

The true Word of God

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We often wonder to ourselves which Bible to use? Which is the easiest translation? Would Jimmy prefer this one, that one? Or what about the one over there? What is your opinion? And other mediocre questions that are really of no importance. After all is it not Gods opinion that matters? One question I have noticed that does not get asked too frequently is which one is the true Word of God? Can we really trust that version? There are so many to choose from but which one is the real one?

You might say well... a Bible is a Bible and they are all the Word of God, okay let me ask you a question. The words of God are pure and are incorruptible are they not? Jesus in **LUKE 4:4** when tempted by Satan to turn stones into bread Jesus replies quoting **DEUTERONOMY 8:3** "It is written that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God". Now I don't know about you but that is a very important statement for Jesus to be making. Jesus does not say "some words" He says every Word; meaning every single word that is in the Bible because the Bible is the Word of God is it not? So the question to ask is this. Does your Bible have every single word Jesus was talking about?

After all Jesus is the Word **JOHN 1:1-2, 14** "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." ¹⁴ "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." **1JOHN 5:7** "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." So here we have full confirmation that Jesus is the Word of God.

We understand that Jesus Christ is perfect and none are like Him. So is every Bible Gods perfect and infallible Word as Jesus is? If so they must all meet these and similar requirements; they must have no mistakes in them, they must have nothing removed or added to them **DEUTERONOMY 4:2**, **PROVERBS 30:6**, they must not contradict themselves, they must be understandable to a child and to pretty much anyone on Earth, they must be written or translated by God fearing and inspired men, they must not be bound to anything **2 TIMOTHY 2:9**, all doctrine must be perfect, and anything that deals with perfection. If it is imperfect then it is not the Word of God but becomes one big mess of confusion. "God is not the author of confusion but of peace". **1 CORINTHIANS 14:33A**. And "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness". **2 TIMOTHY 3:16**

So by what means do we test these things? First I believe we must test and search the Scriptures like those in Berea did daily **ACT 17:10-11** we must be teachable and without blame **EPHESIANS 1:4**, and we must allow the Holy Spirit to lead, teach and guide us otherwise we depend on our own strength. Second it is important to know how we got our translations of the Bible we have today, we have to understand their foundations, their fruits and who translated them and by what did they translate them. Yes most Bibles we have today are translated from Greek manuscripts not the "Originals"... the manuscripts are copies of the originals (a copy is not the original). Thirdly know your History before jumping the gun because not all translations came from the same Greek texts. Fourth study and rightly divide the word of truth **2 TIMOTHY 2:15**.

A lot of people and Bible collages hold to this idea that we must understand Greek and Hebrew to understand Gods Word and those that do, generally have an ego about it thinking they know the Bible better than others because they took a course in Greek and Hebrew and only they can teach the Bible. Let me ask you a question. Does the homeless guy on the side of the road need a piece of paper saying he studied Greek and Hebrew to understand the Bible? If so then you are calling God a liar. I thought Jesus taught to have childlike faith **MATTHEW 18:3** and that the Holy Spirit would be our Teacher in all things **JOHN 14:26**. Why must I learn a dead language to read and understand the Bible when I have it in the English language and the Holy Spirit living inside me?

To a Christian I believe it is vital to know which Bible is Gods true Word. Otherwise how will we live by every Word of God? So how do we tell which Bible it is? The answer; we must examine word for word, we must cross reference the different translations to determine which manuscripts they are based on, we must compare texts and most importantly rely on the Holy Spirit to Guide us.

Now this is not a history paper but we will have to go back into to history to get a brief understanding of where we got our +-100 English Bible translations from so bear with me as we take a trip back to the first few men who translated the Bible into English. (Note this is just a paraphrase)

1st. John Wycliffe (c.1320-1384) was the first person to translate the entire Bible into English, No Greek or Hebrew texts, versions, or editions were yet fabricated so Wycliffe did his translating from the only Bible then in use: the Latin Vulgate. He first translated the New Testament then in 1380 and the Entire Bible in 1382.

2nd. William Tyndale (c. 1494-1536) was the first to translate the New Testament from Greek into English. He distinguished himself as a scholar at Cambridge and Oxford and was fluent in several languages. After settling in London for several months while attempting to gain approval for his translation efforts, Tyndale concluded: That there was no place to translate the New Testament in all of England. Tyndale left England in 1524 and completed his translation of the New Testament in Germany. The printing of his New Testament was completed in Worms and smuggled into England where it was an instant success. Tyndale then turned his attention to the Old Testament. He never finished it. On May 21, 1535, Tyndale was treacherously kidnaped and imprisoned in Belgium. On October 6, 1536, he was tried as a heretic and condemned to death. He was strangled and burned, but not before he uttered the immortal prayer of "Lord, open the King of England's eyes." Although Tyndale's English Bible was the first to be translated directly from the original languages, it was just the New Testament.

3rd. Myles Coverdale (1488-1569) was the first to publish a complete English Bible. In 1533, King Henry VIII established the Church of England, and, in 1534, the Upper House of Convocation of Canterbury petitioned King Henry to decree "that the holy scripture should be translated into the vulgar English tongue by certain good learned men, to be nominated by His Majesty, and should be delivered to the people for their instruction." Coverdale's Bible was printed in October of 1535.

After the Coverdale's Bible the next couple years involved the Bible continuing being translated into English of which resulted in more Bibles these Bibles are... In order: **Matthew, Great, Taverner, Geneva, Bishops', Douay-Rheims, and King James Bible.**

Now there is a lot to be told about these other Bibles but I want to focus our attention to the King James Bible purely on the fact that we still have it today and preachers, pastors and even some Christians are still using it 400 years later to bring people to Christ, it is also one of the most attacked Bibles we have today and of its time. But before we do let's turn our attention to the modern versions we have today which are supposedly the "offspring" of the King James Bible from 1611.

We have close to, if not more than 100 modern English translations of which I do believe the RV (Revised Version) is the first from the 1880's and plenty have followed from then. Each year new Bibles appear. Due to my own experience and from what I have seen there are a few Bibles that stick out from these +-100 versions. They are the NIV (New International Version), NLT (New Living Translation), ESV (English Standard Version), NKJV (New King James Version), ASV (American Standard Version), RSV (Revised Standard Version), and GNB (Good News Bible). I have seen more but these are the ones I find people are using the most.

If we compare texts from our modern versions to our older version we can see that there is a big difference in wording, sentence structure, omission of words and verses and I'm sure a lot more differences. so why is that? We will get to in a moment but first let's do a back ground check on our Greek texts... take note that there are two lines from which our Bibles come from; Antioch, Syria and Alexandria, Egypt. Remember earlier I said not all translations come from the same Greek text? Well that is true. Our King James Version was translated from Textus Receptus Greek text which came from Syria and a lot of our modern versions were translated from Westcott and Hort Greek text which came from Alexandria (also known as Alexandrian Text). So surely if we have different texts we will have different translations not so? So the question is how can our modern versions be the "offspring" or easier versions of the King James Bible if they have different texts from which they were translated?

This is where it gets interesting. So let's turn our attention to the King James Bible and its translation for a moment. Again this is not a history paper but summary of what happened.

After the death of Elizabeth in 1603, James I, who was at that time James VI of Scotland, became the king of England. In July of 1604, James wrote to Bishop Bancroft that he had "appointed certain learned men, to the number of four and fifty, for the translating of the Bible." Fifty Four Hebrew and Greek scholars had been appointed to translate a new Bible for English speaking people. The number was reduced to forty-seven by the time the work formally began in 1607. These men were divided into six separate groups, which worked at three separate locations. Each group was given a selected portion of Scripture to translate. Each scholar made his own translation of a book, and then passed it on to be reviewed by each member of his group. The whole group then went over the book together. Once a group had completed a book of the Bible, they sent it to be reviewed by the other five groups. All objectionable and questionable translating was marked and noted, and then it was returned to the original group for consideration. A special committee was formed by selecting one leader from each group. This committee worked out all of the remaining differences and presented a finished copy for the printers in 1611. This means that the King James Bible had to pass at least *FOURTEEN* examinations before going to press. Throughout this entire process, any learned individuals of the land could be called upon for their judgment, and the churches were kept informed of the progress.

The King James Bible is translated from the Textus Receptus Greek text "family". The Textus Receptus Greek Texts agree with about 99.92% of the 5,686 Greek manuscripts. For that reason, the Textus Receptus is also called the "Majority" text. (The "majority" of the Greek texts agree with Textus Receptus).

Here is a question to ponder about. Does this process sound like an honest work of God or a dishonest work of the Devil?

With all this in mind let's now turn our attention to our modern versions and their Translation.

Virtually all modern versions are translated from a Greek text known as the Alexandrian text. Westcott and Hort used this text type Greek and it is drastically different from the Textus Receptus. Brooke Foss Westcott (1825-1901) and Fenton John Anthony Hort (1828-1892) were the two English "scholars" who produced the Greek text of the modern versions. They worked on the translating committee for the Revised Version (RV) of 1881. While working on the RV, Westcott and Hort covertly produced their radical Greek text. The primary manuscript evidence for the W-H Greek text consists of two conflicting manuscripts – the Vaticanus and Siniaticus.

Can we rely on W-H Greek? Let's look at what these two men believed and said.

Westcott was a firm believer in Mary worship, and Hort claimed that Mary worship had a lot in common with Jesus worship. He confessed that he was a communist by nature. He did not believe in the Second Coming of Christ, the Millennium, or a literal Heaven

Hort believed in keeping Roman Catholic sacraments he also believed in baptismal regeneration as taught in the Catholic Church and rejected the infallibility of Scripture. He refused to believe in the Trinity, he also refused to believe in angels. He took great interest in the works of Charles Darwin.

Both he and Westcott rejected the literal account of Creation. Both men rejected the doctrine of a literal Hell, and they supported prayers for the dead in purgatory. Both men took great interest in occult practices and clubs.

"No one now, I suppose, holds that the first three chapters of Genesis, for example, give a literal history - I could never understand how any one reading them with open eyes could think they did . . ." (Westcott, Arthur, Life and Letters of Brooke Foss Westcott, Vol. 2, p. 69)

Hort derides the Atonement of Jesus Christ labelling it "an almost universal heresy." He also adds the "doctrine of substitution, (how that Jesus took our place (substitution) on the cross) is "an immoral and material counterfeit".

Oct. 15th - Hort: "I entirely agree - correcting one word - with what you there say on the Atonement, having for many years believed that "the absolute union of the Christian (or rather, of man) with Christ Himself" is the spiritual truth of which the **popular doctrine of substitution is an immoral and material counterfeit**...Certainly nothing can be more unscriptural than the modern limiting of Christ's bearing our sins and sufferings to His death; but indeed that is only one aspect of **an almost universal heresy**." (Hort, Arthur Fenton, Life and letters of Fenton John Anthony Hort, Vol. I, p.430).

Aug. 11th - Westcott: "**I never read an account of a miracle** but I seem instinctively to feel its improbability, and discover some want of evidence in the account of it." (Life, Vol. 1, p.2).

Now let's look at those two conflicting texts - the Vaticanus and Siniaticus.

The two most prominent of these, Vaticanus, which is sole property of the Roman Catholic Church, and Sinaiticus, are both known to be overwhelmed with errors. It is said that Sinaiticus has been corrected and altered by as many as ten different writers. In Vaticanus is found the evidence of very sloppy workmanship. Time and again words and whole phrases are repeated twice in succession or completely omitted. While the entire manuscript has had the text mutilated by some person or persons who ran over every letter with a pen making exact identification of many of the characters impossible"(Dr. Sam Gipp, *The Answer Book*, p. 30).

Vaticanus (B) is the most worshipped. This manuscript was officially catalogued in the Vatican library in 1475, and is still property of the Vatican today. Siniaticus (Aleph) was discovered in a trash can at St. Catherine's Monastery on Mt. Sinai by Count Tischendorf, a German scholar, in the year 1844. Both B and Aleph are Roman Catholic manuscripts.

Also note: **Vaticanus** omits Geneses 1:1-46:28, Psalm 106-138, Matthew 16:2-3, Rom. 16:24, I Timothy through Titus, the entire book of Revelation, and it conveniently ends the book of Hebrews at Hebrews 9:14. **Siniaticus** omits John 5:4, 8:1-11, Matthew 16:2-3, Romans 16:24, Mark 16:9-20, Acts 8:37, and I John 5:7 and possibly others.

The original purpose of the RV was a timid revision of the King James Bible. The timid purpose was slyly subverted by Westcott and Hort's fiery desire to overthrow the authority of the King James Bible.

So again let me ask you. Does this process sound like an honest work of God or a dishonest work of the Devil?

You might ask what about the Dead Sea scrolls and Nestle/ Aland Greek. Okay, what about them?

“Rev. Jack A. Moorman, in December 1988, wrote a book entitled: ‘Missing in Modern Bibles-- Is The Full Story Being Told?’ It was published by The Bible For Today in April, 1989. Rev. Moorman counted every word of the Received Greek Text and also every word of the Nestle/Aland Greek Text and, on a chapter by chapter count, came up with the Nestle/Aland text being SHORTER than the Received Text by 2,886 words. This is 934 words more than were omitted from the Westcott and Hort text. (1,952 vs. 2,886). The omitting of 2,886 Greek words is the equivalent, in number of English words involved, of DROPPING OUT THE ENTIRE BOOKS OF 1 PETER AND 2 PETER! Pastor Moorman's book is eighty large pages.” [B.F.T. #1726] (Bible for Today, 900 Park Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108)

For more Dr. Kurt Aland (the man responsible for Nestle/ Aland Greek) Visit this site.
http://www.tbsbibles.org/pdf_information/127-1.pdf

As for the Dead Sea Scrolls;

God promised to preserve His Word and He would not have allowed it to have been lost for nearly the entire church age while being hidden away in the sands of the Judean desert, not being restored until the 1950s! (Psalm 100:5, etc.). God put the safekeeping of the Scripture into the hands of the Jews (Romans 3:1-2), and though they didn't obey the Scripture and though they covered it with their vain rabbinical traditions, they highly revered Scripture!

The scrolls were discovered between 1947 and 1956 in 11 caves near the northwest shore of the Dead Sea, 13 miles southeast of Jerusalem. The first cave contained two Isaiah scrolls, including the nearly intact Great Isaiah Scroll.

The scrolls contain the remains of about 900 different writings, mostly written between 200 B.C. and 68 A.D. Four-fifths of the scrolls are written in Hebrew, and 25% of them are books of the Bible. There were no portions of New Testaments books among the Dead Sea Scrolls, and Jesus is nowhere mentioned in them.

Archaeological finds such as the Dead Sea Scrolls are interesting to the Bible believer, but they aren't essential. Our faith is settled upon something much more solid than brittle fragments of ancient scrolls. Our faith is in the infallible Word of a God who cannot lie. A Word that was authenticated by “many infallible proofs” (Acts 1:3).

Aland was a heretic much like Westcott and Hort and the Dead Sea scrolls aren't essential.

We have done our History check; we have looked at the translations and the different Greek texts and can clearly see which Greek text is superior and where our modern Bible versions came from. There is tons more information on these topics but you don't need to suck a sweet to its centre to realise you have a sweet in your mouth.

Remember the requirements the Bible (Gods Word) needs to be Gods perfect word? Tell me how you can have manuscript texts which conflict each other causing contradiction, men who disregarded the doctrine of creation and other doctrines, men who had engaged in the occult, men who practiced Roman Catholicism amongst other things, men who feared not God and claim that what these men produced is Gods perfect Word? My friend that would be Heresy because not for one second do I believe that our Holy God would use such filthy men to produce His Holy Scriptures, The King James translators on the other hand preached the Gospel, they believed they were handling the very preserved Words of God and they relied on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

So now let us look at the differences between our King James Bible (because it is the oldest English Bible you can still find on the shelves today) and our newly found corrupted modern versions (all evidence tells us they are due to what we just went through and learned; they are corrupted. If the root is bad the fruit is bad). This is no attack on modern Bibles just purely facts and evidence that tells us how deceived we have being. Jesus in **JOHN 8:44** told us that the Devil is the father of lies. So ask yourself have you being lied to?

Now let's compare texts. I will only use a few modern versions but I'm sure they are all very similar and I will only use a few Scriptural verses but there are a lot more. From what we have learned the King James Bible sets the example the reason for this is proof texting to show us what Text has being used.

ECCLESIASTES 8:4 "Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him what doest thou?" The man who appointed certain learned men, to translate the Bible into English... Was a king, just saying.

Alright let's begin. I will highlight words that have being changed or removed. Note in the versions I have picked there won't always be a change but there will a change elsewhere, so be careful.

Bare this in mind. Revelation 22:16 tells us that Jesus Christ is the "Morning Star." The King James Bible never gives this title to anyone else. However, in some new versions, Jesus Christ and Satan are the same, because some versions have taken the liberty to call Satan the "morning star" in Isaiah 14:12. Although some versions do not go so far as to call Satan the "morning star," they still throw out the name "Lucifer."

ISAIAH 14:12 "How art thou fallen from heaven, **O Lucifer**, son of the morning!"

The ESV says; O Day Star.

The NIV says; Morning star

The GNB says; Bright morning star

The NLT says; O Shining star

The RSV says; O Day Star

Can you rely on a Bible that likens Christ (your Saviour) to Lucifer?

COLOSSIANS 1:14 "In whom we have redemption **through his blood**, even the forgiveness if sins:"

The ESV says; ... It's not there?

The NIV says; ... It's not there either?

The GNB says; ... this is not good news at all!

The NLT says; God has purchased our freedom with his blood and has forgiven all our sins.

The RSV says; ... It's not even there?

So through what do we have Redemption? Doesn't that old song go "what can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." Make no mistake you cannot have salvation without the Blood of Jesus.

JOHN 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall **make you free.**

The ESV says; Set you free.

The NIV says; Set you free

The GNB says; Set you free

The NLT says; Set you free

The RSV says; Make you free

Last time I check there was a difference between making something free and setting something free. You see if I make you free you are made free but if I set you free I can recapture you. It's Common sense.

1 TIMOTHY 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God** was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on the world,, received upon into glory."

The ESV says; He was manifested in the flesh

The NIV says; He appeared in a body

The GNB says; He appeared in human form

The NLT says; Christ appeared in the flesh

The RSV says; He was manifest in the flesh

Now a lot of words in this verse have being changed but I specifically wanted to focus on the word "God" it represents the deity of Jesus Christ showing that He is God manifested in the flesh. The words "He" does not specify who was manifest in the flesh, it leaves room for doubt.

LUKE 4:4 "And Jesus answered him, saying, it is written that man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word of God"**

The ESV says; ... It's not there.

The NIV says; ... It's not there.

The GNB says; ... Nope not there either

The NLT says; ... Apparently "New living" doesn't require every word of God.

The RSV says; ... You won't find it there.

Anyone with a brain can see something is wrong here! Jesus is quoting Deuteronomy 8:3. According to this verse in most modern Bibles Jesus doesn't know what was written. What was the purpose of this study? To show you that every word of God is important and if not every word is there how can it be Gods Word?

We'll do a few more.

2 SAMUEL 21:19 "And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew **the brother** of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam"

The ESV says; Elhanan struck down Goliath

The NIV says; Elhanan killed Goliath

The GNB says; Elhanan killed Goliath

The NLT says; Elhanan killed the brother of Goliath

The RSV says; Elhanan killed Goliath

I thought in 1 Samuel 17:49-50 David killed Goliath? Or what about 1 Chronicles 20: 5? Do you really believe Gods word has contradictions in it? According to this there are but then is it really Gods infallible perfect word? Again God is not the Author of confusion.

DANIEL 3:25 "He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form if the fourth is like **the Son of God**"

The ESV says; a son of the gods

The NIV says; a son of the gods

The GNB says; like an angel

The NLT says; a divine being

The RSV says; a son of the gods

Why can't they just say the Son of God? Cause if they did they would be acknowledging the Deity of Jesus. But instead liken him to pagan worship (like the son of the Greek god Zeus).

ACTS 8:37 "**And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God**"

Should I even bother? Most modern translations leave this entire verse out and stick it in the foot notes which people hardly read. Why isn't it in the Word? Wasn't it important enough? This verse is vital for water baptism. This is to cause doubt to the reader.

If you can't see by now that we can't trust our modern versions then you are blind and filled with pride. OPEN YOUR EYES AND SEE THAT THESE ARE NOT THE WORD OF GOD! If they were, would they have so many errors?

1 JOHN 5:7-8 "For there are three that bear record in, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one"

In other modern translations half this verse is missing. This verse deals with the Doctrine of the Godhead, our God three in one.

There are plenty more verses' and even doctrinal issues such as fasting that have being removed in our so called "Easier to understand Version" but if this does not convince you then I don't know what will. The reason for this is not merely to compare English with English but to show you that the reason they are different is because different texts have being used and like before we know now that most of our Modern Versions are based on Alexandrian Text which is filled with corruptions (History Proves this).

So I will conclude with this: As a Bible Believing Christian it is important to understand that the Bible is very important to us, it is not just another book but it is supernatural, it has being given to us by God so that we may learn of Him, Hear from Him, Understand His perfect will for our lives, it teaches us how to Live and take a stand for Christ our Saviour, it feeds our soul, it corrects us in righteousness, it is our sustenance for faith. Without it we are dry and hungry, weak and thirsty, mainly without it we are empty and dead.

So let me ask you Christian are you okay with the fact that your Bible might not be Gods Word? Are you okay with the fact that your translation might be fallible and not infallible? How am I to live by every word that Jesus told me to if my Bible translation is fallible? Do you not see how important it is? I do not believe God would tell us to live by every WORD and then have us trust in a Bible that does not have every WORD.

If I handed you a glass of clean water and a glass of dirty water to drink you would obviously take the clean water but now if the clean water was hidden in the midst of 100 glasses of dirty water how will you find it? By drinking some of the dirty water? What about by skilfully examining the crowd for the odd one out? There are many ways to get to the clean water but the fact remains there is only one glass of clean water in the midst of 100 dirty ones and if you are a true Christian living for Christ then my friend you need that clean water.

I would recommend that you watch the seminar series from David Cloud concerning this topic called "Why we hold to the King James Bible" he explains things more thoroughly and has done a lot more research regarding this topic. This can be downloaded from YouTube. It is a 7 part seminar series. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3-vz5lv0pc>

Other Resources can be found at these sites and a whole lot more.

https://www.wordproject.org/bibles/resources/why_kjv/index.htm

<http://www.av1611.org/kjv/knowkjv.html>

http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/Bible/king_james-proofs.htm

<http://www.biblebelievers.com/Vance5.html>

I pray that this has being a blessing to you and that you can now see how deceived we have been.