy Spirit and we have the only authority within us.*

And then condemn me and others for knowing these infallible Truths. So here is a short lesson on how the True Bible is ONLY the KJV. I will use Pastor Davis Sorenson's short overview of the history of how the different versions of the Bibles were written and then subsequently translated. I have read and studied 100's of 1000's of pages to learn what it God's pure Word and David's message is the most accurately condensed for a beginner to learn. I pray you will take it from there. I have massive research if you ever wish to continue to learn.

Then I will explain that through much testing, the experts of all persuasions have found that indeed the KJV is the easiest to understand, which flies in the face of the excuse that people cannot understand "Old English".

Next I will give you charts illustrating what verses are omitted and changed, then I will give you a chart on 15 MAJOR Biblical words that these new translations did away with. Next I will show you HOW GOD has stopped the false translators so we can see. I pray you have ears to hear and repent of your false bibles and begin to read only the KJV.

Please read my conclusion at the end of this chapter on the Authority of Scripture.

## **B) Which Bible is Magnified Above God's Name?**

### **WHICH BIBLE IS MAGNIFIED ABOVE GOD'S NAME**

*I will worship toward thy holy temple,  
and praise thy name  
for thy loving kindness and thy truth:  
for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.  
Psalm' 138:2*

## INTRODUCTION

Since the Lord God has stated His Word is positioned above His very name, it is of outmost importance to grasp the significance of the two greatest deceptions ever to confront the human race, deceptions so dangerous that between them they have destroyed the faith of millions of souls in and Out of the Christian Church. The first was the unproved theory of evolution repudiating God's word, and the second was the Revised Version of the Bible posing as God's word. The version is corrupt and potent, and has spawned a host of unholy offspring. The first deception, over the years, turned millions from God; for it taught that the first chapter of the Bible was legend. This evil theory is taught, as fact, in thousands of schools and universities the world over.

The second deception, the Revised Bible is equally dangerous, for it casts doubt on the real word of God. Sad to say it is also taught in thousands of churches, Bible schools and colleges. This essay addresses that deception. Read it with care several times over, because if you have avoided the first deception, you are most certainly the target of the second.

## DIVINE INSPIRATION

Christians believe that the Holy Ghost inspired the prophets and apostles to pen every word of Scripture, and that faith in divine inspiration is based upon the declaration that...

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (II Timothy 3:16).*

*We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:*

*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (II Peter 1:19-21).*

## PROVIDENTIAL PRESERVATION

Spirit led Christians also believe in Providential Preservation of the Bible. God preserved His word down through the ages, and that work of preservation is absolutely as important as His initial work of inspiration. It would have been devastating to mankind if the original, inspired Scriptures were lost to posterity a few decades after being revealed. Providential Preservation, in other words, is as essential a work as that of divine inspiration. Our faith in Providential Preservation is not without a sure foundation...

*For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever. (Psalm 119:89; 111; 152).*

*I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. (Ecclesiastes 3:14).*

*Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. (I Peter 1:23).*

Historically, Christians believed that the claim of Providential Preservation, which Scripture makes for itself, was of such immense importance that it should be embodied in official creeds like the Westminster Confession of Faith (17th century)...

The Old Testament in Hebrew, and the New Testament in Greek, being immediately inspired by God and by His singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authenticable, so as in all controversies of religion the Church is finally to appeal unto them.

Most Christians accepted these facts, but there is now a growing number who disparage divine preservation. They concede that the original autographs, which, of course, are no longer available, were inspired, but they have strong doubts about divine preservation. They believe that much of Scripture is in need of correction because some of the oldest manuscripts were not available to the 17th century translators of the Authorized King James Version Bible of 1611. That is why they promote the Revised Version of 1881 and its many descendants (well over 100 at the present count) as improvement on the Authorized Version. In other words, the Bible is supposedly evolving and each new version brings us one step nearer the original.

This dangerous philosophy is an extremely treacherous development, for when one honestly examines modern translations he is forced to conclude they are all based on bad manuscripts.

**They are corrupt.** And if, that corruption spreads its leavening influence all the way through every translation using those bad manuscripts. It is not that they simply employ modern language, which, arguably, may be in order, but they say things totally different from the early English and foreign language versions of the Scriptures, which in past centuries God used to further His work. Every modern English translation of the Bible is in direct conflict with the King James Version, and even with each other by...

- Omitting words, verses and passages of Scripture.
- Casting doubt on the accuracy of the KJV and fundamental doctrines taught in it, such as the virgin birth of Jesus, His divinity, His miracles, His bodily ascension to heaven and His second coming.
- Disagreeing on major doctrinal points upon which all early European versions agree. (These versions triggered the great Protestant Reformation in which tens of thousands of true believers died during the dark ages).

Further, it should come as no surprise that the Roman Catholic Church, which has long considered the King James Bible its number one enemy, openly accepts these modern versions.

True believers will carefully consider what lies behind the confusion caused by these modern versions. And that confusion is no more apparent than the average Bible study group where a variety of modern Bibles, and comments such as these abound...

- "My Bible puts it this way."
- "My Bible doesn't even have that verse."
- "Listen to this 'Note' about ancient and more reliable manuscripts."
- "My Bible says something totally different."
- "My Bible says the very opposite."

**The question is: which English Bible is the real word of God?** Anyone with the sense that God gave a gnat can see that they all can't be the word of God if they are saying different things. Things different aren't equal. Did you get that? Things different aren't equal. If God doesn't contradict Himself and is not "*the author of confusion,*" (*I Corinthians 14:33*) then scores of conflicting translations, all claiming to be His word, cannot possibly be His word. Furthermore,

would God flood the English-speaking world with well over 100 conflicting translations of the whole Bible and over 300 translations of the New Testament? It doesn't make a lick of sense.

### **ORIGINAL AUTOGRAPHS**

As most believers know, the Bible is often referred to as the "Holy Scriptures." It's made up of two parts, the Old and the New Testaments. The Old Testament is a collection of 39 books that were originally written, mostly in the Hebrew language. The New Testament is a collection of 27 books, written originally in Greek, though some portions were probably written in Hebrew or Aramaic, a north Semitic language. The original autographs (masters) were the handwritten scrolls penned by the Holy Spirit inspired prophets and apostles. They were written on vellum (the skins of clean animals, such as calf, goat or antelope) or papyrus. Vellum is more durable and costly than papyrus. An entire antelope skin would only furnish two or three pages of a manuscript; because of this fact the vast majority of manuscripts were written on papyrus. Papyrus is a reed-like water plant with thick fibrous stems from which a kind of paper was made in ancient times. The average papyrus scroll was about ten inches in width and about thirty feet in length. After years of constantly being rolled and unrolled, the original autographs, especially those of papyrus, became worn and began to disintegrate.

### **COPIES OF MASTERS**

His word from the originals and following is how He organized that work.

### **THE MASORITES**

The Masorites were Jewish scholars who, like their B.C. predecessors the Aaronic Priests, had the sacred task of copying the Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures. Over a hundred years ago W. Scott wrote in his Story of Our English Bible about the reliability of the copies made by these faithful priests and scribes.

Before the original masters completely disintegrated they were carefully copied. The Lord, who had inspired their production, then moved His faithful followers, the Aaronic Priests, and later the Masorites, to make copies of the originals. Thus began the work of Providential Preservation. To not decree preservation would have been tantamount to the Lord giving us his inerrant word and then not caring whether it became infused with error after a few decades. I don't think so!

And I don't think you think so either, if you think about the absurdity of that proposition.

Preservation was absolutely necessary otherwise the following statements could not be true...

God knew the Devil would assault the Scriptures and that made necessary their divine preservation. The attack came through Satan's instruments, unbelieving scribes, altering and distorting the sacred writings. The following frightening warning appearing at the end of the Bible not only addresses copyists and translators who intentionally corrupt His word, **but also by extension, any who knowingly promote those corrupted Bibles.**

It is abominable in the extreme to reject God's work of preserving His word, which ensures that we have accurate copies of the inspired masters, for in effect it makes a liar out of God when reading and believing the verses above. Consequently, God did cause faithful believers to reproduce the words of the LORD are pure words: *as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. (Psalm 12: 6-7).*



*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. (Matthew 24:35).  
The word of the Lord endureth for ever. (I Peter 1:25).*

### **ALTERING THE TEXT**

*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:18, 19).***

It is well known that among the Jews it was the profession of the Masorites, or doctors of tradition, to transcribe the Scriptures. We know to what extent these indefatigable scholars carried their respect for the letter; and when we read the rules under which their labors were carried on, we understand the use that the providence of God (who had 'confided his oracles to the Jews') made of their superstition. They reckoned the number of verses, words, and letters in each book. They tell us, for instance, that the letter A occurs forty-two thousand three hundred and seventy-seven times in the Bible; the letter B thirty-eight thousand two hundred and eighteen times; and so on to the end. They were scrupulous of changing the position even of a letter, though evidently misplaced, but limited themselves to noting in the margin, supposing some mystery was involved. They tell us which is the middle letter of the Pentateuch, as well as of each of the books of which it is composed. They never allowed themselves to correct their manuscript; and if any mistake escaped them, they rejected the papyrus or the skin which they had blemished, and recommenced upon a fresh one; for they were equally interdicted from even correcting one of their own errors, and from retaining for their sacred volume a single parchment or skin in which an error had been made....

These facts, we repeat it, together with the astonishing preservation of the Hebrew text (1200 years more ancient than that of the Septuagint), plainly tell us how the intervention of the mighty hand of God was needed in the destinies of the sacred book.

In his book *God Wrote Only One Bible* Jasper James Ray confirms the fact of the painstaking faithfulness of the ancient scribes in copying the Scriptures...

In making copies of the original manuscripts, the Jewish scribes exercised the greatest possible care. When they wrote the name of God in any form they were to reverently wipe their pen, and wash their whole body before writing 'Jehovah' lest that holy name should be tainted even in writing. The new copy was examined and carefully checked with the original almost immediately, and it is said that if only one incorrect letter was discovered the whole copy was rejected. Each new copy had to be made from an approved manuscript, written with a special kind of ink, upon skins made from a 'clean' animal. The writer had to pronounce aloud each word before writing it. In no case was the written word to be written from memory.

The King James Bible Old Testament was translated from the Ben Chayyim Masoretic Text named after Jacob Ben Chayyim under whose editorship it was printed in 1524. It is a sad fact that the Gentiles who copied the New Testament Scriptures were not as diligent as the ancient Aaronic scribes and Masorites. Therefore, it is in the New Testament manuscripts where most problems are encountered.

## **MANUSCRIPTS**

A manuscript is a hand-written document (not typed or printed). The word manuscript is often abbreviated as MS or ms (singular) and MSS or mss (plural). Currently there are between 5250 and 5309 extant (existing) manuscripts of the Scriptures or parts of them. **Manuscripts fall into two classes:**

- **Masters:** Original autographs (writings directly by the prophet or apostle). There are currently no original autographs or masters in existence. Copies have long since replaced them.
- **Copies:** Hand-written copies of masters and earlier copies. Some 5000+ hand-written copies of the whole or parts of Scripture are still in existence.

### **Manuscript categories:**

- **Versions:** Translations of Scripture made directly from the original languages as from Hebrew or Greek into Syriac, Latin, German, English or French. A translation from Latin into English, or English into Chinese, is technically not a version. It is simply a translation of a translation, whereas a version must be a translation from the original language into another.
- **Church Fathers:** These are the men who led the Christians in the first centuries after the New Testament was completed and we have records of their early sermons, books and commentaries. They provide much information on disputed passages. Many may have seen the original autographs.

### **Manuscript format:**

- **Uncial or Majuscules:** these were all written in capital letters with no spaces: e.g., NOMANHATHSEENGD.
- **Cursives or Miniscules:** written in small letters and later with spaces: e.g., no-man-hath-seen-gd.

## **THE CHURCH FATHERS**

As noted, the letters, sermon notes, commentaries and books of the early church fathers contain countless quotations from the original autographs or the earliest copies. Some fathers had actually seen the New Testament autographs or early copies, and had personally hand-copied large portions of Scripture. Their writings help verify the original text and form a valuable source of information as to what the first apostles wrote. Notice what W. Scott says in his, *Story Of Our English Bible* about the intimate knowledge the early fathers had of the Scriptures...

Crysostom, the most eloquent of the fathers, spoke of them (the Scriptures) as *The Divine Books*, Polycarp, who lived at a still earlier date, having been personally instructed by the Apostle John, spoke of the Bible as *The Sacred Scriptures*, as also the *Oracles of the Lord*. Clement of Rome, whom Paul styles his 'fellow-laborer' (Phil.1:3), termed the Scriptures, *The True Sayings of the Holy Spirit*. Irenaeus, of the second century, makes about 1200 citations or references from the New Testament; Tertullian, also of the second century refers to or quotes from the New Testament about 2500 times; Clement of Alexandria, another of the second century Fathers, cites from, or refers to, the New Testament 800 times; and Polycarp, already referred to, in a brief epistle addressed to the Philippians, quotes from the New Testament about 50 times.

But Satan began his relentless attack of adding to and subtracting from Scriptures very early, even before the first apostles died (the first attack ever on God's word came in the Garden of Eden). Notice what the Apostle Paul, well acquainted with corrupting Bible revisers, had to say about those who had forged letters in his name...

*For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. (II Corinthians 2:17).*

*That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. (II Thessalonians 2:2).*

The Apostle John likewise was the object of Lucifer's hatred of God's revealed words. Being an eyewitness of the ministry of Jesus, the Living Word, John defended the written word and for his reward was banished to the island of Patmos. He tells us why...

*I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 1:9).*

## **ANCIENT VERSIONS**

Now, recall that a version is a translation made directly from the original Hebrew or Greek, i.e., from Hebrew or Greek into Syriac, Latin or English, whereas a translation of a version into yet another language is simply called a translation. Bible versions were made in several languages within a few years of the New Testament's creation.

Translation of a document into another language was rare in the ancient world, so this is an added plus for the New Testament. The number of copies of the versions is in excess of 18,000, with possibly as many as 25,000. This is further evidence that helps us establish the New Testament text. Even if we did not possess the 5,500 Greek manuscripts or the 18,000 copies of the versions, the text of the New Testament could still be reproduced within 250 years from its composition. How? By the writing of the early Christians. In commentaries, letters, etc., these ancient writers quote biblical text, thus giving us another witness to the text of the New Testament. John Burgon has catalogued more than 86,000 citations of the New Testament in the writings of the early church fathers who lived before A.D.325. Thus we observe that there is much more evidence for the reliability of the New Testament text than any other comparable writings in the ancient world.

## **ENGLISH VERSIONS**

John Wycliffe's Translation (1380-82). This was the first manuscript (hand-written) Bible in the English language. Strictly speaking, it was not a version, (keep in mind that a version is translated directly from the original language) but a translation into English from another version, the Old Latin Vulgate. Wycliffe, often described as the "Morning Star of the Reformation," was an able Latin scholar. So hated was he for making the Bible available to the common man that some 44 years after his death his bones were dug up and burned and his ashes cast into the river Swift.

William Tyndale's New Testament (1526) was the first printed Testament in the English language. Unlike Wycliffe's translation, Tyndale's New Testament was translated directly from the Greek Majority Text, from which came the Received Text--Textus Receptus; more about this Text later. Tyndale's work, in other words, was a version. The first printings of Tyndale's version were burned at St Paul's Cross (London). At that time it was a grievous offence, punishable by fine, imprisonment or death to even possess a copy of Tyndale's New Testament. It was said of William Tyndale that he was: "A man so skilled in the seven languages of Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Italian, Spanish, English and French, that which ever he spake, you would suppose it his native

tongue." For his work he was confined in the castle of Filford about 20 miles from Antwerp from where, on October 6th 1536, he was taken, fastened to a stake, strangled, and his body burned to ashes. The fervent prayer of this martyr when bound to the stake, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes," was to be answered shortly. And Tyndale passed from the scene, reckoned among the transgressors for his work (Luke 22:37) as one of Rome's Most Wanted. Are you beginning to see a pattern of trying to do away with the Received Text?

Miles Coverdale's Bible (1535). This was the first complete Bible in the English language. Coverdale was not the scholar Tyndale was, for his translation relied heavily on Tyndale and Luther's German Bible. It was printed just one year before his friend Tyndale was martyred. Matthew's Bible (1500-1555). This was the first Bible issued with the king's license. It was mostly taken from Tyndale and Coverdale's work. It was printed in Hamburg by the king's printer John Rogers and dedicated to Henry VIII by Rogers under the name Thomas Matthew, hence its name.

The Great Bible (1539). This Bible was printed in large folio (15 x 9 inches) from which it gets its name. It was printed in Paris and was mostly a revision of Tyndale and Matthew's work.

The Geneva Bible (1560). During the reign of the Catholic Queen Mary, many Protestant believers from Britain fled to the Continent. "They rendezvoused in Geneva (known as the Holy City of the Alps) to form the first committee to attempt a Bible translation. Such men as Theodore Beza, John Knox, William Whittingham and Miles Coverdale labored six years to produce the celebrated Geneva Bible in 1560. Although this Bible was the first to feature numbered verses and italics, its main achievement was the Hebrew to English translation of Ezra through Malachi, thus representing the first English Bible translated entirely out of the original languages."

The Bishops' Bible (1568). Archbishop Parker was the mastermind in the preparation of this edition of the Holy Scriptures, assisted by 15 scholarly men. He distributed the Cranmer Bible, in portions, assigning them to various learned bishops, all being subject to his own personal supervision. The large number of the revisers being from the Episcopal bench gave the name and character to this Bible. It was printed in large size, and beautifully executed. It was adorned with numerous cuts, its notes were brief, and like the Geneva Bible was divided into verses. It was used in the Churches for about 40 years. Various revised additions of the Bishops' Bible were published, but soon after the appearance of the Authorized Version of 1611 the Bishops' Bible fell into general disuse.

## **TWO OPPOSITE BIBLES**

In Which Bible? David Otis Fuller identifies two distinct groups of people relative to the Bible.

- Those who use a variety of Bibles influenced by the Minority Text (the Roman Catholic Nestle/Aland Text of all modern translations).
- Those who only study Bibles based on the Majority Text from which came the Textus Receptus.

## **THE TRUE TEXT**

The Traditional Text is also called the Byzantine Text or the Majority Text because it is based upon the vast majority of extant manuscripts. It was brought together by various editors such as Lucian (AD 250-312), Erasmus, Stephanus, Beza and the Elzevir brothers to form our complete text known as Textus Receptus, the name given it in the 17th century. The most notable editor was Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1536) one of the ablest scholars the world has ever known. When

the early Protestant Reformers determined to translate the Scriptures directly from Greek into the languages of Europe they selected Textus Receptus, the text these scholars had assembled as their foundational Greek document. It is vitally important to understand why they did so and the answer is clear.

- Textus Receptus is based on the vast majority (90%) of the 5000+ extant Greek manuscripts, the reason it is referred to as the Majority Text.
- Textus Receptus is not mutilated with deletions, additions and amendments, as is the Minority Text.
- Textus Receptus agrees with the earliest Bible versions: Peshitta (AD150) Old Latin Vulgate (AD157), the Italic (AD157) etc. These Bibles were produced some 200 years before the minority Egyptian text favored by the Roman Church.  
Remember this vital point.
- Textus Receptus agrees with the vast majority of the 86,000+ citations from Scripture by the early church fathers.
- Textus Receptus is untainted with Egyptian philosophy and unbelief.
- Textus Receptus upholds the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith: the creation account in Genesis, the divinity of Jesus Christ, the virgin birth, the Savior's miracles, His bodily resurrection, His literal return and the cleansing power of His blood!
- Textus Receptus was, and still is, the enemy of the Roman Church. Remember this vital point.

If you would like to know where to obtain a copy of the Textus Receptus, a paperback entitled The Interlinear Greek- English N.T. by Berry it is obtainable from: Eye Opener Publications, P.O. Box 7944, Eugene, Oregon 97401. This is the Text from which the KJV was translated in 1611. Literal modern English words appear between the Greek lines and under each word, making it possible for anyone to make an accurate check of all Bibles versions. The KJV appears in the margins.

### **THE MINORITY TEXT**

The other Greek text, referred to as the Minority Text, is so named because it represents only 5% of extant manuscripts. Another 5% are neutral, sometimes agreeing with the majority and at others with the minority. The Minority Text is also known as the Alexandrian Text because it was produced in Alexandria, Egypt. Early Christians, together with all the Protestant Reformers who were well aware of its existence, but considered it unfit for translation purposes, rejected the Text because...

- The Minority Text was the work of unbelieving Egyptian scribes who did not accept the Bible as God's word or Jesus as God's Son.
- The Minority Text abounds with alterations; often, several scribes amended a single manuscript over many years, something the Aaronic priests and Masorites would never have tolerated when making copies of the Scriptures.
- The Minority Text omits approximately 200 verses from the Scriptures. That is the equivalent of all of I & II Peter (Let that stunning fact sink in, in light of, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away [Matthew 24:35]).
- The Minority Text contradicts itself in hundreds of places.
- The Minority Text is weak on fundamental doctrines.

**Startling as it may sound, virtually every modern English Bible relies on the Minority Text as its underlying New Testament text in preference to Textus Receptus!** "What brought

about this incredible switch from the reliable Textus Receptus to the corrupt minority text favored by the Roman Catholic Church? It is vitally important that you determine the factual answer to this question because that modern Bible you may be faithfully studying each day is a fake, posing as the word of God.

### **THE LIE**

Modern translations abound with deceptive footnotes designed to make palatable the lie that the King James Version is unreliable and readers of these corrupt bibles constantly encounter such footnotes as:

- The Hebrew of this line is obscure.
- The meaning of the Hebrew is uncertain or unknown.
- Other ancient mss add...
- Other ancient mss omit...
- Other ancient mss read...
- Other ancient mss insert...
- Some early mss read...
- The most ancient authorities omit John 7:53 - 8:11.
- The best manuscripts omit this verse. (E.g. Matt.17:21, 18:11, 23:14, Mark 7:16, John 5:4).
- Some of the most ancient authorities bring the book (Mark) to a close at the end of Mark 16:8.
- Many mss do not contain the remainder of this verse. (E.g. Acts 8:37).
- Many ancient authorities read...
- Not found in most of the old mss. (e.g. John 7:53- 8:11).

Such openly transparent questioning of the accuracy of the Authorized Version by implying that its own modern translation is more accurate and reliable, is clearly set forth in the preface of the Revised Standard Version which gives this whopper: "Yet the King James Version has grave defects." Well, that is exactly what the King James Version doesn't have. The King James Version is accurate and infinitely more reliable than ANY modern English translation and you will need to know about two important manuscripts upon which those translations rely to understand why. They are called Codex Sinaiticus (A) and Codex Vaticanus (B). The word Codex means that the manuscript is in book form as opposed to being a scroll.

Before examining Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, a little should be said of the man whom God raised up over 150 years ago to expose the errors of the Minority Text. John Burgon was undoubtedly one of the greatest defenders of the Greek text of the New Testament. He exposed the hundreds of amendments, deletions and additions in the Minority Text and defended the reliability of Textus Receptus till he died. Unlike most Bible students and ministers today, Burgon was a real scholar of the highest rank. In his book Which Bible, David Otis Fuller says that...

John William Burgon was born August 21, 1813. He matriculated at Oxford in 1841, taking several high honors there, and his B.A. 1845. He took his M.A. there in 1848... the thing about Burgon, however, which lifts him out of the nineteenth century English setting and endears him to the hearts of earnest Christians of other lands and other ages is his steadfast defense of the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God. He strove with all his power to arrest the modernistic currents, which during his lifetime had begun to flow within the Church of England, continuing

his efforts with unabated zeal up to the very day of his death. With this purpose in mind he labored mightily in the field of New Testament textual criticism.

In 1860, while temporary chaplain of the English congregation at Rome, he made a personal examination of Codex B (Vaticanus) and in 1862 he inspected the treasures of St. Catherine's Convent on Mt. Sinai. Later he made several tours of European libraries, examining and collating New Testament manuscripts wherever he went... .Of all the critics of the nineteenth century Burgon alone was consistently Christian in his vindication of the Divine inspiration and providential preservation of the text of Holy Scripture...

Burgon's credentialed opinion of the remarkably well preserved B (Codex Vaticanus) and Aleph (Codex Sinaiticus) in spite of their exceptional age was that it proved not their goodness, but their badness. If they had been good manuscripts they would have been read to pieces long ago.

### **CODEX SINAITICUS (ALEPH)**

Sinaiticus was produced in the 4th century. In his book *Let's Weigh the Evidence* Barry Burton writes...

The Sinaiticus is a manuscript that was found in 1844 in a trash pile in St. Catherine's Monastery near Mt. Sinai, by a man named Mr. Tischendorf. It contains nearly all of the New Testament plus it adds the Shepherd of Hermes and the Epistle of Barnabas to the New Testament.

Examining the manuscript itself proves that Sinaiticus is extremely unreliable. John Burgon spent years examining every available manuscript of the New Testament. He writes about Sinaiticus...

On many occasions 10, 20, 30, 40 words are dropped through carelessness. Letters, words or even whole sentences are frequently written twice over, or begun and immediately cancelled; while that gross blunder, whereby a clause is omitted because it happens to end in the same words as the clause preceding, occurs no less than 115 times in the New Testament.

That's not all. On nearly every page of the manuscript there are corrections and revisions done by 10 different people. Some of these corrections were made about the same time that it was copied, but most of them were made in the 6th and 7th century. Phillip Mauro, a brilliant lawyer who was admitted to the bar of the US Supreme Court in 1892, states in his book *Which Version* when commenting on Sinaiticus that...

From these facts, therefore, we declare: first, that the impurity of the Codex Sinaiticus, in every part of it, was fully recognized by those who were best acquainted with it, and that from the very beginning.. it was.. .cast aside as worthless for any practical purpose.

### **CODEX VATICANUS (B)**

Vaticanus was also produced in the 4th century. It was found over a thousand years later in 1481 in the Vatican library in Rome, where it is currently held. It is written on vellum, an expensive parchment originally from the skin of calf or antelope. Some authorities claim that it was one of 50 Bibles ordered from Egypt by the Roman Emperor Constantine; hence it's beautiful appearance and the expensive skins, which were used for its pages. The manuscript, like its corrupt Egyptian brother, Sinaiticus, is riddled with omissions, insertions and amendments. The Westminster Dictionary of the Bible at page 624 under the article Versions has this to say about Vaticanus (B)...

It should be noted, however, that there is no prominent Biblical MS. in which there occur such gross cases of misspelling, faulty grammar, and omission, as in B.

Vaticanus omits Genesis 1:1 through Genesis 46:28; Psalms 106 through 138; Matthew 16:2, 3; Romans 16:24; the Pauline Pastoral Epistles; Revelation; and everything in Hebrews after 9:14. When a MS possessed by the Roman Catholic Church omits the exact section of the book of Hebrews exposing the mass as unbiblical and totally useless, you should be able to detect the maneuver as easily as the stink of a dead mackerel rotting in the sun (read Hebrews 10:10-12). Vaticanus also omits the portion, which foretells the destruction of the great whore (Rome) of Revelation chapter 17.

## **SINAITICUS AND VATICANUS AS OLDEST AND BEST**

Bible students are often told that Sinaiticus and Vaticanus are the oldest and best (best meaning appearance) manuscripts implying that they must, therefore, be more accurate. The conclusion is wrong, for we have seen how corrupt Sinaiticus and Vaticanus are. Better in form they are, but better in substance they are not. They are older than other Greek manuscripts of the New Testament, but they are not older than the earliest versions of the Bible (recall the meaning of manuscript and version). The Peshitta, Italic, Waldensian and Old Latin Vulgate are some 200 years older than Sinaiticus and Vaticanus and those versions all agree with the Majority text underlying the King James Bible. For anyone to seriously propagate the absurdity of suggesting that Sinaiticus and Vaticanus are more accurate than Textus Receptus because they are oldest and best is the kind of deranged thinking that would pronounce...

You will find the greatest truths preached in the oldest cathedrals, and you will find the best character in the most beautiful women.

As a rational Christian, if you can believe that God allowed the best Codex (Vaticanus) to be hidden away from mankind for over 1000 years in the Vatican Library till 1481, and that he prompted deeply religious monks??? of St Catherine's

Monastery to dump Sinaiticus in a wastebasket, then you will have to excuse me if I believe you decided to stay on at Disney Land after your first visit!

Now, as stated before, one of the most important facts for you to grasp in this end time controversy is that all Bibles, every one of them, fall into one of two categories.

- Those based on the Majority Text (Textus Receptus).
- Those based on the Minority Text (Sinaiticus, Vaticanus).

Which Bible you select for study each day is going to have an enormous effect on your spiritual understanding, growth and well being, for Bibles produced from these two corrupt manuscripts in the words of Dean Burgon, "are foul." Keep these vital facts before you and **NEVER LET THEM OUT OF YOUR SIGHT...**

Compromise of any sort between the two conflicting parties, is impossible, for they simply contradict one another. Codex B and Aleph are either amongst the purist of manuscripts--or else they are among the very foulest. The Text of Drs. Westcott and Hort is either the very best which has ever appeared, or else it is the very worst; the nearest to the sacred Autographs, or furthest from them... .There is no room for both opinions; and there cannot exist any middle view.

## **THE KING JAMES VERSION**

Having briefly explored the subject of the Majority and Minority texts, let's now look at the Authorized King James Version of 1611, which is based on Textus Receptus. Though translated directly from the original languages, it owes its style and biblical language to versions that went before it.



## **ARCHAIC LANGUAGE**

Many maintain that the KJV uses archaic language. Is the objection justified? Consider this well known fact: every department of human learning uses language peculiar to that particular discipline, language which novices could easily refer to as being archaic or difficult. Biology, botany, geology, physics, chemistry, mathematics, music, medicine, law etc., all use strange sounding words, phrases and expressions, which a novice will find difficult to understand. The study of God's word is similar in this respect. It also uses words and expressions, which a new believer will find hard to comprehend: sin, repentance, baptism, atonement, sanctification, justification, resurrection etc. These words often baffle a new believer, but he/she must learn them in

order to progress spiritually because they are explicit. They are Biblical terms that precisely express vital spiritual and theological concepts. They are not archaic words and we dare not get rid of them, or simplify them to such a degree that the God's word becomes a paraphrase or commentary. Can you imagine a person who, after having acquired a new computer, refused to learn specialized terms associated with computing? If he did, he would be lost in a minute reading the instruction manual. In *The ICing James Version Defended* Edward F. Hills observes that...

Not only modernists, but also many conservatives are now saying that the King James Version ought to be abandoned because it is not contemporary. The Apostles, they insist, used contemporary language in their preaching and writing, and we too must have a Bible in the language of today. But more and more it is being recognized that the language of the New Testament was biblical rather than contemporary. It was the Greek of the Septuagint, which in its turn was modeled after the Old Testament Hebrew. Any biblical translator, therefore, who is truly trying to follow in the footsteps of the Apostles and to produce a version which God will bless, must take care to use language which is above the level of daily speech, language which is not only intelligible but also biblical and venerable. Hence in language as well as in text, the King James Version is still, by far, superior to any other English translation of the Bible.

## **THEE AND THOU**

Complaints are numerous about the words ye, thee, and thou in the King James Version, and that these words should all be replaced by the word you. Most everyone knows that the word you is a uni-plural word like sheep or fish. That is, it may refer to one or many depending on the context. Do you know that the word you is used over 950 times in the KJV New Testament alone, but not exclusively. Why? The answer is because of the vital difference between you (plural) and thee (singular), and there are times when it is necessary to make the difference. The word thee refers to a single person, church, town or nation, whereas the word you is the second person plural and refers to many persons. A few examples will make the grammar clear. Just before the Savior's crucifixion, He warned His disciples (particularly Peter) of Satan's intended plan to test them all: *And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. (Luke 22:31, 32).*

In this passage our Lord used the plural word you to designate all the disciples. But when He used the words thee and thou He referred to Simon Peter alone. By replacing the singular thee and thou in this passage with the plural you, the Savior's explicit warning to Simon Peter is weakened. As for His warning to all the other disciples that Satan wanted to sift them all, that

warning is completely lost by substituting with the word you. In the following verse, you see the principle from another view where two towns are initially addressed individually (singular) the word thee is used, but when they are addressed together (plural) the word you is used.

*Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. (Luke 10:13).*

These texts (there are hundreds more) prove that the word you was well known to the King James translators. The reason they did not use you exclusively, as modern translators do, is that it wasn't accurate (who are these birds squawking and carping about the superior accuracy of their versions over the King James—I suspect that red birds like Cardinals are fond of them, for birds of a feather corrupt together). If you run the references in a concordance you discover that you was used over 1800 times in the Authorized Version, but in its proper place grammatically. Failure to understand these principles will preclude you from understanding some important truths recorded in the Scriptures.

## **ALLEGED KJV ERRORS: EASTER/PASSOVER**

Many claim that the King James Version has serious errors in it. By addressing one of the most triumphantly trumpeted "errors," in the KJV concerning the use of the word Easter in Acts 12:1-4 it should put the lie to this "error" alleging "errors;" for other supposed errors can be just as easily explained. "The original Greek word pascha," say these Christian critics, "should have been translated Passover, not Easter." Now, examine the passage concerned and see if the indictment stands.

*Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. (Acts 12:1-4).*

To properly understand the sequence of events described above you will have to pay attention to what the Lord commanded His people relative to the sacred calendar...

*In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. (Leviticus 23:5, 6).*

## **UNDERSTANDING THE VERSE**

- The Passover. It occurred in ancient Egypt when the Lord spared the lives of Israel's eldest sons and slaughtered the firstborn of Egypt. That event took place on the evening of the 14th Abib (Nisan), the first month in the sacred calendar. The Passover, which is an event rather than a day, is now commemorated each year on the evening of the same date. The story is well known and is recorded in Exodus chapters 11 and 12.
- After the Passover. The week, or seven days of Unleavened Bread was observed, beginning on the evening of the 14th Abib and finishing on the evening of the 21st Abib. The whole week is sometimes referred to as the Passover week, but strictly speaking its proper name

is week of Unleavened Bread When the Passover and the days of unleavened bread are mentioned in the same passage, as in Acts 12:1-4, we can be certain that the Passover refers to the event of the evening of the 14th Abib, and the days of unleavened bread refer to the week that follows, i.e., 15th\_21st Abib or Nisan.

The events recorded in Acts 12:3-4 occurred during the days of unleavened bread In other words, the Passover in that particular year had passed, it was history, it had gone. To translate pascha as Passover would have Herod waiting for an event, which had already passed. Herod was a ruling Jew and he certainly wasn't stupid. He knew that the Passover had passed and that the days of unleavened bread were in progress.

What, then, was Herod really waiting for before releasing Peter? The answer is: Herod was waiting for Easter to come and go precisely as the King James Version says. We can be confident that the translators of the KJV knew exactly why they rendered the Greek word pascha in this passage as Easter and not Passover as at other times. Their combined knowledge of Hebrew and Greek, and the vast amount of manuscript evidence before them (thousands of copies, versions, and church-father citations etc.) were all used to arrive at every word in the King James Version. Are we, whose knowledge of these languages is microscopic by comparison, to challenge their judgment? The fact is Herod was a false-god-worshipping pagan and was not waiting for the Passover, which had come and gone; he was waiting for the Easter bunny exactly as the King James says he was!

The events of the story tell us that...

- The Passover (event) that particular year had passed.
- The days of unleavened bread (15th - 21st Abib) were in progress.
- Easter was approaching after which Herod planned to release Peter.

The question then becomes: was the pagan festival of Easter known at that time and were the Romans keeping Easter? Yes! The pagan festival of Easter, with its hot cross buns and Easter Sunday sunrise services was well known in ancient Babylon and Rome centuries before the events recorded in Acts 12. No real Bible believer doubts the fact that Easter is a pagan festival, which came down from ancient times long before the Christian era. Here is Alexander Hislop's statement about Easter on page 103 of his book *The Two Babylon's*...

Then look at Easter. What means the term Easter itself? It is not a Christian name. It bears its Chaldean origin on its forehead. Easter is nothing else than Astarte, one of the titles of Beltis, the QUEEN OF HEAVEN, whose name, as pronounced by the people of Nineveh, was evidently identical with that now in common use in this country. That name, as found by Layard on the Assyrian monuments, is Ishtar.

The next question is: did some Israelites keep Easter, baking cakes for Ishtar, (Easter) and worship the QUEEN OF HEAVEN? Yes again! Ancient Israel worshipped the Queen of Heaven (ISHTAR) and they paid her homage each year with special cakes (buns) and drink offerings. How do we know that? Because...

*The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. (Jeremiah 7:18).*

*But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine. And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men? (Jeremiah 44:18, 19).*

## **SUMMARY**

After the event of Passover on the evening of the 14th Abib, and sometime during the seven days of unleavened bread, Herod imprisoned Peter. He intended to leave Peter imprisoned until after his pagan observance of Easter, at which time he intended to release Peter exactly as the King James Version has put it at Acts 12:4. Every translation using the word Passover in Acts 12:4 is incorrect. Easter is the correct word. The King James uses it. Without the light the King James supplies, you will miss every truth in the cross- references on Jewish paganism with its roots going back to Nimrod, the worship of his wife and everything connected with the hellishness of Babylonianism.

## **THE KING JAMES TRANSLATORS**

When the LORD commissioned the prophets and apostles to write His Scriptures, He selected men who possessed faith, holiness, and love of His truth as qualities necessary to be instruments in His hands, for when God chooses His servants He looks within...

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his [Saul's] countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. (I Samuel 16:7)

The forty-seven scholars involved in the translation of the Authorized Version were also providentially chosen for their love of truth, together with their linguistic abilities. In faith and holiness they were true blue and dedicated believers. In addition, many hundreds of devout ministers and believing linguists throughout the UK assisted in the great work. No emphasis can be too great pointing out the importance of faith in God as requisite for this sacred task. And it is absurd in the extreme to believe or suggest that God, who initially inspired believing faithful servants to write the Scriptures, would centuries later entrust translating those same sacred Scriptures to unbelievers and skeptics (infidels). To fully grasp the extent of the spiritual credentials of these men you will need to look at what Sam Gipp reveals about them on pages 186-195 of his, *An Understandable History of the Bible...*

Lancelot Andrews: As a preacher, Bishop Andrews was right famous in his day. He was called the 'star of preachers' Dr. Andrews was also known as a great man of prayer... .But we are chiefly concerned to know what were his qualifications as a translator of the Bible. He ever bore the character of a 'right godly man,' and a 'prodigious student.' One competent judge speaks of him as 'that great gulf of learning!' It was also said, that 'the world wanted learning to know how learned this man was'. A brave, old chronicler remarks, that 'such was his skill in all languages, especially the Oriental, that had he been present at the confusion of tongues at Babel, he might have served as the Interpreter- General!' In his funeral sermon by Dr. Buckridge, Bishop of Rochester, it was said that Dr. Andrews was conversant with fifteen languages.

John Overall: He was chosen for his expertise in the writings of the early church fathers. Dr. Overall was vital to the translation because of his knowledge of quotations of the early church fathers.

Robert Tighe: An excellent textuary and profound linguist.

William Bedwell: An eminent Oriental scholar. His epitaph mentions that he was 'for the Eastern tongues, as learned a man as most lived in these modern times.

Edward Lively: One of the best linguists in the world... .Much dependence was placed on his surpassing skill in Oriental languages.

Lawrence Chaderton: He made himself familiar with the Latin, Greek and Hebrew tongues and was thoroughly skilled in them... Dr Chaderton was a powerful preacher who lived to the age of one hundred and three. A preaching engagement in his later years was described as follows: 'Having addressed his audience for full two hours by the glass, he paused and said, 'I will no longer trespass on your patience.' And now comes the marvel; for the whole congregation cried out with one consent, For God's sake, go on!' Francis Dillingham: Was so studied in the original languages that he participated in public debates in Greek.

Thomas Harrison: Vice-Master of Trinity College in Cambridge. On account of his exquisite skill in the Hebrew and Greek idioms, he was one of the chief examiners in the University of those who sought to be professors of these languages.

John Harding: At the time of his appointment to aid in the translation of the Bible, he had been Royal Professor of Hebrew in the University for thirteen years.

John Reynolds: Determined to explore the whole field and make himself master of the subject, he devoted himself to the study of the Scriptures in the original languages, and read all the Greek and Latin fathers, and all the ancient records of the Church.

Dr. Henry Saville: Was known for his Greek and mathematical learning. He was so well known for his education, skills in languages and knowledge of the Word, that he became Greek and mathematical tutor to Queen Elizabeth during the reign of her father, Henry VIII.

Dr. Miles Smith: The man responsible for the preface of the King James Bible. The preface is no longer printed in present copies of the Book. He had a knowledge of Greek and Latin fathers, as well as being an expert in Chaldee, Syriac, and Arabic. 'Hebrew he had at his finger's end, as well the Ethiopic tongue.'

## **MODERN VERSIONS**

In reality there are but two English language Bibles to choose from: the Authorized Version based on the Masoretic Hebrew, and Majority Greek Text, or the Revised Version based on the Minority Text. Every popular modern translation is based on that Revised Version, (1881-5) whose foundation throughout is Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. The corrupt RSV has spawned multitudes of bogus translations purporting to be Bibles:

- The American Standard Version (1901)
- The Moffatt Bible (1935)
- The Revised Standard Version (1952)
- The Amplified Bible (1958-64)
- The Jerusalem Bible (1966)
- The New International Version (1966)
- The New English Bible (1970)
- The New American Bible (1970)
- J B Phillips New Testament (1972)
- The New American Standard Version (1971)
- Good News Bible (1976 and 1994)
- The New International Version (1978)
- New Jerusalem Bible (1985)
- The New King James Version (1984)

While it may be true that many of the Revised Version committee members were scholars, no one should be foolish enough to make the mistake of equating them with the men on the King

James Version committee who respected and revered God's word. When the men of the Revised Version committee faced a choice between choosing the Textus Receptus or the corrupt Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, their recorded actions belie their faith and piety.

Two of the committee's most celebrated and influential translators were Brooke Foss Westcott and Fenton John Anthony Hort. Because what you believe ultimately dictates how you operate, it is enlightening to examine the lives of these two men who exercised great influence on the committee to see what they believed.

### **BROOKE FOSS WESTCOTT**

A brief look at this Cambridge scholar's spiritual condition will suffice to make clear to anyone with the will to see that God would never have used him in the preservation of His word.

William Grady supplies documentation of Westcott's skepticism and unbelief in his book *Final Authority* at pages 216-230 when quoting from *Life and Letters of Brooke Foss Westcott*...

- I never read of the account of a miracle but I seem instinctively to feel its improbability, and discover some want of evidence in the account of it.
- Oh the weakness of my faith compared with that of others! So wild, so skeptical am I. I cannot yield.
- O Marie, [his wife's name] as I wrote the last word, I could not help asking what am I? Can I claim to be a believer?
- It seems as if I am inclined to learn nothing; I must find out all myself, and then I am satisfied, but that simple faith and obedience, which so many enjoy, I fear will never be mine.
- What a wild storm of unbelief seems to have seized my whole system.
- If you make a decided conviction of the absolute infallibility of the N.T. practically a sine qua non for co-operation, I fear I could not join you, even if you were willing to forget your fears about the origin of the Gospels.

How is it that Bible-believing Christians, educators and preachers have for years slobbered over Westcott's opinion of the Greek as being nearly infallible? You read it right.. they slobber, for when you preach from, read from, recommend and suggest to others to get one of the perverted Bibles that come from a man like Brooke Foss Westcott you are slobbering over the Devil's dish. If a man were so blind that he couldn't find a bowling ball in a bathtub, he could at least see from these quotations that Westcott was no more a believer in the God of the Bible, or that Bible, than Mao TseTung. By his own admission he was an unbelieving skeptic who doubted the infallibility of the New Testament and the miracles of Jesus. He was unable to give up the skepticism and unbelief that stormed his mind, and confessed that simple faith would never be his. Ignore these warnings at your peril!

### **FENTON JOHN ANTHONY HORT**

Hort was another influential, respected translator of the Revised Version. Along with Westcott, he was a theistic evolutionist. To him the Genesis account of creation was absolutely unacceptable. Darwin's *Origin of the Species* was more to his liking and a quick look at what he wrote leaves no one in doubt that he disbelieved the most basic Bible doctrine — Creation. And, he was also an ardent admirer of the Roman Church. Hort's statements in *The Life and Letters of Fenton John Anthony Hort*-, (quoted at page 223 of the book, -Which Bible?) leave no one in the dark as to the philosophy that guided him...

- Have you read Darwin? How I should like to talk with you (Westcott) about it! In spite of difficulties, I am inclined to think it unanswerable. In any case it is a treat to read such a book.

- But the book, which has most engaged me, is Darwin. Whatever may be thought of it, it is a book that one is proud to be contemporary with. I must work out and examine the argument more in detail, but at present my feeling is strong that the theory is unanswerable.
- . . . Anglicanism, though by no means without a sound standing, seems a poor and maimed thing beside great Rome.

### **RSV TRANSLATION COMMITTEE**

Here's the tragedy: the vast majority of Christians have never obeyed the command of II Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Here's a result of that tragedy: these ignorant Christians miss the fact that the Revised Standard Version committee's corrupt Westcott and Hon text underlies all modern translations; they miss the fact that this committee also has Roman Catholic members on it; and they miss the fact that the Revised Standard Version is the preferred choice of the Roman Church as evidenced from the preface of that Bible...

The Revised Standard Version Bible committee is a continuing body, holding its meetings at regular intervals. It has become both ecumenical and international, with Protestant and Catholic active members who come from Great Britain, Canada and the United States.

Should anyone doubt the solid link between the Church of Rome and the RSV he need only consider that most of the citations in the 1994 Catechism of the Catholic Church (the first update of this catechism in 400 years) are from the RSV. The aim of the RSV is ecumenical where all churches and all religions unite under one supreme authority. And what authority would that be? If you answered, "Papal authority," you get the prize. Some Christians flatly dispute these facts, but you should know that the truth is not what I say it is, and the truth is not what you think it is. Truth is independent of either of us and is based on verifiable facts and evidence and what you are reading in this essay is fact, well documented.

How should saved people, who believe in the divine inspiration and preservation of Scripture, respond to this committee's product? If you are reading and studying from a translation like the NIV or other similar perversions you need to know that you are sitting down to eat at a table with truth rejecting Bible revisers. God does not change His methods and use translators who reject basic Bible doctrine, nor does He use unbelievers and skeptics who alter His text? The idea is preposterous and blasphemous and it is astounding in the extreme when Christians, who are given this information, continue to embrace their modern Bibles, which have sprung from this poisoned tree.

### **RSV COMMITTEE CARELESSNESS WITH WORDS**

If you should say, "Well, it's only a few words here and there that are in question, why are you being so divisive over this issue?" then you need to consider how many words were at stake in the Garden of Eden when God told our first parents the consequence of eating from the forbidden tree: "*Thou shalt surely die.*" Now watch the addition of just one word by the first Bible Revision Committee, (Satan and Eve) "*ye shall not surely die.*" (*Genesis 2:17; 3:4*). One word! And one word was the difference between life and death! Every word in Scripture is important, infinitely more important than a bolt or rivet in a jet airliner or a line of code in a computer program.

*But he (Jesus) answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4).*

*For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. (Matthew 5:18).*

*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:18, 19).*

## **THE PRINCIPLE OF SPIRITUAL CORRUPTION**

This essay has shown how the corrupt Vaticanus and Sinaiticus were taken up and promoted by skeptical translators who didn't believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible word of God. In turn, a host of new translations followed in that corruption. With these facts in mind, consider a Biblical principle, which few Christians comprehend: spiritual corruption, or how something unholy can pollute everything it touches. The prophet Haggai describes this little-known principle...

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No. Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. (Haggai 2:11-13). (Emphasis added).

If an ancient Israelite, while carrying consecrated tithes (flesh, bread, wine or oil) to the Temple, happened to come in contact with an unclean person (a leper or a corpse) his offering would lose its holiness and would become unacceptable to God. It's like clean meat being infected with a disease producing bacteria, or a computer being infected by a virus. (You know one bad apple spoils the bunch, don't you — I guess the Lord knew what He was talking about when he warned about leaven?) The principle is clear: unclean and unholy people or things pollute whatever they touch.

At the rule's higher spiritual level it means that any sacred offering (prayer, charitable gift or act of worship) becomes unacceptable to God if the corruption of unbelief touches it. The Bible is the Bread of Life, the spiritual meat of the soul. It too can become infected, unclean and unacceptable to God when its words are laced with the unbelief of a scribe or translator, or twisted out of context by the leprous spirit of Satan. That is exactly what happened to the holy manuscripts, which were carried down into Egypt. To grasp the significance of this, if you know your Bible history, think about the consequences to God's people throughout the Bible every time they came in contact with Egypt.

- Unbelieving scribes who did not recognize their divine origin corrupted the holy texts. As far as they were concerned, the Scriptures were merely the writings of a religious group called Christians based initially in Jerusalem and Antioch. Thus, in the process of copying, Sinaiticus and Vaticanus were corrupted in hundreds of places with deletions, additions and alterations, at which point they themselves became, unclean, unacceptable and useless to God.
- Unbelieving translators used those corrupt texts to revise the real word of God, convincing gullible, naïve and disobedient Christians that their work was scholarly and godly while dishing them up poison.

The spiritual lesson of Haggai 2:11-13 is a living reality with regard to modern translations in these last days, and that is why you should never refer to modern translations as "Holy Bibles."



They are not Holy, and they are not Bibles, and the Spirit of the Holy One of Israel was not involved in their production. They are unholy corruptions posing as the word of God!

### **A FAMINE OF THE WORD OF GOD**

I used to wonder how the Bible prediction of a famine of hearing the words of the Lord would come about when there are still millions of Bibles being printed every year. Well, visit any Christian book store in any city of America and you will find: The Teenage Study Bible, The Businessman's Power Bible, The Housewife's Promise Bible, The Modern Encyclopedia Bible, The Last Day's Prophetic Bible, The New Day Hope Bible, The Modern Language Bible, The New Answer Bible, The New Bible, etc., etc., etc. I haven't overstated anything and if you think I have, check it! Churches and homes are bursting with Bible translations and paraphrases to suite every taste. And in most cases those Bibles are not real Bibles. They are corrupt counterfeit monstrosities sapping the spiritual strength out of their readers. Notice the prophecy...

*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: (Amos 8:11).*

I now no longer wonder about that predicted Bible famine, because I know that the beginning of its fulfillment is upon us. The real Bible began disappearing from Christian churches and homes in the early 1960's. In the last forty years, to be sure there have been scores of modern translations available, but the true word of God, the King James Bible, has become harder and harder to find and is seldom read from the pulpit. It will soon be as scarce as bread during a literal famine, and the counterfeits, serving their rotten diet of corruption will have done their work of wasting and devastating Christians who are willingly ignorant of the truth. In the closing chapter of *The King James Version Defended* Edward F. Hills warns...

In regard to Bible versions many contemporary Christians are behaving like spoiled and rebellious children. They want a Bible version that pleases them no matter whether it pleases God or not. 'We want a Bible version in our own idiom,' they clamor. 'We want a Bible that talks to us in the same way in which we talk to our friends over the telephone. We want an informal God, no better educated than ourselves, with a limited vocabulary and a taste for modern slang.' And having thus registered their preference, they go their several ways. Some of them unite with the modernists in using the R.S. or NEB. Others deem the N.A.S. V or the N.I.V. more evangelical. Still others opt for the T.E. V. or the Living Bible.

slain because they loved God's living, written word and kept the commandments recorded in it... The book of Revelation records that the Apostle John was banished to the island of Patmos for the word of God! The prophecy of the Revelation goes on to tell of a great company of believers who would live and die for the word of God, a martyrdom which will be repeated in the last days. Note carefully that these martyrs, and their end-time kinsman, were and will be slain for the word of God! These martyrs are

But God is bigger than you are dear friend, and the Bible version, which you must use, is not a matter for you to decide according to your whims and prejudices. It has already been decided for you by the workings of God's special providence. If you ignore this providence and choose to adopt one of the modern versions, you will be taking the first step in the logic of unbelief. For the arguments, which you must use to justify your choice, are the same arguments, which unbelievers use to justify theirs, the same method. If you adopt one of these modern versions, you must adopt the naturalistic New Testament textual criticism upon which it rests. In other words, naturalistic textual criticism regards the special, providential preservation of the Scriptures as of no importance for the study of the New Testament text. But if we concede this,

then it follows that the infallible inspiration of the Scriptures is likewise unimportant. For why is it important that God should infallibly inspire the Scriptures, if it is not important that He should preserve them by His special providence?

Where, oh where, Cindy, did you ever get the idea that it is up to you to decide which Bible version you will receive as God's Holy Word? As long as you harbor this false notion, you are little better than an unbeliever. As long as you cherish this erroneous opinion, you are entirely on your own. For you the Bible has no authority, only that, which your rebellious reason deigns to give it. For you there is no comfort, no assurance of faith. Cast off, therefore, this carnal mind that leads to death! Put on the spiritual mind that leads to life and peace! Receive by faith the true Text of God's Holy Word, which has been preserved down through the ages by His special providence and now is found in the Masoretic Hebrew text, the Greek Textus Receptus, and the King James Version and other faithful translations.

*I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 1:9).*

*And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. (Revelation 6:9-11).*

## **CONCLUSION**

And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. (John 5:38, 39). (Emphasis added).

It has been well said that, "Every Christian will make a decision on the matter of which text is correct. The decision will be made, consciously or unconsciously, by every believer when he decides which edition of the Bible he will use to read, study and listen to being preached. If he chooses a translation based upon corrupted manuscripts, omitting the deity of Christ, His blood atonement, His virgin birth, then he decides to extend error to the next generation. If, however, today's Christian chooses a translation translated from the Traditional Text of the New Testament, he makes the decision for this generation and those to come to acknowledge God's working through His providence in providing His word in inerrant form and substance."

The most important subject of the Bible is who gets to rule (a kingdom). Men have been fighting over who gets to rule since the beginning of recorded history because they don't know the most important person of the Bible, the rightful Ruler, Jesus, the Prince of the kings of the earth and Savior of fallen man. The reason they don't know Him is revealed through the warning He issued to the Jews...

If you don't have the scriptures, or you don't believe the scriptures, or you have corrupt scriptures you are in bad way, for these issues have great consequence to you, saved or unsaved, relative to your condition for all of eternity. And that is why the first statement you read when beginning this essay announced that God's word is exalted above his name.

Heretofore, there have been hundreds of thousands of words, more ably than here, written on this issue, but this short work dear reader, has provided you with all the information that is necessary to enable you to make an intelligent, informed, choice.

## AFTERWORD

Something needs to be added here about the editions of the Authorized Version. The 1611 actually had five editions. Obviously, the first edition was 1611 and we call what we have today by that name. However, after 1611 came editions in 1629, 1638, 1762 and 1769. These were editions of the original 1611, not new translations. They simply corrected typographical mistakes.

The 1629 and 1638 editions corrected printing errors. The 1762 and 1769 editions corrected spelling changes, which became necessary once English became more exact and was governed by rules. *Genesis 38:27-30* in a 1611 illustrates this:

*And it came to passe in the time of her trauaile, that beholde, twinnes were in her wombe. And it came to passe when she trauailed, that the one put out his hand, and the midwife tooke and bound upon his hand a skarlet thread, saying, This came out first. And it came to passe as he drew back his hand, that behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach bee vpon thee: Therefore his name was called Pharez. And afterward came out his brother that had the skarlet thread vpon his hand, and his name was called Zarah.*

You need to remember that four hundred years ago the printing business was in its infant stage compared to what we take for granted today when we pick up a book or magazine. A little reflection should make clear how next to impossible it would have been to make any publication flawless on the first printing in those days (printing errors and spelling mistakes still plague us today even with computers and word processors). I had a pocket size Oxford Bible about twenty years ago in which I found a spelling error.

With respect to the Apocrypha, the KJV translators did not accept it as inspired, but they did place it BETWEEN the Old and New Testaments in the original 1611 edition. That position in the Bible coincides with what is called the "400 silent years," (Malachi to the New Testament) when there were no utterances from God through men who claimed inspiration. By placing it there the translators graphically illustrated its uninspired, non-canonical status.

The Apocrypha consists of fourteen books and was recognized as containing some valuable historical information. In 1546 the Catholic Church at the Council of Trent cursed anyone who denied the Apocrypha to be inspired, but believers had never swallowed that lie and in 1640 it was deleted from the AV for the first time. By 1826 the British and Foreign Bible Society refused to even distribute Bibles containing it.

So, do you really have a 1611 Authorized Version? Nope!

What you actually have is a 1769 edition of the Authorized Version of 1611. However, for all intents and purposes you have an Authorized 1611 Version incorporating all the typographical and spelling corrections, together with the striking of non-canonical Apocryphal books.

In Alexander McClure's book, *Translators Revived* on page 185-186 he lists a number of reasons why Bible Believers never consider the Apocrypha to be inspired:

- Not one of them is in the Hebrew language like the rest of the Old Testament books.
- Not one of the writers claims inspiration.
- These books were never acknowledged as sacred Scriptures by the Jews who took great pains to watch over the purity of the sacred text
- Our Lord never quoted them.
- They were not allowed a place among the sacred books, during the first four centuries of the Christian church.

- They contain barely credible statements, together with statements, which contradict not only the canonical Scriptures, but also themselves. For example, in the Books of Maccabees alone, Antiochus Epiphanes dies three times in three places!
- It contradicts doctrines of the Bible, such as prayers for the dead and sinless perfection.

**The next time you pick up a book inscribed Bible, proceed with extreme caution.**

## **C) Why We Use The 1611 KJV.**

### ***WHY WE USE THE KING JAMES VERSION***

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### ***Why We Use the King James Version***

*As a pastor, I write this for the people in our church. On occasion, I have been asked why we, in our church, use the outdated King James Version. To answer that, we must touch on some complex and technical subjects. I, accordingly, have attempted to simplify the matter to a degree that most can understand.*

*In Proverbs 22:28 the Bible says to "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set." A landmark is a surveyor's term and refers to a benchmark or property marker. Today, in most jurisdictions, it is against the law to move or alter a survey landmark.*

*Christianity has its foundations in an authorizing and governing document. That document is the Bible. Any attorney will understand the critical nature of altering an authorizing and governing document. Because the Bible is in every sense the final and absolute foundation of what we as Christians believe and practice, it only is prudent that we be concerned that the foundation is sure and the benchmark has not been altered.*

*For almost two millennia the church of Jesus Christ accepted a set of Greek and Hebrew texts that were received by virtually all gospel preaching, Bible believing churches of whatever group. This text was called the Received Text (or Texts Receptors in Latin). Down through the centuries biblical scholars and church leaders had assembled the existing Greek and Hebrew manuscripts of the Bible.*

*From that compilation, the vast majority were in virtual agreement. These formed the basis of the Received Text.*

*In the year 1611 A.D., King James I of England was influenced to provide a common Bible for the English speaking world. Hence, he authorized a translation of the Bible into English that came to be known as the Authorized Version or as it is more commonly known, the King James Version. King James selected a committee of Greek and Hebrew scholars from the Church of England. Some of these men were individuals with ties to the Puritans and later the Pilgrims who emigrated to America. They worked*

*from the text of the Greek and Hebrew testaments that had been "received" or accepted by virtually all branches of gospel preaching, Bible believing Christianity from the apostolic era to that time. Their product, the King James Version of the Bible, has been until just recently the universal standard for Bible believing Christians of the English speaking world.*

## ***Enter Textual Criticism***

Textual criticism is an academic discipline in which scholars study existing Greek and Hebrew biblical manuscripts. Prior to the advent of the moveable type printing press in 1455 by Gutenberg, all copies of the Bible were hand copied by scribes and were called manuscripts. Because they were individually produced by human hands, they were prone to mistakes in manual copying.

Textual critics study the various extant (existing) manuscripts and note any discrepancies which may have occurred between different copies. Then, by comparing them, a majority consensus is established. Should a misspelled word be found, or should a word have been accidentally added or omitted from a given manuscript, the textual critic endeavors to by consensus establish the correct reading.

A major theory of textual criticism is that since later manuscripts were copied from earlier ones, therefore, the earlier manuscripts are presumed to be a more accurate source of the Scriptures. (The presumption is how scribal errors would accumulate in later copies). Hence, textual critics give much more credence to early manuscripts than to later copies even if the latter be greater in number.

The problem with this theory is that the early church had great reverence and respect for their "accepted" or "received" manuscripts of the Scriptures. Accordingly, when a given copy of the Scriptures became tattered and worn, it was carefully copied and then burned. Hence, there are virtually no copies of the earliest manuscripts used by the churches.

However, there is evidence how certain cults and sects within early Christianity followed the opposite practice. They preserved their manuscripts regardless of condition. Therefore, the crucial premise of textual criticism - that the oldest manuscripts are always to be preferred to more recent copies is critically flawed.

## ***Manuscripts Aleph & B***

In the latter half of the 19th century when textual criticism perhaps was at its zenith, two ancient manuscripts were found in the Mediterranean world which would come to revolutionize the work of the textual critics. A manuscript was found in a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai in the Sinai desert. It came to be known as Manuscript Aleph and it also was known as Codex Sinaiticus ("codex" is the Latin word for a bound volume).

About the same time, another ancient manuscript was "found" in the library of the Vatican. It became known as Manuscript B or Codex Vaticanus. Both of these manuscripts were determined to have come from the 4th century A.D. and are considered the oldest basically complete copies of the New Testament to exist. Hence, they were considered by the textual critics to be the mother lode of ancient Bible manuscripts.

It is noteworthy how Codex Vaticanus was found in the Vatican library. (The Roman Catholic Church historically has never given great credence to the Scripture or its teachings). Moreover, the Codex Sinaiticus had been produced by scribes of the Alexandrian sect in early church history. Some Alexandrians held views heretical similar to the modern Jehovah Witnesses. Some held major doctrinal deviations pertaining to the person of Jesus Christ. Notwithstanding the questionable source of Codex Sinaiticus, it became the premiere source for future textual criticism.

## ***Drs. Westcott and Hort***

Two British textual critics championed these newly found manuscripts. Their names were Dr. B. F. Westcott and Dr. F. J. A. Hort. They represented a branch of the Church of England which was enamored with the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church. Westcott and Hort in their writings showed a keen friendliness to Roman Catholic theology, occult spiritism and German Rationalism otherwise known as modernism. They, by no stretch of the imagination, could be considered fundamentalists as the term was later coined and used. Rather, if they lived today, their theology and philosophy (as evidenced by their writings) would be called liberal, humanistic, sacramental and even have occult overtones.

Drs. Hort and Westcott together collated and edited the Aleph & B manuscripts into one Greek Text of the New Testament. This "new" Greek text was in contrast with and in distinction to the text which had been received by virtually all Bible believing churches for the preceding 19 centuries, in the last 100 years it has been re-edited by Nestle, Aland, Metzger and others, and today is generally referred to as the critical or eclectic text. It represents less than 1% of existing manuscripts.

From this critical text and its direct predecessor, the Westcott and Hort Text, virtually all modern translations and versions of the Bible have been translated into English.

**WE BELIEVE THE CRITICAL TEXT IS CORRUPT!** Not only are its origins and associations suspect, the actual text itself is full of deletions and dilutions of the time honored Scripture received by the church of Jesus Christ. Hence, all of the

modern translations based upon the critical text have diluted reference to the blood of Jesus Christ (e.g. Romans 3:25, Colossians 1:14, Revelation 1:5, Luke 22:20 et al), the Deity of Christ (e.g. Jude 4, Revelation 1:11), the inspiration of die Scriptures (e.g. II Timothy 3:16), and salvation by faith (e.g. John 3:36) to mention a few. Space does not allow us to list the numerous instances of serious dilution or deletions of major doctrinal truths in modern versions, but it is lengthy. There are thousands of textual changes.

If a survey benchmark has been moved or altered, all surveying after that point will be distorted. And because the critical text is in our view corrupt, any version of the Bible translated from it is suspect.

## ***The Modern Versions***

The venerable King James Version of the Bible is not copyrighted in the United States. It is considered a public domain publication of the Word of God. However, virtually all modern versions are copyrighted. Auditors or publishers understand a copyright is for protection of commercial rights. It means that no one else may market their Bible without paying the publisher or at the least receiving written

permission to do so. Does not the Apostle Peter refer to some in the last days "making merchandise of you" regarding the things of God (II Peter 2:3)?

Moreover, a number of the modern versions (based upon the critical text) have used less than precise methods for translation. Some have used a literary device known as "dynamic equivalence." This is a fancy term which essentially means some translators have taken the liberty to come up with what they think are modern equivalents for specific words in the manuscript text rather than precisely translating the specific words of the text. In effect, this is a running commentary on the part of die translators, injecting into the translation what they think a given passage means, rather than rendering a precise translation of what the scriptural writers actually wrote. There is nothing wrong with Bible commentaries. However, to insert personal bias under die guise of translation is not only less than a faithful rendering of the text, it is deceptive.

In at least one case, a popular version has had the honesty to indicate in its subtitle that it is a paraphrase. Unfortunately, unwary minds often look at such a Bible paraphrase as the Bible nevertheless. Some versions have used vulgar and crude terms in their translations. They have seemed oblivious to the unique purity of purpose of the Scripture.

As mentioned above, cardinal New Testament doctrine such as the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Deity of Christ and the inspiration of Scripture is routinely diluted in recent translations based upon the critical text. That should give pause for concern!

## ***The Godly Heritage of the KJV***

In viewing the distortions, deletions, corruptions, dilutions, changes and questionable associations of die critical text and its resultant modernist

translations, we will stick to the venerable King James Version of the Bible that our forbearers so faithfully used. It is an ancient landmark.

Down through the centuries, it has been the Bible used for every major revival to sweep across portions of the English speaking world. It was the Bible used by the founding fathers of this nation. And, it has been God blessed wherever it has been used. It is based

upon the ancient text which has been, until just recently, die universally accepted text of die Scriptures from the time of the apostles.

Modern versions have been marketed extensively as being easier to read than die archaic, old fashioned KJV Bible. However, recent computerized document analysis programs have objectively revealed how the King James Version of die Bible is in fact easier to read than the NIV or the NASB. The Fleisch-Kincaid research firm has through computerized analysis shown how the KJV vocabulary has fewer syllables per word than the NIV or the NASB. Furthermore, the KJV has less complex sentences than the NIV or NASB. In reality, the KJV is easier to read than its modern counterparts in the matter of vocabulary and syntax.

There is undisputed eloquence and beauty in the King James Version. Moreover, the English language was at its zenith in the early 17th century for poetic beauty and eloquence. Interestingly, one of die major criticisms of the King James Version is actually a strength. People unacquainted with proper English complain about the use of "dice" and "thou" etc. in the King James text.

However, as those who understand linguistics will attest, many languages have at one time had a common level which was spoken on the street and a higher or formal level which was used in reference to royalty and God. The usage of "thee" and "thou" etc. in old English is a form of higher English which no longer is commonly used. It originally was used in formal situations where deference and respect to nobility, royalty and Deity were appropriate.

Unfortunately, our contemporary American English usage of "you" and "yours" etc. makes no allowance for such deference and brings all of our language back to the lower level. The King James Version respectfully and appropriately refers to God and other notables as "thee" or "thou" in accordance with their due respect. Most modern language translations have diluted that deference.

## ***Dr. Frank Logsdon***

*Dr. Frank Logsdon was the co-founder of the New American Standard Bible (NASB). He since has renounced any connection to it.*

*"I must under God renounce every attachment to the New American Standard Version. I'm afraid I'm in trouble with the Lord . . . We laid the groundwork; I wrote the format; I helped interview some of the translators; I sat with the translator; I wrote the preface ... I'm in trouble; I can't refute these arguments; its wrong, terribly wrong ... The deletions are absolutely frightening . . . there are so many ... Are we so naive that we do not suspect Satanic deception in all of this?"*



*Upon investigation, I wrote my dear friend, Mr. Lockman, (editors note: Mr. Lockman was the benefactor through which the NASB was published) explaining that I was forced to renounce all attachment to the NASV {editors note: This is the same as the NASB}. You can say that the Authorized Version (KJV) is absolutely correct. How correct? 100%correct. . ."*

\_\_\_\_\_Dr. Frank Logsdon\_\_\_\_\_

by David Sorenson

We have determined not to remove the ancient landmark in a matter so crucial as the foundation of our faith ... the Word of God. And what withal the deletions, dilutions and questionable origins of the modern versions, we will stick to the King James Version!

## D) Is the King James Bible harder to read?

People have been conned with the lie that the new versions are much easier to understand. I've heard many times, "The King James is too hard to understand."

### But the facts tell a different story. . .

Gail Riplinger has a chapter in her best-selling *New Age Bible Versions* titled "King James for Kids". Mrs. Riplinger provides 23 pages of irrefutable evidence proving the King James Bible is far easier to understand and read. She lists over 350 examples in the New Testament where the King James Bible is much easier and simpler to understand.

In comparing the first chapter of the first and last books of the Old and New Testaments, the Flesch-Kincaid research company's Grade Level Indicator shows "The KJV ranks easier in 23 out of 26 comparisons" (Riplinger, *New Age Bible Versions*, 1994, p. 195) betrays the strictly

Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level Indicator					
	KJV Grade Level	NIV Grade Level	NASB Grade Level	TEV Grade Level	NKJV Grade Level
Gen. 1	4.4	5.1	4.7	5.1	5.2
Mal. 1	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.4	4.6
Matt. 1	6.7	16.4	6.8	11.8	10.3

Rev. 1	7.5	7.1	7.7	6.4	7.7
<b>Grade Level Average</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>

(table from *New Age Bible Versions*, p. 196, highlight added)

Mrs. Riplinger writes:

"Why is the KJV easier to read? The KJV uses one or two syllable words while new versions substitute complex multi-syllable words and phrases." (Ibid, p. 196) She lists over 270 examples in the New Testament. Mrs. Riplinger also attributes the King James's ease of understanding to "Simple sentence structure. . . ." (Ibid, p. 204) She again lists many examples.

In her book, *The Language of the King James Bible*, Mrs. Riplinger continues her research in the readability of the King James Bible. Mrs. Riplinger documents under the subtitle "Statistical Verification of Readability":

"Readability statistics generated from *Grammatik* and *Word for Windows* show *why* the KJV is 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading level, while the NKJV and NASB are 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and the NIV is 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level! The KJV averages:

- less syllables per word
- less letters per word
- less words per sentence
- smaller percentage of long words
- greater percentage of short words than the NKJV, NIV, NASB and NRSV

According to readability statistics generated by *Pro-Scribe*, the KJV is easier to read than *USA Today*, *People Magazine* and most children's books."

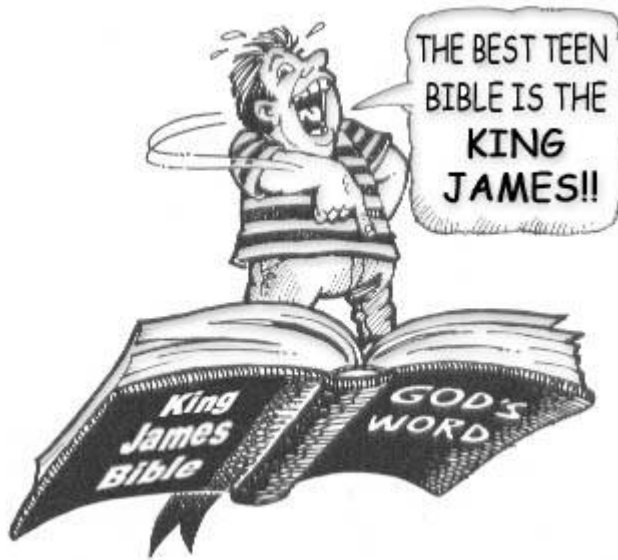
(Riplinger, *The Language of the King James Bible*, p. 159)

Readability Analysis of Writing Samples			
TEXT	Grade	Syllables Per Word	Words over 9 Letters
<i>USA Today</i>	9	1.5	10%
<i>People Magazine</i>	8	1.5	10%
Children's Books	7	1.3	8%
<b><i>King James Bible, New Testament</i></b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>3%</b>

(table from *The Language of the King James Bible*, p 159, highlight added)

## The Comparative Readability of the Authorized Version

*The Bible for Today* published an interesting and revealing book titled, *The Comparative Readability of the Authorized Version* by D.A. Waite, Jr. Using computer readability software (*Grammatik* 4.0, *Grammatik* 5.0, *Word for Windows*) Mr. Waite, spent hundreds of hours,



lasting over three years, analyzing every word in the King James Bible, the American Standard Version (ASV), the Revised Standard Version (RSV), the New American Standard Version (NASV), the New International Version (NIV), the New King James Version (NKJV) and the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

Mr. Waite did not twist, nor slant any of the results but simply let the results speak for themselves. In fact, Mr. Waite confessed before beginning the research, he was fully expecting the newer versions to out score the "old" King James Bible. Mr. Waite writes, "Quite frankly, I was surprised at the

results." (D.A. Waite Jr, *The Comparative Readability of the Authorized Version*, p. 4) *The Comparative Readability of the Authorized Version* is an exhaustive and serious study. It contains detailed tables, charts, documentation, analysis of every conceivable readability tests known. The King James Bible outscored the new versions in virtually every test.

Some of Mr. Waite's analysis:

"According to the F-K [Flesch-Kincaid] formula 74.3% of the books [in the KJV] **are on or below the sixth grade level, and 94% are on or below the seventh grade level!** . . . And the FRE [Flesch Reading Ease] rated 97% of the KJV books as *Fairly Easy* or *Easy!* **These were all first place statistics!**" (Ibid, p. 80)

Mr. Waite summarizes his extensive analysis:

**"If any of these seven versions is authorized to boast about its success in these rigorous readability contests, it is the Authorized Version. [KJV]. If any has the right to flaunt the crown of victory, it is the KING James Bible."** (Ibid, p. 80)

It's also worth noting, the New International Version (NIV), continually scored the worst, in some cases, *much worse*. So much for the nonsense about the King James being "harder to read".

## The Experts Agree

Dr. Rudolf Flesch is the leading authority, researcher and author on readability studies. Dr. Flesch is the originator of the famous Flesch-Kincaid readability standards. His book *Why Johnny Can't Read* is a eye-opening, best-seller. In Dr. Flesch's book, *The Art of Plain Talk*, he makes the following noteworthy statement about the King James Bible:

**"The best example of very easy prose (about 20 affixes per 100 words) is the King James Version of the Bible: . . ."**  
(Rudolf Flesch, *The Art of Plain Talk*, p. 43)

Several times in his book, Dr. Flesch praises the King James Bible for it's ease of reading. *And*

*may I remind you, this is from the leading authority on the subject.*

Echoing the opinion of Dr. Flesch in *The Art of PLAIN Talk*, the Apostle Paul writes the scriptures use "GREAT plainness of speech".

Seeing then that we have such hope, **we use great plainness of speech:**

KJV, 2 Corinthians 3:12

As a fitting comparison, notice the NKJV and the NIV (as do the other new versions) lack the "plainness of speech".

NKJV

Therefore, since we have such hope, we use **great boldness of speech;**

NIV

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are **very bold.**

The national bestseller, *The Story of English*, writes of the simplicity of the King James Bible:

"The King James Bible was published in the year Shakespeare began work on his last play, *The Tempest*. Both the play and the Bible are masterpieces of English, **but there is one crucial difference between them**. Whereas Shakespeare ransacked the lexicon, **the King James Bible employs a bare 8000 words—God's teaching in homely English for everyman.**"

(Robert McCrum, William Cran, and Robert MacNeil, *The Story of English*, p. 113)

*The Norton Anthology of Literature*, selected the King James Bible as one of the finest examples of writing style in existence. (cited in *New Age Bible Versions*, p. 212)

*The Story of English* crowns the King James Bible as, "**probably the single most influential book ever published in the English language.**" (Robert McCrum, William Cran, and Robert MacNeil, *The Story of English*, p. 109)

One of the amazing personalities of the King James Bible is its poetic beauty. Nothing ever penned in the English language can match its sound and rhythm. For a work of its volume and serious subject matter – the poetic splendor defies human logic. The very sound of reading of the King James Bible bears the resemble of a music concerto. Its timbre grabs you, as its melody sings God's word. What an amazing book!

It's worth noting the emphasis the King James translators placed, not only on the readable text of the King James Bible, *but also its sound*. Before the King James Bible was published and after the initial translation work was completed, a re-working took place, *The Story of English* describes this unique process, "they were to go through the text, re-working it **so that it would not only read better but sound better, a quality for which it became famous throughout the English-speaking world.**" (Robert McCrum, William Cran, and Robert MacNeil, *The Story of English*, p. 112)

The words of Romans 10:17-18 comes ringing through:

Romans 10:17-18, KJV

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, **and hearing by the word of God.**

18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, **their sound** went into all the earth, **and their words** unto the ends of the world.

Notice how the NIV completely loses this melody in the "sound" of the "words". It's now simply a message and a voice.

NIV, Romans 10:17

17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing **the message**, and **the message** is heard through the word of Christ.

18 But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "**Their voice** has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."

There is a wonder and amazement at the majestic words of the King James Bible. They literally capture you with their beauty and awe: Former President Ronald Reagan, during one of his famous radio addresses, spoke on the *God News for Modern Man Bible* in comparison to the King James Bible. Mr. Reagan describes the difference:

"The sponsors of the 'Good News' version boast that their bible is as readable as the daily paper—and so it is. **But do readers of the daily news find themselves moved to wonder, 'at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth'?"**

(Reagan In His Own Voice, Cd Audio, Disk 4, Track 2)

(Reagan In His own Hand, p. 409-411)

If the new versions are so much "easier to understand and read" — why is it that according to surveys by Barna Research of people who read their Bible on a *daily* basis, "**The King James Version is more likely to be the Bible read during the week than is the NIV by a 5:1 ratio.**" (Barna Research, The Bible survey, <http://www.barna.org/cgi-bin/PageCategory.asp?CategoryID=7>)

Why do people, including teenagers, ACTUALLY read the King James Bible FAR more than any other Bible?

## **Simple. . . The King James Bible is the words of God.**

My sheep hear **my voice**, and I know them, and they follow me:

John 10:27

6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

Psalms 12:6

## E) Bible Version Comparison Chart

# BIBLE VERSION COMPARISON

*" . . . ye have perverted the words of the living God. . ." Jeremiah 23:36*

The following table lists 300 verses that have been changed in the seven most popular versions.

THE SEVEN MOST POPULAR VERSIONS			
NI	New International Version	NAS	New American Standard Version
NKJ	New King James Version	RS	Revised Standard Version
NRS	New Revised Standard Version	LB	The Living Bible
NC	New Century Version		

VERSE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	CHANGE IN...
Matt. 1:25	REM "Firstborn"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 5:22	REM "without a cause"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 5:44	REM 12 WORDS "bless them that curse you..."	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 6:13	REM LAST 14 WORDS (For thine is the kingdom...)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 6:27	CHG "cubit to his stature" TO "hour to his life" et. al.	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 6:33	REM "of God"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 8:29	REM "Jesus"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 9:13	REM "to repentance" (see also Mark 2:17)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 11:23	REM hell	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
Matt. 12:6	REM "one greater" TO "something greater"	NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Matt.	REM "of the heart"	NI, NAS, RS,

<b>VERSE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE</b>	<b>CHANGE IN...</b>
12:35		NRS, NC
Matt. 12:40	CHG "whale" TO "fish", sea monster	NI, NAS, NKJ, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 12:47	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, RS, NRS,
Matt. 13:51	REM "Lord"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 15:8	REM "draweth nigh unto me with their mouth"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 16:3	REM "o ye hypocrites"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 16:18	REM hell	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
Matt. 16:20	REM "Jesus"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 17:21	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Matt. 18:11	REM ENTIRE VERSE (key verse)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Matt. 18:26	REM and worshipped him (for Jesus)	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
Matt. 19:9	REM LAST 11 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 19:17	CHG "Why callest thou me good" TO "Why do you ask me about what is good"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Matt. 19:17	REM "God"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS
Matt. 20:7	REM "and whatsoever is right that shall ye receive"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 20:16	REM "for many be called but few chosen"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 20:20	CHG "worshipping him" TO "kneeling down"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS
Matt. 20:22	REM 12 WORDS "baptized with Christ's baptism"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 21:44	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, RS, NRS, NC
Matt. 23:14	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC

<b>VERSE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE</b>	<b>CHANGE IN...</b>
Matt. 23:33	CHG damnation TO condemn, et. al.	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 24:36	ADD "nor the Son"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 24:36	CHG "my Father" TO "the Father"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 25:13	REM "wherein the Son of man cometh"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB
Matt. 27:35	REM LAST 25 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 27:54	CHG "the Son of God" TO "a son of God"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 28:2	REM "from the door"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Matt. 28:9	REM "And as they went to tell his disciples"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 1:1	REM the Son of God	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Mark 1:2	CHG "prophets" TO "Isaiah" (blatant LIE)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 1:14	REM "of the kingdom" (gospel ... of God)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 1:31	REM "immediately"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 2:17	REM "to repentance"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
Mark 3:29	CHG "eternal damnation" TO "eternal sin", et al.	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 6:11	REM LAST 23 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Mark 7:8	REM LAST 15 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 7:16	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 9:24	REM "Lord" (refers to Jesus)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 9:44	REM ENTIRE VERSE (about hell)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 9:46	REM ENTIRE VERSE (about hell)	NI, NAS, RS,



VERSE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	CHANGE IN...
		NRS, LB, NC
Mark 9:49	REM "and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 10:21	REM "take up the cross"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 10:24	REM "for them that trust in riches"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Mark 11:10	REM "that cometh in the name of the Lord"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 11:26	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 12:23	REM "when they shall rise"	NI, RS, NRS, LB,
Mark 12:40	CHG greater damnation TO punished most severely", greater condemnation"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 13:6	CHG I am Christ TO I am He, the One	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 13:14	REM "spoken of by Daniel the prophet"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 13:33	REM "and pray"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 14:68	REM "and the cock crew"	NI, NAS, RS
Mark 15:28	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Mark 16:9-20	REM ENTIRE LAST 12 VERSES of Mark 16!	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 1:28	REM "blessed art thou among women"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 2:14	CHG good will toward men TO men on whom his favor rests"etal	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 2:22	CHG "her" TO "their" (makes Jesus a sinner)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Luke 2:33	CHG "Joseph" TO "his father" (attacks virgin birth)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Luke 2:43	CHG "Joseph and his mother" TO "parents"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 4:4	REM "but by every word of God"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC

<b>VERSE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE</b>	<b>CHANGE IN...</b>
Luke 4:8	REM "get thee behind me, Satan"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 4:18	REM 8 WORDS "he hath sent me to heal..."	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Luke 4:41	REM "Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 6:48	CHG "founded upon a rock" TO "well built"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 9:54	REM "even as Elijah did"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 9:55	REM 9 WORDS "ye know not what manner of spirit..."	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 9:56	REM FIRST 16 WORDS For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 9:57	REM Lord	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 10:15	REM hell	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
Luke 11:2	REM 15 WORDS from Lords prayer	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 11:4	REM but deliver us from evil (Lord's prayer)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 11:29	REM "the prophet"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 16:23	REM "hell"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 17:36	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 21:4	REM "cast in unto the offerings of God"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 21:8	CHG I am Christ TO I am He, the One	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 22:64	REM "they struck him on the face"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Luke 23:17	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke 23:38	REM "letters of Greek, Latin, Hebrew"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Luke	REM "Lord" (thief on the cross - getting saved!)	NI, NAS, RS,

<b>VERSE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE</b>	<b>CHANGE IN...</b>
23:42		NRS, LB, NC
Luke 24:6	REM "He is not here, but is risen"	RS, NRS
Luke 24:49	REM "of Jerusalem"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB
John 1:14, 18	REM "begotten"(refers to Jesus)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 1:27	REM "is preferred before me"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 3:13	REM "which is in heaven" (refers to Jesus)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 3:15	REM "should not perish" (believeth in him...)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 3:16	REM "begotten"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 3:18	REM "begotten"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 4:24	CHG God is a Spirit TO God is Spirit	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 4:42	REM "the Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 5:3	REM LAST 7 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 5:4	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 5:16	REM "and sought to slay him"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 5:29	CHG damnation TO condemn, judgment	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 6:47	REM "on Me" (He that believeth...)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
John 6:69	CHG "Christ, the Son of the living God" TO "Holy One of God"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 7:53-8:11	REM VERSES 7:53 - 8:11	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 8:9	REM "being convicted by their own conscience"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 8:47	REM "heareth God's words" TO "hears what God says"	NI, NC
John 8:59	REM LAST 10 WORDS "going through the midst..."	NI, NAS, RS,

VERSE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	CHANGE IN...
		NRS, LB, NC
John 9:4	CHG "I must work the works" TO "We must work the works"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 9:35	CHG "Son of God" TO Son of Man , Messiah	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 11:41	REM "For the place where the dead was laid"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 14:2	CHG "mansions" TO "rooms", "dwelling places"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 14:16	CHG Comforter TO Helper, Counselor, et. al.	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
John 16:16	REM "because I go to the Father"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
John 17:12	REM "in the world"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 1:3	CHG "infallible" TO "convincing" et al.	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 2:30	REM "he would raise up Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 2:31	REM "hell"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
Acts 2:38	CHG remission of sins TO forgiveness of sins	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 4:27,30	CHG "holy child" TO "holy servant" (attacks deity)	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 7:30	REM "of the Lord" (angel of the Lord)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 7:37	REM "Him shall ye hear"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 8:37	REM ENTIRE VERSE (major salvation verse)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 9:5	REM "it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 10:6	REM "he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 15:11	REM "Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC

<b>VERSE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE</b>	<b>CHANGE IN...</b>
Acts 15:18	CHG beginning of the world TO ...eternity, ...ages	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 15:34	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 16:31	REM "Christ" (Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 17:16	CHG "stirred" TO "provoked", distressed et al.	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 17:22	CHG "Mars Hill" TO " Areopagus"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
Acts 17:22	REM "superstitious" TO "religious"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 17:26	REM "blood"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 17:29	CHG Godhead TO Divine Nature , divine being	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 19:35	REM worshipper	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 20:21	REM Christ	NI, NRS, NC
Acts 20:24	REM "none of these things move me. . ."	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 20:25	REM "of God"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB
Acts 23:9	REM "let us not fight against God"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 24:7	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Acts 24:14	CHG heresy TO sect	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB
Acts 24:15	REM "of the dead" (Resurrection)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB
Acts 28:16	REM 11 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Acts 28:29	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 1:3	REM "Jesus Christ our Lord"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS

<b>VERSE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE</b>	<b>CHANGE IN...</b>
Romans 1:16	REM "of Christ" (gospel of Christ)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Romans 1:18	CHG "hold the truth" TO "suppress the truth"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 1:25	CHG "changed the truth" TO "exchanged the truth"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 1:29	REM "fornication"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 5:8	CHG commendeth to demonstrates , et al.	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 6:8	CHG we be dead TO we died	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 6:11	REM our Lord	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Romans 8:1	REM LAST 10 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 9:28	REM "in righteousness"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 10:15	REM LAST 9 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 10:17	CHG "word of God" TO word of Christ	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 11:6	REM "LAST 18 WORDS ARE OMITTED"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 13:2	CHG damnation TO judgment et al.	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 13:9	REM "Thou shall not bear false witness"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 14:6	REM 15 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 14:10	CHG "the judgment seat of Christ" TO "God's judgment seat" et al.	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 14:21	REM "or is offended, or is made weak"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 14:23	CHG damned TO condemned	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 15:8	REM Jesus	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Romans	REM "of God"	NI, NAS, RS, LB,

VERSE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	CHANGE IN...
15:19		NC
Romans 15:29	REM "of the gospel"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 16:18	CHG good words and fair speeches TO smooth talk and flattery	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Romans 16:24	REM ENTIRE VERSE	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
I Cor. 1:21	CHG "foolishness of preaching" TO "foolishness of the message preached"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 1:22	REM "require" TO "request", ask (Jews require a sign)	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 5:4	REM "Christ" (TWICE)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 5:7	REM "for us" (Christ sacrificed)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
I Cor. 6:9	CHG effeminate TO male prostitutes et al.	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 6:20	REM "and in your spirit, which are God's"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
I Cor. 7:5	REM "fasting" (with prayer)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 7:39	REM "by the law" (The wife is bound)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 9:1	REM "Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 9:27	CHG "I keep my body" TO "I beat my body" et al.	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 9:27	CHG "castaway" TO "disqualified" et al.	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 10:28	REM LAST 10 WORDS ("the earth is the Lord's...")	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 11:11	REM "in the Lord"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 11:24	REM "take eat . . . broken..." (Lord's Supper)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 11:29	CHG damnation TO judgment (Lord s Supper)	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC

VERSE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	CHANGE IN...
I Cor. 11:29	REM "unworthily"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
I Cor. 14:33	CHG "author of confusion" TO "a God of disorder" et al.	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 15:47	CHG Lord from heaven TO man from heaven	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 15:55	CHG "grave" TO "Hades", death	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 16:22	REM "Jesus Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
I Cor. 16:23	REM "Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Cor. 2:10	CHG "person of Christ" TO "presence of Christ"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Cor. 2:17	CHG "corrupt" TO "peddle", sell (word of God)	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Cor.4:6	REM "Jesus"	NI, NAS, RS, LB, NC
2 Cor. 4:10	REM "the Lord"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Cor. 5:17	CHG "creature" TO "creation"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Cor. 5:18	REM "Jesus"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
2 Cor.10:5	CHG "Casting down imaginations" TO "We demolish arguments" et al.	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Cor.11:6	CHG rude in speech TO untrained in speech	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Cor.11:31	REM "Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS
Gal. 2:20	REM "nevertheless I Be"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Gal. 3:1	REM that ye should not obey the truth	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Gal.3:17	REM "in Christ" (confirmed...of God in Christ)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC



<b>VERSE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE</b>	<b>CHANGE IN...</b>
Gal. 4:7	REM "through Christ" (heir of God through Christ)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Gal. 5:4	CHG "no effect" TO "estranged from", alienated	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Gal. 6:15	REM "For in Christ Jesus"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Gal. 6:17	REM "the Lord"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Ephesians 1:6	REM "accepted in the beloved"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Ephesians 3:9	REM "by Jesus Christ" (who created all things by)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Ephesians 3:14	REM "of our Lord Jesus Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Ephesians 5:9	CHG fruit of the Spirit TO fruit of the light	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Ephesians 5:30	REM "of his flesh, and of his bones"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Philippians 2:6	CHG "thought it not robbery to be equal with God TO did not consider equality with God something to be grasped et al.	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Philippians 2:7	CHG "made" TO "emptied"	NAS, RS, NRS, LB,
Philippians 3:8	CHG dung TO rubbish , trash	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Philippians 3:16	REM LAST 13 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Philippians 4:13	CHG through Christ TO through him	NI, NAS, RS, NRS
Colossians 1:2	REM "and the Lord Jesus Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Colossians 1:14	REM "through His blood" (redemption through...)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Colossians 1:28	REM "Jesus"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Colossians	REM "on the children of disobedience"	NI, NAS, RS, LB,

VERSE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	CHANGE IN...
3:6		NC
1 Thess. 1:1	REM LAST 9 WORDS (from God our father...)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Thess. 2:19	REM "Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS
1 Thess. 3:11	REM "Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Thess. 3:13	REM "Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Thess. 5:22	CHG "all appearance of evil" TO "every form of evil"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Thess. 1:8	REM "Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS
2 Thess. 1:12	REM Christ	NI, NAS, RS, NRS
1 Timothy 1:1	REM Lord	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
1 Timothy 1:17	REM "wise" (the only wise God)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Timothy 2:7	REM "in Christ" (...the truth in Christ)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Timothy 3:16	CHG "God" TO "he" (God manifest in the flesh)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Timothy 4:12	REM "in spirit"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Timothy 5:21	REM Lord	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
1 Timothy 6:1	CHG blasphemed TO spoken against et al.	NI, NAS, RS, LB, NC
1 Timothy 6:5	CHG gain is godliness TO godliness is a means of gain et al.	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Timothy 6:5	REM "from such withdraw thyself"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
1 Timothy	CHG "root of all evil" TO "root of all kinds of evil"	NI, NAS, NKJ,

<b>VERSE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE</b>	<b>CHANGE IN...</b>
6:10		RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Timothy 6:19	CHG "eternal life" TO "the life that is truly life"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Timothy 6:20	CHG "science" TO "knowledge"	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Timothy 1:11	REM "of the gentiles"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
2 Timothy 2:15	REM "study" (only command to study the word)	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Timothy 3:3	CHG of those that are good TO good	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
2 Timothy 4:1	REM "the Lord"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Timothy 4:22	REM "Jesus Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Hebrews 1:3	CHG "by himself purged our sins" TO "provided purification for sins"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Hebrews 2:7	REM LAST 10 WORDS (and didst set him over the works...)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Hebrews 3:1	REM "Christ Jesus" (High Priest of our...)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Hebrews 7:21	REM "after the order of Melchisedec"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Hebrews 10:34	REM "in heaven" (ye have in heaven a better)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Hebrews 11:11	REM "was delivered of a child"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
James 5:16	CHG "faults" TO "sins"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
1 Peter 1:22	REM "through the Spirit"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Peter 2:2	REM "of the word" (sincere milk of the word)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Peter 2:2	CHG "grow thereby" TO "grow up in your salvation"	NI, NAS, RS,

VERSE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	CHANGE IN...
		NRS, LB, NC
1 Peter 3:15	CHG the Lord God TO Christ as Lord et al.	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Peter 4:1	REM "for us" (Christ hath suffered for us)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Peter 4:14	REM LAST 15 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Peter 5:10	REM "Jesus"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Peter 5:11	REM "glory (to Him be glory and dominion)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 Peter 5:14	REM Jesus	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Peter 2:1	CHG damnable TO destructive	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Peter 2:17	REM "for ever" (darkness is reserved for ever)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
2 Peter 3:9	REM "us" TO "you"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 John 1:7	REM "Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 John 3:16	REM "of God" (love of God)	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 John 4:3	REM "Christ is come in the flesh" (antichrist)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 John 4:9	REM "begotten"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 John 4:19	REM him (We love him, because he first...)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 John 5:7	REM LAST 15 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 John 5:8	REM FIRST 9 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 John 5:13	REM LAST 13 WORDS	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
1 John	ADD continue to (denys eternal security)	NKJ

VERSE	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	CHANGE IN...
5:13		
2 John 1:3	REM the Lord	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Jude 1:25	REM "wise" (Referring to God)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 1:8	REM "the beginning and the ending"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Rev. 1:9	REM Christ (TWICE)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 1:11	REM "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last .	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Rev. 1:18	REM hell	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
Rev. 2:13	CHG Satan's seat TO Satan s throne	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 2:15	REM "which thing I hate"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 5:14	REM "Him that liveth for ever and ever"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 6:8	REM Hell	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
Rev. 6:17	CHG his wrath TO their wrath	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 8:13	CHG "angel" TO "eagle"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 11:15	CHG "kingdoms" TO "kingdom"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 11:17	REM "and art to come"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 12:12	REM "inhabiters of"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Rev. 12:17	REM "Christ"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 14:5	REM "before the throne of God"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC

<b>VERSE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE</b>	<b>CHANGE IN...</b>
Rev. 15:3	CHG King of saints TO King of the ages et al.	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 16:5	REM and shalt be (refers to deity of Jesus)	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 16:7	CHG And I heard another out of the altar say TO And I heard the altar respond	NI, NAS, RS, NRS
Rev. 16:17	REM "of heaven"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Rev. 20:9	REM "from God out of"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Rev. 20:12	CHG "God" TO "throne"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC
Rev. 20:13	REM hell	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 20:14	REM hell	NI, NAS, NKJ, RS, NRS, NC
Rev. 21:24	REM "of them which are saved"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 22:14	CHG "do his commandments" TO "wash their robes"	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, LB, NC
Rev. 22:21	REM Christ	NI, NAS, RS, NRS, NC

## F) Bible Verses Removed

### BIBLE VERSES REMOVED

*"...man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD of God." Luke 4:4*

Most people believe the new versions are just "harmless" updating of words and made easier to understand.

*Nothing could be further from the Truth!*

Jesus Christ, in Luke 8:11-12, tells the parable of the sower and the seed:

*"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. . . then cometh the devil, and **TAKETH AWAY** the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved."*

Luke 8:11-12

The new versions "take away" complete verses from the words of God. And as with Eve (see Genesis 3:1), it s all done very subtle.

*The average reader would never know it happened!*

Verses "Taken Away" in the New Testament							
T = Taken Away				F = Taken Away in Footnote			
VERSE	NIV	NASV	NKJV	RSV	NRSV	NCV	LIV
Matt 12:47	F			T	F		
Matt 17:21	T	T	F	T	T	T	F
Matt 18:11	T	T	F	T	T	T	F
Matt 21:44	F			T	F	F	
Matt 23:14	T	T	F	T	T	T	
Mark 7:16	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
Mark 9:44	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
Mark 9:46	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
Mark 11:26	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
Mark 15:28	T	T	F	T	T	T	F
Mark 16:9-20	F	F	F	T	F	F	F

Luke 17:36	T	T	F	T	T	T	
Luke 22:43	F	F	F	T	F		
Luke 22:44	F	F	F	T	F		
Luke 23:17	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
Luke 24:12		F		T	F		
Luke 24:40		T		T	F		
John 5:4	T	T	F	T	T	T	F
John 7:53 - 8:11	F	F		T	F	F	F
Acts 8:37	T	T	F	T	T	T	F
Acts 15:34	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
Acts 24:7	T	T		T	T	T	
Acts 28:29	T	T	F	T	T	T	T
Rom. 16:24	T	T	F	T	T	T	
2 Cor. 13:14					T		
James 1:8				T	T		

<b>Differs from the King James Bible in the New Testament</b>							
	<b>o = Omitts</b>			<b>a = Adds</b>			
	<b>NKJV</b>	<b>NIV</b>	<b>NASV</b>	<b>NRSV</b>	<b>RSV</b>	<b>NCV</b>	<b>LIV</b>
<b>WORDS</b>	o 2289	o 5219	a 3561	o 3890	o 6985	a 11114	a 17003
<b><u>VERSES</u></b>	0	o 16	o 17	o 18	o 25	o 16	o 7

<b>The number of times 15 Major words differ from the King James Bible</b>							
	<b>o = Omits</b>			<b>a = Adds</b>		<b>* = Word is Completely Removed</b>	
<b>WORD</b>	<b>NIV</b>	<b>NASV</b>	<b>NKJV</b>	<b>RSV</b>	<b>NRSV</b>	<b>NCV</b>	<b>LIV</b>
Christ	o 25	o 34	o 1	o 32	o 87	a 121	a 44
Lord	o 352	o 438	o 66	o 36	o 91	o 299	o 2368
Jesus	a 292	o 64	o 2	o 53	a 16	a 1098	a 293
God	o 468	o 87	o 51	o 111	o 138	a 803	a 452
Godhead	o 3 *	o 3 *	o 1	o 3 *	o 3 *	o 3 *	o 3 *
Lucifer	o 1 *	o 1 *		o 1 *	o 1 *	o 1 *	



devil(s)	o 80	o 82	o 81	o 82	o 80	o 74	o 87
hell	o 40	o 41	o 22	o 41	o 41	o 39	a 13
heaven	o 160	o 127	o 50	o 83	o 88	o 186	o 26
damned (able, ation)	o 15 *	o 15 *	o 15 *	o 15 *	o 15 *	o 15 *	o 7
blood	o 41	o 39	o 23	o 26	o 46	o 157	o 174
salvation	o 42	o 4	o 2	o 33	o 37	o 94	o 25
Word of God	o 8	o 2	o 1	o 3	o 8	o 31	o 27
Word of the Lord	o 25	o 2	a 4	o 2	o 3	o 217	o 236
Lord Jesus Christ	o 24	o 21		o 21	o 22	o 20	o 15

***"And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak,... because thou believest not my words,... "Luke 1:20***

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A peculiar phenomenon kept surfacing during my research into the life of these 'scribes'. God apparently 'cut off' their power to speak.

**Regression:** A third symptom which accompanies spirit possession in the bible is the inability to speak. It is called a 'dumb spirit' in Mark 9:17, 25 and Matthew 9:32,33, 12:22, 15:30,31. Those verses disclose the corresponding "frog" in the throat (Revelation 16:13) that accompanies unclean spirits of this kind.

[H]e was casting out a devil and it was dumb. . .when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake. . . Luke 11:14

### ***The Living Bible: Taylor***

The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things. Psalms 12:3

The popular press has made note of author, Kenneth Taylor's, loss of ability to talk. *Time* magazine, July 1972, states:

Mysteriously half way through the paraphrase Taylor lost his voice and still speaks in a hoarse whisper. A psychiatrist who examined him suggested that the voice failure was Taylor's psychological self-punishment *for tampering with what he believed to be the Word of God.*

### ***New American Standard Version***

Let the lying lips be put to silence. Psalm 31:18

Also silenced was Philip Schaff, collaborator on the New Greek Committee and director of the *American Standard Version*, which formed the foundation of the *New American Standard* and *The Living Bible*. Paralleling Taylor's pathology, Schaff's son finds the same "frog" in Philip Schaff's throat. Even as early as 1854, the warning was given, "his voice so affected that he could not speak in public so as to be heard." Finally by 1892. . .the power of articulated speech gone.

(David S. Schaff, *The Life of Phillip Schaff* (New York: Charles Scribner's Son's, 1897), pp.171, 446)

A friend corresponds to Schaff, "It is with great sorrow that I have learned of the affliction which has befallen you." This malady followed his activity with Westcott and Hort on the RV committee and his *American Standard Version*. Still in 1893 his pathoses "deprived him of the power of speech." (Ibid., p.492)

### **'New' Greek Text: Tregelles**

Schaff himself writes of S.P. Tregelles, author of a 'New' Greek Text which preceded and strongly influenced the Westcott and Hort revision. Of Tregelles Schaff writes, he was "scarcely able to speak audibly." (Ibid., p.246)

### **Westcott and Hort Greek Text:**

(RV, NRSV, NIV, NASB, CEV, *New Century Version*, *Good News for Modern Man*, Jehovah Witness bible, *The Book*, *The Everyday Bible*, All Catholic bibles et al.)

Westcott's biographer cites that in 1858 "he was quite inaudible" (*Life of Westcott*, Vol. I, p. 198) and by 1870 "His voice reached few and was understood by still fewer." (Ibid., p.272)

### ***The New Testament in Modern English: J.B. Phillips***

[T]he forward tongue shall be cut off. Proverbs 10:31

J.B. Phillips tells in his own autobiography, "I was still doing a fair measure of speaking in schools and churches until the late summer of 1961. And then quite suddenly my speaking, writing and communication powers stopped. I was not in panic but I was certainly alarmed, and when a few weeks rest brought no improvement I cancelled all speaking engagements for the rest of the year (age 55)." *The Price of Success*, the title of his autobiography, is *apropos*. (J.B Phillips, *The Price of Success* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1984), see pp. 163-196)

The speechless sphinx syndrome can even happen to a believer, as is did to Zacharias, because ". . . *thou believest not my words*" (Luke 1:20).

## **Shocker! Bible Scholar Loses Voice on the John Ankerberg TV Show**

You can call it pure justice, a sign from God, or whatever you want, but eyebrows were sure raised recently during the tapings for Christian TV's *The John Ankerberg Show*. Ankerberg,

a bitter opponent of the King James Bible, had wanted to do a series of TV programs in which the heads of the new version translation committees — the NIV, RSV, NASV, NKJV, etc.— would debate King James Bible advocates.

Afraid that the King James people would get the upper hand and win the debate, Ankerberg attempted to "stack the deck." He invited *five* new version scholars but only *three* King James advocates. Since Ankerberg is himself a fervent promoter of the NIV and other false versions, that made the odds *six to three*. But the three King James men — Dr. Joseph Chambers, Dr. Samuel Gipp, and Dr. Thomas Strouse, weren't deterred by the odds. They accepted John Ankerberg's invitation anyway so that they could get out their vital and important message — *that the King James Bible is the only trustworthy, accurate, scholarly, and whole Bible available in the world!*

The John Ankerberg programs are taped in advance in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and then shown later to a national TV audience. For the Bible version debate, eight shows were taped. However, on one of these shows, *Ankerberg and the new Bible version people were forced to call an abrupt halt right in the midst of the taping.*

It happened when Ankerberg asked Dr. Don Wilkins, of the *New American Standard Version* translation committee, a key question. Is it true, asked Ankerberg, as Gail Riplinger reported in her bestselling book, [\*New Age Bible Versions\*](#), that a number of the scholars who worked on the new translation committees *lost their voice* as punishment by God?

As the TV cameras captured the moment, Dr. Wilkins opened his mouth to answer— *and nothing came out! No sound!* Wilkins kept trying to clear his throat, but he couldn't respond. Ankerberg and the other new version scholars were visibly startled. Finally, an embarrassed and frightened Wilkins was able to screech out in a cracking, almost inaudible manner, *"I... I've... lost... my voice!"*

A shocked John Ankerberg ordered the cameras to stop and back up, whereupon Dr. Joseph Chambers, a King James only advocate, politely protested. *"The cameras should record exactly what happened here,"* Chambers insisted.

But Ankerberg was hearing none of it. After a brief delay, the TV cameras began to roll again, *after the amazing segment of Dr. Wilkins losing his voice had conveniently been excised!*

But our miraculous God wasn't through yet. Ankerberg had taped *eight* programs in all, but after broadcasting only *two* of them, he pulled the others off the air and refused to continue the series. When we called his office to ask why, we were pointedly told that it was because the series was *a financial flop*. When the first two of the eight programs aired, people did not send in enough contributions. *In other words, Ankerberg claims that the series wasn't making enough money!*

I watched one of the two programs that did air, however, and I believe there is another, quite different reason why Ankerberg and the false new version folks decided to pull the

remainder. At one point, the new version "scholars" were clearly frustrated when Dr. Chambers asked them why, *an astounding 46 times in the NIV, the title of "Master" for our Lord Jesus had been changed to "teacher!"* Obviously, there is a vast difference between one who is our Master and one who is a mere "teacher."

Such poignant episodes as this make me doubt Ankerberg's rationale as to why he quickly jerked the remaining programs from the broadcast schedule. If, as he claims, Ankerberg pulled the series because he wasn't bringing in enough money, what does that tell us about his "ministry?" Is John Ankerberg in it *only* for the money? Is filthy lucre the sole measure for the programs he airs — or doesn't air?

## G) More Knowledge

I hope you all have now learned that only the KJV is the English version of God's pure Word. I hope you have really studied the Scriptures that these false bibles have omitted or changed. Did you notice how the NE/MG message relies on the new versions?

Just a couple of points I'd like to make. The omitted verse in

*Matthew 18:11 "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost."*

is part of the false teaching that Jesus came here just to love everybody and that Christians that emulate Jesus by making exactly this the priority as Jesus did, are unbalanced in their understanding of what Jesus wanted us to really do here.

Next we have them omitting Jesus commanding satan out of Peter. Can't have that one there if the goal is to persuade Christians you can be deceived!

*Luke 4:8*

*And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

# **NEW LIVING TRANSLATION: A WEAK TRANSLATION OF A CORRUPT TEXT**

In July 1996 the New Living Translation (NLT) by Tyndale House Publishers became the latest edition to an already bewildering array of English versions. The NLT is a remake of Kenneth Taylor's Living Bible, which first appeared in a complete Bible in 1971 and which has sold more than 40 million copies. The advertisements tell us that "The New Living Translation provides a wonderful balance of readability and authority. ... due to the careful work of 90 leading Bible scholars, it is accurate to the original Greek and Hebrew text." The cover jacket of the NLT contains enthusiastic recommendations by Billy Graham and Josh McDowell. The NLT was featured positively in the October 28 edition of Christian Today in an article, "The Living Bible Reborn."

## **THE TRANSLATORS**

The list of names for the NLT Bible translation team includes many well-known evangelical scholars and authors. Some of the NLT translators also worked on the New International Version, the New King James Version, and the liberal Good News for Modern Man or Today's English Version (TEV). One of the reviewers of the NLT, F.F. Bruce (deceased), denied the eternal fire of Hell, promoted the damnable annihilation theory of judgment, and supported "form criticism" and its unscriptural theory that the gospels are based on secondary "sources." The NLT Bible translation team represents AN ECUMENICAL STEW. Denominations represented include Episcopalian, Southern Baptist, Assemblies of God, Reformed, Presbyterian, Anglican, Mennonite Brethren, Catholic, Nazarene, Free Methodist, and Conservative Baptist. Schools include Oral Roberts School of Theology, Moody Bible Institute, Fuller Theological Seminary, Asbury College, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, Westminster Theological Seminary, Calvin College, Oxford University, Liberty University, Canadian Theological Seminary, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Trinity Episcopal Seminary, Dallas Theological Seminary, Wycliffe College (Anglican), and Seattle Pacific University. It would require a book to document the theological heresies which are rampant on the campuses of these schools.

**WYCLIFFE COLLEGE** is a member of the Toronto School of Theology, an ecumenical education consortium which includes three Roman Catholic schools--Regis College (Jesuit), St. Augustine's Seminary, and the University of St. Michael's College.

**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN AMERICA** is not only Roman Catholic, it is so liberal that it supported priest Charles Curran in 1986, when the Vatican disciplined him for his views on morality.

**FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** has a strong representation on the NLT translation committee-- David Hubbard, Donald Hagner, Robert Guelich (deceased), and Marianne Thompson. Hubbard was president of Fuller from 1963 to 1993. It was under his direction that Fuller weakened its stand on biblical inspiration in 1970. The new statement of faith allows for the position that Scripture is infallible in its teaching on matters of faith, but not necessarily in all

that it says about history and science. This is documented in Harold Lindsell's book *The Battle for the Bible* (Zondervan, 1976) and is affirmed in Richard Quebedeaux's *The Worldly Evangelicals* (Harper & Row, 1978). Lindsell was vice president at Fuller and witnessed this firsthand. Lindsell's book contained a foreword and recommendation by Fuller co-founder and first president, Harold John Ockenga. In a special edition of Fuller Seminary's *Theological News and Notes* in 1976, Hubbard said: "Where inerrancy refers to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the churches through the biblical writers, we support its use. Where the focus switches to an undue emphasis on matters like the chronological details, the precise sequence of events, the numerical allusions we would consider the term misleading and inappropriate." This is unbelieving double-speak. If the Bible is not inspired and inerrant in its history and chronologies and numbers, it is not inspired and inerrant at all. It stands or falls as one Book. It claims to be the inspired Word of God. Either it is, or it isn't. If it is, it is wholly inerrant. If it is not, it is a lie. The Lord Jesus Christ did not cast a hint of doubt over the authority and authenticity of even one word, yea, not one jot or tittle, of the Scriptures. Those who deny the perfect inspiration of Scripture, deny the Jesus Christ of Scripture. We do not believe that men representing schools such as this have the spiritual discernment necessary to translate the pure Word of God, and their work confirms this opinion.

### **THE HEBREW AND GREEK TEXT UNDERLYING THE NEW LIVING TRANSLATION**

There are two standards whereby a Bible translation should be judged for its faithfulness: One, the purity of its text. Two, the accuracy of its translation. The New Living Translation (NLT) fails miserably on both counts. It is based upon the undependable Westcott-Hort type text. It is an inaccurate paraphrase even of this corrupt text.

According to the Introduction to the NLT, its underlying HEBREW AND GREEK TEXT is the Masoretic Text in the Old Testament (with many changes based on Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint, Samaritan Pentateuch, Latin Vulgate, etc.) and the United Bible Societies (UBS) fourth edition Greek New Testament. (The NLT does not always follow the UBS Greek text. It is actually a little more conservative than the UBS text and includes in the text some passages which are omitted in the UBS.) The UBS Greek Testament is basically a modification of the Westcott-Hort version of 1881 which was published in conjunction with the English Revised New Testament.

Though there are many differences between the Westcott-Hort Greek Text and today's UBS text (one of the features of modern textual criticism is its unsettled, constantly shifting nature), both represent a rejection of the Reformation Received Text, and both lean upon the same type of corrupt manuscripts which were preferred by Westcott and Hort--chiefly the Vatican's and the Sinaiticus manuscripts and their friends. This is no light matter. If the Bible societies are correct in their assumption that the text of the Protestant Reformation was gravely defected, the great work of God during the hundreds of years prior to this century--the mighty revivals, the extraordinary pioneer missionary endeavors, the mass evangelism which changed not only multitudes of individual lives but the very character of nations and communities-- was based upon a corrupted Bible. If, on the other hand, the Bible societies are wrong about this matter, it is their Greek text which is the corrupted one, and they are responsible for distributing to men a corruption of God's Word. What could be more serious?

## **A FEW OF THE SERIOUS TEXTUAL OMISSIONS IN THE NLT**

Matthew 17:21 -- entire verse omitted

Matthew 18:11 -- entire verse omitted

Matthew 19:9 -- half verse omitted

Matthew 23:14 -- entire verse omitted

Mark 6:11 -- half verse omitted

Mark 7:16 -- entire verse omitted

Mark 9:44,46 -- entire verses omitted

Mark 11:26 -- entire verse omitted

Mark 15:28 -- entire verse omitted

Mark 16:9-20 -- entire passage is questioned in a footnote which says, "The most reliable early manuscripts conclude the Gospel of Mark at verse 8"

Luke 4:8 -- "get thee behind me Satan" is omitted

Luke 17:36 -- entire verse omitted

Luke 23:17 -- entire verse omitted

John 1:14,18; 3:16,18 -- the all important word "begotten" is omitted

John 3:13 -- "which is in heaven" is omitted

John 5:4 -- entire verse omitted

John 7:53--8:11 -- entire passage is questioned in a note which says, "The most ancient Greek manuscripts do not include John 7:53--8:11"

Acts 8:37 -- entire verse omitted

Acts 28:29 -- entire verse omitted

Romans 16:24 -- entire verse omitted

1 Timothy 3:16 -- "God" is omitted

1 Timothy 6:5 -- "from such withdraw thyself" is omitted

Hebrews 1:3 -- the all-important words "by himself" are omitted

1 Peter 4:1 -- "for us" is omitted

1 Peter 4:14 -- half of verse is omitted

1 John 4:3 -- the all-important words "Christ is come in the flesh" are omitted

1 John 5:7-8 -- Trinitarian clause omitted

1 John 5:13 -- half of the verse is omitted

Revelation 1:11 -- first half of verse is omitted

Revelation 5:14 -- "him that liveth forever and ever" is omitted

This is only a small sampling of the textual corruptions evident in the New Living Translation. It is true that many of these omissions are mentioned in footnotes in the NLT, but the fact remains that these weighty portions of Scripture are omitted from the text. At best, these Scriptures are seriously questioned in the mind of the readers. The New Living Translation could not be accurate, even if it used sound translation methodology, because it is founded upon the wrong text.

## **THE TRANSLATION ITSELF**

The NLT claims to be more than a paraphrase. It claims to be a faithful translation of the Word of God. It is a "dynamic equivalency" or "thought-for-thought" translation which professes to "produce in the receptor language the closest natural equivalent of the message expressed by the original-language text." This is the most popular form of Bible translation today and is used by the United Bible Societies and the Wycliffe Bible Translators in languages throughout the world.

The New Living Translation is merely another in a series of dynamic equivalency English versions which have appeared in recent years. The Today's English Version (American Bible Society, 1976) was a dynamic equivalency translation, as was the Contemporary English Version (American Bible Society, 1991), and The Message (Eugene Peterson, NavPress, 1993).

A dynamic equivalency translation, while claiming to be faithful to the text upon which it is founded, is not faithful because it does not simply translate what God's Word says in the original languages. It renders, rather, what the translator thinks God intended to say. That is the chief reason why a dynamic equivalency or thought for thought translation is so far removed from the King James Bible. It is not that it merely uses modern English terminology. It uses an entirely different METHODOLOGY of translation, and this new methodology cannot possibly result in accuracy. It is far too subjective for that. We will see this in the examination of the New Living Translation.

The following examples are selected to represent the character of the New Living Translation throughout. These are not exceptional or unusual examples; they are representative of the whole. We will only use a few verses, because only a few are required to demonstrate my point.

#### **MATTHEW 7:21**

***KJV: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."***

NLT: "Not all people who sound religious are really godly. They may refer to me as 'Lord,' but they still won't enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The decisive issue is whether they obey my Father in heaven."

The NLT claims to be an accurate translation. It claims to be more than a mere paraphrase. That is a deception. In my estimation, it is NOTHING MORE than a paraphrase, and it is not even an accurate paraphrase. In this one verse, the NLT translators have added an entire sentence which is not in the Word of God--"Not all people who sound religious are really godly." That is an addition to what Christ said. The NLT changes "every one" to "all people" and "he" to "they," thus making the passage much more general and less personal than it was intended to be. The NLT subtracts one "Lord," thus lessening the impact of the verse. The "Lord, Lord" is addressed to Christ, but the NLT translators claim it merely refers to Christ. Further, the NLT adds the words "the decisive issue."

#### **ROMANS 11:6**

***KJV: "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."***

NLT: "And if they are saved by God's kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God's wonderful kindness would not be what it really is--free and undeserved."

This powerful, momentous passage has been horribly mutilated in the New Living Translation. Translating the Greek word "charis" in reference to salvation as "God's kindness" is weak and inaccurate. The grace offered in Jesus Christ to the needy sinner is much more than God's kindness. It is, as Webster so wisely defined it, the "unmerited love and favor of God" which is given to us because of the atonement purchased by the blood and death of Jesus Christ. Romans 11:6 is the very Scripture which Webster used in his 1828 masterpiece to illustrate the definition of grace. One of the most serious doctrinal battles which has raged for 2,000 years is that surrounding the term grace. Is salvation by grace or by works? Is it by grace plus works? Is it by grace alone without works? If by grace, what does grace mean? In today's confused ecumenical



climate, this battle has reached fever pitch. Consider the document "Evangelicals & Catholics Together," which insisted that evangelicals and Catholics should find common spiritual ground, and the former doctrinal barriers are no longer necessary. The biblical definition of grace destroys this ecumenical gesture. Biblical justification is by Christ's grace alone through faith alone. Rome's justification redefines "grace to require sacraments. Rome's doctrine of justification is not grace without works; it is grace with works. This kind of error cannot be effectively defeated with a weak Bible translation, and we are convinced that one of the reasons for the doctrinal weakness evident among supposed evangelical churches in this present hour is caused by the multiplicity of corrupt translations. The reader of the NLT cannot even find the honorable English term "grace" in his Bible. After few decades, those who are reared on "dynamic equivalency" versions will not even be familiar with the great doctrinal terms such as grace, propitiation, and justification. A generation which cares little for the purity of the Bible itself certainly will care little for the purity of doctrine based upon that Bible.

### ***JAMES 1:16***

***KJV: "Do not err, my beloved brethren."***

NLT: "So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters."

In the last half of the verse "brethren" suddenly becomes "brothers and sisters." This is an example of the NLT translators' desire to be politically correct. They dislike "gender-inclusive" terminology, and they think they have the authority to change God's Word to make it conform to the thinking of this present silly generation. In the Introduction to the NLT, the translation committee claims that the Bible "was originally written in a male-oriented culture." This would make one think they do not believe in the inerrant inspiration of Scripture. Do these NLT publishers and translators think the Bible writers wrote from their own imperfect human understanding, that what we have recorded in Scripture was subject to the weakness of the particular culture of those days? They would have us believe that Moses and Paul used "gender inclusive" language because of the culture in which they lived. The Bible tells us, though, that Moses and Paul and the other authors wrote as ***"they were moved by the Holy Spirit"*** (2 Peter 1:21). The Scriptures were not written in the words chosen by the human authors, but in the very words chosen by the Holy Spirit. The NLT translation committee tells us that *"The translator must respect the nature of the ancient context while also accounting for the concerns of the modern audience."* This is a serious error. We DO NOT have authority to change the Word of God to conform to today's society or culture. That is not the Bible translator's task. It is his job to translate the Bible accurately so the reader can trust that he is reading exactly what God gave to the holy men of old. It is then the teacher's job to explain those holy words in such a way that the modern reader can understand them and apply them to his situation.

**NOTE THAT NONE OF THESE VERSES ARE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND IN THE KING JAMES BIBLE.** These changes cannot be justified simply on the basis of modernizing the Bible. The claim that the KJV is impossible to understand, that it is hopelessly antiquated, is a deception based upon half truths. The KJV does not read like the morning newspaper, but neither does the Hebrew and Greek text upon which it is founded. Of course it contains some antiquated terminology, but studies have demonstrated that it is written on a simpler level than many of the modern versions, including the New International Version. It uses a simpler vocabulary. The problems in understanding the KJV are easily solved with a

concordance and a dictionary. I know many people who speak English as a second language who prefer the KJV to the modern English versions. Many of the men we work with in our county jail ministry have a weak education and are functionally illiterate. I have found, though, that many of them love the King James Bible better than the modern versions and are able to understand it with a little help with some of the antiquated words. I would much rather have an accurate Bible that requires study than an inaccurate Bible that requires no study. Some protest, "But the KJV uses thee, thou, thy, thine and ye, you, your, and yours." This is in its favor. These terms are not used in the KJV merely because it is an old Bible, but because it seeks to make a crucial distinction in English between the singular and plural of the second person pronoun, a distinction made in the Hebrew and Greek, but not made in the modern English versions. The English Bible student who uses the KJV can see exactly what the Greek pronouns are, whether singular or plural.

Consider *Matthew 26:64*, for example -- "***Jesus saith unto him, Thou [singular] hast said: nevertheless I say unto you [plural], Hereafter shall ye [plural] see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.***"

This pronominal accuracy is lost in the modern English versions because they have cast aside the older, more precise form of English which gives such a distinction.

## CONCLUSION

In the King James Bible we have the correct Hebrew and Greek text translated into accurate English. It is dependable. The New Living Translation reads like the morning newspaper, but it is not dependable textually or translationally. The modern dynamic equivalency method of translation is evil because it robs the people of God's words. Though the older modern versions, such as the ASV and the NASV, were based on the wrong manuscripts and therefore contained textual corruptions, at least they sought to render a faithful translation of the text which was before them. The dynamic equivalency translator is convinced he has the authority to change everything. Who has given him this authority? I believe this is a very fearful thing, and I would not participate in it for all the money in the world.

## THE SPIRIT VS. THE LETTER

***"Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."***

According to the ecumenical crowd, this verse teaches that believers are not obligated to pay attention to the letter or details of God's Word and to the literal meaning of Scripture, because such a position kills. It is the "spirit" of the Scripture that matters, they say, referring to a loose, tolerant position. They use the verse to defend their philosophy that we should not be too strict about doctrine and practice. In fact, *2 Corinthians 3* has nothing to do with the interpretation of Scripture and gives no support to the idea that the details of the Bible should *not* be taken seriously. In this passage, Paul shows the dramatic contrast between the Law of Moses and the New Testament faith, between the Old Covenant and the New. He is talking about the law that was "***written in stones***" (verse 7). That is obviously the Law of Moses that was given on Mt. Sinai (*Ex. 31:18*). That Old Covenant was a "***ministration of death***" (verse 7) and a "***ministration of condemnation***" (verse 9) because it required perfect obedience from sinful men who are unable to give it and it demanded death for every infraction (*Galatians 3:10-12*). The purpose of the Law of Moses was not to save men but to show them their sinful, lost condition before a holy God and point the way to Christ. Compare *Romans 3:19-24* and *Galatians 3:24-26*. When Paul says that we are "***ministers of the new testament; not of the letter,***" he is saying

that we do not preach the Old Covenant but the New. When he says, “... *the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life,*” he is saying that the Old Covenant kills but the Spirit of Christ through the New Covenant gives life. He is not saying that the letter or details of the New Testament are not to be respected and that believers are at liberty to hold to the “*spirit*” rather than the “*letter.*” Such an interpretation is contrary to the immediate context of the passage as well as to the larger context of the rest of the New Testament. Elsewhere Paul taught the believers to keep the New Testament commandments “*without spot*” (1 Tim. 6:14) and to keep even the teaching about such things as hair length and the practice of the Lord’s Supper exactly as they have been delivered to us (1 Corinthians 11:2ff). He also taught that we are to have “*no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness*” (Eph. 5:11). That is obviously a very, very strict doctrine of SEPERATION!

In 2 Corinthians 3, Paul was refuting the doctrine of the Judaizers who tried to mingle the grace of Christ with the Law of Moses. Compare Acts 15 and Galatians 1:6-9; 2:16-21; 3:1-3, 19-26.

## H) THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE BIBLE

The NE/MG has brainwashed the sheep into believing that they can use many other devices to know who God is and what His Will is. Because of all the FALSE versions of the Bible, a believer is easily deceived into this belief system. Really, how could you not be? Obviously when you see that all these versions contradict each other, and you believe that God cannot LIE or make MISTAKES, then your only course of action is to believe that the "spirit" will tell you what is the Truth in-between all the apparent contradictions of the various versions. But as I have said already, EVERY believer has a different opinion thus giving way to all people having their own private interpretation. As you once asked me about how frank and john could read the Bible and get a wrong opinion of. The NE/MG “chistians” read all these different versions and they subject themselves to man's ministries such as all the wicked ness of rick warren and john baker, thus they start believing that they have the authority to interpret the Word of God. As I always say, and when I preach to people: “Don't believe men, and even though now you agree with me go and be a Berean and check the Word of God.” But that Word CANNOT be the NIV or NLB, or any other version than the KJV or you must read the Hebrew Masoretic Text and the Texas Receptus. This is why in my obedience to God, I will not partake in the follies of man's ministries. Leaven is leaven. A few drops of poison in the glass of water can kill you. This is why when the churches and the programs ministries may appear godly, and may even appear to be working, the True believer CANNOT partake in those things. Because God is sovereign and His ways are not our ways. I pray for the day you all realize that, and take the incredible gifts that God has given you all to help people, but do it HIS WAY, which is JUST using HIS WORDS, period. The means CANNOT justify the end when we are being disobedient to God by using things of this world to do His will, those works are only of ourselves and WILL BE BURNED UP on Judgment Day. So all the NE/MG believers condemn me and all other Biblical Fundamentalists. Let me continue....

It is obvious from *2 Timothy 3:16-17* that the Apostles viewed the Scriptures as sufficient for faith and practice. *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED unto ALL good works" (2 Tim. 3:16-17)*. The term "perfect" here is not used in the sense of sinless perfection, but in the sense of completion and sufficiency.

**THE QUESTION WHICH FOLLOWS IS HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE BIBLE, WITH ITS 66 BOOKS, CONTAINS THE COMPLETE SCRIPTURES WHICH ARE ABLE TO MAKE THE MAN OF GOD PERFECT? FIRST, THE APOSTLES WERE PROMISED INSPIRATION FOR THE COMPLETION OF SCRIPTURE.** The Lord Jesus Christ promised the Apostles that the Holy Spirit would lead them into all truth and that He would shew them all the things they needed to know. *"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you" (John 16:12-15)*.

In fulfillment of Christ's promise the New Testament revelation was completed by the Apostles under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The apostolic writings which formed the New Testament Scriptures were accepted as Scripture by the first century churches. The Apostle Peter, speaking to the Christians about Paul's writings, referred to them as Scripture and placed them on par with the Old Testament prophets. *"And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also THE OTHER SCRIPTURES, unto their own destruction" (2 Peter 3:15,16)*.

The Apostles knew that the Lord had promised them inspiration (*John 16:12-15*), and they knew that they were receiving revelation. Consider, for example, Paul's statement to the churches in Galatia: *"But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For In either received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:11,12)*.

Consider the words of Paul to the church at Thessalonica:

*"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when YE RECEIVED THE WORD OF GOD WHICH YE HEARD OF US, YE RECEIVED IT NOT AS THE WORD OF MEN, BUT AS IT IS IN TRUTH, THE WORD OF GOD, which effectually worketh also in you that believe" (1 Thessalonians 2:13)*.

The Thessalonian believers knew that Paul had given them the WORD OF GOD!

Consider, also, the words of Peter to the Christians in the first century churches:

*"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour" (2 Peter 3:12)*.

Peter reminded the Christians that the commandments of the Apostles are on par with the Old Testament prophets. Obviously this was something which the Apostles were careful to teach to all of the churches. They could not have been put in remembrance of something which they had not already been taught. The Christians of the first century were a close-knit community. It is ridiculous to think that they did not know these things, that they did not recognize that the Apostles were writing Scripture and that they did not receive the New Testament epistles as such. It was left for the modernists of the 19th and 20th centuries to deny these things and to claim that the forming of the New Testament canon was an almost haphazard thing which did not occur until centuries after the Apostles.

**SECOND, WE KNOW THE BIBLE CONTAINS THE COMPLETE WORD OF GOD BECAUSE WE ARE TOLD THE FAITH WAS ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS.**

*"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS" (Jude 3).*

*"The faith"* refers to the body of New Testament truth delivered by the Apostles through Holy Spirit inspiration. The term *"once delivered"* tells us that this body of truth was given during one particular period of time and was completed. It refers to the New Testament Scriptures. This verse refutes the idea that the Christian faith has been progressively given through the Roman Catholic Church.

**THIRD, A SEAL WAS PLACED ON THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THE FINAL BOOK OF THE BIBLE, SIGNIFYING ITS COMPLETION AND WARNING EVERY MAN NOT TO ADD TO OR SUBTRACT FROM IT.**

*"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Rev. 22:18,19).*

Those who claim to have a new revelation or a tradition equal to the Bible fall under the Judgment described in this passage. The book of Revelation completes the Holy Scriptures. This completely destroys your understanding that you can read all these different false versions and that the Holy Spirit will tell you what is the Truth even though it may contradict the Truth which He has already given in His Pure Word.

**FOURTH, THE COMPLETED CANON OF SCRIPTURE WAS RECOGNIZED IN THE SECOND CENTURY.**

Christian leaders in the second century recognized the completed canon of the New Testament and accepted the apostolic writings as Holy Scripture on equal authority with the Old Testament. Irenaeus (125-192), for example, in his writings which still exist, made 1,800 quotations from the New Testament books and used them "in such a way as to imply that they had for some time been considered as of unquestioned authority" (Herbert Miller, General Biblical Introduction, p. 140). Irenaeus accepted the four Gospels, and four only, as Scripture. Clement of Alexandria (150-217) quotes from and acknowledges the four Gospels and most other New Testament books, calling them "divine Scriptures." Tertullian (150-220) made 7,200 citations from the New Testament books and accepted them as Scripture. The Latin Itala translation which was made in the second century "contained all the books that now make up the

New Testament" (John Hentz, History of the Lutheran Version, p. 59). A list of New Testament Scriptures dating to the latter half of the second century was discovered in the Ambrosian Library in Milan, Italy, in 1740. This second-century list contained all of the books of the New Testament canon (Ibid., p. 60).

Thus the completed Greek New Testament Scriptures were being circulated and accepted by God's people under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Many of the modernistic textual scholars who write today about these early centuries deny, or totally overlook, the working of the Holy Spirit in the inspiration and canonicity of the New Testament. The Apostles were not left to their own devices to transcribe the record of Christ, nor were the early Christians left to their own devices to recognize which writings were Scripture. The words of the New Testament are the words of the Lord Jesus Christ through Holy Spirit inspiration, and the Lord's sheep know the voice of their Good Shepherd and can discern His voice from false shepherds (*John 10:4,5,27*).

**FIFTH, THE PASSAGES WHICH URGE CHRISTIANS TO FOLLOW TRADITION REFER TO THE INSPIRED TRADITION GIVEN BY THE APOSTLES, NOT THE UNINSPIRED TRADITIONS OF MEN WHO HAVE FOLLOWED AFTER THEM.**

Tradition is used in two ways in the New Testament. First it refers to apostolic doctrine given by inspiration (*2 Thess. 2:15; 3:6*). The churches are bound to obey this tradition as it is recorded in the New Testament Scriptures. Second, tradition refers to uninspired teachings which religious teachers attempt to add to the Word of God and by which they attempt to bind the lives of men (*Matt. 15:1-6; Mk. 7:9-13; Col. 2:8*). In this sense, tradition is soundly condemned. *"But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men"* (*Matthew 15:9*).

*"Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye"* (*Mark 7:13*).

*"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ"* (*Colossians 2:8*).

We can praise the Lord that **He HAS** given us a completed revelation and that we are not dependent upon extra-biblical prophecies, visions, voices, tongues, or traditions. In the KJV Bible we have everything the churches need for faith and practice.

## **I) Conclusion**

I have given you all EVIDENCE that is 100% irrefutable. The ONLY conclusion, if you are to obey God and are a saved Christian, that you can come to after examining the EVIDENCE is that ONLY the 1611 KJV is the PURE WORD OF GOD. To conclude anything else, after reading all the evidence which I gave you all, would be complete seduction by satan himself.

As you all have read the verses omitted and seen the ones changed, ask yourselves what does satan have to gain by those verses & words being gone? You will then begin to learn how corrupt the modern bibles are, and how corrupt the men, ministries, and churches that use them are. Some may just be deceived, but further investigation into the writings and audible sermons of these men prove that they are indeed not saved Christians.

Without God's foundation based upon His Pure Word, you can **NEVER** have the Authority of God to understand His Standard. I pray you all have learned much and have gained knowledge to move on to other Biblical topics and as such His to walk in holiness. Holiness is a daunting challenge that we will never attain here, however it is required to try. Holiness can **ONLY** begin by obedience. And obedience begins by reading His **PURE WORD**, then you understand that King Jesus & Father God **MEANT** what they **COMMANDED** us to do, and through walking in the Holy Spirit through His Word, teaches us to what the world is, what His Kingdom is, and how satan tries to deceive us by blending them together through false bibles and thus destroys His Standard which incites us to trust our "feelings" as being led by the Holy Spirit, when in fact it is **NOT** the Holy Spirit that is leading, but another spirit, another jesus, and another gospel.

I must obey God and give you this teaching and explanation of my theology which matches that of Jesus, the Apostles and the most of Christendom until the NE/MG permeated America.

When I stopped being a professing Christian 13 years ago, 1999, and trusted in my King for all my needs, I never had to feel fear of what was to be ever again. I never worry about money, jobs, anything. I trust Him 100%, for 13 years since I laid my life down for Him, He has taken care of my every need. I have complete freedom by obeying Him. NE/MG "Christians" think I live in a box, they are so far off! I trust His literal Word and I do my best to obey it. This is freedom in Christ, separate from the world and man's version of being a follower of Christ. The NE/MG is a false Christianity with a false Jesus, using **FALSE BIBLES** to create chaos and confusion so believers will not obey and follow God's commandments, thus hearing the Words from Matthew 7:20-23 upon Judgment Day. The NE/MG resembles the world. It uses worldly things and then changes them with the sprinkling of Jesus words. Everything we do should be 180 degrees opposite from the world. From our music to our habits, should resemble heaven not this wicked world.

But it is your free will to either Trust in Him and His Word or live in fear.

All this is a struggle for the believer in this western culture. But it is possible. His Holy Word, kept Pure in the KJV, is our guidepost. The NE/MG followers condemn us that follow it. But it matters not.

The NE/MG has brainwashed Christians into believing that Jude 20-23 is wrong and that the whole 1 John Book doesn't exist. They believe that because they have been seduced by satan and deceived through the false Bibles.

If you have a learning spirit, and stop trying to shoot the messenger, and burn those false Bibles and learn **ONLY** from His Pure Word, then you will grow exponentially in His Knowledge of Truth.

Your choices: Be blind and trust in yourself or wake up to the Truth and begin to learn.

Any foundation of believing that you may receive private interpretation of His Word through reading **FALSE** bibles is 100% wrong. Hopefully, you all now have learned that. With being armed with the **PURE WORD** of the 1611 KJV your eyes will now become open if you allow the Holy Spirit to teach you instead of the spirit that has seduced you and billions like you with false bibles and false gospels.

All the following chapters of this book are based upon this Foundation of the Authority of The Scriptures. If you all disagree with the facts that the 1611 King James Bible is the ONLY English version that is the PURE Word of God, then there really isn't any reason to read the rest of this book.