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Dedication

I would like to dedicate this book to everyone who has had their walk with Jesus adversely affected by the corrupting and altering of the modern Bible versions. May God give us all a love for the truth; and a heart to see the truth safeguarded and presented to the world in an uncorrupted fashion.

About the abbreviations

We will be comparing a number of ‘modern’ versions against the Authorized Version also known as the King James Version. For convenience sake the versions will be abbreviated as follows:

KJV = King James Version (The inspired and preserved Word of God; accurately translated from uncorrupted manuscripts accepted down through the centuries by the Church as the true Scriptures.)

A.V. = Authorized Version (KJV)

NKJV = New King James Version (a deceptive title - this is NOT an upgraded KJV!)

NIV = New International Version

NASB = New American Standard Bible

NWT = New World Translation (Jehovah Witness - from same W/H Greek as NIV, NASB, etc.!))

RSV = Revised Standard Version

AMP = The Amplified Bible

NLT = New Living Translation (The Living Bible - now called a translation, not a paraphrase!)

ASV = American Standard Version

NRSV = New Revised Standard Version

Please note that some of these versions may vary from printing to printing; and although not every single corruption discussed in this book will be found in every ‘modern’ translation, the alterations and deletions are generally found to have a very frequent occurrence in all.

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Why include the Jehovah Witness ‘New World Translation’?

In the early years of the Jehovah Witness /Watchtower organization their members used a King James Bible for their study and devotions. But somewhat later their people were given a sheet listing what were called ‘spurious’ passages. Portions of verses which they had decided needed to be *removed* from the Bible! Folks would use this reference sheet to aid them as they went through their K.J.V. and crossed out the portions of text as instructed. Now they had a Bible which was less of a rebuke to the false teachings of the J.W. organization. As amazing as this might sound it is true. You can find verification in Les Garrett’s “*Which Bible Can We Trust?*”. I highly recommend it to anyone with an interest in these matters.

Eventually the Watchtower (using the Westcott/Hort Revived Greek Text) produced a version of their own that was a horrible perversion of God’s Word. When it became common knowledge that serious alterations and deletions of text riddled the New World Translation (the J.W. Bible) it was rejected as heresy by the Christian community, and became the object of much rebuke. Today that stigma still remains upon the NWT.

What most people don’t realize is that when the Watchtower produced the NWT they used the same corrupt ‘Westcott/Hort - Revised Greek Text’ used to produce the landslide of other ‘modern’ versions that have come on the scene in the last few decades. They all either share a common root-text with the NWT, or have the errors of the ‘Revised Greek Text’ introduced into them. This is why the alterations to the other ‘new’ bibles are so similar to the text of the NWT. What kind of a witness does that give as to the validity of today’s popular versions when we see them manifesting the same corruption as the Watchtower version? And what does that say about the discernment (or lack thereof) of the modern Church that so little thought is given to such matters when it used to be such a major issue to us? It is my hope that seeing the New World Translation in allegiance with these other ‘modern’ versions as they disagree with the King James Version would provoke some alarm in those who might otherwise mistakenly view this as a non-issue.

INTRODUCTION

In the book of Psalms the Lord has given us such an awesome promise of purity and preservation concerning the Scriptures:

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. Psalms 12:6-7 KJV

But there are those (under the influence of Satan) who are compelled to alter and corrupt the Word of God!

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. 2 Corinthians 2:17 KJV

As believers we need to have an unwavering confidence that God's Word is absolutely true and also unchanging to all generations. True faith is founded upon a conviction that not only is what God has spoken true, but also that He will stick by his promises and fulfill them.

Since the first "Yea, hath God said...?" in the Garden of Eden the Devil has been at work to lead man astray through his twisting and altering of the words of truth God has spoken to us. The attack on the Word of God has continued down through the centuries and has now come to a fullness in our time as the end of days draws near.

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There is an extremely alarming issue confronting the Christian today that is unique to this generation. I am referring to a loss of confidence by many in the Body of Christ as to the inspiration and preservation of the Word of God. We are talking about an ever increasing lack of faith in the validity of the Bible manifesting on a global scale. It is my firm conviction a major factor of this decline is to be found in the confusion and disillusionment brought about by the corrupting of the Scriptures which takes place in the 'modern' Bible versions.

It is the goal of this book to bring an awareness to the Church of not only how altered and corrupted these 'new' Bibles are, but also an idea of the enormous damage they are causing.

Although there has always been those who would tamper with the truth for their own selfish reasons, and usually somebody around gullible enough to 'buy the lie', for the most part the Christian Church has always risen to the task of discerning error and casting it aside. Over the centuries many a false teacher has been branded a heretic with a resounding warning issued to reject their corrupting alterations to the Word of Truth. The writings of some of the early theologians (Origen, Clement, etc.) have always carried a stigma of error placed upon them by the rebuke of the early fathers of the faith; and the writings of those men are considered suspect even to this day.

While it is easily recognized that the Church held a firm grip on the truth of God's Word down through the ages, it has become quite apparent this hold has been loosened in recent years. Only 30 - 40 years ago any English version other than the traditional Authorized Version (the KJV) was accepted only by the most liberal fringes of Christianity. When the first 'new' versions arrived on the scene (Revised Version in 1881 and American Standard in 1901) they were met with an enormous outcry from the Church at large. Tracts and articles were circulated by the multitudes pointing out the vast amount of alterations and omissions which tainted these Bible versions and rendered them untrustworthy in the eyes of the Body of Christ. These corrupted Bible versions were for the most part rejected and never gained much footing for many decades.

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Over the years a number of other versions were translated or paraphrased but all were met with pretty much the same guarded response. Then starting in the 70's we see a shift in attitude toward more and more folks becoming willing to embrace alternative renderings of the Scriptures. Maybe this was due in part to the liberal mind-set of the millions brought into the Church by the Jesus Movement, and the lack of proper teaching which prevailed among this 'move'; I don't know. But for some reason the outcry against the corrupting of the Holy Scriptures has been greatly toned down; and the 'modern' Bibles have today gained such a widespread acceptance that in many fellowships you are regarded as a nut-case to raise a fuss about God's Word being tampered with. Amazingly, it seems like a large share of believers have agreed together to label this a non-issue!

It is my hopes that the information presented here would convince you that it is indeed a major cause for concern; and should be taken before the Lord in prayer for instruction on how to deal with this issue on a personal level. I believe the answer to the matter is a return to the exclusive usage of the Authorized Version (KJV). It is an accurate translation of uncorrupted manuscripts; you can trust it to bring you the uncompromised Word of God. The 'modern' translations and paraphrases will not do so. I need a Bible I can count on, don't you?

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Clearing up a Common Misconception

You will often hear people state that they like their NKJV, NIV, NASB, NRSV, etc. because it is easier to read than the King James Bible; but did you know that this is not a truthful statement? *Modern testing formulas, such as the Flesch - Kincaid test or Gunning's 'Fog' test, (and others) show that the NIV is seventh grade reading material, and the NKJV and NASB are at the sixth grade level. But these tests show that the KJV reads at only the fifth grade level! The 'readability' of written material is not determined by how modern sounding its words are but by other factors, such as the average number of letters and syllables per word and the average number of words per sentence. The 'moderns' consistently use harder to read text! The next time somebody tells you the 'modern' versions are preferable, because they take less effort to read, tell them they are mistaken because the KJV is actually the 'easier to read' version!

Still people will fuss and say, "But the King James has all of those old fashioned words I don't know the meaning of." Maybe God would like you to *learn* the meaning of those words so you might have a greater understanding of His ways? People are so used to going the easiest route they think the anemic text of the 'new' Bibles to be superior to the richness of the KJV. God did not design the Scriptures to be fast-food. Try to study (2 Timothy 2:15) the KJV with a good dictionary handy (the older the better). You'll be greatly enriched!

* Information gleaned from 'New Age Bible Versions' by G. A. Riplinger. A.V. Publications Corporation, P.O. 280 Ararat, Virginia, 24053

Chapter 1.

OPPOSITES ARE NOT THE SAME!

The story we are continually fed by those promoting the ‘modern’ Bible versions is that they are all saying the same thing as the traditional text of the KJV. That they are just saying it with a different style or a more modern sounding vocabulary. We are told there is nothing wrong with the new Bibles. But is this really the truth of the matter? No, actually it is a lie of enormous proportions. As we will see nothing could be farther from the truth. Let’s start by looking again at our first example on the rear cover:

Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow,
and against him that lifteth himself up in his brigandine:
Jeremiah 51:3 KJV

Let not the archer bend his bow, and let him not array
himself in his coat of mail.
Jeremiah 51:3 New Revised Standard

We see here that this ‘modern’ version is saying just the opposite of the KJV in this verse from Jeremiah! That should

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shock us enough to say “Hey, what’s going on here?” Are we to foolishly believe that opposites say the same thing? That’s what the promoters of the ‘new’ Bibles would have us accept. But, I’m sorry, that bird just doesn’t fly. There is no way you can change a verse of Scripture to say the opposite of its original form and still rightfully call it the Word of God. I just cannot accept that.

It would be bad enough if this were a solitary incident (no corruption of God’s Word is a minor thing) but we see this type of thing on a frequent basis if we critically examine the ‘modern’ versions. The alterations to them are in the **thousands!** Let’s look at another example:

And Isaac his father answered and said unto him,
Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above;
Genesis 27:39-40 KJV

...Your dwelling will be away from the earth’s richness,
away from the dew of heaven...
Genesis 27:39-40 NIV

Notice any discrepancy in the reading of this text in the NIV? Isaac’s blessing upon his son sadly now becomes a curse in the NIV! The Jehovah Witness NWT reads in a similar fashion (as do most other ‘new’ versions). Nine out of ten alterations to the New World Translation are also found to be lurking in the NIV! Should you place your trust in Bible versions having changes like this? I sure don’t. On to our next example:

Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints. Hosea 11:12 KJV

...Judah is also unruly against God, Even against the Holy One who is faithful.
Hosea 11:12 NASB

Judah ruling with God is altered to read Judah is unruly against God! Is that bringing to you the same understanding of the event? No, it is saying the opposite again here in the NASB.

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What does the NIV say? I guess they couldn't make up their mind so they just *left out* the verse altogether. That's right Hosea 11:12 is omitted from the NIV just like many other entire verses are left out of these 'new' versions!

Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

Isaiah 9:3 KJV

You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy...
Isaiah 9:3 NKJV

ASV+NRSV+NIV+NASB+AMP: ...and increased

The New King James is NOT an upgraded KJV as most people suppose. The use of the name King James is deceptive. It is an entirely new translation of its own and evidences the same type of corruption as these other 'moderns'. About this time some may be wondering that if the 'new' versions are somewhat in agreement on these alterations then maybe they are correct? The fact they have many similar alterations does not validate them; but instead shows them to all have a common vein of error. The reason they are prone to show similar alterations is because they share in common a corrupted text they were either translated from or influenced by. Later we'll see how many verses actually end up altered into lying statements from the influence of the corrupt 'Revised Greek Text'. This 'RGT' is the root source of most (but not all) of these alterations.

Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, Colossians 2:18 KJV

...Goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up...

Colossians 2:18 NIV

NASB+NWT+AMP: ...he has seen...

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Another opposite! Again I say, Can a bunch of books saying a number of different things all be giving us the same understanding? No, and what happens when multiple versions are present and used in a situation of public reading or preaching? Conflicting information causing doubt and confusion! Here's two more examples of this kind:

The north wind driveth away rain: so doth an angry countenance a backbiting tongue.

Proverbs 25:23 KJV

...as the north wind brings rain...

Proverbs 25:23 NIV

And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done: this is also vanity.

Ecclesiastes 8:10 KJV

NLT: I have seen wicked people buried with honor. How strange that they were the very ones who frequented the Temple and are praised in the very city where they committed their crimes!

NRSV+NIV: ...praised...

The wicked being forgotten is now changed to them being remembered and praised! We could fill many pages with examples of this type, but I think you get the point. The 'modern' versions are chalk full of alterations which render the verse into saying the very opposite of what God originally said! If that doesn't bother you maybe you have not given the matter enough thought; as believers we should all have a deep love for the truth which ought to make us very uneasy when we see God's Word treated in this fashion. God is not the author of confusion! We know who is.

Chapter 2.

CHANGES WHICH DIMINISH GOD'S WORD

Upon examining the 'modern' Bibles soon apparent is not only a diminishing in the *amount* of text used but also in the descriptive *quality* of what text is utilized. This, sadly, lends to us receiving a greatly diminished emphasis from what we read. This is serious enough when we receive a lesser account from a story or proverb; but when emphasis is removed (as we'll see later) that God put there to more deeply establish an important doctrinal truth in our understanding the damage is beyond estimation.

Let's check out some passages where the descriptive nature of the text is diminished:

And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

Genesis 24:60 KJV

NLT: ... "Our sister, may you become the mother of many millions!" ...

NWT+NASB+AMP: ...Become thousands of ten thousands...

NIV: ...may you increase to thousands upon thousands...

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Notice how Rebecca's blessing shrinks from version to version! What's next: hundreds upon hundreds? With every diminishing change to these words of the Bible, they have less and less impact.

Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him. Psalms 68:4 KJV

NIV: ...praise to his name; extol him who rides on the clouds...

NASB: ...a song for Him who rides through the deserts...

ASV+AMP: ...for him that rideth through the deserts...

NWT: ...a song to the One riding through the desert plains...

Notice how the position of God is demoted: from Him riding upon the heavens - to down upon the clouds of the earth - and then finally we see Him riding along a highway down on the desert floor! Why did God get demoted?

Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Matthew 18:22 KJV

NIV+NWT+NRSV:seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Here we see this exhortation from the Lord Jesus that we should be willing to forgive a person 490 times reduced to merely 77! It looks like you don't have to be nearly as forgiving in the 'modern' gospel!

Although most people don't realize it, this kind of radical change in wording is a very common occurrence in all 'modern' Bible versions. They do not just say the same thing in different words - they completely *change* the meaning of verse after verse of Scripture! Does the true Word of God ever change?

And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. Matthew 21:8 KJV

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NASB: Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road ...

NWT+NLT+AMP: Most of the crowd ...

What could possibly be the reason behind this change in the wonderful account of the triumphant entry of the Lord Jesus Christ into the city of Jerusalem? There is a very big difference between what images we receive from the phrases ‘the crowd’ and ‘a very great multitude’; a crowd might be only a few dozen people whereas a very great multitude would have to be many thousands! Can you see the subtle damage done to your understanding of what took place that day? Why the diminishing change in the descriptive nature of this verse and so many others?

Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. John 7:40 KJV

NLT: ...some of them declared, “This man surely is the Prophet.”

AMP+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+ASV: ...some of...

Why is it we can find numerous changes like this throughout the pages of these ‘improved’ Bibles which downplay the events we are reading about? When I see all of this loss of emphasis I have to ask myself who made this choice and more importantly - WHY?

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; John 14:16 KJV

NKJV: I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.

NASB+NWT: ...another helper ...

It is common for the ‘new’ Bibles to use a diminished ‘title’ in verses talking about the Lord as we see here. Maybe the persons responsible for this change in text could explain something to me: How is changing this title of the Holy Spirit of God from a dominant one of ‘Comforter’ to a subservient one of

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‘Helper’ an improvement of text? Is the Holy Spirit now to be considered subservient to us instead of us to Him?

Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?
John 1:38 KJV

NKJV: ...(which is to say, when translated, Teacher)...

NLT:+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+NWT+AMP: ...Teacher...

Repeatedly in the ‘moderns’ we see the omission of the word Master. Anyone who has studied the New-age religions knows the ‘children of the new age’ are not waiting for a Master, but a great Teacher; and in the ‘modern’ gospel Jesus is no longer referred to as ‘Master’, but now He is demoted to the lesser title of ‘Teacher’. In some of the ‘new-age’ versions - NIV for example - this change demoting Jesus Christ from the Master to a Teacher occurs nearly fifty times! Is the Lord Jesus Christ your Master or just your Teacher?

And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter. 1 Samuel 6:19 KJV

NLT: But the LORD killed seventy men from Beth-shemesh because they looked into the Ark of the LORD...

NRSV+NIV: ...seventy men... AMP: ...seventy of them...

Why are fifty thousand, threescore, and ten men reduced here to only seventy men? I guess God doesn’t get quite as mad in these ‘new and improved’ versions!

And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen... 1 Samuel 13:5 KJV

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NLT: ...a mighty army of three thousand chariots...

NIV: ...three thousand chariots...

And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron.

2 Samuel 15:7 KJV

NLT: ...After four years, Absalom said to the king, "Let me go...

NRSV+NIV+AMP: ...four years...

Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years. Amos 4:4 KJV

NKJV: "Come to Bethel and transgress, At Gilgal multiply transgression; Bring your sacrifices every morning, Your tithes every three days."

NWT+NLT+ASV+AMP: ...your tithes every three days;

What a ridiculous change to the text of these versions! What if you lived more than three days from the Temple? You would have a pretty rough life trying to find time to grow crops; and then get them to town every three days!

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Promises of Purity and Preservation

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:2 Timothy 3:16-17

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. Psalms 12:6-7

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

He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Psa 105:8
...all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. Psalms 111:7-8

For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth. Psalms 33:4

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. Psalms 119:160

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Proverbs 30:5

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. Psalms 19:7

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Psalms 119:89

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way. Psalms 119:128

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it. Psalms 119:140

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

Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever. Psalms 119:152

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

Chapter 3.

THE VANISHING VERSES

Something quite alarming about the 'modern' versions is the unbelievable amount of text which is missing from them. If you put the NIV and the Authorized (KJV) Version into a word processor and did a word count the NIV would be **64,000 words shorter** than the KJV. How much is that? If you added all that together and subtracted it from the end of the KJV it would now end half way through the book of Acts. From the middle of Acts to the end of Revelation would be gone! Most folks that use one of these 'new' Bibles have no idea how many times a portion of a verse, or even the entire verse itself, has been deleted from a book they are trusting to bring them the unchanging Word. If you don't know it's supposed to be there you will read right past one of these myriad of deletions without knowing you have been ripped off. Even when an entire verse has vanished most don't notice the verse numbering shows a deleted verse because you are concentrating on the text and not the numbers.

19 Afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, "Why couldn't we cast out that demon?"

20 "You didn't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I assure you, even if you had faith as small as a mustard seed you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."

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22 One day after they had returned to Galilee, Jesus told them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed.

Matthew 17:19-23 NLT

Notice anything missing from this passage in Matthew as delivered to us by the increasingly popular New Living Translation? Hey, what happened to verse 21? It's missing here; just like in many others. Some other versions have a practice of using [Brackets] or some other marking system to steal this verse away from you. They are marking the words to say, "Don't pay attention to these words; they are not inspired Scripture". This also is a subtle work of deception. We'll talk more on the lying brackets and footnotes in a later chapter.

And what was the stolen verse about anyway? What does the Authorized Version have for verse 21 in this passage?

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matthew 17:21 KJV

This is a key verse because it tells us that there are times when extreme measures of prayer and fasting might be needed to secure deliverance in the case of satanic possession. I can see where Satan would very much like to see that verse deleted from your Bible!

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God." (Luke 4:4) How can we live *by every word of God* if so many of them never find their way into our heart because they have been removed from the tainted Bible version we are using? Look at how the verse we just quoted from Luke is treated in the 'moderns':

And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God. Luke 4:4 KJV

NWT: ...It is written: "Man must not live by bread alone."
(OMIT rest of the verse!)

NIV+ASV+NLT+NRSV+NASB: (All of these versions follow the Jehovah Witness NWT and OMIT the rest of this verse!)

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The words 'but by every word of God' are OMITTED in all these versions! You are told here bread is not enough, but what else is it we need? Meat? Potatoes? Eggs? If all you have is one of these 'moderns' you will never know! But the KJV faithfully informs us we need every Word of God. Here's another deletion which removes an emphasis on receiving and living by God's Word.

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 1 Peter 2:2 KJV

If you asked someone using one of the five 'modern' versions below the question: "What *is* the spiritual milk you are supposed to be consuming that will cause you to grow as a Christian?" - what would be their answer? Well since their version leaves you in the dark as to what the milk symbolizes, they don't have an answer, unless they checked with the K.J.V. that is. There we are informed the milk that causes a child of God to 'grow' is *the Word of God!*

NLT: You must crave pure spiritual milk so that you can grow...

ASV: newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which...

NIV: ...newborn babes, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by...

NRSV: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, ...

AMP: ...crave the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may...

NLT+ASV+NIV+NRSV+AMP: All OMIT 'of the word' from the verse!

The Word of God is the milk a believer is to feed on for the nourishment to subsist and to grow in the things of God. But in these 'new' versions the Gospel is not only so drastically reduced in size, but also so watered down in content, it could only properly be referred to now as 'skim milk'! If you took an infant child and fed it only a diet of skim milk what would be the effects of such a diet upon that child? If it survived, it would become so anemic and stunted in growth it would probably never have the strength to learn how to stand up and walk. Should we suppose a diet of watered down Scripture would not stunt the development

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of a Christian? Don't settle for 'skim milk' when you could be drinking the good stuff: the KJV!

In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. John 5:3-4 KJV

NLT+NIV+NWT+NRSV: All these versions and many others OMIT the underlined words from this verse!

This record of the angel coming at a certain season to stir the water, and the miracles that would then transpire, has been completely removed from these 'new' Bible versions and [discredited] in many others! They are telling you it never really happened. Has this miraculous event been stolen from you by a corrupted version?

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:
1 Peter 1:22 KJV

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: All OMIT or discredit the underlined words!

The deletion of these three words robs us of an important truth spoken to us through this verse. We do not have the ability obey the truth through our own strength; but through the Spirit of God we can live a life of holiness. When you realize these alterations to the 'modern' versions number in the multiplied thousands you can begin to see how all the missing phrases and verses add up to an enormous loss inflicted upon those unsuspecting souls using them.

But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. Mark 11:26 KJV

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NWT+NIV+NRSV+NLT: THIS ENTIRE VERSE IS OMITTED in these versions and most other 'new' Bibles!

Many will try to argue and say the text deleted from these 'new' versions are insignificant or unnecessary words and their removal doesn't affect what the Bible teaches. Would you consider this verse insignificant or not needed? Here we see an entire verse on forgiveness is removed!

Seeing the importance of forgiveness in relation to our right-standing with God, don't you see the removal of this verse as a great danger? Many a soul has been restored through the rebuke of these words!

Here's a very clear example of what I'm getting at. Look at the text highlighted in the next passage. These words are either missing or discredited in nearly every 'modern' version!

And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 **Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.** 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, **into the fire that never shall be quenched:** 46 **Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.** 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell **fire:** 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. Mark 9:43-48 KJV

There was an aspect of the Law of Moses that was carried forward as a spiritual principle and a way of life for God's people: "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." The practice of repeating a matter to give extra emphasis is ingrained in the Word of God; and Jesus himself utilized this practice in his teachings. Look at the repetitive nature of his words on the horrors of a fiery Hell. This extreme emphasis was given to drive this doctrine home in our understanding in a radical manner. He was recommending drastic measures to avoid the torments of that place. Look how this

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passage reads in the New Living Translation (and many others):

43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better to enter heaven with only one hand than to go into the unquenchable fires of hell with two hands. 45 If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better to enter heaven with only one foot than to be thrown into hell with two feet. 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out. It is better to enter the Kingdom of God half blind than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell 48' where the worm never dies and the fire never goes out.'

Mark 9:43-48 NLT

Here we see verses 44 and 46 totally missing, as well as the last half of verse 45. The phrase 'the fire is not quenched' is gone three times. The word 'fire' is gone four times! There is no way you can omit this kind of repetitive emphasis and still retain the serious impact the Lord Jesus intended. How could we not expect this to affect doctrinal beliefs?

It's hard for most people to grasp and retain an accurate estimation of the amount of Scripture removed or tainted in these 'modern' versions. What is presented here is just a very small sampling.

BUT PASTOR SAID!

On occasion I will be speaking to someone about these corrupting changes and they will say, "Well, I asked Pastor about this issue and he told me it was nothing to worry about. He said the 'modern' translations are okay. So I'm not going to look into it." And they don't.

One of the hardest lessons I've learned as a believer is that sometimes the folks who you trust to be leading you to God, and should be speaking the truth into your life, can turn out to be the very ones full of the errors which will lead you astray if you listen to their mistaken notions. I have become less and less trusting of those who pridefully boast of having been 'professionally trained'; and more inclined to put a confidence in the words of those who evidence humility and a love for the truth; here's why:

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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. Luke 11:52 KJV

I find this a very telling passage. Jesus was speaking to the top scholars of the Jewish community. He told them they had lost the ability to learn truth. And not only were they not entering into God's truth, they were preventing others from doing so. Wow, what a sorry report card to get from the University of God! These guys were the cream of the crop. They were required to know the first five books of the Old Testament by heart. They spent their days reading Scripture, and it was the subject of constant discussion among them. But here was the Truth himself standing before them and they could not recognize Him. Why? The answer is simple: pride! When Jesus told them they had taken away the key of knowledge he was rebuking them for their pride of scholarship. That pride had closed the ears of their heart and prevented them from truly receiving truth. You can spend your entire life learning *about* God but never learn anything *from* Him.

Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off.

Psalms 138:6 KJV

...and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5:5 KJV

Until we humble ourselves and hunger for the truths of His kingdom we will never rise above the knowledge and understanding of man. This might not seem like an appropriate place for a lesson on humility; but this is key to understanding why there is such an acceptance of these corrupted versions among God's people. Pride of scholarship has deafened the scribes and lawyers of the Church today. The very ones who should be warning us of the corruption of these 'new' versions are telling us to embrace them! I wonder if they would recognize Jesus any better than the learned ones of His day?

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LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:
Psalms 10:17 KJV

If you are feeling you need some answers about the issues raised here please don't go to someone full of pride (pride of scholarship - pride of position) expecting to hear from God. You won't! Why not just humble yourself before Him and ask for His Spirit to guide you into all truth as He promised? Please pray about the things you are finding out in this book. If we are going to truly be close to Jesus we desperately need to abide in the truth; and not just accept whatever opinion (or bible) someone gives us and says is right. I am confident if you will take the time to look into the matter and bring your questions before God in prayer, you too will see the enemy at work in the corruption of God's Word and reject these perversions of Scripture we are being told are Holy Bibles.

The Derivative Copyright Laws

Here is some other information that sheds some light on one big reason for the dissimilarity of the 'new' Bibles. Most folks don't realize that the 'new' versions **have to be** different; or they couldn't copyright and sell their version for profit! Because of the constraints of 'derivative copyright' laws there are legal requirements that there be substantial change in the content of their text from that of the original work (or others based on the original) to secure a copyright on their version. And in their struggle to find words of similar meaning not already used in other Bibles these modern 'improvements' stray farther and farther from the truth. Many of these alterations are profit driven! Every time they are forced to choose a word or phrase that doesn't stay true to the text in order to satisfy the legal guidelines for the exclusive right to print and distribute their version they give a less and less accurate record of the truth. This can only worsen with each and every 'new' version to come along.

Chapter 4.

BIBLES TELLING LIES?

For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Romans 13:9 KJV

NWT+ASV+NLT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: All these OMIT the underlined words from this verse!

With all of the changing of truth into lies that goes on in the 'new' Bible versions, it should really come as no great shock to us they have omitted the phrase 'thou shalt not bear false witness' from this section of Scripture. Maybe it was because this portion of the verse had caused them to become 'convicted by their own conscience'. John 8:9 (Another phrase omitted in many of the 'modern' versions!)

As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Mark 1:2 KJV

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NIV: It is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare...

NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP+NLT+ASV: ...Isaiah the prophet...

Here we have the true Word changed into a boldfaced lie! I will give you one thousand dollars if you can show me in the Book of Isaiah the words “Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.” They are not there! Mark later quotes from Isaiah, but these words are found in the Book of Malachi.

People, we need to get a grip on something here. The Scriptures are a divine expression of God’s eternal truth; they are brought forth by the Spirit of Truth; they *are* truth! If something is not the truth then it is *not* God’s Word!

And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant... Hebrews 9:3-4 KJV

NLT: ...In that room were a gold incense altar and a wooden chest called the Ark of the Covenant...

NASB+NIV+AMP+NRSV+ASV: ...golden altar of incense...

These ‘moderns’ have really missed it here. They have changed a ‘censer’ into the ‘golden altar of incense’! These guys should have done a little study on the layout of the Temple of God. To say the golden altar of incense was in the Holy of Holies is a false witness. A priest had to burn incense on that altar twice a day. If that altar was in the ‘Holiest of all’ the priest would die when he went in to burn incense on it! Only the High Priest could go in there, and only on one day of the year: the Day of Atonement. The golden altar of incense was in the inner court (the Holy Place), not in the Holy of Holies! Could this untruthful statement made by these ‘modern’ translations possibly be the Word of God? Does the true Word of God bear false witness?

And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him. Luke 2:33 KJV

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NIV: The child's father and mother marveled...

ASV+NRSV+NASB+NWT: ..father...

It is a false witness to call Joseph Jesus' father. He was his parent, but not his father; God was! One time we see someone (Mary) refer to Joseph as his father; and when she did, Jesus reminded her just who His Father really was: ...and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? (Luke 2:48-49 KJV)

Who killed Goliath?

2 Samuel 21:19 NASB...and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite...

NIV+NRSV+ASV+AMP+NWT: ...Elhanan... ...killed Goliath...

I thought a lad called David killed him, didn't you? These 'modern' versions of the Bible declare a man named Elhanan took the life of Goliath. This, one of the most widely known facts about the Bible, is blatantly marred right before our eyes. I do not think anyone can have a genuine love and zeal for Jesus without having the same love and zeal for God's Word; because Jesus is the Word! A love for Christ is also a love for the truth; they are inseparable. Now what really happened in that battle? The true Word of God tells us it was the brother of Goliath who was slain by Elhanan, as is also attested to in 1 Chronicles 20:5.

And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 2 Samuel 21:19 KJV

And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! Mark 10:24 KJV

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NLT: ...“Dear children, it is very hard to get into the Kingdom of God.”

NIV+NASB+NRSV: ...“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!”

Another grievous twisting of the truth into a false witness. Here we have the verse altered from a warning about trusting in riches, to where now we have Jesus telling children how hard it is to enter into God’s Kingdom! Personally, I don’t think He could have made it much easier.

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Philippians 2:6 KJV

NIV+AMP: ...did not consider equality with God something to be grasped.

ASV: ...counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped.

NASB: ...did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

NWT: no consideration to a seizure,.... that he should be equal to God.

Here once more we see these ‘moderns’ saying just the opposite of the Holy Scriptures. Two contradictory statements cannot both be true; this verse has been altered into an outright lie! This alteration actually attacks the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. To say Jesus ‘did not consider equality with God something to be grasped’ is to say He did not think Himself to be God, which He most certainly was aware of (...He that hath seen me hath seen the Father. John 14:9 KJV).

We will look at more alterations which attack the deity of Christ later. In the next chapter we’ll see how the simple change of one word can alter a verse into a false witness of the event.

Chapter 5.

CHANGING JUST ONE WORD

Go ye up unto this feast I go not up **yet** unto this feast:
for my time is not yet full come. When he had said these
words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. But when his
brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast,
not openly, but as it were in secret. John 7:8-10 KJV

ASV: Go ye up unto the feast: I go not up unto this feast;
because my time is not yet fulfilled...

NASB: I do not go up to this feast because My time has ...

NRSV: I am not going to this festival, for my time has not...

AMP: DISCREDITS the word yet with [Brackets]

Can you see how damaging it can be to alter or remove just one word of a verse of Scripture? By omitting the tiny word 'yet' from this verse these 'moderns' have made a liar out of the Lord Jesus Christ! They have Him saying He will not go up to this feast; and then a little later secretly going where He had earlier stated He would not. That would be a boldfaced lie! Did those corrupters of Scripture actually believe Jesus would lie? What He said was that He was not going yet - thus allowing He intended to go at a later time.

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Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Galatians 5:19 KJV

NLT+NIV: ...sexual immorality...

NASB+AMP: ...immorality ...

The word 'fornication' is a very frank word with a very precise meaning. It is a person having sex outside of a marriage covenant; and this act is forbidden by God. It is important we stay clear on this issue, because those who refuse to submit to God's will in this matter will lose their souls to a fiery hell. But for some reason these 'new' versions are very shy about using the word 'fornication'. Instead, they are prone to use words less precise, and less offensive, such as 'immorality'. The word immoral is a subjective term that *changes* from one culture to another. God's true Word does not change meaning; it is the same to all cultures and generations. According to Webster, the definition of the word immoral is "*not in conformity with accepted principles of right and wrong behavior; or contrary to the moral code of the community.*" The 'accepted principles of right and wrong behavior' can vary extremely from one social climate to another, as can the 'moral code' from one community to another.

According to the true definition of the word, in the city of San Francisco homosexuality would not really be considered immoral, because it is so widely accepted in that community. In some cultures wife swapping is accepted; in others premarital sex (fornication) is actually encouraged and would not be considered immoral. Can you see this modification to 'sexual immorality' no longer bears the true meaning of the original text? This practice of removing words that clearly proclaim *God's standard of living* for us and replacing them with words that govern conduct according to the *shifting standards of man* is often employed in these 'upgraded' Bibles. And this contributes greatly to the tainting of what is being preached!

A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted,

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and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Titus 3:10-11 KJV

NRSV: have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful...

NIV: Warn a divisive person once and then warn him a ...

NASB: Reject a factious man ... NKJV: Reject a divisive man

ASV: A factious man after a first and second admonition ...

NWT: A man that promotes a sect reject him...

AMP:...factious...

Here we have the word ‘heretic’ (one who teaches heresy) replaced by words that in no way render the same meaning. Jesus Christ walked this earth as a factious and a divisive person! Should He be warned and rejected? Is He perverted and sinful? He came preaching the truth and it brought much division; and rose up a faction within the religious community. The true Gospel is quite divisive and factious. Should we stop preaching the truth so we do not cause a division between those who will not receive the truth and those who will? No, but we *should* reject a person who is a heretic (if he rejects two admonitions.)

The true Scriptures point the finger of blame at those who bring forth false teachings; but in the ‘modern’ gospel the finger is taken off the heretics and pointed instead at anyone who makes waves by crying wolf.

This passage speaking out against heresy was given to promote an on-going purification of doctrine within the Body of Christ. But now this perverted verse rebukes anyone speaking out against false teachings and labels these ‘watchmen’ as divisive! This promotes an atmosphere where heresy can now flourish. This verse of Scripture has been so severely altered that now it accomplishes exactly the opposite of what God intended!

And shall put thereon the covering of badgers’ skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the staves thereof. Numbers 4:6 KJV

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X A. **badger**

NASB+AMP: ... a covering of porpoise skin on it...

__ B. **porpoise**

NIV: ...they are to cover this with hides of sea cows...

__ C. **sea cow**

NLT: ...cover the curtain with fine goatskin leather...

__ D. **goat**

NWT+ASV: ... put thereon a covering of sealskin...

__ E. **seal**

What did God say this covering for the ‘Ark of the Covenant’ was to be made of? Unbelievably, these are all different versions of the same verse! Can all five of these varying phrases be the Word of God? It seems to me like they are changing the ‘word settled in heaven’ to a multiple choice here on earth; just pick and choose what *you* want it to say! (For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Psalms 119:89 KJV) Also, where did they find *sea creatures* out in the wilderness?

And Absalom made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man’s son, whose name was Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruah Joab’s mother. 2 Samuel 17:25 KJV

NLT: Absalom had appointed Amasa as commander of his army, replacing Joab, who had been commander under David. (Amasa was Joab’s cousin. His father was Jether, an Ishmaelite. His mother...

NRSV+AMP: ...Ithra the Ishmaelite...

NIV: ...Jether an Israelite...

Just who was this guy anyway? Was he Ithra or Jether; and was he an Israelite or an Ishmaelite? (There *is* somewhat of a difference between an Israelite and an Ishmaelite, don’t you agree?) How can all these versions be the truth if they are giving such a conflicting account? They absolutely cannot.

Chapter 6. PRIDE AND CONFUSION

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. Malachi 4:1 KJV

The sinfulness of pride, and the grave consequences it will bring to those who embrace it, is a matter given much attention in the Scriptures. For some reason many ‘new’ versions seem to ignore these warnings in the Bible; and instead choose to promote pride as an acceptable part of the life of a believer. They are literally encouraging a behavior that will bring damnation upon a person! God help us we would not follow such poor advice.

Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. James 1:9-10 KJV

NIV: The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position. But the one who is rich should take pride in his low position...

Unbelievable! Here we have the NIV telling us we ought to sin by taking pride unto ourselves! The Scriptures inform us not only is pride a sin, but all who are proud of heart are an abomination to God. (Every one that is proud in heart is an

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abomination to the LORD. Proverbs 16:5 KJV) The Word states further God will destroy the proud! (The LORD will destroy the house of the proud. Proverbs 15:25 KJV)

Many people claim the NIV is the Holy Bible. However, would God's true Word tell us to take upon ourselves a sin that will bring about our destruction? I believe that the true sayings of God are divinely inspired, and do not contain reasoning that steers us toward conduct which is in conflict with the will of God. God's Word has no fault; it is a good and perfect gift! (Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights... James 1:17 KJV)

Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation. 2 Corinthians 7:4 KJV

NLT+AMP: ... confidence in you, and my pride in you is great.

NIV: I take great pride in you... NRSV: I have great pride in...

Here we have these versions altered to where now Paul declares to the Corinthians he has 'great pride' in them! This Paul was caught up into the presence of God, and learned the truths of the kingdom of God first hand from the mouth of the Lord. Probably no one in history, other than the Lord Jesus, has had a greater understanding of God's ways than this man. He knew perfectly well the eternal destruction pride would bring upon its host. Paul would not allow himself to walk in the grievous sin of 'great pride', much less brag about possessing it! You can glory in something or someone without wallowing in the uncleanness of pride. Does your Bible version promote pride?

So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: 2 Thessalonians 1:4 KJV

NWT: As a result we ourselves take pride in you...

NLT: We proudly tell God's other churches about your...

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NASB: ...therefore we ourselves spea proudly of you...

AMP: ...mentioning you with pride among the churches...

As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus. 2 Corinthians 1:14 KJV

NASB+AMP: ...we are your reason to be proud as you also ...

Again, being proud and rejoicing are two entirely different matters. The one is very acceptable to God; the other will bring His wrath upon you! There is no way to reconcile these two different words as both bringing forth God's truth. The Scriptures are given (among other reasons) to teach us acceptable behavior. Is pride acceptable to God? I show many more similar examples on pride in the book 'The True Sayings of God'. Let's move on and talk about alterations which cause confusion.

Would the true Word of God cause confusion?

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace...
1 Corinthians 14:33 KJV

A growing phenomenon within the Body of Christ is the confusion caused when a person is preaching or teaching from one version, and others who are listening are using another. It can be hard to follow along even when the versions are somewhat in agreement; but what happens when they deviate in textual content can only be described as mental chaos. Time after time I have watched people strip their mental gears trying to follow along with someone using a different version. Paul had a solution for this confusion: ...let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. (Philippians 3:16 KJV) If we are all using a bunch of different versions giving conflicting readings how can we all have the same thing in our minds?

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. Revelation 13:1 KJV

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NIV: And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea...

NRSV: Then the dragon took his stand on the sand of the ...

NASB: And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore...

NWT: And it stood still upon the sand of the sea.

Who was standing on the shore, John or the dragon? Do you think John knew? (he *was* there after all!) Do you think the Holy Spirit knew who it was so He could inspire John to record it? These conflicting accounts cannot both be inspired. Satan has produced all of these conflicts to bring forth confusion; hoping to make us believe no absolutely pure record of God's Word exists for us today. Nevertheless, praise God, we have an accurate and true Bible available.

And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

Genesis 16:12 KJV

NASB+AMP: ...he will live to the east of all his brothers.

NIV:...he will live in hostility toward all his brothers.

Here we have three totally conflicting accounts. This fosters confusion in the minds of those subjected to this corruption. God is not going to send forth multiple versions of the stories and events of the Bible. God's Word is TRUTH; not a hodge-podge of maybe it was this way or maybe it was that way. A major reason for this book is to get folks to recognize this confusion as the work of the enemy; and then to ask and trust God for the uncompromised Word that He has promised to preserve for His people. I believe the KJV to be that inspired and preserved Word.

For the sake of space and time I will give a number of examples of confusion fostering changes in an abbreviated form. You can look them up on your own and see them in their full context if you want to.

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Ruth 3:15 KJV ...and she went into the city.

ASV: ..and he went into the city.

NLT: ...Then Boaz returned to the town.

NWT+NRSV+NIV: ...he...

1 John 1:4 KJV ...write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

NWT+NIV+NASB+NLT+ASV+NRSV: ...our joy...

Revelation 6:17 KJV For the great day of his wrath is come..

ASV+NWT+NLT+NIV+NASB+NRSB: ...their wrath...

Genesis 19:14 KJV ...and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said...

NLT: his daughters' fiancés: Quick, get out...

NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...who were to marry his daughters...

NIV: ...who were pledged to marry his daughters...

NWT: ...who were to take his daughters...

Were Lot's daughters married or were they just engaged?

Acts 14:17 KJV ...filling our hearts with food and gladness.

NRSV+NASB+NWT+NIV+ASV+NLT+AMP: ...filling your hearts...

Colossians 1:12 KJV ...hath made us meet to be partakers...

NLT+NIV+NWT+NRSV: ...you...

Genesis 25:18 KJV ..and he died in the presence of all his brethren.

NASB: ...he settled in defiance of all his relatives.

NIV: ... they lived in hostility toward all their...

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NWT: ...in front of all his brothers he settled down.

AMP: ...dwelt close to the lands of all his...

Did he live or did he die? Does it matter? It's only Scripture that we are dealing with here!

Revelation 8:13 KJV ...heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven...

NLT: I heard a single eagle crying loudly as it flew through...

NWT+NASB+NIV+NRSV+AMP: ...eagle...

Did John behold an eagle or was it an angel that he saw? Are we presuming upon God too much to expect an accurate account of the events described here? Only a comparative study of the 'new' Bible versions can truly reveal to a person the overwhelming number of times they give conflicting accounts. This can only result in confusion and a lack of unity among those using them, particularly in a public reading. Not to mention unity in doctrine! We do get our doctrine from the Bible we read, right?

We need an unshakable confidence that God's Word has been preserved for us. Satan knows better than most Christians do what avenue brings true faith into their lives. (So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17 KJV) That is why so much of his unholy actions are directed at destroying your confidence in your Bible. If he can get you to doubt the Word then you will not likely be considering it as much of a weapon; defensively or offensively! This makes things so much easier for him. He squeals in delight every time a believer speaks doubtfully, or double minded, about the preservation of the Holy Scriptures. But, oh what terror grips him when a child of God places his unwavering trust in God's Word, and speaks it forth with a steadfast confidence. From such a faithful confession the devil will flee with trembling.

Are the words in your Bible a faithful sword in which you place your complete trust; or a 'maybe it says this / maybe it says that' watered down mess that fosters doubt and confusion in your heart instead of faith? Has Satan dulled *your* sword? I hope not.

Chapter 7. DEMOTING DEITY

Of critical concern to us as followers of Jesus Christ is what we believe about who He is. This necessitates we keep a vigilant eye on what others try to teach us about Him. It is not by chance that so many of the alterations we find in the 'new' versions mar verses which teach the deity of Christ; and others diminish what is said about who He is and what He taught as doctrine. Once you realize how widespread this attack is throughout the pages of the 'modern' versions you cannot help but see this as a deliberate assault. It is not sloppy translating nor human error; it is satanic deception polished through centuries of the efforts of apostate and unbelieving men twisting and altering God's Word. And now in the end of days this iniquity has come to a fullness. What do you think of this change:

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Micah 5:2 KJV

NIV: ...whose origins are from old... ...from ancient times.

NRSV: ...whose origin is from old... ...from ancient days.

NLT: ...one whose origins are... ...from the distant past.

NWT: ...whose origin is... ...from early times...

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Many of the lies that Satan has introduced into the ‘modern’ versions are cloaked in such subtlety it’s very easy to miss them, and consequently most do. This Scripture is a prophesy about Jesus Christ our Lord. The passage states, among other things, that His goings forth (existence) have been from everlasting (eternity). However, here we have ‘goings forth’ perverted to read ‘origin’. Something that has an origin (starting point) is a part of creation. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is a part of creation? I sincerely hope not!

To say Jesus Christ had an origin in ancient times is to deny His deity; that is a teaching of the heretics. He is eternal God, without beginning or ending of days! Could a book putting forth words of heresy be properly called Holy Scripture? God has given us His true and faithful words; and Satan (since the beginning) has been at work underhandedly attempting to corrupt God’s Word, hoping to dump on us a perversion of the truth.

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. 1 Timothy 3:16 KJV

ASV: ...mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh...

NLT: ...mystery of our faith: Christ appeared in the flesh and...

NASB+NRSV+NIV+NWT: ...He ...

In this example, we see another important doctrinal statement is stolen away from all the readers of these ‘modern’ translations. The statement ‘God was manifest in the flesh’ is declaring Jesus Christ *is* God, as Jesus is the one who was manifested. All these ‘new’ versions alter this verse to the point it no longer declares the deity of Christ; they only say *He* appeared in the flesh. Big deal, you appeared in the flesh and so did I; but to say God was manifest in the flesh is a statement that declares Christ’s deity!

Doctrinal statements such as this are vital to receiving a proper concept of who Jesus Christ is. The Jehovah Witnesses are

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fine with how this verse is worded in the ‘new’ versions - but not with the KJV!

But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ... ..So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:10 + 12 KJV

NIV: ...For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat.

NWT+ASV+NASB+NRSV: ... all stand before the judgment-seat of God.

NLT+AMP: ...the judgment seat of God.

The fact that verse 10 in this passage of Scripture mentions ‘the judgment seat of Christ’ and then verse 12 tells us shall give an account of himself to God, amounts to a declaration that Christ *is* God. Sadly, this truth no longer comes forth in these ‘new’ versions but is obscured by this change of text. A large number of ‘deity of Christ’ verses have been treated in similar fashion; but with such subtlety is easy to miss the significance.

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 1 John 5:7 KJV

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+AMP+NRSV: All these versions OMIT or discredit this entire verse of Scripture!

Evil was at work the day they blotted out these words from the Holy Writ! This is one of the most remarkable passages of Scripture that we have. Few verses make such a plain and straightforward statement concerning the unity of the Godhead that also proclaims the deity of Jesus Christ; the Word of God. If you look in the ‘new’ versions notice how they borrowed text from the adjacent verse to keep the verse numbering from showing a gap like it usually does when they remove a verse. How sneaky!

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Revelation 1:8 KJV

ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: The words 'the beginning and the ending' are OMITTED in these versions!

This verse coupled together with verse 11 of the same chapter is a declaration of the deity of Christ, claiming Jesus to be 'the Almighty'.

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... Revelation 1:11 K.J.V.

ASV+NLT+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: All these versions OMIT the underlined words from this verse!

The removal of the underlined text in this verse causes it to no longer tie in with verse 8 of the same chapter to make a declaration of the deity of Jesus Christ. The alterations discussed in this book are merely a partial examination of this issue. The 'modern' Bibles are so completely riddled with these perversions of text that you can hardly find an important passage where the truth has not been marred in one fashion or another!

The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old... ..When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains...
Proverbs 8:22+24 KJV

NRSV: The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

NLT: The LORD formed me from the beginning, before he created anything else.

NIV: The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works...

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NRSV: The Lord created me...

AMP: The Lord formed and brought me [wisdom] forth...

Some folks do not believe this passage in Proverbs on Wisdom is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ; I personally do. (But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. 1 Corinthians 1:30 KJV) If it is a reference to Christ, then it has been turned into an attack on His deity by declaring Him a part of creation, and not the Creator. This is heresy, and will bring damnation on those who follow and teach this lie.

If this verse is not a reference to Jesus, then the alteration is still a false witness in that it declares 'wisdom' had an origin in the beginning of creation. Was wisdom created? What did God use for insight and good judgment before He had wisdom? Before wisdom was supposedly created was God 'unwise'? The nature and attributes of God are eternal; they are without beginning or ending. This includes His magnificent Wisdom, which I believe is revealed to us as His Son: the Word of God.

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! Isaiah 14:12 KJV

NIV ...fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn!

NASB ...fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the.

NRSV ...are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn!

ASV+AMP: ...day-star...

Of all of the perversions of God's Word which have been thrust upon the world through the 'modern' translations this is without a doubt one of the most grievous. This reference to the enemy of our souls, the Devil, has been omitted. You will not find the name Lucifer in these 'new' versions. The name Lucifer has been changed to the phrase 'O morning star' or 'O day star', both of which are titles of the Lord Jesus Christ! (see 2 Peter 1:19 and Rev. 22:16) This is a horrible perversion of God's Word!

Some try to sidestep this issue by saying this passage is

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not about Satan but only some king of long ago. Well fine, if you want to deny the passage is about the Devil go ahead, but how do you get around the change to a title that the Scriptures use to refer to Jesus? Read the entire chapter; does this describe the Lord Jesus in *any* fashion? In addition, the word star does not occur in the underlying Hebrew text; the change is unwarranted, and this passage *is* a prophetic depiction of the fall of Lucifer the Devil!

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. Daniel 3:25 KJV

NWT: ...the fourth one is resembling a son of the gods.

NASB: ...appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.

NIV: ...unharmmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.

ASV+AMP: ... a son of the gods.

And the appearance of the fourth looks like a son of the gods? Tell me now, just *who* was that fourth man in the fire? Was it Hercules? Or was it maybe Superman? No, it was not a son of the gods; it was Jesus Christ the Son of God in that fiery furnace with those faithful ones.

This change really bothers me extra for some reason. Maybe it's because the O.T. accounts give us such a precious glimpse into faith down through the ages. What a rip-off to see this wonderful image of Jesus ruined like this. What could possibly motivate an alteration such as this?

And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

Zechariah 13:6 KJV

NASB: And one will say to him, "What are these wounds between your arms?" Then he will say...

NIV: If someone asks him, "What are these wounds on your body?" he...

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NRSV: And if anyone asks them, “What are these wounds on your chest?” the answer will be...

NLT: And if someone asks, “Then what are those scars on your chest?” ...

AMP: What are these wounds on your breast or between your hands...

This is another of the bizarre changes we see in these ‘modern’ versions that are pushed upon us with no possible explanation in sight. It seems they are content to place these wounds that Jesus suffered anywhere but where the true sayings of God rightly place them: in His hands!

This is without a doubt a reference to the wounds Jesus received being nailed to the Cross, but from reading these ‘improved’ versions you would not get that impression.

And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. John 6:65 KJV

ASV: ...I said unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it be given unto him of the Father.

NLT: ...people can't come to me unless the Father brings them to me.

NWT+NASB+NRSV+NIV+AMP: ...the Father...

This seemingly innocent change in text actually steals away the fact Jesus, by saying my Father, was declaring Himself to be God.

I and my Father are one. John 10:30 KJV

ASV: I and the Father are one. NLT: The Father and I are one.

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: ...the Father...

(see also John 14:12, 14:28, 16:10, 20:17)

Many times in the Gospel of John (14 in some versions) the words ‘my Father’ are changed to read ‘the Father’. Would

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they have tried to stone the Lord Jesus Christ for saying ‘the Father’?

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. Acts 8:37 KJV.

NIV+NLT+NRSV+NWT: These versions and many others DELETE this verse entirely from the Bible!

The account of the conversion of the eunuch from Ethiopia is a wonderful story about God sending someone to preach to a man who was hungry for the truth. This verse is one of the greatest examples in the Scriptures of conversion through faith, and the subsequent baptism that should take place. It is one of the few places in the Bible where we see such a strong personal witness given by a new convert testifying to faith in Jesus. But, regretfully, here we see this entire verse is totally taken out of these ‘new’ versions and discredited in some others! It becomes quite remarkable when you realize how many verses are altered or deleted which contain the words ‘Son’ or ‘Son of God’. Do *you* have Acts 8:37 in your version?

Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. Matthew 15:25 KJV

NASB: But she came and began to bow down before Him,

NIV: The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!”

NRSV: But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord help

NWT: She began doing obeisance to him...

Only God can be rightfully worshipped; and the many times we see where Jesus accepted worship is in itself a declaration of deity on His part. Repeatedly these ‘new’ versions change the word ‘worshipped’ to a phrase that does not necessarily indicate worship. In Japan, people bow to one another constantly; and in many nations the lower class show respect to the royalty by bowing or kneeling. All of this can be done apart from what would be considered worship. This alteration is a

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serious assault on the true record of the life of Jesus. All of these subtle attacks on His deity add up to a greatly diminished emphasis of that doctrinal truth; with this doing unseen damage only God can tally.

But what we can see is how the surveys taken over the years show a dramatic decline in the last several decades of the percentage of ministers who hold to the traditionally accepted doctrines of the Bible: the Deity of Christ, Virgin Birth, inerrancy of the Scriptures, atoning power of Christ's blood, a literal fiery Hell, etc.. I don't think it's just a coincidence that over this same time period the usage of the 'modern' versions has sky-rocketed. I believe that not only are these two factors related, but that they also fuel one another. By this I mean: the more that people use the 'new' Bibles the less they are impacted by the true teachings of the Scriptures; and the less people hold to the true teachings of the Scriptures the more the 'new' Bibles appeal to them. It's like a self fueling fire. I wonder how all of this relates to Paul's words to the Church at Thessalonica? Scary stuff!

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 KJV

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THE TWO ROTTEN APPLES that spoiled the ‘Revised Greek Text’

Codex Vaticanus

- * It disagrees with the ‘Texus Receptus’ many thousands of times.
- * It omits Genesis 1:1 thru Genesis 46:28, Psalms 106 - 138, Matthew 16:2-3, Titus, 1 and 2 Timothy, and Hebrews 9:14 thru 13:25. Also large parts of Samuel, Kings, Nehemiah, and ALL of Revelation.
- * Modern technology has proven that it has been altered by at least two different people.
- * It has almost 600 readings that cannot be found in any of the other 5,300+ available manuscripts.
- * This corrupt manuscript lay dormant and unused for over 11 centuries. (while true manuscripts were worn to pieces by use.)
- * It was ‘resurrected’ from the vaults of the Vatican in the 15th century to aid in suppressing the Reformation, and released 100 years later as the Jesuit-Rheims bible.

Codex Sinaiticus

- * The Sinaiticus manuscript was discovered (in part) in the mid-1800’s, by a man named Tischendorf, in a trash-can in St. Catherine’s Monastery near Mt. Sinai. It had been discarded by the monks. (these guardians of the truth deemed ‘Aleph’ to be garbage!)
- * It disagrees with the Texus Receptus approx. 9,000 times.
- * It has been proven that the manuscript has been erased and ‘corrected’ by as many as nine or ten people over the years.
- * It lay dormant and unused for over 15 centuries.
- * It has approx. 1,500 readings that cannot be found in any of the other 5,300+ available manuscripts.
- * It omits Exodus, Joshua, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, Hosea, Amos, Micah, Ezekiel, Daniel and Judges! Also parts of Matthew, Mark, John, Acts, Romans, 1John, Genesis, Numbers, and 1Chronicles.
- * The Vaticanus and Sinaiticus disagree with each other over 3,000 times in the Gospels alone.

If these two manuscripts used to construct the “Revised Greek Text’ are so different from the Texus Receptus, and also quite different from each other, how could anyone think them the proper text? These corrupt documents are not the true Word of God! How could the Revised Greet Text be considered reliable (or any version constructed using it) with these two manuscripts as a base text?

Chapter 8.

LOSSES OF A SAD NATURE

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Luke 23:33 KJV

NWT+NLT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV: All of these versions and many others alter this verse to OMIT the word 'Calvary'!

I guess we had better stop singing about Calvary, because it is not in these 'new' versions!

~~MERCY THERE WAS GREAT AND GRACE WAS FREE;~~

~~PARDON THERE WAS MULTIPLIED TO ME.~~

~~THERE MY BURDENED SOUL FOUND LIBERTY;~~

- ~~AT CALVARY!~~

It always amuses me when I hear people who use a 'modern' version quote popular verses or phrases that are not in their 'new' Bibles. They have to quote the words the way they are found in the KJV, or they couldn't quote them, because their version doesn't have them! Is Calvary still in your Bible?

And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing. Isaiah 10:27 KJV

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ASV+NASB: ...his burden shall depart from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed by reason of fatness.

NIV: ...the yoke will be broken because you have grown so fat.

AMP: ...because of fatness...

NLT+NRSV: ... These versions OMIT the phrase entirely!

Did they let a comedian translate this verse? What a hoot! Has your burden ever been taken and your yoke destroyed because you have grown so fat? Need set free? Let's run down and buy a gallon of ice-cream and a box of Twinkies! Maybe I should take a poll among those on the heavy side just to be sure, but growing fat has never done much to set anyone free as far as I could tell. Now I *have* heard many powerful sermons on the power of the anointing to break the grip and bondage of sin; but if you want to preach deliverance using this verse don't try one of these 'newbies' or you are going to sound a little foolish!

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. Isaiah 59:19 KJV

NASB: ...of the sun, For He will come like a rushing stream which the wind of the Lord drives.

NIV: ...For he will come like a pent up flood that the breath of the Lord drives along.

NLT: ...For he will come like a flood tide driven by the breath of the LORD.

ASV: ...for he will come as a rushing stream, which the breath of Jehovah driveth.

NWT: ...he will come in like a distressing river which the spirit of Jehovah has driven along.

I think this is maybe one of the most frequently quoted verses of Scripture in the Church today (or at least it used to be);

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and it is sure to be recognized by almost any Christian who hears it spoken. However, as many times as I try, I cannot get anything out of the text of these ‘new’ versions that even remotely resembles this quotation we have grown to know and love. They change ‘the enemy’ to ‘he’, and then have the Lord propelling him along instead of rising up against him! They have ruined this popular quotation. Another of the wonderful ‘improvements’ brought to you courtesy of the Bibles of the ‘new age’!

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 KJV

NASB: He was crushed for our iniquities...

NIV: he was crushed for our iniquities...

NLT: But he was wounded and crushed for our sins...

NWT: He was crushed for our errors.

The wording of the Scriptures was chosen by the Spirit to bring concise revelation concerning the things of God. Each word has a specific meaning relevant to the truth God is speaking to us. For example: the word ‘bruised’ in this verse gives to us a specific revelation concerning the forgiveness we receive through the work of the Cross. A ‘bruise’ is the *inward* shedding of blood. Iniquity is the sin that is found *in the heart*. He was wounded for our transgressions (outward bloodshed for our outward sins); he was bruised for our iniquities (inward bloodshed for our inward sins). Can you see the word crushed does not bring to us the revelation of truth in this matter? What do you picture if you hear of someone being crushed? A mangled body with its bones broken from the trauma of being horribly compressed in some accident? Does the word crushed properly describe what happened to Jesus that day? No, but bruised sure does.

One of the many Scriptures He fulfilled that day declared none of His bones would be broken! (He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Psalms 34:20 KJV) This is because Jesus was the Passover Lamb sacrificed for our sins. (...nor break

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any bone of it: according to all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it. Numbers 9:12 KJV) Can you see how this change from ‘bruised’ to ‘crushed’ departs from the overall flow of truth woven throughout the Scriptures? Repeatedly in these ‘new’ versions we see where words that were chosen by God to bring forth a specific revelation are changed to words that do not do so. This greatly detracts from the revelation of truth that a person receives from the text.

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly:
and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.
Proverbs 18:24 KJV

NASB: A man of too many friends comes to ruin...

ASV: ...maketh many friends (does it) to his own destruction...

NIV: A man of many companions may come to ruin...

NLT: There are “friends” who destroy each other...

NWT: companions disposed to break one another to pieces...

AMP: man of many friends will prove himself a bad friend...

Making too many friends will cause you to ‘come to ruin’ and ‘destroy’ you? Give me a break! Do you accept that as a reasoning of truth? I surely do not. Some of these alterations are so absolutely ridiculous I cannot imagine the translators including them without worrying about retaining credibility as a scholar. A 12-year-old child would know better than to claim such rubbish as this to be Scripture. God was saying, “If you want friends then be friendly” not that having lots of friends will ruin you!

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 KJV

RSV+NRSV: ...will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son...

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NWT: ...a sign, Look! The maiden herself will actually become pregnant...

Mary was a virgin! I would not consider a young woman or a maiden having a son much of a sign, would you? It happens many times a day. What a sad treatment of this prophesy about the supernatural conception of the Holy Child who would someday lay down His life for the sins of a lost humanity. These changes did not just happen to show up in this verse. They are the result of the efforts of apostate men who did not believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ. People would be amazed to find out how many 'modern' ministers have laid aside this doctrine, and others, in favor of a more reasonable explanation! If many people knew what their Pastor or Elders really believed doctrinally they would run for their lives!

But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Matthew 16:23 KJV

NWT: ...behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me...

NASB: ...behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me...

NIV: ...Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to ...

NRSV: ...stumbling block.... ASV: ...stumbling block...

Here we have the verse changed into yet another false witness! The alteration of this verse is a subtle assault upon the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ whom we know had no sin or stumbling. A 'stumbling block' is something that causes you to trip and fall. Do you think Satan ever caused Jesus to trip and fall? I do not. However, I do think Satan was, and still is, a great offense unto Him.

And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also

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forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Luke 11:2-4 KJV

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: All OMIT or discredit the underlined words!

Upon examining the treatment of these verses we see quite the hatchet job has been done to the Lord's Prayer in these 'new' versions. The words not in keeping with the beliefs and practices of the New-agers and Spiritualists have for some reason been removed, and the words that are not offensive to them have been left in. The god they serve is not in heaven so the phrase had to go, etc. Each deletion from this prayer has a sinister motive behind it. How much of the Lord's Prayer is in your version?

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Hebrews 2:16 KJV

NIV: For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendents.

NKJV: For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

NLT: We all know that Jesus came to help the descendants of Abraham, not to help the angels.

NASB+NRSV+ASV+NWT+AMP: All make the same corrupting change!

Do you see anything in the text of these 'new' versions that brings forth the same wonderful truth we receive from the A.V.? This Scripture is important for a number of reasons, but namely that Christ took on him the seed of Abraham. Jesus did not come just to help Abraham's children. In Him we become the seed of Abraham and heirs according to the promise of God. Every one of these 'new-age' Bibles has bankrupted this rich verse of Scripture!

And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the

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prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. Matthew 27:35 KJV

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+NLT+ASV+AMP: All OMIT or DISCREDIT the underlined words!

I titled this chapter ‘Losses of a Sad Nature’ because it is so sad to me the way these beautiful and important verses of Scripture have been tainted and hacked to pieces. Another great loss we find is the way the new versions are prone to eliminate passages which point to a fulfillment of Old Testament prophesy. The fact we are told by phrases like this underlined one above that events in the life of Jesus were a fulfillment of Old Testament prophesy is a help given to us to bolster our faith by giving us an additional witness to the truth, and therefore more deeply establishing the matter in our understanding. (...that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. Matthew 18:16 KJV)

And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

Mark 15:28 KJV

NLT+NWT+NIV+NRSV: This verse (about the fulfillment of prophesy) is OMITTED in these and many other versions!

An entire verse referring to the fulfillment of Scripture stolen from us in these versions! Why are the ‘new’ versions so quick to eliminate references to the fulfillment of Old Testament prophesies? When we see prophesy fulfilled it glorifies God by declaring him faithful to his promises, and that increases our faith in Him. To remove these testimonies of prophetic fulfillment could only accomplish the opposite; but we witness a frequent occurrence of such in these new ‘improved’ Bibles.

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Speak up God - We can't hear you!

I wonder if the authors of the Amplified Bible ever read Proverbs 30:6 "Add not thou unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found to be a liar"? Or maybe Revelation 22:18 "...If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:.."?

Do you think God's words - in any way, shape, or form - need to be A – M – P – L – I – F – I – E – D ? Is He too soft spoken; or maybe too reserved to fully express what He wants to say? Who was it that decided God's Word was coming across in such a wimpy manner that it needed built up? Did they think He is some old gray-haired geezer with a problem making Himself heard, or communicating His thoughts? His communication skills are still in perfect working order; if there's a problem it's not with His *speaking*, but with our own *listening*!

The Amplified Version is such a huge jumble of added adjectives, synonyms, and superfluous words that in its pages you can find about any interpretation that you might want to hear! It was produced by combining the truths of the Scriptures with the floundering error of 'modern' religious opinion. The unholy taint of Westcott and Hort's 'Revised Greek Text' is also quite evident amongst its passages. It contains the same omissions and corruption of Scripture we see manifested in the other 'modern' versions. It is not an accurate representation of the Word of God and should not be used for study or ministry; it is not trustworthy.

It is little more than an obese 'Golden Calf' fabricated for those high-minded folks who want to be able to pride themselves with possessing a more intellectual expression or an interpretation that seems a cut above that which others have. This seemingly endless shuffle of reasoning should in no way be considered Holy Scripture.

Instead of thinking God needs to speak-up; maybe we should be applying ourselves to listen-up? Maybe we should be praying for 'ears to hear' instead of looking for the next 'new and improved' alteration of God's Word.

Chapter 9.

SKIM MILK The 'Other' Gospel

This chapter is called SKIM MILK because of the many times we see verses which were intended to give us foundational guidelines for what is to be presented as Gospel watered down in a very significant manner. Dare we think the alteration of truth will be without consequence? I believe the anemic preaching we witness from the majority of today's pulpits is in a very real way the by-product of these watered down Bibles being used for study and preaching.

But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Matthew 9:13 K.J.V.

NASB: ...for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

NIV: ...For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

NWT+NRSV+NLT+ASV: ...but sinners.

NASB+NIV+NRSV+NLT+ASV: All OMIT the words 'to repentance' from this verse!

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One of the most evident traits of the ‘counterfeit gospel’ that has permeated our nation today is the lack of preaching on repentance. A major key in discerning the difference between the true Gospel and the false is as simple as seeing the difference between Jesus calling sinners to follow Him, and Jesus calling sinners to repentance. The majority of our pulpits today are filled with hirelings too timid and people fearing to stand up and preach true repentance. The modern ‘gospel of skim milk’ calls out: “Hey, you sinners come and follow Jesus! God loves you and accepts you just the way you are.” They stay the same, only now they have religion!

The true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ cries out: “Hey, you sinners, I am calling you to a place of repentance! Turn from your sins, and embrace a life of true faith in me. I will meet you there in that place of repentance, and gift you with the presence of my Spirit which will empower you to live in victory over the sins of the flesh and the mind!” The true Gospel will produce a sanctification and holiness in the life and the heart of the believer. Which gospel have you chosen to follow? Has faith led you through a place of repentance into a life of holiness in the presence of the Lord; or are you following the counterfeit Jesus of a counterfeit gospel?

When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
Mark 2:17 KJV

NASB: ...I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

NIV: ... I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

NRSV+ASV+NWT: ...but sinners. NLT: ... to call sinners.

We see an identical omission of text here in Mark. In the ‘modern’ gospel, you don’t need all of that repentance business; you can be just another sinner following just another Jesus of one sort or another. Pick the one you like; there are plenty of versions of Him out there! But I hope you choose the *true* Jesus who calls sinners to repentance. (I marvel that ye are so soon removed

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from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. Galatians 1:6-7 KJV

For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Matthew 13:15 KJV

NASB: ...with their heart and return, and I would heal them.

NIV+NRSV: ... their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.

ASV: ... And should turn again, And I should heal them.

NWT: ...and turn back, and I heal them. AMP: ...and turn...

I hear a lot of preaching about getting saved today, but very little on being converted. I believe this is in a large way due to alterations like this in the 'new' versions. The words 'return' and 'turn' indicate only a change in course. Getting religion may change the path of your life, but in order to be a partaker of God's salvation you must first be converted.

That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. Mark 4:12 KJV

NASB: ...not understand, otherwise they might return and be forgiven.

NIV: ... they might turn and be forgiven! NRSV: ...they may not turn again and be forgiven.

NWT: ...turn back... AMP: ...turn again...

Have you been truly converted or did religion merely alter the course of your life? An alternative course can still lead to the same Hell.

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In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Colossians 1:14 KJV

NRSV+NWT+NIV+ASV+NASB+NIV: All these versions and many others OMIT 'through his blood' from this verse!

Somewhere along the line someone decided to 'improve' this verse by deleting the Blood of Jesus Christ from it! Can you even imagine how callous someone's heart would have to be toward the voice of the Holy Spirit to treat this verse in such a manner? The Blood of Jesus Christ is precious to the believer, and would never be treated this way by a person of true faith.

To those who have become so lofty in their learning that they feel they can take it upon themselves to correct the very words of God I have this to say: "Beware when you take to rummaging around in the Holy Bible with your scholarly eraser; lest you stretch forth your scholarly hand into the Book of Life and erase your scholarly name!"

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. John 6:47 KJV

NWT: He that believes has everlasting life. (on me OMITTED)

NIV: he who believes has everlasting life. (on me OMITTED)

ASV: He that believeth hath eternal life. (on me OMITTED)

NASB: he who believes has eternal life. (on me OMITTED)

NRSV: whoever believes has eternal life. (on me OMITTED)

This is another alteration that to me clearly reveals the true colors of the 'new' Bible translations. In today's 'modern' gospel, with no firm boundaries or concrete beliefs, it is not that important what your doctrine is as long as you just confess you are a believer. In some circles it doesn't matter if your faith is truly founded upon the Jesus of the Bible; you just need a line of charismatic rhetoric to impress your peers. The statement "he who believes has eternal life" is as about as ambiguous as you can get. He who believes what? According to this corruption of the truth now *any* belief system will produce salvation. This is

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more of that ‘new international’ gospel everyone can fit into. But Jesus taught us that in order to have everlasting life you must do more than believe, you must believe on Him.

One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

Mark 10:21 KJV

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+AMP+NASB+NRSV: All OMIT the words ‘take up the cross’ from this verse!

Is this omission of these words an improvement to the Scriptures? The message being preached by many today makes no mention whatsoever of the call to the believer to lay down his life and bear the burden of the Cross. Among the teachings of a self-centered gospel there is little room for God’s plan for the believer to walk the same walk of personal sacrifice and self-denial that led Jesus to His death. If we are going to declare we are following Jesus, then we had better ask the Father to show us how to take up the Cross.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Matthew 5:44 KJV

NIV: I tell you: Love and pray for those who persecute you.

NWT+ASV: but I say unto you, love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you;

NASB+NRSV+NIV+NLT+ASV+AMP: All these versions OMIT the underlined words from this verse!

Look at all of the text removed from this passage of Scripture! The NIV (Noticeably Incomplete Version) chops out nearly two thirds of this verse! And these others follow suit. We see in these ‘new’ versions that many of the passages given to us to govern our conduct as believers are either altered or deleted altogether. The straight and narrow gets a little wider with each

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one of these corrupting changes, making the ‘modern’ gospel much less offensive to those with a lukewarm heart.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:1 KJV

ASV: There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus (Period, end of verse.)

NLT+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: All OMIT underlined words from this verse!

AMP: DISCREDITS the last 1/2 of this verse with *Italics!*

The message that is being preached from so many of the ‘liberal’ pulpits today indicates there is no condemnation upon believers in any case, whether they choose to walk in the Spirit or in the flesh! Popular error such as this is producing a generation that cannot discern the difference between the convicting power of the Holy Ghost condemning sin and the condemnation of the enemy as he tries to drag you down with his lies. This type of preaching promotes a loose life-style by teaching people that the ‘bad feeling’ they get over their wrongdoing is not from God, but is just Satan condemning them. Therefore, they learn to ignore the admonishing of God’s Spirit.

If you walk after the Spirit, there is nothing to be condemned about, but if you walk after the flesh, there certainly is! (And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3:19 KJV)

The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts. Proverbs 17:3 KJV

NASB: ...But the Lord tests hearts. NIV: ...but the Lord tests the heart.

NKJV+NLT+NRSV: ...but the Lord tests the hearts.

What a great loss of understanding comes with this

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change from trieth to tests. You *test* something to see how it is going to perform; but the phrase ‘the Lord trieth the hearts’ has nothing to do with a ‘test drive’! The allegory used here is one of a silversmith or goldsmith taking the material he wants to use and ‘trying it’ by applying the fire of purification to it. As the metal melts and then simmers under intense heat, all of its impurities raise to the surface where the ‘smith’ can now remove them; thus he has purified the metal and made it fit for use. So it is with the heavenly ‘Smith’ and His children with their ‘golden’ faith. The trying of our faith in life’s ‘fires of purification’ can be a horribly painful and lonely experience; even to the point you are sure you are going to perish before the trial is over. But when the ‘heat’ cools, and the experience passes, you are aware of a new-found purity in your faith and a ‘ready for service’ attitude that was not there before your trip to the ‘furnace’. It is truly a wonderful thing.

This agonizing process of the ‘trying’ of the believer’s faith in the fires of purification does not fit in with the ‘modern’ gospel. In the quick and easy ‘gospel of skim milk’ the Lord would not do something as unpleasant as purifying your heart by trying your faith; He only tests it once in a while.

Another suspicious trait of the ‘modern’ Bibles is how many times a reference to fasting is removed from them.

And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting. Mark 9:29 KJV

NLT+ASV+NWT+NRSV+NASB+NIV: OMIT reference to fasting for deliverance.

AMP: DISCREDITS reference to fasting with *Italics*!

As we saw in an earlier chapter an entire verse was omitted that dealt with fasting: ~~Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.~~ MATTHEW 17:21 In Mark’s record this statement by Jesus is included but minus the reference to fasting! It would greatly shock most Christians to learn so many references to fasting are removed from the ‘modern’ versions. The NIV alone omits the words fast, fasted, and fastings over forty times! The act of fasting is a vital part of an effective

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ministry of prayer whether by an individual or a corporate body.

Acts 10:30 KJV Four days ago I was fasting until this hour;

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: OMIT fasting!

1 Corinthians 7:5 KJV ...give yourselves to fasting and prayer;

NLT+ASV+NASB+NWT+NIV+NRSV+AMP: All OMIT fasting!

2 Corinthians 6:5 KJV ...in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

NLT+NASB+NWT+NIV+NRSV+AMP: All OMIT fasting!

2 Corinthians 11:27 KJV ...in hunger and thirst, in fastings often,

NLT+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV: All OMIT fasting from verse!

We could list a lot more on fasting but let's move on to some examples of the numerous times where references to holiness and purity are removed. When I see these omissions run in trends of such similarity it's hard to imagine anything but a deliberate targeting of certain truths.

1 Thessalonians 5:27 KJV I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: All OMIT 'holy'

Ezekiel 36:38 KJV As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

NASB+ASV+NRSV: All these OMIT the word 'holy'.

Matthew 25:31 KJV When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

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NASB+NWT+NIV+NRSV+NLT+ASV: ...and all the angels with him...

Let's hope when Jesus returns He doesn't bring all the angels with Him, just the holy ones!

2 Peter 1:21 KJV For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: All these versions OMIT the word 'holy' from this verse!

God used holy men to write the Scriptures!

Revelation 22:6 KJV And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

NLT+NWT+ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: All these versions OMIT the word 'holy' from this verse!

There are holy prophets, and unholy prophets. The Lord is not the God of them all!

Revelation 18:20 KJV Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

ASV+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: All OMIT the word 'holy' from this verse!

Revelation 22:1 KJV And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

AMP: And He showed me the river whose waters give life.

NWT+NASB+ASV: He showed me a river of the water of life...

NIV+NRSV: ...showed me the river of the water of life...

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Why remove the word pure from this verse? These ‘new-age’ Bibles are more like a river of ‘skim milk’ than a pure river of water of life. What are you drinking?

1 Peter 1:22 KJV Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

NLT+ASV+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: All OMIT ‘pure’ from verse!

2 Peter 3:1 KJV This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

ASV+NLT+NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV+AMP: All OMIT or DISCREDIT the word ‘pure’ in this verse!

Not only does the true Gospel emphasize a pure heart, but also a pure mind. Why are these versions eliminating the words pure and holy? Why such a remarkable omission of key words that are given to steer us into proper conduct before the Lord? Should improvements to the text lessen the impact of its message concerning our need to live a holy life with a pure heart?

About this book

This book is a condensed version of a 160 page (8½” x 11”) reference guide and commentary by this author called ‘*Is The Bible You Read: The True Sayings of God?*’ which gives a detailed look at nearly 500 of the corrupting changes to the ‘modern’ Bible versions. Since not everyone has the time or inclination to devour that much info there was need for a book such as this which would present a shorter overview while still providing the key information necessary to understanding the seriousness of this matter. The larger book is also available at no charge to all who are interested in taking a deeper look into this issue. Just request a copy.

Chapter 10.

CHANGES REFLECTING A CARNAL MIND

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Peter 1:21 KJV

There is another greatly disturbing aspect to these alterations that should be addressed. That is the influence of the unrenewed minds of unconverted translators evidenced in the text. The true Scriptures bring to us the mind of God by the sanctification of the Holy Spirit moving upon the minds of the godly men He used. Let's check on some verses where it is evident an unsanctified mind has altered the text to reflect a carnal reasoning.

The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

Proverbs 18:8 KJV

NASB+AMP: words of a whisperer are like dainty morsels...

NIV: The words of a gossip are like choice morsels...

NLT: What dainty morsels rumors are...

NKJV: The words of a talebearer are like tasty trifles...

ASV: The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels...

NRSV: The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels...

NWT: The words of a slanderer are like things to be swallowed up greedily...

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Now in this passage we have the ‘moderns’ describing as desirable something the A.V. describes as hurtful! It is a carnal unconverted mind that would consider gossip a tasty trifle or a choice morsel. We have the KJV relating things through the perspective of a sanctified mind, and the others approaching us through a fleshly perspective. I vote to follow the sanctified mind of Christ. I hope you would wholeheartedly agree.

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Corinthians 9:27 KJV

NWT: ...I pummel my body and make it a slave, so that ...

NIV: No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached...

ASV+AMP: but I buffet my body,...

NRSV: I punish my body and enslave it, so that after...

Notice the dark terminology utilized here by these ‘new’ versions. This in no way reflects the true essence of this passage of Scripture. Paul was referring to the matter of weakening the influence of our flesh upon our decisions and actions through prayer, fastings, watchings, etc., so we would walk, through the power of God’s Spirit, in a manner pleasing to God; not being a servant to sinful tendencies. But in these alterations of the text, we see a drifting toward the religious bondage of flagellation, a vicious practice of self-abuse by beating, whipping, or cutting the body in a perverse attempt to discipline oneself and / or please God; but which accomplishes neither. The darkening of this passage by these ‘modern’ versions is not a reflection of the mind of Christ.

And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

Genesis 30:27 KJV

NASB: ...I have divined that the Lord has blessed me ...

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NIV: ...I have learned by divination that the Lord has blessed...

NLT: ...learned by divination... ASV: ...I have divined...

NWT+AMP:...omens...

Jacob had been with Laben for many years, and Laben had seen many examples of the Lord showing favor upon Jacob in his labors. He didn't need to 'divine' this; he knew it by experience. Why this introduction of occult practice into the record of Laben's testimony?

For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. 2 Corinthians 11:5 KJV

NIV: But I do not think I am in the least inferior to those super-apostles.

NLT: But I don't think I am inferior to these super apostles.

NWT: ...superfine apostles.

AMP: inferior to these [precious] extra-super [false] apostles.

Here this verse is marred by an alteration that sounds like Paul is getting unpleasant and making a snooty statement about his brothers in Christ. The Amplified even has him calling them false apostles! If you think that was an inappropriate comment just read on; it was nothing compared to the next example!

I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be. 11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased. 12 I would they were even cut off which trouble you. Galatians 5:10-12 KJV

The context of this verse concerns these believers being hindered in their faith by people trying to get them to return to keeping the law. In this passage Paul states his earnest desire that those who were troubling these believers would be cut off

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(separated) from them. Maybe the words of Habakkuk had come to his remembrance: ...the flock shall be cut off from the fold. (Habakkuk 3:17 KJV) Now notice the horrible injustice done to this text in these ‘moderns’:

NWT: I wish the men who are trying to overturn you would get themselves emasculated.

NASB: I wish that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves.

NRSV: I wish those who unsettle you would castrate themselves!

NIV: As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves.

Can you believe this one? In case you might not know, ‘emasculation’ is the total removal of all evidence of masculinity. Are they telling us these are words Paul wrote, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, that he wished some people would go castrate themselves? Would Paul have made such an uncomely statement and in his next sentence exhort them to ‘*by love serve one another*’; and then in his next remind them to ‘*love thy neighbor as thyself*’? And later in the same letter inform them the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, etc.?

I don’t believe those dark uncomely words of the ‘new’ versions are Paul’s. I refuse to accept neither these dark-minded alterations, nor the books in which they are found, as inspired. (All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. Proverbs 8:8 KJV)

A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

Proverbs 17:8 KJV

NRSV: A bribe is like a magic stone in the eyes of those...; wherever they turn they prosper.

NLT: A bribe seems to work like magic for those who give it; they succeed in all they do.

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NASB: A bribe is as a charm in the sight of its owner;
Wherever he turns he prospers.

NIV: A bribe is a charm to the one who gives it; wherever he turns, he succeeds.

AMP: A bribe is like a bright precious stone [as if by magic] he prospers, whichever way he turns.

Why in this passage is a 'gift' changed to a 'bribe' (an evil gift. Proverbs 17:23 KJV); and a 'precious stone' changed to a 'magic stone' / 'charm' (an object associated with the occult)? Are we to believe that magic, or a magic stone could cause you to prosper and succeed? That is the carnal reasoning given forth here! This 'darkening' of God's Word is plainly evidenced in the 'modern' versions, and speaks quite loudly of a lack of sanctification. Do these changes look like 'improvements' to you?

Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.

Proverbs 18:1 KJV

At times a desire comes upon the heart of a believer to step aside from the affairs of this world in order to seek after, and commune with, the wisdom of God. This is a time of intimacy and growth. Such is the theme of this Scripture. This positive and instructive exhortation is transformed into a negative declaration that to separate oneself is selfish and rebellious.

NASB: He who separates himself seeks his own desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom.

NIV: An unfriendly man pursues selfish ends; he defies all sound judgment.

NLT: A recluse is self-indulgent, sarling at every sound principle of conduct.

NKJV: A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.

NRSV: ...one who lives alone is self-indulgent, showing contempt for all who have sound judgment.

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ASV: He that separateth himself seeketh (his own) desire, And rageth against all sound wisdom.

NWT: One isolating himself will seek (his own) selfish longing, against all practical wisdom he...

Here we see the 'lamp unto our feet' grows very dim if we follow the reasoning found in these 'modern' Bibles. It would probably be more accurate to call them alterations than translations! Some call them the 'per'versions.

The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory. Psalms 29:9 KJV

NLT: the LORD twists mighty oaks and strips the forests bare...

NIV: the Lord twists the oaks, and strips the forests bare...

NRSV: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare...

AMP: ...and His voice strips bare the forests.

Here, in another remarkable perversion of Scripture, a poetic declaration of God's oversight and influence on the affairs of this life now reads as if He has gone on a rampage out in the woods! Somehow, I think God would take this alteration as a slight upon His character, don't you?

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 1 Corinthians 6:9 KJV

NIV: ...nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexual offenders, nor thieves...

Here they are changing a Scripture that pronounces damnation upon sodomites to now inform us only the 'criminal' homosexuals (prostitutes and offenders) will not inherit the kingdom of God! It is also a frequent occurrence for 'modern' versions to remove the word 'sodomite' from a verse and change

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it to a word of a different meaning. The ‘modern’ gospel is being distorted more and more towards allowing ‘alternative life-styles’ as acceptable to God.

The frequent lessening of the rebuke towards sexual sin in the ‘new’ versions is not an insignificant matter. Our standards for proper living come through an understanding of God’s expectations as they are revealed to us in the Scriptures. If the Scriptures are altered to give a liberal slant to our instruction in proper behavior, can we not expect that the actions of the people would follow suit? Show me a homosexual or lesbian preaching from the pulpit, and I’ll show you a liberal Bible version in their hands.

Chapter 11.

NOT BY WORKS!

Let’s now look at one of the most glaring examples of how many alterations to the ‘modern’ Bibles pervert what is being presented as the way of salvation. If you seek salvation as prescribed by the ‘modern’ versions in this next example you could end up in Hell! It is that serious, don’t doubt it. First we will look at the uncorrupted text:

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. Revelation 19:7-8 KJV

Now let’s notice a couple of very important things about the Bride’s wedding garment from the true text here in the KJV: 1. It was granted to her that she be clothed in this fine linen. A grant is a gift. The wedding garment was a gift. 2. The fine linen stands for the righteousness of saints. The wedding dress was a garment of righteousness given to the Bride. This is in keeping with the overall plan of salvation portrayed from Genesis to Revelation. All the way from God shedding the blood of animals in the Garden to clothe His fallen mankind now so aware of their nakedness; to Noah’s ark; to the blood on the doorpost in Egypt; to the priestly robes of the Levites; to the Robe of Righteousness prophesied by Isaiah; (and many other types) to the fulfillment of

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the Lord Jesus Christ working a work that caused Paul to write:

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV

And Paul wrote to the Church at Rome about this righteousness:

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: Romans 3:22 KJV

As believers the concept that our salvation is by grace through faith and not of self-righteous works should be very deeply ingrained in us; sadly, for some it is not. The fact we are clothed with the righteousness of Jesus Christ through our faith in His shed blood, His death, burial and resurrection is quite clearly presented in the teachings of the New Testament. Anyone presenting any other means of attaining right-standing with God ought to be grounds for a sharp rebuke from us. But look at the way this passage in Revelation is perverted in these versions! We'll put the KJV first again and then the 'moderns':

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. Revelation 19:8 KJV

It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Revelation 19:8 NASB

And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright (and) pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Revelation 19:8 ASV

...Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints. NIV

...for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. NKJV

... (Fine linen represents the good deeds done by ...) NLT

...for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. NRSV

... stands for the righteous acts of the holy ones. NWT

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Clothe herself in her righteous acts? Hello, false gospel! This alteration of Scripture casts aside the gift of Christ's Righteousness and instead this wedding garment of the Bride is comprised of the believers clothing themselves in their own good works. What a horrible perversion of the truth; this is not the way to salvation but the way to damnation! What did Isaiah say about our own righteousness?

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; Isaiah 64:6 KJV

Do you plan to stand before Jesus on that day clothed in the filthy rags of self-righteousness pointing out all of the good deeds you have done? "Look at my wedding dress Jesus; see all of my righteous acts? Lord, Lord, here's that time I did this; and Lord, Lord, didn't I do this and that and this for you? Don't my righteous acts look nice?"

I hope that won't describe you on that day. I hope you will be pointing out all that He did to make you righteous! Can you not see the perverseness of this alteration to the Bible? The way of truth has been altered into a soul damning counterfeit! Notice NKJV following the same error; it's just as corrupt as the rest, don't be fooled by the name.

He is like a man which built an house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. Luke 6:48 KJV

NLT: ...When the floodwaters rise and break against the house, it stands firm because it is well built.

ASV: ...the stream brake against that house, and could not shake it: because it had been well builded.

NASB: ...Because it had been well built.

NWT+NIV: ...because it was well built.

NRSV: ...because it had been well built.

AMP: ...securely builded (*italics* discredit upon a rock)

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The focus here is taken off a solid foundation (following Jesus' words) and placed instead on the quality of the building itself. When you stand before God, and give an account of your life, is your house going to stand because you built it so well or because you built it upon the Rock? This alteration sounds an awfully lot like 'self-righteous works' to me, how about you? Many people foolishly accept whatever is taught them; and alterations such as this lead people to mistakenly place their confidence in their own goodness or the caliber of their ministry.

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 6:1 KJV

NASB: Beware of practicing your righteousness before men...

NIV: Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before ...

NRSV: Beware of practicing your piety before others ...

ASV: that Ye do not your righteousness before men, to be...

NWT: Not to practice your righteousness...

Can you spot the corruption here? In altering the text from alms (gifts to the poor) to 'practicing your righteousness' etc., these 'modern' versions are presenting a great danger to the reader by proclaiming righteousness comes to you through your actions. They are not teaching the true Gospel of Jesus Christ! We do look for eternal *reward* for our alms and good deeds, but our *righteousness* is the free gift of Christ's own righteousness given to those who believe from the heart the record of God's Son. Righteousness cannot be produced through our actions, and to believe it can be will set you outside of God's provision of salvation!

...hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Matthew 23:23 KJV

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NWT: ...of the law, justice mercy, and faithfulness...

NASB: ...of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness....

NIV: ...of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness...

AMP: ...fidelity...

Changing ‘faith’ to ‘faithfulness’ is changing ‘grace’ into ‘works’! If you are one of those poor folks who hope to be accepted by God on the Day of Judgment because of your faithfulness to Him, you are heading for a horrible disappointment! God’s grace at work in the human heart will definitely produce good works, and the rebellious and disobedient will change their evil ways; but if you’re hoping for salvation I suggest placing your faith in what Jesus did for you; not in your faithfulness!

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: Romans 3:22 KJV

NLT+ASV+NIV+NWT+NASB+NRSV+AMP: All these versions OMIT the words ‘and upon all’ from this verse!

This verse is important because it reveals to us the ‘righteousness of God’ comes upon the believer through his faith. This is not the case in a false gospel of salvation through good works.

Since we’re just looking at the contrasting text we’ll abbreviate the following examples. We see faith altered into obedience and unbelief altered into disobedience over and over again in the ‘new’ Bibles.

John 3:36 KJV ...he that believeth not the Son...

NLT: ...Those who don’t obey the Son ...

ASV: ...but he that obeyeth not the Son ...

NIV: ...but he who does not obey the Son...

NWT+NRSV: ...whoever disobeys the Son will...

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John 12:47 KJV ... and believe not,

ASV: ...hear my sayings, and keep them not ...

NLT: ... doesn't obey me ...

NWT+NIV+NASB+NRSV: ...does not keep them...

AMP: ...fails to observe them...

Hebrews 4:6 KJV ...entered not in because of unbelief:

NKJV: ... did not enter because of disobedience,

ASV: ...failed to enter in because of disobedience,

NLT: ...failed to enter because they disobeyed God.

NIV: ...Because of their disobedience.

NWT+NASB+AMP: ...because of disobedience.

Romans 11:30-32 KJV ...through their unbelief:

NKJV+NWT+AMP+NASB+NIV+NRSV: ...disobedience ...

Hebrews 4:11 KJV Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

NRSV+NASB+NIV+NWT+NKJV+NLT+ASV: ...disobedience...

See how faith is changed to obedience! Obedience to God is a natural fruit of a life of faith, and the Scriptures are clear that: without holiness no man shall see God (Hebrews 12:14). But we need to always remember that works can never bring us into right-standing with God. Only the Blood of Jesus Christ can do that. First comes the faith - then comes the corresponding good works.

Chapter 12.

THE SUBTLE LIES OF THE FOOTNOTES

The footnotes and marginal helps in your Bible should never be accepted as if they are the absolute truth; many times they are not! Many of the statements made in the margins and footnotes of the Bibles being printed today are outright lies, and quite often lead astray the understanding of the unsuspecting reader. Since they are found in the pages of a Bible most people would not suspect that many of these ‘helps’ are actually the lies of the Devil disguised as ‘scholarly’ assistance.

The King James Version is not exempt from this type of corruption. Many KJV Bibles are being printed with footnotes and marginal helps that bring forth the same corruptions of the ‘Revised Greek Text’ found in the ‘modern’ versions! A person should be very skeptical of the comments made in the margins of any Bible.

When you read the footnotes in most of the ‘new’ versions you will come across phrases like ‘the earliest manuscripts read’ or ‘the most reliable manuscripts’ or ‘some less important manuscripts’ which are merely the opinion of the commentator, and quite often totally untrue. While it was once touted (falsely) by most liberal theologians the manuscripts used to construct the corrupt ‘Revised Greek Text’ were the most reliable because they were the oldest, that notion has long since been proven false through the efforts of many godly men and women. And this puts the footnotes in many ‘modern’ versions decades behind evidence acknowledged by even some of today’s more liberal scholars.

Many of these footnotes bring forth such ridiculous comments. The footnote for John 3:5 in the NLT says the word ‘wind’ would also be an acceptable translation for the word translated ‘Spirit’ in this verse! This verse is about being born again; are we to now believe that to enter the Kingdom of God we must be born of water and the *wind*? In addition, in the NRSV a footnote for John 3:15 says some translators think that the quotation should have ended there, thus discrediting John 3:16! *Who cares* if some apostate thinks John 3:16 should not be in the

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Bible? You could probably find someone who has a gripe against most any verse of Scripture; should we fill the pages of our Bibles with their ridiculous opinions that cast a shadow of doubt upon God's Holy Word? Why waste the ink?

In the footnotes of the 'new' versions, you will find misleading comments like 'some manuscripts add this verse' or 'early manuscripts do not contain this verse'. This is how they try to mask the fact these versions delete so much text from the Bible; they say it was never there and was added to the KJV. The truth is you can trace the complete text of KJV (Texus Receptus) type readings all the way back to the early Church. (Although the corrupted Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus themselves date as early as the fourth century they were ignored by the true Church and lay unused in obscurity, which is probably the reason for their survival. All the true manuscripts were suffering severe wear-and-tear from their daily usage and only later copies survived. The oldest is not necessarily the best.)

The body of manuscripts now known as the Texus Receptus had been accepted by the 'Body of Christ' as the true Word of God from the time of the early Church, and the corrupted manuscripts *were rejected* as they appeared! Only *recently* has this corruption of truth been allowed to roam freely throughout the Christian community. Today's liberal preachers would have us to believe this cesspool of error known as the 'Revised Greek Text' to be the true Word of God now properly revealed to us; and that it should replace the text commonly used by the Church for all of those centuries! What an insult to God (who promised in Psalms 12:7 to preserve his Word to *all* generations). These liberal geniuses are saying God allowed the Church for all of those centuries to be deprived of His true Word, and to have only the corrupted manuscripts; but now in these last days He has broken out the good stuff and *finally* the Church can know the real truth? What hogwash! The KJV *is* the true Word of God preserved for us as promised; and these 'new-age' versions are the result of the sabotage of the truth by our enemy, as are many of the lying footnotes in their pages.

A perfect example of the lack of credibility of most footnotes found in the various Bible versions is the treatment by

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many of the last twelve verses of Mark. To read the footnotes of some you would think these twelve verses were not reliable, or included in most manuscripts. Examples: NIV footnote for Mark 16:9-20 says, “The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient authorities do not have Mark 16:9-20.” NASB says, “Later manuscripts *add* verses 9-20” NLT says, “The most reliable early manuscripts conclude the Gospel of Mark at verse 8.” NRSV says, “Some of the most ancient authorities bring the book to a close at the end of verse 8.” And we see some versions discredit the verses by placing them in brackets to indicate that they believe the verses to be suspect. But **the truth is** that of the 620 manuscripts containing this section of the Book of Mark, 618 include verses 9-20 of Chapter 16! And can you possibly guess which two do not include them? That’s right! Vaticanus and Sinaiticus are the **only two manuscripts which omit these verses!** We are talking 618 *for* and 2 *against!* How amazing does that make the fact that many liberal ‘scholars’ are so quick to the draw when it comes time to blast the validity of this section of Holy Scripture! Maybe the best way to see why so many liberals despise these verses is to *read* some of them.

And he said unto them, 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. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.....And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Mark 16:15-20 KJV

It takes a true believer to believe these words are for the Church today! Many liberal phonies cannot digest these words, but must spit them out and discredit them any way they can. When you read your Bible please don’t be led astray by all the lies and error brought forth through those marginal ‘helps’ and doubt fostering footnotes!

END THOUGHTS

The Bible says the Devil is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Lucifer is seeking to devour your confidence in God's Word; but, thank God, the Bible also says if we resist the Devil then he will flee! The best way to resist the efforts of the Devil to lead us astray with his lies is for us to receive a love for the truth! And the best way to receive a love for the truth is to fall in love with Jesus Christ, for He *is* the truth. Daily we should seek God in prayer and in His Word; praying He would draw us close to Him, keep us from error, and lead us in the way of truth.

People do not receive God's truth because they are scholarly or intelligent; or because they belong to the right denomination or fellowship. People receive the truth by having it revealed to them by the Spirit of God; and God chooses to reveal the truth to the humble and hungry of heart. But He will withhold the truth from the prideful and those who place their confidence in the wisdom of man. Our safest course is to humble ourselves before God and confess our ignorance of His ways and His truth; crying out for the true Bread of Life come down from heaven.

Many see discussing the matter of the corruption of the 'new' versions as a source of unhealthy division among Christians; and some even view those who would dare to raise the issue as a danger to the Church. However, in reality the true danger is the Watchmen who are asleep at the wall and will not shake themselves from their religious slumber long enough to inquire of God His opinion of (and remedies for) this most serious issue facing the Body of Christ today.

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It is my hope that this book might be a catalyst to provoke you into not only examining this matter in a more thorough fashion, but also to present yourself before the throne of God and petition Him for a course of action in dealing with this problem according to His will for your life. The Lord expects us as followers of Jesus to have a deep love for His truth, and even a jealousy to see the truth safeguarded and presented to the world in an uncompromised manner.

If what you have read here has helped at all in opening your eyes in this regard then I will have accomplished some serious victory in fulfilling the burden God has placed upon my heart concerning warning folks about the corrupting alterations in the 'new' and 'improved' Bibles. Thank you for taking the time to read this; I hope it has been helpful to you.

Praise the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, both now and forevermore.

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Recommended Resources

In addition to the books listed below you can find very many internet videos on this subject, some good and some very deceiving, so use discretion. I highly recommend those of Les Garrett. The understanding of the Westcott/Hort 'Revised Greek Text' I received from his teachings was key to opening my eyes on this issue.

- * ***New Age Bible Versions*** (An incredibly informative 700 page book!) By G. A. Riplinger. A.V. Publications Corporation
- * ***The Language of the Bible*** By G. A. Riplinger. A.V. Publications Corporation, P.O. 280 Ararat, Virginia, 24053
- * ***The Revision Revised*** By John W. (Dean) Burgon. Conservative Classics, Box 308, Paradise, PA. 17562
- * ***The Christian's Handbook of Manuscript Evidence*** By Peter S. Ruckman, Pensacola Bible Institute, P.O. Box 6235, Pensacola, Florida, 32503
- * ***Heresies of Westcott and Hort*** By D. A. Waite. The Bible for Today, 900 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey, 08108
- * ***Which Bible? True or False? Counterfeit or Genuine?*** By David Otis Fuller. Grand rapids International Publications, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49501
- * ***Which Bible Can We Trust?*** Compiled by Les Garrett. A.V. Publications Corporation, P.O. 280 Ararat, Virginia, 24053
- * ***God Only Wrote One Bible*** By Jasper James Ray. The Eye Opener Publishers, Junction City, Oregon, 97448
- * ***The King James Bible Defended*** By Edward F. Hills. The Christian Research Press, P.O. Box 2013, Des Moines, Iowa, 50310
- * ***Let's Weigh the Evidence*** (An easy to read primer on the bible versions issue. Very informative.) By Barry D. Burton. Chick Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 3500, Ontario, CA., 91761-1019
- * ***If The Foundations Be Destroyed*** (Give this one to your NIV reading friends!) By Chick Salliby. Word and Prayer Ministries, P.O. Box 361, Fiskdale, MA 01518-0361

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Materials Available

Books:

Is the Bible you read: The True Sayings of God? by Paul Benson (8½” x 11” 160 pages. Shows nearly 500 of the corrupting changes to the ‘modern’ versions. A comparative study of 10 versions!)

Should we trust The Rapture Theory? By Paul Benson (A hard hitting examination of the rapture teaching.)

Should They Be Changing The Bible? by Paul Benson (Shows why the ‘modern’ versions are not to be trusted.)

Escape or Passover by Paul Benson (A look at the Rapture theory using nearly 100 Bible passages.)

Tracts:

In Spirit and Truth (A good primer on the error of the ‘new’ Bible versions.)

The Scripture Quiz (An eye-opener to the difference between the KJV and the ‘modern’ versions.)

A Good Man’s Garment (An exhortation to appreciate the gift of Christ’s righteousness.)

The Prophetic Feasts of the Lord (On the prophetic types of the Old Testament Feasts.)

Don’t Go To Hell! (This is a tract they will not soon forget!)

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