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LYIN' BRYAN ROSS

HOW it all began. When my daughter told me that a pastor on YouTube was harry-eyed with hate, trying to skin me alive with his trusty toothpick. I told her, 'I'll bet some well-meaning church member came up to this poor hard-working pastor with one of my books in hand, glowing with excitement about something they did NOT learn from him.' I was right. Bryan Ross admitted that someone chided him about using corrupt sources and lexicons to define Bible words, a practice my book Hazardous Materials warned against. Ross pretends I made the ridiculous statement

that it was "sinful" to use outside sources. I had simply demonstrated the paucity of outside sources, one by one, and in detail, in my 1,200 book, *Hazardous Materials: Greek and Hebrew Study Dangers, The Voice of Strangers, Burning Bibles Word by Word.* Well, now he's on a vendetta to prove that no one, least of all this least-of-all saint, might be a source of help to him. He needs to learn that 'the best things one learns are those they learn *after* they 'know it all.'

Secular dictionaries and lexicons, written by men, cannot be the final authority, as Ross believes. When it comes to understanding the Bible 1 Cor. 2:13 warns that "man's" "words" cannot teach what only the Holy Ghost teaches through the "words" of God, which are "spirit" John 6:63.

"...not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual...".

WHOA AHO

Ross admits his recent presentation came from demonic NKJV proponent, Barbara Aho. Copying from girls' papers in school is going to get Ross into trouble. He read from her article throughout his presentation. Her nonsense has been repeated by other lazy researchers, like perennial poacher, Phil Stringer. They can't refute my over 3,000 pages of research on their own, but in desperation lift lies from a 'lady' about a little Appendix. Letter meanings were discussed very little in *In Awe of Thy Word* and were resigned to a tiny appendix at the very end of the 1,200 pages. It isn't even necessary to study the subject, since the mind processes these meanings automatically and subconsciously. I

guess Mr. Stringer cannot deal with the other 1,112 pages of original research on the history and translation of the English Bible.

(Aho is too busy lying about KJB proponents to see that in her NKJV, the Lord is removed 66 times, God is out 51 times, heaven is sliced 50 times, repent is trashed 44 times, blood is bludgeoned 23 times, and hell is extinguished 22 times. She can't find the words JEHOVAH, new testament, damnation or devils in her NKJV, either. But that's all ok for her.)

Ross' videos are stuffed with the straw men of 'His & Her' imaginations.

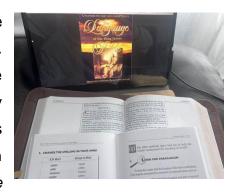
Ross charges listeners to "doing the hard lift" of checking things, but he never checks the original sources. His "hard lift" is rolling a mouse across a smooth surface to see what "silly women," like Holy Bible critic Barbara Aho has said. He hasn't read the discussed linguistic book and whines that it wasn't available free on the internet. He quoted Aho, who also neglected reading Magnus' and other articles by computational linguists. Even if he would read it, I'm afraid he couldn't understand the linguistic jargon. Honestly, it is not an easy field to dive into, as its symbols and vocabulary are very distant from TV talking-head talk. He struggles saying, "…fric_tive, I don't even know what that means."

It's fric<u>a</u>tive, son, a term linguists use to denote a consonant, pronounced by the friction (hence fricative) of the breath in a narrow opening, which produces a turbulent air flow. Samples in a sentence would be: "Bryan, it's 'sa<u>f</u>e' to remove your <u>th</u>umb from your mouth now."

STRAW MAN #1: The ABC's of Lying

Ross pretends that, 'In place of these resource [the corrupt Greek lexicon he was using], *In Awe of thy Word* advocates that readers of the Bible learn the shape and the meanings of individual English ...'. He pretends the book teaches, 'You need to' and 'One needs to understand' these to understand the KJB.' **Nothing could be further from the truth.** He has created a straw man. I said the **opposite** in *In Awe of Thy Word*, saying "It isn't even necessary to study the subject, since the mind processes these meanings **automatically and subconsciously**. It is not necessary for us to discern letter meanings,

at all, as they are discerned automatically. Our God-made brain was created to understand his God-made book. Linguists, using computer software, are just recently able to quantify how God does this. Christians always enjoy seeing secular scientists finally admit what God has already done. Microscopes expose what is going on automatically in the body. I began *The Language of the*



King James Bible with a picture of a microscope, making that parallel. One does NOT need a microscope for their body to work. But it is fun to see the glories of God's creation.

STRAW MAN #2

His next stray man asks, "What verse in the KJB tells us to discern the meaning of KJB words using the meaning of letters!!?".

I actually said the opposite, saying "THERE IS NOTHING TO LEARN" (p. 102). My books said a faithful Bible reader will "automatically" 'discern the meaning of KJB words.'

Simply search the e-book of *In Awe of Thy Word* for the word "automatically." You'll find many usages, such as, "Aren't you glad your God-made brain was designed to automatically "search" his God-made book!

For example, I said,

"Stanford Professor, Seth Lerer, says that 'Words tell us more than we ever thought....' (The History of the English Language, Springfield, VA: The Teaching Company, course no. 802). The new field of computational linguistics, with research from the nation's leading universities, such as Stanford and MIT, has confirmed letter meanings, as seen in the book of Genesis. Just as the electron microscope allowed scientists to see things that had always existed at the molecular level, so computer technology and computational linguistics allow linguists to see and uncover a pattern of meanings for letters that have always been there. This understanding could revolutionize the teaching of reading.

This chapter shows how word definitions are created and retrieved automatically by the brain, while simply reading faithfully the sounds of the King James Bible. Explore in the KJV what Harvard's Literary Guide to the Bible tells readers about the Bible's "sound-meaning interactions" (p. 276).

Lyin' Bryan pretends I made up the Erasmus quote, "God is in every syllable" (The Bible Through the Ages, p. 306), saying it was "Falsely attributed to Erasmsus". It is easy to confirm. Of course, he never checked it.

Elsewhere in *In Awe of Thy Word*, I reminded readers,

"All word and letter associations happen automatically, as a Christian simply reads the Bible daily with attention, humility, and child-like faith. A soft heart will yield more spiritual fruit than software and a hard drive. If we needed (Phil. 4:19) an answer to every letter-meaning question that might arise (e.g. what do the letters in 'xylophone' or 'Jesus' mean?), God would have placed this information directly in the Bible. "[O]ne thing is needful" and that is our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 10:42). The Bible refers to the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus."

And again I said In Awe,

"Many of the word-pictures are painted automatically and subconsciously as we read."

God built the brain to understand his word. Our awareness of it is not necessary. Adam and all mankind come preprogrammed to learn language. Pediatrician, Dr. James Sightler confirmed this in *In Awe of Thy Word*.

STRAW MAN #3

 Ross brazenly LIED saying, "She is not getting any of this from the scriptures themselves..."

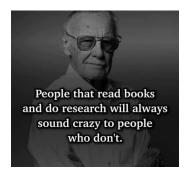
FACT:

<u>ALL</u> of the letter meanings cited in the appendix to *In Awe of Thy Word* come <u>DIRECTLY</u>
<u>FROM THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, GENERALLY GENESIS 1</u>. See for yourself on pages 1114 -1175.

He compounds his LIE, saying, "...all of which information, which I demonstrated
in this video, is being extracted from KabBalist source..."

NONE of the letter meanings come from 'kabbalist' sources. He demonstrates nothing pertaining to my book. I merely show that computational linguists concur with the first usage meanings in Genesis in 5 of the 26 letters. When citing computer-based definitions, I warned readers to stay away from "New Agers" and Magnus' personal "**counterfeit answers**" (p. 105) and "non-Christian world view" (p. 1181), which step away from the hard science of computer search results. I warned,

"The internet can be a real "web." Be careful to limit your study to that of verifiable science; avoid mystical New Age information that counterfeits the truth of God (e.g. Kabbalah). They "changed the truth of God into a lie" and even worship God's creation (Rom. 1:25); esoterics have their own nonsense meanings ascribed to letters; these should be avoided. But just because New Age vegans worship 'mother earth' is no reason to quit eating vegetables. Likewise, just because esoterics see in letters 'gods' that are **not there**, this should not deter true scriptural and scholarly investigation into the word of God" (p. 1116)



Ross (and Phil Stringer) were sent a bibliography with over **700** peer reviewed juried journal linguistics articles, which demonstrate that letters contribute meaning to words. Computers have made this new research possible. God knew it when he invented languages; scientists are just catching up. Even back in the 60s, when taking advertising courses in

college, I learned of the research into letter meanings being done at Stanford University. Marketers carefully followed their research, naming tissue with soft sounds, such as 'Puffs'

and conversely, naming degreasers, 'Krud Kutter'. Until they read the juried journal articles I sent, it will be impossible for them to understand that the letter meanings computational linguists have discovered, which I elucidated in my book, have nothing to do with any non-biblical nonsense ascribed to letters by wicked Kabbalists.

It's clear that Ross and Stringer have no idea what the wicked Kabbala is, nor anything about the modern field of linguistics, and therefore cannot distinguish between them. I feel like I'm back in high school again. Ross has been busy being a pastor and a high school teacher. I do not fault him for not having time to research contemporary linguistic theory. But I would caution him against having a steepled-fingered pose, which cannot be academically defended.

Ross also ignored my admonition on page 1174 of *In Awe of Thy Word*, which gave references, search words, and a link to see a bibliography with thousands more scholarly articles affirming the scientific basis for my assertions. Only puddle-deep sloshing around could kick up his dirty false charge that, "When one checks the sources you use to substantiate your points, it turns out they are Kabbalist sources." In fact. none of the thousands of sources have anything to do with the Kabbalah. This high school teacher did not look them up or he would not have made that statement. He didn't want to study to shew thyself approved unto God. High School.

Of course, I can't bring him up to speed on the subject of linguistics or the more recent field of computational linguistics, but I can merely give him thousands of sources from professional computational linguists to read to get his feet wet. Please read the 700 articles, gentlemen. Then rejoin the discussion. Or refute the 700 articles and get your refutation published in a peer reviewed linguistics journal. Let me know when it is published.

Ross chides the use of secular sources, yet his entire thesis in his booklet, the "Bible in America" is that secular dictionaries and lexicons (Strong's), written by non-believers, supersede (with their definitions) the words, as seen in our Holy Bible. If you think Strong, a member of the RV and ASV committees, is sound, read Chapter 7, 'Strong Delusion' in

Hazardous Materials. I use secular sources rarely and only to support the Holy Bible; yet secular sources are the source of the *entire* thesis in his books.

I cited many linguists, in addition to Magnus, Mozeson, and Ouaknin. I only referenced them when they cited historically accepted and scientifically verifiable facts. I warned sharply against garnering anyone's personal, non-Christian or unscientific views.

(At the admonition of dear Pastor Jordon, Ross quickly changed the title of his 'talk' on letters, omitting the childish name-calling. To confirm his original error, please check the standard definition and usage of the word 'cult'. He misused that word, using it in a charged sense, merely to smear me. And *he is* a proponent of secular 'dictionary' definitions.)



In the beginning of my study of linguistics, mainly necessitated by foreign language Bible collation, I spent much time studying the world's alphabets. If one is going to study the origin of the alphabet, and particularly the Hebrew alphabet and its history, one must use Hebraists. The logical beginning was the standard book on the origin of writing by Professor Ouaknin, a professor in comparative literature at Bar-Ilan U in Tel Aviv and

director of the Aleph Center for Jewish Studies in Paris. Hebraists are generally unsaved Jews who do not believe in Jesus Christ. He is referenced only once in the listing of the 26 letters of the alphabet, because the original Hebrew letter matched the Bible's meaning. Usually Hebraists are 'religious' Jews, many of whom move into the realm of esoteric Judaism, particularly the wicked Kabbalah. Ouaknin's book on the history of the Hebrew alphabet, has nothing to do with his stupid book on the Kabbala, which I would never even bring into my home.

The Hebrew alphabet was originated by God with a clearly pictographic sense. The letters have been somewhat simplified in ensuing years. But all Hebraists recognize this history, including Ouaknin and Mozeson. The Hebrew letters of the Tetragrammaton, which Ross picked on, merely paint a word- picture of how JEHOVAH put his hand out of the windows of heaven and we put a nail in it. This is clearly there for 'his people' to see. This has nothing to do with the wicked Hebrew Kabballah, which I exposed as evil in numerous places in my books. For a start see *Hazardous Materials* pp. 1008-1064.

STRAW MAN #4: Ross' Original, Hysterical 'Historical Origins' of the "line upon line" approach to Bible study.

ANKERBERG TV SHOW: The beginning of Bible study?

They say a good belly laugh is healthy. Well, I sure had one watching Bryan Ross' latest 20 minute rehearsal of his wild 'imaginations'.

Apparently, Ross thinks that the several thousand year history of the study of the Holy Bible began in 1930 with a Seventh Day Adventist, since his 'literature search' on Bible study methods commenced with him. Also, the King James only movement did not begin in 1930 either, as demonstrated in Joey Faust's analecta, *The Word: God Will Keep It! The 400 Year History of the King James Bible Only Movement*.

Ross is certainly among the "false accusers" (2 Tim. 3:3), suggesting that I got my ideas from watching a particular TV show. I haven't seen TV/cable or the like for 47 years. Some of us get our facts from real life, real books, and the Holy Bible itself, not from the image makers. I am too busy to be led off the path, stalking Satan's ministers.

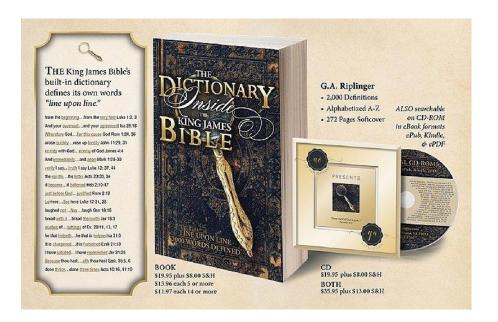
John Ankerberg *first* asked me to be on his TV program to defend the KJB all alone against all 5 new versions editors: White (1995 NASB), Barker (NIV), Farstad (NKJV), Wilkins (NASB) and Wallace (NIT). I agreed, with the caveat that we follow collegial debate rules, and I could also record the program. He said he asked the men and they flatly refused these standard procedures. I knew then that it was a set-up, a trap. I knew anything favorable to the KJB would be left on the cutting room floor of Ankerberg's TV studio. Consequently, they invited numerous other KJB proponents, who later told me that their hours of solid answers never saw the inside of a TV screen. Why would I want to watch this charade? The snippets I've seen in the ensuing years bear this out. They removed the portion where one new version translator lost his ability to speak during the debate, when he was asked if new version translators had actually lost their ability to speak as a judgment from God, as "Riplinger" asserted in "*New Age Bible Versions*." I had fasted for three days prior to Ankerberg's pre-recording, asking the Lord to take away someone's ability to speak, live, on air. He did it. Of course, Ankerberg cut it out. But the KJB men who were there all attested to it.

My views about the Holy Bible come from the Holy Bible itself, as well as the testimony of those from every nation, throughout history, who love it and "tremble at" God's "word".

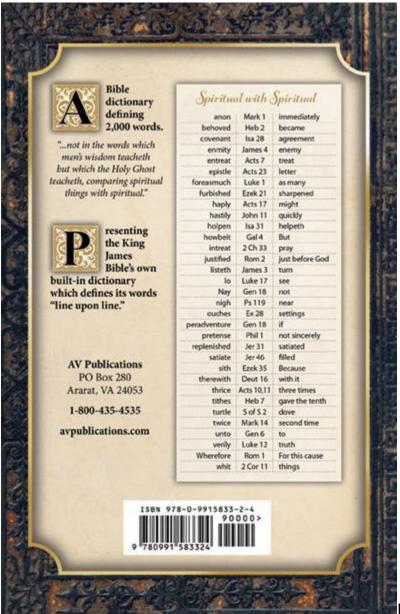
Mr. Ross' evil surmising is the product of his "wicked imaginations," with no basis in fact or 'history'. His '*his*toriography' boiled down to just the histrionic hiss of the serpent.

STRAW MAN #5

He kept repeating his stray man that I thought only the KJB taught "line upon line."



The Holy Bible itself teaches that it internally defines its own words, in verses such as Isa. 28:10 "line upon line", Hos. 12:10 "similitude", 1 Cor 2:13 "comparing spiritual things with spiritual," and other verses. My book, *The Dictionary Inside the King James Bible*, pp. 3-20 and 240-241, elaborates and give page after page of caveats, unmentioned by Ross.



I said, "My examination of

the 1000 most difficult words in the KJV...". He immediately changes it to "the King James Bible and only the King James Bible", which I never said. In his talk, he quoted me as saying that *earlier* versions of the Bible do not <u>always</u> give a definition. Then he proceeded to give examples of where they do not. Duh. That's what I said, "they do not ALWAYS give a definition." I explained why this is so. He also pretends that I think the dictionary is ONLY in the KJB. Nothing could be further from what I have stated or believe. It resides naturally in every pure Bible in the world. The English Bible has a huge pool of synonyms to draw from, whereas some languages have fewer.

In Awe of Thy Word documented that saints and scriptures throughout history have used the Bible to define its own words. Quotes are woven throughout that book. Here are a few:

Erasmus said words were defined by, "what precedes and what follows in the text" (*In Awe of Thy Word*, p. 994, et.al).

- In the **1500s William Tyndale** wrote, "And in many places, where the text seemeth at the first chop hard to be understood, yet <u>circustances before and after</u>, and often reading together, make it plain enough."
- John Frith, a close friend of Tyndale, was burned at the stake for agreeing. He said the Bible was understood "comparing phrase with phrase, according to the analogy of the Scripture...The very words which follow, sufficiently declare...the true meaning."
- Another martyr in 1555 said, "Scriptures are full of the <u>like figurative speeches</u>."
 How the Bible is defined was so hotly contested in the 1500s that the last words of Rawlins White, when he was tied to the stake were, "Ah thou naughty hypocrite! dost thou presume to prove thy false doctrine by Scripture? <u>Look in the text that followeth...</u>"
- Coverdale agreed saying, "Let one text expound another unto thee...For that one
 interpreteth something obscurely in one place, the same translateth another more
 manifestly by a more plain vocable of the same meaning in another place." (Taken
 from In Awe of Thy Word pp. 896-899.)



The King James Bible Translators said that the definition of a word can usually be found in the Bible's own built-in dictionary by "conference of places," followed by looking for its "brother" or "neighbor..." The Translators. (See In Awe of Thy Word for full citations, as well as the chapter entitled "Every Word.")

"The scriptures we are commanded to search (John 5:39; Isa. 8:20). They are commended that searched and studied them (Acts 17:11; 8:28, 29)...If we be ignorant, they will instruct us..." (*The Translators*).

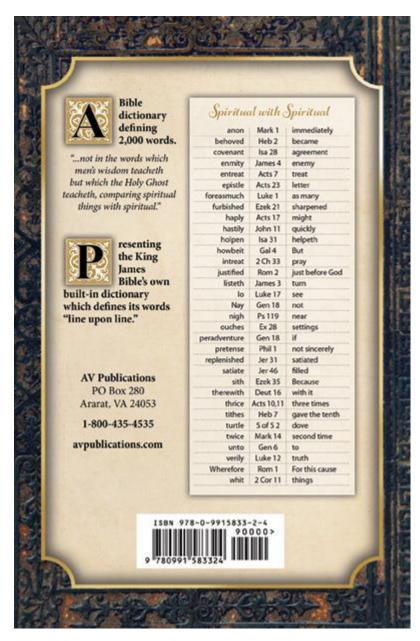
The rules for translating noted the importance of comparing, as King James I said, "one scripture to another" (*Translating For King James*, p. 140). The KJV translators' used the Bible's built-in dictionary of "neighbor" words as the final authority for interpreting passages. This is seen in their note on 1 Peter 1:23, which reads, "the word of God, which liveth and abideth." The translators said,

"The participles 'living' and 'abiding' seem to be referred rather to 'word' than to 'God,' because of that which follows in the last verse" (*Translating for King James*, p. 18). "the word...abideth for ever" (v. 23) "the word...endureth for ever" (v. 25).

The translators' notes reveal why they translated the same Greek words differently (as in 1 Peter 1:23-25), or why the same English word was sometimes used to translate more than one Greek word. For example, in 1 Cor. 10:11 an interpretation was rejected because "...the scope of the passage does not seem to admit this interpretation" (*Translating For King James*, p. 47).

Hebraists have perpetually observed parallel definitions. Even unsaved English professors point this out in university courses, such as The Bible as Literature. The pages of Harvard University's *Literary Guide to the Bible* burst with praise for the KJB in this regard. Similarly, a student at **Berkley University** (undoubtedly the most liberal college in the world) told me that he was in such a class there, where he could have sworn that he was at a KJB only rally. Read more details in *The Language of the King James Bible*, pp. 133-134.

STRAW MAN #6: Regarding the Built-in Dictionary



In a court of law one swears to tell the truth (which Ross doesn't do), the whole truth (which he skips over) and nothing but the truth. Ross omits the page after page of caveats and qualifiers in my books regarding the built-in dictionary and discussed throughout *In Awe of Thy Word* and *The Dictionary Inside the King James Bible (pp. 3-20 and 241-243)*. He focuses only on the brief introductory transcript of a lecture I gave at a meeting of Bus captains, which was transcribed by a friend into the introductory book, *The Language of*

the King James Bible. Not reading an author's whole corpus on a subject would bar him from consideration when presenting a Ph.D. or other academic thesis. (I was a member of the graduate faculty at Kent State University, which means I had to approve post-graduate degree work according to the rules. He may want to think about going back to a better school and re-taking a course in Research Methods at the graduate level.)

In his testy tee-shirt talk, he cited several KJB words, charging that the KJB does not define them. Again, his lack of breadth in linguistics is rearing its ugly head. Linguists distinguish between 'global' definitions, which may merely define a coney is an 'animal' and more specific definitions, which give details. The Bible often gives a 'need-to-know' 'global' definition and may broaden it in other contexts if necessary.

Ross challenged anyone to understand the meaning of 'brigandine', asserting that the Bible does *not* define its words. In fact, its first usage describes it globally. Its later association in the New Testament, where a less global and more specific definition is needed, clarifies that definition. The New Testament often illuminates the Old Testament. Understanding what a brigandine is couldn't be simpler for anyone who meditates in the word 'day and night', as we are told to do.

An avid Bible reader knows what a BRIGANDINE is.

Brigandine brings the mind into the '**br**' file where the Bible words "**br**east" and '**br**eath" identify that the brigandine **armour** protects the breast and lung areas.

The word '<u>br</u>igandine' foreshadows the '<u>br</u>eastplate," which is a part of the whole armour of God, pictured in Ephesians 6. It is understood by every child in Sunday School. The words "put on" are mirrors between Jeremiah 46 and Ephesians 6.

<u>Jeremiah</u> 46 identifies "brigandines" as something that is "put on", along with a "buckler and shield" before one draws "near to **battle**."

3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

<u>4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with *your* helmets; furbish the spears, *and* put on the brigandines.</u>

It is clothing for battle. This is what linguists call a **global** definition. It is a definition that suits linguistics experts and also helps children who read the Bible. It is further elaborated throughout the next chapters of Jeremiah, where it occurs again.

Ephesians 6 likewise identifies it:

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. ¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Babies look at picture books. Ross still wants a picture of a brigandine. It's a BIG word for him.

God didn't give us a picture book. He creates a picture **with words**, which is how he created the world.

Genesis 1:11+ taught first that '**br**" meant "bring forth" and the "b" and "r" in a word carried the sense of "bearing" with "herb bearing seed" in v29, that is, **br**inging forth seed.

Reiteration of this continues throughout the OT until one sees "brigandine", a container, "put on" by a soldier, who is bearing it about.

What kind of container is it? Ross' picture books will show it as a chest container, which contains a **br**oken array of shiny metal armour, like a tam**b**ou**r**.

Jeremiah 50, the preceding context of 'brigandine", gives all the image-making words needed to understand the word.

Jeremiah 50: "broken" v2, "array" v9, "broken" v17, 23, 25

25 The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this is the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.

26 Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left.

Jeremiah 51 is loaded with parallelisms as God paints the picture. A brigandine acts as a border between chest and weapons v. 26, like "broad walls" and "high gates" v 58, "vessel" v 34, "sanctuaries" v 51, that are "round about" and "fortify" v 53. The brigandine's metal bars "break in pieces" as its "bars are broken" v 30. The flexible metal of the brigandine is made of broken strips for flexibility to protect the breast area. It is an "empty vessel" v 34. Sailors know that a brigantine is a sailing vessel. In linguistics 't' and 'd' are often interchanged.

The word **brig**andine is seen in the military word, the '**brig**' an enclosure bearing soldiers.

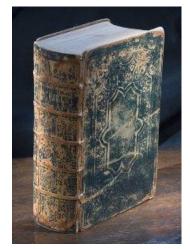
The brigandine's metallic elements are pictured as the "**br**ight shield" wrought by the "founder."

It is the "word of God" that is our weapon, not the pictures in wicked Wikipedia. Of course, if one lives on the internet for their information, such simplicity, open to all avid Bible readers, will be "foolishness" to them. God hath hidden these things from the wise and prudent Greekers who "seek after wisdom." He has revealed them unto us 'babes.' 'Scholars', 'priests', some 'pastors' and 'bible colleges' need you to need them and their wall of dictionaries and lexicons. Ross prefers the strong delusion of Revised Version and

American Standard Version committee member James Strong and his *Concordance* 'definitions'. No wonder Ross is so confused.

If Ross continues looking for *true* meaning in "man's" words and images of things, he will become a lot like Lot, who was too close to the 'world.' Soon, the lost will be looking for 'meaning' by worshipping the 'image' of the beast. Picture books are for babies. The Bible was meant to be self-contained book.

STRAW MAN #7: Norton Tosses Ross' Faith



I own and have spent years collating, letter by letter, Bibles from before 1611 to the present. (This research is documented in *In Awe of Thy Word.)* The time and expense spent gives me absolute certainty that grave errors of fact and wrong conclusions abound in David Norton's books, among them, *A Textual History of the King James Bible.* He wanted to pretend that history supports changes in the KJB, so that he could sell his own corrupted King James Bible edition, the *New Cambridge Paragraph Bible.* Unfortunately, Bryan Ross had

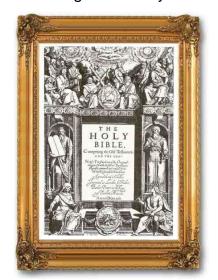
his faith shaken by this charade. He echoed Norton's nonsense loudly in an unsuccessful attempt to shake the strong faith of the wonderful folks at Shorewood Bible Church.



David Norton, Bryan Ross, and others (490 Slides to the Plummet from The Summit) have pompously presented **typos** in various settings of the King James Bible, particularly that of 1611. It and other Bibles (printed before metal plates were invented) were typeset by hand, letter by letter, upside down and backwards. Electric luminairs had not been invented, nor were prescription-type glasses in wide usage.

Windows were small and embrasures were thick. All of this combined to create a low foot-candle level and a poor seeing environment. Anyone who knows anything about transferring words from one medium to another knows that the transcriber's thoughts are often accidentally introduced, changing and flipping words. All of this worked together to

produce numerous varied typos in the two settings of the 1611. For centuries Oxford and Cambridge University Printers varied ever so slightly in orthography in a few places.

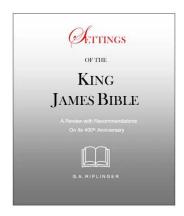


The translators immediately set about to fix the typos for the 1612 editions, which I also own. Each upcoming setting saw further typographical refinements, but may have introduced its own tiny setting errors. The old Gothic font and its Germanic orthography were quickly replaced by Roman fonts. I have my own copies of the 1629 and final 1638 settings, where the translators themselves made a concerted effort to eliminate all typos. All this time, the correct word choices of the KJB translators were well known, since many printers were producing many settings, often

without the same setting errors.

During the ensuing years, spelling changes evolved ever so slightly. The edition of 1701, as well as the Paris and Blayney editions settled many of these issues.

BUT NORTON AND ROSS detail none of this! They do not seem to know that variant spelling, even within a verse, was introduced to even out column widths. Printers had no computer right justification and instead used the addition of a letter to even out a column. Norton and Ross rashly take a fast barnstormer flight over the centuries, dropping and scattering their crop of typos and supposed 'spelling' changes. They send out enough fertilizer to stink up your view of the KJB and fog your eyes from seeing God's care. As their faith-killing dust drifts through the congregation, the eyes of babes in Christ tear, as they lose their awe of God's holy scriptures. The devil is skywriting with these flyovers; their airplane banner reads, "Yea, hath God said?".



Norton and Ross dare not thoroughly document nor distinguish between typos, spelling for line justification, Gothic to Roman orthographic changes, spelling updates, and the evolution of English orthography. That would disannul the Bible-questioning picture they seem to love to create, which serves only to frighten and confuse. They simply give the impression that the 1611 and the Blayney edition DON'T match, so it must be ok to CHANGE THE BIBLE, making a buck while you are at it.

STRAW FIRES & GAIN-SAYERS: Nick Sayers KJV 2023

"Holding fast the **faithful word as** he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gain sayers. " Titus 1:9

Nick Sayers has nicked-away at the Holy Bible with his self-published and copyrighted *KJV 2023*, which he calls, "a modernized rendition of the original King James Version, written in contemporary English…" His changes mirror those of hundreds of unsuccessful money "changers" before him.

Have nay sayers, like Nick Sayers, in attempting to 'fix' the untouchable King James Bible, merely fixed their own "part," spelled out clearly in Revelation 22?

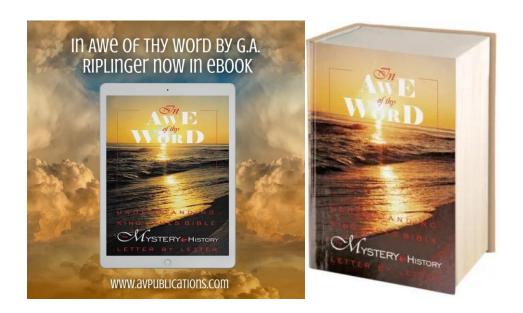
Revelation 22:19

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.

A quick tip toe through his tragic text is all that is needed to get a whiff of the gaping rift between the Holy Bible and his holey libel on God's word. The following should "exhort and to convince the gainsayers".

- Try finding the "**Holy Ghost**" in his modernization; he's been removed completely. Scary way to start off.
- Sayers does not "tremble" at the word, so "fearing God" becomes "reverencing God." Curtseying will be enough. Isaiah 66:5 calls us to "tremble at his word."
- A quick peek reeks of gender-neutral words where "men" become "everyone" (Rom. 5:12), "man" becomes a "person" (Col. 4:6) and "man" is emasculated to "one" (Col. 2:8)
- He changes the simple number "one" to the gender-neutral **New Age** monistic person, the "One" (e.g. Rom. 5:17, 19).
- 'Sayers', like Sayers, can never 'say' things as succinctly as the KJB does. Letter, syllable, and word count affect **reading level**, according to the formula created by the Flesh-Kincade Research Group. He chokes readers with mumbling mouths full of extra marbles. The two-syllable 'respect' stretches the truth into the four-five syllable word 'favoritism' in Col. 3:25. Likewise, 'equal' grows to 'balanced' in Col. 4:1. The succinct 'heartily' becomes the 16 letter and 4 syllable 'with all your heart.' (Col. 3:23). The tiny word 'done' blows up to become 'happening' in Col. 4:9.
- The KJB's "work'eth pa'tience" with its metric syllabication and only 15 letters and 4 syllables, becomes "produces perseverance" (20 letters, 7 syllables, and no meter).
- The epic John 3:16, with its fronted 3 letter word "For", becomes "Because" with over double the letters. Again in Col. 2:9 "For" becomes the bigger "Because". **How archaic is the word, "For"**? These errors are the "substantial" changes demanded by the 'derivative copyright law'.
- Little words, such as "after" become "according to." **How archaic is "after"**? (e.g. Col. 2:8).
- Changing the short one syllable word "bands" to the three syllable medical school word "ligaments" helps no child. The Bible defines "bands" multiple times, with "bind...with his band" (Job 39:10), "gathered...band" (Matt. 27:27), and "band round about" (Ex. 39:23). The word "bands" has easy associative binding correspondents, such as 'band-aids' and 'bandage'. The Bible's 'band of men' echoes throughout the Bible. His "clinging to....ligaments" trashes the KJB's self-defining "Holding...bands" in Col. 2:19.

- **Teens** know Mick Jaggers' 'I can't get no satisfaction', but Sayers' substitute of "indulgence" for the KJB's "satisfying of the flesh" will fly right over their heads in Col. 2:23.
- Words **expand** pointlessly with 'hid' becoming 'hid**den**', 'affection' becoming 'affections', and 'any' becomes 'any**one**'
- The King James Bible gives an anatomy lesson when defining "concupiscence", pointing to "lust of" "your members" (1 Thes. 4:5 and Col. 3:5). Which of your 'members' do that, gentlemen? His vague and inconsistent substitutes, "desire" and "passion," yield no such pointers. His words are **neutral**, again. "[D]esire the sincere milk of the word" is a positive usage (1 Peter 2:2). The only usage of the word "passion" in the Bible is in Acts 3:1 where Jesus, "shewed himself alive after his "passion." Cupid pokes his chubby pointing arrow right out of concupiscence.
- Of course, this Greek lover of 'who-knows-which-Greek-critical-edition removes 'the' Greek inflected endings, in words, such as "cometh". His change to "is coming" also challenges the present tense sense of 'cometh'. *Is* taking away the inflected endings taking "away" from the words (Rev. 22)?



For more changes, see the chapter 5 'Verbs: Wounded in Action' in *Hazardous Materials*, chapters 12 and 13 'The New sleazzzy reading bibles' in *In Awe of Thy Word*, as well as chapter 9 in *The Language of the King James Bible*.

This is what happens with you omit the "Holy Ghost."

Ross and Norton give the false and dangerous impression that the KJB has forever been a spinning bowl of alphabet soup and wavering word-noodles. How does Ross' shaking the confidence of the average Christian, with a shotgun of vague generalities, encourage them to "tremble" at the word?



They are opening the door to 'updated' KJBs, like Nick Sayers' *KJV 2023*, and modern version 'dynamic equivalencies'. Modernized KJBs, such as 'gain Sayers' *KJV 2023* thwart intergenerational teaching. See chapter 13 *of In Awe of Thy Word* (and summary on page 27).

I challenge them to read *In Awe of Thy Word*, chapters 5 and 6, to start. Much would be lost with word changes as those chapters demonstrate. The Bishops' and earlier Bibles were 'easy reading', as I demonstrated in detail in *In Awe of Thy Word*. (Has anyone else collated them word for word, as I have, to understand just what happened in

1611?) God turned a swan into a peacock, the KJB. Both are perfect, for their time. But, as men waxed worse and worse, God gave us a "separate from sinners" Bible vocabulary.

STRAW BALE TALES #8



Ross tells tales about my view of inspiration. I said that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God" and the KJB fulfills all of the requirements to be called "scripture." Lookup each usage of that word in the Bible and see. Refute chapter 31 of *Hazardous Materials: Greek and Hebrew Study Dangers*, if you can. It's all Bible.

- Ross broadly asserts that no Greek texts are alike. Has he collated all 5,800+ manuscripts and printed editions?
- Regarding 1 Cor. 2:7 and his citation from Romans, he ignores the KJB's inclusion
 of "to whit" and "even", both of which are billboards announcing that the next word
 is a definition. Did other versions he bragged about omit these important words?
 Yes.
- I may review Ross' booklets at another time, having read them and noting many mistaken conclusions. I observed that his interest is in history, not language and linguistics, as he readily admitted in his 'talks'. For example, his book, 'Don't Passover Easter' concludes, "In the end, it will be demonstrated that "Easter" in Acts 12:4 means "Passover" as in the Jewish feast day and is not a reference to a pagan spring festival or a Christian holiday, as has been commonly asserted by both critics and advocates of the KJB" (p. 2). If it 'meant' passover in that context, the KJB and earlier English Bible translators would have continued to translate 'it' that way. How did he come to the conclusion that 'it' really means 'passover,' and Easter really means 'passover'? He cites dictionary after dictionary. Sing along with Satan:

"Yea, hath God said,"
Your Bible is dead.
There are *other* books.

So please take a look.

(Not discerning the sad downgrading of the third edition of the *Oxford English Dictionary's* from its original and second edition was my clue that he was out of touch with the field of lexicography. Everyone knows that the OED is going downhill at record speed. They can't give away copies of the latest editions, as researchers are combing the internet to find and purchase an old unabridged 20 volume set, like mine.)



The battle over what 'Easter' means and how the Bible pre-programs readers to understand its meaning is solved simply by examining the use of its English roots within the King James Bible itself. See my Bible-based analysis in *The Dictionary Inside the King James Bible. Look Inside* at: The Dictionary Inside the King James Bible | AV Publications).

Ross mocks me because, like David, I prayed, "open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things <u>out of thy law"</u> (Psa. 119:18.) I reject the machinations of the charismatic movement and their penchant for adding to the word of God. We pray to understand it, not add to it with private revelations.

The top textbook publisher, Prentice-Hall, accepted for publication my college-level textbook about the design process and cognitive behavior. It was an analysis of how the mind perceives, receives, and retrieves information. As a Christian, I prayed and asked the Lord to help me understand how the God-made mind works in this regard. The answer, of course, was in the Bible, as detailed in the Appendix to *In Awe of Thy Word*. God said that if any man lacks wisdom, let him ask of the Lord. One can tell from Lyin' Bryan's presentation, that little or no 'asking the Lord' was involved. Why do *that* when one can steal sermon 'stuff' from the internet?

- Ross chimes in with new version proponents saying that my books have 'misquotes', 'mangled quotes,' and 'made up quotes'. He lists none. No one ever does. There were some normal typos, which were fixed soon after the 1993 publication, which itself was transcribed directly from my scrawled handwritten notes by a Christian student I met when teaching Theory of Architecture. Stragglers, such as 'ly' being mis-added to a word, can be fixed in subsequent printings, if someone kindly points them out. Only "evil surmisings," drama queen click bait, or liars projecting their own *modus operandi* would infer evil intent. No conspiracy here or intent to deceive. The devil's' impeach-the-witness' ploy is the only one the "father" of lies has to keep Christians from getting the ammo they need to defend the word of God. Men's motives appear to be to keep their audiences from seeing the original source of the data they mine from my books. They are welcome to use it. God's intent was that this disabled keeper-at-home dig out the material, while the men run with it. Everyone stays humble then. But 'humble' fumbles out of their dictionaries, as they mumble jumbled Caesar word salads about me, tossing this old tomato to the lions.
- On another subject of concern: The fair use law does not permit stealing an entire
 work, as Ross did, by posting a link to his digital editions of my books. The law
 merely allows citing limited critiqued-portions of the book. Check with good
 attorney Reid and he will confirm this. YouTube is not the place to learn 'fair use'
 law.

TOSS ROSS

I wonder if Ross may have learned to be brutish at his military school. *The Guardian*, a British-based newspaper, reported that his Alma Mater's "school officials refused to allow police access to speak with students...", regarding accusations of "Branding and water boarding" Police investigate hazing allegations of women's rugby team at Vermont college | Vermont | The Guardian. Jeremiah 10:21 warned, "For the pastors are become brutish." This is such a shame, when Ross had such a gracious mentor in Pastor Jordon and his wonderful church family and followers.

The Egyptians came after the children of Israel only to be muddied and slaughtered. **Mr. Ross,** or 'Dross' as KJB proponent Randall Hartinger called him, perennially shows himself to be puddle deep, kicking up the muddy machinations of his own imagination.

Sadly, Mr. Ross is showing a loss, batting 6 out of 7, in doing the things the Lord hates. Prov. 6:16-19 cites: "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue...An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among the brethren."

He has proven himself unworthy of my time or yours. "A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject" Titus 3:10. To be biblical we must "reject" his nonsense. His posts belong on the 'Enemies of King James Bible Facebook' page and there are plenty like that.

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; ⁴He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, ⁵Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: <u>from such withdraw thyself</u>. 1 Tim. 6:5

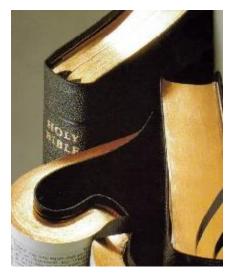
"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³Without natural affection, trucebreakers, <u>false accusers</u>, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ⁴Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; ⁵Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: <u>from such turn away</u>. ⁶For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts..."

"I have written to him the great things of my law,

But they were counted

As a strange thing."

Hosea 8:12



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