



# Bible Believers' Bulletin

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## Jesus Christ *The Big Troublemaker*

By Brian Donovan

When the religious crowd of elders, chief priests and scribes (Luke 22:66) came together to bring accusations against the Lord Jesus Christ, it should be noted that since they could not answer His doctrine (Matthew 22:29-33), their four-part attack was all political. In Luke 23:1-5, the four separate charges were not related to Christ's teachings according to the scriptures, but instead were connected to Him supposedly being against the political well being of the nation. The accusations they brought were as follows: 1) **"perverting the nation"**, 2) **"forbidding to give tribute to Caesar"**, 3) claiming that He is **"Christ a King"** (all found in verse 2), and 4) **"He stirreth up the people"** (verse 5).

When the people mistook the Lord Jesus for someone else, the men they were reminded of were Elijah, Jeremiah, and John the Baptist (Mat-

thew 16:14). The connection to these three great prophets should not be missed, as their enemies also could not answer them according to the scriptures, so they were instead accused of hurting the nation and not being patriotic. Jeremiah's enemies said that he should be put to death because his preaching weakened the hands of **"the people"**, and he **"seeketh not the welfare of this people"** (Jeremiah 38:4). This prophet's negative preaching was taken to mean that he cared nothing for the Bill of Rights and the nation, and so he was accused of falling away to the Chaldeans (Jeremiah 37:13). Since he refused to preach a positive message of national revival and warned them to instead submit to the Lord's hand of punishment against the nation (Jeremiah 38:2), he was never invited to their "God and Country" rallies.

Elijah was accused by the wicked politician Ahab, of troubling his country (I Kings 18:17), when it was the politician that had forsaken the commandments of the Lord, not Elijah (verse 18). When Elijah's spirit returned to prepare the way for the ministry of Christ in the form of John

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# Looking Unto Jesus

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

**“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else” (Isa. 45:22).**

**“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2).**

The hardest job you'll ever have in your life as a Christian is *keeping your eyes on Jesus Christ*. They are going to go everywhere except there. The hardest thing is not giving or praying or going to church or singing. It's **“seeing him who is invisible”** (Heb. 11:27). That takes *faith*.

The command given in our text is to look to *Him*. The old song goes: “Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face; And the things of earth will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.”

You have to admit, that's a hard thing: to see something you can't see. I mean, how are you supposed to see Him if He's **“invisible”**? You talk about a “contradiction in the Bible,” there's one. Paul says in Romans 1:20, **“For the INVISIBLE things of him from the creation of the world are CLEARLY SEEN.”** The hardest commandment in that Book that you will ever have to keep is to keep your eyes on something you



can't see.

In considering these things, the first thing I want to say is: *Jesus Christ is yours to whom to look*. When you accept Him as your Saviour, He becomes yours, and you become His. It is perfectly proper to have your eyes on Him at all times.

Back in World War II as Hitler was bombing London, the Christians would seek shelter in the subways. They would huddle together and sing their own version of the song “Trusting Jesus.”

“Trusting as the bullets fly,  
Trusting as the planes roar by;  
Trusting as the bombs do fall,  
Trusting Jesus, that is all.”

You are to look to *Him*; you don't look to Mary. Not one verse in that Bible tells you to give her a second look or shake her hand. Never look to Mary. Don't waste your time with her; the Book doesn't.

Look to *Jesus*, not some priest. Every Christian is a priest in the New Testament (1 Pet. 2:5, 9), but your consideration is to be given to the **“High Priest of our profes-**

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**sion, Christ Jesus"** (Heb. 3:1). Don't look to any priest, and don't look to any pope. Keep your eyes on Jesus.

Let me ask you this: *who paid for your sins?* If Buddha didn't pay for them and Mohammed didn't pay for them and Mary didn't pay for them and no pope or priest paid for them, why would you give any of them the time of day?

A preacher told me once of a case where he went to visit a fellow in the hospital three times, and that guy told the preacher to get out every time he came in. The preacher decided to try him one more time, and as the preacher stood in the doorway of that room where that man had been for months, that fellow, with tears in his eyes, said, "Please come and help me!" The preacher came in and sat down beside the bed. "What can I do for you?" asked the preacher. "Undo my sins," said the man in the bed, "They oppress me."

Sorry, buddy, no preacher can undo your sins, but I can tell you who can. That Bible says, "**Behold the Lamb of God which TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD**" (John 1:29). The song says, "There is life for a look at the Crucified One."

Now what kind of view are you to take of Jesus when you look unto Him? You are to take the same view of Him the Book takes. You are to look at Him as *crucified*,

like Moses' brazen serpent on the pole (John 3:14). You are to look at Him *buried*, as He said He would be (Matt. 12:40). You are to look at Him as *risen*, making our justification possible (Rom. 4:25). You are to look at Him as *coming again*, as He promised (John 14:3).

"Looking away from my sin and my shame,

Looking away from my sorrow and pain,

Looking to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain—

That's faith.

"Looking away from my knowledge and pride,

Looking to Jesus, my Shepherd and Guide,

Looking to Jesus, and Him crucified—

That's faith.

"Looking away from my gain or my loss,

Looking away from the world and its dross,

Looking to Jesus on Calvary's cross—

That's faith.

"Looking away from my faith or its lack,

Looking to Jesus, whose word is not slack,

Looking to Jesus, and turning not back—

That's Faith."

("That's Faith," by Lida Voight)

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That's looking to something you can't see. I've never seen Jesus crucified. Neither you nor I was there when He was buried. Nobody living on this earth today saw Him come up from the dead. But when Jesus appeared to Thomas, He said, "**Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HAVE NOT SEEN, AND YET HAVE BELIEVED**" (John 20:29). That's "us'ns" who have believed Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again (1 Cor. 15:3-4); we have a better blessing than Thomas got seeing the resurrected Christ.

Never look at Jesus Christ the way the world describes Him. The lost world has its "Christ," and he's not the One in that Book. The National Endowment of the Arts has him taking dope with a needle. The "Jesus" of "Jesus Christ Superstar" is a neurotic teenaged punk. Don't look at a fornicating "Jesus" involved in the occult like the one in "The Last Temptation."

Don't accept any modern "Christ." Don't accept the Catholic Christ who is always hanging on a cross. Don't hang around anybody who has a "Christ" who had no brothers and sisters. The Jesus Christ of that Bible had siblings, and the Book names them and calls them *brothers* and *sisters* (Mark 6:3), not cousins. If there is any doubt in your mind about that,

it says they were His "**mother's children**" (Psa. 69:8-9).

The ecumenical "Christ" is not the Jesus Christ of the Bible. The Jesus Christ of that Book said, "**I pray not for the world**" (John 17:9).

Never accept Hollywood's "Christ." Hollywood has its own "Bible." It consists of such things as "Ben Hur," "The Robe," "Demetrius and the Gladiators," "King Solomon's Mines," "Spartacus," "David and Bathsheba," "The Ten Commandments," etc. That's Hollywood's "Bible." The ecumenical "Christ" and the Hollywood "Christ" sweeps around in long robes like an unsaved Pharisee (Luke 20:46), dripping honey from his mouth, saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall see Gawd."

If you want to know what the Jesus Christ of that Book was like, just go read Matthew 16:14. Jesus asked His disciples in that chapter who the Jews thought He was. The answers He got back were three of the roughest, most uncouth characters in that Book: John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah.

Jeremiah? Why, he's the one standing outside the temple as the worshipers come out, yelling "**violence and spoil**" at them (Jer. 20:8). Elijah? You mean the same Elijah who would interrupt someone's worship service and make fun of those people while they're praying (1 Kings 18:21)? That's

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the one! And John the Baptist? He would tell the people who answered his invitations, "You bunch of snakes in the grass! Who told you to come down here and get right?!" (Luke 3:7).

Let me ask you something: how is it that the people of Christ's day, who *knew* Him and *heard* Him and *saw* Him and *lived with* Him, had that estimation of Him and Americans up in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries have an estimation of Him that doesn't match the other at all? Boy, oh boy, have Americans ever got a screwed-up view of Jesus Christ. He wasn't a butterfly collector; He was a lion tamer.

Now there are some things at which you shouldn't look. If you look at others long enough, you will come to the conclusion that nobody is saved but yourself, and if you look at yourself long enough, you will come to the conclusion that you aren't saved either. You can't keep your eyes on yourself. You will either come out an ego-maniac or a manic depressive: you will think you are the greatest person who has ever lived or that you are so sorry there is no use even to try.

If all you see is yourself, then all you get is the old depraved nature. That's why young people don't like to get by themselves without the TV blasting or the radio or stereo blaring. They don't want

to live with the person they really are. They can't stand being alone with themselves, and I don't blame them. That's why you need to look unto Jesus.

Nor can you look to others. Loved ones will betray you. Parents, your children will dismay you. Kids, your parents will disappoint you. Looking to the government will shake your faith in God and the Bible. If you think the government will take care of you, just go to an Indian reservation or down to the "projects" and see how it's working out for those folks.

You can't look to Satan for help. He'll *lie* to you like he lied to Eve. He'll *accuse* you to God like he accused Job. He'll *deceive* you (Rev. 12:9); he'll *hinder* you (1 Thess. 2:18); he'll *kill* you if he can (Heb. 2:14). If you're trying to win souls to Christ, the devil doesn't appreciate you. You're stealing his kids, man (John 8:44; Eph. 2:1-3); would you be kindly disposed to someone kidnapping your children?

I'll tell you something else, you can't look at your victories or defeats; they're in the past. Paul said, **"forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"** (Phil. 3:13-14).

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who ever lived was a Kraut from Texas named Adolf Toepperwein. In 1906, he fired five hours a day, every five seconds, at two-and-a-half-inch blocks. He did that for twelve days and only missed fifteen out of 37,200. He was shooting those blocks with a *rifle*, not a shotgun. That guy had an *eye on the target*.

I wish I could keep my eyes on the Lord like that. I have three German shepherds at my house. Those dogs watch me and study me. I have seen their ears go up when I changed the expression on my face. I'll be sitting at the table eating, and they'll be laying outside the sliding-door window looking at me the whole time. Any time I turn my head toward that door, their heads will come up to see if I want anything of them. I wish I could wait on God like those dogs wait on me.

I walk back home after class at night and open that gate as quietly as I can, and there is that sable German shepherd on me before I take two steps into my yard. He had been waiting for me to come home the entire time I was gone. If I were that sensitive to the Holy Spirit, I sure would have it made.

You have to forget the victories. Backslidden Christians invent victories they never had, or they quit when they don't get results. That's when they start looking at their defeats, and they're completely

whipped. You can't do that. Nobody bats a thousand all the time. Sometimes you're going to get knocked down. Get back up and press on to the mark.

Jack Hyles said he taught his children never to accept a defeat: "You can always win; you can always be a winner." That is a *stupid* thing to teach your children. It's not only stupid, it's an outright *lie*. At some point, you will lose. Anybody can be a winner, but it takes a real man or a real woman to know how to take a loss.

Babe Ruth was not only the home-run king of his day; he was also the strike-out king too. That's because he swung at everything. But he didn't let his strike outs stop him from trying to get one more home run.

So you have to forget your victories, and you have to forget your defeats. Back during the Korean War during one of those winters where it was so cold that the rations were frozen and the dead bodies were frozen and they couldn't be buried because the ground was frozen solid for six feet, a reporter was interviewing a lost GI. He was stacking those frozen corpses like cord wood to burn them. That young kid was bitter at God and said, "I'll tell you what's wrong, buddy: your God has let us down."

Yeah, God does let you down sometimes. Sometimes He lets

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you down because you *earned* it and *deserve* it by the way you've been living. Sometimes He lets you down to keep you humble so you don't get too high and get your neck cut off. You can't let defeats keep you down, thinking you'll never win.

Richard Wurmbrand and Halaran Popov both spent thirteen years in a Communist prison (Wurmbrand fourteen). Neither one had a "megachurch" or a bus ministry. Both were imprisoned and tortured a good bit of their lives. Don't you think that was a defeat for them? They didn't have any "record" attendance or "record" giving or "record" professions of faith. But they both put those horrible times behind them, and when they got out, both of them started ministries to help persecuted Christians around the world. They were able to move on from their defeats and have some victories.

A widow in Virginia back in the early 1900s had just buried her mother, brother, husband, and only grandson in one day. She had lost all four of them in some terrible train wreck. She went back to her house crying and told her colored maid, "Clear this place out. Sell everything. I can't bear to look around me." That colored woman replied, "Yes ma'am, dat's why you has to *look up*."

When you're at the end of your rope and feel you just can't

go on, *look up*. You can't look forward; you have no future. You can't look backward; it's gone. If you're saved, there's no use looking down because the only thing down there is hell, and you're not going there. You can't look inward because you're still a sinner. Look up! "**Looking unto Jesus.**"

What was Simon Peter's trouble there in Matthew 14:30 when he started to sink beneath the waves. He stopped looking at the One to whom he was walking on the water and "**saw the wind boisterous**" and got scared. He took his eyes off Jesus and put them on the storm and started to sink. Look up!

A man was working on his roof, and he had a step ladder set up on which he had come up. Well, after a while, he heard his boy cry for help. He went to the edge of that roof and looked down. There was his little boy climbing up the step ladder. He had gotten halfway up and had looked down and become just frozen with fear. The daddy said, "Look straight at me, son, and come on up." And that boy did and made it to the top with no problem.

As Christians, we are to look to Jesus every day of our lives, but when death comes, don't change the look. You can look to Him in life; you can look to Him in death.

A pastor friend of mine from years back over in Jacksonville had a guy in his church who had spent time in prison for being an

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armed robber. Of course, the guy had gotten saved and became a good member of the church and a good witness. But he had a lost brother to whom he had been witnessing. That brother was very self-righteous and wouldn't listen to the witness of that converted jailbird. That self-righteous fellow had told his brother, "I'm not a sinner like you are."

The Christian said, "You're going to hell; you know that, don't you?"

"No, I don't know that," said his brother.

But that Christian did something I don't recommend you do. Sometimes God will take care of young converts because they are like newborn babes with no sense. That's what happened here. That ex-con took out a .38, pulled back the hammer, and pointed that barrel straight at his brother's head. "Now where are you going?" he asked.

In a panic, his brother said, "Don't do that! I'm going to hell!" And that Christian was able to lead him to Christ.

I gave you that story to show you that in death, you can't look to yourself; you can't look to your good life; you can't look to your religion. You have to look to *Jesus*. The Lord said, "**Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.**"

That's how Charles Haddon

Spurgeon got saved. He ducked into some little Methodist chapel to get out of a winter storm and heard some layman get up and read Isaiah 45:22. That Methodist layman didn't know anything about preaching. He just got up and talked because the pastor hadn't been able to make it there that night because of the storm. All that fellow did was say, as if he were Christ speaking, "Look at me hanging on the cross. Look at me with this crown of thorns on my head. Look at these nails in my hands. Look at this blood running down my side. Look at me dying for your sins." Spurgeon said, "I looked and I got saved."

You can't trust your experience; it might just have been feeling. You can't trust your faith because your faith might have been misplaced. You have to trust *Somebody*. You're not saved by *things*; you're saved by a *Person*.

**“. . . thou shalt call his name JESUS: for HE shall save his people from their sins”** (Matt. 1:21).

**“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life”** (1 John 5:12).

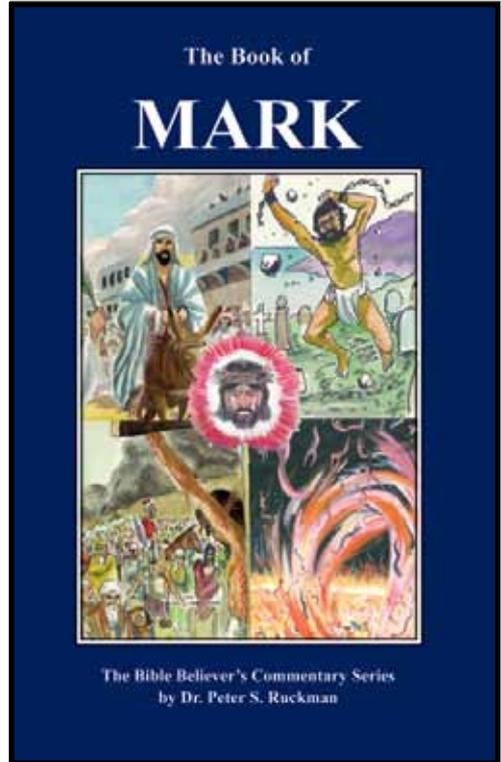
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**of our faith.”**

A Christian lady up in Memphis, Tennessee was witnessing to a Jewish rabbi: “What are you depending on to save you?” she asked. He said, “The ten commandments.” “Let me hear you list them,” she said. He was only able to give seven out of ten. “You see there,” she said, “You say you keep the ten commandments, and you don’t even know what they are.” That rabbi said, “I see what you mean.”

Even if you could name all ten, keeping the commandments can’t get you to heaven. If you break one, you’ve broken them all (James 2:10): you’re a law-breaker.

Not only can you look to Christ in life and look to Him in death, you can look to Him *right now*. That’s faith. Like I said, that’s looking at Someone you can’t see. Peter says:

**“Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls”** (1 Pet. 1:8–9).

The song says, “Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face.” Someday I will. Until then, **“we walk by faith, not by sight”** (2 Cor. 5:7).

The Swiss have a legend about

a shepherd. At the place where that shepherd kept his sheep, there was a cave into which no one could get because the entrance was blocked by rocks and boulders. The rumor was there was a treasure buried in that cave, but no one could get in to see if that were so or not. One day when that shepherd was out in the field near the entrance to the cave, he saw a white flower on the ground. A voice said to him, “Pick it up; it’s the key to the cave.”

He picked the flower up and went over to the entrance of the cave. The voice said again, “Touch the flower to this rock.” The shepherd did, and the cave opened. He went into that cave, and there all over the floor were gold and silver and rubies and diamonds and emeralds, etc.

That shepherd was so excited that he threw the flower down and began to stuff his pockets full of treasure. He ran outside to empty his pockets so he could return to get some more, but the moment he was out, the cave shut again. And when he emptied his pockets, all he had were ashes. That’s when he remembered that he had left the key in the cave.

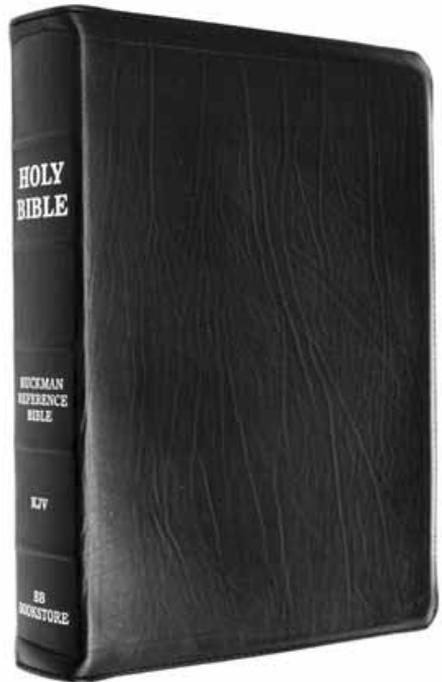
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the Baptist (Matthew 11:14; Luke 1:17), he was no more interested in Roman politics than Schumer and Pelosi are interested in the King James Bible. Old John the Baptist pointed his finger and preached against the political leader Herod (Matthew 14:4), as well as against the compromising religious leaders (Matthew 3:7-10). The Bible believer should observe that the apostate Jews mistook Christ for those three men (Elijah, Jeremiah and John the Baptist).

As far as the first charge of **“perverting the nation”**, no one could be further from that than the Lord Jesus Christ. He stretched out His arms to save the nation by telling them the truth, and had they received it, He would have gathered them under His protective wings (Matthew 23:37). His life was given, and His blood was shed for **“his own, and his own received him not”** (John 1:11). If anyone can be accused of perverting the nation, it would be those who have the truth and are afraid to preach it. All of this sidestepping and distraction from the truth with cries of patriotism, Americanism, and freedom today, is a modern form of **“perverting the nation”**. It is not the negative street preachers that are lacking in patriotism, but the apostate, professing, Bible-believing preachers, who have lately begun to fit in with the forked tongued, compromising D.C. politicians. What better way to show your concern for your country than to stand in front of crowds with your arms stretched high and a King James Bible in hand, preaching the

gospel? But the modern Bible believer has now found a way to keep their fundamentalist friends happy by preaching a positive, political gospel that measures spirituality by American patriotism and right-wing conservatism. This allows them to be able to preach in each other's pulpits and never offend each other's congregations. The abrasive, hard, negative outdoor sermons of the Lord Jesus Christ were never preached with concern about being asked back into anyone's pulpit. His love of the truth was the proof of His love of the nation.

The ones who are now telling us that the way to save the USA is through voting **“good men”** into political office are the ones who are **“perverting the nation”**. Young preachers are now being prepared for the ministry, not by open-air preaching, not by learning to preach the Book, but by finding ways to be respectable in the community. They are being told to look up to men that have walked away from preaching the gospel to become two-faced, political leaders in the U.S. House and Senate. They are being taught to think it a great honor to meet and rub shoulders with political liars in Washington D.C. who “profess” Christ but refuse to preach Christ. These apostate Bible believers try to shame young men into thinking that their Christian walk is measured by flying the American flag of patriotism.

Our example, Jesus Christ, did not cower for a single second under this accusation and ignored their foolish-

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ness and lies. The Bible teaches the Christian to obey the government that he is put under (Romans 13), give honor to the king (I Peter 2:17), and pray that the leaders do not interfere with us living a **“quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty”**(I Timothy 2:2). Besides that, in order for the Christian to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ, he is specifically told not to entangle **“himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier”** (II Timothy 2:4). The modern apostate Bible believer cannot preach his same message of “American freedoms” and “rights” if he is called to Indonesia, Sudan, India, Pakistan, or a few hundred other countries, yet he continues blindly spewing out the rhetoric of the “Christian right” as if it can be found in the King James Bible. The graduates of the Pensacola Bible Institute take the same message to any and every country in the world, as they are taught that as Christians they have no “rights”, but instead are appointed as **“the offscouring of all things”** (I Corinthians 4:13). This was the example of our Saviour that we are called to follow (I Peter 2:21), but sadly, young men with a call to preach are being puffed up and taught to be proud Americans who have a right to vote, free speech, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. There are actually Bible believers today who believe they have these rights.

The second accusation against the Lord Jesus was that He forbade to give tribute to Caesar. This was another lie ignored by Him, since He

knew that He taught men to **“Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar’s”** (Luke 20:22-25), in answering the question of paying the tribute money. For the Christian, there should be no doubt about the Bible position regarding the paying of taxes. He is commanded to pay them in every form (Romans 13:6-7) of dues, tribute, and customs. Paul gave this commandment to the brethren when they were under a wicked Roman government, so the argument of not paying taxes because you are under an unjust government that is not following the U.S. Constitution, does not hold up. Every so often, a younger Christian will come across the anti-government, anti-tax, militia movement, that sounds macho and spiritual at first, but is anti-scriptural in every aspect. These groups are made up of saved, backslidden Christians, who have yoked up with lost Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, atheists, and every other religious kind of folks who pretend to love their country enough to fight and rebel against it. The appeal of this message is simply to save your own life by stocking up and being ready to kill anyone before they can kill you. What Christian reading his Bible would conclude that saving his own life is that important? **“For whosoever shall save his life shall lose it...”** Out of our church here at Bible Baptist, we have had a few men who got sidelined with this movement back in the days of Clinton in the 1990’s, and have never recovered. They quit prayer meeting, Sunday school, and preaching services,

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as well as preaching on the street and witnessing to lost souls. At least four of them went out furious that we were not “real patriots” and “lacked courage” because we would not preach their gospel of rebellion and true “Americanism”. The Bible-believing preacher does not have to change his message with each change of president. Whether it is Clinton, Obama, Hillary, Bush, or Trump (there is little difference in substance anyway), we are to be **“looking unto Jesus”** (Hebrews 12:1-2), who is not only the Author but the Finisher of our faith. How would a foreign missionary prove his true spirituality if it meant being part of an American militia group (or even the “God and Country” meetings on July 4th)? The Lord Jesus Christ went about without concern for Herod, Pilate, Caesar, Ananias or Caiaphas, and continued to pay taxes while preaching and continuing to be a good citizen without concern for saving His own neck. The false accusations amounted to nothing in His eyes, as they will amount to nothing in ours.

The third accusation was that Jesus claimed Himself to be a king. Those in power always despise and look out for a man that they cannot control. They hoped that the accusation would spur Rome to kill Christ, as He represented a threat to their rule. However, it was not Rome that was worried, but only the Jews interested in saving their **“place and nation”** (John 11:48). All the political bunk coming from the pulpits recently is exposing the deceitful heart that has

a desire to stay comfortably in power. What the Bible-believing crowd is now picking up is simply the fundamentalist apostasy that took place forty years ago. When Falwell and his crew moved away from the Bible, the step they took was to emphasize saving the nation. A vote for Reagan was proof that a Christian was in tune with the scripture, just as the vote for Trump was heralded a few months ago. What the Bible believers seem to have missed is where this step led Falwell and company. Yet still, the only thing men learn from history is that men never learn from history. The apostasy of the KJV political crowd will be no less damaging than the “fundy” apostasy was back then. If Hillary had won the last election, it would probably have done more good for the spiritual life of many Christians, since they might have gone to their knees in prayer, looking to trust the Lord God, instead of trusting the “Trumpster”.

When Pilate asked Christ if he was a king, His answer showed how much interest He had in saving the political place of either the Jews or the Romans. Knowing that the Jews as a nation had already rejected Him, Christ let Pilate know that His kingdom (**“now”** John 18:36) was not of this world and that He was coming to bear witness of the truth and to die for sinners in submission to the Father’s will. If He was setting up His political kingdom, He would have instructed His servants to fight (John 18:36), but this church age is the spiritual kingdom of God, and

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# Jesus Christ, The Big Troublemaker

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His servants are not to be armed with carnal weapons (II Corinthians 10:4), nor be concerned with political issues. This is what is being missed by the Christian, right wing, conservative, Tea Party, Republican, apostate Bible believing movement. The concern for their "rights" has trumped their concern for souls.

The fourth accusation was that Christ was stirring up the people (Luke 23:5). Of course, they meant it in a bad way, when it was the chief priests and scribes who went about stirring up the people to commit the murder of an innocent man. In Matthew 27:20, the Holy Spirit reveals that it was the chief priests and elders who were doing the stirring up, as they "**persuaded the multitude**" to ask for the release of Barabbas and to destroy Jesus. It has always been this way throughout the history of mankind. The very ones who are trying to destroy the country, are the ones accusing others of not loving their country. The very ones who have quit preaching the truth, are the ones accusing others of not preaching the truth. Any saved, Bible-believing Christian, should be able to see the handwriting on the wall when it comes to the condition of the United States of America, and even more than that, what needs to be done about it. One group is saying to get out and speak to your representatives and get out to the voting booth, while another is saying to get out on the streets of this country and preach the gospel by lifting up your voice like a trumpet, and one on one witness to lost Ameri-

cans. One position has not changed since the book of Acts at the start of the church age, while the other must continually adjust to the political climate. One position does not concern itself with who is in office and what the future of this country holds, while the other adjusts from preaching national revival, to "Bush is our last chance"... no wait a minute... "Trump is our last chance"...no wait another minute... "Trump's dream team might not be so great"...no hold on a second... "Maybe we won't see revival after all"... no, wait a minute... "The real problem is these unpatriotic, negative street preachers". What saith the scriptures?

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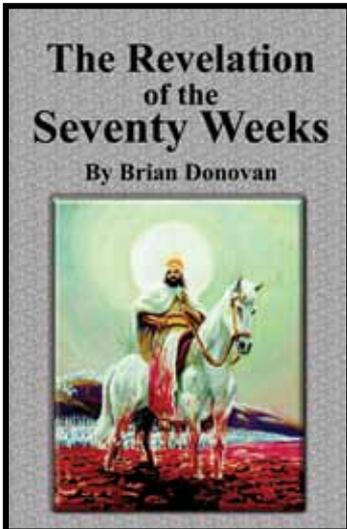
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# The Ultimate Fence Straddler

[Editor's note: The following material is taken from correspondence from PBI graduate Art Barton as part of the requirements for his Master's of Theology degree. The material from Dr. Ruckman is taken from, but not limited to, his works *Why I Believe the King James Bible is the Word of God* and *Bible Babel*.]

Way back in 1996, one of the graduates of the Pensacola Bible Institute (Art Barton, now pastor of Harvest Baptist Church in Grant, MI) wrote forty letters to various Christian schools about whether Acts 8:37 should be in the Bible (see the article on "Acts 8:37 and Final Authority" in a previous *Bulletin*.)

One of the more verbose responses, which actually took no stand at all, was from a Rev. Jerrold Thomas from the now defunct Tennessee Temple University. His answer was accompanied by a copyrighted syllabus on "Bible Study Hermeneutics" (Jerrold Thomas, 1996), which sole purpose was to divest the King James Bible of its authority and invest that authority in the *faculty and staff of Tennessee Temple University*. Don't believe that? Here are the two concluding sentences of the work:

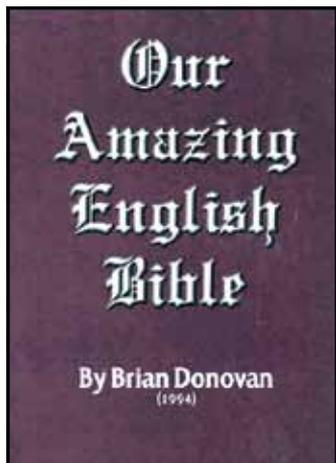
"God will honor your devotion to His word—if it is an accurate translation, learn it! If you are not sure, ask ME OR ANOTHER FACULTY MEMBER AT TTU."

Now this bird will flit from tree to tree, trying desperately not to make his nest too strongly in any one place. The problem is "**fear of man**" (Prov. 29:25). On the one hand, he is afraid of his fellow Alexandrians on the faculty of Tennessee Temple. He

has to be "accepted" as a "scholar" and doesn't want to be labeled as a "Ruckmanite" who is a member of a "cult." On the other hand, he cannot come outright for the Westcott-Hort text, either in Greek or English, lest he raise the ire of thousands of ordinary Christians in the pews of independent Baptist churches (at least before 1996) who were saved and trained under the preaching and teaching of a King James Bible. Up until about thirty years ago, apostates like Jerrold Thomas were forced to stand in a pulpit, raise up a King James Bible, and say (even though they believed nothing of the sort), "THIS BOOK doesn't contain the word of God; IT IS (present tense) the word of God." It wasn't until the rascal was confronted in private, where a congregation of a few hundred people couldn't hear him, that one would find out he could show you dozens of places where he believed it *wasn't* the word of God, but a mistake of men.

Of course, now, after several "generations" of ministerial students have been "matriculated" through the "Bible departments" of Christian colleges, universities, and seminaries, all pretense of loyalty to the AV has been dropped. After all, if it is not the "best text," why "use" it at all? Simply talk your congregation's faith out of any "Bible" and then give them whatever you want them to have. (The latest "darling" of Conservatives, Evangelicals, and Fundamentalists is the English Standard Version, the "conservative" rendition of the *Communist RSV of the Liberals*.) After all, *no* Greek text and *no* translation or

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version is infallible or inerrant. This is the "INTRODUCTORY PREMISE" of Rev. Thomas' syllabus.

"Inerrancy [or Infallibility] as used in our discussion of Inspiration, applies only to the ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS [autographs] WHICH HAVE ALL PERISHED."

This means *no one* since Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, et al., "penned" their "originals" has had any infallible scripture.

Scripture? I said, "SCRIPTURE?!" Would anyone care to show where the "original manuscripts" or the "original autographs" were the only "scriptures" that were "inspired" and, therefore, were the only ones infallible or inerrant? Only the "originals" were inspired, were they? Wanna bet \$10,000 on that?

Paul talking to his protégé in the ministry: "**And that from a child THOU HAST KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES . . . ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God**" (2 Tim. 3:15–16). Paul said that Timothy, as a child, knew "**the holy scriptures**" and that scripture "**IS** [present tense] **given by inspiration of God.**" Did he have the originals of, say, Isaiah? Well, if he did, then he had to have gotten them from the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8, because what the Ethiopian eunuch read was said to be "**the scripture**" (Acts 8:32). That being the case, then those "originals" from Isaiah had to have been stolen or sold from the synagogue of Nazareth in Luke 4, because "**the book of the prophet Esaias**" from which Christ read was said to be, by Jesus Himself, "**scrip-**

**ture**" (Luke 4:17, 21).

You say, "So what?" "**ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God,**" that's what. The book of Isaiah that Timothy knew, and from which both Christ and the Ethiopian eunuch read, were all said to be *scripture* in the *scripture*, and not a one of them was any "original autograph" of Isaiah. But they were all scripture, and "**ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God.**" Well, if what Timothy, the Ethiopian eunuch, and Jesus Christ had were the word of God written down (that's what scripture is), then what they had was inerrant and infallible (Psa. 12:6; Prov. 30:5), even though they weren't the "originals." Jerrold Thomas' "premise" is about as stable of a foundation on which to build an argument as a banana peel on greased ice.

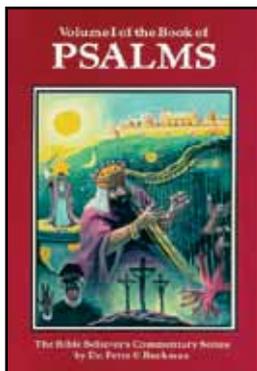
Now faced with the fact that he doesn't have, and has never seen, an infallible Bible, the good Reverend is going to try to convince you that what you have is "good enough." To the question "What good is my Bible?" he answers, "Just as good as the original where they match." "Just as good as the ORIGINAL"?! Why, he just told you he *doesn't have* the original because they "all perished." How in the world could he or anyone else tell where any translation matches the original when he has, by his own admission, no original by which to compare it. Someone's elevator isn't going to the top floor. This is a "professor" of a major Christian university—just as nutty as a pecan pie. When a man messes with that Book, God messes with his mind.

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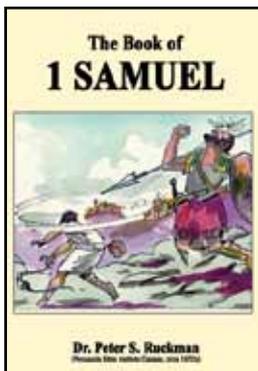


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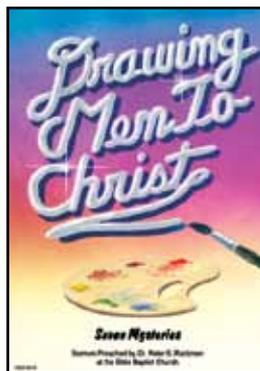
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 originals and “the Bible”) will match in all *significant areas*, that is His work of preservation.” Chapter and verse? What is the proof text that the originals and your Bible will match in “significant areas”? The verse given by Professor Thomas was Matthew 5:18. There are only two things wrong with Professor Thomas' statement: 1) the word *significant* isn't in the verse; 2) neither is the word *areas*. Here is what the verse actually says:

**“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one JOT or one TITTLE shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”**

Jots and tittles have nothing to do with “significant areas” or doctrines or principles or fundamentals or the message or thoughts. Those are all Neo-orthodox *private interpretations* (2 Pet. 1:20) of the verse. A jot and a tittle are parts of Hebrew *letters*. Do you know what letters make up? They make up *words*. Do you know what the promise is of “His work of preservation” in the scriptures—I mean *really, actually*. Well, I'll tell you one thing, it certainly isn't about any “significant areas.”

**“The W-O-R-D-S of the LORD are pure W-O-R-D-S . . . Thou shalt keep THEM [the WORDS], O LORD, thou shalt preserve THEM [the WORDS; not the “significant areas”] from this generation for ever”** (Psa. 12:6–7).

The Reverend Professor wants to complain about “Peter Ruckman and his followers” going into “downright heresy by supposing that only their chosen Bible translation is inspired

and inerrant” (no documentation given). I'll tell you a heresy “Peter Ruckman and his followers” will never “go off” into. “Peter Ruckman and his followers” will never *add to* the scriptures or *take from* the scriptures or *change* the scriptures to make them say something they *don't* say to prove something that *isn't* so. Rev. Jerrold Thomas, by changing that “**jot**” and “**tittle**” into “significant areas,” taught a genuine, certified *heresy* (Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18–19).

Professor Thomas says, “The original autographs of Scriptures have been *lost as a result of God's determined plan* with the following reasons at least in mind.” The first reason he gives us is: “To avoid object worship!” So not having the original autographs to possess and use as the final authority, what do the Fundamentalists do? They raise a pile of nonexistent papers which no one can check to a level of authority over the Bible God gave them and by which He saved them and called them into the ministry. Since no one can check their authority, their “followers” must rely on *them* (the Fundamental scholars) as the final authority in all matters of Bibles, translations, and versions. *They* are the last court of appeal as to what God did or didn't say. *They* are “God.”

The third reason God planned for the “originals” to be lost is: “To give us confidence in the copies and translations we have before us.” Are you kidding me?! “Jerry” is about to tell us that it doesn't matter whether 1 John 5:7; 1 Timothy 3:16; John 5:4; and Mark 16:18, as they stand in the

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Authorized Version, are in your Bible or not. You mean to tell me, if we are to believe the editors of the critical text, you can have confidence in a translation that says something God never said?

Truth be told, if these birds had the originals, they wouldn't hesitate to change anything in them with which they didn't agree or couldn't understand. After all, as long as "*variations do not affect doctrine*," it is not really important to these egomaniacs with delusions of divinity what is or is not in the Bible.

It is easy to make divine fiats on what the "originals" say when no one can verify what you claim is so or not. Wouldn't it be a "hoot" if these fellows get up to heaven and look at that Book before the throne (Psa. 119:89) and find that it reads *exactly as your King James Bible*? If we had the "originals," they might give us *no* confidence in the Vulgate, the Douay-Rheims, *Sinaiticus*, *Vaticanus*, the RV, the ASV, the RSV, the NASV, the NRSV, the NIV, the NKJV, the ESV, or the MEV, or the other 323-plus translations since 1880.

You say, "The same thing could be said about the KJV." Maybe, but given the fruits of the AV as compared with the fruits of the modern bunch, I believe I will take my chances with the God-honored text of the Reformation.

**"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them"** (Matt. 7:20).

Continuing his "excursion into Cloud Land" (to quote Dean Burgon), "Jerry" tells us God lost the only inspired, inerrant scriptures that ever existed in order "To give us con-

fidence in the effectiveness of our own lives as they are accurate copies of our Savior." Pray tell what does that have to do with the existence or nonexistence of the "originals"?

Assuming the Ephesians received Paul's "original" of his epistle to them, what would have prevented them from following Paul's doctrinal and practical instructions to them (Eph. 3:12)? The Corinthians had two "originals," and Paul was able to say of them:

**"Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to Godward"** (2 Cor. 3:2-4).

The Professor is trying to convince his students that they can have confidence in their Christian lives with *no infallible, inerrant scripture* on which to base that confidence. That confidence is then placed in men like *him* to tell you how effective your life is in copying your Saviour. Our confidence is not based on whether or not the "originals" exist; it is based on whether or not the Book God has given us is *His* word or the word of *men*.

**"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the WORD OF MEN, but as it is in truth, THE WORD OF GOD, which effectually worketh also in you that believe"** (1 Thess. 2:13).

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Reverend Thomas assures us that the variations between the manuscripts *“do not affect doctrine.”* By that, he doesn't mean that every fundamental of the faith isn't attacked somewhere in the modern translations or from the manuscripts from which they come. What he means is “that every ‘text family’ teaches the same basic doctrines.” That is, if the “same doctrine is taught elsewhere in that text family,” that “text family” is orthodox. But, “It is *not true* that all translations agree on the fundamentals of the faith.”

To that, we say, “Poppycock!” If a translation is “Just as good as the original where they match,” what does that say for the “text family” from which the ASV, NASV, RSV, NRSV, NIV, and ESV are translated? The NASV doesn't teach polytheism in John 1:18 because The Lockman Foundation believes there are two Gods (a begotten One and an unbegotten One). No, the NASV reads along with the Jehovah's Witness New World Translation because that is how *Vaticanus* (B) reads, and according to Hort, the reading of B is to be preferred over the reading of the majority of manuscripts (the Byzantine “text family”).

“It is *not true* that all translations agree on the fundamentals of the faith.” Why, one can find all the fundamentals of the faith even in the Jehovah's Witness “Bible.” You can lead a soul to Christ from a Roman Catholic “Bible.” You say, “But there are heresies found in those translations.” Exactly, and those heresies come most often from the text which was translated. “The fundamentals

of the faith” don't constitute a “Bible.” They are a list of about five things taken *from* the Bible. Any good systematic theology will give you “the fundamentals of the faith”; “the fundamentals of the faith” can be listed on a three-by-five card. *Neither one of those are a Bible.*

Besides, who doesn't know that the mark of a satanic “Bible” (whether in the manuscripts or their translations) is omission (e.g., Luke 4:10–11 cf. Psalms 91:11–12). *Vaticanus*, for example, which is supposed to be given the preference according to Hort when deciding a reading, omits 237 words, 452 clauses, and 748 sentences in the gospels alone. You are to believe that such shoddy transcription does “not affect doctrine.”

Of course the devil is going to make sure any “Bible” has just enough truth in it to sell it to Christian suckers. You can't sell a bushel of bad apples without a few good ones on top. That is why you will be able to find salvation and the “fundamentals” *somewhere* in any “Bible.” To this, the Reverend Professor concurs:

“KJV, NIV, NASB, NKJV—all are sound enough copies of God's word to lead a soul to Jesus and to guide us through life if we cleave to their PRINCIPLES—what else matters.”

*The words of God are what matters, Professor.* It is those words by which we are to live (Matt. 4:4), not the “message.” It is those words that are spirit and life (John 6:63), not the “fundamentals.” It is those words that give us light and understanding (Psalms 119:130). *Their* reception is evidence that we are “**of**

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**God**" (John 8:47) and the keeping of *them* is evidence of our love for our Saviour (John 14:23), not merely the "doctrines."

In the end, Professor Thomas has no word of God composed of God's words; all he has is Barth and Brunner's Neo-orthodox "Word" that is just a "message" (pg. 6 of his syllabus). The version of that message he happens to "prefer" for its "accuracy" (not according to the Greek text used by his fellow professors, no) and "effectiveness" (it's the version that gets the *most results*, naturally; anyone who wants *spiritual results* has to *use* the KJV sooner or later) is the King James Version. Congratulations for happening to get it right: he has reached the level of a busted clock (right twice a day).

Of course, *he doesn't believe it*. To him, the KJV is a *fallible, errant* "Word of God" and the words of *men*, not God. It may be "based on a bad Greek text (TR)," but at least is no worse than the Greek text on which the modern versions are based. (The actual quote, in response to the argument that "the KJV is based on a bad Greek text,," is "The newer versions (NASB, NIV, for example) argued against the KJV are based on a text *at least as bad* [no quotes used around "bad" to indicate sarcasm] as the KJV, or worse." How much more "confidence in the copies and translations we have before us" can you get, man?!)

Old "Jerry" will give you "Excellencies and reasons for USING the KJV" without giving you one reason for BELIEVING it. You should *use* the KJV . . . why? Because it is God's

very words for the English-speaking people? No! Because it is the holy scriptures in the universal language of the end times? Of course not. Because it is the holy, infallible, inerrant word of God? Not on your life, brother.

You should use it because of its "acceptability." Well, Professor, given the apostasy and general biblical ignorance brought on by the inundation of corrupt modern versions (over 323 since 1880), what if the KJV is no longer "acceptable." Are Christians to switch versions based on what a lost world or backslidden Christians consider "acceptable"?

You are to *use* the KJV for its "accuracy." Of course, that is said with reservations on Thomas' part. He already told you he believes only the original autographs were inerrant and infallible, so he doesn't mean accuracy without proven error. He is about to tell you in his next point ("The age of the KJV") that, like all translations, there are "difficulties" in the translation of the KJV which "have been well studied" while "the text has been left alone." How that worked out in the case of the "New" KJV was to attack the Incarnation in Acts 4:27, 30 by changing "**holy child**" to "*holy servant*." It got rid of those corrupters of scripture in 2 Corinthians 2:17 and gave you peddlers. There is no "**heretick**" in Titus 3:10, just "*a divisive man*." It allows you to *appear* to do evil as long as you don't do it (1 Thess. 5:22). Like the JWs, "all is well; there is no hell"—the NKJV gets rid of it 22 times. The "**Lord**" gets booted out of His own Book 66 times, "**God**" is dumped 51

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times, and “**Jehovah**” is gone altogether.

Now I ask you, is that a translation of which you should “be tolerant” (pg. 10)? Does it “merely read differently, but teach the same”? Is it all right to alter God’s word as long as it doesn’t “affect doctrine”? Just ask Eve (Gen. 3:2–3 cf. 2:16–17).

You should *use* the KJV because of its *age*. Is it because God has blessed his words in the KJV for over 400 years now? No. It is because the text of the KJV “has been left alone” while the new versions are changed frequently with no notification “so that even a NIV reader (for example), may not have the same text as another NIV speaker” (pg. 9)?

That certainly is so, but what does that have to do with anything? Age, in and of itself, means nothing. If it did, we should all be using the Catholic Vulgate because of its “age.” When it comes right down to it, that is the basis for the new translations, which are all basically *Roman Catholic* “Bibles” (see chap. 10 of *The Christian’s Handbook of Manuscript Evidence*, Ruckman, 1970). If age is a determining factor, then “use” garbage and the devil; both are older than the KJV or the Vulgate.

The last reason to use the KJV is its “accessibility,” and there is the second time this busted clock is right. Being in public domain with no copyright certainly does not restrict the “use” of the KJV. But all the attempts to resurrect earlier English Bibles (like the Geneva Bible), in order to supplant the KJV, have met with all the success of a beached whale. Without the blessing of God

upon His words, accessibility is a moot point. No one is interested in “the Holy Bible” by Samuel Clarke (1690), Cornelius Nary’s New Testament (1718), Daniel Mace’s “New Testament in Greek and English” (1729), William Webster’s New Testament (1730), the “Primitive New Testament” by William Whiston (1745), etc. Even Noah Webster’s translation of the Bible (1833) received an extremely limited readership among home-schooling parents when it was reissued in 1988. There is something about that Book that keeps it going when hundreds (literally!) of other English translations have fallen dead from the press, and mere “age” and “accessibility” have nothing to do with it.

Someone will say, “Well, doesn’t Dr. Ruckman use those same arguments for the KJV?” Well, not quite. The title of his work is *Why I BELIEVE the King James Bible is the Word of God*. During the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, he issued a two-part article entitled “Why I Believe the King James Bible is the HOLY SCRIPTURES” (see *Happy Birthday, KJV*). “**ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God.**” What these apostates can’t stand is that “Ruckman” read everything they did and came out BELIEVING THE BOOK, while they *dumped it*—while “using it,” of course, of course.

In the next article we will take a closer look at this “Ruckmanitis” with which Rev. Jerrold Thomas, Professor in the department of Bible and Christian Ministries at the former Tennessee Temple University became infected.

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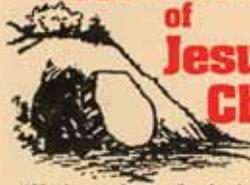
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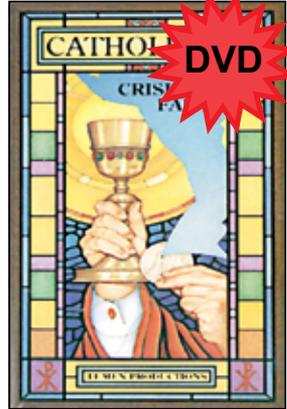
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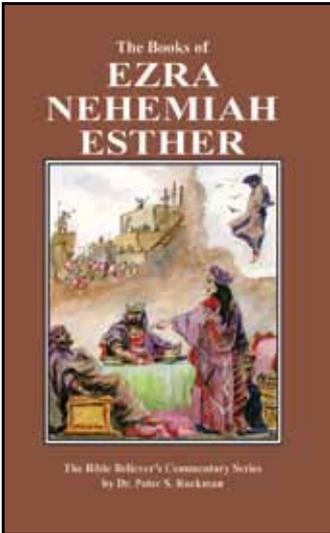
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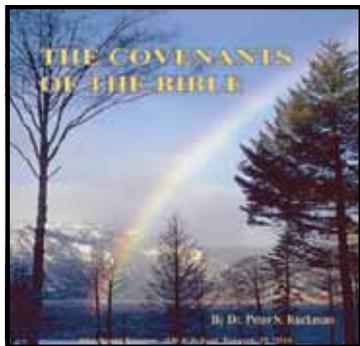
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# FRIEND OR FOE?

By Robert Militello

**“At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them”** (Jer. 18:7–8).

In Joshua 5:13, the Lord’s servant sees a man **“with his sword drawn”** and asks, **“Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?”** I believe there is such a sword over our nation’s sky. The second half of 2017 saw America get a taste of coming judgment with hurricanes Harvey and Irma unloading their destructive power on Texas and Florida. Harvey visited Houston, our fourth largest city, just four months after President Trump told the Jews he was not going to honor his vow to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem (Eccl. 5:4–5).

Going back to President Clinton, President Trump’s refusal to honor his pledge was the thirty-ninth time that a U.S. president was called upon to obey the law. Congress passed the Jerusalem Embassy Act in 1997. President Trump is the fourth president to set aside the provision of the law by using the “escape clause.” If for national security reasons the president decides to postpone action, he can delay the move for six months. This tactic has been used 39 times: three thirteens. The Old Testament has 39 books in it, and the last word of the last book (Malachi) is **“curse.”** Connect the dots.

We have reached a point on God’s prophetic calendar that scientists and others refer to as “critical mass,” when “something has got to give.” Only the

Lord knows at what point a line has been crossed and what kind of judgment must fall down from heaven. The resourceful, proud, and powerful United States of America has moved a lot closer to that line in the last few years. This June will mark the third anniversary of the legalization of sodomite “marriage.” Many Zionist Christians, like myself, are counting upon the Lord’s promise (Gen. 12:3) to bless those who bless Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob’s seed. No doubt, America’s support for Israel and kindness to the millions of Jews who settled here has kept the Lord from unleashing terrible judgments upon us.

**“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people”** (Prov. 14:34).

Is the Lord God of holiness still a friend to our nation? What do you think?

Jeremiah was told that a nation that turns from its evil ways will get a reprieve (Jer. 18:8). Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah. The dread and fear of God came down on that great city, and the king, along with the animals, had sackcloth put on them. Is there yet a Christian who reads the Bible holding onto the belief that revival will come to America? President Trump can call for a National Day of Prayer for every Sunday in 2018, but judgment will come as sure as God made green apples. The Jews of Judah and Jerusalem had crossed a line during Jeremiah’s ministry, and nothing was going to save them. They believed, from the king on down, that because the temple was there, the disaster prophesied by Jeremiah would not materialize. There are countless bibli-

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cal blockheads who think America is a “Christian” nation, and as such, we enjoy a certain divine protection. That imaginary, divine shield will fold like a cheap umbrella when the storm hits.

Making any kind of sense out of what goes on in our world is impossible for the natural man. We that belong to Jesus possess light, and we ought to see God’s hand in everything. Is it coincidence that a small, backward nation like North Korea has been positioned like the Sword of Damocles over the United States and we tremble in fear? North Korea is led by a man determined to put nuclear weapons at our throat.

**“Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: LET THE WEAK [North Korea] SAY, I AM STRONG”** (Joel 3:9–10).

What can the devil do without God’s permission? Nothing! Who raised up a leader in North Korea willing to terrorize the United States, while ignoring the potential disastrous consequences of his actions? Who gave Kim Jong Un the boldness to challenge Goliath—the world’s number one military? Who will now terrorize, in 2018, American possession in the Pacific and the entire Western United States? California now has more than just a massive quake to frighten its population; so beware!

**“Men’s hearts failing them for fear . . .”** (Luke 21:26). The context here is the tribulation following Titus 2:13, but the vanguard of the tribulation terrors are beginning to bear

down upon us. On June 26, 2015 at 10:02 Eastern Daylight Savings Time, five (death) Supreme Court justices sealed our nation’s fate. Three of the five were women. The majority opinion stated that, “Changed understandings of marriage are characteristic of a nation where *new dimensions of freedom* become apparent to new generations.” How’s that for calling evil, good? “New dimensions of freedom,” how refreshing that sounds to one who embraces a filthy, perverted lifestyle and sees that wicked, unnatural compulsion given equal status with the union of a male and female.

Will America avoid judgment? Did Sodom and Gomorrah? Do we have the right to get a continual free pass because we’ve blessed the Jews (Gen. 12:3)? Justice delayed gives life to the delusion that all is well. Never in our history has our government, and most of its citizenry, been so tragically and hopelessly deluded. If our God is not holy, He is a counterfeit deity. Judgment is inevitable and, indeed, warranted.

**“For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them”** (Eccl. 9:12).

On September 11, 2001, a snare from the Lord fell upon a great city that had fallen asleep spiritually since a city-wide revival in the late nineteenth century. Many weekday afternoons, I preached on the corner of Wall and Nassau streets across from the New York Stock Exchange, warning New Yorkers that judgment

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was inevitable. Money is god in New York City, and time is money. Since July 1979, crowds and crowds of people had walked past me shaking their heads. I got cursed, spit upon, and taken to court. The Lord made my face like flint (see Ezek. 3:8–9). Acts 20:24 became my life's verse. On that blessed corner, where I saw more people pass at lunchtime than I would see in a whole year in Pensacola, Florida, I found the fear of God should far outweigh the fear of man. What a blessed discovery.

Some two blocks from where I had an office, working for New York City as a management analyst, stood the majestic World Trade Towers. I had been in those buildings many times. In a way, those towers represented the pride, arrogance, and haughtiness of America's finance and media capital. About three thousand souls went into eternity on that bright, clear morning, and 200 of those jumped to their deaths. At the towers, over 2,600 died, and thousands more working nearby suffered from various physical ailments, mostly respiratory. New York City looked to the heavens and asked why.

The fact that judgment finally came was a shock and complete surprise to so many millions in and around New York City. It showed how far removed our modern society is from the reality of a holy God who hates sin. We've gotten much worse since then. When judgment comes again, and it shortly will, the shock will be so much greater than that of September 11, 2001.

**“He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt**

**themselves. Selah.”** (Psa. 66:7).

Because America professes to trust in God (our money says so), perhaps the Almighty is looking at us more closely than other nations. The God who gave us His word and the God in whom we profess to trust are obviously not the same. When Pope Benedict XVI visited President Bush at the White House in 2008, our president said that he felt like he was looking into the face of God. Can you believe that? He said this in an interview with Eternal Word Television Network (ETWN), the CATHOLIC channel. President Bush went on to say that when the pope comes to America, millions of Americans will be hanging on his every word. Isn't that pathetic? Born-again Bush, who was seduced into sacrificing thousands of young American soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, plus trillions of taxpayer dollars, hung on Benedict's every word. If our president studied his Bible, he would have gagged on every word that came out of the mouth of the so-called “Holy Father.”

There have been ten papal visits to the USA. The first was in October, 1965, when Pope Paul VI visited New York City to make sure President Johnson committed the U.S. to protect the Catholic population of South Vietnam. See Avro Manhattan's great work, *Vietnam, Why Did We Go?* Americans who actually study history are quite rare these days. Whoever said, “Ignorance is bliss,” escaped from a mental institution and became a Mormon. Ten papal visits have all been recorded in heaven in a book documenting the rise and fall of a great power. **“Hath**

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**a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods?"** (Jer. 2:11). We have been asking the Lord to judge us since the day Paul VI stepped off his plane and cursed America, especially New York City, with his "blessing of peace." The last papal visit was the cherry on the whipped cream, a refreshment served up by the devil to convince Americans that Rome had our best interests at heart.

Pope Francis spoke these words on September 24, 2015, to a joint session of the United States Congress (a very rare honor). With House Speaker Boehner beside him, Francis said, "If there are any of you that do not believe or cannot pray, I want you to send good wishes my way." He then said, "God Bless America!" Since that "blessing," the dysfunction in Washington, D.C., and the inept performance of the Congress have risen to a level never before experienced in our nation's political life.

Four popes have cursed us with their "blessings," and four U.S. presidents have, so far, refused to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital. I pray God that before this article gets printed, President Trump will do what he promised and move our embassy out of Tel Aviv. If not, our nation may be tried this coming year like it has never been tried since the outbreak of civil war in 1861. Should a Christian be fearful? Do you believe God's word?

**"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee"** (Isa. 26:3).

Israel and Judah received warning after warning from the prophets

before terrible judgments fell. So often, God, in His mercy, alerts us to impending doom. Many foresaw the possibility of civil war in 1860. Also, many in our War Department were not as shocked by Pearl Harbor in 1941 as many historians might have you think. Such was the case with New York City. The attack on September 11, 2001, was not entirely unexpected. What was a complete surprise was the method used by the Islamic terrorists to actuate their plan. On February 26, 1993, the North Tower of the World Trade Center had a truck bomb detonated in its subbasement. Six people died and over a thousand were injured. New York City government officials knew from that tragedy that the Twin Towers were terrorist targets. Another attack on the towers was considered likely at some point. The terrorists who planned the 1993 attack made it clear that bringing down the symbols of America's economic power was a goal to be achieved, regardless of cost and length of time in preparing. I know that city officials relied heavily on U.S. intelligence agencies to protect their great city. If God's word says anything plainly, it repeatedly exposes the folly of trusting in man and his devices. Why not print, "In our Intelligence We Trust" on our currency? At least we would have some claim to honesty.

In these last days before we get taken up to be with our Lord, we find that much of our Father's business entails a ministry of warning. Like Noah, we are directed to warn the wicked to flee the wrath to come. For many Laodicean Christians, the ministry of negativity, which is des-

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tinged to save souls and not condemn them, is a distasteful chore. It is seen as something belonging to the Old Testament. Negativity is comparable to a mental disease to many in our society today. I found this out early in my Christian walk while working with civil servants who valued what they called a "positive, workplace environment." Because of my negative vocabulary, which included a heavy emphasis on the words *sin*, *judgment*, *hell*, and *righteousness*, I was seen as a disturber of the peace, a malcontent. I kind of wore that characterization as a badge of honor. Because I had job security and could not lose my position unless I came to work drunk and killed someone, I feared no one, and they knew it. What a privileged position the Lord had given me, and I determined to make the best of it.

A Christian who needs to see this world for what it is and is positive-minded needs to spend a few nights in New York City's notorious Rikers Island Jail Complex. Oh, what an education in reality you would instantly acquire. Unpleasant experiences in the real world can sober you up in a hurry. College professors and academics are socially deprived in this area. A fool is an embarrassment, but an educated fool is a tragedy. In New York City, a liberal is a jackass who hasn't been mugged yet while walking through Central Park. Some experiences can do for you in minutes what a college education cannot do in four years.

Years ago, I talked once in a while with a fellow employee, an educated woman. She considered herself an enlightened soul at peace

with the world and everyone around her. One day, I reasoned with her about sin, judgment, and death. She came unglued and told everyone to avoid me. I was extremely negative she said, and I gave off very destructive "vibes." Brothers and sisters, please understand that a believer can have a lot of fun in life if you'll just try using the Sword of the Lord more often. Christianity can be an adventure, believe me.

Well, I decided to engage my female nemesis after a few days went by, and I employed a technique that I noticed worked well for some Jews. I said to this woman that I was eager to learn the basis for her reliance upon positive thinking. She seemed flattered and went on to describe how well this psychology was working for her. Now it was time for me to make my move, so I told her that I was open to correction if she would affirm or deny what I was about to prove from my understanding of the process of life. I said to her, with an expression on my face that resembled a determined New York Police Department interrogator, "Prove me wrong. Here's life: You get old, and you get sick, and you croak, and all the positive thinking in the world is not going to change that outcome. Am I right or wrong? Educate me, please!"

She went ballistic, and I believe she complained to the director of my unit. I've recounted this episode with the purpose of encouraging believers to confront the darkness that exists in this world. We are "**children of light**" (Eph. 5:8; 1 Thess. 5:5). Who gains if we hesitate to shine that light?

**"The mouth of the righ-**

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**teous speaketh wisdom, and HIS TONGUE TALKETH OF JUDGMENT”** (Psa. 37:30).

Notice in Acts 24:25, the Roman Governor Felix trembled when Paul spoke **“of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come.”** Would this proud representative of imperial Rome have trembled if Paul spoke about how much God loved Felix? What are Christians talking about lately? Turn on so-called Christian TV and radio, and you'll hear a Christianized version of Dr. Phil medicating simpletons with a pious oration on how important you are to God. In this age of “selfies,” everything must be presented in the best possible light, and the God we should be serving now exists to serve us. How convenient. The Almighty is characterized as some sort of vending machine. You put your dollar in and out comes a sweet, sugar-saturated Mountain Dew. Keep drinking that stuff, and you'll sit more in a dentist's chair than in a church pew. God's people in these last days suffer from arrested development, and like children, they are addicted to sweets. Negative preaching is worse than artichokes and broccoli, while talk of judgment disquiets their “Christlike” spirit.

**“For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee SHALL PERISH; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted”** (Isa. 60:12).

How many pastors with churches in Washington, D.C. would dare preach on that verse on Sunday? America has no exclusive right to an extension of God's longsuffering. The promise of Genesis 12:3 did not move Clinton, Bush, and Obama to bless

Israel and recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. America has paid for that lack of wisdom many times over..

**“All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity”** (Isa. 40:17).

The fact that New York City did more than any city in the world to help Jews start a new life did not keep the Lord from unleashing terror in Lower Manhattan on the morning of 9/11. As a Catholic, I believed that if your good deeds outweighed your evil doings, God would give you a pass and not send your soul to hell. I later found out that my thoughts aren't His thoughts and neither my ways His ways (see Isa. 55:8). Providing weapons for Israel and giving them moral support in the UN doesn't make it easier for our holy God to stomach the gay pride parades in almost every American city each June. Watching our elected leaders fawning over Pope Francis addressing them like schoolchildren at an assembly is not ignored by our Saviour because our Constitution insures religious liberty for all. We will answer as a nation for our national sins, and 2018 will bring us closer to that day than many would care to consider right now.

**“To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it”** (Jer. 6:10).

Whether you know it or not, there has been a sharp change in the national consciousness regarding what is evil and what is not. Regard-

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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, 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.

# FRIEND OR FOE?

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ing sexual perversion, the winds of change began with the new century. Polling showed that Americans were adjusting their views on what constitutes a marriage. Politicians who live and die by polls became more open to the idea of gay marriage receiving the sanction of the state. As Americans in their seventies, eighties, and nineties continued to die off in the first twelve years of the new century, more and more states were willing to legalize a union of perverts. By 2015, our Supreme Court felt bold enough to say to the God who instituted marriage that His standard was that of a bigot. All who opposed gay marriage were bigots and taught hate. Uncle Sam placed a red bullseye target on his back and said to a holy God, "Hit me if you can." **"Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?"** The man to whom Joshua spoke was holding a sword in his hand. He had come to make war, not peace.

There are many adversaries to God's word today in our land. They are bolder than ever and have multiplied rapidly, taking advantage of ministers of the gospel who are afraid to bark. That sword hanging over America's head could rip this nation apart. When might this happen? Only God knows for sure, but Jews who read Psalms and believe the Messiah is about to come point to this verse.

**"When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever"** (Psa. 92:7).

The millennial generation will be the terminal generation, although they don't know it. They were brought

into a world being fit for slaughter, and they exist at the Lord's pleasure.

**"The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil"** (Prov. 16:4).

What gives the Lord pleasure among other things? Try this: **"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created ALL THINGS, and for THY PLEASURE they are and were created"** (Rev. 4:11).

The crowd of perverts who cheered wildly on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court building on June 27, 2015 and all the representatives of the mainstream media and the Hollywood crowd have been created to provide a sacrifice (see Isa. 66:24). Sounds sadistic, doesn't it? Yet this pleases God. Those who have mocked His word and blasphemed His holy name will be destroyed. College professors, scientists, philosophers, the heady, and the high-minded breathe at the pleasure of the Lord. They have a role to play for which they are now being fitted. Their assignment is to fill the cup of the Lord's wrath and justify the divine explosion of vengeance. Now they are gleefully multiplying like rabbits. They thrive in an atmosphere of spiritual darkness. America has become much more accommodating to them. Their hatred for our Saviour and His word has been intensifying yearly, and every Bible believer knows it.

Nevertheless, I rejoice, because when I see these things, I know that my redemption is soon to come. So let judgment come, and let it please our God to set it in motion by whatever method He so chooses.

**"And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee"** (Psa. 39:7).

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