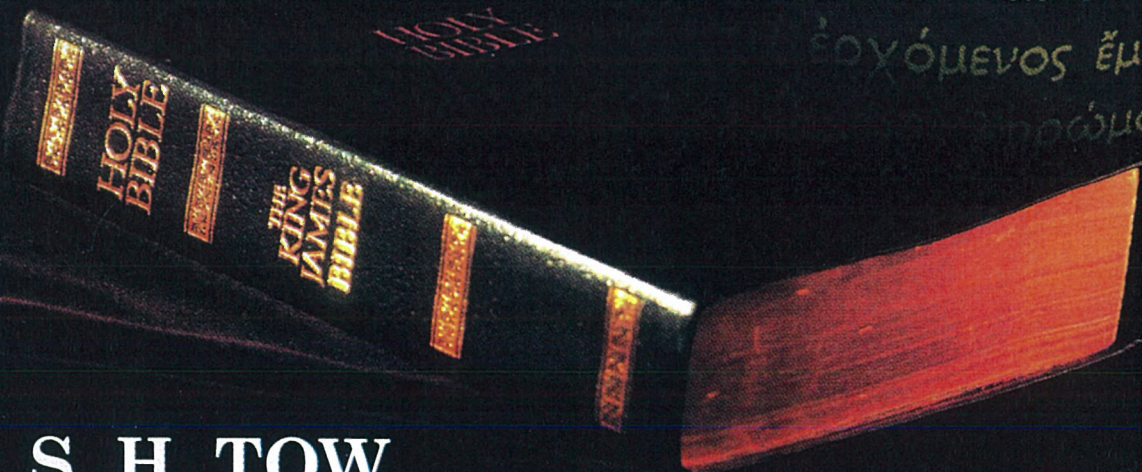


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to all Bible-Believing Christians
who are earnestly contending for
the faith which was once
delivered unto the saints,
and looking for that blessed hope,
and the glorious appearing of the great
God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

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FOREWORD
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*“FOR WE CAN DO NOTHING AGAINST THE
TRUTH, BUT FOR THE TRUTH”
2 Corinthians 13:8*

This treatise is on the battle between the King James Bible and the hundred other versions of the English Bible. The KJB is translated from the age-old preserved text, the traditional Textus Receptus, by devout scholars, most faithful and true. It has reigned supreme for three hundred years until challenged by Westcott and Hort from 1870 which resulted in its revision in 1881. This has opened the floodgate for one hundred other versions each claiming to be God’s faithful word.

That the KJB is good fruit from the good tree of the Textus Receptus through good translators using the technique of formal or verbal equivalence, and the one hundred versions of an evil fruit from the corrupt text of Westcott and Hort through liberal and ecumenical scholars using the subjective technique of dynamic equivalence, are vividly depicted in graphic form in the pages of this book. Do we agree with this presentation by the author? We have no difficulty in standing on his side. For all the modern versions are based on the corrupt text of Westcott and Hort, in one way or another.

Hitherto, we have been hoodwinked by a conspiracy of silence on the evil character of these two angels of light in textual criticism until the recent exposure of their true colours. The records of the sons of Westcott and Hort, above all others, testify to their shame.

Westcott was founder of the Hermes Club at Cambridge, a Club that was reputed to be a homosexual club. Three years later, together with Hort and others, he branched into the Ghost Club, which scoffers called the Bogey Club. Bogey means devil. They delved into necromancy, which is communicating with the dead. This is an abomination forbidden by the Lord (Deuteronomy 18:11,12). Both Westcott and Hort were secret worshippers of Mary. They were friends of Darwin, Freud (called a Fraud in The Straits Times) and of Carl Jung, all enemies of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They denied the infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture, the Virgin Birth of Christ, His blood atonement and resurrection. The Creation and Temptation that led to the Fall they derisively declared to be myths.

Now, the Bible asks, “Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully” (Psalm 24:3-4). With impure hearts of rebellion against God and unclean, unconverted hands, how dare they touch the sacred Text of Holy Scripture! The thousands of alterations and deletions they had made on the basis of Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus versus the Majority Text resulted in the scissoring of the equivalent of 1 and 2 Peter. They cut out the passage of Jesus pardoning the woman taken in adultery (John 7:53-8:11), the last twelve verses of Mark and the Johannine Comma

(1 John 5:7,8), maligning them to be later interpolations. In so doing, they had cut themselves from the Lord who bought them (2 Peter 2:1). Those who follow Westcott and Hort in taking away Scripture beware, “God shall take away his part out of the book of life. . .” (Revelation 22:19). What more can we say of the one hundred “perversions” that are based on Westcott and Hort? They are already corrupted at source.

As to judging between KJB and the one hundred “perversions,” the unanimous testimony of believers throughout Church history, by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, suffices. Says the Apostle John, “But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. . . But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him” (1 John 2:20, 27).

Let us take, for example, John 3:16, the most repeated verse in the Bible. The KJB renders monogenes as only begotten, but the NIV as one and only, clipping out the begotten. The doctrine of eternal generation of the Son, held time immemorial by the universal Church, is forever struck out by the NIV. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit you can judge between the KJB and NIV. You have the answer.

Indeed, “we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth” (2 Corinthians 13:8). Amen.

PREFACE

VERSIONS - THE BURNING ISSUE

God's Word is under attack, today as never before. "Yea, hath God said?" was Satan's declaration of war against the Word from the beginning. Sowing doubt and fostering unbelief is his subtle tactic.

But Satan is a Master Strategist: he varies his tactics according to circumstances. In the Dark Ages he used suppression. God's Word was kept from the people, hidden by the Church. Stirrings of Reformation sparked a revival of the Word. For daring to read or preach, men and women were burned at the stake. For love of the Bible, William Tyndale and the English martyrs by the hundreds endured the fires of Rome. That is history.

In time, burning of martyrs fell out of fashion: suppression was replaced by subversion. "The pure Word of God must be replaced by doctored versions!" The first, the ERV (English Revised Version, 1881) breached the dike of Holy Scripture, and a hundred Modern English Versions poured through the flood-gate of Revisionism. Feeding Christians with corrupted ecumenical versions is more effective than

feeding them to the flames. In the years following, Rome's ecumenical strategy more than proved its worth.

Today Modern Versions have all but replaced the Good Book, the King James Bible. Through years of propaganda and media persuasion, aided by the smoke-screen of "language and readability," Christendom has been converted to Modern Bible Versions as more accurate, readable and understandable, and trustworthy, than the KJB.

But the question remains: which version? A hundred versions bloom, a hundred Bibles contend. Confusion reigns: every version is good. Your choice is as good as mine. Even the most corrupt revision is welcome.

Beyond Versions is a Biblical perspective of the multiplicity of versions confronting the Church today. Vital issues are at stake. To see the deeper conflict the smoke-screen of "language and readability" must be removed by the penetrating searchlight of God's Word.

Only God's Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, can illumine your mind to understand Versions, today's burning issue. **Beyond Versions** is written for God's remnant people. God bless every faithful reader with spiritual discernment.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Beyond Versions is published as a companion volume with *THE DEFINED KING JAMES BIBLE* for a common five-fold purpose:

First, to call God's people back to the old faithful King James Bible, the English Bible closest to the Divine Original.

Second, to awaken Christians to the deception of corrupted Bible versions and Ecumenical translations.

Third, to warn Christians of the universal *falling away* which has overtaken Christendom during these perilous last days.

Fourth, to alert Christians to the imminence of the long-awaited Momentous Event, the "*blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ*" (Titus 2:13).

Fifth, to make available to the reader a Bible with a ready reference to modern equivalents of

archaic and difficult words conveniently located on each page.

Beyond Versions comes to you with prayer in a time of great *falling away*. Our object is to equip and encourage Christians to “*earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*” (Jude 3).

Our Lord’s non-return of twenty centuries, has caused some Christians to conclude, “Since the Lord has not come when He said it was near, even at the doors, surely He will never come.” Be not faint hearted, O ye of little faith! Let God’s Word be our assurance and comfort:

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

The Lord has not come simply because He is keeping to schedule. Our Lord is neither forgetful nor late. He is just patient and forbearing, giving sinners time to repent, and saints opportunity of witness. Soon we shall hear the midnight cry, “The Bridegroom cometh” (Matthew 25:6). The day of Gospel opportunity will then be over.

Until then, “*Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest*” (John 4:35).

The harvest is urgent; *“the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers”* (Matthew 9:37-38). *“And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together”* (John 4:36).

May the glorious challenge of this eleventh hour send you forth into the harvest field. Who knows, some perishing soul may be saved because you went? The time to go is now.

“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation!”

PROPHECY AND FULFILMENT

Amazing Prophecy

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.” (2 Peter 2:1-3)

Amazing Fulfilment

This century our Churches, Seminaries, Bible Societies and other Christian bodies, have fallen into the hands of liberals, apostates, and enemies of the Gospel of Jesus Christ – “*false teachers*” bringing in “*damnable heresies*” through corrupt preaching, corrupt Bible translations and versions, and corrupt Christian literature.

This popular wave of Unbelief and Modern Thought has gained universal acceptance to the extent that the faithful remnant (“Conservatives” and “Fundamentalists”), those who hold to the old-fashioned faith of the Gospel and the KJB, are seen as social misfits and fringe trouble-makers.

In recent years God’s Word has been reduced to “*merchandise*”, another commodity for the marketplace. Every corrupt version is dressed up by sales consultants with “*feigned words*” – fraudulent claims for the most contaminated unfaithful versions. Best selling versions, by the millions, swell the coffers of Bible Societies and Publishing Houses.

“There’s big bucks in Bible business!”

Beyond Versions

a Biblical Perspective of Modern English Bibles

“Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ...

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die.”

Genesis 3:1,4

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Revelation 12:7-9

CHAPTER ONE

THE CONFLICT OF THE AGES

God's Word is under attack, today as never before. The conflict allows no neutrality: God or Satan, you must take your stand.

God has one Plan for man's eternal redemption, only one: that all men believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, the Virgin-born Saviour of the world; that through faith in Him and His finished work on Calvary's Cross, sinful men may be delivered from the power of darkness, and translated into the Kingdom of God's dear Son (Colossians 1:13).

This Gospel offer is revealed to us, complete and perfect, through one Bible, the King James Bible (KJB) or Authorized Version.

The King James Bible preserves God's Salvation Plan perfectly, to the exclusion of any corrupting doctrine or rival plan which detracts from, or dishonours the Person and Work of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Gospel of Christ is "once delivered" (Jude 3), final and complete; any "other gospel" is false and accursed

(Galatians 1:6-9). The King James Bible is God's greatest gift, the Crowning Gem of the Sixteenth Century Reformation; the Light which shattered a thousand years of a dark system; the Bulwark of "*the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*" (Jude 3); the Rock of Defence against counterfeit Christianity; the mighty Sword of the Spirit which spells doom to the Father of lies. For over three centuries, this Book reigned supreme, the one faithful, authoritative, unique and accurate translation into English of the plenarily and verbally inspired, inerrant, infallible Hebrew and Greek Words of God.

By the King James Bible, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ revived, great Church and Missionary movements flourished, the Kingdom of God and His Christ extended far and wide, to the pulling down of Satan's strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4).

Satan hates the King James Bible. His diabolical genius conceived a dark scheme: the King James Bible must be replaced! False teachers will bring forth corrupted Modern English Versions harbouring another message, "*preaching another Jesus ... another spirit ... another gospel ...*" (2 Corinthians 11:4), "*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light ... his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness*" (2 Corinthians 11:14-15).

THE PROLIFERATION OF MODERN VERSIONS

Satan is the Master Strategist. His secret weapon is **counterfeit Bibles**. By evil genius he sent forth a hundred corrupted Modern English Versions displacing the King James Bible from its exalted position as the authoritative Word of God in English. *“Yea, hath God said? Is the King James Bible the **only** accurate English Bible?”*

Sensing that his days are numbered, the Master Deceiver raised up false teachers, apostate and infidel scholars, translators, editors, consultants, in the Church, in seminaries and Bible Societies, *“giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils”* (1 Timothy 4:1), *“who privily... bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them”* (2 Peter 2:1).

Beginning with the English Revised Version (1881) the enemy of mansoul has spawned a host of contaminated, unfaithful versions, attacking and undermining, manipulating and mutilating, the vital doctrines of our salvation, in particular, the Person and Work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A multiplicity of corrupted versions paves the way for a multiplicity of faiths, to help form the end time counterfeit “Kingdom of God” – OIKOUMENE.

See clearly, then, the raging Battle for the Bible is:

**GOD’S WORD versus SATAN’S WORD;
the KING JAMES BIBLE versus
the Corrupt Modern Versions;
The Believing Church versus the Ecumenical Church.**

This is the real issue, not “readability” or “language,” which are smoke-screens laid by the Master Deceiver.

MODERN VERSIONS ATTACK GOD THE SON

This is Satan’s “secret weapon,” using the written word to attack the Living Word. The attack on our Lord Jesus Christ has no equal in history. Attacks from without can be dismissed, but the subtle undermining from within the Church under cover of Modern Bible Versions is devastating.

But even more shocking and unbelievable is the universal acceptance by Evangelicals of corrupt versions as “most exact ... faithfully accurate” renderings of God’s Word (Zondervan, 1978).

In a matter of two or three generations, the Master Deceiver has practically demolished the work of the Sixteenth Century Reformation, God’s mightiest act of deliverance since Pentecost, built up over nearly five God-blessed centuries. The Evangelicals carrying Modern Ecumenical Bibles, are gleefully on the move singing, “Onward Christian Soldiers, Marching on to Rome!”

The King James Bible defender today is regarded as an irrelevant troublemaker. Like the prophet Elijah, he sees himself as the only one left holding the fort, a lone defender of the faith.

But no, not all of God's people have capitulated to the invasion of Modern Bible Versions. There are yet seven thousand faithful men, "*all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him*" (1 Kings 19:18).

Beyond Versions is published for the encouragement of God's faithful remnant people; for "*when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him*" (Isaiah 59:19).

Here is a standard lifted up for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ, in a time of grave falling away. Our numbers are not many by the world's reckoning, but God is our Strength and our Redeemer. "*It may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few*" (1 Samuel 14:6).

God's Truth is under attack: the conflict rages to a grand climax; it allows no neutrality. Whose side are you on: God's or Satan's? Let us who claim the name of Christ be loyal to the Author of the Word. We seek only the honour of His Name, and the success of His Word. And "*He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think*" (Ephesians 3:20).

**“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way,
the truth, and the life: no man
cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
John 14:6**

**“Neither is there salvation in any
other: for there is none other name
under heaven given among men,
whereby we must be saved.”
Acts 4:12**

**“For there is one God, and one
mediator between God and men, the
man Christ Jesus; ”
1 Timothy 2:5**

**“And there shall in no wise enter into
it [Heaven] any thing that defileth,
neither whatsoever worketh
abomination, or maketh a lie: but
they which are written in the Lamb’s
book of life.”
Revelation 21:27**

CHAPTER TWO

THE ONLY SALVATION

“Salvation is of the LORD!” (Jonah 2:9) Fallen man, dead in trespasses and sins, is unable to save himself, let alone save the world.

Twenty-first Century man has ambitious plans to bring in a New World Order. The Modern Church in the cause of peace presses toward OIKOUMENE: ONE WORLD. “Salvation is of the Church!”

Led by Pope and Evangelicals, Christendom forges on toward a Christianized World. Believe it or not, like it or not, the Modern Church’s grand design, energized by the god of this world, will materialize sooner than you think. Man’s “Kingdom of God” is at hand! Peace and safety, at last!

But we say, “**Counterfeit!**”

Recall our Lord’s words: *“My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my Kingdom not from hence”*

(John 18:36). People power cannot bring in God's Kingdom.

The Kingdom of God will be established, "*when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ...when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe ...*" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).

This is a day of extreme deception when "*many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many*" (Matthew 24:11). Be not deceived: the Kingdom of God will not be established except the King returns. The Modern Church today is fallen away. Our Lord is the Head of the Church, not any man. He says, "*Without me ye can do nothing*" (John 15:5). He will not tarry: He will return. He will bring in His Millennial Kingdom.

So we say, "Salvation is not of the Church but of the Lord." In Jesus Christ is God's greatest salvation – the only salvation, for He alone is "*the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*" (John 14:6).

In the multitude of ecumenical voices, we need to redefine the Gospel of Salvation, the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, what He meant when He commanded the disciples, "*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that*

believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15-16). From the earliest days the enemy of our souls, “transformed into an angel of light”, had used deceivers in the church, “transformed as the ministers of righteousness”, to preach “another Jesus ... another spirit ... another gospel” (2 Corinthians 11:14-15, 4).

In these end times, the peril of false teachers is multiplied a hundredfold. God’s Word repeatedly sounds the warning: *“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy” (1 Timothy 4:1).*

Without the true Gospel, there can be no salvation. Many in the Modern Church today no longer preach the Gospel of Salvation, but *“another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ ...”* The preachers of “another gospel” are accursed (Galatians 1:6-9).

Let God’s Word, therefore, state in terms loud and clear, what the Gospel of Christ is: *“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you ...”*

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I

“THE ONLY SALVATION”

On this **BOOK** our Salvation is
securely founded.

HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE (KJB)



The Word of God, closest to the Original,
most accurate and faithful of all translations.

also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Christian soldiers of the end time, arise! and let us go forth in the power of the risen Lord, to declare His glorious Gospel. In the midst of universal deception and the siren sounds of “*another gospel*” we send forth the clarion call of the Sixteenth Century Reformation;

Sola Scriptura – Scripture alone!

Sola Fide – Faith alone!

Sola Gratia – Grace alone!

Solus Christus – Christ alone!

This is the Gospel of our Salvation, the greatest and only Salvation, by grace through faith in Christ alone: “*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12).

But now there is a new gospel preached by the world’s foremost evangelist Dr Billy Graham, telecast over Southern California Television on Saturday May 31, 1997:

“I think everybody that loves Christ, or knows Christ, whether they are conscious of it or not, they’re members of the Body of Christ ... And that’s what God is doing today, He’s calling people out of the

*world for His name, whether they come from the Muslim world, or the Buddhist world, or the Christian world, or the non-believing world, they are members of the Body of Christ because they've been called by God. **They may not even know the name of Jesus,** but they know in their hearts that they need something that they don't have, and they turn to the only light that they have, and **I think that they are saved, and that they're going to be with us in heaven.***"

This is "another gospel" – a false gospel, preached by a "false prophet," a wolf "in sheep's clothing" (Matthew 7:15), to the deceiving of Christians around the world, except for the few who hold fast to "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

To those of like precious faith, "*all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him*" (1 Kings 19:18), we say, "*Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong*" (1 Corinthians 16:13). Look not to men and numbers; look to the Lord.

As we see the falling away overtake Churches everywhere, we believe and are sure that the day of our Lord's appearing draweth nigh (2 Thessalonians 2:3). Then shall our salvation be fully manifested: "*For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according*

to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself” (Philippians 3:20-21).

And “we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like Him ...” (1 John 3:2).

Like Him! That is the only Salvation, the greatest Salvation!

“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

“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

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever...

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

1 Peter 1:23,25

CHAPTER THREE

THE GREATEST TRANSLATION

God's deliverance of England out of a thousand years of Roman darkness and superstition was sealed with the greatest translation of history, the King James Bible. Without this "*more sure word of prophecy*" (2 Peter 1:9), the accurate and dependable Word of God in English, the Reformation in England could not have withstood the forces of the Counter Reformation. The King James Bible stood as a bulwark of the Protestant faith, a banner "*that it may be displayed because of the truth*" (Psalm 60:4). Thank God for the King James Bible.

For three hundred years the beloved King James Bible, reigned in the hearts of God's people, the instrument of Gospel revival and the growth of great Church and Missionary movements around the world. Christians everywhere could join their hands in the use of the Spirit's mighty sword, the faithful and accurate translation into English of the plenarily and verbally inspired, inerrant, infallible Hebrew and Greek Words of God.

Today, no longer: the scene has changed. The King James Bible is “on the way out,” displaced by an array of Modern English Bibles. Churches and Christians have forsaken God’s greatest gift, “throwing out the wheat for the tares.”

Has the King James Bible outlived its usefulness? The enemies of the truth would persuade us to think so. But God alone must persuade us, “*for we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth*” (2 Corinthians 13:8).

In the King James Bible we believe we have the accurately translated Word of God in English. Resting in the assurance of our Lord in Matthew 24:35, we answer the enemies of the King James Bible: “*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*” The King James Bible, the Word of God in English, will endure the test of time, and the onslaught of false versions, until the day of Jesus Christ.

Let us briefly consider the history of the King James Bible, which is the story of the English Bible.

THE STORY OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE

The King James Bible was the crowning glory of a mighty stream of Protestant Bible translations undertaken at the cost of untold suffering and sacrifice. Here we briefly recall three of the translations and the men who suffered the fires of Rome for their labours.

(1) **John Wycliffe (1324-1384)**

The “Morning Star of the Reformation” translated from the Latin Vulgate and gave his people their first English Bible. Wycliffe preached the glorious Gospel of Salvation by grace through faith, not of works, not by any system or Church. Of immense energy and indomitable courage, he not only preached, but trained young men (“Lollards”) to spread the good Word. These “preacher boys” literally turned the country upside down with the sound of the Gospel.

The Church authorities would have burnt Wycliffe except that God saved him by a stroke, but they dug up his bones and burned them forty-four years later. Many of his Lollard preachers fell into the hands of the Church and, with copies of Wycliffe Bibles hung round their necks, they went to the stake. *“They loved not their lives unto the death”* (Revelation 12:11).

The Wycliffe Bible, in those days before the invention of printing, took one man ten months to make a copy. Appearing first in 1382, it remained the only English Bible for 143 years, until Tyndale’s Bible arrived in 1525.

Wycliffe was England’s first Protestant, anticipating the Reformation by two hundred years.

MORNING STAR OF THE REFORMATION



John Wycliffe (1324-1384) The “Morning Star of the Reformation” translated from the Latin Vulgate and gave his people their first English Bible. Wycliffe preached the glorious Gospel of Salvation by grace through faith, not of works, not by any system or Church.

(2) William Tyndale (1494 - 1536)

A brilliant scholar of Oxford and Cambridge, William Tyndale was won to Christ reading Erasmus' Greek New Testament. Having received the "*treasure in earthen vessels*" (2 Corinthians 4:7), he vowed that he would devote his life to translate the Scriptures from the original languages of Hebrew and Greek so that his fellowmen might read God's Word in their mother tongue.

Gifted with a rare command of language and an all-consuming love of the Word, Tyndale laboured night and day at his life calling. The terror of Rome working through the English bishops made it unsafe for him to remain in England. On the Continent, moving from place to place to elude his enemies, Tyndale completed the New Testament in 1525. An estimated 18,000 copies were secretly shipped to England. To stem the tide of Tyndale Bibles, the Bishop of London ordered the Books intercepted and burned.

The Tyndale Bibles literally set England alight! "*The entrance of thy word giveth light*" (Psalm 119:30). Only God's light could dispel the darkness over England, where people were taught by the priests to rely on the merit of works for justification such as pilgrimages to shrines, kissing and kneeling before images, penances and indulgences, and a host of other Romish superstitions. From cradle to grave, the people were held in the grip of the priesthood.

William Tyndale lived under the shadow of the Roman terror. By the time he was fifteen years old, under the Spanish Inquisition 8,800 had been burned to death, and 90,000 had been imprisoned for their faith. Tyndale knew full well that fire awaited him should he fall into the hands of the authorities.

In 1527 Tyndale testified to the animosity which was heaped upon him and his Bible by the Catholic authorities in England:

“In burning the New Testament, they did none other thing than I looked for; no more shall they do if they burn me also, if it be God’s will it shall be so. Nevertheless in translating the New Testament I did my duty and so do I now ...”

Betrayal caught up with Tyndale but he was well prepared. On the morning of October 6, 1536, he was taken to the place of execution, tied to the stake, strangled, then burned. At his death Tyndale prayed – “Lord, open the King of England’s eyes.”

William Tyndale, *“fought a good fight, finished his course, kept the faith”*. In a blaze of glory he won the hearts of believers in England and Europe, and the title “Hero of the Reformation.”

Tyndale’s Bible became the foundation of other Protestant Bibles, the greatest being the King James Bible.

MASTER LINGUIST



William Tyndale (1494 - 1536), master linguist of Oxford and Cambridge Universities, gave his people their first Bible translated from the original languages. By selfless toil he completed translating the NT in 1525 and most of the OT before his death. Tyndale's Bible was a forerunner of the King James Bible (1611).

FOR LOVE OF THE WORD



“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24).

In damp and dark cellars of Europe, Tyndale laboured to fulfil a vow made before a priest of Rome: “If God spare my life, ere many days I will cause a boy that driveth a plow to know more of the Scripture than thou dost!”

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH



Near Brussels in 1536 William Tyndale was strangled and burned at the stake for defying the Roman power, translating God's Word into English. "By it he being dead yet speaketh." Faithful unto death, Tyndale was truly "The Hero of the English Reformation."

(3) John Rogers (1500 - 1555)

John Rogers took up the pen when his friend William Tyndale lay it down. Working on the unfinished books of the Old Testament, he completed it in 1537, calling it the Matthew's Bible (after his pen name Thomas Matthew). For his part in defying the authorities he was arrested and condemned to be burned.

His wife and eleven children, one a nursing baby, were not allowed to see him, until he was on his way to the stake. On February 4, 1555, John Rogers followed William Tyndale to the fires of martyrdom, for the glory of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

For love of the Bible and "*the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*" (Jude 3), John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, John Rogers, and a host of other men and women in England, were willing and did suffer the fires of Rome.

*"The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still –
His Kingdom is for ever."
Luther*

But Rome never rested in her attempts to return England to the fold. The Council of Trent (1545 - 1563), the Jesuit Douay Bible (1582) and the Spanish Armada (1588), though unsuccessful, gave notice of Rome's undying desire to subdue England.

In the light of these persisting threats, a thousand Protestant ministers in England petitioned King James to authorize a new translation – a national effort to give England a superior and enduring Bible, faithful and true to the Protestant faith. The result was the King James Bible (1611).

A TRANSLATION WITHOUT EQUAL

Lovers of the Word see the King James Bible as a token of God’s providential care of His people, and its translation without equal in all history.

(1) **The Spirit**

With England fighting her way out of Roman subjection, there was a prevailing spirit of Protestantism in the King James Bible, the spirit of “*earnestly contending for the faith*” (Jude 3) for which men and women had endured fire, dungeon and sword.

(2) **The Philosophy**

The philosophy of the men behind the King James Bible was uncontaminated with the leaven of modern thought, atheistic and pantheistic ideology, and the other godless philosophies which arose in the following two centuries.

(3) **The Translators**

These were chosen men from London, Oxford, and Cambridge, scholars of impeccable integrity and unquestioned fidelity to Holy Scripture, whose one commitment was to translate the text as faithfully as possible, without “*any private interpretation*” (2 Peter 1:20). *Sola Scriptura!*

(4) **The Texts**

These were the best manuscripts – the Masoretic Hebrew Old Testament Text and the Received Greek New Testament Text (Textus Receptus). These were accurate and Preserved copies of the inspired, inerrant, infallible Scriptures handed down by the Jews of the Old Testament and by the Apostles of the New Testament. They were carefully copied by their custodians. These accurate copies (**apographs**) were in the possession of the faithful church up to the time of the Reformation and accepted by Protestant scholars as the most accurate and closest to the originals (**autographs**).

(5) **The Technique**

The King James Bible translators adhered strictly to the literal or classical method of translation “Verbal Equivalence” or “Word for Word” technique, the Spirit-guided safeguard which ensured an exact and faithful translation, free from the corruption of men’s thoughts.

(6) **The Theology**

Without exception the translators were men of faith, of sound understanding of God's Word. Among their company were High Churchmen of the Church of England and Puritan scholars – all of whom were men fully submitted to the authority of Scripture.

What need we say more? God's greatest gift of the Sixteenth Century Reformation has lost none of its light and truth. Preserving perfectly each and every doctrine of salvation, it stands unrivalled – the greatest translation of all time.

“ For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.....

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”

2 Corinthians 11:4, 13-15

CHAPTER FOUR

COUNTER ATTACK

The CONFLICT OF THE AGES rages on. The enemy labels it “language and readability.” Christians believe it: they cannot see through Satan’s smoke-screen. Beware! our adversary is “*transformed into an angel of light*” (2 Corinthians 11:14).

God’s Word tells us, there are deeper issues at stake. It is **truth versus falsehood, God’s Word versus Satan’s, KJB versus Modern Versions**. These are spiritual things, and they must be “*spiritually discerned*” (1 Corinthians 2:14).

The King James Bible banner fluttering supremely over Protestant England will not do! This does not fit in with the adversary’s end time plan. “*Babylon the Great*” (Revelation 17:5, 18:2) will be incomplete without one vital member: England must be subdued, the King James Bible brought down. The Master Deceiver is a patient strategist. Time is the essence and his time will come.

Three centuries came and went. The Reformation rode out its crest of success. The fervency of revival cooled

with the rise of modern thought. Counter Reformation forces sensed the wind of change; the nineteenth was the century of opportunity, of progress, of Counter Attack.

Modern man knew better than the Virgin Birth, the Deity of Christ, the Blood Atonement, the Bodily Resurrection, the Second Coming, Heaven and Hell, and such medieval stuff. German rationalism and naturalism made better sense and sensibility. The epoch-making discovery of Darwin excited the imagination. The theory of evolution appealed to thinking men. Social progression demanded a re-think of theology. Miracles and supernatural phenomena had to be reasoned out. Theological liberalism was the answer.

All this called for the dethroning of the King James Bible. The unyielding Fortress of Protestantism and repository of Biblical Theology must be removed from the seat of authority to make way for Satan's Grand Design. A more liberal Bible, more accommodating to modern thought, would speed up the formation of "*Babylon the Great*" (Revelation 17:5; 18:2).

But the King James Bible was a national treasure, beloved over two hundred years. It must be handled with care. Treading carefully the opposition painted a picture of the King James Bible being filled with flaws of printing, of obsolete words, errors due to careless editing, grammatical and spelling errors – to prove the deficiency of the Authorized Version and the need for revision.

The attacks built up over the years with increasing intensity. The masterminds behind the attacks were the Jesuit-led Catholic scholars and Protestant fellow travellers. Over a period of fifty years the wave of Higher Criticism mounted until it became an irresistible tide which could not be ignored: “Revision!”

By the year 1870, the Oxford movement (an Anglican group favouring return to Rome) had grown so powerful that a theological bias in favour of Rome was moving men in high places. Many Protestant institutions were being neutralized, the *Thirty-Nine Articles* of the Church of England’s Constitution were being assailed, and generally the ground was being softened to receive the idea of revision.

The demands for revision were made with great care and moderation of language. We quote from Hemphill’s *History of the Revised Version*, page 25:

“Nor can it be too distinctly or too emphatically affirmed that the reluctance of the public could never have been overcome but for the studious moderation and apparently rigid conservatism which the advocates of revision were careful to adopt.”

With astute political manoeuvring the enemies of the KJB pressed their case up through the highest authorities of the Church of England. Approval was finally granted in 1870, a black day indeed for English

Protestantism and the King James Bible.

Why did England allow her national treasure to be thrown to the mercies of higher critics and enemies of the Protestant faith? The unique place of the King James Bible in national life was surrendered “without firing a shot.” There was no real need of revision as historian Hemphill clearly shows:

“Moreover, the composition of the Authorized Version was recognized by scholars as the miracle of English prose, unsurpassed in clearness, precision, and vigor. The English of the King James Bible was the most perfect, if not the only, example of a lost art. It may be said truthfully that literary men as well as theologians frowned on the revision enterprise” (Ibid, p 26).

Notwithstanding, the revisionists won the day. When they got to work in 1870 no one could have dreamt that eleven years later the King James Bible would suffer 36,000 changes in the English text, and nearly 6,000 in the Greek. Irreparable harm had been done to vital doctrines of the faith. The “language and readability” cover-up had done its perfect work.

The Revised Version (1881) opened a breach in the dyke by which, like a floodgate unlocked, modern versions have poured through unrestrained. A hundred years and more have passed since, and a hundred versions of all theological shades and persuasions have

flooded the market.

Among the most popular, the “best sellers” of today, are some of the worst corrupted versions, each claiming to be “most faithful, accurate, exact.” Smoke-screens again.

The adversary’s counter-attack has succeeded with diabolical brilliance. Confusion reigns when the question is posed: Which Bible is the Word of God? The answer: Every one, any one. Take your pick. Your choice may be just the most corrupt doctored version.

In the minds of many, the King James Bible has lost its authority, and is rapidly disappearing from bookshops, homes, hotel rooms and Church pews. Satan’s counter-attack is deadly, more deadly than you think.

But our Lord Jesus is ever victorious. He has the last word.

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14

“Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. ”

Luke 1:34, 35

“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”

Galatians 4:4, 5

CHAPTER FIVE

THE VIRGIN'S SON

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Today we are in the midst of a great theological upheaval, more disturbing than an earthquake. Modernists are shaking the structure of Christian faith and shocking the faithful within it. Daring denials of the Virgin Birth, and of other supernatural facts of Christianity, are being broadcast repeatedly. Evidently some believe that unbelief if stated startlingly is a satisfactory substitute for faith itself. As long as the widest publicity is being given to this determined assault upon the “things which are most surely believed among us,” it has become necessary to publish abroad our defense of the Gospel to reassure those whose faith has been troubled by this steady eruption of unbelief.

Let us beware of belittling the seriousness of the situation which today confronts the Church of God. Grant a man that it does not matter to you that he is battering down the vestibule of your place of

worship; when he has finished that, he will be in a mood to disregard what further you may grant or think. Your indifference has given him a foothold for further work of destruction; and he is more than likely to make use of his opportunity.

The Virgin Birth might be called the vestibule doctrine of Christianity. Many are now unwisely saying that since it is not an essential doctrine, its destruction makes no difference. Of course, a vestibule is not essential to a place of worship, but not much worship is likely to go on while the tearing down of the vestibule is in progress. To stop the demolition is surely essential. If we are unable to arrest the destruction of the vestibule, how are we going to prevent the destruction of the main building, especially when the attack has come from within?

In such a situation of struggle, apathetic indifference is less defensible than the attack of the enemy. He that is not with faith in the Virgin Birth is against it, and he that is against it is not for faith in the reliability of the Scriptures.

Silent truth is no match for outspoken error. In this “hour and power of darkness” the silence of friends is more betraying than the kiss of the betrayer. That is the only “argument of silence” that amounts to anything. Even now it is a very late hour for the slumbering members of the Church to awaken to what is going on. Without question there never was

a time in the history of the Church when there was within it so much unblushing contradiction of the Word of God in its teachings about the origin and nature of the Person of Christ.

The assault upon the Virgin Birth narratives of the Bible is really an assault upon the supernatural nature of Christ's Person, which is nothing less than a denial of His Deity. Natural causes can produce but natural results. A supernatural person cannot have his origin through natural causes – through human parents. Then the question really is, whether Christ was wholly a natural, or both a natural and supernatural, person. Lose the Supernatural out of His personality, and all the Supernatural elsewhere in Christianity is then of no account.

The natural never can beget the Supernatural. It is either the Miraculous Conception, or no supernatural Person as Saviour. Either the Virgin Birth stands, or Christ's Deity goes. And with His Virgin Birth and Deity gone, with them go the Trinity and all the soul-saving power and passion of evangelical Christianity.

Suffer another word of arousal. Let us beware of greatly grieving the Holy Spirit by falling in with the critical attitude and destructive spirit so prevalent today in pulpit, professor's chair, and almost everywhere. If the Scriptures had long been a source of injury to the human race, if down through the

ages they had been darkening men's minds, dragging downward their lives, and impeding their efforts to serve God, one could see some reason for not recognizing Holy Writ as the work of the Spirit of God. When we assume that we are called of God to claim the superiority of our own inspiration over that of the Holy Scriptures, we fall by this pride from the heavenly heights of communion with the Spirit of God. The hallmark of the Holy Spirit's inspiration is humility, not swaggering conceit.

For some time another spirit than that of reverence toward the Word of God has been manifest. The very air has seemed to carry it. Its infectious infatuation has exhaled its influence into the minds of men, producing an exaggerated self-confidence which feels itself sufficient to smite the faces of the Scripture writers, buffet them for their supposed faults, and show up their imagined ignorance. Some of our Christian teachers have a penchant for sowing in the minds of their students distrust of the Scriptures.

Matthew and Luke are not here to defend themselves when charged with fabricating the story of the Virgin Birth, and Mary herself is not here to defend her good name and honour. But the Holy Spirit is here, to be grieved, if we cast doubt upon the reliability of His work, to be pleased if we use the capacity He gives to recognize His message of enlightenment.

Such is the situation. The dykes are down, and the floods are rushing in. Belief in the Virgin Birth has for many given way, and with it faith in the reliability of the Scriptures on matters of paramount importance. Representative men in the church and numbers of lesser lights are flashing signals of defiance in the darkness, which is deepening.

A chasm deep as death has opened up right in the very midst of every evangelical denomination. This is no exaggeration of false alarm. With the situation such that the church is divided against itself and apostasy seemingly at a premium, “what shall the righteous do” who have been the defenders of the Christian faith? What they must! What else can they conscientiously do than continue to “contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints”, “the faith which is in Christ Jesus,” and to “be watchful and establish the weak things that remain, that are ready to die?”

With unwearying repetition it is being said that the Miraculous Conception is not a cardinal doctrine of Christianity, and the loss of it matters little. But the same power which takes it away is also taking away the cardinal doctrines as well. The same fire that burns up even an unimportant room in a house is surely able to do as much for the other rooms also.

The fort of Biblical Inspiration is surrendered to the enemy, as far as that man is concerned when he

ceases to trust the Scriptures on the paternity of his Lord. If the Bible cannot be trusted to tell us whose Son is the hope of the world's salvation, then who is to tell us where it is to be trusted? If Holy Writ be rejected at this strategic point, one is surely free to distrust it at any other point. And he is more than likely to do so.

Comment

What Pastor Champion foresaw years ago, with Holy Spirit illumination, has seen universal fulfilment in the dying moments of the Twentieth Century. With the mushroom growth of Modern English Bibles all the vital fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith have been made light of, assailed by almost every new version, and Twenty-first Century Christianity has been thoroughly humanized. Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, has been “cut down to size” by the modern translators, editors and scholars of the Bible Societies, using the “Dynamic Equivalence” methodology.

With the undermining of the doctrine of the Virgin Birth, all these other essential doctrines have been attacked and demolished one by one: Our Lord's Eternal Pre-existence and Divine Sonship, His Deity, Redemptive Work, Resurrection, Ascension, Return. All these doctrines are inter-related, and stem from the doctrine of His supernatural origin – the Virgin Birth. Deny the Virgin Birth and all the rest can stand no longer.

Just think on this: no self-respecting gentleman will take it lying down if his paternity were insulted. Yet respectable Churchmen, Theologians and Bible scholars, willingly consent to the abuse heaped upon the paternity of the Lord whom they profess to serve. The modern Church feels no unease of conscience with Modern Bible Versions which make out that our Lord Jesus Christ came of an illegitimate human birth.

Surely the Father of lies has found willing allies within the Church.

What does God's Word say to this?

“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Revelation 22:11

FOOTNOTE

The Doctrine of our Lord's Virgin Birth is attacked by Good News Bible (Today's English Version), New English Bible, New International Version, and Revised Standard Version.

“ And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; ...”

Colossians 1:20

“... This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”

Hebrews 9:20-22

“Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. ”

Revelation 5:9

CHAPTER SIX

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

from Spurgeon's "Morning and Evening"

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold ... But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Peter 1:18-19), "... and without shedding of blood is no remission" (Hebrews 9:22).

This is the voice of unalterable truth. In none of the Jewish ceremonies were sins, even typically, removed without blood-shedding. In no case, by no means can sin be pardoned without atonement. It is clear, then, that there is no hope for me out of Christ; for there is no other blood-shedding which is worth a thought as an atonement for sin.

Am I, then, believing in Him? Is the blood of His atonement truly applied to my soul? All men are on a level as to their need of Him. If we be never so moral, generous, amiable, or patriotic, the rule will

not be altered to make an exception for us. Sin will yield to nothing less potent than the blood of Him whom God hath set forth as a propitiation. What a blessing that there is the one way of pardon! Why should we seek another?

Persons of merely formal religion cannot understand how we can rejoice that all our sins are forgiven us for Christ's sake. Their works, and prayers, and ceremonies, give them very poor comfort; and well may they be uneasy, for they are neglecting the one great salvation, and endeavouring to get remission without blood.

My soul, sit down, and behold the justice of God as bound to punish sin; see that punishment all executed upon thy Lord Jesus, and fall down in humble joy, and kiss the dear feet of Him whose blood had made atonement for thee. The only restorative for a guilty conscience is a sight of Jesus suffering on the cross.

Standing at the foot of the cross, we see His hands, and feet, and side, all flowing crimson streams of precious blood. It is "precious" because of its *redeeming and atoning efficacy*. By it the sins of Christ's people are atoned for; they are redeemed from under the law; they are reconciled to God, made one with Him.

Christ's blood is also "precious" in its *cleansing power*; it "cleanseth from all sin." "Though your

sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.” Through Jesus’ blood there is not a spot left upon any believer, no wrinkle nor any such thing remains. O precious blood, which makes us clean, removing the stains of abundant iniquity, and permitting us to stand accepted in the Beloved, notwithstanding the many ways in which we have rebelled against our God.

The blood of Christ is likewise “precious” in its *preserving power*. We are safe from the destroying angel under the sprinkled blood. Remember it is *God’s seeing* the blood which is the true reason for our being spared. Here is comfort for us when the eye of faith is dim, for God’s eye is still the same.

The blood of Christ is “precious” also in its *sanctifying influence*. The same blood which justifies by taking away sin, does in its afteraction, quicken the new nature and lead it onward to subdue sin and to follow out the commands of God. There is no motive for holiness so great as that which streams from the veins of Jesus.

And “precious,” unspeakably precious, is this blood, because it has *an overcoming power*. It is written, “They overcame through the blood of the Lamb.” How could they do otherwise? He who fights with the precious blood of Jesus, fights with a weapon which cannot know defeat. The blood of Jesus! sin dies at its presence, death ceases to be death: heaven’s

gates are opened. The blood of Jesus! we shall march on, conquering and to conquer, so long as we can trust its power!

Comment

All the redeemed of God shall one day be gathered together with the Saviour in the Heavenly Home. Then for endless days we shall serve “*Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood*” (Revelation 1:5).

There we shall forever be safe from the wiles of Satan, for we have overcome him “*by the blood of the Lamb*” (Revelation 12:11). But before that glad day, our wily foe gathers to himself an ever growing army of defectors, Judases in the Church, “Bible scholars,” translators, mutilators and manipulators of Holy Writ, who wrest the Scriptures unto their own destruction (2 Peter 3:16). For Satan hates the blood of the Lamb, and his ministers carry out his bidding, bringing forth Modern English Versions and perversions in which the precious blood is removed. Without the “precious blood of Christ” the Modern English Versions are rendered powerless in those key and vital areas of versions such as the Good News Bible, New English Bible, New International Version, New King James Version, Revised Standard Version.

But we are saved by the blood of the Lamb.



“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself...”

Colossians 1:20

“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.”

John 5:22-23

“For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty...

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.”

2 Peter 1:16,19-21

CHAPTER SEVEN

WHAT MAKES A GOOD VERSION?

Almost every new Bible version extols its own virtue, claiming (like the New International Version) to be “balanced, scholarly ... most exact ... so faithfully accurate.” The validity of such claims must be examined under the searchlight of God’s Word. “For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth” (2 Corinthians 10:18). Self commendation must be judged by God’s Word.

What makes a good version? Here we define certain minimal Biblical criteria which a version must satisfy before it can be called good.

CRITERIA OF A GOOD VERSION

- 1 A version must do honour to God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. In particular it must satisfy the question: What think ye of Christ?
- 2 A version must honour the Person and Redemptive Work of the Lord Jesus Christ in all parts

of the Text. In no part must there be a diminution, dilution, or undermining thereof.

3 Every essential article of our Christian Faith and Doctrine must be preserved whole and complete, and must not in any way be diminished, distorted, diluted, or deleted.

A GOOD VERSION MUST UPHOLD THESE ESSENTIAL ARTICLES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH AND DOCTRINE WITHOUT ANY COMPROMISE IN ANY OF ITS PARTS:

1 **We Believe** that GOD exists in three co-equal and co-eternal Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

2 **We Believe** that Jesus Christ the eternal Son of God, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.

3 **We Believe** that sinners are “*justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood ...*” (Romans 3:24,25).

4 **We Believe** that “*Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again [bodily] the third day according to the scriptures*” (1 Corinthians

15:3,4), and having ascended to heaven is now exalted at the right hand of God the Father, interceding for those who truly trust Him as their Saviour (Hebrews 7:25).

- 5 **We Believe** in the return of Christ for His own (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18) and also the personal and visible return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to earth as KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (Revelation 19:16), and He shall reign on this earth a thousand years (Revelation 20:6).
- 6 **We Believe** that at death the believer immediately enters into the presence of the Lord in Heaven, for “*to be absent from the body*” is “*to be present with the Lord*” (2 Corinthians 5:8).
- 7 **We Believe** in the real spiritual unity of true believers only in Christ, of those redeemed by His precious Blood (1 Corinthians 12:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19).
- 8 **We Believe** that true believers are holy unto God and must not join with unbelievers in any sort of prayer or worship (2 Corinthians 6:14-18), or any ecumenical linkage.

We believe that every Bible version must be carefully examined in all its parts according to the above criteria to test its soundness or otherwise.

“What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.”

Deuteronomy 12:32

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”

1 Timothy 4:1

“... 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.”

Revelation 22:18,19

CHAPTER EIGHT

MODERN BIBLE VERSIONS EXAMINED

Without the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit it is impossible to discern between a good Bible and a corrupt one. Every Bible version on casual reading seems good, but we must not go by impressions. We are dealing with the Word of Truth, and every chapter, every verse, every line, every word, must conform to the Truth.

A good Bible version must uphold faithfully every essential article of Christian faith and doctrine in all of its parts. No part of the version must in any way compromise, contradict, or undermine any one of these essential articles.

Users of popular Modern English Versions may take offence when told that the Bible which they hold dear is corrupted. They have been much blessed, even led to salvation in Jesus Christ, through reading their particular version. How could it possibly be “bad”?

We need much wisdom, the wisdom from above which is “...*pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy*” (James 3:17). This is a deep spiritual matter, and spiritual things must be “*spiritually discerned*” (1 Corinthians 2:14). We need Holy Spirit wisdom and grace to set forth the case, remembering that some of us, before we saw the light, were also enamoured with some Modern Bible Version until God in mercy opened our eyes and delivered us from Satan’s snare.

Before we set out on our difficult task of evaluating Modern Bible Versions, one final word to the reader. Have you ever handled a counterfeit dollar note, or a thousand dollar note? Some of us have been deceived, cheated, because “it looked just like the real thing.” Only the discerning eye sees the “fatal flaw,” the absence of the water-mark or security thread. Only a small difference, perhaps just one percent, makes all the difference. So it is with counterfeit Bible versions. We must look beyond impressions.

Modern Bible Versions will prove true or false, good or corrupt, faithful or counterfeit, in the “water-mark” and “security thread” of vital essential articles of faith and doctrine. Do not look at “readability” and “beautiful understandable language.” Go to the heart of the matter, and test the version by each article of faith and doctrine. Therein lies the proof of goodness or corruption. This is a spiritual thing: spiritual things must be “*spiritually discerned.*”

God help us as we examine seven Modern English Versions under the searchlight of God's Word. For space constraints we shall highlight only a few representative passages of the corruption in each version. Fuller reviews are available from more than 1,000 titles carried by THE BIBLE FOR TODAY, 900 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey 08108. These are all listed in B.F.T. Brochure #1 which is available upon request.

In the comparisons to follow, the King James Bible will be abbreviated as "KJB" and the other versions will also have an appropriate abbreviation.

1. GNB (Good News Bible)
[Also called Today's English Version (TEV)]

- a) **The GNB attacks the DEITY OF CHRIST** by removing the prophecy of **HIS VIRGIN BIRTH** in Isaiah 7:14.
KJB: "A virgin shall conceive ..."
GNB: "A young woman will have a son."

- b) **The GNB attacks the ETERNAL PRE-EXISTENCE OF CHRIST** by tampering with Micah 5:2.
KJB: "from everlasting"
GNB: "ancient times"

- c) **The GNB attacks our Lord's DIVINE GOODNESS** by deleting the word "good" from Matthew 19:16-17.

KJB: “**Good Master**, what good thing shall I do ... Why callest thou **me good**? There is none good but one, that is God.”

GNB: “**Teacher** ... what good thing must I do ... Why do you ask me **concerning what is good**? There is only One who is good.”

The chief translator of GNB does not believe that Jesus is GOD, hence his mistranslation.

d) **The GNB attacks Christ’s SONSHIP** of God in John 6:69.

KJB: “We believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, **the Son of the living God**”

GNB: “We believe and know that you are **the Holy One** who has come from God.”

e) **The GNB denies Christ’s title “Son of God”** in John 9:35.

KJB: “Son of **God**”

GNB: “Son of **Man**”

This clear reference to our Lord’s unique Sonship is destroyed by the GNB.

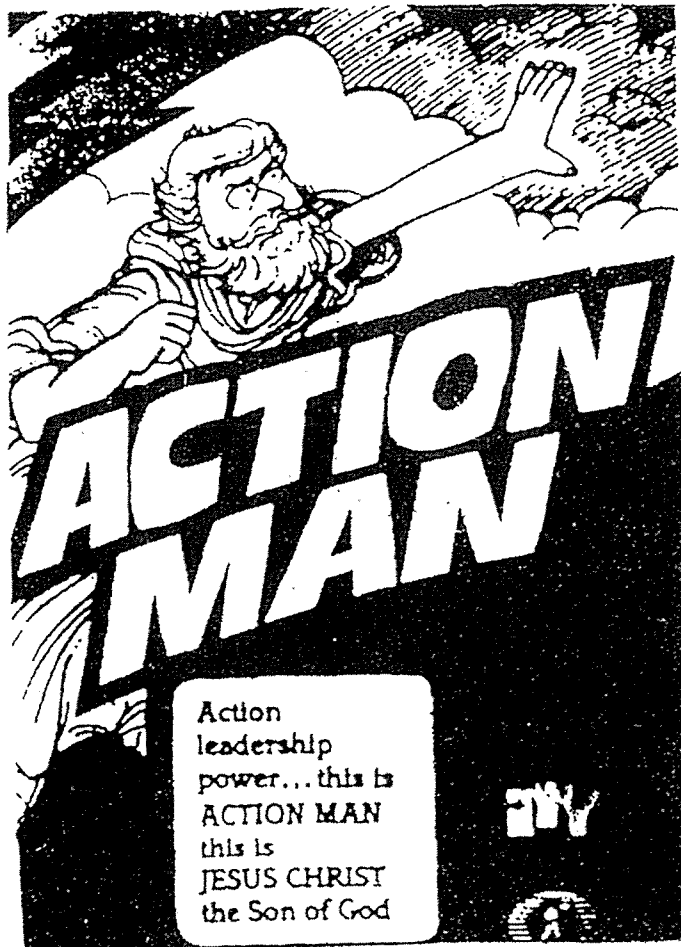
f) **The GNB attacks our Lord’s INCARNATION** in 1 Timothy 3:16.

KJB: “**God** was manifest in the flesh”

GNB: “**He** appeared in human form”

g) **The GNB removes the precious “BLOOD”** and substitutes it with “death.” The numerous

MODERN BLASPHEMY



The above picture was produced by the Bible Society of Australia, a member of the United Bible Societies. Note the blasphemous way the Lord Jesus Christ is portrayed as the supposed “Action Man.” The Sower (Bible Society of India publication) of April 1985 says, “While Action Man had Scriptures taken directly from the Good News Bible, it is more comfortable to handle and read than a Bible or New Testament.” Beware of the United Bible Societies.

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passages which speak of the “*precious blood of Christ*” (1 Peter 1:18-19), without which there is no redemption, are completely mutilated, and the vital words have been effectively expunged from the GNB.

One example is Ephesians 1:7.

KJB: “In Whom we have redemption through His **blood** ...”

GNB: “For by the **death** of Christ we are set free”

Another example is 1 Peter 1:18-19.

KJB: “But with the **precious blood** of Christ ...”

GNB: “By the **costly sacrifice** of Christ, ...”

- h) **There are many other examples of mistranslation and incorrect exegesis which go to make a most corrupt version, the GNB.**

CONCLUSION

The GNB presents another Christ, not the Christ of the Bible, the only begotten of the Father, the Virgin-born Son of God, God manifest in the flesh, the Second Person of the Trinity.

The GNB eliminates the vital doctrine of redemption through the Blood of the Lamb, to present a bloodless and false gospel.

The GNB is a CORRUPT VERSION.

2. NASV (New American Standard Version)

- a) **The NASV attacks the ETERNAL PRE-EXISTENCE OF CHRIST** by tampering with Micah 5:2.
KJB: “from everlasting”
NASV: “ancient times”
- b) **The NASV weakens** the assertion of our Lord’s virgin birth.
KJB: “firstborn son.”
NASV: “a son.”
- c) **The NASV attacks our Lord’s DIVINE GOODNESS** by deleting the word “good” from Matthew 19:16-17.
- d) **The NASV attacks our Lord’s bodily resurrection** in Luke 24:40.
KJB: “When he had thus spoken, **he shewed them his hands and his feet.**”

NASV: This important testimony to our Lord’s physical resurrection is **removed** from the text and dismissed to the margin in some editions, and put in parenthesis in others, showing doubt of its authenticity.

- e) **The NASV attacks the salvation exclusive to Christ**, in John 6:47.
KJB: “He that **believeth on me** hath everlasting life.”
NASV: “He who **believes** has everlasting life.”

This text in the NASV effectively opens the door of salvation to anyone who believes anything.

f) **The NASV attacks Christ's SONSHIP of God** in John 6:69.

KJB: "... Christ, the **Son** of the living God"

NASV: "... the **Holy One** of God"

g) **The NASV denies Christ's title "Son of God"** in John 9:35.

KJB: "Son of **God.**"

NASV: "Son of **Man.**"

h) **The NASV denies that Christ is "Lord."**

KJB: "... the **Lord** from heaven."

NASV: " ... the second **man** from heaven."

i) **The NASV attacks our Lord's**

INCARNATION in 1 Timothy 3:16.

KJB: "**God** was manifest in the flesh"

NASV: "**He** who was manifest ..."

j) **The NASV attacks the total INSPIRATION of Scripture** in 2 Timothy 3:16.

KJB: "All scripture is given by **inspiration** of God."

NASV (in margin): "Every scripture inspired by **God** is profitable."

This NASV marginal note means that **not** all scripture is inspired by God.

k) **The NASV attacks our Lord's ASCENSION** in Luke 24:51.

KJB: "And it came to pass ... He was parted from them, and **carried up into heaven.**"

NASV: omits "*carried up into heaven,*" thus denying our Lord's miraculous ascension into heaven.

CONCLUSION

The NASV entertains serious doubts about our Lord's divine Sonship of God, His incarnation and Lordship, His Divine goodness and His bodily resurrection.

The NASV attacks the doctrine that salvation is exclusive to Christ alone.

The NASV is a CORRUPT VERSION.

3. NEB (New English Bible)

a) **The NEB attacks the VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST** in Isaiah 7:14.

KJB: "A **virgin** shall conceive ..."

NEB: "A **young woman** is with child ..."

In Matthew 1:16 a **NEB** footnote says, "one early witness has – **Joseph**, to whom Mary, a virgin was betrothed, was the father ..."

This note destroys the **Virgin birth** of our Lord, Who did **not** have any earthly father, by falsely alleging that Joseph was the father.

b) **The NEB attacks the ETERNAL SONSHIP OF CHRIST** in John 1:14; 3:16.

KJB: "... the **only begotten Son**"

NEB: " ... the **only Son**"

The Greek "*monogenes*" refers to our Lord's eternal Sonship, ("**eternally begotten**") of the Father. To change it to "only Son" is **manipulation**, not translation. It is an attack on the **Virgin Birth**.

c) **The NEB attacks the ATONEMENT** in 1 John 2:2.

KJB: "And He is the **propitiation** for our sins"

NEB: "He is the **remedy for the defilement** of our sins"

d) **The NEB attacks the REDEMPTION and BLOOD** in Colossians 1:14.

KJB: "In whom we have **redemption through his blood ...**"

NEB: "In whom we have **release ...**"

The "**blood**" is removed in various places in the NEB (Satan hates the Blood of Jesus).

e) **The NEB attacks the IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS** of our Lord in Matthew 5:20.

KJB: "... except your **righteousness** shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees..."

NEB: "... unless you **show yourselves far better men ...**"

In this **NEB** text, the sinner is not led to Christ Who alone is “made unto us ... *righteousness*” (1 Corinthians 1:30), but this modern version merely exhorts him to show himself a better man than the Pharisee. This is a false and pernicious doctrine.

f) **The NEB attacks the CREATION** in
Genesis 1:1.

KJB: “In the beginning **God created** the heaven and the earth.”

NEB: “In the **beginning of creation**, when God made ...”

This NEB text implies falsely the **pre-existence of matter** out of which God created, and denies the doctrine that God created “ex nihilo,” i.e. out of nothing (Hebrews 11:3).

CONCLUSION

The NEB presents a Christ born of natural human parents, not the eternal only begotten Son of God.

The NEB attacks the Atonement and Redemption through the precious Blood of Christ the Lamb of God.

The NEB is a CORRUPT VERSION.

4. NIV (THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

The NIV claims to be “the most exact, illuminating

rendering of the original languages into English ... so faithfully accurate, that it ushers in a new era of Scriptural clarity for Christians around the world” (Zondervan Publishing House, 1978).

To be “most exact” and “faithfully accurate,” a Bible version must (among other things) do honour to the Person and Work of our Lord Christ in each of these eight vital areas, and no less:

1. **His Work of Redemption**
2. **His Eternal Pre-existence**
3. **His Deity**
4. **His Sonship of God**
5. **His Virgin Birth**
6. **His Resurrection**
7. **His Ascension**
8. **His Return**

On close examination the NIV fails to pass the test in each of the eight areas and many other vital areas besides. For our purpose, however, we shall confine ourselves to only these eight.

The NIV passages which subtly dishonour or attack the Person and Work of our Lord Jesus Christ are too many to enumerate. However we shall take just two or three verses pertaining to each of the eight areas to show beyond a shadow of doubt that the NIV claims are misleading and false, and it is in fact a most corrupt version.

1. **The NIV attacks Christ's Work of Redemption.**

a) Verses which speak of our Lord's coming to save men

(1) **Matthew 18:11**

KJB: "For the Son of man is **come to save that which was lost**"

NIV: [The entire verse is omitted.]

(2) **Luke 9:56**

KJB: "For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but **to save them.**"

NIV: [This portion of the verse is omitted.]

b) **Removal of the Blood of Christ** in Colossians 1:14.

KJB: "In whom we have redemption **through his blood ...**"

NIV: "In whom we have redemption"

Note: The NIV translators have removed "*through his blood.*" Why? Satan hates the Blood of Christ because the Blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7), and God's people overcome Satan by the Blood of the Lamb (Revelation 12:11).

c) **The NIV destroys the uniqueness of salvation in Christ** in John 6:47.

KJB: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth **on me** hath everlasting life."

NIV: "I tell you the truth, he who **believes** has everlasting life."

Note: The NIV removes “*on me*” (i.e. on Christ) to open the door of salvation to anyone who believes anything. This favours the ecumenical doctrine that “all faiths lead to God.”

2. The NIV attacks Christ’s Eternal Pre-existence in Micah 5:2.

KJB: “... out of thee shall he come forth ... whose goings forth have been ... **from everlasting.**”

NIV: “... out of you will come for me one ... whose origins are ... **from ancient times.**”

Note: The NIV by changing “**everlasting**” to “**ancient times**” has destroyed our Lord’s eternal pre-existence, reducing Him to a mere man.

3. The NIV attacks Christ’s Deity.

a) 1 Timothy 3:16

KJB: “... **God** was manifest in the flesh ...”

NIV: “**He** appeared in a body ...”

Note: The NIV has changed “**God**” to “**He**” to destroy our Lord’s Deity in His Incarnation.

b) Philippians 2:5, 6

KJB: “... Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be **equal with God.**”

NIV: “... Christ Jesus, Who, being in very nature God, did **not consider equality with God something to be grasped.**”

Note: The NIV translators have **reversed** the meaning of the text. Whereas in the **King James Bible** our Lord is **equal** with God, the NIV states the **opposite**. Satan hates God the Son, therefore he attacks the Deity of Christ by this manipulative act.

4. The NIV attacks Christ's Sonship of God.

a) John 9:35

KJB: "Dost thou believe on the Son of **God**?"

NIV: "Do you believe in the Son of **man**?"

b) Acts 3:13

KJB: "... the God of our fathers, hath glorified **His Son** Jesus."

NIV: "... the God of our fathers, has glorified **His servant** Jesus."

Note: In these two verses, the NIV has dishonoured our Lord, changing "**God**" to "**man**," and "**Son**" to "**servant**."

5. The NIV attacks the Virgin Birth of Christ

a) Luke 2:33

KJB: "And **Joseph** and his mother marvelled ..."

NIV: "The **child's father** and mother marvelled ..."

Note: The NIV translators have undermined our **Lord's Virgin Birth** by making **Joseph** His **father**, which is a lie of the Devil.

b) **John 3:16**

KJB: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son ...”

NIV: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son ...”

Note: The Greek *monogenes* means “*only begotten*” and describes our Lord’s Sonship as the “**eternally begotten of the Father.**” This excludes a human father in His birth. The NIV rendering “*one and only*” destroys the doctrine of our Lord’s eternal **Sonship** and **Virgin Birth.**

6. **The NIV attacks Christ’s Resurrection.**

Mark 16:19-20 speaks of our Lord’s **post-resurrection** appearances. The NIV separates this passage from the rest of the text, and inserts before it the note: “*The most reliable early manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20.*”

Note: The “*most reliable early manuscripts*” alluded to are the most corrupt Vatican and Sinai manuscripts, the source texts of Modern English Versions.

7. **The NIV attacks the Ascension of our Lord.**

a) **John 16:16**

KJB: “A little while, and ye shall not see me because **I go to the Father.**”

NIV: “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a while you will see me.”

Note: The NIV translators do not believe our Lord's Resurrection. Therefore they remove the record of His **Ascension** found in the words, **"I go to the Father."**

b) **John 17:5**

KJB: "... O Father, glorify thou me **with thine own self.**"

NIV: "... Father, glorify me **in your presence.**"

Note: While all the redeemed will be glorified **in the presence** of God the Father, only Jesus the Son will be glorified **"with thine own self"** i.e. **with the Father.**

8. **The NIV attacks the Lord's Return.**

a) **Matthew 25:13**

KJB: "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour **wherein the Son of man cometh.**"

NIV: "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

Note: The NIV translators, whose philosophy is leavened with the leaven of **unbelief**, deny everything which pertains to our Lord's **Deity** (His eternal **Pre-existence, Virgin Birth, Resurrection, Ascension,** etc). Therefore they have removed the six words of our Lord's which speak of His **Return.**

b) **Revelation 11:17**

KJB: "... O Lord God almighty, which art, and

wast, and **art to come** ...”

NIV: “Lord God almighty, the One who is and who was.”

Note: The **NIV** translators have removed the three words “**art to come**” which speak of our Lord’s promised **Return**, which they reject.

A FINAL OBSERVATION : NIV’S PRO-GAY BIAS

Among the NIV translation committee was a self-confessed lesbian and a pro-gay member, who did not believe that homosexuality is a sin to be condemned, but rather a loving relationship acceptable to God.

In five OT passages the words “**sodomite**” or “**sodomites**” are replaced by “**shrine prostitute**” or “**male shrine prostitutes.**” (See Deuteronomy 23:17; 1 Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46; 2 Kings 23:7).

The NIV wresting of Scripture (2 Peter 3:16) justifies homosexuals in their abominable practices and makes the version gay-friendly and acceptable to the gay community.

CONCLUSION

The few verses, selected from a great number available, are ample proof of the NIV’s extreme doctrinal corruption.

The ecumenical composition of the translators which included Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Atheistic scholars, pre-determined an ecumenical agenda for the translation process.

Therefore it is no surprise the NIV, in these and other verses, presents

- a) **a humanized Jesus born of natural parents,**
- b) **a man Jesus, one Saviour among many,**
- c) **a heaven open to all, Christians and others.**

The NIV is a CORRUPT VERSION.

5. The NKJV (New King James Version)

The **NKJV** is a **masterpiece of deception**, a **counterfeit** of the original **King James Bible**, the authentic **Word of God**, the **Authorised Version**.

The **NKJV** was originally advertised as the **fifth revision of the Authorized Version**, “carefully updated so that it will once again speak God’s eternal truths with clarity,” subtly insinuating that the King James Bible did not “speak God’s eternal Truths with clarity.” (*Why the NKJV*, Thomas Nelson Publishers) The Publishers claim that the purpose of publishing the **NKJV** was to preserve the authority and accuracy of the original **King James Bible** while making it understandable to Twentieth Century readers by updating the grammar, punctuation, archaic words, etc. Smoke-screens!

The finished work was said to be “beautifully clear” and “highly readable.” The Publishers spent millions to convince the public that the NKJV is the Bible of the present and the future.

More smoke-screens! Let us sweep aside the smoke-screens and take a close look at the book itself.

THE SOURCE TEXTS

These are said to be the same basic manuscripts as those used for the **King James Bible**, namely, the **Hebrew Masoretic Text (OT)** and the **Greek Textus Receptus (NT)**.

However, careful examination reveals that the **NKJV translators** put in the footnotes of the study editions the corrupt **Critical or Minority Text of Westcott and Hort** (from which the corrupt **Modern English Versions** are derived). It is identified as “NU,” standing for the Nestle-Aland text and the United Bible Society text which are modern day counterparts of the Westcott and Hort text of 1881.

THE TRANSLATORS

The translators included nine scholars who had been in the **NIV** translating team, and had been using a different source text (the **Critical Text of Westcott and Hort**), and a different translation methodology (**Dynamic Equivalence**), both of which are **most corrupt**.

The nine **NIV** translators would most certainly have left the imprint of their deviant philosophy and theology on the **NKJV** text, **which they did**.

THE TECHNIQUE

The translators professed to adopt the “*Complete Equivalence*” method, and to shun the corrupt “*Dynamic Equivalence*” method. Their profession, however, is not matched by their translation, which is replete with the diabolical “*Dynamic Equivalence*,” men’s corrupt thoughts replacing God’s pure Words. [For over 2,000 instances of this, see B.F.T. #1442 published by The Bible For Today, 900 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey, USA.]

THE THEOLOGY

The theology of the **NKJV** translators differed greatly from that of the **King James Bible** translators. The latter group lived some two hundred years before the rise of modern thought. Their theology was pure and godly, untainted by the godless ideologies which abound today.

The same cannot be said of the **NKJV** translators. Their theology is certainly inconsistent with that of their **King James Bible** counterparts. Careful reading of the **NKJV** text leaves no doubt that the translators’ thinking had been leavened with the leaven of Higher Critical thought and therefore they did not hesitate to mutilate the words of God, including the Name of God.

This carefree abandon and reckless handling of God's words is seen in the 100,000 word changes in the NKJV text and in the underlying purpose of the Footnotes which will be mentioned below.

TO THE BELIEVER GOD'S NAME IS HOLY AND REVEREND

“Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.”

In this prayer taught by our Lord Jesus we see how we should hold God's name in highest honour for “holy and reverend is his name” (Psalm 111:9). *“His name shall endure for ever ... blessed be his glorious name for ever”* (Psalm 72:17,19). *Remember also the Third Commandment: “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain...”* (Exodus 20:7).

What sort of regard do the NKJV translators have for God's Name? Do they hold it dear and precious, they who claimed to have spent *“months of prayer, research, and discussion over the handling of a single word”*? (*Testimony of Thomas Nelson Publishers*)
Smoke-screens again!

BUT NKJV TRANSLATORS DISREGARD GOD'S NAME

Analysis of the **NKJV** text reveals the translators' wanton **disregard** for God's name: Based on the Logos Research Systems:

1. The word “LORD” is thrown out 56 times.
2. The word “GOD” is thrown out 51 times.
3. The word “JEHOVAH” is altogether missing

NKJV TRANSLATORS’ DISREGARD FOR GOD’S WORD

How precious is God’s Word to every filial child!

To the Psalmist God’s Word is better than “*thousands of gold and silver*” (Psalm 119:72), and he says, “my heart standeth in awe of thy word” (Psalm 119:161), “*for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name*” (Psalm 138:2).

BUT NKJV TRANSLATORS DISHONOUR GOD’S WORD

In their so-called “*fifth revision*” of the King James Bible, the “revisers” brought in about 100,000 word changes (conservative estimate by Dr D A Waite in his paper “Defects in the New King James Version”). Based on the Logos Research Systems, these changes include the following:

1. The word “heaven” is thrown out 48 times.
2. The word “hell” is thrown out 22 times.
3. The word “blood” is thrown out 18 times.
4. The word “repent” is thrown out 11 times.
5. The word “new testament” is thrown out altogether.

6. The word “damnation” is thrown out altogether.
7. The word “devils” is thrown out altogether.

Question: By what authority do these revisers take away the precious words from God’s Holy Book? God says, “*Ye shall not add unto the word ... neither shall ye diminish aught from it ...*” (Deuteronomy 4:2). “*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 ...*” (Revelation 22:19).

NKJV TRANSLATORS’ DISHONOUR FOR GOD’S SON

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, deserves worship and honour from every true believer. This, however, the NKJV translators do not, as shown below:

	REFERENCE	KJB	NKJV
1.	Matthew 18:26	Lord	Sir
2.	Matthew 20:20	worshipping him	bowing down
3.	Matthew 8:19	Master	Teacher
4.	Matthew 19:16	Good Master	Good Teacher
5.	Matthew 22:16	Master	Teacher
6.	Matthew 23:8	Master	Teacher
7.	Matthew 23:10	Master	Teacher
8.	Acts 3:13	Son Jesus	Servant Jesus
9.	Acts 3:26	Son Jesus	Servant Jesus
10.	Acts 4:27	child Jesus	Servant Jesus
11.	Acts 4:30	child Jesus	Servant Jesus
12.	Mark 2:15	Jesus	omitted

NKJV TRANSLATORS UNDERMINE GOD’S WORD WITH DEADLY “FOOTNOTES”

A prominent feature of the NKJV is the addition of **extensive textual footnotes (in certain editions) which constantly cast doubt on the Scripture text and call into question the authenticity of many passages.**

What purpose do these “footnotes” serve? For an answer we quote from the NKJV editors:

“It was the editors’ conviction that the use of footnotes would encourage further enquiry by readers. They also recognized that it was easier for the average reader to delete something he or she felt was not properly a part of the text, than to insert a word or phrase which had been left out by the revisers.” [The New King James Bible, 1982, “The History of the King James Bible,” p 1235]

What are the NKJV editors saying? Simply this: the footnotes were inserted to encourage the average reader to take up his own editorial scalpel and excise any part which he felt was not properly a part of the text. **The NKJV editors have laid God’s Word on the chopping block of human intellect for anyone who feels like it to chop off anything he did not like!**

In the foregoing paragraphs we have presented sufficient evidence to prove beyond doubt that the

NKJV is another corrupt Modern English Bible, masquerading under cover of the “King James” label – a most vile act.

Other theological errors are beyond the scope of these pages, but they include attacks on the **Trinity**, the **Holy Spirit**, and the **Way of Salvation**.

We end this brief dissertation with a note on the **Pro-gay bias and Pro-Catholic stance** of the translators.

PRO-GAY BIAS OF NKJV TRANSLATORS

Among the **NKJV** translators were nine scholars who had participated in the **NIV** translation. The **NIV** team of translators/editors had at least one known pro-gay member and a self-confessed lesbian. A pro-gay bias was shown by the **NIV** translators’ substituting the words “*sodomite*” or “*sodomites*” with “*shrine prostitute*” or “*shrine prostitutes*” in the **NIV**.

In the case of the **NKJV** the same words “*sodomite*” or “*sodomites*” are rendered “*perverted one*” or “*perverted persons*” in these OT passages: Deuteronomy 23:17; 1 Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46; 2 Kings 23:7).

Question: What was the reason why they “wrest” the “Scripture”?

Answer: God’s Word supplies the answer in **2 Peter 2:3**. “*And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you.*”

Thomas Nelson Publishers are the biggest Bible publishers in the world. They have reduced God's Word to a commodity, another item of merchandise to enrich the book people.

To **tap** the **gay market** the revisers/publishers have made the **NKJV "gay-friendly"**, removing the offensive word "sodomite." Both **NKJV** and **NIV** are top money spinners. "**There's big bucks in Bible business!**"

PRO-CATHOLIC STANCE OF THE NKJV TRANSLATORS

James 5:16

KJB: "Confess your *faults* one to another."

NKJV: "Confess your *trespasses* to one another."

Note: "**Faults**" among Christians should be confessed "*one to another,*" but **trespasses** are **sins** and should be confessed to **God** alone.

But the **NKJV** rendering favours the **Catholic Confessional** in which **trespasses** and **sins** are confessed to the **priest**.

CONCLUSION

Having reviewed in some depth, though briefly, one is left in no doubt about the evil nature of this counterfeit "King James" version, the NKJV.

The NKJV is a CORRUPT VERSION.

6. RSV (Revised Standard Version)

- a) **The RSV attacks the VIRGIN BIRTH in Isaiah 7:14.**

KJB: “A **virgin** shall conceive ...”

RSV: “A **young woman** shall conceive ...”

This mistranslation humanises the Lord Jesus, reducing Him to a mere man.

- b) **The RSV attacks the ETERNAL PRE-EXISTENCE OF CHRIST** by tampering with Micah 5:2.

KJB:“... from **everlasting.**”

RSV:“ ... whose **origin** is from ... **ancient days.**”

This mistranslation gives to our Lord the **ETERNAL SON** an “*origin*” in time.

- c) **The RSV attacks our Lord’s MIRACULOUS BIRTH** in Matthew 1:16.

KJB:“And Jacob begat **Joseph the husband of Mary**, of whom was born Jesus ...”

RSV:(early editions have this footnote) “**Joseph was the father of Jesus ...**”

This RSV footnote denies the virgin birth.

- d) **The RSV attacks our Lord’s DIVINE GOODNESS** in Matthew 19:16-17.

KJB: “**Good Master**, what good thing shall I do ... Why callest thou **me good**? There is none

good but one, that is God.”

RSV: “**Teacher** ... what good deed must I do ... Why do you ask me about **what is good**? One there is who is good ...”

The RSV mistranslation denies that Jesus is the “*Good Master*” and one with God.

e) **The RSV attacks our Lord’s RESURRECTION.**

(1) **Mark 16:19-20**

KJB: Records our Lord’s Post-Resurrection appearances.

RSV: The whole passage is relegated to the margin casting doubt on the genuineness of our Lord’s **resurrection**.

(2) **Luke 24:40**

KJB: “And when he had thus spoken, **he shewed them his hands and his feet.**”

RSV: omits the entire verse.

This verse records our Lord showing the disciples His hands and feet to prove the reality of His **bodily resurrection**.

f) **The RSV attacks the SALVATION IN CHRIST ALONE** in John 6:47.

KJB: “... he that **believeth on me** hath everlasting life.”

RSV: “He who **believes** has eternal life.”

The RSV mistranslation opens the door of salvation to anyone who believes anything.

- g) **The RSV attacks CHRIST’S DIVINE SONSHIP of God** in John 6:69.
KJB: “We believe and are sure that thou art the **Christ, the Son** of the living God.”
RSV: “We have believed and have come to know that you are the **Holy One of God.**”
- h) **The RSV denies Christ’s title “Son of God”** in John 9:35.
KJB: “... Son of **God**”
RSV: “ ... Son of **man**”

The **RSV** verse eliminates our Lord’s personal testimony of His own **Divine Sonship**.

- i) **The RSV attacks the BLOOD** in Acts 20:28.
KJB: “... the church of God, which he hath purchased with **His own blood.**”
RSV: adds a marginal note, offering an alternative reading “**with the blood of his own.**”

This marginal note destroys the testimony to the **Deity** of the **Redeemer** who purchased the church with **His own blood**.

The foregoing nine instances of malicious tampering of Scripture aimed at the Person and Work of our Lord Jesus Christ suffice to prove that the RSV is a corrupt and wicked version. To

add to this list from the many other similar examples is a tiresome and needless repetition.

CONCLUSION

The RSV presents another Jesus, not the Christ of Scripture, the only begotten of the Father, the Virgin-born Son of God, God manifest in the flesh, the Second Person of the Trinity.

The RSV attacks the vital doctrine of redemption through the Blood of Christ.

THE RSV is a CORRUPT VERSION.

7 TLB (The Living Bible)

As one examines the so-called “Living Bible” the words of Holy Scripture come swiftly to mind in Psalm 138:2: *“I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name ... for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”*

If so, how should we honour God’s Word? Wherefore the Psalmist exclaims, *“Princes have persecuted me without a cause, but my heart standeth in awe at thy word”* (Psalm 119:161). The prophet Habakkuk prays, *“O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid ... When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled ...”* (Habakkuk 3:2,16).

The godly man trembles at the sound of God's Word!

But haughty men have not known the glory of the Lord nor the power of His Word, who **handle His Word lightly and flippantly**. Consider that awesome event when the Lord descended on Mount Sinai to deliver the Commandments, how the whole mountain quaked greatly and the people trembled in the midst of thunder and lightning and blasting trumpet sound exceeding loud (Exodus 19:16-18), as God spoke the Word.

The Lord speaks: let all the earth tremble!

The Trinitarian Bible Society's review gives us valuable insight into the version under consideration.

We are introduced to the translator of **TLB**, Mr Kenneth N Taylor, who said in an interview, that

“we take the original thought and convert it into the language of today ... we can be much more accurate than the verbal translation ... I felt such a thrill at my own privilege of stripping away some of the verbiage ... being a co-worker with God ... I flipped open my Bible and began to experiment with this new method of translation.”

But what does the Lord say to all this? Can any mortal take the “original thought” of God and “convert it into the language of today” and make it

“much more accurate” or assume to himself the ***“privilege of stripping away the verbiage”*** from God’s Book? God’s Word is reduced to verbiage by one who makes reckless claims with arrogant presumption.

But our Lord says, *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways ... For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts”* (Isaiah 55:8,9).

Furthermore be instructed: *“Every word of God is pure ... Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar”* (Proverbs 30:5,6). Then Deuteronomy 4:2: *“Ye shall not add unto the words which I command you; neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord.”*

“Every word of God is pure”: *let no mortal tamper with it!*

COMMENT

We shall not burden the reader with any lengthy commentary, but quoting from the Trinitarian Bible Society review Article 108, we offer a brief resume.

a) The translator’s “language of today” intruding into the Sacred Book of God is found to be “extremely vulgar” and “synonymous with

the lowest forms of colloquial speech.”

b) *“Instances of mistaken interpretation or exegesis are quite numerous” and “in many places the Living Bible is highly inaccurate ...”*

c) *“The Living Bible professes to express the original thought in the language of today, but in many places it appears to invent original thoughts which have no place in the original text.”*

But far more serious are the subtle attacks on the PERSON AND WORK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST hidden within the pages of the Living Bible. **THE AUTHOR OF THE LIVING BIBLE ATTACKS THE AUTHOR OF THE BIBLE!**

Consider the evidence

- a) TLB attacks the CREATOR in Genesis 1:1.
KJB:“In the beginning God created ...”
TLB:“When God began creating ...”

This malicious manipulation of God’s Word destroys the doctrine that God was the Creator, the Great First Cause Who created all things “in the beginning.”

- b) A similar attack on CHRIST the CREATOR, is Ephesians 3:9.
KJB:“... who created all things by Jesus Christ.”
TLB:“He who made all things ...”

By this wresting of Scripture the **TLB** makes out that Christ is not the Creator.

- c) **TLB elevates man**, and falsely ascribes to him the ability to enrich God in Ephesians 1:18.
KJB:“... and what the **riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.**”
TLB:“... **God has been made rich** because we who are Christ’s have been given to him ...”

This **TLB** verse is a reversal of the truth: it is **God** who **makes His people rich.**

- d) **Ephesians 4:24**
KJB:“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”
TLB:“You must be a new and different person, holy and good. Clothe yourself with the new nature.”

The **TLB** manipulator elevates man by a false doctrine. God alone can create righteousness and true holiness in a believer.

- e) **Philippians 1:11**
KJB:“... the fruits of righteousness ... are by Jesus Christ ...”
TLB:“Doing those good, kind things which show that you are a child of God.”

The **TLB** rendering contradicts the truth by a false assumption. “Doing good and kind things” are “fruits

of righteousness” which the Christian is enabled to bear only “**by Jesus Christ.**” TLB elevates man, and displaces Christ.

f) **TLB** consistently undermines the DEITY OF CHRIST.

Romans 9:5

KJB:“... **Christ** came, who is over all, **God** **blessed** for ever. Amen.”

TLB:“Christ himself was one of you ... he who now rules over all things. **Praise God** for ever.”

The testimony that **Christ is God** is removed.

g) **TLB** humanises our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 3:16

KJB:“And without controversy ... **God was** **manifest in the flesh ...**”

TLB:“But the answer lies in Christ, who came to earth as a man.”

Here the testimony that **God was come in the flesh** is eliminated.

CONCLUSION

As a rendering of God’s Word TLB is VULGAR AND INACCURATE.

In DOCTRINAL MATTERS TLB attacks CHRIST AS GOD AND CREATOR.

TLB is a CORRUPT VERSION.

CLOSING REMARKS

“Yea, hath God said?”

With increasing ferocity the serpent has intensified his attack on God’s Word in these end times, by multiplying counterfeit Scriptures – Modern English Bible Versions – contaminated with subtle injections of doctrines of devils.

For nearly four hundred years, one Bible, the King James Bible, stood alone, universally received and acknowledged as THE WORD OF GOD in English. It is considered (and it is) the authoritative and accurate translation into English of the plenary and verbally inspired, inerrant, preserved Hebrew and Greek Words of God. Today, no longer is it thus considered.

A hundred “Bibles” bloom, a hundred versions contend, each claiming to be the “Word of God” but all contaminated and corrupt.

These counterfeit Bibles (supposed “Word of God”) are paving the way for the counterfeit “Kingdom of God” – OIKOUMENE, the coming ONE WORLD CHURCH, soon to materialize.

**But our God and Saviour Jesus Christ says:
“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you”
(2 Corinthians 6:17).**

“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”

Acts 20:29,30

“For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Jude 4

SERVANTS OF SATAN DOCTORS OF DECEIT

In our understanding of the end time deception God's Word must be our guiding light and constant companion. Except the Spirit of understanding illumine our mind, we will be soon deceived, as the evangelical and some fundamental scholars are today. We can never be too careful and sensitive to the Spirit's teaching, for the adversary himself is "*transformed into an angel of light*" and his ministers also "*transformed as the ministers of righteousness*" (2 Corinthians 11:14-15).

In the light of God's penetrating Word, we see clearly two amazing counterfeits, Servants of Satan and Doctors of Deceit, seated with the Committee of Revision in 1870, putting their poison pens to work on God's Holy Book. Under cover of clerical garb, as Ministers of the Church, and with the aura of academic letters, the two men dominated the Committee, pressed the proceedings and perfected their subversive act on God's Word – a diabolical plot hatched by Doctors Westcott and Hort over twenty studious years.

By their evil genius of textual criticism Westcott and Hort overthrew the traditional Received Text (TR) from its undisputed 1500-year supremacy, and replaced it with their doctored Greek Text, which, seated in the chair of authority, became the basis for all modern editions of the Greek New Testament in use today. This Westcott and Hort Greek New Testament received its enormous corruption from its parent texts, Vaticanus and Sinaiticus MSS, two of the worst corruptions ever discovered.

The evil character of these MSS is described by the godly conservative scholar from Oxford Dean John Burgon as:

“most scandalously corrupt ... most shamefully mutilated ... depositories of the largest amount of fabricated readings, ancient blunders, and intentional perversions of Truth – which are discoverable in any known copies of the Word of God.

(The Revision Revised, Dean John Burgon, Dean Burgon Society Press, pp 1-110)

The Westcott and Hort Greek New Testament, like a corrupt tree, spawned a multitude of evil fruits, the Modern English Versions. Beginning with the English Revised Version (ERV), it was followed by a plague of evil versions: ASV, RSV, NASV, NEB, GNB-TEV, NASV, NIV, NKJV, TLB, and others.

Each of these versions hides the venom of the serpent: *“Yea, hath God said?”* Sow doubt, reap unbelief; sow



*John William Burgon (1813 - 1888)
Professor of Divinity, Oxford University
Dean of Chichester*

John William Burgon was a man of deep faith and strong conviction, with an intense love of the Word, and a fierce loyalty to God's Truth. Raised of God at a time of great "falling away" from the faith, Burgon devoted himself with singleness of mind to defend the inspired Word of God by study of ancient manuscripts, the source texts of Bible translations.

Travelling extensively, he visited libraries throughout Europe, including the Vatican, to examine and study all available NT MSS. By his vast knowledge of Greek, he was able to identify those preserved NT MSS originating from the Apostolic church, and handed down intact up to the time of the Reformation.

To this group of preserved MSS, Dean Burgon gave the name of "Traditional Text," which formed the basis of the KJV, and continued to be used in the Protestant Church for the next three hundred and fifty years. He also identified the Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus to be among MSS the "most corrupt."

unbelief reap a multitude of corrupt contaminated versions. All of these modern versions share four things in common:

- a) They deviate from the doctrinal purity of the King James Bible.
- b) They attack the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- c) They open the door to the Ecumenical Movement.
- d) They embody the corrupt theology of Doctors Westcott and Hort.

THE STORY OF DOCTORS WESTCOTT AND HORT

- a) **Connected with the Hermes Club and Ghostly Guild.** At Cambridge Westcott and Hort played a leading role in the Hermes Club and Ghostly Guild, delving into matters of the occult, necromancy, spiritism, and communicating with evil spirits – abominable activities forbidden by God.
- b) **Believers in Evolution.** Both men were friends and admirers of Charles Darwin, whose godless theory of evolution was regarded by them as “*unanswerable*” and “*opens up a new period.*” Naturally Westcott and Hort rejected the Genesis Record.
- c) **Haters of Evangelical Truth.** Westcott and Hort pretended to be Christians when at heart they hated God, hated the Truth, and hated the Evangelical faith. They called Evangelicals “*perverted*” and “*temporary,*” their affections being with Rome.

d) **Friendly with Romanism.** Westcott and Hort, while remaining in the Church of England, promoted the interests of Rome, saying, “*Perfect Catholicity has been nowhere since the Reformation.*” Both Westcott and Hort were worshippers of the Virgin Mary.

e) **Clever Apostates.** Westcott and Hort were self-confessed unbelievers, infidels, unregenerate, strangers to the grace of God. They denied every vital doctrine of the “*faith which was once delivered unto the saints*” (Jude 3).

f) **Fabricators of a Fictitious Greek Text.** Westcott and Hort had worked together for twenty years on the two corrupt texts, CODEX VATICANUS and CODEX SINAITICUS, scheming to overthrow the TR and KJB, as the opening blow in their long-term objective of recovering England for Rome.

WHAT DOES GOD SAY TO ALL THIS?

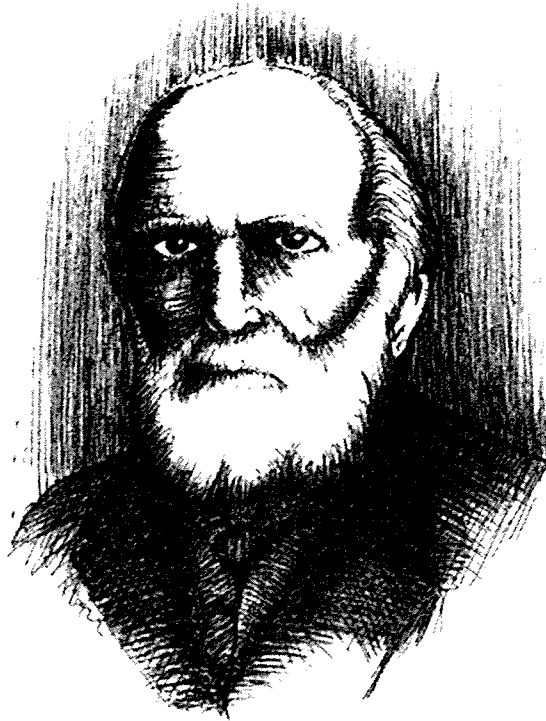
Our Lord, in Matthew 24:1-24, has warned: the end time deception is of the most subtle and seductive sort. Evangelicals, well-intentioned fundamentalists, conservative seminary professors, Bible teachers and scholars – more than you can name – are convinced of the sound scholarship of Westcott and Hort, completely enamoured, sold on the Cambridge Duo.

“My mind is fixed, don’t disturb me with facts!” This seems to be the prevailing mood when the evils of Westcott and Hort are mentioned. So be it: these are the signs of the times which we cannot change.

SERVANTS OF SATAN AND DOCTORS OF DECEIT



B.F. Westcott (1825 - 1901)



F.J.A. Hort (1828 - 1892)

The DEADLY DUO from Cambridge, Westcott and Hort, harbouring inner hatred for the Biblical faith and a secret love for Rome and Mary Worship, posed as “evangelicals,” and using the corrupt Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus, gave the world their Westcott and Hort Greek NT, which ever since has received global acceptance as “the most accurate, authentic and trustworthy.”

Both Westcott and Hort, whether jointly or individually, had denied every fundamental doctrine of the evangelical faith, proving that they were both strangers to the saving grace of God, and enemies of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Westcott and Hort Greek NT, the result of twenty years' collaborative doctoring, was a “corrupt tree” which brought forth a multitude of “evil fruits” – Modern English Versions and perversions.

In the name of truth, and for the love of truth, we turn once again to God's Word, our dependable Arbiter of Truth.

Our Lord Jesus says:

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?”

... a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

... neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

... Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”

Matthew 7:15-20

CONCLUSION

Westcott and Hort, Servants of Satan, Doctors of Deceit, sold the world their Masterpiece of Deception, their Greek NT, out of which the poison of false doctrine has seeped into a hundred Modern English Versions, and through them into a multitude of translations around the world.

Listen to what our Lord says of all this: *“But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.*

***Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!”* (Matthew 18:6,7)**

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”

Matthew 7:15-20

CHAPTER TEN

OF TREE AND FRUIT

Our Lord's teaching on "**Tree and Fruit**" (Matthew 7:15-20) is the key to understanding Bible Versions. "**False prophets**" are the unregenerate Bible translators and revisers, enemies of the truth whose objective is to pervert the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These men are "**ravening wolves**" who come into the fold disguised as sheep. "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Their fruits are the "**Modern Versions**" which harbour false doctrines, deadly and destructive to the soul.

False prophets are also likened to corrupt trees which "bring forth evil fruit" (See **Graphic 2**, p123). This is an inflexible biological law: a corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit. **Application: in the spiritual realm, an unregenerate translator, at heart an enemy of the Gospel, no matter how learned and scholarly, cannot bring forth a sound translation of the Bible.**

Because he loves not the truth, and his nature is not renewed, and he prefers darkness rather than light

(John 3:19), therefore he adopts a **Corrupt Text**, and uses a **Corrupt Technique** in translation. These three together make the tree corrupt. The outcome of his translation is an “**Evil Fruit**” with **Corrupt Theology** attacking the **Vital Doctrines** of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The seven Modern English Versions reviewed in Chapter Eight are clearly shown to be doctrinally corrupt, the “**evil fruits**” of “**corrupt trees.**”

Note further, in **Graphic 2**, the **Corrupt Translators** and their **Corrupt Technique**, are leavened with the leaven of “**Modern Thought**” (Evolutionism, Rationalism, Liberalism, High Criticism, Romanism, and Ecumenism). All of these are godless ideologies which corrupt the philosophy and spiritual perception of the Translators. The outcome of their translation is an “**Evil Fruit.**” It cannot be anything else: this is an inflexible spiritual law.

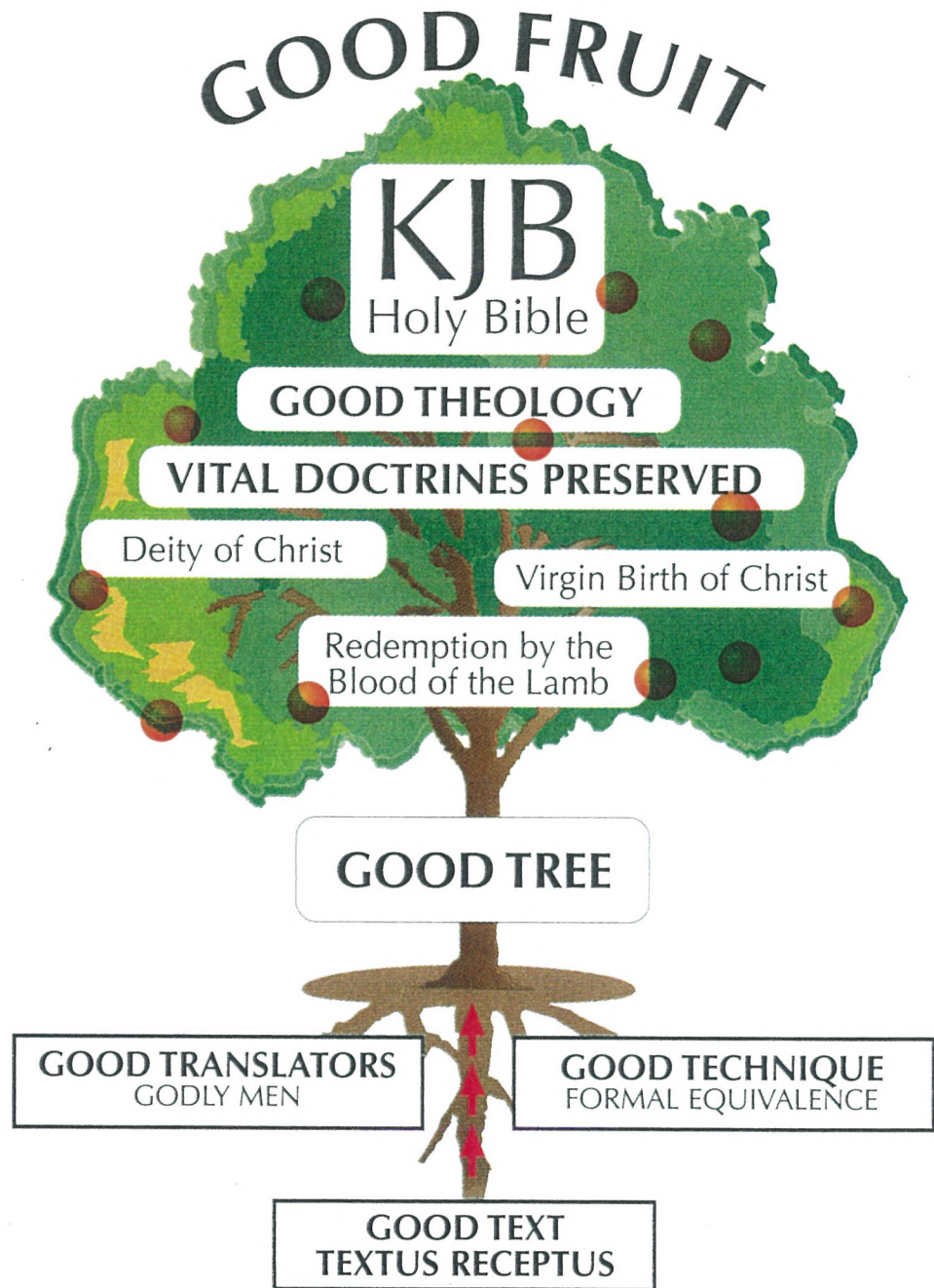
So our Lord gives the verdict in verse 16: “**Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?**”

Now take a look at **Graphic 1**, p122. This shows a “**Good Tree.**” Our Lord says, “... every good tree bringeth forth good fruit ... a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit” (verses 17, 18).

The “**Good Tree**” comprises “**Good Translators,**” godly men whose thinking was not corrupted by

WHAT IS YOUR PERSUASION?

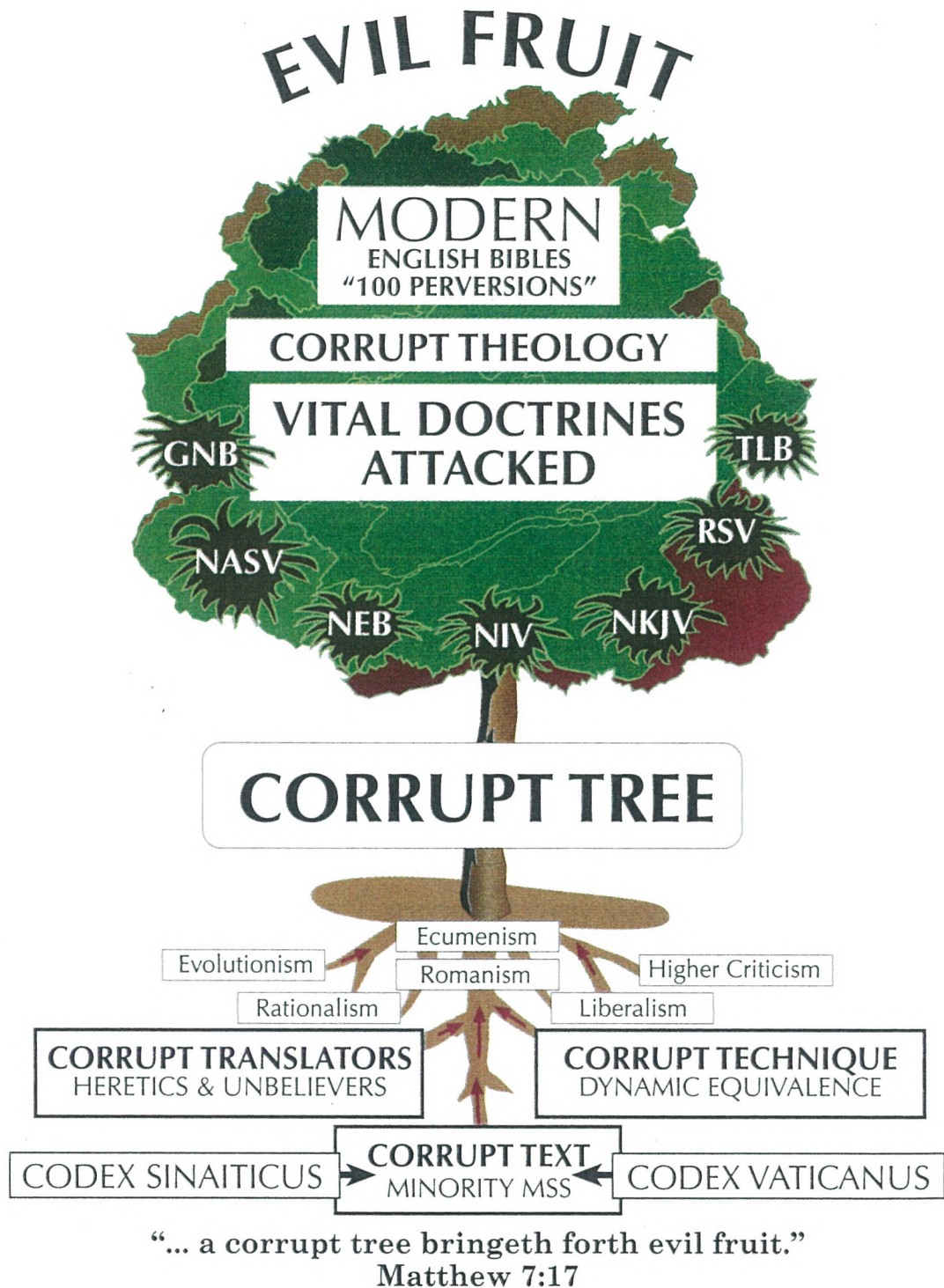
“Two streams of English Bibles”		
	KING JAMES BIBLE	Modern Versions
1. THRUST	Spirit of 16th Century Reformation	Spirit of Romish Ecumenism
2. TEXT (MSS)	Preserved & Faithful “Traditional Text” Textus Receptus (TR) nearest to original	Corrupt & Perverted “Minority Text” Vatican & Sinai MSS “among the worst” <i>-Burgon</i>
3. TRANSLATORS (MEN)	Only faithful, godly men with “high view” of scripture	Mixed group including liberals, heretics, apostates, enemies of God’s Word
4. TECHNIQUE (METHODOLOGY)	“Verbal Equivalence” Word for word, Faithful transmission of God’s words	“Dynamic Equivalence” Men’s thoughts in place of God’s words
5. TRANSLATION	Protestant Bible- KJB, AV (1611) Vital Doctrines and Authority of God’s Word fully preserved	Mixed multitude- ecumenical versions Vital Doctrines attacked, Authority of God’s Word undermined
QUESTION : Which is God’s Word? You judge.		



“... every good tree bringeth forth good fruit.”
Matthew 7:17

Graphic 1

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Graphic 2

Modern Thought and the godless “isms” which came two centuries later. These men adopted a **“Good Text” (Textus Receptus)**, and employed a **“Good Technique,”** the faithful **“Word for Word”** or **“Formal Equivalence”** technique. Those were men who stood in awe of God’s Word (Psalm 119:161), men who loved God’s law (Psalm 119:97), and treasured every word, and neither added to nor diminished from the text of Scripture as commanded by God in Deuteronomy 4:2.

This **Good Tree** brought forth a **Good Fruit**, the **King James Bible** or **AV** (1611), in which every **vital doctrine** was perfectly **preserved**, and its **Theology Good**.

Now ponder the conclusion of our Lord’s teaching: *“Wherefore by their fruits, ye shall know them”* (verse 20). Look back at the seven corrupt Modern Versions of Chapter Eight, and if one should read further into the composition of the translators/producers, invariably one will find Corrupt Translators working on Corrupt Texts, using a Corrupt Technique. This is so in every case.

Our Lord Jesus spoke profound truth!

BURNING OF BIBLE-BELIEVING CHRISTIANS



Feeding Christians to the flames is messy and outdated. Feeding them with corrupted Modern Bible Versions is more effective in eradicating fundamental Bible-believing Christians and Biblical Christianity.

“Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”

Deuteronomy 4:2

“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”

Galatians 1:8,9

CHAPTER ELEVEN

THE DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION

Seen through the eyes of a Doctor, there is a close analogy between the Bible and his Prescription. A good Doctor's prescription is written in exact and precise terms. Every ingredient in the Prescription is spelt out in words after careful deliberation and forethought. His prime concern is the patient's health and healing.

That Prescription allows of no tampering or alteration in any of its parts: nothing must be added, nothing taken away. The Doctor's Prescription concerns life and death.

A good Pharmacist handles the Prescription with utmost care. He honours the Doctor's words and dispenses the medicine exactly as written, **word for word, letter for letter, figure for figure**, exact to the minutest detail. Not even a "jot or tittle" must be tampered with. (A dot moved one space to the right increases a dose tenfold and this may be fatal!)

A good Pharmacist dispenses good medicine: pure, unadulterated, effective, life-saving, exactly as prescribed by the Doctor.

See now the analogy: **God is the Doctor; the Bible the Prescription; the Translators the Pharmacists.**

GOD’S WORD OUR PRESCRIPTION

Our God, the soul’s Doctor, has a Prescription for life: the Bible.

It comes to us by the hands of copyists and translators. The business of these men is to keep to the Bible text exactly as written: word for word, letter for letter, without alteration or variation. The faithful “**word for word**” method of translation is termed “**Verbal Equivalence.**”

The godly translators of the KJB appointed by King James used the good **Verbal Equivalence** method, **word for word**, as originally given by God. The MSS they used were faithful copies of the original, the Received Text (TR). The result of their translation: a good Prescription and good medicine, the KJB: sound, accurate, faithful “*Authorised Version*” true to its Author in every detail.

The KJB or AV is God’s Word kept intact in English, God’s perfect Prescription for man.

PERVERSION OF THE PRESCRIPTION

We have a deadly adversary. We must never forget the fact that his one ambition is to pervert the Word of God, to change the Prescription.

To achieve this, Satan used unregenerate men, enemies of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to corrupt the Word by making

- a) unfaithful, inaccurate copies (MSS),
- b) unfaithful, inaccurate translations.

Among the worst of corrupted MSS were the *Codex Sinaiticus* and *Codex Vaticanus*, collectively belonging to the group known as the Minority Text, rejected by the faithful Church for its corruption.

Westcott and Hort, two unregenerate scholars, enemies of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, doctored the Minority Text, *Codex Sinaiticus* and *Codex Vaticanus*, to give the world a corrupted Greek New Testament. (Out of this, in 1881 came the corrupted Revised Version of the Bible, and since then many other corrupt versions.)

In recent years also a new method of translation was introduced by infidel Eugene Nida. Rejecting the **“word for word” Verbal Equivalence** method, Nida advanced the diabolical theory that the Word of God, bound in the language and culture of ancient times, must be released by today’s translators substituting men’s **thoughts for God’s words**, to speak more effectively to men today. He called this **“Dynamic Equivalence.”**

Adopting “**Dynamic Equivalence**,” translators have brought forth a host of corrupt Bibles, with **men’s thoughts** replacing **God’s words**, Bibles such as *The Living Bible* (TLB), *Revised Standard Version* (RSV), *Today’s English Version* (TEV) also called *Good News Bible* (GNB), *New International Version* (NIV), *New English Bible* (NEB), *New American Standard Version* (NASV), *New King James Version* (NKJV).

These corrupt Bibles have become deadly tools of Satan, instruments of subversion and apostasy. For our God has said, “*my thoughts are not your thoughts*” (Isaiah 55:8). Neither are men’s thoughts equal to God’s, least of all the thoughts of unregenerate men, strangers to the grace of God, enemies of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Satan made the tree corrupt: he doctored the **Prescription**, gave the world two corrupted texts, *Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus*. He introduced a new translation **methodology**, which is better called “**demonic equivalence**.” Out of these came forth a host of corrupted Bibles.

The bewildering array of versions engenders no confidence in any one, only much confusion.

God’s people may find complete safety and security in the **KJB, God’s Preserved Prescription** – inerrant, infallible, authoritative.

But, how are you reading your Bible?

The Psalmist says, “O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day.”

“Read, pray, grow!”

THE DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION

WHY READ THE BIBLE?



1 The Bible is God's Book from Heaven - the only Book which can open the way to Heaven.

2 The Bible is God's Book of Truth - the truth about God, man, planet Earth, the Universe, the meaning of life and death.

3 The Bible is God's Book of Love - God's love for man: unsearchable, amazing, matchless, free.

4 The Bible is God's Book of Life - life that transcends death, life abundant, eternal - with God.

5 The Bible is God's Book of Secrets - secrets known only to God: man's origin and purpose on earth, his eternal destiny.

6 The Bible is God's Book of Wisdom which can make one wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

7 The Bible is God's Book of Power - power which transforms lives, and makes miserable sinners sons of God.

Graphic by : Charles Seet

“The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.”

Psalm 111:7,8

“Now we have received, not the spirit 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.

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned...

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 2:12-14,16

CHAPTER TWELVE

HELPING GOD COMMUNICATE “Yea, hath God said?”

Believe it or not, but God needs help!

Communication from man to man works by the “WORD FOR WORD” principle. Common courtesy and mutual respect demand that we honour another man’s words. What man would risk offending another by changing his words?

But communication from God to man is another matter. The “**WORD FOR WORD**” method of the King James Bible - its “archaic language and idiom” - is incomprehensible to modern man. He is asking, “Yea, hath God said?” What use is it to have a Book whose words are bound in the culture of the past? God’s message is in trouble!

Ah, but modern translators have the answer: God’s message made “static” by the outdated “**VERBAL EQUIVALENCE**” of a bygone age can be made

“dynamic” and **“alive”** by the new method called **“DYNAMIC EQUIVALENCE.”** God’s Words must be replaced - by man’s thoughts!

Will God be offended - man changing His Words? Far from it, the modern translator, as a co-worker, is merely helping God to communicate better. This in essence is the genius of Modern English Bible translators: the exercise of man’s superior intellect to give Modern Bibles a new language and idiom and men’s thoughts in place of God’s Words.

But what does God say? *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord”* (Isaiah 59:8). Can modern scholars now “think God’s thoughts?” To think so is foolish presumption.

The translators of the King James Bible and its forerunners were men who stood in awe of God’s Word (Psalm 119:161), who, hearing it, would tremble (Isaiah 66:5). And should not we also honour that Word which our God has magnified above all His name (Psalm 138:2)? Indeed every true child of God would bow in deepest reverence and awe at the Father’s words, for they are words of truth and greatest worth, “for ever settled in heaven” (Psalm 119:89).

But this century has seen the rise of modern “Bible scholars,” linguists and translators, who have conceived of a “MAN’S THOUGHT FOR GOD’S WORD” method of communication. With it a hundred Modern English Versions have proliferated, each claiming to be more exact and faithful, and more

readable and understandable than the KJB.

That these claims are unfounded and presumptuous have been clearly shown in our analysis of seven Modern English Bibles in Chapter Eight.

However, we would endeavour to demonstrate the *demonic deception* which has crept into the translation of God's Word ever since Westcott and Hort deceived the world with their Greek NT and the English Revised Version of 1881. Since then the erosion and undermining of God's Word has gathered momentum with the further entrenchment of the demonic method of communication codenamed "**Dynamic Equivalence**" championed by infidel Eugene Nida, and lately euphemized by the New King James Version translators as "**Complete Equivalence.**"

These two deceptive terms give the impression that the resulting version is "**equivalent**" to the original Word of God, only made more "**dynamic**" and "**complete.**" It is not for nothing that God's Word calls Satan the Father of lies. Truly he is the Master Deceiver.

Before we consider the *demonic deception* of the "**Dynamic Equivalence**" and "**Complete Equivalence**" method, we stress again - **Credible communication** stands by FIDELITY and TRUTH. It must be "WORD FOR WORD." Anything else is deceptive and demonic.

FIDELITY demands absolute adherence to detail and

content. Not a word must be tampered with, no, not even a letter or a dot. Consider two simple examples:

- a) SAVE. NOT KILL.
 SAVE NOT. KILL.

Moving just a dot makes the difference between life and death.

- b) GOD is NOW HERE.
 GOD is NOWHERE.

Removal of one space results in a contradictory message.

Now ponder the enormous and incalculable damage inflicted on God's Word by modern translators using their method of communication by which hundreds, nay, thousands of words, verses, and passages of Scripture are deleted, manipulated, or doctored as the translators think fit.

Only the faithful KJB translators holding a "high view" of Scripture, gave us a complete, exact, and faithful "WORD FOR WORD" translation, God's inspired Word for the end time.

Now consider further the method of the Modern Bible Versions.

DEMONIC DECEPTION

The Father of lies and "*angel of light*" (2 Corinthians 11:14) scored a double victory with his "**Dynamic**

Equivalence” deception: both translators and consumers fell into Satan’s snare. The modern scholars, in their defiance of God’s commandment (Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:5,6), took God’s Word to pieces, chopping and changing, adding and deleting, twisting and mutilating.

Then dressing up their Modern Perversions in high powered propaganda, consumers - Bible students, professors, theologians, preachers and teachers of the Word - are fully taken in. Every Modern Perversion finds a ready following. Conservative Evangelicals and even Fundamentalists and “Fundamentalist” Seminary Professors readily give their assent and support to the *demonic deception*. Amazing deception!

The Master Deceiver is smart, smarter than you think. He hoodwinks all who are not alert and vigilant, so there is deception all around. Did not God’s Word sound the warning? “*But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived*” (2 Timothy 3:13).

A CORRUPT TREE

See the new Methodology in the hands of Modern Translators as the components of a Corrupt Tree. As our Lord had warned in Matthew 7:15-18, “*A corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit ... neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*”

When infidels and despisers of God’s Word get their

hands on Holy Scripture, nothing but “evil fruit” can come forth, simply because the “tree is corrupt.” This is God’s inviolable rule and we see it fully manifested in the corrupt Modern English Versions.

For the reader’s further enlightenment, we cite just a few examples of the “evil fruits” that have come forth from the “corrupt tree” of “**Dynamic Equivalence.**”

We quote from two Modern English Bibles, comparing each passage with the corresponding KJB text.

FROM “THE LIVING BIBLE” (TLB)

- a) 1 Samuel 20:30
KJB: “Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman ...”
TLB: “You son of a bitch!” (TLB first edition)

- b) 1 Kings 18:27
KJB: “Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing ...”
TLB: “Perhaps he is talking to someone or is out sitting on the toilet.”

- c) Job 3:26
KJB: “I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.”
TLB: “I was not fat and lazy, yet trouble struck me down.”

- d) Psalm 34:20
KJB: “He keepeth all his bones: not one is broken.”
TLB: “God even protects him from accidents.”

Note: By this “**Dynamic Equivalence**” manipulation, the translator has destroyed the Biblical prophecy of our Lord’s crucifixion, when the soldiers did not break His legs because He was already dead (John 19:31-33, 36). Psalm 34:20 has **nothing to do with accidents**.

FROM THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

We quote just one instance out of hundreds in the NIV where irreparable harm has been inflicted on God’s Word by “**Dynamic Equivalence**.”

In five passages of OT (Deuteronomy 23:17; 1 Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46; 2 Ki 23:7) “**sodomite**” is rendered “**shrine prostitute**” and “**male shrine prostitute**,” to accommodate the pro-gay Committee of Translation, and to make the NIV “gay user friendly” (an important market factor in today’s increasingly gay culture).

FROM THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT OF WESTCOTT AND HORT

Among the many passages recklessly removed by Westcott and Hort from the Bible text are John 7:53 - 8:11 (the account of our Lord forgiving the woman found in adultery), the last twelve verses of Mark’s gospel (Mark 16:9-20: the account of our Lord’s post-resurrection appearances), and the Johannine Comma (1 John 5:7b-8a).

FROM THE NEW KING JAMES VERSION FOOTNOTES

The deadly character of the NKJV Footnotes has been dealt with in Chapter Eight.

Using Demonic Deception the NKJV translators in their Footnotes opened an invitation to the reader “to delete something he or she felt was not properly a part of the text.” The average reader may take up his own editorial knife and excise any part of God’s Word he did not like!

ASTONISHING AND FRIGHTENING DECEPTION TODAY

The astonishing and frightening wholesale corruption of Modern Bible Versions is only matched by their wholesale and almost universal acceptance by respectable conservative Bible scholars and preachers. Intelligent and well-read Christians, including even some outstanding Fundamentalist pastors, have come to accept these corrupted versions.

This is even more astonishing, nay, even more shocking, than the actual subversion of the Holy Scripture. What do we say to all this? What was formerly thought “impossible” is now happening before our eyes. Remember our Lord’s repeated warnings and those of the Apostles?

Deception is the name of the end time game, and we do live in the end time. God spare us from Satan's wiles.

CONCLUDING THOUGHT

While no right thinking person would ever dream of distorting or manipulating a fellowman's words, yet Seminary professors and ministers of the Church today readily consent to the wanton mutilation and doctoring of God's Word in Modern English Bibles.

Do you not see the demonic deception of "Dynamic Equivalence" and "Complete Equivalence"?

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”

Matthew 24:37-39, 44

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

AND BEHOLD I COME QUICKLY!

Revelation 22:12

The Lord is coming as He promised. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, the Creator and Judge. He is the Lord of History: He set History in motion; He comes again to order its conclusion.

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be” (Revelation 22:12). Soon He will return to Planet Earth!

We have an urgent message: ready or not, willing or not, the Lord Jesus will come, and will not tarry. He comes to take an account of everyone. He comes as Saviour for His own and then Judge of all the rest.

Question: Are you one of His own? Have you believed on Him and called on His saving Name? *“For there is none other name under heaven given*

among men ,whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). Jesus only can save you from your lost estate. He only can save you from your sins and make you a child of God, and give you a place in His everlasting Kingdom. *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved”* (Acts 16:31). No other Name, no other way!

To the believer, the child of God who has been purchased with His precious blood, the question is: Are you serving the Lord with heart and soul, mind and strength?

When the Lord appears our work will end, and we shall be rewarded or rebuked, according to our work. *“Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation”* (2 Corinthians 6:2). The time to serve Him is **NOW**. Reader, delay no more. Go, serve Him today!

SIGN OF HIS COMING

Of the many signs now appearing, like red lights flashing, we draw attention to just one: the apostasy of Christendom. God’s Word says that the day of our Lord’s appearing will not come *“except there come a falling away first ...”* (2 Thessalonians 2:3).

The *“falling away”* speaks of Churches and Christians forsaking the faith they once held, and sliding away into unbelief, to embrace doctrines contrary to the truth, even denying *“the faith which was once*

delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3), and the Lord that bought them.

This “*falling away*” process has been active even from apostolic times, but in the end time it will become universal and engulf those Churches and professing Christians which once stood true to the Word, but now no longer.

Church history tells us that the Church of Rome led in the “*falling away*” from as early as the fourth century, the mainline Protestant Churches from the nineteenth century, falling victim to the poison of modern thought to embrace theological liberalism and modernism.

By the early twentieth century only a small remnant, the Evangelicals, clung to the faith, standing apart from the rest of apostate Christendom.

Meanwhile the ONE CHURCH MOVEMENT, heading for the end time MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT of Revelation 17, began to take shape as prophesied. This movement called ECUMENICAL advances inexorably towards its final goal: OIKOUMENE, ONE WORLD, NEW WORLD ORDER.

**THIS IS THE FINAL SCENARIO,
IRRESISTIBLE AND UNSTOPPABLE.**

Those who are not firmly anchored to JESUS CHRIST the ROCK OF OUR SALVATION will be swept into the ECUMENICAL CURRENT.

The last half of the twentieth century has witnessed the saddest falling away since the Sixteenth Century Reformation. The Evangelicals, once valiant in the defence of the faith against the forces of Liberalism, Evolutionism, Ecumenism and Romanism, cut loose from their separatist anchor, and drifted into the Romeward tide.

About the same time, a movement within Evangelicalism called CHARISMATISM, borne along by spurious “HOLY SPIRIT RENEWAL” erupted, and spread like wild fire through all Christendom, infecting Catholics and Protestants alike, breaking down denominational boundaries to bring together Christians of all beliefs and persuasions. This ECUMENICAL BREAKTHROUGH has brought together the different factions of Christendom within one short generation.

But the most tragic has been the defection of the Evangelicals into ECUMENISM, the way of no return. After three decades of Co-operative Evangelism, “winning men for Christ” together with Liberals and Catholics, the Evangelicals have fallen into the slippery path of COLLABORATION, COMPROMISE, CAPITULATION.

By 1994 the Evangelicals publicly acknowledged what was a *fait accompli* of years, that they and the Catholics were together. This was doubly confirmed by a second declaration in 1997. Now all the world knows:

EVANGELICALS AND CATHOLICS ARE TOGETHER.

The last bastion of Protestantism has fallen!

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME

Now that the last road block has crumbled, the Romeward way is wide open. See what a vast congregation of Christians is on the move, led by liberal Protestants (Church of England, Episcopalians, Orthodox, Lutherans, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Pentecostals, Assemblies of God and a host of others), together with **CHARISMATICS and EVANGELICALS, and lately, PROMISE KEEPERS.** They beckon to those of other faiths – *“Come along, jump on the Ecumenical Bandwagon, we are on the fast track to Rome!”* Soon we shall see Buddhists, Taoists, Hindus, Muslims, Marxists, Socialists, Atheists, all joining in: ONE WORLD, OIKOUMENE.

Of particular interest are the front-runners of Christendom, the **Charismatics** singing, *“Praise the Lord, Hallelujah!”* with tongues and utterances, miracles and healings, signs and wonders, dreams and visions, predictions and prophecies – dancing, shouting, barking, roaring, howling – laughing all the way to Rome.

And marching alongside are the Evangelicals, finally convinced that the broad way (Matthew 7:13,14) is

not that bad after all, they press on with Modern Bible Versions in hand – NIV, RSV, NEB, TLB, NKJV, NASV, NRSV, GNB, TEV – counterfeit Christians carrying counterfeit Bibles. And swelling the Rome-bound sea of humanity are the **Promise Keepers**, gathering fellow travellers by the day.

In the distance the golden dome of St Peter's beams a glowing welcome. "*Ut Unum Sint! That they all may be one!*" A red carpet welcome awaits the global pilgrims. The benign Holy Father with open arms calls to one and all:

*“Rome sweet Home –
There's no place like Rome!”*

The whole world – almost – speeds on to its fateful appointment with destiny, but for the remnant few still treading the narrow way.

Reader, are you wondering which way you should take? The Master speaks: listen!

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” (Matthew 7:13,14).

One final point. When will our Lord appear? Going by the prophecy of 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, it cannot be much longer. The falling away which must precede

His return to earth has already taken place. This will be followed by another event: the impersonation of God, by one who arrogates to himself the name of God. He must be **revealed**, meaning to say, **manifested** to the world as the **Universal Religious Leader**.

The **United Religious Organization** is due to be launched in the year 2000. It may well be that the Pope will then be acclaimed head of this organization, thus fulfilling 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.

If this interpretation is correct, how near must our Lord's appearing be? The question is: are you ready for Him? *“But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer”* (1 Peter 4:7).

Soon we shall hear the midnight cry, The Bridegroom cometh!

EPILOGUE

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **The Word of God**.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of his mouth goeth a **sharp sword**, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, “**KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**”

Revelation 19:11-16

RECOMMENDED READING SOURCES

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Avenue, Collingswood NJ 08108, USA
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Tyndale House, Dorset Road, London
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1219 N Harns Road, Oak Harbour, WA 98277, USA
Comprehensive coverage of *Modern Bible Versions*
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Otis Fuller, Grand Rapids International
Publications, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501 USA
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Chick Salliby, Word and Prayer Ministries,
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Edward F Hills
Available from P O Box 280, Ararat, VA 24053,
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“the Bible is none other than the voice of Him that sitteth upon the throne. Every book of it, every chapter of it, every verse of it, every syllable of it, every letter of it, is direct utterance of the Most High. The Bible is none other than the Word of God, not some part of it more, some part of it less, but all alike the utterance of Him that sitteth upon the throne, faultless, unerring, supreme.”

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