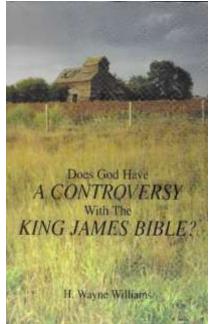
Does God have a Controversy with the King James Bible?

(or, does James White have a controversy with God's Word???)

Dr. H. Wayne Williams (a pastor, teacher, & scholar of the Word of God) wrote this book (see image, below) as a rebuttal to James White's book -- "The King James Only Controversy" (originally published in 1995). Dr. Williams' book was first printed



in 1997, but has since fallen out of circulation. Now, (in 2024) Pastor Matt Furse (a student of Dr. Williams) has made Pastor Williams' original book available, online, and has added a few of his own Footnotes & Appendices to the original book. After almost 30 years later, Pastor Furse in no way intends to change anything that Dr. Williams wrote, but rather his desire is to provide some additional commentary as a supplement that enhances Dr. Williams' work, in these latter days. A few images and illustrations were added, and the

Footnotes and Appendices were noted and high-lighted, as well.

Since the King James Bible is once again under attack by a new generation of "scholars", Pastor Furse desires only to republish his pastor's work, for the sake of educating a new generation of Bible-believers.

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Preface

Over the 50+ years of my life, I've been a member of several good churches, and I've had several good pastors. Some of these men were pastors of large churches, and/or founders of a Bible college. But, of all my local church pastors, Pastor H. Wayne Williams was the only pastor that I ever had, who would routinely welcome unfiltered Bible questions from his congregation, on Sunday and Wednesday nights. And, typically, whenever anyone asked him a question, he could give an immediate, convincing answer from the Word of God.

It was impressive—not because he was trying to be impressive, but because he wanted to know what his people were thinking, understanding, and wrestling with. On a rare occasion, if he did not have an immediate answer, he would ask the questioner to give him a little time to study it out from the Word.

Anyone who ever attended Liberty Baptist Tabernacle was aware that H. Wayne Williams *knew* his Bible. And, his Bible—was the King James Bible.

So, it was no surprise to see the objection that arose in him when James White's book, *The King James Bible Controversy*, came out in 1995. Even as a young man, I had ZERO interest in whatever James White, or others like him, had to say. I was not dissatisfied with my KJV, nor did I believe that It needed correcting—or, that It could be corrected. Thanks to the clear, Biblical teaching from Pastor Williams and other men like him, I have always been confident that the KJV was God's preserved, infallible, inerrant Word, in English. I am ashamed for the "smarter" men out there, who are convinced that the KJV does need correcting. ("smarter", as in, "sopho-more" = wise-fool.) Not only am I ashamed of these men, but I am appalled at the

very notion that having now over 100 English translations of the Bible is somehow a "good thing"! Even <u>IF</u> another English translation could be produced that would be equal to the KJV—how on earth can anyone think that this would be a "Godly" endeavor? There are 1,000's of people groups around the world that have YET to have such a perfect translation of God's Word, as we have already had for the past 400+ years! How dare any English-speaking person suggest that more time and money should be wasted on "perfecting" our English Bible, when so many others have yet to have even one good One!

If I were an English-speaking missionary sent to a foreign land, where the locals spoke a language of which no quality Bible translation had ever been published— I would vehemently chastise these modern-day "English Bible correctors" for their waste of time and resources! ...In fact, I will chastise them—SHAME on these "wise-fools"!

Years ago, as a young man called to preach, I had asked Pastor H. Wayne Williams to give me a list of books that I could begin collecting for my own library. He wrote down several suggestions, and I still have that list—now tattered and faded from age. Yet, on it was not one book that would have ever led me to doubt the preservation, infallibility, nor inerrancy of God's English Bible—the King James Authorized Version. Praise God, for a faithful, Biblical, local church pastor!

~ Matt Furse

(a simple preacher)

And now--- Dr. H. Wayne Williams' book...

Does God have a Controversy with the King James Bible?

THUS SAITH THE LORD.....

Every word of God is pure..... (Proverbs 30:5)

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. (Psalm 119:89)

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but **the word of our God** shall stand for ever. (Isaiah 40:8)

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. (Matthew 24:35)

...the scripture cannot be broken; (John 10:35)

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word that I have spoken, the same** shall judge him in the last day. (John 12:48)

And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All scripture [isl given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works. (II Timothy 3:15-17)

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

For all flesh [is] as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. (I Peter 1:23-25)

If there be a <u>controversy</u> between men, and they come unto judgment, that [the judges] may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked. (Deuteronomy 25:1)

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INTRODUCTION

Dr. James White of the Alpha and Omega Ministries, PO Box 37106, Phoenix, Arizona, wrote a book entitled <u>The King James Only Controversy</u>, copyrighted 1995, and published by Bethany House Publishers in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In it, he attempted to discredit the *Majority Text*, the *Textus Receptus*, the *King James Version*, and those who believe God preserved His infallible, inerrant Word in the *King James Bible* for English speaking people. Dr. White wrote of *controversy* with the *KJV Only* position, giving arguments to prove the *KJV* is in error, and claiming modern translations are *superior* to the KJV.

It is a fact that *there is controversy over the KJV*, however, the **true controversy** is not among those of us who believe the *King James Bible* is God's preserved inerrant Word for English speaking people. The *true controversy* exists because those who reject the *King James Bible* bring multiple modern translations and versions into Local Churches, where the *King James Bible* has been the Word of God for years and years! **Modern translations are the virus— not the KJV!**

In all this debate, the question which really cries for an answer is this question: *Does GOD have a controversy with the King James Bible?* The simple treatise which follows provides ten reasons why— **He does NOT!** It is written for "simple laypeople", as Dr. White calls them, "who hunger for a copy of the inspired writings" of God's inerrant, and infallible Word, and for any preacher who loves the "simplicity that is in Christ", and His Word (II Cor. 11:3).

In this treatise the reader will come across certain terms with which he may not be familiar. A brief explanation of terms is in order here before the treatise begins.

MASORETIC HEBREW TEXT:

That *Traditional* Hebrew text printed about the conclusion of the medieval period. The sixth century *Masoretes* known as *Traditionalists*, transmitted **without error**, the Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures into a complete text form. It is the basis of the *King James Hebrew Old Testament*.

MAJORITY GREEK TEXT:

Those 5,000 plus Greek manuscripts which form the foundation of the *Textus Receptus*.

TEXTUS RECEPTUS:

That New Testament Greek text edited by Erasmus, first published in 1516 AD, and used by Baptists and Protestants. It is the foundation and basis of the *King James New Testament*.

ALEXANDRIAN GREEK TEXT:

That Greek text found in and around Alexandria, Egypt, used by *scholars* (?) in that area. The text B.F. Westcott and F.J.A. Hort believed was the *purest* (?) of Greek texts.

SEPTUAGINT:

That translation of the Old Testament Scriptures into Greek by the seventy ["Septuagint" means: *seventy*] Jews beginning in the third century B.C., which became of general use by Greekspeaking Jews. It was in existence when Jesus came on the scene.

¹ See: Appendix A – What about the "Septuagint"?

CODEX SINAITICUS:

That Alexandrian Greek manuscript, sometimes referred to as "Aleph" and used as a basis for the Westcott-Hort Greek Text. It was discovered by Tischendorf in a waste basket in the monastery of St. Catherine, on Mt. Sinai, thus the name "Sinaiticus".

CODEX VATICANUS:

That Alexandrian Greek manuscript, sometimes referred to as "B" and used as a basis for the Westcott-Hort Greek Text. It was discovered on a shelf of the Vatican library, thus the name, "Vaticanus".

May this treatise of *Ten Reasons* be of help to the reader who takes up this booklet!



H. Wayne Williams(A simple preacher)

REASON NUMBER ONE

God fixed in the Bible itself His pattern for giving and preserving His written word.

There was no **written** Word from God until God gave Moses the Law on tables of stone. It is at that juncture in history where God first gave His Word in *written* form. But, that would not be the last time His Word would be written, therefore, **God fixed a pattern** at that point which would be followed in the years to come, as He would give additional written Scripture. **The pattern God used had** five steps.

Step One: God spoke a portion of His Word to one man at His chosen time in history.

This is truly **God-breathed** (**inspired**) Scripture since God Himself **spoke** the words. The story is recorded in Exodus 20:1-17:

And God spoke [breathed] all these words, saying,

I [am] the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation]

Of them that hate me;

And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou Shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, Thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor Thy stranger that is within thy gates.

For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the Sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: Wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou salt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet Thy neighbour's wife, not his manservant, nor his maidservant, Nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that [is] thy neighbour's.

Step Two: The Word God spoke to a man of His choosing was then written down by the man to whom God spoke His Word.

Exodus 24:4 shows Step Two ~ And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Step Three: The written Word of God was then **read** to the entire congregation **word for word**, without adding to it or taking from it.

Step Three is shown by the following references:

And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. (Exodus 24:7)

What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. (Deuteronomy 12:32)

The New Testament follows **this same pattern** as these verses show:

And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the [epistle] from Laodicea. (Colossians 4:16)

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send [it] unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. (Revelation 1:11)

I Jesus have sent mine angel to **testify unto you these things in the churches.** I am the root and the offspring of David, [and] the bright and morning star.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of **this book**, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are **written in this book**:

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:16,18,19)

Step Four: The *originally spoken* Word of God was *copied* from the first written book, without error.

The copied Word is as if it was the first one written, having the same words and same authority, as Exodus 34:1,28; Jeremiah 36:1-32 and Revelation 1:11 reveal.

And the LORD said unto Moses, **Hew thee two tables of** stone like unto the first: and I will write upon [these] tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest.

And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. (Exodus 34:1,28)

And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, [that] this word came unto the Lord, saying,

Take thee a roll of a book, and write the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I[am] shut up; cannot go into the house of the LORD:

Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD'S house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities.

It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great [is] the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people.

And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD'S house.

And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, [that] they proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem.

Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of

Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S house, in the ears of all the people.

When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD,

Then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there, [even] Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes.

Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people.

Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cuchi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the roll in his hand, and came unto them.

And they said unto him, **Sit down, and read it in our ears**. So Baruch read [it] in their ears.

Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Barich, We will surely tell the king of all these words,

And they asked Baruch, saying, tell us now, **How didst thou** write all these words at his mouth?

Then Baruch answered them, **He pronounced all these** words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote [them] with ink in the book.

Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah: and let no man know where ye be.

And they went into the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king.

So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll; and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the kings, and in the ears of all the princes which stood before the king.

Now the king sat in the winterhouse in the ninth month: and [there was a fire] on the hearth burning before him.

And it came to pass, [that] when Jehudi had read three of four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast [it] into the fire

that [was] on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that [was] on the hearth.

[Typical behavior of Bible critics!]

Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, [neither] the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.

Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.

But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah, the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.

Then the word of the LORD, came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words, which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying,

Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.

And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and

Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not.

Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

(Jeremiah 36:1-32)

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send [it] unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

(Revelation 1:11)

Note the following fact about Revelation 1:11. The only way seven different churches could all have the same message at one time would be that seven copies of the same word be made. In this case all seven copies were identical, preserved in the copying process by the Holy Spirit. God preserves His Word even through copyists!

Let Joshua 8:30-35 prove the point as well:

Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal,

As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up [any] iron: and the offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrifice peace offerings.

And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

And all Israel, and their elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he that was born among them; half of them over against mount Gerizim, and half of them over against mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should bless the people of Israel.

And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law.

There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the congregation of Israel, with

the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.

Step Five: Members of the congregation would use <u>copies</u> <u>only</u> of the <u>originally</u> written Word of God.

These copies were always the same as the first one written. All the words were preserved by Holy Spirit filled saints in the process of copying. He guided the copyists to assure that not one jot or tittle was lost or changed from the original writing. The written original, in the case of the Law of Moses, was kept in the Ark of the Covenant, therefore, **the people used only inerrant and infallible copies.**

The conclusion then is simple. God's pattern from the first written word is that He keeps back the original word and requires copies only for the people to use. Since God Himself ordained copies only for His people, copies were made as God guided the act of copying so that no word was lost or changed in the copies. God has never changed His pattern nor has He ever lost His Word using it! This is true because God personally oversees the process, just as He controlled the original writing.

Where do the *Bible critics* go with this issue? They claim that the copyists *had* to make mistakes as they copied God's Word. After all, "to err is human", Dr. White claims. **The thing that they claim produced error in God's infallible Word is the very thing God used to preserve His inerrant Word!** Amazing! God, Who used *fallible* humans to write His Word without error originally, can just as easily use *fallible* humans to *copy* His infallible Word without error!

God actually structured things so that for congregational saints and pastors, **inerrant Scripture** would be found *only* in Holy Spirit-guided *copies*, which exist today in the *Masoretic Hebrew*, *Majority Greek Text*, and the *Greek Textus Receptus*! He also gave us the *King James Bible* from those thousands of *preserved copies* of the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament, and He is preserving His Word for English-speaking people in the English *King James Bible*.

God has NO controversy with the *King James Bible*! Let those who reject the *KJV* argue to the contrary! Their arguments do not change the facts. Let them argue and make all efforts to replace the tried and proven *KJV*, and watch as God raises up a great army of people who use the Masoretic Hebrew-based and the Textus Receptus Greek-based, *King James English Bible*. We *KJV* Loyalists will be around until Jesus returns!

REASON NUMBER TWO

God revealed His preserved, inerrant, and infallible Word in the English words "Scripture", and "Scriptures", used in the King James Bible.

But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth; and [there is] none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince. (Daniel 10:21)

The English word "scripture" is found only this one time in the Old Testament. This reference ties the Scripture and all TRUTH together. As this verse clearly states, Scripture is GOD'S TRUTH! True Scripture knows nothing of confusion, errors, controversy, or mistakes. If it is Scripture, whether originally written and/or copied at God's direction, or translated under Holy Spirit supervision— there IS NO controversy!

Daniel was told that he would be shown *that which is noted* in *the scripture of truth*, that is, something which already existed! *Truth* and *Scripture* are linked together, forever!

One of two things had to be true here:

- 1] What Daniel was to be shown had already been written in some other book of *scripture* prior to this time; or,
- 2] what Daniel was about to be shown was written in the Word of God eternally settled in heaven—but, never before written on earth!

Inerrancy, infallibility, and *TRUTH*, go hand in glove. The point is that **if it is God's Word**, there cannot be error! **If it is truly** *Scripture*, **it is** *TRUTH* **indeed!** If there are no inerrant *Scriptures* except the **original autographs**, as KJV critics

claim, then there are NO Scriptures today, and God has failed in His *scripture of truth*!

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written.

The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And **he closed the book**, and he gave [it] again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture** fulfilled in your ears. (Luke 4:16-21)

In these verses, Jesus verifies that the Old Testament is indeed *Scripture*. A serious question must be asked about the book and the *Scripture* Jesus used. Was it the *original* Hebrew autograph? If not, it could only have been one of two things: 1] a **copy of the** *original*, or, 2] the **Greek** *Septuagint* ² **translated from the Hebrew**! The likelihood of the book being "the *original*" is not very good!

When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said. (John 2:22)

Here the disciples linked the written Word of God and the spoken Word of Christ together as one in content. Jesus' **spoken**

² See: Appendix A – What about the "Septuagint"?

word established that the written Word was true and without error.

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; (John 10:35) [What an amazing statement! ~ Copyists cannot break It. ~ Translators cannot break It! ~ Higher Critics cannot break It!]

I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. (John 13:18)

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. (John 17:12)

They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. (John 19:24,28,36)

Men [and] brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. (Acts 1:16)

Scripture <u>had to be fulfilled</u>, in order for it to be TRUTH! This demanded the preservation of the infallible *Scripture* until it was fulfilled. And, so it is with the New Testament *Scripture* as well. Unfulfilled *Scripture* <u>must be preserved</u> *Scripture* until it is fulfilled, or it fails to be *Scripture*!

And he angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

And he arose and went: and, behold, a **man of Ethiopia, an eunuch** of great authority under Candice queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship.

Was returning, and the sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

And Philip ran thither to [him], and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him

The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. (Acts 8:26-35)

The Ethiopian Eunuch could not have had the *original* autograph written by Isaiah! It had to be just a **copy**, or **a copy of the Greek** *Septuagint*!³ Whatever it was, it was called *Scripture*! For it to be *inerrant Scripture*, the Book does <u>not</u> have to be the *original* autographs!

For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. (Romans 4:3)

For the **Scripture saith** unto Pharaoh, Even for this same have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. (Romans 9:17)

³ See: Appendix A – What about the "Septuagint"?

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. (Romans 10:11)

God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the **scripture saith** of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, (Romans 11:2)

And the **scripture**, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, **preached** before the gospel unto Abraham, [saying], In thee shall all nations be blessed.

But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. (Galatians 3:8,22)

Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. (Galatians 4:30)

For the **scripture saith**, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer [is] worthy of his reward. (I Timothy 5:18)

If ye fulfil the royal law according to the **scripture**, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:...

And the **scripture** was fulfilled which **saith**, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. (James 2:8,23)

Do ye think that the **scripture saith** in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? (James 4:5)

Note the **BOLD** words in the above verses. They all reveal that *Scripture* <u>speaks</u>! That is amazing! Hebrews 11:4 states that Abel, *being dead*, *yet speaketh*. How does a dead man speak? He speaks through the living, speaking, Word of God. **True** *Scripture* **is alive and It speaks**!

Alexandrian Greek manuscripts, rejected and buried for ages in the *sands of Egypt*, said nothing until the late 1800's. Since then, those texts have spoken but one message: "We are more superior than the *Textus Receptus* and the *KJV* because they are full of errors!" Yet, the living *received Greek Text*, and the *KJV* (Hebrews 11:4), continue to **speak** to hearts since the Book of Hebrews was first written.

Knowing this first, that **no** prophecy of the **scripture** is of any private interpretation. (Il Peter 1:20)

This passage always gets to the *KJV* critics! Without the witness of the multitudes, what they call "*Scripture*" is not the preserved Word of God. The Lord's resurrection was verified by *many infallible proofs* (Acts 1:3), and there are <u>many infallible</u> *manuscripts* such as the *Majority Text* and the *Textus Receptus* to verify the preserved *Scripture*!

Now, look at these references relative to the plural, "scriptures":

Jesus answered and said unto them, **Ye do err, not knowing** the scriptures, nor the power of God. (Matthew 22:29)

And Jesus answering said unto them, **Do ye not therefore** err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? (Mark 12:24)

How does error develop regarding the *Scriptures*? Error develops when one has the *Scriptures* and **does not know** that what he has **is** the *Scriptures*, or, he **refuses to accept** that it is *Scriptures*. Then, *professing himself to be wise*, he writes his own version and calls that "*Scriptures*", and consequently, he *becomes a FOOL*!

But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? (Matthew 26:54)

I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. (Mark 14:49)

In these two verses the words "must be" are found in relation to the fulfillment of *Scriptures*. This makes the prophesied events of history as vital a part of the Old Testament *Scriptures* as the words of the written books themselves.

Does the *KJV* critic realize that the actual events in human history which *fulfill* the prophecies of *Scriptures* are <u>linked</u> to the infallible Word of God? This means that when someone (or, a group) re-words the Bible, he (they) must change the events of human history, as well, in order to make the events fit their re-worded book, they call, "the Bible"! Many prophecies are affected by the modern translations. ⁴ THINK, FOLKS, THINK!

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he **expounded** unto them in all the **scriptures** the things concerning himself.

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he **opened to us** the scriptures?

Then **opened he their understanding**, that they might understand the scriptures, (Luke 24:27, 32, 45)

None, by scholastic ability, will ever understand the *Scriptures*! We have multitudes of translations in the English language today because people will not allow the Lord to *open the Scriptures and open their understanding of the Scriptures*! We do not need more translations; what we need is more time with the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, who alone, can make the *Scriptures* clear to our understanding.

Search the **scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and are they which testify of me. (John 5:39)

⁴ See: Appendix B–Second point: "Prophecies affected by the Modern Versions"

How sad that, as the above verse shows, people may have the *Scriptures* but do not have eternal life! Why? They reject the TRUTH of the *Scriptures*! They look for errors in the *Scripture* rather than look for the Lord Jesus Christ in the *Scripture*.

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. (Acts 17:2, 11)

The Bereans searched for the truth in the *Scriptures*, not in the commentaries and the lexicons, if there were any available, then! They relied upon the Word of God they had, and regularly used. They did not require scores of additional translations in order to find what the truth was!

And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, [and] mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

For he mightily convinced the Jews, [and that] publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ. (Acts 18:24, 28)

The heart of all the *Scriptures* is always Jesus Christ! Find how any modern translation diminishes from the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will find the critical error modern translators most certainly make in their translations. The whole of *Scripture(s)* centers around the Lord Jesus Christ!

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and **comfort of the scriptures** might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

KJV critics tell us we have no infallible *Scripture* today in English. What comfort is that? It is great comfort when one can go to his Bible (*KJV*) and <u>know</u> he has nothing to worry about, as to mistakes and errors! What if a promise being read in the Alexandrian translation is suspect? Where is the *comfort* in that? So-called "*Scripture*(*s*)" filled with errors **can never comfort**! *Scripture*(*s*) without error **always comfort**!

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I 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: (I Corinthians 15:3, 4)

The Lord Jesus Christ could not have given a gospel that was not according to the Scriptures! The Scriptures controlled and determined the death, burial, and resurrection details of Jesus Christ. It had to be according to the Scriptures! The gospel still has to stand. Old Testament Scripture said He would be three days and three nights in the grave, then arise. Jesus could **not** have been there **only** two days and two nights, or, **more** than three days and three nights. **It had to be exactly three!**

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (II Timothy 3:15)

Timothy was not reminded of how much Hebrew he knew, or how well he could use lexicons, but rather, he was told that he knew the *Holy Scriptures* from his childhood, and they were able to make him wise unto salvation. No doubt Timothy used the same *book* of *Scriptures* from childhood up to the time of Paul. He had no shelf full of "variant readings" of *Scriptures*. He also did not have the *original autographs*! Timothy had either **a copy** of the *original autographs*, or he had **a copy** of the Greek translation from Hebrew, known as the *Septuagint*. The point is: whatever Timothy had from childhood, either **a copy** of the *original*, or a **translation** of the *original*, it was called, "*Scriptures*" under Divine inspiration through the Apostle Paul!

As also in all [his] [Paul's] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as [they do] also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. (II Peter 3:16)

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⁵ See: Appendix A – What about the "Septuagint"?

Apostates and liberals always *wrest* what they do not understand or believe! It was true in the first century of the Church, and it is still true today!

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

Here are a few academic questions about the **Divinely inspired** *Scripture* for all *KJV* critics:

- 1) Can any *Bible* writing **still be** *Scripture* if given to man any other way than by **Divine inspiration**?
- 2) If we call something *Scripture*, and it was **not** given by **Divine inspiration**, why do we continue to call it, "*Scripture*"??
- 3) If something we call "Scripture" was not given by **Divine inspiration**, then **who inspired it** to be given, since "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God"?
- 4) Can any God-given *Scripture(s)* be <u>copied</u> or <u>translated</u>, and **still be** *Scripture*? (If not, then, how can there be <u>any</u> *Scripture*, anywhere?) If it **can be** *Scripture*, then doesn't the **copy**, or the **translation**, carry within itself **Divine inspiration**, since it also **is** *Scripture*?
- 5) Does God ever inspire the same words **twice**, or the same words in **more than one language**? ...Consider carefully before answering!
- 6) What phrase have men <u>added</u> to II Timothy 3:16 which is NOT a part of the verse? (Maybe it was this one: "in the original autographs"!)
- 7) If something we call "Scripture" was not given by **Divine inspiration**, is it <u>still</u> profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness?

8) How can *KJV* critics argue that the modern translations (which they call "*Scriptures*") are superior to the *KJV*, when even they, themselves, say that those translations and their Greek foundations are **not** inerrant, nor infallible, nor possess the **Divine breath** [**inspiration**] of God???

REASON NUMBER THREE

The REAL thing (KJV) is always BETTER than the imitation (NKJV).

Marriage has always been an issue where men want to alter God's Word to fit their own thinking. As marriage illustrates the relationship God has with His people, He wrote <u>clear</u> words about marriage, divorce, and remarriage. On this issue, two cases are cited where God's Word is re-written to accommodate a corrupt point of view.

First, examine Malachi 2:11-17 in the KJV:

Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the <u>master</u> and the <u>scholar</u>, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.

And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth [it] with good will at your hand.

Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet [is] she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that **he hateth putting away**: for [one] covereth violence with his garment, saith

the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied [him]? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil [is] good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where [is] the God of judgment? (Malachi 2:11-17)

As God stated through His prophet Malachi, He hates putting away, yet corrupt men re-worded Scripture to accommodate their viewpoints making the putting away process easier than did the Lord God Himself. God said He would cut off those who did this thing. It is amazing that the guilty parties were the masters and the scholars! The issues of divorce and remarriage are discussed by the Lord Jesus in the following Scripture portions:

It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. (Matthew 5:31,32)

They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except [it bel for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. (Matthew 19:7-9)

And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, **Is it lawful** for a man to put away [his] wife? tempting him.

And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of **divorcement**, and to put [her] away.

And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same [matter].

And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.

And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth **adultery**. (Mark 10:2-12)

Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from [her] husband committeth adultery. (Luke 16:18)

The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.

But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God. (I Corinthians 7:39,40)

Today's Greek "masters and scholars" claim they change no doctrine when they write new bibles. Yet, they have definitely changed Christ's doctrine on divorce and remarriage in the <u>New King James Version</u>, which they argue is **better** than the *KJV*.

Note the following from the *NKJV*:

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⁶ See: Appendix B – First point: "Christ's Doctrine on Divorce and Remarriage"

"Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason **except sexual immorality** causes her to commit **adultery**; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery." (Matthew 5:31,32 NKJV) (Emphasis Added)

The English word *fornication* in the *KJV* has been <u>reworded</u> to read *sexual immorality* in the *NKJV*. What is so important about this? Why not use the same phrase to re-word *adultery*? Isn't *adultery* "*sexual immorality*" as well as *fornication*? Sure it is!

Now note how the <u>New King James Version</u> re-words Matthew 19:7-9:

They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?"

He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

"And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, **except for sexual immorality**, and marries another, commits **adultery**, and whoever marries her who is divorced commits **adultery**." (Emphasis Added)

The <u>New King James Version</u> does the same thing here that it does in Matthew 5:31,32. It <u>re-words</u> the English word *fornication* by using the phrase "sexual immorality". Yet, it leaves adultery the same, rather than re-word it as "sexual immorality", as in other cases!

The <u>New King James Version</u> re-words the Greek word "pornia" (fornication) to read "sexual immorality" rather than fornication as the KJV reads. Now watch what the New King James Version does with the same Greek word pornia in Mark 7:21:

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,..."

Where is "sexual immorality" here? Why not re-word the same Greek word here as it is re-worded in the other two references? In Mark 7:21, there is no doctrine concerning the grounds for divorce, so the Greek word can be left to read as the TRUE King James Version does. Check this in the NKJV in every reference where the English word fornication is used in the KJV, and it will be discovered that only where a key doctrine is not at stake, the word is left fornication in the NKJV—yet, where doctrinal viewpoints about divorce and remarriage are the subject, fornication is re-worded simply as "sexual immorality"! ⁷

"Sexual immorality" is very broad, and can include fornication **and also** adultery. The NKJV people re-wrote the Word of God to accommodate a point of view (the compromised view) about divorce and remarriage held in many circles, today.

Jesus made it clear that the **only exception** for divorce and remarriage was a <u>narrow</u> kind of *sexual immorality*, namely *fornication* — <u>not</u> **any kind** of *sexual immorality*! Jesus made **no** allowance for divorce due to the "*sexual immorality*" of *adultery*, yet the *NKJV* translators made a broad sweep as they re-wrote the Word of God. Any unsuspecting reader of the *NKJV* would be led to believe that one could divorce his wife (or, she her husband) over **any kind** of "*sexual immorality*"!

Jesus taught no such thing! Not even the Old Testament taught that *adultery* was grounds for divorce. <u>It was grounds for stoning!</u>

Check out Leviticus 20:10:

"And the man that **committeth adultery** with [another] man's wife, [even he] that **committeth adultery** with his

⁷ See: Appendix B – First point: "Christ's Doctrine on Divorce and Remarriage"

neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death."

KJV critics who promote modern translations claim⁸ that "no truth is in danger in the modern translations" - except for what they call translational errors in the *KJV*! Consider Revelation 2:20-22 where the Church of Thyatira is addressed. Here is the *KJV* reading:

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest to teach that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

And I gave her space to repent of **her fornication**; and she repented not.

Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that **commit** adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

Note that the *KJV* translates *pornia* here, as "*fornication*". This is correct doctrine and the correct translation. It also shows that *Jezebel* seduces the members of the Church of Thyatira to depart from the Lord as ancient Israel had been seduced to depart from the Lord. God called it *fornication* in the Old Testament, and He called it the same thing here in Revelation. It is a <u>spiritual</u> matter, <u>not</u> a physical matter.

Now observe what the *NKJV* translators do with this reference in Revelation 2:20-22 as they re-word the Word of God:

"Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that prophetess, to teach and beguile My servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat things sacrificed to idols.

"And I gave her time to repent of her **sexual immorality**, and she did not repent.

"Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds." (Emphasis Added)

⁸ See: Appendix B – First point: "Christ's Doctrine on Divorce and Remarriage"

Again, <u>doctrine is altered by the re-wording of the Word of God!</u> First, the *NKJV* makes *fornication* and *adultery* the <u>same</u> thing, and <u>they are <u>not the same</u> thing. Yes, they are both *sexual immorality*, but they are <u>not the same kind</u> of sexual immorality, nor are they the same in Bible usage.</u>

The *Jezebel* of Thyatira was something other than a seductive woman who caused the men to commit sexual sins with her. **Who wants to have sex with a sick woman in a sickbed**? That's where God cast her!

The fact is, the passage is about *spiritual sins*, <u>not</u> physical *sexual sins*. The *seduction* was through her teaching, not her physical sexuality. Even the harlot of Proverbs seven used her tongue to *seduce* the undiscerning young man. The members of Thyatira were *seduced* to depart from Jesus Christ, to follow the *doctrine of Jezebel*. Thus, their *fornication* was *spiritual* in nature, not *sexual* in nature! However, the *NKJV* Bible "re-worders" would have their readers believe that the sin with Jezebel was *sexual*, *only*! How contrary to the correct Word of God is the *New King James Version*!

A look at the use of fornication (pornia) in the Bible is quite revealing. There are four basic kinds of <u>fornications</u> found in the Bible. They are these:

- **-First**, *premarital sex* is called *fornication* in I Corinthians 7:2.
 - **-Second**, *incest* is called *fornication* in I Corinthians 5:1-5.
- **-Third**, *lesbianism*, *homosexuality* and *bestiality* are classified as *fornication* in Romans 1:26-31. (See also Leviticus 18:22,23.)
- **-Fourth**, a *spiritual departure from God* is classified as *fornication* in Ezekiel sixteen as God describes Jerusalem's *abominations*.

So much for the *NKJV* being a *better translation* than the *KJV* — or, being "a modern translation which *does not alter doctrine*"! How foolish corrupt men can be, when they want to impose their point of view on the incorrupt Word of God.

Peter verified that Paul wrote *Scriptures* when he wrote his epistles. Peter also stated that Paul wrote some things that were "hard to be understood". Corrupt men, rather than seeking the Holy Spirit to guide them into TRUTH, wrested (re-wrote) the writings of Paul to fit their own thinking. Re-wording the Word of God is not something characteristic of the latter years only. <u>It was being done in the first century!</u>

"Ancient" doesn't always mean accurate! This means that <u>corrupt manuscripts existed in the first century!</u> The corrupt writings were few in number while the Holy Spirit multiplied in great number the manuscripts of the TRUE Word of God. Multiple manuscripts are linked to the *Textus Receptus* and the *KJV*, while only two key Alexandrian manuscripts are linked to the modern (confusing) translations. There is a reason for this!

Paul stated that corrupt men *corrupted* God's Word: "For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God:

but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." (II Corinthians 2:17)

"But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." (Il Corinthians 4:2)

Jesus stated that the scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees built doctrines of error because they did not know (understand) the Scriptures:

"Jesus answered and said unto them, **Ye do err**, **not knowing the scriptures**, nor the power of God." (Matthew 22:29)

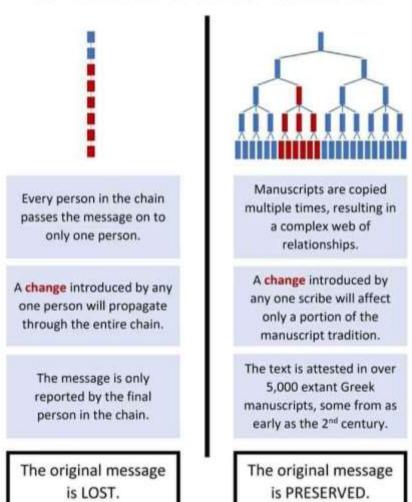
"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." (John 5:39,40)

Corrupt men <u>in all ages</u> *corrupt* (re-word) Scriptures to fit their own views. That is what often motivates the re-wording of *Scripture*, yet, **TRUTH remains**, and **God preserves it always**!

Not only have the modern translations in contrast to the *KJV* **NOT** replaced the Ol' Book, but neither has the **imitator** (*NKJV*)— while claiming to be the *KJV* under a new cover—replaced the TRUSTWORTHY *KJV*!

The Telephone Game vs. the Transmission of the New Testament Text



REASON NUMBER FOUR

God is multi-lingual; therefore, He knew the AD 1611 English which was used in the King James Bible.

The *KJV* critics claim that God's inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word is **found only in Greek**, **Hebrew**, and a little **Aramaic**. To them, everything else is corrupted with copyists' errors and the human failures of the Bible translators. **Their arguments are greatly flawed**, as will be shown!

God understands all languages and dialects known to man, and He also understands any language or dialect man will ever know! Since He is God, He is not confined to Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, nor is God's *inerrant Scripture* <u>limited</u> to <u>only</u> the *original autographs*!

Up until **Nimrod's dream of a one-world government**, man spoke only one language. As a restraint upon corrupt men's desire to control all other men, God gave multiple languages for all of mankind so that they could not understand each other. Yet, God understood them all, regardless of the language they used. After all, <u>God</u> created all those languages!

God used Hebrew and a little Aramaic in giving Israel the Old Testament. However, God was **not** limited to Hebrew and Aramaic. He could have used another language, as He later did with the New Testament Greek. He allowed, or directed, the Hebrew-Aramaic Old Testament to be translated by about seventy [Septuagint] men into Greek. Many believe that Jesus, the Apostles, Timothy, and others used this Greek translation of the Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures. It was known as the Septuagint Version.

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⁹ See: Appendix A – "What about the Septuagint"

God caused man to spread out over the world with many tongues and languages. He even wrote in the Old Testament that the day would come when He would speak to the Hebrew people in other languages than the Hebrew language: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. (Isaiah 28:11)

Paul quotes that Isaiah 28:11 reference to explain the gift of tongues in I Corinthians 14:21, 22:

In the law it is written, With [men of] other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying [serveth] not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

On the Day of Pentecost, Hebrew people who had been scattered into every nation under heaven where differing languages were spoken, gathered to celebrate the Hebrew feast. The Holy Spirit moved the believers, and **they spoke God's Word in at least eighteen different languages (tongues)**. So much for "Hebrew and Greek *Onlyism*"!

Here is classic proof that God is able to give the wonderful works of God in multiple languages, yet give the same TRUTH, without error, in any language used. This laid the groundwork for giving mankind His infallible Word, without error, in multiple languages—including the <u>English</u> language.

This factual information proves three critical things: 10

1) God doesn't have to use Hebrew and Greek to give His Word, **without error**, to people who know nothing about Hebrew or Greek. **KJV* critics cannot prove, **with** Scripture, that the **only** *Scripture* **without error**, is *original* Hebrew and Greek *Scripture*!*

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¹⁰ See also: Appendix C – Inspiration, Preservation, & the "original autographs"

- 2) God <u>chose</u> to give His Word **without error**, on the Day of Pentecost, <u>in the native tongue of the people</u>, through Spiritfilled humans, even if the speakers and hearers did know Hebrew and Greek! God can give His infallible Word, **without error**, in any language He chooses.
- 3) God did <u>not</u> require **multiple translations** of His Word in any language. He required **multiple <u>copies</u>** of the Hebrew Old Testament, but <u>NOT</u> **multiple readings** of it. God required **multiple <u>copies</u>** of the Greek New Testament, but <u>NOT</u> **multiple readings** of it throughout the Local Churches.

Corrupt men (See II Peter 3:15, 16) corrupted some of the **copies** being circulated throughout the Local Churches and tried to convince the Churches to use them. But, they refused to use the corrupted copies, however. They left them *in the sands of Egypt*, using **only** the incorrupt **copies**. **Jesus Christ built His house on the Rock of Ages, not on sinking sands!**

Did God choose to use the English of the 1600's? Why wouldn't He? He chose to use **multiple languages** at the Feast of Pentecost. Evidence shows that God did choose to use the *King James English*. Today's *KJV* critics want us to go back to the **sinking sands** of Egypt to get our Bibles. We know better! The *KJV* has stood the test of storms, while the modern translations, out of the sands of Egypt, have blown over, one by one!

REASON NUMBER FIVE

God established a specific fact about His inerrant Word on the cross, a fact which King James Version critics cannot deny.

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (I Corinthians 1:18)

The cross is the message of true Christians. It is where God displayed His great power. It is also where Christians find the heart of God. The message written on the cross stated that Jesus of Nazareth was (is) the King of the Jews (and, of the rest of the world), and that King gave His life-blood to bring redemption to fallen man. Look at the following Biblical records which state this:

And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. (Matthew 27:37)

And the superscription of his accusation was written over, **THE KING OF THE JEWS**. (Mark 15:26)

And a superscription also was written over him in letters of <u>Greek</u>, and <u>Latin</u>, and <u>Hebrew</u>, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. (Luke 23:38)

And Pilate wrote a title, and put [it] on the cross. And the writing was, **JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS**.

This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in **Hebrew**, [and] Greek, [and] Latin. (John 19:19,20)

What is the fact established on the cross of Jesus Christ which *KJV* critics cannot deny? It should be obvious, really. Here is one fact: God is not a part of the Hebrew-Greek *Onlyism* club!

God doesn't have to use **only** Hebrew or Greek to state a **truth**! He can state it, **without error**, in Latin as well. God can state a **truth** in **any** language, **without error**, including the English language, if He chooses to do so, and He *has* so chosen!

Let all *KJV* critics take note! The *original*, of the phrases quoted above, stating that Jesus is the King of the Jews in the four gospels was **not** just in Greek. The *original*— for a fact— was in Greek, but it was **also** in Hebrew and Latin!

The capital letters recorded in Matthew 27:37, Mark 15:26, Luke 23:38 and John 19:19,20 were written on the cross by Pilate's authority **before** the writers wrote their Gospels in Greek. These Gospel writers were actually led of the Holy Spirit to **copy** what Pilate wrote on the cross.

Which was the *inspired original* writing? Was it the writing on the cross, or the writings in the gospels— or **both**? The fact that it is later written in the New Testament made it pre-written *Scripture* when it was written on the cross. ... Think on that for a while!

Pilate's writing reveals how God **preserves** His Word **before** it is written in the Biblical canon. Bible-corrupters wanted the statement changed from what Pilate had written, but **he refused to re-word the truth** on the cross! They would have changed it themselves if they could have done so, but it was **preserved** as it was *originally* written, yea, even preserved by a government ruler.

Therefore, **before** the Holy Spirit led the men to write their Gospels, God directed Pilate to write on the cross of Jesus Christ the **actual words** which would later be written in the New Testament. God gave Pilate *Scripture* to write, which He would later *inspire* the *original* Gospel writers to **copy**! The gospel writings, in this case, were **not** the *original writings*! **Pilate wrote** the *original* words! This is *Scripture* preserved in advance!

Can anyone <u>prove</u> with the Bible Itself that God's inerrant Word is found **only** in the Hebrew and Greek? Can anyone <u>prove</u> with the Bible Itself that what the New Testament writers wrote was indeed the *original Scripture*? *KJV* critics will have a hard time explaining the words written by Pilate on the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, and later *copied* by the gospel writers.

KJV critics claim that inerrancy is found **only** in the *original* Hebrew and Greek as written by the New Testament writers. What about *original* Latin? Was there error in what Pilate wrote on the cross? If there was, there had to be error in the *original autographs* written by the New Testament writers, since they *copied* what Pilate wrote on the cross!

The *original* New Testament words were *inferior* to the words of Pilate written on the cross! Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote *only* in Greek that Jesus was King of the Jews. Pilate wrote that truth in Greek, plus Hebrew and Latin! People who could not read Greek would not have gotten the message about Jesus being King of the Jews, that day, if Pilate had written it in Greek only! God gave the message in Hebrew and Latin, as well as Greek. That is better!

Truth in three languages is better than truth in only one language! Preserved truth written in English is better for those who know nothing but English than the same truth written in a language they do not know, nor understand! On the day of Pentecost, God proved that eighteen languages are better than one!

God not only showed on the cross that He can give His Word, **without error**, in multiple languages— He also showed that what *KJV* critics call "original autographs" are not the full story! God established with the message on the cross that He wanted His Word for <u>all people</u> in their <u>native language</u>, not some foreign language.

Hebrew, Greek and Latin were the *common_*languages when Jesus was crucified. God gave His Word to English-speaking people in English, not ancient, foreign, Hebrew and Greek.

Study Hebrew. Study Greek. Study Latin. Study any other language you want He But, always remember this major fact, as revealed from the cross of Jesus Christ: In any language, or in all languages, JESUS CHRIST IS THE KING OF THE JEWS! This fact was *inerrant Scripture* hanging on the cross of Jesus Christ, years **before** the words would be written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in the so-called "original autographs"! When we preach the cross, let us remember this very important fact!

Take note, all *simple laypeople*, *simple preachers*, and all who have had faith in the *KJV*! Meditate on the cross of Jesus Christ! Meditate on the words written by Pilate! Meditate on the details of those words both there on the cross, in actual history, and the recording of those words by the gospel writers, later in history. The Spirit of God will reveal to you that *inerrant Scripture* IS found in places, **other than** just the *original autographs* written by the New Testament writers!

¹¹ See: Appendix D – Dave Hunt ["The Berean Call"] Questions & Answers

REASON NUMBER SIX

God reveals in the KJV that He preserves His Word in the longer readings.

Dr. James White wrote on page 185 of his book:

"Whenever one finds a number of different variants, one can be sure that the shorter reading (that of the modem texts) is the best, as it gave rise to all the others that are found in the manuscripts." (Emphasis Added)

But, what if in some New Testament reference, the *original* words were **not** written in Greek, but in some language other than Greek? The fact established in such a case would be that, in order to write the New Testament *originally* in Greek, someone somewhere, would have to **translate** into Greek from the other language. This would mean that there was **no** error in the **inspired translation** at the writing of the *original* Greek New Testament.

To address this issue in the New Testament, let's examine Paul's conversion story in the Book of Acts. The first Bible record of his conversion is Acts 9:1-9. Here is the story:

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: [it is] hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt And he thou have me to do? And the Lord [said] unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought [him] into Damascus.

And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

This story is written by Luke as a reporter writes about what happened to another person. Later in Acts 22:1-16, Luke quotes Paul as Paul gives the story himself in his own words. Here are Paul's words:

Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence [which I make] now unto you.

(And when they heard that he spoke in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

I am verily a man [which am] a Jew, born in Tarsus, [a city] in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, [and] taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul., Saul, why persecutest thou me?

And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spoke to me.

And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt [there],

Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Paul **expanded** the details in Acts twenty-two from what Luke reported in Acts chapter nine. The higher critics of *Scripture* argue that when there are differences in manuscript readings, *the shorter reading is best*. **Paul's conversion story is contrary to this viewpoint of the higher critics that** *the shorter reading is best***. A comparison of Acts 9:1-9 and Acts 22:1-16 proves the critics' argument to be totally false! The <u>longer</u> reading is definitely best, in this case, but there is more to come!**

Paul gives the story another time as Acts 26:1-19 shows. However, in this reference there is **additional information** which makes the story a real problem for the **higher critics** and their "shorter is best" idea. Note Paul's words:

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself: I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

Especially [because I know] thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:

Unto which [promise] our twelve tribes, instantly serving [God] day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against [them].

And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled [them] to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted [them] even unto strange cities.

Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? [it is] hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

Delivering thee from the people, and [from] the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

To open their eyes, [and] to turn [them] from darkness to light, and [from] the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

Is the *shorter reading* really the best? Without the *longer reading* in Acts 22:1-16 and in 26:14, the *shorter reading* in Acts 9:1-9, would lead Bible readers to believe something not true. **Truth would be lost in the** *shorter reading*, **for a fact!**

The Biblical way to discover which manuscripts are correct is to find the manuscripts which are *fuller* because they supply details **not** included in the *shorter* readings, just as Paul's conversion story reveals. *KJV* people are right again, in choosing the *Textus Receptus* with its *longer readings*, and we have the Bible Itself to prove it!

The story in Jeremiah chapter thirty-six proves the point also. When God gave the later reading, He **added more information** to that reading! Then God **adds even more information** in Acts 26:1-19 to the same story. A little-noticed phrase is recorded in Acts 26:14 not found in Acts chapters nine nor in Acts chapter twenty-two. The phrase in reference is this: "in the Hebrew tongue".

What is the point? The "original" in this phrase was **not Greek, it was Hebrew!** Acts 26:1-19 was the story of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. He no doubt told the story to Luke as he gave it to King Agrippa, and Luke wrote the story in the Book of Acts, in Greek, as the Holy Spirit directed him.

Luke was led of the Spirit to write the story, first, without mentioning the *Hebrew* factor, yet the factor is included in the third reading of the story. Let the higher critics tell us what the "original" was in this story! Was it the story of Acts nine? After all, Acts nine is earlier than Acts twenty-two or twenty-six.

Let the higher critics of Scripture be careful what they call the "original" here! Acts 9:1-9 was the earliest reading, but <u>not</u> the original. Thus, the "earliest" writings do **not** necessarily contain the truly original Scripture.

God has fixed inside the texts of His Word <u>how</u> to find which manuscripts have the *original* text, and it is not always the earliest! There are times God gives in later writings the fuller details He wants us to have. God did not put the whole story in the Old Testament when He gave us that. He gave us *fuller* manuscripts when He gave that to us in the New Testament.

Then, there is the critical issue of translation of languages. We know from the data in Acts that the *original language* Paul heard was Hebrew, yet, the *written original* of the New Testament was Greek. Translation of language in the *original*, was involved somewhere—like it or not. Paul either translated (without error) from Hebrew to Greek when the story was related in Luke's hearing— or, Luke himself, when writing in Greek, translated the story from Hebrew to Greek, without error.

Since this is the case, God <u>preserved</u> **truth without error**, in the translation process. Thus, what Luke wrote in Greek, as *original Scripture*, was translated into the Greek from *original Hebrew*! So much for "the *original* **not** including the translation process"! In this case, the translation process was definitely a part of the *original*! If God could direct the translation from one language into another, without error— as He did in this case—then, He could do it again in the 1600's.

Far-fetched? Well, read on...

It is also a fact that Paul often spoke in Hebrew and Greek, using which ever language was best to use at the time. No **truth**

was lost in either language Paul used as he walked and talked, in the Holy Spirit! When Paul's words **spoken** in Hebrew were **written** by Luke in Greek— was the truly *original* language Hebrew or Greek? This is serious for higher critics and *KJV* critics, who refuse to see inerrancy and infallibility in the translation of God's Word from one language into another language.

Note Acts 21:40-22:2:

And when he had given him licence, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto [them] in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence [which I make] now unto you.

(And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,) [Paul's words, spoken in Hebrew, continue through verse 21 of chapter 22.]

Luke wrote in Greek what Paul had spoken in Hebrew. When did Luke get this information to write, and in what language did he get it? The true *original* of what Paul gave was Hebrew, even though it was written in Greek. This cannot be disputed, even by the higher critics.

Let's go now to the **real academic problem** the so-called Bible scholars have, which is in relation to all the Old Testament references quoted in the New Testament. There are hundreds of these quotes in the New Testament from the Old Testament. Most Bible scholars claim the *original* language of the New Testament was Greek. That is **not true** of the New Testament verses which are actually Hebrew Old Testament references, written in the New Testament! The "original" in all these cases was Hebrew, not Greek, except for the Aramaic portions from Daniel!

What does this mean? It means simply, without dispute, that when *inspiring* the New Testament writers to write in Greek, the Holy Spirit of God *inspired* translated Scripture! Every Old Testament reference was Hebrew or Aramaic in the

original, yet, when written in the *original* Greek New Testament, it was written in **translated form.** This makes the **translated form** the inspired Word of God!

Regardless of what the higher critics do with this point, they cannot argue any longer that "there are **no inspired translated Scriptures**"! Over five hundred Hebrew Old Testament passages are written in New Testament Greek as **inspired translations** of those Hebrew Old Testament Scriptures! Let the Bible critics wrestle with that one!

If God could inspire Old Testament inspired Hebrew Scripture to be written in Greek, could He not also <u>preserve</u> all His Divinely inspired Word, whether Hebrew or Greek, **without error** in the **translation form**— in a language, other than Hebrew or Greek?

Look at it again in this manner:

- 1) Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures quoted by New Testament authors as they wrote in Greek, were <u>not originally written</u> in Greek, but in Hebrew.
- 2) Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures quoted in the New Testament were translated from Hebrew to Greek, in order to be written as Greek Scriptures. Who translated these Scriptures as they were written from Hebrew into Greek? When was the translation done? Since the New Testament was given by Divine Inspiration—then, the Holy Spirit inspired translated Old Testament Scripture! The Holy Spirit inspired, again, previously inspired Scripture, in a new language! That is amazing!
- 3) The first two facts prove that the Holy Spirit of **God inspired Scripture in the <u>translated</u> form,** as well as the standard form. If Hebrew translated into Greek can be the "inspired and inerrant Word of God", then, Greek and Hebrew translated into English, can likewise be—the "inspired, inerrant, Word of God"—under **God's infallible preservation of Scripture, even if it is <u>translated</u> Scripture!**

Yes, indeed, there is more to the issue of the "originals" than higher critics of the KJV want to admit!

REASON NUMBER SEVEN

God fixed a Major TRUTH about His Word in the Great Commission, which required the King James Bible.

The Great Commission is recorded in all four gospels as well as the Book of Acts. First, take a look at what is recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Acts.

And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations**, baptizing the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20)

And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world**, and preach the gospel to **every creature**. (Mark 16:15)

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name **among all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem. (Luke 24:46-47)

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

The **fixed truth** about God's Word is found in these phrases:

...teach all nations.... Matthew 28:20

...all the world...every creature.... Mark 16:15

...among all nations.....Luke 24:47

...uttermost part of the world.....Acts 1:8

What is fixed here? The Great Commission requires that *all nations* hear the Word of God, specifically the gospel of Jesus Christ. Revelation 7:9 shows that the fixed **Major Truth** of the Great Commission will have been carried out by the end of the age. Note what it says:

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no mane could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb clothes with white robes, and palms in their hands;

"All nations" means people from all the various tongues (languages) of the world. The Major Truth is that God planned all along to translate His Word from the Hebrew and the Greek into the languages of the world—or, at least into one language which the whole world would learn, in order to evangelize the world!

This fact demands that God would **preserve** His Word with the gospel message **without error** in the **translation process**, in order that the Lord's servants could get the Word of God to all the nations of the world. The Great Commission fixes this fact. It cannot be changed! "**Hebrew-Greek** *Onlyism*" **is not a Biblical concept!** Therefore, the argument that there is "**no** *inerrant Scripture* except the **original Hebrew and Greek**" does not stand up under close examination!

The Lord Jesus Christ <u>required</u> God's inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word to be <u>translated</u> into the languages of the world, **without error**, when He gave the Great Commission! The Holy Spirit of God leads Christ's servants into the world— to all nations, tongues, tribes and peoples. This links Him with the translation of

God's Word from Hebrew and Greek, **without error**, into the languages of the world. God gave His Word by the Holy Spirit, and His Word is **preserved** by the Holy Spirit! If this were not true, the gospel would have become corrupt by this point in history through the process of translation, something Satan has planned to do all along.

Think about it! If Satan would cast doubt upon the gospel, he must cast doubt upon the <u>translation</u> of the Word of God. This is exactly what he is doing by giving hundreds of differing readings in the English translations. If it were not for the *KJV* users opposing this, **truth** would become totally corrupt or lost. The Great Commission does not even hint that God planned to give His Word in hundreds of different readings— in the same language. That is confusion!

All higher critics claim that since there can be **no** inerrant translations of God's Word, the Bible can be and should be translated often by the scholars to give the readers a better understanding of what the Bible means. Why didn't God set a pattern for this idea with the Hebrew Old Testament??? Satan wins, with the higher critics! But, Satan cannot win if God has preserved inerrancy in the translation of His Word from Hebrew and Greek, into English— or, other languages.

Somewhere, in some English translation, God <u>has</u> <u>preserved</u> His Word, **without error**, so that the Great Commission can be fulfilled to English-speaking people, as the Lord commanded. Bible-based evidence reveals *which* English translation it is.

God burdened Godly men's hearts for His Word in English. Private translation began with Tyndale, Coverdale, and others. However, God doesn't let private interpretation become the basis of **truth**, but rather, He uses multiple witnesses. Therefore, God directed that a group of over 50 men be gathered to give His Word in English, and He included some of the work of the earlier men. These fifty-

plus men produced the *King James Bible*, following Biblical patterns and principles.

The King James Bible was God's Sword in the English language and has remained His Sword of use to this day. Hating God's Word, Satan directed the discovery of dull, broken, and incomplete swords [manuscripts] in Egypt, and the Great Deception began! The first conflict came in 1881, followed by a flood of varying English readings from the two-headed corpse of Egyptian sands! The flow seems to be endless in these days of mass deception.

None of these Alexandrian, so-called, "Bibles" have brought revival, nor have they satisfied the hearts of their users. If any one of them did completely satisfy, there would be no additional ones coming off the presses. The hearts of *KJV* users are fully satisfied as they read the words of that OL' *KJV* Bible! That is a major reason why they are truly "King James Only" people. They are satisfied, happy, and confident! This position is what Dr. James White calls "anti-intellectualism"! [Look at the Catholic priests' view on this, as quoted later!] How blind of him, and how lacking of scholarly understanding!

In the midst of the multitudes of English translations coming from the Alexandrian wastebasket and the Catholic monastic book shelf, there still stands, like a **MIGHTY GIANT**, the tried, tested, proved and blessed *KING JAMES BIBLE*. God gave us His word in the English language. Satan **has not** removed it, and **never will** remove it, though he continues to try! Dr. James White's book will not remove it, either! It will only serve to increase the ranks of *KJV* people!

Think, dear saints of God! THINK! The Lord Jesus fixed in His Great Commission the requirement for His Word in English, and God gave us that Word in the *King James Bible*.

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¹² See: Appendix G: Interesting Facts & Statistics amongst Bible readers

Satan would give *hundreds* of English translations claiming to be God's Word! This Satanic design to destroy the Word of God given by the Lord in the English language **has not worked! The other translations** <u>have not replaced</u> the *KJV*.

Now, replacement of the *KJV* is being tried with books using the name of the *King James Bible* which re-word the content of the **true** *KJV*. These new efforts are the <u>New King James</u> <u>Version</u> and the <u>21st Century KJV</u>. **These too, will fail!**

Satan always questions God's Word, and he seeks to reword what God said. What is the cry of all *KJV* critics? "Anything, but the *KJV*!" They will even allow the *KJV* so long as people accept that it is full of errors, or, if It can be re-worded to read more like the Alexandrian texts!

Satan's plan hasn't worked because God is active through His Spirit-led saints in *preserving* His precious Word for **all** generations, to **all** people— even people who speak the *English* language! **This treatise is proof of that fact!**

REASON NUMBER EIGHT

God used pagan rulers in His work of preserving and restoring His Holy Things, which fits the origin of the English KJV.

It is argued that the *King James Bible* is not trustworthy because James, King of England, who authorized the Bible, was reportedly a man of ill repute.

Whom did God use to *preserve* His people of Israel, in Egypt? Pagan Pharaoh, who honored God's Joseph, of course. Who *preserved* a remnant of Hebrew youth during the Babylonian captivity? Pagan Nebuchadnezzar, being moved by the Lord to do so, who honored God's beloved Hebrew youth.

Who *preserved* the temple and Jewish remnant at the close of the seventy-year captivity? Pagan Cyrus, of course— and it was God Who moved Cyrus to do what he did for the remnant of Judah, along with the temple. What also of Darius and Artaxerxes, in the work of Ezra and Nehemiah?

Who *preserved* the Jews that Haman sought to exterminate as the Book of Esther records? God moved upon the pagan king Ahasuerus, through Esther and her uncle, Mordecai.

Who *preserved* and beautified the temple in Jerusalem, up to the time of Christ Jesus? It was the pagan Edomite, King Herod.

Who *preserved* the TRUTH of the kingship of Jesus Christ when the Jewish leaders sought to stamp the fact out? It was pagan Pilate, as John records in John 19:19-22:

And Pilate wrote a title, and put [it] on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, [and] Greek, [and] Latin.

Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

The critics' arguments against the *King James Bible* of 1611— "because It was authorized by James, King of England, a man of some ill-repute", are not valid. Let them all explain the examples above where God used pagan kings and rulers to *preserve* His Word, work, and workers, before they throw out the *KJV*— because of the King of England, who officially authorized the *KJV*.

If God could use pagan Pharaoh, pagan Nebuchadnezzar, pagan Cyrus, pagan Herod, and pagan Pilate, then God could use "pagan"— if he was indeed, *pagan*, as some claim— James I, King of England! After all, while King James authorized the 1611 *KJV* by official law, he **did not** work on the actual translation, as one of the translators.

This is the pattern found in *Scripture*. Pharaoh *authorized* Joseph. Nebuchadnezzar *authorized* four young Hebrew men. Cyrus *authorized* the end of Judah's captivity, and the rebuilding of the temple. Ahasuerus *authorized* Esther and Mordecai. In like manner, James, King of England, whose heart was in the hands of the Lord, was moved of God to *authorize* the translation of His Word into the English language. **Praise** <u>God</u>, **not the king**!

So much for the rejection of the *KJV* because of King James, himself. The *KJV* is just as trustworthy as anything else that other pagan rulers have **authorized** for God's work and workers. God is Sovereign over kings, isn't He?

Thus, there is Biblical basis for the **preservation** and **restoration** of God's holy things, even His Word, through pagans! God will be praised even through the pagans. He is still Sovereign in His world and work, over the hearts and rulers.

When corrupt men began removing God's Word from the hands of *simple lay people*, and placing It in the hands of the

"Scholars Only"— the cry for God's Word to be given to all people in the Churches arose. In order to preserve and restore Scripture, as He always has with His Holy Things, God raised up a king, a world ruler, to participate!

A most interesting question arises in this context about the multitudes of translations from the Alexandrian manuscripts. Who authorized the hundreds of conflicting translations coming from the manuscripts of the sands of Egypt? What is the Biblical pattern these modern translators have followed?

Alexandrians may believe that all the modern translations are equally trustworthy, and can be called, "the Word of God"—but this *KJV* Loyalist does not, and he has sound Biblical data on his side, as the foregoing points have shown. These modern so-called bibles have no real stamp of God's approval upon them. Believers, beware! Lovers of God's precious, infallible, and inerrant Word— **THINK, Christians, THINK!**

REASON NUMBER NINE

God placed His Word in the trust of <u>Local Churches</u>, a pattern into which the King James Bible fits.

God never commissioned book writers and book publishers to copy and preserve His Word. God gave the Hebrew Old Testament to the Levites to copy and preserve. The Greek New Testament He gave to Local Churches to copy and preserve.

God <u>also</u> gave the Hebrew Old Testament <u>to the Churches</u>, after Christ's resurrection. New Testament writers attached Old Testament Scriptures to the New Testament Greek texts. The New Testament Greek texts were given to Local Churches, thus, *the* <u>Local Churches</u> became the pillar and ground of the TRUTH (Scriptures)— <u>both</u> Old and New Testaments (I Timothy 3:15).

Let the *Scripture* Itself prove Reason Number Nine to be correct. The four gospels tie the Great Commission to the Local Churches. The Book of Acts is full of references to Local Churches, and how the Word of God was always connected with those Local Churches. The first great evangelistic thrust directed by the Holy Spirit to the uttermost parts of the world was from a Local Church in Antioch, where believers were first called, "*Christians*".

God gave the New Testament to Churches. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were written to state Who the Builder of the Church was, and, also, what that Builder planned for the Church to do. Acts was written to show the first Local Church and other new Local Churches doing what the Lord of the Church commanded in the Great Commission.

Romans was entrusted to the saints in Rome, which was a Local Church, according to Romans 1:7:

To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called [to be] saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

First and second Corinthians were entrusted to the local Church in the city of Corinth:

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called [to be] saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: (I Corinthians 1:2)

Paul, called [to be] an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes [our] brother,

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called [to be] saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: (II Corinthians 1:1,2)

Galatians was entrusted to the Local Churches of Galatia, according to Galatians 1:1,2:

Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and Gd the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

Ephesians was entrusted to the saints in the Local Church of Ephesus, as well as the letter to the Church of Ephesus in Revelation:

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: (Ephesians 1:1)

Unto him [be] glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (Ephesians 3:21)

Philippians was entrusted to the saints with the bishops and deacons of Philippi according to Philippians 1:1—

Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Colossians was entrusted to the saints in Colosse, and in Laodicea. Note these verses:

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus [our] brother,

To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse:... (Colossians 1:1,2)

Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphos, and the church which is in his house.

And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans and that ye likewise read the [epistle] from Laodicea. (Colossians 4:15, 16)

First and Second Thessalonians were entrusted to the Church in Thessalonica:

Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians [which is]in God the Father and [in] the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Thessalonians 1:1)

Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: (II Thessalonians 1:1)

First and Second Timothy were entrusted to a young man who was to be the bishop of a Local Church. Note what Paul wrote to Timothy about this:

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. (II Timothy 2:1,2)

Titus was entrusted to a young man who was to be a bishop of a Local Church. In the epistle Paul put emphasis on elders to be ordained in the Local Church. Note Titus 1:4-9:

To Titus, [minel own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, [and] peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and **ordain elders in every city**, as I had appointed thee:

If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Philemon was entrusted to a man whose home was the place of his Local Church. Note Philemon verses one and two:

Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy [our] brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

And to [our] beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:

The Book of Hebrews was written to prove God had written a New Covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, and that He had entrusted the Local Church as His instrument of this New Covenant. Hebrews 10:25 and 13:7,17 show this to be true:

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25) Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of[their] conversation.

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that [is] unprofitable for you. (Hebrews 13:7,17)

The Book of James was entrusted to Local Churches among the twelve tribes scattered abroad. The words in 1:1, along with the instruction in 5:14, prove the point:

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

First and Second Peter were entrusted to Local Churches. Note I Peter 5:1-4 and then II Peter 2:1,2. This is all applicable to local congregations:

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

Feed the of God which is among you, taking the oversight [thereon, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

Neither as being lords over [God's] heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privity 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.

First, Second, and Third John were clearly written with the Local Church in mind, thus, these three epistles are entrusted to Churches. "Fellowship one with another" is Local Church language (I John 1:7). The "elect lady" of II John 1 and "elect sister" of II John 13 are references to Local Churches. III John 9 is clearly about a Local Church:

I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

Jude verses seventeen and eighteen are without doubt about the Apostles of the first Local Church, which makes Jude a Local Church epistle.

But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

How that **they told you** there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

No one can deny that the Book of Revelation was written to Local Churches. The book clearly states that it was written to, and was to be distributed among, the seven Churches of Asia (Minor) as Revelation 1:10, 11 state:

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send [it] unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

The conclusion, then, is that the entire New Testament was entrusted to Local Churches! The Local Churches made copies for all their Churches, and copies for the members of the congregation. God made the <u>Churches</u> the <u>keepers</u> of His Word.

Nowhere is there any evidence in the New Testament Itself that God entrusted His Word—originals, copies, or translations—to Bible Schools, colleges, seminaries or publishing houses. Corruption has most often come through Para-Church institutions which set themselves up as scholars over the

"simple laypeople"—called, "saints", in the Local Church, and even in some cases, over the Holy Spirit, Who indwells the saints.

What has God chosen? Let Paul prove what God has chosen, and entrusted His treasures with:

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, [are called]:

But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, [yea], and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

That no flesh should glom in his presence.

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glom in the Lord. (I Corinthians 1:26-31)

Therefore seeing **we have this ministry**, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to [give] the light of the knowledge of the glory of Gd in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. (2Corinthians 4:1-7)

Let the common believer be assured that God's infallible Word has been preserved by the Holy Spirit working through believers in Local Churches. This accounts for the *Majority Text manuscripts* and the *Textus Receptus*.

God nowhere used scholars and institutions of higher criticism to preserve His Word. On the contrary, *they don't preserve God's Word*, they give arguments and reasons why God's Word is full of copyist errors, and translation errors! Let the Word of God Itself declare the case. It is His <u>Local Churches</u>, plain and simple, which God uses to <u>preserve</u> His Word!

Bible and Church history [Some of us <u>are</u> interested in Church History, in spite of James White's claim to the contrary!] records that the *scholars* become the critics and doubt-creators regarding the Word of God. They are constantly correcting the Bible, claiming inerrancy **only** in something which is not even available to common Local Church members. It is <u>they</u> who must be "checked and balanced" by the Churches and their pastors. God placed no "scholastic lords" over His heritage!

These so-called "scholars" claim no translation can be without error, while at the same time writing, teaching, and preaching **as if** there are no errors in <u>their</u> arguments, nor in <u>their</u> own judgment of what God's Word really is. They criticize the thousands of preserved manuscripts **used for hundreds of years**, while blessing two dust-covered manuscripts <u>not</u> **used of God, for hundreds of years**. Where was the Holy Spirit in relation to those two Egyptian manuscripts? Multitudes of cults have arisen since the 1800's. Strange, that the Alexandrian texts show up during the same general time frame!

Saints of God, look for God's Word <u>in the Local Churches</u>, **not** in the halls of higher criticsim! Saints, stay in a <u>good Local Church</u>, and grow there. Get your fellowship in a <u>Local Church</u> fellowship.

Para Church organizations may do *some* good, but in the long run, they must live as a "parasite" off of the Local Churches.

Where are these Para Church organizations found in the New Testament? They are strangely missing!

Following Christ's design [like produces like], the Local Church He built and left in Jerusalem to carry out His Great Commission work, reproduced after its kind, as the Book of Acts most clearly reveals. The first Church reproduced more Churches, <u>NOT</u> institutions of higher criticism! That is the Bible Truth, like it or not!

God entrusted His inerrant Word—**not** in scholastically proud organizations which try to tell *simple laypeople* there is no **inerrant** *Scripture* they can have—but rather, in His Biblical, Local, New Testament Churches, which are led of the Holy Spirit to love and defend the inerrant Word of the living God, which is still present with us today!

REASON NUMBER TEN

God is Sovereign in history, Sovereign among nations, and Sovereign in languages as to their development and use, including the King James English.

History is **His Story!** God has a **Master Plan** which He fixed before the foundation of the world. That **Master Plan** included the use of languages, as the Great Commission reveals. Even Jesus, Himself, is called "the Word".

God taught Nebuchadnezzar, the great king of Babylon, that He rules among the kings and nations. Note what Daniel 4:24, 25, 34-37 reveals:

This [is] the interpretation, O king, and this [is] the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king:

That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.....

And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion [is] an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom [is] from generation to generation:

And all the inhabitants of the earth [are] reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and [among] the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, au whose works [are] truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

The same fact (not the same circumstances) was true of King James of England in the early 1600's, with the language of his kingdom - *English*. Since God moves, and, also rules *kings*, He was Sovereign in James' decision about the Bible, later known as the "*King James Bible*", or "*Authorized Version*".

King James Bible critics should take note. God prepared the English language to reach the world, believe it or not! English has become the international language of communications. God also prepared His Word in the English language to go into all the world to preach the gospel to all nations, believe that or not! That is the way things are, and they are not that way by accident!

The development of the *English* language is no mere sociological development, as if God had nothing to do with it. Either God does rule this world, or He has left it to drift on its own under the control of "the survival of the fittest"! The Bible is clear that God has not deserted His creation.

While the *English* language develops and grows, other languages die away, and vanish from use. Is this some act of humankind, or a design of God for His Word in the language of His choice? Published in the April 1997 issue of *World Pulse* was the following statement:

"In the February-March issue of <u>Civilization</u>, David Crystal writes, 'If present trends continue, four of the world's languages will die between the publication of this issue of Civilization and the next. Eighteen more will be gone by the end of 1997. A century from now, one-half of the world's 6,000 or more languages may be extinct." (Emphasis Added)

<u>World Book Encyclopedia</u> is a recognized authority, and, also, a popular reference of authority for educational leaders. In the 1988 edition, under the heading of *English Language*, the following is found:

"The earliest source of the English language was a prehistoric language that modern scholars call Proto-Indo-European (PIE). The PIE language was probably spoken about 5000 years ago by people who lived in the area of the Baltic Sea, near present-day Lithuania. Others believe PIE was first spoken farther south and west."

"...The Germanic languages developed into English, Danish, Dutch, German Norwegian, and Swedish... The language of the Angels, Saxons and Jutes became known as English."

"The history of the English language can be divided into three main periods. The language of the first period, which began about 500 and ended about 1100, is called **Old English**. During the next period, from about 1100 to 1485, the people spoke **Middle English**. The language of the period from about 1485 to the present is known as **Modern English**." (Emphasis Added)

The third period called *Modern English* certainly challenges the *King James Bible* critics who claim the 1611 *KJV* English is *Old English*! *World Book* says *English*, since 1485, is "*Modern English*". Concerning this *Modern English*, *World Book* wrote:

"By about 1485, English had lost of its **Old English** inflections, and its pronunciation and word order **closely resembled those of today**. During this period, the vocabulary of English expanded by borrowing words from many other languages. **Beginning in the 1600's**, the language spread throughout the world as the English explored and colonized Africa, Australia, India, and North America. Different dialects of the English language developed in these areas." (Emphasis Added)

The most important statement from <u>World Book</u> about the *English* language is this:

"Today, **English is the international language** of science and technology. **English is also used throughout the world** in business and diplomacy." (Emphasis Added)

No *King James Bible* critic will convince this *KJV* - Loyalist that God had nothing to do with developing *English* into the "*international language of science and technology*" as well as "*business and diplomacy*" from the 1600's to today. *King James*

Bible <u>critics</u> will probably <u>deny</u> that God has indeed organized the *English* language into *international* usage *from the* 1600's onward, for His own purposes!

Is it just coincidence that the *KJV* was given to *English*-speaking people in the early 1600's when *English* was at the apex of its development? As God developed the *English* language for the world, He also gave His Word to the world in this *Modern* Language.

God allowed the translation work of William Tyndale (1525 AD), Coverdale (1535 AD), Matthews (1537 AD), and the Geneva Bible (1560 AD) to be the start of putting His Word into *Modern English*, but He would go further to finish that work. [Remember Paul's conversion story!] He would use these works as a part of the AD 1611 *King James Bible*, but they would **not** be His finished work. This was, in essence, making them a part of the committee which God used to give us the AD 1611 *King James Bible*.

In other words, as God began developing the *English* language, He began the work of putting His infallible Word into that language. He would give the world, *English*, and He would give the world **His infallible, inerrant Word** in that *English* language. Our Sovereign God gave His Sovereign Word in the language He Sovereignly developed for the entire world. What a story!

Apostates reject this idea, but then they have no Sovereign God! They have only imperfect manuscripts, copied by imperfect humans, translated by imperfect humans into imperfect books they claim are the trustworthy Word of God.

Their God is as **imperfect** as the books they claim to be the Word of God. Folly, that's what it is—folly!

With <u>World Book Encyclopedia</u> placing Modern English back to 1485, and with God making English the international language from the 1600's onward, and with God preparing His Word in a purified English form in the 1600's, it is obvious that God placed both His Modern English language and His Modern English 1611 Bible before the world. The greatest revivals since the Day of Pentecost have come through use of that Bible! Not even KJV critics can deny that!

Satan certainly had his own plan to confuse the world with a multitude of *English* translations, and he has picked up momentum in doing so. He falsely calls the Alexandrian texts, "*Modern English* texts", claiming the *KJV* is "antiquated", yet, the *King James Bible* is as *modern* as any, based on *World Book's* definition of "*Modern English*".

Modern English (current English) has so many varieties, that to argue the KJV English is outdated, is to argue in folly. There is Australia's English, New Zealand's English, Great Britain's English, Scotland's English, Wales' English, Ireland's English, Africa's English, North America's English with its New England, Midwestern, West Coast and Southern accents. Then there is the English of all nations which is spoken and written as a second language. The accents and sentence structures in those various cases can be very amusing at times, to say the least, yet it is "English"!

Which is truly the *Modern English*? It is all very different, as *English* words and their meanings vary from place to place, along with the spelling of a given word in *English*. God gave man His Word in the growing language of the world, and gave it with the structure of the 1600's. Any *English*-speaking people, anywhere in the world, can grasp this *Modern English*, with the

help of a good *English* dictionary, while not overlooking characteristics of the regional and local *English* language.

It can be added that a knowledge of Hebrew and Greek can help anyone, nor will it hurt anyone— <u>unless</u> they get the idea God <u>cannot</u> give His Word in a new language, **without error**, or without referring to the Hebrew and Greek. Let the common lay-Christian remember that God gave His Word through Local Church believers (<u>not scholars</u>) on the Day of Pentecost, in <u>new</u> languages, not just Hebrew and Greek. God can give His inspired Word in <u>any</u> language He wishes!

It is total folly to believe that God, in all His wisdom and desire that everyone in all languages hear His Word, would <u>restrict</u> His inspired Word to Hebrew and Greek "*original* manuscripts" as the **only** infallible Word of God! In light of the gospel and the Great Commission, God's desire, will, and plan has been all along to get His Word to the people— in their own language— not just in Hebrew and Greek!

The Church began the work of evangelism by the use of multiple languages— while the end of the Church Age has many languages merging into one major worldwide language, namely *English*. God has also given His Word in superior *English* form guided by the unseen hand of the Holy Spirit in the process.

Satan watched the Lord use the *Modern English KJV* for over two hundred fifty years, bringing great revivals and missions movements. He couldn't stand by and let this go on, since he was losing so much ground, so, he began his work of confusion in the Churches—via Egypt. He drug out two Greek manuscripts, one having been discarded, and the other collecting dust in a Catholic library, neither of which was used over the centuries by God's Local Churches. Satan convinced undiscerning, self-assuming scholars that this was the true Word of God. Sounds like the arguments of Joseph Smith, Charles Taze Russell, Mary Baker Glover Smith Eddy, and others.

Thrust upon *English*-speaking people today are hundreds of so-called bibles, none of which, even their supporters say are errorfree. Yet, Christians are supposed to believe they are "trustworthy". But which one? *Let every man choose that which is right in his own eyes*. Sound familiar?

Some of us cling to the tried and proved *KJV*, and we are judged by the *KJV* critics of the world as being controversial, divisive, and church destroyers! How hypocritical of them! We follow **only** the *Textus Receptus* which provided the *KJV*, while *KJV* critics use **only** the "Egyptian sand texts" as the basis of their **endless flow** of *English* translations, all of which—according to their own words—have thousands of errors in the gospels alone! Paul wrote something about this attitude: *Ever learning*—yet, Paul said they are—never able to come to the knowledge of the truth! So it is with the *Modern English KJV* critics.

Some may have a controversy with the *KJV* Bible, but **does God** have a controversy with the KJV? Since the first Church began *being of one mind* (Acts 2), and since Paul exhorted the Church of Corinth to *all speak the same thing*, and since the *Scripture* states that *two cannot walk together except they be agreed*, one hundred or more translations with different readings in *English*, cannot be God's preserved Word for the *English*-speaking people!

The conclusion of the matter is that **God has no controversy with the** *KJV*, but He has a great controversy with the **confusion** being created in the name of "*scholarship*" which removes the remotest possibility that any *English*-speaking people can ever have His **inspired**, **infallible**, **inerrant**, **and pure Word to use!**

This *KJV* defender was saved in the *KJV English* language, grew in the *KJV English* language, was called to preach in the *KJV English* language, has served the Lord since 1954 using the *KJV* Bible and Its *English* language. **It works folks!** Let us stay the course. In the *KJV* is found the source of God's blessings! You who

love and use the *KJV* can be unashamed that you use it! You can use it with the total confidence and full assurance that **It is the preserved, inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God**, in the God-developed *English* language!

A RESPONSE TO DR. JAMES WHITE'S BOOK

Dr. James White's book, <u>The King James Only Controversy</u>, referred to in the **Introduction**, needs some response. Dr. White states what the purpose for his book is in the following quotation: "This book is written **because of a desire for peace** in the church of Jesus Christ." (Page V) (Emphasis Added)

Dr. White's book will bring peace **if** *KJV* People agree that *his* position is the correct position. This *KJV* Loyalist, after reading White's book, is still a *KJV* Loyalist! Dr. James White no doubt will remain a *KJV* critic, therefore, White and this writer **cannot have peace** over the issue of what God's Word truly is!

In his book, Dr. White gives testimony of how in his youth, he read things in the *King James Bible* with which he had problems. He writes on page 141 about Hebrews 4:12, one of his problem passages:

"I remember **as a youth** wondering what "quick and powerful" meant when applied to the Bible. My Bible did not move particularly fast, and I wasn't sure how "powerful" related to the speed of my Bible." (Emphasis Added)

An honest thinking person who is not so *quick* to reject the way Godly men translated *Scripture* would first ask why the words "quick and powerful" were used by the *KJV* translators in Hebrews 4:12. Yes, *quick* does mean *living* and it also means *fast*! How fast can God speak? It is the **Word** of God that is *quick* in Hebrews 4:12. God's Word is not only alive, It is also very fast in how it works in people's hearts and lives! How long did it take God to speak His world into existence? That was *fast*, *quick*, *instantly*, etc.!

White's critical questioning of the *KJV* in his youth went further, according to his words written on page 144:

"This [I Peter 2:9] is another passage that struck me as rather "peculiar" as a young person. I could see how Mr. Peabody (who always sat in the third row over on the right side of the pulpit) could be described as "peculiar," but I didn't like being lumped in with Mr. Peabody at all!" (Emphasis Added)

Mr. Peabody, whoever he was, didn't mean much to young White! He didn't think very highly of him. White was a prideful critic from youth! He criticized the *KJV*, and he thought critically of Mr. Peabody. Both Peabody and the *KJV* were just too *peculiar* to suit him. White admitted a Bible-correcting spirit existed early in his youth. He didn't like what he read, so he believed it must be changed. Consequently, White joined the school of higher criticism regarding the Word of God.

It can be understood now why Dr. James White wrote so **condescendingly** about the *simple laypeople* who so hungered for their own copy of the Word of God— that they made their own copies, with errors of course, according to White.

In addressing the word "peculiar", I shall do something here which Dr. White has a definite distaste for. I am going to use a good English dictionary to show that the use of "peculiar" in I Peter 2:9 is no problem at all—except for Dr. White—of course. Websters New Collegiate Dictionary, copyright 1973, defines "peculiar":

1: belonging exclusively to one person or group 2: felt to be characteristic of one only: Distinctive 3: different from the usual or normal: a: SPECIAL, PARTICULAR b: CURIOUS c: ECCENTRIC, QUEER syn see CHARACTERISTIC, STRANGE

<u>Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary</u> is even better, but I wanted to be "**more modern**" than 1828. To argue that God's people are **not** characteristic of only one **heavenly** people is folly! To argue that God's people are **not** distinctive and different from the usual or normal is likewise to argue in folly!

No wonder Dr. James White is a *KJV* critic in his heart, mind, and work. He followed <u>his own</u> mind-set, established back in his youth, rather than seeking to understand the *King James Version* through the Holy Spirit, and a good *English* dictionary!

In contrast, this *KJV* Loyalist, in his youth, heard preaching from the *KJV* by a Bob Jones graduate who loved the Lord, loved the Bible, and loved lost souls—including this writer's soul. At the age of fifteen, this writer believed the gospel preaching from the *KJV*, and was born of the Spirit of God! A love for the Word of God (*KJV*) began, that has never ceased or cooled.

I do not say here that my beloved first pastor was a "*KJV Only*" preacher, but he never spent his preaching and teaching time doing anything to **discredit** or **correct** the *KJV*. He simply preached it as God's Word. Consequently, he did not destroy my faith by using **only** the *KJV* in his preaching and teaching; instead, his Biblical preaching produced faith in my young heart.

Had my pastor cast doubt on the Bible he used to lead me to the Lord, I would have doubted my salvation's trustworthiness! Instead of casting doubt on the *KJV*, my pastor challenged me and other youth to memorize portions from the blessed *KJV*!

If Bible critics say the *King James Bible* is full of translational errors, then why do they think that **they** can translate *Scripture*, without errors? Is **their** scholarship *superior* to that of the *KJV* translators? They think so— according to the way they write their books! If Dr. James White thinks that over fifty skilled scholars, especially in Hebrew and Greek, could not correctly translate the *Scripture* into *English*, then why does he believe that **his own** corrections of their work are correct? **How academically** *proud* **some of these so-called scholars are!**

Let the "James Whites" judge this *KJV* user, as they will. The *common saint of God* in the pew will relate to what is written in this booklet, entitled— "*Does God have a Controversy With the King James Bible?*" White hasn't sown "unity" among the saints of God who love the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God. He has only served to magnify the *disunity*, and the cause

of that disunity, over the Word of God. The *disunity* will continue, for sure.

As one reads his book, it becomes obvious that Dr. James White doesn't like *KJV* **people**! (He may argue that he *does* like them, but rather, that he simply doesn't like their point of view.) Dr. White blames *KJV Only advocates* for *disruption*, *destruction*, *and controversy* in Christian churches— as the following quotes from White's book reveal:

"The King James Only controversy, by its very nature, brings disruption and contention right into the pews of the local Christian church. KJV Only advocates, due to the nature of their beliefs, are often disruptive of the fellowship in churches, feeling that their message of "God's one true Bible" needs to be heard by all." (Page IV) (Emphasis Added)

"Responsibility must be laid at the door of the KJV Only camp for the destruction of many Christian churches..." (Page V) (Emphasis Added)

Note also, Dr. White's remarks about the *nonintellectual*, *non-professional*, *KJV* proponents:

"KJV Only individuals are not generally interested in church history as a subject." (Page 10) (Emphasis Added)

"It should be axiomatic among Christian scholars that open discussion and liberty should prevail. That is one reason why KJV Onlyism has found no true proponent amongst Christian scholars: it denies anyone the freedom to examine [meaning: discredit] the KJV on the very same basis as any other translation. The position is, by its very nature, anti-intellectual, anti-scholarship, and anti-freedom." (Page 151) (Emphasis Added)

Dr. White adds a footnote to this statement:

"There is a strong element of anti-intellectualism in the Fundamentalist movement, and it is very popular to vilify "scholars" and "scholarship" as if being a prepared student of the Bible with a wide range of skills is somewhat antithetical to Christian piety." (Page 187) (Emphasis Added)

Dr. James White thinks *KJV* people are unscholarly! *KJV* people examine modern translations by revealing how their Greek connection is different from the *KJV* Greek connection. They also show how the modern translations are consequently *inferior* to the *KJV*, and are often in error. There is nothing "unscholarly" about that! Dr. White uses this very same method in his book, trying to discredit the *KJV*.

Dr. James White may call us *KJV* loyalists ~ "unlearned and ignorant" men and women— so be it! But, as he does so, let him read again this passage of *Scripture* in the *King James Bible*—and yes, it is indeed *Scripture*, even in the *KJV*! Acts 4:1-14 reads:

And as they spoke unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

And they laid hands on them, and put [them] in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, [even] by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the coma.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled, and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

We unlearned and ignorant men are in good company! God's servants who are *KJV* Loyalists, are looked upon as unlearned by the self-assumed scholars. However, these men had been with the Lord, and had been used of God. Dr. White has obviously spent much of his time in the sands of Egypt! All Alexandrian KJV critics are like the lawyers of Christ's day. Observe Luke 11:52-54:

Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge [him] vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things:

Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.

A final word is given here about the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, the Omniscient Son of God, as His intelligence was greatly questioned. It is not a strange thing that those who do not follow the **self-elevated** *authorities* are held in great question. So it was with the Lord Jesus, Himself, as He carried out His work of teaching the people in the temple, and elsewhere. The Apostle John wrote these words:

Now about the midst of the feast **Jesus went up into the temple**, and taught.

And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? [having never gone to their schools to study and learn from their great sages]

Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or [whether] I speak of myself. (John 7:14-17)

Jesus' education and intellect were brought into question by the *scholars and masters* in this story. What scholastic background did He have? What great school did He attend? Did He study the *original languages* of the Old Testament? What right did He have to be teaching the *common people* in the temple, since He had *no learning*, in the eyes of the current scholars?

The people that Jesus (God) had great *controversy* with were the lawyers and the scribes who *re-wrote* the *Scriptures* to suit themselves, and the proud leaders who looked down on the *simple common people* who hungered for a word from God. They were the ones He often called, "hypocrites"!

Dr. White believes that <u>no</u> translation is free from error, even translations from the Alexandrian Greek texts. We *KJV* loyalists see **no** error in the *KJV*, and that upsets Dr. White. After all, that is why he wrote his book. **Dr. James White believes that, in order to be scholarly, one must believe the** *KJV* **is in error. For him, to believe in an inerrant** *KJV* **is "anti-intellectualism", thus, he disallows** *KJV* **people any scholarship ability, classifying them as** *anti-intellectual***. How "intellectually" proud of him! Some of us will never surrender to higher critics of the Word of God. We too, <u>can</u> think for ourselves, and we do so with skill.**

Dr. White definitely takes the position of the higher critics, in his scholarship. Remember what he wrote about how to determine which Greek reading is the correct reading, when there is a difference in the readings? This view is one of several that the higher critics follow, in order to draw their conclusions as to which Greek is correct:

"Whenever one finds a number of different variants, one can be sure that the shorter reading (that of the modem texts) is

the best, as it gave rise to all the others that are found in the manuscripts." (Page 185) (Emphasis Added)

What proof from *Scripture* is offered for this **non-scholarly** idea? Dr. James White makes a statement he cannot prove! How *unscholarly* of him! [Remember, Paul's conversion story in the Book of Acts!] Dr. White believes that the topic of Christ's deity is *often translated "more clearly"* [fewer - shorter - details of Christ] in the "modern translations" than in the KJV, therefore, he writes:

"Followers of the prophets of KJV Onlyism are, therefore, less prepared to defend the faith than those who have not limited themselves to a single English translation from the seventeenth century." (Page 219) (Emphasis Added)

What "Faith" does Dr. White himself defend? He states concerning one of his favored Greek texts which he believes has the near-same wording as the original:

"Codex Sinaiticus is not nearly as bad as its enemies would say, nor as good as Tischendorf or others wished. **It is not infallible**, nor is it demonic." (Page 33) (Emphasis Added)

Dr. White doesn't defend *the Faith* in his book, rather, he tries to destroy Bible-believers' faith in the *KJV* Bible! His book clearly proves he does not believe the *KJV* is the inerrant Word of God, nor does he believe *any* other translation is the infallible Word of God, including his favored ones. (See page 238 of his book)

Dr. James White believes God preserved His Word in a different way than *KJV* Loyalists believe He did it. Note what he wrote in his book, *The King James Only Controversy*, pages 47, 48:

"Does God have to **preserve His Word** in the way KJV Only advocates believe? Or **might God have done this in another** way?..."

"What if God **preserved His Word** in a much less flashy way?"

"One might well see a tremendous amount of divine wisdom in the way in which God worked over the years. By having the text of the New Testament in particular "explode" across the known world, ending up in the far-flung corners of the Roman Empire in a relatively short period of time, God protected that text from the one thing that we could never detect: the wholesale change of doctrine or theology by one particular man or group who had full control over the text at any one point in history. You see, because the New Testament books were written at various times, and were quickly copied and distributed as soon as they were written, there was never a time when any one man, or any group of men, could gather up all the manuscripts and make extensive changes in the text itself, such as cutting out the deity of Christ, or inserting some foreign doctrine or concept. No one could gather up the texts and try to make them all say the same thing by "harmonizing" them, either. If someone had indeed done such a thing, we could never know for certain what the apostles had written, and what the truth actually is. But such a thing did not and could not, happen. Indeed, by the time anyone did obtain great ecclesiastical power in the name of Christianity, texts like (Papyrus 66) or (Papyrus 75) were already long buried in the sands of Egypt, out of the reach of anyone who would try to alter them." (Emphasis Added)

Observe that what Dr. White writes on pages 151 and 152 contradicts what he wrote as being his viewpoint on pages 47 and 48 (just quoted, above):

"Why then utilize other texts that differ from the Byzantine? The answer is fairly simple. It is plainly evident that the majority of textual variations arose quite early in the history of the New Testament, during that period of time when the Christian faith was still illegal, persecution was common, and most of those engaged in copying the Scriptures were not professional scribes but simple laypeople who hungered to have a copy of any portion of the inspired writings for themselves." (Emphasis Added)

In the first quote, Dr. White claims that the New Testament books were *quickly copied and distributed as soon as they were written*, therefore, there were **no** errors in the writings when God

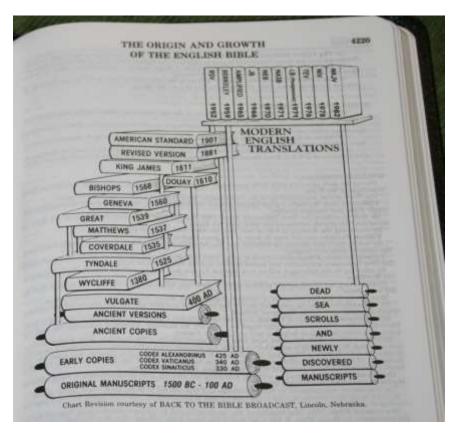
supposedly buried them in Egypt, in order to preserve them from corrupters. Yet, in the second quote, Dr. White claims that *the majority of textual variations arose quite early in the history of the New Testament*, because honest saints who wanted a copy of God's precious Word— and He did want them to have His Word— were *not professional scribes but "simple laypeople"*, thus, they made many errors as they copied the New Testament manuscripts.

Dr. White can't have it both ways! He can't have it where there were <u>no</u> errors in the early copies, yet have it where there were errors in the early copies! Dr. White is like his own idea of God's preserved Word: imperfect to say the least! Dr. White's distaste for "simple laypeople" reveals a lot about his heart! This distaste is nothing more than Nicolaitanism which is condemned in Revelation 2:6, 15.

God did preserve His Word, but He did not bury His precious Word in the grave of Egyptian sands—in order to preserve It. Rather, He preserved It by the usage of His Holy Spirit-led people in Local Churches throughout the world. God preserves in life, not death! Even Christ had to rise from the dead to complete salvation for sinners! God preserves as He uses, not as He sets aside from use. Paul described that which is set on the shelf—as broken vessels, not used of God! So it was with Egyptian texts! They were not kept under the control of the Holy Spirit, so they were shelved!

God preserves the sun while He <u>uses</u> it to give light to the earth. God preserves the seed of grain while He <u>uses</u> it to feed the hungry, through annual crops of grain. The first was <u>used</u> until it was reproduced with many identical copies of it, and then the life of the seed goes on, and on, and on, and on.

God preserved the Law by requiring <u>copies</u> to be <u>made and</u> <u>used</u> by the congregation of Israel. He preserved the New Testament books by requiring <u>copies</u> to be <u>made and used</u> in Local Churches. He, nowhere, preserved His Word in Egyptian waste baskets and dusty shelves for over 1500 years! Alexandrian Manuscript Loyalists are indeed foolish in this matter!



The <u>Thompson Chain Reference Bible</u> deals with translations and manuscripts at reference number 4220. That chart shows that with the completion of the *KJV* in 1611, there was no other *English* translation until 1881, over 250 years later! Another major point here is that the *Revised Version* of 1881 came from a totally different source than that of the *KJV*, along with every other translation in the following years: 1901, 1952, 1959, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1971, 1976, 1978, 1982. There have been *several* other translations since 1982, *all* from the same long-lost sources of Egypt.

"Our Sovereign God could not keep track of His inspired Greek Word, thus it was lost for so long, leaving centuries without the *superior manuscripts*." (I speak sarcastically!) How unlike the God of the Bible to give the Hebrews only one reading in the Hebrew Word of God, and the first century Churches only one reading in the Greek New Testament— yet, He gives to modern man hundreds of readings in *English* which differ one from another!

Thompson's chart clearly reveals that **if God's inerrant**Word was not in the *Ancient Copies (Textus Receptus)*, nor in
the early *English* Bibles, nor in the *KJV*, then there was <u>no</u>
Word of God from the third century up to 1881! Would a God
Who preserves His Word without error do that? NO! Yet, that is
exactly what the *King James Bible* Critics, like Dr. James White,
claim. The Thompson chart also shows that every effort to replace
the *KJV* has come out of three manuscripts not used of God or man
from the 300's all the way to 1881.

That is **not** God's work! It is the <u>same</u> agrument which the <u>cults</u> use. **Truth** was lost until *they* came along—they say outright, or at best, imply, in their arguments. Nonsense!

Dr. James White's book gives **no** hope, **no** comfort, **no** assurance, and **no** faith in any Word of God existing anywhere in any form in today's world, or Churches! He tries to convince his readers that God's Word **somehow** exists **somewhere** in the *best manuscripts* and in the *superior translations* from those *best manuscripts*. But, that is all subject to error because God's inerrant Word exists, he believes, **only** in the *original autographs*, which **no longer** exist anywhere in this world!

Dr. White believes **all** manuscripts are copies and **all** copies have human error, and he believes that **no** translation from any Greek or Hebrew text is without error, so, we **must** conclude that believers and the Church are left with **no inerrant Word of God!**

So let us all go forth— "doing that which is right in our own eves"!

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BIBLE

The material presented here is taken from a book written by a Roman Catholic priest named Kenneth Ryan, published by *Carillon Books*, a division of *Catholic Digest*. The address is 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55105. The book's title is, *What Else Would You Like To Know About The Church?* The book is a collection of questions given and then answered by the priest.

One can be sure that the Roman Catholic Church denies that any Church existed, but them, from the first century Church—in spite of the fact Church History proves there have been Biblebelieving Local Churches of Christians who have **never** had **any** connection to the Roman Church! The Roman Church has not only sought to control Church History, but it has also sought to control the Word of God, in order to preserve the Roman Church's unscriptural doctrines! The Church's beliefs about the origin of the Bible, and how it has been preserved— or **not** preserved— is very clear. The reader should examine the following quotations very carefully.

Under the heading <u>The Good Book</u>, a chapter is given entitled *The Source of the Bible - How and from whom did it come down to us?* The entire quotation, to follow, is taken from page 47 of the book:

"Ever since the reformers of the 16th century developed their doctrine that the Bible was the sole rule of faith, their more naive and unreflecting followers have tended to think that the text must be unchangeable and, more than that, it never has been changed since God first put words into the minds and writing arms of its authors. Of course, among the better informed, the position is that only the original text had the inspiration which required literal interpretation and only the original had no errors or departures from historical fact."

"The Catholic Church at the Council of Trent taught that God is the author of Scripture, but also that He worked in its production through human instruments. The Church, from its age-old struggle to preserve the sacred text, knows very well how easily mistakes can creep in. It knows also the absurdity of picking up any volume with "The Bible" as its title and making it the foundation of one's faith without inquiry about who copied it from the manuscripts, who printed it, and why he printed it. Some of our modern door-to-door proselytizers [soulwinners!] do follow that absurd procedure in their zeal to deny the supreme authority of the Catholic Church." (Emphasis Added)

Quoting from pages 48 and 49, more insight into the Catholic position is seen:

"First of all, we have absolutely none of the original manuscripts... [True!] In the case of the New Testament, the originals were probably worn out by the constant use [True!] or destroyed in the persecutions the Church suffered in the early centuries. We have only rather inaccurate copies of inaccurate copies." [NOT TRUE!] (Emphasis Added)

Quoting also from page 50:

"...scholars say that only one tenth of one percent of writing errors would make any change in the meaning. Yet the sorting of the oldest and therefore, presumably, the most correct manuscripts [Alexandrian Texts!] has kept scholars busy in digging out the texts closest to the utterance of the scriptural authors." (Emphasis Added)

From page 51 the following is found:

either have to say it is a product of the Church [Catholic] or believe that it dropped down already printed from heaven as some of the fanatics seem to think. All the authors of the New Testament books were certainly members of the [Catholic] Church, all the copyists and the people who paid them were certainly members and promoters of the [Catholic] Church, all the Popes and early scholarly authorities who determined what books were to be "allowed" in the Bible were certainly members of the

[Catholic] Church. A shorter way of saying all this is to say that we got the Bible from the [Catholic] Church." (Emphasis Added)

In writing <u>about the *Reformers*</u>, the Catholic author states on page 52:

"Thus there developed a kind of **Bible worship**. It soon took such forms as **total literal interpretation**, memorization of whole books of the Bible, and chance selections of verses for the solution of daily personal problems. **Practices like these came to prevail among the <u>less intellectually gifted</u>, so-called "Protestant" Christians." (Emphasis Added)**

Continuing on page 53, the writer says:

"Not all the reformers went along with these ideas [inerrant Scripture], but the tradition of supreme reverence for the supreme authority, the Bible, lived on to the present day. Even among Catholics, it has always seemed that it was holier somehow to accept the Word of God as it came to you than it was to find and point out difficulties of historical fact and erroneous translation as the atheists have always done." (Emphasis Added)

One more quote from this Catholic book is sufficient to state the case. It is taken from page 54:

"For the interpretation of the Bible text, it seems entirely reasonable to me to turn to the Church [Catholic] which cherished and preserved the books as they came down from the Jewish synagogues and as they were written by New Testament authors. This interpretation should be that of the magisterium of the teaching Church..."

"Somebody has to have the final say in matters of the Bible and the magisterium of the Church (the Pope and persons deputized by him) are the equivalent of the Supreme Court in the U.S. Neither the Church nor the country could get along without some irreversible authority." (Emphasis Added)

It is very clear that the Catholic Church believes regarding the *Scriptures* that <u>only</u> the originals are without error. It is also

very clear that the Catholic Church believes the *Scriptures* have been, and are in, their hands, and could never be any Bible the Protestants or other non-Catholics have. This concept would be especially true regarding the *Baptists* and the *King James Bible*—with its Greek foundation, the *Textus Receptus*! They would call that a corruption of the Bible.

This is the <u>same</u> argument made by those who criticize and reject the *King James Bible*, and the *Textus Receptus*.

Note how the good Catholic writer paints the *Reformers* who believed— *the Bible was the sole rule of faith*, and also believed that the *Scriptures* have been preserved of God without error *since God first put words into the minds and writing arms of its authors*. **They were naive and unreflecting!** How sad that James White paints *King James* loyalists with the <u>same</u> kind of brush!

One does not have to go far in comparing the modern-day translations with the Catholic bible to see that they all come from the same corrupt Catholic [Alexandrian] Greek! The Majority Greek Text and the Textus Receptus Greek text have been the basis of God's Churches. They have stood in contrast to the corrupted Catholic Greek texts. They never did go to the corrupt Alexandrian Greek for their authority, and they should **not** be doing so now!

Dear reader, do you want to have and use a Catholic bible, or do you want to have and use the Word of God, used by God's Local Churches since the first century? **This issue is not one to be taken lightly!**

CONCLUSION

Does God have ANY controversy with the King James Bible?

Let's hear the conclusion of the matter...

Jesus (God) had NO controversy with *copies* **of the Old** Testament used in His time.

Jesus (God) had NO controversy with the *translated* Old Testament from Hebrew into Greek, at least none that was recorded anywhere.

Jesus (God) had NO controversy with calling *simple* men who had never gone to any Bible School, Bible College, or Seminary, to be His co-workers as He would build His first Local Church.

Jesus (God) had NO controversy with filling 120 *simple* folk with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, empowering them to speak the precious Word of God in some eighteen languages, *without error* in any one of those languages.

Jesus (God) had no controversy making *English* the language of the world, and giving the world the King James Bible in that language.

Jesus through (God) the Holy Spirit had NO controversy giving and using the *King James Bible* to bring great revivals all over America and England.

Jesus (God) had NO controversy using the *King James Bible* to convert a simple teenage boy (this writer) to Himself, in 1954!

Jesus (God) has had NO controversy using the *King James Bible* in multitudes of schools and churches across this nation.

Jesus (God) has had NO controversy with several foreign nations requesting the *King James Bible* as a tool in teaching the English language in their government schools.

The fact is—the *scholars and masters* who defend the Alexandrian Manuscripts are the only group of people who have a *controversy* with the *King James Bible*! **But, Jesus (God) has NO controversy with It!**

Jesus said that when the time of His return to the earth would come, the big question would then be: "...when the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8) The Bible states clearly how faith is produced. Paul writes in Romans 10:17 about the origin of faith: "So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Without the Word of God, there will be **no** faith. There is therefore, a great connection between the great lack of Bible faith, and faith in the Bible, as the end-time draws nearer. Lack of faith in the Bible results in lack of faith in <u>all</u> areas. Having no fixed Word of God, in which to believe, results in the great decline of faith. If bibles are full of errors and different readings, *why trust* <u>any</u> of them? If there is no inerrant, infallible Word of God available to people today, what *can* they trust?

Stay with the truthful, tested, tried, trustworthy, and triumphant *King James Bible*! GOD HAS NO *CONTROVERSY* WITH IT!

Appendices

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Appendix A

"The Septuagint" (LXX)

What is "the Septuagint" (also known as, LXX)? Supposedly, it was the official translation of the Masoretic Hebrew Old Testament into Greek, written c. 250 BC—thereby, *replacing* the Hebrew Old Testament— and, this (supposedly) "official Greek translation c. 250 BC" just happened to take place in... (drum roll, please!)... Alexandria, Egypt.

It now seems very likely that no official "Septuagint" ever existed before Christ, and therefore, it could not have been accepted or used by Christ and His disciples. There is no evidence that Christ and His disciples ever used "the Septuagint". For example, whenever Jesus referred to the Old Testament and its divisions, He only ever referred to them in the same way that the Hebrew OT is divided up— (1) the Law (2) the Prophets (3) and the Psalms (see: Matthew 7:12; 11:13; 22:40; and Luke 24:27,44).

Many KJV-only advocates believe that the supposed "Septuagint" that is being touted, today, is nothing more than Origen's own personal translation of the OT into Greek, <u>written c.</u> 240 AD, and inserted into the second column of Origen's Hexapla.

Today's liberal scholars, textual critics, etc. (those opposed to the KJV's final authority), claim that the New Testament actually quotes from the Septuagint in several places. However, the rebuttal to this claim is simple—just because the Holy Spirit sometimes allowed the OT scriptures to be cited in a different way than what the Hebrew OT reads, word-for-word— and, just because some of those citations loosely match "the Septuagint" in certain passages, does not prove that the people of the early NT era had an entire Greek "Septuagint" of the OT, from which they were quoting. In the NT, there are several inspired citations from the OT

that begin with, "As it is written..."—but, even these citations do not necessarily say— "Exactly, as it is written...".

Apparently, then, the Spirit of God allowed (inspired) the NT writers to pen some paraphrases/rewordings of the Hebrew OT into Greek— as the inspired *New Testament* Greek. The NT writers were citing from the Hebrew OT, but they were writing it in Greek.

Dr. Bruce Lackey pointed out— "Hebrews 3:7 states, "the Holy Ghost said ..." and it was in Greek, not in Hebrew. It does not matter whether one believes that the author of Hebrews was quoting from the Septuagint or making his own translation; the fact is that he was writing in Greek and boldly asserted, "the Holy Ghost said." Why did he not insert Hebrew words at that point? Obviously, because a **translation** may be correctly called what the Holy Ghost said! The same is true of Hebrews 9:8 and 10:15."

However, THIS POINT (see quote and bold font, above) is the main point about "the Septuagint" that Pastor Wayne Williams was making in his book— IF the Septuagint really existed before Christ (250 BC), and it really is authentic, and official Scripture, then, that would PROVE that God *does* sanction the accurate <u>translation</u> of His Word into <u>another</u> language—as "Scripture"—and, that means that the <u>translation</u> into another language was as equally <u>authoritative</u> Scripture, as were "the originals"!

Using the modern textual critic's own reasoning— how *can* the (Greek) Septuagint be considered equally authoritative Scripture, if it is not the (Hebrew) "original language" of the inspired Scripture?? <u>IF</u> the "Septuagint" is really God-ordained, as the modern scholars wish, then *how* did the Greek *translation* of the Hebrew OT remain "as authoritative as the *original* Hebrew Scripture"??? ... Was there a "double inspiration" taking place in 250 BC????

FINAL NOTE: Pastor Williams was never dogmatic about the existence and authenticity of the "Septuagint", rather, he was

just playing the modern textual critics' own game. Remember, Dr. Williams was writing his book back in 1997— in refutation of liberal textual critics, such as James White. Thus, he used their Alexandrian "Septuagint" as an example— by using their own argument, that = "no translation has the inspiration and authority of the original language"— to prove them to be the errant hypocrites that they really are.

Resources that question the authenticity of the "Septuagint":

- Did Jesus Use the Septuagint? David W. Daniels
- Answers to your Bible Version Questions Daniels, pp. 47-54
- *Thou Shalt Keep Them* Chapter 17 T. Strouse, pp. 151-163
- *The Answer Book* Samuel Gipp, pp. 45-48
- https://www.kjvtoday.net/home/reliable-hebrew-text/did-jesus-quote-luke-418-19-in-the-septuagint
- https://creation.com/smith-response
- https://www.wayoflife.org/reports/dead_sea_scrolls.html
- https://www.scionofzion.com/septuagint2.htm
- http://brandplucked.com/no-septuagint.html
- http://brandplucked.com/no-lxx-part-two.html
- http://brandplucked.com/scatterbrainseptuagint.htm
- https://av1611.com/kjbp/articles/lackey-inspiration.html (pt #5)
- https://kjbrc.org/the-truth-about-the-lxx-septuagint/

They Say "No Doctrine Is Affected" By Word Changes in Modern Versions



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"The question, then, is not whether modern translations have deleted portions of the Word of God, but rather whether either the KJV or modern translations have altered the Word of God. I contend that the KJV has far more drastically altered the Scriptures than have modern translations.

"Nevertheless, I repeat: most textual critics for the past two hundred and fifty years would say that no doctrine is affected by these changes." ¹

Isaiah 7:14
King James Bible 1611
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

Revised Standard Version 1952
Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall

conceive

New Jerusalem Bible (Catholic) 1985

The Lord will give you a sign in any

case: It is this: the young woman.

NET Bible (1996-2008)

For this reason the sovereign master himself will give you a confirming sign. Look, this young woman...

What we're taught:

- No doctrine is affected by textual changes in modern versions. And many say no doctrines are corrupted in "conservative" translations.
- 2. The King James Bible is "good translation" of a poor text.



Ithough this passage is a translational choice and NOT textual in nature ...

Isn't the Virgin Birth doctrine negatively "affected" by these modern versions?

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Appendix B

"No Doctrine is Affected"???

Shortly after James White's book first came out (<u>The King James Only Controversy</u> - 1995), several men met together and debated the KJV-only issue on the "John Ankerberg Show" ¹³. At least three of those men—**Dan Wallace**, **James White**, and **John Ankerberg**, argued in favor of the new, modern English versions, while three others—Sam Gipp, Thomas Strouse, and Joseph Chambers were there in support of the King James Bible.



During John Ankerberg's TV show, recorded in 1995, it was stated/inferred that, "there are no doctrines affected by the new, modern English Bible translations". During the first 45 minutes of the debate, Dan Wallace made the following statement (citing other, supposedly, "conservative evangelicals")— "...we don't find any doctrine affected by these variants, so what's the problem here?" And, later on in the debate, Wallace said— "...the doctrines are all there in all of these translations." And at the very end of the of the show, Wallace again stated— "No doctrine is affected by these two kinds of translations."

¹³ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YH5g0gXW0FI (JAS - KJV Only Debate 1995)



Sadly, neither **Joseph Chambers**, **Thomas Strouse**, nor **Sam Gipp** took issue with any of these false statements (or, at least, they did not take the time to thoroughly refute them).

1] What about Christ's Doctrine on Divorce and Remarriage??

Back in chapter 3 of his book, (originally published in 1997) Pastor Wayne Williams astutely pointed out one Bible doctrine that virtually ALL of today's modern English versions have erased from their pages!

Pastor Wayne Williams— As God stated through His prophet Malachi, He hates 'putting away', yet corrupt men re-worded Scripture to accommodate their viewpoints making the 'putting away' process easier than did the Lord God Himself. God said He would 'cut off' those who did this thing. It is amazing that the guilty parties were the **masters** and the scholars! ... Today's Greek "masters and scholars" claim they change no doctrine when they write new bibles. Yet, they have definitely changed Christ's doctrine on divorce and remarriage in the New King James Version, which they argue is better than the KJV.

How convenient that the very narrow teaching of Jesus Christ on divorce and marriage has been erased in the modern versions of God's Word. Is this just a coincidence? Of course not!

Again, Dr. Williams— ...it will be discovered that only where a key doctrine is not at stake, the word is left 'fornication' in the NKJV— yet, where doctrinal viewpoints about divorce and remarriage are the subject, 'fornication' is re-worded simply as "sexual immorality"! ... "Sexual immorality" is very broad and can include 'fornication' and also 'adultery'. The NKJV people re-wrote the Word of God to accommodate a point of view (the compromised view) about divorce and remarriage held in many circles, today.

In order for the reader to more fully understand the real problem, here, one must search the King James Bible passages that deal with the subject of divorce and remarriage. The passages containing the very words of Christ are listed here: Matthew 5:31-32; Matthew 19:3-12; Mark 10:2-12; Luke 16:17-18.

The perfect example of the "exception clause" scenario that Jesus was teaching here, is the story of Joseph and Mary. Matthew 1:18-19 — Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. (KJV)

When Joseph learned that Mary was "with child", he determined to "put her away" privately. In other words, Joseph was determined to "put away" Mary, his "espoused wife"—divorcing her from their "espousal" (betrothal) —due to her (assumed) "fornication". According to the OT Law, Joseph had every right to divorce Mary from their engagement, and in order to spare her from being a "publick example" (see: Deuteronomy 22:13-21, 23-27 & Deut. 24:1), he had determined to "put her away privily". Yet, God intervened and explained to Joseph that Mary had NOT committed "fornication", and that she was still a virgin.

In other words—Jesus Christ taught that His <u>only</u> permitted "divorce" was for those who were still "espoused" (engaged), but

they had not yet consummated their marriage. Like Joseph, if a man had suspicions of "fornication" by his *espoused* (soon to be) *wife*, he could "put her away". And, because they hadn't yet consummated their marriage, she would NOT be guilty of "adultery" against him, but instead, she would only be guilty of "fornication". *Note: <u>Both</u> fornication and adultery are "sexual immorality", but they are NOT the same kind of sin! One is a sexual sin committed *without* the bond of marriage, while the other is a sexual sin committed *within* the bond of marriage.

The "exception clause" is found only in Matthew 5:31-32 and 19:3-12. Matthew was written especially for the Jews, and the "betrothal" was a Jewish custom. (*NOTE these changes, below, have been made in virtually ALL of the modern English versions, printed over the last 100 years, and/or in use today.)

-Matthew 5:31-32 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. (KJV)

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"... except sexual immorality..." (NKJV)
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-Matthew 19:9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, **except it be for fornication**, **and shall marry another**, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. (KJV)

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"...except for sexual immorality..." (NKJV)
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[&]quot;... except for the cause of unchastity..." (NASB)

[&]quot;...except on the ground of unchastity..." (NRSV)

[&]quot;...except for marital unfaithfulness..." (NIV)

[&]quot;...except on the ground of sexual immorality..." (ESV)

[&]quot;...except for the reason of sexual immorality..." (LSB)

[&]quot;...except for immorality..." (NASB)

[&]quot;... except for unchastity..." (NRSV)

[&]quot;... except for marital unfaithfulness..." (NIV)

[&]quot;... except for sexual immorality..." (ESV)

[&]quot;... except for **sexual immorality**..." (LSB)

Dr. Williams— Jesus made it clear that the **only exception** for divorce and remarriage was a <u>narrow</u> kind of 'sexual immorality', namely '<u>fornication</u>' — <u>not</u> **any kind** of 'sexual immorality'! Jesus made **no** allowance for divorce due to the "sexual immorality" of adultery, yet the NKJV translators made a broad sweep as they re-wrote the Word of God. Any unsuspecting reader of the NKJV would be led to believe that one could divorce his wife (or, she her husband) over <u>any</u> kind of "sexual immorality"!

Jesus taught no such thing! Not even the Old Testament taught that 'adultery' was grounds for divorce. <u>It was grounds for **stoning**</u>! Check out Leviticus 20:10...

Now, why does the above explanation seem so foreign to our modern concept of divorce and remarriage?

Here are a few reasons:

- Most people, today, are ignorant of the Jewish espousal (betrothal) and marriage customs, at/before the time of Christ.
- Today's pastors and churches have compromised Christ's teaching on divorce, by confusing these two words—*adultery* and *fornication* making them synonymous, when they really are two distinct words, with two distinct meanings.
- This compromise has now been bolstered by the more recent, modern translations that have flooded the churches.

So, is it any wonder why the divorce and remarriage statistics, even amongst Christians, have skyrocketed in the last century???

Sadly, even amongst the average, independent Baptist churches and Bible colleges—who claim to be KJV-only— when it comes to their practice of divorce and remarriage, they are actually in lock step with the modern English translations! Shame on us!

Don't believe this accusation? Compare the KJV passages with the divorce and remarriage passages found in today's modern versions, as well as the unbiblical divorce/remarriage policies that are practiced in many of today's "KJV-only" churches.

As Pastor Williams stated it— Corrupt men in all ages corrupt (re-word) Scriptures to fit their own views. That is what often motivates the re-wording of *Scripture*, yet, **TRUTH** remains, and God preserves it always!

Changing the translation from "fornication" to a generic "sexual immorality", etc., removes the <u>distinction</u> between *fornication* vs. *adultery* = (sexual-sin <u>outside</u> of a marriage covenant vs. sexual-sin <u>within</u> a marriage covenant).

The (KJV) doctrine of Christ <u>is NARROW!</u> Thus, the response from His disciples— "His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry." ~ **Matthew 19:10** (KJV). The truth hurts, but it is still the TRUTH.

However, unlike His NT disciples— rather than admitting that Christ's doctrine <u>is</u> hard, modern scholars, pastors, and laymen have *hardened* their hearts to His Word, and changed It, instead!

As a result, they make Christ look stupid— as though He was speaking out of both sides of His mouth— "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for "sexual immorality" [which is adultery], and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

(So... if my spouse commits a "sexual immorality" against me [i.e. adultery], then, it's 'ok' for me to commit adultery, too???)

See what has happened to churches across the land?

"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery." ~ Mark 10:9-12 (KJV)

"And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail. Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." ~ Luke 16:17-18 (KJV)

2] Modern Versions Confuse the Doctrine of Christ's Return

Except for the NKJV, <u>every</u> other modern bible version has changed— "day of Christ" — into — "day of the Lord" — in 2Thessalonians 2:2. And, to the average reader, this change may seem like "no big deal", but for those who study eschatology (the end times and the return of Christ), this switch from "Christ" to "Lord", <u>is a very big deal!</u>

2Thessalonians 2:1-3

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the **day of Christ** is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." (**KJV**)

- "...that the day of the Lord has already come." (NIV)
- "...that the day of the Lord has come." (ESV)
- "...that the day of the Lord has come." (LSB)

Obviously, the editors of the modern versions have chosen the Critical Text— the Wescott & Hort, Nestle Aland Greek text.

Compare these two NT Greek texts, in 2Thessalonians 2:2:

Textus Receptus [Received Text] = Greek Text of the KJV

"εις το μη ταχεως σαλευθηναι υμας απο του νοος μητε θροεισθαι μητε δια πνευματος μητε δια λογου μητε δι επιστολης ως δι ημων ως οτι ενεστηκεν η ημερα του **χριστου**" { χριστου = **Christ** }

Alexandrian - Westcott & Hort - Nestle Aland Greek Text

"εἰς τὸ μὴ ταχέως σαλευθῆναι ὑμᾶς ἀπὸ τοῦ νοὸς μηδὲ θροεῖσθαι, μήτε διὰ πνεύματος μήτε διὰ λόγου μήτε δι' ἐπιστολῆς ὡς δι' ἡμῶν, ὡς ὅτι ἐνέστηκεν ἡ ἡμέρα τοῦ **κυρίου·**" { κυρίου˙ = **Lord** } Much like Christ's doctrine concerning Divorce and Remarriage, this <u>switch</u> in 2Thessalonians 2:2 has been ignored—yea, even subtly agreed upon, by supposed "KJV-only" preachers! Whenever the actual Words of prophecy that God gave are altered, one's understanding of prophecy will be affected! This is <u>why</u> Dr. Williams warned:

"Many prophecies are affected by the modern translations. THINK, FOLKS, THINK!"

Interestingly enough (and quite alarmingly), the Jehovah Witness' Bible, and the Catholic Bible both read exactly like the modern versions used by the majority of Christian churches, today.

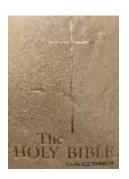
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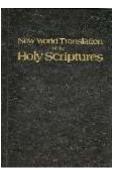
<u>The Holy Bible Catholic Version</u> – 1966 (see the Catholic RSV, and their other versions, as well)

2Thessalonians 2:2 – "Not to be hastily shaken from your right mind, nor terrified, whether by spirit, or by utterance, or by letter attributed to us, as though the **day of the Lord** were near at hand."

New World Translation (Jehovah Witness' Bible - 1984 & 2013)

2Thessalonians 2:2 – "not to be quickly shaken from YOUR reason nor to be excited either through an inspired expression or through a verbal message or through a letter as though from us, to the effect that the day of Jehovah is here." (Jehovah = Lord)





¹⁴ For more understanding of the effect that Modern Versions have had on our "Eschatology", we recommend the book, *Which One is Right?*, by Matt Furse

3]Modern Versions Confuse God's Promise to Abraham's Seed

"...The more exact the agreement of the promise to the case, the greater the comfort which it will yield. In this school the believer will learn the value of plenary, ay, of verbal inspiration; for in his own instance he may have to dwell upon so slight a matter as the number of a noun, as Paul did when quoting the promise made to Abraham he remarks, 'Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ' (Gal. 3:16)." C.H. Spurgeon ~ According to Promise

Galatians 3:16 – Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. (KJV)

In the KJV, the only time that "seed" ends with an "s" (seeds), is in the above verse (Gal 3:16). (i.e. 'seed' is *never* plural) Under inspiration, Paul emphasizes the importance of even one letter—seed vs. seeds! In Galatians 3, Paul reveals that God's promises in Genesis 12 were to singular Abraham, and his singular "seed"—and, that "Seed" is Christ! Of course, all those who are "in Christ", become a part of "Abraham's seed". Yet, as with other doctrines, the modern versions have done damage. See below...

Genesis 12:7 – And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy **seed** will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. (KJV)

- ..."To your descendants I will give this land." (NKJV)
- ... "To your **offspring** I will give this land." (NIV)
- ... "To your **offspring** I will give this land." (ESV)
- ... "To your offspring I am going to give this land." (NWT)

So, according to Scripture, <u>Who</u> owns the land??? ¹⁶

¹⁵ <u>According to Promise—The Lord's Method of Dealing with His Chosen People,</u> CH Spurgeon; The Gospel Hour Inc., Oliver B. Green, Director; Greenville, SC; pp 105-106 (bold emphasis mine)

¹⁶ For more on "seed" vs. "seeds", Read: Who is Israel?, by Matt Furse

The Bold and Empty Statement of Faith in "The Bible"



ome Christian schools and churches boldly proclaim...

"We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, complete and without error in the original autographs."

• This honest and seemingly spiritual bit of sophistry is actually meant to deceive the hearts of the simple. The deception?

There never was a "Bible" containing the original autographs and they know it. They NEVER say this about a particular BOOK.

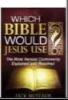
- Yet they declare that "the Bible"—i.e., "original autographs" was "inspired," "complete," and "without error."
- Which means that "The Bible" we now have (any version) is uninspired, incomplete, and contains errors.

By their OWN ADMISSION, their "holy book" is defective.

What an embarrassment to God and Christianity.

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Appendix C

Inspiration, Preservation, and the "Original Autographs"

"We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, complete and without error in the original autographs."

The above statement is found in the Doctrinal Statement of many churches, across the land. At a glance, it seems genuine, but a closer examination reveals that this statement is really a "nothing burger"— a completely useless, spineless stance on a "Bible" that technically never was! ...How so?

- 1] Because, the "original autographs" of the Old Testament and the New Testament were *never* bound together into one volume, as a "Book"(Bible). In the first several centuries, the early churches were thankful to have even a portion of the Bible, let alone several epistles of God's Word.
- 2] Also, the above statement is useless because No One, today, has the "original autographs"—the original writings of the Scriptures have long since disintegrated and vanished—due to the corruptible parchments that were used, and the constant handling of them, etc. Remember, God's people were to USE His Word, and to share It. No one was told to "preserve it under glass", or bury It!

The fact that the "originals" are no longer available on earth is NOT a problem—God promised to preserve His <u>Words</u>, but He did not promise to preserve the original manuscripts, themselves. Therefore, by *copying*, God used His people (His churches)—to spread the Word far and wide, thus, fulfilling the "great commission". God's people (local churches) were the distributers of His Word. This is *still* His method of evangelism.

But, were only faithful, accurate *copies* of God's Word enough to complete the "great commission", or must there also be faithful, accurate *translations* of His Word, as well?

Reading what God did in Acts 2, we know that there was an immediate need for *translations* into other languages.

As Pastor Williams wrote in chapter 4—

On the Day of Pentecost, Hebrew people who had been scattered into every nation under heaven where differing languages were spoken, gathered to celebrate the Hebrew feast. The Holy Spirit moved the believers, and they spoke God's Word in at least eighteen different languages (tongues). So much for "Hebrew and Greek Onlyism"! Here is classic proof that God is able to give the wonderful works of God in multiple languages, yet give the same TRUTH, without error, in any language used. This laid the groundwork for giving mankind His infallible Word, without error, in multiple languages— including the English language.

Pastor Williams' (above) observation is significant because even amongst those on the side of the KJV, there are those who are "Hebrew and Greek-only", as opposed to "KJV-Only". These men are "TR-only", and they assume and teach that God's Word (His inspired, infallible, inerrant, Word) can only be found in the Hebrew and/or Greek *copies* of the *originals*. In their minds, the translations cannot possibly be as inspired-accurate-infallible as the "original languages". They agree that the "originals" are gone, but they believe that the inspiration and preservation of His Word can only be found in the faithful *copies* of Hebrew and Greek manuscripts, but not in the *translations* of those copies. In other words, they believe that God was able to oversee the faithful copying of His Word, from Hebrew to Hebrew and Greek to Greek, but that He could not *completely* preserve His Word from Hebrew to English, or Greek to English. Apparently, they believe that God is omnipotent—but, He's not that omnipotent!

Fortunately, God is bigger than their concept of Him.

Pastor Williams, again—Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures auoted by New Testament authors as they wrote in Greek, were not originally written in Greek, but in Hebrew...Who translated these Scriptures as they were written from Hebrew into Greek? When was the translation done? Since the New Testament was given by Divine Inspiration—then, the Holy Spirit inspired translated Old Testament Scripture! The Holy Spirit inspired, again, previously inspired Scripture, in a new language! ...[These] facts prove that the Holy Spirit of God inspired Scripture in the translated form, as well as the standard form. If Hebrew translated into Greek can be the "inspired and inerrant Word of God", then, Greek and Hebrew translated into Enalish, can likewise be—the "inspired, inerrant, Word of God"—under God's infallible preservation of Scripture, even if it is translated Scripture!

Yes, indeed, there is more to the issue of the "originals" than higher critics of the KJV want to admit!

Does 'inspiration' reside *only* in the Hebrew and Greek MSS??

Pastor John Asquith makes an astute observation concerning what he calls, "the myth of the Greek"—

"I lived in the nation of Greece for three years. It is an incredibly superstitious nation whose idolatry is medieval. Every one of the priests of this superstitious system can read ancient Greek fluently. In fact, anyone who has graduated from high school can read ancient Greek, because in one year they study in the Modern Greek and write their lessons in ancient Greek, while in the next year they study in the ancient Greek but write in the Modern Greek...

"...When I first returned to the states I began to hear preachers make remarks about how knowing the Greek would clear up mysteries in the Word of God. I found that puzzling. I had lived for three years in a land where everyone could read it and think in ancient Greek, and yet they crawled up hot dusty roads to light incense for idols. The people I knew who professed salvation

by grace and walked in the light of God's Word, were reading an English Bible.

"Even Greek professors in a typical Bible college don't really <u>speak</u> Greek...The sad reality is that the average so-called Greek professor could not have been hired as a tutor to a high school student one hundred years ago. The average janitor at Helenikon International Airport in Athens is more fluent in the ancient Greek tongue than most supposed experts in the Greek language...

"...If Greek were such a panacea for understanding the Word of God, we could expect the top Greek faculties to agree on key issues. Once a man learned Greek he should be firm with all scholars on such issues as election, the charismatic movement, the deity of Christ,... etc. One would think that all true Greek scholars would be in one denomination.

"Every denomination has supposed experts in the Greek language. The Jehovah Witnesses do. The Mormons do. The Catholics do and so do the Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostals, Congregationalists, Presbyterians and every other denomination...

"...Not surprisingly, there is much ambiguity and confusion among Greek scholars as among those who know nothing of the language. Men do not learn their doctrine from reading Greek. They learn their doctrine in English and then spend a lifetime trying to justify it with the limited Greek they know." ¹⁷

Pastor Asquith raises an interesting point here. How is it that the nation of Greece—a people group that speaks, reads, and studies the ancient Greek—how is it that they haven't a *deeper* understanding of the Word of God? After all, doesn't the "original Greek language" contain the "magic" words???

And, for that matter, WHY isn't the modern state of Israel a Godly nation? Are they not a Hebrew speaking country? Do they not have access to the "original Hebrew"??? Why haven't the "magic words of Hebrew" affected the modern state of Israel?

¹⁷ Further Thoughts on the Word of God – John Asquith, 2020, chapter 3

Why is it that the most *Christian* nation—in the history of world—is/was an *English* speaking nation? Why have more revivals, and world-wide evangelism taken place amongst the English speaking peoples of the world—as compared to those people groups that speak Hebrew and Greek as their native tongue? If the *inspired* words are to be found *only* in Hebrew and Greek—i.e. if, today, *they* are the "magic words" that bring mankind closer to the *real* Word of God—where is the proof???

Pastor Williams made the following statement to me several years ago (as is found in Chapter 2)—and, I have never forgotten it!

"Timothy was not reminded of how much Hebrew he knew, or how well he could use lexicons, but rather, he was told that he knew the Holy Scriptures from his childhood, and they were able to make him wise unto salvation. No doubt Timothy used the same book of Scriptures from childhood up to the time of Paul. He had no shelf full of "variant readings" of Scriptures. He also did <u>not</u> have the original autographs! Timothy had either **a copy** of the original autographs, or he had **a copy** of the Greek translation from Hebrew, known as the Septuagint. The point is: whatever Timothy had from childhood, either **a copy** of the original, or **a translation** of the original, it was called, "Scriptures" under Divine inspiration through the Apostle Paul!"

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness..." (II Timothy 3:15-16)

¹⁸ See: Appendix A – What about the "Septuagint"?

Not surprisingly, there is as much ambiguity and confusion among Greek scholars as among those who know nothing of the language. Men do not learn their doctrine from reading Greek. They learn their doctrine in English and then spend a lifetime trying to justify it with the limited Greek they know.

- John Asquith

"I'm still looking for –

'Thou shalt learn Hebrew and Greek'

- in the Bible."

~ Matt Furse

Appendix D

Questions and Answers with Dave Hunt ("The Berean Call"):

* "Q & A" sent to The Berean Call and answered by Dave Hunt [2003]

Question:

You seem to discount the value of studying Greek and Hebrew in order to be able to understand the Bible better. A friend of mine is trying to persuade me to go to seminary in order to learn the original biblical languages. Why shouldn't I?

Answer:

If the Lord leads you to seminary, by all means go. But let's be practical. How many years of study and experience do you think the translators of the King James Bible had in order to qualify them for that job? How long would it take a beginner to learn Greek and Hebrew well enough to discover where these men made a poor translation (if they did) and to improve it? Does your friend, or do you, intend to reach that level of expertise? Is that remote possibility worth the time and effort?

If you say that Greek is a richer language than English, and that knowing it would give you a deeper understanding, I won't argue. But wouldn't the time you'd have to spend learning Greek to any beneficial level be better spent in studying the Bible itself on your knees, seeking understanding from the Holy Spirit, and getting to know Him and His Word? Comparing scripture with scripture, and using a good concordance, you can see how the same Greek or Hebrew words and expressions are used in different passages. The Bible interprets itself.

I have been told lately by several Calvinists that I can't understand the Bible—not even John 3:16—because I don't know the original languages. If so, then neither does the average Christian, but must look to experts to interpret it for him—experts who therefore stand between him and God. Far from biblical, this is elitism similar to Roman Catholicism, which discourages

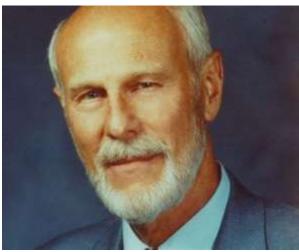
ordinary members from studying the Bible because only the magisterium (bishops in concert with the Pope) can interpret it.

Saying this, doesn't make me popular and offends some of my dearest friends. But a knowledge of Greek and Hebrew has been elevated so highly that one must conclude that the Wycliffe Bible translators have wasted their time all these years. Why translate the Bible into native languages if these people still couldn't understand it because they don't know Greek and Hebrew? Wouldn't it be more efficient and less time consuming to teach Greek and Hebrew to native peoples so they could read the Bible in those languages instead of translating it into their native tongues? May the Lord give you wisdom in coming to your own conclusions.

~ Dave Hunt, *The Berean Call*, 2003 (signed ~ "TBC Staff")

*See also: the "Dave Hunt" Facebook page ~ https://www.facebook.com/TheRealDaveHunt -

Dave Hunt Facebook Post: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 @ 7:17pm



Dave Hunt - "The Berean Call"

"One of these days some simple soul will pick up the Book of God, read it, and believe it. Then the rest of us will be embarrassed. We have adopted the convenient theory that the Bible is a Book to be explained, whereas first and foremost it is a Book to be believed (and after that to be obeyed)."

Leonard Ravenhill, "Revival God's Way"



Appendix E

"Honest"

Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men 2nd Corinthians 8:21.

"In my tedious reading of James White's omnibus collection of every twisted reason for correcting a King James Bible, (conveniently gathered into one fell volume called *The King James Only Controversy*), I came across this item on page 141.

"Another term which does not always mean what it did back in the days of King James I of England is the word "honest".

This provoked me into consulting the Oxford English Dictionary to see if indeed the word "Honest" had narrowed its meaning in the last 400 years until it could no longer be understood properly in all of its usages in a King James Bible. Sure enough, the word honest has not always been isolated to mean truthful. It is still that way today even though James White purports not to know that and seems quite sure that no one else can figure it out.

Yes, there are instances in our King James Bible where the use of the word "Honest" conveys a less used meaning such as honorable, but is that unheard of for a 21st century reader? If a man makes an honest living, is he making a truthful living or an honorable living?

When the Apostle Paul says; *Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly, Hebrews 13:8*, is he asking for prayers that he tell the truth, or that he can make an honorable living? Is it not the same apostle who told the elders of Ephesus; *Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me, Acts 20:34*? Is it really so difficult for a reader in the 21st century to see that an honest living is not a truthful living? An honest living is a respectable living.

Herein we see the folly of the new versions. They assume that people can't pick up on the nuances of a word used more than one way. In the 413 year history of the King James Bible, has there ever been anyone who read, *providing for honest things, 2nd Corinthians 8:2*, who thought that the Apostle Paul was trying to provide things that told the truth? Has there ever been anyone who did not understand that Paul wanted to provide things that were upright as well as truthful?

Bible correctors behave just like political liberals. They assume that they need to protect a class that can't protect themselves. The bible correctors come from a highly educated class of people. Somehow they have lost contact with the average person. My experience has been that when a poorly educated and barely literate person is given a chance to read the King James Bible and is guided as to how to read it, they are grateful.

It enhances their ability to read and to understand. They begin to enjoy church for something other than clapping their hands and wiggling their hind ends. It elevates them. Somehow it seems foreign to the critics of the King James Bible that the people can quite easily be taught a higher standard of reading and that in doing so, their lives are made immeasurably better.

If you want to rob a child from a poor minority family, and who lives in the middle of a rundown neighborhood, dumb down the educational standards at his school. Pat yourself on the back and pretend that you see him as an equal wherein you have actually prejudged him to be incapable of a stronger curriculum. What is truly sad is that the very same conservative Christians who take a stand against such folly foist the new bibles on people for the very same reasons.

The people really can be taught and they are changed for the better when its done."

~ Dr. John M. Asquith - March 5, 2024 https://www.purecambridgetext.com/post/honest

"Age" vs. "World"

Pastor Mark Hunter takes issue with James White's argument (*The King James Only Controversy* - Chapter 6, pp. 135-136) that "age" is the better choice for the Greek word, "aion", as opposed to the King James Bible's use of "world" for aion —

"The author (James White) points out that the King James translates the Greek word 'aion' as "world," and states that the most basic, literal translation of the term is 'age'. This is incorrect.

"The English word, 'world', is actually the Anglo-Saxon word for 'a long period of time'. The word 'age' is simply the Latin root word with the same meaning. Translating 'aion' as 'world' is completely accurate.

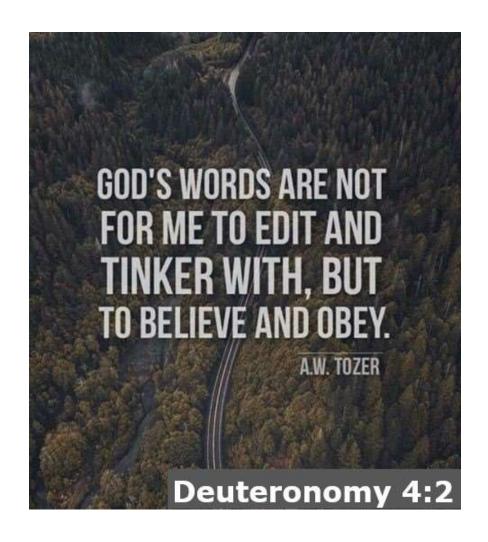
"Both 'world' and 'age' are perfectly acceptable ways to translate 'aion', and the King James uses both words to translate the Greek word. A simple explanation of the meaning of 'world' is all that is needed for comprehension.

"The King James also uses 'world' to translate the Greek word 'kosmos'. This would appear to be due to the fact that there is a close connection between time and space. God's creation is related to the time period in which it exists, so 'kosmos' can also be translated as 'world.'

"An English reader can easily determine in which sense the word 'world' is being used by the topic being discussed. For example, John 3:16 is clearly referring to the *world of people*, while 1 John 2:15 is clearly referring to the *physical world*.

"A simple rule of thumb would be that most of the time, 'world' refers to the period of time in which we exist, unless the topic is clearly about nature, creation, or people."

~ Pastor Mark Hunter – Twitter "X" post – April 16, 2024 https://twitter.com/dellsbaptist/status/1780366595405021196



Appendix F

Should Creationists Abandon The King James Version?

By: Dr. Henry M. Morris, PH.D. - SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1996

In this day when many Christians have started using one of the modern English translations of the Bible, abandoning the King James Version, it may be well to review a few of the reasons why many creationists still prefer the latter.

The King James Translators

One reason is that all the fifty or more translators who developed the King James Bible were godly men who believed implicitly in the inerrancy and full authority of Scripture and in the literal historicity of Genesis, with its record of six-day Creation and the worldwide Flood. This has not been true of many who have worked on the modern versions.

Furthermore, the King James translators (54 men altogether) were great scholars, as proficient in the Biblical languages as any who have come after them. They were familiar with the great body of manuscript evidence, as well as all the previous translations. They worked diligently on the project (assigned to them by King James) for over seven years (completed in 1611), with the result that the "Authorized" version eventually displaced all those that had gone before and has withstood the test of wide usage in all English-speaking countries ever since.

Which New Translation?

This is not a new question. There have been over 120 English translations of the complete Bible published *since* the King James, as well as over 200 New Testaments. Even if one really feels that he ought to switch to a modern translation, how can he decide which, if any, is really the inspired word of God? I personally have perused in some depth at least 20 of them.

Is God The Author Of Confusion?

For a long time, the "official" version used in each Bible-believing church was the King James, with the others used occasionally for reference study by teachers and pastors. Now, however, confusion reigns. Congregational reading is no longer possible, and Scripture memorization, which has been an incalculable blessing in my own Christian life, is almost a lost art these days.

And what about our belief in verbal inspiration? If it's only the "thought" that counts, then the words are flexible, and we can adjust them to make them convey any thought we prefer. Exact thoughts require precise words.

Which Version Best Renders The Original Manuscripts?

Even many King James Bibles have footnotes referring to what are said to be "better manuscripts" which indicate that certain changes should be made in the King James text. But what are these manuscripts, and are they really better? It is significant that almost all of the new versions of the New Testament are based on what is known as the Westcott-Hort Greek text, whereas the King James is based largely on what is known as the Textus Receptus. As far as the Hebrew text is concerned, the King James is based on the Masoretic text, while the modern versions rely heavily on Kittel's revised Masoretic text.

The Masoretic text was compiled from the ancient manuscripts of the Old Testament by the Masoretes Hebrew scholars dedicated to guarding and standardizing the traditional Hebrew text as "handed down" (the basic meaning of Masoretic) from the earlier Hebrew scribes, who had in turn meticulously copied the ancient Hebrew manuscripts, scrupulously guarding against error. As far as the Hebrew text developed by Rudolf Kittel is concerned, it is worth noting that Kittel was a German rationalistic higher critic, rejecting Biblical inerrancy and firmly devoted to evolutionism.

The men most responsible for alterations in the New Testament text were B.F. Westcott and F.J.A. Hort, whose Greek New Testament was largely updated by Eberhard Nestle and Kurt Aland. All of these men were evolutionists. Furthermore, Westcott and Hort both denied Biblical inerrancy and promoted spiritism and racism. Nestle and Aland, like Kittel, were German theological skeptics.

Westcott and Hort were also the most influential members of the English revision committee which produced the English Revised Version of the Bible. The corresponding American revision committee which developed the American Standard Version of 1901 was headed by another liberal evolutionist, Philip Schaff. Most new versions since that time have adopted the same presuppositions as those of the 19th century revisers.

Furthermore, the Westcott-Hort text was mainly based on two early Greek manuscripts, the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus texts, which were rediscovered and rescued from long (and well-deserved) obscurity in the 19th century. Since these are both said to be older than the 5000 manuscripts that support the Textus Receptus, they were called "better." This was in spite of the fact that they frequently disagreed with each other as well as with the Textus Receptus and also contained many obvious and flagrant mistakes.

The fact that these two manuscripts may have been older does not prove they are better. More likely it indicates that they were set aside because of their numerous errors. Thus they would naturally last longer than the good manuscripts which were being used regularly.

So one of the serious problems with most modern English translations is that they rely heavily on Hebrew and Greek manuscripts of the Bible developed by liberals, rationalists, and evolutionists, none of whom believed in the verbal inspiration of the Bible. Is this how God would preserve His word? Would He not more likely have used devout scholars who believed in the absolute inerrancy and authority of the Bible?

How About The Archaic Language In The King James?

The beautiful prose of the King James is a treasure which should not be lost. It has been acclaimed widely as the greatest example of English literature ever written. Apart from a few archaic words which can be easily clarified in footnotes, it is as easy to understand today as it was four hundred years ago. This is why the common people today still use and love it. It is the "intelligentsia" who tend to favor the modern versions. The King James uses mostly one and two-syllable words, and formal studies have always shown its readability index to be 10th grade or lower.

It is also noteworthy that the King James was produced during the period when the English language and literature had reached their zenith of power and expressiveness. This was the age of Shakespeare, for example. Modern English is merely a decadent remnant of its former beauty and clarity. It is no wonder that a Bible translation produced at that special time in history has endured for almost 400 years, meeting the needs and guiding the culture of over ten generations of English speaking peoples.

We have abandoned today many fine points of grammar commonly used in 1600. For example, we forget that "thee," "thou," and "thine" were used to express the second person singular, with "you," "ye," and "yours" reserved for second person plural. Today we use "you" indiscriminately for both singular and plural, thereby missing the precise meaning of many texts of Scripture.

Furthermore, the translators were not only Biblical scholars but accomplished writers, and one of their goals had been to produce a Bible that would "sing" with beauty and power, as well as retaining literal faithfulness to the original texts, which had themselves been written with majestic musical beauty.

With all these factors in mind, do we not most honor the Lord and His revealed word by having it read and used in that form of our language which was in use when the English language was at its best, instead of in our modern jargon? All modern versions are inferior to the King James in this important regard.

Conclusion

I believe, therefore, after studying, teaching, and loving the Bible for over 55 years, that Christians—especially creationists!—need to hang on to their old King James Bibles as long as they live. God has uniquely blessed its use in the great revivals, in the worldwide missionary movement, and in the personal lives of believers, more so than He has with all the rest of the versions put together, and "by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20).

It is the most beautiful, the most powerful and (I strongly believe) the most reliable of any that we have or ever will have, until Christ returns.

~ the late, Dr. Henry M. Morris, Founder & President of ICR - Institute for Creation Research (June 1, 1996)

https://www.icr.org/article/should-creationists-abandon-king-james-version/ (last accessed, March 2024)

*Interestingly, in the original unabridged published version of the above online article, <u>A Creationist's Defense of the King James Bible</u>, Dr. Morris commented on the many failures of the modern English versions, but he also made his own confession: "On one of these—the New King James Version—I was even a member of the North America Overview Committee, reviewing the proposed translation of Genesis in particular, even though I cannot read Hebrew. The men who worked on the NKJV were, so far as I know, all godly men committed to Biblical inerrancy, and some of them, at least, to literal creationism, and I believe it is probably the best of the modern translations. Even so, after trying to use it and endorse it, I finally went back to the "old" King

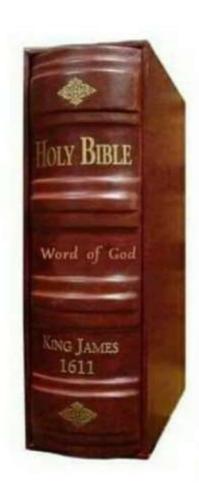
James, convinced that it is still the best, in terms of poetic majesty, spiritual power, and over-all clarity and reliability." ¹⁹

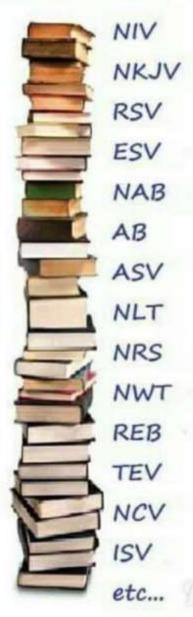


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¹⁹ https://www.wholesomewords.org/pdf/defense.pdf - <u>A Creationist's</u>
<u>Defense of the King James Bible</u> - Henry M. Morris – ICR (last accessed, March 2024) * As with so many other modern day scholars, Dr. Morris approached the Bible with an agenda (his being creation vs. evolution) and, by placing too much trust in modern day scholarship and "experts", he assumed that we have the right to "correct" what the 1611 translators chose to use. In spite of all this, however, Henry Morris' own testimony and his defense of the KJV is still valuable, because it reveals his constant search for something better—only to finally admit towards the end of his life that the KJB is still The Best. In spite of his shortcomings, Dr. Morris was, in the end, a King James Bible defender. *(NOTE: The original, printed publication of this article is no longer in circulation)

Real Counterfeit





Truth is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things.

— Isaac Newton —

Appendix G

Quotes, Version Comparisons, and Other Interesting Facts

~ Quotes

"God never commissioned book writers and book publishers to copy and preserve His Word. God gave the Hebrew Old Testament to the Levites to copy and preserve. The Greek New Testament He gave to Local Churches to copy and preserve. God also gave the Hebrew Old Testament to the Churches, after Christ's resurrection. New Testament writers attached Old Testament Scriptures to the New Testament Greek texts. The New Testament Greek texts were given to Local Churches, thus, the Local Churches became the pillar and ground of the TRUTH (Scriptures)— both Old and New Testaments (I Timothy 3:15)."

~ **H. Wayne Williams** – <u>Does God have a Controversy with the</u> King James Bible?

"In spite of what you may be thinking, however, the Living Word was not preserved by the professors and administrators of the institutions of higher learning, but by the lesser known and often discredited *priesthood of believers*. It is *the priesthood of believers* guided by the Holy Ghost that keeps the local church, which is the pillar and ground of truth [1 Tim 3:15], on solid ground, and that protects, guards, and keeps the only sure foundation for the church, the Words of God. It is *not* the institutions of scribes, Pharisees, or scholars that guard, protect, and keep the Holy Words... It is the local, independent churches of God that have maintained, guarded, protected, preserved, and kept the pure Word."

"The Scriptures have **not** been lost and we do not need 'editors' to 'reconstruct' or 'correct' the Bible."

~ **H.D. Williams**, M.D. - <u>The Lie that Changed the Modern World</u>, [2004], pp15-16

"It is obvious to students of the Scripture that God had a providential hand in the translating of the King James Bible. The translation was made in 'the fullness of time,' so to speak, because of the spirituality, learning, and scholarship present in England in the sixteen hundreds. Furthermore, God's 'right hand of power' was evident in the translation. God knew that the work of the translators was going to have

international influence, which continues to this day. This fact cannot be overstated."

"Finally, the assertion can be made by this author that there are **no** translational errors in the AV/KJB! There are **no** "better" words. There are **no** better-trained men to translate. The product, the King James Bible, is absolutely a superior work of God and men that will never be repeated for English-speaking people."

~ **H.D. Williams**, M.D., Ph.D. - <u>The King James Bible's</u> <u>Accuracy & Faithfulness</u>, [2011], p.15

"God inspired the scripture. The writings handwritten by Moses, the prophets and apostles are all scripture and are inspired. But exact copies and correct translations are also called scripture. They are just as inspired as the originals, also known as 'original autographs.'"

"When God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, was on the earth, all He ever read from were copies. But He called them scripture. So we can be sure from Jesus Himself that trustworthy copies are scripture, too."

"The King James Bible is an accurate translation of trustworthy copies of God's words. So we can trust that our King James Bible is God's preserved words in English."

~ **Gary Miller** - *Why the King James Bible is the Perfect Word of God*, [2006], p.12

"Some have concluded that because the original words that God spoke were in Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic, that God only inspired and preserved the words in the original languages. This is an erroneous teaching for at least two reasons. First of all, because we learn at the Tower of Babel that God is the Author of all languages, and therefore experiences no language barrier. He is capable of articulating His Word in English without losing the perfection and power it had in the original languages. Second, God's words are spirit, and His Spirit is not limited to a single language. We therefore conclude, on the premise of Psalm 12:6-7, that God has preserved both the perfection and the inspiration of His Word in the King James Bible."

~ Dennis Corle, God's Inspired Book—The Bible, p.18

Concerning the Word of God: "...the doctrines of inspiration and preservation are as inseparable as a pair of Siamese twins with one heart." ~ Dr. J. Wendell Runion

"I'm still looking for – 'Thou shalt learn Hebrew and Greek' – in the Bible." ~ Matt Furse

"Not surprisingly, there is much ambiguity and confusion among Greek scholars as among those who know nothing of the language. Men do not learn their doctrine from reading Greek. They learn their doctrine in English and then spend a lifetime trying to justify it with the limited Greek they know."

~ **John Asquith**, *Further Thoughts on the Word of God (revised edition)* [2020], p. 56

"...the modern translators are trying to get Christians away from believing that the Bible is inspired by God. They will eventually succeed in this endeavor, as 'Biblical' scholars have already convinced Christians that the Bible they hold today is not 100% God's Word, by getting them to stop believing the doctrine of preservation. Most Christians will say that, 'God's Word is perfect without error in its original languages (doctrine of inspiration). Today, we need to study Greek and Hebrew so that we can get as close to the original meanings of God's Word as possible. We also need to question translations, as each one has its own strengths and weaknesses (no doctrine of preservation). 'Thus, Christians are left with the idea that the Bible that we have today in the English language is a reasonably accurate representation of what God said originally, but, that there are bound to be copying errors that have been introduced, such that there are minor errors spread throughout the text. THIS IDEA IS UTTERLY FALSE!"

~ Eric & Lonna Neumann, Bible Per-VERSIONS, p.3

"The Bible has ceased to be the 'last word' for most Christians. They want to know what another version says. Or, if they do not like what they read, they assume that it is a bad translation. So, instead of the word of God correcting us, we correct the word of God. In the minds of today's Christian, the Bible has ceased to be a solid substance that can be checked as an absolute authority. Rather, it has become a process that is always becoming but never quite arrives. The real authority becomes the scholar who tells us what the passage really means."

~ **Douglas D. Stauffer**, PH.D.

"Most of the people I talk to that use other translations will admit their version is not perfect. In essence they believe in an ALMOST Holy Bible where I believe in a completely Holy Bible. I believe this based on scripture itself where God has promised that he would preserve his word to ALL generations. (Psalm 12: 6-7)"

~ Christopher E. Howe, *The KJV is for Me*, p.7

"If you want to rob a child from a poor minority family and who lives in the middle of a rundown neighborhood, dumb down the educational standards at his school. Pat yourself on the back and pretend that you see him as an equal wherein you have actually prejudged him to be incapable of a stronger curriculum. What is truly sad is that the very same conservative Christians who take a stand against such folly foist the new bibles on people for the very same reasons."

"The people really can be taught and they are changed for the better when it's done."

~ John Asquith 3/5/2024 - https://www.purecambridgetext.com/post/honest

"Bus kids don't have trouble understanding the KJV, it appears only seminary professors do." ~ **Phil Stringer**

"The trouble with modern men is not that they do not understand the terminology of the Authorized Version of the Bible, it is that they are spiritually dead. Give it to them in other translations, and it will still mean nothing to them." \sim **Martin Lloyd-Jones**

"The same people who claim to struggle with understanding 'Thee' and 'Thou' in a hymnal or in a King James Bible, seem to have no difficulty with abbreviations like—'lol', 'btw', 'lik', 'txt', 'brb', 'idk', 'NP', 'EOD', 'ILY', 'FTW', 'CYA', 'OMW', and 'TTYL'" ~ **Unknown**

"Someone has wisely said, 'A man who owns only one watch knows what time it is, but a man who has two watches is never quite sure.' In a similar way this is the problem with the many different translations of the N.T. ... The authority of God's Word in the English language is being eroded by these many translations. ... God's Word is no longer the authority over you. You have, by reason of the picking and choosing of translations, become the authority over God's Word. When there are two authorities, there is no authority at all."

~ Dr. Charles Turner, of the Baptist Bible Translators Institute

"The King James Bible is the world's all-time, best selling Book. There is good reason for that. It is the Word of God for more than four hundred million people on the earth today for whom English is their native language. English is almost universally spoken and is most nations' second language where it is not the mother tongue. That is why God's preserved Word in English, the King James Bible, has outsold any and all other books that have ever been printed."

~ Bill Bradley, *Purified Seven Times*, p.125

"It is often asserted or assumed that the usage of the AV represents the speech of 300 years ago, and that now, three (4) centuries later, it should be changed to accord with contemporary usage. But this is not at all a correct statement of the problem...The important fact is this. The usage of the AV is not the ordinary usage of the early seventeenth century: it is the Biblical usage based on the style of the Hebrew and the Greek scriptures. The second part of his statement needs no proof and will be challenged by no one. It is undeniable that where the Hebrew and Greek use the singular of the pronoun the AV regularly uses the singular and where they use the plural it uses the plural. Even in Deuteronomy where in his addresses, and apparently for rhetorical and pedagogical effect, Moses often changes suddenly and seemingly arbitrarily, from singular to plural or from plural to singular, the AV reproduces the style of the text with fidelity. That is to say, the usage of the AV is strictly Biblical".

~ **Oswald T. Allis**, <u>Is a Pronominal Revision of the Authorized</u> Version Desirable?

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is the
English Translation ...
we need not doubt of its
having been translated
as well as written by the
Holy Ghost"

William Blake - English poet, painter and printmaker. Letter to his brother James written January 30, 1803



[&]quot;...Blake's knowledge of native traditions of poetry and painting as well as those of other cultures has always been acknowledged. We know he studied Italian in order to read Dante in the original. From the letter written by William Hayley and Blake's own to his brother James, we know that he also studied Latin and Greek as well as ancient Hebrew..." https://bq.blakearchive.org/31.2.phillips (accessed 2024)

"What would you say if someone decided Shakespeare's plays, Charles Dicken's novels, or the music of Beethoven could be rewritten & improved?

"...Writing in the journal "The Alternative", Richard Hanser, author of *The Law & the Prophets* and *Jesus: What Manner of Man Is This?*, has called attention to something that is more than a little mind boggling. It is my understanding that the Bible (both the Old & New Testaments) has been the best-selling book in the entire history of printing.

"Now another attempt has been made to improve it. I say another because there have been several fairly recent efforts to *quote* "make the Bible more readable & understandable" *unquote*. But as Mr. Hanser so eloquently says, "For more than 3 1/2 centuries, its language and its images, have penetrated more deeply into the general culture of the English-speaking world, and been more dearly treasured, than anything else ever put on paper." He then quotes the irreverent H. L. Mencken, who spoke of it as purely a literary work and said it was, "probably the most beautiful piece of writing in any language."

"They were, of course, speaking of *The Authorized Version*, the one that came into being when the England of King James was scoured for translators & scholars. It was a time when the English language had reached its peak of richness & beauty.

"Now we are to have *The Good News Bible* which will be in, "the natural English of everyday adult conversation." I'm sure the scholars and clergymen supervised by the *American Bible Society* were sincerely imbued with the thought that they were taking religion to the people with their *Good News Bible*, but I can't help feeling we should instead be taking the people to religion and lifting them with the beauty of language that has outlived the centuries...

"The sponsors of the Good News version boast that their Bible is as readable as the daily paper – and so it is. **But do readers of the daily news find themselves moved to wonder, "at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth"?** Mr. Hanser suggests that sadly the "tinkering & general horsing around with the sacred texts will no doubt continue" as pious drudges try to get it right. **It will not dawn on them that it has already been gotten right."**

"This is Ronald Reagan. Thanks for listening."

~ Ronald Reagan's Radio Address— aired September 6, 1977 https://www.av1611.org/kjv/reagan.html



"Indeed, it is an incontrovertible fact that all the complex and horrendous questions confronting us at home and worldwide have their answer in that single book." — **Ronald Reagan** *The King James Bible*, *Newsweek*, Dec. 27, 1982, p.46

"...the King James translation has been described as 'the monument of English prose' as well as 'the only great work of art ever created by a committee'. Both statements are true. Fifty-four scholars worked seven years to produce the work from its extant texts in Aramaic, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and English. Such an undertaking can be expected to produce great scholarship, but hardly writing as spare and sublime as the King James..."

"The authors of several boring translations that have followed over the last fifty years mumble that the KJV is "difficult" filled with long words. Have a look at the difficult long words that begin the Old Testament, and end the Gospels: 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; darkness was upon the face of the deep.' and 'Now, of the other things which Jesus did, if they should be written every one, I suppose the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.' Shakespeare aside, there's no comparable writing in the language, as has been observed by wiser men than I."

"Over the past several centuries it's been the single book in most households, an enormous force in shaping the development of the English language. Carried around the world by missionaries, it provided

the base by which English is about to become the lingua franca of the world in the next century. Exploring it during this shoot [Ten Commandments] was one of the most rewarding creative experiences of my life."

~ **Charlton Heston** - *In the Arena: An Autobiography*, pp. 554-555



~ <u>Bible Version Comparisons</u>

*The NWT is the Jehovah Witness' Bible = *New World Translation*

Isaiah 14:12

- "How art thou fallen from heaven, **O Lucifer**, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" ~ **KJV**
- "... fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! ..." (NIV)
- "... fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn!..." (ESV)
- ... fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! (LSB)
- "... fallen from heaven, **O shining one**, son of the dawn!..." (NWT)

Acts 8:36-37

- "... See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? * 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ~ KJV
- * Verse 37 is omitted from the NIV, the ESV, the NWT, etc., etc.

Daniel 3:25

"He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like **the Son of God.**" ~ **KJV**

- "...I see four men... the fourth looks like a son of the gods." (NIV)
- "...and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods." (ESV)
- "...and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!" (LSB)
- "...and the fourth one looks like a son of the gods." (NWT)

2Corinthians 2:17

- "For we are not as many, which **corrupt** the word of God..." ~ **KJV**
- "Unlike so many, we do not **peddle** the word of God **for profit**..." (NIV)
- "For we are not, like so many, **peddlers** of God's word..." (ESV)
- "For we are not like many, **peddling** the word of God..." (LSB)
- "We are, for we are not **peddlers** of the word of God..." (NWT)
- *Note: ALL of the modern versions are <u>copyrighted</u>, and sold for profit!

Philippians 2:5-6

- "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God."~ KJV
- "...did not consider equality with God something to be grasped." (NIV)
- "...did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped." (ESV)
- "...did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped." (LSB)
- "...did not even consider the idea of trying to be equal to God." (NWT)

Colossians 1:14

- "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:" $\sim KJV$
- "in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (NIV)
- "in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (ESV)
- "in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (LSB)
- "by means of whom we have our release by ransom, the forgiveness of our sins." (NWT)

*WHY do these modern versions look like the <u>New World</u> *Translation*??? (There are several more alarming comparisons!)

~ Interesting Statistics



Which Bible Version Do People Read Most?

The NIV outsells the King James Bible in Christian bookstores. But when it comes to actually <u>READING the book</u>, the truth is revealed...

A 2014 Christianity Today article cited a study advised by respected historian Mark Noll which concluded:

"The 55 percent who read the KJV easily outnumber the 19 percent who read the New International Version (NIV). And the percentages drop into the single digits for competitors such as the New Revised Standard Version, New America Bible, and the Living Bible."

Evidently...

- Cutting out thousands of words and 16 whole verses (and a pile of verse portions), which makes it shorter, and...
- 2 Dumbing it down to make it easier to read, and...
- Substituting men's words for God's words so people can "understand it better" still ... doesn't get people to read it.

Maybe actually believing you have ALL of God's words WITHOUT ERROR is the reason why the KJB is the most-read Bible on Earth.

Learn more, get the book: WHICH BIBLE WOULD JESUS USE? The Bible Version Controversy Explained and Resolved By Jack McElroy <u>www.jackmcelroy.com</u>



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https://www.tribstar.com/news/local_news/king-james-bible-still-the-favorite-among-christians/article_cad0f70e-c89e-5858-b0a8-7892ef8cfb04.html

WHY is the *King James Bible* still the most popular choice amongst <u>daily</u> Bible <u>readers</u>? WHY haven't the modern versions satisfied the desire of those who <u>read</u> God's Word on a <u>daily</u> basis?

{SO much for the "EASIER - TO - READ" Versions!}



https://www.statista.com/statistics/299402/preferred-bible-version-usa/