

A Critique of The New King James Bible

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In this article we shall use the letters JFV for the "Jerry Falwell Version" (since he has been the "kingpin," so to speak, in the promotion of this newest Athenian gimmick), and alongside it, we shall put what ALL EDITIONS OF THE KING JAMES VERSION SAY FROM 1611 TO 1982 and compare them with the JFV, which professes to be one in a series of "editions" of that text. So that the reader will be rooted and grounded in scientific, documented fact, we will place after the JFV its match in the Communist version put out by the National Council of Churches (Sockman, Weigle, Albright, Peale, Kagawa, Niebhur, Tillich, Dahlberg, et al.), the RSV of 1952; and we will also put the match found in the apostate ASV of 1901 so that you can see that this latest fickle fad was for the purpose (again!) of restoring the bankrupt ASV of 1901, which Christian scholars tried to pawn off on the public for fifteen years. (When they gave up, they tried to pawn off a "New" ASV, and this failed so miserably that the JFV had to be resorted to.) Among the men responsible for this new Communist "King James" Bible are Rev. A. V. Henderson (pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Detroit) and Curtis Hutson (*The Sword of the Lord*). May they rest in peace.

Since the motive behind all English translation work since 1864 has been sales, we should naturally turn to 1 Timothy 6:10 and find the ASV reading standing in the JFV: "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." *No edition of the AV 1611 ever had such a reading in it.* Not even the Communist Bible of the NCC (RSV) is that far off from the AV reading.

Since all revisers who corrupt the word

of God do so with a bad conscience, not one of them could ever tolerate the AV reading in 2 Corinthians 2:17, in all editions from 1611 to 1982. For this reason we find the Jerry Falwell Version has adopted the reading of the Liberals in the NCC (RSV), which happens to be the reading of the bankrupt ASV that came from the Wescott and Hort Greek text: "For we are not, as so many, *peddling* the word of God . . .".

Since all men engaged in perverting the truth of God are highly susceptible to their depravity, we would expect Romans 1 to land on the perverter with tremendous force. It does. *All editions of the AV from 1611 to 1982 read contrary to the Jerry Falwell Version* in Romans 1:18—"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who *suppress* the truth . . ."; and Romans 1:25—"Who *exchanged* the truth of God for *the lie* . . .". Here Falwell and his friends are again promoting the readings of the National Council of Communist Churches as they translated it in the RSV. The words "suppress" and "exchange" have been thrust into the correct text to cover the sins of the translator, who "*changed the truth*" (AV 1611) and "held the truth in unrighteousness" (AV 1611). The ASV naturally agrees with the Liberals and Modernists in the NCC.

Since all modern, apostate Fundamentalists think that science can sit in judgment of the AV of 1611, the word "science" has been removed from 1 Timothy 6:20—"avoiding the profane and vain babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called *knowledge*" to match the Communist Bible of the NCC and the apostate NASV of Bob Jones University. *The word "SCIENCE" was in every edition of the AV from 1611 to 1982.*

Since money-mad apostates who are engaged in perverting the word of God are basically *materialists* who judge success or failure in the ministry by sales, enrollment, income, or attendance, they would naturally have a heart attack at 1 Timothy 6:5. So said, so done. To cover up the tracks of people like modern Christian ce-

lebrities and monument builders, the JFV has perverted the verse so that you would not think that some Christians believe "THAT GAIN IS GODLINESS"; instead, they "suppose that godliness is a *means* of gain." The verse in the JFV has been brought into line with the liberal National Council of Churches. Naturally the ASV of 1901 reads with Jerry Falwell's Version and Dean Luther Weigle's RSV.

Since no modern apostate understands the Christian being "IN CHRIST'S STEAD" and being "AS HE IS," the term "PERSON OF CHRIST" in 2 Corinthians 2:10 had to be done away with. The purpose for this was to erase the cross-reference to John 20:23, where the Holy Spirit interpreted the passage in that fashion in *ALL EDITIONS OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE FROM 1611 TO 1982*. The JFV is not an edition of the Authorized Version. JFV's reading in 2 Corinthians 2:10 ("if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the PRESENCE of Christ") is the reading of Modernists and Liberals in the NCC and was first used in the ASV of 1901.

Moving in as close as possible to the RSV reading of Galatians 5:4, "You are *SEVERED* from Christ" (which *implies* they were joined to Him at one time, which they were *not*: see the context), the JFV says, "YOU HAVE BECOME *ESTRANGED* FROM CHRIST" (implying they were *not* strangers, when Eph. 2:12, 19 says they WERE).

To protect their own phony Greek scholarship, the Athenian anteaters (see comments on Acts 17 in *The Bible Believer's Commentary on Acts*, 1972) have inserted the RSV reading of the National Council of Communist Churches into Acts 17:22—"I perceive that in all things you are very *religious*." The word "superstitious" (AV 1611) was too strong for their stomachs "*no one is more superstitious than Conservative and Evangelical Greek scholars!*"), so they altered it to match the words of the Modernists and Liberals whom it scalded first. Here JFV reads with the RSV and ASV. *It is not an "edition" of the AV in any sense*

of the word.

In 1 Corinthians 1:22 the ignorance of the committee shows through beautifully. Here we are told that the Jews do not really "REQUIRE a sign" (AV 1611): they simply "request" one. Any fool who read Exodus 4 knows that the national history of the Jews began with SIGNS and that, therefore, they have a right to require a sign. That is why Christ DID THOSE SIGNS AMONG THEM (John 12) and went even further and gave those SIGNS to His successors after His Resurrection (Mark 16). The JFV reads with the ASV, although that corrupt counterpart says "ASKS" instead of "REQUESTS." Neither reading has anything to do with sound doctrine, Biblical interpretation, or Biblical accuracy.

Since all Laodicean apostates think exactly alike (Fundamentalists and Conservatives foremost), we would naturally turn to 2 Timothy 2:15, for this is the verse in the Bible that shows the Christian HOW TO STUDY THAT VERY BOOK. The JFV has thrown away the key and gotten rid of the scriptural way to study the Bible by adopting the Communist reading of the RSV, "BE DILIGENT TO PRESENT YOURSELF" (compare to RSV, "DO YOUR BEST TO PRESENT YOURSELF") and simply omits the word "STUDY" (AV 1611). There is no "STUDY" in the JFV: *neither is there in the ASV of 1901 nor the NASV of 1950.*

Perhaps the crummiest thing about this New American, New King, New Standard, New James rat's nest is the promotional material which tells the sucker that this version will "UNLOCK THE SPIRITUAL TREASURES FOUND UNIQUELY IN THE KING JAMES VERSION." Another gaffed act is the promotional material which implies that for 371 years no one could really find these truths. To emphasize this Satanic nonsense, Falwell is sending out a copy of the 1611 Version with his new "rat's nest" to convince the gullible that:

1. The language had never been updated, *when it had.*
2. The AV included the Apocrypha as *part of the Bible*, which it *didn't.*

3. Since the reader's standard AV (published anywhere between 1613 and 1982) doesn't MATCH the 1611 VERBATIM, the JFV has the license to reinsert the readings into it of the National Council of Liberal and Modernist Churches who never accepted ANY Bible as the word of God. At the close of the introduction is the standard girl scout profession of the brownies in Laodicea (see details in Problem Texts, 1980). All profess that there was a Book (Bible) on earth that had "ORIGINAL AUTOGRAPHS" IN IT.

No one but a madman would believe that. *There has never been on this earth ANY "BIBLE" that contained the original autographs of Moses, David, Isaiah, Paul, and Luke.* The profession is a blatant LIE by men who have been conditioned to lie and teach lies to others in the name of "FUNDAMENTALISM." These apostate Fundamentalists have simply reinserted the ASV and RSV readings into the Authorized text and pretended that they were engaged in *the same kind of work* as that done by the translators of 1611 and the "revisers" of 1613. They are the corrupters of the pure Bread of Life, and that is why their "Bible" matches the RSV of the National Council of Churches in:

Acts 17:16—"his spirit was *provoked* within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols," instead of "stirred" (AV 1611).

Acts 17:22—"Then Paul stood in the midst of *the Areopagus,*" instead of "Mars' hill" (AV 1611).

2 Corinthians 5:17—"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new *creation,*" instead of "creature" (AV 1611).

Philippians 2:7—"But *emptied* Himself by taking the form of a servant," an attack on the Deity of Christ that replaced "made himself of no reputation" (AV 1611).

Acts 4:27—"For truly against your holy *Servant* Jesus," another attack on Christ's Deity, which omitted "child" (AV 1611, see comments in *The Bible Believer's Commentary on Acts* 1972).

1 Thessalonians 5:22—"Abstain from every *form* of evil," instead of "all appear-

ance" (AV 1611).

1 Corinthians 10:28—"The earth is the LORD's, and *everything in it,*" instead of "the fullness thereof" (AV 1611).

Matthew 20:20—"Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, *kneeling down* and asking something from Him," an attack on the Deity of Christ that omitted "worshipping him" (AV 1611).

James 5:16—"Confess your *trespasses* to one another," instead of "faults" (AV 1611), a half-way move toward the Roman Catholics.

2 Thessalonians 2:7—"For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way." The word "he" (AV 1611) has been capitalized to force upon the reader the private interpretation that the "HE" of the passage is the Third Person of the Trinity.

No real Bible believer could be fooled by the Jerry Falwell Version, otherwise known as the New American, New King, New Standard, New James, New RAT'S NEST (the New King James Bible).

It is a Laodicean monstrosity, and the incredible profession of the "scholarly team" (see their introduction, p. 30) is that for the *first time* in 371 years the King James Bible is able to speak God's eternal TRUTHS WITH CLARITY. This horrendous LIE is worded as follows in their advertisement: "The first King James Version of the Holy Bible was published in 1611 . . . Now almost 371 years later that AV has been carefully updated [with readings of the RSV and ASV inserted!] so that it will once *again* speak God's eternal truths with clarity."

We will stick with our "old" King James Version that has served us so well.

