

An Urgent Plea for Christian Fervency in these “Last Days” And a Defense of the Authorized King James Bible

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS Background and Purpose

It is hoped that those who use *THE DEFINED KING JAMES BIBLE* and read the comments in this present section will see this volume as an aid in the fulfillment of a fivefold purpose:

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

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

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

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

Fifth, to make available to the reader a Bible with a ready reference to modern equivalents of archaic and difficult words conveniently located on each page.

The Defined King James Bible is not a “money spinner.” Our object is to equip and encourage Christians to “*earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*” (Jude 3).

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

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

The Lord has not come simply because He is keeping to His schedule. Our Lord is neither forgetful nor late. He is just patient and forbearing, giving sinners time to repent and saints opportunity of witness. At any time, and perhaps very soon, “*The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout*” (1 Thessalonians 4:16). The day of Gospel opportunity will then be over for those now living.

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

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

May the glorious challenge of this eleventh hour send you forth into the harvest field. Who knows, some perishing soul may be saved because you went? The time to go is now. “*Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation!*”

CHAPTER ONE

The Conflict of the Ages

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

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

This Gospel offer is revealed to us in English, completely and accurately, through the King James Bible or Authorized Version.

The King James Bible preserves God's salvation plan perfectly, to the exclusion of any corrupting doctrine or rival plan which detracts from or dishonours the Person and Work of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Christ is “*once delivered*” (Jude 3), final and complete; any “*other gospel*” is false and accursed (Galatians 1:6-9).

The King James Bible is one of God's greatest gifts. It is the culminating Gem of the Sixteenth Century English Reformation; the Light which shattered a thousand years of a dark system; the Bulwark of “*the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*” (Jude 3); the Rock of defense against counterfeit Christianity; the mighty Sword of the Spirit which spells doom to the Father of lies. For over three centuries, this Book reigned supreme, the one faithful, authoritative, unique, and accurate translation into English of the plenary and verbally inspired, inerrant, infallible, preserved Hebrew and Greek Words of God.

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

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

The Proliferation of Modern Versions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Modern Versions Attack God the Son

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

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

In a matter of two or three generations, the Master Deceiver has practically demolished the work of the English Reformation, God's mightiest act of deliverance since Pentecost, built up for nearly five God-blessed centuries. The evangelicals carrying modern ecumenical Bibles, are gleefully on the move singing, “Onward Christian Soldiers, Marching on to Rome!”

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

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

This **DEFINED KING JAMES BIBLE** is raised up of God for the encouragement of God's faithful remnant people; for “*when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him*” (Isaiah 59:19).

Here is a standard lifted up “*for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ*” (Revelation 1:9) in a time of grave falling away. Our numbers are not many by the world's reckoning, but

God is our Strength and our Redeemer. *“It may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few”* (I Samuel 14:6).

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

CHAPTER TWO

The Only Salvation

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

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

Led by Pope and evangelicals, Christendom forges on toward a Christianized world. Believe it or not, like it or not, the modern Church's grand design, energized by *“the god of this world”* (2 Corinthians 4:4), will materialize sooner than you think. Man's *“Kingdom of God”* is at hand! Peace and safety, at last!

But we say, **“Counterfeit!”**

Recall our Lord's words: *“My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my Kingdom not from hence”* (John 18:36). People power cannot bring in God's Kingdom.

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

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

So we say, *“Salvation is not of the Church but of the Lord.”* In Jesus Christ is God's greatest salvation--the only salvation, for He alone is *“the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me,”* He said (John 14:6).

In the multitude of ecumenical voices, we need to redefine the gospel of salvation, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, what He meant when He commanded the disciples, *“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”* (Mark 16:15-16).

From the earliest days the enemy of our souls, *“transformed into an angel of light,”* had used deceivers in the church, *“transformed as the ministers of righteousness,”* to preach *“another Jesus . . . another spirit . . . another gospel”* (2 Corinthians 11:14-15, 4).

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

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

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

"*For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures*" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

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

Sola Scriptura--Scripture alone!

Sola Fide--Faith alone!

Sola Gratia--Grace alone!

Solus Christus--Christ alone!

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

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

*"I think everybody that loves Christ, or knows Christ, **whether they are conscious of it or not**, they're members of the Body of Christ . . . And that's what God is doing today, He's calling people out of the world for His Name, whether they come from the Muslim world, or the Buddhist world, or the Christian world, or the non-believing world, they are members of the Body of Christ because they've been called by God. **They may not even know the name of Jesus**, but they know in their hearts that they need something that they don't have, and they turn to the only light that they have, and **I think that they are saved, and that they're going to be with us in heaven.**"*

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

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

As we see the falling away overtake churches everywhere, we believe that the day of our Lord's appearing draweth nigh. Then shall our salvation be fully manifested: *“For our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself”* (Philippians 3:20-21).

And *“we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him”* (1 John 3:2).
Like Him! That is the only salvation, the greatest salvation!

CHAPTER THREE

The Greatest Translation

God's deliverance of England out of a thousand years of Roman darkness and superstition was sealed with the greatest English translation of history, the King James Bible. Without this *“more sure word of prophecy”* (2 Peter 1:19), the accurate and dependable Word of God in English, the Reformation in England could not have withstood the forces of the Counter Reformation. The King James Bible stood as a bulwark of the Protestant faith, a banner *“that it may be displayed because of the truth”* (Psalm 60:4). Thank God for the King James Bible!

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

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

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

In the King James Bible we believe we have the accurately translated Word of God in English. Resting in the assurance of our Lord in Matthew 24:35, we answer the enemies of the King James Bible: *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away.”* The King James Bible, the Word of God in English, will endure the test of time, and the onslaught of false versions, *“until the Day of Jesus Christ”* (Philippians 1:6).

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

The Story of the English Bible

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

(1) John Wycliffe (1324-1384)

The “Morning Star of the Reformation” translated from the Latin Vulgate and gave his people their first

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

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

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

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

(2) William Tyndale (1494-1536)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

William Tyndale *“fought a good fight, finished his course, kept the faith”* (Cf. 2 Timothy 4:7). In a blaze of glory he won the hearts of believers in England and Europe and earned the title *“Hero of the Reformation.”*

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

(3) John Rogers (1500-1555)

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

His wife and eleven children, one a nursing baby, were not allowed to see him, until he was on his way to the stake. On February 4, 1555, John Rogers followed William Tyndale to the fires of martyrdom, for the glory of God and "*for the testimony of Jesus Christ*" (Revelation 1:9).

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

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

(by Martin Luther)

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

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

A Translation Without Equal

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

(1) The Spirit

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

(2) The Philosophy

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

(3) The Translators

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

(4) The Texts

These were the best manuscripts--the Masoretic Hebrew Old Testament Text and the Received

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

(5) The Technique

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

(6) The Theology

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

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

CHAPTER FOUR

Counter Attack

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

God's Word tells us, there are deeper issues at stake. It is truth versus falsehood, God's Word versus Satan's, the King James Bible versus modern versions. These are spiritual things, and they must be “*spiritually discerned*” (1 Corinthians 2:14).

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

Three centuries came and went. The Reformation rode out its crest of success. The fervency of revival cooled with the rise of modern thought. Counter Reformation forces sensed the winds of change; the nineteenth century was the century of opportunity, of progress, of Counter Attack.

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

All this called for the dethroning of the King James Bible. The unyielding Fortress of Protestantism and repository of Biblical theology must be removed from the seat of authority to make way for Satan's

grand design. A more liberal Bible, more accommodating to modern thought, would speed up the formation of “*Babylon the Great*” (Revelation 17:5; 18:2).

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

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

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

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

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

With astute political maneuvering the enemies of the King James Bible pressed their case up through the highest authorities of the Church of England. Approval was finally granted in 1870, a black day indeed for English Protestantism and the King James Bible.

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

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

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

The English Revised Version (1881) opened a breach in the dike by which, like a flood-gate unlocked, modern versions have poured through unrestrained. A hundred years and more have passed since, and a hundred versions of all theological shades and persuasions have flooded the market.

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

The adversary’s counter-attack has succeeded with diabolical brilliance. Confusion reigns when the question is posed: Which Bible is the Word of God? The answer: Every one, any one. Take your pick.

Your choice may be just the most corrupt doctored version.

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

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

CHAPTER FIVE

What Makes a Good Version?

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

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

Criteria of a Good Version

1. A version must do honor to God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. In particular it must satisfy the question: What think ye of Christ?
2. A version must honor the Person and Redemptive Work of the Lord Jesus Christ in all parts of the Text. In no part must there be a diminution, dilution, or undermining thereof.
3. Every essential article of our Christian Faith and Doctrine must be preserved wholly and completely, and must not in any way be diminished, distorted, diluted, or deleted.

A Good Version Must Uphold These Essential Articles of Christian Faith and Doctrine Without Any Compromise in Any of its Parts

1. We believe that GOD exists in three co-equal and co-eternal Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that Jesus Christ the eternal Son of God, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and is true God and true Man.
3. We believe that sinners are “*justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His Blood*” (Romans 3:24-25).
4. We believe that “*Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again [bodily] the third day according to the Scriptures*” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Having ascended to heaven, He is now exalted at the right hand of God the Father, interceding for those who have truly trusted Him as their Saviour (Hebrews 7:25).
5. We believe in the return of Christ for His own (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18) and also the personal and visible return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to earth as KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS (Revelation 19:16), and He shall reign on this earth a thousand years (Revelation 20:6).

6. We believe that at death the believer immediately enters into the presence of the Lord in Heaven, for “*to be absent from the body*” is “*to be present with the Lord*” (2 Corinthians 5:8).

7. We believe only in the real spiritual unity in Christ of true believers who are redeemed by His precious Blood (1 Corinthians 12:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19).

8. We believe that true believers are holy unto God and must not be united with unbelievers in any sort of prayer or worship (2 Corinthians 6:14-18), or any ecumenical linkage.

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

CHAPTER SIX

Modern Bible Versions Examined

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

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

Users of popular modern English versions may take offence when told that the Bible which they hold dear is corrupted. They say, “How could it possibly be bad?” They have been much blessed, perhaps even led to salvation in Jesus Christ, through reading their particular version. We need much wisdom, the wisdom from above which is “*pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits*” (James 3:17). This is a deep spiritual matter, and spiritual things must be “*spiritually discerned*” (1 Corinthians 2:14). We need Holy Spirit wisdom and grace to set forth the case, remembering that some of us, before we saw the light, were also enamored with some modern Bible version until God in mercy opened our eyes and “*delivered us*” (Colossians 1:13) from Satan's snare.

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

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

God help us as we examine seven modern English versions under the searchlight of God's Word. For space constraints, we shall highlight only a few representative passages of the corruption in each version. Fuller reviews are available from more than 1,000 titles carried by THE BIBLE FOR TODAY, 900 Park

Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey 08108 U.S.A. These are all listed in the back of *Defending the King James Bible* (by Dr. D. A. Waite) and also in a separate booklet, *B.F.T. Brochure #1*, which is available upon request.

In the comparisons to follow, the King James Bible will be abbreviated as “KJB” and the other versions will also have an appropriate abbreviation. Sometimes the differences are due to differences in the Greek text and other times there is no difference in the Greek text but only in the translation technique and preferences of the translators. Regardless of the reason behind it, the resultant problem is the same.

1. GNB (Good News Bible)

[Also called *Today’s English Version (TEV)*]

a) *The GNB questions the VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST* by removing the prophecy of **HIS VIRGIN BIRTH** in Isaiah 7:14.

KJB: “A **virgin** shall conceive.”

GNB: “A **young woman** will have a son.”

b) *The GNB questions the ETERNAL PRE-EXISTENCE OF CHRIST* by tampering with Micah 5:2 and removing the word “*everlasting*.”

KJB: “from **everlasting**”

GNB: “from **ancient times**”

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

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

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

The chief translator of GNB does not believe that Jesus is GOD, hence his willingness to accept a textual variant that denies this.

d) *The GNB eliminates Christ's Divine SONSHIP* in John 6:69.

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

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

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

KJB: “Son of **God**”

GNB: “Son of **Man**”

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

f) *The GNB rejects the reference to our Lord's INCARNATION* in I Timothy 3:16.

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

GNB: “**He** appeared in human form.”

g) *The GNB replaces references to Christ’s “Blood” with “death.”* Many of the numerous passages which speak of the “Blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18-19), without which there is no redemption, are mutilated, and the vital words have been effectively expunged from the GNB. One example is Ephesians 1:7:

KJB: “In Whom we have redemption through His **Blood**,”

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

Another example is 1 Peter 1:18-19:

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

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

In fourteen other places which speak of the Lord Jesus Christ, “Blood” has been removed in the GNB and has been replaced with “death” or “sacrifice.”

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

Conclusion

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

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

The GNB is a CORRUPT VERSION.

2. NASV (New American Standard Version)

a) *The NASV questions the ETERNAL PRE-EXISTENCE OF CHRIST* by tampering with Micah 5:2, removing the word “*everlasting*.”

KJB: “from **everlasting**”

NASV: “**ancient** times”

b) *The NASV removes the assertion of our Lord's virgin birth* in Matthew 1:25.

KJB: “**firstborn** son.”

NASV: “**a** son.”

c) *The NASV questions our Lord's DIVINE GOODNESS* by deleting the word “**good**” from Matthew 19:16-17.

d) *The NASV removes reference to our Lord's Bodily Resurrection* in Luke 24:40.

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

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

e) *The NASV omits the salvation exclusive to faith in Christ*, in John 6:47.

KJB: “He that **believeth on Me** hath everlasting life.”

NASV: “He who **believes** has everlasting life.”

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

f) *The NASV questions Christ's Divine SONSHIP* in John 6:69.

KJB: “Christ, the **Son of the living God**”

NASV: “the **Holy One** of God”

g) *The NASV eliminates Christ's title “Son of God”* in John 9:35.

KJB: “Son of **God**,”

NASV: “Son of **Man**.”

h) *The NASV removes the title of “Lord” from Christ* in 1 Corinthians 15:47.

KJB: “the **Lord** from heaven.”

NASV: “the second **man** from heaven.”

I) *The NASV eliminates reference to our Lord's INCARNATION* in 1 Timothy 3:16.

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

NASV: “**He** who was manifest . . .”

j) *The NASV dilutes the doctrine of the INSPIRATION of Scripture* in the margin of 2 Timothy 3:16.

KJB: “**All Scripture is** given by inspiration of God.”

NASV(in margin): “Every **Scripture inspired by God** is profitable.”

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

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

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

NASV: “And it came about . . . He parted from them.”

The NASV omits “*carried up into heaven,*” thus removing a reference to our Lord's miraculous bodily ascension into heaven.

Conclusion

The NASV, in the places mentioned above, entertains serious doubts about our Lord's Divine Sonship of God, His incarnation and Lordship, His Divine goodness and His bodily resurrection.

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

The NASV is a CORRUPT VERSION.

3. NEB (New English Bible)

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

KJB: “A **virgin** shall conceive”

NEB: “A **young woman** is with child...”

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

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

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

KJB: “the **only begotten** Son”

NEB: “the **only** Son”

The Greek “*monogenes*” refers to our Lord's eternal Sonship, (“eternally begotten”) of the Father. To change it to “*only Son*” is manipulation, not translation.

c) *The NEB dilutes words referring to the ATONEMENT* in 1 John 2:2.

KJB: “And He is the **propitiation** for our sins”

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

d) *The NEB removes REDEMPTION “through His BLOOD”* in Colossians 1:14.

KJB: “In whom we have **redemption through His Blood**”

NEB: “In whom we have **release**”

The “Blood” is removed in various places in the NEB. (Satan hates the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ).

e) *The NEB removes the need for IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS* in Matthew 5:20.

KJB: “except your **righteousness** shall exceed the **righteousness** of the scribes and Pharisees”

NEB: “unless you show yourselves far **better men**”

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

f) *The NEB permits a false understanding of the CREATION* in Gen 1:1.

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

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

The NEB is a CORRUPT VERSION.

4. NIV (The New International Version)

The NIV claims to be “*the most exact, illuminating rendering of the original languages into English . . . so faithfully accurate, that it ushers in a new era of Scriptural clarity for Christians around the world*” (Zondervan Publishing House, 1978).

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

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

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

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

1. NIV distorts Christ's Work of Redemption

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

(1) Matthew 18:11

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

NIV: [The entire verse is omitted.]

(2) Luke 9:56

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

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

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

KJB: “In whom we have redemption **through his Blood**”

NIV: “In whom we have redemption”

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

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

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

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

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

2. *NIV obscures Christ's Eternal Pre-existence* in Micah 5:2 by removing the word “*everlasting.*”

KJB “Out of thee shall He come forth whose **goings forth** have been **from everlasting.**”

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

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

3. *NIV eliminates reference to Christ's Incarnation and Deity.*

a) *1 Timothy 3:16*

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

NIV: “**He** appeared in a body”

Note: NIV has changed “**God**” to “**He**” and in this place has destroyed our Lord's Deity in His Incarnation.

b) *Philippians 2:5-6*

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

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

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

4. *NIV questions Christ's Sonship and His title “Son of God.”*

a) *John 9:35*

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

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

b) Acts 3:13

KJB: “The God of our fathers, hath glorified **His Son** Jesus.”

NIV: “The God of our fathers, has glorified **His servant** Jesus.”

Note: In these two verses, the NIV has dishonored our Lord, changing “God” to “Man,” and “Son” to “servant.”

*5. NIV undermines the Virgin Birth of Christ.**a) Luke 2:33*

KJB: “And **Joseph** and his mother marvelled.”

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

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

b) John 3:16

KJB: “For God so loved the world that He gave His **only begotten Son.**”

NIV: “For God so loved the world that He gave His **one and only Son.**”

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

6. NIV removes Christ's Bodily Resurrection

Mark 16:19-20 speaks of our Lord's post resurrection appearances. The NIV separates this passage from the rest of the text, and inserts before it the note: “*The most reliable early manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20.*” Note: The “*most reliable early manuscripts*” alluded to are the most corrupt Vatican and Sinai manuscripts, the source texts of Modern English Versions.

*7. NIV omits the bodily Ascension of our Lord***John 16:16**

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

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

Note: Do the NIV translators believe in our Lord's Resurrection and Ascension to the Father? Why did they remove the record of His Ascension found in the words, “*I go to the Father*”? Because they were following the erroneous text of Westcott and Hort and its modern counterparts.

*8. NIV omits the Lord's bodily Return.**a) Matthew 25:13*

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

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

Note: The NIV translators have accepted a Greek text whose philosophy is leavened with the leaven of unbelief and which denies things which pertain to our Lord's Deity, His eternal Pre-existence, Virgin Birth, Resurrection, Ascension, etc. Therefore they have removed the six words of our Lord's which speak of His Return.

b) Revelation 11:17

KJB: “O Lord God almighty, which art, and wast, and **art to come**”

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

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

A Final Observation: NIV's Pro-Gay Bias

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

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

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

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

The NIV is a CORRUPT VERSION.

5. The NKJV (New King James Version)

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

The NKJV was originally advertised as the fifth revision of the Authorized Version, “*carefully updated so that it will once again speak God's eternal truths with clarity,*” subtly insinuating that the King James Bible did not speak God's eternal truths with clarity (*Why the NKJV*, Thomas Nelson Publishers). The Publishers claim that the purpose of publishing the NKJV was to preserve the authority and accuracy of the original King James Bible while making it understandable to 20th Century readers by updating the grammar, punctuation, archaic words, etc. Smoke-screens!

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

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

1. The Source Texts

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

However, careful examination reveals that the NKJV translators put in the footnotes of the study editions the corrupt Critical or Minority Text of Westcott and Hort (from which the corrupt Modern English Versions are derived). It is identified as “NU.” The “N” stands for the Nestle-Aland text. The “U” stands for the United Bible Society text. Both of these texts are dependent largely on the corrupt Vatican and Sinai manuscripts, virtually the same as the Westcott and Hort Greek text of 1881.

2. The Translators

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

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

3. The Technique

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

4. The Theology

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

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

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

To the Believer, God's Name Is Holy and Reverend

“Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name” (Matthew 6:9).

In this prayer taught by our Lord Jesus we see how we should hold God's name in highest honor for *“holy and reverend is His Name”* (Psalm 111:9). *“His name shall endure for ever . . . blessed be His glorious Name for ever”* (Psalm 72:17,19).

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

NKJV Translators' Disregard for God's Name

Analysis of the NKJV text reveals the translators' wanton disregard and disrespect for God's name. Based on the Logos Research Systems computer program:

1. The word “LORD” is thrown out 56 times out of the 6,668.
2. The word “GOD” is ejected 35 times out of the 3878.
3. The word “JEHOVAH” is altogether missing.

How Precious Is God's Word to Every Child of God!

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

But the NKJV Translators Dishonor God’s Word

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

1. The word “*heaven*” is missing 48 out of 550 times.
2. The word “*hell*” is thrown out 22 out of 54 times,
3. The word “*blood*” is deleted 18 out of 375 times.
4. The word “*repent*” is ejected 11 out of 43 times.
5. The word “*new testament*” is cast out all 6 times.
6. The word “*damnation*” is missing all 11 times.

Question: By what authority do these revisers take away the precious Words from God's Holy Book?

NKJV Translators Dishonor God’s Son

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, deserves worship and honor from every true believer. Such honor is diminished by the NKJV translators, as shown below. Which sets of terms gives a higher respect to the Lord Jesus Christ in our present English language?

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

**NKJV Translators Undermine God’s Word
with Deadly “Footnotes”**

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

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

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

What are the NKJV editors saying? Simply this: the footnotes were inserted to encour- age the

average reader to take up their own editorial scalpel and excise any part which he felt was not properly a part of the text. The NKJV editors have laid God's Word on the chopping block of human intellect for anyone who feels like it to chop off anything he did not like!

In the foregoing paragraphs we have presented sufficient evidence to prove beyond doubt that the NKJV is another corrupt modern English Bible, masquerading under the cover of the "King James" label.

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

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

Pro-Gay Bias of NKJV Translators

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

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

Question: What was the reason why they "*wrest*" the "*Scriptures*" (2 Peter 3:16)?

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

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

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

Pro-Catholic Stance of the NKJV Translators

James 5:16:

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

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

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

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

Conclusion

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

NKJV is a CORRUPT VERSION.

6. RSV (Revised Standard Version)

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

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

RSV: "A **young woman** shall conceive..."

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

b) *The RSV questions the ETERNAL PRE-EXISTENCE OF CHRIST* by tampering with Micah 5:2, removing the word "everlasting."

KJB: "whose **goings forth** have been . . . from **everlasting**."

RSV: "whose **origins** are from . . . **ancient** days."

This mistranslation gives to our Lord, the ETERNAL SON, an "origin" in time.

c) *The RSV obscures our Lord's MIRACULOUS BIRTH* in Matthew 1:16.

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

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

This RSV footnote denies the virgin birth.

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

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

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

The RSV mistranslation denies that Jesus is the "Good Master" and one with God.

e) *The RSV omits references to our Lord's Bodily RESURRECTION.*

(1) **Mark 16:9-20**

KJB: records our Lord's Post-Resurrection appearances.

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

(2) **Luke 24:40**

KJB: "And when He had thus spoken, **He shewed them His hands and His feet**"

RSV: omits the entire verse

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

f) *The RSV removes that SALVATION exclusive to faith IN CHRIST ALONE* in John 6:47.

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

RSV: "He who **believes** has eternal life."

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

g) *The RSV leaves out CHRIST'S DIVINE SONSHIP* in John 6:69.

KJB: "We believe and are sure that Thou art the **Christ, the Son** of the living God."

RSV: "We have believed and have come to know that you are the **Holy One** of God."

h) *The RSV dismisses Christ's title "Son of God"* in John 9:35

KJB: "Son of **God**"

RSV: "Son of **man**"

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

i) *The RSV rearranges the placement of BLOOD* in a note in Acts 20:28.

KJB: “the church of God, which He hath purchased **with His own Blood**”

RSV: adds a marginal note, offering an alternative reading “**with the Blood of his own**”

This marginal note destroys the testimony to the Deity of the Redeemer Who purchased the believers with His own Blood.

The foregoing nine instances of malicious tampering of Scripture aimed at the Person and Work of our Lord Jesus Christ suffice to prove that the RSV is a corrupt and wicked version. To add to this list from the many other similar examples is a tiresome and needless repetition.

Conclusion

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

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

The RSV is a CORRUPT VERSION.

7. TLB (The Living Bible)

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

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

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

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

The Lord speaks: let all the earth tremble!

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

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

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

But what does the Lord say to all this? Can any mortal take the “*original thought*” of God and “*convert it into the language of today*” and make it “*much more accurate*” or assume to himself the “*privilege of stripping away the verbiage*” from God's Book? God's Word is reduced to verbiage by one who makes reckless claims with arrogant presumption.

But our Lord says, *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways . .*

. *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts*” (Isaiah 55:8-9).

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

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

Comment

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

a) The translator's *“language of today”* intruding into the Sacred Book of God is found to be *“extremely vulgar”* and *“synonymous with the lowest forms of colloquial speech.”*

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

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

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

Consider the Evidence

a) *TLB permits a false understanding of the CREATOR and His CREATION in Genesis 1:1*

KJB: “In the beginning **God created.**”

TLB: “When God began creating”

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

b) *TLB omits a reference to CHRIST as the CREATOR in Ephesians 3:9.*

KJB: “Who **created all things by Jesus Christ**”

TLB: “He who made all things”

By this wresting of Scripture, and leaving out *“by Jesus Christ,”* the TLB makes out that Christ is not the Creator.

c) *TLB elevates man,* and falsely ascribes to him the ability to enrich God in Ephesians 1:18.

KJB: “and what the **riches of the glory of his inheritance** in the saints.”

TLB: “**God has been made rich** because we who are Christ’s have been given to him.”

This TLB verse is a reversal of the truth: It is not God Who *“has been made rich,”* but it is God who makes His people rich.

d) *Ephesians 4:24*

KJB: “And that ye put on the new man, which after God is **created in righteousness and true holiness.**”

TLB: “**You must be a new and different person**, holy and good. Clothe yourself with the new nature.”

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

e) *Philippians 1:11*

KJB: “The fruits of righteousness . . . are **by Jesus Christ**.”

TLB: “**Doing those good, kind things** which show that you are a child of God.”

The TLB rendering contradicts the truth. This is a false assumption. “Doing good and kind things” are “*fruits of righteousness*” which the Christian is enabled to bear “*by Jesus Christ*.” TLB elevates man, and displaces Christ.

f) *TLB omits the DEITY OF CHRIST* in Romans 9:5.

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

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

The testimony that Christ is God is removed.

g) *TLB humanizes our Lord Jesus Christ* and omits the Incarnation in 1 Timothy 3:16.

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

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

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

Conclusion

As a rendering of God's Word TLB is VULGAR AND INACCURATE. In DOCTRINAL MATTERS TLB attacks CHRIST AS GOD AND CREATOR. **TLB is a CORRUPT VERSION.**

Closing Remarks

“Yea, hath God said?”

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

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

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

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

But our God and Saviour Jesus Christ says:

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

CHAPTER SEVEN

Servants of Satan--Doctors of Deceit

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

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

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

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

"most scandalously corrupt . . . most shamefully mutilated . . . depositories of the largest amount of fabricated readings, ancient blunders, and intentional perversions of Truth--which are discoverable in any known copies of the Word of God." [*The Revision Revised*, Dean John Burgon, Dean Burgon Society Press, pp. 1-110]

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

In each of these versions is the hidden venom of the serpent: "*Yea, hath God said?*" Sow doubt, reap unbelief; sow unbelief, reap a multitude of corrupt contaminated versions. All of these modern versions share four things in common.

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

The Story of Doctors Westcott and Hort

1. Connected with the Hermes Club and Ghostly Guild. At Cambridge, Westcott and Hort played a leading role in the Hermes Club and Ghostly Guild, delving into matters of the occult, necromancy, spiritism, and communicating with evil spirits--abominable activities forbidden by God.

2. Believers in Evolution. Both men were friends and admirers of Charles Darwin, whose godless theory of evolution was regarded by them as “*unanswerable*” and “*opens up a new period.*” Naturally Westcott and Hort rejected the Genesis Record.

3. Haters of Evangelical Truth. Westcott and Hort pretended to be Christians when at heart they hated God, hated the Truth, and hated the evangelical faith. They called evangelicals “*perverted*” and “*temporary,*” their affections being with Rome.

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

5. Clever Apostates. Westcott and Hort were self-confessed unbelievers, infidels, unregenerate, strangers to the grace of God. However cleverly and deceptively they might have worded it, they denied virtually every vital doctrine of the “*faith which was once delivered unto the saints*” (Jude 3).

6. Fabricators of a Fictitious Greek Text. Westcott and Hort had worked together for twenty years on the two corrupt texts, CODEX VATICANUS and CODEX SINAITICUS, scheming to overthrow the Textus Receptus and King James Bible, as the opening blow in their long-term objective of recovering England for Rome.

What Does God Say to All This?

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

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

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

Our Lord Jesus says:

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

. . . a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

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

. . . Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” (Matthew 7:15-20)

Conclusion

Westcott and Hort, servants of Satan and doctors of deceit, sold the world their master- piece of deception, their Greek NT, out of which the poison of false doctrine has seeped into a hundred modern English versions, and through them into a multitude of translations around the world.

Listen to what our Lord says of all this: “*Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh*” (Matthew 18:7)!

To you who are of the faith, “*Hold fast the form of sound words . . . in faith and love which is in*

Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 1:13).

CHAPTER EIGHT

And Behold I Come Quickly!

Revelation 22:12

The Lord is coming, as He promised. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, the Creator and Judge. He is the Lord of History: He set history in motion; He comes again to bring it to conclusion.

From heaven He calls, “*And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be*” (Revelation 22:12).

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

Question: “Are you one of His own?” Have you believed on Him, and called on His saving Name? “*For there is none other Name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). Jesus only can save you from your lost estate. He only can save you from your sins and make you a child of God, and give you a place in His everlasting Kingdom. “*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved*” (Acts 16:31). There is no other Name, no other way!

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

When the Lord appears, our work will end and we shall be rewarded or rebuked according to our works (2 Corinthians 5:10). “*Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*” (2 Corinthians 6:2). The time to serve Him is NOW. Reader, delay no more. Go, serve Him today!

Signs of His Glorious Coming

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

The “*falling away*” speaks of Churches and Christians giving up the faith they once held and sliding away into a state of unbelief to embrace doctrines contrary to the established truth, even denying “*the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*” (Jude 3).

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

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

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

Meanwhile the ONE CHURCH MOVEMENT, heading for the end time MYSTERY, BABYLON

THE GREAT of Revelation 17, began to take shape as prophesied. This movement, called ECUMENICAL, advances inexorably towards its final goal: *OIKOUMENE*, ONE WORLD, NEW WORLD ORDER.

This Is the Final Scenario, Irresistible and Unstoppable

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

The last half of the twentieth century has witnessed the saddest falling away since the Sixteenth Century Reformation. The evangelicals, once valiant in the defense of the faith against the forces of liberalism, evolutionism, ecumenism and Romanism, cut loose from their separatist anchor, and drifted into the Romeward tide.

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

But the most tragic has been the defection of the evangelicals into ECUMENISM, the way of no return. After three decades of co-operative evangelism, "winning men for Christ" together with liberals and Catholics, the evangelicals have fallen into the slippery path of COLLABORATION, COMPROMISE, CAPITULATION.

By 1994 the evangelicals publicly acknowledged what was a *fait accompli* for years that they and the Catholics were together. This was doubly confirmed by a second declaration in 1997. Now all the world knows: EVANGELICALS AND CATHOLICS ARE TOGETHER.

The last bastion of Protestantism has fallen!

All Roads Lead to Rome

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

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

And marching alongside are the evangelicals, finally convinced that the broad way is not that bad after all. They press on with modern Bible versions in hand--NIV, RSV, NEB, TLB, NKJV, NASV, NRSV, GNB, TEV--counterfeit Christians carrying counterfeit Bibles. And swelling the Romebound sea of humanity are the Promise Keepers, gathering fellow travelers by the day.

In the distance the golden dome of St. Peter's Basilica beams a glowing welcome, "*Ut Unum Sint*--

that they all may be one!" A red carpet welcome awaits the global pilgrims. The benign "Holy Father" with open arms calls to one and all:

***"Rome sweet Home--
There's no place like Rome!"***

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

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

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

One final point. When will our Lord appear in glory to judge? Going by the prophecy of 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, it cannot be much longer. The falling away which must precede His return to earth has already taken place. This will be followed by another event: the impersonation of God, by one who arrogates to himself the Name of God. He must be revealed, meaning to say, manifested to the world as the universal religious leader.

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

If this interpretation is correct, how near must our Lord's appearing be, first for His own, and then to judge the world! The question is: will you be ready for Him? *"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer" (1 Peter 4:7).*

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