

THE NIV OR THE KJV

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It Depends Upon Whether You Are
Protestant, Catholic OR Rapturist

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1. Why I Do NOT Use the NIV In Soul Winning

WHY I DO NOT USE THE N.I.V. IN SOUL-WINNING WORK.

I get no scarcity of questions on the Bible. These questions come by phone - many by long distance; by visitors; and by mail. Many of the questions are regarding the confusing flood of new versions of the Bible. This is especially true in respect to the "New International Version," commonly-referred to as the N.I.V. Seeing the N.I.V. is now being urged by many, I am repeatedly asked as to why I do not also advocate the use of the N.I.V. version and use it in my work of soul-winning.

As I believe it is my duty to give an answer, I will endeavour to pass on some clear and straight-forward reasons why I do not use the N.I.V. and never intend to use the N.I.V. in place of the time honoured and sure King James Version.

LUKE 4:4 Here it is in the King James Version, but in the N.I.V. the underlined words are cut out.

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

Luke 4:4 is not the only place where parts of the Word of God have been "cut out." There are literally hundreds of omissions in the N.I.V.

This omission in Luke 4:4 makes the statement of Jesus of little sense. "But by every word of God." Now we have it. The Scriptures are to stay. The Word of God is to feed us. We are to live by the Scriptures. Here Jesus is in conflict with the devil and in this statement our Lord is revealing the efficient weapon against sin and Satan.

Is it not significant that this very mutilated version of Scripture cuts out the very passage that condemns it. This omitted passage condemns the N.I.V.

Note again that our Divine Guide is showing that man is to live by "every word of God." If "every word" is vital and we need "every word" what can be said in favor of a professed version that omits a whole verse? Not only that but omits scores of passages. I will never use in my work a mutilated version, no matter how popular it may be. The "Scripture of Truth" closes with these important words:

REVELATION 22:19 "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

I would fear to stand before the judgment bar of God if I knowingly had used and upheld a version that had taken away from the Word of God.

We should remember also that this solemn warning against taking "away from the words" of God's Holy Book as given by none other than our lord Himself.

Jesus clearly states:-

REVELATION 22:20 "He which testifieth these things said, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

It is Jesus who says "Surely I come quickly." He is the One Who testifies these warning words.

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Rev 22:16 "I Jesus have sent mine angel, to testify unto you these things in the churches." Our Lord leaves us in no doubt. Without Jesus the Bible would never have existed or been written. Jesus gave it to us. it is vital. So Jesus warns against taking away any of His words. "Every word" counts. He declared we are to live "by every word of God." On this important theme may I draw your attention to these words of inspired comment.

"With the same carefulness are we to treasure the bread from Heaven to satisfy the needs of the soul. By every word of God we are to live. Nothing that God has spoken is to be lost. Not one word that concerns our eternal salvation are we to neglect. Not one word is to fall useless to the ground." Ministry of Healing. p. 48.

To sense the seriousness of this subject, notice a few more gems from the "Testimony of Jesus," which is the "Spirit of Prophecy."

"Brethren, cling to your Bible, as it reads. . . and obey the Word, and not one of you will be lost." 1 SM.18

"The people of God are directed to the Scriptures as their safeguard against the influence of false teachersNone but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict." C.C. 593-4.

"False teachers" like false versions, they are used and advocated by liberals and New Theology followers. You cannot live by "every word" of God if many of those words have been taken away by the agents of Satan, the "False teachers."

"The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ. The word must be our source of power." D.A. 390.

How can you follow- "the whole Bible" if hundreds of words are missing?"

"The written word is our only safety." 1 S.M. 158.

"Those who do not accept the Word of God just as it reads, will be snared in his, (Satan's) trap." 2 SM 52.

Note again the words of our Lord:

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

The words of Jesus shall not pass away. Therefore His words still stand.

That includes:-

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

These wonderful words of Jesus, have transforming power. That is why the devil wants to get rid of them.

JOHN 6:63 "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life."

The devil tries to cut out all he can of these precious and powerful words. It is the words of Scripture that work conversion in the life, for by this "living" Word we are "born again."

1 PETER 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abideth for ever."

The Scriptures impart Christ's own divine nature.

"The only thing in our world upon which we can rely is the word of God." D.A. 121.

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"By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, are we to live." D.A. 123.

Note "every word of God."

"Every word" Says our Savior and our Lord.

PROVERBS 30:5 "Every word of God is pure."

'Every word of God" includes all the Scriptures,

every verse,

every sentence

every clause

every phrase

every word - No exceptions.

Then, who is behind the abbreviated, shortened and reduced Bible? - It is not our God, that is apparent.

It is the enemy of God and the hater of mankind. It is the one who cast doubt on the word of God in Eden with "Yea, hath God said?" Genesis 3:1 "Surely God did not say that?" Doubt lies at the root of all sin doubt of thee word of God. The enemy, the devil hates and dreads the word of God.

Then Satan denied that Word. "You shall not surely die." Genesis 3:4

God had declared "Thou shall surely die." Genesis 3:17. Disobedience will result in death, declared our God. But the devil first led man to doubt that word, then he denies that word. How he hates that Word. He fled before it in the wilderness of temptation. He cannot - meet it. Today the deceiver, and master liar (John 8:44) tries to get rid of that infallible and all powerful Word by abbreviating it and cutting out vital parts. This is seen in the flood tide of false versions. They are perversions. Yet even with the clear light that our Lard has given the Advent people, how easily multitudes fall before the flood of versions and perversions.

Turn to:-

MATTHEW 18:11 "For the Son of man is come to save that which is lost."

Now open the N.I.V. and what do we find? This too is missing! These precious words that explain the saving work of our Lord are cut out. Not. merely are the Scriptures attacked, but also the work of our Redeemer is likewise cut. This tragic work is repeated in scores, even hundreds of places. The infallible word of Jesus is:--

LUKE 4:4 "It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

We ask, how can we live by every word of God, if literally hundreds of these life giving words have been removed?

That is the first reason why I do not and do not intend to use the N.I.V.

2. N.I.V and REVELATION 22:14

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THE N.I.V. and REVELATION 22:14.

REVELATION 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they-may have right -to the tree of life, and say enter in through the gates into the city.", KJV

REVELATION 22:14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to ibe tree of life and may go through the gates into the city." NIV.

These two translations of this verse are certainly not the same. They are different statements. The question naturally arises which is the original? Which is the oldest? Which one has been corrupted? Which is the true version and which is the perversion? The claim for the N.I.V. and other modern Versions is that they are found in such ancient manuscripts as the Siniaticus and Vaticanus and the lesser known Alexandrian manuscripts of the fourth century. This claim instead of supporting the N.I.V. condemns it as we shall see.

The evidences on the other hand in favor of the Authorized Version (KJV) go back to much earlier years. Note these facts:-

1. One very interesting and little used line of evidence is found in the writings of the earliest Church Fathers. When quoting Revelation 22:14 they All quote "do His commandments." These Include Tertullian (AD 200) Cyprian (AD 248-258) and. Tertonius (AD 390). The first of the others to quote Revelation 22:14 as "wash their robes" was Athanasius, Bislop of Alexandria, in the fourth century (AD 326-373)

This proves positively that the only earliest and true words of this text are "do His commandments." They were the originals. These early men knew nothing of "wash -their robes." The words "wash their robes" did not appear. until the fourth century.

The fourth century was the century of corruptions on a gigantic scale. It was the century of Constantine, Jerome and Eusebius. It was the century of the introduction of the pagan symbol, the cross. It was the century that brought in Sunday in place of the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. It was the century in which the church adopted so many corruptions of doctrine and practice. It was a bad century, moreover, it brought many corruptions into the Scripture. This was the century that gave birth to the Latin Vulgate by Jerome. This was the manuscript of Scripture that contained "many errors." Great Controversy, page 56.

These corrupt words of Revelation 22:14 "washed their robes" most likely began in the home of corruption - Alexandria. Alexandria was the home of Clement, and Origen, philosophers who greatly corrupted Christianity.

Thus the plain facts of church history show that the Christians of the first centuries knew that Revelation 22:14 said "do His commandments." The words "washed their robes" was a corruption that probably originated in Egypt in the time of corruption, namely "the fourth century." It appears all that came out of the fourth century is corruption and perversions. Another interesting line of evidence is found in the:

2. The Aramaic or Syriac.

As I write, before me is the New Testament in the Syriac. All authorities "frankly admit that Jesus spoke Aramaic and His teachings were handed down in that language." Here is a photocopy of a large section of the Introduction. This is both interesting and to the point.

THE NEW TESTAMENT ACCORDING TO THE EASTERN TEXT
TRANSLATED FROM ORIGINAL ARAMAIC SOURCES BY
GEORGE M. LAMSA

INTRODUCTION

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It is also the root from which Hebrew sprang. Peshitta is the authorized text of the Scriptures and had its origin in the lands from which Christianity sprang and it is written in the language in which Our Blessed Lord, His disciples and the early Christians spoke and wrote. These facts are known to all Biblical scholars. Even those who have made translations from the Greek, frankly admit that Jesus spoke Aramaic and his teachings were handed down in that language.

The Christians in Palestine and Syria were the first to embrace Christianity. They must have had Gospels in Aramaic in order to preach to Greeks and other people. Gospels were in circulation before St. Paul's conversion. They were written ten or fifteen years after the Crucifixion. They were the recordings of the eye witnesses who had traveled with Jesus and who could record most of the teachings of their Lord. Papias tells us that Matthew wrote in the language of the Hebrews, that is Aramaic. This is supported by the testimonies of the early fathers and historians.

Aside from the historical and geographical support, the Peshitta New Testament text varies considerably from the Greek and Latin versions which were made later for the use of new converts to Christianity. There are hundreds of passages where the meaning is different from that of the Greek version. The style of writing is purely Aramaic and the idioms are Eastern. Neither does Peshitta agree with recent New Testament translations made from Greek into Aramaic.

The New Testament revisions in the Monophysite text had no effect on the main body of the Church in the East under the Persian Empire. The Church rejected the doctrines advanced at the Council of Ephesus and bitterly opposed the spread of Greek and Monophysite doctrines. Neither were these revisions used in Monophysite Churches. They were only used privately by bishops and scholars as Greek sources of the Scriptures to facilitate their work in achieving unity between the Imperial Byzantine Church and the Monophysites in Syria and Egypt. Then again, Persia, an enemy of the Byzantine empire, for political reasons was strongly opposed to the introduction of Greek doctrines among the Christians in the East. The Persian kings issued decrees to imprison and expel priests and bishops found to be sympathetic to the Byzantine Church.

Such were the political and religious conditions which isolated the Christians in the East from the rest of the Christians in the Byzantine Empire and the rest of the Christian world. This isolation continued through Arab, Mongol and Turkish rule from the sixth to the thirteenth century. As the result of this continued isolation, the Biblical customs and manners and the Aramaic language remained unchanged and the Scriptures escaped additions and revisions.

Asahel Grant, M. D., the first American missionary to discover the Assyrians, writes in his book, *The Nestorians, or the Lost Tribes*: "The Nestorians have preserved the scriptures in manuscript with great care and purity." He puts the date of Peshitta New Testament in the early part of the second century A. D.

The Christians in the Persian Empire, because of continuous warfare between Persia and Rome, did not participate in the Councils which took place in the Roman Empire, and therefore, escaped the introduction of new doctrines and dogmas which might make necessary Scriptural revisions. Until the coming of American and English missionaries in the early part of the nineteenth century, the Assyrian Christians were not aware of the religious and political changes which had taken place in the Byzantine Empire and the rest of the Western World. They had not even heard of Martin Luther, The Reformation, or the discovery of America. The news that others had escaped the fury of Genghis Khan and Tamerlane was a surprise to them.

One thing which has impressed the readers of these manuscripts is the care with which they were produced. There is hardly a word of variance. Eastern scribes always copy Scriptures carefully. Time is immaterial to them when copying the Word of God.

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Sir Frederick Kenyon, Curator at the British Museum, in his book *Textual Criticism of the New Testament*, speaks highly of the accuracy and antiquity of Peshitta MSS.

This translation is made from ancient MSS., facsimile pages of which are reproduced in this volume.

This edition is not made as a revision. It is a translation from ancient Aramaic texts and from ancient manuscripts. We either have them or we have been granted to make photostats from the ancient manuscripts by either their private owners or their public custodians.

The Peshitta New Testament is an ancient and the only authoritative document of the New Testament in use among the Syriac Aramaic speaking people of Palestine, Syria, Mount Lebanon, Mesopotamia, Persia and Malabar (South India) from the first century A D, to the present day. The terms Aramaic and Syriac are interchangeable.

Thus the Syriac, the language of Jesus, unites with the Scripture quotes of the earliest Fathers in proclaiming the truth of Revelation 22:14 in the Authorized Version.

It is "do His commandments" and not the corrupt text "washed their robes." Here is a photocopy of Revelation 22:14 in the Syriac:-

14 Blessed are those who do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the City

3. The Coptic Version, one of the earliest, likewise has "do His commandments".

4. Inspiration Confirms.

" But not so did prophets and apostles regard the holy law of God. Said David: "I will walk at liberty: for I seek Thy precepts." Psalm 119:45. The apostle James, who wrote after the death of Christ, refers to the Decalogue as "the royal law" and "the perfect law of liberty." James 2:8; 1:25. And the revelator, half a century after the crucifixion, pronounces a blessing upon them "that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Revelation 22:14." G C 466.

Sister White quotes Revelation 22:14 probably a dozen times and in every case she quotes from the Authorized Version. (KJV-) When quoting Revelation 22:14 she never uses any of the perverted modern versions, "wash their robes."

She does also give us some very interesting and helpful light. This light from heaven shines clearly through the mists and confused reports of history. Here we have truth, uncontaminated by the bias of humanity.

Early Writings, page 220,221 "I saw that God had especially guarded the Bible, yet when copies of it were few, learned men had in some instances changed the words, thinking that they were making it more plain, when in reality they were mystifying that which was plain, by causing it to lean to their established views, which were governed by tradition."

Much of that changing of the ancient writings (Scripture = writings) was done by monks.

Great Controversy, page 56 "Suggested by the father of lies. Ancient writings were forged by monks and a church that had rejected the truth greedily accepted these deceptions."

Men like Origen, Clement of Alexandria, Jerome and Eusebius looked to philosophy as the supreme authority. To change Scripture to fit in with their philosophy was an easy matter. In the case of Revelation 22:14 this was especially easy. First, they like many modern professed Christians, wanted to get rid of the bothersome commandments. The following translation shows how easy it was to corrupt this vital text of Scripture :-

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hoi poiounles las entolas auiou, "that keep his commandments"

hoi plunontes tas stolas auton, "that wash their robes."

THE FOURTH CENTURY.

This happened in the fourth century. Note the facts:

Great Controversy, page 49 "The nominal conversion of Constantine in the early part of the fourth century ... Now the work of corruption rapidly progressed.

Great Controversy, page 51 "In the early part of the fourth century the Emperor Constantine issued a decree making Sunday a public festival throughout the Roman Empire."

Great Controversy, page 574 "Eusebius, a bishop who sought the favor of princes, and who was the special friend and flatterer of Constantine, advanced the claim that Christ had transferred the Sabbath to Sunday- Not a single testimony of the Scriptures was produced in proof of the new doctrine. Eusebius himself unwittingly acknowledges its falsity and points to the real authors of the change. 'All things', he says, 'whatever that it was duty to do on the Sabbath, these we have transferred to the Lord's Day.'" - Robert Cox, Sabbath Laws and Sabbath Duties, page 538.

Of the same fateful times we read again from inspired history.

Great Controversy, page 51 "Satan well knew that the Holy Scriptures would enable men to discern his deceptions and withstand his power. It was by the Word that even the Savior of the world had resisted his attacks. At every assault, Christ presented the shield of eternal truth, saying, 'It is written.' To every suggestion of the adversary, He opposed the wisdom and power of the word. In order for Satan to maintain his sway over men, and establish the authority of the papal usurper, he must keep them in ignorance of the Scriptures. The Bible would exalt God and place finite men in their true position; therefore its sacred truths must be concealed and suppressed. This logic was adopted by the Roman Church. For hundreds of years the circulation of the Bible was prohibited. The people were forbidden to read it or to have it in their houses, and unprincipled priests and prelates interpreted its teachings to sustain their pretensions. Thus the pope came to be almost universally acknowledged as the vicegerent of God on earth, endowed with authority over church and state.

The detector of error having been removed, Satan worked according to his will. Prophecy had declared that the papacy was to 'think to change times and laws.' Daniel 7:25." GC 51

"In the early part of the fourth century the emperor Constantine issued a decree making Sunday a public festival throughout the Roman Empire." CC 51.

The "fourth century", the century of corruptions, saw apostasy flourish.

This was the century that saw the origin of Jerome's Latin Vulgate - the basis of the Roman Catholic Bible - the Douay Version. This is clearly seen by this photocopy:

THE DOUAY BIBLE

Latin the common medium of the learned world, had become the language of the Church's worship and doctrine. When the Council of Trent reaffirmed the Faith and revived the discipline of the Church amid the confusion of that age, its earliest sessions (in 1545) repeated the list of the Bible's books and the truth of their sacred authority. At the time there were different Latin versions known in Europe. To fix upon one of them as an authoritative standard, the Council gave its approbation to "the Vulgate", prepared late in the fourth century by Saint Jerome, the greatest biblical scholar of antiquity.

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The same "fourth century" saw the origin of the Vaticanus and the Sinaiticus. These two corrupt manuscripts are the basis and foundation of the N.I.V. and its companion perversions - other modern versions.

The enemy's desire to downgrade God's Commandments is well known to you all. His corrupt methods are seen in the Emphatic Diaglott. It is apparent the work of deception has not ceased. Notice the deliberate changing of the words. The left hand column contains the Greek Text of the Vatican Manuscript and interlined with it the literal word corresponding in English. Now read the right hand column for deliberate change. Are they traded on the ignorance of trusting people?

THE EMPHATIC DIAGLOTT WITH AN INTERLINEAR WORD FOR WORD ENGLISH TRANSLATION THE VATICAN MANUSCRIPT

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End. Blessed those doing the commandments of him so that shall be the authority of them over the wood of the life, and by the gates they may enter into the city.

VERSE 14 Blessed are THOSE who WASH their ROBES, so that their RIGHT may be to the WOOD of the life and they may enter by gates into the city.

REVELATION 22:14 has never been popular with nominal "Christians" who reject "the commandments of God." They would make void the law of their Creator by their professed faith in Christ. The apostle Paul separated himself from such teachings and so should we all.

ROMANS 3:31 "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."

Despite this clear statement of Scripture we need not be surprised by the rejection of God's law. The sure word of prophecy foretold of just such apostate teaching.

PSALMS 119:126 "It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law."

The time has come when they have made void God's law and wonder of wonders they do it by claiming that faith makes void this law. Therefore-with them Revelation 22:14 must be gotten rid of so as to silence God's Eternal Ten. A well known religious periodical "The Sword of the Lord" rejected "do His commandments" of Revelation 22:14. They declared it teaches "salvation by works." They say it teaches "Legalism", "Works," as opposed to "Grace." How inconsistent, for according to the N.I.V. and all other Jesuit versions they too teach legalism and works just the same. "Oh consistency thou art a jewel."

Notice according to the popular N.I.V. the ones who wash their robes have right to the tree of life.

They do the washing. Is that not works? Note, nothing is said about the finished work of Christ. Nothing about the new birth. Merely they wash their robes. In all my experience I have never heard any one try to expound this perversion. It came from the corruption of Origin, Jerome and Eusebius, and the flatterers of Constantine. It came in, in the fourth century. The inspired words of the early church of the first century must be our foundation. In the sermon on the mount, Jesus shows who are going to Heaven and who will not go there. Our Lord closes His sermon with an appeal to build on the Rock. He shows us how:-

MATTHEW 7:24 "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."

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Now from the words of our only Guide to Glory we see the perfect harmony of Scripture and expose the - perversions of the "fourth century." Read again the two contrasting statements.

REVELATION 22:14 These two Bibles are teaching two different doctrines.

"Wash their robes" is claimed by most N.I.V. users to mean forgiveness for past sins.

"They that do His commandments." are people who are abiding in Christ. Jesus clearly states:-

JOHN 15:10 "If you keep My commandments you shall abide: in My love."

JOHN 15:14 "You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you."

JOHN 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

JOHN 14:21 "He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them he is it that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

When a person abides in Christ, he can by that abiding do the commandments of God. Jesus promises:-

JOHN 15:5 "He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing."

It is such exceeding great and precious promises of Christ abiding in His servants that grants them power to obey and a place in the City Eternal. Note these clear statements.

2 PETER 1:4 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature."

By partaking of the divine nature of our Lord you are enabled:

2 PETER 1:10,11 "To make your calling and election. sure: for if you do these things, you shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly. into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

That is why we read in :-

REVELATION 22:14 "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Those who only "wash their robes" and then keep on sinning, will never have right to the tree of life. The verses just before call for a "holy," "righteous" people. Jesus states in:-

REVELATION 22:12 "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

The Authorized (KJV) is correct:--

- (a) By the context.
- (b) By the early fathers before the fourth century.
- (c) By the earliest of manuscripts. The Syriac.
- (d) By the Coptic.

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(e) By the Received Text.

The N.I.V. has the support of Origen, the perverter of Scripture. Constantine and Jerome of the fourth century - the century of corruption of truth. The century of the change of the Sabbath to Sunday. The century of the introduction of the pagan sign of the cross. The century of the first church father to quote the perversion "wash their robes."

The Advocates of the N.I.V. proudly claim that it is based on "The two most reliable early manuscripts." These go back to the "fourth century". They are the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus. They are both from the Papacy. "Come out of her My people."

May our Lord lead you to love and follow:

The Bible of the early church writers.

The Bible of the Waldenses..

The Bible of Tyndale, Luther and all the Reformers.

The Bible of Wesley, Whitefield, and Spurgeon.

The Bible of the Adventists of 1844.

The Bible of God's Truth of 1888.

The only Bible that S.D.A.'s ever published in English - the Authorized Version (KJV).

Read again these inspired words. Note too that Sister White repeatedly quoted Revelation 22:14. Never once did she quote it as found in the N.I.V. or as found in the eighty other corrupt per-versions. All of these perversions came from the Jesuit selected manuscripts.

Appendix.

In desperation to uphold the corrupt modern versions, and "wash their robes" instead of "do His commandments," Sister White's statement in Early Writings, page 17 was mentioned. However, look it up for yourself. Here is the full statement: Jesus said unto-us "You have washed your robes in My blood, stood stiffly for My truth, enter in. We all marched in and we felt that we had a perfect right In the city." Early Writings, page 17.

Now look at this good statement again.

It certainly gives no support to say modern version.

None whatsoever.. Note - "stood stiffly for My truth."

In Psalms 119:142 we read "Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law is the truth." This favors the good true version and refutes the modern corrupt versions including the N.I.V.-

There are two other statements in Early Writings that leave no question as to where our Christ-given Spirit of Prophecy stands.

Early Writings, page 35 "Jesus threw open the gates of the golden city, and led us in. Here we were made welcome, for we had kept the 'commandments of God,' and had right to the tree of life."

Early Writings, page 51. "All, all who keep the commandments of God, will enter in through the gates into the city, and have right to the tree of life."

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3. The Lord's Prayer

N.I.V. A SHOCKING EXPOSE

MATTHEW 6:9-13 "After this manner therefore pray you: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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13 And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil. Amen.

N.I.V.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Note both NIV and Douay finish the Lord's Prayer with evil

They both omit "Yours be the glory" etc.

FOURTH CENTURY.

Constantine, Jerome. (Origen, Augustine.)

It is claimed that St. Jerome omitted the half of Matt. 6:13. He with, Origen and Eusebius. They taught that the world was getting better.

They taught they were entering into the millennium. The kingdom was being set up on earth. The Douay, (Roman Catholic) has this note. Daniel 2:44.

Ver. 44. A kingdom. The kingdom of Christ in the Catholic Church, which cannot be destroyed.

Both St. Jerome and Eusebius were greatly influenced by Origen. History claims that Origen "Did most to create and give direction to the forces of apostasy." Origen wrote "The Scriptures are of little use to those who understand them as they are written." "McClintock and Strong." Article, Origen.

COLOSSIANS2:8

The Scriptures warn "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy." Origen ignored God's warning, and while professing to be a Christian, worshipped Greek philosophy. Philosophy was his supreme authority, where scripture got in his road he changed it to suit his pagan philosophies.

In "Early Writings", p. 220 Sister White makes this illuminating statement:--

"I saw that God had especially guarded the Bible, yet when copies were few, learned men had in some instances changed the words, thinking that they were making it more plain, when in reality they were mystifying that which was plain, by causing it to lean to their established views, which were governed by tradition."

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St. Jerome was greatly influenced by Origen and so was Bishop Eusebius. Both of these men were the servants and devoted followers of Constantine. Changing Scripture meant little to these men. They were church leaders and lived in the time when Sunday took the place of the Sabbath. The cross began to be used, and placed on professed Christian Churches. This is repeatedly stated by Catholic Authorities.

See "The Cross. Should we display a cross?" by G. Burnside.

This "Fourth Century" was famous for the climax of apostasy. It was in this century that Sunday was exalted. The Sabbath of our Lord pushed into the background. In this same fourth century the pagan symbol of the cross was made a symbol of Christianity. This was the century when the "Vulgate" was compiled by St. Jerome. This contained 'many errors' Great Controversy, page 245. This was due to the corruptions, omissions and changes by such men as Origen and Jerome.

This was when "many errors" came into the catholic versions. These omissions and errors have been passed on to the N.I.V. and the other modern versions which are based largely on the Vaticanus and Sinaitus, both Catholic Manuscripts.

The parallel, for instance between the N.I.V. and the Jesuit prepared "Douay version" is too close for comfort. The parallel is no mistake. They come from a common source.

Remember!! They both end the Lord's prayer with evil.

They both omit the words of our Lord.

They both omit the same words of holy Scripture in hundreds of other places.

Thank God, the Spirit of Prophecy still upholds and exalts these words of Jesus.

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"THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY."

THE last like the first sentence of the Lord's prayer, points to our Father as above all power and authority and every name that is named. The Savior beheld the years that stretched out before His disciples, not, as they had dreamed, lying in the sunshine of worldly prosperity and honor, but dark with the tempests of human hatred and Satanic wrath. Amid national strife and ruin, the steps of the disciples would be beset with perils, and often their hearts would be oppressed by fear. They were to see Jerusalem a desolation, the temple swept away, its worship forever ended, and Israel scattered to all lands, like wrecks on a desert shore. Jesus said: "You shall hear of wars and rumors of wars." "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." Yet Christ's followers were not to fear that their hope was lost, or that God had forsaken the earth. The power and the glory belong unto Him whose great purposes would still move on unthwarted toward their consummation. In the prayer that breathes their daily wants, the disciples of Christ were directed to look above all the power and dominion of evil, unto the Lord their God, whose kingdom rules over all, and who is their rather and everlasting Friend.

" Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Yours.

. . . In Yours hand is power and might; and in Yours hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all."

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To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20

4. THE N.I.V. AND THE ANTICHRIST

The Scriptures have shown us how we can know truth, and to know that we have the truth of God in this confused and bewildered world. Note the Scripture.

I TIMOTHY 3

15 But if I tarry long, that thou may know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

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

"The church of the Living God" is to be "the pillar and ground of the truth." He who is the truth is the Author of the Word of truth for "Thy Word is truth."

The first truth mentioned here of which "the Church of the Living God" is to uphold is "The Mystery of Godliness:" God was manifest in the flesh. Anything less gets over to the error of Antichrist as we shall soon see.

The next verse is a prophecy of the apostasy that led to the forming of Antichrist. 1 Timothy 3 closes with the mystery of Godliness and then fitly the next verse reveals the mystery of iniquity - the man of sin – the "Antichrist."

God's word shows how we may clearly distinguish this master of deception.

1 JOHN 4

2 Hereby know you the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God

3 And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God : and this is that spirit of antichrist.

"Hereby know" God's certain word is speaking. "You have heard that it should come." God had foretold it so we may be sure, for only God can foretell with unerring accuracy. (See 2 Thessalonians 2:1-7; 1 Timothy 4:1,2; Daniel 9.)

One of the strange distinguishing marks of antichrist will be a rejection of teaching Jesus is, "come in the flesh." The most wonderful event of history was when 'God was manifest in the flesh." It is doubly amazing that He "took" our flesh, when' all flesh hid corrupted His way. Yet in that corrupted flesh our Lord never sinned.

He "came in the flesh." He was previously something far above flesh. But He became flesh so He could die for us. As God he could not die. Hebrews 2:9. He died for us because he loved us, such unlovely creatures. John 15:13. To deny that He really came in our flesh is to question, or at least to downgrade His amazing love. To question this foundation truth, this "Pillar and ground of the truth," is to side with Antichrist.

HEBREWS 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself like wise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him ' that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

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Rome, by its doctrine of the Virgin Mary's immaculate conception, denies that "He... likewise took part of the same."

What is the Immaculate Conception?

"The Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception ... was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

"She was created more sublime and glorious than that of all natures."

"very different from the rest of mankind." "Catholic Belief" p.214-217.

"The Blessed Virgin. . .by communicating to the Second Person of the Adorable Trinity ... a true human nature of the same substance with her own." Faith of Our Fathers p. 199.

Thus the teaching of Roman Catholicism is that the human nature of Christ is simply that it is not human nature at all but divine: "More sublime and glorious than all natures."

If Christ did not come down to the level of those who needed salvation, they could not be saved. Christ could not be our example. To attempt to, "Follow" Christ is to attempt an absurdity.

This is the very teaching we are warned against in the Scriptures in:

1 JOHN 4 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Hereby know you the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God

3 And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God : and this is that spirit of antichrist,

1 JOHN 4:6 "Hereby know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

Note these beautiful words.

"Think of Christ's humiliation. He took upon Himself fallen suffering human nature, degraded and defiled by sin.... He united humanity with divinity: a divine spirit dwelt in a temple of flesh. He united Himself with the temple." 4 B.C. 1147.

The enemy of truth hates truth. He uses every means possible to cloud the glorious facts so that we may not know them.

Note his latest methods of hiding truth:--

N.I.V. "New International Version."

1 Tim 3:16 N.I.V. "Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great. He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.

Likewise again the truth is hidden.

1 JOHN 4.3 "But every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of Antichrist.'

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Both of these verses as found in the N.I.V. have dropped out "the flesh".

These are only two more examples of the Romeward trend too often seen in this modern perversion of Scripture.

Not only do they corrupt the word of God but they attack the greatest and most wonderful revelation of our Lord's love for us. Note this gem of inspiration. 7 B.C. 904.

The Most Marvelous Thing in Earth or Heaven.-When we want a deep problem to study, let us fix our minds on the most marvelous thing that ever took place in earth or heaven-the incarnation of the Son of God.

That is why the devil hates this outstanding act. It was love's most marvellous act!

The pagans spoke of their gods as not dwelling with flesh. But our God did. He did it for our redemption. There was no other way. He became "sin for us." He took our "fallen flesh" so He could die for us. Many have died on a cross. But "the most marvellous event that ever took place in earth or heaven" was when Jesus became flesh. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." Why do we hear so little of it? Why are Christians so strangely silent on this most marvelous event that ever took place? Why do some downgrade the sacrifice of our Lord? Have we allowed the enemy to cloud our eyes? It is certainly time we talked more of it. It is time we earnestly contended for this "most marvellous event" that ever took place. It is time we revealed to sleepy Laodiceans the enemy's attack on this "most marvellous event" that ever took place. Why use a corrupted Bible, that attacks this "most marvellous event."

Is it a Romeward trend? Why does the N.I.V. parallel the Catholic Douay Bible? It looks suspicious! It downgrades the sacrifice of our Lord. It hides the deceptions of the antichrist. May you have a heart desire to be saved from this deception.

POINTS MADE CLEAR

There were two arguments used against the position taken by the Reformers which have puzzled many:

(1) It was claimed that the Apostle John used two distinctions: "an Antichrist" to designate the false teachers of his day, and "the Antichrist," referring to some superhuman monster of Jewish extraction that would appear just before Christ's second coming. But on this point Dr. C. H. H. Wright truthfully remarks: "St. John, the only New Testament writer who employs the term, makes no distinction whatever between 'an Anti-christ' and 'the Antichrist.' That distinction was in the main an invention of the learned Jesuit interpreters."-"Daniel and His Prophecies," p. 165. London: 1906.

(2) The second objection was that while "the Antichrist" would deny the incarnation, for he would deny that "Christ is come in the flesh" (2 John 7), the pope does not deny this, therefore he cannot be the Antichrist. This argument has seemed so logical and conclusive that Protestants, to a large extent, have given up the Protestant doctrine that the Papacy is Antichrist, and have ceased to protest.

This argument, however, is based on a misunderstanding, caused by overlooking one word in the text. Antichrist was not to deny that Christ had come in flesh, but was to deny that He had "come in the flesh" in "the same" kind of flesh, as the human race He came to save. (See 1 John 4: 3; 2 John 7, and Hebrews 2:14, 17.) On this vital difference hinges the real "truth of the gospel." Did Christ come all the way down to make contact with the fallen race, or only part way, so that we must have saints, popes, and priests intercede for us with a Christ who is removed too far from fallen humanity and its needs to make direct contact with the individual sinner? Right here lies the great divide that parts Protestantism from Roman Catholicism.

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST VERSUS THE GOSPEL OF ROME

Through sin man has separated himself from God, and his fallen nature is opposed to the divine will; therefore he cannot by his own effort live a godly life, nor can he change his own heart. (Isaiah 59.1;

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Romans 8: 7; Jeremiah 13: 23; John 15: 5.) Only through Christ, our Mediator, can man be rescued from sin, and again be brought into connection with the source of purity and power.

But in order to become such a connecting link Christ had to partake both of the divinity of God and of the humanity of man, so that He with His divine arm could encircle God, and with His human arm embrace man, thus connecting both in His own person. In this union of the human with the divine lies the "mystery" of the gospel, the secret of power to lift man from his degradation. "Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh." 1 Timothy 3:16. The "mystery," or secret of power to live a godly life in human flesh, was manifest in the life of Jesus Christ `while on earth. (And "Christ in you" is the secret of power to conquer sin. Colossians 1: 27.)

But mark! It was fallen man that was to be rescued from sin. And to make contact with him Christ had to condescend to take our nature upon Himself (not some higher kind of flesh). "For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same.... Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren." Hebrews 2: 14, 17. This text is so worded that it cannot be mis-understood. Christ "took part of the same" flesh and blood as ours; He came in "the" flesh. To deny this is the mark of Antichrist. (1 John 4: 3; 2 John 7.) To bridge the gulf that sin has made, Christ must be one with the Father in divinity, and one with man in humanity, and thus connect again earth with heaven.

God revealed this truth to the Patriarch Jacob that lonely night at Bethel. When he feared that his sins had cut him off from heaven, God showed him that mystic Ladder, connecting earth with heaven, which Christ explained to be "the Son of man." (Genesis 28: 12; John 1: 51.) Modernism has tried to cut off the upper part of this ladder by denying Christ's divinity: while the Roman Catholic Church cuts off the lower rounds by teaching that the Virgin Mary was born without sin, and that therefore Christ did not take upon Himself our kind of flesh and blood, but holy flesh, so far above us that He does not make contact with our humanity. For this reason the poor sinner cannot come to Him directly, they say, but must come through Mary, saints, popes, and priests who will mediate for him. This has opened the floodgate for all the idolatry of the Catholic Church. Here is this "dogma" presented in authentic Catholic works:

"We define that the Blessed Virgin Mary in the first moment of her conception . . . was preserved free from every taint of original sin.'

"Unlike the rest of the children of Adam, the soul of Mary was never subject to sin."-"Faith of Our Fathers," Cardinal Gibbons, pp. 203, -204. Baltimore: 1885.

The Sainted Doctor Alphonsus de Liguori says:

"The merits of Jesus, shall be dispensed through the hands and by the intercession of Mary."-"Glories of Mary," p. 180, New Revised Edition. New York: P. J. Kennedy and Sons, 1888.

"God has chosen to bestow no grace upon us but by the hands of Mary." Id., p. 180.

"Whoever asks and wishes to obtain graces without the intercession of Mary, attempts to fly without wings." Id., p. 189.

"Mary is all the hope of our, salvation." Id., p. 195.

"Thou art the only advocate of sinners." Id., p. 189.

"All those who are saved, are saved solely by means of this divine mother; ... the salvation of all depends upon preaching Mary." -Id., pp.. 19,20.

"We ask many things of God and do not obtain them; we ask them from Mary and obtain them." -Id., p. 150. Much more could be cited.

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A Protestant may ask if the merits of Christ's sacrifice on the cross are not sufficient, so that we can receive grace directly from Him. To this the Catholic Church answers:

"The merits and virtue of the sacrifice of the cross are infinite; but that virtue and these merits must be applied, and this can only be done by certain means." "Doctrinal Catechism," S. Keenan, p. 129. New York: Kenedy and Sons, 1846.

"The priest has the power of the keys, or the power of delivering sinners from hell, of making them worthy of paradise, and of changing them from the slaves of Satan into the children of God. And God himself is obliged to abide by the judgment of His priests.... The Sovereign Master of the universe only follows the servant by confirming in heaven all that the latter decides upon earth." - "Dignity and Duties of the Priest," St. Alphonsus de Liguori, pp. 27, 23. New York: Benziger Brothers." 1888.

We now have before us the only means of salvation in the Roman Catholic gospel, as presented by men of unquestionable authority among them. This throws light on the reason why the Catholic priest has such a hold on his people. They dare not oppose him, because he represents their only means of contact with heaven. Cut off from the church, they feel they are lost; for they do not know of a Christ who has come all the way down to the lost sinner's side, to whom they can come personally and receive forgiveness through grace alone. The divine ladder has been cut off, and Mary, saints, and priests have been substituted. But the Bible knows of only "one Mediator," Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 2: 5; Psalm 49: 7, 8.) Facts of Faith 205-207

5. THE N.I.V. ATTACKS GOD'S TRUTH FOR TODAY

It certainly appears that Satan is using the modern versions in a subtle attack on the message that our Cod has given to the Advent People. As the N.I.V. has become the most popular modern version, let us notice its attacks on truth.

1. THE SABBATH.

Ex. 20: 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shall thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God : in it thou shall not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates

11 For in six days the Lord. made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Instead of "the" Sabbath the N.I.V. has 'a Sabbath." Not only does the commandment clearly state "The Seventh-day is the Sabbath of the Lord Thy God" but the Scriptures clearly show why "the seventh day" is the Sabbath of God.

GENESIS 2:1-3 "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them.

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work, which he had made.

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

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It is interesting to note that each of the days of creation end with the statement "And the evening and the morning" etc. A similar statement is given for each day of creation. That is every day of creation except "the seventh-day." No such statement is made regarding "the seventh-day". Why? In each of the first six days what was done on that day was what was important. The day was mentioned last.

But! When you come to the seventh-day it is different. It is now the day that is important.

GENESIS 2:1-3

Thus the heavens and the earth were I finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that to it he had rested from all his work which God I created and made.

Notice the seventh-day is mentioned three times. This day is now all important. God was about to make His memorial. We read God rested on the seventh-day," Sabbath means rest. This "seventh day" the rest day of God. We have no record of God resting on any other day.' The "seventh day" is the only rest day, or "Sabbath of the Lord thy God." There is no other.

It is of interest to notice that the Hebrew word translated "rested" in Genesis 2:2 is "Shabath". It means "kept Sabbath." Our Creator was the first Sabbath keeper. What a privilege to keep the same day as our Maker. He not only rested on "the seventh day." He kept Sabbath. Next he "blessed the seventh day." Then the divine record states that He "sanctified it; because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made."

God rested on "the seventh-day". He blessed "the seventh day". He sanctified "the seventh day." He made "the seventh-day" holy. Our God did these things for no other day. "It is "the seventh-day" only.

Further it should be remembered - the same seventh day Sabbath is the only day our Lord ever kept as His Sabbath. It is the only day we were ever asked to keep. Our Lord wrote with His own finger on the tables of stone these words.

EXODUS 20:8-10 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God."

The seventh day is not "a" Sabbath. God states it is "the" Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

The corrupted, Jesuit version N.I.V. drags the Sabbath of our God down to "a" Sabbath, etc. To the same place as any of the many annual Sabbaths of Israel. Just one among many rest days of the Jews.

The N.I.V. repeats this deception in other places.

DEUTERONOMY 5:14 N.I.V. "But the seventh day is a Sabbath of the Lord thy God." This is but "a Sabbath" the N.I.V. has abolished in:-

COLOSSIANS 2:16,17 NIV "Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ."

Note, "a Sabbath" of Ex.20 is abolished in the N.I.V. This corrupt version, puts in the same "a Sabbath".

Notice again the "Scripture of Truth:-

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COLOSSIANS 2:16,17 K.J.V. "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days. Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

The N.I.V. here translates a plural noun meaning "Sabbath days" to a "Sabbath day," This is to hit that hated Sabbath. They want to shift the "Sabbath." This plays right into the hands of our opponents.

For instance in a newspaper debate between Pastor McLennan (Seventh-day Adventist) and a Mr. Brewer (Church of Christ) as issued by the General Conference Press Bureau, we read these words from our anti-Sabbath opponent, the Church of Christ minister. He wrote - "There is no authority at all for Christians to keep the Sabbath. Rather, we are strictly admonished to allow no man to judge us with reference to the Sabbath."

COLOSSIANS 2:16 N.I.V. "Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day."

Again he says "There is no excuse for saying 'Sabbath days' in this passage. The N.I.V. says 'a Sabbath day,' and that covers all of them."

If you are depending on the N.I.V. or any other of these corrupted modern versions you are an easy prey to deception. We are coming up to the final crisis: Inspiration says "The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty" Great Controversy, page 605.

Is the N.I.V. and the flood of modern versions - this Bible Babel - preparing the way for multitudes to be led astray?

2. THE SANCTUARY.

DANIEL 8:14

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

It is interesting to note Sister White's statement on this verse.

Great Controversy, page 409 "The Scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the central pillar of the Advent faith was the declaration 'Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.' (Daniel 8:14) These had been familiar words to all believers in the Lord's soon coming. By the lips of thousands was this prophecy repeated as the watchword of their faith."

"The cleansing of the sanctuary at the ending of the 2300 days prophecy was and is the foundation, and the "central pillar" and "watchword" of the Advent Message. This the enemy must attack. Nowhere has his work been more revealed than in what is called "The Holy Bible - New International Version." See again how the word "cleansed" is changed to "reconsecrated." This is a totally different word. The Heavenly Sanctuary was consecrated once. It likewise is "cleansed" once for all. It does not need, and never was reconsecrated. This translation makes the prophecy of none effect and the translation absurd. Such is the N.I.V.

Is it the work of the enemy of Truth? It certainly looks like it.

Notice again these words from "the testimony of Jesus" in Great Controversy, page 421.

"This is the service which began when the 2300 days ended. At that time, as foretold by Daniel the prophet, our High Priest entered the most holy, to perform the last division of His solemn work, - to cleanse the sanctuary."

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Which is true? The corrupt Vaticanus of Rome, which is largely the basis of the N.I.V. or the Spirit of Prophecy - God's gift to His Remnant Church? Which will you follow?

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

3. ANOTHER FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE.

DANIEL 9:25 Know therefore and understand that from the going forth of the commandment, "to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall; even in troublous times-.

This text gives the commencement of the wonderful seventy week time period. It also gives the time when "Messiah the Prince" would appear. This prophecy gives a solid foundation to Christianity. Jesus our Lord sets His seal upon it.

MARK 1:15 And saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand repent you, and believe the gospel.

The first words Jesus said were "The time is fulfilled." What time? The only prophecy that showed the very time the Messiah would appear was Daniel 9:25. With this incredible prophecy I have seen literally hundreds of atheists and unbelievers convinced and converted to Christ and His truth for today. Now let us have a look at the jumble, as presented by the N.I.V.

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DANIEL 9:25 "Know and understand this: From the issuing of, the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens', and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench but in times of trouble."

I repeatedly hear the statement that the N.I.V. is plainer and easier to understand. Is this verse clearer? To me it is a jumble. It is as clear as mud. Read it again for yourself. It is not only unclear, It means little. "The Anointed One, the ruler" could be many. Every priest was anointed. So was every king. Saul, the first king of Israel was "an anointed one." He died of suicide. You can prove little or nothing by this version.

Now notice the next verse.

DANIEL 9:26 "After the sixty-two 'sevens', the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood. War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed."

According to this the Anointed One "will have nothing." This corrupt text is refuted by many clear statements of God's Word.

JOHN 3:35

MATTHEW 28:18

DANIEL 7:13,14

LUKE 1:32,33

Rome hates prophecy, especially the amazing prophecies of Daniel the prophet. So they corrupt and cut out what does not suit. Here is one of many instances.

5. DANIEL THE PROPHET.

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MARK 13:14

Now look up the N.I.V. and note that they have cut out "spoken of by Daniel the prophet."

Liberals hate the prophecies of Daniel. So does Rome. They would have us believe Daniel was merely a historian, writing after the events. Bible prophecy proves too much for those who want to tone down Scripture. Here is another instance.

MATTHEW 27:35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments, among them, and upon my venture did they cast lots.

Now look up for yourself the N.I.V. and you will find that the words we have underlined are omitted. Is this not the work of antichrist? These are the words of our God. They describe our Lord's atoning death for us so they are mutilated. As our Lord was crucified so His precious Word is crucified by the N.I.V. and the other modern versions.

6. EVERY WORD OF GOD.

LUKE 4:4

The N.I.V. omits "But by every word of God."

We dare not lose a single word of God's Book. This precious old Book means everything to us. We are to live by "every Word of God." So what does the enemy of truth do? He has his agents cut out the words from this text "But by every word of God." The enemy hates the word of God. He wants to get rid of this precious old Bible of ours. He hates the Great Advent Truth so he attacks it. He does this through his agents and through corrupted mutilated versions.

Remember "Every word of God is pure". Prov.30:5. Jesus has promised, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Revelation 3:10.

This short series of leaflets reveals the Devil's hatred against "God's Truth for Today."

The N.I.V. the most popular of all modern corrupted versions is certainly a tool to confuse God's people.

6. ELLEN G. WHITE AND MODERN VERSIONS

Ellen White's experience was "The Lord showed me." "He told me." "It was presented before me." "Said the angel." "I asked my accompanying angel the meaning of what I heard." Thus God has provided guidance and instruction for His remnant church.

SISTER WHITE AND THE MODERN VERSIONS

To justify their use of modern versions of the Bible, many claim "Sister White used them." To the many, this answers all. They argue all versions therefore must be good. I have often wished that Adventists used the modern versions as Sister White used them. If they used these versions as Sister White did, there would be no problem as we shall see.

Turn to -

PROVERBS 30:5 "Every word of God is pure."

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How much impurity needs to be added to a glass of pure water to make it impure? 5%? 1%?

A much higher percentage of error has been added to the Scriptures. The flood of at least one hundred versions in recent times has certainly corrupted truth and produced a babel.

REGARDING THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY, HERE ARE A FEW FACTS.

According to the index, there are listed 15,117 Scripture references in the 25 Volumes that are listed. 95% of these references are from the King James Version (KJV) and 5% from all the other versions. The Revised Version came out in 1881. Since 1881 more than three quarters of Sister White's writings have been produced. Therefore several of the revised versions were available during most of Sister White's writing years.

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There are 666 quotations from KJV, 53 from American Revised Version, and 5 from the Revised Version.

She quoted often from Practical Psalms where the change was slight in the wording.

We should notice that verses that are omitted by the N.I.V. and other modern versions are quoted as the Word of God by Sister White. For instance:-

ACTS 8:37 The N.I.V. omits this passage of Holy Writ, but Sister White quotes it as inspired.

Many other instances of omissions from the N.I.V., but quoted by Sister White could be-given and God s. willing, will be given.

It should be remembered that there are no true Scriptures in the N.I.V. that cannot be found in the King James Version. But there are many true Scriptures that are omitted from the N.I.V. as we have noticed and will notice. When the thought is plainer and without error in a modern version, true, Sister White quotes it. But she never quotes the modern version when it has error. For instance several times she quotes REVELATION 22:14 "do His commandments," but she never quotes the erroneous "wash their robes" as found in the N.I.V. and other corrupted versions. (See G. Burnside, Revelation 22:14 and the N.I.V.) Again in

JOB 19:26 (A. R. V.) "Then without my flesh shall I see God."

Or Lesser's, "Then freed from my flesh shall I behold God."

While at times Sister White uses the A.R.V. or Lesser, she never uses them where they have been corrupted as above. On the other hand several times she quotes this text but always when it is true as in the KJV. "Yet in my flesh shall I see God." See Great Controversy, page p 299 etc.

TESTIMONIES VOLUME NINE.

This was the last Volume written by Sister White. Notice she never quoted from a Revised Version once in this volume. Sister White began with the King James Version and she finished the Volume with it. Our prophet used these modern versions less and less. It is a tragedy that too many Adventists are now using the modern Versions more and more. Inspiration used them less and less. Apostacy uses them more and more. May you follow the example of Sister White In her last volume of the Testimonies and drop out the so called revisions.

Now let us look at Sister White's historic statements.

"THE FATEFUL FOURTH CENTURY."

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We are fortunate to have an inspired guide in history. Historians write with a bias, and as a result can be confusing. Inspiration alone presents the full facts. Notice some interesting and enlightening facts of history.

Great Controversy, page 45 "The nominal conversion of Constantine, in the early part of the fourth century...now the work of corruption rapidly progressed." This was in the fateful "fourth century." One of Constantine's acts was to have the Catholic bishop Eusebius make copies of fifty Bibles for use in the churches.

As Constantine aimed at unity, the pagans with apostate Christians, he naturally chose tampered manuscripts to suit his compromised Christianity. The evidence is overwhelming in favor of the fact that the Vatican and Sinai manuscripts were two of Constantine's fifty Bibles.

Sidney Collett in his "The Scripture of Truth" when writing about the Sinaitic manuscript that was found by Dr. Tischendorf stated:-

Dr. Tischendorf believed that this and the Vatican manuscript were two of the fifty copies of the Bible which were made in Greek by command of the Emperor Constantine, about the year AD 331, under the supervision of Bishop Eusebius, the historian of Caesarea. P. 28.

These manuscripts came from the fourth century - the century of corruption. Sister White further states:- Great Controversy, page 56 "Ancient writings were forged by monks ... And a church that had rejected the truth greedily accepted these deceptions."

Of the Catholic bishop who prepared these Bibles for Constantine, inspired history states:-

Great Controversy, page 574 "Eusebius, a bishop who sought the favor of princes, and who was the special friend and flatterer of Constantine."

This was the century that brought in Sunday.

This was the century that produced the Vulgate from which came the Catholic Bible. In this same "fourth century" of corruption came the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus, from which came the N.I.V. and its companion versions. They are companions in crime and corruption. For instance compare the Catholic "Douay. . Bible" and the N.I.V. Note their striking parallel. MATTHEW 18:11 is missing from both of them.

REVELATION 22:14 has the corruption "wash their robes" in each.

LUKE 4:4 "But by every word of God" is omitted from both the N.I.V. and the Douay. Many more parallels will be given in a later leaflet - God willing.

"TO THE LAW AND TO THE TESTIMONY."

Hold fast to our Lord's gift to His remnant people. May you ever be in the company of God's "saints" that "have the Testimony of Jesus." Revelation 12:17

REVELATION 19:10 "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." That inspired voice further declares:-

Great Controversy, page 65 "The Waldenses were among the first of the peoples of Europe to obtain a translation of the Holy Scriptures. Hundreds of years before the Reformation they possessed the Bible in manuscript in their native tongue. They had the truth unadulterated, and this rendered them the special objects of hatred and persecution . . . they stood unflinchingly for God's word and His honor."

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The Waldenses, like the saints on Scotland's isle of Iona held the true Scriptures. "They had the truth unadulterated, and this rendered them special objects of hatred and persecutions." Great Controversy, page 65.

Note it was because these saints held the Scriptures - "truth unadulterated" that Rome hated and persecuted them. Rome has always hated the Bible.

Rome held the Vulgate, Vaticanus, and Sinaiticus for centuries. But inspiration further states:-

"Theirs was not a faith newly received. Their religious belief was their inheritance from their fathers. They contended for the faith of the apostolic church "the faith which was once Delivered unto the saints." Jude 3. "The church in the wilderness," and not the proud hierarchy enthroned in the world's great capital, was the true church of Christ, the guardian of the treasures of truth which God has committed to His people to be given to the world." Great Controversy, page 64.

God preserved His Word. He preserved it through His saints, the Waldenses and in Scotland's Iona. We are clearly told that it was "the church in the wilderness" and "not the proud hierarchy enthroned in the world's great capital" - Rome" that was the guardian of the treasures of truth." Rome may have had the Vulgate, Vaticanus and Sinaiticus but they did not have the -"Scripture of truth" - the Received Text, the "Majority text"— from which we have the King James Version.

May we each one be willing to die for it. To sum up:-

Rome upholds the Vulgate Vaticanus and Sinaiticus but hated the King James Version. Why?

The sure word of prophecy answers:-

Rome "cast down the truth to the ground." Daniel 8:12.

It "shall destroy the mighty and the holy people." Daniel 8:24.

"He shall also stand up against the Prince of princes, but he shall be broken without hand." Daniel 8:25.

Such is the work and doom of Rome.

Remember! "But the Word of the Lord endureth forever." 1 Peter 1:25

1 JOHN 2:17 "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that does the will of God abideth for ever."

7. IN THE TRACK OF ROMANISM AND NIV

IS THE N.I.V. THE TOOL OF ROME?

Dr. Edgar made this thought provoking statement. "It is certainly a remarkable circumstance that so many of the Catholic readings in the N.T., which in reformation and early reformation times were denounced by Protestants as corruptions of the pure text of God." p 347 "Bibles of England."

These catholic changes are repeated in the N.I.V. and other modern versions. In this leaflet we give but a few of the most glaring omissions, that parallel Rome.

IS THE N.I.V. THE TOOL OF ROME?

You decide for yourself. Compare the texts.

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MATTHEW 5:44 KJV "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

MATTHEW 5:44 (DOUAY) "But I say to you: Love your enemies: do good to them that hate you: and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you."

MATTHEW 5:4 (N.I.V.) "But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

The phrase "Bless them that curse you" is omitted in both the N.I.V. and the Douay (Catholic) Bible.

This omission rests solely on the Vatican Manuscript and the one from the Catholic monastery. The N.I.V. is not a revision in any sense at all. It is a different Bible from the King James Bible. It is based on Catholic manuscripts that are seriously changed. Prophecy warned that this would happen.

DANIEL7:25 "Think to change times and laws."

They have also tried to change the Word of Truth.

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

LUKE 2:33 "And his father and mother were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning him." DOUAY.

LUKE 2:33 "The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him." N.I.V.

Did you notice that the N.I.V. again follows the Jesuit Bible and gives our Lord a human father. The devout scholar, Helvidius, of Northern Italy (400 AD) who had the pure Bible, accused Jerome of using corrupt manuscripts on this text. "Nicene and Post Nicene Fathers." Vol. VI p. 338.

"The Vulgate, prepared late in the fourth century by Saint Jerome, the greatest biblical scholar of antiquity." Preface to the Douay Version.

The Catholic Bible states it was "Translated from the Latin Vulgate." Great Controversy states that this version "contained many errors."

Again the N.I.V. is in very bad company .

LUKE 4:8 "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall thou serve." KJV

LUKE 4:8 "And Jesus answering said to him. It is written: Thou shall adore the Lord they God, and him only shall thou serve." DOUAY

LUKE 4:8 "Jesus answered, 'It is written, Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" N.I.V.

Rome does not like these words. "Get thee behind me Satan." You see Jesus used the same words later regarding Peter.(Matt.16:23) So Rome - the corrupter of Scripture - omitted the statement.

The N.I.V. again follows in the fatal footsteps of Rome.

ACTS 13:42 "And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath." KJV.

ACTS 13:42 "And as they went out, they desired them that on the next Sabbath they would speak unto them these words." DOUAY.

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ACTS 13:42 "As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things, on the next Sabbath." NIV.

The "Scripture of Truth" makes it clear that the Sabbath was the day on which the Jews worshipped. The papacy has never been a friend of either the Word of God or "the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." Hence the omission. Adventists! What hath bewitched you, that you follow Catholicism in this fatal path?

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7 "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us." KJV.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7 "Purge out' the old leaven, that you may be a new paste, as you are unleavened. For Christ our pasch is sacrificed." DOUAY.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7 "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast - as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." NIV.

Again the N.I.V. follows the Jesuit Bible, and omits "for us." They both attack the atoning work of Jesus. Jesus was sacrificed "for us." The corrupted manuscripts of Rome omit the words "for us."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:47 "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven." KJV

1 CORINTHIANS 15:47 "The first man was, of the earth, earthy: the second man, from heaven, heavenly." DOUAY.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:47 "The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven." NIV.

These two corrupted Versions omit "Lord". The Word of God (K.J.V.) reveals who is the Man from heaven."

EPHESIANS 3:9 "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ." KJV.

EPHESIANS 3:9 "And to enlighten all men, that they may see what is the dispensation of the mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God who created all things." DOUAY.

EPHESIANS 3:9 "And to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things." NIV.

Catholicism is selling out to evolution. Again the NIV follows Rome in omitting "who created all things by Jesus Christ." We have a wonderful Savior. Such a mighty Lord - The Creator.

Do not follow Rome, but hold fast to the Word of Life.

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

COLOSSIANS 1:14 "In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." NIV.

"Through His blood" is not in the N.I.V., although the Douay includes it. Authorities claim that this omission can be traced to Origen (200 AD). Jerome and Eusebius were both devoted followers of Origen. Thus following this philosopher they omitted these sacred words from God's precious Book.

In some cases the N.I.V. is further from Truth than the Catholic Bible.

For more on this solemn theme see:--

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Revelation 22:14 and the N.I.V. (No.2) by G.B.

The N.I.V. and the Antichrist on 1 Timothy 3:16 (No. 4) by G.B.

The N.I.V. and the Lord's Prayer on Matthew 6:13 (No.3) by G.B.

The oft repeated statements:-

"All versions are good". "It does not make any difference, as one version is as good as another." These are revealed as pathetically shallow in the face of the above facts.

Any version that omits "through His blood" is certainly not pure.

But! "Every word of God is pure" Proverbs 30:5. Both the devil and Rome have opposed the Bible.

Why does the N.I.V. mutilate the Scripture?

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

LUKE 4:4 "Jesus answered, 'It is written, Man does not live on bread alone. " N.I.V.

8. THE N.I.V. DOUBT AND CONFUSION

Omissions

G. Burnside

JEREMIAH 36:1,2 "The word came unto Jeremiah from the Lord saying, Take thee a roll of a book and write therein all the words that I have spoken."

JEREMIAH 36:23 But Jehoiakim "cut it with a penknife."

HE CUT the Scriptures

RESULT

JEREMIAH 22:19 Jehoiakim "shall be buried with the burial of an ass.

REVELATION 22

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

NIV

Whole Verses Omitted

Matthew 17:21; 18:11; 23:14; Mark 7:16; 9:44; 9:46; 11:26; 15:28

Luke 17:36; 23:17

John 5:4

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Acts 8:37; 15:34; 24:7; 28:29
Romans 16:24
I John 5:7

Verses omitted 17

NIV

Portions of Verses Omitted

AV (KJV)

Matthew

5:27 by them of old time
5:44 bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you
5:44 despitefully use you, and
6:13* For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
15:6 or his mother
15:8 * draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and
19:9 and whoso marrieth her which is put away- doth commit adultery
19:20 from my youth
20:7 and whatsoever is right, that shall you receive
20:16 for many be called, but few chosen
20:22* and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with
20:23* and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with
22:13 and take him away
23:4 and grievous to be borne
25:13* wherein the Son of man comes
26:3 and the scribes
26:60 yet found they none
27:35* that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted My garments among them,
and upon My vesture did they cast lots
28:2 from the door
28:9 * as they went to tell His disciples

Mark

1:14 of the kingdom
1:42* as soon as He had spoken
3:5 whole as the other
3:15 to heal sicknesses, and
6:11* Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment,
than for that city
6:33* and came together unto Him
6:36 for they have nothing-
7:2 they found fault
7:8 as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things you do
8:9 they that had eaten
8:26 nor tell it to any in the town
9:38 and he followeth not us
9:45 into the fire that never shall be quenched

9:49 and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt
10:7 and cleave to his wife
10:21 take up the cross
10:24 them that trust in riches
11:8 and strawed them' in the way
11:10* in the name of the Lord

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11:23 whatsoever he said
12:23 therefore, when they shall rise
12:29 of all the commandments
12:30 this is the first commandment
12:33 and with all the soul
13:11 neither do you premeditate
13:14 spoken of by Daniel the prophet
14:19 and another said, Is it I?
14:27* because of Me this night
14:68 and the cock crew
14:70 and thy speech agreeth thereto
15:3 * but He answered nothing

Luke

1:28 blessed art thou among women
1:29 when she saw him
2:42 up to Jerusalem
4:4 * but by every word of God
4:8 * Get thee behind Me, Satan
4:18 to heal the brokenhearted
5:38 and both are preserved
7:31* And the Lord said
8:43 had spent all her living upon physicians
8:45 and they that were with Him
8:45* and sayest thou, Who touched Me?
8:48 be of good comfort
8:54 put them all out, and
9:10 a desert place
9:54 even as Elias did?
9:55 and said, You know not what manner of spirit you are of
9:56* For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them
11:2 * Which art in heaven
11:2 * Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth
11:4 but deliver us from evil
11:11 bread of any of you ... will he give him a stone?-or if he ask
11:44 scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites
11:54* that they might accuse Him
12:39 he would have watched, and
17:9 * him? I trow not
18:24 that he was very sorrowful
19:45 therein, and them that bought
20:13 when they see him
20:23* Why tempt you Me?
20:30 took her to wife, and he died childless
22:31* And the Lord said
22:64* they struck Him on the face
22:68* Me, nor let Me go
23:23 and of the chief priests
23:38 written ... in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew
24:1 and certain others with them
24:42 and of an honeycomb
24:46 and thus it behoved

John

1:27* is preferred before me
3:13* Which is in heaven

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3:15 should not perish, but
5:3 waiting for the moving of the water
5:16* and sought to slay Him
6:11 to the disciples, and the disciples
6:22* that one where into His disciples were entered
6:47 on Me
8:9 being convicted by their own conscience
8:9 even unto the last
8:10 and saw none but the woman
8:10 those thine accusers?
8:59* going through the midst of them, and so passed by
9:6 of the blind man
10:26* as I said unto you
11:41 where the dead was laid
12:1 which had been dead
16:16* because I go to the Father
17:12 in the world
19:16 and led Him away

Acts

2:30* according to the flesh, He would raise up Christ
3:11 the ' lame man which was healed
7:37* Him shall you hear
9:5 it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks
9:6 * And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him
10:6 he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do
10:12 and wild beasts
10:21 which were sent unto him from Cornelius
10:32 who, when he comes, shall speak unto thee
13:42 the Jews ...out, of the synagogue, the Gentiles
15:18* unto God are all His, works
15:24 saying, You must be circumcised, and keep the law
18:21 I must by all means keep this feast that comes in Jerusalem
20:15 and tarried at Trogyllium
21:8 that were of Paul's company
21:22 the multitude must needs come together: for
21:25 that they observe no such thing, save only
22:9 and were afraid
22:20 unto his death
23:9 * let us not fight against God
24:6 and would have judged according to our law
24:8 Commanding his accusers to come unto thee
246 that he might loose him
26:30 And when he had thus spoken
28:16 the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard

Romans

1:16* of Christ
8:1 * who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit
9:28 in righteousness: because a short work
10:15 preach the gospel of peace
11:6 But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work
13:9 Thou shall not bear false witness

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14:6 * he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it
14:21 or is offended, or is made weak
15:24 I will come to you
15:29 of the gospel

I Corinthians

6:20* and in your spirit, which are God's
10:28* for the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof
11:24 Take, eat

Galatians

3:1 that you should not obey the truth

Ephesians

3:14* of our Lord Jesus Christ
5:30* of His flesh, and of His bones

Philippians

3:16 by the same rule, let us mind the same thing

Colossians

1:2 * and the Lord Jesus Christ
1:14* through His blood
3:6 on the children of disobedience

I Thessalonians

1:1 * from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ

I Timothy

3:3 not greedy of filthy lucre
6:5 from such withdraw thyself
6:7 it is certain

Hebrews

2:7 * and didst set him over the works of Thy hands
3:6 firm unto the end
7:21 after the order of Melchisedec
8:12 and their iniquities
10:30* said the Lord
10:34 in heaven
11:11 was delivered of a child
11:13 and were persuaded of them
12:20 or thrust through with a dart

I Peter

1:22* through the Spirit
4:3 of our life
4:14* on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified

II Peter

3:10 in the night

I John

4:3 * Christ is come in the flesh
5:13* and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God

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Revelation

1:8 *t the Beginning and the Ending
1:11* I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last: and
1:11 which are in Asia
5:14 Him that lives for ever and ever
11:1 and the angel stood
11:17* and art to come
14:5 * before the throne of God
15:2 over his mark
21:24 of them which are saved

Total number omitted 180

Omissions of Names of Our Lord

Matthew

6:33 of God
8:29 Jesus
13:36 Jesus
13:51 Lord
15:30 Jesus'
16:20 Jesus
17:11 Jesus
17:20 Jesus
18:2 Jesus
18:11 Whole verse including Son of man.
19:17 that is, God
21:12 of God
22:30 of God
22:32 God (is not)
23:8 even Christ
24:2 Jesus
25:13 wherein the Son of man comes
28:6 the Lord

Mark

5:13 forthwith Jesus
6:34 Jesus
7:27 Jesus
9:24 with tears, Lord
11:10 in the name of the Lord
11:14 Jesus
11:26 Whole verse including Father
12:27 God (of the living)
14:45 (Master) Master

Luke

2:40 in Spirit

4:4 but by every word of God-
4:41 Christ (the Son of God)
7:22 Jesus
7:31 And the Lord said
9:56 For the Son of man
9:57 Lord

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12:31 His kingdom, in place of, kingdom of God
13:25 (Lord) Lord
21:4 of God
22:31 And the Lord said
23:42 Lord

John

4:16 Jesus
4:42 the Christ
4:46 Jesus
5:30 Father
6:39 Father's
6:69 that Christ
8:11 Lord
8:20 Jesus
8:29 the Father
9:35 man, in place of, God
16:16 because I go to the Father
19:38 (and took the body of) Jesus

Acts

2:30 according to the flesh, He would raise up Christ
3:26 Jesus
4:24 God (which host made)
7:30 of the Lord
7:32 God (of Isaac)
7:32 God (of Jacob)
7:37 Lord your
8:37 Whole verse including Jesus
8:37 Whole verse including Christ
8:37 Whole verse including the Son
8:37 Whole verse including of God
9:5 Lord said
9:6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?
9:6 And the Lord said unto him
9:29 Jesus
15:11 Christ
15:18 unto God are all His works
16:31 Christ
19:4 Christ
19:10 Jesus
20:21 Christ
20:25 of God
22:16 His name, in place of, the name of the Lord
23:9 let us not fight against God

Romans

1:16 of Christ
6:11 our Lord
8:1 who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit
14:6 and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it
15:8 Jesus
15:19 of God
16:18 Jesus
16:20 Christ
16:24 Whole verse including Lord

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16:24 Whole verse including Jesus
16:24 Whole verse including Christ

I Corinthians

1:14 God
5:4 Christ ...
5:4 ... Christ
5:5 Jesus
6:20 and in your spirit, which are God's
9:1 Christ
9:18 of Christ
10:28 for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof
15:47 the Lord
16:22 Jesus
16:22 Christ
16:23 Christ

II Corinthians

4:6 Jesus
4:10 Lord
5:18 Jesus
10:7 (so are we) Christ's
11:31 Christ

Galatians

3:17 in Christ
4:7 Christ
6:15 in Christ
6:15 Jesus
6:17 Lord

Ephesians

3:9 by Jesus
3:9 Christ
3:14 of our Lord
3:14 Jesus
3:14 Christ
5:9 light, in place of, Spirit

Philippians

4:13 Christ

Colossians

1:2 and the Lord
1:2 Jesus
1:2 Christ
1:28 Jesus
2:2 and of the Father

I Thessalonians

1:1 from God
1:1 our Father
1:1 and the Lord
1:1 Jesus
1:1 Christ
3:11 Christ

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3:13 Christ

II Thessalonians

1:8 Christ

1:12 Christ (may be)

2:4 as God (sitteth in the temple)

I Timothy

1:1 Lord

2:7 in Christ

3:16 who, in place of, God

5:21 Lord

II Timothy

4:1 the Lord

4:22 Jesus

4:22 Christ

Titus

1:4 Lord

Philemon

v. 6 Jesus

Hebrews

3:1 Christ

10:9 0 God

10:30 said the Lord

I Peter

1:22 through the Spirit

5:10 Jesus

5:14 Jesus

I John

1:7 Christ

3:16 of God

4:3 Christ is come in the flesh

5:7 Whole verse including the Father

5:7 Whole verse including the Word'

5:7 Whole verse including the Holy Ghost

5:13 and that you may believe on the name of the Son

5:13 of God

II John

v. 3 the Lord

v. 9 of Christ (he hath both the Father)

Jude

v. 4 God (and our Lord)

Revelation

1:8 The Beginning

1:8 and The Ending

1:9 Christ .. .

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1:9 ... Christ
1:11 I am Alpha
1:11 and Omega
1:11 the First
1:11 and the Last
12:17 Christ
14:5 before the throne of God
16:5 O Lord
19:1 Lord
20:9 from God
20:12 the throne, in place of, God
21:4 God
22:21 Christ

Total number omitted 173
Jesus 38
Christ 43
Lord 35
God 31
Other names 26
Total number omitted 173

Differences That Have Effect on the Meaning

Matthew

1:25 Omit: her firstborn
5:22 Omit: without a cause
6:1 righteousness, in place of, alms
6:4 Omit: openly
6:6 Omit: openly
6:18 Omit: openly
9:36 harassed, in place of, fainted
16:3 Omit: O you hypocrites
17:20 little faith, in place of, unbelief
19:16 Omit: Good
19:17 Why askest thou Me concerning the good? One is good, in place of, Why callest thou Me good?
There is none good but one, that is, God
20:26 it is not, in place of, it shall not be
20:34 Omit: their eyes (received sight) ,
22:7 Omit: heard
23:19 Omit: fools and
24:7 Omit: and pestilences
24:36* Add: neither the Son (but My Father)
24:48 Omit: his coming
25:31 Omit: holy
26:28* Omit: new
26:59 Omit: and elders
27:34 wine, in place of, vinegar
27:42 Omit: If
27:64 Omit: by night

Mark

1:2 Isaiah the prophet, in place of, the prophets
2:16 of the, in place of, and (Pharisees)
2:16 Omit: How is it
2:17 Omit: to repentance

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2:22 Omit: is spilled
3:29 sin, in place of, damnation
4:11 Omit: to knot
5:36 having disregarded, in place of, as soon as (Jesus) heard
7:14 again, in place of, all
7:31 through, in place of, and (Sidort)
8:1 again, in place of, very
8:25 he saw distinctly, in place of, made him look up
9:29 Omit: and fasting
10:43 it is not so, in place of, so shall it not be
12:4 Omit: they cast stones
12:4 Omit: sent ... away
13:8 Omit: and troubles
13:33 Omit: and pray
14:22 Omit: eat (this is)
14:24 Omit: new
14:51 Omit: the young men
14:65 received, in place of, did strike
15:8 coming up, in place of, crying aloud
15:39* Omit: He so cried out

Luke

2:14 Men of good will, in place of, good will toward men
2:22* their, in place of, her (purification)
4:1 in, in place of, into (the wilderness)
6:48 because it was well built, in place of, for it was founded upon a rock
7:28 Omit: prophet
9:35* chosen, in place of, beloved (Son)
9:48 is, in place of, shall be (great)
11:53 went out thence, in place of, said these things unto them
12:18 the wheat, in place of, my fruits
14:5 son, in place of, ass
16:9 it shall fail, in place of, you fail
17:3 Omit: against thee
21:36 may have strength, in place of, may be accounted worthy
23:15 he sent Him back to us, in place of, I sent you to him
23:39 not, in place of, If
23:45 failed (or eclipsed), in place of, darkened
24:17 stood, in place of, are (sad)

John

1:16 Because, in place of, And (of His)
1:51 Omit: Hereafter
6:65* Omit: My
6:69* the Holy One of God, in place of, that Christ, the Son of the living God
8:28* Omit: My
8:38* Omit: My
9:4 * We, in place of, I
10:32* Omit: My
12:7 * in order that she may keep, in place of, hath she kept
12:47 keep, in place of, believe
13:18 My bread, in place of, bread with Me
14:28* Omit: My
16:10* Omit: My
17:17* Omit: Thy (truth)
18.40 Omit: all

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20:17* Omit: My (Father: but go)

Acts

2:1 together, in place of, with one accord

3:20 foreordained, in place of, preached

5:16 Omit: unto

6:8 grace, in place of, faith

6:13 Omit: blasphemous

9:25 Add: his (disciples)

10:16 immediately, in place of, again

10:30 Omit: fasting

13:19, He divided by lot their land about 450 years, and after

20 these things, He gave judges, in place of, He divided their land to them by lot. And after that He gave them judges about the space of 450 years

13:45 Omit: contradicting and

15:23 Omit: after this manner

15:25 having chosen, in place of, chosen

16:13 we supposed, in place of, was wont

17:5 Omit: which believed not

17:26 Omit: blood

18:5 word, in place of, spirit

18:11 Omit: the Greeks

19:2 Omit: they said

19:40 Add: not (give an account)

22:26 Omit: Take heed

23:12 Omit: certain of

23:15 Omit: to morrow

24:2 reforms, in place of, very worthy deeds

24:9 joined in attack, in place of, assented

25:6 Add: not (more than) eight or

25:15 condemnation, in place of, judgment

25:16 Omit: to die

26:16 Add: (host seen) Me

28:13 cast off, in place of, fetched a compass

Romans

9:32 Omit: of the law

I Corinthians

4:2 Here, in place of, Moreover

7:3 Omit: benevolence

7:5 Omit: fasting and

7:38 marries his own virgin, in place of, giveth ... in marriage

7:38 marries, not., in place of, giveth her not in marriage

7:39 Omit: by the law

8:7 custom, in place of, conscience (of the idol)

9:21 of, in place of, to (God) ... to (Christ)

9:22 Omit: as (weak)

9:23 all things, in place of, this

10:28 offered in sacrifice, in place of, offered in sacrifice unto idols

11:24 Omit: broken

11:29 Omit: unworthily

14:38 he is ignored, in place of, let him be ignorant

II Corinthians

4:14* with, in place of, by

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5:17 Omit: all things
12:19 Long ago, in place of, Again

Galatians
4:14 your, in place of, my (temptation)
5:19 Omit: Adultery
5:21 Omit: murders

Ephesians
3:9 administration, in place of, fellowship
4:9 Omit: first
4:17 Omit: other
5:9 * light, in place of, Spirit

Philippians
4:23 your spirit, in place of, you all

Colossians
2:18 Omit: not
4:8 you might know our, in place of, he might know your
4:12 fully assured, in place of, complete
4:13 labor, in place of, zeal

I Thessalonians
2:15 Omit: their own
3:2 Omit: and . . . fellowlabourer

I Timothy
1:17* Omit: wise
4:10 strive, in place of, suffer reproach
5:4 Omit: good and
5:16 Omit: man or
6:19 life that is, in place of, eternal life

II Timothy
1:11 Omit: of the Gentiles
4:1 and, in place of, at

Titus
1:4 Omit: mercy

Philemon
v. 2 sister, in place of, beloved
v. 12 Omit: therefore receive

Hebrews
8:11 citizen, in place of, neighbour
10:34 with prisoners, in place of, my bonds
12:7 For, in place of, If
13:21 Omit: work

James
1:19 You know, in place of, Wherefore
2:5 to the world, in place of, of this world
2:20 idle, in place of, dead
3:8 unsettled, in place of, unruly

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3:12 neither does salt make water fresh, in place of, so card no fountain both yield salt water and fresh

4:4 Omit: adulterers and

4:12 neighbor, in place of, another

4:14 You are, in place of, It is

5:5 Omit: as

5:16 sins, in place of, faults

I Peter

2:2 Add: (thereby) unto salvation

3:8 humble minded, in place of, courteous

3:13 zealous, in place of, followers

3:16 Omit: as of evildoers

4:1 \$ Omit: for us

4:16 name, in place of, behalf

5:5 Omit: be subject

5:11* Omit: glory and

II Peter

1:3 own, in place of, to (glory)

1:21 men from God, in place of, holy men of God

2:17 Omit: for ever

3:2 of your, in place of, of us the (apostles)

3:10 shall be detected, in place of, shall be borne

I John

2:20 You all know, in place of, you know all things

4:20 he cannot, in place of, how can he

II John

v. 9 goes before, in place of, transgresseth

III John

v. 8 sustain, in place of, receive

Jude

v. 1 beloved, in place of, sanctified

v. 5 all things, in place of, this

v. 19 Omit: themselves

v. 25* Omit: wise

v. 25 Add: before the whole age (both now and)

Revelation

1:5 loves, in place of, loved

1:6 a kingdom, in place of, kings and

2:3 Omit: hast laboured

2:9 Omit: works, and

2:13 Omit: thy works, and

2:15* in like manner, in place of, which thing I hate

2:20 Omit: a few things

2:22 her, in place of, their

2:24 to the, in place of, and (unto the rest)

3:5 thus, in place of, the same

4:6 Add: as (a sea of)

5:4 Omit: and to read

5:10 them, in place of, us

5:10 a kingdom, in place of, kings

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5:10 they shall reign, in place of, we shall reign
6:6 Add: as (a voice)
6:17 their, in place of, His
8:7 Add: (earth) and a third part of the earth was burnt up
8:13 eagle, in place of, angel
12:12 Omit: the inhabitants
13:1 he stood, in place of, I stood
13:10 ' Omit: leadeth
13:10 is to be killed, in place of, killeth
13:10 Omit: must
15:3 nations, in place of, saints
15:6 stone, in place of, linen
16:5 holy, in place of, shall be
16:17 Omit: of heaven
17:8 shall be present, in place of, yet is
17:16 and, in place of, upon
18:20 saints and apostles, in place of, holy apostles
19:1 Add: as (a great voice)
19:1 Omit: and honour
19:17* the great supper of God, in place of, the supper of the great God
21:3 the throne, in place of, heaven
21:7 these things, in place of, all things
21:16 Omit: is as large
21:24 Omit: and honour
22:5 longer, in place of, there (and they)
22:6 spirits of the, in place of, holy
22:11 practice righteousness, in place of, be righteous
22:14* wash their robes, in place of, do His commandments
22:19 tree, in place of, book (of life)
22:21 the saints, in place of, you all

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WHAT THEN?

When all the great plants of our cities.
Have turned out their last finished work;
When our merchants have made the last bargain.
And dismissed the last tired clerk;
When our banks have raked in the last dollar,
And have paid out the last dividend;
When the Judge of the Earth says,
"Close for the Night!"
And asks for a Balance,-WHAT THEN?

When the choir has sung its last anthem,
And the preacher has said his last prayer;
When the people have heard their last sermon.
And the sound has died out on the air;
When the Bible lies closed on the pulpit,
And the pews are all empty of men;
When each one stands facing his record,
And the Great Book is opened,-WHAT THEN?

When the actors have played their last drama,

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And the mimic has made his last fun;
When the movies have flashed the last picture,
And the billboard displayed its last run;
When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished,
And have gone into darkness again;
And the world that rejected its Savior.
Is asked for a reason,-WHAT THEN?

When the bugle's last call sinks in silence,
And the long marching columns stand still;
When the captain has giv'n his last order,
And they've captured the last fort and hill;
When the flag has been hauled from the masthead.
And the wounded afield have checked in;
When the trumpet of Ages is sounded,
And we stand up before Him,-WHAT THEN?

When the bugle dies out in the silence,
And the long marching columns stand still;
When the millions of earth are gathered
From ocean and valley and hill-
When the Day that has no tomorrow
Has come to the last, last end,
And the voice of God from the Heavens,
Says, 'It is done-WHAT THEN?

9. THE N.I.V. ATTACKS SALVATION

ACTS 20:37 38 "And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him, Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more."

We do well to note that Paul in this final meeting with the elders from Ephesus stated that he had given them the complete truth. This he repeated:-

ACTS 20:20 "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you."

ACTS 20:27 "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the council of God."

What a contrast to the trimmed, partial and imperfect, so called Gospel, that is heard today. Also the situation is rapidly growing worse - prophecy is fulfilling. Incomplete Bibles make incomplete Christians. The popular but woefully incomplete N.I.V. is a tragic example. Not only are many-whole verses cut out, but also many vital words are missing. For instance Jesus declared:-

MATTHEW 9:13 "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Now look at the N.I.V. The words "to repentance" are missing. This makes the words of our Lord of none effect.

According to this popular but polluted version what does Christ call sinners to? It could be to anything, or nothing. Repentance has never been popular. Origen despised the thought of repentance. So did Constantine, Jerome and Eusebius. Hence they simply cut it out of their polluted versions. The N.I.V.

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follows in their footsteps and likewise, in the footsteps of the Roman Catholic Douay Version. The Knox translation - the modern catholic Bible also cuts out "to repentance." The "Preface" of both the Knox and Douay Versions state that they are from the Vulgate translation. The Vulgate, with the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus translations originate in the corrupt fourth century. However, wiping "repentance" from this Scripture does not get rid of the need for it. Those that neglect "repentance" live in a fools paradise. Repentance is a vital truth in Scripture.

Sister White makes these interesting statements: -"There is no salvation without repentance." 1 S.M. 365.

"Except the sinner repent, he cannot be forgiven." 1 S.M. 390.

"Repentance must precede forgiveness." 1 S.M. 390.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY EMPHASIZES THIS TRUTH.

"Steps to Christ," which gives the plainest statement on the way to Christ and His Justification is worthy of our earnest attention. All that Elders Jones and Waggoner of 1888 said on Righteousness by Faith, Sister White said too and she has put it even plainer. Note that the first step for the sinner to take is repentance as revealed in "Steps to Christ."

"How shall a man be just with God? (How can a man be justified?) How shall the sinner be made righteous? It is only through Christ that we can be brought into harmony with God, with holiness; but how are we to Come to Christ? Many are asking the same question as did the multitudes on the day of Pentecost, when, convicted of sin, they cried out, 'What shall we do?' The first word of Peter's answer was, 'Repent.'" Steps to Christ," page 26.

REPENTANCE AND FAITH BRINGS JUSTIFICATION.

ACTS 20:21 "Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."

MATTHEW 3:2 John the Baptist - "Repent you."

MATTHEW 4:17 Jesus - "Repent."

MARK 1:15 Jesus - "Repent you and believe the gospel."

Note - Jesus put repentance before believe.. Fools do at the end, (Revelation 6:14-17) what the wise do at the beginning.

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

"Repentance includes sorrow for sin, and a turning away from it." S.C. page 26.

Every true servant emphasised repentance as the first step in salvation.

'There is no salvation without repentance." 1 SM.365.

Apostates tone down repentance.

The N.I.V. omits "Repentance" repeatedly.

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

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Again the N.I.V. makes this fatal omission. Without Repentance there is no salvation. Again the N.I.V. has Jesus calling sinners to nothing.. Jesus calls "sinners to repentance" but the N.I.V. drops out "to repentance." This, inspiration tells us is the first step to Christ. But the N.I.V. cuts out this vital part.

Perhaps this is an outstanding reason for the Laodicean condition of today. Since the introduction of the so-called revised versions, "Repentance" is a subject that is seldom heard. And since the rising flood of these perversions into our church "Repentance" is practically never heard. Is this an underlying cause of deepening lukewarmness? In love Jesus says to Laodicea - to each one of us, "Be zealous therefore, and repent." Steps to Christ, has "Repentance as the first step to justification and acceptance. Is the N.I.V. a factor in keeping Christ out of the life of many of our people? Read again:-

REVELATION 3:19,20 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Note before Christ reminds us that He knocks, He commands "Be zealous therefore and repent." Then, and only then will He come in.

Remember - inspiration states, "Except the sinner repent he cannot be forgiven." 1 S.M. 390.

"There is no salvation without repentance." 1 S.M. 365. Now notice:-

JOHN 6:47 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that Believeth on me hath everlasting life."

The N.I.V. omits the words "On Me." Again the N.I.V. makes the words of our Savior of none effect. Who are we to believe on? Buddha? Karl Marx? Lenin? Mohammed? If it is only "believe," then the followers of these false guides are right. But Christ is "the Way" to God - the only way.

JOHN 14:6 "Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me."

It is because of these deceptive omissions and changes that I will never use the N.I.V. as the infallible Scriptures.

We have an infallible Bible, and our truth is based on "many infallible proofs."

ACTS 1:3 "To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."

Again, why does the N.I.V. change the word "Infallible" in this verse to the much weaker word "convincing"?

PROVERBS 30:5 "Every word of God is pure."

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

The N.I.V. omits "but by every word of God."

Omission is one thing the N.I.V. does in a big way. For a list of hundreds of these omissions on vital themes see No. 8 of this series. "N.I.V. Doubt and Confusion", by G. Burnside.

"The Bible, which is to judge us in the last day." Early Writings, page 58.

As judgment-bound mortals we do well to head God's guidebook. The enemy would confuse. The oft repeated claim that the N.I.V is simpler and clearer is exposed in the light of facts. For instance note:-

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ISAIAH 8:20 "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Now notice the N.I.V. "To the law and to the testimony. If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land."

Is this clearer? The aim of these modern translators is not clarity. It is to change the Word of God by omission and then by corruption. The most significant changes in the N.I.V. and other modern versions are not changes in translation but changes in the Greek text that are used. They are based on corrupted manuscripts. The revisers reject the Majority Text and rely mainly on two corrupt texts of Rome.

Notice another deadly omission.

COLOSSIANS 1:14 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

The N.I.V. drops out the underlined words "through His blood." Remember and never, never forget that our only hope is through the merits of Christ's atoning blood. Rome would have you look to the bloodless sacrifice of the Mass. To them it is the Mass that counts. But cleansing and forgiveness is only through the precious blood of Christ

1 PETER 1:18 19 "Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Take another example.

MATTHEW 1:25 "And knew her not till she had brought forth her first born son: and he called his name JESUS."

Again the N.I.V. omits a word from God's Book. This time the word "firstborn" is omitted.

First born implies other children could have been born to Mary but Rome teaches the permanent virginity of Mary, so they "cut out" "firstborn", and the N.I.V. as an obedient servant follows Rome.

Remember Jesus our Lord declares:-

JOHN 6:63 "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

Truly "My people perish for lack of knowledge." They lack the true knowledge. We need: -

2 TIMOTHY 3:15 "The Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation."

May we never be found among those who use, and even recommend this perversion. It mutilates the words of life. This perversion falsely claims to be a version, but its failure and doom is clearly foretold in the sure, infallible word of the prophecy of our Lord.

REVELATION 22:19 "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

10. THE NIV ATTACKS BIBLE PROPHECY

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The N.I.V. like white ants eats at the heart of Truth. Take another example:

MATTHEW 27:35 "And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots."

The underlined words are missing in the N.I.V. The fulfillment of divine prophecy has never been popular with Catholicism. So it removes the heart of truth. The part that gives power. This omission is not alone. Take another example.

MARK 15:28-29 "And the scripture was fulfilled, which said, And he was numbered with the transgressors. And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads; and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days."

Here the whole of verse 28 is omitted. The fulfillment of prophecy confirms the Gospel and gives it certainty, so therefore Liberalism must get rid of it. Take another omission.

MARK 13:14 "But when you shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains.

The underlined words "Spoken of by Daniel the prophet" are omitted. The prophecies of Daniel the prophet are hated by the man of sin so he seeks to have them hidden.

To remove any word of Scripture is to face the judgment of God.

REVELATION 22:19 makes the fact painfully clear.

The N.I.V. seems to major in this devilish work of removing words from God's Holy Word. We are reminded again of our Lord's statement in:-

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

However the N.I.V. omits the key words of this text underlined. "But by every word of God."

Sister White has beautifully stated in "The Ministry of Healing" p. 48.

"After the multitude had been fed, there was an abundance of food left. Jesus bade His disciples, 'Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.' These words meant more than putting the food into baskets. The lesson was twofold. Nothing is to be wasted. We are to let slip no temporal advantage. We should neglect nothing that would serve to benefit a human being. Let everything be gathered up that will relieve the necessities of earth's hungry ones. With the same carefulness are we to treasure the bread from heaven to satisfy the needs of the soul. By every word of God we are to live. Nothing that God has spoken is to be lost. Not one word that concerns our eternal salvation are we to neglect. Not one word is to fall useless to the ground."

Again in "Desire of Ages," page 123:-

"Every promise in God's word is ours. By 'every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God' are we to live."

It is apparent from this and the many, many examples we have given that it looks impossible to accept the Spirit of Prophecy and the N.I.V. or any of the many corrupted modern versions. They both cannot be true. An imperfect Bible will make imperfect people, so the N.I.V. drops out the word "perfect". Turn to:-

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2 TIMOTHY 3:16,17 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The N.I.V. drops out the word "Perfect". I have noticed that probably the most unpopular word among professed "born again" Christians is the word "perfect."

D. L. Moody said he discovered that the majority of so-called Christians were more afraid of "perfect" than they were of "sin". So to fit in with popularity the N.I.V. omits "perfect."

Despite these facts professed Christian publications advertise the N.I.V. as: a "thoroughly reliable translation."

"Faithful to the original Greek text."

"A translation you can believe in."

"At last a thoroughly reliable rendition." (It makes one wonder.)

The N.I.V. attacks Bible Prophecy. The importance of Bible Prophecy cannot be exaggerated, For evidence on this see the G.B. prints. "Prophecy" and "Prophecy Speaks and Cities Fall."

OMISSIONS FROM THE N.I.V. NEVER SEEM TO CEASE.

MATTHEW 25:13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the, Son of man comes."

"Wherein the Son of man comes" is omitted in the N.I.V.

Evidently "the Blessed Hope" is not a happy hope with the men behind the N.I.V. Yet Billy Graham writes:-

"In my opinion the New International Version is one of the most thorough attempts yet undertaken to convey the original meaning of Scripture, and yet it has done so in the language of today."

How necessary in this time of peril to heed God's admonition in:-

PSALM 118:8 "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."

Not only omissions but alterations are too apparent in the N.I.V. Here is one that is little noticed but very important just the same:-

REVELATION 9:15 "And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men."

The N.I.V. changes this to: "And the four angels who have been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind."

Remember Christ emphasised that we were to live by "every word of God."

Not only is "every word of God" missing from the N.I.V. but in addition to the many omissions, changes are also common place in the N.I.V. Here in Revelation 9:15 the Word of God is so changed to entirely alter the meaning and so do away with the Truth of this amazing prophecy that revealed the downfall of the Eastern Roman Empire on the 11th August 1840. Sister White wrote thus on this wonderful fulfillment of divine prophecy:-

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"In the year 1840 another remarkable fulfillment of prophecy excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the fall of the Ottoman Empire. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown 'in AD. 1840, sometime in the-month of August;' and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: 'Allowing the first period, 150-years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission' Of the Turks, and that the 391 years, fifteen days, commenced at the close of the first period, it will-end on the 11th of August, 1840, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case. Josiah Litch, in Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy, Aug.1, 1840.

At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended." Great Controversy, page 334,5.

Notice-further It is often claimed that the N.I.V. is clearer and more simple. The absurdity of this claim is again revealed by reading this text in the N.I.V.:-

REVELATION 9:15 "And the four angels who have been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind."

Simple? Clear? The only simple and clear thing about the N.I.V. is that it is simply and clearly wrong. This is the only simple and clear thing about it.

Jesus our Lord gave us the test. May you heed the word of Christ.

JOHN 14:29 "And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, you might believe."

Prophecy is to present the evidence that will lead us to "believe." The "infallible" evidence of fulfilled prophecy is to appeal to our logic. To lead us to give up our doubts and believe.

REV-1:1 "The Revelation of Jesus Christ which... was to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass," accomplished the plan and purpose of our Lord in 1840., with the conversion "of over a thousand unbelievers by the fulfillment of just one small-part of this incredible prophecy. This prophecy given by Christ, accomplished its Christ given purpose. This the enemy hates, so through. his agents he has the N.I.V. changed to deceive and the lukewarm sleepy multitudes are too indolent to bother whether it is truth or falsehood.

Today confusion reigns among the sleepy Christians of this tremendous hour.. It is remarkable that at this time when general knowledge has been greatly increase as predicted in Daniel 12:4 it is also a-time when as predicted in:-

ISAIAH 60:2 "For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."

Notice the situation!

A great increase of knowledge in a myriad of lines, but spiritually, "darkness covers the people". How painfully true! The doubt and confusion has been greatly increasing by the Babel of corrupt versions that have poured into Christendom in this "time of terror." Truly "the night is far spent, the day is at hand. Let us cast off the works, of darkness and ...put you on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no pro-visions for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. ROMANS 13:12,14

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"MARCHING ORDERS"

From the Captain of our Salvation

Mt 28:19 Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Mt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. -Jesus

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N.I.V. AND THE GREAT COVER-UP.

On the Thames Embankment in London stands the monument of William Tyndale, Bible translator and martyr. I have gone out of my way on more than one occasion to see it. Before Tyndale was burned for his translation of the Scriptures he wrote:-

"I call God to record against the day we shall appear before our Lord Jesus that I never altered one syllable of God's Word against my conscience, nor would do this day, if all that is in earth, or riches, might be given me."

Martin Luther wrote:-

"No greater mischief can happen to a Christian people than to have God's Word taken from them or falsified so that they no longer have it pure and clean."

Now here is an interesting statement from the pen of inspiration:-

"Satan's manner of working against God and His Word has not changed; he is still as much opposed to the Scriptures." Great Controversy, page 204.

Satan in his hatred of the Bible has not only burned the Bible and its followers, he has not only forbidden people to read it, but he has aimed at corrupting, "altering," and falsifying it. He has also cut out parts of it, changed words and added words.

Inspiration states regarding the Bible:-

"I saw... learned men had in some instances changed the words." Early Writings, page 220-221.

Not a few have attempted to interfere with God's sacred Book.

"Wherefore also Marcion and his followers have betaken themselves to, mutilating the Scriptures, not acknowledging some books at all; and, curtailing the Gospel according to Luke, and the epistles of Paul, they assert that these alone are authentic, which they have themselves shortened." Ante-Nicene Fathers (Scribner's) Vol. 1, pp. 434,435.

Origen (184-254 AD.) of Alexandria is probably credited at being foremost in this Satanic work. He freely stated:-

"The Scriptures are of little use to those who understand them as they are written." McClintock and Strong, Art. Origen.

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His devotion to pagan philosophy and especially "Plato, (a pagan philosopher) led him in to many grand and facinating errors." Dr. Schaff's Church History, Volume II, 791.

Origen "who did most to create and give direction to the forces of apostacy." Yet despite that record in the Encyclical Letter by Pope Leo XIII, in the front to the Douay Version, are these words:-

"In the Eastern Church, the greatest name of all is Origen - a man of remarkable alike for penetration of genius and for persevering labour." P.XIII.

Again from Inspiration I read:-

"Ancient writings were forged by monks And a church that had rejected the truth, greedily accepted these deceptions." Great Controversy, page 56.

SATAN'S SAME METHODS.

Did you notice that Sister White stated that Satan's method against the Bible has not changed. Great Controversy, page 204.

He uses his agents to change the teachings of the Bible. So it is very apparent that the aim of the revisors was not to remove a few old-fashioned words and make truth clearer, but it was a deliberate attempt to change, and cut down the Scriptures of Truth. "If you can't refute it, distort it." The hundreds of omissions of vital verses, phrases, and words and the changing of other passages reveals the truth of this conclusion. Many have detected this tragic fact. For instance:-

"The Revisers had a wonderful opportunity. They might have made a few changes and removed a few archaic expressions, and made the Authorized Version the most acceptable and beautiful and wonderful book of all time to come. But they wished ruthlessly to meddle. Some of them wanted to change doctrine.. Some of them did not know good English literature when they saw it... There were enough modernists among the Revisers to change the words of Scripture itself so as to throw doubt on the Scripture." Herald and Presbyter, July 16, 1924, p.10

We certainly do not need to be surprised. The sure word of prophecy has revealed that there would be the attempts by the Man of Sin.

DANIEL 7:25 "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws."

DANIEL 8:25 "through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand." It would:-

DANIEL 8:12 "cast down truth to the ground." Jesus said: JOHN 17:17 "Thy word is truth."

What a wonderful guide book our Lord has given to us. In the prophecies of the Bible we have light for these last days when:-

ISAIAH 60:2 "darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people."

2 PETER 1:19 "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place."

In the gathering darkness and confusion the light of Scripture has revealed the sinister hand that would "cast down" the word of Truth, that our precious Lord has preserved for us. How accurately it has foretold. How accurately have the facts confirmed that forecast and revealed the crafty cover-up of truth.

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In the year 1870 the Pope was officially declared Infallible. In the same year the Papacy lost all her territories and was limited to the Vatican. The soldiers of the Papacy - the Jesuits - were called to restore the power and influence of Rome. They rejoiced in the fact that the Reformation was waning. Now was their chance. They planned well. They must break the influence of the King James Version. So they selected two of their main agents. In all probability these two were fellow Jesuits. Their work and writings make it appear they were undercover Jesuits. These men were Westcott and Hort. They both hated and despised the multitude of manuscripts that give us the Received Text the King James Version. This they both aimed at downgrading. They were the tools of the power that Bible prophecy had declared would "cast down the truth to the ground." Their own words betray them.

Here are a few extracts from the pen of Dr. F. J. A. Hort.

F. J. A. Hort (1828-1892)

Hort writes to Westcott, October 17, 1865: "I have been persuaded for many years that Mary-worship and Jesus worship have very much in common in their causes and their results." Life of Hort Vol.11, p. 50.

Hort writes to Westcott: "I am very far from pretending to understand completely the oft-renewed vitality of Mariolatry." Life of Hort, Vol.11, p. 49.

Hort writes to Westcott: "But this last error can hardly be expelled till Protestants unlearn the crazy horror of the idea of Priesthood." Life of Hort, Vol.11, p. 51.

Hort writes to Dr. Lightfoot, October 26, 1867: "But you know I am a staunch sacerdotalist." Life of Hort, Vol.11, p. 86.

Hort writes to Westcott, September 23, 1864: "I believe Coleridge was quite right in saying that Christianity without a substantial church is vanity and disillusion; and I remember shocking you and Lightfoot not so long ago by expressing a belief that 'Protestantism' is only parenthetical and temporary." "Perfect Catholicity has been nowhere since the Reformation." Life of Hort, Vol.11, p. 30,32.

Hort writes to Mr. John Filerton: "I am inclined to think that no such state as 'Eden' (I mean the popular notion) ever existed, and that Adam's fall in no degree differed from the fall of each of his descendants, as Coleridge justly argues." Life of Hort, Vol.1, p. 78.

Hort "Think of that vile Textus Receptus." Life of Hort, Vol. 1, p. 214.

Hort writes to Revelation John Ellerton, April 3, 1860: "But the book which has most engaged me is Darwin. Whatever may be thought of it, it is a book that one is proud to be contemporary with....My feeling is strong that the theory is unanswerable. If so, it opens up a new period." Life of Hort, Vol. 1, p. 416.

B.F. Westcott (1825-1901)

Westcott writes from France to his fiancée, 1847: "After leaving the monastery, we shaped our course to a little oratory which we discovered on the summit of a neighboring hill. Fortunately we found the door open. It is very small, with one kneeling-place; and behind a screen was a 'Pieta' the size of life (i.e. a-Virgin and dead Christ) Had I been alone I could have knelt there for hours." Life of Westcott, Vol-1, p. 81.

Westcott writes to the Archbishop of Canterbury on Old Testament criticism, March 4, 1890: "No one now, I suppose, holds that the first three chapters of Genesis, for example, give a literal history - I could never understand how any one reading them with open eyes could think they did." Life of Westcott, Vol. 11, p. 69.

Westcott writes to Archbishop Benson, November 17, 1865: "I wish I could see to what forgotten truth Mariolatry bears witness." Life of Westcott, Vol.11, p. 50.

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There is no doubt that both Westcott and Hort were very pro-catholic, and pro-evolution. They hated Protestantism and especially the King James Version. They were devoted to the Latin Vulgate and close friends of John Henry Cardinal Newman and Dr. Pusey, the leader of the Anglo-catholic movement, the man that aimed at bringing the Church of England back to Rome. These men were all members of the revision committee. Dr. Moulton, a devotee of the Vulgate and Dr. G. V. Smith, a Unitarian were also members.

The result of their work was a big lift in the Romeward and modernist movement that upheld the two papal manuscripts.

They "caused craft to prosper". This is seen in their attempted cover-up. The many omissions are largely covered by the numbers of the verses, printed in very small numbers and scattered across the page so that the omitted numbers are hardly noticeable and hence the reader fails to notice the missing verses.

Their use of the two Catholic manuscripts Vaticanus and Sinaiticus is also largely covered.

For instance:-

The N.I.V. has a line across the page after Mark 16:8 and this statement:-

"The two most reliable early manuscripts do not have Mark 16:9-20.

Why do they not tell the full facts? Why did they not state that their so-called "two most reliable early manuscripts" are the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus? Why did they not also state that the Sinaiticus and Vaticanus include such writings as the Apocrypha, Bel and the Dragon and the epistle of Barnabas?

Why did not the authors of the N.I.V. tell you these facts?

To give you some idea of the nonsense. I will give you a paragraph from the epistle of Barnabas:-

"But he adds, neither shall thou eat the hare. To what end? To signify this to us: Thou shall not be an adulterer; nor liken thyself to such persons. For the hare every year multiplies the places of its conception; and so many years it lives, so many it has. Neither shall thou eat of the hyena; that is again, be not an adulterer, nor a corrupter of others; neither be like such. And wherefore so? because this creature every year changes its kind and it is some-times male and sometimes female." Epist. of Barnabas 8:7-8.

Pardon me for quoting such rubbish. I do so that you may see the kind of nonsense that is in what the N.I.V. refers to as "the two most reliable early manuscripts."

Why did they not also state that every uncial manuscripts contain Mark 16:9-20. That is every uncial manuscript except these two corrupt Catholic manuscripts. Why did not the N.I.V. state that Mark 16:9-20 is contained in over six hundred cursive manuscripts. Why do they hide this overwhelming evidence. Do we see again the hand of Rome?

Bible prophecy clearly stated of Rome that "Through his policy also he would cause craft to prosper." Daniel 8:25. Why did they not come out and openly state that their "two most reliable early manuscripts" are the two Roman Catholic manuscripts? Is this a cover-up?

SINAITICUS AND VATICANUS OF CATHOLIC SOURCES.

Sinaiticus "From the number of errors, one cannot affirm that it is very carefully written. The whole manuscript is disfigured by corrections, a few by the original scribe, very many by an ancient and elegant hand of the 6th Century whose emendations are of great importance, some again by a hand a little later, for the greatest number by a scholar of the 7th Century who often cancels the changes by the 6th Century amender, others by as many as eight (8) different later writers." Scrivener, p. 93, Vol. 1.

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VATICANUS "One marked feature is the great number of Omissions which induced Dr. Dobbin to speak of it as an abbreviated text of the New Testament. He calculates that whole words or clauses are left out no less than 2556 times." Scrivener, p. 120 Vol.1.

This explains why the modern versions have omitted so much of the scripture - a fact which is not always apparent due to the way the numbering of the verses has been made hard to read.

"These are two of the least trustworthy documents in existence." Burgan "Revision Revised." p. 315,316.

These two manuscripts, the Vaticanus and the Sinaiticus, both of Catholic origin form the foundation of the N.I.V. and the other revised versions. The Roman Catholic Church accepts the R.S.V., and all the other modern versions, and any that are based on the Westcott and Hort text. But the Catholic church still hates the King James Version and has waged constant warfare against this God given Book.

Another fact not generally known is that the Jehovah's Witness movement is in the same situation. Deceived by the same cover up. Their so-called Scriptures have the same corrupt foundation. Here are photocopies of their own printed Scriptures.

The Kingdom Interlinear Translation of the Greek Scriptures

Presenting a literal word-for-word translation into English under the Greek text as set out in "The New Testament in the Original Greek- Text Revised by Brooke Foss Westcott D.D. and Fenton John Anthon Hort D.D. (1948 Reprint) together with the

New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures, Revised Edition, a modern-language translation of the Westcott and Hort Greek Text, first published by them in the year 1881, with which are included the valuable Foreword and the Appendix of the said translation, with numerous footnotes and an Explanation of the Symbols Used in the Marginal References

New World Bible Translation Committee

On page 5 under the heading "By Way of Explanation.

Omitted Verses: Verse found in the Authorized or King James Version of 1611, C.E. but not found in the Westcott and Hort Greek text are omitted and are indicated by a verse number followed by a long dash.

And on page 9 in the "Foreword."

The Greek text that we have used as the basis of our New World translation is the widely accepted Westcott and Hort text (1881), by reason of its admitted excellence. But we have also taken into consideration other texts, including that prepared by D. Eberhard Nestle and that compiled by the Spanish Jesuit scholar Jose Maria Bover and that by the other Jesuit scholar A. Merek. Where we have varied from the reading of the Westcott and Hort text, our footnotes show the basis for our preferred reading. We give some definiteness to the background for the renderings of our text by showing in our footnotes the most ancient manuscript, and versions upon which we call for support.

Thus their Scriptures are based on Westcott and Hort and other Jesuits.

How tragically true are the words of our God. " My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge". "Ignorance has destroyed more than the sword."

HOSEA 4:6,7 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shall be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame."

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There are many earnest devoted people in both the Catholic and Jehovah's Witness congregations. They are both kept in ignorance.

They both hate the King James Version. They both have likewise "Forgotten the Law of thy God."

How they and "all people that on earth do dwell" need to come out of this Babel of confusion and into the company pointed out by the nailed scarred hand of Jesus.

REVELATION 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Then think of the result, described in these beautiful words of Jesus - Words which have been corrupted and changed in both the Catholic and Jehovah's Witness Versions.

REVELATION 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

(For more on the corrupting of Revelation 22:14 see "N.I.V. and Revelation 22:14" No. 8 by G. Burnside.)

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N.I.V. AND CONSTANTINE'S BIBLES.

It is proudly claimed by N.I.V. defenders that the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus are two of the "oldest manuscripts." They date back to the fourth century of the Christian era. There is much truth in these claims, but what do they mean to us?

The evidence indicates that the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus were two of the fifty Bibles that Emperor Constantine asked Bishop Eusebius to produce. The evidence all points that way and is taken for granted. For instance a few days ago I read this statement from "the Scripture of Truth," by Sidney Collett. When dealing with the Sinaic manuscript, he wrote:-

"Dr. Tischendorf believed that this and the Vatican manuscript were two of the fifty copies of the Bible which were made in Greek, by command of the Emperor Constantine, about the year AD. 331, under super-vision of Bishop Eusebius, the historian of Caesarea." p. 28.

These Bibles for Constantine, contained the Apocrypha which are uninspired books, that were rejected by Christ, His Apostles and even the Jewish Church. The liberals amongst us do not like to admit to this. The reason for this is all too apparent. But the evidence and witnesses are abundant.

As Constantine wanted to unite the pagan philosophers with apostate Christians, he would naturally choose a Bible corrupted by Origen.

Eusebius, as admitted by all historians, was an admirer and close follower of Origen. Note this statement by Dr. F. C. Cook. Dr. Cook was invited to be on the New Testament Revision Committee, but he declined.

"That Eusebius was an enthusiastic admirer, a devoted adherent of Origen, no one need be reminded who knows aught of the history of that age, or who has read, however hastily, his history of the early church; that in all questions he would defer absolutely to the authority of Origen, especially in questions of criticism, is almost equally undeniable; nor do I hesitate to state my immovable conviction that in that influence is to be found the true solution of the principal phenomena which perplex or distress us in considering the readings of the Vatican and Sinaitic Manuscripts," "History of the Revised Version," pp. 155, 157. by Dr. F. C. Cook.

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Notice Dr. Cook ties Origen to Eusebius and to the Vatican and Sinaitic Manuscripts.

Other authorities testify the same:-

Dr. Robertson on page 80 of his book entitled "Introduction to Textual Criticism" states:-

"Constantine himself ordered fifty Greek Bibles from Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea, for the churches in Constantinople. It is quite possible that Aleph and B are two of these fifty."

"But in connecting B and Aleph with the Library at Caesarea we are not left only to conjecture or inference. In a well-known colophon affixed to the end of the book of Esther in Aleph by the third corrector, it is stated that from the beginning of the book of Kings to the end of Esther the MS was compared with a copy 'corrected by the hand of the holy martyr Pamphilus,' which itself was written and corrected after the Hexapla of Origen. And a similar colophon may be found attached to the book of Ezra. It is added that the Codex Sinaiticus and the Codex Pamphili manifested great agreement with one another. The probability that Aleph was thus at least in part copied from a manuscript executed by Pamphilus is established by the facts that a certain 'Codex Marchalianus' is often mentioned which was due to Pamphilus and Eusebius; and that Origen's recension of the Old Testament, although he published no edition of the text of the New, possessed a great reputation. On the books of the Chronicles, St. Jerome mentions manuscripts executed by Origen with great care, which were published by Pamphilus and Eusebius. And in Codex H of St. Paul it is stated that that MS was compared with a MS in the library of Caesarea 'which was written by the hand of the holy Pamphilus.' These notices added to the frequent reference by St. Jerome and others to the critical (akribe) MSS, by which we are to understand those which were distinguished by the approval of Origen or were in consonance with the spirit of Origen, shew evidently the position in criticism which the Library at Caesarea and its illustrious founder had won in those days. And it is quite in keeping with that position that Aleph should have been sent forth from that 'school of criticism'." "The Traditional Text", pp 164,165.

Abbo Martin, a well-known Catholic textual critic claims that the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus were "fabricated" by Origen and other. (See Schaff, (Companion to Greek Text.)")

It is very apparent, and the evidence confirms, that the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus originated through the efforts of Origen, Eusebius and Jerome. And that these two corrupted manuscripts were two of the fifty supplied to Constantine by the Catholic Bishop Eusebius.

Now may I cite several Authorities that clearly show that the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus were corrupted.

I will first quote from Dr. F. C. Cook, textual critic who was invited to sit on the Revision Committee, but refused. He said:

"But it is precisely on this ground that I have throughout maintained the wrongfulness of the innovations introduced into the Revised Version, so far as they affect leading facts and great words recorded in the first three Gospels. The reader need but look at the passages enumerated in the classification given above, p. 136 seq., to be convinced that so far from resting upon the consentient testimony of ancient manuscripts, Versions, and Fathers by far the greater number of innovations, including those which give the severest shocks to our minds, are adopted on the authority of two manuscripts (Vaticanus and Sinaiticus), or even of one manuscript, against the distinct testimony of all other manuscripts, uncial and cursive." - "Revised Version of First Three Gospels p. 227.

And again:

"I cannot but maintain that if the majority of those readings, which we call omissions, are subjected to any external test, if tried by any other measure than that of the manuscripts themselves, they will be convicted as defects, or blunders, or innovations more or less erroneous, to whatever cause the mischief be attributable. The tests to which I would refer are, first, the more ancient and trustworthy Versions; secondly, citations in ante-Nicene Fathers; and thirdly, the consensus of manuscripts., including those

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which in doubtful cases so generally coincide with Alep and B as to leave little room for doubt that their text was founded on the same original authorities." — Idem, p. 171

Dr. Cook also says:

"Reiche then observes that he fully admits the value of these MSS, A, B, C, D, which often retain true readings, either alone or in combination with a few other authorities; but that it is equally true that it is impossible to deny that in very many places (permultis locis) they have false readings, partly attributable to negligence, partly intentional; . . . Moreover that those MSS, to which critics in Germany attach exclusive importance, are of Egyptian, or rather Alexandrian origin, so that all belong to one family, a fact evidenced by their singular consent in peculiar readings; and lastly that all documents of the N.T. coming from Alexandria, at that time the home of ever-bold criticism, abound in readings which are manifestly false." - Idem, page 7.

Dr. Miller says:

"The marks of carelessness spread over them, especially in Aleph, (Sinaiticus) are incompatible with perfection. Tischendorf, after collating B, speaks of the blemishes that occur throughout. Dr. Dobbin reckon 2,556 omissions in B as far as Hebrews 9:14, where it terminates. Vercellone, the editor, tells of 'perpetual omissions,' 'of half a verse, a whole verse, and even of several verses.' This is just what examination reveals: and Aleph is unquestionably worse." - Miller's "Textual Guide", p. 56.

With regard to Codex B (Vaticanus) Dr. Scrivener says:

One marked feature characteristic of this copy, is the great number of its omissions, which has induced Dr. Dobbin to speak of it as presenting an abbreviated text of the New Testament': and certainly the facts he states on this point are startling enough. He' calculates that Codex B leaves out words or clauses no less than 330 times in Matthew, 365 in Mark, 439 in Luke, 357 in John, 384 in the Acts, 681 in the surviving Epistles; or 2556 times in all. That no small proportion of those are mere oversights of the scribe seems evident from the circumstance that this same scribe has repeatedly written words and clauses twice over, a class of mistakes which Mai and the collators have seldom thought fit to notice, inasmuch as the false addition has not been retraced by the second hand, but which by no means enhances our estimate of the care employed in copying this venerable record of primitive Christianity." - Scrivener, "Intorudction", Vol.1, p. 120.

With regard to the Sinaiticus Dr. Scrivener published a book entitled,

"A full Collation of the Codex Sinaiticus," and in his introduction he states:

"The Codex is covered with such alterations," altera-tions of an obviously textual character) "brought in by at least ten different revisers, some of them system-atically spread over every page, others occasional or limited to separate portions of the manuscript, many of them being contemporaneous with the first writer, far the greater part belonging to the sixth or seventh century. . ." - "A Full Collation of the Codex Sinaiticus," p. XIX, Introduction

I will now add a quotation from Mr. Philip Mauro, as follows:-

"But there are other characteristics of this old MS (Sinaiticus) which have to be taken into consideration if a correct estimate of its evidential value is to be reached. Thus, there are internal evidences that lead to the conclusion that it was the work of a scribe who was singularly careless, or incompetent, or both. In this MS the arrangement of the lines is peculiar, there being four columns on each page, each line containing about twelve letters - all capitals run together. There is no attempt to end a word at the end of aline, for even words having only two letters as en, ek are split in the middle, the last letter being carried over to the beginning of the next line, though there was ample room for it on the line preceding. This and other peculiarities give us an idea of the character and competence of the scribe." - "Which Version", p. 45.

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A few more words from Dr. Scrivener on the character of the Sinaiticus:

"This manuscript must have been derived from one more ancient, in which the lines were similarly divided, since the writer occasionally omits just the number of letters which would suffice to fill a line, and that to the utter ruin of the sense; as if his eye had heedlessly wandered to the line immediately below. Instances of this want of care will be found Luke 21:8; 92:25, perhaps John 4:45; 12:25, where complete lines are omitted; John 19:26; Hebrews 13:18 (partly corrected); Apoc.8:16; 19:12; 22:2, where the copyist passed in the middle of a line to the corresponding portion of the line below. It must be confessed, indeed, that the Codex Sinaiticus abounds with similar errors of eye and pen, to an extent not unparalleled, but happily rather unusual in documents of first-rate importance; so that Tregelles has freely pronounced that 'the state of the text, as proceeding from the first scribe, may be regarded as very rough.'" -"Collation on the Codex Sinaiticus," P. XV

Now see the verdict which Dr. Hoskier passes on the Codex Vaticanus:-

"That B is guilty of laches, of a tendency to 'improve,' and of 'sunstroke' amounting to doctrinal bias. That the maligned Textus Receptus served in large measure as the base which B. Tampered with and changed, and that the Church at large recognized all this until the year 1881 — when Hortism, in other words Alexandrianism, was allowed free play - and has not since retraced the path to sound traditions." --"Codex B and Its Allies " Part 1, p. 465.

With regard to the corruptions of these two manuscripts, Dean Burgon says:

"(1) The impurity of the Texts exhibited by Codices B and Aleph is not a matter of opinion, but a matter of fact. These are two of the least trustworthy documents in existence . . . Codices B and Aleph are, demonstrably, nothing else but specimens of the depraved class thus characterized. Next - -

(2) We assert that, so manifest are the disfigurements jointly and exclusively exhibited by Codices B and Aleph that instead of accepting these codices as two 'independent' witnesses to the inspired Original, we are constrained to regard them as little more than a single reproduction of one and the same scandalously corrupt and (comparatively) late copy." - "Revision Revised," pp. 315-318.

BIBLE CORRUPTORS.

D. Jacobus writes:-

"Jerome was an earnest Christian, but at the same time a polemical theologian, with strong opinions as to the interpretation of prophetic passages; and he allowed his polemics and his prejudices to warp his translation in a way that Catholics frankly admit.- "Roman Catholic and Protestant Bibles Compared." p.42.

Again, "Now some of those may be simply blunders, but not all; and to say that those are 'serious defects' is less than the truth! They betoken a willingness to tamper with the text." - Idem, Appendix, Note 200.

Helvidius, the famous scholar of Northern Italy, accused Jerome to his face of using corrupted Greek manuscripts. Of Jerome, the article of his name in the McClintock and Strong's Encyclopaedia says:

"Easily offended vanity," "a fanatical apologist of monkish extravagances", "Romanizing," "pride, often concealed under the garb of humility" and "antichristian" that is against the millenium as we believe it.

Now listen to Phillip Mauro, a New York Lawyer and writer of several excellent books on the Scriptures:-

"It is easy to understand why this particular MS (Vaticanus) is cherished at the Vatican; for its corruptions are what make it valuable to the leaders of the papal system. We can conceive therefore the satisfaction of those leaders that their highly prized MS has been allowed to play the leading part in the revision of the English Bible, than which there is nothing on earth they have more reason to fear. On the other hand, may

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not this be one of the causes why God, in His over-ruling providence, has frustrated the attempt to displace the AV by a new version based upon such a sandy foundation?" - "Which Version?" Note p.50.

These are authorities who are convinced that the reason why these two beautiful and well preserved manuscripts have survived is because of their corrup-tions, they have not been worn out by use.

The N.I.V. is based mainly on these two Roman Catholic manuscripts.

An interesting note appears in the N.I.V. after Mark 16:8. It states:-

"The two most reliable early manuscripts do-not have Mark 16:9-20."

The authors of the N.I.V. do not say, in this note, which are the supposed "two most reliable early manuscripts."

However the "New King James Version" gives us this footnote on Mark 16:9-20:-

"They are lacking in Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus, although nearly all other manuscripts of Mark contain them."

To the authors of the N.I.V. "the two most reliable early manuscripts" are the two catholic manuscripts from the Vatican and Catholic Monastery at Sinai.

They were both written in the style of the fourth century, namely in capitals or "Urcials."

They contain the Apocrypha. That is the uninspired books such as Tobit, Judith, Bel and the Dragon, and the epistle of Barnabas.

They came to light at a very convenient time. They had been used very little. That is apparent by their excellent condition. They both were written on the finest vellum - tanned antelope skins. This made them very expensive, well beyond the means of any but the very wealthy. They were both used by the Popes as weapons in the defense of the Latin Vulgate, and the downgrading of the King James Version and for the decisions of the Council of Trent. The timing of the discoveries of these two manuscripts is certainly significant. They were both "discovered" (?) just in time for Rome's council of Trent. They both were discovered in Catholic buildings. They both came from "the fourth century." The statement of inspired history rings in my mind as I write.

"The nominal conversion of Constantine, in the early part of the fourth century.. ..Now the work of corruption rapidly progressed.... This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of 'the man of sin',...the representative of Satan - the bishop of Rome." Great Controversy, page 49,50.

The fourth century was the time of forgery, "suggested by the father of lies" when "writings were forged by monks ." Great Controversy, page 56.

The Vaticanus and Sinaiticus were available, but rejected by the reformers.

"Tyndale was impelled by the Spirit of God" Great Controversy, page 245.

Tyndale rejected the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus as Roman corruptions. Erasmus, rejected the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus as corrupt. Inspired history states:-

"In 1516, a year before the appearance of Luther's theses, Erasmus had published his Greek and Latin version of the New Testaments. . . In this work many errors of former versions were corrected, and the sense was more clearly rendered." Great Controversy, page 245

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Erasmus' New Testament is the same as the King James Version. This is the Bible of the Advent Message, of the Waldenses, Tyndale, Luther, the reformers and the martyrs. It is the only known Bible ever printed by Seventh-day Adventists. (editor: maybe not now)

13. ANSWERS TO OBJECTIONS

G. BURNSIDE

You mention a little paper that was given to you. Actually I have put out a dozen leaflets, giving reasons why I do not use the N.I.V. or any modern version in the work of soul winning. I wrote these papers in reply to the literally hundreds of questions that came to me. I get questions by phone, visits and letters from West Australia to New Zealand, and from North Queensland to Tasmania. Every Sabbath afternoon there are dozens of people at my home to deal with any Bible subject they want.

I have to turn down literally dozens of pleas to study the Bible with people as it is impossible to be with them all. I started to print out answers to try to cover the requests. I do not regard myself either a writer or a printer, but despite that, I cannot keep up to the demand for my literature. Literally tons of literature goes out. I do not send out leaflets, except to those that request them. Evidently a young person picked up the one that eventually came to you. I get plenty of young people calling.

You have asked quite a few good questions and I will at least try to give an answer as to why I reject the modern translations and stand by the precious old Authorized Version. But before attempting that, may I give you a background.

It was the Bible and its truth that changed my life. It's words have burned within me ever since. I lost two jobs over the Sabbath and felt that I could gladly lose fifty more if heed be. The Bible became my life.

Forgive me for repeating things you probably know, but I want to make this vital issue clear as to why I take the present position.

It is plain to me there are two Bibles. The true and the corrupted.

FIRST. God who inspired the Scriptures guarantees they will be preserved and remain.

1 PETER 1:23 "Being born again...by the word of God which lives and abideth forever."

1 PETER 1:25 "The word of the Lord endureth forever." ISAIAH 40:8 "The word of our God shall stand forever."

MATTHEW 24:35 "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away. As our Lord has promised, one must conclude that it is God's Word - the true Bible, which is with us still. Therefore:-

EPHESIANS. 6:11-17 The Christians armour, that we must put on, so "you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" is in every part based on the Word of God.

EPHESIANS 6:11-17 The "sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, was the only weapon our Lord used against Satan.

If Eve had heeded the word of God and not the reasonings of Satan she would have been safe. The reasoning and philosophy of scholars have led many astray. We are warned against it in:-

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COLOSSIANS 2:8 "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy.... and not after Christ:" Christ is our Example. He inspired the Bible, therefore we must follow the Bible and not "the traditions" and theorizings of men.

As God promises that His word will stand and never pass away, that Word is with us today. "My Word shall not pass away." It, is good to stand on the promises of God, especially this one.

Therefore we have a true, living, pure Bible. Sister White confirms this. I know you have confidence in her writings from past conversations and by a comment in your letter.

She wrote: "The Holy Scriptures are to be accepted as an authoritative, infallible revelation of His will." Great Controversy, page p VII.

"Man is fallible, but God's Word is infallible. 1 SM 416.

PROVERBS 30:5 "Every word of, God is pure." As these words are pure, they are free from corruption, free from error.

"The Bible is not to be tested by man's ideas of science, but science is to be brought to the test of this unerring standard." E.G. White S.T. March 13, 1884, p. 417.

SECONDLY. The Scriptures warn against attacks that would be made against it.

JEREMIAH 23:36 "You have perverted the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts, our God."

JEREMIAH 23:30 "Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, said the Lord, that steal my words everyone from his neighbour."

May I add I was not opposed to the R.S.V. etc. I was waiting at the shop for the first of the R.S.V. (likewise the N.I.V.) but the first thing that disappointed and pained me was the amount of Scripture that was cut out of these modern versions. They had stolen God's "words, every one from his neighbour" To take one word from God's book is serious. Do we not read:-

PROVERBS 30:5 "Every word of God is pure."

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

Is it not significant that the underlined words are missing from the N.I.V. (Also from the R.S.V. and all the other modern versions) In D.A. we read: "Every promise in God's word is ours, by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God are we to live" -p.123.

"Every word" means if one word is taken away it leaves the Scriptures incomplete. What can we say when literally hundreds of words are taken from God's' Scripture of Truth" in the N.I.V. and other modern versions.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:17 "For we are not as many which corrupt the word of God."

The N.I.V. and other modern versions have not only taken away hundreds of words from God's word but they also have corrupted many other passages. They have stolen God's words and corrupted others.

REVELATION 22:14 is an example of corruption. Instead of "Blessed are they that do His commandments" they corrupt it to read "wash their robes." Read this verse again in the N.I.V. It is certainly corrupted. It also makes it almost an absurdity. As it reads one has only to wash his clothes and that gives him a right to the Holy City.

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You asked regarding:-

REVELATION 7:14 Note how clear and beautiful. These "have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." That is truth! , Full. and complete. On the other hand "wash their robes" could mean just about anything.

It is significant that Sister White quotes Revelation 22:14 probably a dozen times. Never once does she quote it from any modern version "wash their robes" but always "do Isis commandments."

Our God warned of corruptions. They have "perverted", "wrested" and corrupted, and taken away from the Word of God.

Therefore as Christ has pledged that His Word would be preserved and on the other hand that others would corrupt it, it is self evident that there are two Bibles, the true and the false, the pure and the corrupted. In Early Writings, Sister White says that she saw that men had changed the words of the Bible. Therefore we have the "pure" preserved Bible and also a "changed corrupted Bible. The true and the false.

In Great Controversy, page 56 we read as suggested "by the father of lies. Ancient writings were forged by monks ... And a church that had rejected the truth greedily accepted these deceptions."

You indicate that I have over emphasised the matter when I wrote that "the fourth century was the century of corruptions on a gigantic scale." It was Sister White that first led me to notice this. She wrote:-

"The nominal conversion of Constantine, in the early part of the fourth centuryNow the work of corruption rapidly progressed. Paganism, while appearing to be vanquished, became the conqueror."This compromise between paganism and christianity resulted in the development of 'the man of sin' foretold in prophecy as opposing and exalting himself above God. That gigantic system of false religion is the, masterpiece of Satan's power." Great Controversy, page 49,50.

Since noticing this, I have been impressed with the number of times that even the Catholic Encyclopaedias etc., and historians refer to "the fourth century" when many practices found their origin. I certainly feel I did not exaggerate when I wrote as I did on the fourth century as the time when "corruption rapidly progressed."

To me it is evident that there are now two Bibles before us. They have come down to us through two channels.

The "Received Text" has been handed down to us by the Waldenses, Iona, Reformers, Tyndale, and Luther to the Advent Movement of 1844 and 1888.

The corrupted channel came through Origen, Jerome, Eusebus, Constantine, the Vulgate, Sinaiticus, Vaticanus, Westcott and Hort, John H. Newman, and Dr. Pusey to the revised versions.

The vital question is, from which channel must we seek the Water of Life?

I go to inspiration for the answer. I do so because I find the writings of so-called scholars so contradictory. Even too many historians write with a bias. I feel we are a greatly privileged people, for God has given us an inspired guide in history. This is found in the Spirit of Prophecy and the prophecies of the Bible. Here I stand. "To the Law and to the Testimony " - to the Bible and to the Spirit of Prophecy. I stand flat-footed on this inspired rock.

I have quoted the promises and prophecies of the Bible. Now notice again some gems from the "Testimony of Jesus." I will try to keep the statements brief so as not to get this letter too long. Here we have inspiration's word on church history. "The Waldenses were among the first of the peoples of Europe to

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obtain a translation of the Holy Scriptures. Hundreds of years before the Reformation they possessed the Bible in manuscript in their native tongue. They had the truth unadulterated." Great Controversy, page 63.

"The Voudois churches, in their purity and simplicity, resembled the church of apostolic times. Rejecting the supremacy of the pope and prelate, they held the Bible as the only supreme, infal-lible authority They fed the flock of God, leading them to the green pastures and living fountains of His holy word." Great Controversy, page 65.

Theirs was not a faith newly received. Their religious belief was their inheritance from their fathers. They contended for the faith of the apostolic church." Great Controversy, page 64.

Likewise in Scotland truth goes back to the apostolic church, to the first centuries.

"In Great Britain, Primitive Christianity had very early taken root. The gospel received by the Britons in the first centuries 'was then uncorrupted by Roman apostacy. Persecution from pagan emperors, which extended even to these far-off shores, was the only gift that the first churches of Britain received from Rome. But Rome had fixed her eyes on Britain, and resolved to bring it under her supremacy... the papal leaders and their converts encountered the primitive Christians. A striking contrast was presented. The latter were simple, humble, and Scriptural in character, doctrine and manners, while the former manifested the superstition, pomp and arrogance of popery." Great Controversy, page 62,63.

Which its the Channel of Truth?

Note this gem from inspiration "The church in the wilderness; and not the proud hierarchy enthroned in the world's great capital (Rome) was the true church of Christ, the guardian of the treasures of truth which God has committed to His people to be given to the world." Great Controversy, page 64.

Thus inspiration makes it crystal clear that Rome was not "the guardian of the treasures of truth," "the Scripture of Truth."

But the precious Scriptures were in the hands of "the church in the wilderness," in the mountains of northern-Italy and the highlands of Scotland. This was the main cause of Rome's persecution. I quote again from Great Controversy, page :-

The Waldenses were among the first of the peoples of Europe to obtain a translation of the Holy Scriptures. Hundreds of years before the Reformation they possessed the Bible in manuscript in their native tongue. They had the truth unadulterated, and this rendered them the special objects of hatred and persecution. G. C. 63.

These inspired words make it clear that "the church in the wilderness" was the guardian of God's truth. It was largely because they held to the Bible - unadulterated by Rome - that they were so cruelly persecuted. Rome hates the Bible as we well know. Truth did not come down to us through Rome.

The fourth century greatly aided the formation of the papacy. This is the century that saw the Sabbath changed "In the early part of the fourth century Constantine issued a decree making Sunday a public festival throughout the Roman Empire." ..C. 51.

"The Convert's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine." --

"Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?"

A. "We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church in the Council of Laodicea (AD 336) transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." Note this was in the fourth century - the century of corruption. This was the century that brought the cross into the church. This was the century of Constantine, Jerome,-Bishop Eusebius ("the special friend and flatterer of Constantine." Great Controversy, page 574) and Augustine.

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This was the century in which Jerome produced the Latin Vulgate.- Every Roman Catholic Bible "must be translated from the Vulgate and not directly from the Greek." Preface to the Douay Bible, p. VII.

The evidence is clear too that the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus both came from this same fourth century. It is apparent that they are two of the fifty Bibles ordered by Constantine for use in the churches.

Now let us come to the question of these modern versions. I was keen to get anything that would make the Word of God clearer so I early procured the Revised Version. I remember waiting at the shop to purchase the first of the R.S.V. I bought it as soon as it arrived, probably the first. Likewise the N.I.V. and others. I now have about thirty different translations and versions. I valued them all and read and reread them.

What first shocked me was the omissions. Verse after verse was missing. Scores of parts of verses. Then changes came to view. Changes that altered the meaning. Revelation 22:14 was one of many. I noticed that Sister White repeatedly quoted Revelation 22:14, but always as in the King James Version.

I noticed also that "scholars" and even historians varied greatly. They wrote to suit their particular ideas. It seemed to me one could prove just about anything from the scholars. So I turned again to the "Scripture of Truth." I was reminded of Col. 2:8 "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy.. after the traditions of men.. and not after Christ."

As Christ is the author of Scripture that must be the test.

"To the Law and to the Testimony." This is my supreme guide. . I know it works. It changed my life from a careless, gambling, cigarette-smoking, thoughtless youth. I have seen it do the same in the lives of thousands. Scores of debates with agnostics, ministers of many religions, scholars, University professors etc. have settled me on the rock of "inspiration.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." ISAIAH 8:20.

The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy is settled in my thinking. Any writings not in harmony with this I reject. I believe we are a very privileged people to have the guidance of the Spirit of Prophecy in the field of history. Any that do not "speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." This has made this subject of versions as clear as crystal to me.

I will quote very briefly as I do not want to make this too long.

The question as I see it is the question as to which Bible. The Scriptures make it clear that God has declared that His Word "will endure forever." Christ declared "My word shall not pass away.

On the other hand our God has told us of those who would corrupt the word, "wrest the Scriptures" and steal His word from people.

Here I believe is God's -answer to these vital questions. So to sum up and briefly state:-

"The Waldenses were among the first of the people of Europe to obtain a translation of the Holy Scriptures." Great Controversy, page 65'.

"They had the truth unadulterated." Great Controversy, page 65.

"They stood unflinchingly for God's word." Great Controversy, page 65.

They "resembled the church of apostolic times." Great Controversy, page 65.

"They held the Bible as the only supreme, infallible authority." Great Controversy, page -65.

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"They -were employed also copying the Scriptures. Some manuscripts contained the whole Bible." Great Controversy, page 65.

"Their's was not a faith newly received. Their religious belief was their inheritance from their fathers. They contended for the faith of the apostolic church." Great Controversy, page 64.

Thus we see that the Waldenses had the Bible and its truth from the earliest of days. This was the Word, God guaranteed would never fail or pass away, but would endure forever.

In contrast inspiration tells us it was because "the Waldenses were among the first of the people of Europe to obtain a trans-lation of the Holy Scriptures. . . they possessed the Bible in manuscripts in their native tongue. They had the truth unadulterated, and this rendered them the special objects of hatred and persecution.' Great Controversy, page 65.

"The representative of Satan - the bishop of Rome." Great Controversy, page 50 He hated the Bible - "The detector of error." Great Controversy, page 51.

"Satan well knew that the Holy Scriptures would enable men to discern his deceptions and withstand his power." Great Controversy, page 51.

"Therefore it's sacred truths must be concealed and suppressed.. This logic was adopted by the Roman Church. For hundreds of years the circulation of the Bible was prohibited. The people were forbidden to read it or to have it in their homes," Great Controversy, page 51.

From inspiration we also read that as "Suggested by the father of lies. Ancient writings were forged by monks ... And a church that had rejected the truth greedily accepted these deceptions." Great Controversy, page 56.

Again in Early Writings we read regarding the Bible "I saw... learned men had in some instances changed the words." P. 200

Yet our God "After having given His word to man, He had carefully preserved it." Early Writings, page 220.

"While other books might be destroyed, this was to be immortal." Early Writings, page 220.

Thus despite corrupt versions our Lord has preserved for us His Infallible Bible. It has come down to us stained with the life blood of Christ's saints. How we should love and cherish it.

That precious Word did not come down to us through Rome but through God's persecuted, hunted church. We again read from inspiration:-

"'The church in the wilderness' and not the proud hierarchy enthroned in the world's great capital, was the true church of Christ, the guardian of the treasures of truth which God had committed to His people to be given to the world." Great Controversy, page 64

"The sure word of prophecy" declares of Rome that it would "cast down the. truth to the ground." Daniel 8:12

Christ said "Thy word is truth." John 17:17. "Daniel the prophet" called the same precious Word "The Scripture of truth." Daniel 10:21. Thus this power that would "cast down the truth" certainly did so and was not "the guardian of the treasures of truth." Great Controversy, page 64.

Thus inspiration is clear that the true Word of God did not come down to us through the Vaticanus, Sinaiticus and Vulgate - the catholic manuscripts of the fourth century, and through the Revised Version of

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Westcott, Hort, Cardinal Newman and Dr. Pusey. Men who hated the Received Text and pushed the Vaticanus and Sianaiticus. The truth came through the Received Text as used by the Waldenses, the primitive Christians of Scotland, Erasmus, Tyndale, Luther and the pioneers of the Advent Message.

Now for some of your questions and points:- You give Tertullian at AD. 220.

I notice that our book "Problems in Bible Translation" gives him as living AD. 145-220. You question his reliability. I, with you, may not accept his teachings, but it is certain that a man lived about that time, by that name and he quoted Revelation 22:14 that supports the King James Version. Therefore the evidence shows this verse must have been there at that time. We find none of those men quoting "wash their robes" until the fourth century.

Cyprian AD. 200 -258 also quotes in favor of the K.J.V.

The first to quote in favor of the N.I.V. is Athanasius AD. 298-373. That you will notice was in the corrupt fourth century when "the work of corruption rapidly progressed." GC 49.

"Problems in Bible Translation" adds these words "Tertullian and Cyprian, who were Latin Theologians undoubtedly had access to the manuscripts of the Apocalypse that contain the reading "commandments". The fact that they used this reading at such an early date is significant." p. 260

I also believe this is very significant and shows definitely that the K.J.V. rendering of Revelation 22:14 was the oldest and therefore the host of modern versions are corruptions.

NO.2. You mention the Aramaic. I purchased my "New Testament according to the Eastern Text", "translated from original Aramaic sources" at our Theological Seminary at Takoma Park in 1946. I chatted with Dr. Losby, who certainly knew Greek and other languages, and Pastor Keough, who had spent his life's work in the middle east. Neither of these men raised a question that I can recall regarding this volume.

In the "Introduction" p. 5, it states:-

"The Peshitta New Testament is an ancient and only authoritative document of the New Testament in use among the Syriac Aramaic speaking people of Palestine, Syria, Mount Lebanon, Mesopotamia, Persia and Malabar (South India) from the first century AD. to the present day. The terms Aramaic and Syriac are interchangeable."

All I have read and heard has borne out the same. This was taken for granted at the Seminary in 1946.

On page VI of the introduction it states, referring to the Aramaic:-

"In this language in which our Blessed Lord, His disciples and the early Christians spoke and wrote, these facts are known to all Biblical-scholars. Even those who have made translations from the Greek, frankly admit that Jesus spoke Aramaic and His teach-ings were handed down in that language."

You quote from Metzger. I have not had the privilege of reading this writer. However; I find among "scholars" a very confused account. This confirms my confidence in the Law and the Testimony. My feet are set, flat footed on the rock of inspiration, on the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. With me, if historians or scholars speak in harmony with this word, I accept them, if not I reject them as having no light in them. That has never failed me in over forty years of city evangelism, and scores of debates with ministers of many churches, and scholars of all kinds.

You ask: "On the other hand, if it is true that the Catholics introduced the change from 'commandments' to 'robes'...how is it that whoever, of the Catholic heirarchy, made the change did such a poor job? Why would they have left the same expression in Revelation 12:17 and 14:12?"

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In answer I would say that in meeting opponents they nearly all brushed aside Revelation 12:17 and 14:12 as referring to the Jews who have been left on earth after the Rapture. They were nearly Futurists. To refute them is not difficult, but it takes time and that is usually limited in a debate. Futurism, as you are well aware, originated in the Vatican and so we are back to the source of corruption.

On Revelation 22:14 opponents could not throw this out, as being only Jews. This verse shows who is going to the Gloryland. God's final glimpse of His saints marching home is Revelation 22:14, where He clearly states they "keep the Commandments of God." The opponents only hope was to grasp a false modern version -with it's translation as "wash their robes." I have repeatedly thanked my Lord for the clear statements of the Spirit of Prophecy where she always quotes the K.J.V. on this mighty passage of Holy Writ.

You ask re Revelation 7:14. "Is that also a Catholic perversion?"

To me this is a striking contrast. Revelation 7:14 states that the saints "have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb". What a glorious statement of a wonderous truth. It reveals the only means of our cleansing. This is a truth that often needs repeating and is seldom heard. What a full and complete statement. By way of contrast, note Revelation 22:14 in these modern (to me) "perversions."

"Wash their robes." What does that mean? It means nothing!

Is it laundry work? It does not give one any idea how the washing is to be done. Like too many statements in these modern versions(?) they are almost absurd. I can see the hand of the enemy here. May we ever be able to say with Christ's servant of old "We are not as many which corrupt the word of God." 2 Cor.2:17.

If the corrupter of Revelation 22:14 had been trying to present truth, why did he not state it clearly as in Revelation 7 where the great truth is presented that the robes were to be washed in the blood of the Lamb? As found in the N.I.V. It appears to be a weak attempt to get rid of this most powerful appeal to obedience to the commandments of God.

Permit me to take one more illustration:-

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

The N.I.V. and its companion modern versions miss out "but by every word of God." That perversion makes the word of our Lord almost an absurdity too.

"Man shall not live by bread alone." We could ask what are we to live by? Weetbix? Fish? Potatoes? Is Christ giving a talk on diet? etc. etc. When the enemy stole away these words from our Lord he left little!

"But by every word of God" not only completes, it gives power to our Lord's statement. That is what we must live by! This the devil, through his agents, omits. So does the N.I.V. So does the R.S.V.

It was the tragic omissions from the Word of God that first turned me from the I2.S.V. and N.I.V. Re.' 22:19 stands out too plainly to be trifled with.

I notice many scholars of history claim the Vulgate was the first to have "washed their robes." That is logical. Rome has always hated the commandments of God. God's sacred prophecy told of their changing His law and that they would "cast down the truth to the ground." Daniel 8:12

You write "It seems that you are interested in upholding the K.J.V."

Yes, you are right there. I am for the K.J.V. 100%. It is the text of the Waldenses, Iona, Tyndale, Luther, Erasmus, all the reformers and martyrs and the Adventist pioneers. It is the Bible of 1844 and 1888. The K.J.V. is the only English Bible that the Review and Herald Press ever printed.

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In reply to your question may I say that I am not at all opposed to revision. But I am opposed to omissions from the word of God and changes in the book of Truth. These are too painfully apparent.

"The Revisers had a wonderful opportunity. They might have made a few changes and removed a few archaic expressions, and made the Authorized Version the most acceptable and beautiful and wonderful book of all time to come. But they wished ruthlessly to meddle. Some of them wanted to change doctrine. Some of them did not know good English literature when they saw it . . . There were enough modernists among the Revisers to change the words of Scripture itself so as to throw doubt on the Scripture." Herald and Presbyter (Presbyterian), July 16, 1924, p. 10.

You state "At least I find it easier to teach our beliefs on death from the N.I.V."

My experience is that anti-Adventist opponents like to use the N.I.V. and similar modern translations. On the state of the dead they use: .

2 PETER 2:9 "If this is so; then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment."

EXODUS 20:10 Has "a" Sabbath instead of "the" Sabbath.

COLOSSIANS 2:10 "A" Sabbath is abolished. This is a favourite with any opponent who. knows his job.

DANIEL 8:14 The cleansing of the sanctuary gives place to a mere reconsecration.

DANIEL 9:25 The "messiah" gives way to "the annointed one". Every priest was annointed, so was every king, even Saul, the first king of Israel who died by suicide, was an annointed one..

Anti-Adventists and apostates rejoice in these modern perversions as they speak "perverse things" and it fits in nicely with their perverse teachings.

Well Brother I have gotten all that off my chest. Thank you for the privilege to give my convictions. The more I look into this question, the more the conviction grows that the modern versions are contributing to the general apostacy that is taking place in our ranks. They are aiding in "the shaking. They weaken many. I feel we as a people are losing the Bible. It is used so little now. The modern translations are greatly aiding in the confusion that is, filling our ranks. Despite it all our God will purify His church and gloriously finish His work. Revelation 18:1-4 will be fulfilled and that fulfilling will be tremendous.

May the Lord keep us both close to Him and strong in His truth. Your Brother in Christ.

George Burnside.

14. THE N.I.V. DENYING THE LORD

N.I.V. FULFILS PROPHECIES OF DOOM.

Before considering-one of the most condemning-and sober prophecies in-Scripture, notice the words preceeding It. 1st Peter lays an equally powerful foundation as its upholds the Bible in the greatest language and reveals its power and work

1 PETER 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abideth for ever."

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1. The Bible can give you the New Birth.

2. It is incorruptible.

3. It "lives forever."

JOHN 17:17 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

Jesus said His people are sanctified by "Thy Word." Saints are sanctified people.

1 PETER 2:2 "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby." We need the Bible for spiritual growth.

PSALMS 119:11 "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

The Scriptures are a sure remedy for our sins.

2 PETER I closes with the work of true prophets.

2 PETER 2 Begins with deceptive work of false prophets.

NOTICE ST. PETER'S CONDEMNING PROPHECY.

2 PETER 2:1 "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring, in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

Note:-

1. There "shall" be false teachers. So we must expect false teachers, "among you" - even in our midst.

2. They don't come inn openly, but "privily." Secretly, and in a deceptive manner.

3. They bring in "damnable heresies." A damnable heresy is a heresy that will damn you. It will lead you to hell, to damnation.

4. Their work will be popular for "many" will follow. This is clearly stated in the next verse.

2 PETER 2:2 "And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of."

Notice the Scripture clearly states "Many" will follow. It is popular but pernicious.

5. "The Way of Truth shall be evil spoken of." We don't need to guess.

We have just noticed that Jesus said "Thy Word is Truth."

1. They will therefore oppose the true Word of God.

2. They do it with "feigned" words.

3. They do it to make merchandise of you."

(For evidence on this see "NIV Profits" by G. Burnside)

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Lastly notice this God-given prophecy which states that they would go so far as to be "even denying the LORD that bought them." It seems unbelievable that such would take place. But notice this list of omissions of the Lord, from a few passages in the N.17.

THE LORD

MATTHEW 13:51 "They say unto him, Yea, LORD."
MARK 9:24 "...and said with tears, LORD, I believe."
MARK 11:10 "That comes in the name of the LORD."
LUKE 9:57 "A certain man said unto him LORD, I will follow thee."
LUKE 22:31 "And the LORD said, Simon, Simon, behold."
ACTS 7:30 "...an angel of the LORD in a flame of fire in a bush."
ACTS 9:5 "...And the LORD said I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."
ACTS 9:6 "And the LORD said unto Him, Arise..."
ACTS 9:29 "And he spake boldly in the name of the, LORD Jesus."
ACTS 15:17 "Saith the LORD, who does all these things."
ACTS 22:16 "...calling on the name of the LORD."
ROMANS 1:3 "Concerning his son Jesus Christ our LORD."
ROMANS 6:11 "...but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our LORD."
ROMANS 14:6 "To the LORD he doth not regard it."
ROMANS 16:24 "The grace. of our LORD Jesus Christ."
1 CORINTHIANS 10:28 "For the earth is the LORD's."
1 CORINTHIANS 15:47 "...the second man is the LORD from heaven.."
2 CORINTHIANS 4:10 "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the LORD Jesus."
GALATIANS 6:17 "...for I bear in my body the marks of the LORD Jesus."
EPHESIANS 3:14 "...I bow my knees unto the Father of our LORD Jesus."
COLOSSIANS 1:2 "...from God our Father and the LORD Jesus Christ."
1 TIMOTHY 1:1 "...by the commandment of God our Savior and LORD."
1 TIMOTHY 5:21' "...I charge thee before God, and the LORD Jesus Christ,..."
TITUS 1:4 "...peace from God the Father and the LORD Jesus Christ."
REVELATION 19:1 "And honour, and power, unto the LORD our God."
LUKE 23:42 "And he said unto Jesus, LORD, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."
1 CORINTHIANS 11:29 "Not discerning the LORD's body."

The atheist denies the Lord. How? He just cuts Him out of his life. He treats the Lord as though He was non-existent. He just omits the Lord. So, these "false teachers with their false Versions, they too just omit the Lord. They deny "even the Lord that bought them."

For further evidence see N.I.V. Series, No. 1-10 by G. Burnside.

They not merely omit the "LORD" in too many places but they "wrest" the Scriptures from truth, to teach "damnable heresies." Prophecy has warned. May we heed the "sure Word of Prophecy" and reject those obscurants who claim "that all Versions are good and true." Notice but a few and then ask your self - Are they all good and true?

Notice that the prophecy not only warns that "the false teachers" would deny the Lord that bought them, but would also teach "damnable heresies." It appears that in so doing they aim at the Word of God, both the written and incarnate "Word." John 1:1-3.

Here are a few instances from the various modern Versions.

MODERN VERSIONS ATTACK OUR LORD.

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

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N.I.V. - "He appeared in a body."

Good News - "He appeared in human form."

New World - "He was made manifest in flesh."

They remove "God" - This change strikes at the truth of the Deity -of our LORD. This is apparent at a glance.

They do it in defiance of evidence.

Dean Burgon says that the text adopted by these corruptors "is not found in more than two copies, is certainly not supported by a single Version and is not clearly advocated by a single Father." To sum it up the evidence is overwhelmingly against it.

Dear Burgon crushingly replied to the chairman of the Revision Committee, the forerunner of the (per)Versions. From the many pages of evidence, I quote an extract from his summary -

"Behold then the provision which the Author of Scripture has made for the effectual conservation in its integrity of this portion of His written Word! Upwards of 1800 years have run their course since the Holy Ghost, by His servant Paul, rehearsed 'the Mystery of Godliness,' declaring this to be the great foundation fact, namely, that 'God was manifest in the flesh.' And lo! out of 254 copies of St. Paul's Epistles, no less than 252 are discovered to have preserved that expression." The Revision Revised. p. 494

Truly -

"GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS: - GOD WAS MANIFEST IN THE FLESH, JUSTIFIED IN THE SPIRIT, SEEN OF ANGELS, PREACHED UNTO THE GENTILES, BELIEVED ON IN THE WORLD, RECEIVED UP INTO GLORY:"

Other Scriptures are also corrupted.

JOHN 9:35 "Jesus heard that they had cast him out; anon he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?"

N.I.V. changes this to "Son of Man."

MARK 5:6 "But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him."

N.I.V. "fell on his knees in front of him, he shouted at the top of his voice."

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

N.I.V. omits "believeth on Me."

COLOSSIANS 1:14 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

N.I.V. omits "through His blood."

1 PETER 4:1 "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin."

N.I.V. omits "for us."

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ISAIAH 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

R.S.V. "a young woman."

When the R.S.V. was introduced it was publicly burned by Baptist churches in the U.S.A.. The N.I.V. was a compromise version that toned down some of the most offensive passages. Isa.7:14 in particular was changed. But even in this compromise version, many passages teach the same "damnable heresies," though in a more hidden manner.

LUKE 2:33 "And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him."

N.I.V. "The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him."

Our God is careful to show that Joseph was not Jesus father.

This would deny the virgin birth. Would it not also make Mary guilty of adultery and make Jesus an illegitimate child? It would also teach that Jesus was not manifest in the flesh.

However the New Testament clears up all doubt and question -

MATTHEW 1:22,23 "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

The Greek is too plain to allow any twisting. Even the R.S.V., Good News and other perverters of Isa.7:14 have to render it correctly here. The Holy Spirit when quoting Isa.7:14 settles this very important question. The Divine declaration is that Jesus is "God with us," He was born of a virgin, He was "God manifest in the flesh."

It further shows that the modern Versions are the tools of the "false teachers" that would "make merchandise of you" by their flood of per-Versions.

by "their pernicious ways" the way of Truth "is evil spoken of". We have lived to see this prophecy fulfilled.

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15. THE GREAT COVER-UP

The Hidden Things of Dishonesty

4 Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully"

Handling the Word of God Deceitfully

THE DECEPTION OF "THE TWO MOST RELIABLE EARLY MANUSCRIPTS."

After Mark 16:8 in the N.I.V. is a note that refers to the two most reliable early manuscripts. This is interesting. To the thoughtful the note raises many questions.

Why does the N.I.V. not name the manuscripts?

Also, if as is often claimed, that in recent times they have discovered many more manuscripts, why don't they quote them instead of referring back to the "two most ancient ones"?

Is it because this last statement is grossly untrue? Also is it a vast cover-up by Catholic agents? Is it to extol these very questionable manuscripts?

These two doubtful documents are the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus. The N.K.J.V. in a note after Mark 16:8 names these two manuscripts. They are the back-bone of the hundred and more new versions in English that have been brought out in recent years. Their recog-nized importance are always in the order given. For instance Sir Frederic Kenyon in his book "The Bible Story" p. 43 refers to "The great Vatican Manuscript" and again "The oldest and best of all is the Codex Vaticanus." P. 49. He further states, "The outstanding characteristic of their (Westcott and Hort) work is the predominant importance which they attach to the Vaticanus, to which the Sinaiticus takes second place." p. 164.

It was largely the work of Westcott and Hort that pushed these two manuscripts to the fore and advanced the theory that "the oldest manuscripts are the most accurate." This has been echoed so often that today it has largely been accepted as a recognized fact.

I am reminded of Herr Hitler's claim "Tell a lie often enough and it will be accepted as a truth. So let us note a few facts.

VATICANUS "B"

It is the best known Greek Uncial Manuscript. It came to light in the Vatican Library in 1481. It is believed to have been written in the 4th Century, between 350 to 370 AD. Dr. Ruckman, the writer of many books on the manuscripts wrote:-

"The Westcott and Hort text, is substantially the Roman Catholic Vaticanus (B). No Bible student has ever handled it, except Catholic scribes." The Christian Handbook of Manuscript Evidence, p. 24.

It is interesting to note that Westcott and Hort called the Vaticanus a "Neutral text preserved on an island of purity." (Since when is the Vatican "an island of purity.") The Vaticanus is always placed first. It is written on fine Vellum. It has 759 pages, 10 inches x 10 3/4 inches. Each page has three narrow columns. It is in excellent condition. Apparently it has had very little use.

The Vaticanus omits from Genesis 1:1 to Genesis 46:28.

Also Psalms 106 to Psalms 138 is missing. Likewise Matt:16:2,3; Rom.16:24; most of Paul's epistles; and Revelation; and all of Hebrews after Hebrews 9:14.

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As one writer has stated "It cuts off the beginning, middle and end of the Scriptures, plus many other parts. The Vaticanus contains the Apocrypha and the Epistle of Barnabas.

As I write, before me is the "Ante-Nicene Christian Library, Vol.1. The Apostolic Fathers." This contains the Epistle of Barnabas. -To give some idea of the nonsense this corrupt work contains, take for instance the reason given for not eating the hare. Here are his words:-

"Moreover, 'Thou shall not,' he says, 'eat the hare.' Wherefore? 'Thou shall not be a corrupter of boys, nor like unto such.' Because the hare multiplies, year by year, the places of its conception; for as many years as it lives so many it has. Moreover, 'Thou shall not eat the hyena.' He means, 'Thou shall not be an adulterer, nor a corrupter, nor be like to them that are such.' Wherefore? Because that animal annually changes its sex, and is at one time male, and at another female."

Rome accepted the Apocrypha to get support for prayers for the dead. This grave error is based on the devil's lie, "You shall not surely die." The Scriptures condemn this error, but these corrupt passages were accepted in the great "falling away."

However, the Old Testament accepted by the Jews, and used by our Lord and His Apostles had 39 books in it. The same books as found in the King James Version.

The Vaticanus and the Sinaiticus had these extra corrupt books in them. They thus "added" to the Scriptures of Jesus, despite the warning given in the Word of God.

DEUTERONOMY 4:1,2 "Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you.

You shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish ought from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

DEUTERONOMY 12:32 "What thing soever I command you, observe to do, thou shall not add thereto, nor diminish from it."

PROVERBS 30:5,6 "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

The New Testament gives the same solemn warning:-

REVELATION 22:18,19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

The Vaticanus manuscript was available and known at the time of the reformers and the preparation of the King James Version in 1611. It was even referred to by Erasmus in 1515. Erasmus however entirely rejected the Vaticanus as unreliable see Sir Frederick Kenyon in "Our Bible and the Ancient Manuscripts," p. 202-203.

Of this period we have these very interesting inspired comments:-

"In 1516, a year before the appearance of Luther's theses, Erasmus had published his Greek and Latin version of the New Testament. Now for the first time the word of God was printed in the original tongue. In this work many errors of former versions were corrected." Great Controversy, page 245.

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"Tyndale was to complete the work of Wycliffe in giving the Bible to His countrymen. A diligent student and an earnest seeker for truth, he had received the gospel from the Greek Testament of Erasmus. He fearlessly preached his convictions, urging that all doctrines be tested by the Scriptures. To the papist claim that the church had given the Bible, and the church alone could explain it, Tyndale responded: "Do you know who taught the eagles to find their prey? Well, that same God teaches His hungry children to find their Father in His word. Far from having given us the Scriptures, it is you who have hidden them from us; it is you who burn those who teach them, and if you could, you would burn the Scriptures themselves." Great Controversy, page 245, 247.

The Latin text referred to in Great Controversy, page 245, is the Latin Vulgate, which originated with St. Jerome in the 4th century, in the time of Constantine. This was the century when Sunday took the place of God's Sabbath. This was the century when error came into the church like a flood. This was the century that produced the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus, and the Latin Vulgate. -This was the time when as suggested by the "father of lies, ancient writings were forged by monks. Decrees of councils before unheard of, were discovered,...and a church that had rejected the truth, greedily accepted these deceptions." Great Controversy, page 56.

Catholic Authorities say:-

"Writers of the fourth century were prone to describe many practices as Apostolic institutions which certainly had no claim to be so regarded." (Catholic Encyclopedia, III, 484).

"Some parts of the governmental system of the Catholic Church are of divine origin, and many of them are human institutions." (Externals of the Catholic Church, 19)

"One is forced to admit that the gradual corruption of Christianity began very early." (Catholic Encyclopedia, XII, 414).

"It would be a monstrous anachronism were we to attribute a belief in Papal infallibility to the Ante-Nicene Fathers." (Catholic Dictionary, 674).

Forgeries, Fabrications, Falsehoods, Fakes and Frauds!

"Substituting of false documents and tampering with genuine ones was quite a trade in the Middle Ages." (Catholic Encyclopedia, VI, 136).

This was the time the Vaticanus, Sinaiticus and the Vulgate saw the light of day. This is the time when the corrupt foundation of the modern per-versions were laid. This is when "the two most reliable (?) ancient manuscripts" had their beginning.

Notice some more interesting facts:-

"The same text (Vaticanus) is the basic text for Nestles Critical edition."

Nestles makes "it clear in stating explicitly that the Vatican manuscript is to be preferred above every other manuscript." Ruckman, p. 25.

Tischendorf issued a revised text of the New Testament based predominantly on the Vaticanus and the Sinaiticus."

Think of it, "the Vaticanus leaves out words and whole clauses at least, 1491 times." "It bears evidence of a very careless copyist on every page."

"The Vaticanus drops from the Received Text at least 2877 words." ("Jesus said that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Luke 4:4, but the Vatican-based modern per-version omits these words of our Lord and our Judge.) Read for yourself Luke 4:4 in the Bible and compare it with the N.I.V.

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Further the Vaticanus adds 536 words, substitutes 935 words, changes 2098, making 1578 differences."

"The Sinaiticus is even worse." It has nearly 9000 differences.

The Vatican treasures the Vaticanus. Corruptions are valuable to the papacy. Why not heed the sure word of prophecy that our Lord has given us?

"Not by one word, not by many words, but by every word that God has spoken, shall man live. You cannot disregard one word, a single injunction that He has given, however trifling it may seem to you, and be safe." Vol. 5, 434.

BIBLE PROPHECY WARNS.

DANIEL 7:25 "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

DANIEL 8:25 "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

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

This power, God says, works in deception. It changed God's laws.

It changed His Sabbath.

It changes His Scriptures.

It brings in false and counterfeit versions and too many of God's professed people "love to have it so."

Sister White says we have an, infallible Bible. In the face of that, how can any dare to say all versions have mistakes, as an excuse for laying aside that infallible Book. Why not stand with the Reformers and with their Bible?

Great Controversy, page 249 "The grand principle maintained by these Reformers - the same that had been held by the Waldenses, by Wycliffe, by John Huss, by Luther, by Zwingle, and those who united with them - was the infallible authority of the Holy Scriptures."

Now let us look to - THE OLDEST EVIDENCE.

The most popular argument in favor of the modern versions that I have noticed is that they are based on the oldest" and hence the "most reliable manuscript." This has silenced many. But is it true? Is it reliable? Consider a few facts and also a stronger evidence than the oldest (?)_manuscripts. Take for instance their chief manuscript – The Vaticanus:-

FACTS:

The facts are that no one knows for sure when, where and by whom the Vaticanus was written. They are all a matter of guess. They are wholly unknown. The style of writing is the main criterion for age.

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"The style of writing adopted in the manuscripts... forms the simplest and surest criteria for approximating the date of the documents." Scrivener, p.29 Vol. I.

We must always remember that the practice of dating manuscripts did not begin till the 10th Century so that the age of all manuscripts prior to that time, are based, in main, on changes of style. The difficulties thus encountered by scholars in putting an accurate date on an ancient manuscript are illustrated by the following quote-

"The Herculanean papyri buried from 79 A. D. downwards may probably be a century older still Hence from three to four hundred years must have elapsed betwix the date of the Herculanean rolls and that of our earliest Biblical (N.T.) manuscripts. Yet the fashion of writing has changed but little during the interval." Scrivener, page 33, Vol.1

THE FATHERS give us a much more reliable proof of time of writing. While we cannot get any of these manuscripts back beyond the 4th Century, the fathers can be dated back to the 2nd and 3rd Century.

Take an example: Basil, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379 AD. Therefore, his writings would be most likely a few years before his death. Thus his writings were before the Vaticanus.

It is a significant, but usually neglected fact, that the fathers from the 2nd to the 5th Century used the Scriptures heavily. In fact if all the manuscripts were lost, the New Testament could practically all be restored by the quotations from the fathers alone. Over 95% of these quotations support the King James Version. These go back well before any known manuscript. This reveals the weakness in the claim that originated with Westcott and Hort, namely that the oldest manuscripts must be the most reliable. They hide the fact that these two oldest manuscripts are the product of the corrupt century of the compromising Constantine. This was the century when corruption poured into Christendom like a Niagara.

Jerome and Eusebius, lovers of Origen's philosophizings, and worshippers of Constantine and compromise, produced the Vaticanus, Sinaiticus and Vulgate. Today, the defenders of these manuscripts boast that they come from the 4th Century. I agree. But what a century! Before me as I write is Mosheim's church history, and under the Century he tells of the many, many errors that were introduced. This was the century the Sabbath was changed. Note the clear and definite statement -

"We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church in the Council of Laodicea (AD. 336) transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday." the Convent's Catechism of Catholic Doctrine.

Inspiration points to this 4th century as the century of corruptions on a giant scale:-

"The nominal conversion of Constantine, in the early part of the fourth century...Now the work of corruption rapidly progressed. Paganism, while appearing to be vanquished, became the conqueror ... This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted in the development of the man of sin' foretold in prophecy as opposing and exulting himself above God.

That gigantic system of false religion is the masterpiece of Satan's power." Great Controversy, page 45, 50

This compromise between paganism and Christianity resulted also in the corrupt manuscripts - the Vaticanus, Sinaiticus and the Vulgate.

In Great Controversy, page p. 56 we also read - "Ancient writings were forged by monks ... And a church that had rejected the truth greedily accepted these deceptions."

In Early Writings p. 220 -

"I saw that God had especially guarded the Bible; yet when copies of it were few, learned men had in some instances changed the words, thinking that they were making it more plain."

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The Catholic Encyclopaedia. "Substituting of false documents and tam ring with genuine ones was quite a trade in the Mile Ages." No, VI, p. 136.

Many excuses are made for the use of the N.I.V. and other popular perversions of Scripture. For instance, it is claimed that many new manuscripts have been found. Why don't they tell you that of all manuscripts both old and new, 95% of them favor the King James Version and only a bare 5%, the corrupt products of the 4th Century.

Referring to the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus, Dean Burgan writes: "These are two of the least trust-worthy documents in existence." Revision Revised, p. 315,316.

Dr. Scrivener writes -

Sinaiticus "From the number of errors, one cannot affirm that it is very carefully written. The whole manuscript is disfigured by corrections, a few by the original scribe, very many by an ancient and elegant hand of the 6th Century whose emendations are of great importance, some again by a hand a little later, for the greatest number by a scholar of the 7th Century who often cancels the changes by the 6th Century amender, others by as many as eight (8) different later writers." p. 93.

GOD 'S WORD WILL BE PRESERVED.

Vaticanus - "One marked feature is the great number of omissions which induced Dr. Dobbin to speak of it as an abbreviated text of the New Testament. He calculates that whole words or clauses are left out no less than 2556 times." p. 120 Vol. 1.

God has preserved His Word.

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

THE RECEIVED TEXT. There are over 5000 New Testament Manuscripts. 95% of them support what is known as the Textus Receptus or Received Text. This was the New Testament for 1500 years down to the reformation and for 350 years since.

OUR GOD CERTAINLY PRESERVED HIS WORD.

1 PETER 1:22-25 "Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that you love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. 'The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

REVELATION 12:6,13,14 The Church in the Wilderness, adds her testimony. In addition to the multitude of Greek manuscripts of the Received Text there are Syrian copies from the 1st and 2nd Centuries.

Papyrus copies 150 - 400 AD
Uncial copies 500 - 1500 AD
Latin Bible - Waldensian 1100 - 1300
Latin Bible - Albigenses 1380 - X550
Latin Bible - Lollards 1300 -1500
Tyndale 1525
Luther Bible 1530
Coverdale 1535
Matthews 1537

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Great Bible 1539
Geneva 1560
Bishops 1568
A.V. or K.J.V. 1611

This was the Bible of the Reformation, the Wesley revival and it was the Bible of the pioneers of the Great Advent Movement.

In the R. 6 H. of December 15, 1885 Sister White wrote -

"The Bible, and the Bible alone, is to be our creed, the sole bond of union; all Who bow to this holy word will be in harmony. Our own views and ideas must not control our efforts. Man is fallible, but God's word is infallible." Vol.1, p.770

This was before the modern flood of perversions of the Bible.

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

The N.I.V. and other perversions has cut out the underlined words of Jesus. Why? Because the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus omitted them.

May I close with a few gems of inspiration

PROVERBS 30.5 "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

6. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

"One scripture explaining another, and no word used in vain." L.S. 62.

"When His visible presence should be withdrawn, the word must be their source of power, Like their Master, they were to live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4 D.A.

"None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict." Great Controversy, page 593.

"Brethren, cling to your Bible, as it reads, and stop your criticisms in regard to its validity, and obey the Word, and not one of you will be lost." 1 SM 18.

"Satan is a cunning worker, and he will bring in subtle fallacies to darken and confuse-the mind and root out the doctrines of salvation. Those who do not accept the Word of God just as it reads, will be snared in his trap." 2 SM 52.

"I take the Bible just as it is, as the Inspired Word. I believe its utterances in an entire Bible.." 7 B.C. 945.

"There is no Bible sanctification for those who cast a part of the truth behind them." B.C. on 1 Thessalonians4:3. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness,

THE NIV OR THE KJV

16. THE BIBLE BABEL

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(Luke 24:40 "He showed them His hands and feet.")

Good News - "They tear at my hands and feet."

New English Bible - "They hacked off my hands and feet."

ZECH.13:6 "What are these wounds in thine hands?"

Good News - "What are these wounds on your chest?"

N.I.V. - "What are these wounds on your body?"

R.S.V. - "What are these wounds on your back?"

Living Bible - Ken Taylor - "What are these scars on your chest? These are the scars I received when I was in a brawl with my friend."

Moffats Translation - "When He is asked 'Then what are these scars on your hands?' He will answer 'I got these in my harlot's house.'"

Smith and Goodspeed - "In the house of my lovers."

New World Translation (Jehovah's Witnesses) - "And when someone says to him, 'What mean these scars on your back?' He will say, 'I was wounded in the house of my lovers.'"

Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise, and this preparation they should make by diligently studying the word of God and striving to conform their lives to its precepts. The tremendous issues of eternity demand of us something besides an imaginary religion, a religion of words and forms, where truth is kept in the outer court. God calls for a revival- and a reformation. The words of the Bible, and the Bible alone, should be heard from the pulpit. But the Bible has been robbed of its power, and the result is seen in a lowering of the tone of spiritual life. PK. 626.

But God will have a people upon the earth to maintain the Bible, and the Bible only, as the standard of all doctrines and the basis of all re-forms. The opinions of learned men, the deductions of science, the creeds or decisions of ecclesiastical councils, as numerous and discordant as are the churches which they represent, the voice of the majority-not one nor all of these should be regarded as evidence for or against any point of religious faith. Before accepting any doctrine or precept, we should demand a plain "Thus said the Lord" in its support. Satan is constantly endeavoring to attract attention to man in the place of God. He leads the people to look to bishops, to pastors. GC 59E