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∞ INTRODUCTION ∞

This book is the 2007 update of *Which Bible Is God's Word*, originally published in 1994 as a transcript of a series of nationally broadcast radio interviews done by Noah Hutchings with author, Gail Riplinger. In these programs listeners' questions about modern versions of the Bible were answered and the King James Bible held up as THE Holy Bible for the English speaking world. The programs were broadcast on over 80 radio stations worldwide. Hundreds of thousands of copies of the original book have been sold. It is also available as an audio book from AV Publications. The book was also translated into Korean.

Much new research and updated information has been added in this edition, including a discussion of Greek and Hebrew lexicons and printed editions, as well as an expose' of James Strong, editor of *Strong's Concordance*. His participation in the corrupt Westcott and Hort *Revised Version* of 1881 and the *American Standard Version* of 1901 is documented, as well as his introduction of corrupt RV/ASV words in his Greek and Hebrew lexicon. This new edition discusses the newest corrupt bible versions such as the Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB), Today's New International Version (TNIV) and the English Standard Version (ESV). It also includes an expanded discussion of the Amplified Bible.

New insights are included about the NASB and its *rejection* by S. Franklin Logsdon, former Moody Memorial Church pastor who said he "laid the groundwork" for the NASB. The

updated edition also points out how the NKJV matches the Koran and how its publisher is now printing scintillating book covers. A detailed history of the word 'servant,' and its new version corruption 'slave,' is now included. Also included are insights into the common error which calls *agapē*, God-like love and *philēō*, brotherly love. Wycliffe and Coverdale's views about inspired translations are included. Questions and answers have been detailed and expanded by fifty-percent. Footnotes and index are added to answer questions quickly.

Gail Riplinger, March 2007

That the world is getting more and more into the churches is an observation that cannot be contradicted...Inasmuch as publishing newer versions and translations of the bible is a matter of profit, the more modern versions conform to standards of contemporary scholarship and church membership lifestyle, the greater the profit will be. The battle of Christian faith today is indeed centered on the authority and infallibility of the word; "Yea, hath God said...?" We pray that the readers of this book will realize that the war between God and Satan today is over the way ("there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved"), the truth and the life (eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ). Thank you Gail, for your courage in defending these truths.

N.W. Hutchings, 1994

Q Why do you believe that the King James Bible is the “holy scriptures” for the English speaking world?

A The Holy Ghost witnesses within our spirit as to which Bible is the “holy scriptures.” Jesus said, “...the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers...My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10: 4, 5). Our faith that God has given us his words is evidenced by the following:

1. The Message:

- The KJV most fully presents the central doctrines of our Christian faith, such as the deity of Christ, the Trinity, salvation by faith; new versions often omit these and other central doctrines.
- The KJV’s “separate from sinners” English vocabulary does not permit liberal interpretations. For example, the KJV has ‘hell,’ instead of *hades*, ‘fornication,’ instead of ‘immorality,’ and ‘him,’ instead of the gender neutral ‘one.’

2. The Manuscripts: The readings of the KJV have been those of the church at large perennially, as evidenced by:

- Antiquity (before A.D. 450): Only the KJV matches Greek papyri, uncials, church ‘fathers’ and versions, such as the Latin and the Gothic. It also matches the oldest Hebrew Bibles.

- **Continuity:** Only the KJV matches the four aforementioned witnesses, plus the Greek minuscules of the Middle Ages and all of the pure vernacular versions through history.
- **Variety:** Only the KJV matches all types of witnesses, such as manuscripts, versions, and lectionaries from a wide variety of geographic locations.
- **Number:** Only the KJV matches the overwhelming majority of Greek and Hebrew manuscripts and vernacular translations.

3. Method: Only the KJV is a contextually and linguistically precise, word-for-word translation of the pure text. New versions can use paraphrase and transliteration, while following corrupt Greek and/or Hebrew texts or vernacular editions.

4. Memorization: The Psalmist proclaimed that he had hid God's word in his heart that he might not sin against God (Ps. 119:11). The KJV is unparalleled for scripture memorization. Memorization is enhanced by the KJV's alliteration, rhyme, rhythm and fewer syllables. Use of the KJV allows intergenerational teaching (Deut. 6:7; 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15).

5. Minutiae: Because of the immense weight of the aforementioned 4 items and God's promises in Psalm 12:6, 7 and Proverbs 30:5 to "preserve" a "pure" word "forever," we must conclude that any minute questions regarding the KJV's renderings must be attributed to the "dark glass" through which we see a holy and powerful God.

Q Which Bible verses are omitted in the NIV and most new versions? Which versions are corrupt?

A The NIV and most new versions omit Matt. 17:21; 18:11; 23:14; Mark 7:16; 9:44, 46; 11:26; 15:28; Luke 17:36; 23:17; John 5:4; Acts 8:37; 24:7; 28:29; and Romans 16:24, just like the Jehovah Witness New World Translation and the Catholic bible. In addition to these omissions, the NIV omits 64,000 vital words. All current English versions are corrupt except the King James Bible. There was only one ark, one tabernacle, and one altar; there is now one faith, one Lord and one Bible for English readers, the KJV. Examples of corrupt versions include the NIV (New International Version), TNIV (Today's New International Version), NIV (New International Reader's Version), NKJV (New King James Version), NASB (New American Standard Version), ESV (English Standard Version), HCSB (aka CSB; Holman Christian Standard Bible), RV (Revised Version), RSV (Revised Standard Version), NRSV (New Revised Standard Version), The Message, NLT (New Living Translation), Living Bible, JB (Jerusalem Bible), NJB (New Jerusalem Bible), NAB (New American Bible), ASV (American Standard Version), CEV (Contemporary English Version), NCV (New Century Version), Easy Reading KJV, KJ21, The Evidence Bible, The Net Bible, and the NWT (Jehovah Witness, New World Translation).

Q How do new bible versions, such as the NIV, TNIV, NASB, HCSB, ESV, NRSV, New Living Translation, and The Message corrupt the gospel and jeopardize Christianity?

A Many people pray to God; they are having problems in their lives; their lives are miserable. They pray, “God, please help me!” God is answering their prayers, in part, by alerting Christians about the changes in the new versions. Some of their problems *may* be coming from omissions and distortions in new versions. People should not react like Naaman, who had an incurable disease, leprosy (2 Kings 5). God’s prophet, Elisha, told him to “wash in Jordan seven times.” To which he proudly responded, “May I not wash” in a better river? God’s prescription today is “the washing of water by the word” (Eph. 5:26) — seven dips a week, one each day in the King James Bible, the King’s Jordan. It has *all* the “comfort of the scriptures” (Rom. 15:4).

Joshua 7:13 warns, “There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.” What does the New Testament define as “accursed”? Galatians 1:8-9 pronounces a double curse on anyone who preaches “any other gospel.” Verse eight says, “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.” It goes on in verse nine to repeat that curse again. We cannot

carry Bibles that preach “any other gospel” or we will be accursed; we’ll have an accursed thing in our house. Romans 1:15 and 16 says Christians preach “the gospel of Christ”; that is our gospel. But the new versions omit “of Christ.” They do this both in Romans 1:16 and 1 Corinthians 9:18; they have “another” “gospel.” Chapters 13 through 16 of my 700 page book, *New Age Bible Versions*, document thoroughly the false gospel taught in *many* of the verses in new versions.

New versions omit the “blood” between 23 and 174 times. There is no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of blood (Heb. 9:22). Colossians 1:14 says, “In whom we have redemption through his blood...” Most new versions take out “through his blood.” In Luke 22:20 the KJV says, “blood, which is shed for you.” New versions omit the “blood” there, as well. In Romans 3:25, the King James Version says, “through faith in his blood.” New versions switch the word order. Their “in his blood through faith” could mean faith in ‘anything,’ including Mary, their church, their baptism, or their good works. We are to have faith in his blood alone.

As I collated the new versions, word-for-word, I found that they repeatedly made alterations to the gospel; this puts them under a double curse. First Corinthians 15 defines the gospel. It begins with, “Christ died for our sins.”

In 1 John 3:5, instead of saying, “take away our sins,” some new versions drop the word “our,” and just say, “take away sins.” They do the same thing in Hebrews 1:3; here the King James Version says, “by himself purged our sins.” New

versions omit “our” and “by himself.” In 1 Peter 4:1, the King James Version says, “Christ hath suffered for us”; the NIV drops “for us.” According to the NIV, perhaps Christ just suffered because of the cruelty of the people who were crucifying him. We know from the KJV that he was suffering “for us.” We read in the KJV, in 1 Corinthians 5:7, that he “is sacrificed for us.” New versions drop “for us.” Colossians 2:11 speaks of “the sins of the flesh.” New versions omit the “sins.” In Isaiah 53:10 “sin” is again omitted by them.

Time after time, new versions present another gospel; in fact, it is the New Age gospel. In Mark 9:42, the KJV says, “believe in me.” That is how we are saved; we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Some new versions just say “believe.” One can believe in crystal power or in *anything*, since the “in me” is gone. They do this numerous times in the New Testament. John 6:47 says, “He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.” New versions drop the words “on me.”

New versions present a works-based salvation that is very agreeable to the religions of the world. In Mark 10:24 Jesus says, “Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!” New versions twist and truncate that verse and say, “how hard it is to enter into the kingdom of God.” One should never want to tell a child that it is *hard* to enter into the kingdom of God. It is easy. The Bible talks about the simplicity that is in Christ. In Matthew 7:14, the NKJV changes the KJV from “narrow is the way,” to “difficult is the way.” In John 3:36, the new versions change “believeth” (that is how we are saved, by faith) to “obey.”

“Unbelief” in Hebrews 4:6, is changed to “disobedience.” Consistently these new versions are changing the gospel from faith to works. The KJV tells us to “obey” the gospel of faith alone (2 Thes. 1:8, 1 Pet. 4:17).

First Corinthians 15:4 presents the second part of the gospel. It is very important. It says of Jesus Christ, “he rose again the third day.” The gospel of Christ includes the resurrection. New versions often veil the resurrection, the ascension, and the post-resurrection appearances of the Lord Jesus Christ. For instance, in Acts 26:23, where the King James Version says, “rise from the dead,” new versions say, “proclaim light.” That has absolutely no meaning.

The original NASB was particularly malevolent in this regard; it omitted or bracketed almost every mention of the ascension, bodily resurrection, and appearance of Jesus Christ after his death. It was forced to correct some of these errors in its 1995 Update because *New Age Bible Versions* exposed the faulty Greek manuscripts on which the NASB based its omissions. The NASB omitted the very important part of Luke 24:51-52, where the KJV states, “he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him.” The NASB stated instead, “he parted from them.” It omitted that he “was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him.” This denied the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. They were giving silent agreement to New Agers like Alice Bailey who said, “He never left...he apparently departed...The Christ cannot return because he has always

been here...in the Himalayas...securely concealed.” Full-page ads in *USA Today* that say that “Christ is in the world,” present the false Christ of the NASB, who merely “departed from them.” (See Chapter 25 of *New Age Bible Versions* for documentation.)

In the King James Version in John 16:16, Jesus said, “because I go to the Father.” The new versions completely omit this section. John 3:13 says, “the Son of man which is in heaven.” The new versions completely omit this. Because new versions “chop and change the word of God” (Tyndale) and alter the gospel of Christ, they should be disposed of.

Q How can New Age bible versions be recognized? The identity factor is very important because the New Agers say that “the Christ is coming,” or “the Christ is here.” Certainly they are not talking about Jesus Christ.

A Revelation 12:9 warns of, “*Satan, which deceiveth the whole world.*” Satan has a plan to trick the whole world into worshipping him (see Gen. 3 and Isa. 14). He succeeds for a time. Revelation 13:3-4 says, “*and all the world...worshipped the dragon.*” How can Satan deceive the various religions of the world into joining together and worshipping him? “*Deceiveth*” implies that the true identity of the dragon may be hidden. The book called, *Toward a World Religion for a New Age*, tells us his plan. It says: “*When an appropriate, common vocabulary [and those are the key words, “common vocabulary”] is developed, each group can help toward a world religion.*” To this end, New Age literature

has changed the names Buddha, Krishna, Lucifer, and all the national and occult gods, to “the Christ,” “the Lord,” “the One,” and “the Spirit.”

All *new* bible versions, with the exception of the King James Bible, are unknowingly making such changes and gradually evolving to conform to this one-world religion. So in new versions we see Jesus Christ, JEHOVAH, and the Holy Ghost, disappearing and becoming “the Christ,” “the Lord,” “the One” (capital “O”), and “the Spirit.” As we look through the Old Testament in these new versions (Exodus 6:3 for example) JEHOVAH has completely disappeared because the New Agers do not like him.

Acts 5:42 in the King James Version says, “*Jesus Christ*”; the new versions say, Jesus as “*the Christ*,” which is a very New Age term. First Corinthians 16:22 in the KJV says, “*Lord Jesus Christ*”; the new versions just say “*Lord*.” They repeatedly replace the word “*God*,” or “*only begotten Son*,” with “*the One*.” New Age and occult books such as, *The Bhagavad-Gita*, *The Tibetan Book of the Dead*, or the Luciferian *The Secret Doctrine*, refer to their god as “the One.” The ‘One’ is the god of the pagans, occultists, New Agers and Luciferians. I was quite shocked and saddened to see that new ‘bible’ versions have changed the name of God to match this new age jargon; but again, this is the “appropriate common vocabulary” that they are using to condition people for the final one-world bible and one-world religion.

Also in Isaiah 14:12, in the NIV and the new versions, Jesus Christ and Lucifer are being confused! Instead of putting Lucifer in Isaiah 14, they have the *"morning star"* there. We know the *"morning star"* is Jesus Christ. It is New Age doctrine to believe that *"Christ is the same force as Lucifer"* (Spangler). The new versions continually replace *"Jesus," "Christ,"* or *"God,"* with the generic *"him."* In Philippians 4:13 where the King James Version says, *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me,"* most new versions say, *"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."* Who is this *"him"*? It can be a sort of fill-in-the-blank deity. If you are a Buddhist, you can fill in *"Buddha"*; you can fill in any name there.

There is a very serious change in the new versions in 1 Timothy 3:16. The KJV says, *"God was manifest in the flesh."* This is probably the best scriptural attestation to the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. The new versions merely say, *"he appeared in a body"* or *"he who was revealed in the flesh."* *"God"* is taken out and replaced with the word *"he."* Revelation 21:4 says, *"God shall wipe away all tears";* the new versions say, *"he shall wipe away all tears."* Who is *he*?

Looking at the person of the Lord Jesus Christ in the new versions is much like looking through the wrong end of a telescope at a vanishing Jesus. Galatians 4:7 says we are *"an heir of God through Christ."* New versions drop *"through Christ,"* because New Age philosophies and the world's religions believe they are 'an heir of God,' but would not believe this was exclusively possible *"through Christ."* In Ephesians 3:14, the King James Version says, *"I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus"*

Christ.” Well, of course, “*of our Lord Jesus Christ*” has to come out in the new versions. The new versions’ reading, “*I bow my knees before the Father,*” is a very acceptable reading to all the religions in the world.

In Ephesians 3:9, the King James Version says, “*God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.*” The Hindu does not believe that. The Hindu says “*God, who created all things,*” therefore that is what the new versions say. The NIV and most new versions say, “*God, who created all things.*” These and many other serious changes to the person of Jesus Christ are discussed and documented thoroughly in my exhaustive book, *New Age Bible Versions*, particularly in chapters 1, 2, 5, 20 and 23.

I could go on and on giving examples. Time after time in new versions, God is moved down, off the throne. The new versions have dissolved the four most significant verses on the Trinity. Gone is 1 John 5:7, which says, “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.” In 1 John 5:7 the NIV steals some of verse eight to pretend they have a verse seven. The NASB steals some of verse six to pretend they have a verse seven. But *both* omit the *real* verse seven. Why have they omitted the Trinity in verse seven? As you read the context in 1 John 5:20, it says, “*this is the true God.*” The New Age and pagan religions of the world do not worship the true God, so such verses must be removed. As God moves down the ladder, in new versions, man is moved up the ladder. The King James Version’s “*Godhead*” (with a capital “G”) has been

changed in the NIV and other new versions to “divine nature,” with a small “d” and a small “n.” Most New Age literature talks about man’s “divine nature.” (See *New Age Bible Versions*, hereafter referred to as, *New Age*, Ch. 28 for details.)

New versions are really reinforcing the self-esteem movement. Jeremiah 13:15 says, “*be not proud,*” but in 2 Corinthians 1:14 the NASB says, “*be proud,*” instead of the King James Version’s, “*your rejoicing.*” Why has the church embraced the new versions? Isaiah 30:10 says, “*Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits.*” Jeremiah 5:31 says, “*my people love to have it so.*” In Mark 10:21, the King James Version says, “*take up the cross, and follow me*”; the new versions just say, “*come follow me.*” We often do not *like* to take up our cross daily. “*My people*” (not the heathen) love pied piper preachers who say, “Follow me. I won’t remind you of the cross.”

Some new versions change, “*be perfect,*” in 2 Timothy 3:17 to just, “*be adequate.*” Wouldn’t that be easier than crucifying our fleshly desires on the cross daily! First Peter 1:22, in the KJV says, “*pure heart,*” and the new versions just say, “*heart.*” Second Peter 1:21 talks about “*holy men of God,*” and the new versions just say “*men of God.*” To summarize, the King James Version has “*holy men of God,*” with a “*pure heart,*” who are “*perfect,*” and “*take up the cross.*” The new versions have “*men of God,*” with a “*heart,*” who are “*adequate,*” and take up their TV remote controls. Jesus said, “[T]he tree is known by his fruit” (Matt. 12:33). The “Self-Esteem Dream” chapter in *New Age Bible Versions* details many other such problems.

The notion of a one-world religion where everyone is saved is seen in Ephesians 4:6 in the new versions; these say that God is “*in all.*” The NASB does this again in Revelation 22:21 where it says, “*with all.*” First John 4:14 says, “*The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.*” Instead of pointing to “*the Savior,*” “*the Son,*” “*the God,*” and “*the gospel,*” as the KJV does, new versions often say, “*a Savior,*” “*a Son,*” “*a God,*” and “*a gospel.*” They often seem to acquiesce to the New Age notion that Christianity is only one of the many paths to God. (See *New Age*, Ch. 13 and 16.)

One of the New Age trends in new versions is to refer to “*Hades*” instead of “*hell.*” New Agers say: “Hades might be termed rather an intermediate state of purification.” They think *Hades* is a good place. New versions have transliterated the Greek word *Hades*; they are actually translations that need to be translated. New Agers like Lola Davis can now say, “We now know that there is no ‘down there’ where there is a tangible hell,” because “hell” is being omitted from the new versions. (See *New Age*, Ch. 18.)

The book of Revelation talks about a time when people will worship devils (Rev. 9:20). Why would anyone ever worship a devil? In the new versions the word “devils” has been removed and changed to “demons.” *Webster's Dictionary* says “demons” are tutelary divinities. *Webster's Dictionary* agrees with the occult *Theosophical Dictionary* which says a demon “*has a meaning identical with that of a god.*” So no wonder they will be worshipping them. (See *New Age*, Ch. 12.) On the other hand,

the KJV's word, "devil" is defined in *Webster's Dictionary* as a spirit of evil.

Q Would it be possible to have a single-page presentation illustrating errors in the new versions and summarizing the background of the revisers to help generate interest in listening to your audio and DVD lectures and reading your books?

A A.V. Publications has produced several different LARGE one-page summary sheets and would be happy to send one to anyone at no charge. One covers errors in the NIV, TNIV, NASB, HCSV, ESV, etc. A second one shows the problems in the NKJV. (If possible send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: A.V. Publications, P.O. Box 280, Ararat, Virginia 24053.)

These can also be downloaded at the web site <http://www.avpublications.com>. Summary pages 17 through 22 of *New Age Bible Versions* can be copied by anyone and put back-to-back on one sheet of paper.

Copy pages 141-160 of my book, *The Language of the King James Bible*, to show the errors in the NKJV.

A.V. Publications also offers an inexpensive folio called, *Summary of the Bible Version Issue*.

Q What you are saying then is that your book, *New Age Bible Versions*, contains all of the documentation proving the problems in the new versions. Correct?

A The 700-page book, *New Age Bible Versions*, is the result of an exhaustive six-year collation of new bible versions, their underlying Greek manuscripts, editions, and editors. It objectively and methodically documents the hidden alliance between new versions and the New Age movement's one-world religion. Documented are over twenty-five hundred words, verses, and doctrines by which new versions will prepare the apostate churches of these last days to accept the religion of the antichrist — even his mark, image, and Lucifer worship.

The emerging “new” Christianity — with its substitution of riches for righteousness, a crown for a cross, and an imitation for a new creation — is shown to be a direct result of the wording in new versions. Each page opens a door exposing new version editors — in agreement with Luciferians, occultists, and New Age philosophy — in mental institutions, séance parlors, prison cells, and court rooms for heresy trials — and most shocking of all — denying that salvation is through faith in Jesus Christ. Five new version editors have lost their ability to speak.

The Greek manuscripts, critical editions, lexicons, and dictionaries behind the new versions are examined, revealing their occult origins, contents, and yet unreleased material — a blueprint for the antichrist's one-world religion and

government. Presented also is the latest research proving the Authorized King James Version represents not only Christianity's earliest and most widely used Greek text, but is the easiest to read according to computer analysis based formulas from the Flesch-Kincaid research firm.

The summary sheet just mentioned gives an overview of the book and includes a seventy-verse comparison chart showing New Age alterations in the new versions. Many tender-hearted saints will only need to see this chart to be convinced of the superiority of the KJV. Scholars and pastors may need the exhaustive documentation given in *New Age Bible Versions'* forty-two chapters and fourteen hundred and eighty referenced footnotes.

Q Can the *New King James Version* be trusted? What specifically is wrong with it? Why do you call it a counterfeit?

A Perhaps some of the men on the *New King James committee* were godly men who had the best intentions in mind. I received positive response to my book from two members of the Thomas Nelson North American Overview Committee. Contributor, Dr. Henry Morris, Founder of the Institute of Creation Research, now has his own booklet against the NKJV. Another bought my books by the case and passed them out at churches where he went. Some were good men who had little control over how Thomas Nelson (publisher of the NKJV) handled things.

We have to remember that in the Bible, deception always takes the form of a counterfeit or imitation of the real thing. Galatians 1:6-7 says there is "...another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." So they change it just a little bit. Remember in Isaiah 14:14 Lucifer said, "I will be like the most High." He did not say he would be like Charles Manson; he said he would "be like the most High." He wants to be a counterfeit god — with a counterfeit bible.

Second Timothy 3:8 says, "as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these...." These magicians copied Moses exactly. Satan is a counterfeiter; he tries to copy Jesus Christ and the Father as closely as he can. Jesus is the light of the world; how does Satan appear? He appears as an angel of light. When Jacob tried to disguise himself as his brother, his words betrayed him. I am afraid the words of the New King James betray it as a counterfeit. It has about one hundred changes per page. This amounts to about sixty thousand changes in the New King James Version. Compare that to the simple spelling standardizations (about four hundred) which took place in the 1700s to the original King James Version.

I am reminded of the verse in Jeremiah 6:16 which says, "ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." The churches today are without rest, and I think they need to take the "old paths." For example, Isa. 66:5 omits "he shall appear," which denies Christ's coming! Isa. 11:3 omits his "quick understanding."

The deity of Christ has disappeared in a number of places in the New King James. The devil said to Jesus Christ, "*If thou be the Son of God...*" (Matt. 4:3,6). He was questioning whether he was "*the Son.*" The mockers said to Jesus on the cross, "*If thou be the Son of God, come down*" (Matt. 27:40). They were questioning whether or not he is the Son of God. His Sonship is an essential doctrine. In fact, 1 John 2:22-23 says, "*He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father.*" The KJV verses in Acts 3:13 and 26 that say Jesus Christ is the "*Son*" of God, are changed in the New King James to say he is a mere "*servant.*" Something similar happens again in Acts 4:27, 30. The King James says that Jesus Christ was God's "*child*"; the NKJV changes that to "*servant.*" Now, the problem with this rendering is that the New King James and the new translations, in John 4:51, take that same Greek word and translate it as *nobleman's* "*son.*" So they know that the word can be translated as "Son." Yet they take the Sonship away from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. John Hinton, Ph.D. linguist from Harvard, shows us where the Muslim Qur'an (Koran) denies that Jesus is the Son of God, just like the NKJV. The Qur'an pretends that Jesus said that he was only a "servant" not a Son. It says, "I am indeed a servant of Allah..." Surah 19:30 (Surah of Maryam).

The founder of the NKJV, a man named Samuel, comes from Lebanon, "an Arab country" with a large Moslem population (*World Book Encyclopedia*, p. 151, Chicago, 1961, Vol. 11). *Forbes* magazine even titled their article about Thomas Nelson's owner, Samuel and his worldly marketing exploits, *A Brush*

with the Devil (August 19, 1991, pp. 61 and 62). Of late, the publishers of the NKJV are publishing risqué and scintillating book covers (see *Pregnancy Bites* for Thomas Nelson's *Bites* series; better yet, do *not* see it.).

The NKJV waters down the deity of Jesus Christ again in Matthew 20:20 where instead of saying "*worship*," it just says "*kneel*" (I kneel when I scrub the floor).

Matthew 26:64 talks about "*the right hand of power*"; the New King James capitalizes "*Power*," and says that Jesus is "*at the right hand of the Power*," implying that the "*power*" is something other than Jesus Christ. But as we read the context of that verse and go down to Matthew 28:18, we see that Jesus said, "*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*" So the power is Jesus Christ in the KJV.

Another change made in the New King James is in Revelation 1:6. The King James says, "*God and his Father*"; the New King James says, "*His God and Father.*"

Genesis 22:8 is another denial of the deity of Jesus Christ in the New King James. As a prophetic comment, Abraham said, "*God will provide himself a lamb.*" The New King James says, "*God will provide for Himself the lamb.*" We know this was prophetic because a ram was provided for Abraham, not a lamb; God provided *himself* as a lamb, a sacrifice for our sins. The NKJV denies that Jesus is God here.

There are a lot of New Age renderings in the New King James. They consistently substitute the term "*the Christ*" for "*Christ.*" The worst component of the New King James is its

use of the term, “the One,” capital O-n-e, used for the masculine pronoun “*he*.” This word gives credence to the monism, pantheism, and the neuter god that is so prevalent in the New Age movement. These views teach that the universe *is* God, thereby making man himself a part of God. The February (1994) edition of *Christian American* magazine quotes another new version stylist. She boasts of her “monism” and refers to “god herself” as the neuter One, capital O-n-e. She believes that God is a female god and a neuter god. So when we see the O-n-e in the New King James, instead of “*he*,” the masculine, we are moving away from the historic God of Christianity to this monistic neuter god. We also see this monism in the New King James in John 4:24. The King James says, “*God is a Spirit.*” The New King James says, “*God is Spirit.*” Now we know that there are plenty of spirits that are not God; the NKJV makes similar changes in Revelation 15:3. (See *New Age*, Ch. 5 and the upcoming question relating to NIV stylist and lesbian activist, Virginia Mollenkott.)

The most frightening thing that I found in the NKJV was its rendition of Luke 7:19-20. The King James says, “*he that should come.*” The New King James has dropped the masculine “*he*,” replaced it with the gender-neutral “*One*,” and capitalized “*Coming*.” It says, “*the Coming One.*” They have changed Jesus Christ into Lucifer. Perhaps they do not realize this; I suspect they were deceived when the devil nudged them to make this switch. The New Age and Luciferian matriarch, Alice Bailey, has a chapter in her book entitled, “The Doctrine of the Coming One.” Who is her “Coming One”? It is Lucifer. She

says, "*Humanity in all lands today awaits the Coming One...Let death fulfill the purpose of the Coming One*" (Alice Bailey, *The Reappearance of the Christ*, pp. 64, 188; *New Age*, Ch. 5).

Christians know who this evil "Coming One" is. Second Thessalonians 2:9 says it is the Antichrist, "*him, whose coming is after the working of Satan.*" By using the title, "Coming One," which is so pervasive in Luciferian, occult and New Age literature, the New King James is using that "common vocabulary."

Another example of the retrograde nature of the New King James is its Jehovah's Witness readings. The NKJV has taken the historic title of the Holy Ghost, which is the "*Comforter*" (John 14:16), and changed it to "*the Helper.*" The Jehovah's Witness bible has always replaced the Holy Ghost with "*the helper*" there and elsewhere, because they do not believe the Holy Ghost is a person. They believe the Holy Ghost is a wind, a force, or something that just sort of 'helps' God. Now the New King James has the identical rendering that the Jehovah's Witness bible (*The New World Translation*) has had for years.

The New King James omits the word "*hell*" 21 or so times. It replaces it with "*Hades*" in the New Testament. Hades has numerous New Age interpretations. The rock group Styx tells teens on Saturday night that they can party in 'Hades' forever. Then, an NKJV pastor, on Sunday morning, tells lost teens that they will die and go to 'Hades.' No wonder the teens are not moved to repentance. No one wants to go to

'hell,' but 'Hades'...that might be fun! The NKJV has also taken away the powerful word "*hell*" in the Old Testament and replaced it with the word "*Sheol*" eighteen times. So here again, the NKJV is a translation that needs to be translated, using words that impart no exact meaning to an English ear, and can be given any sort of definition or meaning that anyone would like.

The New King James Version is carving a platform to support the idol worship that will fill the globe during the tribulation, when they "*worship the image of the beast*" (Rev. 13:15). Paul's harsh rebuke to the idol worshippers in Acts 17:22, "*ye are too superstitious,*" becomes the hearty compliment in the NKJV, "*you are very religious.*" The Greek word that is translated "*superstitious*" contains the root word translated elsewhere as "*devil*"! The Greek word for "*religious*" is nowhere in the verse. (James Strong, author of the *Strong's Concordance*, pretends that the word for 'religion' is there, just as he *pretends* to correctly define many other words; see upcoming discussion of his "Strong Delusion.")

The sharp distinction between the saved and the unsaved fades from the pages of the NKJV as "*the heathen*" (Ps. 79:1), a word with religious connotations, is transmuted into the politically correct "*nations.*" Sorcerers no longer "*bewitch,*" but merely "*astonish*" (Acts 8:9). Ask yourself, "Which terms fit in with the one-world religion's theme — Toleration for Religious Diversity — 'too superstitious heathens who have been bewitched', *or* 'very religious nations who are astonished'?"

We have space to mention only *some* of the pro-New Age renderings in the New King James Version. The Bible talks about “*the end of the world.*” The NKJV changes that to “*the end of the age*” in Matthew 24:3 and in most of the New Testament. This is what New Agers have taught all along. They believe in a series of ages — one age follows another age — you merely change the page on your calendar. They do not believe that the *world* will *end* in a cataclysmic explosion (2 Pet. 3:10-12). New Agers believe time is cyclical and think we are approaching the end of the age and the dawning of a “new” age.

Even corrupt secularized Greek lexicons, such as the ten-volume *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (vol. 10, pp. 203-204), admit that the KJV's use of the term “*world*” for the Greek *aion* (when the context refers to ‘space’) and ‘age’ (when it refers to ‘time’) are correct within the historic Judeo-Christian tradition. The exclusive use of the word *aion* as “*age*” is Platonic in origin and implication. New versions admit that the word “*world*” is a valid rendering of *aion*, using it in Romans 12:2, 2 Timothy 4:10, and other places where the verse cannot be twisted to adapt to a Platonic notion. (See *New Age*, Ch. 17.)

The NKJV often teaches that one is saved by his “acts” and works, instead of by faith. The KJV teaches, in Rev. 7:14, Isa. 64:6 and 61:10, that our righteousness is imputed. It echoes this in Revelation 19:8 saying, the “fine linen is the righteousness of saints.” Here, the NKJV, following no Greek

text in the world, adds the word “acts,” changing it to the “righteous acts of saints.” The NKJV teaches progressive salvation, saying we “are being saved,” instead of we “are saved” (e.g. 1 Cor. 1:18, 2 Cor. 2:15). In the NKJV they “have been saved,” instead of, they “are saved.” The NKJV will make its readers very nervous and unsure of their salvation with all of this works-based salvation. The NKJV substitutes the works of “faithfulness” for believing “faith” in Rom. 3:3 and Gal. 5:22. In 1 Cor. 11:1 the NKJV teaches that we must “Imitate” Christ, instead of being “followers” of Christ. We follow “the faith of Jesus” (Rev. 14:12, Gal. 2:16, 20, Phil 3:9, 12). Paul said, “whose faith follow” (Heb. 12:2, 13:7). With so much ‘works’ salvation in the NKJV, “God keeps him busy” in Eccl. 5:20, instead of the KJV’s “God answereth him.” With all of these ‘works’ in the NKJV, it is no wonder that it changes the KJV from “narrow is the way,” to “difficult is the way” in Matthew 7:14.

The New King James publishers boast that it “continues the great tradition” of the KJV. Its New Age readings are not its only divergence from the traditional text. The Greek text underlying the NKJV’s New Testament is very loosely taken in many places from the 1881 Greek text of Scrivener. It does not represent the pure Greek text followed by the King James Bible translators in 1611, which they referred to as the “Originall.” Estimated variance between Scrivener and the “Originall” is between 56 and 287 differences. Harvard alumnus, Dr. Jack Lewis, author of *The English Bible from KJV to NIV*, also notes the NKJV’s divergence from the KJV’s Old

Testament tradition. He notes that the NKJV uses “*current Old Testament text criticism*” and “*the 1966/1977 edition of the Stuttgart [Germany] Bible*” (Lewis, p. 332). This is not the traditional *ben Chayyim Rabbinic Bible* used by the KJV. The NKJV's Old Testament is based on a corrupt Hebrew text devised by Rudolf Kittel (*Biblia Hebraica Kittel*, aka BHK). He recommended the use of the faulty Leningrad Ms B 19a (ben Asher text). Kittel's son's conviction and imprisonment for his involvement in the death of millions of Jews during Hitler's holocaust makes his father's alterations to the *Jewish Old Testament* highly suspect. The NKJV's *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* took Kittel's corruptions even further. The NKJV's use of corrupt texts such as the Septuagint, Vulgate, and Dead Sea cave manuscripts (see NKJV preface) contradicts the Bible's doctrine of preservation (Ps. 12:6-7) “*to a thousand generations*” (Ps. 105:8). Did God skip the generations from the fourth century to the nineteenth and twentieth centuries when these were unearthed? The secular notion of continual progress and evolutionary development cannot be applied to the scriptures.

Many people have asked about the subtle 666 logo on the cover of the New King James. The publisher, Thomas Nelson, says that this is an ancient graphic device that represents the ‘Godhead,’ a word which they omit entirely in their Bible! Since the Bible is our final authority for all matters of faith and practice, we must look at Acts 17:29 to see if we are allowed to have graphic devices representing the

Godhead. It says, "...we ought **not** to think that the Godhead is like unto gold or silver, or stone, graven by **art** and man's device."

There are *no* verses in the Bible that allow or encourage pictorial representations of the Godhead, whether naturalistic, stylized, or abstract. Images are very pagan. The Bible begins with a warning against imagery in the second commandment (Exod. 20:4) and ends with people worshipping the image of the beast (Rev. 19:20). The warning was not heeded. My video presentation, *NKJV Logo Expose'*, traces the history of the NKJV logo back to its pagan roots and shows its current use by witches and Satanists.

God communicates through *words*. Man has always tended to move away from this. This is why we have moved from a word-based culture to an image-based culture. Children do not read the Bible anymore; they watch so-called Bible videos or look at Bible picture books. They get their image of Jesus Christ, not from words, but from pictures or images which pretend to portray Jesus Christ. My new book, *The Only Authorized Picture of Christ*, discusses this in much detail.

Publisher, Thomas Nelson, is correct in noting that the NKJV logo is an "ancient" design. *Pattern Design* by Archibald Christie says of the trifoil, "*They are of Oriental origin.*" The shape refers to the pagan trinity of the Father, *the Mother*, and the Son, popular in ancient Egypt and Greece (or Vishnu, Shiva, and Brahma, the trinity of the Hindus). Therefore, this is not a Christian device, even though the Church of Rome adopted it for use in cathedrals. Thomas A. Nelson, a Roman Catholic

himself, signed letters, “sincerely yours in Christ and *Our Lady*” — wrong trinity.

This same 666 symbol design, sans barbed outer edges, appears on the cover of the most popular New Age book, *The Aquarian Conspiracy*. Esoterics believe the number 666 is a powerful occult number and should be used, whether subtly woven into logos or displayed openly. I do not think that either the pagan trinity or the number 666 belong on the cover of a bible.

My book, *The Language of the King James Bible*, demonstrates many other verses which have been destroyed by the *New King James* (see *Language*, pp. 141-159).

Q The King James Bible is the only pure English Bible. Would you explain to our listeners *why* modern versions in contemporary English cannot be as accurate as the KJV?

A There can never be an English Bible that will be as reliable as the King James Bible. My latest book, *In Awe of Thy Word*, proves in 1200 pages that none of the KJV's ‘special’ words are archaic, but are actually biblical, “holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners...” words, just like the Word, Jesus Christ (Heb. 7:26).

Publishers and bible societies now insist on copyrighting their translations to ensure that the profits return to them. According to copyright law, new bible versions can only be

copyrighted as "derivative works." Words *must* be changed, whether they need to be changed or not, actually making new versions more difficult to read.

When you subject the new versions and the King James Version to the Flesch-Kincaid grade level formula, you discover that the King James Bible is fifth grade level; the *New King James Version* and the *New American Standard* are sixth grade level; *Good News for Modern Man* is seventh grade level; the *New International Version* is eighth grade level. (The computations must be done manually because computer-generated reading level programs, like Grammatik IV, cannot make adjustments for the punctuation style of 1611.)

The KJV is easiest to read because, according to a study done at Bob Jones University, ninety-five percent of its words are one and two syllable Anglo-Saxon words. Since the KJV has laid claim to these first, the derivative copyright works must replace them with harder, Latinized words which always have three or four syllables; many have suffixes and prefixes.

Let me give you seven examples from the NIV and five from the NKJV. I could give you hundreds and hundreds of examples. (See *New Age Bible Versions*, chapter 11, and *The Language of the King James Bible*, pp. 152-159, for many more examples).

The KJV consistently uses an easier word.

NIV	References	KJV
Supporting ligament	Eph. 4:16	joint
conscripted	2 Chron. 2:2	told
indulge in revelry	Exod. 32:6	rose up to play
representation	Heb. 1:3	image
designated	Heb. 5:10	called
obsolete	Heb. 8:13	old
habitation	2 Cor. 5:2	house
NKJV	Reference	KJV
estranged	Gal. 5:4	no effect
gratify	Eccl. 2:3	give
savor	Amos 5:21	smell
rivulets	Ezek. 31:4	little rivers
elders	Joel 1:2	old men

Actual word-for-word collation helps Christians distinguish between facts and the exaggerated advertising claims of the new versions.