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The Punctuation of the King James Bible

(Part One)

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In just one more example of the superiority of the *King James Bible* over the modern English translations (as well as over every other book known to man), the AV 1611 displays an archaic punctuation that cannot be duplicated today. It results in a reading that gives a cadence and rhythm due to the way the translators employed the use of commas, and semicolons, and colons, and periods, and exclamation points. In modern English, the writer is taught that use of commas in that last sentence is superfluous when using the conjunction *and*. Yet the King's English uses it in just that fashion where it says in 1 Corinthians 1:30, "**who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.**"

This beauty is lost in the corrupt

works such as the so called "*New KJV*" Bible, which reads: "*who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—.*" Imagine thinking that a slash in the middle or end of a verse is an improvement over the punctuation of the *KJV*! Once the cadence is lost, the ease of memorization is also lost, as is the power, for "**Where the word of a king is, there is power**" (Eccl. 8:4).

The modern English writer is also taught not to begin his sentences with *And*, since it is a conjunction. And yet the *King James Bible* begins hundreds of sentences with "**And,**" including 33 times in the first chapter of Genesis alone. Some of the most well known and memorized verses begin with "**And,**" such as Romans 8:28, "**And we know that all things work together for good**"; John 1:14, "**And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us**"; John 3:14, "**And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness**"; 1 Corinthians 13:2, 3 13, "**And though I have the gift of prophecy . . . And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor...And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three.**"

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What God's People Worry About

Someone once said that wrinkles are the hieroglyphics that tell the story of troubles like a rabbit's footprints in last night's snow. White hair shows where trouble has lighted on a Christian.

Worry is like a rocking chair: it keeps you moving without getting you anywhere. Southerners say you should never worry about a thing, because if you can fix it, then fix it and stop worrying about it, and if you can't fix it, there is no need to worry about it anyway.

"O, I worry over this thing and I worry over that,
But I notice when the atmosphere has cleared
That the bad luck that I had looked for didn't
come and knock me flat,
And I didn't have the trouble that I feared.

"O, I like to start the morning with an apprehensive sigh,
For I find a bit of worry to my taste.
But I cannot help a-thinking as the years go speeding by,
That an awful lot of worry goes to waste."

The Bible says, "**Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you**" (1 Pet. 5:7). When you do that, you are given by the Holy Spirit "**the peace of God, which passeth all understanding**" (Phil. 4:7). Yet Christians still worry.

About what do Christians worry? Well, first of all, they worry about *being saved*. Some Christians doubt their salvation; I have met scores and scores of them in the ministry. Some Christians search for assurance of salvation and can never seem to find it. They need to learn to rest their soul on the words of God in His Book.

"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 5:13).

Christians not only worry about being saved themselves, they worry about the salvation of their friends and family. This, of course, is legitimate; that's a burden you should have.

No Pope who ever lived was really concerned about one sinner he ever met. There is no case where any Pope ever dealt with anybody personally about his soul, nor is there any indication that any Pope even knew what the plan of salvation was. Not once in any of their "reigns" has any Pope ever tried to get a sinner saved.



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After I got saved, I was concerned about my momma's and daddy's salvation. I witnessed to them many times, but they never did get saved. As far as I know, both of them died and went to Hell. Of course, one hopes that at the last minute, despite being under the influence of drugs, that they received Christ, but it is a vain hope. Nobody heard anything, and neither one of them gave any testimony of trusting Christ for salvation.

The entire time I lived with my mother and father, I never heard either one of them talk about the New Birth or salvation. They attended an Episcopalian church. Our "pastor" was a "rector" (and that was a good name for him because he made a wreck of the ministry). In the twenty years I attended that church with my parents (off and on), I never heard him give the plan of salvation one time. That bird booted my momma and daddy into the Lake of Fire just as sure as you live and breathe.

Now I tried my best to win my momma and daddy to Christ, and I couldn't do it. If that is your case, you will have to do what I did. If you have done the very best you can to win your parents to Christ and they just won't get saved, you will have to leave them in the Lord's hands and not worry about it. If you can't win your own momma and daddy to Christ, try winning someone else's momma and daddy to Christ. If you have witnessed to a wayward son or daughter and that child won't get saved, win someone else's son or daughter to the Lord. But don't fret or worry about it if you have done what you could.

Christians also worry about *paying bills*. That's understandable. You should be concerned about that. The Bible say, "**Owe no man any thing**" (Rom. 13:8); it says, "**the borrower is servant to the lender**" (Prov. 22:7).

Christian, if you tithe and are not tight-fisted when it comes to giving to the Lord's work, and you are not lazy, God will take care of you and see that your bills are paid. The key is don't get in debt if you don't have to. Don't get into debt and expect God to bail you out of your overspending. You can't get a new car every year and a home that is beyond your means and expect God to solve your financial problems.

Christians worry about *other Christians talking about them*. Years ago, the man who got me into the ministry, Glen Schunk, said to me, "Ruckman, you are going to find out two things about the Christian life: the closer you get to God, the closer you get to the Devil; and the people who will hurt you the most in your ministry will be other Christians." *He was right*. Carnal Christians who aren't busy doing anything for God are going to talk and gossip; it's a way of life for them. You are going to have to let it roll off you like water off a duck's back.

Christians worry about *lack of results*. That's a genuine worry. If you have a burden for souls, you are concerned when person after person to whom you witness turns down the Gospel. The thing you have to remember is that you are

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in the "gleanings" before "**the Lord of the harvest**" returns (Matt. 9:38). The times of great numbers of people coming to Christ in America are long over. If you want to go where "the fish" are these days (see Matt. 4:19), you'll have to go to *the prisons*. But you aren't going to see a lot of people saved by door knocking, street preaching, or normal evangelistic work.

Now don't let that be a discouragement to you. *Don't stop witnessing*. If you keep on putting out the word of God, sooner or later, the Lord will give you results. *Press for a decision*; some people don't come to faith in Jesus Christ simply because the personal worker won't press for a decision. But keep on witnessing, putting out Gospel tracts, preaching on the street, inviting people to church, and the Lord will give you some results. It might not be a lot, but you will get results.

Christians worry about *God's will*. That's a legitimate concern. If you love the Lord, you want to do what God wants you to do. The key is to do what God wants you to do day by day. Bob Jones Sr. used to say, "The best preparation for tomorrow is to do what you ought to do today"; he said, "The right road leads out at the right place." Constantly check yourself to see if you would be willing to do anything God wants you to do; let Him test you to see what you would do if you could.

Christians worry about *their rights*. That is a mark of Laodicean Christianity. People these days demand special privileges and luxuries under the guise of "civil rights." Hollering for your "rights" proves that you know nothing about the Lord at all. In that Bible, you only have the "right" to two things: *death* and *judgment*. You have the right to drop dead; you earned it (Rom. 6:23). You have the right to face God and give account of your life (Rom. 14:12). As far as I'm concerned, that is where my "rights" end; anything beyond those two things is a luxury.

Freedom of speech? A special privilege a lot of your brethren overseas don't have. Freedom of religion? A tremendous luxury not afforded to believers in Communist and Moslem countries. The Apostle Paul was thrown in jail for preaching the Gospel. Are you better than he?

Franklin Roosevelt touted the "four freedoms" during his administration. Along with the freedom of speech and freedom of worship, he had "freedom from want" and "freedom from fear." FDR was just as mad as a hatter. "Freedom from fear"? Are you kidding? If you don't fear God, you haven't got the wisdom or knowledge the Lord gave a box of rocks (Prov. 9:10, 1:7).

"Freedom from want"? That's the *government* feeding you and paying your bills *instead of God*. (Like the old colored sister said, "Jesus am a leadin' me, and de govment am a feedin' me.") Listen, people, if the government gives you your "rights," the government can take them away as quick as it gave them to

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you. If you don't "knuckle under," off go the food stamps and off go the welfare checks. Haven't you got that figured out?

Jesus said, "**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you**" (Matt. 6:33). What "**things**"? Food and clothing (Matt. 6:25–32). Paul wrote, "**And having food and raiment let us be therewith content**" (1 Tim. 6:8). Do you know why this modern bunch is always bellyaching about their "rights"? It's because they're not content with the luxuries and privileges God gave them.

Finally, Christians worry about *the future*. It's called "the fear of the unknown." They don't know what the future holds, so they worry about it. Jesus said, "**Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof**" (Matt. 6:34). If you take Bob Jones Sr.'s advice (see above) and do what you are supposed to do today, tomorrow will fall into line. Someone wrote this poem about worrying about tomorrow.

"Why fear to-morrow, timid heart?
Why tread the future's way?
We only need to do our part
To-day, dear child, to-day.

"The past is written! Close the book
On pages sad and gay;
Within the future do not look,
But live to-day—to-day."

But if you are unsaved, there is one thing about the future about which you *should* worry. You had better be concerned about the *destiny of your soul*. If you are lost, you are headed for a lake of fire from which you will never get out. And if that is your case, you had better trust Christ to save you—TODAY, not tomorrow.

"Procrastination is my sin; it brings me endless sorrow. I really should get saved some day. In fact I will—tomorrow." You better hadn't. That Bible says, "**thou knowest not what a day may bring forth**" (Prov. 27:1). Something may happen and put you into a coma or cause your death before you can receive Christ. That's why that Bible says, "**behold, NOW is the day of salvation**" (2 Cor. 6:2). You better hadn't put it off.

Now reader, it's time to *stop worrying*. If you can mend the thing about which you worry, mend it. Do it today, and don't put it off until tomorrow. If you can't mend it, turn it over to the Lord and forget it. *But stop worrying about the thing.*

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The student will do well to ignore the modern rules of English and follow the archaic *King James* in both wording and punctuation.

The punctuation in the *King James* Bible often divides the two comings of the Lord Jesus Christ, with over 2,000 years between the two events. A simple comma in Genesis 3:15 separates the serpent's bruising of Christ at Calvary in A.D. 33, from Christ's bruising of the serpent's head at the Second Coming. A period at the end of Zechariah 9:9 divides the fulfillment of Christ riding into Jerusalem on the colt in His First Coming, from His millennial dominion in verse 10 at His return. The prophecies of Jacob from his deathbed contain a few more instances where a punctuation mark divides major prophetic events. In Genesis 49:11, a semicolon separates the Triumphal Entry of Christ Jesus at His First Advent from His vengeance and splattering of blood on His garments at the Second Advent. A few verses later in the same chapter (Gen. 49:24), Jacob ties the First Coming of Christ to the title of "**shepherd**" and the Second Coming to the title of "**stone**," and the *KJV* separates the two with a comma, with both titles in the same verse. The Bible student should note that the *NIV*, the *Living Bible*, and others lose the connection to Jesus Christ by changing the "**stone**" to "**rock**" and then using "**stone**" in the cross-references in Daniel 2:34 and Matthew 21:42.

Professor James Charlesworth, who sits in "the chair" at Princeton Theological Seminary, wrote an article trying to prove that the imagery

and language of Psalm 23, as found in the *KJV*, is so hopelessly out of date that his students found it "offensive, moronic, disgusting, and distortionistic." In agreeing with his students' ridiculous and ignorant assessments, he only proved that "the chair" at Princeton should come equipped with a dunce cap. As he listened to his students' rant about the psalm presenting a shepherd who "was a bully who forces one to lie down," and one who "must want to kill me since still waters are polluted and stagnant," and one who gives the image of a person who is so "inattentive and insensitive and absentminded that he would allow a cup to run over," the "Nuttty Professor" agreed with them saying, "Clearly we can no longer assume that our students have been nurtured in homes, synagogues, and churches, as most of us who are professors. The best loved and best known psalms contain metaphors and images that fail to speak to many in our classes, especially in their first biblical classes. We may have lost some of our potentially best students by not providing a forum in which they could freely express their opinions." The professor's conclusion can be more appropriately worded thusly: "Clearly, because today's students have been nurtured on Facebook, pornographic movies, and moronic X-Box games, their attempts to read and understand the pure words of God in Psalm 23 point out how few brain cells they have left. Allowing young, ignorant fools like this to express themselves in judgment of the word of God will ensure that one day

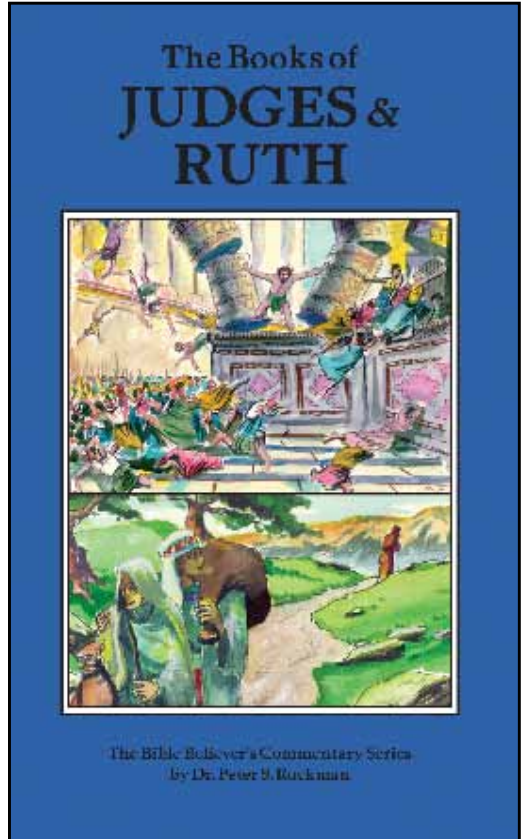
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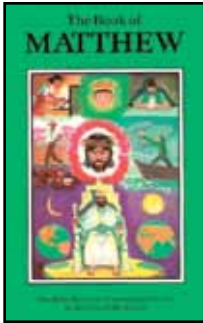
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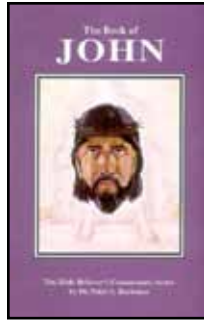
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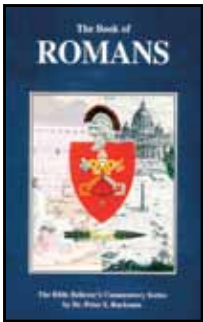
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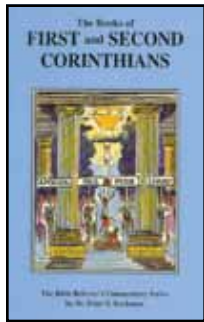
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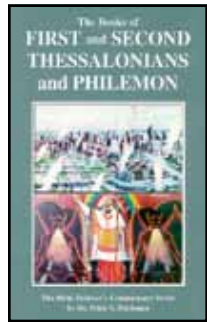
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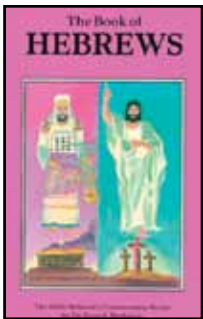
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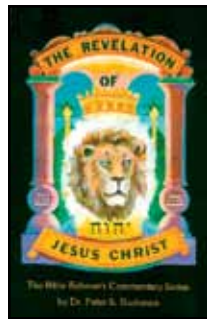
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they will turn out to be old ignorant fools with no other authority than their own deluded and warped emotions.” The seminaries of the USA have become cemeteries where the blessed Book has been buried, thanks to the “Christian” scholarship of men like Professor Charlesworth. His students will continue on in their lives as if their opinions about the 1611 matter and that their corrections of it are worthy of note. The scholarship of the *KJV* is no match for any work out today, not only in its language but even in its punctuation.

There are seven verses in the *King James* Bible of 1611 that have no punctuation at all between the verses. In each of these cases, the sentence is cut off in midthought and continues on to become the start of the next verse. Over 31,000 other verses all end with one kind of punctuation or another, showing the reader that these seven cases must be purposefully done this way to get our attention.

The first of these is in Genesis 23:17–18. Here, the Holy Spirit of God cuts off the thought mid-sentence and calls attention to the land purchase made by the father of the Jews, Abraham. The verses read: “[vs. 17] **And the field of Ephron, which is in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure** [vs. 18] **Unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of all the children of Heth . . .**” The lack of any punctuation be-

tween the verses, but especially the way the sentence is split between the two verses, is much too obvious to be accidental or an oversight.

We realize that the verse and chapter divisions the *King James* Bible are not part of the inspired text, but there sure are some good reasons to believe that the Lord had His hand in them. In 1448, Rabbi Nathan gave the verse divisions that are followed today in the Hebrew *Tanach*, and in the early 1200’s, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Stephen Langton, divided the Old Testament into the present chapter divisions. This was the same Stephen Langton who encouraged King John to sign the Magna Carta in 1215, which became the foundation for the modern freedoms enjoyed in England today.

The Lord puts much emphasis on the land given to His people Israel. The land was not only purchased by Abraham from the Canaanite tribe of Heth, it was taken back in warfare by Joshua in 1451-1421 B.C. It is the Lord’s land (Hos. 9:3; Joel 3:2) to give to whomever He chooses. One reason you know it is not Palestinian land is because there was no such thing as a Palestinian people or nation until the Romans invented the term a few thousand years later. To this day, in spite of the media’s lies, there still is no such thing as a Palestinian nation. The *KJV* precludes the use of the term in its prophecies of the Lord Jesus Christ’s destruction of it at His Second Coming (see Exod. 15:14; Isa. 14:29–30; and Joel 3:4). This teaches the Bible believer to expect Bush’s “Road Map” for peace to be

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implemented and the pipe dream of the terrorist murderer Arafat coming to pass as a land called "Palestina" in the near future. The Lord Himself will then take care of fixing the politicians (both Democrat and Republican) who thought to carve up His land **"for gain"** (Dan. 11:39). The reader should take notice how far ahead of a Fox newscast the *King James Bible* is. So the first time the *KJV* splits a verse without any punctuation, it is to point out a Jewish land purchase.

The next time a verse ends without punctuation is found in 1 Chronicles 21:11. Here, after King David is provoked by Satan to number Israel (vs. 1), the Lord sends the prophet Gad to David with this message: "[vs. 11] **So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Choose thee [vs. 12] Either three years' famine; or three months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtake thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me.**" The cutoff in mid-sentence points to the payment that David must choose for his sin, and it is evident that the man after God's own heart (1 Sam. 13:14) does not trust man, but chooses to throw himself into the hand and mercies of God (vs. 13). To put an end to the destruction and loss of life, David buys a parcel of land from **"Ornan the Jebusite"** that becomes the spot on Mt. Zion where the

temple will later be built by Solomon.

This piece of real estate is the most important piece of ground in the history of mankind. It was on this spot in 606 B.C. that Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian armies entered, as prophesied by Jeremiah, to bring the Lord's judgment on His people for their idolatry. Solomon's temple was destroyed, and the Jews went into a seventy-year captivity to force the land to rest. For 490 years, the Lord looked on as Israel refused to obey the land-sabbath of rest every seven years, as commanded in Leviticus 25:1-4. During that time, the land should have accumulated seventy years of rest (70x7), but as soon as the Jews chose to be **"like all the nations"** (1 Sam. 8:5), they picked out a king who would tax them so heavily to run his government that they did not think they could afford a sabbath land-rest every seven years. Beginning with Saul's reign in 1096 B.C., the Lord watched them ignore it seventy times, until He said enough and called Nebuchadnezzar exactly 490 years later in 606 B.C. The temple was destroyed and then rebuilt under the preaching of Haggai and Zechariah, only to be destroyed again by the Romans in A.D. 70. Some 600 years later, Mohammed's killers came in and built their Mosque of Omar on the same piece of ground purchased by David in our text. There is not a newscaster around today that is aware of this information, from Roman Catholic O'Reilly (the ghost writer of a series of "Killing Lincoln, Kennedy and Jesus" books, which more appropriately should be called

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“Killing History”) to Rush (to the bank) Limbaugh.

A third time in the *KJV* that a verse ends without punctuation is found in Romans 11:7. This is within the context of the great chapter where Paul warns the Gentile world that they had better watch their step when it comes to the nation of Israel. The main doctrine of the chapter is to show that the Lord temporarily blinded Israel as He turned to the Gentile nations who were without the covenants, the law, the adoption, or the glory (Rom. 9:4). The Lord did this to provoke His own people of Israel to jealousy that they might be saved (Rom. 10:19, 11:11). It is to this fact that Romans 11:7, with its lack of punctuation, draws attention. Once again, in mid-sentence, the thought is split into two verses, showing Israel **“blinded”** (vs. 7) **“unto this day”** (vs. 8). This ignored doctrine is one of the mysteries (Rom. 11:25) of which every preacher is supposed to be a good steward to teach his congregation (1 Cor. 4:1–2). The Bible believer is to be aware that even though Israel is an enemy of the gospel, he is still **“beloved for the fathers’ sakes”** (Rom. 11:28), and that Genesis 12:1–3 still applies.

The *“New King James”* corruption adds its own punctuation in two out of the three above verses (Rom. 11:7 and 1 Chron. 21:11), missing out on the attention given by the superior *KJV*. There must be someone out there with a hatred for the Jews and their land. The translators of the *NKJV*, *NIV*, *RSV*, etc., were all led to

change the *KJV*, without even knowing why they were doing it. The dragon put his claws into the translation committees to undermine both God’s land and God’s people, Israel. He is so subtle that none of the “godly” scholars doing the work were aware of the dragon in their midst. The *KJV* points out this dragon in both Testaments as being after Israel, and the *NIV* translation scholars repeatedly changed the word **“dragon”** inconsistently to *“serpent”* (Jer. 51:34) and *“monster”* (Isa. 51:9; Ezek. 29:3).

We will look at the other four places that the *KJV* purposely left out punctuation marks in another article.

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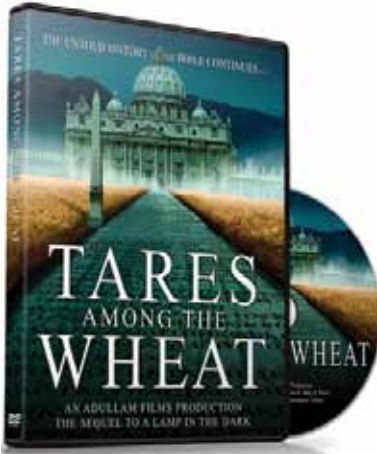
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“I most firmly assert that the *images* of Christ, of the Mother of God (that would be Mary), ever Virgin, and also of other Saints, ought to be had and retained, and that due honor and veneration is to be given them.”

That part of the confession is in there because Session XXV of the Council of Trent, on “Invocation, Veneration, and Relics, of Saints, and on Sacred Images,” says that anyone who believes that praying to statues of Jesus and the Virgin Mary is blasphemous idolatry is *curse*d (“*anathema*”).

Back in the Eighth and Ninth Centuries, in the Greek Orthodox Church, there was a great dispute over the use of images as “aids to worship.” Those who destroyed the statues and icons were called “iconoclasts.”

Of course, this was nothing new. “Iconoclasts” were all through the Old Testament. Jacob took all the idols his wife Rachel had stolen from her father Laban (Gen. 31:19, 30–35) and buried them under an oak (Gen. 35:4). Moses had the golden calf burned and ground into powder (Exod. 32:20). Gideon threw down the altar of Baal and cut down the grove it was in (Judg. 6:25–32). Hezekiah broke to pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made in the wilderness (Num. 21:8–9) because the people prayed to it (2 Kings 18:4). One of the greatest iconoclasts in the Old Testament was *Josiah*, and you can read what he did in 2 Kings 23. Of course, all this was done because God said:

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me” (Exod. 20:4–5).

God promised to judge a people up to four generations for the sin of idolatry. If you want to see what idolatry does to a nation, go visit places like Mexico or India. It doesn't matter whether it is *pagan* idolatry or “*Christian*” idolatry, that sin leaves a nation in abject poverty and slavery. The child of God is commanded to keep himself from idols (1 John 5:21).

Now back in 1985, there was a great example of modern iconoclasts that I thought would be good to revisit. This was reported by *The Philadelphia Enquirer* on November 1, 1985 on page 17C.

The story took place in Ballinspittle, Ireland, where a statue of Mary was supposed to have been moving around. Such rumors attracted literally thousands of superstitious dolly-worshippers to the area. As in all such cases, the Roman Catholic Church would neither confirm nor deny the reports, but it continued to make a good income from the religious tourist business.

Here is the article:

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“Irish youths hack statue of Mary. Worshippers watch. Ballinspittle, Ireland—Three youths damaged Ireland’s celebrated moving statue with axes and sledgehammers yesterday as horrified worshippers knelt before it. The statue of the Virgin Mary in a roadside grotto outside this tiny County Cork village has attracted huge crowds since a group of local people claimed to see it move in August. Police said three youths, driving a car stolen in Dublin, arrived at the grotto and smashed the statue after telling a group of thirty people, including some nuns, ‘You stupid people, worshipping a plaster statue.’”

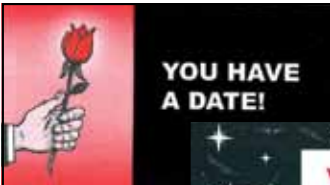
There you go. Those teenage punks may have been vandals and thieves, but when it came to a hunk of plaster, they hadn’t lost their senses yet.

“A group of people claimed to see it move”—aww, your father’s moustache. Suppose it had, what of it? In the Tribulation, there is an image that not only moves around, *it speaks* (Rev. 13:15). Do you know what happens when you “venerate” that image? *You are damned to Hell* (Rev. 14:9–11). You had better leave those “aids to worship” alone.

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Tridentine Confession

Most Americans have no idea with whom or what they are dealing when it comes to the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church. If you asked them to what a Priest, Bishop, or Cardinal had to subscribe to become a Pope, they wouldn't have any more idea than the man in the moon. In the work *Secrets of Romanism* (Joseph Zacchello, Loizeaux Brothers, Neptune, NJ, 1949), on pages 170–171, you will find what is called the “Tridentine Confession.” It is the creed to which every Pope must swear when he enters the office, including John Ratzinger (AKA Benedict XVI) and Pope “Francis.” Among other things, every Pope must swear the following:

“I likewise undoubtedly receive and profess all other things delivered, defined, and declared by the sacred canons, and general councils, and particularly by *the holy Council of Trent.*”

Now what was the Council of Trent? The Council of Trent (1545–1563) set forth the official doctrine of the Catholic Church by decree. Every Pope has to swear his fidelity to, and belief in, the decrees of the Council of Trent in order to become Pope.

What is in those decrees? Oh, just 125 curses (“anathemas”) on every Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Evangelical, Fundamentalist, etc., who does not agree with the Catholic Church's teachings on justification and salvation, the Mass, the Sacraments, prayers to dead saints, Purgatory, the infallibility and supremacy of the Pope, etc.

That is, the whole ecumenical movement with Rome is a horselaugh. The Popes are the biggest pack of liars on the face of this earth. That includes the present one, “Francis”; he's just as rotten as the last sixteen who preceded him.

Now here is what Francis, Benedict XVI, John Paul II, Paul VI, and the rest of them swore by “God and these Holy Gospels” to hold, teach, and profess. Nothing has changed since the Sixteenth Century; no “Vatican Council” abrogated one line of it.

1. Session 4 on the “Canonical Scriptures”: You are *curse*d if you don't believe such pulp fiction as Judith, Tobit, Bel and the Dragon, Wisdom of Solomon, 1 & 2 Maccabees, etc. (the *Apocrypha*), to be “**the scripture of truth**” (Dan. 10:21) and part of the Old Testament.

2. Session 4 on the “Edition and use of the Sacred Books”: You are *damned to Hell* (that's what the term *anathema* means) if you *print, distribute, read, or even possess*, without written permission of the Bishop, any copy of the Bible which hasn't been approved by the Catholic Church and that doesn't have the Roman Catholic doctrinal notes. In 1824, Pope Leo XII said Bible societies propagated “a gospel of the devil.” In 1846, Pope Pius IX called them “crafty and heretics”; in 1861, he added the epithet “pests.” Pope Pius VII (1829) and Pope Gregory XVI (1844) also spoke out against them.

3. Session 5 on “Original Sin”: If you don't believe the merits of Christ's blood atonement are applied to adults and *infants* by *water baptism*, you

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are *anathema*; if you don't believe in *sprinkling babies* to remove "original sin," you are *anathema*; if you don't believe you get the New Birth through *water baptism*, you are *anathema*.

4. Session 6, Canon IX: If you teach that justification is by faith alone, without the "grace" conferred by Roman Catholic *sacraments* (see Session 7, Canon VI–VIII below,) you are *accursed*.

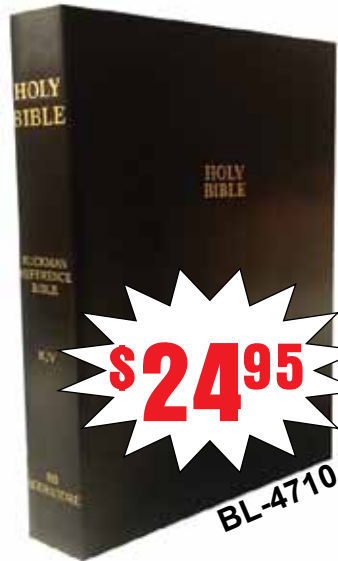
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7. Session 6, Canon XVI: If you believe in *eternal security* (called "Perseverance of the Saints" in the canon), you are *cursed*.

8. Session 6, Canon XXVII: If you believe that the only sin that can send a person to Hell in this age is rejecting Jesus Christ as Saviour, you are *damned to Hell*.

9. Session 6, Canon XXX: If you don't believe in Purgatory, you are *headed for Hell*.

10. Session 7, Canon I: If you think there are only two *ordinances* (not *sacraments*) given to the local, New Testament church, you are *anathema*.

11. Session 7, Canon IV: If you don't think Roman Catholic water baptism, the Roman Catholic Mass, Roman Catholic penance, and Roman Catholic "last rites" have anything to do with your salvation, you are *lost and on your way to Hell*.

12. Session 7, Canons VI–VIII: Unless you believe the Holy Spirit confers "grace" to be saved through the Roman Catholic sacraments and that faith alone is insufficient to save your soul from Hell, you are *cursed*.

13. Session XXV on "Invocation, Veneration, and Relics, of Saints, and on Sacred Images": If you think praying *for the dead* and praying *to dead saints* is a waste of time and breath, and if you believe that praying to statues of Christ and the "Virgin" is blasphemous idolatry, you are *accursed*.

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And just to make sure you know who's boss, the incoming Pope is to swear this, according to the third session of "the holy Council of Trent":

"I acknowledge the Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, ROMAN Church (get that all you Americans. It's a *Roman* church, not an *American* church. There are no "American Catholics"; every Roman Catholic in America, if he believes what his church professes, is answerable to a foreign State with its own head, its own laws, its own bank, and its own *army*. If you don't acknowledge *that*, you are *damned to Hell*) as the mother and mistress of all churches; and I promise true obedience to the *Bishop of Rome*, successor to St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and Vicar of Jesus Christ."

That is the "true Catholic faith, outside of which NO ONE CAN BE SAVED." If you thought I was kidding or exaggerating or "given to overstatement" when I said you were damned to Hell if you didn't agree with the decrees of "the holy Council of Trent," then go back and read that last statement again. *No Pope* (like John Paul II or Benedict XVI or "Francis") believes you can even be *saved* if you don't accept the crap you just read above.

That is what the modern Pope believes. The fact that he won't own up to a word of it (or mention it or discuss it publicly) just goes to show you that religious hypocrites can make good *politicians*. The next time you see or hear a Pope (*any* of them) get up and go on and on about "peace on earth," just thumb your nose at him and give him the "raspberry." After all, he put 125 curses on you.

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The Use of Italics in the Bible

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

For those of you who “take your Bible studies seriously” (to quote the apostates), here is a brief look into the matter of italics in the *King James Bible*. The use of italics by the *King James* translators indicates those places where they added words in the English text that were not in the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts and texts from which they translated. The criticism by all the apostates in the Alexandrian Cult (i.e., the faculties and staffs of all the major Christian Seminaries, Colleges, and Universities) is that such words couldn't be “inspired” because they weren't in the “original manuscripts” or the “original text.”

This implies God only understands, or only spoke in, two (or three) languages (Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic), which is a horse laugh. In Acts 2, at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit translated the words of the apostles into at least fifteen different languages (Acts 2:8–11). If you think the words of the Holy Ghost are limited to only Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, you are a nut without a shell to protect you.

Now the need of italicized words comes from the *peculiarities* of a language. The *idioms* (i.e., the use of a phrase peculiar to a particular language, the meaning of which is not necessarily deduced from the individual words in the phrase) used in Spanish are not those used in German; idioms in German aren't the same as those in English; etc. A good English translation would not be an absolutely literal word-for-word translation. There are differences of syntax and idioms which must be accounted for. Words have to be added occasionally for the translation to make sense and be good English. The *King James Version* is at least an *honest* translation in that it lets you know, by italics, where it does that; most of the new translations *don't*.

What I am going to give you here are some places where italics are absolutely necessary when the Lord wants to convey His words to you in English. The new “Bibles” try to get around such passages by using “dynamic equivalence”; i.e., by giving what they consider to be the *sense* or *meaning* rather than translate the *words* (known as “formal correspondence”). But if you are going to be concerned with the WORDS (John 8:47, 6:63; Matt. 4:4; Prov. 30:5; Psa. 12:6–7) instead of some nebulous Neo-orthodox “message,” then you will have to add some words which are implied in the original languages for the English to be right.

For example, take Exodus 2:1-2.

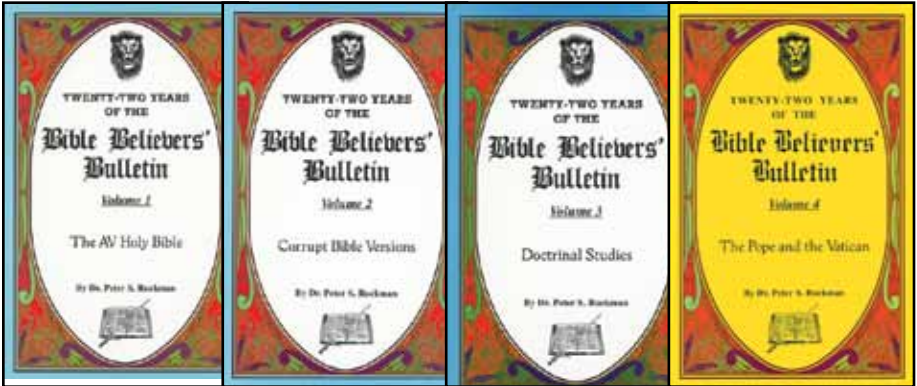
“And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took *to wife* a daughter of Levi. And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly *child*, she hid him three months.”

Take away the italicized words from verse 1, and Amram remains *unmarried*. “*Took a daughter of Levi.*” Took her how? Did he take her out to eat? Did he take her on vacation? Did he take her hostage? You see, you need the words “**to wife**” to tell you *how* he “**took**” her.

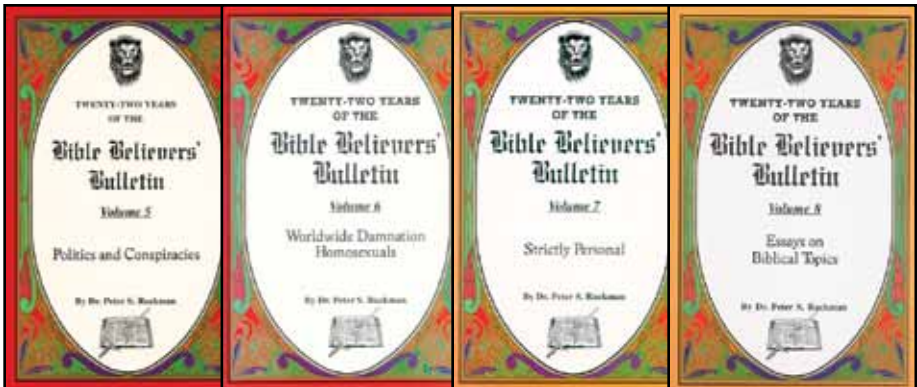
If the italicized words were left out of the second verse, you would have a clause with *no predicate* and *no object for the modifier*. That's not any kind of decent English. Those words have to be added so your Bible doesn't have *bad grammar*.

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Example two: Job 19:25–26.

“For I know *that* my redeemer liveth, and *that* he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And *though* after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.”

Our concern in verse 25 is the word “**day**.” Leave out that word, and you have: “*he shall stand at the latter upon the earth.*” The “**latter**” what?! The modern translations say “*the last*” or “*the end*,” which again begs the question of the last *what*, the end of *what*? This is the earliest written promise of a resurrection at the last *day* (John 6:39–40, 44, 54); in fact, that is how the Jews understood the verse (John 11:24). So if you leave the word “**day**” out, not only are you left wondering about what in the world Job is talking, but you destroy a cross-reference defining the doctrine of the resurrection.

With verse 26, if the italicized words are left out, there is *no subject* or *object* for an active verb. The modern translations get around this by changing the active to a passive; they do that after complaining that the *King James* is not accurate in translating verbs. There are hypocrites, and then there are *hypocrites*.

Look at Isaiah 26:3.

“Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”

With no italicized words, whom or what does God “**keep**”? About what “**mind**” is he talking? And where will that “**mind**” be “**stayed**”? Without the “**him**” at the beginning of the verse, who would the “**he**” be? Do you see the mess you get when you get rid of those words in italics?

Take 1 Samuel 14:14 for an example of the nonsense you would have if you left out the italics.

“And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, *which* a yoke of oxen might plow.”

Without the italics, the end of the verse would read “*as it were on half acre of land, a yoke,*” which means nothing. The new “Bibles” stick in the word “*furrow*” from the Hebrew word *mone*: *a furrow is the row that oxen would plow*. Having done that, they get rid of the Hebrew word *tzmd*, which means “a pair,” as in a *yoke of oxen to plow the furrows*. The *King James* reading is the only one that makes sense and remains faithful to the text of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Leave the “**stripes**” out of 2 Corinthians 11:24, and you’re left with: “*Of the Jews five times received I forty save one.*” Forty what? Gummi bears? The reference is obviously to Deuteronomy 25:3, so the word “**stripes**” belongs in the verse even though it is not in “the Greek.”

Hebrews 12:25 would be unintelligible without the italicized words.

“See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not* we escape, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven.”

What would “*much more we, if we turn away from him that from heaven*”

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mean? You have to add the words, based on what the rest of the verse says, in order for it to make sense. This is one of those places where the *NIV* will add words without telling you it did it: it adds "*will*" and "*warns*" and doesn't italicize them at all.

Try Hebrews 10:21 without the italics.

"And *having* an high priest over the house of God."

If you drop "**having**," you are left again with a subordinate clause with no predicate.

Check out Hebrews 2:16.

"For verily he took not on *him* the nature of angels; but he took on *him* the seed of Abraham."

Leave out the italics and what's He doing? Refusing to "get in the ring" with angels but "taking on" the Jews in a prize fight? Those words are necessary to explain the incarnation.

What would you have if you dropped the word "**mine**" from Paul's greeting to Titus in Titus 1:4. "*To Titus, own son after the common faith.*" Huh?! What is

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that supposed to mean?

You want a comical reading, drop the italicized words from 2 Timothy 2:11–12.

“For if we be dead with, we shall also live with.”

“If we suffer, we shall also reign with: if we deny, he will also deny us.”

With *whom?! Deny whom?! Or for that matter WHAT?! Can you imagine putting out a “Bible” like that and expecting people to take it seriously? The New ASV couldn’t; it just wasn’t honest enough to tell you it added the words.*

Here’s an example where if you left out the italicized words, the verse would say exactly the *opposite* of what it says.

“Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders” (2 Thess. 2:9).

Without the words **“Even him,”** the **“coming”** of verse 9 wouldn’t refer to the coming of the Antichrist at all; it would refer to the coming of *Jesus Christ* at the end of verse 8. You talk about a fouled-up mess; that would be one if italicized words weren’t there. It would be kind of like the *NIV* making the Devil *Jesus Christ* in Isaiah 14:12.

But if you want to see “something,” as the saying goes, look at 1 John 2:23.

“Whoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledged the Son hath the Father also.”

Half the verse is in italics! Obviously the words weren’t added for “clarity” or “understanding.” By putting them in italics, the *AV* translators admitted they weren’t in the Greek manuscripts or texts from which they translated.

But do you know what happened after the *AV* was published? *Manuscript evidence showed up that verified all those words as a part of the Greek text.* Today, *no one* thinks those words should be in italics. That means the *King James* was *more accurate than the best Greek manuscripts of the day.*

Do you know what the last half of 1 John 2:23 shows you? It shows you that where, for one reason or another, a part of a verse or passage got dropped from the Byzantine text, say like the “Johannine coma” from 1 John 5:7 or Erasmus’ ending to Revelation 22, the Latin *Vulgate* sometimes preserved the reading of the *Old Latin*, which was the Byzantine text in that language. Where that was the case, the Holy Spirit led the *AV* translators to include the *Vulgate* reading in their text, and where it *wasn’t*, they *dumped* the *Vulgate*.

Now there are many more passages we could discuss, but we don’t have the space. If you want to do more study on your own, look up the following passages and see how they would read without the italics:

First Samuel 8:12; Joshua 14:15; Song of Solomon 4:2; 1 Corinthians 14:33; Nahum 3:18; Micah 2:6–7; Proverbs 19:23; Ecclesiastes 4:8, 6:3, 12:13.

When it comes to the italicized words, I take the stand that the Holy Spirit gave the *King James* translators wisdom as to the right choice of words to put in the text so you would have the proper reading. I believe that through the leadership of the indwelling Spirit of God, the *AV* translators gave you exactly the words God wants you to have in English, as He wants you to have them.

A Winning Strategy

Robert Militello

“Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you” (James 5:1).

As the Church Age closes, the gap between rich and poor continues to grow. This one issue—so-called “economic injustice”—allows Pope Francis to present his church as the moral and ethical judge as to what is fair and what is excessive regarding income distribution.

If the “Holy Father” successfully taps into the growing resentment of the world’s poor, he can set in motion the collapse of the present, worldwide economic order. When it becomes more and more difficult to afford the staples of life—namely, food, shelter, and clothing—revolutions are soon to follow.

There is an insidious power behind the sin of envy. Jews probably know more about this power than most others, because they have been envied by Gentiles for centuries. This is not opinion; it is biblical fact. Laban envied Jacob, and those who prosper in this world are often resented and slandered by those coveting the material blessings others possess. Incidentally, being a child of God does not give you immunity from envy, amen?

The “haves” versus the “have nots” will eventually lead to the creation of a “New World Order.” Who then will determine what is fair and what is not fair regarding the distribution of the world’s resources to the nations? By the end of the present decade, the earth will be home to almost seven-and-a-half billion souls. Who’s going to feed this massive grouping of hungry mouths?

“Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein” (John 12:4–6).

Who “**had the bag**”? It should be clear by now to every student of God’s word that “**the god of this world**” (2 Cor. 4:4) is manipulating the nations to put “**the bag**” into the hands of one man. That man will be coming to America in September, if the Lord allows. He will speak to ambassadors and diplomats from all the nations of the world at the UN General Assembly meeting in New York. Then, he’ll address a joint session of the U.S. Congress where our representatives will welcome him as a king. No doubt, the Church Age is ending before our eyes. Are you satisfied with the quality of your fellowship with the Lord?

“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb. 10:31).

God’s word tells me Judas was treasurer among the disciples, but it doesn’t tell me if he was voted in by consent of the twelve or appointed to that office by Jesus. Our Lord alone knew that Judas was a devil (John 6:70–71) and a thief (John 12:4–6), so Judas was carefully positioned to fill the role scripture assigned to him.

“For the love of money is the root of all evil” (1 Tim. 6:10).

Is there anyone alive on earth today that controls more wealth than the

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“Vicar of Christ”? Please don’t tell me that Bill Gates is the world’s richest man. His portfolio is but a child’s piggybank compared to the Man of Sin, so named by the *King James* translators in their “Epistle Dedicatory.” Some thirty-plus years ago, I read Avro Manhattan’s book, *The Vatican Billions*. The author stated that the Vatican was then the most formidable financial empire the world had ever seen. Operating in the shadows with great secrecy, the true wealth of the Roman Church today is not knowable, but still, its desire to control all the world’s wealth is unquenchable.

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matt. 6:21).

As **“god of this world,”** Satan’s treasure is here, and with it, he can seduce and corrupt all the nations of the world. For over thirty years, the gap between rich and poor has been widening. The middle class in our own nation is fast disappearing. Resentment is building, and the devil knows how to play skillfully on folks’ sense of what is fair and what is not. See Matthew 20:1–15 for a clear picture of how Satan works the “equal pay for equal work” issue that is now the mantra for all the pious do-gooders in America.

Folks can get pretty worked up over how money is distributed. The Communist Party in America made its biggest gains during the Great Depression of the Thirties. Have you ever heard of the “Red Scare” that existed in those days? We are moving speedily in that same direction right now. Only this time, it will not be Marx, Lenin, and Stalin calling for “workers’ rights.” It will be that great champion of the poor: the “Holy Father” himself.

“There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt” (Eccl. 5:13).

Capitalism has within it the seeds of its own destruction. Pope Francis knows this. In his heart, he despises this economic philosophy. As a Jesuit priest in Buenos Aires, he spent a great deal of time in the slums and hovels of the poor. Argentina is a classic case of economic mismanagement. The nation is wealthy in natural resources, but it has no middle class. Father Jorge Bergoglio saw close up the covetousness of the nation’s upper class and their glaring insensitivity to the poor. Now as Pope, he is in a position to help destroy the economic injustice that he believes stands in the way of the kingdom of heaven coming to earth. Satan wants this prayer answered for himself: **“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done IN EARTH, as it is in heaven”** (Matt. 6:10).

“The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich hath many friends” (Prov. 14:20).

Who is really looking out for the poor today? The poor of this world yearn for someone to be their champion. They don’t have many friends like the rich have, so who will speak for them? With the Lord’s permission, the UN will recognize that tiny state, Vatican City, as the only, genuine champion of the poor.

Just a few months after his election as Pope, Francis lashed out at what he called the “idolatry of money” and warned that it would lead to economic chaos. Last February, Cardinal Maradiaga of Honduras, a key confidant of the

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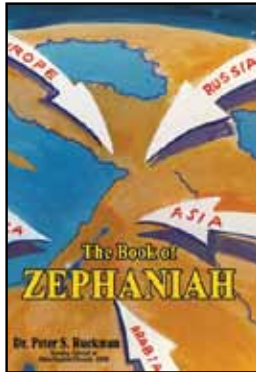
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pope, said, "With inequality, sooner or later, violence comes; and we cannot live with social injustice, we cannot tolerate it." He went on to say, "A moral voice has been absent from discussions on how to structure economies."

Now, who could that moral voice be, good cardinal? When the pope speaks to the representatives of 193 nations plus Palestine (not yet a full member), will he be cleverly suggesting that he should be holding the bag? What do you think?

"The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender" (Prov. 22:7).

When the Lord visited earth the first time, Rome was in power, and when the Lord returns, it will be Rome in power again. The prophecy found in Micah 5:2 identifying Bethlehem as the birthplace of the Messiah was fulfilled because God put it on the heart of Caesar Augustus to call for a worldwide tax. Mary and Joseph, then living in Nazareth, had to travel to Bethlehem to register and be taxed because their ancestry was from David, whose father Jesse was a Bethlehemite (1 Sam. 16:1).

Presently, the UN does not have taxing authority over sovereign nations. All nations contribute to the UN's budget with (you guessed it) the U.S. contributing the largest share. When the church leaves (Tit. 2:13), the world's nations will form a global government. This monstrosity, the Tower of Babel revisited, will impose a tax and cause all, **"small and great"** (Rev. 13:16), to register and receive a mark. The power to tax and collect revenue will mandate the creation of an international revenue service. Our Internal Revenue Service will serve as the model for this tax-collecting, international agency.

Then shall the Man of Sin have the bag. The nations that are poor will look to him to transfer wealth from the West (North America and Europe) to the underdeveloped countries of Africa, Central America, and Southeast Asia. Judas and Antichrist are the self-avowed champions of the poor.

"By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty" (Job 35:9).

Rome has been oppressive whenever it has had power to control governments. It steals from the poor while professing to be benevolent. Throughout Latin America's cities and towns, one sees squalor, slums, and hopelessness. Yet, the local Catholic Church is a grand edifice, and the grounds of church-owned property are well kept. The man that will hold the bag will be an oppressor, and the poor of this world will be like those who served Pharaoh in Moses' day.

"So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comfort" (Eccl. 4:1).

Pope Francis has the international press eating out of his hand. He is being sold as a comforter of the poor, a champion of the oppressed. He will address Congress and tell its members, most of whom are rich, that America must do

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more for the poor of this world. His church has done more to open the doors of our nation to illegal immigrants than any lobbyist or Obama operative in Washington, D.C. Don't expect to hear much about the role of the Catholic Church promoting illegal entry into the border states on Fox Cable News. The owner of the Fox News Corporation, Rupert Murdoch, is a Knight of Malta and a man on whom Rome can count. I'm so thankful that I'm saved and about to leave "**this present evil world**" (Gal. 1:4) "**at the last trump**" (1 Cor. 15:52).

It's too late for America. We've been turned over and are about to be served up to Rome. Nevertheless, countless born-again Christians work to elect "godly" politicians in the hope of keeping America afloat a while longer.

"Oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come

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THE CREED OF THE ALEXANDRIAN CULT

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, Zinzendorf, 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.**

This is the Creed of the Alexandrian Cult.

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down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence” (Isa. 64:1).

Pope Francis will have a lot to say when he visits here. The press won't report it, but he will receive a huge check from Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York. There isn't an archdiocese in the world that has sent more dollars to Rome than the New York Archdiocese. Before Dolan, Cardinal Spellman was the “bagman” for the church in America. This once great Protestant nation now fills the coffers of the very institution that curses Protestants who believe in salvation through grace alone (Eph. 2:8–9).

What the UN, along with our elected representatives in Congress, won't hear from Francis is how to be saved from hell. Also, the UN is not the place to state that world peace can only come when Jesus Christ returns and sits on David's throne in Jerusalem. This pope will preach the gospel of social justice. He knows no other gospel. He is a Jesuit, and the founder of his order, Ignatius Loyola, taught that the nations of the world were to be put under the authority of Christ's vicar on earth. The Roman pope, having no military machine to force his will on nations, must conquer them through guile. Geopolitics is the craft by which the Man of Sin will bewitch the nations and receive worship as king.

“And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many” (Mark 13:5–6).

Billions of poor people around the world are looking for a champion. National governments are failing and are often corrupt. The poor need a voice, one that transcends national politics and is willing to take from those who have and give to those who have not. Our representatives in Congress will roll out the red carpet for the man who would, if he could, move millions of poor Latin Americans to the USA.

Brethren, the Catholic Church has a strategy designed to replace the gospel of salvation preached by American missionaries around the world with the gospel of social justice. Rome wants to bring in the kingdom. This pope has a warped “Robin Hood complex.” He is energized by Satan, clever, devious, and shrewd. Beware, America!

“He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: HE LIETH IN WAIT TO CATCH THE POOR, he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net. He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones” (Psa. 10:9–10).

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