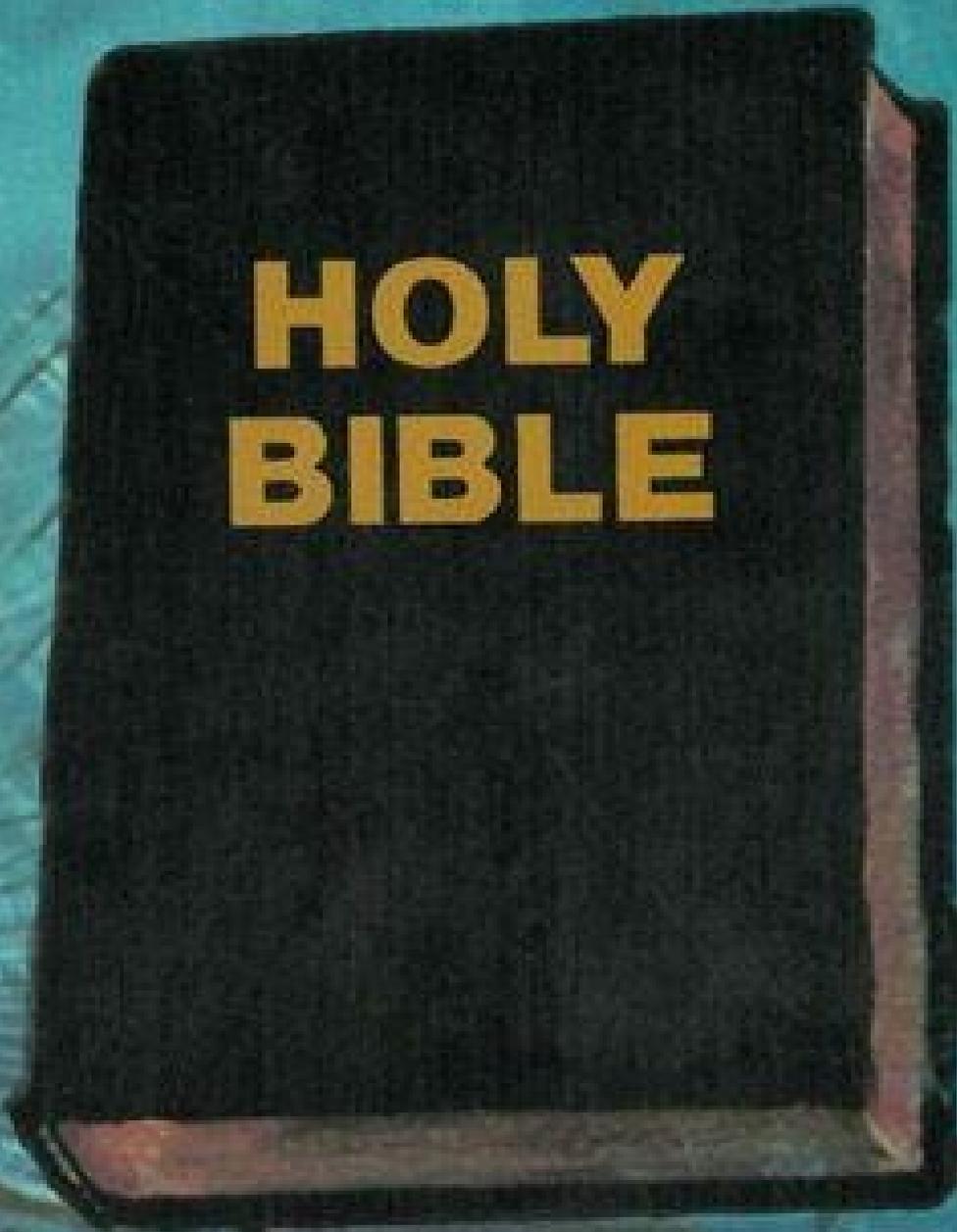
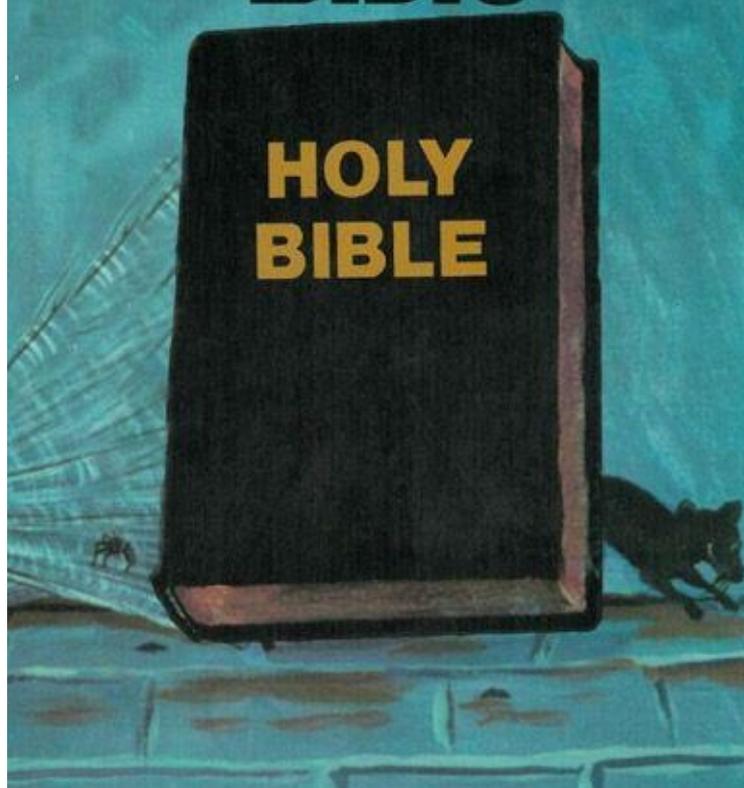


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Preface

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. (Revelation 5:3)

The Authorized Version of the Holy Bible is *still* (1980–1990) the world's most unusual Book. It still outsells any other five secular works combined, and it has sold more than five times as many copies as the *ASV*, *Living Bible*, *NASV*, *RSV*, and *NRSV* combined, in spite of the fact that the *AV* had no publicity campaign to “back it up,” no promotional gimmicks to sell it to the public, and no large bodies of Christian scholars recommending it to anyone: not once in 370 years. The other corrupt English versions of the Bible were all the products of massive news media gimmicks, sales promotions, and advertising campaigns accompanied by gigantic scholarly “backings.”

In spite of the worldwide fame (and notoriety) of the *King James Version*, it is, at the same time, the most *unknown Book* in the world if we are to judge such matters by reading its contents and then comparing its subject matter with what we hear preached, reported and taught about it in the world today. Ignorance of the Bible is absolutely appalling in Asia and Japan, and ignorance of the Bible among Roman Catholics in South America, Spain and Mexico is almost universal. This explains why there is still on this earth today a demand for Bibles that is impossible to meet; Catholic and Communist censorship will guarantee the demand is never met.

At the same time it is manifest (or will be in the pages that follow) that a great deal of the English Bible is completely “sealed” (see the Chapter on “Unlearned Ignorance vs. Learned Ignorance”) to English speaking people in America who have no Vatican Hierarchy or Secret Police to stop them from reading it; this is especially true of those college and university educated “Fundamentalists” who were seduced into thinking that a knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew languages would equip them to become acquainted with the Book.

The ignorance, for example, of Dr. A. T. Robertson, J. Gresham Machen, and Robert Dick Wilson, on prophetic subjects, is phenomenal. Again, if everything that Harold Willmington, Sidlow Baxter, Myron Cedarholm, Kenneth Wuest, and Spiros Zodhiates knew about the Bible doctrines of James and Hebrews were put together, it would comprise the most confused mass of incomprehensible nonsense since BJU published Stewart Custer's pamphlet on the *King James Version* (1982).

Ignorance of the Bible is so great among modern, Fundamentalist professors that, for all practical purposes, much of the *AV* is simply an unknown Bible to them. Like their Athenian ancestors (Acts 17:22) who were raised on newscasts (Acts 17:21), the modern, apostate Fundamentalists (the faculties at Dallas, Denver, Grand Rapids, Watertown, Pontiac, Greenville, Fort Worth, etc.) are so occupied with little ear tickling fables (2 Tim. 4:1–4) that whole passages in the Bible escape them completely. Since these poor, blinded, news addicts are unaware of these passages, it follows that their students will be just as

unaware. If the professor happens to read the passage, he will purposely avoid bringing it up to the class and will skip over it; consequently, the students do the same. These professors reproduce according to the divine law of “each after its kind” (Gen. 1); and this explains how 50,000 ministerial students have been able to graduate from “Bible” schools in America since 1930 (and these schools all profess to believe in the “Fundamentals” as defined by Bob Jones Jr., in his sermon on the BJU creed and in Jack Van Impe’s work on *Heart Disease in the Body of Christ*, 1984) and how many have managed to earn postgraduate degrees, only to drop completely out of sight without accomplishing one genuine scriptural work, one soul winning revival, or one spiritual awakening in any new community that they entered or in any community to which they returned upon graduating. They came to school in ignorance of certain Biblical passages; they graduated from school in ignorance of those passages; and they conducted their ministries in ignorance of those passages, so no one who attended their churches or schools came out anymore enlightened than they were. These poor, deceived young men and women were “conned” into paying tuition to a “Bible” school (called a college, university, seminary, or institute) thinking they were going to learn the Bible.

They didn’t learn it.

They didn’t really learn *any* translation of the Bible.

They were taught what some teacher *thought* the Bible was “about.”

The proof lies in what follows.

We here present twelve chapters of discussion on *THE UNKNOWN BIBLE*: a Bible composed of nearly 200 verses (more than one hundred will be discussed here) which are never dealt with or expounded in the major Christian colleges and universities. Furthermore, no major commentator in the nineteenth or twentieth century has ever applied these verses to his contemporaries or the contemporary age in which he lived. These verses have been isolated or buried “in the past” in the hopes that twentieth century Christians in the Body of Christ will not find them and study them. If they did, they would begin to wonder if they had not sold their birthright for a mess of pottage simply because the kidney beans had “unquestioned loyalty to the originals” stamped on them or some little lying slogan like “standing without apology for the old-time religion.” (The latter is a hackneyed phrase borrowed by Arlin Horton and Bob Jones III, from Bob Jones Sr.) *Con men all have “props.”*

We trust this book will be “enlightening” (Eph. 5:13). The material in it is not discussed in any large school in America or Europe and never will be, for the verses discussed here pose a real and “viable” threat to those Christian educators who worry about their scholastic reputations and their intellectual “images.” For these thin-skinned, apostate Fundamentalists who fear ridicule worse than death, these Bible verses make up an “unknown Bible,” a verboten Book that is not to be read or discussed, let alone taught and preached. *The Unknown Bible* is the genuine terror of modern, Laodicean Fundamentalism. You will understand why if you read this book.

The Militant Fundamentalist

Who Went to Hell

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. (Titus 1:16)

To begin with the proper foundation, we shall begin with the study of a passage that deals mainly with what *God told a preacher to say*. This may seem to be a very childish way to put matters and an extreme “oversimplification” of approaching so important a subject as we are about to discuss, but any reader of the set of books called *The Bible Believer’s Commentary Series* is aware of the fact that there is a vast “credibility gap” between what the Book SAYS God said and what the Book is *reported* to have said. Readers of the *Bible Believers’ Bulletin* are also well aware of the fact that any Christian, regardless of his educational qualifications or scholastic reputation, can find out the motives and intentions of any Hebrew or Greek scholar by simply comparing his “corrections” on the God-given text with any text of the *Authorized Version*. *Any edition will do just fine*. The smokescreen put up in 1983 by Thomas Nelson and Sons by issuing an approximate facsimile of the original 1611 edition (it was not “exact” by ANY means) never had any bearing on the matters we are about to discuss here, and it has less bearing today (1984) than ever before. Any Bible believer with a sixth grade education can pick up any *Authorized Version* and by turning to ten verses he can spot “the pig in the poke” every time he sticks his snout out of an *ASV, NASV, NKJV, NIV*, or anything else to come.

So to begin with, we shall resort to a series of verses that deal with the words that God spoke (note the *plural*: not the “Word” of God). This would be the obvious place to start since Satan considered it to be the proper place to start (Gen. 3:1). If this spiritual being was “perfect in wisdom” (Ezek. 28) and “wiser than Daniel” (Ezek. 28:1–4) and has proved himself through 6,000 years of history to be able to deceive the best and wisest intellects who ever lived on this earth (every human being on this earth with the exception of Jesus Christ), certainly he would know where to start in dealing with the Bible, known or unknown.

Here then we present the first case of a portion of Scripture that is completely *unknown* to every graduate and postgraduate of every Conservative, Evangelical, and Fundamental university, college, and seminary in America, without a single exception.

The passage is so mysterious that there did not appear—on either Scofield editorial board (old or new editions) or any revision committee putting out a twentieth century Bible—one Fundamental scholar, one Conservative scholar, or one Evangelical scholar who could make an intelligent comment on the passage.

You say: “Brother Ruckman, are you now going to expound the passage thereby proving again how smart *you* are and how *dumb* these great, godly men were?”

No; fortunately there is a much better expounder of Scripture for the reader than Peter

S. Ruckman. The reader need not depend on anyone as stupid as him. There is a much better expounder of the Scripture than some saved sinner who has been teaching Hebrew and Greek and Manuscript Evidence for thirty years. *Thank God we don't have to rely on anyone as shallow as THAT!* No one has to rely on "Ruckman" or any "Ruckmanite" in order to correct the false teachings or blundering errors of English, Cedarholm, Gothard, Walvoord, MacArthur, Swindle, McGee, Sumner, Strauss, and Scofield.

Thank God the dumbest of us have an infallible "straight edge" that can correct any Fundamentalist any time he steps an inch over the "center line" in the highway. This will be apparent in what follows.

Now here is the case:

In Numbers, chapter 22 a pagan king named *Balak* (who is a type of the Antichrist: see the material on a Syrian Jew from *Kerioth* in Moab in *Mark of the Beast*, 1959) is upset about the sudden appearance of 600,000 armed men on his borders (Num. 22:1–4). He sends to a soothsayer who is so important in the Bible that his name is mentioned three times in the New Testament: once by *Simon Peter* (2 Pet. 2), once by *Jude* (Jude 11) and once by the apostle *John* (Rev. 2:14).

The Scofield notes take knowledge of these three references: they mention the WAY of Balaam, the ERROR of Balaam, and the DOCTRINE of Balaam. So far so good; however, suddenly a "chill done come ovah de meetin" as the godly board of "dedicated Conservatives" meet with the "qualified authorities" to give us an "historic Fundamentalist position." Suddenly the issue of *final authority* in regards to SPOKEN WORDS thrusts itself into the narrative and we read the following interesting account:

"And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee? And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, saying, Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out. And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the Lord refuseth to give me leave to go with you. And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us" (Num. 22:9–14).

Now read the passage again carefully and notice that on the surface nothing appears to be badly out of order; at least no Fundamental scholar in the last 200 years with twenty-two years of formal education could find anything *badly out of order*. If you doubt this, choose at random twenty different commentators on Numbers, chapter 22, plus all the notes from forty-five English translations, and see if they tell you anything really *badly* amiss. In view of what happens following these verses, someone should have found something terribly wrong with verses 9–14. All of the scholars must have read the passage

with a POSITIVE attitude towards DISOBEYING THE WORDS OF GOD.

You see, what follows is this:

“And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more. Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more. And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do” (Num. 22:18–20).

And this is followed by this:

“And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak” (Num. 22:34–35).

And if that were not enough, near the end of the chapter—when Balaam runs into the prototype of the Antichrist—we read:

“And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak” (Num. 22:38).

Now, let the reader review these verses which we have printed in boldfaced type and then ask himself, “Isn’t there something going on here that has to do with the ‘YEA HATH GOD SAID, SOCIETY’?” Isn’t that the real “meat” of the passages? Look at them.

1. “As the Lord shall SPEAK unto me” (v. 8).
2. “And God SAID unto Balaam” (v. 12).
3. “For the Lord refuseth to give me leave” (v. 13).
4. “I cannot go beyond the WORD of the Lord my God” (v. 18).
5. “That I may know what the Lord will SAY unto me more” (v. 19).
6. “But yet THE WORD which I SHALL SAY unto thee, that shalt thou do” (v. 20).
7. “But only the WORD that I shall SPEAK UNTO THEE” (v. 35).

8. “The WORD that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I SPEAK” (v. 38).

Do you have to have a college education to see the *theme* of the chapter?

If you ever hit a passage in either Testament that dealt with a call to the ministry and the *content of the messages* that a minister is to preach who has been “called” (2 Tim. 4:1–6), you certainly ran into it here. If you ever found any place in either Testament that dealt with God “verbally inspiring” some “plenary originals” and calling a man to preach them, buster, you got it *here*, with a capital “H.”

Such a passage will not fail to be a Donnybrook (Stalingrad, Waterloo, etc.) to a Bible teacher or preacher (Fundamentalist or otherwise) who has been occupied with *altering the word which God spoke*. Mark it down; live by it and die by it: no “born again,” premillennial Fundamentalist on the face of this earth could comment on such a passage faithfully and honestly if he had spent any amount of time correcting the Bible. The chapter comes in on the faculty members of Tennessee Temple and Santa Rosa Schools like an Arctic blast on a nasty day, and it continues without intermission to produce a deep freeze on the graduates and postgraduates of BJU, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Louisville with “drifts” twenty-five feet high.

1. “Whatsoever He sheweth me I will TELL thee” (23:3).
2. “Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt SPEAK” (23:5).
3. “Must I not take heed to SPEAK THAT WHICH the Lord hath put in my mouth?” (23:12).
4. “Go again unto Balak, and SAY thus” (23:16).
5. “What hath the Lord SPOKEN?” (23:17).

YEA, HATH GOD SAID??

The “California expositors” have never dared to exposit the passage a time (Swindle, MacArthur, McGee, etc.). The students at Judson, Stetson, Howard, Clark, Mercer, and Wake Forrest know nothing about the verses. Hindson and Dobson could no more expound them than they could expound Hebrews, chapter 6 and Hebrews, chapter 10.

You see, the passages deal with God calling a man to preach WORDS (not “Fundamentals”) that God has spoken. Numbers, chapters 22 and 23 lands the unfaithful Fundamentalist (Bible critic, Greek teacher, expositors and exegetes, Wycliffe Translators, and Bible revisors) right “smack dab” into Genesis 3:1.

YEA, HATH GOD SAID???

Do you realize that the greatest proof text in the entire Bible for anyone believing *any promise* that God ever made to *anyone*, in either Testament, will be found in Numbers, chapter 23, right in the middle of these dialogues between Balak and Balaam? The greatest verse in *either Testament of any Bible* for believing the written or spoken words of God, and the promises thus recorded, is:

“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should

repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” (Num. 23:19).

Those words were spoken by a false prophet who died and went to hell (2 Pet. 2:15–17).

Nor will the Holy Spirit let up in this unknown Bible in driving home the WORDS of God with a force that would make an X-15 on the line sound like an old woman snapping her fingers.

1. “Told not I thee, saying, ALL THAT THE Lord SPEAKETH, that I must do?” (23:26).
2. “He hath SAID, which heard the WORDS of God” (24:4).
3. “I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lord” (24:13).
4. “But what the Lord SAITH, that will I SPEAK” (24:13). Sounds almost like good old Micaiah, the militant Fundamentalist of 1 Kings 22:14, doesn’t it?
5. “He hath SAID, which heard THE WORDS OF GOD” (24:16).

There has never lived in the nineteenth or twentieth century a greater Bible-believing, militant Fundamentalist than BALAAM, if we *believe* what we have just read.

Now these Scriptures picture the most improbable thing and the most incredible character ever associated with the history of Bible preaching. The man doing the preaching here is preaching by the Spirit of God (24:2); he hears the words of God (24:4); he sees the future (24:4); he speaks the truth (24:4–9); he has a revelation about the imputed righteousness of God (23:21); he obeys the commandment of God (23:2); he preaches exactly what God told him to preach (24:13); he has a knowledge of both Advents of Jesus Christ (24:17); and then following his sermon he is killed in battle (Num. 31:8) *and is cast into outer darkness* (Jude 7–11).

How is that for a Fundamentalist “Giant of the Faith” boldly contending for the “faith once delivered to the saints”!?

When the Scofield Board of Editors slams into the passage like two dozen bananas slamming into a turboprop, they are scattered to the four winds. The verse that throws both committees into the exosphere says:

“And the angel of the Lord said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me: And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive. And Balaam said unto the angel of the Lord, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again” (Num. 22:32–34).

The problem that all of these “great, good, godly, dedicated, qualified, reverent Biblicists” have is WHY DID GOD TELL BALAAM TO GO WITH BALAK’S PRINCES (22:20) AND THEN NEARLY KILL HIM BECAUSE HE WENT (22:33)?

When Harold Willmington (D.D., professor and Director of Biblical Studies at *Liberty University*, Lynchburg, VA) slams into the passage, he brings along his training at Moody Bible Institute, Culver Stockton College, California Graduate School of Theology, Trinity Evangelical School, Ashland Theological Seminary, and Dallas Theological Seminary.

He bombs out like a hippy who never finished junior high school.

All this poor, ignorant man can say is that “After asking the messengers to stay all night, Balaam received the desired permission but was warned to say only what God wanted him to say” (*Liberty Bible Commentary*, Old Time Gospel Hour, 1982, p. 296).

Having admitted that Balaam had *obtained permission to go* with only a warning about the CONTENT of his message, Harold Willmington is unable to teach another verse in the Bible. At verses 31–35, he freezes in his dead orthodox iceberg of scholastic degrees (all below zero) and goes into an irrelevant dissertation about Christ and seven people in the Old Testament who said they had sinned !

Forty years of formal education had done nothing for Balaam or Willmington.

It certainly did nothing for Pettingill, Scofield, English, or Ed Hindson when they got to the passage.

The Scofield Board goes into a song and dance about “permissive and directive wills,” when such matters are not even hinted at in the passage. (The idea presented to us in the *NSRB* is that since it was God’s *PERMISSIVE WILL* for Balaam to go and His *DIRECTIVE WILL* for him to go (22:12), that He was going to kill the preacher after giving him *PERMISSION TO GO* (Num. 22:20).

*Imagine calling that kind of muddled nonsense “scholarship” after reading about Paul’s trip to Jerusalem against the *DIRECTIVE WILL* of God (Acts 21–26)!*

As we have said before on several hundred occasions, “You mess with that Book and God will mess with yo’ mind, honey,” and God is no respecter of a string of colleges and degrees that go to make up a mud dauber’s nest. He will screw up the mind of a “born-again, Bible-believing Fundamentalist” who believes in “plenary, verbally inspired originals” as quickly as He messed up the minds of Jim Jones, M. M. O’Hair, Tiny Tim, Walter Mondale, Ted Kennedy, Adolph Hitler, or Jesse Jackson.

We are not saying that these saved scholars who stumbled at the passage and broke their theological necks were *psychotic*; we just say that when the issue of *Final Authority* arises in regards to the WORDS that God speaks (as it arises here and is sustained for three chapters), you “better hadn’t mess with that Book.”

Adopting our usual position—that *any edition of the AV* is superior to the combined Greek and Hebrew scholarship of all Catholics, Protestants, pseudo-Fundamentalists, Evangelicals, Liberals, Fundamentalists, Conservatives, Modernists, and neo-Fundamentalists—let us see what actually happened in Numbers, chapter 22 where a

Conservative Fundamentalist was called to preach and nearly got killed. This time we will not play “ring-around-the-rosey” when we get to verses 31–36, as Jerry Falwell’s “hired help” did (Dr. Harold Willmington). This time we will use the text of the *King James Bible* (any edition will do just fine) and watch it cut the spiritual throats (see the comments on Col. 2:8 in the *Bible Believer’s Commentary on Galatians–Colossians*) of every preacher, teacher, commentator, pastor, bishop, revisor, translator, priest, editor, publisher, and exegete in the world.

“And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD refuseth to give me leave to go with you. And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us” (Num. 22:12–14).

Did you read the verses?

These were the same verses that appeared at the very beginning of this chapter. You say: “Why print them again?” Because no Fundamentalist (living or dead) has yet read them if we are to judge by his comments on what *follows* (vss. 31–36). Now observe that when God speaks to His preacher (and the Lord had evidently revealed Himself to Balaam many times before this—see Num. 22:6, 9), He gives him a “three-point outline” which he is to preach. One might say that this preacher is “on his knees in his prayer closet” praying for a message- he gets a message. The outline is clear to anyone except the saved faculty members of Dallas Theological Seminary, Liberty University, Bob Jones University, GARBC, Midwestern, Piedmont, Moody, Wheaton, Fuller, Pillsbury, BIOLA, Harvard, Yale and Tennessee Temple, and Bible expositors like Sidlow Baxter, C. I. Scofield, Swindoll, MacArthur, Goodsky, Lehman Strauss, Webber, Ironsides, Cedarholm, and J. Vernon McGee.

Point No. 1: *Don’t go.*

Point No. 2: *Don’t curse Israel.*

Point No. 3: *Israel is blessed.*

One more time! Did you read the verse? What could be any plainer than that? What on earth is so difficult about verse 12? Read it again and see if “Ruckman” is the dirty dog who is teaching “heresy.” There is no problem from the start about “permissive” or “directive” wills of God. God gave Balaam a three-point message to deliver.

DID HE DELIVER IT?

Did Billy Graham, Jimmy Swaggart, Frank Norris, Jerry Falwell, Jack Hyles, John R. Rice, Lee Robertson, Bob Jones Sr., T. T. Shields, Mordecai Ham, Rex Humbard, Oral Roberts, and Dallas Billington deliver the message that God gave to them!? Did *they* deliver all three points?

Surely any man who would profess, “I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more” (22:18), and who would confess openly, “The word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak” (22:38), surely such a “bold, brave, militant FUNDAMENTALIST” could be counted upon not to “go beyond” what God SAID or fall short of what God SAID. Surely such a God-called preacher could deliver a simple three-point message in fourth grade English without any background in Greek, Hebrew, or Aramaic. Balaam, in his open profession, was a Bible believer who believed the WORDS of God and would not ADD to them (Prov. 30:6) or DIMINISH from them (Rev. 22:19).

He could have been the president of any “World Congress of Fundamentalism” that ever met in the twentieth century. Upon coming down from the podium after delivering a powerful message on “THE AUTHORITY OF THE SCRIPTURES,” he would have headed straight home—*straight into OUTER DARKNESS* (2 Pet. 2:17).

Why? Simple: his profession had nothing to do with his real *beliefs*. He USED the words of God to keep from getting killed. He preached the words of God but (aahhh, dearly beloved!) that was ONLY AFTER THE LOADED PISTOL WAS PUT TO HIS FOREHEAD (22:31)! That was *after* he was forced against his will (*as we have been forcing Christian universities, colleges, and seminaries for nearly half a century*) to preach what he didn’t want to preach because it would affect his INCOME.

Now, are you getting any “light” on the “verbal, plenary inspired, original autographs”?

You see, when God gave this apostate Fundamentalist the three-point outline (22:12), Balaam deliberately and flagrantly violated everything he *later* professed, for no sooner is the three-point outline out of God’s mouth than *two points* are deleted from the message (22:13), and when it is preached it has been reduced to a mere: “THE LORD REFUSETH TO GIVE ME LEAVE TO GO WITH YOU.” Period: and I mean “period.”

Two-thirds of the “divine original” was thrown in the wastebasket. Balaam must have thought that the “original” was a “conflate text” manufactured at Antioch by a “Lucian Recension” (a text produced through smoothing over the “original” by combining a number of “text types,” etc.). That is, Balaam, as Westcott and Hort, A. T. Robertson, Robert Sumner, Kenneth Wuest, J. R. Rice, Aland, Metzger, Kenyon, Zodhiates, and Bob Jones III, and their kinfolk, were “birds of a feather.” (Let us hope they didn’t all wind up in the same *place*!)

Observe the amazing anti-Darwinian, anti-Einstein, anti-NEA, anti-Postmillennial progress of the “verbally inspired original.” It began with three points; it wound up with *one point* (22:13). But at least in that one point the Lord was recognized (“The Lord refuseth...etc.”). That is, ONE COULD STILL FIND THE MAIN “FUNDAMENTAL OF THE FAITH” IN THE ALTERED TEXT (see the ASV, NASV, RSV, NRSV, NIV, NWT, NEB, etc.). But when the princes of Moab return to their king, they simply report, “Balaam refuseth to come with us” (22:14).

What happened to the “Lord”?

Easy (v. 13): *HE GOT RUN OUT OF HIS OWN BOOK* (see 1 Tim. 3:16 in the ASV and NASV, and Acts 4:27 in the NKJV and the NRSV).

But in spite of this scholarly treatment of “text restoration” using “intrinsic probabilities” as a “guideline,” Balaam is given another chance to preach the truth.

Observe the curious development of events that Scofield and two boards of editors could not trace. Here is a Fundamentalist who swears that he will say exactly what God tells him to say (22:18); yet when told what to say (22:12), he omits two-thirds of it because it will affect his income. Having done this, he has the audacity to say, “Tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say unto me MORE” (22:19). How is it that not one faculty member at Moody, Wheaton, Fuller, BJU, Tennessee Temple, GARBC, or Pacific Coast “Bible” College spotted this travesty of morals? ARE ALL THE FACULTY MEMBERS IMMORAL WHEN IT COMES TO SEEKING REVELATION FROM *THE WORDS OF GOD*?

Having been *unfaithful* in the first commission, having *lied* to his “congregation” about that message, having *refused* to preach the words of God that he was told to preach; this “bold, brave, militant defender of the faith,” etc., has the gall to go back to God in his prayer closet and seek *further revelation* to get more material to preach, *knowing that he is not going to be faithful in delivering it if it is given to him!* Having rejected the revelation given to him in his own language (take an AV of the Holy Bible given to the modern Christian, for example), Balaam seeks for more “light” on the “originals” (like any modern Hebrew or Greek scholar, for example). You have never read on the face of this earth a more revealing description of the methods, motives, and conduct of the modern seminary and university professors staffing the Conservative schools of Europe and America.

They are kin to Balaam even if they don’t know it.

Now comes the capstone. Having picked up the information that the Scofield Board of Editors could not find (see their notes on the bottom of page 198, in either edition), we can approach verses 31–36 in a much more scriptural fashion than these blind guides who sport five degrees from six to ten mud daubers’ nests. These poor campfire girls who talk about the “original autographs” came under such terrible conviction for their sins when they read Numbers 22:12–14 that they had to dig up some “hobbyhorse” to sidetrack their students and followers. The incredible comment of the Scofield Board of Editors was only that Balaam “chose the path of self-will and self-advantage, and Jehovah could not but gravely disapprove.”

After that you might write in block capital letters B-A-L-O-N-E-Y.

The “permissive will of God” (Scofield note) and the “directive will of God” (Scofield note) *are not involved ONE TIME anywhere in the chapter or ONE TIME in either chapter following it.* What is involved is a preacher like those on the Scofield Board of Editors or those who wrote for the *Liberty Bible Commentary* (Lynchburg, VA) being given the WORDS of God to preach, swearing on a stack of Greek lexicons that they will preach those WORDS, and *then refusing to preach those words because of the potential damage they would accrue;* their incomes and images would suffer.

God in His mercy grants Balaam an additional revelation, but it is a time bomb: IF the men come to call thee rise up and go with them.

Look at the scriptural conditions which Willmington and Scofield (and all others who had any confidence in men like them) couldn't find.

1. "IF THE MEN COME TO CALL THEE." *Did they come to call him?*

(Thank God you have a more reliable authority than "Ruckman" to answer that question!). **"And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab"** (Num. 22:21).

You see, they *didn't* come to call him.

Such straw dummies as "directive and permissive" wills never enter into the transactions between God and Balaam one time: *NOT ONCE*.

What we have here is plain and open disobedience the **SECOND TIME**; the first time having been Numbers 22:12-13, which we have just discussed.

2. There is a second condition given which implies a **RESPONSE**. Note: **"But yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do."**

There was no response from Balaam to this commandment.

Balaam did not commit himself; he didn't promise God anything. Why didn't he?

Easy: read 1 Timothy 6:10 in any English version printed since 1800, including the "New" KJV. Balaam had "lettuce trouble." He had a "green fixation" or "time payment syndrome." He saw green leaves floating before his eyes (Num. 22:7) when he got up in the morning. He promised God nothing until the **SWORD OF THE LORD** (22:31) was placed on the thing he worshipped: **HIS BELLY** (Rom. 16:18).

NO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN AMERICA WILL BACKTRACK TO THE TRUTH AFTER HAVING SPENT TEN TO SIXTY YEARS ON THE ROAD TO APOSTASY UNLESS THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT (Heb. 4:12) IS PLACED ON THEIR THROAT.

"Speaking the truth in love" *HAS NOT, IS NOT, AND WILL NOT ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING IN THIS GENERATION IN DEALING WITH THIS KIND OF PEOPLE.* God didn't waste five minutes "gravely disapproving" (Scofield note) of Balaam's conduct. He roadblocks Balaam's means of transportation and draws a sword to kill the lying fool; and He would have killed him if the donkey hadn't feared God more than Balaam.

So with the motivation to "share with others" the "total thrust" of being able to "cope with spiritual realities," etc. Balaam finally confesses that he has **"NO POWER AT ALL"** to say anything (22:38). And from here on he preaches under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (24:2) the word of God and the words of God (24:5), and he delivers all the points given to him in God's "outlines" for his sermons. Since he never really *believed* the words that he preached (that is, he retained a mental reservation while "using" them!), he retained his real convictions, which had to do with **LETTUCE** (1 Tim. 6:10).

He got killed and went to hell.

He "used" something he didn't believe and professed to believe what he didn't really believe.

And here we have demonstrated “beyond a reasonable doubt” (a legal term) that there are parts of the English Bible (AV) that are completely unknown, and no amount of scholastic training, no amount of experience in dealing with the “original languages,” no amount of knowledge of “transmission of text types,” no number of earned degrees, no amount of years spent in postgraduate researches, and no practical outward manifestations of a godly or SEPARATED LIFE would enable *any scholar* (saved or lost), of any profession, to understand this part of the Bible if that scholar had ever meddled with (or wanted to meddle with) the WORDS of God, either in his classroom or from his pulpit or in his private study.

A word to the wise is sufficient: *don't mess with the Book.*

Moby Dick and The White Crocodile

Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out. (Jeremiah 51:34)

We now take one step further into our study of the famous “Unknown Bible,” that Bible which is composed of scores of verses that modern Christian educators know nothing about, or if some of them perchance are acquainted with the verses they are careful never to teach them to their students. This is the great pious “cover-up” of this age; it has to do largely with the fact that we are in the Laodicean period of church history (Rev. 3), and in this period, the Body of Christ desires to “heap to itself teachers having itching ears.” These saved, “born again” apostates will turn the ears of the young people “away from the truth” and into “fables” (2 Tim. 4:4).

The main reason for this is that ninety percent of the faculty members of any major school of higher learning in America (Evangelicals and Fundamentalists, as well as unsaved Liberals) are as thoroughly intimidated by academic standards and “science” as the worst unsaved Communist in the National Council of Churches or in the Vatican. We are not referring here to straw dummies like “standards of separation” or “bold stands against Neo-Evangelicism” or any of that hogwash put out by Fundamentalists to cover up their own sins of *Bible rejection*. What we are saying is that ninety percent of the apostate, Fundamentalist educators have been brainwashed by the *spirit of this age*, reaching them through television. This spirit (Eph. 2:1–3) is a *positive spirit* (see Gen. 3:1) that affects a man’s approach to making a living; and the spirit of this age breathes through all news media sources twenty-four hours a day.

This *twentieth century spirit* (in America) may be best described by identifying its PHILOSOPHY. The philosophical dictum it puts forth is: “REJECT ANY NEGATIVE TRUTHS THAT GO ‘CROSS GRAIN’ OR THAT MIGHT AFFECT YOUR *INCOME* OR YOUR *IMAGE*.”

Now THAT is the “spirit of this age” in America; and that is the spirit of nearly every educated Christian (1 John 4:5) who professes to believe in the “plenary inspiration” of the “verbally inspired originals” as his final authority. *You see, these unread, unseen “originals” pose no real threat to his IMAGE or his INCOME.* What poses a genuine and viable threat to both is the text of the *Protestant English Reformation* (AV, 1611). The reason for taking a “bold stand” for the “plenary verbal inspiration of the originals” is COWARDICE, pure and simple. The coward is afraid of his income and his image.

The modern, apostate Fundamentalists are just as worldly as Pontius Pilate, Herod, or Demas and the “proof is in the pudding.”

Anyone who takes time to read this booklet will see “how the cookie crumbles.” The

verses of Scripture will speak for themselves. Their content will show any reader with a sixth grade education why these verses are not brought up in the classrooms and never will be brought out into the open. They will be treated as a plague of leprosy by hypocritical Fundamentalists who waste your time blabbing about “inspired original autographs” and their “unquestioned loyalty” to them. *Anyone can be loyal to something that no one has ever seen and that has no bearing on his income or image (good or bad) one time in 1,800 years.*

Now here is a great passage.

“Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?...Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear. He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride” (Job 41:1, 33–34).

Now if there is any doubt in your mind about *our* own honesty, integrity, sincerity, and scholarship—and we grant that there may be a good deal!—you should obtain a copy of the so-called “*New KJV*” (which is not an *Authorized Version* at all) and look at the comment on these verses as approved of by Criswell, Dollar, Henderson, Farstad, Hindson, Willmington, Dobson, and company. They admit that this part of the Bible is UNKNOWN to them and they will publicly confess this ignorance to the Body of Christ.

Let’s nail it down: the best so-called “Fundamentalist brains” in this country—the very “cream of Evangelical and Conservative scholarship”—don’t know enough about a *King James Bible* in their own language to comment on an entire chapter of thirty-four verses. Count them: thirty-four verses. *One whole chapter of the Bible is unknown to the faculty and staff of Liberty University at Lynchburg.* In the six school years that I attended Bob Jones University I did not find one professor in the graduate school or undergraduate school who could tell me anything about anything in the entire chapter. Those men (1945–1955) were the outstanding representatives of Fundamental scholarship who professed to be able to set the standards for Conservative scholarship in America for the Body of Christ.

Now why couldn’t these men expound Job, chapter 41?

What is the problem with the chapter?

There isn’t any problem with one verse in the entire chapter unless a Fundamentalist is worried about his INCOME or his IMAGE.

The only man on this earth to whom Job, chapter 41 is a “threat” is to an educated sinner who has been brainwashed by the spirit of twentieth century America—the worldly spirit of this age propagated by the news media—that *unholy* spirit, that worldly, carnal spirit, that Bible-rejecting spirit which leads the faculty members, editors, publishers, translators, revisors and consultants for the NKJV, that identical spirit that led the translators of the ASV and NASV. It is *THAT spirit* that prevented one hundred percent of

the Conservatives, Evangelicals, and Fundamentalists from expounding a passage that is as clear as any chapter in the entire word of God.

You say, “Explain yourself, Brother Ruckman. Expound to us the passage.”

Why should I waste your time and my time when God has already explained the passage to you?

Why ask me for an exposition when the Holy Ghost has already given any fool the explanation of the passage clearer than a plate glass window with the pane knocked out?

Now lest you should think we are speaking sarcastically with “tongue in cheek,” please turn to the following passages in the Authorized Version (*any edition will do nicely*) and observe how the Holy Spirit has forced Nelson, Hindson, Dobson, Hutson, Afman, Price, Farstad, Willmington, Wiersbe, Batson, Matson, Datsun, Hatsun, and Ratsun to deny their birthright in order to retain their INCOMES and their “IMAGES.”

Read these passages and then look God Almighty squarely in the face in your prayer closet and tell Him that “Ruckman has misrepresented these good, godly men.” Go on, read the passages: I “double dog dare you” to read the passages.

“Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?” (Job 41:1).

“In that day the Lord with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea” (Isa. 27:1).

“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Rev. 12:9).

“Thou breakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness” (Psa. 74:14).

Now, did you READ the verses?

Did you read them twice?

Having read them twice, could any of you with a *clear conscience* look God Almighty straight in the face in your prayer closet and tell Him that “Leviathan” was an “unknown animal” or a “large unknown animal”? Could you (or your friends) look Jesus Christ straight in the eyeballs at the Judgment Seat of Christ and tell Him that you *honestly* thought that “Leviathan” was a CROCODILE? Then how do you explain *your inability* to

do this with a clear conscience and the *ability* of the “good, godly, dedicated Fundamentalists” to do it with a clear conscience unless THEY had a SEARED CONSCIENCE (1 Tim. 4:2)?

They did it without batting an eye.

And there, my friend, is a mystery of iniquity fully demonstrated to every Christian in the Body of Christ in this century. These willfully ignorant agnostics are Fundamentalists who profess to be your “peers” when it comes to learning the Bible! *Nothing could be more unholy or more carnal or more worldly or more ungodly.* Nothing on this earth could be more God defying and more UNGODLY than an educated Fundamentalist professing to believe that “the Bible IS the word of God” and then *pretending* he doesn’t understand it when actually the truth is that its clarity and plainness has offended him, because if he stood by it, it would cost him the loss of income (see Balaam in the previous chapter) or his scholastic “image.”

Such play acting (The Greek word for “hypocrite” means a *professional actor*: how’s that for an “original nugget”!) and such pious pretense produces Bible ignorance in the hearts and minds of those who follow such a fakir; *it makes the student as stupid and as deceitful as his professor.* I have more respect for Adolph Hitler and Jim Jones; and as far as I’m concerned, such men are neither dedicated, separated, sanctified, nor spiritual: *they are belly-worshipping worldlings who fear for their own fleshy necks* (Rom. 16:3–4, 16–18).

Well why make such an issue over one chapter? Aren’t there many chapters in the word of God that are beyond understanding (for example, the Song of Sol. 5–6; Zech. 1–3, etc.)? Yes, but you see, *this chapter* is a detailed description of the one whom these “militant Fundamentalists” profess to be *fighting*. Job, chapter 41 is a description of their enemy (and your enemy) according to the baloney they dish out from their pulpits and classrooms. What could be more vital to a classroom of Christian young men and women than *a description of the enemy they are going to be engaged in fighting all of their lives?* Yet, lo and behold, the passage is UNKNOWN to 55,000 graduates who have graduated from fifty Christian schools in the last fifty years; to them it is as unknown as it is to Hindson, Willmington, Price, Martin, Afman, and Faulkner.

Go back and read the verses again.

DID YOU EVER SEE A CROCODILE WITH MORE THAN ONE HEAD?

If the animal is an “unknown animal,” then how does one explain the fact that both John and Isaiah could identify him more than 1,300 years before Christopher Columbus was born?

Aren’t we shut up to some pretty ghastly conclusions about the NKJV? Do we not rightly assume the position that men living more than 1,800 years ago (Isaiah more than 2,600 years ago) knew more about Biblical truth and Biblical scholarship than ONE HUNDRED COLLEGE EDUCATED, CONSERVATIVE AND EVANGELICAL SCHOLARS IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY THAT PUT THE NKJV TOGETHER?

Yes, that is certainly the correct assumption.

Now what is the *real* problem?

The problem is that if every Conservative and Evangelical scholar on ANY board of any “updated translation” read the passages (and *you* read them) and understood them (and *you* understood them) and believed them (and we trust *YOU* believe them), *THEY WOULD NOT HAVE DARED LET ANY OF THEIR “PEERS” OR ASSOCIATES KNOW IT!*

This would have brought everlasting disgrace upon them as superstitious, unscientific, unscholarly “hillbillies” who were unfit to translate the Scriptures since they believed in mythological monsters. So they, “with one consent” (Luke 14:18), feigned AGNOSTICISM to save face (see Matt. 21:23–27).

Do you doubt our analysis? Are we again being “too harsh”?

Open the “Unknown Bible” and this time open it to Malachi 1:3 and read.

“And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness” (Mal. 1:3).

Now, go pick up any English version in this world published since 1611 but a *King James AV* (and I mean “AUTHORIZED,” I don’t mean *NKJV*) and tell us what happened to “them there dragons” mentioned in the passage.

They disappeared. They vanished out of every English “Bible” printed since 1800. They vanished as quickly and as quietly and as completely as the vapor of your breath on a cool morning. Why? Can’t you guess by now?! Don’t you know that if Henderson got up at Springfield and confessed that he believed in “DRAGONS” that the entire faculty and staff would laugh him off the campus? Why of course they would. *The whole outfit was brainwashed against the AV before they were hired.*

What do you suppose would happen if Truman Dollar or Warren Wiersbe got up at a “Congress” and said they believed in “DRAGONS”? Why they would be the laughing stock of “Militant Fundamentalism.” Don’t you know what would have happened to Zane Hodges or Farstad at Dallas Theological Seminary if they had REALLY stood by the *AV* text?

You don’t know?

Why don’t you know?

ARE YE YET WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING (Matt. 15:16)?

Imagine some little sissified upstart like Sumner, Hindson, Dobson, or Bob Jones III, telling the Board of Editors of the *Sword of the Lord* that they believed in *dragons!* Imagine that! Of course they don’t believe in “DRAGONS”! *What man in his right mind believes in that?* Who but a Bible-believing, North Carolina hillbilly would believe Malachi 1:3 as it stands (*and has stood for over 370 years*) in any edition. Do you see the real problem yet? You say, “It’s still obscure.” It still is? All right: “hear this” (as they say

in the Navy).

“The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest” (Isa. 34:14)

There is nothing like a careful reading of the AV (any edition) to show why ninety percent of the faculty members of any major, Fundamentalist school are nothing but apostates. Do you see the word “SATYR” in the verse? Look for it in the Holy Bible if you missed it in the ASV, NASV, NKJV, RSV, NRSV, NWT, NEB, NIV, etc.

You see, the word is found in only one Bible: *an Authorized Version*.

“You’ll sure look a long time” before you find it in any other version. (Like Erich Maria Remarque said in *All Quiet on the Western Front* when the CO was calling the roll after two weeks of action in the front-line trenches: He’ll call for them a *long time*. They’re out there in the shell holes or in the hospital or blown to bits.)

You won’t find any “satyrs” in any “reliable translation” recommended by ANY faculty member of any large Christian college or university. If they say the AV is a “reliable translation,” then they must lie like a dog, for the AV says “satyrs” in Isaiah, chapter 34, *and no one believes such creatures exist.*

Is the real reason for the “Unknown Bible” yet manifest? Do you yet understand why we use the approach and the “language” about these matters that we have used for thirty-four years? Do you understand why we speak as rudely and as roughly as we speak (2 Cor. 3:12)?

Why, these modern “Fundamentalists” are scared silly; they are frightened out of their wits by the worldly, godless, depraved carnal spirit of the twentieth century. They talk about “militant stands” and being uncompromising “giants of the faith” and “boldly defending historic positions” when they *are as yellow as the yolk of an egg*. They would back off from the AV text before *ANY UNSAVED LIBERAL IN THE NCC IF HE CONFRONTED THEM WITH “DRAGONS,” “SATYRS,” AND “LEVIATHAN.”* These little pussyfooting prima donnas will not stick by the Book; they will not be true to the Book; they will not *defend* the Book; and they have never *believed* the Book since they went to school and were brainwashed by a chicken-livered, yellow-bellied, backslider (and we say that with charity-naturally!) who was just as COWARDLY as they are. There is no cure for *apostasy*; it is not remediable and awaits judgment.

The motive behind ignoring and altering such verses in the Bible, by all involved, is *worldly* and *Satanic* and has nothing to do with “defending the faith” and absolutely nothing to do with “scholarship” if that word was stretched to its extreme limits. For example, the fact that the word “LEVIATHAN” is used *one time* in the Bible (Ps. 104:26) as a reference to a WHALE could by no means justify the weird conclusion that the Leviathan of Job, chapter 41 is a “large, unknown animal” or “unknown sea monster” or

“crocodile” or “hippopotamus.” After all, a whale (see Moby Dick) *is a type of SATAN in the Scriptures* (see Ezek. 29:3–4 and 32:2), and any English speaking American on the face of this earth with a junior high school education could find that out if he opened an AV and read it.

The phenomenon which we have now demonstrated TWICE can only be explained in one way, for no one could say *seriously* that these apostates were so stupid that they couldn’t read their own language in their native tongue, since it is apparent that any one of them had at least six years of Hebrew and Greek behind them and at least twelve years of English on an undergraduate level. We are shut up to one inescapable and grisly conclusion: that conclusion was arrived at in the first two paragraphs of this chapter.

The only RATIONAL explanation for such blind stupidity, such blundering infidelity, such crafty equivocation, such Bible-rejecting apostasy by “militant Fundamentalists” is that they have personally and individually been conditioned by the worldly philosophy of TV, radio, newspapers and magazines to instinctively protect themselves from *any discussion (or association with) of any verses in the Bible or any verse in the Bible that might jeopardize their INCOMES or their scholarly “IMA GES.”*

These apostates have been *converted* by the news media into humanistic relativists without abandoning their professions in the “fundamentals of the faith.” They have become utilitarian Pragmatists while still holding to “historic positions.” In a nutshell, they have APOSTATIZED and “turned their ears away from the truth and turned them into fables.” And that is why the Scofield notes (in either edition) confine “apostasy” to *unsaved Liberals* (see 2 Tim. 4:1–6). The Conservative scholars who wrote their comments by 2 Timothy, chapter 4 did it *to protect themselves from detection*, as they had already made up their minds when they wrote out the notes that “satyrs,” “dragons,” and “Leviathan” do not exist and have *never existed*. To them, Leviathan could not be a “dragon,” for to them there are no dragons, EVEN THOUGH THE SCRIPTURES SAY THAT THERE ARE.

To these belly-worshipping worldlings who pass off as “giants of the faith,” such passages have to remain as an “Unknown Bible” and for them “the mist of outer darkness” (at least in regards to understanding the truths of such Scriptures) is reserved. They qualify as “blind leaders of the blind” and the young Christian men and women who are gullible enough to follow them (so they won’t be made fun of as a “Ruckmanite”) will certainly fall into the same ditch with them.

Uneducated Ignorance vs. Educated Ignorance

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. (1 Corinthians 1:19)

The Scriptures we are studying are the terror of apostate Fundamentalists and Conservatives in the twentieth century because if they are brought up and discussed they will reveal two things immediately: first of all, that the people who make the loudest noise at “Congresses of Fundamentalism” about the “Authority of the Scriptures” do not believe *that any Book on this earth is the “Scriptures”*; and secondly, they will not tolerate the open discussion of any statement from any Bible that could jeopardize their incomes or their “images” by bringing ridicule down on their heads for believing the Bible *as they have it*. We just gave three outstanding samples: satyrs, dragons, and Leviathan; and as you saw from the documented evidence, there wasn’t one seminary educated “Fundamentalist” in America and there wasn’t one member of one revision committee (Conservative or Evangelical) who believed *anything* about those words found in *any* edition of the Authorized Version. The attitude they had toward these passages (see the last chapter) was total and complete infidelity, absolute unbelief as rank as any Liberal Methodist bishop promoting Jesse Jackson or the PLO.

One of the great dictums of Biblical criticism set up by Bible-rejecting apostates (Griesbach, Lachmann, Hort, Kenyon, Tischendorf, et al.) of the nineteenth century was that “doctrinal passages are suspect.” Now in layman’s language this simply means that “any time you find a verse in the Bible that is a good, strong, plain, clear-cut statement backing up the Deity of Christ or the Trinity, you can “suspect” that the verse has been manipulated by an over zealous, Bible believer in order to reinforce a reading which “in the plenary, verbally inspired original autographs” was *not* emphatic enough. Cases in point would be 1 Timothy 3:16 in the “Bibles” recommended by BJU (ASV and NASV) or Acts 4:27, 31 in the “Bibles” recommended by Tennessee Temple and Liberty Baptist College (NIV and NKJV) and 1 John 5:7–8 in the “Bibles” recommended by Wheaton, Moody, and Fuller (NIV, ASV, RSV, NRSV, etc.).

In every case, the philosophical speculation has been that someone must have meddled with these words to reinforce the truth, whereas if they had been left alone they would not have reinforced the truth.

Of such high-minded nonsense we may say reverently (and with charity): *APPLESAUCE*. (The Army of 1938–1945 had a much more fitting word for it—a compound word—but I am sure that it could hardly be called reverent.)

We come now to three passages in the “Unknown Bible” which the believer should know if only for the purpose of learning something that his teachers and professors cannot know. (If this seems a little harsh or unkind or egotistical, let the reader turn to the chapter in this work that deals with David’s famous profession of faith in Ps. 119:99–100). Many

times our readers “jump the gun” and assume that our vicious language comes from a *bad spirit* or a *bad attitude*. They are quite *mistaken*. It comes from a desire to drive home the truth. A man said to me one time, “If I talked like *you* talk and used the language *you* use someone would probably take a shot at me.” My answer to that is, “If I talked like I *do* talk and use the vocabulary I *do* use and don’t have the right spirit that I *have* about it, God would have killed me thirty-two years ago.” God evidently knows something about our ministry that many of the leading Christian “celebrities” in America don’t know. At least it is certain that the professors and teachers at the major Christian colleges and universities don’t know about it, for they cannot explain thirty-five years of blessed and fruitful ministries accompanied by unloving and “abusive” language.

Here before us are three verses of Scripture that never come up at a “World Congress of Fundamentalism.” They are not preached, as far as I know, from any pulpit in America. In six school years at Bob Jones University I never heard the verses mentioned or read and never saw them on a list of Scriptures given to anyone to study. These Scriptures deal with the very first fundamental of the faith: *BELIEVING WHAT GOD SAID*. What God *said* is more important than the Virgin Birth or the Deity of Christ or the Blood Atonement, since, after all, all three of those great “Fundamentals of the Faith” were learned *by believing the WORDS found in the BOOK*.

We will do well to closely examine and carefully scrutinize any part of the Bible that is expounding on the importance of the *words* that are recorded in that Book. At BJU and other Alexandrian offshoots, this is called a “hobbyhorse,” for, after all, their main efforts are built around *promoting their own institutions*, their own friends, and their own “images”; their ministries have been from the start primarily self-promotion, self-propagation, self-magnification, and self-preservation. No one with any spiritual discernment is fooled by such pious claptrap for half a minute. If it weren’t for THE BOOK (and we don’t mean “the original autographs”), Bob Jones University would have never been built. If it were not for THE BOOK (and we don’t mean the “verbal, plenary inspired originals”), Tennessee Temple schools would never have come into existence. If it were not for THAT BOOK (and we do not refer to the “inerrant originals”), Jerry Falwell would never have built the first building. That is the truth of the matter, and you know it and I know it and God knows it, and so does every saved person on the face of this earth whether they will “own up to it” or not. (If they will not “own up to it,” it is only proof that they are afflicted with the same plague of worldliness which we mentioned in the previous chapter.)

You see, *THE FEAR OF RIDICULE* (that might affect income or image) is the real “guiding light,” the radar beam, the steam power, the jet thrust, the fuel pump, and the locomotive that drives, leads, and guides these apostate Fundamentalists in nearly every single one of their teaching endeavors. And even when they are *professing* to have a great “burden for souls” or a missionary zeal or a love for “high academic standards” or convictions about “secondary separation,” the whole superstructure is activated and motivated and held together and sustained by one supreme “Fundamental” that overshadows all others; one *godless*, worldly, *hellish* principle: **DON’T LET ANY EDUCATED PERSON MAKE FUN OF US FOR OUR LACK OF SCHOLARSHIP.**

That is the real motto and theme song of Laodicean Christian higher education; and it is the hallmark of the apostasy within the Body of Christ. It is applicable to ninety percent of the saved faculty members who are involved in higher education. Again we will illustrate so that matters will be as clear as the Gulf of Mexico on a cloudless day in June.

“For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed: And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned” (Isa. 29:10–12).

Now here is a “nugget” if you ever unearthed one, for it is aimed at the religious leaders of the people *to whom were given the “Oracles of God”* (Rom. 3:2). These people are listed as “prophets,” “rulers,” and “seers,” *the very people in charge of teaching and preaching and judging the truth*. All three groups are included in verse 11 (“And the vision of ALL is become unto you...”).

Now what place in the Scriptures could be more important in dealing with the Bible than this place where we read, “As the WORDS OF A BOOK ...which men deliver to one that is learned...AND THE BOOK is delivered to him that is not learned...” Wouldn’t you think that a Bible teacher could find something in a passage like that?

Here is a “Book” (you are reading a book right now); here is a BOOK (and the Bible is a BOOK); here is a BOOK (Isa. 29:11), and it is not one of “many books” about which there is “no end” to making (Eccl. 12:12). No, this Book is a Book that *God* had something to do with, for He continues with, **“Forasmuch as this people draw near ME with their mouth...and with their lips do honour ME...but have removed their hearts from ME...and their fear toward ME...”**

We read that on a certain day the deaf will “hear the WORDS OF THE BOOK” (Isa. 29:18). Could there be any doubt in your mind about *what Book this is*? We are quoting from *Isaiah*, which, as anyone knows, is in the Old Testament. When the Old Testament ended, the Lord said: “A book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and thought upon his name” (Mal. 3:16).

But, my my, what a strange BOOK!!

First of all, this Book is taken to an *educated scholar* with a Ph.D. (or at least an M.A.) and he is requested to **“Read this I pray thee.”** Here comes his answer: **“I CANNOT, FOR IT IS SEALED.”** But the implication that follows would show that even though it *was* sealed (Isa. 29:11), the scholar *could have opened it*. This is perfectly apparent when one reads verses 13 and 14. *The scholar lied*. He *pretended* that he couldn’t open the seals when he *could*. Let’s put it over the plate waist high; he lied, *he was a liar*.

He was an *educated* liar (“one that is learned”), for he could have easily opened the seals. When the Bible was finished, the last thing that Christ told John was **“SEAL NOT THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK”** (Rev. 22:10). Christ broke the seals on the last Book way back in Revelation 5–6. Observe that the “sealing” on the Book that is delivered to this educated liar was only on it by virtue of the fact *that he himself was BLIND* (Isa. 29:10) and that the Lord Himself was the author of this blindness. When the liar said it was “sealed,” he meant that it was “figurative,” “highly symbolic,” “apocalyptic,” or (to put it in the language of a genuine apostate) that “the text was corrupted,” “there was a scribal error,” “an error in the transmission of the text,” etc.

But matters do not end here. After this, this educated ass (and we have substituted the term for “liar” since “liar” might offend some of you people who are always so concerned about “lack of love for the brethren”), this educated ass, I say (we use the word with charity as it pictures the old nature of the unregenerated man who by birth is a liar: see Job 11:12), this educated ASS (we repeat for “emphasis”) has just been told by the Holy Spirit:

“For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge” (Prov. 8:7–9).

The passage is intact in every edition of every AV printed on either side of the Atlantic for over 360 years.

If the words (note the plural: not the “Word” of God) of God’s mouth are in “righteousness” and if there is “nothing froward or perverse in them” then “they are ALL PLAIN to him that understandeth...”

How could an educated Christian say they were “sealed”?

They are not sealed to a man who “understands.”

Is the educated ASS (and we say it one more time to establish you in sound doctrine) confessing that he has no understanding? Here he is given a Book with words (notice the *plural*: not “Word”) and the words are **“all plain to him that understandeth”** and he doesn’t understand them, even though he holds three earned degrees and is a “Professor of Ancient Languages” and probably the head of a “Bible” Department!

Quite a confession for an educated idiot: he is “learned” but has no *understanding*.

He is **“ever learning yet never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.”**

If the words of God are **“THE WORDS OF THE WISE”** (Prov. 22:17) and a man is commanded to apply his heart to this knowledge (Prov. 22:17), how did this learned ASS (and we use the term to root and ground the reader in “sound speech that cannot be condemned”) of Isaiah, chapter 29 fail to obey the commandment? Especially since he has

set himself up as a Biblical scholar *with the authority to teach the word of God to others* (seers, prophets, rulers)?

You won't answer that question before the Millennium.

Now, do you want to know why such a passage of Scripture is never brought up at Maranatha, Cedarville, Mid-South, Midwestern, Santa Rosa Schools, Pensacola Christian Schools or Liberty Baptist College? Well, you don't have to ask me to find out because:

1. My opinion of the matter is irrelevant.
2. Why should I give you my opinion when God has already given His?

Look at the explanation the Holy Spirit Himself gave about this debacle.

“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold...Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge. For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips. That thy trust may be in the Lord, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?” (Prov. 22:1, 17–21).

Somebody understood the words (note the plural: not the “Word” of God). God wrote *somebody* **“excellent things in counsels and knowledge”** and He made them *known* to somebody (Prov. 22:19). He made them known to someone for a *purpose*: that they might **“know the CERTAINTY OF THE WORDS OF TRUTH”** (note the plural: not “fundamentals of the faith”) so that when someone sent to them for an answer (see Ezek. 14:1–10, for example) they could answer them with **“THE WORDS OF TRUTH”** (note the plural: not the “Word” of Truth). Who could this be?

To whom were the WORDS of truth revealed?

It couldn't have been to the learned Ph.D., for to him they were SEALED. (At least that is the alibi that he gave for having no “certainty” about the words and the words not being “made known” to him: **“HE SAITH I CANNOT, FOR IT IS SEALED.”**)

Well, if this educated ass (the term is a Biblical term and not to be confused with such anti-Biblical slang as “scholarship,” “original autographs,” “qualified authorities,” “text types,” and other pagan mishmash) cannot understand the words in this Book and if the unlearned man cannot understand the words in this Book (Isa. 29:11–12), then *who* is it that does understand them?

Who is it that knows the “certainty” of them (Prov. 22:21)? After all, the ignoramus (the hillbilly)—the fellow who never finished high school—said (when he got a hold of the Book): “I kaint read it ‘cause ah ain't got no book larnin (**“I AM NOT LEARNED”**).

Here we have quite a situation, wouldn't you say?

No wonder the “Bible” departments at Bob Jones University, Tennessee Temple, Dallas, and Denver never discuss such matters! After all, the Scriptures are here dealing with the very words found in the Bible. What could be more foreign to a “Bible” department than a detailed study of a Bible with WORDS in it that are **“true and certain,”** that someone can know because they are “plain,” and yet *a LEARNED MAN can’t learn them and an UNLEARNED MAN can’t learn them!*

Vot a zituation, Abbey!

It almost reminds us of that passage in Revelation, chapter 5 where we were told that “no man was found worthy to open or read the Book, neither to look thereon.”

Can you see yet how “relevant” all of this is? Can you not see the relationship of these great Biblical truths to all of this twentieth century Fundamentalist hot air coming out of Christian schools about “Ruckman” and “Ruckmanites”? Why, these passages are unknown to every faculty member of Dallas Theological Seminary from Lewis S. Chafer to Farstad. No one at Bob Jones from Dr. Brokenshire to Panosian ever discussed them.

The verses state *THAT A MAN CAN KNOW THE CERTAINTY OF THE WORDS OF GOD* (not the “Word” of God) *AND YET CANNOT KNOW THIS (IN ISAIAH) IF HE IS LEARNED OR UNLEARNED.*

Let’s see you figure *THAT* one out with the “verbal, plenary inspired Q-bert.”

Let’s try it with the AV (any edition will do just fine). Obviously the Bible is composed of WORDS, but these words are “sealed” to an educated man who is trying to preserve his image or income (see Isa. 29:13–16 in the context). These words are also hidden from an unlearned man if he is trying to cover up some other sin than “image and income” (see the same context). *The author of this ignorance is the Lord Himself.*

“For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered” (Isa. 29:10).

The passage is a perfect matchmate to Ezekiel 14:4–11 where the author of delusion is the Lord again (as He is AGAIN in 2 Thess. 2:11). We have run smack into *heart motives* again where they are involved with trying to understand the words of God. This blows out the stack all talk about “scholarship” and “qualified authorities,” for neither scholarship nor ignorance has anything to do with learning the words of God or *understanding* the words of God. Neither *education* nor *lack of education* will equip any sinner (saved or lost) to really understand the Book; and since this basic, fundamental, Biblical truth is disbelieved by every seminary and university professor in the world (saved or lost), the passages we have just looked at will remain as part of an “Unknown Bible” that is never mentioned in any classroom on this earth.

The terrible truth is that “all the words” of God’s mouth are in “righteousness” (Prov. 8:8, ALL OF THEM) because His mouth speaks the truth (Prov. 8:7), and when He speaks of “excellent things that are right things” (Prov. 8:6), these excellent, truthful and right

things are **“ALL PLAIN TO HIM THAT UNDERSTANDETH”** (Prov. 8:9). If they are not plain to YOU it is because you do not *understand*, and if you do not understand then certainly your problem (and the problem of the rascal who taught you) is a HEART PROBLEM: it has nothing to do with Greek grammar, Hebrew sufformatives, older manuscripts, transmission of texts, reliable versions, conflated readings, “intrinsic probabilities,” “dynamic equivalents,” archaeological findings, cursives, or uncials.

The problem is a heart problem, exactly as it was a heart problem in the heart of every Ph.D., B.D., D.D., M.A., Th.M. and L.L.D. on the revision committees of every English “Bible” published since 1880.

Their education made them just as stupid as a fourth grade dropout.

The great, fundamental, basic, Biblical truth we have here states that God will *make the truth known* and will make *His words known to someone* (Prov. 22: 19) *in writing* (Prov. 22:20) so they can know the “CERTAINTY” of *those words* (Prov. 22:21). They can be “kept” within a man (Prov. 22:18). They can be “fitted” to his lips (Prov. 22:18) and with his lips he can “answer” with those “words of truth” (Prov.22:21) anyone who sends to him for counseling or information about anything that God has revealed. Simon Peter says simply:

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen” (1 Pet. 4:11).

And what shall we say to these things?

Well, all we can say is that the deadliest enemies of Biblical truth in America in the Body of Christ since 1901—the men who have done more to destroy the faith of Americans in the words of God than all infidels, Modernists, Catholics, Communists, Atheists, and Humanists combined—have been the educated Conservative scholars and teachers WHO WERE SO AFRAID OF RIDICULE THAT THEY APPROACHED *THE WORDS OF GOD* (note the plural: not the “Word”) WITH THE IDEA IN MIND OF *PRESERVING THEIR OWN IMAGES AND INCOMES* (see “Moby Dick and the White Crocodile”).

According to the public profession of these men in Isaiah, chapter 29, they *cannot understand the plain words of truth*—the right words of wisdom and knowledge that are *absolutely certain*. They say of the Bible: “I CANNOT READ IT FOR IT IS SEALED.”

It is only SEALED to people like them.

If the blind lead the blind, etc.

Let them speak for their own kind and testify to their own ignorance and agnosticism. Let them bear witness that the Lord has “poured out upon them the spirit of deep sleep”

(see the text). God said that the prophets, rulers, and seers were “covered.” They have an unknown Bible they cannot understand. They cannot read it because for them it is “sealed.” May it not be sealed (or remain an “Unknown Book”) to those of you who have better sense and more *humility*.

The Great Heretical Ruckmanite

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? (Jeremiah 23:29)

For several pages now we have been reading Scriptural passages that point out a terrible truth in regards to our generation; and this is the truth that among the highest educated Christians in America in the twentieth century, much of the Bible is an unknown Book. The ignorance is not confined to unsaved Liberals or secular students in state colleges.

The two verses we are about to look at are literally the “Black Death” for the saved Fundamentalist who holds earned degrees. A silence comparable to Yankee Stadium at 4 A.M. descends upon Pacific Coast Bible College, Maranatha, GARBC, and Dallas Theological Seminary when these two verses are produced. The verses again deal with the *first fundamental of the Christian faith*. Since there isn’t one “fundamental” that a “Fundamentalist” can believe in (that is so), that came from any other source than the Scriptures, *belief in the Scriptures* is the “King Kong” of the fundamentals. After all, nearly every system of pagan religions on this earth has counterfeits of the Trinity, the Virgin Birth, the Resurrection, the New Birth, etc. (see the vast amount of documented evidence in Hislop’s *Two Babylons*, 1959). Bob Jones Sr., (1883–1968) said many times: “Whatever the Bible says is so.” He always gave that as the *first grounds for interdenominational cooperation among Christians*; where Christians do not believe *that* (“whatever the Bible says is SO”), THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR COOPERATION NO MATTER WHO *THINKS* THERE ARE OR NO MATTER HOW MUCH EVIDENCE IS PRODUCED TO CONVINCe THE SUCKER THAT THERE IS. “Convincing the suckers” is, today, in America, a full-time ministry.

Here are the two verses exactly as Bob Jones Sr., read them all of his life. They read this way in any edition of the AV exactly as John Wesley and George Whitefield read them and exactly as Spurgeon and Finney read them. Dwight L. Moody and J. Frank Norris read them as you see them here.

“And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed” (Gal. 3:8).

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

Ignoring the “verbally inspired original autograph” hobbyhorse that the hobbyhorse riders of Fundamentalism ride from morning till night, let us observe that these two verses deal with the very first fundamental: *what the Scriptures say*. But these two verses are not innocent, harmless, little verses like “thus saith the Lord” and the verses you often see quoted in books trying to prove “the inerrancy of the Scriptures.” No, these verses commit the “unpardonable sin” in the eyes of Truman Dollar, A. V. Henderson, Rodney Bell, Farstad, James Price, Fred Afman, J. R. Faulkner, Zane Hodges, Myron Cedarholm, E. S. English, and Walvoord. These verses give the credit for producing the WRITTEN SCRIPTURES to the WRITTEN SCRIPTURES—*NOT GOD!*—*when there were no written Scriptures present!*

Now how is it that a young man or young woman can go to four years of undergraduate school at Pensacola Christian College, Baptist University of America, Santa Rose Schools, or Liberty University and never have these verses explained to them?

1. They are New Testament verses.
2. They were written after the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
3. They were written to saved Gentiles in the Body of Christ.
4. They were written by the Apostle to the Gentiles.
5. They were found in books that deal *with the two first fundamentals of New Testament salvation: JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH and ETERNAL SECURITY BY FAITH.*

How could any “good, godly, dedicated, reverent Biblicist” have overlooked *these* verses while being paid to “teach the Bible”?

Well, the “pig in the poke” is not hard to find; in the first verse (Gal. 3) we are told that **“THE SCRIPTURE foreseeing that GOD would justify the heathen...”**

Better do a “double take.” The verse presented the *Scripture* as a living person.

Now this is a “no no” in any school where the Ph.D.s and M.A.s are usurping the authority of the Scriptures while professing to believe in them because they “use” them. If you are a “Bible” teacher engaged in setting up your own opinions and preferences as the final authority in the classroom instead of the Scriptures (while “using” the Scriptures to make a living), you wouldn’t care for this verse. It smacks of “BIBLIOLATRY,” if we are to believe the backslidden apostates at Dallas Theological Seminary. Furthermore, the verse gets more violent as it proceeds, for it says, **“THE SCRIPTURE...preached before the gospel unto Abraham.”**

Now what? *This time the word “SCRIPTURE” was inserted instead of “God.”* They replaced Him. *Read the verse again.* If the faculties at Springfield, Arlington, Cedarville, Watertown, Greenville, Chattanooga, and Dallas can’t get it in 400 readings, would you get it in *two* readings?

You see, anyone who knows anything about the history of manuscript evidence, textual criticism, higher criticism or Biblical theology knows that there are no Scriptures

around anywhere in Genesis, chapter 12 to “preach the gospel” to *anyone*. Moses did not write Genesis, chapter 12 till well over 200 years after Abraham was DEAD.

There were no “Scriptures” to preach anything to Abraham.

How do you suppose Paul got so “screwed up” in “Bibliolatry” that he could make a blunder like the one he made in Galatians 3:8? “Foreseeing” is the activity of a living person; a piece of paper with ink on it cannot “foresee” anything. It may foretell or predict or forecast something, but it certainly cannot “FORESEE.” *That is an attribute of Deity* (see the article on “Do You Know the Lord?”).

Now don’t we have a “fine kettle of fish” (pickle, howdoyoudo, etc.) here? Here is a verse of Scripture (not “God”) preaching something to Abraham when Abraham had no piece of paper (papyrus, vellum, ostraka, leather, wood, or clay tablet) with ink on it to preach ANYTHING to him (Observe: “The SCRIPTURE foreseeing what God....”). Why didn’t Paul tell us the truth about it? It was GOD (*not any “Scripture”*) that preached to Abraham in Genesis, chapters 12, 14, and 24, *and in every other place*.

Paul has unwittingly (and blasphemously, if we are to believe crackpots like Truman Dollar and the men who taught him) *ascribed to THE WRITTEN SCRIPTURES one of the qualities of Deity and then has used the term “SCRIPTURE”* (Gal. 3:8) *as a substitute for the real preacher: GOD HIMSELF* (Gen. 12:1–4).

Paul was a bad boy!

Now the unholy blasphemy (if we follow the faculty and staff of Tennessee Temple) of this heretical Ruckmanite continues as he evidently sets up a CULT of Bibliolators; for not being content with Galatians 3:8, Paul writes these words in Romans 9:17.

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

Note: “THE SCRIPTURE SAITH UNTO PHARAOH...”

It said nothing of the kind.

There were no Scriptures around to say anything to Pharaoh. The words that Paul cites were not even said to Pharaoh *when they were spoken*. The words that Paul cites (“even for this same purpose have I raised thee up”) were not “said” by the Scriptures at all: **THEY WERE SPOKEN BY GOD TO MOSES (NOT PHARAOH) TO BE DELIVERED TO PHARAOH, ORALLY.**

Any DVBS student knows that the quotation is from Exodus 9:16 and that the citation began with “And the LORD said unto MOSES” (Exod. 19:13).

The Apostle to the Gentiles (who told Bible believers to follow HIM as a pattern: 1 Cor. 4:16 and 1 Tim. 1:16) is having a little trouble in distinguishing the difference between GOD and the *written words of the Bible*.

You say, “Well, he is quoting Scriptures that by that time had *already been written.*”

Yes, but he didn’t say just “THE SCRIPTURE SAITH...” and he didn’t say “IT IS WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPTURE...,” nor did he say: “The Scripture was fulfilled WHICH SAID...” He said, **“FOR THE SCRIPTURES SAITH UNTO PHARAOH...I HAVE RAISED THEE UP, THAT I MIGHT SHEW MY POWER...”**

You see, the antecedent in Romans 9:17 for “I” and “My” (God) is the Scripture, for the Scripture is speaking in Romans 9:17 (**“FOR THE SCRIPTURE SAITH UNTO PHARAOH...”**).

As a boy who was asked to give a book report on a book about polar bears said one time in school: “This book tells me more about polar bears than I care to know.” Paul holds the written Scriptures in too high esteem for the faculty members at Maranatha, Bob Jones, and Tennessee Temple. *He inserted the word “Scripture” for God twice in the New Testament epistles, knowing what he was doing when he did it.* Paul is driving in the “fast lane” and the Fundamentalists in Laodicea cannot keep up with him.

Say! What does YOUR pastor and teacher have to say about such terrible “cultic heresy”? Doesn’t the poor fool contract lockjaw at these places? I think so. He is so hung up on his fear that “Bibliolatry” will cause some educated ass to make fun of him that he would rather cut his throat (*and yours to!*) with a butcher knife than to take the ridicule that is going to be heaped on Bible believers in the next ten years by the Soviet Catholic State-Church of America. The two verses are an “Unknown Bible” to 50,000 saved graduates of Conservative universities, colleges, and seminaries; those verses put the written words of God on too high a plane for the conceited ASSES (and that is the proper word no matter how much TV you have been watching) who desire to replace them with lexicons, grammars, commentaries, versions, and “study helps.”

The “bottom line” is worse.

You see, when Paul quoted these words from Exodus and Genesis (in these two passages cited), he didn’t have ONE “VERBAL, PLENARY, INSPIRED ORIGINAL AUTOGRAPH” OF *EITHER BOOK WITHIN 500,000,000 MILES OF HIM, NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, OR WEST.*

Paul has given credit to the Scriptures which he was reading at THAT time as being powerful enough to be used instead of the word “GOD” in Romans 9:17 and Galatians 3:8.

There it is: choke on it.

When Paul used the word “Scripture” in 2 Timothy 3:16—the great “proof text” that *Donald Waite* uses from coast to coast to prove that “Ruckmanism” is a heresy!—*it was a reference to Scriptures which Timothy had and read.* (See 2 Tim. 3:15, which Donald Waite has failed to see in the twenty years he has been “defending the Textus Receptus.” Old foxes know how to cover their tracks.)

When the Ethiopian Eunuch had the “Scriptures” opened to him (Acts 8:35), he certainly was NOT reading any “verbal, plenary, inspired, original Rosemary’s Baby.” The idea of teaching that the Ethiopian eunuch had Isaiah’s “*original autograph*” in Acts 8:32!

The very idea! You talk about HERESY! The gall of these half-witted fanatics saying that the word “SCRIPTURE” (2 Tim. 3:16) is only a reference to “original autographs”! Why the nerve of some half-baked, fanatical upstarts! The eunuch was reading *the Scriptures* (Acts 8:32) AND **“ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD.”**

It turns out that Paul’s “verbal, plenary, inspired originals” were nothing but *translations of copies of the originals of Genesis and Exodus*. Since there is “no such thing as an inspired *translation*” (to quote nearly EVERY PRESIDENT, FOUNDER, AND FACULTY MEMBER OF EVERY MAJOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IN AMERICA, INCLUDING ALL FUNDAMENTALIST AND CONSERVATIVE SCHOOLS), Paul’s citations in Galatians 3:8 and Romans 9:17 in the New Testament *could not have been inspired even in THEIR original form, for they were TRANSLATIONS*.

There it is again: *choke on it again*.

The staff and faculty at BJU already have: God strangled their kind with it more than 370 years ago.

Getting to Know the Lord

And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. (John 5:38)

In the preceding chapter we saw how Paul was guilty of “Bibliolatry” in the eyes of all of the writers for *Faith Magazine* (Bob Jones University Press) and the *Fundamentalist Journal* (Lynchburg, Virginia); and to those of us who believe the Book, this crisis should amount to something akin to four pine needles falling off of a white pine somewhere in the St. Regis forest south of Bay Minette. The institutions who call Bible believers “Ruckmanites” would all agree that Paul was a vicious “Bibliolater” on the grounds of his writings (Gal. 3 and Rom. 9), so we may dispense with the institutions without further discussion.

Now we come upon two more remarkable verses about which our institutionalized “peers” are as quiet as a turkey farm on Thanksgiving afternoon.

In 1 Samuel 3:1 we find that “...**The word of the Lord was precious in those days,**” and then we proceed to read in the same chapter (v. 7), “**Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him.**” This doesn’t end matters. We read once more in the same chapter (v. 21), “**And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.**”

Notice that in all three cases the Scriptures are talking about the Lord *appearing* to someone and *speaking* something; here, in 1 Samuel, the words which the Lord speaks are spoken by a visible “Theophany.” (“The word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was NO OPEN VISION.”) Of these words which the LORD spoke to Samuel we read, “And Samuel...did let NONE OF HIS WORDS fall to the ground.”

When these verses are placed together with other verses in 1 Samuel, no one but a Greek or Hebrew teacher could fail to see the implications: *the word of the Lord* (1 Sam. 15:23) is the equivalent of the “**COMMANDMENT of the Lord**” (1 Sam. 15:24) and this is called by Samuel “**THE VOICE of the WORDS of the Lord**” (1 Sam. 15:1). Notice that when these verses are placed alongside each other, another Biblical truth appears which is as deadly to Laodicean scholarship (Custer, Neal, Panosian, Wisdom, Sumner, Dollar, Wuest, Zodhiates, Hort, Trench, Thayer, Berry, Metzger, Aland, and Farstad) as “Moby Dick and the White Crocodile.”

What appears as the Biblical truth that lines up exactly with Hebrews 4:12, where the antecedent of “HIM with whom we have to do” is “**THE WORD OF GOD.**” (“All things are naked and open” to the “**WORD OF GOD,**” which is a discerner of man’s thoughts.)

These accidental comparisons of the *written words* (the “WORDS,” according to Samuel) with God Himself causes bleeding duodenal ulcers and angina pectoris among the faculty members of modern Conservative and Evangelical schools who fear *ridicule* worse than sin, sickness, or death.

The verses lay bare three “naked truths” before our faces; and these truths are decreed by the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Godhead, the very author of the words.

1. There can be a “famine in the land” where the *words* of God become “precious” because they are *unavailable* (Amos 8:11).

2. When God reveals Himself to a man, He reveals Himself by the “word.” (We may thank God that when the Thessalonians heard the word of God they received it “**not as the word of men**” but as it was in truth, “**the word of God,**” 1 Thess. 2:13.)

3. Not only does God reveal Himself by His “word” (note the small “w,” not the capital “W” for the Incarnate Christ in John 1:1–2) but His conversations are composed of *WORDS* (1 Sam. 3:19); and, finally, notice that where a man does not “know the word of the Lord,” he doesn’t know the *LORD* (1 Sam. 3:7). Knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ is bound up inseparably with His “word” and His “words” (see Rom. 10:17 and John 8:47).

All is so patently clear that no one could miss it but a Hebrew or Greek teacher whose life ministry is *getting rid of the words of God* while pretending he is called to *restore them*.

Jesus said that:

1. *The knowledge of His Deity and His Father’s Deity* depended upon you receiving His *WORDS* (John 17:8, not the “Word” of God).

2. “**If a man love me he will keep my WORDS**” (John 14:23, not the “Word” of God).

3. These *words* (not the “Word”) came from His Father (John 14:10).

4. *Answers to prayer* were found with those who kept these *WORDS* (John 15:7, not the “Word” of God).

DO YOU HAVE THOSE WORDS?

DO YOU KEEP THOSE WORDS?

Does the man that taught you have those words? Does your preacher keep those words? Since there isn’t one Fundamentalist, living or dead, who has ever seen ANY OF THOSE WORDS—if those words are the “verbal, plenary inspired original autographs” (see any “profession of faith” by any monkey)—why did God tell you to do something you couldn’t do?

God reveals Himself to sinners today exactly as He did then where it comes to words. I trust you can find His *words* and read them.

These words are UNKNOWN to every major scholar in America (saved or lost) of any profession of faith (Neo-Evangelical, Liberal, Fundamentalist, or Catholic) if he thinks they are the “original manuscripts,” for no such things exist.

Now would you like to be ignorant of 31,000 plus verses of Scripture?

ALL MAJOR GREEK AND HEBREW SCHOLARS ARE BECAUSE THEY CONFESS (AS DONALD WAITE) THAT THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN THE

SCRIPTURES: *NOT ONE VERSE IN 31,000 PLUS.*

Small wonder we call this book *THE UNKNOWN BIBLE.*

Do You Know the Lord?

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? (John 14:9)

The Holy Spirit has picked up the nasty habit through the centuries of “knocking the screws loose,” so to speak, in the minds of college educated graduates who earn degrees in postgraduate seminaries. As we have often said, “*The Lord has a monkey wrench that will fit any nut.*” They mess with the Book so the Lord messes with their *minds* (see chapters 1–2). If you want to see the operation in progress, buy a copy of *Custer’s Last Stand* (Pensacola Bible Institute Press, 1982) and observe what the head of the “Bible Department” at Bob Jones University has to say about the personality of the Lord Jesus Christ. This poor, misguided fool (with earned degrees) was teaching hundreds of young men and women every year at BJU that the Lord Jesus Christ never spoke an unkind word to anyone and that He was never harsh or sarcastic in His dealings with men. To come out with a “Disneyworld” theology like that, BJU had to reject more than 500 verses in the Old Testament and more than fifty in the New Testament. To Custer, these 550 verses were an “Unknown Bible”; and like his superstitious Athenian ancestors (Acts 17), he could no more handle sixth grade English in plain print where it dealt with God’s words than he could handle a telephone book written in Coptic.

Now we all understand that “**God was manifest in the flesh.**” Furthermore, we have the discourses of our Lord Jesus Christ recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, plus the actions attending His ministry. Surely this is enough to give us a complete idea of His character and personality. At least that is what is taught in every major Christian college in America.

But such a teaching nullifies some of the most valuable information in the word of God about the opinions and attitudes of our Saviour where they express His innermost personality. A person has a “personality,” and the Divine personality is no exception. This *personality* (however documented in the New Testament) is absolutely incomplete without the Old Testament passages where the Lord is talking about HIMSELF in the first person.

Jesus’ statements about Himself in the New Testament are largely confined to His relation to the Father (see Matt. 11; John 5–7, 10, 14, 17). When He speaks of Himself, He does identify Himself as the “**Good Shepherd,**” the “**Bread of Live,**” the “**Water of Life,**” the “**Way, the Truth, and the Life,**” etc., and He does invite men to come to Him in order to have access to God (Matt. 11:27). But He rarely ever gives out with a *personal opinion* about Himself. It is true that He preaches at His congregations (see Matt. 5–7) and against them (Matt. 23 and John 8); it is also true that He spends much time teaching them many things (Matt. 13, 24; Mark 13; Luke 17, 21; etc.), but what is missing will be found in Isaiah, chapters 40–48 where God speaks of Himself in the *first person singular*. Here God’s real personality shines through: it is anti-Humanitarian, anti-Catholic, anti-Darwin, anti-News Media, anti-Science, and anti-sympathetic. In short, Isaiah, chapters 40–48

picture such a ghastly portrait of Almighty God that the verses are simply erased from the mind and memory of every Conservative, Evangelical, Charismatic, and Fundamentalist in America who is trying to establish a good “image.”

“To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy one” (Isa. 40:25).

The verse asks mankind a question. Why doesn't some educated evolutionist attempt to answer it? *The question has been posted for more than 2,600 years.*

“Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob” (Isa. 41:21).

Why are we constantly being told by philosophers, scientists, educators, and newspaper journalists that religion and science are not in the same category since FAITH is *unreasonable* (not rational) while science is *reasonable*? (See any set of books written by anyone who followed Darwin, Huxley, Paley, Lyell, or Haeckel.) God Almighty openly challenged these eggheads more than 400 years before Plato was born and He challenged them to debate with Him in regards to REASONS.

“Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together” (Isa. 41:22–23).

You see, when God calls forth all of these Atheists, Agnostics, Fascists, Humanists, “Third Worlders,” popes, Communists, Catholics, Evolutionists, and Socialists (same crew: different *names*) to produce their “causes” and “reasons,” He Himself set up the criteria for judging the “reasonableness” of their reasons. He gets no takers. He never will, for the criteria which He set up is the ABILITY TO PREDICT. The Apostle John was told that, “The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of PROPHECY” (Rev. 19:10).

Notice the ridicule and sarcasm that are part of God's “personality.”

“Do GOOD, or do EVIL, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. Behold, ye are of NOTHING, and your work of NOUGHT: an ABOMINATION is he

that chooseth you” (Isa. 41:23–24).

You never have heard *that* preached on PTL.

You have never heard that brought up at an Ecumenical Council.

You have never heard any pope discuss it and you never will.

That is God Almighty telling mankind to “do right or wrong,” it doesn’t make any difference to Him! He couldn’t “care less.”

You see, there are things about God’s innermost personality that educated Fundamentalists know nothing about at all, and don’t dare to even *talk* about.

Verse 23 is *sarcasm* as vicious and venomous as you ever saw it published in any anti-Semitic literature published by Julius Streicher (1930–1940). You are not going to “dismay” the Trinity *no matter what you do*; and if you can’t *predict the future* (v. 22), you are not really “scientific,” for pinpoint predictions, given 800 years ahead of time, deal with mathematical probabilities. Psychology, Sociology, Humanism, and Philosophy are not scientifically precise: Mathematics and Bible prediction ARE: THAT IS *GOD’S FIELD*.

For example, the chances of forty-eight prophecies on Jesus Christ’s First Coming being fulfilled (as all of them were) is about one out of ten to the 147th power. We all know that there are not that many electrons in the known universe. There are not that many electrons in *three universes* the size of ours. After performing this mathematical impossibility where the odds are beyond the realm of computers or any “probability,” the Lord gives man a mathematical estimate of his *own worth* in DIGITS.

“YE ARE OF NOTHING, AND YOUR WORK OF NOUGHT.”

Two zeros. *Two blanks*. No wonder David said, **“What is man, that thou art mindful of him?”** (Psa. 8:4).

There isn’t one professor of geology, biology, chemistry, or botany in a state university who ever faced that verse and dealt honestly with it. As a matter of fact, such verses are completely unknown to the editors of 500 daily newspapers, the UN, the CFR, 400,000,000 Roman Catholics, both houses of Congress, the NAACP, the HRS, the College of Cardinals, the American Medical Association, the IRS, the NEA and every District Court Judge in America.

Ignorance of Isaiah, chapters 40–48 is universal.

“Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:” (Isa. 42:5).

Here God takes credit for creating *the heavens* (without a “big bang”); and then He

takes credit for creating *the earth* (and in the New Testament the Lord Jesus gives His assent to this claim: Mark 13:19); and then He takes credit for making everything that *grows out of the ground*; and finally He takes credit to Himself for giving life to *every man on this planet* (look at the verse). And just as quickly as any little flop-eared “religious writer” for the “religious news service” of the Gannet string sticks his little monkey nose into the press with: “Evolution adds flesh and bones to the account of Genesis creationism” (and similar collegiate gasbags), the Lord says: **“I am the Lord and MY GLORY WILL I NOT GIVE TO ANOTHER.”** Mother Nature and Darwin don’t get *any* credits: they flunk the course.

God’s criteria for evaluating how *smart* a man is and how much he actually *knows* is prediction; *predictability*, according to the statistical laws of probability as laid down by *mathematics* (Isa. 41:21–23). No sooner does God take credit for everything that man attributed to blind accidental force (see any book written by any evolutionist in the last 200 years) than He throws PREDICTION into the face of the educated evolutionists and humanitarians who deny His boasting: **“Behold, the former things are COME TO PASS, and NEW THINGS do I declare: before they spring forth I TELL YOU OF THEM”** (Isa. 42:9).

Now how is it that all of the intelligentsia have failed to “pick up the gauntlet” in regards to these matters? Here is the Challenger; here is the challenge. Where are the “taker oners”? If these educated apes have such a high regard for their “big bang” theory and their religious faith in “puddle to paradise”—if they are so excruciatingly “scientific” with their little money machines (computers) designed to rob people of income—and if they think the Biblical account of creation in Genesis is *non-scientific* (as District Court Judges in America do, plus all the Greek philosophers who died before the birth of Pontius Pilate), why don’t they all just enter the field of *MATHEMATICS*, like the *BIBLE* does, and compete with the *BIBLE*?

Little cold feet there, sonny?

Mathematics is just a little too “objective” is it, sonny?

You would rather stick to sociology and philosophy would you, sonny?

Wipe the sweat off your brow, sonny.

THE WORDS I PRINTED WERE WRITTEN 800 YEARS *BEFORE JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN* and there is not yet (2,600 years later) one Humanist (living or dead), not one psychiatrist (living or dead), not one scientist engaged in manipulating DNA, RNA, amino acids, and “ribosomes” (living or dead); nor one philosopher (living or dead) who has attempted to answer the challenge. There wasn’t any in 700 B.C. or 600 B.C. or 500 B.C. or 400 B.C.; nor was there any in A.D. 200 or A.D. 500 or A.D. 1000 or A.D. 1200 or A.D. 1500 or any other B. C. or A.D.

“Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me

there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God. Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?" (Isa. 43:10–13).

Notice how this facet of God's personality is rarely found in the New Testament. Christ is very careful and mild spoken in His presentation of Himself as Deity in *most* cases; but there is no self-effacement; there is no pious humility; there is no attempt to be "humble." It comes on like a tidal wave.

"I, even I, am the Lord; and BESIDE ME there is no saviour. There is no God else beside ME...I am God, and there is none else...Is there a God beside ME? Yea, there is no God; I KNOW NOT ANY!" (Isa. 43:11, 45:21–22, 44:8).

My, my, my, what a way to talk! But you will not stop the personality of God from revealing itself in His own Book:

"I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:" (Isa. 45:5).

"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever" (Deut. 32:39–40).

Here is nothing as mild as "No man knoweth the Father, etc." or "No man cometh to the Father...etc." Here we find:

"For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else" (Isa. 45: 18).

"Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God,

and there is none else” (Isa. 45:21–22).

“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me” (Isa. 46:9).

Again the appeal (regarding His statements about Himself as absolute Truth and absolute Holiness: absolute GOD) is made to PREDICTABILITY:

“And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel...I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else” (Isa. 45:3, 5–6).

Why is there such a silence from Madalyn Murray O’Hair and the National Association for the Advancement of Science? Where is the Civil Liberties Union and the Catholic Anti-Defamation League? What happened to those 15,000 Humanists in the National Education Association who were trying to shut down every Christian school in America? Cat got your tongue, children?

Nothing to predict, eh kiddies?

Kinda *stupid* aren’t you, kiddies?

The Bible predicts 500 events that haven’t taken place yet, and it gives the names, places, and localities for eighty percent of them (see Isa. 40, 45, 65–66; Joel 2; Zeph. 3; Hosea 3; Amos 9; Matt. 24; Luke 17; Rev. 13, 19–22, etc.).

Got lockjaw do you, kiddies?

Here is ink on paper where *someone* professes to be speaking and this someone brags about HIMSELF as the only True, Just, and Supreme Being in the universe; and having taken credit for having made it (and having taken credit for making the very people on it who don’t believe Him!), He then challenges these people *to step into the ring with Him to try to prove that He is a liar*. He challenges these people to bring forth reasons and *causes* (Isa. 41:22) for their position. He tells them simply, “If you want to prove that I don’t know what I’m talking about and *you* do,” then:

“Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Shew the things that are to come hereafter,

that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together” (Isa. 41:22–23).

They can't do it.

Neither can you.

Neither could the Fabian Society, the Esalen Institute, the National Council of Churches, the Vatican Hierarchy, the UN, the pope, the Communist party, Bertrand Russell, the Eupsychian Network, SIECUS, William Glasser, Abraham Maslow, Mohammed, Gandhi, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Life*, and *Newsweek*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Chicago Tribune*, Orwell, Mother Shipton, Edgar Cayce, Nostradamus, or Jean Dixon.

No one on this earth can tell you the details of the next 1000 years apart from the written words of the One who said,

“WHO HATH DECLARED THIS FROM ANCIENT TIME? WHO HATH TOLD IT FROM THAT TIME? HAVE NOT I THE LORD? and there is no God else beside ME; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside ME. Look unto ME, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I AM GOD, and there is none else” (Isa. 45:21–22).

What is revealed to us here (with God speaking in the first person about Himself) is God “bragging” about His own Power, Authority, and Knowledge (just like any scholar on a revision committee!). No one is speaking *for* Him or testifying *about* Him. These are personal statements which the Lord made about Himself. *They constitute an “Unknown Bible” to over 4,000,000,000 people.*

The educated fools who pose as leaders for these masses and who read such verses are helpless to refute them or to confound them, for the test of their own credibility cannot lie in “Biblical criticism” or in “historical reconstruction of the myth” or in “the Theistic philosophy of Deutero-Isaiah” or in trying to find “contradictions in the Bible.” *Their credibility* lay in their being able to predict over 500 items in detail *before* they showed up; and these 500 items must be predicted by more than twenty different individuals between 400–3000 years before they show up. Furthermore, they must be fulfilled “to the letter” when they *do* show up.

The Bible does not hesitate to “stick its neck out” in these matters. It boldly declares 500 details of future history that had not taken place yet in 1900, and at least 490 of these details are still in the future. The chances of 500 detailed prophecies being fulfilled to the letter more than 2,000 years after they are predicted is more than one out of ten to the 800th power. Look at it this way, if some depraved idiot invented and built a master computer that could think, figure, talk, analyze, expound, and store facts at the rate of

900,000,000,000 per second, he couldn't even get in the same league with the Bible, let alone in the same ball park. Some rinky-dink erector set computer that can only store 900,000,000,000 facts a second could not win, place or show alongside a Bible, for it would take such an Afro-construction (there is another term that is more widely used) more than 900,000,

000,000,000,000,000,000, years to work out the information involved in 500 prophecies that all come to pass. That is, it would take it more than 900,000,000,000,000,000,000 years working at the rate of 900,000,000,000 a SECOND.

“Science?” Don't make us laugh. We have the only textbook on real “science” that has ever been written. Go stick your computer in your left ear.

This breaks up all the IBM computers in the software shop. The computer chips fly away with the fools who invented them. The passages in Isaiah are not only unanswered: they are *unknown*, for they don't deal with “sharing God's love” or “letting Christ come into your life” or “helping your fellow man.” No mention is made in them of how to bring in “peace on earth” or how to “settle the near East question” or how to “combat double-digit inflation” or how to “cope with married life.”

The verses deal with the educated ignorance and stupid infidelity of twentieth century Humanists who worship evolution and think they are smarter than God. For 2,600 years God has given them a standing offer to *prove* their intelligence; their batting average for the ball game was .0000 every time they got up to the plate. The Lord batted 1000 on the *First Advent* predictions, manifesting a miracle of mathematics (1 out of 10 to the 146th power) and He is about to bat 1000 on the *Second Advent* predictions (1 out of 10 to the 850th power). The CFR, Illuminati, Bilderbergers, Club of Rome, Federal Reserve Bank, the NCC, and the Catholic church will slow Him down about the way a pile of ants would slow down a DC-10 jet going from San Francisco to Honolulu.

How a Young Student Tore Up a Seminary Classroom

And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? (John 7: 15)

Anyone who spends a great deal of time reading the Scripture for the simple pleasure of enjoying it and being interested in what it says will soon be struck by the “credibility gap” he finds between what he is *reading* and what he has been *taught* by nearly any teacher in the secular or sacred world. The Bible is still a shocker. Since much of it attacks the sins of educated Christians, it is still an “Unknown Book” on many Fundamentalist college campuses. Some of these verses fall under the heading of exposing the *foolishness of higher education* (1 Cor. 1–2); some are designed to expose the sins of *Bible revisors* (2 Cor. 2:17); some directly attack the decisions of the *Federal Court Judges* in America (1 Tim. 6); some run directly contrary to all established “public policy” as determined by *the American news media* (Eph. 5 and Rom. 1); some ridicule and make fun of various *faiths and religions* (Matt. 23 and 1 Kings 18); some reveal God as *sarcastic and vindictive* (Isa. 40–48) as well as loving and merciful; some overthrow “historic Fundamentalist positions” (Heb. 4, 6, 10); and others simply attack anyone in sight who puts too much weight on science, philosophy, psychiatry or higher education (1 Cor. 2; Col. 2; 1 Tim. 6).

These verses make up what we call the “Unknown Bible.” They are “verboten” in colleges (secular or sacred), and when a commentator happens to land on one of them in writing a commentary, he sluffs them off as quickly as possible and makes no contemporary application to anyone in his day or time. The verses are actually POISON in the minds of educated Christian teachers and professors, although they are just as *pure* (Prov. 30:5) in the mind of God as any verse in the Bible (Luke 4:4). We continue here with our study on these verses that compose the “Unknown Bible.”

The first two of these verses are found in Psalm 119:99–100.

“I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts” (Psa. 119:99–100).

Here are prime examples of Bible truths that are not discussed in classrooms. What teacher with “degrees” (Psa. 62:9—*which is completely missing in Young’s Concordance*, although Young had no trouble in finding 500,000 other words!) would tolerate such an attitude in a classroom of ministerial students?

David, or whoever it is, professes to be smarter than his teachers. A man says, “Well, the reference is to *Christ*.” Well, it is not a reference to Christ here:

“I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom. But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment” (Job 32:7–9).

A “Fundamentalist professor” says, “But the writer of Psalm 119:99–100 says that he *kept* God’s precepts and we know that Christ did this, but David *didn’t*, therefore, it couldn’t have been David.” Well, tell us something, didn’t David write, **“Let the words of my mouth, and the MEDITATION OF MY HEART, be acceptable in thy sight...?”** (Psa. 19:14). Do our eyes deceive us or did he write, **“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes”** (Psa. 101:3)? The writer of Psalm 119 had to pray for God to “open” his eyes (vs. 18) after he went **“ASTRAY”** (vs. 67), and he confessed that he was **“AFRAID of God’s judgments”** (vs. 120) because he had gone **“astray LIKE A LOST SHEEP”** (vs. 176).

Our Fundamentalist professor is not very attentive to the Book.

David professes to be smarter than the “ancients” (Rosicrucians, the “Hidden Wisdom of Tibet,” the “Secret of the Himalayas,” etc.). What an egotistical profession of faith! Anyone writing for *Faith Magazine* (Bob Jones University) would have called him a “Ruckmanite” on sight.

Let us dig a little deeper.

“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe” (1 Cor. 1:21).

Look at it again; it hasn’t been discussed in any classroom anywhere. Not even where 1 Corinthians is being taught. The verse said that *the means which the world adopted* in order to get around knowing God was WISDOM (Gen. 3:1–6). WISDOM was the *alibi* used by mankind to damn themselves. Observe:

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools” (Rom. 1:21–22).

What does God say to these “wise” men?

“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain” (1 Cor. 3:19–20).

What should a man do who thinks that he is wise?

“Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise” (1 Cor. 3:18).

If he refuses to do this, how can anyone spot him every time for what he is?

“For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple” (Rom. 16:18).

This was the speech that the Apostle Paul avoided like the plague, for he confessed:

“And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God” (1 Cor. 2–1).

Naturally Paul’s enemies marked him out as a rude man (see 2 Cor. 10:10, 11:16) whose speech was “CONTEMPTIBLE.”

Now where will a young minister obtain a “Bible course” that takes up a study and a discussion of such passages? A man says, “They are nonessential and deal with a hobbyhorse.” Well, that is how any two-faced, lying hypocrite would handle the material if he were interested in putting you under bondage to his EDUCATION and in limiting your knowledge of his ignorance. The passages we are about to read describe the *main teaching of both Testaments* as they are related to learning *Biblical Truth*.

“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).

Do you see the verse? *You had better stare at it awhile because it has vanished from every copy of every English version translated since 1800.* The so-called “New KJV” has altered the verse exactly as every Liberal in the NCC altered it in the RSV of 1953.

“Hobbyhorse” is it? Then why did the last forty-five English versions of the Bible printed since 1700 CHANGE THE VERSE? *They* didn’t consider our subject to be a “hobbyhorse.” They considered it to be a potent and viable THREAT to Christian scholarship.

“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight” (Luke 10:21).

If great truths are hidden from the “wise and prudent,” wouldn’t it be better to be “weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts” (Isa. 28:9) instead of “sitting at the feet of great giants of the faith” who “boldly stand for the historic fundamentals” and contend with “unquestioned loyalty for the plenary, verbal, inspiration of the original Yankee Doodles”?

“Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom. A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself” (Prov. 18:1–2).

(I pulled those verses on a graduate seminary class at Bob Jones University [1962] and “the place like to have felled apart.” The teacher was *Dr. Barton Payne* of the NKJV committee. Look at the verses; you’d better look at them; *THEY DON’T EXIST IN ANY ENGLISH BIBLE BUT THE AV OF 1611.*)

When Hindson, Dobson, Afman, Custer, Neal, Price, Martin, Faulkner, Farstad, Metzger, Newman, MacRae, Panosian, Fink, Wisdom, and company hit Proverbs 18:1–2, they backed off like a covey of quail before a diamondback rattler. The verses said that *heart motive* determines a scholar’s researches into “wisdom” so that he can easily be **“Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”** (2 Tim. 3:7).

“HOBBYHORSE’ is it?

“Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man’s wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed” (Eccl. 8:1).

“And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them,

I pray you” (Gen. 40:8).

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation” (2 Pet. 1:20).

“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures” (Luke 24:45).

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come” (John 16:13).

These verses explain why the preceding verses (Psa. 119:99–100) are an “Unknown Bible” at GARBC, Maranatha, Rodney Bell’s school, Dayton Hobbs’ school, and Arlin Horton’s school, exactly as they are unknown at Harvard, Yale, Tübingen, Oxford, Columbia, and Berkeley.

1. Correct interpretation of the Bible doesn’t lie with ANY *scholar*.
2. Correct interpretation doesn’t reside in any *church*.
3. Correct interpretation doesn’t reside in any Hebrew or Greek *manuscripts*.
4. Correct interpretation doesn’t reside in knowledge of Hebrew or *Greek*.
5. Correct interpretation doesn’t reside in *church hierarchy*.
6. *Correct interpretation doesn’t reside in any group of godly Fundamentalists who go around shooting off their hypocritical mouths about “separation” and “Neo-Evangelicalism.”*

(See our chapter on “Educated Ignorance vs. Uneducated Ignorance.”)

Observe that the passage in 2 Peter 1:19–20 has also been altered in the ASV, NASV, RSV, NIV, NRSV, NEB, TEV, and all the rest. The NKJV has retained the correct reading in the body of their text but they have indicated in their *footnote* that the corrupt reading of the RSV and NRSV and ASV and NASV is “reliable” (Hindson, Dobson, Hutson, Nelson, and Henderson all wanted to impress someone with their ignorance; they did a good job of it.)

Now old “*Hermes*” was the Greek god of “Hermeneutics.” He was the “*Mercury*” of Acts 14:12 who was the “chief speaker” to help you “understand the originals better.” The thinking of these deluded oafs was clear; they believed that a knowledge of languages could equip a puffed-up egotist to interpret the Book which the Holy Spirit wrote and preserved, *apart from the Holy Spirit who wrote and preserved it* (see 1 Cor. 2:4–12). Some of these “Fundamentalists” talk about the Holy Spirit in a doctrinal or theological

sense, but when it comes to believing that they have His words before their faces, they no more believe THAT than they believe that A. T. Robertson was unfit to teach a DVBS.

David “had aholt of somethin,” as they say “down home” (see Psa. 119:99–100). Why don’t we take his own profession for his secret?

“The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue” (2 Sam. 23:2).

Higher education is not the key to learning the Bible (see “Unlearned Ignorance vs. Learned Ignorance”). It never has been and it never will be.

Higher education may equip the learned to *appear* to be more enlightened or more spiritual or wiser, but it will solve nothing in regards to the understanding of spiritual things (1 Cor. 2:13). In many cases—take Mauro, S. C. Jackson, Walvoord, Wuest, Driver, Robertson, Cedarholm, Wilson, Machen, et al.—it will prove to be a positive HINDRANCE. Higher education, in the main, is a *business* like cosmetics, cars, sex, sports, drugs, newspapers, or TV. Paul got all of his education before he was saved and he went to no school of “higher learning” after he was saved. Peter, James, John, and Andrew never fooled with higher education before or after their conversions; they went down in history as “UNLEARNED AND IGNORANT MEN” (Acts 4). They knew the Lord Jesus Christ at least ten times better than any head of any “Bible” department of any university in Europe or America.

Now we are not going to “knock” Christian education, per se. Many a crude, rude, rough, and unlettered man needs help in reading, writing, and “rithmetic.” Learning some manners and social graces would also help in regards to “opening doors” and in “getting along with the brethren,” but when it comes to a higher scholarship that sits in judgment on the “Unknown Bible” (see above), a young man needs *that* like he needs a hole in the head.

The AV (any edition will do just fine) is perfectly capable of criticizing, judging, and correcting the board of editors of every version printed since 1800, including the faked “NKJV.” The man who *meditates* on the AV Holy Bible (Psa. 119:99) and *keeps its precepts* (Psa. 119:100) will certainly come to know a great deal more about God and Biblical truth than Philip Schaff, Frank Delitzsch, J. Gresham Machen, Spiros Zodhiates, Hort, Aland, Metzger, Kenyon, Trench, Thayer, or any other Bible-rejecting apostate who believes in the “fundamentals.”

The “Unknown Bible” has spoken:

“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.” (Isa. 28:9).

Let the ignorant professors be ignorant still: *it becomes them.*

A Flood of Ignorance

But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies. (Nahum 1:8)

Wretched, miserable, saved sinners (Fundamentalists foremost) have been attacking the words of God for about 100 years now and they have, quite naturally, passed their ignorance on from one school to another via the *faculty members*. If you read our article in the *Bible Believers' Bulletin* on “The Germans Had a Word For It,” you have the heart of the matter exactly. These overgrown babies are more afraid of *ridicule* than they are of sin, disease, death, or hell. They ape each other so that their own kind will think they are intelligent; that is all there is to it, and that is all there ever has been to it since John 7:48. We brought this out very clearly in the famous fairy story about *The King's New Clothes*. Here we have what I used to call when I was a boy a “*Beaut*” or a “*Duzzey*”—the latter expression referring to a Dusenbergs car, which was THE Germany luxury car of the early 1930s.

“For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:” (2 Pet. 3:5–6).

Now, to what does this refer?

In view of the fact that all apostate Fundamentalists have taken the time and trouble to change the last two verses in 2 Peter, chapter 1, one could hardly say that the Second Epistle of Simon Peter is of no consequence. After all, when the “leading scholars” (those who profess to believe in the “plenary, inerrant, verbally inspired, Cotton Patch dolls”) will take time out to alter a verse so that it will prove their own private interpretations and theories (2 Pet. 1:20), we should certainly give the Book in which these changes occur some careful attention. And since 2 Peter, chapter 2 turns out to be the greatest chapter in the New Testament on false prophets in the last days, we can hardly afford to breeze by 2 Peter, chapter 3.

“For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:” (2 Pet. 3:5–6).

No. 1. Someone is stupid.

No. 2. Someone is *willingly* stupid.

No. 3. A world was standing in and out of water.

No. 4. That world overflowed with water and perished.

Now who could get a message so simple all muddled up?

Answer: every major fundamental Bible scholar and teacher in the United States, without one exception.

If you were to ask Henry Morris what the verses refer to, he would say Noah's flood: ditto Harry Rimmer, Clarence Larkin, J. Vernon McGee, Swindle, MacArthur, Bob Jones, III, and any others. He would tell you that 2 Peter 3:5–6 is a reference to *Noah's flood* just as blandly as a Jesuit priest would tell you that the proof text for Peter being in Rome is Acts 12:17. (No, I mean REALLY. *That is the Roman Catholic proof text [Acts 12:17] for Peter going to Rome.* We are not speaking with "tongue in cheek" but rather we are speaking with "foot in mouth.")

Now observe; the "world" spoken of in verse 6 ("earth" in vs. 5) was "**standing in and out of the water**" in the "BEGINNING" (2 Pet. 3:4). When was the "beginning"? In the days of Noah? If this was the earth that "**being overflowed with water, perished**" (2 Pet. 3:6), it was the earth that "THEN WAS." But the earth that "then was" in the "beginning" was the one in Genesis 1:1.

THE FLOOD OF 2 PETER, CHAPTER 3, TOOK PLACE IN *GENESIS 1:2*.

Does the Scofield Board of Editors believe this? Of course not. Read the Scofield notes in either edition.

Those editors knew that *something* happened to that earth of Genesis 1:1; and although they got this material from Pember and others, they still had enough sense to know that there was no such thing as a "Gap Theory." There never was any "theory" about it. Simon Peter settled the matter once and for all in his New Testament epistle. At schools like Bob Jones University, it is fashionable for egotistical stuffed shirts, who fancy they are "peers," to put out syllabuses on "*The Gap Theory*" and then to give the "pros and cons" for the "theory." In their everlasting effort (which they never give up on and on which they never slacken the pace) to convince young men and women that the final authority is the interpretation of fundamental scholars (*and that you cannot interpret without a knowledge of Hebrew and Greek*), these hyperventilated, bloated, sanctimonious megalomaniacs bombard the student with "tohu," "bohu," "boohoo," "who be you," and "kerfloey" to make him think that HEBREW has something to do with it. (See any article written by the apostate Fundamentalist *Harold Willmington* in any issue of the *Fundamentalist Journal* for this operation. Every article is to make you think that Hebrew or Greek has something to do with the correct understanding of a passage; *not any passage that Willmington ever wrote on in the last twenty years.*)

The "original Hebrew" had nothing to do with Genesis 1:1–3 at all.

It only muddled the issue.

Hebrew is of no help at all in understanding the passage; and if "by their fruits we shall know them," we may say that any man who would correct the English text here with *any Hebrew* is simply a man who is trying to *get rid of the NEW TESTAMENT*. The New

Testament states that the earth of Genesis 1:1 was drowned out by a flood of water in Genesis 1:2.

If there was the slightest doubt about it in the minds of these naive simpletons who believe in “plenary, verbally inspired, original autographs,” all doubt would have been erased if they had read Genesis, chapter 1. For there we are told that the “SPIRIT OF GOD MOVED UPON THE FACE OF THE WATERS.” *What waters?*

The original creation of Genesis 1:1 was destroyed by a flood of *water* in Genesis 1:2.

Now you are entitled to your own opinion; but *opinions to the contrary* are not to be classified as “scholarly guesses” regarding theories. They come under the heading of babies crying in the crib because they have contracted diaper rash.

Your peers who taught you were dumber than you are.

No fourth grade child with a “lick of sense” (who can read English) would take Henry Morris, Harry Rimmer, or Clarence Larkin seriously for three and one-half seconds of 2 Peter 3:3–6; not “on your tintype.”

Noah’s flood was found nowhere in the chapter.

1. There was an earth that “THEN WAS” (read the chapter).
2. There is the earth that “NOW IS” (read the chapter).
3. There is a new earth that “SHALL BE” (read the chapter).

There is nothing like reading a *King James Bible* (any edition except a fake “New” *KJV*) to clear up the Hebrew and Greek department of a Fundamentalist college or university.

Now we can understand why the word “replenish” was taken out of 900,000,000 copies of the *AV 1611* (1611–1982) by forty-five English “versions.”

Hebrew scholarship had nothing to do with the removal of the word “replenish” from Genesis 1:28 and Genesis 9:1 (see *ASV, NKJV, RSV*, etc.).

You see, the word “replenish” was taken out of the those passages by the New Scofield Board of Editors and the “*Old Time Gospel Hour*” (Lynchburg, VA) because they never found the truth in their own language clearly recorded in BOTH Testaments. “*Hebrew scholarship*” had nothing to do with it.

These changes were to confuse and muddle the living words of the living God by people who thought they were smart enough *to correct the God-given English text with the ‘original Hebrew,’* after publicly demonstrating to God their Father (*they all professed to be saved*) that they could not be trusted in the simplest matters of theology in their own *language*. Having demonstrated to God the Holy Spirit and to the Body of Christ—in their reading of 2 Peter 2:3—that they were inept, *incompetent*, disqualified NOVICES when handling the words of God, they took the word “REPLENISH” out of Genesis 1:28 so you would not know that there was someone on this earth in Genesis 1:2 who got drowned in a flood: and it certainly wasn’t Noah’s generation!

We will not take time in this article to go into all the details of these matters; suffice it

to say that the pre-Adamic earth was not populated with human beings like Adam, but they were “Sons of God” and were called “gods” (Psa. 82). That they were *here* before Genesis 1:3–7 is so apparent that no “theories” could possibly arise, for they were present in Genesis 1:1 on eternity’s “morning” to praise God (see Job 38:1–6).

Second Peter 3:3–6 will ever remain a part of that great “Unknown Bible” which is purposely hidden and covered up by apostate Fundamentalists who wish to preserve their own authority and integrity at the expense of the authority and integrity of the Holy Bible and the God who wrote it.

They will keep you in the dark as long as they can to keep control over you, and if they cannot occupy your mind with hot air about “verbally, inspired originals,” they will occupy it with gas about “separation” or “Neo-Evangelicalism”: of which neither issue amounts to a hill of sand along-side *destroying the Bible through ignorance*.

The Infighting

Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.” (Psalm 22:12–13)

It is not startling at all to find native Greek-speaking Greeks who cannot find a bowling ball in a bathtub where it comes to expositing *any Greek text* of Matthew, Acts, Hebrews, or James using Greek manuscripts of the New Testament. By the same token, it is not in the least shocking to find men like *Robert Dick Wilson*—who could read twenty-six different languages—unable to expound the simplest truths taught in DVBS to young people in country Baptist churches. *A. T. Robertson’s* knowledge of Greek grammar was his undoing; it made him innately stupid when dealing with Biblical truth. This is usually the rule, not the *exception*.

Now here we have a verse in Isaiah 50:8 which could hardly be called a “nonessential.” (Or, to quote the apostates at Bob Jones University, “a hobbyhorse.” The faculty and staff of BJU have been riding the hobbyhorse of “plenary, verbal inspiration of original autographs” for so long they wouldn’t know a *hobbyhorse* from a *sawhorse*.) The passage deals with the sufferings of Jesus Christ before the Crucifixion.

“He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? Let us stand together: who is mine adversary? Let him come near to me” (Isa. 50:8).

There can be no doubt about the application of our text if a man reads verses 4 and 5 in the context. Furthermore, the statement that “Therefore have I set my face like a flint” would give away the passage if nothing else did. Again, the man who is going through the trouble in verse 6 is said to be the “Lord’s servant” (Isa. 50:10). There is no doubt about the context at all. Christ gave His back “to the smiters,” and He gave His “cheek to them that plucked off the hair” and to those that spit on His face (Isa. 50:6). These verses are well-known, but when a scholar gets to verse 8, he usually decides that it is time to talk about something else. The problem lies in these words, **“WHO IS MINE ADVERSARY? LET HIM COME NEAR UNTO ME.”** As the verse stands, the Lord Jesus Christ is challenging somebody to come in close to Him: He wants this person to *identify* himself (“Who is mine adversary?”). In addition to this, He is wanting to stand side by side with that person at the Judgment where both of them can be seen and heard and compared. If His adversary attempts to condemn Him, “the Lord GOD will help him.”

All of this is perfectly understandable, but when one joins these verses to the context (vss. 5–6) a whole new “area” or “dimension” (two hackneyed newspaper clichés) opens up, for we are reading here that during the exact moments that Jesus Christ sat bound, surrounded by the Praetorium guardsmen and servants of the Roman soldiers (John 19:1–3

and Mark 15:15–20), *He* was doing the challenging, not *them*. Challenging WHO? Well, it can be no one but the “Prince” (John 14:30, 16:11). Jesus Christ is challenging Satan to a “one-on-one confrontation” (a hackneyed news media cliché). He is not merely “stepping into the ring,” but *He is in the ring challenging His opponent to get into the ring with Him*. He is doing the most dangerous thing that any human being on this earth could do if the Bible picture of Satan (see Job 1–2) is correct.

The proof of this thing going on will be found in the New Testament. We read here (Col. 2:15) that when Jesus Christ completed the Atonement that he “spoiled principalities and powers.” These principalities and powers which are referred to in Colossians (and in Eph. 6) have nothing to do with kings, presidents, mayors, governors, or “tetrarchs,” for their dwelling places are *not on this earth*:

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth” (Isa. 24:21).

Observe that where ninety percent of the Bible teachers teach that the high ones “on high” are governors, kings, etc., the Holy Bible clearly delineates between the “high ones that are on HIGH” and the kings that are “UPON THE EARTH” (Isa. 24:21).

Now why is there such a silence about these passages? Where are all of these Fundamentalists who believe that the Blood Atonement is one of the fundamentals of the faith? Do they get a little “leery” when they approach passages that deal with SATAN? (Don’t answer that question! When Henderson, Dollar, Price, Farstad, Willmington, Hindson, and Dobson got to Job, chapter 41—a whole chapter dealing with Satan—*they VACATED.*)

What is involved in Isaiah 50:8 is this:

“And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?” (Zech. 3:1–2).

In this contest you will notice that the Lord refers Satan to the “Lord,” exactly as Michael the Archangel referred Satan to the Lord in Jude 9. The words are identical: **“THE LORD REBUKE THEE.”**

These passages yield one of the greatest truths about the power of Satan and the power of Christ found anywhere in either Testament, *for they reveal that until the Incarnation of Christ, one member of the Trinity would refer Satan to the other member of the Trinity for a rebuke!* AFTER the Incarnation, when Jesus had “learned through suffering as a Son” (see Heb. 5:8), He doesn’t “refer” Satan to anyone; He says simple, **“GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN”** (Luke 4:8).

The Lord Jesus Christ not only defeats the Satanic principalities and powers (who constitute real spiritual entities), He takes on the Devil *personally*, invites him to come in close for hand-to-hand combat (Isa. 50:6–8), and then triumphs over him in it and “spoils” his hierarchy (Col. 2: 15).

These verses dealing with one of the major translations in the spirit world, and connected with the most important transaction that ever took place on this earth in regards to sinners, is not discussed at any length, to my knowledge, in any Bible school on the face of this earth; at least not before the time of this publication (1984). The passages describe the “infighting” that took place between the Lord Jesus and Satan **WHEN YOUR SOUL WAS AT STAKE.**

The Ungodly Catholic Mess

Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips. (Psalm 16:4)

The verses we now look at (and their companion verses) constitute part of an “Unknown Bible” that is unknown to every Roman Catholic on the face of this earth. If any Catholic had accidentally read the verses he would have blotted them out of his mind and memory as quickly as possible, for they would have destroyed the very heart of his “religion.”

“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you...As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me” (John 6:53, 57).

Now any priest trying to get a “Catholic convert” will quote John 6:53–56 but he will stop short (squealing the tires) before he gets to John 6:57 *every time*, without fail. In view of the fact that more than 100,000 Catholic priests have been “braking suddenly” at this verse since A.D. 490, we may have a right to ask ourselves, “What is there about verse 57 that is so deadly to Roman Catholic “apostolic orthodoxy”? A man who takes time out to read these “unknown passages” doesn’t have long to guess.

Jesus Christ has just been talking about someone “living off of Him” by “eating” His flesh and blood. To explain this He uses a “similitude” (“AS the living Father has sent me”). Whenever God wants to teach mankind something, He always uses a *similitude*. He says in the Old Testament that He has “used SIMILITUDES” by the “ministry of the prophets” (Hos. 12:10). As we have said many times before, the two greatest words in the Bible for *understanding the Bible* are neither Greek nor Hebrew: they are the two little English words “as” and “like.” In John, chapter 6 He was explaining what He meant by “eating His flesh and drinking His blood” so you would not have to go to any Catholic priest to *find out what He meant*. A Catholic priest’s private interpretation of what Christ *meant* by “eating flesh and drinking blood” is absolutely worthless, in view of the fact that Christ already told us.

Jesus says, “So he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.” Now notice that the man who “eats” Jesus Christ (that is how the literal wording runs) must do it in the exact manner that Christ does it in relation to His Father (“**AS...I live by the Father, SO...he shall live by me**”). This immediately shows how “literal” the “flesh and blood” in verses 54–56 actually must be, for there is no Catholic priest or bishop on the face of this earth who is radical enough to teach *that Jesus Christ was literally eating His own Father’s*

flesh and blood. If it came to a rational argument about whether or not verses 53–56 in John, chapter 6 were *literal* or *spiritual*, Jesus Christ settled all matters of doubt right in the context when He defined what HE MEANT *when He SAID what He meant.* But since there were people in those days who were just as blind about these matters as any Roman Catholic is today (see John 6:60), Jesus goes one step further and clears up all doubt as to any literal “flesh and blood,” for He says (in the second verse of our “Unknown Bible”) that **“IT IS THE SPIRIT that quickeneth, the FLESH profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, THEY ARE SPIRIT, THEY ARE LIFE.”**

And this is why these two Bible verses are eliminated from all Catholic missals, all Catholic catechism, all Catholic magazines, all Catholic TV programs, and all Catholic “convert courses.” John 6:57 and John 6:63 (in the context of “eating and drinking Christ’s flesh and blood”) define and interpret Scripture with Scripture what Jesus meant. completely and independently and completely *contrary* to any private interpretation set up by Roman Catholic priests, nuns, bishops, cardinals, popes, archbishops, or monks. The private interpretation (see 2 Pet. 1:20) of these charlatans, placed on the verses in order to accommodate them to a pagan cannibal sacrifice, is based upon the rejection of Christ’s own words in the passage: the written words in the passage were spoken by the One whom Catholics claim founded *their church!* The words in John, chapter 6 explain what they *mean.* That is, they give the Holy Spirit’s own interpretation of the passage; any other interpretation is “private interpretation” (2 Peter 1:20).

Paul neatly winds up these matters into one package in the following passage:

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread” (1 Cor. 10:16–17).

Here we find the “body and blood” of Christ showing up again, but this time the definition is *absolute* in verse 17 so that no cannibal would think that the Lord is speaking of the literal flesh and blood of *any man.* After speaking of the “blood of Christ” and the “body of Christ,” Paul says, **“FOR WE BEING MANY ARE ONE BREAD AND ONE BODY.”** In this salient passage, the Holy Spirit defines the “body of Christ” as a *body of believers who make up a SPIRITUAL BODY:* for, after all, the “Flesh PROFITETH NOTHING” since it is the “SPIRIT that quickeneth.”

This draws the straight edge between the ritual “sacrament” of a pagan cannibal (Pope John Paul II) and the Biblical memorial of a local church *ordinance.* The “Body of Christ” in this age is a body of BELIEVERS who are “one in Jesus Christ” (see 1 Cor. 12) and He is in them (Col. 1:27). Christ lives off of His Father (John 6:57) by a SPIRITUAL subsistence, for He said that “God is a SPIRIT” (John 4:24). Christ’s manner of “living off of His Father” is, therefore, the manner in which we are to “live” off of His Son by “feeding” on His “Body.” Christ’s Body in this age cannot be *flesh,* for **“THE FLESH**

PROFITETH nothing"; Paul refused to even know *Jesus Christ* **"AFTER THE FLESH"** (2 Cor. 5:16).

To the contrary, this Body is composed of people who have been "born of the Spirit" (John 3:3–5) and baptized into one Body by one Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13) so that they nourish each other as *one spiritual substance*.

"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Eph. 4:16).

"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular" (1 Cor. 12:25–27).

These constitute an "Unknown Bible" to over 600,000,000 Catholics, as the "natural man receiveth NOT the things of the SPIRIT since they are "foolishness" to him (1 Cor. 2:14). It takes a new birth to read John, chapter 6. The verses we list here are unknown to Pope John Paul II, Bernadette Devlin, Fidel Castro, Adolph Hitler, Ted Kennedy, former Secretary of State Haig, the editors of *Time* and *Life* magazines, Tip O'Neal, William Randolph Hearst, and the president of every country in Central and South America.

Ignorance is bliss.

The Plenary, Verbally Inspired TV

Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The Lord seeth us not; the Lord hath forsaken the earth (Ezekiel 8:12)

Like the Athenian quacks of Acts 17:21 (that verse has been changed in every English “Bible” since 1800), the modern apostate Fundamentalists—led in the main by the faculty and staff at Bob Jones University—acknowledge the existence of the “Unknown Bible” but they don’t take time to look into it because they are *afraid* of it. After all, the first and primary reason why *any sinner* doesn’t spend a lot of time in the Bible is because “it is against him and he knows it.” Conservative and Fundamental scholars are certainly no exceptions; you have just as many “run-of-the-mill sinners” at Ed Nelsons or Rodney Bells or Wendell Mullens or Myron Cedarholms as you have anywhere else.

We now pick up an interesting verse, which quite naturally has been changed in all of the new “versions” put out or recommended by *anyone*. (The verse will be found written as we quote it here in every edition of the AV that ever showed up on this earth for 370 years.) It says:

“Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places” (Num. 33:52).

Now there is ONE WORD in this verse that Fundamental scholarship, Conservative scholarship, and Evangelical scholarship find to be “highly objectionable.” As a matter of fact, it was so “highly objectionable” that it was removed from every “reliable translation” on the market, including the *NKJV*.

We’ll give you one guess as to which word it is.

Following all of this blarney about “verbally inspired autographs” and “God-breathed Scripture” and all of this apostate gas about “inerrancy” and the “Battle for the Bible,” every jack man of them decided that *one word* in Numbers 33:52 had no business being there, *although it had been there for 370 years.*

You still get one guess.

You say, “Brother Ruckman, don’t I have to have a knowledge of Hebrew manuscripts to guess what word it is?”

No, you certainly *don’t*.

“But don’t I have to have ‘at hand’ a lexicon by Keil or Delitzsch or a Hebrew grammar by Gesenius or Kahle?”

No, as a matter of fact, you don't. "But Brother Ruckman, do I not need a Greek copy of the Old Testament Septuagint"?

Not on your life.

You say, "What scholarly equipment and training must I have to guess which one of these words has been changed by all of these good, godly, dedicated, qualified, accredited, separated, Premillennial, soulwinning APOSTATES in the United States?"

Simple: all you have to have is a knowledge of *human nature*; that's all you have to have to "do the job." With a meager knowledge of human nature you can critically evaluate all Hebrew manuscripts, all Hebrew lexicons, all Hebrew texts, all English versions, and every Hebrew scholar who ever lived.

"But Brother Ruckman, I might make an error in judging human nature at this point."

Perhaps; but not with a Book (*AV 1611*) available at your right hand to correct your own errors:

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Gen. 3:6.)

"And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?" (Gen. 20:10).

"And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar" (Gen. 13:10).

"When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it" (Josh. 7:21).

"And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines" (Judg. 14:1).

"Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her" (Judg. 16:1).

Do you get the “drift” of the Book yet?

These are parts of an “Unknown Bible,” if we are to believe the revisors work on Numbers 33:52.

You see, the problem the scholars had is connected with Ezekiel 14:1–10, which we talked about previously. The reason why such simple verses cannot be mastered or discussed in classrooms and pulpits is not because of the “archaic Elizabethan language of 1611.” Oh my, no! No, it has nothing to do with the “variations in the editions of the *King James Version*.” Not in the least. No, the problem goes much much deeper than such playpen games as “intrinsic probabilities,” “dynamic and literal equivalence,” “verbal plenary inspired originals,” or any other jettisoned hot air from twentieth century gas bags. (*Jimmy Lockwood* of Yorkshire, New York, [Central Baptist] calls these gas bags “Ruckman’s peers.” Yeah, in a pig’s eye.)

The real problem with Numbers, chapter 33 lies in the living room.

You say, “Where?”

I said, “In the LIVING ROOM.”

You say, “Brother Ruckman, what does a twentieth century living room have to do with Numbers 33:52?”

Well, the twentieth century living room is *here*:

“The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light” (Matt. 6:22).

Now can you guess which word was removed from Numbers 33:52?

Tell us something, ye “Giants of Fundamentalism,” who are “boldly contending for the faith” and whose “unquestioned loyalty to the word of God” makes you even with Donkey Kong and Mrs. Pac Man—oh tell us, ye “Giants of the Faith” who are our “peers” when it comes to stinking like a rotten apple in a pile of rotten bananas—if the instructions to the children of Israel coming up out of Egypt typify the coming of the *saved sinner* out of the world system and if the trip through the wilderness pictures the *carnal life* between Egypt and the Promised Land and if Joshua’s entrance illustrates the *spiritual warfare of the believer* (and so say *all* Fundamental and Conservative scholars who deal with types), what are you “qualified PEERS” doing *erasing the INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL JUST AS THEY ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN SPIRITUAL WARFARE?*

Who would be interested in sabotage at that point but the Devil?

Evidently some of our “peers” are Benedict Arnolds.

The orders from the Commander-in-Chief have been rescinded in favor of the

“campfire girls” and “brownies” (see *Problem Texts*, 1982).

Well, these “good, great, godly dedicated” APOSTATES have decided that the word “PICTURES” shouldn’t be in the Bible; so *they took it out*. This would mean that the pictures of the heathen were *not* to be destroyed. Thus the members of the *Lockman Foundation (NASV)* and *Philip Schaff’s committee (ASV)* and *Farstad’s committee (NKJV, Henderson, Dollar, Criswell, Hindson, Dobson, et al.)* plus the graduates and supporters of *Moody Bible Institute (NIV)* and the *Southern Baptist Convention (RSV)* have successfully found a way to keep their TV SETS IN THEIR LIVING ROOMS AND GET YOU TO KEEP YOURS.

That’s a real first-class, “scholarly” operation, don’t you think?

How’s that for “the cream of modern, Evangelical scholarship” attempting to “update” the “archaic AV” so you can “understand it”?

Isn’t it amazing to notice the length that “good, godly, separated Fundamentalists” will go to in the twentieth century in order to resist the Holy Spirit, to pervert the Bible, to disobey God’s orders and to *keep their own gods*? Saul (1 Sam. 15:23) was an amateur alongside Dobson, Dollar, and Hindson. And the only reason you don’t know about these kinds of motivations, the only reason why some of you objected to “Brother Ruckman’s language” and his “attacks on good, godly men” (who were his “peers”) was because YOU EITHER WERE IN COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF THE BIBLICAL ISSUES INVOLVED OR ELSE YOU *DESIRED TO KEEP YOUR FALSE GODS EXACTLY AS MOST DID*.

Birds of a feather have an “Unknown Bible in common.

The Causes of Corruption

In the Body of Christ

For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. (Romans 16:18)

Dean Burgon once wrote a masterpiece called *The Causes of Corruption in the Traditional Text*, 1896. He classified them as intentional corruptions and unintentional errors the latter being “slips of the pen or eye,” etc. The “Scholar’s Union” has a long list of tradesmen’s terms (see *Monarch of the Books*, 1980) for these types of errors, but since none of them amount to anything we shall dispense with them. However, no more fitting conclusion to a book could be written than one that deals with the *causes of Biblical corruption* that make the Bible an “unknown book” among Laodicean Fundamentalists.

Rodney Bell (Virginia Beach) was credited in 1983 with having invented the term “Pseudo-Fundamentalist.” In retaliation, Jack Van Impe coined the expression “Neo-Fundamentalist.” Naturally neither term had any bearing on anything. Bell was trying to run interference for Bob Jones University, who always damned anyone who criticized them (no matter *what* he professed), and Jack Van Impe was trying to nullify BJU’s opposition to his TV program for which he needed a great deal of financial support. All of this is quite similar to Lindsell’s puerile and sterile book called *The Battle for the Bible* (1982), which was as irrelevant to either (the battle or the Bible) as a report on projected hoe handle production in South Dakota. All of these little sham playpen straw dummies are the work of the “campfire girls” and “brownies” (see *Problem Texts*, 1982), upon which we have commented at length; they don’t touch any *real* problems.

The real problem in this century is apostasy within the Body of Christ, and the *causes* of this apostasy are due to some things far more basic and scriptural than any “disagreement between good men” or “preferences for different texts” or “whether we should be separated or doubly separated” or “failure to speak the truth in love to the brethren,” etc. No, *the causes of apostasy* in ANY century have nothing to do with little collegiate issues about “separation” and little theological issues about “the fundamentals.” The attempts by Hindson and Dobson and Willmington (and those who sat under them and those who taught them, and those who *believed* them) to get you to think that “Fundamentalism” is the big issue is just “more of the same.” We have demonstrated on at least three occasions (see “Moby Dick and the White Crocodile,” “The Militant Fundamentalist Who Went to Hell,” and “The Heretical Ruckmanite”) that these types of men (and the men who taught them plus their *students*) are not really equipped to even discuss such matters as the roots and sources of apostasy among Bible believers in ANY generation; *they are well along the way themselves*. Men who profess to believe what they do *not* really believe (in regards to final and absolute authority) are not to be taken seriously by anyone with an ounce of common sense. After all, if a man has no final authority higher than his own opinion or “preference,” he is nothing but an ANARCHIST,

no matter what else he professes to believe in. *How far would you trust any ANARCHIST?*

We now examine several verses which appear to be unrelated, but when they have been assembled into a unit it will be more than apparent that they stick “closer than a brother.”

“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Tim. 6:10).

The most interesting thing about this verse is the fact that *it has been altered in every English translation published by every “good, godly, etc.,” since 1800*. The verse, however, will be found as we have quoted it here in every edition of every publication of any *Authorized Version* since 1611. There is evidently a “sting” somewhere in the verse that modern translators cannot tolerate. There has remained in the verse for 370 years a “barb” that modern “good, godly, etc.,” find irritating. They all seem to have been not only *irritated* but “cut to the quick” by the verse.

The next stinger reads as follows:

“Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself” (1 Tim. 6:5).

Again we must face a terrible reality; every Fundamentalist working for Tennessee Temple, Bob Jones, Liberty University, GARBC, and Pacific Coast Bible College, along with every Evangelical connected with Moody, Wheaton, Fuller, Dallas, or Denver has approved of altering the verse to bring it into line with the NCC who published the *RSV* of 1952. The sting of a stingray must be in

1 Timothy 6:5, if we are to judge by the last forty-five “updated” English versions that have bombed out. The verse “drew blood” for more than seventy years and the “militant stand” of these new “doubly separated, uncompromising hypocrites” did not seem to be able to protect them from the stroke: they bled. They bled like a stuck hog. All the “good, godly, etc.,” at Bob Jones and Lynchburg (plus any others from *anywhere*) bandage their wounds and then alter the verse to take the sting out of it; they do not wish for it to *wound their compatriots in the coming generation* the way it wounded *them*.

We now reprint the remaining three verses together:

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness” (Rom. 1:18).

“Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen” (Rom. 1:25).

“For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ” (2 Cor. 2:17).

This triumvirate of verses, with the other couple (five in all), are UNKNOWN to any student or teacher who has replaced an *Authorized Version* with a *NKJV, ASV, RSV, NIV, NASV, NRSV, NWT, NEB*, or anything else.

They have all been altered in every English version of the “Bible” printed since 1800. The more “doubly separated” the “militant Fundamentalist” is the deeper the gash the *AV* tore in his conscience at these places.

This was done while shouting, “We believe THE Bible is the word of God. We believe in the absolute authority of THE BIBLE! The Bible does not contain the word of God it IS the ‘Word’ of God...!”

Now observe that *three items* will never enter into an intelligent discussion or analysis of these five Bible verses a *single time*.

1. *Profession of belief* in the basic fundamentals of Fundamentalism.
2. The “stand” taken *for* or *against* Modernism or Neo-Evangelicalism.
3. Standards of *separation* from the world or the “brethren” according to ANY standards found in ANY passage of Scripture in ANY Bible.

What any Fundamentalist like Wendell Mullen or Bob Jones III or Walvoord or Cedarholm *thought* or *believed* about these *three items* had no affect on their *reaction* to the five verses. When presented with them (exactly as they stood in the God-honored text of the Protestant Reformation for more than 370 years), the apostate ALTERS ALL FIVE VERSES. *His profession of faith and his standards of separation never enter as a determining factor one time*. He is led by a far more basic and powerful spirit and he is motivated by a far baser and more powerful motive than such rinky-dinky things as “double separation,” “militant Fundamentalism,” “Neo- and Pseudo-Fundamentalists” and other kindergarden subjects. Here we are facing fire from an X ambush.

Now go back and read the five verses again. Notice *where* they are aimed. Following that great fundamental of all fundamentals, “A HIT DOG ALWAYS HOLLERS” (Sam Jones, circa 1880), let us see if we can find in which direction these smooth stones from David’s sling are traveling; *he had FIVE to sling*.

1. Second Corinthians 2:17 says that *many people* are engaged in corrupting the word of God; not “peddling it” or making “merchandise” of it.

2. God is against these people because they “HOLD THE TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.” That is, they have it right *in their hands*, but they hold it in

unrighteousness.

3. You can spot them by the fact that they desire to “change THE TRUTH OF GOD into a lie.”

4. They do this for *income* as they look at an increase in income (usually accompanied by an increase in attendance, enrollment, book royalties, or degrees) as a proof that *they are GODLY* (see the first two verses: 1 Tim. 6:10 and 1 Tim. 6:5).

Now would YOU change any of those five verses as they stood for 370 years.

Why wouldn't you change them?

Why would ANYONE want to change them if you wouldn't want to change them.

If any man's heart was right, would he want to change them? WHY? (See “Unlearned Ignorance vs. Learned Ignorance.”)

Are we right back to heart motives again? How is it that every time we come to this business of really *learning* the Book we never run into Fundamentalism, Neo-Fundamentalism, Liberalism, Modernism, separation, Pseudo-Fundamentalism, speaking the truth in love, light from recent archaeological discoveries, sharing Christ, Neo-Evangelicalism, or “gifted teachers”?

Instead, every time we run right “smack dab” into a sinner's heart motive for tampering with the words of God.

Who was the original corrupter? If you profess to be interested in the *sources* and roots of apostasy, then where did it *start*? Did the original corrupter corrupt the word of God or did he “peddle it” and “make merchandise” out of it like the ASV, NASV, RSV, NRSV, NIV, NKJV, NWT, NEB says?

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Gen. 3:1).

What was there to “peddle” or “make merchandise” out of here? Did Eve have a purse full of shekels?

Why, what Satan was interested in was *questioning THE WORDS THAT GOD SPOKE*.

Has anyone ever put a question in your mind about the *words* that God spoke? Who could this be if he professed to be a “militant Fundamentalist”?

Satan believes in all five basic “fundamentals” which Jack Van Impe quoted in his book on *Heart Disease in the Body of Christ* (1984) and all five that Bob Jones Jr., preached on in his pamphlet on the BJU creed (1980). Satan also believes in five more that both Fundamentalists forgot: the eternal security of the believer, the autonomy of the local church, the immersion of the adult believer in water, the separation of church and state,

and the Biblical imperative to preach the Gospel to every creature on earth.

Satan is a Fundamentalist; and there is nothing “pseudo” about him.

You see, when someone tried to convince you that the issue of Laodicean Christianity was “Fundamentalism” (of *any* brand), they halfway succeeded in destroying your belief in the Bible. *The issue never was “Fundamentalism.”* That was a *term* applied to some Interdenominational groups between 1900 and 1940 to contrast them with religious Liberals. (Since the government will get complete control over *both groups* without even half an effort, there isn’t any point in “going into a long thing.” *The issue* was, and is, and shall be FINAL AUTHORITY. *It never was anything else one time in church history.*)

Sometime, for diversion’s sake, call aside one of these Hebrew or Greek scholars who is always blabbing about “verbally inspired originals” and ask him why *every English translation on the market* erased the New Testament reference to “many” being engaged in “corrupting the word of God” (2 Cor. 2:17). If he insists that the many were just “peddling” or making “merchandise” out of it instead of corrupting it, it might be interesting to have him show you, say, at least FIVE scriptural cases where this was going on or had ever gone on. “Many” surely means at least *five* documented cases.

Such a thing doesn’t occur one time outside of the references to the false prophets in the last days of Judah and Israel, where the priests and prophets *had already perverted the words of God and were teaching a corrupt word of God for hire*. In every one of these cases the charge was “**YE HAVE PERVERTED THE WORDS OF THE LIVING GOD**” (Jer. 23). You cannot “peddle” the pure word of God until you have corrupted it, for you cannot make merchandise of it as it stands: *no one will “buy it.”* You have to corrupt it (Jer. 23:16, 26, 32, 35; Ezek. 13:16–17; and 2 Tim. 4:1–6, etc.). The Cretian “slow bellies” (Titus 1) were not “peddling” the word of God; they were teaching “things which they ought *not* to teach” for the sake of filthy lucre (Titus 1:11).

1. *Eve* did not “peddle” the words of God; she corrupted them.
2. *Satan* did not “peddle” God’s words; he perverted them.
3. *Pharaoh* did not peddle God’s words; he disbelieved them.
4. *Noah’s* generation did not “make merchandise” of the word; they ridiculed it.
5. *Lot’s* sons-in-law made no “merchandise” of God’s words; they laughed at them.
6. *Saul* didn’t peddle the word of God; he disobeyed
7. *Balaam* didn’t peddle the words of God; he preached them without believing them because he COULDN’T peddle a perversion of them.
8. *Joash* didn’t peddle God’s words; he just didn’t take them seriously enough: neither did Simon Peter.
9. *The prophets of Jezebel* in 1 Kings never wasted five minutes “making merchandise” of God’s words; they didn’t even preach God’s words or God’s word.
10. *Bar Jesus* (Acts 13) peddled nothing that even resembled the word of God.
11. *Simon the Sorcerer* desired to peddle the Holy Spirit (Acts 8), not the word of God.

Where are all of these “many peddlers” if the word “peddle” is the right word for 2 Corinthians 2:17?

Make merchandise? Why, God’s God-called preachers are called to make a *living* preaching the word of God:

“Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14).

“It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things” (Rom. 15:27).

Someone not only has their “wires crossed” (altering “corrupt” to “peddle”), but they are using dental floss instead of wire.

Who are the people referred to in the *ASV*, *NKJV*, *RSV*, *NIV*, *NRSV*, and *NASV*?

Why, they are gremlins and leprechauns, didn’t you know?

They don’t exist.

They never existed anywhere except in the imagination of a sinner who was engaged in **CORRUPTING THE WORDS OF GOD AND CHANGING THE TRUTH OF GOD INTO A LIE TO GET GAIN** (see *AV*, any edition, Rom. 1:18, 25; 2 Cor. 2:17; and 1 Tim. 6:5, 10).

The only “peddling” would be by the peddlers of a corrupt Bible *after* it was published; the only “making merchandise” involved would be using a corrupt Bible and recommending it to others. The Holy Spirit, speaking through the Scriptures, comparing Scripture with Scripture, tells us that when someone “**MAKES MERCHANDISE**” of the child of God (2 Pet. 2:3), they do it with “feigned words” (*not the word of God*) and their motive is **COVETOUSNESS** (2 Pet. 2:3).

No one “peddled” the real **WORD** of God: *they got rid of the WORD of God* (Rom. 1:18, 25).

Now you couldn’t find the truth of these matters unless you believed the English *AV* text, for the five verses we have discussed here are not found in any other English translation no matter *who* translated it, what they professed, *what* their reputation was, who *taught* them, who recommended them, or who published or sold their corruption.

The only place that “peddling” could enter would be a place like:

“And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous” (Exod. 23:8).

But observe how all of the modern apostate Fundamentalists have covered their tracks by making you think that something was being “peddled” that was GENUINE. To the contrary, the motive behind the CORRUPTING of the word was the income (1 Tim. 6:10). Nothing *pure* was sold; something pure was *corrupted* so it could sell. Do you see the difference?

When Job speaks of his ability to “discern perverse things” (Job 6:30) he is talking about the words that men use (see Job 6:25–26). “Right words are forcible” according to Job (Job 6:25), so the old black-backed, 66-caliber AV from 1611 forces the modern Fundamentalist to alibi, gyrate, lie, misrepresent, backtrack, and rationalize to cover up his sins. The trouble is *heart trouble*. The “many” who “CORRUPT” the word of God today (2 Cor. 2:17) have the same trouble their kinfolk had in Paul’s day (1 Tim. 6:10).

Now let us take one last look at our “Unknown Bible” and see how these men got into the condition they got into, *where they had to corrupt the truth in order to cover up their carnal motives*.

“And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the Lord have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel” (Ezek. 14:9).

“And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:” (2 Thess. 2:11).

“Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:” (Judg. 9:23).

“Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee” (1 Kings 22:23).

The verses are unknown to nearly every psychiatrist and college professor in America, and Europe, and they wouldn’t believe ONE of the verses if they read it. The verses are never discussed in any series of meetings by any revision boards occupied in translating ANY portion of any version.

1. The verses state that *God Almighty* is the author of falsehood where men pick it up and believe it.

2. The verses state that God will allow men to believe lies for the purpose of *damning*

them. (The *New Scofield Reference Bible* says on page 774 that “GOD NEVER DECEIVES HIS PEOPLE.” *The New Scofield Board of Editors was deceived when they recorded that falsehood.*)

3. The verses state that God gives unclean spirits *permission* to carry out this work of falsehood and deception.

4. The verses state that a man’s belief depends upon his *heart attitude*: and God knows the heart attitude (1 Chron. 28:9).

5. The verses state that no man can find the truth who doesn’t *want* the truth (Prov. 2:3–5, John 3:16–19).

6. The verses show that no amount of learning will enable any sinner to find the truth (2 Tim. 3:7) if he has an idol or “stumbling block” set up in his heart while he is seeking the truth.

7. **“THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL”** (the verse is not found in one single English Bible in the world printed since 1800); so if the “good, godly, dedicated, separated, etc.,” who believes in the “plenary, verbal inspiration of the, etc.,” *loves money*, he cannot find the truth no matter what his educational qualifications are, no matter what his IQ is, no matter what material he has access to, no matter how many languages he has mastered, no matter what his profession of faith is, or no matter how “godly” his “separated” life is.

An idolator is an idolator.

Cases in point are 500,000 Conservative theologians, preachers, teachers, scholars, linguists, translators, revisors, and exegetes from A.D. 200 to 1990. No Mormon, Jehovah’s Witness, Seventh Day Adventist, Buddhist, Roman Catholic, Church of Christ, or Mohammedan could FIND THE TRUTH IF HE SEARCHED FOR IT IF HE HAD ANY OTHER *MOTIVE* IN MIND THAN *FINDING THE TRUTH*.

The idols in the hearts of the educated Christians (who, incidentally, are always disturbed about “Bibliolatry” or “scribal Christians”) are revealed immediately when they attempt to “clarify” 1 Timothy 6:5, 10, 20, or to “update the archaic Elizabethan English” of 2 Corinthians 2:17 in the “language of today” so that poor, ignorant “laymen” can “better understand the word of God, etc.” These idolators are prevented by the Holy Spirit from understanding the simplest Biblical truths in the Bible. For example:

1. The source of all SIN was PRIDE (Ezek. 28; Isa. 14). (Note the *PAST TENSE*.)

2. The first sin committed on this earth was committed by a woman in relation to the words that God spoke (Gen. 3). (Note the *PAST TENSE*.)

3. This sin had nothing to do with anyone believing or not believing in ANY “fundamentals of the faith.” It had to do with what God SAID (Gen. 3). (Note the *PAST TENSE*.)

4. The *present* root of “all evil” (note the *PRESENT TENSE*) is **“THE LOVE OF MONEY.”** It is not pride, nor is it “peddling the word of God.” It is the **“LOVE OF MONEY”** *which causes men to pervert and corrupt what God SAID.*

Paul, in the New Testament (I Tim. 6), is talking about the *present world system* in which he lived; this is the world system that will be here in the “LAST DAYS” (2 Tim. 3:1), if we are to believe what he wrote in the Epistles to Timothy. He is not talking about the theological *source* of sin before Genesis, chapter 1, nor is he expounding on the earthly manifestations of sin in Genesis, chapter 3. He is talking about the “**LOVE OF MONEY**” which lies behind the Mafia, the CFR, the Federal Reserve Bank, the Bilderbergers, the Illuminati, the House of Rothschild, the drug traffic, the liquor traffic, the traffic in pornography, commercial advertising, fascism, communism, socialism, capitalism, the new media, all strikes and demonstrations, the HRS, the NEA, Rock and Roll music, all TV programs, all ecumenical overtures, the NAACP, the Vatican hierarchy, all newer English “translations” of the Bible, power, politics, divorce and separation proceedings, wills and inheritances, and ninety-nine percent of all economic and business transactions anywhere in the world.

So 1 Timothy 6:10 has disappeared out of every English Bible in the world except one. You get one guess as to which one that “one” is.

Now how does God feel about these vile sinners who corrupt His words in order to cover up their own sins that have to do with the love of money? You never saw it discussed in any “preface” that “godly” men wrote to their new and “clearer” versions.

“And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it” (Deut. 28:63).

“I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh:” (Prov. 1:26).

“He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision” (Psa. 2:4).

“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand” (Deut. 32:33).

God will rejoice to destroy sinners; that’s what the passage said (Deut. 28:63). THE “SINNERS” IN THAT PASSAGE ARE HIS OWN *CHOSEN PEOPLE*.

How do you suppose that a real *Bible believer* (not some fakir like Truman Dollar or Bob Jones III) would react to such an anti-humanitarian blast from the One who created

human beings? Would he not “take heed to his ways” and “look well to his going” and make sure that he “trembled at the words of the Most High”? (See Isa. 66:2 for the correct Christian response.)

Well, how do these modern Fundamentalist “giants of the faith” react to such words? Do they react as good King Josiah did in 2 Chronicles 34:27? I trow not!

The modern “giant of the faith” (who boldly proclaims faith in the “plenary, verbally inspired, inerrant, original autographs”) *simply alters God’s words and perverts God’s words and brings them into line with his own depraved idols.*

1. They say that God will NOT reveal His wrath to a man who “**holds the truth in unrighteousness**” (Rom. 1:18), but will only reveal it to an unsaved man who “suppresses” or “holds down” the truth.

2. They declare that God will NOT reveal His wrath to a revisor who “changes the truth of God into a LIE” (Rom. 1:25), but only to a man who changes the truth “ABOUT” God into a lie.

3. They claim that the “**love of money**” is NOT “**the root of all evil**” (1 Tim. 6:10), but only “A ROOT of all kinds of evil.”

4. They believe that it is perfectly all right for any Christian to mistake *material gain* for “**godliness**” (1 Tim. 6:5) as long as he doesn’t try to “get gain by being godly.” (The whole thing reminds us of Jer. 23:17, doesn’t it?)

5. They avow and swear (publicly and openly) before the pagan gods of Laodicean Christian education that it is perfectly all right for a Christian teacher to devote his life to *corrupting the word of God* (2 Cor. 2:17) as long as he doesn’t “peddle it” or “make merchandise” out of it.

These poor, depraved “Fundamentalists” are not *godly*; they are not “*separated.*” THEY ARE CARNAL AND WORLDLY. They are not even *students* of the Holy Bible (see Epilogue), let alone Bible “scholars.” What we have here is nothing but arrogant, ignorant, two-faced equivocators who desire to tear the words of God out of your mouth and erase the words of truth from your memory by sidetracking you to “the fundamentals of the faith.” They may not be born of “their father the Devil” (John 8) as their kinfolk were (John 8:40–44), but, to all practical purposes, these Bible-perverting, Bible-warping, Bible-corrupting scamps are in league with the one who said to Eve, “YEA HATH GOD SAID?”

To them the great foundation truths of the Holy Scripture that deal with honesty and integrity are completely unknown. These Scripture verses are the ones that deal with:

1. *Finding* the truth.
2. *Understanding* the truth.
3. *Believing* the truth.
4. *Preserving* the truth.

In regards to what the Scriptures say about these *four basic foundational teachings* (that deal with Biblical learning), these Conservative and Fundamentalist Hebrew and

Greek scholars are completely in the dark; they constitute what would properly be called “THE FUNDAMENTALIST CONGRESS FOR THE PREVENTION OF LEARNING THE WORD OF GOD.”

You may dispense with them without blinking an eye.

Epilogue

I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing. (Hosea 8:12)

Here is a partial list of what the entire body of “qualified authorities” (Evangelicals and Conservative foremost) missed when they turned off the 50,000 watt searchlight of the Holy Bible and lit the birthday cake candle of Hebrew and Greek scholarship. These are the Bible revelations they missed when they all decided to “use” the Bible instead of *believing* it. This is some of the material they overlooked when they “built their ministries” so they could control God’s Book and get control over the minds of those who started to believe it. In their haste to make a living (1 Tim. 6:10) and prove they were spiritual “giants” (1 Tim. 6:5), they blotted out the light from heaven (Psa. 119:130; 2 Pet. 1:19) and alibied their sinful wickedness by talking about “our need for respecting the considered opinions of *good men* who differ” or “our need for being true to *historic positions* and not going off on a hobbyhorse” or “going to the originals to find out the *mind of God* as He intended for us to understand His “word” or “loving the brethren who disagree with us, and contending in a spirit of love to settle differences in a *scholarly fashion*.”

CHEAP, TWO-BIT PUNKS HAVE ALWAYS FOUND A WAY TO “PUT IT OVER.”

While they were putting out this pious party line, they covered up the following Biblical truths with their dirty, defiled, unbelieving, muddied feet.

1. *Angels as thirty-three year old males without wings*; and all women in the CHURCH AGE receiving thirty-three year old male bodies at the Rapture. (Study Rom. 8:29; Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:1–2; 1 Cor. 15; Gen. 19–20; Matt. 24; Rev. 21; Heb. 13:1–4; Matt. 20–22; Judg. 13; and the four Passovers of John’s Gospel.)

2. *Faith and works as the plan of salvation for Tribulation saints* with WORKS alone in the Millennium. (Study Matt. 24–25; Rev. 12, 14, 22; Heb. 4, 6, 10; Zech. 13; Matt. 5–7.)

3. *The spiritual circumcision of the believer’s SOUL*, literally cut loose from the inside of his fleshy body at the time of his new birth. (Study Col. 2; Rom. 7; Gen. 20; Lev. 20, 22; Num. 31.)

4. *Demons as winged creatures* ranging in size from those of flies and mosquitoes to eagles and vultures. (Study Lev. 11; Gen. 8; Mark 3; Matt. 13; Ecc. 10; Isa. 34; Rev. 18; Matt. 12.)

5. *The route of the Second Advent of Jesus Christ* BEFORE He lands on the Mount of Olives or even gets to it. (Study Zech. 14; Hab. 3; Deut. 33; Judg. 5; Amos 1–4; Joel 2; Num. 19–21.)

6. *The shape of the universe* and its three compartments. (Study Heb. 8–11; Gen. 1, 6; Heb. 12; Rev. 14; Job 26, 38; Psa. 33; Isa. 14; Eph. 3.)

7. *The missing Cherub* and why his number is FIVE. (Study Ezek. 1, 10; Rev. 4; Ezek. 28; Gen. 6–8; Gen. 3.)

8. *Cannibalism* and *bestiality* as part of Christian “worship” during the Tribulation. (Study Psa. 16; Deut. 32; Isa. 6; Rev. 2–3, 6, 20; Lev. 20–22; Rev. 9; Gen. 6; 1 Chron. 18:4.)

9. The coming to Jerusalem, the retreat, and the *return* of the Antichrist during the Tribulation. (Study Saul’s tactics after David, Sennacherib’s tactics on Jerusalem, and Nebuchadnezzar’s tactics on Jerusalem and Dan. 11.)

10. The identification of the *mark of the Beast* with the disease of the Tribulation, which will be LEPROSY. (See Jude, 2 Pet. 2; Eph. 5; 1 Pet. 1; Lev. 13–14; Rev. 13; 2 Kings 4; Jer. 13, 17; and Deut. 32.)

11. *The two witnesses* in the Tribulation. (See 2 Kings 2; Num. 15–17; 1 Kings 17–18; Exod. 33, 34; Deut. 32–34; Zech. 4; and Exod. 4–10.)

12. The Biblical teaching on what constitutes the essence of a *marriage* in God’s sight. (See John 2; Matt. 22; Eph. 5; 1 Cor. 6; Matt. 19; Deut. 24; Rom. 7; John 4; and Gen. 2.)

13. *The final shape of the soul for an unsaved man*. (See John 3; Num. 21; Psa. 22; Job 25; Mark 9; 2 Cor. 5; Col. 2.)

14. The six questions that will be asked at the *Judgment Seat of Christ*. (See Job 26; Matt. 12:37; Mark 8:38; Prov. 18:21; etc.)

In all of these Biblical matters “Ruckmanism” was never a factor and “Ruckman” never entered the equation one time. The leading apostates of this century (men who were not apostates when the century *began*) who invented these two terms (which have nothing to do with one Biblical issue on the face of this earth) did it to keep their students, followers and church members in ignorance of the word of God. They couldn’t *understand* the Bible so they called the truth “heresy.” They couldn’t *control* those who found out the truth and believed it so they called them a “cult.” These men and men like them (Truman Dollar, John R. Rice, Wendell Mullen, Rodney Bell, Bob Jones Jr., Tom Wallace, Fred Afman, Dayton Hobbs, Harold Willmington, Arlin Horton, Bob Jones III, Hindson, Dobson, James Price, Farstad, Stewart Custer, Tom Malone, Donald Waite, et al.) are genuine apostates, for they meet every qualification for that title:

1. They *use* what they do not really believe (the AV Holy Bible).

2. They condemn those who believe it because they cannot *control* them.

3. They call any teaching from the Bible *that they do not understand* a “HERESY.” (Bob Jones Jr., was so stupid that he claimed that it was heresy to teach *any translation was inspired*, forgetting that the New Testament contains *more than fifty TRANSLATIONS of Old Testament Hebrew passages!*)

4. They attack the Bible believers whom they cannot *control*.

5. And finally, they *profess* to believe in something (regarding FINAL AUTHORITY) *which they do NOT believe*.

The apostates in the NCC (unsaved Liberals) and the apostates among the Neo-

Evangelicals (backslidden Christians) were already “apostate” before 1920 (the NCC) and 1940 (the Neo-Evangelicals). These apostate Fundamentalists are LEADERS both to the present wave of apostasy (1970–1990) and also to the next wave of apostasy that will finish America off.

May they rest in peace; Biblical truth will not wait for them or anyone like them to repent or recover themselves from their self-inflicted ignorance of the “*Unknown Bible*.”

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