

“...Yea Hath God Said...”

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“Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away.”
Matthew 24:35

“A hazy mistrust of all scripture has been insinuated into the hearts and minds of countless millions, who in this way have been forced to become doubters – yes, doubters in the truth of revelation itself.” Dean Burgon (Revision Revised in the late 1800's).

On May 28, 2002 one hundred Evangelical Christian leaders issued a statement against the usage of the TNIV (Today's New International Version), because of its gender-neutral language. They state that the TNIV “...should be more faithful to the language of the original,” and that it goes, “Beyond acceptable translation standards in several important respects(1).” Among the 100 Evangelical Christian leaders to sign the statement are Charles Colson, James Dobson, Pat Robertson, the late Adrian Rodgers, Chuck Swindoll, Jack Hayford and others.

However, did this perversion and corruption of God's Word start with the TNIV? Absolutely not. It started in the garden of Eden when Satan made Adam and Eve to question, doubt, and disbelieve God's Word when he said, “...Yea hath God said...” (Genesis 3:1).

This deception, while having its roots in the satanic attack in the garden of Eden, has found itself today not just in the TNIV, which is only the offspring of a greater form of apostasy, corruption, and perversion of the sacred text, but also in all of the modern English Bible versions of today, which of course are the predecessors of the TNIV. The NIV, NASB, RSV, ESV, Amplified, Living, NKJV (The NKJV while attempting to continue along with the KJV Greek text, favors the Greek of the modern Bible versions) and others, along with the ungodly perverse paraphrasing of the scriptures such as the Message Bible all leave the reader to question, doubt, and disbelief in the Bible, by the many omissions, some additions, and of course most of all through the footnotes which say, “some manuscripts do not contain these verses.”

Through these corrupt and perverse Bible versions Satan still whispers in the ear, “...Yea Hath God said..” (Genesis 3:1), leaving us to question the validity of the Word of God whether it is really His Word. This unnecessary questioning will eventually lead to confusion, unbelief, and liberalism. And indeed it has unfortunately done just that.

Textus Receptus, King James Bible vs. New Corrupt Greek Text and Revised Version

In 1881 a group of Bible scholars desiring to improve on the beloved and well established King James Version (which is based upon the solid evidence of the overwhelming majority of all Greek New Testament manuscripts, ancient Bible versions, and early church Fathers as we will see later) came out with the Revised Version, based upon a new Greek text (A new Greek text supported by an extremely small amount of Greek NT manuscripts dating back to the 4th century that are proven to be corrupt, rejecting the overwhelming evidence reserved by the Holy Ghost in preservation of God's Word.).

The Revised Version differed from the King James Version (Authorized Version) in an astonishing 30,000 places in English, and its New Greek text had changes of around 6000 from the Textus Receptus (also known as the Received Text) the Greek text used to translate the King James

Bible(2). The Receive Text was also the text used by the Bible believing church in the Protestant Reformation and in every generation from the time of the Apostles(3).

Westcott and Hort, Vance Smith and the Revised Committee

The Revised committee (with perhaps the exception of a small minority) accepted a man by the name of Vance Smith a Unitarian who rejected the Trinity, and the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, to partake in the translation of the sacred deposit (4). No wonder the heretical, and false gospel of the Jehovah Witness organization (Watch Tower and Bible Tract Society) that is deceiving multitudes of precious souls, uses the Revisers New Greek Text of 1881 for their perverse New World Translation, because of its lack of support for the Trinity and the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ in certain areas (1 John 5:7; 2 Timothy 3:16 etc.). The Jehovah Witnesses openly declare that their New World Translation is, "...a modern-language translation of the Westcott and Hort Greek Text, first published by them in the year 1881" (5).

The two main men in charge of the committee were Brook Foss Westcott and Fenton John Hort. Both of these men rejected Biblical authority, infallibility, innerrancy, and inspiration. They were also strong supporters of Darwin's lie the theory of evolution, the false gospel of Roman Catholicism and rejected Evangelical Biblical Christianity.

Here are some of the statements that reveal the beliefs of Drs. Westcott and Hort.

"Hort writes to Rev. Rowland Williams, October 21, 1858:" '...Evangelicals seem to me perverted rather than untrue. There are, I fear, still more serious differences between us on the subject of authority and especially the authority of the Bible.' (6)."

Hort writes to Mr. John Ellerton, July 6, 1848: "The pure Romish view seems to me nearer, and more likely to lead to, the truth than the Evangelical... (7)"

Hort writes to Westcott, September 23, 1864: "I believe Coleridge was quite right in saying that Christianity without a substantial church is vanity and disillusion; and I remember shocking you and Lightfoot not so long ago by expressing a belief that 'Protestantism' is only parenthetical and temporary (8)."

Westcott writes to the Archbishop of Canterbury on Old Testament criticism, March 4, 1890: "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 (9)."

Hort writes to Rev. John Ellerton, April 3, 1860: "But the book which has most engaged me is Darwin. Whatever may be thought of it, it is a book that one is proud to be contemporary with...My feeling is strong that the theory is unanswerable. If so, it opens up a new period (10)."

Sadly these two apostate men that undertook the translation of the pure Word of God, the Bible, were for the obvious aforementioned reasons and for which we shall see later, not lead of the Holy Ghost, have seriously corrupted the sacred deposit, and have created a depraved Greek New Testament that is essentially the basis and the forerunner to all the modern English versions of today with regards to Bible translation (11).

Westcott and Hort relied fundamentally on only 2 Greek manuscripts, Codex Sinaiticus (B) and Codex Vaticanus (Aleph) dating back to the 4th Century which they contend are older than any other Greek manuscript available and therefore according to them, must represent the text closest to the original autographs. They completely ignored the majority of Greek NT manuscripts or the Received Text (Textus Receptus) which has been used by the Bible believing church from the Apostles to today, along with the testimony of the rest of Antiquity, such as the Versions of the early church, and of the early Church Fathers bearing witness to the authenticity of the pure Word of God.

Evidence of the Received Text (Textus Receptus) dating back to the Original Autographs

As they cleverly thrown away the majority of the solid evidence the Holy Ghost secured to ensure the complete preservation of the Word of God, Satan used these corrupt manuscripts and promoted the lie that earlier Greek NT manuscripts means closer to the original autographs (or original writings of scripture), to question centuries of what was written in the Bible based upon the Received Text.

Zane C. Hodges explains that manuscripts that are older does not mean they are better. An example of this is seen in John 5:2 where the King James Bible based on the Textus Receptus uses the correct word, "Bethesda" referring to the pool at Jerusalem, and not "Bethsaida", or "Bethzatha" which are evident corruptions of the name used by today's Modern Bible Versions and the Greek texts which they are based. The reason for this is because "...the copper scroll at cave III in Qumran" which dates around 35 A.D to 65 A.D. "...contains a Hebrew form of the name "Bethesda"(12). This date would of course be at the same time which the Gospel of John was written, giving clear evidence that "Bethesda" was the reading in the original autographs which of course the Received Text bears witness to.

Omission and Questioning of the Holy Scriptures Accepted By Most of the Church World

Scriptures such as John 8:1-11 which tells us of the woman taken in adultery, who was forgiven by the Lord of Glory and told to, "...sin no more"(verse 11), Mark 16:9-20 the last twelve verses of St. Mark's Gospel, 1 Timothy 3:16 which declares the fundamental truth of the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ by the utterance of the Holy Ghost which says, "...God was manifested in the flesh..." and many other scriptures are either omitted or questioned as to whether or not they are the true utterances of the Holy Ghost.

If a few modern scholars of classical writings such as Shakespeare, omitted words, verses and portions of chapters from the works of Shakespeare, literary scholars around the world would be outraged and would demand for the true text to be restored, and the corruption that has taken place to be immediately destroyed. Such would be the case if one word was missing from the constitution of any country such as the United States, the public outcry would be unanimous. However, the pages of the Holy Bible, the very Words of Almighty God (Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16) that He gave to, "...holy men of God.." that "...spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21) are now omitted, questioned, and in many cases completely rejected by todays modern English Bible versions with essentially no out cry or demand from the majority of the church world today, to stop the perversion of God's Word, but are completely comfortable with this attack on the Bible and unfortunately have for the most part, fully embraced it.

19th Century beginning of our Modern Day Apostasy

This questioning and perversion of the Word of God not only denies the solid evidence of the reliability of God's Word found in Antiquity (Manuscripts, Versions, Fathers) but has opened the door wide for great apostasy, confusion, unbelief, and liberalism. This promotion and unbelief in the Word of God (which has never been lost but stands forever 1 Peter 1:24-25) has produced Liberalism in the late 19th Century and at the beginning of the 20th Century. Benjamin G. Wilkinson in his book, "Our Authorized Bible Vindicated," quotes an author of the July 16, 1924 edition of the Herald and Presbyter, a Presbyterian publication, that reveals the liberalism (modernism) and apostasy at that time through the propagation of the Revised Version by stating that,

This Revised Version is in large part in line with what is known as modernism, and is peculiarly acceptable to those who think that any change, anywhere or in anything, is progress. Those who have really investigated the matter, and are in hearty sympathy with what is evangelical, realize that this Revised Version is a part of the movement to 'modernize' Christian thought and faith and do away with the established truth (13).

At that time (which of course was around the same time the Revised Version appeared) many so called preachers, scholars, and professors of theology openly confessed that they did not believe that the Bible was the inerrant, authoritative, infallible, and inspired Word of God (Psalm 12:6-7; Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; 2 Peter 1:20-21). They rejected the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ (Micah 5:2; John 1:1-18; 1 Timothy 3:16), His Virgin Birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25), His Substitutionary sacrificial atonement for the sins of all mankind by His death and shed blood on the cross of Calvary (Isaiah 53:1-12 ; John 3:16; Romans 5:1-11), His physical bodily resurrection (Psalm 16:10; Matthew 28:1-10; 1 Corinthians 15:1-3) and other areas of sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:1-8).

The Jesus Seminar Today's Perversion of the Scriptures

A modern day result of this perversion of the Holy Scriptures and open apostasy (falling away from the faith) is the Jesus Seminar. The Jesus Seminar which began in 1985 is comprised of about 200 individuals who are apostate ministers, scholars, and authors that have come together to decide whether or not the sayings of the Lord Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible are authentic. In order to determine the true sayings of the Lord Jesus Christ they use colored marbles to ultimately decide the fate of the sacred text. The Conclusion to the Jesus Seminar is that only 18% of the sayings of the Lord Jesus in the New Testament, are the true words of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they ultimately reject over 80% of His words(14). As a result, they reject His Deity, His Virgin birth, His physical bodily resurrection, Bethlehem as the place of birth, His Substitutionary sacrificial atonement for the sins of all mankind by His death and shed blood on the cross of Calvary as the only means of salvation for all mankind, the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation, His teachings about heaven and hell and other areas of sound Biblical doctrine for salvation (15). These and other heretical and blasphemous teachings which damn the soul, are accepted and endorsed by the ungodly council of the Jesus Seminar.

Sadly, all these modern Bible versions while not embracing the extreme liberalism of the Jesus Seminar, essentially promote the same principles of the Jesus Seminar, with regards to rejecting and questioning the words of the Lord Jesus Christ that have been in the pages of the Bible for centuries as being authentic and genuine (ex: Mark 16:9-20; John 7:53-8:1-11 etc.). The only difference is that the Jesus Seminar has taken Satan's deception to it's next inevitable end of apostasy, which is, "...another Jesus...another spirit...another gospel" (2 Corinthians 11:4). Unfortunately, this false gospel will ultimately lead souls to the Antichrist and tragically to hell in the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:11-15).

God Almighty has kept the original autographs written by the Biblical writers and inspired by the Holy Ghost intact to the very letter in every generation, through the evidence of the overwhelming majority of all Greek New Testament manuscripts, Bible versions of the early church, such as the Peshitta Bible that dates back to the 2nd Century which in the majority of cases follows the readings of the Majority text, and the quotations of the early church Fathers which also confirm the authenticity of the Word of God and support its evidence in the sacred text, the Bible. And ultimately preserved in the King James Version of the Bible in the English Language based upon the the solid evidence given by the Holy Ghost which He preserved in the Greek Received Text (Latin: Textus Receptus).

Evidence from Antiquity for the Authenticity of Mark 16:9-20

Dean Burgon who lived during the time of Drs. Westcott and Hort and was among their ranks in textual scholarship, and in many respects surpassed them, defends the King James Version and the Greek Text by which it is based, while at the same time rejecting the Revised Version, and the corrupt Greek Text which it is founded upon. He also gives the clear evidence in favor of the reading of Mark 16:9-20; John 8:1-11; 1 Timothy 3:16 which the Modern English Bible versions question and in reality reject in their footnotes as lacking evidence for their authenticity.

Dean Burgon reveals that the overwhelming evidence for Mark 16:9-20 is in “...every known Manuscript but two of bad character[these two of bad character are Codex Sinaiticus (Aleph) and Codex Vaticanus (B) the two main Greek manuscripts which for the most part, the Modern English Bible versions are based upon], besides every ancient Version, some one-and-thirty Fathers...” He continues to mention that 18 of those early church Fathers used copies that were at least contemporary with Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus (16). Burgon gives a more detailed account for the evidence of Mark 16:9-20. He says,

The Verses in question I find are recognized, In the IInd century, -By the Old Latin -and Syriac Verss.: -by Papias; -Justin M.;-Irenaeus; -Tertullian. In the IIIrd century, -By the Coptic-and Sahidic Versions:-by Hippolytus;-by Vincentius at the seventh Council of Carthage;-by the 'Acta Pilati';-and by the 'Apostolical Constitutions' in two places. In the IVth century, -Cureton's Syr. And the Gothic Verss.: -besides the Syriac Table of Canons;-Eusebius;-Marcarius Magnes;-Aphraates;-Didymus;-the Syriac 'Acts of the Ap.';-Epiphanius;-Leontius;-ps.-Ephraem; In the Vth century, -Besides the Armenian Vers.,-by codices A and C ;-by Leo;-Nestorius; -Cyril of Alexandria;-Victor of Antioch;-Patricius; -Marius Mercator. In the VIth and VIIth centuries, Besides cod. D, -the Georgian and Aethiopic Verss. : -by Hesychius; -Gregentius; -Prosper;-John, abp. of Thessalonica; - and Modestus, bishop of Jersusalem... (17).

Evidence for John 7:53-8:1-11 The *Pericope de Adultera*

Burgon also gives the evidence for John 7:53-8:1-11 as follows,

When the Author of Holy Scripture supplies such proofs of His intentions, I cannot do otherwise than rest implicit confidence in them. Now I begin by establishing as my first proposition that, these twelve verses occupied precisely the same position which they now occupy from the earliest period to which evidence concerning the Gospels reaches. And this, because it is a mere matter of fact, is sufficiently established by reference to the ancient Latin version of St. John's Gospel. We are thus carried back to the second century of our era, beyond which testimony does not reach. The *Pericope* is observed to stand *in situ* in Codices b c e ff g h j. Jerome (A.D. 385), after a careful survey of older Greek copies, did not hesitate to retain it in the Vulgate. It is freely referred to and commented on by himself in Palestine; whereas Ambrose at Milan (374) quotes it at least nine times, as well as Augustine in North Africa (396) about twice as often. It is quoted by Pacian in the north of Spain (370), by Faustus the African (400), by Rufinus at Aquileia (400), by Chrysologus at Ravenna (433), and by Sedulius, a Scot (434). The unknown authors of two famous treatises written at the same period largely quote this portion of the narrative. It is referred to by Victorius of Victorinus (457), by Vigilius of

Tapsus (484) in North Africa, by Gelasius Bishop of Rome (492), by Cassiodorus in southern Italy, by Gregory the Great, and by other Fathers of the Western Church (18).

Burton continues to give more evidence in the Ancient versions in that the passage is found in 15 out copies of the Bohairic version. “The Ethiopic version (fifth century), the Palestinian Syriac (which is referred to the fifth century), the Georgian (probably fifth or sixth century), ...the Slavonic, Arabic, and Persian versions,...Armenian version (fourth-fifth century) also originally contained it, though it survives at present in only a few copies (19).”

Burton now give the evidence for John 7:53-8:11 preserved by the Holy Ghost in the Greek copies, such as “Codex D” and “Jerome, who was familiar with Greek MSS (and who handled none of later date than B and Aleph), expressly related that the *Pericope de Adultera* “is found in many copies both Greek and Latin (20).” The Greek copies that Jerome (who lived in the 4th century) was referring to were most likely older than Codex Sinaiticus (B) and Vaticanus (Aleph) or at least contemporary with them, and the copies that contained John 7:53-8:11 were “many.” It is also found in “...ninety-nine out of every hundred...(21)” cursives copies (Greek manuscripts written in lower case letters), which of course make up the majority of Greek NT manuscripts.

The case is overwhelming and the facts in favor of the genuineness of the inspired writings speak for themselves. Burton also gives us the reason why some ancient versions such as 23 copies of the Bohairic version along with the small number of corrupt Greek manuscripts such as Codex Sinaiticus and Vaticanus leave out these verses, by giving the testimony of two early church Fathers. Burton says, “Two of the greatest Fathers (Augustine and Ambrose) actually do utter a few words; and they are to the effect that the verses are undoubtedly genuine: “Be it known to all men,” they say, “that this, passage; is genuine; but the nature of its subject matter has at once procured its ejection from MSS and resulted in the silence of commentators (22).” However, today the modern versions, scholars, preachers, and others who support them, question if John 7:53- 8:11 and other scriptures, whether or not they are the true utterances of the Holy Ghost.

Evidence for the reading “...God was manifested in the flesh...” in 1 Timothy 3:16

Burton gives the evidence for the reading “...God was manifested in the flesh...” in 1 Timothy 3:16. And that it “...is witnessed to by 289 MANUSCRIPTS: -by 3 VERSIONS:- by upwards of 20 Greek Fathers”(23).

Burton points out the overwhelming evidence pertaining to the early church fathers and versions in favor of the ancient reading, “...GOD...” are as follows,

In the 1st century...IGNATIUS (A.D. 90) probably recognized the reading before us in three places. The brief but significant testimony of BARNABAS... In the 2nd century,- HIPPOLYTUS... In the 3rd century,-GREGORY THAUMATURGUS, (if it be indeed he) has been already shown probably to testify to the reading... To the same century is referred the work entitled CONSTITUTIONES APOSTOLICAE: which seems also to witness to the same reading. BASIL THE GREAT...though his testimony, like that of the five names which go before, being open to cavil, is not here insisted on.] -And now to go upon *terra firma*. To the 3rd century then [A.D 264?] belongs the Epistle ascribed to DIONYSIUS OF ALEXANDRIA...(the 4th) century...DIDYMUS, GREGORY, BISHOP OF NAZIANANUS [A.D.355]...DIDORUS, (or 'Theodorus' as Photius writes his name,...the heretical BISHOP OF TARSUS in Cilicia...GREGORY BISHOP OF NYSSA...CHRYSOSTOM [A.D.380]...PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE... In the

Vth century, CYRIL, ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA, [A.D 410,]... THEODORET, BISHOP OF CYRUS in Syria, [A.D. 420]... Next, the ANONYMOUS AUTHOR claims notice [A.D. 420]...EUTHALIUS, BISHOP OF SULCA...MACEDONIUS II., PATRIARCH OF CP. [A.D.496]... To the VI century belongs the GEORGIAN VERSION... SEVERUS, BISHOP OF ANTIOCH...To the VIIth century [A.D. 616] belongs the HARKLEIAN (or PHILOXENIAN) Version...In the VIIIth century, JOHN DAMASCENE [A.D. 730]...EPIPHANIUS, DEACON OF CATANA...THEODORUS STUDITA OF CP. [A.D. 790]...To the IX century belong the three remaining uncial codices...'COD. MOSQUENSIS' (K); the 'COD. ANGELICUS' (L); and the 'COD. PORPHYRIANUS' (P)...The SLAVONIC VERSION...several ancient SCHOLIA...To the Xth century belongs Ecumenius [A.D. 990]...To the XI century, THEOPHYLACT [A.D. 1077]...To the XIIth century EUTHYMIUS [A.D. 1116],...(24).

Burton continues to reveal that the majority of Greek NT copies once again bear testimony to the reading, "...GOD was manifested in the flesh..." which of course is the reading of our King James Bible based on the Received Greek Text that bears the overwhelming evidence the Holy Ghost preserved in Antiquity (Manuscripts, Early Church Bible Versions, and Fathers). Burton says that, "...the testimony of EVERY KNOWN COPY OF S. PAUL'S EPISTLES except ...three, or four..."(25), testify to the reading "GOD was manifested in the flesh..." in 1 Timothy 3:16.

The other Modern English Bibles based primarily on the corrupt Greek Text of Drs. Westcott and Hort (that followed for the most part a few depraved manuscripts such as Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus and rejected most of the evidence pertaining to the authenticity of Holy Scripture preserved by the Holy Ghost in manuscripts, versions, fathers) question the authenticity of the word, "God" in 1 Timothy 3:16 and in fact leave it out of the sacred text altogether by translating, "He" instead of "God," and thus casting doubt once again on the inspiration and preservation of the Word of God.

Many scholars in favor of these perverse Modern Bible versions, based on depraved manuscripts, that make up a corrupt Greek NT text give false information so as to mislead many in believing that the King James Version and the Received Text by which it is based, has very little, or insufficient evidence, and that the scholarship of years ago is no match for today's textual critic. However, nothing can be further from the truth as we have already seen concerning Mark 16:9-20; John 7:53-8-11; and 1 Timothy 3:16.

However, while we can certainly use many examples (for there are multitudes of examples) we will only observe two more areas of scripture where the scholars in favor of today's modern Bibles love to use to attempt to discredit the A.V (KJV), the Textus Receptus and Bible preservation. They are 1 John 5:7; and Revelation 22:19.

Evidence for 1 John 5:7 as the true utterance of the Holy Ghost

1 John 5:7 which says, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one" is left out of all the modern Bible versions except the NKJV which retains the verse, but questions its authenticity in the footnotes, thus agreeing with the Modern Bible versions and leaving doubt whether it is a part of the sacred text. They argue that it must have been added to the scriptures by some scribe because the verse is only in a few late Greek NT manuscripts. Although 1 John 5:7 is found in only a few Greek NT manuscripts (61, 629, and in the

margin of text 88, and in the Codex Ravianus) (26) the Holy Ghost has retained and preserved this verse of scripture throughout antiquity.

Dr. Phil Stringer explains the evidence for 1 John 5:7,

The verse is found in an Old Syriac manuscript from around A.D 170, ... in a Old Latin manuscript from around 200. According to Gaussen (in his classic book on inspiration, *Theopneustia*) it is quoted or referred to by several Latin church fathers in the Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Centuries. It was quoted in the second century by Tatian, by Tertullian around A.D 200, and by Cyprian around A.D. 250. It was quoted by Athanasius in A.D 350 and by Priscillian and Idacius Clarus in A.D 385. The verse is found in copies of the Latin Vulgate from the Fifth Century (Gaussen reminds his readers that these manuscripts predate most Greek manuscripts). In A.D 415, the verse was included in the resolutions of the Council of Carthage. In 484 A.D., the King of the Vandals demanded that the Bishops of North Africa prove the doctrine of the Trinity. He was an Arian. He denied the Trinity and considered the bishops all heretics. Four hundred bishops signed a Confession of Faith that included a defense of the Trinity. This defense quoted 1 John 5:7 and discussed it at length. It was quoted by Cassiodorus in Italy in 480 A.D. Other quotations or references include Vadmarium A.D. 380, Cassian A.D. 435, Jerome A.D. 450, Vigilus A.D. 484, Victor-Vita A.D. 489, and Fulgentius A.D. 533. It was also quoted in a document called Liber Apologeticus in A.D. 350. The Textus Receptus reading of 1 John 5:7 is not only seen in antiquity, it was obviously widespread in antiquity (27).

Dr Stringer also explains how the internal evidence points to the authenticity of 1 John 5:7,

Grammatically, 1 John 5:8 makes no sense without verse 7. In verse eight, the word three is in the masculine in the Greek language. The previous three nouns spirit, water and blood are all neuter. The rules of Greek grammar make it impossible (and nonsensical) for the word three to refer back to spirit, water, and blood. “Three” clearly refers to the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost of verse 7. In 1828, Bishop Middleton of Cambridge, wrote an eighteen page article entitled “The Doctrine of the Greek Article.” He makes it clear how the wording of verse 8 demands the wording of verse 7 to proceed it. Without the Johannine Comma, the passage is incomplete and is grammatical nonsense (28).

Evidence in favor of “...the book of life...” in Revelation 22:19

The other verse that is questioned by modern scholarship with misleading statements to incite doubt to the precious Word of Almighty God preserved in the Textus Receptus, is found in Revelation 22:19 in the King James Version. The words, “...the book of life...” are found in the A.V(King James Bible) and in the Textus Receptus while the words “...tree of life...” is found in all other Modern Bible translations (exception of NKJV) and their Greek NT Texts (While more Greek NT copies contain “...tree of life...” the majority of manuscripts do not contain the book of Revelation, much less the last six verses of Revelation, which shows evident signs of tampering)(29). The deceptive and misleading statement made by many modern scholars is that there is not one Greek NT manuscript found that contain the words “...book of life..” They also contend that Erasmus the author of the first Greek NT Text in the early 1500's, copied the last six verses of Revelation from the Latin Vulgate, because the

Greek manuscripts he had at the time of completing his first Greek NT Text did not have these verses contained in them.

However, this statement is not only misleading it is completely false. The words, "...book of life..." are found in Greek manuscripts 57, 296, 141 also known as 2049, and in the margin of 2067(30).

Dr. H.C. Hoskier contends and disproves that Erasmus translated the last six verses of Revelation from the Latin Vulgate, but instead from the Greek manuscript 141 that contained the last six verses of Revelation (31). Dr. Holland who agrees with Dr. Hoskier explains concerning Erasmus that,

Even if he did translate from the Latin into Greek it would have no bearing on the doctrine of biblical preservation. Preservation simply demands that God has kept and preserved the words throughout the generations from the time of their inception until this present day and even beyond. It does not demand that these words be preserved in the original languages only"(32).

It is well understood, that Erasmus was well acquainted with hundreds of Greek NT manuscripts and was convinced like Wycliffe, Stephens, Beza, Tyndale, Dr. Scrivener, the translators of the Bishops Bible, Geneva Bible, and over 40 scholars who translated the A.V. (King James Bible), among others, that the "...book of life.." was the true utterance of the Holy Ghost.

Concerning the other ancient evidence that contain the reading "...book of life..." it is seen in the Latin Vulgate (Gausson reminds his readers that these manuscripts predate most Greek manuscripts)(33), it "is also found in the Coptic Boharic, the Arabic, the Speculum, Pseudo-Agustine and written as such in the Latin of Adrumentum 552, Andreas of Cappadocia, 614 Haaymo, Halberstadt, Latin 841"(34).

Dr. Holland explains that the reading, "book" (Libri in latin) is found in Latin mss. "Codex Fuldensis (sixth century); Codex Karolinus (ninth century); Codex Oxoniensis (twelfth to thirteenth century); Codex Ulmensis (ninth century); Codex Uallicellanus (ninth century); Codex Sarisburiensis (thirteenth century); and the corrector of Codex Parisinus (ninth century)."

Dr. Holland concludes the evidence of the reading by saying, "we have patristic citations from Ambrose (340-397 AD), Bachiarius (late fourth century), and Primasius in his commentary on Revelation in 552 AD" (35). "Thus, we have evidence of the KJV reading dating from before the Vulgate and maintained throughout Church history in a variety of geographical locations and various languages"(36).

It is evident by the evidence above that the Author of Holy Scripture has preserved His Word, and that these scriptures from Mark 16:9-20, John 7:53-8:1-11, 1 Timothy 3:16, 1 John 5:7, and Revelation 22:19 among others as seen in the Received Text and in the King James Bible need not to be questioned or doubted, but received as the true utterances of the Holy Ghost and contended as the pure unadulterated Word of God.

God's Promise of Bible Preservation

The Bible says, "The Words of the Lord are **Pure** Words, as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt **keep** them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever" (Psalm 12:6-7).

Notice the scripture teaches that the very words of God not just the meaning, or thought, but His very words given to, "...holy men of God" who, "spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21) were to be pure words, representing its undefiled nature, without corruption, impurity,

blemishes, mistakes, falsehood or error. The words, "...purified seven times" clearly tells us that His Word is purified to perfection, for seven is the Biblical number of perfection, thus destroying any impurities that may want to attach itself to His Holy and Sacred Word. Hence, teaching us the clear inerrancy, and infallibility of the Bible. The Holy Ghost speaks through King David and tells us that God Almighty, the only true God, the God of the Bible will "...keep...", and "...preserve..." His words from generation to "...generation and forever". This scripture from Psalm 12:6-7 has declared without any doubt that God will not only have His word intact in the original autographs, but also throughout every dispensation of time.

Many modern scholars who reject Bible preservation and embrace today's modern Bible versions and their corrupt Greek NT Texts, argue that since the original autographs have perished and that there are not two manuscripts that are completely identical, that it is not possible to have the complete Word of God today. However, this is a most serious error, as Donald L. Brake, explains that,

The doctrine of preservation does not guarantee the preservation of the autographs, for they perished within a few years after their writing. Neither does it guarantee the accuracy of the copies, because errant men copied them. It does guarantee, however, that the complete contents of the Scriptures have been preserved, not in any one manuscript, but somewhere within the manuscript tradition. Martin writes, "No one of them in itself is absolutely accurate, for God has not guaranteed the infallibility of any copyist, but the infallible words are there somewhere within those manuscripts" (37).

Jeffrey Koo explains the providential hand of Almighty God in preserving His Word in every generation to the present,

By the providential guidance of the Holy Spirit, God's people were led to identify the 27 books to become our NT Canon, no more, no less. There was a terminus to the canonization of Scripture at the Council of Carthage in 397.

In like manner, the Lord allowed copyist errors and corruptions to enter into the transmission process through the pen of fallible scribes. Nevertheless, His providential hand kept His inspired words of Scripture from being lost. In light of God's providence, that nothing happens by chance, and that history is under His sovereign control, I believe that in the fulness of time—in the most opportune time of the Reformation when the true church separated from the false, when the study of the original languages was emphasized, and the printing press invented (which meant that no longer would there be any need to hand copy the Scriptures thereby ensuring a uniform text)—God restored from out of a pure stream of preserved Hebrew and Greek manuscripts, the purest Hebrew and Greek Text of all—the Text that underlines our KJV—that accurately reflects the original Scriptures" (38).

Faith and Trust or Doubt and Disbelief

While the study of Ancient copies (manuscripts), versions, and fathers can be an extremely laborious and complex field when one wants to understand the true evidence to the sacred deposit, the issue is essentially answered in one question. Did God mean what He said in the preservation of His Word or not? If one answers NO to this question, how can we be sure that any portion of scripture that we possess is the Word of God? And we are, whether consciously or not, calling God a liar, supporting today's modern Bible versions and the Greek NT Texts that the early church rejected (this is clearly

demonstrated by the lack of use and copying of manuscripts such as Codex Vaticanus and Sinaiticus), demonstrating disbelief in His Word and are believing the lie from that old Serpent, the Devil, "...Yea Hath God said..." However, if one answers YES to this question then one is demonstrating faith in God and His Word, and will come to the conclusion that He kept and preserved 100% of His Word, and that what He said is true, and will believe that the Received Text is the perfect preserved Word of God kept in tact from the original autographs, and that the A.V. (King James Bible) is God's perfect preserved Word in the English language.

One view ultimately leads to doubt, unbelief, confusion, and liberalism. The other ultimately leads to trust, confidence, reliability, and unshakable faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and sound doctrine in His Holy Word. One view produces doubt, the other faith. The Bible says, "...The just shall live by faith"(Galatians 2:11) not doubt.

Satan is still whispering "...Yea Hath God said..." through these Modern Bible versions which only produce doubt in the Word of God, and disbelief in what He has said in His Word. For in the garden of Eden he convinced Eve to doubt what God had said and to disbelieve His Holy Word concerning the consequences of disobeying His Word. Adam and Eve did not believe that God would **keep** His Word, and unfortunately, so do many today.

But thank the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost has not only inspired, "holy men of God" that "spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" in the original autographs, but has also kept and preserved His Word in every generation to the present, for the Lord Jesus Christ said, "Heaven and Earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

The Lord Jesus Christ who is God Almighty that gave the scriptures (John 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:16), did not read from the original autograph of Isaiah (Luke 4:16-21) or any other Old Testament writer, but only a copy of the inspired text and yet He esteemed it as the Word of God (Matthew 4:4) without error (John 17:17), kept and preserved by God Almighty (John 10:35). For Bible inspiration is no greater miracle than Bible preservation, for both are clearly taught in scripture and the Lord has accomplished the inspiration and preservation of His Word. For it would not make sense for God to inspire holy men of God to write His inspired Words if He did not care to preserve it. Every Word that He **inspired or breathed** (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21), He most certainly preserved (Psalm 12:6-7; Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:24-25).

While we are not advocating that one is no longer saved if they use a corrupt modern Bible version (for there are many who are Born-again in the Lord Jesus Christ that do so), however, we are sounding a loud warning in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ that one is on the wrong road of doubting, questioning, and disbelieving God's Word that has the potential of producing shipwreck to ones faith in Christ Jesus, and could in many cases lead to the damnation of one's soul. For this is the ultimate end of Satan with regards to perverting the scriptures, to bring eternal precious souls to eternal damnation in hell, the Lake of Fire (The perverting of the scriptures is so serious a matter to the King of Glory that the He gives mankind the warning in Revelation 22:18-19, that if His Word is added, He will add "plagues" to ones life, and if His Word is taken away, ones part will be taken "...out of the, book of Life..."). For if he can make one believe "...Yea Hath God said..." and cause any trace of doubt as to the innerrancy, infallibility, inspiration, and authority of the Bible, he has accomplished in hearts what he began in the Garden of Eden. For the scriptures now become the word of man, and not the complete Word of God from Genesis to Revelation, or perhaps just a book that contains the Word of God mixed with a few errors and discrepancies and where one is left with a subjective interpretation of the scriptures, leading to the creation of their own false god and deity that they would now come to worship, and ultimately reject the God of the Holy Bible, who calls all mankind to be born again (John 3:3), by repenting of sin and trusting the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone as their personal Lord and Saviour and His finished work upon the cross (John 3:16-19,36; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Acts 20:21;

Romans 1:16-17; 5:1-8, Galatians 2:16-21; Ephesians 2:8-9).

Satan's Ultimate Lie and Deception

The doubting and unbelief in the preservation of God 's Word makes one a prime target to Satan's lie, because one does not believe we have the complete inspired and preserved Word of God, but will embrace and accept new discoveries of manuscripts (that have been rejected by the Holy Ghost, and the Bible Believing born-again Christian Church), as “lost scriptures” (ex: gospel of Judas), that will be used to damn precious souls to an eternity in hell.

The World and the Church world that no longer wants to endure sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:1-3), is ready to reject the truth of the Bible, and believe a lie from Satan that will lead them into the arms of the Antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:4-12). The words “...Yea Hath God said...” still rings in the volumes of these perverse Bible versions, only now the words of that same satanic scream yells even louder in the TNIV, until its ultimate, and horrific end rests in the bosom of the Antichrist with the inception of a book so remotely perverse from the Holy Bible, that it bears absolutely no resemblance at all. For it will completely reject the the doctrine of God Almighty by repentance of sin and faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ, and will embrace the doctrine of man, which is the promotion of sin, and will lead precious souls to the damnation of hell in the Lake of fire. This ultimate apostate Bible will promote another Jesus, another gospel, and another spirit (2 Corinthians 11:4,13-15). And sadly, many in the church world today are doing just that (see article True Gospel vs. False Gospel)(39).

The deceptive lie of the Da Vinci Code, through the gospel of Judas and other apostate gnostic, heretical writers and their manuscripts in the first few centuries of church history, are now being resurrected and embraced by multitudes, after years of rejection by the Holy Ghost.

Irenaeus who lived in the 2nd Century A.D. completely exposes the heretical deception of the gospel of Judas, a blasphemous gnostic writing which is now being used by the Da Vinci Code and others, attempting to discredit the truth, and sound doctrine in the Word of God , such as the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to promote Satan's lie “...Yea Hath God Said...” While we are not governed by the teachings of the Early Church Fathers, but only by the Word of God, the Bible, Irenaeus a contemporary to the so called gospel of Judas gives a clear rebuke to this false gospel and teaching, he says,

They declare that Judas the traitor was thoroughly acquainted with these things, and that he alone, knowing the truth as no others did, accomplished the mystery of the betrayal; by him all things, both earthly and heavenly, were thus thrown into confusion. They produce a fictitious history of this kind, which they style the Gospel of Judas(40).

The mystery of iniquity is already at work, and my friend, we need to take a firm stand on the Word of Almighty God in these last days of deception. A deception that started in the Garden of Eden, and later through corrupt manuscripts (such as Codex Sinaiticus and Vaticanus and others, through scribe mistakes as well as intentional corruptions), through apostate men such as Westcott and Hort that rejected the truth of God's inspired Word and embraced Satan's lie by creating a corrupt Greek Text, and today by the many omissions, footnotes and some additions to the unchanging, inspired, preserved Word of God through todays modern Bible versions based primarily on Westcott and Hort's Greek NT Text. This has proved to create doubt, unbelief, confusion, and liberalism to the inspired, inerrant, infallible, and authoritative Word of Almighty God.

Concluding Statements and God's Promise of Bible Preservation

The TNIV while being cautioned by many evangelical leaders is now in the majority of Christian Book stores and being advertised as a great and accurate translation of the Word of God. However, as we have seen that it is not only hopelessly corrupt, but also its predecessors.

“...Yea, Hath God said...”, is now the voice of these corrupt modern English Bible versions. But thank God, He said that he would keep and preserve (Psalm 12:6-7) His inspired, authoritative, infallible, and inerrant Word both now and forever. And this He certainly has accomplished in the Textus Receptus, and in English through the King James Version as well as all other foreign language Bible versions based on the Received Text (Textus Receptus). Blessed be the name of the Lord! Hallelujah! Praise the Mighty Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away.”

Matthew 24:35

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