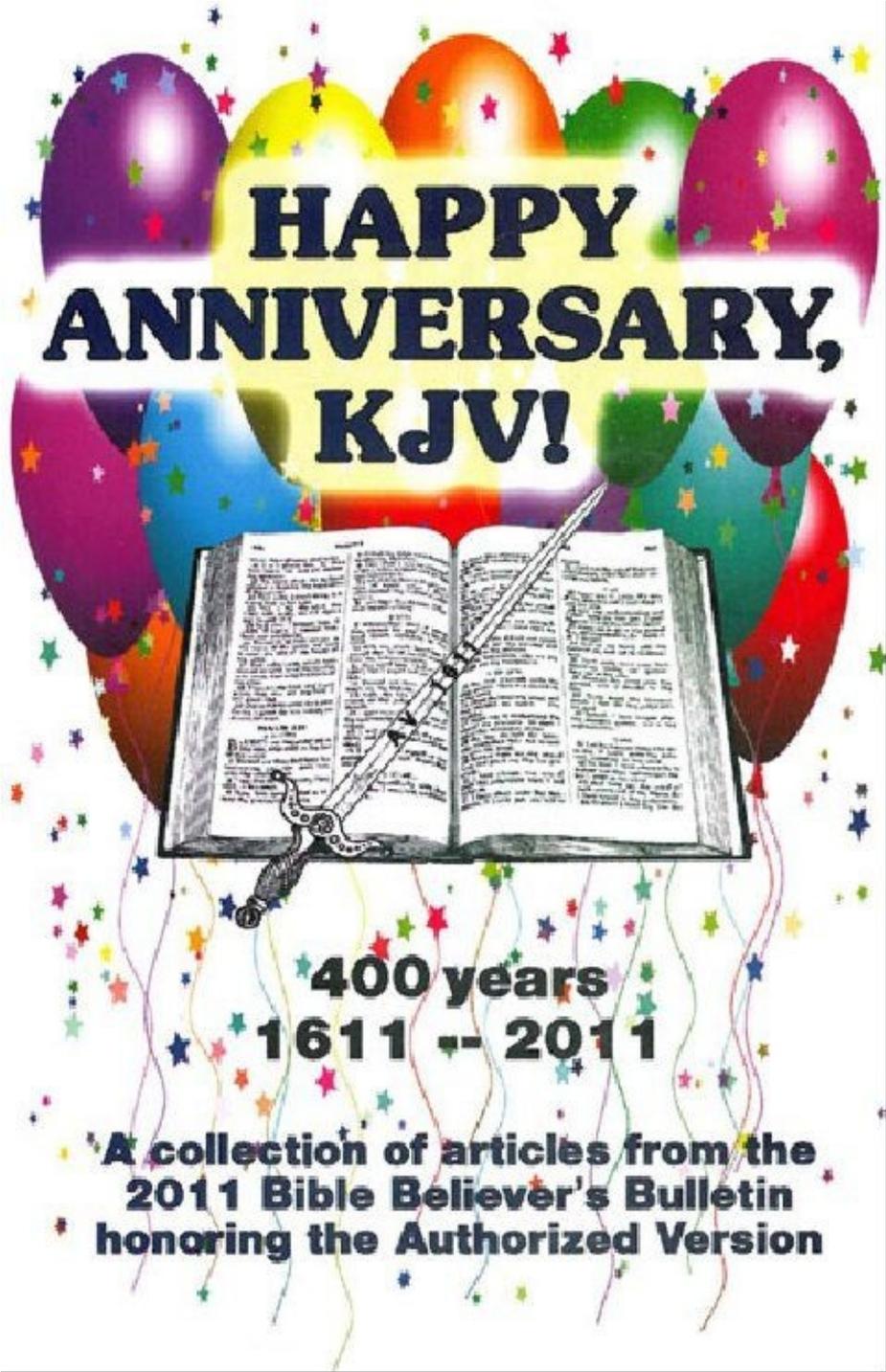


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Happy Birthday, KJV

Part 1

Not many people are aware of it (including many Christians), but this year (2011) is the 400th anniversary of the publication of the *King James Version* of 1611. The KJV has neatly come through 400 years without being stopped by anybody, although the opposition to it has been more than tremendous. At present, it sports over one billion copies that have been printed since 1611, despite the fact that for the last one hundred years every attempt has been made by the press and the government, and by the Bible revisers and professors in Christian Colleges, to get rid of it and replace it with 233 counterfeit “Bibles” (1880–2008; you can obtain a list of these corruptions from the Bookstore).

With the entire world against it on all six continents, with all the major churches against it (the Roman Catholic Church, the Greek Orthodox Church, the National Council of Christian Churches, the World Council of Churches, as well as most Fundamental and Evangelical churches), and with all the Hindus, all the Buddhists, all the Mohammedans, all the atheists, etc., against it, that great and good Book is still with us as the world’s best seller. It has been preserved in the international language of the end of the Church Age and has survived from 1611 to 2011 in spite of a corrupt government (the United States now being one of the most corrupt governments on earth) throwing it out of its schools, its courtrooms, its Federal buildings, and its Supreme Court. It is now busily engaged in throwing that Book out of the pulpits of churches wherever it speaks negatively of anything taught in the public schools (like abortion and sodomy).

The Book is still with us, so we wish it a happy birthday. This is its 400th birthday. Do you know what’s significant about that? There were 400 years of “silence” between the last book of the Old Testament and the first book of the New Testament where there was no revelation from God. The last revelation of the Old Testament was given to Malachi, and there was nothing more—not a peep—until the First Advent of Christ. Thus you can expect that the last thing God ever said in the Church Age is a text perfected seven times (see Psa. 12:6–7) being completed in 1611 and then 400 years of silence, as far as revelation is concerned, until the Second Coming of Christ.

Happy birthday, God’s Bible. We “have your number.” Your number is 999 (although there’s not a College professor anywhere on six continents who knows that). We know how many letters are in “King James”: there are nine letters. We know how many letters are in “Holy Bible”: nine letters. We know what the numerals in 1611 add up to ($1+6+1+1=9$). So the number of the *King James* Bible is 999.

Happy birthday, God’s Bible. Do you know how many letters “God’s Bible” has in it? Count them: there’s nine of them. In any copy of any Bible, in any translation (if it has both Testaments in it), *nine* means “fruitfulness” (see our work on *Bible Numerics*). What’s so significant about that? Didn’t you ever hear of 666? That’s in Revelation 13:18, where it is said to be the number of *Satan’s Christ*, “**the number of a MAN.**” That was recorded by a commercial fisherman more than 1,900 years ago and is now in over 160

major languages and over 300 dialects.

Is there any man who “takes his Bible study seriously” (which would exclude the last 300 revision committees and translations) who doesn’t know about the numbers *seven* and *eight* in the Scriptures? Do you mean to tell me a “serious student” didn’t study the number seven when the Bible talks about seven days, seven weeks, seven months, seven years, and seventy years (Lev. 23)? Seven *completes* a thing; eight is something *new* in either Testament.

In the book *Seig Heil* by Stefan Lorant (Bonanza Books, NY) on page 120, there is a photograph of Adolf Hitler when he first registered with the Nazi Party in Austria. His ID card has an interesting number on it—555. Do you know what the number *five* means? Of course not; all the modern scholars say it means “grace.” It only means “grace” in one case in the Scriptures, and that is the death of *one man*. They all forgot that there was a *dead* lamb on a *death* altar, that was *five* by *five*, every day—one in the morning and one in the evening—throughout Israel’s history for more than 1,000 years. They also forgot that the first man to die of natural causes in the Bible, died in Genesis 5:5 (Abel didn’t die naturally; he was killed). They forgot that the frequency for the distress call SOS is 500 kilocycles, and that when a pilot is sending out a distress call when his plane crashes, it is “Mayday”—that’s the *fifth* month in the year.

So if anybody took their Bible study “seriously,” they would have a chart that the *King James* Bible set up for them—that the people who corrected the *KJV* couldn’t find—that would run something like this:

- 111—the Roman Caesar Nero—anti-Semitic
- 222—the Roman Catholic Constantine—anti-Semitic
- 333—the Roman Catholic Charlemagne—anti-Semitic
- 444—the Roman Catholic Napoleon—anti-Semitic
- 555—the Roman Catholic Hitler—anti-Semitic
- 666—the Roman Catholic Antichrist—anti-Semitic
- 777—the Lord Jesus Christ, the true Messiah—Semitic
- 888—the New Heavens, the New Earth, the New Jerusalem

What could 999 be? *King James* (*nine* letters) 1611 (totaling *nine*) Holy Bible (*nine* letters). Nine is the number of *fruitfulness* (e.g., the nine fruits of the Spirit listed in Gal. 5:22–23). That Book bears fruit in Eternity. **“Heaven and earth shall pass away [that’s when the new ones come in—2 Pet. 3:12–13], but my words shall not pass away [God’s word survives and goes past Rev. 20–21 into Eternity]”** (Matt. 24:35).

Happy birthday, God’s Bible! Happy birthday to the Book that bore the term “*Authorized Version*,” even though the first edition didn’t have it. Thank you, Lord, for having it translated under the authority of a *King* who had a Jewish name (“James” is Greek for “Jacob”), and **“where the word of a king is, there is power”** (Eccl. 8:4).

Happy birthday to the Book that became covered with a black cover even though the first edition didn’t have it. Thank you, Lord, for adding an infallible set of chapter and

verse numbers to your Holy Bible (which all the other “Bibles” had to imitate) to make us understand that the Bible is a Book that deals with *death*—the first death occurs in the fourth chapter, and nobody quits dying until two chapters from the end. Thank you, Lord, for showing us what kind of Book it is by the black cover which it took for years and years, and by the red edges of the pages, signifying *blood* because **“the life of all flesh is the blood thereof”** (Lev. 17:14). When you changed the pages to gold gilding on the edges, we never forgot that all the furniture in the Tabernacle was overlaid with *gold*, and if you took the letter “l” out of the word *gold*, it would be *God*, so God’s city is a golden city (Rev. 21:18, 21—“Oh dem golden slippers”). That black cover with those gold or red edged pages reminds me of the German flag and the country from where old Martin Luther came—black, yellow, and red.

Happy birthday, God’s Bible! Thank you, Lord, for showing us the seven-sealed book (see Rev. 5) for ages and ages. For years *KJV* Bibles were printed with five horizontal markings on the spine, with one at the top and one at the bottom as well, making seven seals on the Book. Thank you for having a seven-sealed book printed at the beginning of the dedicatory of some of the *King James* Bibles we bought.

Most of all, thank you, Lord, for setting up the absolute standard for time, temperature, and location, as well as the standard for absolute truth. You chose the English language, to the exclusion of all others, to put out the absolute truth on history, location (latitude and longitude), temperature (the British thermal unit), and time (Greenwich Mean Time). We appreciate you bypassing Mecca, Medina, Rome, New York, and the rest of the world’s dump heaps.

Happy birthday, *KJV*! You’ve survived the Catholic Church with its eighteen centuries of apostasy. You outlived all the empires and kingdoms that rose and fell while it was there, so happy birthday to you.

“Happy birthday to you; happy birthday to you. Happy birthday, God’s Bible; happy birthday to you.”

We the born-again, Bible-believing people of the United States wish to give you the Congressional Medal of Honor for 400 years of unstopped pure truth. We thank God for your bravery in stating things “above and beyond the call of duty.” For 400 years you have publicly spoken out loudly and strongly against sex perverts, bossy wives, thieves, Catholic Priests and Popes, fornicators, ALL Church-States (Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Calvinist, etc.). Most of all, we thank you for making public—where anyone could read them—scathing denunciations of the National Education Association, the American Civil Liberties Union, the United Nations, the League of Nations, the Holy Roman Empire, the Environmental Protection Agency, both Houses of Congress, and both Houses of the English Parliament.

We recommend you for a second Congressional Medal of Honor for the marvelous way that you took on and whipped all the evolutionists, all the humanists, all the Communists, all the agnostics, and all the atheists by your text. Good job; well done. At this present time, you have engaged the hatred of the entire world by speaking up and speaking out the words of God in truth.

Happy birthday, God’s Bible! You were born in 1611; you were born as the seventh in

the lists of Bibles that preceded you (see Psa. 12:6–7). You were the culmination of God’s word in history: 1) a *Hebrew* received text (1780–400 B.C.), an *Aramaic* received text (603–515 B.C.), a *Greek* received text (A.D. 35–96), a *Syrian* received text (A.D. 120–180), a *Latin* received text (A.D. 140–150), a *German* received text (Martin Luther, A.D. 1520–1600), and an *English* received text (the *AV*, A.D. 1525–1611). It was the culmination of the Bible in the English language: *Tyndale* (1525), *Coverdale* (1535), *Matthew* (1537), *Great* (1539), *Geneva* (1539), *Bishops’* (1568), *King James* (1611). You were seventh on the lists of two sevens.

Your first centennial birthday (100 years) was in 1711. During that time, you took Descartes (1596–1650) and threw him in the garbage can. You took Hobbes (1588–1679), Comenius (1592–1670), Spinoza (1632–1677), Locke (1632–1704), and Leibnitz (1646–1716) and put them in the same dumpster as Descartes. Then you followed them up with Wolff (1679–1754), Berkeley (1685–1753), and Voltaire (1694–1778).

After that first 100 years, you took on Hume (1711–1776) and Kant (1724–1804) and gave them the “bum’s rush.” You pitched them out on their ears just as you did with Rousseau (1712–1778). Then you slammed the door shut on Lessing (1729–1781) and Comte (1707–1788).

Around your bicentennial birthday (1811), you were accosted by Lyell (1797–1875) and Playfair (1748–1819), and you wrapped them both up and threw them in the trash can. Then you proceeded to dump “Strata Smith” (1769–1839), the famous uniformitarian geologist. Then you ran into Hegel (1770–1831) and chewed him up and spit him out, just as you did to Pestalozzi (1746–1827).

After your 200th birthday, a mass of people showed up who tried to get rid of you. All of them did their best and spent hours, days, months, and years trying to get rid of you by any means possible. You finished off the evolutionists Spencer (1820–1903) and Darwin (1809–1882) good and proper. You shredded Marx (1818–1883) and Engels (1820–1895).

Then up came a gang of thieves and robbers that made up the strongest mafia ever assembled to get rid of the *King James* Bible. There were Wellhausen (1844–1918), Tischendorf (1815–1874), and Griesbach (1745–1812). Westcott (1825–1901) and Hort (1828–1892) came out with the *RV* in 1885; Philip Schaff (1819–1893) headed up the committee that came out with the *ASV* in 1901. You just ran your wheels over them like they weren’t even there and left them squashed. The *ASV* that came from this bunch of mongrel animals couldn’t sell and went bankrupt. It had to be put into the *NASV*, and that translation bombed out too. The old roaring lion, the King of the mountain, was still there.

Going clear up into the tricentennial birthday (1911), you outsold and were outread and out-preached over any other five “Bibles” anywhere on the face of this earth throughout the entire missionary movement of the Philadelphia church period. Thank God for old John the apostle who remembered you when he wrote the book of Revelation and gave that church credit for keeping you from the time you were published until your quadrennial birthday (400 years in 2011).

“Happy birthday to you; happy birthday to you. Happy birthday, God’s Bible; happy birthday to you.”

From the time you were born (1611) to your centennial birthday, you only had about

one million copies being circulated. From your centennial birthday to your bicentennial birthday, you had 300 million copies out. At your tricentennial birthday, you had 600 million copies around. But now at your quadrennial birthday, you have over one billion copies in print, in spite of four centuries of opposition by every great intellectual on the face of this earth on six continents.

In fact, you deserve a third Congressional Medal of Honor for having to put up with the likes of Freud (1856–1939), Dewey (1859–1952), Russell (1872–1970), and Einstein (1879–1955) after your tricentennial birthday. You finally wound up with Osteen, Warren, Stanley, Schuler, and the faculties and staffs of Hyles-Anderson, Tennessee Temple, Bob Jones, Pensacola Christian, Crown, and every major Seminary in the United States. Dear old Book, you are still with us in spite of corrupt scholarship and a corrupt government.

Thank God for your entrance. You entered at 1611, and we know you are right near your exit. There were 400 “silent years” between Malachi and Matthew, so there’s bound to be 400 blank years between 1611 and the Second Coming.

Thanks again for the memories. Thank you for calling Mohammed an antichrist in 1 John 2:22; we were able to recognize him for exactly what God’s Bible says he was. We thank you for calling Allah Satan in 2 Corinthians 4:4, since his job is to keep people from believing on Christ. We thank you for identifying every Pope as the “man of sin” in your Epistle Dedicatory, since he is the one who took the title of God the Father in John 17:11 for himself, and since in 2 Thessalonians 2:3–4 and Daniel 11:36 he is the one who will try to replace God. Good work; well done. We wish you a very happy, happy birthday on your 400th anniversary.

If I may inject a personal note, I would personally like to thank you, King of Books. I want to thank you personally for preserving me through three wars, two depressions, six operations, a dozen church splits, 200,000 miles of flying time in airplanes, 18,250 miles of jogging and walking without any mishap, four lawsuits, three assassination attempts, and three attempts to quit the ministry. Happy birthday, God’s Bible.

Happy birthday, oh Book of all books. Your course is about run down here, but we know what’s going to happen when **“heaven and earth shall pass away.”** When they are gone, your words will still be around. You said, **“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”** (Matt. 24:35).

Thank you as you give a farewell salute to an apostate church and apostate country in the international language of the whole globe. We will certainly see you again later because you are 999, and that comes after 888, which is the New Heavens and the New Earth and the New Jerusalem, where your words are settled forever (Psa. 119:88).

Heil Jesus, die Bibel überallis! (Hail Jesus, the Bible over everything!)

Happy Birthday KJV

Part 2

“Happy birthday to you; happy birthday to you. Happy birthday, Holy Bible; happy birthday to you!”

This is the *KJV*'s 400th anniversary. At this time, all those of us who love you and believe you and accept you as “the *truth*, the *whole truth*, and *nothing but the truth*” wish you a very happy birthday. This 400th anniversary of your birthday is by far the greatest celebration of that event yet. As we observed last time, there were *400 years* between Malachi and Matthew during which God never revealed anything to anybody, and after the *King James Version* showed up, the Lord gave us another *400 years* of silence until the Second Coming. If the Second Coming were this year, that would be during your 400th anniversary.

Old *KJV*, we've “got your number.” Not only is it 999 (see our last article), but it is also the famous crap shooters' number. When they roll the dice, they often say: “*Seven come eleven.*” We've “got your number,” because your birthday began with 1611, and *one and six is seven* (“seven come eleven”). It would be a nice joke on your part if you gave us the year our Lord is to come. He showed up the first time after *400 years of silence*; wouldn't it be something if He showed up the second time after *400 years of silence!*

Happy birthday to you for your chapter and verse numberings and your number system which turns out to be supernatural “by accident.”

You told us what happened to the Gentiles back in Genesis 11. They are listed in *Genesis 10*, since Noah was the *tenth* from Adam (1 Chron. 1:1–4). With their first kingdom in *verse 10* is a picture of the Antichrist, who has *ten Kings* with him when he shows up.

Then we noticed that after the last big mention of the Gentiles in Genesis 10, the next time you said anything about anybody, you picked Abraham, the father of the *Jews*, in *Genesis 12* and promised to give him the Middle East (Gen. 15). It wasn't hard for us to figure out with the *chapter and verse numbers* you have, which all the modern “Bibles” had to follow even though they didn't want to, since it made it easier for readers to check and see where they were *in error*; but then, you never did miss anything to start with (or to *finish*).

We knew *chapter 12* was the number of the *Jews* because that was the number of their tribes, just as we knew that *ten* was the *Gentile* number because the “father of the Gentiles” (Noah) was the *tenth* from Adam, and all his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren appeared in *Genesis 10*. Immediately, we saw that “seven come eleven” (Gen. 11) would land us right in the middle of the first “UN” getting one big “global family” together for God to tear up (cf. Zeph. 3:8).

We also noticed it was “**the days of Lot**” (Luke 17:28–30) because Lot's name first occurs in Genesis 11:27. If *seven days* complete the week (and they do—Lev. 23:3), and if

seven weeks complete something before Pentecost (Lev. 23:15), and if *seven months* take place for the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:24, 27, 34), and if *seven years* take place for the Jubilee (Lev. 25:4), and if *7,000 years* take place before Eternity begins (cf. 2 Pet. 3:10), then we would figure “seven come eleven” that “**the days of Lot**” in *Genesis 11* warns us about fire coming down from Heaven at the Second Advent (2 Thess. 1:7–8) just like *Lot saw with the sodomites* (2 Pet. 2:6–7).

“Happy birthday to you; happy birthday to you. Happy birthday, Holy Bible; happy birthday to you.”

As a celebrator of your 400th birthday, let me say, personally, thank you for being the instrument that got me out of Hell and gave me a free passport to Glory. Thank you for preserving my life and keeping me in the ministry. Every good thing I have, I owe to you.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psa. 119:105). **“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple”** (Psa. 119:130). **“Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it”** (Psa. 119:140).

I consider you my life’s bread, for **“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”** (Matt. 4:4). Your *words* (not just your “word”—see Psa. 12:6–7) have sustained me 89 years when nothing else could. Thank you again, and may I wish you a very happy birthday!

“Happy birthday to you; happy birthday to you. Happy birthday, Holy Bible; happy birthday to you.” Happy Birthday, oh Book of all books; happy birthday, Monarch of the books.

“Heil Jesus; die Bibel über alles!” And please don’t forget “seven come eleven” on your 400th birthday.

The King James 1611, the English Reformation Bible

By Brian Donovan

Behind every major event, the Bible-believing student of history will always find an extremely long arm of the Lord (Exod. 6:6) that stretches much further than man can imagine. It is no different in the case of the publication of the masterpiece of English literature, the *King James Bible* of 1611. The preservation of the Lord's words in English did not just all of a sudden pop up four hundred years ago. The **"stretched out arm"** of the Lord continually works in history in a way that, at times, we can see glimpses of, but most often, we are too ignorant even to recognize. His ability to use men, women, children, Kings, Queens, servants, Popes, armies, and governments to accomplish His purposes, whether saved or lost, cognizant or not, is a subject that will make the believer **"stand in awe"** (Psa. 4:4).

The personalities and events that brought about the English Bible, **"given by inspiration,"** are too numerous to bring together in one story, except by the Lord Himself. The Reformation that brought Europe out of papal darkness washed onto the western isles of the Britons from Germany (Luther), Switzerland (Zwingli), and France (Farel and Lefevre); and yet that light had already beamed from those same shores almost exactly two hundred years earlier with the birth of John Wycliffe in 1320. At twenty-four years old, in the midst of a terrible disease that was wiping out half the population of Europe, Wycliffe groaned for God to show him the truth. He found the Way, the Truth, and the Life in the Holy Scriptures and immediately resolved to get those Scriptures to his neighbors in their native tongue. John preached against the Romish clergy that had banished the Scriptures in favor of the legends of the saints and stories of the Trojan War. He and his men went to work preaching the Gospel to the poor until the last phase of his ministry brought him to leave those same poor folks in possession of the Scriptures in their own language. Being ignorant of Hebrew and Greek, Wycliffe was a Latin scholar and translated from the Latin tongue. Working for over ten years, he completed the New Testament in 1380, and the entire Bible in 1382. Rather than with great rejoicing, Wycliffe was met with immense opposition. The Monks complained that "The Gospel pearl was everywhere cast out and trodden under foot of swine." For the rest of his life he was hounded as a heretic and finally condemned. With advice from a close friend to back down and let the matter die, Wycliffe's faith girded him to stand alone and answer: "What? I should live and be silent? Never! Let the blow fall, I await its coming." But the ax never fell, as the two antichrists of Avignon and Rome became consumed with their fight against each other and they forgot Wycliffe. He preached until December 29, 1384, when in the middle of a service, he fell paralyzed and died within 48 hours.

Over one hundred years later, in 1494, William Tyndale was born, and by 1525 had

completed his English translation of the New Testament from Greek manuscripts. While trying to return to his homeland from the continent, he was seized and tried as a heretic, being strangled and burned at the stake. His last words were: "Lord, open the King of England's eyes." This took place in Brussels, Belgium in 1536; the very next year, King Henry VIII finally got his male heir in Prince Edward.

Despite being a very wicked man, Henry VIII was used by the arm of the Lord to wrest the British Isles from papal power. Married to Catherine of Aragon (of the Roman Catholic Spanish King's family), Henry was disturbed that after six pregnancies, his wife only produced a single daughter, Mary. Determined to have a male heir, Henry wanted to have the Pope annul his marriage to Catherine so he could marry Anne Boleyn. Unwilling to upset his faithful church member Charles V of Spain, the papa refused, and Henry simply kicked the Pope out of his realm and married Anne. Poor Anne could not produce a male heir and brought forth Elizabeth, so she was summarily beheaded. Moving on to Jane Seymour, Henry finally got his wish with a son, Edward, being born in 1537. Unfortunately, Jane died within days of giving birth, and Henry went on to marry three more times (Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard, and Catherine Parr). The three most important things about Henry's reign were the birth of his son, Edward, the birth of his daughter, Elizabeth, and the putting away of the Roman Prince of darkness from his kingdom.

Perhaps because his reign only lasted six years, the Lord's set up of King Edward VI after Henry is almost completely overlooked. Coming to the throne at only nine years of age, Edward was tutored in the word of God and knew Latin, Greek, and French. At his coronation in 1547, the three swords representing the three kingdoms of his rule were brought before him, to which Edward asked for "the one yet wanting." When asked which that would be, he told them "the Bible, which is the sword of the Spirit and to be preferred before these swords." As a young boy, Edward witnessed to his older sister Mary (later to follow him on the throne as Bloody Mary) about the truth of the Gospel of Christ without the Roman religion. Mary rejected his counsel and would later burn Edward's brothers and sisters in Christ at the stake. When it was reported that Mary continued to have the Roman Mass said in her house (against English law) while Edward was King, his counselors asked Edward to overlook it, saying, "Your Majesty, there were good kings that allowed hill altars and yet were called good." Edward replied that they should only follow someone as they did right, not when they did wrong. During his short reign, Edward had John Knox released from his Roman prison in France and brought before him to preach at his court, as well as regularly listening to the sermons of Latimer and Ridley (who were also later to be burned at the stake by Bloody Mary). Being physically sick almost all of his short life, King Edward came down with the smallpox and shortly after died in 1553. Before dying, he wrote an amazing treatise titled "Treatise Against the Primacy of the Pope." Among other things, the writing proves from Scripture that: the church was not founded on Peter, justification is by faith, a Bishop is to be the husband of one wife, his primary job is to feed the sheep, and that Christ's kingdom is not of this world. Quite an undertaking for a twelve year old! This young man is so likened to the good Jewish boy-King Josiah, that there is a statue of Edward VI in Windsor Castle with his scepter pointing to an open Bible at 2 Chronicles 34 (the reference to the eight-year-old Josiah beginning his reign).

After a five-year bloody reign of terror by his sister Mary (1553–1558) in which hundreds of Bible-believing preachers and saints were murdered, the English crown went to Edward’s favorite sister, Elizabeth. For the next forty-five years (1558–1603), England enjoyed the light of the Gospel of Christ being freely preached throughout the kingdom. As she ascended the throne, and in keeping with custom, Elizabeth released some prisoners from the Tower of London who were being persecuted for their faith. She informed her people that she would like four or five others also to be released that were in bondage under Mary; namely, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Paul. Acting very cautiously toward Roman Catholics under her dominion at first, Elizabeth allowed freedom of religion. It was not until the Pope called for her death that she had to move more deliberately toward her popish subjects. During her reign, it was said that the streets of London were missing the thousands of homeless children that roamed it earlier. Christian charity was evident, the likes of which England had never experienced before. Of course, the popish revisers of history try to demean the rule of this great monarch, but there can be no denial of the light that was cast across the empire as it came out of the Dark Ages of Rome.

The Lord’s outstretched arm kept the “Virgin Queen” of England alive long enough for events to come into place that would allow for the next ruler to be a King, who would have power in his words (Eccl. 8:4). James VI of Scotland became James I of England, and almost immediately he called for the work to commence on the translation of the Scriptures into English. The work began in 1604 at Hampton Court and was finished in 1611—the *King James Bible* of the English Reformation. At a time when the circumstances all pointed to the acceptance and dominance of the *Geneva Bible* of 1560 (under Queen Elizabeth), the Lord’s arm overrode the obvious and brought forth the Scriptures in English, “**given by inspiration**”—the 1611 *KJV*. As one writer put it: “we simply do not know with any certainty the true reasons for the waning in popularity of the *Geneva Bible* at a time when it should have enjoyed a surge in popularity” (Alistair McGrath).

Just as the type of the word of God in the Old Testament (the Table of Showbread) had two crowns, so the word of God in English should have two crowns: one for its heavenly King; one for its earthly King. Just as that type had two materials—gold for its heavenly King; wood for its earthly King—so also should the English word of God. Just as that type had four feet (Exod. 25:26), so the English word of God would go clear around the earth, which is associated with the number four. Those blessed words have been carried to the ends of the earth, with the imprint of the Lord’s hand all over them, the old blessed Book of the English Reformation, the *King James Bible* of 1611.

The Submission of The Translators

By Brian Donovan

Following the death of Queen Elizabeth I in 1603, the newly crowned King James I sat down to meet in conference with England's religious leaders to hear and determine "things pretended to be amiss in the church." The Church of England's Anglican Bishops were represented, as well as a select few (four chosen men) to represent the Puritan claims. The Separatists were purposefully excluded, as they were considered "extremists" and were in the process of being railroaded out of the country anyway.

To begin the meeting, the King asked the Puritans to retire so that he could speak with the Bishops in private. The meeting began well with the delighted Bishops thinking the King was mostly on their side after hearing his opening comments. When allowed to speak, they essentially made their case for the Anglican Church to continue with their sacramental and hierarchal Bishop-run system. Since the Church of England was closest to the primitive church as any on earth, and had remained so strong over the last forty years, why change anything? King James interjected, "It was no reason that because a man had been sick of the pox forty years, therefore he should not be cured."

The Bishops soon found out that they were dealing with no ordinary King. Their new King was able to turn to any verse in the Bible and translate from Latin to French, as well as from French to English. As much as they liked to poke fun at his Scotch accent behind his back, this was a man who was fluent in Greek, Latin, French, and English. After a lengthy discussion regarding baptism, King James shot down their arguments with Scripture, and though he still wanted to keep the Anglican Church strong, he also wanted it cleansed of its fat and strutting Bishops.

Dismissing the Bishops with glee, the King agreed to meet with the Puritans. Since he had lived his whole life in Presbyterian Scotland, James was familiar with the Puritans' arguments before they ever brought them. Reynolds, Chaderton, Sparke, and Knewstubs, though far more Scriptural in their arguments than the Anglican Bishops, were nevertheless summarily put down by the King. There was no way that he was going to allow a group of reformers to set up a church that would not bow to his authority. In spite of all this, the Lord used this meeting to have the suggestion by John Reynolds be put before King James to have the Bible translated.

It was this suggestion that resulted in an announcement a few weeks later (February 10, 1604) that "a translation be made of the whole Bible" The Bishops' Bible, made under Queen Elizabeth in 1568, was considered a pompous work of fourteen Bishops and was never accepted by the common Englishman. The *Geneva* Bible of 1560 was completed by only a few Puritans and naturally came out heavily biased toward their views. One of the amazing things about this new translation work in 1604 was that it was to be done by a large committee of translators. With six companies of eight men each and

a supervisor over each of the six companies, the total of 54 men working on the Bible seemed daunting. Two companies each in Oxford, Cambridge, and Westminster would work over the next seven years (1604-1611) to produce the *King James Bible*. Large committees such as these are known for compromise and empty air. Anyone knows that it is individuals who produce great works, not committees. The United States Senate and the House of Representatives are living proof that truth cannot come out unscathed after meeting in committees. But we are dealing with the Bible, not politics.

The Bible already has one Author. Translation is not authorship, and the scholarly men of 1604 understood that concept like no one from 1880 onwards can imagine. The myriad of corrupt English translations that have come out since 1881 all have a statement to make. That statement is: “We have something to say; we are important and you need to hear us.” But in 1604-1611, some men thought that it was God who had something to say and it was God who was important and needed to be heard. In order to do that, those men believed they needed to be in subjection to the word of God, not in judgment or criticism of it. The names of Chaderton, Ward, Bois, and Miles are not remembered; but the power, purity, majesty, and superiority of one Book is not forgotten. Martin Luther did a great work as an individual in translating the German Bible, but German was not the language that was to be used around the world till the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Martin’s effort to “make Moses so German that no one would suspect he was a Jew” was satisfactory to reach Germans, but that would not cut it for the universal language of the world.

A scholarly committee of Englishmen with a mindset of submission would be used to translate God’s words into English, and despite being “archaic,” it is still alive four hundred years later. Despite being “sectarian,” it still overcame the divisiveness between the Puritans, Anglicans, and the rest. The *Bishops’ Bible* was eclipsed by 1612, and the *Geneva Bible* was eclipsed by 1644. Miles Smith said, “Translation it is, that openeth the window to let in the light,” and the purified and preserved words of the Lord in the *King James English* has opened the window and let in the light. Perhaps the crowning example would be the King’s English of Psalm 19: **“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork”** (Psa. 19:1). The simplicity is combined with the perfect cadence, which all point to God.

Better yet, maybe it would be Psalm 8: **“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?”** (Psa. 8:3–4). The commas are perfectly placed, and the semicolon tells you to slow down even more. Here is David looking up to God’s handiwork, and it causes him to look down at himself and wonder how the Lord can be mindful of man.

Perhaps even better would be the very first verses of the *King James Bible*. Back in 1535, William Tyndale translated them beautifully as: *“In the beginning God created heaven and earth. The earth was void and empty and darkness was upon the deep, and the spirit of God moved upon the water.”* Some years later, a great improvement was made by the *Geneva* translators in 1560 as: *“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the deep, and the spirit of God moved upon the waters.”* The addition of the article before both heaven and

earth gave information Einstein never could figure out, while the addition of the word “*and*” to begin the second verse shows that the chronological teaching of the original finished creation of verse 1 is followed by an act that made it “**without form and void.**” But the depth of the purified words of the Lord in the *King James* 1611 make Bible believers wonder “**what is man that thou art mindful of him?**” Reading from “**the perfect law of liberty**” (James 1:25) of 1611, we find: “**In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.**” Besides changing the comma after the word “**void**” to a semicolon to get the reader to slow down even more, the addition of “**the face**” twice in verse 2 has a depth of suggestion that I must confess still makes me stand in awe.

Not only do we have more than we can fathom in the words of those first two verses, but now we are connected to Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28, Job 1, and Job 38 just with the addition of the word “**and.**” Yet that isn’t even the tip of the iceberg, since the inclusion of “**the face**” to “**the deep**” now makes us to consider even more connected verses in the infinite circle of God’s Book. The translators were led to use certain words, no doubt without even knowing why at times, but any student of the *KJV* 1611 knows that its depths can never be fathomed. The intimation that the deep has a face connects the reader to Psalm 19, where “**the heavens declare the glory of God,**” as well as to 1 Corinthians 13, where we now “**see through a glass darkly**” (1 Cor. 13:12). When those recreated heavens “**face**” the Lord God who created them, they give glory through a reflection of His face on the great deep, while beholding that face “**through a glass darkly.**” But that is only if you have a *King James* Bible, since before Genesis 1:2, there were no heavens (plural), nor was there a need for “**a glass darkly.**”

Because the modern translators (1880-2011) do not put themselves under submission to God’s words but rather believe that they are actually critiquing them, they are not even aware of the shallowness of the words that they are choosing. They are also unaware of the damage they are doing as they break an infinite circle of Bible verses that are interconnected. Thank God for a group of Englishmen that submitted themselves to the pure words of God. That resulted in the final word that the Lord God would give to mankind until they hear judgments pronounced from the sky during the Great Tribulation period just before

“**the Sun**” arises “**with healing in his wings**” (Mal. 4:2). For 400 years now, men have not heard so much as a whimper from the Lord God, unless they have opened His Book, “**given by inspiration**” in 1611.

Why I Believe the King James Bible is the Holy Scriptures

I am making this article a “personal” column because the attitudes and positions expressed in it are *mine*. I am telling you exactly how I feel about the subject, and I’ll make it real personal. I think it is time to say something about it, and the timeliness of the topic is evident.

The *King James* Bible has been perverted more than 233 times since 1880 without producing a perfect Bible yet—even according to the perverters. Every generation of stupid Americans since World War II was taught that the *King James* Bible couldn’t be “relevant” to their times. “Their times” evidently changed so badly that the Bible couldn’t keep up, because, on average, a new translation has hit the market *once every six months* (that’s two a year, every year, for over a hundred years). Yet it has been my experience that the *Authorized Version* is so far ahead of any daily newspaper or monthly magazine that the news media couldn’t catch up to it flying an X-15.

The main issue with mankind from 4004 B.C. to A.D. 2010 has always been one issue: *absolute authority*. That has always been the issue in every home, in all schools, in the sports world, among the nations and governments, and even in the universe itself (see Isa. 14:12–14).

There are three religions that claim some book as their final authority: those would be Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. But when you examine the teachers and leaders of the Christians, you find they believe nothing of the kind. You will find the Jewish Rabbis overruling their Old Testament with the *Talmud* dozens of times. And the Moslems are the worst of all: after bragging about the *Koran* coming from Allah to Mohammed through a 600-winged angel (“Gabriel”), they have another series of books on the life and sayings of Mohammed (the “*Holy*” *Hadith*) which corrects the *Koran* over and over again.

The *news media* (TV, radio, and newspapers) is the final authority for all unsaved intellectuals, not the *King James* Bible. The job of all higher education is to replace the *King James* Bible with scholarly guesswork, whether it be secular or sacred. The scholars have all been at work to get rid of the *Authorized Version* since 1880.

Of course, the Christians talk about the Bible being the “Word of God,” but they lie like a dog. The phrase “Word of God” (with a capital *w*) is a Neo-orthodox designation for the *message* of the Bible, never the written *Scriptures* containing the *words* of God. You can have no “Word of God” or even “word of God” (the Scriptural designation) without *words*. The question is: “What about those *words*?” You see, they don’t believe the *words* are infallible at all, let alone an absolute authority.

Now that is Ruckman’s “besetting sin”: I profess to have God’s *words*. I profess to have the Holy Scriptures (see 2 Tim. 3:15) in my language, in my hand, when I preach,

when I teach, when I read, and when I memorize the “Bible.” The Bible to me is the Holy Scriptures (see Rom. 1:2), and I profess to have a copy in English.

Because of that, I get a lot of ridicule from the “brethren.” An apostate Fundamentalist (a preacher from Tennessee Temple) wrote an article one time that said: “Ruckman says Paul preached the *King James Bible*.” He’s a liar, and so his boss, Lee Roberson, along with his faculty members, James Price and Cliff Robinson. I have never said Paul preached the *King James Bible*. What I do teach is that the *text* of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures Paul read, preached, and wrote was the same type as that of the *Authorized Version* (see our work on *The Monarch of the Books*). God only wrote one Bible, and it isn’t the “Bible” you find in *Vaticanus*, *Sinaiticus*, the Jesuit *Rheims Bible* of 1582, the *RV*, the *ASV*, the *NASV*, the *RSV*, the *NIV*, the *ESV*, etc.

Now the first reason I believe the *King James Bible* is the Holy Scriptures is because of the *time of its publication*. Notice that I am not discussing the translators at the moment; I’m talking about the *time* when they published their work. The *AV* was published during the *Philadelphia* church period. What fool doesn’t know that in Revelation 3:8, the *Philadelphia* church was the only one of the seven churches that *kept God’s word*. Didn’t you ever read John 14:23? **“If a man love me, he will keep my words.”**

The *King James Bible* was put together *before* British Deism showed up, *before* French atheism showed up, and *before* German rationalism showed up. All the “big-time” philosophers and critics of the word of God came up in Europe after 1611—all of them. The *King James Bible* came up while the Popes were approving the torture and murder of Bible-believing Christians (that would be 1500–1800). It came out when God the Holy Spirit could get some men who believed the Book, despite persecution, because all of that other stuff wasn’t going on.

You take those new “Bibles,” all the members on their translation and revision committees are shot through with infidelity: they don’t believe any book—even their own works—are the perfect, infallible words of God. When I hear the *NIV* is going like wildfire, I say to myself: “I hope that means people are burning them.” You say, “What is the *NIV* about?” It’s about ten bucks, I think. I tell folks: “You can’t put it down until you’ve read the introduction.” I call the *NIV* the “Nutty Idiot’s Version”; I call the *RSV* the “Reversed Standard Vision”; I call the *NASV* the “Nutty Asinine Silly Version.”

Christ said, **“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them”** (Matt. 7:20), and the **“fruits”** of the new versions reflect the time when they came out. What are the fruits of the *RV*, the *ASV*, the *NASV*, the *RSV*, the *NRSV*, the *NIV*, the *NKJV*, the *ESV*, etc.? Why, that’s easy: abortions, divorce, international drug traffic, cannibalism, sex perversion, two world wars and 177 more since the UN showed up, international terrorism, 55 million civilians murdered by their own governments after gun control laws were put through, and an ignorance of the Bible so appalling that it could only be matched by the Dark Ages. That’s the fruits of 233 modern English versions.

Next, I believe the *King James Bible* is the Holy Scripture because of its *lack of copyright*. Anyone can publish a *King James Version* any time they want, anywhere they want, without having to get anyone’s permission or pay anyone for the rights to do it. The copyrights which began to appear in *King James Bibles* after 1960 (after my material

began to circulate throughout the United States and England) have nothing to do with the text. They apply to the typesetting, the notes, the maps, etc.; anybody can reproduce the text. No copyright was ever enforced on the text of the *Authorized Version* one time in 400 years anywhere on this earth.

The so-called “crown copyright,” the *cum privilegio* found in Bibles printed in Great Britain, has nothing to do with anybody else being able to print the *King James Version*; it just gave the King’s printer the right (*cum privilegio*—“with permission”) to print it. No permission was ever needed to copy or sell any *King James* Bible as is necessary with the *NIV*, *RSV*, *NASV*, etc. A fellow put out a work on the crown copyright one time, and it was a lie from start to finish. The crown copyright never applied to anyone outside of the British Empire and was even occasionally overlooked there. It was not binding to the King (or Queen), and no British monarch ever got a dime from the sales. All it did was give permission to print the *KJV*; it was not a bar against printing it.

Further, I believe the *King James* Bible is the Holy Scriptures because of the *honesty of its preservation*. For instance, the translators were honest enough to use italics for words for which they couldn’t find manuscripts.

When the *AV* translators sat down to their work, they had four Hebrew texts, four Greek texts (Erasmus, Colinaeus, Stephanus, and Beza), three “polyglots,” two Syrian texts, at least eleven European translations (several of them Waldensian Bibles), six Latin texts, and six earlier English translations (Tyndale, Coverdale, Matthew, the *Great Bible*, the *Bishops’ Bible*, and the *Geneva Bible*; see “The King James Translators at Work,” *King James, His Bible, and Its Translators*, Laurence Vance, 2006, pg. 41). In addition to all of that, they had the Jesuit *Rheims* Bible of 1582 (an English translation) and Jerome’s Latin *Vulgate*, which means they had all the readings found in the *RV*, *ASV*, *RSV*, *NASV*, *NIV*, *NRSV*, *ESV*, etc. That is, they had all the material you find in the Sinaitic manuscript (*Aleph*) and the Vatican manuscript (*B*), and they *ignored* much of it.

The apostate Fundamentalists say: “Well, the *King James* translators didn’t claim inspiration.” Well, neither did Matthew, Mark, or James. The writer of the book of Ruth didn’t claim inspiration for his work; nor did the writers of Judges or 1 & 2 Chronicles.

When did Paul say that anything he wrote was inspired by God? Show it to me. You couldn’t if your soul depended on it. Peter classifies the Pauline Epistles as “**scriptures**” (2 Pet. 3:16), but Paul himself doesn’t. Paul doesn’t confess to having the breath of God on him (“**inspiration**”—2 Tim. 3:16) when he wrote Romans or Galatians or Ephesians or even 1 & 2 Timothy. Does that mean those books weren’t “**given by inspiration**”? Of course not!

I believe the *King James* Bible is the Holy Scriptures because of its *chapter and verse numbering*; especially when dealing with the numbers three, five, seven, ten, twelve, and thirteen. A professional gambler wouldn’t take odds on the phenomena involved with those numbers being “accidental”; he would have better sense than that.

All of the rubbish about who invented the chapter and verse numbers, and when and where they were invented, is brought up by the apostates simply in order to get rid of the fact that they can’t explain them being there. How did Isaiah know there would be 66 books in the canon when it was complete? Why, the Old Testament wasn’t even finished

when Isaiah wrote. That phenomenon is so glaring that even the most Liberal scholars talk about a “Deutero-Isaiah”; i.e., one “Isaiah” wrote chapters 1–39 and another “Isaiah” wrote chapters 40–66. That is exactly how your Bible is laid out. The Old Testament ends at 39 books, and John the Baptist shows up in book 40 (Matthew cf. Isa. 40:3). The Bible ends at book 66 with “**a new heaven and a new earth**” (Rev. 21:1), and Isaiah ends at chapter 66 with the same thing (Isa. 66:22).

Now what do you make of that? Do you think the *King James* translators intentionally fixed it up so it would look that way? Why, it wasn’t even discussed in any of the meetings of any of the committees!

Back there in the book of Exodus, you’ll find the Table of Showbread sitting there in the Tabernacle. The bread is put on there fresh every morning, daily (just like the manna). It is laid out as *twelve* freshly baked loaves: *six* on one side and *six* on the other. That bread in the New Testament is a picture of the word of God (Luke 4:4), the Bread of Life (John 6:48–57, 68). Now look at that showbread. Twelve loaves—that’s twelve tribes of Israel. Paul wrote that “**the oracles of God**” were “**committed**” to the *Jews* (Rom. 3:2). Six loaves laid out beside six loaves—that’s two sixes together (66), the number of books in the Bible. How did Moses get ahold of that back in Exodus? Why, he couldn’t have! Do you think Paul and Moses figured out that thing before they decided what numbers to use? No? Then was it an accident?

What is going on in 1 Kings 8 where a picture of the end of the Millennium and the beginning of the New Heavens and New Earth shows up “**on the EIGHTH DAY**” at verse 66? Doesn’t that Bible lay down a pattern of seven and then you start over again at *eight* (Lev. 23)? Doesn’t Peter say: “**one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day**” (2 Pet. 3:8)? Doesn’t the eighth millennial “day” begin in the 66th book in your Bible (Rev. 21–22)? How is it that Solomon knew to put that picture in chapter 8 and verse 66 of 1 Kings? Did he know how many books would be in the Bible? Did the *King James* translators “jimmy” up that one? No? Then who did?

Not only that, but I believe the *King James* Bible is the Holy Scriptures because of the *pride and inconsistency of its critics*. You can tell as much about a man by his enemies as you can by his friends. All English “Bibles” compare themselves with the *King James*—all of them; they don’t even compare themselves with each other.

Every rotten imitation that comes out professes to be an updated, “clearer” version of a Book 380 years out of date. Why, that’s the profession of a charlatan; that is a businessman trying to make a fast buck by lying. Imagine these people telling you that the *King James* Bible had to be “updated” into modern English more than 233 times (since 1880) before you could get a copy you could understand.

Every corrupt “Bible” that’s come out since 1901 in America has professed to “update” a Bible that was more than 300 years old. How come it never got updated? In his book *A Brief History of English Bible Translations*, Dr. Laurence Vance lists 186 “updates” made between 1901 and 1991, with thirty more that have come out since then. Do you know what these apostate Bible sellers are telling you? They are telling you that the “King’s English” (or American English) gets obsolete once every six months, every year, for 400 years. Now who would believe a lying jackass like that except a Ph.D. or a

Doctor of Divinity?

They all knew to what book to compare themselves: it was the standard—the *King James Version* of 1611. They finally had to come out with a “*New*” *King James Version*. I have written books and pamphlets and articles about it since 1982. The *New King James Version* put the readings of the *Revised Standard Version* into the *King James* text. The *RSV* was put out by the National Council of Churches, one of the greatest Liberal, Bible-denying, Communist outfits on earth. That’s the “*New*” *King James Version* recommended by Jerry Falwell, Curtis Hutson, Wally Criswell, and James Price, along with Harold Ockenga, the founder of Neo-evangelicalism.

Finally, I believe the *King James* Bible is the Holy Scriptures because of the *promise of preservation* found in Psalm 12:6–7 and Matthew 24:35.

“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” (Psa. 12:6–7).

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

Two hundred-thirty-three corrupt translations since 1880 have altered Psalm 12:6–7 to get rid of the preservation of God’s “**words**” (not just His *word* or *Word*), but I see that promise fulfilled in church history. That Bible was written in Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, Old Syriac, Old Latin, German, and English—that’s seven. When the Bible came out in modern English, it came out in Tyndale’s *New Testament*, Coverdale’s *Bible*, the *Matthew’s Bible*, the *Great Bible*, the *Bishops’ Bible*, the *Geneva Bible*, and finally the *Authorized Version* of 1611—that’s seven times. I am told in Psalm 12 that those “**words**” go through “**a furnace of earth ... seven times**” to get it cleaned out and get it pure: that turns out to be seven in the main languages of the Scriptures and also seven in the English translations.

When I preached in the Ukraine, my interpreter and translator into Russian, Major Taras, a former KGB agent, told me, “Your Bible is better than our Bible.” When Mark Landolt preached in Romania, and when Jim Lince and David Peacock went over there, they were told by those Romanian Christians: “Your Bible is better than ours.” When I preached over in the Philippines, those Filipino pastors (100 at a time with their associates) told me it would be better for them to stick with the English Bible than to get translations into Filipino dialects because there were too many dialects (around eighty) and they could all get together on the English.

The apostate Fundamentalists try to get rid of the *AV* by saying the words in English don’t match the words God gave in Greek and Hebrew. Well, Christ’s four biographers (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) don’t match in the “originals” (e.g., the story of the rich young ruler, the ministry of John the Baptist, the inscription on the cross, etc.). Psalm 18 and 2 Samuel 22 don’t match in the “originals,” and they were the same psalm written by the same author. So what?

I believe you have the words right now that God wants you to have in English. Now, my “buddies” in the ministry used to believe that before they went into apostasy. I am going to quote you what they said. You have to understand that what I am about to give

you was said after J. Edgar Hoover (former head of the FBI) said “The Bible is the unfailing guide which points the way for men to the perfect life,” and after General Douglas MacArthur said “I never go to bed so tired but that I read the word of God before I go to bed.” Here I am quoting my buddies when they were in their right minds and had good sense.

Wally Criswell said: “The preacher who starts with the word of God in his hands stands upon an invincible Rock. When you come to my church, it’ll be a message from that Book. The Bible is the infallible word of God. God writes it down, and we can open the sacred Book and read its holy words.” Don’t you believe a word he said. When he got on the *New King James* committee, he changed those words by the thousands.

Here’s Jerry Falwell in 1980, before he lost his shirt and his common sense: “No human being has the right to change what God said. Our faith, our ministry (you understand he’s talking about his church and his school), as the New Testament church, finds its premise in this Book (and here he holds up a *King James* Bible). Whenever you are reading something besides this Book (he holds up the *AV* again), be sure that it agrees with this Book (and he holds up the *KJV* again), or it is not worthy of your reading time.” That’s one of my buddies when he was sane; he fell away later.

Billy Graham was a buddy of mine once. Do you know what he recorded when he began to lose his faith in the *King James* Bible by fooling around with the apostates in Wheaton, Illinois? Billy went out in the bushes and prayed: “Father, I cannot understand everything in this Book. I cannot come intellectually all the way, but I accept it to be the authoritative, inspired word of God by faith—the inspired word of the living God.” He said that in August of 1943, before he “fell off the stack” and went along with the apostate Fundamentalists.

Now there you have Jerry Falwell, Wally Criswell, and Billy Graham shoulder to shoulder with “Ruckman.” Somebody broke ranks. Was it “Ruckman”?

Go take a long walk on a short pier. Keep on collecting their tithes, offerings, and tuition, and act like you’re spiritual.

Inspiration and the “Meanest Translation”

For years and years (from 1880–2010), apostate Fundamentalists, Conservatives, and Evangelicals have been using one phrase out of the preface to the *Authorized Version* (“The Translators to the Reader”) as an alibi to lie to the world and the Body of Christ. The phrase is “the very meanest translation.” That’s a reference to the work of translators who *preceded* the *AV*, who used either the Received text or Wycliffe’s translation from Jerome’s Latin *Vulgate* as a basis for their translations. The *AV* translators said: “the very meanest translation of the Bible in English ... is the word of God.” Of course, the “meanest translations” to which they refer read *nothing* at all like the *NIV*, *NASV*, *CEV*, *NWT*, *RSV*, *NRSV*, *NEB*, or any other modern “Bible.”

Now all the Bible-rejecting Fundamentalists love what the *King James* translators said about the “meanest translation” being “the word of God,” but when these same depraved, destructive critics get to the end of the preface, they are careful to omit the *AV* translators’ warning about “the language of Canaan” and “the Philistines” (get a copy of *Translators to the Readers* from the Bookstore and read it—KJ-1742 @ \$1.95), for it turns out to be a prophetic reference to the *translators and readers of the RV, ASV, RSV, NASV, NIV, NRSV, ESV, and the rest of the apostate, corrupt garbage*.

The “meanest translations” before 1611 were Tyndale’s New Testament, Coverdale’s Bible, Matthew’s Bible, the *Great Bible*, the *Bishops’ Bible*, and the *Geneva Bible*. *Every one of them excluded the Apocrypha as part of the inspired Old Testament canon*, while the two main Greek manuscripts used for the modern versions (*Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus*) *contained the Apocrypha as part of the inspired canon of the Old Testament* (where they are called “Deutero-canonical” books). You didn’t know that, did you? Do you know *why* you didn’t? Because somebody conveniently forgot to tell you, and it wasn’t “Ruckman.” These apostates made you think the *King James* had the *Apocrypha* in it as *Bible books* because it placed those books *between the Testaments* as recommended reading. In the meantime, the very manuscripts they used to make more than 30,000 changes in the *AV* text had the *Apocrypha* in them as *part of the Old Testament*.

The “meanest translations” referred to by the *King James* translators were all from the Received text (now called the Majority text) which came from Syrian-Byzantine manuscripts. The “meanest translations” today are never from *those* manuscripts or texts. They are from *African* manuscripts out of *Alexandria, Egypt*, and no amount of equivocation about “Caesarea” will help out the lying fool who brings it up. Caesarea contained Origen’s Alexandrian manuscripts.

Now go back and look at what the *AV* translators said about the “meanest translation.” They did *not* say that it could be called the *Scriptures* as all the modern scholars will lead you to believe. That word *Scriptures* (or *Scripture*) is the word that really bugs them. Once you have said that anything is *Scripture*, you have gotten yourself into one cotton-picking mess, because as anybody knows: **“ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God”**

(2 Tim. 3:16).

That is why *no* Biblical author, writer, or recorder *ever* claimed to be writing “**scripture.**” Paul didn’t; Peter didn’t (although he called Paul’s works “**scriptures**” in 2 Pet. 3:16); James didn’t; John didn’t; Matthew didn’t; etc. The word *Scripture* is avoided like the plague when any Biblical author refers to his own writings. The *AV* translators followed the example of the Biblical writers and did not claim to be writing inspired Scripture when they talked about their own work. *Neither did the authors of Ruth, 2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, Esther, 2 Kings, Judges, or Song of Solomon.*

Explain why these fellows who tear up the *King James* Bible all the time avoid the word *Scripture* any way they can do it when referring to the *AV*. The closest they ever come to telling the truth is when they say they believe the *King James* Bible is the “preserved (that’s to make you think that you’ve got it) Word of God”—*not* the *Scripture*; never the *Scripture*.

Note that they are very careful not to say “the preserved *words* (plural) of God,” like the promise to which they are alluding (Psa. 12:6–7). They say “the preserved Word (singular and capitalized) of God” because that’s the *Neo-orthodox position of Barth and Brunner*; i.e., it is the *message* of the Book that has been preserved and not the individual *words*. That is why they never use the Biblical term *Scripture*.

Their alibi for calling their rotten translations (that aren’t worth the paper on which they are printed) the “Scripture” or the “Word of God” is that, after all, didn’t the *King James* translators say the “meanest translation” could be called “the word of God”? May I remind the reader of *one great truth* that will keep him out of the insane asylum? You can “call” *anything* “*anything*.” You can call a *gas chamber* a “shower room” as the Nazis did in Auschwitz, Treblinka, Sobibor, or Dachau between 1933 and 1945. You can call *racial prejudice* “affirmative action”; you can call the *ensorship of speech* “behavior modification”; you can call *removal of prayer and the Bible* from the schools “values clarification,” as the Federal courts have done. You can call *GRID* “AIDS” as the news media did back in the 80s. Calling something “something else” *doesn’t mean anything*.

You can *call* the blind, blundering, stupid drivel put out by the likes of James White, A. T. Robertson, Kenneth Wuest, Doug Kutilek, “Hotdog” Hymers, and Robert Sumner “accurate scholarship”; but by equal rights anybody else could call it “Roadrunner in Disneyworld.” Not a cartoon character in the batch can admit the *King James* Bible is Scripture because “**all scripture is given by inspiration of God**” (2 Tim. 3:16), so he calls it “the Word of God” because “for all practical purposes,” it’s the nearest he can get to the real term: *Scriptures*. This “calling” doesn’t mean *anything* except that the Mickey Mouse “scholar” is a *lying fool*. May “**the Lord reward him according to his works**” (2 Tim. 4:14).

Alibis for Living Like the Devil

The modern apostate Fundamentalists, Evangelicals, and Conservatives (several million since 1901) have made a lifelong practice of *spiritual sin*. This lifelong habit is the alibiing of their sins by appealing to the “historic position” or the depraved conjectures or the occasional transgressions of *other sinners*. Studying the faculty members of Tennessee Temple University, Crown College, Liberty University, Bob Jones University, Pensacola Christian College, and Hyles-Anderson College is kind of like watching Ham or Shem getting drunk *because Noah did* or like watching Aaron lose his temper *because Moses did* or like watching Hezekiah commit adultery and kill somebody *because David did*.

Among the many men to whom apostate Fundamentalists appeal in order to justify their ungodly devilment are Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Arthur Farstad, Philip Schaff, John Broadus, Erasmus, A. T. Robertson, and John Gill. Of those men, three were five-point Calvinists, four were Amillennialists, and all seven of them had an *old nature* exactly like Noah, Moses, David, Bob Jones Sr., John Wesley, Peter, James, John, Billy Sunday, Dwight Moody, and Demas. In fact, when dealing with matters of Biblical authority, the modern apostate Fundamentalist is always very careful to circumnavigate two important issues.

1. *Satan's part in Bible translating*. There isn't *one book* on the market by any “recognized scholar” in three centuries that discusses *Satan's interest* in reinstating the Dark Ages Jesuit *Rheims Bible* of 1582 via Fundamental schools and scholars in America and Europe. All are as silent as a turkey farm on Thanksgiving day.

2. There has never been any discussion on the *two natures of the believer* when discussing critical exegesis, higher criticism, lower criticism, or constructive or destructive criticism, although all Fundamentalists profess to believe the Christian has two natures. Somehow or another, all of them *overlooked* this when discussing *final authority*, especially when fooling with a *King James Bible*. It was almost as if they had decided ahead of time that their own crowd only had *one nature* when confronted with the authority of the Bible—a “good, godly” nature.

For a moment, I am going to pretend I am the head of a Bible department or Seminary in one of the ten largest Christian schools in America, and that I desire to assert *my authority* over the *Authorized Version* and to convince all of the students and faculty that *my education* and *my training* has equipped me to *correct the Book*. If I wanted to do that, what would be the best way to proceed?

First, I would appeal to *Charles Haddon Spurgeon* because he preached one time from an *RV* (Westcott and Hort, 1885) on the 8th of February, 1891 and told his listeners that *translations are not inspired*, therefore the last appeal is to the “original.” He also added the *AV* was “faulty” in many places and should be *corrected* after having held up the *King James Bible* for fifty years saying it was “perfect” and that “God wrote it.” THE LORD TOOK HIM HOME THE NEXT YEAR.

Next, I would bring forth *John Gill*. He told some gullible soul that every translation

was to be examined, tried, judged, and *corrected* by the “Bible in the original languages.” Gill never found any “original manuscripts” with which to do this; all he used were 24 different Greek texts. Since he never had such a Bible, he never read it and never used it, so *he won no one to Christ in a lifetime*. He stuck by *absolute double predestination* with Christ dying only for the “elect.” Some authority!

Then I would appeal to *Philip Schaff*, the head of the *ASV* committee of 1901. He tells us that the 20,000 variations in the *AV* editions prevent it from being “accurate” and that Erasmus’ Greek text was from “inferior manuscripts,” “defective” in places, “made in great haste,” and “full of errors” (*A Companion in the Greek New Testament English Version*, Harpers, New York, 1883, pp. 230–231). Philip Schaff was a *baby-sprinkling Amillennialist who never led a soul to Christ in his life*; in his entire lifetime he never even *professed* to know what “soulwinning” was.

Then I would appeal to *John Broadus*, the Southern Baptist who professed to have the “true text” (which to him was *not* the *Authorized Version*). He taught that the blasphemous *RV* of 1885 (the English revision of the Jesuit *Rheims* Bible of 1582) was uniformly “superior” to the *AV*, and often “greatly superior” (*Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew*, Judson Press, Valley Forge, pg. 1). Broadus in his vast and egotistical *ignorance* told his students that they could avoid the spurious passages in the *King James* Bible by deleting them with the *ASV* of 1901 published by Philip Schaff. Broadus forgot to tell you that he *rejected* the Judgment Seat of Christ, the pre-Tribulational Rapture of the Church, the restoration of Israel, the entire Millennial reign of Christ on earth, and the coming of the Antichrist. He was a heart-and-soul denominational politician in the Southern Baptist Convention, and after graduating from Baylor University, he went on to go to the worst Liberal hellhole in America: the *University of Chicago*.

Next I would appeal to another Southern Baptist: B. H. Carroll. He stated that the *only textbook* that is an absolute requisite of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Fort, Worth, Texas (where J. Frank Norris attended) was the grossly corrupt English *RV* of 1885 and the American *ASV* of 1901. They were to be “much preferred” over the Bible God used to *save* Broadus and Carroll and Spurgeon and Robertson. Carroll, as Schaff and Gill, was an Amillennial teacher who *rejected* the Tribulation, *rejected* the Millennium, and *rejected* the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Finally, I would haul out *Erasmus*. Erasmus, as any editor, examined “early codices” (you are to presume from this that *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus* are Bible manuscripts, which they are *not*), and discerned between the Scripture and the translation of the Scripture and the translation of both. However, this was when dealing with *Catholics* who insisted that Jerome’s Latin *Vulgate*, the text of the Jesuit *Rheims* Bible of 1582, was the right text. Erasmus, coming before 1582, didn’t have the Jesuit *Rheims* Bible in English, but he knew the *readings* that were in it because they were in Jerome’s *Vulgate*. What I would not tell you is that Erasmus had *access* to all the readings in the *ASV*, *RV*, and *RSV*, for he had Jerome’s Latin *Vulgate* which is the same text as that used for the *NIV*, *NASV*, *NRSV*, and *ESV*.

Now you had better get the point: the point is that no matter how “good” or “godly” or “sincere” or “dedicated” any Christian is, he can *err* when he sits in judgment on the words of God. We have no quarrel with the personal lives of any men on the list I gave.

We only mention them to show that many Bible rejectors appeal to them as an *alibi for sinning*—altering God’s words.

They are not in the least to be associated with *any* preacher or school in America who talks about *soulwinning*. None of them were soulwinners. The point is that the alibis for their sin are the remarks made by *other sinners* in moments of weakness when they were either trying to *impress* someone with their “neutral objectivity” and “sincerity” or to *gain a reputation* for “high academic standards” by demonstrating their acquaintance with destructive criticism and skepticism.

We are not impressed by such things. That’s the *old nature* in any sinner trying to exert its authority over God and His words. Such things have their roots and source in the *flesh*, and every one of those fellows had a fleshy nature. That had nothing to do with the **“new creature” “in Christ”** (2 Cor. 5:17), the new nature, or the Holy Spirit who gave birth to it. Such demonstrations as those we’ve given you here are the direct manifestations of the *carnal nature* of **“the old man”** (Eph. 4:22) that wishes to receive **“the praise of men”** (John 12:43).

“BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT” (Num. 32:23).

Marks of Dead Orthodoxy

Modern-day apostate Fundamentalists, Conservatives, and Evangelicals can easily be spotted by a standard set of pious clichés which always accompany any attack they make on “Ruckmanism” or “King James Onlyism.” You see, they must *use* a book they *don’t believe* in order to pass off as Bible believers. When these sanctified sissies (we call them “Campfire Girls” and “Brownies”) are put against the wall about their unbelief in the Book, they resort to a number of little face-saving devices to make you think they are not violating their convictions. These are “standard”; i.e., these are the *typical* ploys used nearly every time the subject comes up. Watch for these expressions, and you’ll recognize the apostate who is *lying to make a living*.

1. “*The Greek text says ...*” That’s the outstanding mark of the apostate. No such animal as “THE Greek text” exists. The apostates say that to make you think that they’ve got the “originals” without actually saying the word *originals*. When a man says “the Greek text says,” then you know he’s *lying*. There are more than 24 Greek texts. None of them are identical, and none are “originals” of *any* Scripture.

2. “*We prefer the King James Bible; it is a good translation.*” When a fellow says that, you know his mind is gone: he messed with the Book, so *God messed with his mind*. *No slave has a “preference”* (1 Cor. 6:19–20); he takes what the master gives him (Matt. 26:39). “We prefer it”: that’s the mark of a *humanistic pagan*. In 1 Corinthians 6:19–20, that Bible says: “**ye are bought with a price**” and “**ye are not your own.**” It’s what *your Master* prefers, you silly idiot; *not you!*

“I prefer it”: that is how you mark an apostate. “I prefer it.” Why? Because the apostate is *his own god*. He can take *his own preference* because he is the *final authority*.

3. “It is a literary masterpiece.” That goes over well with some folks, but it doesn’t mean anything. *All Quiet on the Western Front* is a “literary masterpiece”; so is *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo. So what? Neither one is the final authority for *anything*.

4. “*It is practically the word of God, so we can call it that.*” You can call *black* “white” and *white* “black”; you can call *sex perverts* “gay” and *normal people* “psychiatric cases.” What does all that mean? *Nothing*. It means the speaker is an apostate who has lost his mind.

5. “*It is the Word of God for English-speaking people.*” The same could be said by them about the *NIV*, the *ASV*, the *NASV*, and the other 230 translations produced since 1880. When these fakirs say that, they are not saying the *AV* is the *final authority* for English speakers; they are not saying it is the *words* of God or the *Scriptures*. All they could say was that it is the “Word of God.”

Now, do you know *why* they won’t say “*Scripture.*” It is because “**all SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God**” (2 Tim. 3:16), and they think that refers only to the

“originals.”

We are talking about *Scripture*, and none of them have the Scripture. They are talking about the *King James* as a “literary masterpiece” (*not* the Scripture) and “the Word of God” (*not* the Scripture). They won’t say “Scripture” because they don’t have the “Scripture,” because **“all scripture is given by inspiration of God.”**

6. “*It’s a reliable translations.*” They’ll say the same thing about the *ASV*, the *NASV*, the *NIV*, and the *New King James*. We’re not talking about any “translation”; we’re talking about the *Scripture*. That Book is called **“the holy scriptures”** (2 Tim. 3:15) and **“the scripture of truth”** (Dan. 10:21).

“It’s a reliable translation.” What’s your *final authority*? Not given.

“We prefer it.” What’s your *final authority*? Zero. Maybe you do “prefer it,” but *what’s your final authority*? What’s the problem? Not talking?

“It’s a literary masterpiece.” Fine, but what’s your *final authority*? Are you pleading the Fifth Amendment? Is your mouth taped shut?

“It’s practically the word of God.” I didn’t ask you that. What I want to know is, is that *King James Bible* your *final authority*?

“It’s the Word of God for English-speaking people.” Then is it your *final authority* or is it not?

You’ve got lockjaw, there, don’t you, sonny? Tell me what you really believe. What (or who) is your *final authority*, you dumb, double-talking, split-tongued, two-faced chameleon? If you were honest, do you know what you’d have to say? You would have to say: “Why, it’s *me*; I judge what is or isn’t so.”

The truth is that such men have to *use* God’s Book because it *is* God’s Book. What they *think* or *believe* about it isn’t going to affect that Book any more than a dog baying at the moon. They’re pragmatists. They *use* it because they found out that it *works*—pragmatism. Drug addicts have the same philosophy. They might as well use the rifle Lee Harvey Oswald used to kill Kennedy: it had “value” to him because it was “pragmatic.”

The new “Fundamentalists” are just Dewey, Russell, and James with an Apostles’ Creed slung over their shoulder. They are conceited pragmatists. They are for larger incomes, larger enrollments, and larger attendance. They use the *AV* to keep those things up. They have learned that it works. The *King James* “works.”

The “right way” for them is expediency—whatever works for you in your own way of behavior. In other words, if “your way” is getting drunk, then get the right stuff to get you drunk. Whatever *works* is *right*. It is not right *because* it is right; it is “right” because it *works*—it’s expedient.

John Dewey said there should be no *final authority* in the classroom. Well, there *isn’t* at Bob Jones or Tennessee Temple or Crown or Liberty or Dallas or Moody or Fuller. There has never been *any* final authority above the *professor*. The “authority” in the average Christian school is a *teacher* whose authority was the books he had read, written by men who worshipped what men thought about what other men said. The authority is *the school* which *uses* a Book it doesn’t *believe* to be the final authority. It hires men to

correct that Book so *no* student will think it's the final authority. William James, John Dewey, and Bertrand Russell would have been proud of all modern Christian education, at least on the College level.

But pragmatism is out of the question for any real Bible believer. Truth is *truth* (John 18:37–38 cf. 17:17), whether it “works” or “doesn’t work.” Pragmatism, as taught by every teacher in the NEA, is the natural, *pagan* philosophy of all *monkey men* who believe in evolution. It has nothing to do with Bible belief or the Scriptures.

D. L. Moody and the “Historic Position” of the Cloned Robots

Anyone can glean from reading the *Bible Believers' Bulletin*, our commentaries, and other material from the Bookstore that the “historic position” on the Bible taken by Robert Sumner, Bob Jones III, Bob Ross, Doug Kutilek, James Combs, Harold Willmington, John MacArthur, Theodore Letis, Wilbur Pickering, James Price, Fred Afman, Billy Graham, Edward Panosian, Stewart Custer, Thurman Wisdom, Arlin Horton, Curtis Hutson, and Dayton Hobbs is not the position Dwight Lyman Moody—one of the greatest soulwinning evangelists America ever produced—took on the subject. Here are his statements *correcting* the “historic position” of the *cloned robots* who were all *programmed by the same jackass*. These citations are all taken from *Holding the Fort* (published in 1877), pages 323–329.

“If the people can only get *back* to the word of God, then we will have not just here and there a revival, but [we] will be in a revival all the time. It is those Christians who *are* [note the present tense] feeding on the word of God that are revived all the while. It *is* [present tense] the word of God, not the word of man. THE BOOK, *THE Book is God's word*, and it will stand.”

“Not *one word* [that's *words*—not messages, fundamentals, principles, etc.] that God has spoken shall fall to the ground.”

“The word of God is the only new *book* in the world, and in order to understand THE BIBLE, we'll have to *study it* carefully.”

Bro. Moody is talking about a Book you can *read* and *preach* and *study*. Sumner, Jones, Ross, Kutilek, et al., do *not* hold to this historic position of America's greatest soulwinning evangelist, even when they *profess* it. When they use the term *Bible*, they are never referring to *any book* you can *read* and *study*; they are referring to a pile of lost manuscripts that no one has ever seen or read in *one book*.

Moody: “If we will go to the *word of God* and be willing to be taught by the Holy Ghost, God will teach us. If you just take THE BIBLE ITSELF ALONE, *without any other book to help you interpret it*, one passage will explain the other. Instead of running after the interpretation[s] of different men, let God interpret to your soul.”

Note: that is *not* the “historic position” of the cloned robots whom the jackasses programmed. When they say “the Word of God” and “the Bible,” they are *never* referring to any *single book* you can *read* or *study*. One of these cloned robots when asked by a young man where he could find “the Word of God” pointed to his *library shelf*. The books there were the “any other book” about which Moody was talking.

Dwight L. Moody: “It has been a great help to me [in] *studying the Bible* to study one book at a time. A great many people *carry their hymn books*, but it is better to *carry your*

Bible.”

Did you see what he just said? He was talking about *books* that you could *study* and *carry with you*. You got that? The jackasses I listed in the first paragraph all say the “Word of God” and the “Bible” are the *original autographs*. They’re *not*. You not only can’t *carry* them, you can’t even *see* them to pick them up.

Moody: “I think more of THIS BIBLE (referring to the Bible he believed and used all of his life—the *King James 1611 Authorized Version*) *in my hand* than *all the other Bibles* in New York.”

That is NOT the position of the Alexandrian Cult. Their “other Bibles” include the *NASV*, the *RSV*, the *NRSV*, the *NIV*, the *NKJV*, and now the *ESV* (the supposedly “Conservative” rendition of the *RSV*). They are *not* soulwinning evangelists like Dwight Moody.

To Dwight Moody, “the Bible” was “the Book,” and “the Book” was “the word of God,” and “the word of God” was *the Book he carried and studied and held in his hand*. That is *not* the position of Shelton Smith or Curtis Hutson or Bob Jones III or anybody like them. That is *not* the position of the writers of *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*, *The Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, or *The Expositor’s Greek New Testament*. Nor is it the position of any recognized, “godly,” Fundamental scholar anywhere in the United States since 1980.

My, what a gap between Dwight L. Moody and the faculty and staffs of the largest Conservative Christian schools in America—including the school named after Moody himself! My, what a “Grand Canyon”!

Teaching Prisoners to Deny the Bible

After giving you more than 400 illustrations (in a hundred other publications) of how apostate Fundamentalists continue to spread infidelity among the saints, we give you another example here in the Twenty-first Century. It is a tract passed out to prisons and prisoners all over the country by an outfit called “Prisoners Bible Crusade” in Picayune, Mississippi. The writer is someone named Winfred Baker. He is a typical apostate Fundamentalist in the Alexandrian Cult parroting the clichés of Origen, Augustine, Jerome, Westcott, Zane Hodges, Schaff, Hymers, Kutilek, Sumner, Zodhiates, Wuest, Trench, Thayer, et al.

Baker tells the saved and unsaved prisoners in the cells: “The *extremist* view is espoused by men like Peter Ruckman who believes that the *King James* Bible is inspired IN THE SAME WAY as the original autographs were.” No documentation, no evidence, nothing researched, nothing studied, nothing analyzed. There is not one shred of evidence for such a statement.

It reminds one of a tractus on evolution where after giving you the two foundational truths believed by *all* evolutionists (that living animals come from dead, inorganic matter and that they will continually progress upward and onward automatically without *any goal in mind*), the author fails to give you *one concrete case* of such things happening from more than 50,000 experiments, observations, and “gathering of data.” The truth is, “spontaneous generation” and “perpetual motion” are not even subjects for sane men to discuss.

Winfred Baker continuing: “In fact in some instances (and he doesn’t give one “instance” out of 31,102 verses), these people believe the *King James* Bible actually corrected some supposed problems that existed in THE Greek text.” He didn’t name one of the “people,” he never listed one “supposed problem,” and he lied outright when he said “THE Greek text.”

There is no such thing as “THE” Greek text. There are at least 24 of them, and we have listed their names and the dates when they were published at least *four times* in print in the last forty years. “THE” Greek text is about as authentic as the “Immaculate Conception” or “the God” referring to “Allah” (see our work *Will the Real Allah Please Stand Up?*).

“THE” Greek text and “THE” Hebrew text *don’t exist*. What he meant was SOME Greek text and SOME Hebrew text. He either just lied or was just plain stupid.

The writer for the Prisoners “Bible” (*dig that!*) Crusade concludes from the lie above (backed up with no evidence pro or con) that Ruckman teaches the world was without a “Bible” until 1611. That is the godless crap that a minister is passing out to imprisoned sinners.

Now here are the Scriptural FACTS which we *believe* and *preach*, and they are exactly as they have appeared in 200 articles in the Bible Believers' Bulletin (see vols. 1–3 of *Twenty-two years of the Bible Believers' Bulletin*).

There is *not one verse* in either Testament that says the “original autographs” were the only Scriptures that were “inspired.” There is *not one verse* in either Testament that says ANY “original autograph” was inspired. If that had been true, then some “Scriptures” were inspired and some were *not*.

For example, all apostate Fundamentalists swear that NO TRANSLATION could be “inspired.” If that be the case, then there are 150 verses in the New Testament that could not have been “**given by inspiration,**” even in the “original autographs,” for the original autographs of 150 verses were TRANSLATIONS from a different language. Thus, Winfred Baker, the author of the Prisoner Bible Crusade tract, has himself *denied 150 verses in the “original autographs” of the New Testament*. He did it through sheer laziness and stupidity. The fact is that more than 150 verses in any New Testament are *translations in Greek of Hebrew Old Testament passages*. Baker *denied* all 150 of them. That is the tract from the Prisoners “Bible” Crusade.

Secondly, where did Baker get that lying rubbish about the *AV* being “inspired in the same way that the originals were inspired”? He got it from the same place that R. L. Hymers got the teaching that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Noah, David, Solomon, Hezekiah, Samson, Gideon, Ruth, Samuel, Josiah, and Moses were all “born again”—*out of Tinkerbell's left pocket*.

Second Peter 1:21 was not a reference to the WRITING of any “**holy men of God**”; it was a reference to what “**holy men of God**” SPOKE. Look at the verse.

“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.”

Since 1850, all Bible-denying, Laodicean apostates have altered *every* Greek manuscript extant by changing the word “**spake**” to “*wrote*” in order to prove a *heresy*: the heresy that only the “original autographs” were the work of the Holy Ghost. Winfred Baker was just as ROTTEN as any of them in that regard. It is an “historic position” (i.e., *since 1850*) that marks *every apostate who made the alteration*. The writer of the Prisoners Bible Crusade's material says his source for accepting and teaching this heresy was the lectures he got on “the Bible issue” given at Pensacola Christian College (Arlin Horton, Dell Johnson, and Theodore Letis)—“*Cowbirds of a feather nest together.*”

Now, according to Ruckman, the word “**scripture**” in 2 Timothy 3:16 in *any* “Scripture,” in *any* language, printed by *anyone*, is NEVER a reference to a single “original autograph” anyone wrote anywhere at any time. Check out *any* New Testament reference to the words “**scripture**” or “**scriptures**” to spot this *despicable liar*. Winfred Baker is simply calling the prisoners' attention to HIMSELF as a judge of the *King James* text.

Contradicting what he just said, Baker closes his “theology” for prisoners by saying that he believes that “the Bible”—unidentified as Greek, Hebrew, or any of the 233 other English versions put out since 1880—has been “PRESERVED IN THE FORM OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE.” Which means what?

Did you mean to say the “Scripture” has been preserved? Did you just substitute the word “*Bible*,” even though the word *Bible* was NOT the word found in 2 Timothy 3:16 for INSPIRED SCRIPTURE? What’s the matter? Cat got your tongue, sonny?

Did you mean the WORDS of God when you said “Bible”? I thought “the Bible” was *66 books with words* in them. Did you forget to say “the WORDS of God have been inspired”? Why didn’t you say that? Getting a little “addled” in your old age, are you, sonny?

Oh, I see! You just *lost* whatever you called your “Bible” long enough to forget what it said about God’s WORDS. Shall we Bible believers remind you (and your cell mates)?

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my WORDS shall not pass away” (Matt. 24:35).

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the WORDS that I speak unto you, THEY are spirit, and THEY are life” (John 6:63).

“He that is of God heareth God’s WORDS: ye therefore hear THEM not, because ye are not of God” (John 8:47).

And how could you possibly have overlooked Ruckman’s definition of “**given by inspiration**,” which occurs in *all* of his writings that deal with that subject. For fifty years, when dealing with the DOCTRINE of Inspiration (and don’t run to something pulled out of a sermon on our love for the Book), “Ruckman” went by the *King James Version’s* definition of “**given by inspiration**.” He did NOT go by the Princeton, Dallas, Louisville, Edinburgh, New Orleans, or Fort Worth Seminaries’ definition (i.e., “all Scripture is inspired”).

Ruckman said it was “**given**” by means of *God breathing on it*, and then he defined what he meant by that from the *King James* Scripture.

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul” (Gen. 2:7).

“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding” (Job 32:8).

“Again he said unto me, Prophecy unto these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live” (Ezek. 37:4–6; see also vss. 7–10).

It was *the Bible*—and when I say “the Bible,” I mean “the Book” of *the Scriptures*—that was breathed on *after* it was completed (like Adam and the dry bones). The “originals” no more had to match it word for word than the book of Jeremiah did its original (Jer. 36:32); Baker couldn’t even discuss such a thing in his tract. What mattered was : did the *KJV* have the BREATH OF GOD on it where you could count on EVERY WORD IN IT being SCRIPTURE in the universal language of the end time—*English*?

Following the SOP of all apostates (including Crown College, Hyles-Anderson College, and Pensacola Christian College), the title chosen for the tract was: “What Bible

Should I Use?”. No one involved in the writing, publication, or distribution of the tract *believed* ANY Bible was *Scripture* (as in 2 Tim. 3:16). They just *used* Bibles. “The Bible” is not a pile of lost manuscripts; it is a BOOK (*‘O Biblios’*—the Book).

All apostates are *pragmatic humanists*; that is, they *use Bible versions*, but they *believe in their own scholarship* and their scholarly buddies (see *The Christian Liars’ Library*). This is why for over sixty years now we have corrected them, their teachers, their role models, their mentors, their writings, their teachings, and their *stupidity*. And while we were at it, we also corrected their Greek and Hebrew texts where necessary, since all the apostates agree that *none* of them were “inspired.” And above all, we never hesitate one moment to correct them with a Book that God gave us “**by inspiration**” (2 Tim. 3:16).

That is “the *extremist view* espoused by men like Peter Ruckman.” We are Bible *believers*. We *believe* the Bible because we know what “the Bible” is. We do not just “use” it; we BELIEVE it. And we are not in the least bashful about letting the world know it.

(Editor’s note: For what Dr. Ruckman teaches about the *King James Bible* being “inspired in the same way as the original autographs were” in *his own words*, we recommend you read chapter 39 in *Theological Studies, Vol. 2.*)

Some Recommended Reading

I seldom recommend books for sale. When I am reaching out to several thousand young men who need help with the authority of the *King James Bible*, I will recommend some of my own stuff. Throughout the years, I have published several lists of “recommended reading.” We have one at the front of our Bookstore catalog, and the most recent one is found in the appendices of the *Ruckman Reference Bible*. In the catalog, I recommended five of my own works, and I think twelve made it into the reference Bible.

I have been pretty cautious about recommending books for a number of reasons. The main one is that most of them are not 100% sound, but there are a few that are. I recommend the works of Dennis Lloyd out of New Zealand. You can take anything he’s got, and it’ll be “right over the plate waist high.” Then there is a man in England named Alan O’ Reilly; any of the stuff he puts out on the *King James Bible* will be sound. Paul Heaton, one of our graduates up in Michigan, has put out some excellent works about a number of subjects in a *King James Bible*. You can trust any work by Hugh Pyle (recently deceased). The evangelistic pamphlets that John R. Rice put out before 1960 are also some good publications to use in soulwinning.

Just about anything Jack Chick puts out is good for soulwinning as well. Of course, he gets a little wild in a few of his works, but with the amount of material he has put out, his batting average is about 98%. When it comes to his tract evangelism, though, there is not an equal anywhere in the country. You can use any of his “Chick tracts” that are made for soulwinning anywhere at anytime and be sure they’re true to the word of God. At times he’ll slip a little bit on certain doctrines, but it won’t be a bad slip that will deceive anyone or get them on the wrong road.

All of Gail Riplinger’s works are good. Of course, her last two books have been of such a heavy nature that they’d only appeal to a scholar or teacher because only those kind of people would be able to understand about 50% of what’s in them. But her book on *New Age Bible Versions* is a classic, and you can’t go wrong with it on a single page. It’s straight from start to finish.

What I am recommending here now is a new book by William Grady. Many, many years ago, Bro. Grady published a very fine work on the *King James Bible* entitled *Final Authority*. His other books are *What Hath God Wrought!* and *How Satan Turned America Against God*, and they’re both solid on the *King James* and on doctrine. *What Hath God Wrought!* is a very interesting and thorough Biblical interpretation of American history; if it were taught in the public schools it would revolutionize the entire country within two years.

Grady’s latest book is entitled *Given By Inspiration*, and it’s as good as his book *Final Authority*. What Bro. Grady has done is go through the Bible and take about sixteen texts and preach sermons on the *King James* from them; the application is remarkable. In that book, you will find scores and scores of Scripture quotations, all of them in place teaching exactly what the text says, and many of them revealing things that hadn’t been in print yet.

One of the greatest things about the book is a chapter in the center on “The Old Ship of Alexandria.” In that chapter, he takes Acts 27 and turns it into a history of Bible revision. You’ve never heard such a thing in your life, but it is as straight as it can be from start to finish. It would be worthwhile buying the book just to get that one sermon.

He has a chapter on “How to Study the Bible” that has some good material in it. You can get more clear, sound, practical, Biblical material from that one chapter than you can from any modern book on the subject that you will pick up at your average Christian bookshop.

He has a chapter on “Seven Pillars in the House of Wisdom” which discusses the spiritual and practical fruits of believing the *King James* Bible. He has another larger chapter on “Nuggets from the English” which takes specific verses which reveal new truths that some of the brethren haven’t found yet, and some of which could definitely be identified as advanced revelations. In his second chapter, he draws an interesting correlation between the seven churches of Revelation and the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, and Judges. Chapter 4 contains a sermon he preached at Crown College on “Pseudo-King James Onlyism” (i.e., men and schools who *claim* to believe the *KJV* but *don’t*. It’s the same old song and dance: they *use* the *AV* without *believing* it). In that same chapter, Grady has a very revealing critique of Ed Reese’s *Chronological Encyclopedia of Christian Biographies* (which we sell here at the Bookstore for *some* of the information it contains), and Grady will give you a list of the great Christians in history that Reese ignored (e.g., the *KJV* translators whom Reese omitted from his “Encyclopedia” in favor of people like Johnny Cash, Colonel Harlan Sanders [Kentucky Fried Chicken], and Martin Luther King Jr.).

Bro. Grady has much more in the book which I think you will enjoy. I add this book to the list of sixty other works you will find listed in Appendix 27 of the *Ruckman Reference Bible* (“The Bible Believer’s Bibliography”) as required reading for a Bible-believing Christian. It is *Given by Inspiration* by Dr. William Grady, and the book is now available from the Bible Baptist Bookstore (KJ-1820 @ \$19.95).

No Fundamental Doctrine Affected

The Alexandrian Cult's alibi for destroying the English text of the Protestant Reformation was that "all the new versions (233 of them since 1880) still contain the *fundamental doctrines* of Christianity; you can still find the 'fundamentals of the faith' in any of the new Bibles" (see the work by James White, *The King James Only Controversy*, 1995—KJ-1746 @ \$15.99). That is their *Satanic alibi* for destroying the Holy Bible and getting rid of it. It has three flaws which they will not mention.

1. You can find the "fundamentals" in all kinds of things that aren't Bibles. You can find the "fundamentals" listed in a Gospel tract; that doesn't make it a Bible. You can find the "fundamentals" in the Apostles' Creed recited by thousands of Catholics and Episcopalians who are just as *lost* as a goose in a horse race.

You can find a dollar bill in a dumpster and a diamond ring in a sewer. *What does that prove?* It means that a man who calls a dumpster a "bank" or a sewer a "jewelry store" is *crippled too high for crutches*; he needs to settle down in a "rubber room" on a "funny farm." But that's exactly what all "good, godly" Christian scholars do when they tell the Body of Christ that the new translations should be read and believed because they "contain the fundamentals." You can find every "fundamental of the Christian faith" in my books on *Theological Studies*, but *Theological Studies* is not a Bible any more than a sewer is a jewelry store or a dumpster is a bank.

You're dealing with Christian "potheads." You say, "Who?" Why, they *all* confess that position. The following men take exactly the same position that James White took: Bruce Metzger, Bob Jones III, Stewart Custer, John Ankerberg, Arthur Farstad, Curtis Hutson, Ed Dobson, Chuck Swindoll, Zane Hodges, Harold Willmington, James Combs, and 309 others (see our work *The Christian Liars Library*).

2. The new versions use the exact same manuscripts (*Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus*) as the *New World Translation* of the Jehovah's Witnesses. None of the men listed above would recommend the *NWT* because "it attacks the Deity of Christ," but the Jehovah's Witness "Bible" gives the *exact doctrinal statement* on the Deity of Christ in John 1:18 that you find in the *NASV* recommended by Bob Jones University, John Ankerberg, John R. Rice, Regent College, Bobby Ross, and James White. John 1:18 in the *NASV* and the *NIV* is pure Jehovah's Witness doctrine.

You see, their thinking is sick. They can't think; when they speak, they are unable to *think* before they speak. They just start shooting off their mouths hoping you're not really hearing what they're saying. The alibi that "no single fundamental of the faith is destroyed or lost in the new versions" doesn't mean *anything* if you analyze the statement.

3. The new translations *attack* the "fundamentals of the faith" in as many places as they "don't affect" them. Many years ago, a Bible teacher in Pennsylvania named Paul Freeman wrote a book called *Bible Doctrines Affected by New Modern Translations*. James Son of Lubbock, Texas wrote another one just like that to prove that somewhere in the new versions a slap was taken at *every single major truth* that a Bible believer is

supposed to believe. We sell the work here at the Bookstore; it is entitled *The New Athenians* (KJ-1740 @ \$11.95). Son shows how all the modern versions attack major Bible doctrines without eliminating all the references that deal with them.

That is one of the “**devices**” of “**Satan**” which are known to the true Christian (2 Cor. 2:11). The Devil sees to it that “**a little leaven**”—not a pile of it—is given to leaven “**the whole lump**” (Gal. 5:9). Any being who is as subtle as the Devil (see Gen. 3:1) is not going to eradicate any “fundamental” COMPLETELY.

Listen, no bushel of rotten apples can be sold with rotten apples on top of the bushel; it has to have a few good ones on top to cover up the bad ones underneath. Now who doesn't know *that* but the revision committees that promoted the *ASV*, *RV*, *RSV*, *NRSV*, *NASV*, *NIV*, etc.; and the faculties and staffs of Pensacola Christian College, Bob Jones University, Baptist Bible College, Liberty University, Crown College, and the Seminaries at Dallas, Chicago, Fort Worth, Denver, New Orleans, and Louisville?

Let me give you fifteen examples of what I'm talking about. Would that be enough? That's nearly twice the number Hort gave you as the basis for changing the Bible in 36,000 (*NASV*) to 64,000 (*NIV*) places (Hort gave you eight verses from the Gospels as the basis for his revised Greek text which is the text for all the new versions). Here are fifteen good examples of how fundamental Bible doctrines are Satanically “affected” in the new “Bibles” WITHOUT BEING DESTROYED.

1. Matthew 5:22. Once you remove “**without a cause,**” you *imply* Jesus Christ was a sinner (cf. Mark 3:5). He wasn't (Heb. 4:15), and no depraved “godly” scholar has any business *implying* that He was.

2. Matthew 6:13. When you remove the ending of the verse, you've taken the glory from God for bringing a *literal, physical, Jewish kingdom* on this earth (“**in earth, as it is in heaven**”—Matt. 6:10). You have made the “Lord's Prayer” end with a reference to Satan, sin, and evil instead of a *Jewish Kingdom* with a *Judean* “**King of the Jews**” on David's throne.

3. Matthew 19:17. The new translations totally erase the reference to the Deity of Christ by replacing “**Why callest thou me good?**” with a “stale crumb of Greek philosophy” (the “*Sunnum Bonum*”—the “Supreme Good”): “*Why askest thou me concerning the good?*” The Deity of Christ is the *first* “fundamental of the faith” according to all Fundamentalists.

4. Mark 1:2. By altering “**prophets**” (as in Malachi and Isaiah) to just “*Isaiah*” (who did *not* author the quotation of vs. 2), the Deity of Christ was obscured. The quote of verse 2 is from Malachi 3:1. Malachi said that the “**thy**” and “**thee**” of Mark 1:2 was *Jehovah* (see “**me**” in Mal. 3:1, referring to “**the LORD of hosts**”). Thus, a direct *attack on the Deity of Jesus Christ* was accomplished by purposely *lying* about the source of the quotation.

Want some more? Let's try 1 Timothy 3:16; John 3:13 and 1:18; 2 Timothy 2:15; Matthew 22:30 and 26:28; Mark 4:24 and 10:24; Luke 2:33 and 4:4; and Colossians 1:14.

5. 1 Timothy 3:16. Another attack on the Deity of Christ and the Incarnation. In the new “Bibles,” Jesus Christ is no longer “**God ... manifest in the flesh**”; He is simply “*He*

who was manifest in the flesh” (see the *NASV* reading).

6. John 3:13. The only reference in the New Testament to *Christ's omnipresence*. The key words “**which is in heaven**” are missing from all new translations. None of them can show you this *basic* fundamental doctrinal truth in any other verse.

7. 2 Timothy 2:15. Only the *King James* has the proper reading commanding you to “**study**” the word of God and telling you *how* to do it. No other “Bible” wants you to *study* the Bible; the word “**study**” has been removed from the new “Bibles” as well as the command to “**search the scriptures**” in John 5:39. “One can find every fundamental of the Christian faith in any new Bible,” can he? Well, isn't the command to *study the Bible* a “fundamental”? Do you mean to tell me that it's not? That is *exactly* what these depraved idiots are telling you.

8. Matthew 22:30. What is “**of God**” doing missing from the texts of the modern versions? The angels that are not “**of God**” fell in Genesis 6:1–4 (cf. 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6) and will fall again (Rev. 12:7–9). Do you mean to tell me those blockheads thought the *Devil* didn't have any angels (see Matt. 25:41)?

9. Matthew 26:28. Why is the word “**new**” absent from the new translations? Do you mean to tell me Christ's blood did not institute a *new* testament (Heb. 9:14–15)? You don't think *that* affects a fundamental of *New Testament* faith?

10. Mark 4:24. It is a Biblical truth that if you seek the truth and respond correctly to the truth, you'll be given more truth (see John 7:17, 3:21). That being the case, what was the reason for eliminating “**and unto you that hear shall more be given**”? You don't consider the *key to revelation* a “fundamental of the faith”?

11. Mark 10:24. Why do the new versions want to teach you that you *can* trust in riches and “**enter the kingdom of God**” as long as you don't have them (cf. Mark 10:23)? It is “**the love of money**” that destroys sinners (1 Tim. 6:10), not having money. (The new versions change that last reference too. Now who would want to erase both the truth in Mark 10:24 as well as the one in 1 Timothy 6:10? Yes, I wonder who.)

12. Luke 2:33. An attack on the *Virgin Birth*. That's not Mary trying to protect her son's honor; that's the Holy Spirit giving you the facts of Christ's lineage. If you change the verse to “*his father and his mother,*” you deny the virgin birth and have Christ “**born of fornication**” (John 8:41).

13. Luke 4:4. Who is it that doesn't believe you need “**every word of God**”? Easy: the dirty, God-forsaken, destructive critics who altered 36,000–64,000 words in the Holy Scriptures. But “no fundamental of the faith” was destroyed, you understand.

14. John 1:18. What are two gods doing in an *NASV* and an *NIV*? That's a Jehovah's Witness doctrine. In those versions there is one God that is a *begotten God* and another one who is *not begotten*. Count 'em: two “Gods.” Why, that is the Arian heresy from A.D. 325. *No one can “beget” God*. The orthodox Trinitarian statement for 1,800 years was “one God manifest in three persons”; not one *begotten* God and one *unbegotten* God. Why, that's *polytheism* as taught by the Jehovah's Witnesses. And you don't think that concerns a “fundamental of the faith”?

15. Colossians 1:14. The new “Bibles” got rid of “**through his blood**” when that is

the only way you can get **“redemption.”** **“Redemption”** is *not* **“remission”** according to Exodus 34:7; Hebrews 9:15; and Romans 3:25. Not one scholar connected with the outfit about which we are talking had enough sense to read a *King James Bible* in third-grade language.

Now there are fifteen cases that show you how fundamental Bible doctrines are “affected” by messing with *Satanic garbage*. True, no “fundamental of the faith” has been *erased* or *totally destroyed*, but why settle for *leavened crap* when you can get the *pure words of God* (Psa. 12:6–7)? Only in the *King James Authorized Version* can you get the *truth*, the *whole truth*, and *nothing but* the truth which cannot be found in all the rest of the apostate trash on the market.

The fundamentals are found in the Apostles’ Creed recited in the Catholic, Anglican, and Reformed churches. What does *that* mean? Absolutely nothing. Sure, you can find the fundamentals in an *ASV*, *RSV*, *NRSV*, *NASV*, *NIV*, *ESV*, etc.; but what does that mean? Not a cotton-picking thing on the face of this earth, man.

In the new versions, you are not **“accepted in the beloved”** (Eph. 1:6), no unsaved dead have to **“stand before God”** (Rev. 20:12), you don’t have to love God (1 John 4:19), you don’t get eternal life (1 Tim. 6:19), you can have fellowship with carnal, money-grubbing Christians (1 Tim. 6:5), it’s all right to be greedy for money (1 Tim. 3:3), and you get grace and peace from Paul instead of God (1 Thess. 1:1). But you can still “find all the fundamentals,” can you? Sure, kid. Now vacate the premises. Skedaddle!

Who on this earth, saved or lost, would need such “light” *thrown out* of the Scriptures by “older and better manuscripts” unless he was a half-crazy, slobbering Charismatic in a straight jacket? In 2011, only one English Bible is left on this earth that contains the TRUTH, the WHOLE truth, and NOTHING BUT the truth, and it is not any English Bible published since 1880. Why settle for less?

Well, you will if you are either proud or fear man or fear ridicule or have your income (sales, attendance, enrollment, tithe, etc.) tied up in such garbage, or if you are just plain stupid or demon-possessed. *Put on the shoe that fits.*

The Book of Books

Of course, when I talk about “the Book,” I am not talking about any lost “original autographs” or “original manuscripts” that no one has ever seen or read. I am not talking about any set of Greek or Hebrew manuscripts or any editions of any Greek or Hebrew texts.

I am referring to the *King James 1611 Authorized Version* of the Protestant Reformation. I am talking about the Book which I have in my hand and the Book I’ve been teaching and preaching now for 62 years. I’m not talking about any other translation or version, whether it is “reliable” or not.

I call it the “Monarch of the Books” because it is the “King of the mountain.” It is superior to any other book you have ever read or know of, no matter if the author was a “good, godly Fundamentalist” or if he was a wicked, ungodly reprobate. That includes all 23 million books found in the Library of Congress.

Now what I am about to give you is a series of lists or “charts” on what is known in theology as “Bibliology,” the study of the Book (the Bible), so this article is being presented in a different format than what we normally publish in the *Bulletin*. These are basic outlines, and much of the “meat” will have to be filled in with further study (we recommend chaps. 39–42 of *Theological Studies*, Vol. II as a start).

The *External* Proofs for the Superiority of the Bible

1. Outstanding men have been *made better* by conversion to it.
2. Bad men can *change completely* “overnight” by reading it.
3. It *elevates* pagan societies where it is introduced. This elevating influence manifests itself in those who could not read, write, or dress properly (Africa), or who practiced unjust laws and cruel customs (India), until missionaries showed up preaching and teaching the Bible.
4. All the wrong done in any community is done by those who do not obey the Bible. It is *disobeying the Bible* (not reading it) that drives a man insane.

The *Internal* Proofs for the Superiority of the Bible

1. Its rational but profound picture of God.
2. Its purity of ethics. (This is denied by all people who don’t understand that the ethics of the Old Testament were for a *theocratic nation*, not for *individuals after* the resurrection of Christ.)
3. The unity and consistency of its teachings. (Again understanding the difference between the *theocratic kingdom* of the Old Testament and the *individual salvation* of the

New Testament.)

4. The *historicity* of its names, dates, and places.
5. Its relevancy to the *needs* of human beings (in any age, on any continent).
6. Its peculiar universal appeal to all genders, ages, and classes. (Little children, women, and the poor enjoy it just as much as adults, men, and the rich or middle class. This phenomenon cannot be found in any of the other “sacred writings” of other religions.)
7. The mathematical odds involved in the fulfillment of its prophecies. (Peter Stoner, a professional mathematician and statistician, in his book *Science Speaks*, figured that the chances of the 48 prophecies on the First Coming of Jesus Christ coming to pass would be one out of ten with 157 zeroes after it, and there’s not that many electrons in three universes the size of this one. Moreover, if the odds of a thing taking place are greater than one out of ten with fifty zeroes after it, that event will never come to pass naturally.)

The Canonicity of the Bible

1. It is genuine and authentic.
2. Every book in the Bible conforms to its own doctrine or shows you where there’s a change in doctrine.
3. It is always a safe and reliable rule when “rightly divided” (2 Tim. 2:15). (Not when *wrongly divided, subtracted from, added to, or taken out of context.*)
4. There is evidence of supernatural inspiration in its structure. (E.g., see the introduction to Ezra in the *Bible Believer’s Commentary on Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther* in regards to the order of books from 2 Chronicles–Psalms.)

What the Bible Says about Itself

1. It *holds the universe together* (Heb. 11:3, 1:3).
2. It contains *everything* that God wants you to know (Rev. 22:18–19).
3. It can give you spiritual light and *understanding* (Psa. 119:130, 99).
4. It can judge human motives and analyze “thought patterns” (Heb. 4:12–13 cf. Jer. 6:19; Ezek. 11:5).
5. It can judge and correct the false teachings of *all* Popes, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Nuns, etc. (Isa. 5:20, 8:20 cf. Psa. 69:8; 1 Tim. 2:5; Jer. 44:17–19, 25; Mark 7:6–13).
6. It can draw absolute judgment against *anything* that any man, nation, or group proposes (Zeph. 3:8; Isa. 5:20–24, 14:9–27; Psa. 2:1–12; Matt. 25:31–46).
7. It can correct all Greek and Hebrew scholars, all Bible translators and revisers, and all commentators and expositors (1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Cor. 2:17; Rom. 1:18, 25; 2 Tim 1:13; Jer. 8:8–9, 23:36; 1 Cor. 1:19–30, 2:7–14; Luke 10:21).

Symbols of the Bible

1. A sword (Heb. 4:12).
2. A fire (Jer. 23:29).
3. A hammer (Jer. 23:29).
4. Seed (1 Pet. 1:23).
5. A mirror (James 1:22–25).
6. A lamp (Psa. 119:105).
7. A goad (Eccl. 12:11).
8. Nails (Eccl. 12:11).
9. Apples (Prov. 25:11).
10. Milk (1 Pet. 2:2).
11. Bread (Matt. 4:4).
12. Honey (Psa. 19:10, 119:103).
13. Water (Eph. 5:26).
14. Meat (Heb. 5:12–14).

The Bible is complete “survival gear”; with the equipment given above, any man could survive anywhere on this earth.

The Sufficiency of the Bible

1. It is able to save a man’s soul (James 1:21).
2. It is able to give a man the New Birth (1 Pet. 1:23).
3. It can help a convert to grow (1 Pet. 2:2).
4. It can build up a believer (Acts 20:32).
5. It can strengthen the believer (Psa. 119:28).
6. It can cleanse a believer (John 15:3).
7. It can sanctify the believer (John 17:17).

The Bible can tell any man, woman, boy, or girl on the face of this earth how to live forever (John 6:63, 68), how to make a living down here on earth (Rom. 12:11; Eph. 4:28), what to do with his income (2 Cor. 9:6–7), how to handle health, family, social, economic, religious, and educational problems (Prov. 3:5–12), how to respond to fair and foul treatment (Rom. 12:10–21), how to get through sorrow, famine, persecution, sickness, bereavement, poverty, and what to do on this earth besides feeding your face and raising your family (Phil. 4:4–9, 11–13).

The Authorship of the Bible

1. *Good men or angels* could not have dictated or written the Bible because they would have to *lie* about their source the whole time.

2. *Bad men or demons* could not have written the Bible because it devotes more than 6,000 verses to *exposing* or *attacking* them.

3. The Bible could not be just a mere *Jewish book* because it is the only book ever printed about a nation that *constantly condemns its own authors*. The greatest anti-Semitic literature in the world is the Holy Bible (Old or New Testaments), written and preserved by *Jews*.

The Value of the Bible

1. People have paid as high as \$50,000 for a copy of the Bible (1911—the Gutenberg Bible); in 1987, a copy of the Gutenberg Bible sold for \$5.4 million. (The current estimated value is \$25–35 million.)

2. People have paid as high as \$151,000 for just one book of the Bible (the Bay Psalms).

3. The Bible is the best-selling book of all time, having to be excluded from the New York Times Bestsellers List because it would be number one every single week. The *King James Version* has gone into one billion copies, more than any three other versions combined.

4. Bibles are banned in nine countries that allow nuclear weapons; four of these countries grow *poppies* (for heroin) and *marijuana*.

The Bible is the most sought after book in the whole world. People in Communist countries have offered up their houses just to get a copy. You couldn't get anybody on this earth with the sense God gave a brass monkey to pay \$150.00 for a *Koran* unless all he wanted it for was to show it off to someone.

Attitudes toward the Bible

1. Roman Catholics say it is just *one of several authorities*, two others being Papal decrees and Catholic tradition. These are adopted in order to *get rid* of every passage in both Testaments that *doesn't agree* with Catholic Priests, Bishops, Cardinals, and Popes.

2. Lutherans say the Bible can be judged by “the word of the Gospel” bearing witness in man. In other words, modern Lutherans are *Neo-orthodox*; that is, when they say “the Word of God,” they don't mean *any words* in any book. They mean the Holy Spirit bears witness to *certain passages* as a *message* from God.

3. Calvin's position was: “the Bible is divine truth that is *completely fulfilled in the past tense* except for the Last Judgment.” Then he decided that three-quarters of the Bible (i.e., the Old Testament) was *figurative* and *not* to be taken *literally*.

4. The position of Mohammed was that only ten books of the Bible were from God

(the five books of Moses, the Psalms of David, and the four Gospels), but they had been changed by Jews and Christians and were no longer reliable. You had to have an illiterate, urine-drinking, sex-obsessed, fornicating, child-molesting, slave-owning, epileptic, sadistic murderer give you what a 600-winged angel told him “the god” (“Allah”) supposedly said (“Allah” never said one word directly to Mohammed). The Mohammedan position is that the Bible lied when it said that Jesus Christ was God’s Son and that He died on the cross for anyone’s sins.

5. The position of all Hindus, Buddhists, Humanists, and pagans is that the Bible didn’t know what it was talking about in regards to one God, the Trinity, God’s Son, Heaven and Hell, good and evil, the Second Coming, the resurrection, or *absolute truth*; so they had to substitute a pantheon of gods that produced one of the most diseased, ignorant, starving populations of earth (India), or else an atheistic Communist State that couldn’t even take care of its own people (Russia and China), or a society of animism, Satanism, and witchcraft which enslaved its people to ignorance and superstition (Haiti, Africa, the South Sea islands).

6. The position of the Bible-believing Christian is that the Bible is *absolute truth*. It is *completely accurate*, without historical or scientific errors of any kind in it. It is the *final authority* in *all* matters of faith and practice.

Apologetics for the Bible

1. There are grounds in the Scripture for defending the Bible itself (Isa. 1:18, 41:21; Acts 17:2, 17, 18:4, 19:8; 1 Thess. 5:21, 1 Pet. 3:15; Jude 3).

2. Anybody who would stop to think rationally would realize that mankind does have a real *need* for *special revelation*. (All children need special revelation from their parents, and all parents give it to their children constantly. Children cannot find out what’s going on without help from *outside* themselves. Anybody who knows history knows how many times people have been killed because they didn’t have *special revelation* about something.)

3. Everybody must face the possibility that if there were a God, He would *have* to give a special revelation to His creatures. If He didn’t, what kind of a God would He be?

4. If it were *possible* for God to give a special revelation to His creation, would it not be *highly probable*? Of course it would; it would be *absolutely certain*.

5. The Bible always runs *ahead* of science (see 1 Tim. 6:20; Heb. 11:3; Job 25:5, 28:25; Isa. 40:22 cf. Luke 17:31, 34; Nah. 2:4; Eccl. 1:6–7; Lev. 15:13 [that’s less than *half* of them]).

The Enemies of the Bible

1. Honest doubters.
2. Dishonest skeptics.
3. Infidels.

4. Humanists.
5. Atheists.
6. Heretics.
7. Political and economic tyrants.
8. Roman Catholic Priests, Bishops, Archbishops, Cardinals, and Popes.
9. Moslems, Satanists, Hindus, Buddhists, Animists, etc.
10. Any sinner living a wicked life who wants to justify his lifestyle.

Men are against the Book because it's *against them*. Men are against the Book because *it knows all about them and tells it*.

The Weakness of Infidelity

1. Infidelity raises doubts and never has been known to solve *any* vital problem that man ever had.
2. Infidelity offers *no motive* for proper conduct, leaving a man at the mercy of his own animal instincts.
3. Infidelity has *never* produced *any* great art, music, or literature; it has *never* founded *any* great charitable institutions such as hospitals, asylums, orphanages, etc.
4. Infidelity saps the moral foundation of any society, and in the end, it must always resort to *armed warfare* to obtain its ends. (Since 1917, there have been seven governments that have killed more than 100,000,000 *of their own people*. Every one was a country that threw the Bible out the window before it took to killing its own people.)

The Dedication of the Bible's Followers

1. Biblical Christianity produces more *real* martyrs than any other religion. (Every *suicide terrorist* in Islam is called a "martyr" by his Moslem buddies because he commits MURDER by killing *others* with himself; not one of them is being persecuted for "Islam.")
2. Christian martyrs die because they're preaching Jesus Christ. They are stoned, crucified, burned alive, buried alive, etc., because of the Book (and it isn't the *Koran*). (Moslem "martyrs" all died to gain Paradise by *works*; i.e., by MURDER—they blow themselves up to *kill other people*.)
3. The Christian dies by faith because it is the will of God for him at the time to get a reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ (Rev. 2:10). *He doesn't kill anyone else in order to get to Heaven*.

The Dishonesty of the Bible's Critics

All unregenerate and all apostate scholars are jealous of the Bible. They want to

transfer the authority from that Book to *themselves*.

1. They refuse to follow their own rules of grammar and syntax while translating (I've checked them out on at least a thousand occasions).

2. They *invent* rules as they go along in order to justify a *violation of rules*.

3. They insist on a *mythological LXX* that was never written before the time of Christ.

4. They refuse to discuss the *fruits* of the *Authorized Version*.

5. They *lie*, continually and pathologically, about “early” and “late” manuscripts.

6. They *lie* continually about King James and Erasmus.

7. They *lie* continually about “THE Greek text” and “the originals.”

8. They apply the word *reliable* to their versions on the basis of the “fundamentals” instead of the *text*.

9. They call text types “families,” *which they are not*.

10. They refuse to translate their own “best manuscripts” (*Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus*), which are two of the *worst*.

11. They have an irrational bias against “Liberals” who use the *same text*. (They will tell you how bad the *RSV* and *NWT* are when those translations use the same text as the *NASV*, the *NIV*, and the *NKJV*, which smuggles the readings of the *RSV* back into the *AV* text.)

12. They switch “dynamic equivalence” with “formal correspondence” to get rid of the *AV* text (i.e., they alternate them depending on what the *King James* says. If it uses “dynamic equivalence,” then they change their translation to “formal correspondence” and vice versa.)

13. They invent *fairy tale nonsense* like “Lucian recensions” and “conflate readings” which never existed and were proved to be nonexistent on dozens of occasions (see any work by Dean John Burgon or Edward Hills). (The outstanding characteristic of “recognized,” “godly” scholarship since 1880 has been a fanatical obsession with *Disneyland mythology*. It's not based on science fact or science fiction.)

14. They refuse to discuss the *extreme corrupt nature* of *Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus*, or to answer more than 400 arguments presented against them by Burgon, Miller, Scrivener, Hills, et al. (They haven't answered them *yet* with more than 120 years to do so.)

15. Finally (and more importantly), they refuse to talk about the *fruits* of 233 “updatings” since 1880 that produced nothing but apostasy.

The Book will *prove* itself to any man who *believes* it (John 7:17). The only real argument against it is a *bad life*.

Typical Advanced Revelations

Part 1

One of the things that upsets the modern apostate Fundamentalists worse than just about anything else is the teaching of “Ruckman” that the so-called “mistakes” in a *King James Bible* are actually advanced revelations that scholars couldn’t find in Greek or Hebrew. Many a pastor has gotten terribly upset with some “Ruckmanites” in his congregation who believed the Book when *he didn’t*. They were able to find dozens of things in it that *he* wasn’t able to find.

I will give you one example here of what I am talking about. If you want a couple hundred more, write to the Bible Baptist Bookstore and order a copy of the *Ruckman Reference Bible*. In John 10:6, the new “Bibles” say Jesus used an “*illustration*” or “*figure of speech*,” but “*they did not understand*.”

“*Illustration*”? “*Figure of speech*”? Why, the Holy Bible didn’t say either of those things. It said “**parable**” (Gk.–*paroimian*). That is, John 10:1–5 is a *parable*, but since “**a parable in the mouth of fools**” is like “**a thorn**” that “**goeth up into the hand of a drunkard**” (Prov. 27:9), the apostate Fundamentalists who translated the Textus Receptus (the “*New*” *KJV*) knew their “number was up.” Someone was “reading their mail,” so they altered “**parable**” to “*illustration*” (ditto the Conservative and Evangelical apostates who changed the “**parable**” to a “*figure of speech*” in the *NASV* and *NIV*).

Is this the new “light” that young preachers need on a text to *teach* it or *preach* it? Wanna bet? (You better hadn’t; you’ll lose your shirt, your britches, and your shoelaces all in one roll.)

In verses 1 and 2, Jesus Christ is going up at the Ascension and entering the third heaven (vs. 2); this is compared with the Devil’s ascension in Isaiah 14:12–14 (vs. 1)—*advanced revelation*.

Verse 3 is the exodus of the Body of Christ at the Rapture, according to Song of Solomon 2:8–13—*advanced revelation*.

Verse 4 is the Second Advent, with the “**sheep**” following the Lord Jesus back down to earth (cf. Rev. 19:14)—*advanced revelation*.

Verse 5 describes the “**sheep**” on earth during the Tribulation as they refuse to follow the Antichrist—*advanced revelation*.

The passage wasn’t an “*illustration*” or some unidentified “*figure of speech*” in five verses. The apostates missed the material in all five.

You couldn’t get those revelations from *any* Greek text. *No* Greek scholar, living or dead, even found them in *any* Greek text. The modern Greek scholars no more understood the “**parable**” in 1979 or 2011 than the Christ-rejecting Pharisees did in A.D. 32. Modern

apostate Fundamentalists demand that you *descend to their level of ignorance* by taking you away from the English *AV* text and focusing your attention on what they call “the Greek.” Then as if that weren’t enough, when faced with the documented evidence above, they call the people who *believe what the Bible said* “Ruckmanites.”

They can go jump in a fish bowl.

Now, we trust you’ve had enough to get a clear picture of why apostates like Bob Jones Jr., Bob Jones III, Edward Panosian, James White, Stewart Custer, Marshal Neal, Allen MacRae, Robert Newman, Robert Sumner, Donald Waite, Doug Kutilek, Ronald Walker, et al., keep inventing straw dummies called “Ruckmanism” and “Ruckmanites” at which they throw darts. Their ignorant, stupid little britches got scorched clear up to their collars. That is the reason why these spiritual babies and these spoiled brats are on a crusade against what they call “Ruckmanites” and “Ruckmanism”: we have their “number,” and they know it. We “eat their lunch” regularly and will as long as God gives us breath.

We know they are fakers—and stupid on top of that. Their profession to be Bible believers is about as real as a profession by Heinrich Himmler on his love for Jesus. Since they do not believe *any* book is the “Holy Bible,” and since they hide behind some pieces of paper that *no man can read* (“the originals”), they are thoroughly unreliable to teach the Bible to anybody.

They are their own gods. All they know about the Book that is true they either stole from someone who *believed* it or from someone who stole it from someone else who believed it. Their profession of faith stinks like a dead mackerel on the beach.

In the *Ruckman Reference Bible*, we have listed dozens of cases from the Greek *Textus Receptus* of the New Testament and the Hebrew Masoretic text of the Old Testament from which the *King James* came, and every case without exception was cited, documented, analyzed, and discussed. Every time the *AV* text proved to be *superior* to *any* text the Alexandrian Cult produced from *any* Greek or Hebrew text.

“This is the way, walk ye in it” (Isa. 30:21). It is **“the way which they call heresy”** by the professional scholars of Paul’s day (Acts 24:14). They were just as rotten then as they are now. Next month we will give you some more revelations that can only be found by believing what you read in a *King James* Bible, not from any Greek or Hebrew text.

Typical Advanced Revelations

Part 2

No large, recognized, “qualified” Fundamental College, University, or Seminary goes one step beyond Clarence Larkin in 1929 when it comes to “advanced revelations”; in fact, most of them stop in 1909 with the *Scofield Reference Bible*. The reason for this is that *all* of them, *without one exception*, began to correct the *Authorized Version* (from whence the previous revelations came) somewhere. Subsequently, they turned into professional Bible critics.

Of course, they did not outrightly deny the “fundamentals of the faith” found in the Apostles’ Creed (to which *all Roman Catholics* subscribe), but they did take the old Book apart bit by bit from 1901 to 2011 in order to bring it down to their own level of ignorance. When they did, the Author of the Book (the Holy Spirit) simply slammed the door of revelation right smack shut in their faces—right smack on their “snoots.”

I thought you might be interested in finding out what Wheaton, Fuller, Moody, Furman, Wake Forest, Stetson, Howard, Judson, BBC, BJU, Tennessee Temple, Liberty, Maranatha, Trinity, Cedarville, PCC, and the Seminaries at Louisville, Dallas, Denver, New Orleans, and Chicago all missed while trying to maintain their “status quo,” increase their enrollments, build lavish campuses, and brag about their “standards” (moral, academic, separation, etc.) by tearing up the *King James Bible*. They did that while kidding the Body of Christ into thinking that they actually believed in “the absolute authority of the Bible” and “the old-time religion.” While they did that, here’s what 90% of them missed.

1. The *two routes of the Second Advent* found in the Scriptures. Not only does the Lord Jesus Christ come by way of Armageddon (Rev. 16:16, 19:11–21; Zech. 12:11; Judg. 5:19), He also comes at *Mount Sinai* (Judg. 5:5) and then up through *Mount Seir* and *Mount Paran* in Edom (Judg. 5:4; Deut. 33:2; Hab. 3:3) *before* He lands on the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:11–12). None of them could make any comment pro or con on the subject.

2. The universe is in the shape of a *three-layered pyramid* (Eph. 3:18; Matt. 21:42 cf. Gen. 1:6–7; Psa. 148:4). No light for anybody, anytime, anywhere from whoever taught in *any* of the schools listed above.

3. In a few short years, *one-tenth of the Jews* living in Palestine will be *eaten* (Isa. 6:13) as a *sacrificial mass* (1 Cor. 10:20) before an *altar*, after being *decapitated* (Rev. 6:9, 20:4) and their blood drunk as a *drink offering* to *devils* (Psa. 16:4; 1 Cor. 10:21). You couldn’t get a comment from any of the faculties and staffs of the schools I listed in 300 of their books that corrected the text of the *King James Bible*. You’ll get no light from any reference Bible published before the year 2000 or from any Greek or Hebrew scholar anytime or anywhere in the last 1,900 years.

4. Writing in His Book from the standpoint of Revelation 22:1–6, God always put ten times the emphasis on the years 2011–3011 (and beyond) than He puts on the entire Church Age. The schools listed above all put the emphasis on the First Advent, not the Second.

5. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was *inside* saints, not just “on” them (Gen. 41:38; Dan. 5:11; 1 Pet. 1:10–11), and the Holy Spirit could *leave* them (Psa. 51:11). No comment from any professor anywhere; they are all just as deaf and dumb as a jellyfish on the beach.

6. Balaam’s sin had nothing to do with the permissive will of God as you will find it in the Scofield note on Numbers 22:22.

7. Herod (Acts 12:1–4) was a Roman Edomite whose native land (Edom) was observing *Easter* (Ashtoreth—Judg. 2:13) *nearly 2,000 years before* John the Baptist was born (Gen. 14:5–6).

8. There is no New Birth for *anyone* in the Bible before the resurrection of Christ. Not one scholar picked that up or even mentioned it; John Calvin was as quiet about it as Yankee Stadium at 3:00 a.m. Monday morning.

9. The Antichrist will reign in *Rome* as the “**man of sin**” before he reigns in Jerusalem as “**the son of perdition**” (Rev. 17 cf. 2 Thess. 2:3–4).

10. “**Eden**” was a stretch of land shaped like a pyramid, with Mount Ararat at its apex and its baseline anchored at the Nile River on one side and the Euphrates River (at Basrah and Kuwait) at the other (Gen. 15:18). Not one peep out of the “Fundamental outfits” above.

11. The fifth cherub (Satan—Ezek. 28) was a *winged serpent* (Isa. 14:29, 30:6) with *horns* like an ox (Ezek. 1:10).

12. There’s no prayer in Ephesians 3:18–19 for anyone to know about “**the breadth, and length, and depth, and height**” of “**the love of Christ**” (see point 2); they’re not even connected. Twenty thousand scholars in 2,000 years all *missed it*, whether they *believed the Book or not*.

13. Paul had no more of his apostolic signs (2 Cor. 12:12) after the “Acts of the Apostles” closed (see 2 Tim. 4:20). This includes miracles and tongues as well as healing.

14. In Psalm 69:8, Jesus said (Psa. 69:9 cf. John 2:17) that His own mother had children after He was born (cf. Mark 6:3). Every Pope since the Council of Nicea has lied about it. They’re still lying about it today (Benedict XVI), and *they will keep right on doing it*.

15. “**Replenish**” in Genesis 1:28 and 9:1 is an advanced revelation not found in *any* Hebrew text or any copy of *any* Hebrew manuscript extant.

16. The *Premillennial order* of the Old Testament books from *2 Chronicles to the Psalms* is not to be found in *any* Hebrew manuscript extant.

17. There is more than one “**devil**” in the Bible (John 6:70–71; see also Mark 4:4, 15, 5:2, 9), but not one Greek scholar, living or dead, could explain that or believe it because

they all refused to *translate* the Greek word *daimonion*.

18. In Psalm 74:8, there is an advanced revelation regarding “**synagogues**” in the land of Israel past the year 2011 which cannot be found in *any* copy of *any* Hebrew manuscript extant.

19. In Galatians 2:18, the *AV* gave advanced light on 1 Corinthians 15:31; 2 Corinthians 4:16; Philippians 3:10; and Luke 9:23 by translating a past perfect indicative as a *present* tense. The *AV* reading cannot be found in *any* Greek manuscript, *any* Greek New Testament, the work of *any* Greek scholar, *any* Greek lexicon, or *any* series of Greek “word studies”; there’s a *perfect blank* for 1,900 years.

20. In Numbers 33:52, you are warned about magazines, movies, newspapers, and television; but only in the *Authorized Version* and nowhere else. No Hebrew scholar, living or dead, was able to find that revelation because he ruled out “**pictures**” in the *last century* while *watching the stuff* in his living room. It’s amazing what they can’t find in their own language, isn’t it?

21. First Thessalonians 5:22 in the *AV* is an advanced revelation about Christian conduct found nowhere in *any* copy of *any* Greek manuscript or *any* Greek text or *any* “text type” or “family” of Greek texts or *any* Greek lexicon.

22. And you may correct *every* Greek manuscript and all the Greek words in *every* Greek text used for the *RV*, *ASV*, *RSV*, *NASV*, *NRSV*, *NIV*, *NKJV*, *ESV*, etc., in Matthew 5:22; Mark 1:2; Luke 24:51–52; Romans 1:18, 25; and 2 Corinthians 2:17. These “advanced revelations” are found only in the *AV*. Only in the *King James Bible* will you find the *truth*, the *whole truth*, and *nothing but* the truth about the Deity of Christ and the true sins of these godless, depraved, “Fundamentalist” *Bible corrupters*.

Want 22 more of these “advanced revelations”? They’re not hard to find; not if you spend your time *studying* the Book (2 Tim. 2:15—another “advanced revelation” found only in a *King James Bible*) seriously in order to learn it instead of lording your own authority over the Body of Christ. The institutions I listed in the first part of this article (and I listed less than a twentieth of them) could never “qualify” along those lines. They’re not intelligent enough. They critique a Book they do not believe and analyze it to replace it with their own ignorance.

Wanna watch them squirm over “Ruckman’s” teaching on “advanced revelations”? All right, get a copy of the *Ruckman Reference Bible* and watch them squirm. Once anybody puts the *genuine, Scriptural, Biblical* “advanced revelations” on them found in that volume, it is a terrible reminder to them that every single one of them came from an archaic, outdated, “hard-to-understand” Elizabethan Bible now 400 years old. These depraved, lying, stupid, idiotic, paranoid nuts would rather die and go to Hell on the grounds of their own fear and unbelief than admit such a thing could be possible.

If you think I am “pulling your leg,” try the brethren out “for size.” Pick up a *Ruckman Reference Bible* and check me out, baby.

Never the “Original Autographs”

In this 400th anniversary year of the *King James* Bible, I thought you might like to hear what some famous men throughout its history have had to say about it. The thing to keep in mind about each of these statements is that in none of them is the person talking about the “original autographs” or the “original manuscripts.” Every one of them is talking about the English Bible he held in his hands and read on a regular basis: the *King James Authorized Version* of 1611.

Here is the “Father of our country,” *George Washington*: “It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.” Unfortunately for the apostate Fundamentalists and Conservatives, George subscribed to “King James Onlyism”; it was the only Bible he ever read.

John Adams, the second President of the United States, said: “The Bible (and he was referring to the Bible that he personally “examined,” and it sure wasn’t any “original autographs”) is the best Book in the world.”

Do you know what the *Congress of the United States* did in 1782? They passed a resolution for the printing “of the Holy Scriptures for the use of schools” and recommended “this edition of the Bible to the inhabitants of the United States.” I’ll give you one guess as to which Bible it was; you don’t get two.

When *Thomas Jefferson* was President of the United States, he required two books to be taught in the public schools of Washington, D.C. One was Isaac Watts’ hymnal, and the other one was the *King James* Bible.

Here is the President on the twenty dollar bill, *Andrew Jackson*: “That Book, sir, is the Rock upon which our republic rests.”

My, how different these gentlemen were from the one you’ve got in the White House right now!

When I was a boy, *Warren G. Harding* was the President. He said of the Bible: “No book of any kind ever written has ever so affected the whole life of a people.”

President *Woodrow Wilson* called the Bible the “word of life.” He said, “I beg you will read it and find out for yourselves—read not little snatches here and there, but long passages that will really be the road to the heart of it.” He also said, “The Bible is the revelation of the meaning of life, the nature of God, and spiritual nature and needs of men. It is the only guide of life which really leads the spirit in the way of peace and salvation.”

Here is President *Teddy Roosevelt*: “No man, educated or uneducated, can afford to be ignorant of the Bible,” and “A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a College education.” He wasn’t talking about a thorough knowledge of Hebrew or Greek;

he was talking about a thorough knowledge of the *King James 1611 Authorized Version*.

Are you a Yankee? Here is your General who became the eighteenth President of the United States: *Ulysses S. Grant*. He called the Bible “the sheet anchor of your liberties” and “man’s best guide.” He was talking about the Bible studied by Sunday School children; he wasn’t talking about any Greek or Hebrew manuscripts.

Are you a Southerner, a “Johnny Reb”? Well, here is your General, *Robert E. Lee*: “There are things in the OLD BOOK” That’s NOT a reference to the “original autographs”; the “old Book,” in English, has always been a reference to the *King James Bible*. “... which I may not be able to explain, but I fully accept IT as the infallible word of God, and receive ITS teachings as inspired by the Holy Spirit.”

Benjamin Franklin once said, “Young man, my advice is that you cultivate an acquaintance with, and a firm belief in, the Holy Scriptures, for this is your certain interest.” Your interest should be the Book, not economics or “global warming” or “making the world a better place to live in.”

Patrick Henry, the man who said “Give me liberty or give me death,” said of the *King James Bible*: “Here is a Book worth more than all others.”

Another great statesman, *Daniel Webster*, said: “If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering.” “The Bible” to which Daniel Webster referred was the one for which his parents instilled a love since his childhood—the *Authorized Version* of 1611.

Here are a couple of “Limeys” (British). *William Gladstone*, the Prime Minister four times under Queen Victoria, said: “I have known 95 of the world’s great men in my time, and of these, 87 were followers of the Bible.”

Which Bible? Well, I can tell you what it wasn’t: it wasn’t any “plenary, verbally inspired original autographs,” because none of those 87 men ever saw one of them. Neither have you, and neither has your teacher or preacher. If you don’t believe it, go and ask them to show it to you.

But perhaps my most favorite quote is by Queen Victoria herself. She kept a copy of the *Authorized Version* on a table beside her throne. When asked one time what made England great, she pointed to the *King James Bible* and said: “THAT BOOK accounts for the supremacy of England.”

Amen, sister! And when a nation dumps THAT BOOK (and I’m not talking about any “original autographs”), *God dumps that nation*. He did in England in 1921 (Churchill’s “White Papers”), and He is doing it now to America.

Anyone can “learn the lessons of history” as they were clearly (and plainly) set forth by Webster, Lincoln, Lee, Adams, Jefferson, Grant, Queen Victoria, Franklin, Wilson, Roosevelt, and Washington. Not one man followed Kenneth Wuest, Eberhard Nestle, Charles Stanley, Spiros Zodhiates, Arthur Farstad, John R. Rice, Curtis Hutson, A. T. Robertson, Bob Jones Jr., or Bob Jones III TWO INCHES.

The Word of God

As a Lamp

The Bible is a remarkable collection of 66 books that will never be equaled anywhere while time lasts. It is applicable to anyone, anywhere, from the cradle to the grave and beyond. There are over 23 million books in the Library of Congress. The only book in the entire lot for which there is any worldwide demand is the Bible; that is why it is *banned* in nine countries.

There is no universal demand for the *Koran*. The *Koran* has been translated into less than thirty languages. The *King James Bible* went into 160 major languages and 400 minor languages before 1900. Today, some part of the Bible has been translated into over 2,454 languages and dialects. The *King James Bible* alone went into more than a billion copies before 1960.

Now, the longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119. Naturally, it is about the Bible itself. Every verse except two, I believe, contains some reference to the Book. It is called “**the word**” (39 times), “**the law,**” the “**testimonies,**” the “**statutes,**” the “**judgments,**” and the “**precepts.**” Among the many great passages in the chapter is verse 105.

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

First of all, the Bible is a *reading lamp*. Most of the literature of the world is nothing but copying the Bible, imitating the Bible, denying the Bible, justifying the Bible, quoting the Bible, misquoting the Bible, revising the Bible, or borrowing from its biographies, anecdotes, and illustrations.

That last item will cover all the plots on television and radio, and in literature, for the last 2,000 years. There are 33 original plots found in a *King James Bible* that were around long before all the rest of the junk showed up. You can find a list of a number of them in Appendix 99 of the *Ruckman Reference Bible*.

When my boy Pete was around ten or eleven, he asked me to recommend something good for him to read. I said, “The Bible.” He said, “I know, dad, but you know, I want something exciting and different.” I replied, “The Bible.” There are all kinds of exciting things in that Book, and I can take you to some passages that are so “different” you wouldn’t know what to make of them.

The Colleges and high schools and elementary schools have to change their textbooks every year or so. You don’t have to change one word of a *King James Bible*. It’s just as valid and meaningful now 400 years after its publication as it was in 1611.

Of course, all the Bible critics will tell you that the *Authorized Version* is “archaic.” They’re just pulling your leg. There are actually no more than a *hundred* words in the *AV* that are truly archaic. That’s 100 out of 788,258 words you come across. You mean to tell me you can’t look up one word out of 7,883? Besides, Dr. Laurence Vance, in his book *Archaic Words and the Authorized Version* (now back in print and available from the

Bookstore), shows you that 90% of the supposed “archaic words” in the *King James Version* are still in use today in the same way you find them in the *AV*. Lester Roloff used to say, “The Bible doesn’t need to be rewritten; it needs to be *reread*.”

The Bible is also a *heating lamp*. An old Christian woman was asked one time: “How do you know the Bible is the word of God?” She replied, “It’s like the sun. I’ve seen it, I’ve felt it, and it warms my soul.”

Rolfe Barnard was a Five-Point Calvinist evangelist who used to preach in Southern Baptist churches. He was in a church once where one of the deacons was asked to pray for the offering. That deacon gave one of those typical Southern Baptist “mantra” prayers —“Lord, bless these tithes and offerings to the ongoing of thy kingdom, etc.” When he got through praying, Barnard leaned over that pulpit and said, “Deacon, your heart is as cold as a block of ice; you need to be warmed up with the word of God.”

A lot of churches are just deep freezes with a steeple on top, and the pastor is just an Eskimo pie who knows nothing about the “heating lamp.”

Next, the Bible is a *traveler’s lamp*. You have lights at intersections to show you when to stop, when to go, and when to slow down. You have lights at railroad crossings to warn you of a train coming. There are lights along the highway to warn you of some danger or obstacle ahead.

Airplanes use lights before they land. I went flying with a fellow one time in one of those little Cessnas at night. I asked that pilot, “What happens if you run out of gas, or the motor stops and you can’t get it going again?” He replied, “Well, you feather it down into the wind, and at about eighty feet, you turn on the landing lights of your plane. If you see something underneath them you don’t like, you turn them off.” Of course, that was a joke, but that’s exactly how many people treat the Bible. If they don’t like what it says about them, they just shut it up and don’t read it.

The Bible is a *safety lamp* like a flashlight that you use to keep from stumbling and breaking your neck in the dark. The Bible will keep you from believing false doctrines; it will protect you from heresy. Constantly exposing yourself to it will keep you from backsliding and make you fruitful for the Lord.

The Bible is a *lighthouse* that warns of the dangers out in the world and safely leads ships to the right port and brings them to the “Haven of Rest.” Of all the books in this world, only one stands out like a lone star guarding the outpost of Heaven with a gleaming bayonet. Put out that one light, and you are in eternal darkness.

The Bible says, “**The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple**” (Psa. 119:130). You would be a fool to get rid of a light (or revise it away) that has landed more than eighty million planes and guided more than twenty million ships safely into harbor.

Finally, the Bible is a *night lamp*. Bob Jones Sr. used to say that the most important light in the house is not the big chandelier in the living room; it’s the little night light in the hallway that keeps you from breaking your neck when you get up to go to the bathroom. When it comes time for the darkness of death to settle in and for you to sleep the sleep of death, the best night light you can get is the Holy Bible.

When the famous Scottish poet and novelist Sir Walter Scott was dying, he said to one of his servants, "Bring me the Book." Scott had a whole library of books, so the servant asked, "What book?" Sir Walter Scott told that servant, "There is only one Book, and that is the Bible."

A Yankee was doing some tourist traveling through North Carolina once, and he stopped to visit an old farmer up in the mountains. Well, it got late and turned into a bad night (windy and rainy). That Yankee got up to go back to his car which he had left parked three or four hundred feet below at the bottom of a winding mountain trail that led to the house. As he went out the door, that old farmer gave him a "lighter stump" (that's a chunk of wood out of the stump of a pine tree where the wood has soaked up the sap of the tree). He said, "Take this with you, Mister, and it will see you home."

"But I can't see more than ten feet ahead of me," said the Yankee.

"Well, you hold out that light ahead of you and keep your eye on the trail ahead of you in the light," the farmer said.

"But what if the wind blows out the light?" asked the tourist.

"Don't worry about that. The wind can't put out that stump. You just take it, and it will see you home."

Now dear reader, that Book will "see" any man "home" if he wants to get home to Heaven.

In late May and early June of 1940, there was an event that became known as the "Miracle at Dunkirk." Dunkirk was a town in France on the shores of the English Channel. The British Expeditionary Force had been trapped there by German forces. The German *Luftwaffe* was bombing the beach every time the weather cleared, but the Lord worked the thing out so that it was clouded most of the time. The British sent everything that could float to get the men out; everything from naval vessels and merchant marine ships to sportscraft and canoes. The German planes were bombing the men on the beach waiting to be evacuated, and the men were trying to shoot the planes down with their rifles. The Nazis were dive bombing the English ships with such accuracy that the bombs were going down the smokestacks of the ships. But in nine days 338,226 British and French were evacuated with only 68,111 killed or captured. It's a good thing too; otherwise England would have lost World War II because they wouldn't have had any army left.

While the men were there in long lines on the quays waiting to be evacuated, a Major Walter Gates was standing there watching that whole mess with men lying there wounded, some of them crying, others trying to duck the bombs with no way of fighting back. Suddenly, a wave of sympathy swept over Gates, which was very unusual for a hardcore English Major who was a Plymouth Brethren; they tend to be very stoic and fatalistic.

Gates got up on top of a sand dune about twenty feet high, and as loud as he could, he yelled, "Men! I'm going to lead in prayer and ask God for mercy. If any of you would like to pray, then kneel with me."

He knelt down and about twenty men knelt down with him. For about ten minutes he prayed at the top of his lungs. When he got up and looked around, do you know what he saw? There were 2,000 men on their knees within a hundred yards of him in all directions.

When the time came for him to get aboard a ship to be taken out of there, *five times* he let some enlisted man take his place. You see, Gates was a saved man and got under conviction. He said to himself, “I’m a *saved man*, and most of these guys *aren’t*; and I *know* where I’m going when I die while these poor devils *don’t*. If I get blown to pieces, I’ll be all right because I’ll be with Christ, but those men don’t have a chance.” So five times he stepped out of line and let another fellow go in front of him.

The sixth time Gates did that, there was a Sergeant who took his place. Before that Sergeant got on the boat, he saluted the Major and said, “Sir, I just want to thank you for your bloody fine guts.” (Of course, that was rather a profane way of putting it, because that *bloody* is an English cuss word referring to God’s blood in the Mass—see Acts 20:28.)

Now do you know why that English Major had some “bloody fine guts”? Because when the lights were going out all around him and men were being snuffed out like candles, that fellow had a night lamp that gave him light in a dark place, and death didn’t bother him.

When George Whitefield was dying over here in America, instead of staying in bed according to the doctor’s orders, he preached to a crowd outside his hotel. So he could see, he held up a candle. When he finished preaching, he went back to his bed and lay down, and that candle burned right down to the stump. When that candle burned out, George took his last breath on the last flicker of that candle.

As Whitefield was taking his last breaths, he was saying something in a whisper. Those near him had to bend over and put their ears right near his mouth just to hear him. He was quoting a verse: “**I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness**” (Psa. 17:15). After a few minutes they heard him say, “**I shall be satisfied.**” And finally he took one deep breath and said, “**Satisfied,**” and he died.

George Whitefield had a *night lamp* that was able to get him through the night. He had a *safety lamp* that warned him of false doctrine and wrong company. He had a *traveler’s lamp* that took him into hundreds of outdoor fields to preach all over America and England. He had a *heating lamp* that kept him “on fire for God” till the day he died. And he had the same *reading lamp* that his friend John Wesley had who brought revival to England, and the same one that was first published in America by Congressional resolution. It was a *King James 1611 Authorized Version*.

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place” (2 Pet. 1:19).

Alexandrian Gobbledygook

Back in 1985, Bob Jones University published a pamphlet which was a reprint of a 1979 article from *Faith for the Family*. The article and pamphlet were by one of the faculty members named Edward Panosian, a typical, apostate Alexandrian Cultist; and they show why no Bible believer would fool with Bob Jones University today for *five minutes* if he wanted to learn the Bible.

Panosian resurrected the dead cat about Erasmus “inventing an ending for Revelation 22,” which, of course, he didn’t. Now, many years ago, the Trinitarian Bible Society of London, England published the documented evidence on Erasmus’ “ending” on Revelation, and we have taught this material for 25 years to our students. We reproduce it here for the benefit of our readers to show you the type of ignoramuses that teach Bible at Bob Jones University. This is the documented information to which no faculty member at BJU had access since Erasmus in 1530.

1. On the ending of Revelation, Erasmus’ Greek text contains 135 words, of which the most modern Greek texts (Nestle, and Aland and Metzger) omit only seventeen, add five, and alter thirteen. That makes a total of 35 changes from Erasmus’ 135 “invented” words. Of course, blockheads like Panosian and the rest of the Bible department at BJU (Custer, Neal, Wisdom, et al.) can’t see the significance of this, but it means that no one has been able to prove Erasmus wrong on *100 words*.

2. Of the remaining 35 words, 26 make no perceptible difference in the English language, leaving only *nine* doubtful words: “*them*” for “**these things**” (vs. 18), “*scroll*” for “**book**” (the first one in vs. 19), “*tree*” for “**book**” (the second one in vs. 19), the omission of the second “**and**” in verse 19, and “**our,**” “**Christ,**” “**you,**” and “**Amen**” in verse 21. But since the Alexandrian manuscripts continually and habitually *subtract* from the true text, we know what to think of the nine changes that are left.

3. But when all the modern versions are assembled (*ASV, NRSV, NIV, NKJV, ESV, etc.*), you will find that every single one of Erasmus’ “invented words” have been used.

That’s the kind of “gobbledygook” being put out by “bastions of orthodoxy” these days. If you’re dumb enough to believe it, you deserve to have your tuition money stolen.

Our Roving Bible

“Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; BUT THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND” (2 Tim. 2:8–9).

Martin Luther once said that the Bible had “*eyes to see with, hands to grip with, and feet to run with.*” That’s because the Scriptures are *alive* and *active*.

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do” (Heb. 4:12-13).

“He sendeth forth his commandment upon, earth: his word runneth very swiftly” (Psa. 147:15).

The word of God cannot be bound *by covers*. The words of the *Authorized Version* crawl all over the world.

People quote the *King James Bible* without even knowing they’re doing it. They talk about *beer* without knowing the word comes from the *King James* text (Num. 21:16; Judg. 9:21). They talk about *highways*; that’s from the *King James* text (Num. 20:17). They use the expression “*burning the midnight oil*”; they got it from the text of the *AV* (Matt. 25:3-6). They say “*he missed the boat*”; they took that from Genesis 7:6–22 in a *King James Bible*. When they say “*Give him enough rope and he’ll hang himself,*” they are making reference to the story of Haman in the *KJV*. Even the Navy term for shore leave — “**liberty**”— is from the text of the *Authorized Version* (Acts 27:3). You won’t get away from that Book; it will follow you wherever you go.

One time in New York City, a man drew a great crowd by putting his hat down on the street and running around it yelling: “It’s alive! It’s alive! It’s alive!” After a while, someone in the crowd asked, “What’s alive?” He picked up the hat, and there was a *King James Bible* lying there. He picked it up and said, “The word of God.”

One Fundamentalist said, “The Bible is Jesus on paper.” That is truer than that preacher probably realized (see Rom. 9:17 and Gal. 3:8 and note how Paul commits the unpardonable sin of “Bibliolatry” by substituting the word “**scripture**” for *God*).

Your “roving Bible” also is not limited by *space* or *time*. God made both space and time, and He was present *before* either of them began (Gen. 1:1).

“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God” (Heb. 11:3).

The word of God is *eternal*. The Bible never needs replacing as school textbooks do.

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

That means these constant attempts by the scholars every six months (over 233 since 1880) to replace the *Authorized Version* with a “newer,” “clearer,” “more accurate” translation, “in the language of the people,” is *Satanic*.

Our “roving Bible” cannot be corralled or tied up or pinned down or imprisoned by *racial boundaries*. Sundar Singh from *India* got saved. Joseph Neesima from *Japan* got saved. Watchman Nee from *China* got saved. My translator in the *Ukraine*, Major Taras, got saved. The man Calvin burned at the stake, Servetus from *Spain*, got saved. Diodati and Ochino from *Italy* got saved. In *Germany*, Martin Luther got saved. The *black* boxer Holyfield got saved. Song Lee, the man who set up the “Pensacola Bible Institute of Seoul” over in *Korea*, got saved.

The Book cannot be penned in by *religious traditions*. The fourth rule of “The Index” at the Roman Catholic Council of Trent was that no Christian had a right to read any book or Bible except those recommended by a Catholic Priest. Bloody Mary forbade *any* English translation of the Scriptures, and she had to go to the “Church Fathers” to get rid of the Bible. But it was still all over that nation, which, after her death, ended up producing the greatest English Bible, and indeed the greatest Bible in any language, which this world has ever seen.

The Bible cannot be boxed in by the *opinions of scholars*. God’s Book—the *King James Holy Bible*—is still here after 400 years, despite all the efforts of Christian and secular scholarship. In spite of all the publicity and advertisement given to the other versions (with practically *none* given to the *KJV*), the *Authorized Version* has sold more than any three modern translations combined—at least five to one. Since its publication, more than a billion copies of the *King James Bible* have been printed and circulated in this country and overseas. As far back as 1950, the British and Foreign Bible Society had already published 809,000,000 *King James Bibles*. In the meantime, the American Bible Society had put out 180,200,000 *King James Bibles* by 1945. That means that by 1950, there were over 917,200,000 *King James Bibles* in print, and that was not counting the ones put out by organizations and publishers like Trinitarian Bible Society, Thomas Nelson and Sons, National Printing Company (Gideons), Cambridge, Oxford, etc.; and printing ministries that showed up after 1970 like Bearing Precious Seed. At the rate of thirty million copies being printed a year (32,876 copies a day since 1904), there are more than a billion copies of the *KJV* going around the world right now.

Way back in 1988, a Sociology professor at Pensacola Junior College gave her students a set of rules for submitting an essay. The last rule on the list was: “Provide a bibliography for information that comes from books and magazines. **THE BIBLE IS NOT CONSIDERED A VALID RESEARCH BOOK.**”

It’s not?! Why, the Bible was written by over forty authors on three continents over a period of 1,600 years, and is the most authoritative source on the ancient world you can get, being confirmed over and over again by archaeology when all the scholars assumed it was wrong. It has 48 prophecies on one man’s life that were written anywhere from 400 to 1,500 years before He was born, and every single one of them came through “right on the money.” The chances of that happening are 10^{157} (that’s ten with 157 zeroes after it). That’s more than the electrons in three universes the size of ours. You won’t find that phenomenon in any other “valid research book.” It is the best selling and most demanded

book in the entire world, and yet it's not "valid" for "research."

Of all the books in the world this idiotic female decided were invalid for research, only one book was singled out. Was it *Playboy*? No! Was it *Mein Kampf*? No! Did she forbid the *Koran*, Madame Blavatsky's *Secret Doctrine*, *The Analects of Confucius*, the *Puranas* or the *Vedas*, or the *Zend Avesta*? No, they were all "valid."

At the Pensacola Junior College, anything is "valid" for the bibliography of an essay except *one book*. That book is the *Bible* (not the "original autographs"; the word *Bible* means "book," not a pile of lost manuscripts). But that is typical of the unreasoning *prejudice* and *bigotry* higher education has against the Holy Bible (and especially against the *King James Holy Bible*).

There's an old poem about the word of God that ends:

"And so, I thought, the anvil of Gods word,
For ages, skeptics blows have beat upon;
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The anvil is unharmed—the hammers gone."

That is true of the *King James Bible*. For over 130 years now (since 1880), revisers and teachers, critics and preachers, have hammered away at that Book. After the loud blows of the scholars have ceased to ring out, the Book remains, and all the hammers are gone.

Attacks have been made on the *AV* Holy Bible by professing Christians all over the United States. Stewart Custer (BJU), Allen MacRae (PCC), Kenneth Wuest (Moody Bible Institute), and A.T. Robertson (Louisville Seminary) have all attacked the Book; along with Lindsell, Carson, Stanley, Graham, Osteen, et al. (see a list of 320 of them in the back of *The Christian Liar's Library*). All of their attacks have come to absolutely nothing. The *King James Bible* continues to reveal new truths without their permission, consent, or approval (see our work *The Unknown Bible* if you want to get a good 100 pages on that).

Our "roving Bible" continues to roam nationally and internationally with no let up to it. Neither *age* nor *sex* nor *social standing* can stop its expansion. The Book is just as good for bums and barbers as it is for Kings and slaves. It is applicable to prostitutes, pederasts, and sex perverts. It is profitable for farmers, sailors, students, geniuses, and morons. It's good for anybody and everybody.

That Book cannot be quenched by *those who preach it*. Many ministers *use* the *AV* without *believing* it; they correct it while they preach it. But that Book doesn't "stand corrected"; it stands just as it is.

The Book can't be stopped by the *death* of those who preach it because the Book *itself* is alive. You can still pick up sermons by Oliver B. Greene, Maze Jackson, Bob Jones Sr., and Lester Roloff almost any day of the week on some radio station somewhere; and those fellows have been dead for years. After their deaths, the Book kept right on going out of their mouths. The Bible says, "**he being dead yet speaketh**" (Heb. 11:4).

The Book can't be stopped by anybody's *attitude toward it*. You can "take it or leave

it,” “believe it or not,” preach it or not preach it; but it will make no difference. It will go right on regardless.

No one’s opinion counts for anything when it comes to that Book. Eight different religions with eight different beliefs don’t affect one word of it. Every man living contrary to that Book is a sinner and a criminal no matter how he feels about it or what his momma or daddy thinks about it. In the Book, “man” is NOT “the measure of all things,” or anywhere close to it.

The Bible is the only book in existence that what you get out of it depends on the attitude with which you approach it. There are over 23 million books in the Library of Congress, and *not one* is dependent on your attitude when you read it. But when reading the Bible, you are dependent on its attitude toward you because it judges you as you read it (go back to the beginning of this article and read Heb. 4:12–13). If the Bible is to profit you at all, you have to adjust your attitude to the Book and not the Book to your attitude.

A man ignores the Bible to his own peril. Peter ignored his own apostasy (Matt. 26:33–35), and it was prophesied in the Book (Matt. 26:31 cf. Zech. 13:7). Judas ignored his own death warrant (Matt. 27:3–5), and it was written in the Book for anyone to read (Matt. 27:9 cf. Zech. 11:12–13).

Mohammed knew that four biographers (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)—one of whom was a registered physician (Col. 4:14)—Roman soldiers (Matt. 27:54; John 19:32–34), a Roman governor (Mark 15:44–45), two Jewish Rabbis (Mark 15:43; John 19:38–40), and over 500 eyewitnesses (1 Cor. 15:6) all denied everything the *Koran* said about the death of Jesus Christ (Sura 4:157); and Mohammed completely overlooked his own identity recorded three times in the Book (1 John 2:22–23, 4:3; 2 John 7). Right now, the UN is ignoring its own demise (Zeph. 3:8) which has been recorded for 400 years in the universal language of the modern world, and which is also in over 160 major languages and 200 minor languages. All 192 nations can get it and read it and know what it says, and the proof is the verse they stole from a *King James* Bible (Isa. 2:4) and took out its context (Isa. 2:1–4) and posted on a wall right across from their “Assembly Building.”

Mohammed, Buddha, and Confucius never reached one child on six continents with the truth. All those people were forced to believe a religion that didn’t have one thing to offer any child or any woman.

“He came to the crossroads all alone,
With the sunrise on his face.
He had no fear for the path unknown,
No dread for the perilous race.

The road stretched east and the road stretched west,
But no one showed him which road was *best*.
So the boy turned *wrong*, then went down,

And *lost* the race and the victor's crown.
He wound up in *Hell* in a deadly snare,
Because no one stood at the crossroads there.

Another boy of another day
At the *same* crossroads stood.
He paused a moment to choose the way
That would lead to the highest good.

The road stretched east and the road stretched west,
But *God's Book* showed him which was the *best*.
So the boy turned right and went straight on,
And *won* the race and the victor's crown.
He came at last to the *mansions fair*,
Because of a *Book* at the crossroads there.

The Christian's Speech

There are many, many books on how a Christian should *talk* in conversations, debates, question-and-answer sessions, as well as ordinary day-to-day conversations. One of the most neglected areas of speech for the Christian is found in 1 Peter 3:15. There we find this admonition:

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

It is augmented by another verse in 1 Peter: **“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God”** (1 Pet. 4:11).

What those verses mean is that *any Christian*—not just preachers and Bible teachers—at *any time* should be ready to give a **SCRIPTURAL ANSWER** to *anybody* who asks him a question. Note that the Christian is to **“speak as the oracles of God.”** **“The oracles of God”** are the *Scriptures given to the Jews* (Rom. 3:1–2).

Now I ask you this: is that your case? Can you answer someone *from the Scriptures*? That's not just “Ruckman” laying some kind of legalistic burden on you. That's a *New Testament commandment* given to any Christian who knows the Lord. It's just as much of a commandment as **“sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.”**

Of course, I know not all Christians are great intellectuals. Not all Christians are even “bookish,” like I am. That doesn't matter, though. The Bible is God Almighty speaking to you, brother, sister. Whether or not you know any other book, you need to know *that Book*.

Donald Grey Barnhouse was a great Presbyterian preacher back in the 1950s and 1960s. He had a layman in his church who was a Bible teacher and knew more of the Bible than Barnhouse himself. One day, Barnhouse and that Bible teacher were riding in a train together. Barnhouse was sitting there reading a newspaper, and the other fellow was sitting there reading his Bible.

At one point, Barnhouse said to his church member, “I wish I knew the Bible as well as you do.”

Without looking up from his Bible, that fellow replied “You won't get it reading the newspaper.”

Christian, you won't learn that Book by reading a newspaper. You won't learn it by watching television. You won't learn it by listening to the radio; these days, not even most “Christian” radio stations. And you certainly won't learn it by fooling around with the “New King Jimmy Version” (*NKJV*) or the “Nutty Idiot's Version” (*NIV*) or the “New Asinine Sapheaded Vision” (*NASV*).

The only way you will ever know the Holy Bible the way you should is by spending time in it: *read* it, *study* it, *memorize* it. Then when you're out on the streets, around your

neighborhood, in the parlor, at the dinner table, in your automobile, and at the supermarket or department stores, *put it to use in witnessing*.

For about 55 years in my ministry, I used to hold all across this nation what I called “*open Bible forums*.” Those were sessions in which any member of the audience could get up and ask me *any* question about *anything* and I would try to give him a Bible answer within five seconds or less. Of course, the explanation might take thirty minutes sometimes and cover several verses (depending on what was asked), but I promised to give the first reference in *five seconds or less*. Of course, occasionally I would get a question that would stump me or would take me more than five seconds to get the first verse, but I could usually do it.

I used to do that within a few miles of Dallas Theological Seminary, Fort Worth Theological Seminary, New Orleans Theological Seminary, Bob Jones University, Tennessee Temple University, Hyles-Anderson College, and about five other Bible schools. The pastors of the churches where I held those meetings invited any member of the faculties of those schools to come (and would pay for their transportation and lodging if necessary) and ask *any* question of me in the Bible forums that they wanted to ask, in *public* before an audience. Moreover, they weren’t limited as to the type of questions they could ask: they could ask about my personal life, about my ministry, about my beliefs (or unbeliefs), about any verse or word in the Bible, or about *anything* they taught or I taught. Did you know that in the 55 years that I did that, NOT ONE teacher from *any* Seminary, Bible Institute, College, or University *ever* showed up—not *any* man or woman between the ages of 18 and 90. My, my, what an opportunity they missed to put “Ruckman” on the spot and make a fool out of him!

Now, I did not get to where I could do those Bible forums by attending Bob Jones University or by getting my Master’s and Doctor’s degrees. I will “let the cat out of the bag,” so to speak, and tell you exactly how I came to be able to do that.

When I was at Bob Jones University, I met a fellow named Glen Schunk. He was a former Catholic from Indiana who had gotten saved and had gone into World War II as a saved man. During the war he had been a machine gunner, but he was a good witness and had led G.I.s to Christ the whole time. He was the one who got me out on the streets of South Carolina preaching, witnessing, and passing out tracts. I got “hooked” good, and I started witnessing somewhere every weekend on my “breaks” from school.

At that time, I was reading my Bible completely through at least twice a month—that was *1,200 pages* each time. I had become familiar with its contents, but out witnessing I was learning how to *use* it in dealing with sinners. Whenever someone would ask me a question in a conversation or in a forum that I couldn’t answer, I would go back to my hotel room or my trailer (where I lived while I attended BJU) or to the farm (where I stayed in the summertime in Alabama), and I would look up the answer in my Bible so I would be able to give the answer the next time the question came up.

I noticed many questions came up on a fairly consistent basis, so I wrote them down in the front of my Bible, along with the *first Scripture reference* that answered the question. From there, I made my own “chain-reference” system throughout my Bible on those questions so I could go from one Scripture to the other without having to recall everything

by memory. Pretty soon, I had so many chain references (more than 23,000 of them by 2010) that I had “chains” crossing “chains.”

By the time I had gone through some of those questions so often, I could take you through the entire chain of them by *memory*. On the lesser asked questions, I could still usually give all the essential verses on the subject.

That was “Ruckman’s” secret to his “open Bible forums.” It had *nothing* to do with my “brilliant intellect” or my “photographic memory” (which I didn’t have). It was the result of long hours of reading and studying on my own, and the constant use of the Scriptures in one-on-one contacts. I did not learn most of those things in school at all. I learned them after the evening services of my meetings, lying around in the bed of my hotel or motel room by myself, going through the Bible again and again *after ten o’clock at night*.

If a man “ministers the word” (and that is the context of 1 Pet. 4:11), he should “**speak as the oracles of God**”—the *Scriptures* (Rom. 3:2). So any time a Christian gets up to minister to someone through his speech, he should speak what the Scriptures say about a matter. The question arises, then: how is a man to “**speak as the oracles of God**” when he has 233 conflicting versions (since 1880) of what the Scriptures say, and *none of them* claim to be “**scripture**” (see 2 Tim. 3:16) by those who say that the only things that are “**scripture**” are the *original autographs*?

Do you see why we keep harping on this matter of final authority? If all you have are 233 *conflicting* versions, translations, and paraphrases, then you don’t have any *Scripture*. If you don’t have any *Scripture*, how are you to obey the commandment to “**speak as the oracles of God**”? *You don’t have them*.

That’s the mess in which your modern Christian finds himself. He can only “**speak as**” the *opinions* of “good, godly scholars” and then decide which opinion of which scholar is right. That is, *he’s* become *his own* final authority; he has actually become *his own god* because the Book he has is subject to *himself* rather than he to the Book.

Now, *I* have “**the holy scriptures**” (Rom. 1:2; 2 Tim. 3:15) in English. The men who taught me at the University of Alabama, the University of Kansas, and Bob Jones University *never had a copy*. *I* have a copy of the Holy Scriptures in English even if *you* don’t. They are called “the Holy Bible containing the Old and New Testaments translated out of the original *tongues*” (NOT “TEXT”). They are “the *Authorized (King James) Version* of the Bible.”

I have the Scriptures. *Do you?*

I not only have “**the Word of God**” (Jesus Christ—Rev. 19:13; 1 John 5:7; John 1:1–3), I have “**the word of God**” (the Bible—Heb. 4:12; Psa. 138:2) and the *words* of God (Psa. 12:6–7; John 8:47, 6:63; Luke 4:4). I have those *words* in English. *Do you?*

When I quote those *words*, I am quoting the “**scripture**” and “**the oracles of God,**” not some “paraphrase” or “version” or “translation.” I can *speak* according to the Scriptures; I can *listen* to the Scriptures; I can *read* the Scriptures; I can *memorize* the Scriptures; I can *preach* and *teach* the Scriptures; I can *hold* the Scriptures in my hands.

The Scripture *I* have “**is given by inspiration of God**” (2 Tim. 3:16). Its “**words**” are

“pure”; they are *preserved* (Psa. 12:6–7). As a result, *my* Scripture, *my* **“oracles of God,”** are infallible and inerrant. The words don’t have to be changed every six months to accommodate a bunch of proud, stupid, sorry, backslidden, lazy *Laodicean apostates* who have no more concern for what God said than if He had never said anything.

Those Scriptures aren’t peculiar to “Ruckman”; they belong to *anyone* who will *believe* them and *study* them. I hope *you* will prove them in *your* case when *you* answer **“every man”** according to **“the oracles of God.”**

The Old Book

Many years ago when he was in his right mind—before he hooked up with Jerry Falwell and the *NKJV*—Wally Criswell said: “The preacher who starts with the word of God in his hands stands upon an invincible, impregnable rock. When you come to my church, it will be a message from THE BOOK.” By “the Book,” Criswell meant the Bible he had in his hands—the *King James 1611 Authorized Version*.

One of these news media clones once said, “Why don’t you Bible believers leave America if you don’t like it so much?” We tell people like that: “We got here first; you leave.” The Pilgrims arrived on these shores with their Bibles in hand for “the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith” (Mayflower Compact). *Not one man* out of the 56 who signed the Declaration of Independence, or the 55 who signed the Constitution, was an *evolutionist*, a *humanist*, an *agnostic*, or an *atheist*—including the two most liberal of the bunch: Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. Every one of them went by the Book, and the Book they went by was the Book they passed a resolution to print and recommend to the American public in 1782: the *King James Version*.

“In days of illusions and utter confusions, we base our conclusions upon our delusions.” That started when the USA dropped the Book.

A man said one time: “We do not believe in everlasting life because we haven’t proved it, but we are forever trying to prove it because we believe in it.” Somebody is having a little problem there. No one has to try to “prove” everlasting life; it has *already* been proven. The One who proved it, did it before 500 eyewitnesses (1 Cor. 15:6), including a doctor of the Law (Paul—Acts 22:3; Phil. 3:5–6) and a registered physician (Luke—Col. 4:14).

Jerry Falwell, before he got big and threw the *King James* Bible out the window, said: “Either this Book is the word of God, or it isn’t. You must accept it or reject it totally. The Bible is the word of God, God’s holy word. No preacher has a right to send down a ruling that contradicts the word of God. Every student at Liberty (that would be Liberty University) is required to read *The Battle for the Bible* by [Harold] Lindsell.”

Of course, no student was permitted to read a book by “Ruckman.” After telling his students that “no human being has a right to change what God said,” Falwell said they should accept a book by Lindsell, who didn’t believe for a minute that the *King James* Bible was infallible, but they shouldn’t buy Ruckman’s books because he actually stands by the *AV*. Nevertheless, he goes on.

“Our English ministry is in this Book, the word of God. Whenever you are reading something beyond this Book (and he was holding up a *King James* Bible when he said that), be sure it agrees with this Book, or it isn’t worth your reading time.”

That would be the work by Lindsell he just recommended. That would also be everybody like Lindsell. That would be every member of the Alexandrian Cult, the ones who changed every word in the *King James* Bible they didn’t like—over 36,000 in the

NASV and 64,000 in the NIV.

My, how Jerry changed through the years! Do you reckon he was maturing or progressing?

Do you know what's in that Book? It says the time of one's death *can be known*; as Paul (2 Tim. 4:6), Aaron (Num. 20:24–28), Moses (Deut. 32:49–50), Christ (Mark 8:31), and Peter (2 Pet. 1:14) knew it. It also says the time of one's death is *usually unknown*; as in the cases of David (1 Sam. 20:3), Isaac (Gen. 27:2), and John Wesley (who wrote his own epitaph at 51 but did not die until 83). One's time of death can be *postponed* (Exod. 20:12; Deut. 25:15; Psa. 34:12; Prov. 3:1–2), or death can be *premature* (Eccl. 7:17). The time of one's death is *controlled by God* (Job 14:5; Luke 12:20).

When you have a Bible, you have a Book that tells you about the cause and consequences of sin (see James 1:14–15). Sin brings alienation from God (Eph. 2:12), a darkened understanding (Eph. 4:18), spiritual blindness (2 Cor. 4:4), carnal dispositions (Gal. 5:19–21), evil thoughts (Matt. 15:19–23) subjection to Satanic control (John 8:44; 2 im. 2:25–26), and spiritual, physical, and eternal death (Eph. 2:1; Rom. 5:12; Rev. 20:14). The same Book tells you about the source of salvation and Christian maturity: receiving Christ (John 1:12), the New Birth (John 3:3–6), prayer (Phil. 4:6), teaching and preaching the Bible (Matt. 28:19–20; Mark 16:15), fellowship with Christ (1 John 1:3), chastisement from God (Heb. 12:5–10), and how to handle circumstances (1 Pet. 5:7; 1 Thess. 5:15–22).

A child asked his mother one time about the family Bible: “Mother, is this God's Book?” “Certainly,” she replied. “Then I think we better send it back to Him because nobody around here uses it,” the boy said.

After I was saved in 1949, I ran into a poem about the Bible by John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1891) which I wrote down in my notebook because of its application to my own personal experience. You see, I wasn't raised in a “Christian home.” I was raised in an *Episcopalian* home. I wasn't Scripturally baptized until after I was born again, but I was sprinkled as a baby without any New Birth.

I came from a family that never had prayer or “family altar” at all. Nobody in it believed the Bible either. My father was an agnostic with an IQ of 150; he graduated from MIT in Boston.

In my search for truth before I was saved, I was a confirmed member of the Episcopalian Church. As such, I read and studied philosophers from 1938–1940. When I went overseas after World War II ended, I got involved in trying to attain Nirvana and Samadhi through Zen Buddhism. I went through the *Koran*, the *Analects of Confucius*, the *Bhagavad Gita*, the *Karma Sutra*, the *Tripitaka* (the “Triple Basket”), and the Hindu literature (the *Vedas*, the *Shastas*, and the *Puranas*); and I found nothing.

When I came back to the States, for a while I took Catholic convert courses from Father Sullivan (a Jesuit Ph.D. from Loyola University) at St. Michael's Church here in Pensacola. I still found nothing.

Then I got saved and got in the Book and found the truth of what I'm about to give you. Although it was written many years before I was saved, I had never read it until at

least fifteen years after I became a Christian.

“We search the world for truth.

We cull the good, the true, the beautiful,

From graven stone and written scroll,

And all old flower-fields of the soul;

And, weary seekers of the best,

We come back laden from our quest,

To find that all the sages said

Is in the book our mothers read.”

Of course, my mother didn’t read it, but that was written by a Quaker from Haverhill, Massachusetts whose family came from French Huguenots (like my mother-in-law, Mom May, in Hale County, Alabama). That fellow’s mother raised him on a *King James Bible*, just like you will find all throughout North and South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia.

“The Book our mothers read”—that’s the Book I’ve preached now for 62 years. It had all the answers that I couldn’t find in my search, which had gone “worldwide” through a period of eleven years.

If you want to know the “unpardonable sin” that I’ve committed in the eyes of modern scholarship and the intellectual community (the Alexandrian Cult), I can tell you what it is. You see, I was subjected to the same training to which they were subjected. I was taught exactly what every one of them was taught about the errors in a *King James Bible*. I was given the “party line” on everything they knew about Westcott and Hort’s, Nestles’, and the United Bible Societies’ critical Greek text. I received the same information every one of them received—the ones who messed with that Book or changed that Book or altered that Book. We all got the exact same training; I mean, every “jot and tittle” of the critical apparatus in Nestles’ *Novum Testamentum Graece*.

I did all of that and came out like John Greenleaf Whittier’s mother. Despite my training and education, I came out believing exactly what the mothers and grandmothers in North and South Carolina and Tennessee believed. I came out with “mother’s Book” and stuck with it. That’s my “unpardonable sin.”

After proving that I was a man of some ability and achievements (five earned degrees, founding three local churches from scratch, authoring over 120 books, teaching four or five Seminary courses at the same time, and writing my own textbooks for the subjects), and after being exposed to the exact material which my enemies studied, a “man of my position”—whatever that is—came out believing the old black Book, and they didn’t. That’s my “unpardonable sin.” I owed it to them to believe what they believe. I should have joined them and taken their position against the *Authorized Version* because I had the same education they had and had been exposed to the same material to which they had been exposed. Instead, I think they’re a pack of liars, and I say it publicly. (If you want to see this in detail, get a copy of *The Christian Liar’s Library* and watch me take 320 of these gentlemen who criticize the Book and just strip their shirts, pants, and underwear off

in front of you and leave them standing naked there in their stupidity.)

That's what's wrong with "Ruckman." He should have gone with the majority of educated, intelligent, intellectual people in the scholarly community; and he didn't. Instead, he got stuck up there with "Old Smoky," Bald Mountain, the "Old Man of the Mountain," the moonshiners, and with a preacher named Standburg who taught B. B. Caldwell, Carl Lackey, Maze Jackson, Oliver B. Greene, and J. Harold Smith how to preach.

If the Lord should tarry, when I die, I want somebody to put in my casket a copy of a *King James Bible*. You say, "Which copy?"

Well, my copies that are filled with my notes can be left to my relatives and my boys (one of whom is called to preach). But I would like somebody to take a good, old-fashioned Gideon Bible (and don't give me one that's a *New King James Version*, or I'll ask God to let me come back from the dead and smack you in the face) and put it in my coffin.

When you get to sticking up for the *King James Bible*, you always have some smart aleck ask: "Which edition do you mean?" The one I have in my hand! And usually the one I'll have in my hand will be a Gideon Bible because I've got about twenty of them in my house.

The *King James Authorized Version of 1611*—this year it's 400 years old. That's "the old, old Book."

"Get the new look from the *old Book*;

Get the new look from the Bible.

Get the new look from the *old Book*;

Get the new look from God's word.

It's the inward look, the outward look,

The upward look from the *old, old Book*.

Get the new look from the *old Book*;

Get the new look from God's word."

I got it! I got it! I've got "the old, old Book" right here in my hands. If you don't, I do.

The Seven Commandments

Nearly any Bible believer is familiar with the Ten Commandments as they are given for the first time in the Old Testament in Exodus 20:1–17. Those are the Ten that are changed by the Catholic Church to justify the “veneration” of images: they get rid of the second commandment (“**Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image**”) and split the tenth one (“**Thou shalt not covet**”) into two so there will be Ten. Those are the Ten that the NEA, the ACLU, and the Supreme Court got kicked out of the Federal (“public”) schools so they could get in cursing, murder, drugs, fornication, sodomy, cross-dressing, witchcraft, rape, assault, and make your children the wards of the State instead of you as parents. They were removed because children might read them and think about obeying them. There was a judge in Alabama a few years back who was removed from office for posting the Ten Commandments in his courtroom because they might influence juries to *enforce the law* against criminals.

Now, there are many references to the Ten Commandments elsewhere in the Scripture. They are repeated by Moses in the “second giving of the Law” (Deut. 5:6–21). Christ used them in dealing with the rich young ruler (Matt. 19:17–19); in Romans 13:9, Paul quotes a portion of them that apply to the New Testament Christian. These are the laws which are written in the hearts of the “heathen who’ve never heard” so that “**their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another**” (Rom. 2:14-15).

But while many Christians are familiar with the Ten Commandments, few are acquainted with seven commandments about the Book from which the “Ten” come. There are seven commandments in the Scriptures that deal with the Bible itself, the collection of 66 books that make up what are called “**the holy scriptures**” (Rom. 1:2; 2 Tim. 3:15) in the Scriptures. We call them “the Holy Bible.” Those seven commandments tell the Christian exactly what to do with his Bible. We reproduce them here so you will read them and never forget them.

I. You are to *read* the Scriptures.

“**Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and READ**” (Isa. 34:16).

II. You are to *study* the Scriptures.

“**STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth**” (2 Tim. 2:15).

The new “Bibles” have removed the word “**study**” so that the Christian no longer has a command from his Lord to “**study ... the word of truth.**” As a consequence, you are living in the most Biblically illiterate age since the Roman Catholic Dark Ages.

III. You are to *search* the Scriptures.

“**SEARCH the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are**

they which testify of me” (John 5:39).

The modern versions have changed the verse so that it is no longer a command. So in the “clearer” and “more accurate” translations, there are no commands to *study* or *search* your Bible. But the Scriptures say about the Bereans: **“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY, whether those things were so”** (Acts 17:11).

IV. You ought to *memorize* the Scriptures.

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Psa. 119:11).

V. You are commanded to *obey* the Scriptures.

“But this thing commanded I them, saying, OBEY MY VOICE, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you” (Jer. 7:23).

VI. You are to *meditate* on the Scriptures.

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt MEDITATE therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success” (Josh. 1:8).

VII. You are commanded to *preach* the Scriptures.

“PREACH THE WORD; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Tim. 4:2).

Those are the seven commandments in the word of God for the child of God about the Scriptures. Are you keeping the “Seven Commandments”?

The Little Black Book

Part 1

The expression “your little black book” comes from the fact that for 400 years now, the standard way of publishing *King James* Bibles was with black covers. Black, of course, is a symbol of *death*. For many years, the pages had red edges on them, signifying *Christ’s blood*; that was replaced by gold edges, indicating Christ’s Deity.

The “little black book” is the only book in the world that can do seven things for a man when he reads it that no other book ever written can do.

1) *It is the only book that can give you a reasonable explanation for the origins of the universe and man.* If you want to mess up an evolutionist, just ask him why everything that *evolves dies*. He can’t answer it; Darwin couldn’t even suggest a theory. I mean, if everything is naturally getting better and better, then how is it that everything (men, beasts, and plants) still *drops dead* to the tune of at least 100 million times a day? After ten billion years of evolution, shouldn’t *something* have “evolved” that *won’t die*? The evolutionary theory doesn’t even attempt to explain it; it just pretends it doesn’t happen.

2) *It can take away the fear of death and replace it with the knowledge of eternal life.* No other book can unless it borrowed (or *stole!*) its material from the “little black Book.” Hebrews 2:15 says that Jesus Christ came to “**deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**” The old Easter hymn says, “Death cannot keep its prey—Jesus, my Saviour! He tore the bars away—Jesus, my Lord!”

Stephen didn’t fear death (Acts 7:55–60). Paul didn’t fear death (Acts 21:13; 2 Tim. 4:6–8). Peter didn’t fear death (2 Pet. 1:13–14); neither did James (Acts 12:1–2) or John (Rev. 1:9). Neither did D. L. Moody, Billy Sunday, John Wesley, George Whitefield, Martin Luther, Queen Victoria, nor millions of others who read and believed the “little black Book.”

3) *It can turn cowards into heroes and drunkards into saints.* And here there would be too many to mention. If I counted the criminals who have been saved in just my prison meetings alone—and I am just one little speck on this planet—it would be a minimum of 3,000 men. I have seen men saved who have been involved in everything from drugs, rape, and murder to pederasty, fraud, kidnapping, embezzlement, and robbery. I have seen them transformed into responsible citizens; many of them were called to preach and entered the ministry.

That change was accomplished without the aid or advice of any doctor, Bishop, Pope, philosopher, scientist, professor, or “religion.” Every major religion on earth teaches that *you have to do something* to be saved or become a saint, but throughout the centuries the transformation of literally hundreds of millions of sinners has taken place by them accepting what *Somebody else did for them*.

4) *It makes death a joyful anticipation for the Christian.* No other book or religion does. When it's done by a bunch of fakirs who pretend they would be glad to die for Allah because they get to shack up with 72 virgins in Paradise, they never have any songs about it. For the Christian, death is a joyful thing that brings him into the presence of his Saviour. That joy and anticipation is such that it has produced a minimum of 600 songs about ending up in Heaven ("crossing Jordan," "Beulah Land," "the land of fadeless day," "pearly white city," etc.) and seeing Jesus Christ face to face. These are the joyful songs of people who look forward to leaving this world in which they are "**strangers and pilgrims**" (1 Pet. 2:11) and winding up at home with the Lord. There are no songs like that about Mohammed or Buddha. When you see the pitiful songs composed about "Mary," you realize that the Catholics are just kidding themselves; those songs don't even make up a handful. People sing about what makes them happy, and there is nothing that Mary, Mohammed, or Buddha ever did to produce that kind of joy in their followers. The Apostle to the Gentiles (Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, and the Americas) said:

"We are confident, I say, and WILLING RATHER to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8).

"For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; WHICH IS FAR BETTER" (Phil. 1:23).

That condition has never been improved upon by any philosopher, intellectual, religious leader, or "prophet."

5) *It proclaims terrible judgment on a sinner but yet makes a way for him to escape it.* The "little black Book" describes the most terrible thing that can happen to anybody on this earth, of any religion, color, size, shape, sex, image, or social status. It speaks of a place where a man burns in complete darkness forever and can't get any help or mercy from God for eternity. Yet the same Book offers man eternal life free for *absolutely nothing*—no alms, no prayers, no baptism, no church membership or attendance, no good works whatsoever. The Redeemer paid the sin debt for the sinner and took everything that sinner would have suffered in Hell. All the sinner has to do is accept what that Saviour did as a *free gift*.

6) *It alone reveals the fulness of the love of God completely.* The *Koran* doesn't touch the edges of it; Joseph Smith's *Book of Mormon* is a sad joke; Mary Baker Eddy's *Key to the Scriptures* is a complete blank. Mohammed's god was so unholy that even though he said that when a man sins he doesn't sin against Allah just himself (Sura 4:110), Allah still sends a man to Hell who never sinned against him (Sura 19:70). When it comes to the love of God, Islam is a horse laugh (or perhaps more appropriately a *camel laugh*). Mohammed's god never loved any man enough to do *anything* for him: "Allah" never took a beating, he never suffered as a man, he never cried, he never was tired or hungry, he never was betrayed by a friend, and he never died for anybody's sins (Sura 4:157). What Allah knew about man personally and experientially wasn't enough to qualify him to judge men, much less love them (see Acts 17:31; Phil. 2:5–8; 1 John 4:10).

7) *It does away with any excuse not to be saved.* The "little black Book" offers free salvation to anybody who will accept it by faith, and in case you have a little trouble with the Hebrew and Greek, the English calls salvation "**the free gift**" in the English (Rom.

5:16–18). The “little black Book” says:

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17).

“Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls” (James 1:21).

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

Simon Peter said, **“Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE”** (John 6:68).

So what excuse does a man have for not being saved? *There is no excuse.* The New Testament is very clear on this matter.

“God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; AS IT IS WRITTEN [“put it down in your little black Book”—Rom. 3:2], That thou mightest be justified IN THY SAYINGS [the ones in the “little black Book”], and mightest overcome when thou are judged” (Rom. 3:4).

Do you know why that Book has a black cover representing death? It’s to remind you that you’re going to die and face your Creator some day. It’s to remind you of the **“second death”** that awaits you if you die in your sins (Rev. 20:14–15). It’s to remind you of the One who made your redemption possible by His death in your place. That’s what your Creator and Redeemer put down in His “little black Book.”

The Little Black Book

Part 2

In the last issue of the *Bulletin*, we started talking about God's "little black Book," the Holy Bible; specifically, the *Authorized King James Version*. We take *that* Book to be "**the holy scriptures**" (Rom. 1:2) in English. We are never talking about the "original manuscripts" or the "original text."

It is the world's *most published* book, going into over a billion copies before 1960 and being translated into more than 160 major languages and 200 dialects. It is the *most criticized, most controversial, and most discussed* book on which you will ever get your hands. It is the *most counterfeited* book, with 233 corrupt versions of it coming off the press since 1880. It is the *most memorized* book in any language; the expressions of the *King James* Bible have been so ingrained in our culture that people quote the Book without even knowing it. But out of the more than 23 million books in the Library of Congress, it is the *most condemned* and *most forbidden* book that has ever shown up on the planet.

At present, the government of the United States plans to ban the Book (along with the names *God* and *Jesus Christ*) from all its institutions, including the family. As anyone knows, the first "plank" of Karl Marx's *Communist Manifesto* is to get rid of all private property: all property is eventually to wind up in the hands of the Federal government. That means that all property would be subject to the same regulations placed right now on the Federal (formerly public) school system. The movement in America today is toward making the whole country *secularistic, humanistic, and atheistic*.

Right now, you are forbidden to talk about God and Jesus Christ, from a Biblical perspective, in any Federal establishment: that would be your public schools, your military, and your courthouses and government buildings. Once all property ends up in the hands of the government, then all property is *Federal property*, and the Bible, God, and Jesus Christ can be forbidden just as they are in the public schools and courthouses. That's what Lenin and Stalin did in Russia, and what Mao Tse-tung did in China.

How is this accomplished? The President and Congress implement laws and policies that *bankrupt the country*. Then the government comes along and bails everyone out, making the land the property of the Federal government because the government paid for it. That's a communist set-up like that of Mao, Stalin, Lenin, and Castro; it's not true "Marxism" at all.

The real problem that America faces (that is *never* mentioned by the news media) is the intent of both political parties (Republican and Democrat) to get rid of the Book. The *Christian scholars* pioneered this for the politicians back in 1880. England dumped the Book in 1885 (*RV*), and America dumped it in 1901 (*ASV*). Monumental efforts by the politicians have been made in getting rid of the Book, but they were instigated and

encouraged by the Christian scholars, teachers, and leaders.

Of course, this is all prophesied in God's "little black Book." In Revelation 3:8, you were told that only one church kept the word of God (the Reformation church of the Philadelphia church period, 1500–1900), and the rest of them *didn't*. The church that prepares the way for the Antichrist (Laodicea—Rev. 3:14–22) is *apostate* (see 2 Thess. 2:3). The Apostle Paul warned the Body of Christ about them in 1 Timothy 4:1–2 and 2 Timothy 3:1–7; he warned you that those apostates would be *Bible teachers* (2 Tim. 4:1–4).

The real problem is the Book. The world will never breathe a deep sigh of relief until they have gotten rid of it. The problem is how to do that.

The world loves to find fault with the Holy Bible. It is a hypercritical attitude toward God's authority which originated in Genesis 3. It is the first problem in the Bible: "**Yea, hath God said ... ?**" (Gen. 3:1). The first problem that shows up in that Book is *questioning what God said*. That's what the scholars have been doing since 1880.

What has been going on since 1880 is that while the pastors and congregations of local churches were engaged in combat on the field, the scholars and faculty members of the Christian Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries back in the "rear echelons" did their dirty work in the classrooms where they couldn't be recorded or taped. They caused the young men they trained to find fault with the Book, and when those young men went out into the ministry as pastors, teachers, and evangelists, they passed that hypercritical attitude toward the Scriptures (*AV* 1611) on to their congregations. That's how you got three generations of Christians in this country to trade in their *King James* Bibles for a load of Alexandrian *hogslop* (*RSV, NRSV, NASV, NIV, NKJV, TLB, NLT, GNB, NEB, NCV, ESV, etc.*).

This hypercritical, negative attitude that finds fault with the *King James* Bible is due to "**evil communications**" (1 Cor 15:33): *bad company* and *bad literature*. In the back of the *Ruckman Reference Bible*, you will find some appendices that are very informative in this regard. In Appendix 21, you will find a section called "Champions of the Holy Bible"; that is a list of men that if you followed them and their teachings, you would come out believing the Book. Over in Appendix 61, there is a section called "Sampling of Apostate Laodiceans"; if you followed those men, you would come out not believing any Bible is "**the holy scriptures**" (2 Tim. 3:15). "Bad company will smut you every time."

In Appendix 27, you will find two lists. One is the "Bible Believer's Bibliography." It is a list of books that will build up your faith in the *Authorized Version* of the Holy Bible. Then there is "The Unbeliever's Bibliography"; it is what I call "the official Laodicean library." It is a collection of works whose sole purpose is to replace faith in what God said with faith in the *opinions of scholars*—"Scholarship Onlyism." "Keep an open mind, and someone will dump some garbage in it."

This attack on the *King James Version* of the Holy Bible is marked by an all-consuming desire to prove to the Body of Christ that the scholars are able to correct what God said in His Book; therefore, the scholars are entitled to as much honor and respect as God Himself. It is a paranoid, egomaniacal exhibition of the old, Adamic nature in the Christian. It is the same kind of spirit that leads a Roman Catholic Archbishop to take one

rank higher than the Lord Jesus Christ (see 2 Pet. 2:25, where Jesus Christ is called a **“Bishop”**); and if that weren’t enough, just to make sure you understand that they are entitled to as much honor and respect as God Almighty, the wine-drinking, Bible-rejecting, blasphemous Popes all claimed the title reserved for God the Father: **“Holy Father”** (see John 17:11).

All of these attacks on the “little black Book” come from a laziness and a willful ignorance that will not **“search the scriptures”** (John 5:39; Acts 17:11). The biggest reason for this is that no major Christian leader has ever seen a verse of Scripture. They all teach that the Scriptures which were **“given by inspiration of God”** (2 Tim. 3:16) are only the “original autographs,” and of course, none of them have ever seen or read a copy of the “originals.”

They forgot that *Jesus Christ* had the Scriptures that He used as the final authority, and they weren’t the “originals” (Luke 4:17–21). The Bereans **“searched the scriptures”** (Acts 17:11), and they didn’t have one original autograph of anything in Genesis through Malachi. If that weren’t enough, the Ethiopian eunuch was reading the Scripture in Isaiah 53 (Acts 8:32), and he didn’t have the original of Isaiah any more than Christ did back in Luke 4. Timothy read from **“the holy scriptures”** from the time he was **“a child”** (2 Tim. 3:15), and he didn’t have any “original manuscripts” or “autographs” or any other “originals.” Nobody in the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, James, Peter, Jude, et. al.) had any “original” of any Old Testament book; and yet they all had the Scriptures, read the Scriptures, searched the Scriptures, studied the Scriptures, quoted the Scriptures, preached the Scriptures, and believed the Scriptures; and **“ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God”** (2 Tim. 3:16).

So this is a willful ignorance among scholars. They will not deal with the Book they are tearing up; they don’t even know where the verses are. They absolutely refuse to give the *AV* the benefit of the doubt, but they will give themselves the benefit of the doubt every time. That is what creates the problem with these apostates.

For example, no one who ever corrected the *AV* Holy Bible (not one scholar or translator behind any revision or any edition, published by anyone) ever spent one minute in the introduction talking about the “fruits” of the new versions as compared with the “fruits” of the *King James*. Jesus Christ told you the test of “a good tree” and “a bad tree” (Matt. 17:17–19): He said, **“by their fruits ye shall know them”** (Matt. 7:20). The scholars, revisers, and translators just pretend Jesus Christ never said that verse.

Furthermore, you will never see a discussion from then on: **“a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump”** (1 Cor. 5:6; Gal. 5:9). And if that were not enough, to the amazement of anybody who has studied the Bible, after reading and studying in the Book where every dispensation ends in apostasy (including the Millennium–Rev. 20), these fellows don’t have one word to say about the end of the Church Age. They teach that the church just before the Rapture (Laodicea) ends with better “Bibles” than the church that kept God’s word (Philadelphia). Do you know what you end up with? You end up with a **“man”** (2 Thess. 2:3) who is Satan incarnate (2 Thess. 2:7–9), who has over 233 corrupt translations in the universal language of the end times (*English*) promoting and pushing his work (see Gail Riplinger’s book *New Age Bible Versions*).

What has gone wrong, that has created the condition in which America presently finds itself, is an absolute refusal to deal with the facts. The apostate Christians live in a Disneyland dream world of Tinkerbell and Alice in Wonderland. *What are the fruits of the King James?*

You say, “Well, none of them claimed it was inspired, so it couldn’t be inspired.” I am not talking about that. Why are you trying to avoid the truth? I am asking you about the truth of *history*. Do you know the history of the Bible? Then, *what are the fruits of the King James Bible?*

Do you know anything about them at all? Do you know what the fruits of the *RV* in 1885 were in England? Do you know what fruit the *ASV* of 1901 produced in America? Do you know the consequences of all the godless slop put out since 1952 (*RSV*)? *What are the fruits?*

You mean to tell me that the “cause” is not connected to the “effect”? Do you mean to tell me that after selling over a billion copies before 1960, you don’t know the fruits of the world’s best seller? Where did you go to school? With Obama in Kenya or Indonesia?

Somewhere along the line, all the Christians have forgotten that all “godly Fundamentalists” have an old nature (Rom. 6–7). All “godly Fundamentalists” sin, regardless of their “secondary separation.” These people, who have led you right up to the edge of the Bottomless Pit right before the Antichrist shows up, are guilty of *lying* (Rom. 16:18; Prov. 30:6; Jer. 23:26) and *infidelity* (1 Thess. 2:13; Luke 24:25; John 5:46–47). They manifest “**the pride of life**” (1 John 2:16 cf. Rom. 12:16; Luke 10:21). They show that they fear man rather than fearing God (Prov. 29:25; Mark 4:17; Jer 17:5).

Their personality in the classroom is that of a super fleshy egotist (3 John 9; Jude 16). They have perverted the word of God now for over 130 years (Jer. 23:30, 36; 2 Cor. 2:17). They have taught rebellion against God (1 Kings 13:21; Gen. 3:1–6). They all “walk by sight” (2 Cor 5:7 cf. Heb. 11:1).

Their teachings have split churches all over America (cf. John 7:42–43). They have probably put young men out of the ministry at the rate of better than 5,000 a year for the last 130 years. No Fundamental scholar can be “recognized” until he publicly attacks the *King James* text; this proves that it is the highest authority on earth. All the Fundamentalists who correct it are just following “Mother Eve” (see Gen. 3:3 cf. 2:16–17). They desire to “play God” for the Church.

The real reason they brag about the “verbal plenary inspiration” of the originals is *cowardice*. They are afraid to defend the text of the *King James* Bible before a bunch of lost highly educated infidels, so they retreat to “original autographs” that cannot be produced and therefore cannot be refuted one way or another. It is desertion in combat.

In our next article, we will give you the alibis used by these apostates for changing God’s “little black Book” in from 500 (*NKJV*) to 36,000 (*NASV*) to 64,000 (*NIV*) places.

The Little Black Book

Part 3

In the last two issues of the Bulletin, we have been discussing God's "little black Book"—the *King James Authorized Version* of the Holy Bible. We have looked at what the "little black Book" can do that no other book in the world can do, and we have examined why the world and Christian scholarship work night and day to get rid of it.

Now, this collection of Evangelical, Conservative, and Fundamental scholars and Bible teachers who lie about the Book, attack the Book, change the Book, pervert the Book, and corrupt the Book, we call the "Alexandrian Cult." They operate in all Christian institutions of higher learning no matter what their profession of faith. You can find a list of their beliefs printed in every issue of the *Bible Believer's Bulletin* for the last 33 years. It is called "the Creed of the Alexandrian Cult"—*read it*.

The alibis used by these depraved sinners (I have listed 320 for you in *The Christian Liar's Library*, and at least 300 of them are Premillennialists) are as follows:

1) *Godly men often change the text.* That is, you should commit adultery because David did and he was "godly"; you should get drunk because Noah did and he was "godly"; you should lie because Abraham did and he was "godly." Do you see the reasoning? Their alibi for changing your Bible is that they can find a few times where Spurgeon, Torrey, or Scofield did it, and they were "godly," weren't they? In other words, they want to *hide behind other men's sins*.

2) *Only the originals were inspired.* Chapter and verse? You won't find it anywhere in any edition of any Bible in any language that has ever been printed. They'll give you 2 Timothy 3:16 as the "proof-text" for that alibi; but they'll ignore the context in 2 Timothy 3:15. The "**all scripture**" that Paul said "**is given by inspiration of God**" included "**the holy scriptures**" that Timothy knew "**from a child.**" Why, Timothy had no originals of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, the Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, etc. Yet Timothy had "**the holy scriptures,**" and "**all scripture is given by inspiration of God.**" Ditto Jesus Christ (Luke 4), the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8), and the Bereans (Acts 17).

3) *The Textus Receptus manuscripts are unreliable because there are variations in them.* All manuscript families have variations in them. Why, *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus* differ more than 3,000 times between themselves in the Gospels alone. You say, "Well, when Erasmus, Colinaeus, Stephanus, Beza, and Elzevir disagree among themselves, how do you know which reading is right?" God the Holy Spirit let you know the correct text by the one on which He put His approval—the *King James Authorized Version* of 1611 (cf. Jer. 36:32).

4) *There was no Textus Receptus until Elzevir.* That's an old trick used by the

Hyperdispensationalists: a thing doesn't exist until it shows up; there is nothing in my pocket until I pull it out and show it to you. Nonsense! According to that logic, there must not have been any Alexandrian text until 1880 because Hort hadn't shown up yet. The term *Textus Receptus* ("Received Text") was placed on the text because it was the Greek text of the New Testament that had been accepted as the true text by the Body of Christ from ancient times.

5) *The AV translators were baby sprinklers and pro-Catholics.* We weren't interested in the translators anyway; we were interested in *what they produced*. Why did the apostates run from the issue? The issue was the *text of the King James Bible*, not what the translators thought or believed. Why did the cult members run out the door when the issue was brought up.

Suppose the *KJV* translators were baby sprinklers and pro-Catholic? Do you know who built Bob Jones University, Liberty University, and Hyles-Anderson College? Three men who used the *AV* all their lives; they never let the baby sprinkling, pro-Catholic (if there were any) translators affect them a bit.

These hypocrites claim that when Erasmus published his edition of the *Receptus* that it was a Catholic text because Erasmus was a Catholic who never left the Catholic Church; therefore, if you stand by the *King James Bible*, you are standing by the Roman Catholic Church. *Sheer flaming ignorance!* The Council of Trent stated that no Christian had any right to read any Bible except a Catholic Bible (and then only by the permission of the Bishop), and that no Catholic was allowed to read any Bible translated from Erasmus' Greek text. That would include Martin Luther's German *Heilige Schrift* and the *King James Version*. Evidently, neither Erasmus nor the *King James* translators were very good Catholics, I don't guess.

6) *Good men recommend other translations.* That's is, since a man like Billy Graham recommends some other piece of junk, he couldn't be wrong, could he? Of course he could be wrong; he could be 100% wrong! "Good, godly" men have been known to lie (Abraham and Joseph); they've been known to murder (Moses); they've been known to let pagans worship them instead of God (Daniel—see Dan. 2:46); they've been known to deliberately reject the revealed will of God (Paul—Acts 21:10–14); they've been known to complain about the ministry and quit (Jeremiah); they've been known to die drunk in a cave after committing incest with their own daughters (Lot—2 Pet. 2:7–8). And someone like Billy Graham couldn't be wrong in recommending a piece of garbage as a "Bible"?

7) *Luther's text doesn't match the text of the King James Version.* Which means what? Do you think God was limited to just two languages—Hebrew and Greek? He spoke in more than sixteen of them at Pentecost (Acts 2:8–11). Why, Psalm 18 and 2 Samuel 22 were both "original autographs," and they don't match word for word. What makes you think two translations of the correct Greek text would have to.

These godless, depraved, apostate Alexandrians bring these things up so you won't hold up that *King James Bible* as the *final authority* in all matter of faith and practice. *They* want to be the final authority; they want you to come to *them* for what God said and what He didn't.

8) *What about all the people who don't speak English?* Another alibi. The idea is that

because there are all these other languages on earth, the Lord wouldn't single out just an English *AV* as the final authority. Why, you silly jackass, three-quarters of your Bible was originally written in Hebrew, and that's never been the native tongue of even 1% of the world. Why don't these apostates complain about *that*? You could make the same argument about the New Testament in Greek. It is *English* that is the universal language in this century. What a dirty trick to make everyone get a Hebrew and Greek text when the whole world can now understand the universal language of the end time.

9) *Ruckman thinks he's right and everybody else is wrong.* It has never happened. All you have to do is pick up a *Ruckman Reference Bible* to see what "Ruckman" thought. "Ruckman" thinks *the Book is right* and everybody else is wrong. When "Ruckman" believes something to be absolutely so, he will quote what the Book says about it when he says it; nothing will be left up to opinion or guesswork.

10) *Nobody believes what Ruckman believes.* Well, that just shows the lying nature of these hypocritical crooks. They don't blush when they lie; it doesn't upset them a bit. They are pathological; they lie continually and just brush it off.

Nobody believes what Ruckman believes, do they? William Lloyd Phelps, the professor of English literature at Yale University in 1923, said he had no doubt the *AV* was inspired and that it was better than the Bible in Greek and Hebrew or any other language (May 1989 *BBB*). In 1920, W. B. Riley said the *AV* was a perfect Bible and "handed down from Heaven" (Sept. 1991, *BBB*). In 1890, De Witte Talmage said he considered the *KJV* "to be a perfect Bible" (Nov. 1989 *BBB*). You can get all the articles in Volume I of *Twenty-two Years of the Bible Believer's Bulletin*. Up until about World War II, every saved person in America (and almost every unsaved person) thought the *King James* Bible was the only true word of God (Nov. 1989 *BBB*). It was the faculties and staffs of the Christian schools who taught folks *not* to believe it.

11) *Erasmus had only late manuscripts for his Greek text, on which the King James was based.* The truth of the matter was that Erasmus had Jerome's Latin *Vulgate*. *The Vulgate has the readings of Vaticanus and Sinaiticus in it.* That is, Erasmus had access to the material that was in the "early manuscripts" from the Fourth Century. Why didn't they tell you that? Because they are rotten, crooked, pathological *liars*. They have an incurable disease called "Ruckmanitis."

12) *The archaic words in the AV need to be updated.* When you actually consider such an asinine statement, that's a never-ending excuse to change the Book. They have "updated" your Bible 233 times since 1880; that's better than twice a year. Are you telling me the Bible gets "archaic" every six months?! They use the same excuse for every new version they put out, and they only compare them all with *one Book*, and it is never the version that immediately preceded the current one they are trying to foist on a bunch of suckers. Every new "Bible" that hits the market compares itself to a Book that was put out 400 years ago. Imagine that.

You are dealing with a bunch of cockeyed nuts who are just as looney as a gooney bird. You couldn't fool an idiot with an IQ of fifty with a line like that, but you could fool a bunch of stupid Christians. Folks, all somebody is trying to do is sell Bibles; haven't you got that figured out? Nobody is updating anything. All they are doing is changing the

wording for the umpteenth time and telling you it is “new” to bilk you out of a few more dollars.

13) *The new Bibles are from better manuscripts.* The answer to that is BALONEY. *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus* are two of the most grossly corrupted and poorly copied manuscripts known to textual critics. When these lying apostates say they are better, they mean they have prettier handwriting and that they are better preserved because they were written on expensive vellum and then never used. Both manuscripts contain the Apocrypha as *part* of the Old Testament (not stuck *between* the Testaments as recommended reading as Luther and the *AV* translators did). All the people who brag and boast about *Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus* being “superior manuscripts” don’t dare print what’s actually in them. But such is the way of these backslidden, stupid, idiotic, proud, stubborn, counterfeiting, fleshy, carnal “godly scholars” who have put out 233 corrupt translations since 1880.

Listen, brethren! changing what God said is an operation of the old, Adamic nature in a man. All “godly men” have an old nature. The sins of a “godly man” are not to be copied or committed based solely on the reputation of that man. That’s a man-made doctrine found nowhere in either Testament: it is pure legendary, mythological *fiction*.

The variations between the different editions of the “*TR*” or the *King James* are not in the least like the differences in the manuscripts used to correct the *AV* and produce junk like the *NASV*, *NIV*, *ESV*, etc. Erasmus and Elzevir will vary less in 120 years than *Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus* do in twenty.

Our faith in the *AV* has nothing to do with their lack of theological understanding in certain matters. After all, who doesn’t know that Westcott, Hort, Nestle, and Schaff were baby sprinklers just like the Episcopalians among the *KJV* translators. No, our faith in the *AV* is contingent on the translators’ attitudes toward Origen, Jerome, and the Pope (whom they called “the man of sin” in their Epistle Dedicatory), and toward the value they placed on the words of God in the Holy Scriptures.

Good men often fall in line with Satan for *monetary* reasons (take Achan and Demas, for example). The term *good* does not mean “inerrant”; the term *godly* does not mean “infallible.” Nobody in the Alexandrian Cult or the Scholars’ Union will recognize a man as a “good, godly scholar” until he questions what God said in the *AV* Holy Bible.

There are not more than fifty truly archaic words in the *King James*, and none of them obscure one fundamental doctrine of the faith. The excuse for accepting all the new “Bibles” is that they “don’t change one fundamental doctrine.” Well, “what’s good for the goose is good for the gander”: neither does the *King James*, so why not keep it. Any honest man knows that you don’t have to change the *AV* to “update” fifty words in the text. All you have to do is put a note in the margin giving the updated meaning of an archaic word. I put out a reference Bible, and there weren’t a hundred of the marginal references that dealt with the archaic meanings of words. I didn’t have to change one word in the *AV* text to do that.

Those are the alibis the apostate brethren use for changing God’s “little black Book.” If you want more details you can get *The Christian’s Handbook of Manuscript Evidence*, *The Christian’s Handbook of Biblical Scholarship*, *The “Errors” in the King James Bible*,

The Last Grenade, The Christian Liar's Library, The Scholarship Only Controversy, and King James Onlyism vs. Scholarship Onlyism. As for me, I will stick by the "little black Book." It has gotten me safely through the last 62 years, and I am betting my soul that it will get me safely home to Glory.

"Put that down in your little black book."

The Holy Scriptures

If you want to know how to spot any modern apostate (say, like John R. Rice, Curtis Hutson, or Shelton Smith), look at how he avoids using the word *Scripture* when speaking of a *King James Bible*. Recently, Shelton Smith—after finally seeing on which side his bread was buttered after we had kicked his slats out for about twenty years—finally made some statements where he *almost* said it, but *not quite*.

People like Shelton Smith have a nice little way of getting around the truth. They say, “We believe that God has preserved His Word,” which is actually saying nothing. The word *Word* (capital W), when referring to the Bible, is a Neo-orthodox designation invented by Barth and Brunner meaning “the MESSAGE of the Bible,” not the individual WORDS.

When we talk about “the preserved word of God,” we are not talking about any “fundamentals,” “principles,” or some nebulous Neo-orthodox “message” found in the Bible. We are talking about the W-O-R-D-S of the Scriptures. The promise of the preservation of the Scriptures, as found in the Scriptures, is this:

“The WORDS of the LORD are pure WORDS [not just “the word” or even “the Word”] ... Thou shalt keep THEM [“the WORDS”], O LORD, thou shalt preserve THEM [“the WORDS,” not “the word”] from this generation for ever” (Psa. 12:6–7).

So when we talk about “the preservation of the word of God,” we are not talking about the same thing at all. We are talking about the individual words as recorded in a Book, the Holy Bible. It is called the Holy Bible because in the Scriptures it is called **“the holy scriptures”** (see Rom. 1:2; 2 Tim. 3:15).

The way to spot these hypocrites is simple. Get them to say that they have a copy of the Holy Scriptures and it’s a *King James Bible*, or that the Holy Bible is the *King James Bible* because it’s the Holy Scriptures. They won’t say it “for love nor money.” They will say *anything but that*. They will say, “The Bible is the holy Word of God,” or “the Bible is God’s Word,” or “the Bible is the greatest book in the world,” or “the Bible is the preserved Word of God”; but they won’t say the *King James Version* is the Holy Scriptures because if they did, they know you’d catch them in a BALD-FACED LIE!

You see, every one of these apostate hypocrites teach that when Paul wrote **“all SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God”** in 2 Timothy 3:16, that that’s a reference only to *the original autographs*. But look at the verse right before it (after all, a text without a context is a pretext):

“And that from a child thou hast known the holy SCRIPTURES, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation” (2 Tim. 3:15).

That is where the whole crew of apostates go right to the bottom of Davey Jones’ locker. The word *Scripture* shows up in both verses 15 and 16, showing clearly—unquestionably,

without one reasonable dissenting opinion from anyone, anywhere, living or dead—that the Scriptures which were **“given by inspiration”** were the Scriptures on which Timothy was raised.

Now, the only way any apostate Fundamentalist could disconnect verse 16 from verse 15 would be by running to the original Greek to point out that the word for Scripture in verse 15 is *grammata*, while the one in verse 16 is *graphe*. But this would prove nothing, since either word in Greek, in the context of 2 Timothy 3:15–16, refers to the words of God written down, that someone in the First Century was reading: they had it in their laps looking at it.

If these rascals who dedicated themselves to seducing the saints and deceiving them (see a list of 320 of them in *The Christian Liar’s Library*) were to apply themselves, they might come up with a brand new doctrine. All they would have to do is claim that although all *graphe* was **“given by inspiration of God,”** what Timothy had was not because it was *grammata* and not *graphe*. That would give you *two* sets of Scripture: *inspired* Scriptures and *uninspired* Scriptures. That’s exactly what you find in the *RV* of 1885, the *ASV* of 1901, and the “New” *ASV* of 1963. In all three of those grossly corrupt translations, 2 Timothy 3:16 reads: *“Every scripture inspired of God is profitable,”* implying that there are some Scriptures that are NOT *“inspired of God.”* Two sets; count ‘em: a one; a two.

That was not an accident or a coincidence. It was done intentionally to divorce verse 15 from verse 16 so that the Scriptures Timothy had were not **“given by inspiration.”** After all, he didn’t have the original autographs of Genesis, Psalms, 1 & 2 Samuel, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Daniel, or anything else. Whatever manuscripts Timothy was reading and studying were ones that had the breath of God on them (the word for **“inspiration of God”** in Greek, *theopneustos*, means “God-breathed”). The apostates who translated the *RV*, *ASV*, and *NASV* try to make it look like Timothy didn’t have the “real thing” when it came to the Scriptures, since neither Timothy nor Paul ever saw an “original” of any Old Testament book a day in his life.

You wouldn’t believe the stinking hoax perpetrated by the Fundamentalists at this point. John R. Rice (*Our God-Breathed Bible*), Louis Gaussen (*Theopneustia*), Lorraine Boettner (*Inspiration of the Scriptures*), Basil Manly (*Doctrine of Inspiration Explained*), et al., all went to the bottom like a lead sinker. You see, they all taught that *no one* in Paul or Timothy’s day ever had any God-breathed Scripture to read, because in that day, all Paul or Timothy had of the Old Testament were copies of copies of copies or translations; and as any graduate of Bob Jones University, Tennessee Temple University, Liberty University, Baptist Bible College, etc., knows: “no translation can be inspired.”

That’s right. You bet your booties, baby. Every one of them teaches that no translation can be inspired. They’re crazy; they’re nuts; they’re cuckoo. There are more than 150 verses in the New Testament that are *Greek translations* of the *Hebrew Old Testament*. If those birds actually followed what they teach, they would say that over 150 verses of the New Testament “originals” were *not* **“given by inspiration of God.”**

Now, Paul says Timothy was raised on **“the holy scriptures.”** Timothy’s mother (like Jack Hyles’ mother) brainwashed him into believing that the copies of copies of copies that he had of the lost originals were **“holy”** and *God-breathed* according to 2 Timothy

3:16. What a wicked woman Timothy had for a mother! What a cultist! What a “King James Onlyism” fanatic! Why didn’t someone who was **“ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”** (2 Tim. 3:7) deliver the woman to **“Satan for the destruction of the flesh”** (1 Tim. 1:20 cf. 1 Cor. 5:5) for teaching such an injurious doctrine as having inspired Scriptures that weren’t the original autographs?!

Timothy believed that what he was reading was **“scripture ... given by inspiration of God,”** and the Holy Spirit, the Author of the Scriptures, told Paul to record what he wrote in 2 Timothy 3:15, knowing that all Timothy had were *copies* of the Holy Scriptures. Look at what the Bible says about the word *Scripture*. This is what John R. Rice, Curtis Hutson, and Shelton Smith couldn’t deal with.

“Did ye never read in the scriptures” (Matt. 21:42).

What a useless question for Jesus Christ to ask if the word *Scriptures* referred only to the original autographs. Of course those Jews **“never read in the scriptures”** because they didn’t have the originals.

Mark 12:24, **“ye know not the scriptures.”**

Why say that? They couldn’t know them anyway if they were the original autographs. What would be the point of saying you didn’t know them when it would be obvious to anyone that no one could know them because they didn’t have them.

Luke 4:21, **“This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.”**

Nonsense again, if the **“scripture”** is the original autograph. No synagogue in the Gospel of Luke had the original autograph of Isaiah, and if it did, then it was stolen by the Ethiopian eunuch because he had it in Acts 8:32; that is, if **“the scripture”** is the original autographs.

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

They did nothing of the kind. Nobody in Berea had any originals to search. Nobody in Acts 17 ever saw an original autograph of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, or any other Old Testament book.

Romans 15:4, **“that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”**

Are you crazy? The Scriptures couldn’t comfort anybody according to every apostate Fundamentalist in America. Why not? *Because nobody has the original autographs.* It is impossible to receive comfort from some lost scraps of paper and vellum that no one has ever seen. Are you mad?

They are just as mad as a hatter, boy! They are more screwed up than a crippled tornado.

Now has the reader gotten the message yet? All right, here it is—52 on the table face up, over the plate waist high, straight shot right out of the barrel and dead center in the bull’s eye: neither the Holy Spirit nor the Holy Bible *ever* use the term *Scripture* as any modern Greek or Hebrew scholar uses it—*never*. The cultic **“private interpretation”** (see 2 Pet.

1:20) of what they *think* the word means is completely ignored by the Holy Spirit in both Testaments. There is not one word in *either* Testament of *any* Bible—*any* edition of *any* version that has been printed since A.D. 90.

No one in either Testament even suggests that the Scriptures were unavailable manuscripts that contained “original autographs.” No matter how “godly” and “dedicated” the Fundamentalist is who uses such cultic terminology, it is *anti-scriptural*, *anti-biblical*, and *anti-Christian*. It is found in the mouth of *no Christian* in the New Testament and *no saint* in the Old Testament. It is the non-biblical, non-Christian language of an egotistical, paranoid, Nicolaitan *nut* who thinks he is smart enough to change what God said in the Scriptures. It’s the language of idiots who have been educated beyond their intelligence.

According to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Scriptures are *words you can read*. Timothy read them, Paul read them, Christ read them, the Ethiopian read them, the Bereans read them, and the Rabbis were commanded to read them. If you can’t read them, then the God who inspired them was not able to preserve them, and He wouldn’t have commanded you to read them. No number of theories, alibis, reasons, proofs, facts, or opinions contribute anything to the problem that *every verse in either Testament belies the teaching that only the “verbally inspired original autographs” are the subject of 2 Timothy 3:15–16*.

That teaching is the teaching of a non-biblical cult. We call it the “Alexandrian Cult” because that is from where the teaching came: Alexandria, Egypt. The teaching is a crutch used by this bunch of apostate, Nicolaitan Alexandrians; it is a pile of manure. If you take it at face value, it means that there were no Bible believers on the *RV* committee, the *ASV* committee, the *RSV* committee, the *NASV* committee, the *NKJV* committee, the *ESV* committee, or any committee like them.

When pressed for an exact doctrinal statement on what they actually believe, these backslidden, worldly apostates come up with a mythological definition about the original autographs found nowhere in the Bible. They read it out of some other book somewhere. That is what the Scriptures *never* mean one time in the Scriptures. That’s why the apostates chose the definition, because they *hate the Scriptures* and *love themselves*.

Notice how carefully these obfuscating hypocrites choose their words. They are careful never to say “Scripture” in reference to the *Authorized Version*. Let’s take two examples: Wally Criswell and Truman Dollar.

Criswell: “The preacher who starts with the Word of God (not the Scriptures) in his hands, stands upon an invincible, impregnable rock. When you come to my church, it will be a message from the Book (not the Scriptures). The Bible (not the Scriptures) is the infallible Word of God (not the Scriptures). God wrote it down, and we can open this sacred Book (not the Scriptures) and read its holy words.”

Dollar: “We will not be a friend of the world as long as we are true to this Book (not Scripture). Preach this Book (not the Scriptures). I want to lace my sermons with the Word of God (not the Scriptures); I want to fill my sermons with the Book (not the Scriptures). Preach it. Don’t lose it and don’t change it.”

Did Dollar mean what he said? No, he got on the *NKJV* committee and changed it in 500 places. Ditto Criswell. Why? Because despite seemingly good professions, neither one of them had ever seen the Scriptures. Why not? Because both of them believed the Scripture

referred to in 2 Timothy 3:16 *was only the original autographs*.

When John R. Rice wrote *Our God-Breathed Bible*, he wasn't referring to any Bible at which any of his readers had ever looked; he was talking about the originals. He *lied*: he lied right in the title of his book. The Bible is a *book* (that's what the word *Bible* means). The originals were never collected and put in any book on the face of this earth: they were never all in one book. John R. Rice was **“deceiving, and being deceived”** (cf. 2 Tim. 3:13).

All right, to finish it up. There are only two kinds of Christians in America: those who *believe* the Holy Bible is **“the holy scriptures”** and those who *don't*. I did not create that schism. That was the work of the Holy Spirit more than 1,900 years before I was born (see 1 Thess. 2:13). We do not just refer to the *AV* as the “verbally inspired, inerrant word (or Word) of God”; we refer to it as the Holy Scriptures. We believe the *AV* is the Holy Bible because it is the *Scriptures in English*. It is inerrant, infallible, and preserved by the grace of God in our language, with the words God wants us to have. That *is* our position, it *has been* our position, and it *will continue to be* our position “until hell freezes over,” as they say in “koine” American.

We don't hesitate at all to say that the *King James Version* of the Holy Bible is the Holy Scriptures in the English language. Any honest man could say it just like that if he believed it. The fact that men like Shelton Smith can't come out and say that just shows you that they are crooked as a dog's hind leg and are so crooked that they have to screw their socks on in the morning.

We believe the *AV* was given to us by God in spite of its translators, revisers, Kingly advice, name, time in history, attending circumstances, or anything else; we never have to worry about from what text it came, who put it together, why they did it, what they believed, or any other Alexandrian gimmick called to our attention to cause us to doubt the words God gave us in English. We have the *word of God* in our language, and it is the *words of God* that He wants us to have. We call these words collected in the Holy Bible the “Holy Scriptures,” just as Paul did with the Scriptures Timothy read. I have a copy of the Holy Scriptures right here on my desk. It's not in Greek or Hebrew; it's in *English*.

If this bunch of apostate reprobates believe that only the original autographs are inspired, where is their proof? I have read about two dozen books on the subject of inspiration, and in every single one of them, the authors quote an uninspired *King James Bible* (“no translation is inspired,” remember?) or copies of copies of a Greek text that was miscopied by scribes as evidence that some pieces of paper nobody ever saw were “plenarily inspired.”

The only verse these godless, depraved, lying reprobates have to prove that only the originals are inspired is 2 Peter 1:21. In that verse, Peter doesn't mention anybody inspiring any *written* thing. It says, **“holy men of God SPAKE as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”** Every reprobate who ever wrote on inspiration quoted that verse to prove that only the original autographs were inspired. *It wasn't a reference to anybody's autographs*; it was a reference to what **“holy men of God”** SPOKE. All these birds had to change the verse to say “wrote” in order to teach a lie. Birds of a feather flock together.

I don't have to look very far to know who my people are. They read the Holy Scriptures;

they quote the Holy Scriptures. When they say “Turn in the *Scriptures* to such-and-such a place,” they take a copy of the *Scriptures* and turn to the *Scripture*.

This other bunch isn't my crowd. They make their living by lying. When they read, quote, memorize, and preach “the Scripture,” they don't mean “the Scripture” at all. They mean an *uninspired* “reliable translation,” or Greek or Hebrew text, which they “prefer” because the “**scripture**” that is “**given by inspiration of God**” to *them* is only the “original autographs.” They propagated that lie knowing perfectly well that the word *Scripture* in *any Bible* is *never* a reference to *any* “verbal, plenarily inspired originals.”

The Bible and the Highly Educated Intellectuals

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do” (Heb. 4:12–13).

Humanity has in its midst a Book that is now 400 years old. It is internationally known, having been translated into 160 major languages and over 200 minor languages before its 300th anniversary in 1911. That Book claims to be absolute truth, without proven error of any kind.

“These are the TRUE sayings of God” (Rev. 19:9).

“Write: for these words are TRUE and faithful” (Rev. 21:5).

“That which was written was UPRIGHT, even words of TRUTH” (Eccl. 12:10).

“All the words of my mouth are in RIGHTEOUSNESS; THERE IS NOTHING FROWARD OR PERVERSE IN THEM” (Prov. 8:8).

Could you put those verses on any other book outside of the Bible and expect them to *be believed*? Why not?

Here’s what Jesus said about the Book:

“Sanctify them through thy truth: THY WORD IS TRUTH” (John 17:17).

“The WORDS that I speak unto you, they are SPIRIT, and they are LIFE” (John 6:63).

“He that is of God heareth God’s WORDS: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God” (John 8:47).

Now how would you feel if you were an intellectual scholar and didn’t believe one verse I just quoted? I mean, can you imagine how those verses would strike a brilliant intellectual in the Twenty-first Century if he didn’t believe that the English words in the *Authorized Version* were words that God spoke? Can you imagine how those passages would affect a Christian scholar who had just altered 1 Timothy 6:5, 6, 10, 20; 2 Corinthians 2:17; Romans 1:18, 25?

When the last 320 destructive critics sat down to get rid of the hated, English Book of 1611 (see the list given in *The Christian Liar’s Library*), they decided to exchange it for a pile of lost papers that nobody ever saw. That way, nobody could prove they were lying. The lying apostates forgot that the English Bible with which they were messing claimed to

be able to:

1. Burn their britches.
2. Pierce their intestinal tracts.
3. Break their bones.
4. Discern and judge their motives.
5. Contradict every false opinion they had about themselves, their buddies, their mentors, the “originals,” etc.
6. Point out their individual sins and judge them.
7. Draw judgment on their scholarship, professions of faith, research, revisions, and *personal lives*.

I know what that Book can do to *anybody*. I have seen it do it more than twenty times a year for 61 years. I’ve seen it unhinge a private pupil of A. T. Robertson (Dr. William Brunner), who had memorized all 5,000 vocabulary words in the Greek New Testament (see *The Full Cup*, 1998, pp. 202-203). I’ve seen the Book put a graduate of Princeton, Edinburgh, and Heidelberg, who could speak, read, and write eight different languages (Dr. Charles Brokenshire), into a *juvenile fit* (*Ibid.*, pp. 186-187). I’ve seen that old black-backed, 66-caliber, Elizabethan English Bible drill a Jesuit Ph.D. from Loyola University (Father Sullivan of St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Pensacola, FL) so full of holes that he could inhale forty cigars at the same time (*Ibid.*, pp. 160-162).

I know why every generation from Origen to Zane Hodges has a Scholars’ Union to “help folks out.” If you want to know the reason why all intellectuals (saved or lost) will not leave that Book alone, I will tell you. I’ll tell you the *ghastly truth*, the *whole horrible truth*, and *nothing but the damning truth*.

It is like a brilliant intellectual scholar told a fellow one time who asked him: “If you don’t believe the Bible, why do you keep correcting it? Why don’t you just leave it alone if you don’t believe it?” That highly educated Ph.D. told that fellow who asked him that question: “Because *it won’t leave me alone*.”

How true, Doctor; how true. The problem has always been with *the Book*. It upsets the scholars continually; it gives them the compulsive heebie-jeebies; it just keeps them in an emotional panic. That is the *truth*, the *whole truth*, and *nothing but the truth*.

Brethren, if you want to know the problem the scholars have with the Bible, I will tell you what has *nothing to do with the subject*. I will give you a list of things that are completely *irrelevant* to the discussion: “accredited” scholarship, “recognized” scholarship, “godly” scholarship, “older and better manuscripts,” years of research, “monumental” scholarship, “reverent Biblicists,” “militant Fundamentalists,” “original autographs,” better readings, up-to-date versions, “communicators” and “receptors,” “dynamic equivalence” and “formal correspondence,” “antepenults” and “vocal shewas,” “epsilon contract verbs,” “genitive absolutes,” “infinitive constructs,” Dead Sea Scrolls, vellum codices, Bodmer papyri, Alexandrian and Western families of manuscripts, “verbal plenary” inspiration, “historical positions,” or any other such nonsense. Those are not even *part* of the issue. Those are nothing but “tradesmen’s terminology”; they are just words

and terms used by the scholars in their trade in order to make a living.

Brethren, that Book is *alive*. It has the breath of God Almighty, the *living God*, on it (Jer. 23:36). As an active, living Book, it *attacks* people. The first ones it always attacks are the *scholars* who *question what God said* (Isa. 29:10–11; Luke 10:21; 1 Cor. 1:18–29) and all shortsighted fools who mess with it (2 Cor. 2:17; Rom. 1:18, 25). This explains anything (and everything) of an *intellectual* nature that goes on in the “Christian” camp.

Rule of thumb: *always correct all scholars with the Book*. You should never be nervous, apprehensive, or leery about doing *that*.

Every intellectual on the face of this earth knows instinctively that the Book is against him. There has never lived any man—saved or lost—who had aspirations to become a “scholar” who didn’t sense that that Book was going to be a roadblock to him, if not an out-and-out *enemy* on the offensive.

The *King James* Holy Bible has been the motivating force for all scientific, educational, scholarly, and “Biblical” activities that have gone on on this earth since it was published—whether it was believed or not, and no matter if the people involved were for or against it. Every intellectual activity of today—including all the New Age, humanistic endeavors, all the ecumenical overtures and attempts at social integration, all the theories of physicists, astronomers, biologists, etc.—is simply some reaction or response to the contents of the *King James* Bible. Those who don’t believe what I just said or who can’t “see it” are those who don’t know what the contents are.

Now I may not know the contents of a lot of things (e.g., a lot of books, canned goods, warehouses, hardware and grocery stores, car engines, computers, “nets” and “webs,” etc.), but bless God, I know what is in one Book. What is in that Book causes acute distress every time an intellectual—saved or lost, Catholic or Protestant, Jew or Moslem, Buddhist or Hindu, atheist or agnostic, Liberal or Fundamentalist—picks it up. It just rattles his cage.

The horrible reality is that the life incomes of six to ten thousand educated intellectuals depend upon either proving the Bible is so, proving it is not so, changing it to say something else, discussing its contents, preaching or teaching it, inventing cults or sects to contradict it, or claiming it as a source to prove anything from mixed marriages to Purgatory. In the final analysis, that Book controls the world, including all those who hate it, reject it, alter it, deny it, ridicule it, censor it, burn it, or try to ignore it. It sticks to them like glue.

To the Book goes the credit for all the scholarship of every scholar mentioned in any work. That includes every one found in the 23 million books in the Library of Congress, no matter what the spiritual state of the authors were. Every one of those men was attacked by the Book, and every one of them responded with either belief or unbelief, ridicule or reverence, acceptance or rejection; but never with mere indifference. You can’t be indifferent to a blade that is “**sharper than any twoedged sword**” that can cut open your gizzard and expose the dirt and filth inside (read Judg. 3:16–22).

Reasons for Reading the Bible Daily

In this 400th anniversary year of the *King James Bible*, we have been considering different aspects of the Book. One of the things you are to do with the Book is *read it* (1 Tim. 4:13), and you are to read it *daily* (Josh. 1:8). So here are some good reasons for reading your Bible every day of your life.

1. For *daily cleansing*.

“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you” (John 15:3).

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word” (Eph. 5:26).

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word” (Psa. 119:9).

2. To *maintain the fear of God*.

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether” (Psa. 19:7–9).

“Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear” (Psa. 119:38).

3. To *be obedient to God*.

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves” (James 1:22).

4. To *stay humble*.

“For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word” (Isa. 66:2).

The Bible puts “man” down where he belongs and keeps him there (Rom. 3:10–23; Psa. 39:5). You don’t find any passage in the Bible which brags about mankind. You can’t read the Bible on a regular basis and think highly of yourself (see Psa. 8:4–5).

5. To *avoid sin*.

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Psa. 119:11).

6. To *live a long life*.

“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63).

“My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee” (Prov. 3:1–2).

7. To *bear fruit continually*.

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples” (John 15:7–8).

The only time the word **“success”** appears in your Bible is in connection with the daily reading of the Bible.

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success” (Josh. 1:8).

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isa. 55:11).

Bob Jones Sr. used to say that a man was a **“success”** when he found out the will of God for his life and did it. You will never find out God’s will without being in the Scriptures daily.

You are to read the Scriptures with a *believing heart* (1 Thess. 2:13); you are to read them *prayerfully* and with *understanding* (Psa. 119:169); you are to read them *systematically* all the way through from cover to cover (**“Generations to Resolutions”** like the black preacher said); and you are to read them *daily* (Acts 17:11).

“Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and READ” (Isa. 34:16).

“The Word of a King”

“Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?” (Eccl. 8:4).

As anyone knows who has read the Bible to any extent, the main theme of the Bible is *not* salvation or redemption, although we certainly thank God those are in there. The main theme of the Scriptures is a *King* and a *kingdom* (see our work on *The Sure Word of Prophecy*), with the word “**king**” occurring over 2,000 times. This means that a country like America isn’t going to know much about the Bible (at least not the Old Testament), because Americans don’t know what it’s like to be under a King, having dumped George III back in 1776.

You see, God is a *King* (Psa. 67:7; Mal. 1:14) who runs *kingdoms* (Dan. 4:17, 25). He will take over *kingdoms* (Rev. 11:15) with His own *King* (Psa. 2:6), who will be the “**KING OF KINGS**” (Rev. 19:16). God’s King is called a “**Potentate**” (1 Tim. 6:15), which is a monarch with absolute power (Isa. 44:6–8).

No rebel can get along with the King (see 1 Sam. 15:22–26). Modern Americans are *rebels*, whether they are Christians or heathen. The original idea behind the American Revolution was that the colonies were dumping their English King for God as their King. The reason George Washington became a President instead of a King was because he considered himself to be a presiding Governor under the true King (cf. Dan. 6:1–2). But the Christians rebelled against the King’s words starting in 1901, so the heathen threw them out in 1962.

Now the passage we quoted in Ecclesiastes deals with an *earthly King* (see context). The verse deals with the highly distasteful “divine right of Kings.” It says the King has power to back up what he commands. Does he want you dead (read 1 Kings 2)? Then you had better “notify your next of kin”; you are just as good as “wasted.” Does he want your eyes put out (Jer. 34:3, 39:7)? Then get yourself a cup and a white cane. Does he want to enslave your children and make a concubine out of your wife (Isa. 39:7; Jer. 38:23; Dan. 1:3)? Then kiss them all good-bye. Those Oriental Kings were *Satraps*; *they were dictators supreme*, with absolute power and authority. The Bible says that as God’s “**servant**” (Jer. 25:9), God made Nebuchadnezzar “**a king of kings**” (Dan. 2:37) and gave him the power to do all those things (Dan. 5:18–19).

You see, the “divine right of Kings” was not some spare tire that King James I pulled out of the garage to keep a wrecked monarchy from breaking down on the blacktop. Romans 13:1–5 (with its *fascies*) was not just something Paul stuck on a Christian in the Roman Empire. It was in force in David’s day just like it is today. David would not touch a King who was dedicated to killing him (1 Sam. 24:6, 26:9).

That is the kind of honor and respect about which Americans know nothing at all because they abhor a monarchy. God’s joke on them is that a monarchy is His pre-

ordained form of government for governing *the entire world* (Zech. 14:9, 17). When you hear some brainwashed “Funnymentalist” all in a dither about King James and his “divine right of Kings,” just show the irresponsible fruitloop what the Holy Spirit said about such matters in 1 Peter 2:17. “**The king**” He told you to “**honour**” in that verse was *Nero*, a crazed, sadistic, murdering, fornicating, incestuous megalomaniac.

Now what’s the problem in Ecclesiastes 8:4? Well, if you have read as much as I have on the subject of *final authority*, you would suspect that someone is trying to get rid of the words of an *earthly* King because they had “**power**” that the words of scholars and “good, godly men” don’t have.

You see, God waited until a King—an EARTHLY King—got on the throne of an island nation before He sent His words to the ends of the earth (and eventually to the moon—Dec. 24, 1968). The Lord waited until a King—an EARTHLY King—with a *Jewish* name got on the throne of England.

The name *James* comes from the Greek word *Iakobos* (Jacob). In the Old Testament, Jacob was “**a prince**” who had “**POWER with God**” (Gen. 32:38); the name *Israel* means “Prince with God.” Hence, we read in the Epistle Dedicatory of the *Authorized Version*: “To the most high and mighty PRINCE JAMES.”

In the minds of the deceived apostates (see any of the 320 listed for you in *The Christian Liar’s Library*), God cannot keep track of English names. They don’t want Ecclesiastes 8:4 to refer to an EARTHLY King because the implications would be disastrous for any “Bible” not connected with an EARTHLY King. It would mean that such a “Bible” would have no “**power**” in it.

That is where the fur hits the fan with the apostate Fundamentalist who is worried about “King James Onlyism” (see our publication *King James Onlyism vs. Scholarship Onlyism*). With absolute *time* and *location* determined by England (Greenwich), and with absolute *temperature* determined by England, a Bible suddenly pops up in the same place, and it is in the universal language of the Twenty-first Century. It is *not* an *American* Bible. No vast array of “good,” “godly” Conservative or Evangelical scholars representing the “international spectrum” (see the “boards” of the *NIV*, *NKJV*, etc.) got together from democracies, republics, or oligarchies to put it out. It was translated under the authority of a King, and “**where the word of a king is, there is power.**” Such weak, anemic works like the *ASV*, *RSV*, *NASV*, *NRSV*, *NIV*, *NKJV*, *ESV*, etc., are *impotent*.

With dozens of Henry’s, John’s, Richard’s, Thomas’s, and William’s showing up in English history, the Lord picks out the first one with a *Jewish* name. He does that in keeping with what He said in Romans 3:2—“**unto them were committed the oracles of God.**” Who is the “**them**”? It’s literal, physical JEWS (Rom. 3:1). It’s not Judean Jews as you find it in all the anti-Semitic literature. It’s a reference to twelve literal, physical, visible tribes that came from Jacob (James 1:1). Jesus Christ said, “**salvation is of the JEWS**” (John 4:22); not “**Jewry**” (Luke 23:5; John 7:1), Judah, or “**the Israel of God**” (Gal. 6:15). When Paul uses the term in Galatians 2:14–15, he was not referring to just Judah (the two southern tribes) because Peter was from Galilee in the north of Israel.

The apostates at the Christian Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries cannot tolerate the linking of an English Bible, translated under God’s form of government (a monarchy),

being connected with “**the oracles of God**” as originally given to the *Jews* (Rom. 3:2)—not the Greek scholars in Athens (Acts 17:18). That is what “drives them up the wall” (1 Cor. 1:18–25). The saved scholars are just as bitter and resentful of that historical truth as any unsaved atheist at Harvard, Yale, or the University of Chicago.

If your Bible was not translated under the auspices of a King, you have an inferior Bible. Luther’s *Heilige Schrift* and the *Authorized Version* were both translated while Kings reigned. The Kings (Bourbons, Hapsburgs, Hollenzollerns, Romanoffs, et al.) were all dethroned between 1790 and 1918; all, that is, except for the King of England, the island nation where absolute time, temperature, and location are determined. If you ever decided to hunt for absolute truth (see Prov. 2:1–6), I could tell you where to look without consulting one reference book in the Library of Congress.

You can see now why the commentators and revisers want to rid you of an EARTHLY King whose word has “**power.**” The fruits of the *Authorized Version* alone are sufficient to shut the mouths of the educated jackasses (saved Christians foremost!) who brayed against it.

Do you have a Bible with “**power**” in it? If you do, it has to be “**the word of a king**”—whether you *like* that King or not. The highly educated academicians at the Christian Colleges, Seminaries, and Universities are out of luck. God shelved them before they ever began to mess with the Book.

From Missionaries on the Foreign Field

The following poem was written by two missionaries who worked in the Philippines for many years. I thought you might like to read it.

You ask which version today is best.
Are all reliable? *Can all stand the test?*
Will all of them eventually fade away,
Or are they really here to stay?

Across the world in giant stores
Are Bibles which the world adores.
Their race *to sell* is nip and tuck,
While the printers are making a *big fast buck*.

When the wolf gets friendly with the sheep,
You know his motive is from the deep,
And when the world starts pushing a Bible,
Chances are it's full of libel.

Rome takes the *New ASV's* position,
For the Pope approves the second edition.
The *NIV* also joins the Pope's team,
With thirty-one changes of Catholic cream.

The *Amplified Version* is against the Jews.
And if you don't like the blood, then buy *Good News*.
The other Bibles are on the same boat,
If you read them you'll *spiritually* cut your throat.

All the old English is just out of date;
In the antique *King James*, that seals its fate.
Its fifty-four translators were bigots, of course,
In not using the *Vulgate* as an original source.

The Devil's a counterfeiter, to which all agree;
He'll counterfeit anything from A to Z.
“But a counterfeit Bible, it just can't be!”
Exclaim Fundamental preachers from Rice to Lee.

Like wind-up dolls they roll around;
With Nestle's in hand they *look* very sound.
They'll speak so well, with many a degree.
As they join with the Pope to *attack the AV*.

Mary, forever virgin, is the Pope's jive,
As they throw out “**firstborn**” from Matthew 1:25.
Money from the confessional fills up the bin,
So in James 5:16 they changed “**faults**” to “*sins*.”

By all means eliminate Acts 8:37
And baptize the Eunuch to get him to Heaven.
Many Priests are drunkards, a fact the Pope knew,
So allow them to drink by changing 1 Timothy 3:2.

And on and on the story goes,
But the informed Christian the moral knows:
If you follow the scholars in all that they tell
And give up the Bible, *you'll send folks to Hell*.

“Then what's the alternative?” you may ask.

To find the authority—that’s the task.

There’s only *one Bible* that gives Christ His rightful place,
And it’s so far ahead that it’s out of the race.

From 1611 to the present day,

The *Authorized Version* is here to stay.

It’s the Bible God uses in this day and season;

It stands as a rock against *every scholar’s* reason.

A person is saved through the incorruptible word,

But to call new versions “Bibles” is really absurd.

God’s word is preserved in the good old *AV*.

It’s the word used by Christ, and that’s good enough for me.

That’s from *missionaries in the Philippines*. They had more insight than the faculties and staffs of the top ten Universities in America who *professed* to believe the Bible.

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