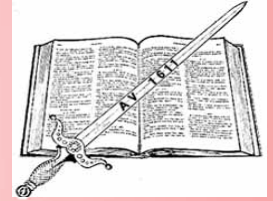




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The Last Will and Testament Of Jesus Christ

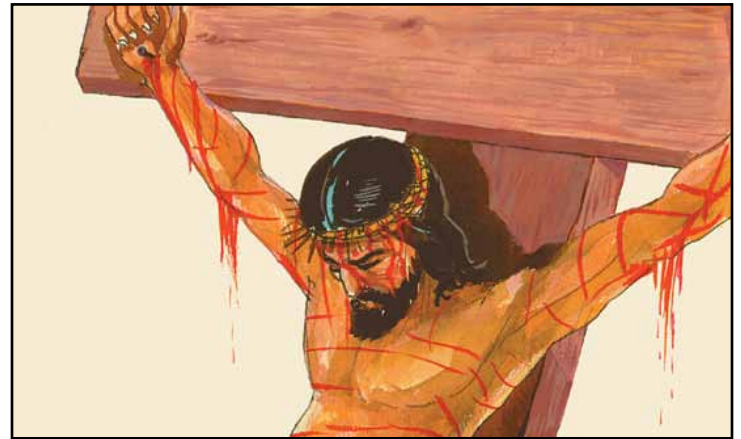
By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

The last thing a man says on this earth is usually considered by those who hear him to have a good bit of importance. “Last wills and testaments” are made out by people to show their dying wishes, how they want things to be carried out and disposed of after they are gone.

You will find the final words of several men throughout the Bible, and all of them have great import. The last words of Jacob are found in Genesis 49, and they contain nearly thirty prophecies of events that take place anywhere from 2,000 to 3,000

years after he dies. You find a similar thing in the last words of Moses as recorded in Deuteronomy 32–33. Many Christians are familiar with the challenge by Joshua in his last words to Israel, found in Joshua 24:15—“**but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**” Paul’s “swan song” is found in 2 Timothy 4, and Peter is expecting to die soon when he writes his second epistle (2 Pet. 1:13–15).

When the Lord Jesus Christ died, He left a “last will and testament” that lists *seven things* which no religion or religious leader could prom-



ise to anyone who believed or followed them. Those *seven items* are remarkable and more precious than gold. Mohammed couldn’t leave any of his followers anything like them; neither could Buddha, Joseph Smith (Mormonism), Mary, or any Pope who ever lived.

In the first place, Jesus Christ promised His followers *infallible guidance*. Look at John 16:13, which He spoke

to His disciples the night before He was crucified

“**Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**”

The Roman Catholic Church has tried to usurp that promise for themselves

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Shelton Smith (at last) is Converted to “Ruckmanism”

By Ron Forte

For years, Dr. Shelton Smith of THE SWORD OF THE LORD has taught that “it is our position that the Bible was **once** inspired and that inspired text has been *preserved* for us in English in the KJB” (letter dated February 21, 2008). Now he has converted to the “Ruckman” position.

In the January 20, 2012 edition of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, under the title “The Bible Is the Difference,” Shelton Smith writes on page one that “a huge super-colossal battle” is being waged over the Bible. On the same page he writes, “We make

our stand upon the authority of God’s Book, the Holy Scriptures (II Tim. 3:16), the Bible. We believe it is the inspired, inerrant, infallible and impeccable Word of God. It is, we declare, the preserved, perfect (flawless), and powerful Word of the living God.” Then on page nine he writes, “Oh, dear Christian friend, the gospel gun is powerful. Let us use it. That grand old Book, the King James Bible, may be hated by some, but it packs a wallop in its pages.”

Through a series of emails, when questioned about the “Holy Scriptures”

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Ruckmanism in 1919

Many years ago now, back in 1989, a blabber-mouthed liar, from “the land of fruits and nuts” (California), decided to climb the denominational ladder of the Bible Baptist Fellowship by taking on that “big bad wolf”—Peter S. Ruckman. The nut was R. L. Hymers, whom we refer to as “Hot Dog” because he is always showing off for the cameras. Old “Hot Dog” put out a work entitled *The Ruckman Conspiracy* which he got several Christian “celebrities” to endorse. In that book, he offered a thousand

dollars to anyone who could find *anybody* who believed what “Ruckman” believed about the *King James* (that the AV Holy Bible is inerrant, infallible, or inspired) *before 1950*.

Within *seven months*, we produced *seven cases* of historical documentation which proved that “Hot Dog” was no more “**apt to teach**” (1 Tim. 3:2) than Mickey Mouse or Donald Duck. We gave you the documented evidence where Christians in the *Seventeenth Century* considered

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Jack Hyles' Successor

Dr. Jack Schaap, the one who took over Jack Hyles' work in Hammond, Indiana, is arguably one of the most spiritually blind men who ever got into the pulpit. This is evidenced by some remarks he made in a Sunday evening sermon preached on April 3, 2005 in regards to the then recently departed Pope John Paul II. You couldn't imagine a saved man who claims to be a Fundamentalist and a Bible believer talking like this, but here is what he said:

"The man *did his best*. I think he was a *sincere man*. I read his articles and many of his sermons and tried to get a feel for the man."

That is a Fundamental, Bible-believing (professing) Baptist pastor parading a Roman Catholic Pope from a Baptist pulpit. Do you know how you can tell such a fellow is nuts? He said the Pope was "a sincere man." No man on earth who is "a sincere man" would say that Mary the mother of Jesus only had one child, because he would be lying about both Testaments if he did. The names of Christ's brothers are given in Mark 6:3 in the New Testament, and they are called "Christ's **mother's children**" in Psalm 69:8 in the Old Testament (note the Messianic context in Psa. 69:9; cf. John 2:17).

There never lived on this earth a Pope who was "a sincere man" if you take the Book seriously—that's any version, including a *Catholic* version. Schaap was just as mad as a hatter. Can you imagine a Baptist pastor calling a man "sincere" who believes that Christ's mother is the "Queen of Heaven"? Why, in the Bible, "the queen of heaven" is a *pagan goddess* named Ashtaroth (Jer. 44:15–25 cf.

Judg. 2:13). Schaap's out of his mind; he's a spaced-out space cadet.

Here's a Baptist preacher in a Fundamental Baptist church praising a Pope as "a sincere man" who "did his best." His "best" what?! Here is what John Paul II said as "a sincere man" who "did his best":

To Hindus in 1986—"We [i.e., Catholics and Hindus] shall *continue together* . . . [Hinduism's] spiritual vision of man furnishes *enrichment* for human living."

To witchdoctors in 1993—"We seek *common ground with Voodooism*. We want positive and *cooperative relationships*."

To Moslems in 1985 and 1993—"As Christians and Moslems we *meet one another in faith in the one God* . . . Christians and Moslems should *respect each others belief*."

To Shintos and Buddhists in 1981—"Their religions inspire them to see a *divine presence in each human being*."

All the above information was in print and available back in 1994 (*A Woman Rides the Beast* by David Hunt, pp. 416-419). That's what Schaap *missed* when he "read [John Paul II's] articles and many of his sermons to get a feel for the man." You think such a mess is the "best" the leader of a professing Christian church could do if he were "sincere." You would have to be an unsaved humanist if you actually, really thought that was the best such a person could do.

John Paul II did his "best" as "a sincere man," did he? Did that include telling 900 million Catholics that they could go to Purgatory when they died and be prayed out of it? Would a "sincere man"

who professed to be "religious" and a "Christian" go through thirty years leading his church members without once praying for (or teaching them to pray for) the return of Jesus Christ? Why, the last prayer in the Bible—even a Catholic Bible—is for Jesus Christ to come back (Rev. 22:20); the centerpiece of the "Mass" is the return of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). You never heard John Paul II open his yap about it on any TV broadcast or papal visit. That's "a sincere man" who "did his best," is it?

You couldn't go any further astray finding a sincere man if you got Lucky Luciano or John Gotti. But here is a Baptist pastor of a Baptist church in America commending one of the most wicked, faithless, ignorant, insincere, Biblically illiterate religious quacks who ever lived. When it comes to lying and ignoring the truth, you would have a hard time filling his shoes unless you picked someone like Mohammed. Mohammed was so "sincere" that he told everyone that to obey *him* was to obey *God* (Sura 4:80). The Pope did Mohammed one better: he let people call him by God's title—"Holy Father" (see John 17:11).

Now that's the man a Baptist pastor praised. What's wrong with Jacky? He must have lost all his marbles if he ever had any; they're all over the floor. It's stuff like that which makes you realize that you are in the Laodicean church age. And folks, you are not at the beginning of the great apostasy; you are at the *end*. You are at the place where the next step is to welcome the Antichrist. Evangelical and even Fundamental churches are now taking that position, although they'll deny it in half a minute. But look at what the



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pastor of what once was the largest Fundamental Baptist church in America said:

"[John Paul II] *did his best*. I think he was a *sincere man*."

I'm sure he was just as "sincere" as Judas Iscariot, Pharaoh, Balaam, Herod, Pilate, and several others in the Scriptures who wound up in Hell. I'm sure they all did "the best they could"; if you don't believe me, just ask them. All self-righteous, Hell-bound sinners think they are sincere and do the best they can; THE BEST YOU CAN DO WILL LAND YOU IN THE LAKE OF FIRE (read Matt. 7:21–23). The best thing any sinner can do is forsake his own righteousness and receive the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:3–4; Tit. 3:5). John Paul II never professed to have done that a day in his life. The following is what John Paul II had to swear to the day he took office (the Tridentine Confession); these are some of the decrees of the "most holy" Council of Trent:

Session 7, Canon VII: Grace can only be conferred and received through the Catholic sacraments. Faith
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 (“supreme magisterium”), but if the Infallibility of the Pope, the Immaculate Conception, and the Assumption of Mary are examples of the “infallible teaching authority of the Church,” you can dismiss the Pope and the Catholic Church without a second thought.

Jesus Christ left you infallible guidance when dealing with truth and error through the indwelling Holy Spirit and the infallible, inerrant Scriptures (John 17:17; 2 Pet. 1:19–20).

The Lord Jesus also promised *supernatural peace*.

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).

Paul called this peace: **“the peace of God, which passeth all understanding”** (Phil. 4:7). Such peace is so great that believers can thank God for the worst kinds of situations, like the martyrs throughout church history have (see Acts 5:41).

When the Japanese came into the Philippines during World War II, they went through the islands raping thousands of Filipino women. They hit one missionary station on Mindanao where a missionary had been working for about twenty years, and they raped the Christian girls there. As those girls were being raped at bayonet point, they began to sing hymns. The Japs got so tore up and upset and psychotic by the singing that they quit raping those girls and shot them instead.

Back in the 1600s, a martyr was led to the chopping block to be beheaded. Before he knelt down to get his head cut off, he asked his executioner, “Before you cut off

my head, would you do me a favor?” What’s that?” said the executioner. “Would you put your hand on my heart?” His executioner obliged, and his victim said, “If my heart is beating any faster than yours is right now, you don’t have to believe a word of my testimony.” That martyr’s heart was a steady regular beat while that executioner’s heart was thumping so fast that he almost choked on it.

In His “last will and testament,” our Lord promised to give us a *new body*.

“Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also” (John 14:19).

The promise is that you will end up with a glorified body just like your Saviour had when He came up from the dead.

“Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself” (Phil. 3:21).

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).

“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren” (Rom. 8:29).

Mohammed couldn’t do that for you; he couldn’t even get himself out of the grave. You can go over to Medina and see where his bones lie. *Buddha’s* bones are paraded through the streets of India every year. People parade past the desiccated remains of *Lenin* in Moscow and of

the *Popes* in Rome. They are all *dead* and can’t do anything for their followers; Jesus Christ is *alive* and will give a new body to any sinner who believes on Him.

That isn’t all, Jesus Christ promises those who trust Him a *rich man’s home*.

“In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2).

The new perversions of the Bible get rid of the “mansions” and change them to “apartments” or “rooms.” Why wouldn’t it be “mansions” if it had *gold streets* leading up to them (Rev. 21:21)? What could be more fitting for a mansion than gold streets?

I preached out in Texas one time in a women’s prison. I had a large congregation of about sixty to seventy women. One of the women told me, “Since the last time you have been here (I had preached there before), we organized a Bible class, and we’ve been carrying it on for the whole year now. One of our girls (named Lucy) would bring an *NIV* to class every time, and we would kid her about it. We would tell her she had the wrong Bible, and she would get very indignant and say, ‘My Bible is just as good as your Bible.’”

“Then one day, just to rub it in, we said, ‘Lucy, you know something? *We is better than you is* (they were black wom-

en).’ Lucy got her hackles up and said, ‘Why you say that fo’? What do you mean, *you is better than I is? I’s just as good as you!*’ Those women told Lucy, ‘Well, you must not be.’” When Lucy wanted to know why, they made her look up John 14:2 in her *NIV*. “See deah, when we dies and gets to Heaven, we gets a *mansion*; all you gets is just a *room*.”

Do you know what that black sister did? She did the only sensible thing she could do: she took her *New International Version* and threw it in the wastebasket, and got her a *King James Bible* where she could find some **“riches in glory by Christ Jesus”** (Phil. 4:19).

Listen, brethren, we don’t have to sing “Build Me a Cabin in Gloryland.” The Lord wouldn’t build a *cabin* there anyway because a cabin is made out of *wood*. The “**wood**,” “**hay**,” and “**stubble**” are all *burnt up* at the Judgment Seat of Christ (1 Cor. 3:12–15)!

Christ promised us *eternal security* in His “last will and testament.” *Mohammed* couldn’t give you any security—permanent or otherwise. There is no security

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By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman
(Part Two of Three)

The main goal of Satan since Genesis 3 has been to change what God said. That being the case, the Devil's main area of operation would not be a "crack house" or a bar or a "cathouse" or a disco; it would be a Bible revision committee. When James White wrote his work on *The King James Only Controversy*, the silly, naive child thought that the Devil had nothing to do with any Bible translation or revision, that it was all the work of scholars—some good, some bad. To the contrary, Satan was right there with the committees of the RV, ASV, RSV, NASV, NRSV, NIV, ESV, etc., guiding them as to their choice of words, so that the modern versions attack every major "fundamental of the faith," as well as several other important doctrines.

Now, the woman to prove that "beyond the reasonable shadow of a doubt" was Gail Riplinger in her work *New Age Bible Versions*. Riplinger demonstrates from the texts of the new "Bibles" themselves that their readings match the terminology and doctrines of the New Age in preparation for Satan's one-world government and religion (2 Thess. 2; Rev. 13). The *New King James Version* is no different in this respect than such Satanic corruptions as the RSV, NASV, and NIV, although its translators claimed it came from the same Greek text as the *King James* (see our last article).

Just for fun, let's consult the King of all translations, the "Monarch of the Books," the *Authorized King James Version* of the Holy Bible, whose negative criticisms of the world, mankind, and the United Nations have been the

standard for four centuries now. Let's find out what that Critic of all critics, the greatest "scholar" in the entire universe, has to say about such perversions of what God said as the *New King James Version*.

1. The sin that sends a sinner to Hell is one of *omission*, not commission (John 16:9).

2. The sin that prevents all Christians from living sinless lives is one of *omission*, not commission (Rom. 6:11).

3. The *first sin* committed on this earth by any human being was one of *omission*, not commission (Gen. 3:2 cf. 2:16).

4. Satan's method when quoting the Scriptures is *omission*, not addition (Luke 4:10 cf. Psa. 91:11).

5. When it comes to the revelation of God to be proclaimed verbally, apostate Fundamentalists always tend toward *omissions*, not additions (Num. 22:12–13).

6. *Omissions* are more deceptive than additions (Judg. 14:9), which is why the Apostle Paul omitted nothing in his preaching and teaching (Acts 20:27).

With this infallible background of absolute truth given to us by the "Monarch of the Books" (John 17:17), we pick up the *NKJV* (the "Numbskulls' King Jimmy Vision") to find this:

1. The word *Lord* is OMITTED 66 times.

2. The word *God* is OMITTED 51 times.

3. The word *heaven* is OMITTED 50 times.

4. The word *repent* is OMITTED 44 times.

5. The word *blood* is OMITTED 23 times.

6. The word *hell* is OMITTED 22 times.

7. The word *damnation* is

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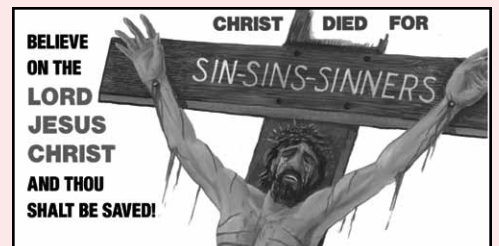
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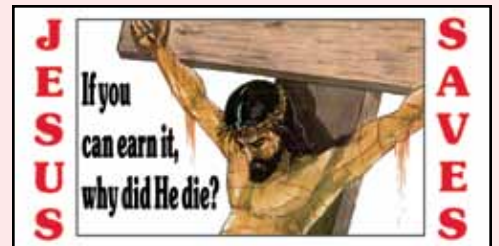
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 "the Bibles they held in their hands" as *infallible* (Woodbridge and Balmer, cited by Theodore Letis, *Edward Freer Hill's Contribution to the Revival of the Ecclesiastical Text*, 1987, pg. 69), that it was *perfect* (DeWitt Talmage, *Sermons*, Vol. 18, 1890, pg. 255), that it was a *true copy*

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 alone is *insufficient*. *Penance* and *baptism* are required.

Session 6, Canon IX: If any man teaches that justification is by faith alone, "let him be *accursed*."

Session 6, Canon XI: If any Christian thinks that he is justified solely by the imputation of Christ's righteousness, "let him be *accursed*."

Session 7, Canon VI: Anyone denying that grace is conferred by virtue of the act of a Roman Catholic sacrament, "let him be *accursed*."

(If John Paul II believed those three statements—and he had to swear that he did to become Pope—he's burning in Hell right now.)

Session 25: If a man does not believe in prayers *for the dead* or prayers *to the saints*, "let him be *accursed*."

Session 4: If a man prints, distributes, reads, or possesses, without the written consent of a Roman Catholic Bishop, any copy of the Bible which has not been approved by the Roman Catholic Church, "let him be *accursed*."

John Paul II believed in 125 *curses* placed on every Baptist in the United States, including Jack Schaap. How "sincere" can one get?! Isn't it wonderful to have the backing of a Baptist pastor who professes to be a "Fundamentalist"?

of the originals (John Bunyan in 1680, cited by Burgess McCreary, *John Bunyan, the Immortal Dreamer*, 1928, pg. 38), and that you would be a *traitor to the Gospel* if you changed it (Peter Philpot, *The Gospel Standard*, 1880). We produced quotes from Charles Haddon Spurgeon in 1886 where he said "the font of inspiration" was in the *Book he held in his hands* (AV 1611), that the words of that Book were *omniscient* and *divine*, that those words were "free from all error," and that Christians (*especially preachers*) were to "have done with the evil forever" of "racking Scripture" and "REVISED VERSIONS."

One brother produced the "Articles of Faith" put out by the Barren River Association in Kentucky on September 15, 1830, which stated: "We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, AS TRANSLATED BY THE AUTHORITY OF

KING JAMES, to be the WORDS [get that *plural*; it wasn't any Neo-orthodox "message," "fundamentals," or "principles") of God, and is the ONLY TRUE RULE of faith and practice." Those are Baptists in 1830 before Ruckman's mother was born.

Back in 1946 (three years before I was saved), John R. Rice published a sermon by Rev. Dyson Hague which was preached *before* 1935 ("The Wonder of the Book," *The Sword Book of Treasures*, pg. 43). In that sermon, Hague said that the wonder of the Bible is "its *perpetual re inspiration*." "Men think of the Bible as a Book that WAS inspired [see any Fundamentalist College or University]. But the wonder of the Bible is that it IS inspired [exactly what I believe—Ruckmanism sometime between 1880–1935] the SAME BREATH OF GOD that breathed into it its mystic life [the "originals"]

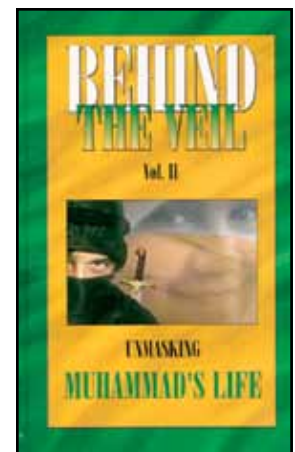
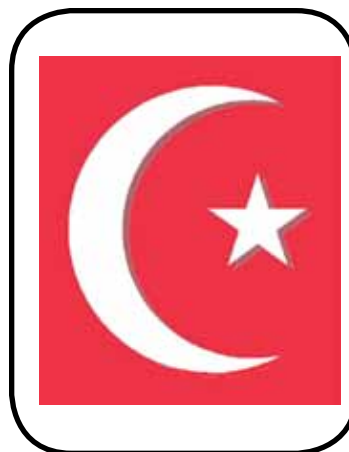
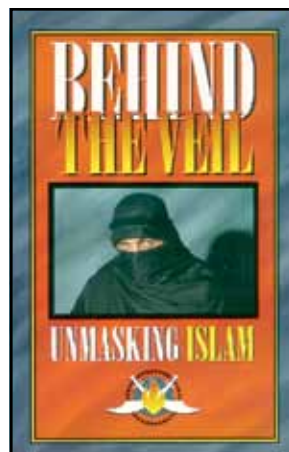
makes it live and energize again TODAY." To what "Bible" is Hague referring? The Bible *his mother gave him* (pg. 44); the only Bible he quotes through the entire sermon—a 1611 *King James Authorized Version*.

Back in 1920, W. B. Riley believed the *King James Bible* was "parachuted down from Heaven by God." (I add that it was typed on a *German typewriter*.) You can find that in George Dollar's work *The History of Fundamentalism*.

Hymers owes several thousand dollars to *at least ten* saved Bible teachers. Naturally, being a *liar* (as well as a *dumbbell*), he never paid a cent of it. He added a few gnat-straining details to cover himself just in case he was mistaken—which he was. He insisted that the wording had to be EXACTLY LIKE RUCKMAN'S in order to collect the money and that

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 promised to *any sinner* in 114 Suras of the *Koran*; there is not one verse in there where *any Moslem* knows for certain where he is going when he dies. According to the second most holy book in Islam (the *Hadith*, Bukhari, Vol. V, no. 266), *Mohammed himself* didn't even know if he would make it to Paradise. He *presumed* a Moslem could make it if he got killed in a "jihad." What was his proof? Are you trying to be funny?

Why, the writers of the New Testament *all* had assurance of where they were going when they died.

Peter wrote, "**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us [Peter includes himself with those to whom he is writing] again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time**" (1 Pet. 1:3-5).

The Apostle John wrote, "**He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God**" (1 John 5:12-13).

He recorded the words of the Lord Jesus Christ as saying: "**My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them**

me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:27-29).

When did you ever read where Mohammed ever said anything like *that*? Why, you *never did!* But the Lord Jesus Christ left you some things in His "last will and testament" that you couldn't miss.

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are SEALED UNTO THE DAY OF REDEMPTION" (Eph. 4:30).

The promise is that you will end up *exactly like Jesus Christ* (Rom. 8:29; see our remarks on the *new body* above). Because of that, Paul could say, "**For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord**" (Rom. 8:38-39).

The Apostle Paul had absolute assurance of his eternal destiny.

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain . . . For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" (Phil. 1:21, 23).

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8).

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

Name me one other reli-

gion, besides Bible-believing Christianity, where every person in that religion knows for sure where he is going when he dies. You can't, because there is no permanent assurance or security in any other religion. To have assurance of salvation, you have to deal with a *person*, not a *religion*.

In Jesus Christ's "last will and testament," He promised those who believe in Him *sinless perfection*. When you finally become just like your Saviour (see our remarks on the *new body* above), you will be sinless because He was sinless. You don't find that in other religions. In the old Norse and Teutonic religions, when a warrior died, he went to Valhalla where he spent eternity committing gluttony, drunkenness, and killing because that was a German's idea of a good time; his "Heaven" was patterned after his own sinful imagination. When a Moslem dies and gets to Paradise (*if* he goes—see our remarks on *eternal security*), he gets

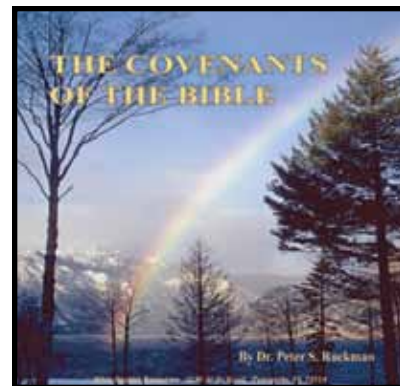
to fornicate with 72 virgins. Why? Because Mohammed was a sexual maniac who couldn't control his gonads, so he invented a "Heaven" where he could keep on fornicating.

Fornication is a capital sin in the Holy Scriptures (see 1 Cor. 6), and Paul commands the believer to "**Flee fornication**" (1 Cor. 6:18). Not Mohammed! He had *fourteen* legitimate wives, and when they couldn't satisfy him, he got him *eleven* concubines. When those weren't able to take care of things, he picked him up some slave girls on the side. Among his wives was a six-year-old girl (Aisha), with whom he went to bed when she was *nine years old*, and *his own daughter-in-law*. That was a sin deserving of *death* under the Mosaic Law (Lev. 20:12).

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if you ever found a confession of the *old nature* (like you find from time to time in Spurgeon and Torrey—see the Appendices to the *Bible Believer's Commentary on the Pastoral Epistles*), that those quotes negated the former affirmations of the AV.

To that we say: "AWW NUTS!" Every believer has in him an old nature that questions what God said (Gen. 3:1). Why would you go to the old, Adamic nature for belief in the words of God when it is "the HOLY SPIRIT [that] sets His seal in the soul of every believer to the divine authority of the Bible." That's from R. A. Torrey (*Our Bible*, Charles Leach, Moody Press, 1898); he said that about the Bible *his parents taught him to believe*. I guarantee you it wasn't any "original autographs" or any Greek or Hebrew texts.

Anyway, one of the first cases of "Ruckmanism" before 1950 that we gave Hymers back in May of 1989 was

a quote from a professor of English Literature at Yale University named William Lyons Phelps:

"The crowning achievement of these spacious times is the *Authorized* translation of the Bible, which appeared in 1611 The translators made more mistakes in Greek than they did in English. When we remember that English is not a perfect language as a means of expression (it is inferior to both Russian and Polish), it is marvelous to consider what the group of Elizabethan scholars did with it. We Anglo-Saxons have a better Bible than the French or the Germans or the Italians or the Spanish. Our English translation is EVEN BETTER THAN THE ORIGINAL HEBREW AND GREEK. There is only one way to explain this. I have no theory to account for the so-called inspiration of the Bible, BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE AUTHORIZED VERSION WAS INSPIRED."

That was from Phelps' work *Human Nature and the Bible*, published in 1923. That's two years *after* Peter Ruckman was born. That's "Ruckman" spreading his "heresy" when he was only two years old. You have to admit, that's getting with it.

Of course, Hymers dismissed what Professor Phelps said because Hymers claimed Phelps was a Liberal who didn't believe in the *divine* inspiration of the Bible at all: he simply believed in its *human* inspiration (like the works of Shakespeare or Milton). So here we produce some more quotes from William Lyons Phelps. These were sent to us by Bro. Richard Neumeier down in St. Petersburg, Florida. They come from a book by Phelps entitled *Reading the*

Bible, published in 1919—two years *before* "Ruckman" was born. "Ruckman" wasn't even around as an infant to take credit for any of this.

"The so-called *Authorized*, or *King James Version* of the Bible, published in 1611, is the most important and the most influential book in English literature" (pg. 10). Amen! *That's* the Book that built the British Empire and the American republic. The RSV, NASV, NIV, TEV, NKJV, ESV, etc., are *blanks*.

"The *Authorized Version* is incomparably the best both for the pulpit and for educated readers" (pg. 12). So when Billy Graham, Franklin Graham, Obama, Clinton, and the UN (the Isaiah Wall) want authority for what they say, they quote an "archaic" Continued on 9

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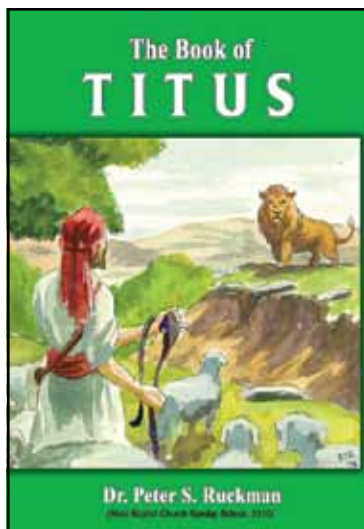
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and the "King James Bible" being in two separate paragraphs, he writes back and says, "I have made public—in pulpits across the land, in my books, and in THE SWORD OF THE LORD—the **KJB** is exactly, precisely, perfectly the **inspired**, inerrant, infallible, authentic, accurate, authoritative, pure, powerful, preserved Word of God—indeed, it is the **Holy Scriptures**." If the **King James Bible** is "**perfectly the inspired...Word of God...the Holy Scriptures**," then he believes in "**double inspiration**" (emphasis mine) as he *claims* Dr. Ruckman does.

Outside of private correspondence, I do not know

where he has made this public in any book or in which edition of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I appreciate his boldness and progress in the issue over the King James Bible and hope that he truly means what he has written. As he stated, there is "a huge super-colossal battle" being waged over whether the *King James Bible* is the inspired word of God and is indeed the Holy Scriptures. The Devil has fought from the beginning to discredit the word of God, and "scholars" have followed right along

behind him in his footsteps. To see or hear of someone defending the *King James Bible* as the inspired Holy Scriptures is truly a blessing. Thank you, Brother Smith, for your profession!

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Book that is 400 years “out of date”—a *King James Authorized Version* from 1611. They don’t quote an ASV or RV or NASV or NIV. Why not? Those aren’t “the best.” It is the *King James Bible* that is the *standard* among Bibles.

And finally: “There is no English in the world equal to that found in the 1611 Bible. The revisers [i.e., of the RV, 1885] knew more Greek, and less English. Whether the original text was inspired or not, I HAVE NEVER FELT ANY DOUBT AS TO THE DIVINE INSPIRATION OF THE VERSION OF 1611.”

Well how about that? There’s someone more

“Ruckman” than “Ruckman.” Phelps wasn’t sure about the divine inspiration of “the originals,” but he was absolutely certain of the *divine inspiration of the Authorized text*.

Why, “Ruckman” doesn’t even teach that. All he teaches is that “**ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God**” (2 Tim. 3:16), and that that is NOT a reference in the context to any “original autographs” (2 Tim. 3:15). In the *Scriptures*, the term “**scriptures**” is *always* a reference to the Scriptures that you possess (Luke 4:21) and can read (Matt. 21:42), search (Acts 17:11), and know (Mark 12:24). Nobody in the New Testament possessed, read, searched, or knew any “origi-

nal autograph” from the Old Testament. Nobody since A.D. 120 has possessed, read, searched, or known any “original autograph” of the New Testament.

Nevertheless, “Ruckman” has never taught that “the originals” weren’t “**given by inspiration**” (see Jer. 36). Phelps said, “Whether the original text was inspired or not, I have never felt any doubt as to the DIVINE INSPIRATION [*not* human inspiration—*divine* inspiration; i.e., “**inspiration OF GOD**”] of the version of 1611.” Phelps believed that God gave the words of the AV text regardless of whether or not He gave the “original autographs.”

How’s that for “out-Ruckmaning” “Ruckman”? That’s “Ruckmanism” back in 1919. That’s “Ruckmanism” B.R. (“Before Ruckman”).

Will “Hot Dog” pay up, given what we just presented above? Don’t hold your breath. He is still pastoring in “the land of fruits and nuts” pretending to be “**apt to teach**,” ignoring 400 years of testimony to the fact that English-speaking Christians believed their *King James Bibles* to be the inspired, infallible “**holy scriptures**” (see 2 Tim. 3:15–16)—at least until they were *talked out of that belief* by lying jacklegs like Hymers and his buddies.

The “Original” Position of The Sword of the Lord

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say” Fact: where Rice didn’t understand the Scriptures, he thought the trouble was with the Scriptures. *He was his own final authority*.

Rice says on page 355, “Well, there are many, many translations. The differences in the translations are so minor, so insignificant, that we can be sure not a single doctrine, not a single statement of fact, not a single command or exhortation, has been missed in our translations. And where the Word of God is not perfectly translated in one instances it is corrected in *another translation*. And if the Word of God is not perfectly portrayed in one translation, it is portrayed, surely, in the winnowed sum of them all. And besides, one can go back to the *original Greek and Hebrew texts* to check for himself the translations.”

Really, Dr. Rice? I mean, REALLY? He never saw either “text” a day in his life.

So let’s get all of this

together. Dr. Rice and *The Sword of the Lord* believed:

1. The KJB is *not* the “inspired Word of God.” It is *inaccurate*, has errors, and must be corrected.

2. *No translation* is perfect, therefore, one must go back to the original Greek and Hebrew texts and correct them.

3. “The Bible” is the “originals” *only*.

4. We do not *have* the “originals.”

5. Be sure to *prefer* and *use* the *King James Version* because it is the one the masses of people use.

6. *Profess from the pulpit* that you “have” the “inspired, infallible Bible” in your hands when you really believe that it is full of “errors,” “mistakes,” and “glosses.” This will insure that the *real* Bible believers you have in your congregation will keep putting money in the plate!

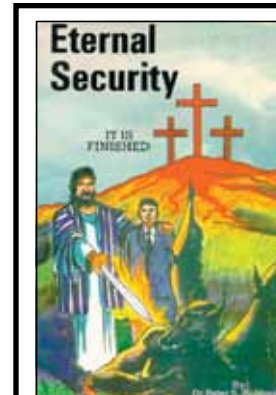
7. The Catholic manuscripts (*Vaticanus, Sinaiticus,*

and *Alexandrinus*) were *superior* and are to be used to “correct” the *mistakes* in the *King James Bible*.

8. The differences in all of the translations out there are so minor, so insignificant, that no doctrine, commandment, statement of fact, or exhortation is missed. *And if your translation misses it, go find one that doesn’t*. All of the translations “portray” the “Word of God.” And if you are not happy with that, go get the “*original* Greek and Hebrew text” and check for yourself.

We conclude with what an old wise man once said: “The man who has to *correct* the Bible has never *learned* the Bible.” Dr. Rice may have been a good soulwinner, and we thank God for that, but when it came to “scholarship,” he would have made a better *shoe salesman*.

Ditto Curtis Hutson and Shelton Smith: the latter one lied again when he implied that he had taken Ruckman’s position on the *King James Version* (see article on pg. 1 this *Bulletin*).



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The Worst Bible On the Market

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OMITTED *completely*.

8. The word *devils* is OMITTED *completely*.

9. The term *new testament* is OMITTED *completely*.

10. The word *Jehovah* is OMITTED *completely*.

Wouldn't the proper response to such remarkable phenomena be: "**Yea, hath God said . . . ?**" (Gen. 3:1)? The above information is given by Gail Riplinger in a tract entitled "New King James Omissions"; we carry it here at the Bookstore (KJ-1754 @ 20¢). It proves that the *New King James Version*, recommended by Radio Bible Class, Back to the Bible, and Liberty University, is the Satanic product of *unclean spirits*.

The *New King James Version* is as corrupt a piece of God-defying, Holy Spirit-insulting *junk* as ever fell off the back end of an ecumenical dumpster. It attacks the *Deity* of Jesus Christ in Matthew 18:26, 20:20; Luke 13:8; John 8:35; Acts 3:13, 26, 4:27, 30; and Colossians 1:15. It converts the "**superstitious**" Greek scholars of Athens in Acts 17:22 to merely "*religious*" men.

This same piece of rubbish teaches news media "*sexism*" (Gen. 2:18) and the *neuter "god"* of the New Age (Luke 7:19-20; Matthew 11:3; John 7:18; 2 Cor. 2:10). It rids the Body of Christ of that horribly divisive word "**heretick**" (Tit. 3:10), while courteously honoring the Devil by *removing his name* ("**Satan**") from Psalm 109:6.

This is the trashy translation recommended by scores of saved Fundamentalists and Conservatives. Such promotion shows their lack of intelligence, common sense, sincerity, and godliness. They made their living by *lying* anywhere from five to fifty years before they undertook

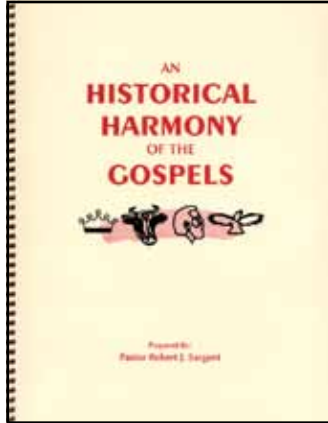
the task of putting the mess together. Their "godly" alibi is the whining we've heard from them for a century: "We've updated the *KJV* so it is '*easier to understand*.'"

Every year for more than forty years now, I have been giving the students here at the Pensacola Bible Institute a list of 100 so-called "archaic" words in the *Authorized Version*. In any given class, the students have no trouble with fifty of them. Of the remaining fifty, they could guess correctly as to the right meaning of half of them. That leaves only 25 words that are truly "archaic," and they can be looked up in a good dictionary like the 1828 *Webster's Dictionary*. What is even more revealing in this regard is that one of our graduates (Dr. Laurence Vance), back in 1996, wrote a book showing that at least eighty of those archaic words are still in use in modern publications. That work (*Archaic Words and the Authorized Version*) is available once more from the Bookstore (KJ-1765 @ \$29.95).

That isn't all; in Gail Riplinger's tract, she has listed nearly 140 places in the *NKJV* where its readings are *more difficult* to understand than the *AV* readings (e.g., Psa. 43:1; Ezek. 31:4; 1 Kings 10:28; 1 Sam. 13:21; Ezra 6:1; Acts 27:17; Isa. 28:1, 4; Matt. 10:9, 20:2; John 19:7). Since that pretty well knocks the alibi of the apostates (Falwell, Hutson, Towns, Criswell, Ockenga, Price, et al.) out the window, why did these Bible-perverting, publicity-mad cheap opportunists ever publish

the *NKJV*? What possible motive could they have had in following the Satanic formula of *omissions* revealed and warned about in the *real King James Version* of 1611? I'll give you one guess; you don't get two. Take a look in the "New Kooky Jerk's Version" in 1 Timothy 6:10 and compare it with the reading in the *AV* and then see if you can tell what their motive was (\$\$\$).

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The Last Will and Testament Of Jesus Christ

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When it came to sinless perfection, Mohammed didn't know which end was up. Mohammed was so stupid that he said Jesus was a *Moslem* (Sura 3:52) and that all the prophets were *sinless* (Sura 53:6, note 1535)! Of course, that meant that he too was included in those who were sinless, although *Mohammed himself confessed his sins* (*The Sayings of Mohammed*, Citadel Book Press, 1999, pg. 101; *Hadith*, Bukhari, Vol. I, nos. 19, 711, 781). That's some “sinless perfection,” ain't it? And if that were not enough, Mohammed said in the *Koran* (dictated to him by a 600-winged angel—*Hadith*, Bukhari, Vol. VI, no. 380) that *no man sins against God*; he just sins against *himself* (Sura 4:110). After that you can write: “RUBBISH!”

Finally in Christ's “last will and testament,” we have a great promise found in Revelation 21:4. Not only did the Lord Jesus Christ promise infallible guidance, supernatural peace, a new body, a rich man's home, eternal security, and sinless perfection; He also promised *eternal happiness*.

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

Pretty good, huh? That's eternal happiness.

Listen, I know where I'm going and how to get there. If I denied it, the Lord would make a liar out of me. Jesus told His disciples: **“the way ye know”** (John 14:4). Just in case you don't know the

way, He tells you what it is; there is no way you can know **“the way”** if you don't know **“the truth”** and the one who identified Himself as **“the way, the truth, and the life”** (John 14:6).

When Robert Ingersoll, the famous atheist, went by the grave side of his brother at the funeral, he wrote these words: “Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain [“speak for yourself, John Alden”] to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud [what do you mean “we”? You're not talking about *me*], and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry.” Well, then, I'm way ahead of Bob Ingersoll, I haven't found life to be like that *at all*—the cold, barren peaks of two eternities with no answer.

Here's some wishful thinking from someone with no more sense than Bob Ingersoll: “From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word. But in the night of death, hope sees afar, mistaking the approach of death for the return of health, whispers with its last breath: ‘I am better now.’ Let us *believe*, in spite of doubts and fears, that these dear words are true of all the countless dead.”

Who invented that godless, depraved mess? *Charles Darwin*, the same fool who spoke of his teaching of evolution right before he died: “I must confess that after studying all this stuff, I've always been in a *muddle*, and *still am*.” He wants you to believe something that *isn't so*: that all the dead went to be in a *better place* and a *better condition* than they were in life.

Not *all* the dead, no. The Bible gives that promise only

to those who come into contact with the one who died for their sins. When I wanted assurance of being better after death, I didn't go to the dead for anything; I went to the One who *came up from the dead*. He's the one who put my name in the Book of Life; the rest of them wind up in the *Lake of Fire* (Rev. 20:15).

Darwin's theory was based on *emotional panic*. That's why Ingersoll said, “Let us hope, in spite of the fact we have no evidence, they are all doing better.” How about that rich man in Luke 16 begging for water (Luke 16:22–24)? You reckon he was doing any “better”?

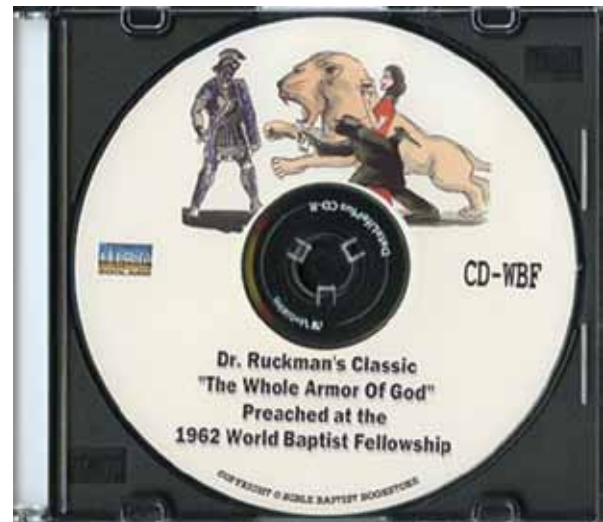
Do you know who gets the eternal happiness? It is the ones **“in Jesus”** who will **“ever be with the Lord”**; those are the ones who get the **“comfort”** (1 Thess. 4:14–18).

Those are the seven things that Jesus Christ left His followers in His “last will and testament”:

1. Infallible guidance.
2. Supernatural peace.
3. A new body.
4. A rich man's home.
5. Eternal security.
6. Sinless perfection.
7. Eternal happiness.

No religious leader who ever lived, outside of Jesus Christ, could offer all seven of those things and get anyone to believe him. The “god” (2 Cor. 4:4) that Hindus, Buddhists, and Moslems honor leaves all of them nothing but what is common to all unsaved sinners: work, food, reproduction, sorrows, false hopes, self-righteousness, “religions,” hospitals, death, graves, burial, and *judgment*. Christ's seven gifts are *no-where to be found* in those religions.

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How to Spot American False Prophets

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

In Jeremiah 23, the Lord God gives a scathing denunciation of *false prophets*. In that passage, a false prophet is defined as someone who says God said something that He never said.

In Appendix 19 of the *Ruckman Reference Bible*, I give you a list of six characteristics that mark a modern false prophet. Of course, due to space constraints, I had to abbreviate the list and give little to no exposition of the material. So here I thought I would give you an updated, expanded version of how to spot a false prophet in this age. It is what you might call "The Creed of the False Prophets."

1. *Science is the highest authority.* A false prophet will elevate science to the place of final authority (1 Tim. 6:20). Science has *never* been the highest authority, and it *never will be*. I don't care whether you call it "science" or "knowledge," or whether you're talking about *true* knowledge or *false* knowledge, just plain knowledge is not the highest authority. The Devil is the *smartest being in the universe* (Ezek. 28:3), and he's not the highest authority. So even if you're talking about real science and true knowledge, you're still a false prophet if you make that science and knowledge the highest authority.

2. *Peace is the highest ideal.* You had better look out for somebody who is always talking about "world peace" and "the religion of peace" and "the kiss of peace" and "make me an instrument of Thy peace," etc. That's a false prophet talking (Jer. 6:14, 14:13, 23:17; Mic. 3:5; 1 Thess. 5:3). The highest ideal is *not peace*; it's *righteousness*. It's righteousness and purity *first*, then peace

(James 3:17; Heb. 7:2). That Bible says, "**righteousness and peace have kissed each other**" (Psa. 85:10). They're right together; you can't have one without the other. In other words, *no righteousness, no peace*.

3. *If you don't conform to the world, you're abnormal.* Conformity to the world is the mark of a false prophet. He will make you think that if you don't conform, there is something wrong with you mentally: if you don't think the way the world thinks,

dress the way it tells you to, and act the way it dictates, there is something peculiar about you. If you read the Bible, you're abnormal; if you pass out tracts, you're abnormal; if you preach on the street, you're abnormal. If that's the case, then you're better off "abnormal"; God knows, the "normal" is rotten enough.

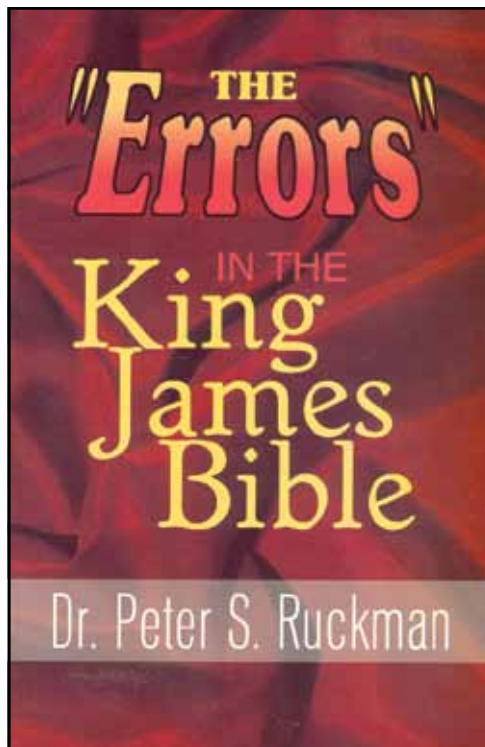
4. *It's all right to criticize the Bible, but it's wrong to criticize somebody else's faith.* You can always spot a false prophet because

he'll say, "Don't knock the Catholics; don't cut down the Liberals and the Modernists. Don't be a bigot and talk against the Moslems, the Hindus, or the Buddhists"; but when it comes to banning the Bible or talking about the "contradictions in the Bible" or changing the Bible, they will cry "separation of Church and State! Freedom of speech! Christian liberty!" It's all right to tear up the Bible, but someone's "faith" is above criticism.

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5. *Capital punishment is unjust and cruel.* Of course, God authorized it in Genesis 9:5-6; Numbers 35:31; Acts 25:11; and Romans 13:4 — that's *before* the Law, *during* the Law, and *after* the Law. But false prophets don't care what God said; they're *humanists*. "Man is the measure of all things." So to the false prophet, capital punishment is "cruel and excessive punishment."

To get you to come around to his way of thinking, the false prophet will get some sap-headed little newspaper or TV reporter to go to the gas chamber or the "hot squat" (electric chair) and report on an execution. Of course, the reporter is a thin-skinned little girl scout to begin with, so when the switch is flipped and the body goes into convulsions, the eyes go black, the lips turn purple, and all that kind of stuff, he writes about the "horrible death" and puts the article right on the front page. Of course, there's no article accompanying it telling about the victim the fellow killed, with photographs of the body, and a follow-up story on the relatives of the person who was murdered. The false prophet gears everything to make you feel sorry for the murderer, with no thought paid to his victim(s).

6. *Guilt feelings are a mental problem.* The false prophet makes you think that you are mentally sick if you feel guilty over "sin," so the solution is to get rid of your guilty feelings.

Listen, guilt is one of the healthiest emotions you can have *if you are guilty*; I mean, if you are guilty, you *need* a guilt feeling. The quicker you get one, the better off you will be; it can keep you out of more trouble.

The way to get rid of a

guilt feeling is to *acknowledge* the sin, *judge* it, *confess* it, and then *get it under the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ*; don't run to a shrink. If you're feeling guilty about something about which you shouldn't feel guilty, then get into the word of God and let the Lord tell you through the Scriptures where you mess up and where you don't.

I don't waste five minutes feeling guilty about anything. If I'm guilty, I judge it and confess it (1 John 1:9), and if the Devil tries to put a false "guilt complex" on me, I tell him, "Ah, baloney!" and I go about my own business. If you're right, you're right; if you're wrong, you're wrong and need to get right; and you ought to know the word of God well enough to know when you're right and when you're wrong.

7. *You get your full punishment in this life.* That's a false teaching propagated by

a false prophet. No man gets his full punishment in this life; as far as that goes, no man gets his *full reward* in this life. You don't get all the good things you have coming to you *right now*. Don't tell me that Stephen got all that God had for him in this life; all he ended up getting was buried under a pile of rocks. And don't tell me Caiaphas suffered everything he deserved to suffer in this life; not after turning the Son of God over to the Romans to be crucified. There are things you have coming to you—good and bad—that you will never get in this life.

8. *All truth is relative.* False prophets don't believe in *absolute truth*. Yet this bunch of hypocrites will teach you that there are three things that are *absolutely certain*: 1) Evolution is an *absolute fact*. 2) Integration is *absolutely needed*; race-

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gods, like the Jehovah's Witness *New World Translation*, in John 1:18 (a *begotten* one and an *unbegotten* one), but neither one is more dangerous than the "Nutty Kaput Jackleg's Version." The *NKJV* is more dangerous and deceptive by far, because *it contains more of the true*

Biblical text. Listen, folks, when Satan tempted Eve, all three things he told her about the forbidden fruit were *true* (see Gen. 3:6). It was what he *didn't* tell her that led her into sin. Eve omitted the word "**freely**" (see Gen. 3:2) from God's command in Genesis 2:16, and *that* turned out to be

man's "original sin." *That* was the first sin committed on this earth by a human being. Satan tried it again on Christ in Luke 4:4 with no success. In *that respect*, the *NKJV* is just as rotten and impotent as the other 232 perversions of the Scriptures; that is evident from the *NKJV's* omissions of God's commands to "**study**" (2 Tim. 2:15) and "**search**" (John 5:39) the Scriptures.

In our final article, we will show you why you should never hesitate to correct the "TR" of the *New King James Version*.

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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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The "Original" Position of The Sword of the Lord

By Tom Waddle

John R. Rice, the founder of *The Sword of the Lord*, was not a *King James* Bible believer. He was clearly a Bible corrector. He would correct the *King James* Bible, or any other Bible for that matter, any place it didn't agree with him. He would recommend or "prefer" the *King James Version* not because he thought it was the word of God, but because "it is actually the translation of the mass of people." (\$\$\$)

That quote (pg. 383) and the following quotes are taken from Rice's book *Our God-Breathed Book, The Bible*, which is still sold at *The Sword of the Lord's* bookstore. The title made you think that Rice actually believed he had such a book, didn't it? Rice's *God Breathed Book* never existed by his own profession.

Read it for yourself! "When we say that the Bible is inspired, we do not refer to the translations or copies but to the original manuscripts" (pg. 68).

This tells you how "scholarly" Rice was. Fact: the "original manuscripts" were never a "Bible." The "originals" were never all put together into one "Book." When Rice said "The Bible," he meant "the originals"—something he never had and something that never existed. He admits this on page 354: "But when we speak of inspiration, we speak of the original autographs, the original manuscripts. We have none of the original manuscripts. All we have are copies of copies."

"OUR God-Breathed Bible"? The title implies that he had it in his possession. Where was it, Dr. Rice? He

never had it. "The Bible IS the inspired Word of God" (pg. 73). He tried to get you again. Notice the present tense "IS" when he meant "was"! What would you think if he was standing in the pulpit and waving a *King James* Bible and saying that? The average Christian would think he actually believed what he had in his hand was "the inspired Word of God," when he didn't mean anything like it.

He said on page 370, "Actually NO TRANSLATION can perfectly, wholly reveal the Word of God," "the *King James Version* of the Bible . . . the translation itself is NOT inspired, is NOT infallibly correct" (pg. 379). "The *King James Version* of Luke 1:3 is, unfortunately, inaccurate, and this inaccurate translation has followed in nearly all versions" (pg. 165).

"We hold, then, the consistent position of fundamental, Bible-believing Christians through all the ages that all of the Scriptures, as we know them, ARE the Word of God and inspired alike" (pg. 93).

Question: How can you believe something that has never existed? "AS WE KNOW THEM"? So we must have them, right? "Inspired Scripture"? Did Rice ever produce such a "Bible"?

Page 382: "The translators of the *American Standard Version* had the advantage of having access to the three oldest manuscripts with which we are familiar—the Vatican, the Alexandrian, and the Sinaitic manuscripts. It corrects some mistakes in the *King James Version*. One very serious error in translation of the *King James Version* makes Revelation 22:14

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