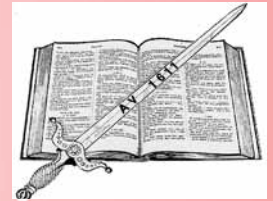




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The Name Above Every Name

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

“Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:9–11).

The **“name which is above every name:** is, of course, **“JESUS.”** It is the name God gave to His Son by the angel before Christ was born (Luke 1:31; Matt. 1:21). The name means “Jehovah saves” and directly connects the Son to **“the true God”** (1 John 5:20 cf. John 17:3). At the same time, it is a *human* name, so Jesus is not only the Son of *God*, He’s the Son of *man*. It is the name of the *man* who is the **“one mediator between God and men”** (1 Tim. 2:5).

That name is *superior to any other deity*. Names like Baal, Zeus, Jupiter, Thor, Osiris, Vishnu, Krishna, and Allah amount to nothing alongside it. God walked right by all of them when seeking a name to exalt above all others in Heaven, earth, and Hell. That’s because no “god” did for his followers what Jesus Christ did for those who follow Him.

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, CHRIST DIED FOR US” (Rom. 5:8).

That name is *more imperial than any potentate* (1 Tim.

6:14–15). George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Yasser Arafat, Osama Bin Laden, Saladin, JFK, FDR, John Paul II, Queen Elizabeth II, Prince Charles, “Uncle Joe” Stalin, Mao Tse-Tung, “Win-

nie the Pooh” Churchill, “Slick Willie” Clinton, Napoleon, et al., aren’t even in the running with that name. That name is the name of the **“KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS”** (Rev. 19:16).

That name is *more eloquent than any orator*. More sermons and speeches have been made about that name, and more people talk about that name, than the name of

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What’s The Difference?

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

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The capital sin of the Bible, according to the UN, the CFR, the NEA, Obama, the Democratic Senators and Congressmen, and the “gay community,” is that the Book emphasizes *differences*. When you begin to talk about *separation, segregation, independence, and differences*, you are committing an unpardonable sin for which you should be arrested on

the grounds of “hate speech.” The greatest sin you can commit against your government and the public school system is to magnify *differences*.

The whole push of modern education and the news media is to rid the world of black and white, of male and female, of purity and filth, of Islam and Christianity, of old and young, of Communism and Capitalism, of Roman Catholicism and Bibli-

cal Christianity, of east and west, etc. They are dedicated to creating one great, gray, mongrelized mass of automatons who all look alike and think alike so they can be controlled by *Satan*. The whole operation of the UN is to recreate Babel (Gen. 11) where you have *one world with one language under one government*.

The one roadblock to this agenda is *the Bible*. God is Continued on 3

Parents, Santa Claus, and Kids

By Tom Waddle

If you want to make enemies for life, then say something negative about Santa Claus. You will experience “first hand” the fury of “Santa’s *little helpers*.” I’ve seen what you would think were nice, sweet Christians simply lose their minds after being told that I (personally) was not going to lie to my children about Santa Claus. You would have thought **“another spirit”** entered that person (2 Cor. 11:4).

Now before your hat comes unscrewed, please, stop and *think* for a minute. Imagine what a young child

experiences when he is finally told the truth that there really isn’t any such thing as Santa Claus, after being told there was since birth. Disappointment and thoughts of betrayal overwhelm him, not because there is no Santa Claus, but the fact that his parents have been lying to him and deceiving him, *purposely*, for as long as he can remember. *Way to go, dumbbell*. You have successfully *trained* (that’s right, *trained*) your child how to lie and deceive, and it is perfectly legitimate as long as you are doing it to “help” or “make someone happy.” Sound familiar? *“The end justifies the*

means.” Bring on Adolf Hitler trying to “make the world a better place to live.”

Lying and deceiving is sin. **“Lie not one to another”** (Col. 3:9), no matter what your motive is while you are doing it. As Bob Jones Sr. said, “it’s never right to do wrong in order to get a chance to do right.” God would never lie to make you happy. **“God is not a man that he should lie [what a negative thing to say]; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make**

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Billy Graham On “The Bible”

Here is an excerpt from Billy Graham’s “Answer” column, syndicated in daily newspapers nationwide. A young woman wrote in asking this: “I would like to read *the Bible*. Can you give me some suggestions to help me read *the Bible*?” Billy’s “answer” is a classic exercise in *obfuscation*; he “perambulates around the pole of veracity” without ever answering the young lady’s question. Here is the “answer” Billy gave:

“First of all I commend you for your desire to read *the Bible*.” Good! Excellent! Now what “Bible” is “THE Bible”? You have to watch out for that definite article. The young lady asked for some help in reading *the Bible*, and Billy is going to give her some suggestions about reading *the Bible* WITHOUT EVER TELLING HER WHAT THE BIBLE IS. Hey, Billy, I’ve got a “suggestion”; tell her what “*the Bible*” is, you slippery, shifting, lying rascal, you.

“For I believe you will not only find it (i.e., *the Bible*) fascinating, but it (*the Bible*) also will change your life.” Great! Wonderful! Now how about answering her question.

“The Bible is not just a literary masterpiece” Uh oh! Where are you headed there, Billy? For thirty years you talked about the *King James Bible* being “a literary masterpiece.” Are you about to “bait and switch” on the poor woman, Billy?

“A literary masterpiece”? What’s that got to do with “**the holy scriptures**” (Rom. 1:2; 2 Tim. 3:15), Billy? *A lot of books are literary masterpieces. Moby Dick, Les Miserables, and All Quiet on*

the Western Front are literary masterpieces. What does that have to do with the lady’s question? Why don’t you answer the question? I could answer it immediately.

“The Bible is not just a literary masterpiece . . . it is *God’s word*.” Fine! Dandy! And what is “God’s word”? Are you talking about the “message” of the Bible, or the “principles” and “fundamentals”? Or are you talking about the *words*?

“**He that is of God heareth God’s WORDS**” (John 8:47).

“**The WORDS that I speak unto you, THEY are spirit, and THEY are life**” (John 6:63).

“**EVERY WORD of God is pure**” (Prov. 30:5).

Why didn’t you tell her about those WORDS, Billy? Has “God’s word” got any WORDS in it? Are they *God’s words*? What’s the matter, Billy? Having a little trouble there, are you? Watch him go:

“There are *many language versions* available today.” There are? Well, are any of them “the Bible”? Are any of them “God’s word”? Are any of them “God’s words”? WHY DON’T YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION? The question was: “Can you give me some suggestions to help me read *the Bible*?” So far, Billy hasn’t told the lady anything about “the Bible” or how to read it.

“There are many language versions available today. You may simply want to take a *few minutes* in your library or bookstore to compare *them*.” “A few minutes”?! Are you mad?! Here’s a new Christian who never studied the Bible before, and she wants to read it. Billy Graham tells her to take “a few minutes”

to compare 233 (since 1880) *conflicting versions* in English. That’s the Alexandrian line: compare “versions” and pick the one that “speaks to *you*.” What’s that got to do with “the Bible” or “God’s word” or “God’s words”?

Billy continues: “Take the same passage of *SCRIPTURE . . .*” Do you mean to tell me that all the modern versions in a Christian bookstore are “Scripture”? Well, “the Bible” says, “**ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God**” (2 Tim. 3:16). Does Billy believe the *King James Version* “**is given by inspiration of God**”? How about the *ASV* or the *NASV*? Or the *RSV* and *NRSV*? The *NKJV*, *NIV*, *CEV*, or *ESV*? Why didn’t you write him and ask him? Maybe he’ll actually *answer* your question, even though he’s not answering the one this young lady posed to him.

“To compare *them* (all 233 English versions?), you must compare the same passage of *Scripture* (see 2 Tim. 3:16), perhaps something familiar like Psalm 23, John 3, or even a passage that is unknown to you.” Are you ever going to answer the lady’s question, Billy?

“Read *several versions* (not “the Bible” or “God’s word”—“*versions*”), including the *OLDER King James Version*.” Ah, now it comes out. There are “MODERN versions” and then there is “the *OLDER King James Version*.” You’ve raised a doubt in her mind about the *AV*. “See which one *seems* the most understandable to *you*.” Don’t find out which “version” is “the Bible” or “God’s word” or “God’s words”; “see which one *SEEMS* the most under-



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standable.” In other words, if the *KJV* doesn’t “seem” understandable, dump it and pick something *you* understand better. Don’t pray about it and ask *God* which “Bible” is “THE Bible”: *you* be the judge. You talk about crooked, boy!

Now, so far Billy hasn’t yet given the lady any suggestions for reading “the Bible,” but he’s about to come to the point of his column. It has nothing to do with “the Bible” or “God’s word” at all; it has to do with *expediency* and *utility*.

“For the purpose of this column, I usually *USE* the *New International Version*, which is the most widely used modern English version.” That’s Billy Graham’s suggestion to his reader for reading “the Bible.” He doesn’t talk about “*the Bible*” at all; he gives her the *NIV*. It’s “the most widely used modern version.”

The statement is dubious to begin with. Back in 2011, the 400th anniversary of the *Authorized Version*, a survey was taken of Christians who read “the Bible,” and the finding of the survey was that 85% of those who read “the Bible,” read a *King James Bible*. Evidently those who “use” an *NIV* don’t *read* it. But more than that, *Billy didn’t actually tell the woman anything*. Billy never

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 in the business of *division* (Exod. 8:22–23, 9:4–6; Deut. 32:8). And it's not just in the Old Testament either; it's in the New Testament as well (Acts 17:26–27; Luke 16:13, 15). The Apostle Paul gives you four verses in the New Testament (2 Cor. 6:14–17) warning the Christian to get divided and be separated because there are *differences* between believers and the lost.

The world has to get rid of such passages to do what it plans to do. The Christian is to *believe* the Book and *use* the Book to correct *anything* and *anybody*. Since I use the Bible as my absolute authority for judging art, music, literature, science, philosophy, economics, politics, war, sin, religions, scholars, diet, teaching, marriage, divorce, separation, birth, and death, I am certainly going to notice anything it says about “differences.” So here are the differences between any saved man and any unsaved man, no matter who they may be.

1. *Their births are not the same.* The saved man has been born *twice* (John 3:3–7); the unsaved man has been born *once* (Eph. 3:1–3). The unsaved man has only the old, Adamic nature, while the born-again Christian has a new nature: *Christ's* nature. The believer is “**a new creature**” “**in Christ**” (2 Cor. 5:17).

Now think about that for a while. You can't deny that fact without throwing the whole Bible out the window. If a man doesn't have two “birth-days,” the believer has no business having fellowship with him. As a Christian, you are taught to love the *souls* of unsaved people. You are to pray for them to get saved, and you are to try to win them to Christ. But you are not to love their personalities, their

convictions, their associates, their religions, or their habits. You are not to consider them “brothers” because you are not in the same “family”—that is, unless you have thrown out the New Testament.

2. *Their ideas about wars and weapons are not the same.* The Christian is told: “**the weapons of our warfare are not carnal**” (2 Cor. 10:4), and “**we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but . . . against spiritual wickedness in high places**” (Eph. 6:12). We don't believe in “jihad” or “holy wars” to spread our religion with swords, knives, guns, bombs, missiles, etc., like Mohammed and the Popes do. If you want to see literal warfare, study what the Catholic Church did for fifteen centuries (A.D. 325–1945): they were killing people right and left. Mohammed taught that the key to Paradise is the *sword*, not anything spiritual.

There is a difference. The

weapons of the Bible-believing Christian are *the word of God* and *prayer* (Eph. 6:17–18). The word of God is *spiritual* (John 6:63); prayer is *spiritual* (Phil. 4:6–7). Unlike what Mohammed taught, you are commanded to *love* your enemies and *pray* for them (Luke 6:27–28). But you are never commanded to have fellowship with them or “hang out” with them (Eph. 5:11), or “go along” or “get along” with them (Rom. 12:2; 1 John 2:15).

3. *The unsaved man and the saved man have different sources of authority.* All unsaved people correct the Bible with *something* or *someone*: sometimes it's tradition, sometimes it's a church, sometimes it's a religious leader (the Pope, the Dalai Lama, Mohammed, Buddha, a television evangelist, et al.), sometimes it's education, sometimes it's a scholar or professor, sometimes it's a sin (drunkenness, sex per-

version, drugs, promiscuity, pornography, smoking, etc.), sometimes it's their own “noodle” (their brains, their intelligence, their opinions, their preferences); but every unsaved person will elevate someone or something to a position of authority *equal to* or *higher than* the Book.

A great English Christian named Lord Chesterfield once spoke before Parliament and said, “My Lords, we may thank Heaven that we have something better than our own brains upon which to rely.” Well, he was speaking for a bunch of professing Christians in the English Parliament; but he wasn't speaking for Darwin, Spencer, Huxley, Sagan, Hawking, or any evolutionist. They trusted their own brains; the only faith they had was in a spongy croquet ball.

The saved man who believes what God said (John 8:46–47) has the *Bible* as

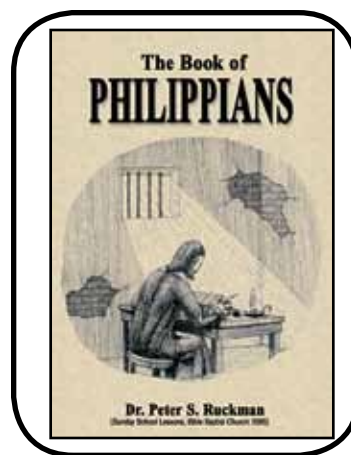
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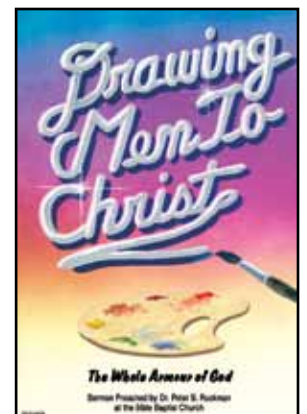
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Since the publication of the *Bible Believer's Commentary on the Minor Prophets*, Volume II in 2011, the Bookstore has been working on a commentary on the Gospel of Luke, based on the MP3 recordings of Dr. Ruckman's Sunday school lessons on Luke. Like the commentaries on Romans and 1 & 2 Corinthians, this commentary will incorporate Dr. Ruckman's teachings on Luke's Gospel from several sources (MP3 study, International Sunday School Hour, sermons, *Ruckman Reference Bible*, etc.), so it is much more than a mere transcription of the MP3 study.

The Bookstore would like to take this time to give you a "sneak peek" as to what the reader will be getting in this commentary. Since this article is being published in the De-

ember 2012 *Bulletin*, we will be reproducing Dr. Ruckman's teachings on the Christmas story in Luke 2. These remarks have been adapted and condensed for publication in the *Bulletin*.

This is the so-called "Christmas story." Most people are familiar with it because it is recited and gone through every year in the same fashion until it becomes tiresome. The reason for that is because Luke presents Jesus Christ as the Son of man. Humanists and Modernistic, Liberal preachers like Luke because it

emphasizes the human part of Christ's two natures

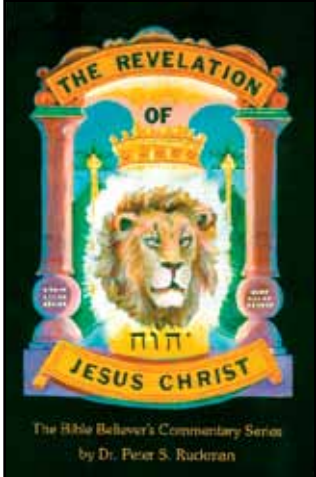
The attacks on the *King James* text start at the very first verse. All the corrupt, apostate modern versions change the taxation of verses 1-5 to a "registration" or "census." Once more the translators and revisers are covering up for Satan (see the *NIV* and the *NASV* convert Lucifer into Jesus Christ [Rev. 22:16] in Isa. 14:12) by destroying the cross-reference to Daniel 11:20-21.

That last reference is to the white horse rider of Revelation 6:2 coming in to conquer

with no arrows in his bow. It's the *Antichrist*. The Holy Spirit is recording history here as a *prophetic parable* (see our comments on Psa. 78:2 in that Commentary). In other words, the First Coming is a picture of the Second Coming.

When Christ came the first time, a Roman dictator was in charge—"Caesar Augustus" (vs. 1). When Christ comes the second time, a Roman dictator will be in charge—the Antichrist (Rev. 17:8-12). In the image in Daniel 2, Christ comes the first time in the iron legs—Rome. But that iron
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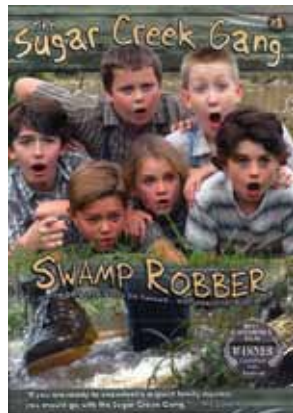
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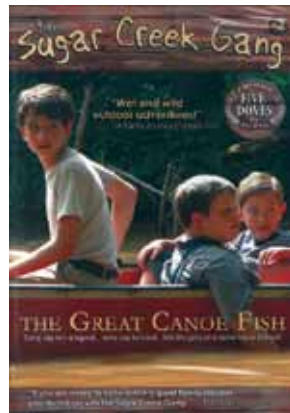
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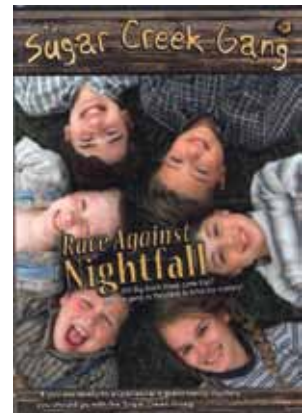
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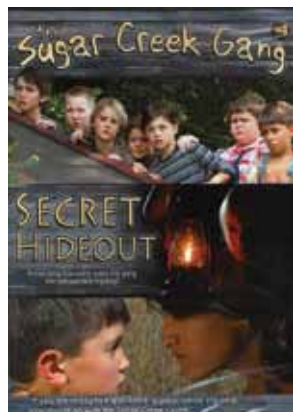
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it good?" (Num. 23:19).

The horrible truth is, the average Christian these days has gotten so tangled up in **"this present evil world"** (Gal. 1:4) that you couldn't tell the difference between him and the world if you stood them side by side and looked at them under a Christian *analyzing machine*. Christians act, look, respond, and *think* like unsaved people. They are not about to be told what to do, especially by some archaic, Elizabethan, "out of date" (*please*) Bible like the *King James Bible* (*yes, they still use that worn-out, fallacious cliché*). This explains this colossal attraction and migration to positive, "*you-can-do-it*," "*purpose-driven-life*" preaching which produces nothing but a bunch of effeminate, ineffective, Bible-rejecting belly-worshippers. **"For the time will come [it has] when they will NOT endure sound doctrine [right on the money, Lord]; but after their own lusts shall they heap [right again, Lord] to themselves teachers [you got that one too, Lord], having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth [NKJV, NIV, NEV, etc.], and shall be turned to fables"** (2 Tim. 4:3-4).

The end-time Christian-ity is *humanism*. *Laodicean* is the Bible term for it (Rev. 3:14-19). It means "*rights of the people*." These Laodicean Christians are known by their attitude toward the Bible: God has no authority; the *rights belong to the people*. That is, if the Bible disagrees with *my feelings*, then there is something wrong with the Bible. So here comes the *NKJV*, the *NIV*, and the rest of the corrupt translations to help them get rid of it. The worldly, carnal Christian doesn't "give a hoot" about what God says about what he thinks, loves,

or the way he should conduct his life. They are *not* Bible readers, and they do not enjoy talking about the Bible. I've seen JWs last longer at discussing the contents of the Bible than these "touchy" Christians. These little "*how-dare-you-talk-to-me-that-way*," lukewarm, sissified, fleshy, Laodicean Christians make God puke (Rev. 3:16)!

While you are trying to "make your child happy" by lying to him about the big, fat guy in the red suit, you are sewing (and sowing) something into the very fabric of that child's character that's going to take a miracle from God to get out. That same lying and deception will become SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for him in every aspect of his life. It will naturally carry over in his marriage, his job, his business dealings, but mainly his spiritual life.

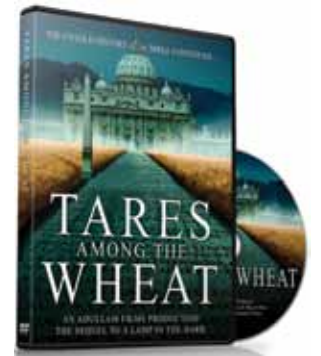
This kind of training produces *fakey, plastic* Christians. The result is an artificial smile and a gross pretense at being concerned for people: **"a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof"** (2 Tim. 3:5). When you see it, you understand why it makes God puke. They want people to *think they are spiritual*, but they are not about to be in subjection to it. They have been *trained to think* that that is how a Christian ought to act. Their way of *thinking* is corrupt. They have a carnal mind, and **"the carnal mind is enmity against God"** (Rom. 8:7). Their way of thinking has got to be reconstructed from the ground up. Paul says, **"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God"** (Rom. 12:2). *Your mind has got to be renewed*.

In order to get a pure mind,

you have to start thinking the way God thinks. How does God think, you ask? The Book (you know about what Book I'm talking). That's how God thinks. If you want to know what God thinks about homosexuals, it's in the Book. What does God think about integration? It's in the Book. What does the Lord think about my friends? It's in the Book. If you want to get your *thinking* straightened out, you'd better get in the Book. And if you don't have a *pure Book* (Psa. 12:6), you can forget about getting a *pure mind*.

Christian friend, if you want to keep telling your kids that Santa is real, it's your business. But you'd better think long and hard about what you are sowing (and sewing) into that kid's character, because you *will* face it at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

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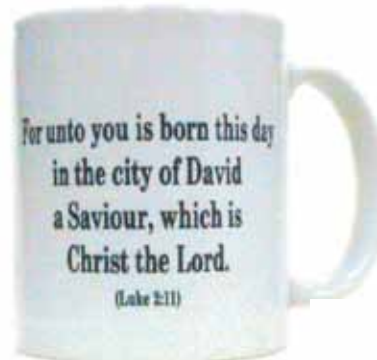
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any celebrity in Hollywood.

It is *more musical than any composer*. I have a hymn book here with 500 songs about one man and another song book with another 100 songs about the same man. The Beatles once boasted they were more popular than Jesus Christ. If that were true, where are the songs about the Beatles? Nobody sings about the Beatles or the Rolling Stones or Elvis or Madonna or "Lady Gaga," or any other dope-headed fornicator.

That name is *holier than any saint*. The names of Mary and Peter were never considered when God sought a name to exalt (Matt. 12:47–50, 16:23). The Lord even set aside His own Lawgiver and chief Old Testament prophet (Moses and Elijah, Matt. 17:3–5). "Mother Teresa," Mahatma Gandhi, Gotama Buddha, Thomas Aquinas, Augustine, "Princess Di," Martin Luther King Jr., Ignatius Loyola, "Gabriel" (Mohammed's 600-winged angel), and Mohammed couldn't touch the instep of that name no matter what size ladder they climbed.

The rotten translation by the *Koran* of that name is absolutely ridiculous. The word used in the *Koran* for the name is "Isa." *Isa* isn't a translation or even a transliteration of the Greek word *Iesous* (Greek for *Jesus*); it's a twisted version of the Hebrew word for *Esau*. *God hated Esau* (Mal. 1:3; Rom. 9:13); He loved Jesus Christ (John 17:23–26). You never met a more dumb, stupid, ignorant, blind "prophet" than Mohammed.

Now, very few people ever checked anything God said to see *why* He chose that name over the name of any "prophet," Pope, saint, Imam, Ayatollah, Ulama, guru, or "holy man." So here are the reasons God gave in His Book

for exalting the name of *Jesus* over every other name in the universe.

1. Sinners are *saved* by that name.

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

2. They receive *forgiveness of sins* through that name.

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43).

3. They get *eternal life* through that name.

"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31).

4. They are *sanctified and justified* by that name.

"And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:11).

5. Believers are to be *baptized* in that name.

"Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:47–48).

6. They *pray* in that name.

"And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you" (John 16:23).

7. They *give thanks* in that name.

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:20).

8. They *gather* in that name.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

9. The apostles *performed miracles* by that name.

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17–18).

10. Believers *preach* in that name.

"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47).

11. They are *hated* for that name.

"And ye shall be hated

of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matt. 10:22).

12. They *suffer* for that name.

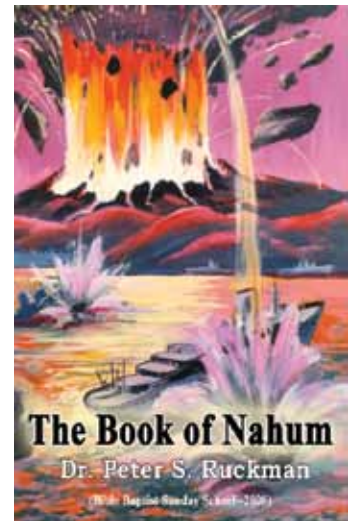
"For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:16).

That is why it pleased God Almighty to give Jesus **"a name which is above every name."** In the context, of Philippians 2:5–11, God exalted the name of His Son above His own name (Neh. 9:5) because Jesus **"humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross"** (Phil. 2:8). That exaltation was **"the joy that was set before him"** that caused Him to endure the horror and shame of the Crucifixion (Heb. 12:2). There is only one thing higher than the name of Jesus, and that is *His Book* (Psa. 138:2), and it testifies of *Him* (John 5:39).

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The first tax-supported public school in the United States (1647) was established on the premise that a *knowledge of the Scriptures* was the purpose of education. The "Old Deluder Satan Act" stated: "The one chief project of Satan is to keep men from a knowledge of the Scriptures." So the first tax-funded elementary school set up in Boston, Massachusetts began with *prayer and Bible reading* as the center of the curriculum, and the "Scriptures" the boys and girls were to be given a knowledge of was the *King James Version* of the Holy Scriptures. Even an unsaved theist like Thomas Jefferson had that much sense. When he was the third President of the United States, he was also the head of the school board for Washington, D.C. The textbooks he required for all public schools in the nation's capital were Isaac Watt's hymnal and the *Authorized Version* of the Holy Bible.

The source of authority for this country when it originated was not the National Education Association, the Gannet string of daily newspapers, or the ten o'clock news; it was the *Holy Bible*. Do you know what the first president of Princeton University said? He said, "*Cursed* be the learning that is not coincident with and subservient to *the cross of Christ*."

Martin Luther once wrote, "I am much afraid that the *schools* will prove to be the *gates of Hell* unless they diligently labor in explaining the *Holy Scriptures*, engraving them into the hearts of our youth. I advise no one to place his child where *the*

Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution (like Princeton, Harvard, Yale, Berkeley, the University of Chicago, the University of California, and every other State College and University in the United States) where men are not increasingly occupied with the *word of God* must become *corrupt*."

Thank you, Martin! You gave America the best advice it ever received. Unfortunately, I regret to say that no one listened to you or the first president of Princeton. The Bible has been banished from the American educational system from kindergarten to post-graduate training.

4. *The leaders of the lost and the saved are not the same*; in fact, they are exactly the opposite. The world chooses for its leader—indiscriminately—fornicators, drug addicts, whoremongers, adulterers, liars, thieves, dictators, killers, and tyrants. All unsaved Moslems accept a fornicating dictator who killed people right and left if they didn't accept his religion.

The world looks to the Pope for leadership. That is, they look to an anti-Semitic, syncretic, Communistic, Fascist protector of pederast Priests who claims to be God on this earth ("Holy Father" and "Vicar of Christ"). But did you know that the Reformers all identified the Pope (that's *any* Pope) as "the Man of Sin" from 2 Thessalonians 2:3? That would be Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Knox, Wesley, and the whole lot of them; you will even find it in the Epistle Dedicatory of the *King James Bible* (which is one reason why the "*New*" *King James Version* is not a real *King James Bible*; no translator or reviser on the *NKJV* committee would ever think of publicly identifying the Pope as antichrist).

The unsaved world looks to Darwin for leadership, to

Einstein for leadership, to Gandhi for leadership, to Martin Luther King Jr. for leadership. They look to sports heroes, movie idols, and liberal politicians. They look to *anyone* besides Jesus Christ, the Bible, and those who believe it.

Unsaved evolutionists, humanists, atheists, agnostics, and religionists have always hated Bible preachers and Bible leaders. That's why Paul said, "**Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution**" (2 Tim. 3:12). Why? Because those who *follow* the Bible are *not the same* as those who *don't*.

Jesus said, "**the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service**" (John 16:2).

John wrote, "**Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you**" (1 John 3:13).

Do you mean to tell me that crowd is the same ones as those who loved Paul, Luther, Edwards, Moody, Spurgeon, Jones (Bob Sr. or Sam), Booth, and DeHaan? Are they all "brothers in the global family"? Obama and Hillary say they are.

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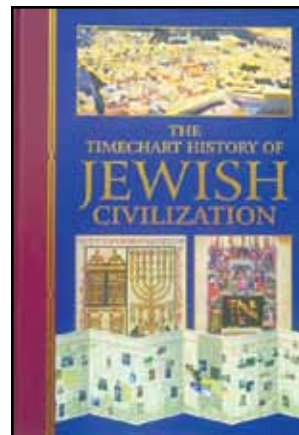
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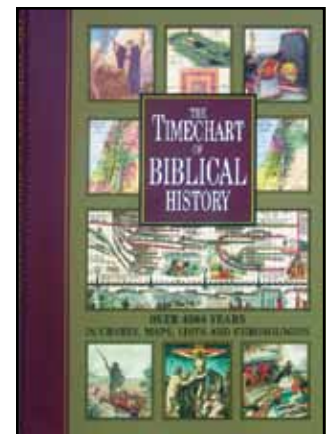
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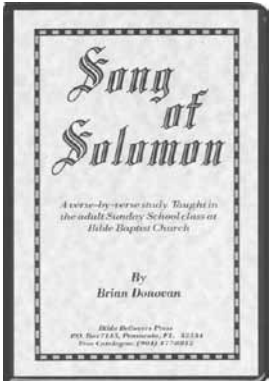
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A Sneak Peak

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The first time Christ came, there was one universal language, and it wasn't Hebrew or Latin. It was Greek. The second time He comes, there is one universal language—*English*. God's final authority before His Son's return isn't any Greek or Hebrew "originals," manuscripts, or texts. It's a Bible in the universal language of the last days—English.

At the First Advent, Christ appears secretly to believers only (the shepherds and the wise men); later He shows Himself publicly at John's baptism. At the Second Advent, He comes first secretly to believers only (the Rapture); then seven years later, "**every eye shall see him**" at His coming in power (Rev. 1:7).

So at Christ's First Coming, there is an international taxation. At His Second Coming, there will be an international taxation. The push by Obama, Clinton, and the Democrats is for the United Nations to levy a *world tax*. So in the next few

years you can expect an *International Revenue Service* to replace the Internal Revenue Service.

Verse 2 is a parenthetical note in the historical narrative. "**Cyrenius**" was the Greek name of *Quirinius*, the Roman Governor of Syria at that time. From the time of Alexander the Great, Israel was a part of the province of Syria.

For many years, this passage was a favorite of Bible-rejecting infidels because the only historical records of "the enrollment of Quirinius" had it taking place between A.D. 10 and A.D. 12, Of course, Luke, being a much more accurate and meticulous scholar than his critics, was careful to include the words "**first made,**" letting you know that Quirinius was Governor of Syria *more than once*. Scholarship eventually caught up with the Bible and discovered that Quirinius was Governor of Syria *twice, the first time in 4 B.C. when Christ was born*. The Bible was *right* and scholarship was *wrong*

Now what you are seeing in verses 1–4 is a case of God and the Devil working together to accomplish different ends like you find it in the book of Job. In the book of Job, the Devil is trying to break Job and turn him against God and God against him, but it is God Himself who brings up Job and turns him over to Satan to expose Job's self-righteousness so it can be dealt with.

One of the great "contradictions" in the Scriptures is found in comparing 2 Samuel 24:1 to 1 Chronicles 21:1. The passage in 2 Samuel 24 says

the *Lord* moved David to number Israel, while 1 Chronicles 21 says *Satan* did it. Which one was it? It was *both*: it was *both*.
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God operating through the Devil to judge the sin of His people.

What is going on here in Luke 2 is that God is working things out to fulfill prophecy, while Satan is working to kill the baby before it's born, or at least try to have it born prematurely before it reaches Bethlehem. Nazareth is something like 100 miles from Bethlehem, and Mary is traveling that distance on a donkey or mule. She's only a few days away from giving birth. Don't you know that was a rough ride for her? The risks were either that she would miscarry or that she would go into labor early and the baby would be born somewhere else besides Bethlehem and break the prophecy of Christ's birth (Mic. 5:2)

The cross-reference to verse 7 is Matthew 1:25, where the new "Bibles" remove the word "firstborn." They couldn't get rid of the word here in Luke, but they got rid of it in Matthew. So the excuse they give you for

attacking a doctrine of the word of God is that since you can find it *somewhere* in the Scripture, it is all right to get rid of it in another part of the Scripture. Lester Roloff was really strong against that kind of thing. He likened those Bible corrupters to a fellow attacking his mother with a butcher knife. Well, would you like someone cutting off one of your mother's fingers with the excuse that she still has nine left? No? *Then keep your dirty, stinking, filthy hands off my Book!*

What's going on in Matthew 1:25 is that the word "firstborn" implies Mary had other sons (they are listed by name in Mark 6:3). So to protect the Roman Catholic doctrine of the Perpetual Virginity of Mary (see our comments on 1:36), the modern translations get rid of the word "firstborn" from the text; that is, the modern versions are *Roman Catholic Bibles*. Way back in 1970, I wrote a book entitled *The Christian's Handbook of Manuscript Evidence* which just threw all the professors

and faculties of the Christian Colleges and Universities for a loop; they have never successfully answered the material I presented in that book.

In chapter 10 of that work, I argued that all the modern versions of the Bible were basically Roman Catholic. Continued on 12



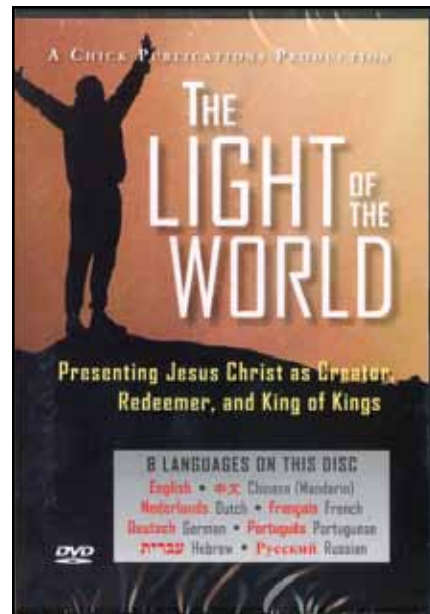
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Billy Graham on “the Bible”

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 said he *believed* the NIV; he simply said he *used* it. Billy’s advice to a young Christian was to *use* a version she *didn’t need to believe*. That’s no help to anybody.

What’s Billy’s conclusion about the *New International Version*? “This is God’s word.”

In a pig’s eye! The NIV is the most depraved counterfeit “Bible” that ever showed up on the market. It eliminates 64,000 words from the Biblical text (see Christ’s comment in Matt. 4:4) and obscures more than 93 truths revealed in the *King James Bible* (see our work *The NIV: An In-Depth Study in Apostasy*). It reflects the doctrines of the New Age and gives Satan the title of Jesus Christ in Isaiah 14:12 (see Gail Riplinger’s work *New Age Bible Versions*), and it attacks the Deity of Christ in both Testaments (get the works *If the Foundations Be Destroyed* and *Sitting in Judgment of the Word of God*).

The NIV is the final terminus of apostasy; it is the perfect synthesized, amalgamated, leavened integration of every stupid, *irreverent perversion* of Scripture drummed up by egotistical Christian scholarship in the last nineteen centuries. Thank you, Billy, for recommending such a shameful deprecation of the word of God to a young Christian who wants to know what God said in His Book. “May the Lord reward you according to your works” (see 2 Tim. 4:14).

Now before I close this article, I am going to do something “novel” (at least where Billy’s “Answer” column is concerned): I am actually going to *answer* the young lady’s question. Here are my suggestions for reading “the Bible.”

1) Find out what “the Bible” is. “The Bible” is God’s *Book*. It is *Scripture*; i.e., *God’s words* written down. It is the word of God containing the

words of God. If you are going to get you a Bible that is the *Holy Scriptures* in English, you need to get you the one that God blessed above all others. The *KJV* has outsold all the other modern versions combined; in its 400-year history, it has gone into over a billion copies. The NIV doesn’t come anywhere near that, despite being “the most widely used modern version.”

You should get the Bible that is the *standard* for all other “Bibles,” so much so that every modern translation has to compare itself to *that one Book* in order to sell. Why take a third-rate “knock-off” when you can have the *real thing*.

Get the Bible that exalts the Lord Jesus Christ and doesn’t attack His Deity in 1 Timothy 3:16, His position in the Trinity in 1 John 5:7, His omnipresence in John 3:13, His virgin birth in Luke 2:33 and Acts 4:27, 31, etc.

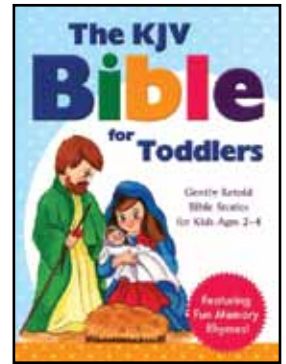
And whatever you do, don’t pick any Bible based on *your* needs or *your* understanding. Go to the Author. *Pray* about it and ask *Him* which Bible is “the Bible.”

2. *Believe* the Book you

hold in your hands is “**the holy scriptures**” (2 Tim. 3:15), and “**ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God**” (2 Tim. 3:16). It’s not just a “translation” or a “version” or a “literary masterpiece” (to quote Billy) put out by a bunch of *men* (1 Thess. 2:13); it’s *God’s word* containing the very *words* He wants you to have in your language. The same God who gave you those words by inspiration was able to *preserve* them so that you can trust *every word* in the Book (Matt. 4:4; Prov. 30:5).

3. Now that you’ve got the identity of “the Bible” settled, you are ready to read it. You should read it *systematically*, not just a verse here or a verse there. Read through the Bible from start to finish. I recommend that a new Christian read through the books of 1 & 2 Thessalonians first because those books were written by Paul to new converts. A new

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The “**manger**” of verse 7 is actually the feed trough for the livestock, but the tendency is to use the term for the stall where Jesus was born. The common expression is: “Close the door! Were you RAISED IN A BARN?” When Jesus Christ came down from the ivory palaces of Glory, the first place He was raised was *in a barn*.

The Roman Catholics convert the “**manger**” into a cave; hence the Christmas carol “In a Cave” which you find in some hymn books. They get that godless mess from a Gnostic work called *The Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus Christ*; they don’t get it from the Bible.

Bethlehem is all filled up because of the taxation and the Feast of Tabernacles (Bethlehem’s only about twelve miles from Jerusalem). “No room, lady; go back to the stable and have your baby.”

Now isn’t that something?

What Made America Great

Continued from 16 signs were overturned, and those hurrying to get to work in the morning rush hour had faces of contempt and some of rage and fury.

America will not escape the soon coming tyranny of a man who will make Hitler look like a Libertarian. “The land of the free and the home of the brave” will become a nation of clients all looking to a world government as caregiver. No one in New Hampshire will be driving around with a license plate that reads, “Live free or die.” That was once upon a time in America.

But things haven’t changed much in 2,000 years. There’s no room for Jesus Christ in the holiday that’s supposed to be celebrating His birth. Children can’t sing Christmas carols anymore in the public schools. Why not? Because the carols are about *Jesus Christ*. People don’t mind getting the day off for CHRISTmas, but don’t mention His name. They don’t mind celebrating the “holy day” (that’s what *holiday* means—“holy day”), but don’t you dare sing “Silent Night, HOLY NIGHT.” The move now is not even to say “Merry Christmas.”

Back in 1960, in one of those “Ivy League” Universities up in New England, the students were given a “response test” in one of their classes. In a response test, the student is given a word and is to write down the first thing that comes to his mind about that word. Bob Jones Sr. used to say: “You can judge a man by his response.” That’s true. You can generally judge whether a fellow is saved or not by how

he responds to *Jesus Christ*. Anyway, during that test, 45 students were given the word *Christmas*. *The name Jesus Christ didn’t occur on one paper*. No room in the inn.

“Have you any room for Jesus, He who bore your load of sin?” No, they don’t. They have room for Santa Claus, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, the Little Drummer Boy; *but no room for Jesus Christ*.

Now that is just a small sampling of what you will get in Dr. Ruckman’s commentary on Luke. With 24 chapters, the book will be as large as the commentaries on Matthew and Exodus. God willing, it should be ready sometime in the new year. Watch future *Bulletins* for availability.

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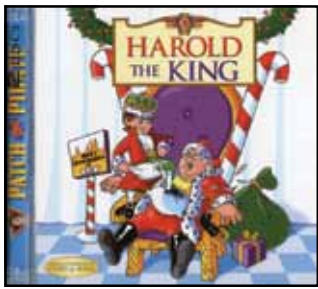
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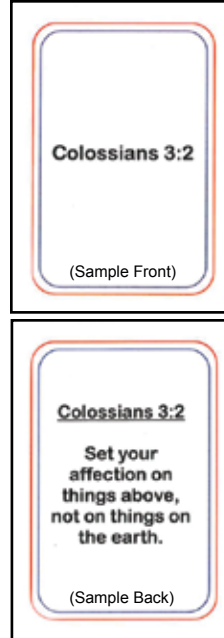
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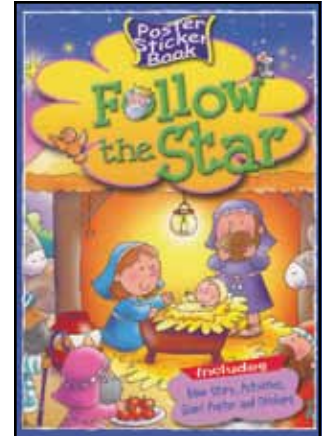
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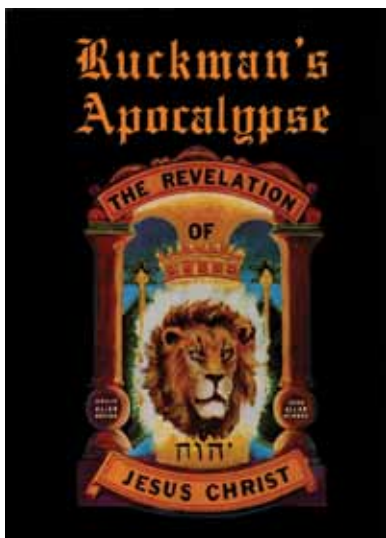
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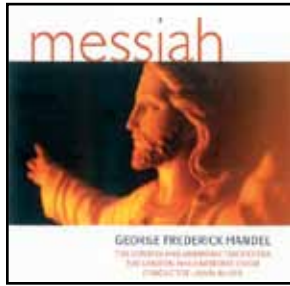


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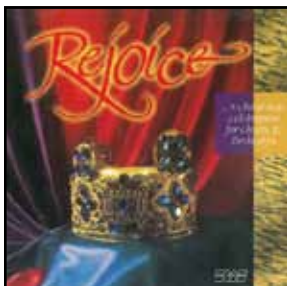
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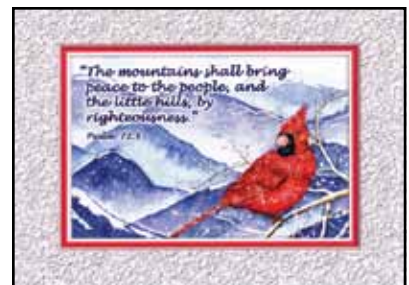
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Billy Graham on "the Bible"

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Bible reader should read through the New Testament at least three times before he attempts to read the Old Testament; that way he becomes grounded in the truths that are in the Book for the born-again child of God in the Body of Christ. Reading through the Bible systematically will take *determination* when you hit

portions like Genesis 5; Exodus 21-31; and 1 Chronicles 1-10, so *don't quit*.

4. Read the Bible *daily*. The children of Israel in the wilderness were to gather the manna *daily* (Exod. 16); the showbread in the Tabernacle was to be baked fresh *daily*. Those are pictures of the word of God (Luke 4:4). The Bereans in Acts 17:11 were noble

because they "**searched the scriptures DAILY**."

5. Read it *prayerfully*, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth (John 16:13, 17:17).

6. And finally, obey the commands to "**search the scriptures**" (John 5:39) and "**study**" them (2 Tim. 2:15). Both those commands have been *dropped* from the "most widely used modern version" recommended by Billy Graham (the *NIV*).

Now *that's* the answer Billy should have given that young woman instead of beating around the bush until he was ready to offer her a mess of hogslop for the unadulterated Bread of Life.

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1. There is **no final authority** but God.
2. Since God is a Spirit, there is **no final authority** that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.
3. Since all books are material, there is **no book on this earth that is the final and absolute authority** on what is right and what is wrong, what constitutes truth and what constitutes error.
4. There **WAS** a series of writings one time which, **IF** they had all been put into a **BOOK** as soon as they were written the first time, **WOULD HAVE** constituted an infallible and final authority by which to judge truth and error.
5. However, this series of writings was lost, and the God who inspired them was **unable to preserve their content** through Bible-believing Christians at Antioch (Syria), where the first Bible teachers were (Acts 13:1), and where the first missionary trip originated (Acts 13:1-52), and where the word "*Christian*" originated (Acts 11:26).
6. So God chose to **ALMOST** preserve them through Gnostics and philosophers from Alexandria, Egypt, even though God called His Son **OUT** of Egypt (Matthew 2), Jacob **OUT** of Egypt (Genesis 49), Israel **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 15), and Joseph's bones **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 13).
7. So there are two streams of Bibles. The most accurate—though, of course, there is **no final, absolute authority** for determining truth and error; it is a matter of "preference"—are the Egyptian translations from Alexandria, Egypt, which are "almost the originals," although not quite.
8. The most **inaccurate translations** were those that brought about the German Reformation (Luther, Zwingli, Boehler, Zinzen-dorf, Spener, et al.) and the worldwide missionary movement of the English-speaking people: the Bible that Sunday, Torrey, Moody, Finney, Spurgeon, Whitefield, Wesley, and Chapman used.
9. But we can "tolerate" these if those who believe in them will "tolerate" US. After all, since there is **NO ABSOLUTE AND FINAL AUTHORITY** that anyone can read, teach, preach, or handle, the whole thing is a matter of "PREFERENCE." You may prefer what you prefer, and we will prefer what we prefer. Let us live in peace, and if we cannot agree on anything or everything, let us all agree on one thing: **THERE IS NO FINAL, ABSOLUTE, WRITTEN AUTHORITY OF GOD ANYWHERE ON THIS EARTH.**

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What Made America Great

By Robert Militello

Notice, I used the past tense in the title. What made America great has done a disappearing act.

“Now the Lord is that spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2 Cor. 3:17).

No Harvard-educated economist knows this, but what made America great was not capitalism. Our nation’s political stability and prosperity came from the preaching of the Gospel and the fear of the Lord.

Our Liberty Bell hanging at Independence Hall in Philadelphia has this on it from Leviticus 25:10, “. . . PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF . . .” Later on in that same chapter, verse 17 states, **“Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear**

thy God: for I am the LORD your God.”

What has happened in America? Government has become more and more oppressive. The liberty that our forefathers enshrined in our Constitution was for citizens who governed themselves responsibly in the fear of the Lord. Thirteen colonies rebelled under the tyranny of George III and won their independence after the Lord saturated those colonies with preaching for forty years. The Great Awakening under Whitefield, Wesley, and others prepared the colonists to become self-governing. Capitalism had nothing to do with it.

The Lord is able to use other systems to build a nation. Israel was built by Zionist Socialists. Bolshevism was used to make the former Soviet Union a superpower. All economic systems are instruments in the Lord’s hand to

prosper or debilitate a nation as He sees fit. Regardless of what party is in power in Washington, D.C., our decline as a nation is irreversible. **“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom”** (Prov. 9:10), and we have lost our way.

Last summer, I spoke with a Libertarian who urged me to support the candidacy of Ron Paul, a congressman from Texas. I was told how oppressive our government had become with Obamacare and regulations that were choking the free enterprise system. I agreed, but said Ron Paul was a dreamer and big government would only get bigger. I asked the Ron Paul supporter if he believed the Bible. He asked what that had to do with Libertarian philosophy. I said, “Friend, without the fear of God, you’ll not only be a slave to big government, but also to every wicked desire that

comes from an unregenerate heart.” With that, he said he had to go.

Thomas Jefferson wrote that the government which governs least governs best. Yes, but that’s true of a society that recognizes God is holy and is to be feared. That’s long gone in America. Government will become more and more tyrannical, and before long, we will have hate speech laws enforced against Bible-believing preachers.

Last June, I visited New York City and went to see some Christian brothers who were preaching the Gospel in the Times Square subway station. The atmosphere had changed a lot since I did street work and outdoor preaching in New York from 1979 to 1999. Apathy and indifference toward the word of God had changed to outright hostility. Literature tables and scripture

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