[A-5] Holy Bible vs. New Age Bibles

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Before I begin with this discussion I must ask <u>you</u> a question: Do <u>you</u> believe that Jesus was and is - <u>Deity</u>, (that He was and is God Who created the heavens and the earth) that He truly was born of a virgin, that He lived a sinless life, that He died on the cross for the sins of the world, that He arose from the dead and ascended into heaven, and that He's coming back again to reign on this present earth for a thousand years then on the new heavens and new earth to reign forever? <u>If you do not believe these things then there is no need for you to continue reading this document</u>; it will be a waste of time for you and there is nothing I can say that will persuade you about things contained in this document.

The Authorized King James Version itself while it is primarily based on the Hebrew Ben Chayyim Masoritic Text and the Greek Received Text, does in fact depart from those texts in some places for reasons and/or manuscripts which are unknown to us today. They also used the 1587 Geneva Bible and countless other translations and manuscripts in their work. Modern translations of the Bible are based on the modified {I call them the corrupted} Hebrew and Greek texts which were modified in the late 1800's. Men directly responsible for those modifications were Brooke Foss Westcott, Fenton John Anthony Hort, and J.B. Phillips. All three men rejected the deity of Jesus and all three were founding members of the "Ghostly Guild" an occult organization as is documented in their own writings and published in Gail Ripplinger's book: "New Age Bible Versions", in the section: "The Men and the Manuscripts." See also: Examples of Missing Words and Verses of Scripture in Modern Translations and Who Changed the Bible? At www.TheWordNotes.com.

The rejection of Jesus as deity in my opinion proves Biblically that they were not led by the Holy Spirit and are disqualified as authorities on the scriptures on that basis alone.

King James Version	New International Version
(36) And as they went on <i>their</i> way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, <i>here is</i> water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? (37) And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (38) And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. (Acts 8:36-38 KJV)	(36) As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" (37) And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. (Acts 8:36-38 NIV)

[I am using the **NIV** as an example simply because I used it for so many years myself. However, almost ALL modern translations are based on the same corrupted Hebrew and Greek texts. Note: some modern translations have put back some of the more obvious omissions - having "got their hand caught in the cookie jar" so to speak.]

Look at the above scriptures and notice what has been left out of the modern translations. Then ask yourself these questions:

- 1) Is Philip's answer to the Ethiopian eunuch important?
- 2) Is the eunuch's reply to Philip important?
- 3) Do you really believe the Bible is the inspired word of God?
- 4) Is it unacceptable to take words out of the Bible just because you don't believe them?

If your answer to any of the above questions is: <u>yes</u>, you owe it to yourself, your loved ones, your friends, and your church to investigate what is happening to our Bibles. Bible teachers and ministers all over the world today are encouraging people to spend time reading their Bibles not realizing that the Bibles they may be reading may be leading them <u>away</u> from a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and <u>towards</u> a "universal" religion.

For a brief list of changes and omissions see my notes: **Examples of Missing Words and Verses of Scripture in Modern Translations** - which documents just a few of the changes for those who do not have time for more extensive research.

Please note that not <u>all</u> of the new translations have made <u>all</u> of the same omissions or changes in wording. Some translators "having got their hands caught in the cookie jar," so to speak, have stuck some of the more "<u>obvious</u>" omissions back into the text such as the **New King James Bible**, the **Holman Christian Standard Bible**, and others. Some publishers have put notes at the bottom such as "not in 'best' of texts" {Namely the new age text; corrupted Hebrew and Greek texts.}

In the late 1800's and early 1900's the above group of men came together to "update" the Hebrew and Greek texts that the King James Version was based on. The vast majority of modern translations are based on these "updated" [actually "corrupted"] Hebrew and Greek texts. More and more "new" translations are coming out every year and as they do, they are becoming more and more bold about leaving out and re-wording verses of scripture they disagree with.

The modifications in every situation is to detract from the accuracy of scripture, and to point away from the deity of Jesus Christ and His blood sacrifice for our sins.

The ultimate goal of these new translations is to produce a "universal" Bible that is "acceptable" to everyone - omitting the blood sacrifice of Jesus and His deity altogether.

For more detailed information on the modifications that have been made in the Hebrew and Greek texts, and various translations of the Bible, as well as information about the editors who worked on them see **Dr. Gail A. Riplinger's book:** New Age Bible Versions. Riplinger in her book documents in detail the various translations and the alterations that have been made in **parallel format** so anyone who can read can immediately see the changes that have been made. Literally hundreds of changes have been made. Her book can be purchased at the web site: **www.avpublications.com**. Most "Christian" book stores will not carry this book because of the tremendous amount of money that could potentially be lost and because of the controversy created by those who are ignorant of the men and issues involved.

Also, in his book - "Look What's Missing", David W. Daniels documents <u>250 intentional changes</u> that have been made to the newer translations, including leaving out Luke **9:54-56**, and Acts **8:37** altogether! You can check out his documentation at: www.chick.com

For many years I have personally used the New International Version {NIV} simply because I thought it was easier to understand. I also looked up information in Hebrew and Greek texts when I had questions about the translation of a particular passage of scripture not realizing that even those texts and lexicons have been extensively altered since the 1600's. I assumed that the **New King James Version**, when it came out, would be merely a re-write of the original King James Version using more easily understandable words and phrases from more modern English. Without a doubt, I am convinced, that is exactly the reason the version was named the New King James Version, hoping that people would make that assumption and immediately adopt it for themselves without questioning its source. Recently, however, I have discovered that the vast majority of translations of scripture, including the New King James Version, New American Standard Version, New International Version, Revised Standard Version, New Jerusalem Version, Holman Christian Bible, Contemporary English Version, and countless others are based on Hebrew and Greek texts which have been extensively modified since the days of the King James Version.

"The Gideons currently have English scriptures available in both KJV and Gideon modified ESV. (55 verses were added or modified to the ESV to conform to the Textus Receptus where major doctrines were affected.)" ... "The changed ESV is not available to the public in stores. People might buy the original off-the-shelf ESV version and not realize it does not have the Gideon's version of the New Testament." Wes Buchanan {a Gideon}

It is also notable, that the <u>Equidistant Letter Sequences</u> also known as the Hebrew Codes <u>only work with the Ben Chayyim Masoritic text</u> {which the **King James Version** is based on} and not the Hebrew text used by the modern versions.

A simple test can be used on the vast majority of Bibles to determine whether the text is based on the corrupted texts: Mark 1: 2 states "As it is written in the prophets..." The quote is from two passages: Mal. 3:1 and Is. 40:3 The versions based on the corrupted text change the verse and insert the name "Isaiah" so that the verse reads: "As it is written in the prophet Isaiah..." Interestingly, the New King James Bible version relegates the name Isaiah to a footnote. Was this word "Isaiah" inserted accidentally? Certainly not! By inserting the name "Isaiah" into the text, the authors intentionally created "an error" in the text. By so doing they would later have a reason to discredit the accuracy of scripture.

<u>Here's another simple test -- John 7:</u>8 The KJV states that Jesus told his brothers: "Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up <u>yet</u> unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come." Other translations leave out the word "yet" implying that Jesus lied about going to the feast because in verse 10 Jesus did go up to the feast later. Luke 9:54-56 is a good example, where most modern translations leave out Jesus' answer to His disciples altogether.

Do any of the "modern" translations use the <u>uncorrupted</u> Greek and Hebrew texts? I've only found two besides my own **King James Paraphrase**. The Modern King James Version and the **Literal Version** [now referred to as **KJ3**] both compiled by **Jay P. Green Sr.** which are available in computer form from: <u>www.e-sword.net</u>. These translations are available for reading online now on my own web site. The Literal Version now called KJ3 can be purchased online through Sovereign Grace Publishers at: <u>www.sgpbooks.com</u>. From what I have examined of both of these texts and compared it with Dr. Riplinger's book, I am satisfied that they pass the test as <u>not being based on the corrupted Hebrew and Greek versions</u>. However, the criticism I have of both of these versions at this point is that the author "corrects" the King James Version in cases where it does not agree with the Masoretic Hebrew or Received Greek text. At any rate, for anyone trying to break the trend of following the corrupted texts, and who has difficulty reading the Authorized King James Version-- Dr. Green's versions are the next best thing to the King James Version itself.

Do I condemn those who use the "modern" translations? Certainly not! Very few people have taken the time to study this issue and the vast majority of people are completely ignorant of the facts and the ungodly individuals involved with the modern translations. I would caution anyone that while "modern" translations may appear to be "easier to understand" {in reality this usually isn't the case} they cannot be relied upon for "serious" Bible study and do lead the readers to universalism. My suggestion would be to compare any modern translation to the King James Version and where there are differences, follow the King James.

The <u>King James/King James Paraphrase Parallel Bible</u> {along with the <u>King James Paraphrase</u> [without the King James]} is totally free to anyone wanting to use it at: www.thewordnotes.com

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