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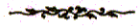
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What is the Revised Standard Version?
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Is it really an "Authorized" Version?
Is it better than the King James Version of 1611 A.D.?
Does it change the fundamental Gospel truths?

These are some of the vital questions discussed and answered in this booklet. Every Bible-loving Christian ought to know the facts about this new Bible, and recognize the necessity of taking a clear, determined stand for the truth. May God bless the urgent message of this book to the heart of every reader.

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A new Bible was given to the public on September 30, 1952 — the Revised Standard Version. Long and varied have been the innumerable discussions in which both unregenerate people and earnest Christians have participated in recent days concerning this new Bible. The purpose of this booklet is to help sincere, Bible-believing people to know the truth about this new Version, and to issue a grave warning concerning the issues involved. These are days when evil forces are engaged in every possible way to destroy the "faith once delivered". It behooves us therefore to exercise extreme caution, to avoid being swept away by an appearance of scholarship or by intensive advertising campaigns, and to make diligent enquiry into any new movement or book that appears in these evil "latter days". Remember that the Word of God warns us against the appearance of "many deceivers" as Satan makes his last, mad attempt to establish his control over men and nations before the Lord Jesus returns in glory. Surely he knows that his time is short, and so his wrath is great! We therefore commend the following discussion to your careful attention and prayerful consideration, always remembering the words of Psalm 11:3, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

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WHAT IS THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION?

The preface to this new Bible begins with these words: "The Revised Standard Version of the Bible is an authorized revision of the American Standard Version, published in 1901, which was a revision of the King James Version, published in 1611." That definition merits some comment at once. Later on we shall deal with this startling claim that it is an "authorized" revision. But here and now we must correct a palpable error that is evident to the careful investigator. The American Standard Version was NOT a revision of the King James Version. Let that be clearly understood. When the English Revised Version, the American Revised Version and the American Standard Version were published within a few years of each other, they were supposedly revisions of the King James Version, the committee being set up for this purpose, but they actually produced new Versions from DIFFERENT SOURCES and different manuscripts from those used as the basis of the 1611 Authorized Version. That fact must be remembered. Either the publishers of this new Bible were ignorant of that simple truth, or else they wished to link this new Bible with the widely-accepted King James Version. The casual reader would conclude from this preface that the new Bible fully inherits the sanctity of the Authorized Version, but that is simply not true. This is not an improved Authorized Version. It is a NEW Bible, a new translation, and must stand or fall on its own merits.

There has certainly been a deliberate attempt to implant in the minds of people the idea that this is merely an attempt to bring the Bible up to date in its language. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Even one

who defends this version, Dr. George Allen Turner, is forced to admit the truth in these words:—"The fact is, as the commission has explained, the original intention was a revision, but, as the Committee warmed to its task, it became apparent that a new translation would be necessary in order to fulfill the basic purpose of the commission." We may thus stand in amazement at the deliberate deceit that has accompanied the promotion of this version, and pause to wonder just what was this "basic purpose of the Commission"!

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WHY WAS THIS NEW VERSION UNDERTAKEN?

The answer to this question is of vital concern. Why publish a new revision? For over three hundred years the Authorized Version has been blessed and used of God to the salvation of millions, and to the vigorous edification of the saints of all ages. In *Colliers Magazine* of October 4th, 1952, we read this startling statement regarding the new version: "It is intended to replace the King James Version, which has been serving Protestants for three centuries." Mark that well. The whole aim and purpose of the new Bible is to REPLACE the Authorized Version, to eliminate it, to relegate it to oblivion, to remove it from its revered place of well-nigh universal acceptance as the inspired Word of God. Already the Methodist Church of the United States has REPLACED the Authorized Version in its Sunday School literature by this new version. This means that nine million people have the familiar Bible forcibly removed, and this substitute given them instead. The promoters of this Bible are determined to push it into the place of the Authorized Version. Previous revised versions never accomplished that. The British Bible Society report in 1911 showed that only 4% of the Bibles then issued were revised versions. In 1920 this had fallen to less than 2%. Will this new version replace the Authorized Version of 1611?

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HOW HAS THE NEW BIBLE BEEN RECEIVED?

It has had a very mixed reception. Generally it can be stated this way. The modernistic section of the church has unanimously hailed it with delight. Perhaps that ought to be sufficient warning to those who love the faith of our fathers. Yet some who claim to love the Lord and His Word have adopted this new version. We feel this has been through lack of knowledge concerning its source and its nature. Many of these men are reversing their decisions, and are now rejecting this version. And there is a growing, rising tide of sincere protest amongst the fundamental forces of the whole world against this version, and against the fraud and deceit used in its promotion. Lest some may think that Berean Bible College is just fussing about something relatively unimportant, let us call attention to the following facts. Dr. T. T. Shields, of Toronto, has clearly denounced this version as the subtle attempt of modernists to destroy our Bible. *Life Magazine* says: "It has met opposition from the International Council of Christian Churches." Dr. Carl McIntyre, president of that council, which represents an association of Fundamental Churches, has written a pamphlet entitled *The Revised Standard Version*

—*Why Christians Should Not Accept It*. The editor of *Moody Monthly* speaks of these translators as being "suspect" as to their work and motives, and says of this avalanche of publicity that has been launched, "We cannot help but be suspicious." The *United Evangelical Action* comments: "We cannot join in the salvos of praise which the religious and secular press have given the work." Dr. John R. Rice, editor of *The Sword of the Lord* and author of many books, has spoken against this new version. It has also been rejected by R. P. Shuler, Sr., editor of *The Methodist Challenge*, and James DeForest Murch, editor of *United Evangelical Action*.

Rev. Mark Buch of the Peoples Fellowship in Vancouver recently said: "The new revised standard version should be relegated to the shelf of the rogue's gallery." In the *Christian Beacon*, issued October 23rd, 1952, we read this paragraph: "The New Jersey Council of Christian Churches adopted a resolution condemning the Revised Standard Version of the Bible." From England comes the testimony of a venerable Christian leader and author, G. H. Laing, a master of Greek and Hebrew. He says: "Avoid wholly the thoroughly mischievous recent revision of the Standard Version. It is grossly modernistic, unfaithful to the Greek text and to the truth of the Gospel." Dr. Joseph Hoffman Cohn, president of the American Board of Missions to the Jews, a man thoroughly familiar with the Hebrew text of the Old Testament, declares that this part of the Bible has been changed again and again in order to eliminate the predictions which tell of the Deity of Christ, in complete disregard of the evident meanings of the manuscripts. He points out that one of the Old Testament translators was Harry M. Orlinsky, of the Jewish Institute of New York, a man who is a bitter opponent of Christ and Christianity. Yet he was chosen, with the modernists, to help re-translate our Bible! Dr. Keith L. Brooks, in *Prophecy Monthly*, quoting Dr. Cohn's remarks, says: "That is enough for us!" Surely it ought to be enough for all of us!

Protest meetings are being held in many places. In Rocky Mount, N.C., the Temple Baptist Church even conducted a Bible-burning ceremony to show their utter repudiation of this new version. Two articles appeared in November, 1952, issues of the *Sunday School Times*, written by men thoroughly competent in both Hebrew and Greek. J. Oliver Buswell, D.D., LL.D., Ph.D., denounces both the translators and the translation. He says it is grossly inaccurate, containing deliberate, unwarranted changes made to support modernistic contentions, and to deny the fundamentals of the faith. G. Douglas Young, Ph.D., the other writer, calls this Bible "A Version sponsored by Modernists", and says of their work: "Of the more than one thousand changes proposed, one-third are simply guesses, completely and admittedly unsupported by any manuscript or version evidence . . . the other two-thirds are surmises." What a shocking fact that is! Why were these unwarranted changes made? "To REPLACE the King James Version"! And in doing so, these men seek to undermine its vital truths. To accomplish this, the sponsors of this new version have given the advertising campaign into the hands of a top advertising agency, and are spending \$500,000 just to advertise the version! Somebody is

most anxious to push it into every home. Somebody is willing to spend half a million dollars to push the Authorized Version out! We may well ask, "Why?" The *Gospel Witness* well says that all this commercialized advertising pressure is "in execrably bad taste for the best of all books, the Bible."

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WHO HAS PRODUCED THIS NEW VERSION?

It is "authorized", not by a representation of all Protestant Churches, but by the *National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.* This is a thoroughly modernistic organization, and so this vaunted "authorization" represents but a fraction of the church. No leader or scholar holding fundamental views of Bible truth was allowed to participate in the translation. Every one of the men listed as translators is a modernist. Four of them are from Union Theological Seminary of New York; three are from the notorious Yale University. Both these institutions are hotbeds of modernism and socialism. We have already mentioned Harry Orlinsky of the Jewish Institute. Dr. McIntyre well says, "It will be the modernist's Bible." And he adds: "What has happened is that the modernists, men who question the inerrancy of the Scriptures and doubt basic, fundamental doctrines, have now laid hands on the holy Bible to use it for their own end and glory." Dr. Buswell says of these men: "We charge the translators with doctrinal bias — not one believes in the inerrancy of the Bible." Not one representative from a Bible-believing church or college was given any voice in producing this new version!

But there is still a more serious and sinister side to this matter. Dr. McIntyre, speaking of Dr. Luther A. Weigle, who was chairman of BOTH the Old Testament and New Testament committees, states that this man was associated with no less than three Communistic front organizations which have been denounced by the Congressional Committee on un-American Activities. Walter Russell Bowie, who worked on the New Testament Committee, has been named on no less than fifteen Communist or Communist-front organizations repeatedly cited as subversive groups by the above-mentioned committee, by Attorney General Tom Clark, and by Attorney General Francis Biddle. Would any sensibly-minded Christian trust these men to bring us a pure, unadulterated Bible? Who, knowing this, is going to surrender our Authorized Version for this new text-book? Yet this is the aim of such men, that everybody should be persuaded to throw the grand old Bible away! Surely the motive is clear. Communism thrives where the true Word of God is neglected. This new version has been produced by unbelievers. Though they may have scholastic ability, it is surely evident that they could never be honoured by God, the God whose Son they reduce to mere human status, nor be guided by His Holy Spirit. This version is certainly NOT God-directed!

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DOES THIS NEW VERSION DIFFER VERY GREATLY FROM THE AUTHORIZED VERSION?

To read the claims of the translators, and the statements of the advertisements, the casual reader would easily be lulled into a false sense

of complacency in this regard. In *Colliers Magazine* we read this statement from the sponsors of the new version: "We haven't been changing the Bible." On the jacket of the new version we read: "It contains no changes in doctrine or fundamental concepts." We propose to prove that statement an utter falsehood, made to cover up the facts and to mislead sincere people. In this place let us merely state clearly that this new version contains thousands of changes. The revision committee itself claimed to have "discovered" 6,000 errors in the New Testament alone! At the close of the work Dr. Weigle's list of points to be discussed had grown to 909 mimeographed pages! We have read this version with growing dismay and disgust, for the Word of God has been changed and mutilated on almost every page.

It also differs from the Authorized Version in that it does not claim to be final or with any fixed authority. The Authorized, or King James Version, of 1611 sets forth its clear purpose and prayer in the Epistle Dedicatory, that "there should be one more exact Translation of the Holy Scriptures into the English Tongue." There is no such finality or confidence found in the new version. A recent article about this version speaks of "the long history of English translation in which the appearance of the Revised Standard Version is the latest, but *not the final episode.*" Dr. Turner, although defending this version, says: "The Committee has pointed out that, if the present venture is not successful, someone else will have to attempt one." One wonders what new devastation the next revision would bring!

It has been claimed for this new version that it retains the beauty and cadence found in the superb language of the Authorized Version. Has it done so? Perhaps the *Washington Evening Star* of October 1st, 1952, has answered this question completely in these words:—"It is disappointing to find that the moving poetry and cadence of such sentences as 'He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters' have been lost in the change. Another such loss is found in the passage from St. Luke: 'But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: For of such is the Kingdom of God'. The verse now becomes, 'But Jesus called to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belong the kingdom of God".'" A single reading will show how the beauty of the language has been destroyed.

Still another difference lies in the fact that the new version is COPY-RIGHTED! The King James Version is printed by permission of the Crown given to carefully selected printers, in order to preserve the absolute purity of the text in each edition, but it is not copyrighted by anyone. God in His providence gave it freely to the English-speaking world, and to all the peoples into whose tongue it has been translated. But this new version belongs exclusively to the National Council of Churches. Every copy sold puts a royalty into their coffers, to assist in still more dissemination of modernism. No publisher may be permitted to quote or use in any extended manner this book without permission of the National Council of Churches. All this means that, while numerous societies the world over

are seeking to give mankind, as freely or as cheaply as possible, the Word of God in their own tongue, this Council is commercializing the Bible, and, as the *Gospel Witness* puts it: "Making merchandise of the Scriptures for their own pecuniary profit."

The other great difference between this new version and the King James version is that they definitely have different Manuscript sources. The publishers of the new version make much of this matter, and yet, at the same time, spread far and wide the obvious lie that this is merely a revision of the King James Version! The new version is chiefly based on two Manuscripts of ancient origin, although the translators claim to have received new light from very recently discovered manuscripts also. Upon examination these appear to be some tattered fragments of papyrus, containing extracts from eleven books of the Bible, discovered in 1930. The claim is made that rolls of vellum discovered in a cave near the Dead Sea, which proved to contain a transcript of the Book of Isaiah, were also used in this new translation. As these were not discovered until 1947, and are admittedly still in process of restoration, it is difficult to understand this claim, or to see how these men actually received help from them! The actual basis for the revision is the ancient Sinaitic Manuscript and the Vatican Manuscript. And both of these are notoriously *impure and fragmentary*. Of the former, Dr. Scrivener says: "The Codex is covered with corrections brought in by at least ten different revisers." Of the latter, Dean Burgon says: "In the Gospels alone this Codex leaves out words or whole clauses no less than 1,491 times. It bears traces of careless transcription on every page." The influence of these omissions is very clear in this new version. Moreover, these two Codices differ from each other! That fact is fatal to any pretensions made on their behalf that they BOTH are the Word of God!

On the other hand, the Authorized Version of 1611 A.D. was taken from what became known as the *Textus Receptus*, or the Received Text. This Text came directly from the preserved manuscripts of the faithful church of the Waldenses and the Albigenses, often called the Vaudois. These faithful Christians always existed as a separate entity from apostolic times, and zealously lived and died for the truths of God's Word, just as we know them today. Those truths were enshrined in the Manuscripts they preserved. Together with the famous Cambridge Codex D, they formed the basis of the Authorized Version. We believe a very careful investigation of this whole matter will convince any fair-minded person that, not only has the new version come from an entirely different source than the Authorized Version, but that the latter brings to us the true Word of God, providentially preserved through the centuries by God's own loving hand.

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HOW DOES THIS NEW VERSION CHANGE OUR BIBLE?

In this brief scope we cannot hope to quote the myriads of changes that have been made, but only to give a fragmentary and scattered selection of them. We may as well say, however, that they are of three kinds. First, some passages have footnotes which cast doubt as to their inspiration

or inclusion in the sacred record. Second, we find many important words so changed as to destroy their meaning, and to remove some vital truth. Third, whole phrases, clauses, sentences, verses and even paragraphs are often completely omitted, either with or without some explanation. We present herewith a few of these almost unbelievable facts, which tell how these impious modernists have literally picked our Bible to pieces, and now by every method of trickery, deceit and fraud would inveigle honest men and women into accepting it in its horribly mutilated form as our Bible!

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CHANGES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Let Dr. Joseph Hoffman Cohn speak first, presenting a fragment of his findings from an examination of the Old Testament, the Scriptures of his own people, the Book he loves to use as he leads his brethren to see in the Old Testament the Messiah of the New Testament, even Jesus Christ. He points out the following facts:

In Genesis 49:10 the name "Shiloh", which signifies the Messiah, is deleted, making this useless as a key text.

In Zechariah 12:10 the King James Version reads: "They shall look upon me whom they have pierced". The new version changes it to "look upon him whom they pierced"—(regardless of who it was). Our Bible shows that the one speaking is God, and the use of the pronoun "ME" shows that it was God manifest in the flesh who was crucified at Calvary. How subtly the new version removes that fact!

Dr. Cohn says that the Hebrew statement here is clear as daylight, and that the word is plainly "me", not "him". He says he is "sick at heart with these discoveries of disloyalty to the person of the Lord Jesus Christ." Another wicked and unwarranted change noted by Dr. Cohn is found in Psalm 2:12 where the King James Version says: "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little." The new version brazenly removes the word "Son", and reads: "Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way." This is absolutely perverted. The Hebrew word is "Bar", and has only one meaning, "Son". Of these Scriptures Dr. Cohn says: "The King James Version gives the correct translation." He calls these changes "the fabrication of the anti-Christ mind" and cries out, "O God, have mercy upon these men who seek to pervert Thy Holy Word!"

Dr. Cohn also points out, as a multitude of other believers have done, that the word "virgin" in Isaiah 7:14 has been changed to "young woman". This is a direct denial of the virgin birth of Christ, for Isaiah 7:14 is the clearest and most emphatic Old Testament prophecy of this transcendent truth. Why was this change made? Dr. Carl McIntyre points out that the whole meaning of the text is thereby destroyed, for it is no "sign" for a "young woman" to conceive and bear a son. The sign and miracle is in a "virgin" bearing a son! This change is nothing short of deliberate

vandalism! The Hebrew word here used is "Almah" and has as its basic root the thought of someone "veiled or private", and thus primarily indicates a virginal young woman. The translators have moreover entirely ignored the fact that the Holy Spirit Himself has interpreted the meaning of this word, for in Matthew 1:23, which quotes this text from Isaiah 7:14, the word is clearly said to be "virgin"! That ought to settle the matter for any believer. Why has this wicked change been made? Surely only to satisfy the modernists and all other unbelievers.

Dr. McIntyre points out some of the serious changes made in many other Old Testament Scriptures. The prophecy of Christ's birth found in Micah 5:2, includes the glorious declaration that His "goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." This tells us that He had an eternal pre-existence before He was born in Bethlehem, and thus establishes His Deity. The new version changes all this to "whose origin is from of old, from ancient days". This means that Christ was not eternal, but had an "origin", and was limited to "ancient days". This is also true of the angels! Thus the Deity of Christ is again subtly denied.

In the Authorized Version, Psalm 45:6 reads: "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever". The new version reads: "Your divine throne endures for ever and ever". The salutation addressed to this one on the throne as "God" is taken away, again denying the Deity of Christ. In Hebrews 1:8 this verse is quoted and applied to Christ, and the words "O God" are included. Again the Holy Spirit has confirmed the truth of the Authorized Version. He says the words "O God" are there!

Another amazing thing is that men will look in vain for the word "hell" in the Old Testament of this new version. It has been COMPLETELY ELIMINATED! It is now transliterated "Sheol". This is supposed to make things clearer! Or is it just another ruse to remove the thought of a literal hell? Is not this exactly what modernists seek to do?

A very important Scripture which teaches the resurrection of the body is Job 19:26. This says: "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." The new version removes this thought of physical resurrection entirely. In fact it states the very opposite in these words: "and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then without my flesh I shall see God."

Another strange fact is that the expression used four times in the Old Testament, upon which we base our national anthem, has now been changed in this new version. These words are "God save the King", found in I Samuel 10:24, I Kings 1:25 and 39, and II Kings 11:12. The new version changes all these to "Long live the king." We have always found delight in the fact that our national anthem begins with the word "God", and calls on Him in prayer to daily save and succor our monarch. This version does away with this as a prayer, takes God out entirely, and simply expresses a wish that, by some chance or other, the king might live a long time! Shall we change our national anthem to suit this new version? We wonder if the hand of communism has not been at work here!

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHANGES.

First:—Some Vital Changes Have Been Made.

The word "hell" is either changed to "hades", or else modified with a footnote saying "Gehenna" or "Tartarus". That is supposed to make it all clear to the reader! The Deity of Christ is attacked in a very subtle way, and yet in a manner to persistently set aside His Godhead in the mind of every reader. The translators say that they have done away with the use of the old pronouns "thee" and "thou", changing them to "you", except "in language addressed to God". Then, wherever the Lord Jesus is addressed, they have used the pronoun "you"! In other words, they have deliberately and repeatedly, by this inference, denied His Deity! Thus in Peter's great confession, as found in Matthew 16:16, the new version reads: "Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'" This distinction made between God and Jesus Christ by the use of pronouns is surely the voice of Satan who once said to our Lord, "IF thou be the Son of God!" Ponder this change well, reader, for its implications and effects are tremendous. Our salvation rests on the Deity of Christ, and yet by this subtle means the new version denies it hundreds of times.

The promise of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, as set forth so clearly in John 3:15, "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life," is changed in the new version to a doubtful matter, to read "may have eternal life." In the next verse, our beloved John 3:16, the Gospel in a nutshell, we find even this wording tampered with. The word "begotten" is dropped out completely, making Christ a son of God, but taking away the unique nature of His Sonship. No longer is He shown as the "only begotten" but simply a son of God. The implication is that He is on the same level as any other person who becomes a "son of God."

One of the most dreadful and subtle changes has been made in the reply Mary gave to the angel, when she was told she would be the mother of the Saviour. As a pure virgin, she at once recognized the impossibility involved, and replied: "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" Mary thus proclaimed her virginity and purity. But in this new version a despicable and horrible inference is introduced, by changing the wording to: "How can this be, since I have no husband?" The reader will at once see the declaration of her virginity is taken completely away, and the possibility that Jesus was an illegitimate child is introduced. Sad to say, many women without husbands have borne children.

In Romans 9:5 we note another grievous change, again removing Bible proof of the Deity of Christ. In the Authorized Version we read: "Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen." Here the descriptive words "who is . . . God blessed for ever" are applied to Christ beyond any mistaking the fact. No wonder the Apostle cries "Amen!" as he writes this glorious truth. What have the revisers done to this? It is made to read: "to them belong the patriarchs, and of their race, according

to the flesh, is the Christ. God who is over all be blessed for ever. Amen." An alternate reading is given in the footnote, admitting the accuracy of the King James Version, yet this change is made in the text, separating the statement about Christ from that made about God, by a period, as though they were two separate persons. This change is inexcusable. It is the deliberate work of the modernist who seeks to deny the Deity of Christ.

Again we see the same attack on the same fundamental truth of Christ's Deity in the changes made in I Timothy 3:16. The Authorized Version speaks thus: "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh . . ." The revision changes this to: "Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: He was manifested in the flesh . . ." Thus the statement that Christ was God manifest in the flesh is quite removed, and the pointless statement is made that he was on earth in a fleshly form. So are all men! Yet for many years reliable authorities have pointed out that the word in the Manuscripts is "God", beyond any doubt. What wickedness it is to deliberately remove this reference to our Lord's Deity! How the false cults will rejoice in this! What allies they will find in these modernists! Dr. Cohn closes his scathing denunciation of this new version, which he calls "A sad travesty", by quoting the words of Mary at the tomb: She said: "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him." Surely these men have sought to rob us of our holy and wonderful Saviour, God the Son!

Second.—The Use of Doubt-Producing Footnotes.

We can only make reference to these, for they are found abundantly on the pages of this new version. Here are just two striking examples of this method of discrediting certain Scriptures. Luke 22:43-44 records the story of our Lord in Gethsemane, and tells how an angel appeared from heaven strengthening Him. This passage tells of the sweat that came from Him "as it were great drops of blood." The new version adds this footnote: "Other ancient authorities omit verses 43 and 44." Apparently these translators wish to imply a doubt as to whether the Lord really had this Gethsemane experience. Again, in Luke 23:32, which reads: "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment and cast lots." Concerning the words of Jesus here recorded the footnote in the new version says: "Other ancient authorities omit the sentence." Did Jesus not really pray for His tormentors? This version casts a doubt on this holy scene.

Third.—A Multitude of Scriptures Omitted.

Again we can only present the merest fraction of these omissions. Hundreds of words, phrases, clauses and sentences have been completely omitted from this new version, most of them without the slightest pretense of an explanation or reason. They have simply disappeared. These men have brazenly removed them. A Bishop in one of the Holiness Churches recently said: "The more you revise the Bible, the less Bible

you have." Remember that, Christian people! Mark it well! No truer word was ever spoken. This latest version has wickedly mutilated the Bible, cutting it to ribbons in many places. The Lord Jesus told, in His parable of the Sower, that the fowls of the air picked out the good seed, grain by grain. He interpreted that parable to show how the agents of the devil are busy picking out the Word of God bit by bit, lest men should believe and be converted. Just so, these new versions never add anything to the Scriptures, no new truth or inspiring word. Instead they always TAKE AWAY something that has been dear and precious to millions of hearts for generations! These versions have not given us one new truth that was not already in the Authorized Version. What does it mean? Simply that ALL THE TRUTH is already in that blessed Book, and all these men can do is to steal some of it away, seeking to destroy what we already have. These versions NEVER bring us stronger support of truth, but always weaken it. Ponder that fact well! And add to that fact this other one, that the parts picked out are chiefly those distasteful to modernistic thought! Has that all happened by coincidence? We are not simple enough to think so!

Let us look at some of these omissions. The words "bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you" are taken out of Matthew 5:44. The last part of the Lord's prayer, in Matthew 6:13, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." has been completely removed. We can now pray shorter prayers! Matthew 12:47 is taken out entirely. So is Matthew 17:21, which gives Christ's instructions for the casting out of certain evil spirits, "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Matthew 18:11 is taken out of this new version, so that preachers can no longer take this wonderful text: "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost." The last part of Matthew 19:9, forbidding the re-marriage of divorced persons, has been conveniently removed from the modernist's Bible. Is not that a sign of our times? Matthew 21:44 is gone from the new version, with its solemn warning of judgment to come. Matthew 23:14, pronouncing woe on those who devour widow's houses, and then act the hypocrite, is removed from the new version. Mark 7:16 is gone. So are the two verses, Mark 9:44 and 46, in which the Lord told of the place "where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." This statement is still left in the new version, in verse 48. Our Lord saw fit to issue this warning three times. The modernists say "Once is enough!" The reason is evident! Mark 11:26, which says: "But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" is gone. Modernism does not like to think of unforgiven sins. It preaches only a forgiving God, not a Just and Holy One who demands righteousness. The whole paragraph, Mark 16:9-20, is left out of the text, and merely added as a doubtful footnote.

The Gospel of Luke has suffered severely at the hand of these religious vandals. Luke 17:36 is gone altogether. Luke 22:20, which records part of that first holy communion ordinance, the part about the blood of Christ "shed for you", is entirely omitted. Luke 23:17 has

disappeared. The words of the angel at the tomb of Christ, saying: "He is not here, but is risen" have been utterly removed from Luke 24:6. Luke 24:12, the story of Peter's visit to the empty tomb, and his examination of the empty grave clothes, is cut out completely. You will not find Luke 24:40 in this version, which tells us: "And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet." Vital words are gone from Luke 24:51-52. No longer do we read that Jesus was "carried up into heaven" nor that the disciples "worshipped him." Here is the hand of modernism. Why else are such vital Scriptures tampered with or completely destroyed? Is not this the work of Satan himself?

On through the book this is repeated again and again. The vital words of John 3:13, "even the Son of man which is in heaven" are deleted. This passage is the greatest proof of the omnipresence of Christ, and hence a wonderful proof of His Deity. While on earth, He was also in heaven at the same time! Again I say, the false cults will rejoice to see their modernist friends have removed this awkward fact that bothered them so greatly! John 5:4, the story of the angelic visitation to the pool of Bethesda, is left out. The whole sweet story of our Lord's forgiveness of the adulterous woman, recorded in John 7:53-8:11 is taken out of the text, and put in as a footnote. Acts 8:37, which says: "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", is entirely omitted. The new version reads that the Ethiopian was baptized without being questioned in the slightest about his personal faith. Entrance into our modernist churches today is on that level also. I John 5:7, which declares the identity of the Three Persons of the Godhead is absent from the new version.

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A CHALLENGE CONFRONTS BIBLE-BELIEVERS.

Limits of time and space forbid further comment. The new version is simply riddled with changes and omissions. One prominent Greek scholar said recently, "The translation of the Epistle to the Hebrews bristles with exasperating instances (of errors)." One author has well called this new bible the "Termite Edition." J. Ward Seberry, writing in a Free Methodist paper, says: "I believe one of the devices the devil will use in the last days will be an effort to undermine the Bible by modernistic revisions. Let us cling to the King James Version. God has set His seal many a time as it has been read. We have found God will stand back of it. Thousands are in heaven today because they followed its teachings. Let us not sacrifice it now. Preachers, warn the people; bookhouses, take your stand; mankind, stand by the King James Version." We can give our hearty agreement to that splendid advice. May God keep us true!

The issue is before Christian people as never before. These translators have deliberately compared their new version to the King James Authorized Version, and all their efforts are put forth in an endeavour to displace our wonderful Bible. They call this new version "The greatest Bible news in 341 years." Their meaning is plain, for it is now 341 years

since the Authorized Version was first published in 1611 A.D. Well and good. They have raised the issue; now let the people choose! Let every Christian choose now, between these two Bibles. Let every believer choose with these facts open before him. We gladly accept this challenge. We believe that godly men and women will be driven back more than ever to the unchanging truths of the King James Version. And we thank God for it! Why? A host of modern false sects has arisen to plague the world coincidentally with the publication of such revisions and new versions of the Bible, BUT wherever this mighty, God-honoured Authorized Version has held sway, revivals have swept the nations, and strong, virile Christian churches have been produced. May God use it again and again in our beloved land, to His glory!

We close with this exhortation, from II Timothy 1:13, "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." May you, dear reader, be one of those described in Titus 1:9, "Holding fast the faithful word, as he hath been taught."

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