

The True And The Corrupt Word of God

Distinguishing the true word of God from Satan's corrupted word may be one of the most important things you will ever do for yourself and/or your family.

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The Greek text of the KJV New Testament are translated from the Received Text (also called Texus Receptus, Byzantine Text or the Majority Text). Modern versions of the Bible do not use the same Greek text as the KJV. The Greek text of the modern versions has nearly 6,000 changes. In some cases whole passages are eliminated.

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The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces....[A king shall arise] And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High... (Daniel 7:23, 25.)

[The king] waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host...and **it cast down the truth to the ground...** And **through his policy also he shall cause craft (deceit) to prosper** in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. (Daniel 8:10, 11, 12, 25.)

Without the word of God we are like lost sheep not knowing right from wrong. The Apostle Paul said: "...I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."¹ Without the word of God we would not know we were lost and we would not know that we had salvation in Jesus Christ; we would not know the good news. Thankfully, God has preserved his word for us and this is just as he promised. The Psalmist wrote:

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 for ever.** (Psalm 12:6-7.)

Jesus stated, as recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke, that his words would never pass away: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **my words shall not pass away.**"² Peter records that "...the word of God...liveth and abideth for ever."³ We have a gracious, loving God whose promises are true; the word of God has been preserved perfectly just as he promised.

The word of God has not been preserved without sacrifice. Through dreams and visions the prophet Daniel was shown that God's truth would be "cast down to the ground." God showed Daniel that there would be four successive world empires. The fourth empire would evolve into a terrible beast, which would uproot three kings (Daniel 7:7-8). This beast would make war with the saints of God (Daniel 7:21); it would trample upon them (Daniel 8:10) and it would "cast down the truth to the ground" (Daniel 8:12). At this time we will not explore who this beast was. It is most important for us to consider what this beast tried to do and that was to destroy the true word of God. This beast was not successful just as Jesus declared: "my words shall not pass away." But Satan shall try to extinguish the word of God again. God declares: "The thing that

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hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

Historically, Christians have believed that there would come a time when owning a Bible would be a crime and that Christians would be martyred once again for the word of God. This has occurred in the former Soviet Union, in China, in the Middle East, and else where but could it be that Satan’s master plan is to corrupt the word of God rather than to attempt to seize hundreds of millions of Bibles? During the dark ages Satan, through the little horn, “cast down the truth to the ground” by both corrupting the word of God and by trying to destroy God's true uncorrupted word.

Many Were Martyred For the Word of God

During the dark ages Christians were martyred for their faith and for possessing the uncorrupted word of God. They were called heretics. Few people possessed a Bible because it had to be hand copied, a task requiring about 10-months of work. One group of people who had the true word of God was the Waldensian Church, which originated in Northern Italy. “The Reformers held that the Waldensian Church was formed about 120 A. D., from which date on, they passed down from father to son the teachings they received from the apostles.”⁴ The Bible of the Waldenses was the Italic, which was translated from the original Greek into Latin. Experts date this version to have originated in 157 A.D. or earlier.⁵ The Apostle John died in 100 A.D.

The Waldenses were hunted down and martyred for hundreds of years they fled from country to country fleeing persecution. Their Bibles were burned. They had two great libraries that housed manuscripts of the Bible, one Greek and the other Latin; both were burned along with their contents. In 1655 there was a terrible massacre of the Waldenses. Jean Leger was a leader, Apostle and historian of the Waldensian Church. After the massacre he set out to preserve the Waldensian Bible. He collected as much Waldensian literature as he could find and entrusted it to the protection of Sir Samuel Morland.⁶ Today there are approximately 200 ancient versions of the Bible in existence. These versions were translated directly from copies of the original Hebrew and Greek texts.⁷ A copy of the Waldenses Italic New Testament lies in the Cambridge University library.⁸ The Waldenses still exist in Northern Italy and they still possess the Italic Latin version of the Bible.⁹

A Corrupt Version of the Word

Not only did the little horn trample upon God’s elect and “cast down the truth to the ground” but it also set about the task of corrupting the word of God. This was not a new tactic of Satan; he corrupted the Old Testament of the Samaritans and was corrupting the word of the Apostles while they were still alive. Paul writes:

That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
(2 Thes. 2:2.)

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Apparently, we can see in this text that people were either writing false apostolic letters or they were changing existing ones. These letters were falsely telling people that Jesus Christ would return very soon. Paul told the people that Timothy, himself and others of his ministry did not preach a corrupt word of God but they spoke on behalf of God himself. He wrote:

For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.
(2 Cor. 2:17)

So the little horn was carrying on a practice that had already been established, that of corrupting the word of God. At the same time the little horn was trying to extinguish the true light of God, his uncorrupted, true and holy word. God's holy uncorrupted word will be cast to the ground again.

If the Antichrist is going to deceive, if were possible, even the very elect, it would stand to reason that he will have corrupted the word of God. With a corrupted word of God, his lies will go out to the world unrestrained and unchallenged. Those with the corrupted word of God will search their scriptures in vain; they will find no evidence of his lies. He will have concealed his lies in advance by changing scripture and conforming it to his diabolic plan for the world. His changes will be subtle so as to go unnoticed by most Christians. But with his superior intellect he will be able to use those subtle changes to deceive, if it were possible, even the very elect.

The true word of God will be labeled as archaic and difficult to understand. The corrupted text will appear in a sea of different versions that will make it ever more difficult to find the true word of God. The different versions of the corrupted text will be celebrated and marketed as the word of God translated into the language of the modern man. These corrupted versions will conceal the fact that along with updating the language, they have changed the word of God; they have made it a lie. Paul warned us of men like this: men who profess to be wise but are actually fools; men who have changed the truth of God into a lie; and who worship God's creation more than God himself:

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
(Romans 1:22-25)

Seekers of Truth

This chapter is dedicated to the seekers of truth. I believe that when someone purchases a Bible that they believe they are receiving the authentic, uncorrupted, true word of God. This is why we

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buy a Bible; we want to hear what God has to say. That is my desire and I credit you the reader with the same desire. The true, unadulterated word of God has the power to change lives. Paul says in Romans that the spoken word of God brings faith to the hearer: “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). It has even more power than that.

Jesus and the Word

Sometime after Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo he stated: “The Bible is no mere book but a living creature with power that would conquer all that would try to appose it.” Napoleon was quite right. The Apostle John says that the word was with God, it was God, he created all things and he became flesh. John is saying that Jesus is the living word. He writes:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men....And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (John 1:1-4 & 14.)

The Psalmist alludes to the fact that the word is inseparable from God himself in that he praised the word of God:

In God **I will praise his word**, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me....In God will **I praise his word**: in the LORD will **I praise his word**. (Psalm 56:4, 10.)

The Word Is Inspired

Since the word of God is inseparable from Jesus Christ, they cannot be the words of man but they must be the words of God himself. The Apostle Peter wrote: “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (2 Peter 1:21). Paul wrote: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).

Now if someone took a book and changed the author’s words and even conclusions and accredited it to the original author, they would be subject to a lawsuit and the courts would hold them accountable. God also holds men accountable for changing his word. In Deuteronomy God states that words should not be added to or taken away from what he has commanded. In Revelation God says what will happen if someone adds to or takes away from his word. He says they will experience the plagues and they shall be condemned to eternal death because their names will be blotted out of the book of life:

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Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. (Deuteronomy 4:2.)

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. (Revelation 22:18-19)

The Word Has Power

Napoleon was also correct in that God's word has power. Paul writes: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). Unfortunately, there are many foolish people who reject the truth found in God's holy word and God says that these people shall perish.¹⁰

So then, holy men who were inspired of God wrote the holy word of God, which "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness". This word of God is inseparable from Jesus Christ, who is the word made flesh. This word has the power to change lives and just hearing it can build ones faith.

Corrupted Word vs. The Holy Word

What happens when the word of God is corrupted (words are changed, added or taken away)? Can the truth still be found? In *The Faithful Witness* Sharon Crews answers this and writes:

When using various translations to teach doctrine, you will find that some doctrines are more easily taught from one version than another. But all doctrines common to the Christian faith can be found in every version. Generally, however, the KJV presents many doctrines more clearly than other versions. This is especially true of the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. It should also be noted that it is much harder to prove the deity of Christ when using modern versions. A short time ago I attended a meeting held by a group of young people who seemed to be avid Bible students. I was amazed to find that they denied the deity of Christ and supported their positions by referring to textual renderings from various modern versions.

Between all the modern versions, you will find that nearly every verse proving the deity of Christ has been altered in one or the other versions.¹¹

But this doesn't answer the question, is it still the word of God? If the word of God is inseparable from Jesus Christ, once it is corrupted does it cease being the word of God? And if it

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ceases to be the word of God doesn't the power that is within the word also cease? Let's let the word of God answer this!

Jesus stated: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away"¹² Jesus meant that none of his words shall pass, be added to or changed. Jesus made this clear when he stated: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."¹³ A "jot" is the tenth letter of the Greek alphabet and a "tittle" is the apex of a Greek letter. Jesus was stating that not one letter or even a portion of a letter shall pass from his law.

The inspired words of the prophet Isaiah instruct us on how to identify false and deceiving spirits. His words of instruction equally apply to deceiving teachers and a corrupted word of God. Isaiah wrote: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."¹⁴

It is well understood that false religions, cults, even deceiving demonic spirits and deceivers of any kind will mix truth and error. Many times it will be hard to find the error because it is subtle and mixed in with the truth. Many people think that they can just determine what is false and reject it and then accept what is true. But God told us through his prophet that there is no light in these deceivers. We are to reject them totally. This equally applies to God's word. We are to reject that which has been corrupted because "there is no light in them." These are not my words; they are straight from the Bible and I would be a deceiver if I told you anything different from what the word of God says! According God, if his word is corrupted, it ceases to be his word!

Corruption Brings Deception and Sin

I would suggest that, based on what the word of God says, you would expect to see an increase of sin in the lives of a group of people who rely on a corrupt form of the word of God. You would expect an increase in divorce, adultery, homosexuality, and all sorts of sexual perversion; you would see an increase in the occult, false religions, and a general acceptance of all sorts of pagan practices; and you would see an increase in all sorts of crimes. This is exactly what you see in the United States today. The United States now has the highest rate of social breakdown in the industrial world including: The highest divorce rate, the highest murder rate, the highest violent crime rate, the highest illegitimacy rate, and the highest rate of sexually transmitted diseases in the industrialized world.¹⁵

All this is not to say that a person can't get saved from a corrupted version of the word of God or that God can't work through them. The Holy Spirit draws people to God and brings transforming power into their lives when they accept Jesus as their savior. But the word itself also has power, and according to God's word, that power is not present when God's word is corrupted. In addition, these people are also open to the deceptions in the corrupted word and the coming deceptions of the Antichrist.

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Jesus said: “Let no man deceive you.” And he also warned: Many shall be deceived; many shall depart from the faith in the latter times; they shall believe lies and shall accept doctrines of devils. Jesus said that if it were possible, even the very elect would be deceived.¹⁶ The secret to not being deceived is having, reading and knowing God’s word! So let us earnestly seek with prayer and humbleness the true word of God and let us seek to expose and reject that which has been corrupted and which is false.

I pray that the Holy Spirit may bring each reader humbleness and openness to the truth. I pray that each reader may lay aside their preconceived ideas and that they may let the truth of God speak to them. I pray that any corruption of God’s word may be revealed and that each reader may reject that which is false and corrupted and may hold fast to that which is true and holy. I pray this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Original Writings

The original writings of the Old Testament were primarily in Hebrew with some in Aramaic. The original writings of the New Testament were primarily in Greek with some possibly in Hebrew and Aramaic. None of the original writings remain. The scriptures were copied by hand onto scrolls made from papyrus. Copies of the Bible and portions of the Bible were made prior to the invention of the printing press by hand by copying the scriptures onto vellum pages that were bound into a book. These vellum pages were made from the skins of clean animals such as a calf or antelope. These books were very expensive to make since an entire skin would produce only two or three pages but they were also much more durable.

It is the original languages that were inspired by God. While I believe God used holy, God fearing, true believers to translate his word; scripture does not tell us that the translations were inspired. While individuals may hold their own beliefs on this matter, we cannot presume to know for sure because God does not reveal this in his word. While God inspired the original writings in the original languages, history shows us that he preserved his word in both the original language and in translations.

There are two parallel streams of the Bible; one is corrupt and the other pure. Both streams are based on ancient copies of the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament. The Greek New Testament is in greater dispute and so we will concentrate there. In regards to the Old Testament, we will rest on the words of Dr. Robert Wilson who wrote:

The result of those thirty years’ study which I have given to the text has been this: I can affirm that there is not a page of the Old Testament concerning which we need have any doubt. We can be absolutely certain that substantially we have the text of the Old Testament that Christ and the Apostles had, and which was in existence from the beginning.¹⁷

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In order to conduct his thirty years of research on the Old Testament, Dr. Wilson “mastered 45 ancient languages and dialects.” Among these were Babylonian, Ethiopic, Phoenician and various Aramaic dialects. Using his mastery of 45 ancient languages his research included 10,000 documents for which he based his final conclusion on the Old Testament.¹⁸

The two Greek text types of the New Testament are the Received Text (also called Textus Receptus, Byzantine Text or the Majority Text) and the Alexandrian Text (also known as Minority Text or Critical Text). The Alexandrian Text is known by this name because it is believed to have originated in Alexandria Egypt.

Discerning the Pure from the Corrupt

To discern the pure text from the corrupt text we will first look at the origin of the Alexandrian Text and the Received text, then we will look at textual variations, then fulfillment of Biblical prophecy and lastly we will look at the spiritual integrity of each text's supporters.

Alexandria

The origination of the Alexandrian Text in Alexandria Egypt is very significant because Alexandria was a place of Great Apostasy. The book of Acts reveals that members of the Alexandrian synagogue along with members of several others who were responsible for the stoning of Stephen.¹⁹ He was “a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost.”²⁰

The men of Alexandria who stoned Stephen didn't believe that Jesus rose from the dead; this is why they stoned Stephen. Stephen was called before them and he recounted Jewish history from the time of Abraham. Stephen told these men that they were “stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears” and that they resisted the Holy Spirit. But it was not until Stephen had a vision of Jesus in heaven and declared: “I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God,” that the order was given to stone him.²¹ The Bible records that when the men of Alexandria heard Stephen declare that he saw Jesus in heaven “they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon” Stephen “And cast him out of the city, and stoned him.”²²

There remained in Alexandria a very corrupt influence. There was an ecclesiastical college founded in Alexandria, which “strove to exalt tradition”²³ above the teachings handed down by the Apostles. Clement of Alexandria founded the college; he was also one of its most famous faculty members. Benjamin Wilkinson writes in *Our Authorized Bible Vindicated* that “Clement expressly tells us that he would not hand down Christian teachings, pure and unmixed, but rather clothed with precepts of pagan philosophy.”²⁴

Clement was a student of Tatian and Tatian was a student of Justin Martyr. Both of these men are well known to be heretics. Justin Martyr was born the same year the Apostle John died in 100 A.D. He is a pagan who became a Christian. Although he became a Christian, he was never

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able to put his pagan philosophy behind him and therefore, he was never truly able to accept the Gospel message; he is said to have died a heathen.

Tatian, a student a Martyr's, began to put Martyr's heretical teachings into writing. Tatian wrote what is called the *Diatessaron*, which means four in one. The *Diatessaron* was a harmony of the four Gospels. This was a heretical work, Wilkinson writes:

The Gospels were so notoriously corrupted by his hand that in later years a bishop of Syria, because of the errors, was obliged to throw out of his churches no less than two hundred copies of this *Diatessaron*, since church members were mistaking it for the true Gospel.²⁵

The heretical work of corrupting the word of God was passed on to his student Clement of Alexandria. Wilkinson writes: "All the writings of the outstanding heretical teachers were possessed by Clement, and he freely quoted from their corrupted MSS. As if they were the pure words of Scripture." Clement passed on his heretical mission to his student Origen.

According to Wilkinson, it is Origen "who did the most of all to create and give direction to the forces of apostasy down through the centuries."²⁶ Wilkinson further writes:

Origen had so surrendered himself to the furore of turning all Bible events into allegories that he, himself, says, "The Scriptures are of little use to those who understand them as they are written."²⁷

Alexandria was not only the home of heretical Christians (those who doubted the teachings of Jesus and the rest of the New Testament) but also of sincere Christians. These sincere Christians were undoubtedly influenced by their heretical counterparts. In this situation you would have purposeful corruption of scripture by the heretics and efforts of sincere Christians to correct what they believed to be errors in the text. Edward Hills writes of this in his expose, "The Magnificent Burgeon." He writes:

The early Christians of Alexandria were probably much influenced by the heretics who flourished there and who are known to have corrupted the New Testament text, by Basilides, for example, and Valentinus and their disciples. Moreover, the only Alexandrian Christian of whose New Testament textual criticism we have specimens is Origen, and his decisions in this field seem fanciful rather than sound....

It is likely, moreover, that there were other Christian scholars at Alexandria who were even less restrained in their speculations than Origen. These well-meaning but misguided critics evidently deleted many readings from the original New Testament text, thus producing the abbreviated text found in B and ALEPH and in other manuscripts of their type.²⁸

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The B and ALEPH are two of the texts that the Alexandrian Text is composed of, which will speak of more later. There is one more point concerning Alexandria; Henry Coray writes that even the classical writings of Alexandria are in error. Coray writes that a list of thirty-eight of the Kings of Egypt compiled from the greatest scholar in Alexandria in 200 B.C. is unreliable. He says, “of the entire number only three or four of them are recognizable.” A list of the kings of Assyria is also unreliable and a list of the kings of Babylon is so misspelled that it is almost unrecognizable.²⁹

As you can see, Alexandria was a breeding ground of heretical teaching and corruption of the word of God. Henry Coray demonstrates that it also has a history of poor and inaccurate scholarship. Alexandria is believed to be the origin of the Alexandrian Text. On the other hand manuscripts of the Received Text are not associated with any particular city or region.

Origin of the Received Text

The Received Text is of the Byzantine text-type. This text-type can be traced to many parts of the world and is not limited to any specific locality. It can be traced to “Greece, Constantinople, Asia Minor, Palestine, Syria, Alexandria, other parts of Africa, not to mention Sicily, southern Italy, Gaul, England, and Ireland.”³⁰

The Received Text is so called because it has been accepted and received as the authentic word of God by the Christian Church dating back to 150 A.D. when the Peshitto Version of the Bible was translated and 157 A.D. when the Waldensian Church first translated the Bible into Latin using the Received Text. The Waldensian Church is believed to have originated in 120 A.D, just twenty years after the death of the Apostle John. It is believed that some of the early Church fathers could recognize the true word of God because they “had actually seen the New Testament autographs or very early copies; and had personally hand-copied large portions of Scripture.”³¹

Although the originals of the New Testament no longer exist, we have the writings of early Church fathers who consistently quoted the scriptures. The great Church leader John Burgon cataloged more than 86,000 of these New Testament citations (quotes) of the New Testament by early Church fathers who lived prior to 325 A.D.³² These quotes document that the Received Text is authentic and uncorrupted. Pastor Les Garrett of Australia, author of *Which Bible Can We Trust*, says that the whole of the New Testament can be compiled from the quotes of early Church fathers.³³

For over 1850 years Church leaders have accepted the Greek Received Text. The Received Text was the basis of the Bibles of the Syrian Church (“It was at Antioch, capital of Syria, that the believers were first called Christians.”), the Waldensian Church of Northern Italy, the Gallic Church in Southern France; the Celtic Church in Scotland and Ireland and the Greek Orthodox Church.³⁴ It is said that the Greek Orthodox Church from the time of the Apostles to the present day has used the Greek Orthodox Bible. It is the Greek Received Text that has been used since

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the earliest days to create new translations in different languages. Those for which copies still exist include:

Early Bibles

- The Peshitto Version written in Syriac (150 A.D.). Around 350 copies known to still exist;
- The Waldensian Italic Version in Latin (157 A.D.). The Waldensian Church still exists in Italy and they still have their Bible;
- The Gallic Bible from the Church of Southern France (177 A.D.);
- The Gothic Version (350 A.D.);
- The Old Syriac Bible (400 A.D.)
- The Armenian Bible (400 A.D.). There are 1244 copies of this version still in existence;
- The Palestinian Syriac (450 A.D.);

Bibles of The Reformation

- Luther's German Bible (1522);
- William Tyndale's Bible (1534);
- The French Bible of Oliveton (1535);
- Coverdale Bible (1535);
- Taverner's Bible (1539);
- Great Bible (1539);
- Stephen's Bible (1546);
- Geneva Bible (1560);
- Bishop's Bible (1568);
- Spanish Version (1569);
- The Czech Bible (1602);
- The Italian Bible of Diodati (1606); and
- King James Version (1611).³⁵

The versions, although not written in the original Greek, are some of the oldest Bible manuscripts in existence. Approximately 18,000 version manuscripts are in existence today. The versions serve to document that the earliest Church fathers and those of the reformation stood in agreement that the Received Text was the authentic uncorrupted word of God. The earliest versions are much older than the oldest manuscripts of the Received Greek Text and serve to authenticate these texts since they are in agreement.³⁶ John Burgon stated concerning the versions:

I suppose it may be laid down that an ancient Version outweighs any single Codex, ancient or modern, which can be named: the reason being, that it is scarcely credible that a Version - the Peshitto, for example, an Egyptian or the Gothic - can have been executed from a single exemplar (copy).

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A second reason for the value of ancient versions is in their ability to exhibit a text which antedates the oldest Greek manuscripts. **Readings which are challenged in the Authorized Version for their non-existence in the 'two most ancient authorities' (Codex Sinaiticus or A; and Codex Vaticanus, or B, fourth century) are frequently discovered in the Syrian and Latin translations of the second century.**³⁷

Textual Variations

Since there exists conflicting texts of scripture, scholars have divided the different manuscripts into text-types, which contain similar renderings of scripture, for evaluation. There are primarily three text-types, the Majority Text, the Minority Text, and the Neutral Text. The Received Text type (Byzantine Text) is considered the Majority Text because it represents approximately 90 percent of the over 5,200 ancient hand written Greek manuscripts in existence. The Alexandrian Text (Critical Text) is considered the Minority Text because it represents about 5 percent of the manuscripts and the remaining texts that don't fit either of these categories are considered the Neutral Text.

The Received Text has almost no variation. David B. Loughran of the Stewarton Bible School in Scotland writes, in *Bible Versions: Which is the Real Word of God?*, that all the translations from the Received Text and all the over Majority Greek manuscripts making up the Majority text are in agreement with only insignificant variations.³⁸ While the number of Greek manuscripts is somewhat small, Josh McDowell writes, in *Answers to Tough Questions*, that the number of existing copies of versions, which are translations from the original Greek and Hebrew, numbers "in excess of 18,000 with possibly as many as 25,000."³⁹ Truly, the historical record of the Received Text is what you would expect to see in a text supernaturally preserved by God.

A Different Text

The Alexandrian Texts differs substantially from the Received Text. John Burgon noted that in the Gospels, Vaticanus differs from the Received Text in that it "leaves out words or whole clauses no less than 1,491 times."⁴⁰ The Alexandrian Texts also "omit approximately 200 verses from the Scriptures. This is equivalent to 1st and 2nd Peter."⁴¹

The Alexandrian Text is exactly the opposite of what you would expect to see in a text preserved by God. The manuscripts not only differ from the Received Text but they also differ among each other. Two of the most esteemed manuscripts among the Minority Text collection are the Sinaiticus (Codex Aleph) and Vaticanus (Codex B). These two texts disagree with each other over 3,000 times in the Gospels alone. Sharon Crews writes in *The Faithful Witness*:

Alexandrian Text to the Church have been dubious indeed. Not only does this text-type not meet our biblical standard of accurately representing the Word of God, but it has trouble meeting scholarly standards for accuracy of transcription. Minor differences within text-types are normal; however, the number of variants

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within the Alexandrian Text is enormous. Not including minor errors such as spelling, Sinaiticus and Vaticanus disagree with each other over 3,000 times in the space of the four Gospels alone. This means that one or the other must be wrong 3,000 times. That averages to a disagreement on almost every verse of the Gospels! It is, in fact, easier to find two consecutive verses in which these two manuscripts differ the one from the other, than two consecutive verses in which they entirely agree.⁴²

These differences are much more than the errors of scribes, they obviously differ because each was edited by different scribes. In the manuscripts themselves there is obvious editing that has gone on. Tests were done on manuscripts of the Alexandrian text-type using ultra violet lamps and computer technology and the tests revealed that the original writings had been erased in places.⁴³ In Vaticanus there has been editing done that is easily visible even to the untrained observer.⁴⁴ Vaticanus is also missing “pages 1519-1536 containing Hebrews 9:14 through Revelation.” These pages were replaced by a 15th century minuscule supplement known as (no. 1957). Sinaiticus and Vaticanus are not copies of the Bible. They are missing many chapters and even books of the Bible and they also have other added chapters. The books they have added are not the same. Below is a summary of the missing and added books

[Codex] Aleph-"Sinaiticus:" written more than 200 years after the completion of the New Testament. It omits Genesis 23:19-24:46, Numbers 5:27-7:20, 1 Chronicles 9:27-19:17, all of Exodus, Joshua, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, Hosea, Amos, Micah, Ezekiel, Daniel and Judges. It contains New Testament Apocrypha.

[Codex] B -"Vaticanus:" It omits all off Genesis 1:1 - 46:28, all of Psalms 105:26-137:6, and parts of 1 Samuel, 1 Kings and Nehemiah. It contains the Apocrypha books of the Old Testament.⁴⁵

The Apocrypha

The Apocrypha are books that were not considered inspired by the early Church fathers. For this reason the earliest Hebrew and Greek manuscripts did not contain them. This is why the Peshitto Version and Italic Version of the Bible, which date back almost to the time of the Apostles, do not contain the Apocrypha; neither do any of the other versions based on the Received Text. Unbelievers added books of the Apocrypha to the Alexandrian Text.

There are a total of 30 to 35 or more books of the Apocrypha. Seven of these books have been accepted by the Catholic Church and are included in their Bible, *The New American Bible*. Two of the most heretical books of the Apocrypha are *The Shepherd of Hermas* and the *Epistle of Barnabas*; these books are found in Sinaiticus. *The Shepherd of Hermas* and the *Epistle of Barnabas* both contradict the holy word of God. *The Shepherd of Hermas* (Hermas) goes even further and provides another gospel; another way of salvation.

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Contrary to God's word, Hermas provides the following instruction:

- We are to give ourselves up to the beast.⁴⁶
- We are to bear (bear means to carry or have as identification) the name of the son.⁴⁷ Although we are to bear the name of the son, we are not told what this name is.
- We are told to bear the names of the twelve virgins. Those that do not bear the name of the son and the name of the virgins shall not be able to enter the kingdom of God.⁴⁸
- We are to receive the spirits of the virgins.⁴⁹
- We are to keep the twelve commandments perfectly. We are instructed: "If thou set it before thyself that they can be kept, thou wilt easily keep them." But "if thou keep them not but neglect them thou shalt not have salvation, neither thy children nor thy household..."⁵⁰
- Remission of sins can only be achieved by keeping the commandments.⁵¹
- "[T]here is but one repentance for the servants of God. If we sin after that, "repentance is unprofitable."⁵²
- The commandments are seventeen pages and among other things include: Though shall trust righteousness, never wavering.⁵³ "[T]hou shalt have the mastery over all evil deeds, and shalt work all righteousness."⁵⁴ Abstain from all "adultery and fornication, from the lawlessness of drunkenness, from wicked luxury, from many viands and the costliness of riches, and vaunting and haughtiness and pride, and from falsehood and evil speaking and hypocrisy, malice and all blasphemy,"⁵⁵ "Remove from thyself all evil desire... 'for extravagance of wealth, and for many needless dainties, and for drinks and other luxuries, many and foolish. For even luxury is foolish and vain for the servants of God.'"⁵⁶ And "Put away sorrow from thyself."⁵⁷

By asking us to give ourselves up to the beast, to bear the name of the son and the twelve virgins, Hermas appears to be preparing us to accept the mark of the beast. Gale Riplinger, author of *New Age Bible Versions*, agrees; she also discusses many other heretical teachings from Hermas.⁵⁸ The commandments of Hermas are so grievous that not even Jesus Christ could keep them all. This is not because Jesus was not perfect but because sorrow is not a sin. Jesus cried when Lazarus died. Aside from this, no man or woman could keep these commandments and even if they could, it would not bring remission of sins. The fact that Sinaiticus and Vaticanus contained Apocryphal writings alone should exclude them as authentic biblical manuscripts.

Sinaiticus

Sinaiticus is believed to have been written in the vicinity of Alexandria, Egypt. It consists of 346 1/2 folios.⁵⁹ Sinaiticus is unique in that it is the only manuscript that has preserved all of the New Testament books not accounting for textual revisions. It also contains the *Epistle of Barnabas* and *The Shepherd of Hermas*. "Tischendorf's edition of the manuscript enumerates some 14,800 places where some alteration has been made to the text."⁶⁰

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Vaticanus

The Vaticanus manuscript was discovered in the Vatican Library in 1481. Vaticanus is bound and written on vellum, which literally cost a fortune to produce. It is dated to the first half of the fourth century. This was the same time period when the Roman Emperor Constantine commissioned 50 copies of the Bible to be produced in Egypt. Some experts' claim that Vaticanus was one of these 50 Bibles commissioned by Constantine.⁶¹

Constantine became emperor in 312 A.D. and embraced Christianity soon after that. He was of the heretical variety of Christianity and sought to bring about an "amalgamation of paganism and Christianity" in order to bring peace to the empire.⁶² His efforts would require a corrupt biblical text. In *Which Bible*, Dr. David Fuller records Constantine's Bible of choice:

Quite naturally he [Constantine] preferred the one [Bible] edited by Eusebius and written by Origen, the outstanding intellectual figure that had combined Christianity with Gnosticism in his philosophy, even as Constantine himself was the political genius that was seeking to unite Christianity with pagan Rome....His predilection was for the type of Bible whose readings would give him a basis for his imperialistic ideas of the great state church, with ritualistic ostentation and unlimited central power. The philosophy of Origen was well suited to serve Constantine's religio-political theocracy....Eusebius in publishing the Bible ordered by Constantine, had incorporated in it the manuscripts of Origen....The Church of Rome built on the Eusebio-Origen type of Bible...⁶³

Although Vaticanus is well preserved, it is of poor "literary quality." It is full of errors, omissions and revisions as would be expected of a Bible commissioned by Constantine. The following quotes depict these errors and corruption:

Vaticanus, though intact physically, is found to be of very poor literary quality. Dr. Martin declares, 'B' exhibits numerous places where the scribe has written the same word or phrase twice in succession. (Rev. Samuel C. Gipp, *An Understandable History Of The Bible*).⁶⁴

Besides all that - in the gospels alone it leaves out 237 words, 452 clauses and 748 whole sentences, which hundreds of later copies agree together as having the SAME words in the SAME places, the SAME clauses in the SAME places and the SAME sentences in the SAME places. (Larry Burton, *Let's Weigh The Evidence*).⁶⁵

A Revised Bible

In 1870 a Revised Revision Committee was established to update the English of the King James Version of the Bible. The committee chose not to rely on the Received Text and relied heavily upon Sinaiticus, Vaticanus and other Alexandrian Texts. The result was the creation of a new

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Greek text and a new English version of the Bible called the Revised Version of 1881. The Revised Version “made 36,000 changes in the English of the KJV, and nearly 6,000 in the Greek text.”⁶⁶

In 1920 the Jehova Witnesses were using the KJV of the Bible, they didn't have their own version at this time. They apparently took note of Westcott and Hort's Revised Version and instructed their members to cross out words, phrases and entire sentences in 120 verses of the KJV of the Bible. A very old woman who was a member of the Jehova Witnesses gave Pastor Les Garrett a copy of one of these Bibles. The Bible had the corrections made and the instructions were printed in the front of the Bible.⁶⁷ I did a random sample of some of these changes and found that they agreed with revisions made by Westcott and Hort. Later we'll take a look at some of these changes made by Westcott and Hort but now let's take a look at whether either of these texts fulfills prophecy.

Fulfillment of Prophecy

As we can see we have two Bibles that differ from each other in quite significant ways. There are also apparently sincere Christians that support each version and this presents a dilemma. I believe that looking at history and determining whether either of these books fulfills prophecy can solve this dilemma.

We find in scripture that God's holy word will: “liveth and abideth for ever”;⁶⁸ it “shall not pass away”;⁶⁹ it shall be preserved forever.⁷⁰ As we discussed before, Daniel says that a king shall rise up and cast the truth to the ground. See the texts below:

The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces....[A king shall arise] And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High... (Daniel 7:23, 25.)⁷¹

[The king] waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host...and it cast down the truth to the ground... And through his policy also he shall cause craft (deceit) to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. (Daniel 8:10, 11, 12, 25.)

Daniel also says that this king represented by a little horn shall pluck up three other horns by the roots (Daniel 7:8). The meaning of this is that the king shall destroy three kingdoms, wipe them out. Daniel says that the reign of this kingdom shall be 1,260 years (see the endnote for a description of how a figure of 1,260 years was derived).⁷²

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There is only one power in the history of the earth that reigned for 1,260 years and this power fits every description of Daniel 2, 7 and 8. There would be four world empires in succession, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. Out of the fourth empire, which is Rome, a king would rise up and destroy three kingdoms (Daniel 7:7-8).

This prophecy was fulfilled in A.D. 538 when the Roman Papacy rooted out the last of three opposing Arian Kingdoms and assumed supremacy over the Roman Empire. The three Arian kingdoms that were rooted out were the Huns in 493, the Vandals in 534 and the Ostrogoths in 538.⁷³ The Papacy also rose up from among ten kingdoms as Daniel prophesied (Daniel 7:7).

Before I continue, I would like to state that I do not make the statements above and to follow lightly. I grew up a Catholic and attended a private Catholic grade school for six years. My parents are Catholic as well as my brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and cousins. I have nothing personally against Catholics but I must be true to the word of God, for he is the one who will hold me accountable. So let's continue.

The papacy is also "diverse" or rather different from the kingdoms before it. The previous powers were secular but the Papacy was a religious power (Daniel 7:7). The Papacy continued the persecution of Christians as secular Rome did before it but its persecution was different. The Papacy didn't seek to stamp out Christianity; instead it sought to corrupt it. The Papacy sought through persecution to force Christians to conform to its corrupt teachings. Through persecution and war the Papacy is said to have killed at least 50 million people. This was in fulfillment of Daniel 8:9-10.⁷⁴

The Papacy also cast the truth to the ground in fulfillment of Daniel 8:12. The Papacy persecuted and hunted down the Waldensians and others who possessed uncorrupted copies of God's holy word. It also martyred many of the reformers. David Otis Fuller writes in his book *Which Bible?*:

In the Reformation period the Church of Rome sought to maintain its dominant position by burning not only the copies of the bible, but also those who recognized the supreme authority of God's word. **Tyndale** was burned at the stake at Vilvorde outside Brussels in Belgium on August 6, 1536. His great offence was that he had translated the scriptures into English and was making copies available against the wishes of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.⁷⁵

Of the martyred death of William Tyndale, W Scott writes in *Story Of Our English Bible*:

The martyr was first confined in the castle of Filford, about 20 miles from Antwerp. He was taken from prison on Friday, October 6th 1536, fastened to the stake, strangled, and his body burned to ashes. The fervent prayer of the martyr Tyndale, when bound to the stake, '**Lord, open the King of England's eyes,**' was about to be answered shortly.⁷⁶

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The Catholic Church today does not apologize for its past atrocities but defends them. Henry G. Graham declares in his book *Where We Got The Bible*, which is a Catholic publication:

The next man of any consequence we are confronted with is another favorite of the Reformers, another “martyr” for the Bible, and this is William Tyndale. His treatment is also flung in our teeth by critics, as fresh evidence of Rome’s implacable hatred of the open Bible. **Did she not persecute and burn poor Tyndale** and consign his copy of the Scriptures in English to the flames? So here again **we must show how wise and consistent was the action of the Catholic Church** in England in regard to Tyndale and his translations and clear her absolutely from the slightest shadow or suspicion of hostility to God’s written word (emphasis added).⁷⁷

Of Tyndale’s abilities Graham writes:

...he was utterly unfit for such a great work....He had no special qualifications for the task of translation. He was a mediocre scholar and could not boast of anything above the average intellect.⁷⁸

In contrast, William P. Grady writes of Tyndale in *Final Authority* that “A man so skilled in the seven languages, Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Italian, Spanish, English and French, that which ever he spake, you would suppose it his native tongue.” He further writes:

Before **Tyndale's** day the English versions of the Bible had been translations of a translation, being derived from the Vulgate or older Latin versions. Tyndale, for the first time, went back to the original Hebrew and Greek. And not only did he go back to the original languages seeking for the truth, but he embodied that truth when found in so noble a translation that it has ever since been deemed wise by scholars and revisers to make but a few changes in it; consequently every succeeding version is in reality little more than a revision of Tyndale's. It has been truly said that 'the peculiar genius which breathes through the English Bible, the mingled tenderness and majesty, the Saxon simplicity, the grandeur - unequalled, unapproached in the attempted improvements of modern scholars - all are here, and bear the impress of the mind of one man, and that man is **William Tyndale**.'⁷⁹

While Graham insists that the burning of this great man Tyndale and his Bibles was justified he seeks to make the case that the Catholic Church has never sought to keep the Bible from the people. This is a poor effort because he repeatedly makes statement to the effect that the Catholic Church exclusively has the right to print, publish and interpret the Bible. He also makes it clear that, if the Catholic Church could, it would resume the persecution of the Dark Ages all over again. He writes:

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Rome claims that the Bible is her book, that she has preserved it and perpetuated it, that she alone knows what it means, that nobody else has the right to it whatsoever or any authority to declare what the true meaning of it is. She therefore has declared that the work of translating it from the original languages, of explaining it, and of printing it and publishing it, belongs strictly to her alone and that, if she cannot nowadays prevent those outside of her alone and that, if she can not nowadays prevent those outside her fold from tampering with it and misusing it, at least she will take care that none of her own children abuse it or take liberty with it, and hence she forbids any private person to attempt to translate it into the common language without authority from ecclesiastical superiors and also forbids the faithful to read any editions but such as are approved by the bishops.⁸⁰

So as you see not only did the Catholic Church persecute believers and “cast the truth to the ground” but it now defends its actions and implies that it would do it again if it had the opportunity. The period of time it was able to accomplish this was 1,260 years exactly just as Daniel prophesied. The reign of the papacy began in 538 when the power of the Ostrogoths was broken and ended 1,260 years later in 1798 when “Napoleon’s general Berthier, took the Pope captive.”⁸¹ The Papacy fulfilled this prophecy perfectly and there is no other power in history that comes even close.

The purpose of this discussion was to make a point regarding the true word of God and by no means is it intended to degrade Catholics. The point is this, God said his faithful would be persecuted and his truth cast to the ground. Therefore, in accordance with God’s word we see that it was the Received Text that the Catholic Church sought to destroy. According to Graham they still hate it and forbid their members to read it. On the other hand the text that the Catholic Church preserved and promotes is the Alexandrian Text.

Despite the efforts of the Catholic Church to destroy the Received Text, they were unable and God’s word was preserved just as he promised. No less than four versions that preceded the Catholic Church’s Vaticanus have survived and more than thirteen were created in the languages of the people during her tyranny. Gods holy word truly “liveth and abideth for ever”; it does “not pass away”; and it has been preserved forever and from one generation to another.⁸²

Although there are four versions that preceded the Catholic Churches Vaticanus and seven, which were translated before the end of the fifth century, the Catholic Church insists that hers was the first Bible. The Catholic Church seems to insist that the Peshitto, Italic, Gallic, Gothic, Old Seriac, Armenian and Palestinian Syriac versions of the Bible, which relied upon and agree with the Received Text, do not exist. There are nearly 1,800 or more manuscripts of these seven versions and only one copy of Vaticanus. Graham writes:

The absurdity is magnified when it is remembered that the Protestants did not appropriate the whole of the Catholic books, but actually cast out some from the

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collection, took what remained, and elevated these into a new “**canon**” or **volume of Sacred Scripture, such as had never been seen or heard of before, from the first to the sixteenth century**, in any church, either in heaven above or on earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth! Let us Make this charge.... the Bible of the Catholic Church (which was the only volume of God’s Scripture ever known on earth)⁸³

The Catholic Church also ignores the fact that their oldest copy of the Bible, Vaticanus, “omits all off Genesis 1:1 - 46:28, all of Psalms 105:26-137:6, and parts of 1 Samuel, I Kings and Nehemiah.”⁸⁴ The Peshitto, Italic, Gallic, Gothic, Old Seriac, Armenian and Palestinian Syriac versions all contain these books of the Bible omitted by Vaticanus.

Revelation 11:3-4 states that during a period of 1,260 days, which prophetically equals 1,260 years, two witnesses clothed in sackcloth would prophesy. I believe that the Old and New Testament of the Received Text fulfilled this prophecy during the Dark Ages of the Papacy. I believe that this prophecy will also be fulfilled again for a period of 3 ½ years during the tribulation. God’s word is true and we can trust in it!

Spiritual Integrity of the Martyrs

Revelation 12:11 says, “And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” The martyrs of the Dark Ages fulfilled this. They lived their lives as best they could in accordance with their understanding of the word of God, as did the Apostles and other faithful that were martyred before them.

These martyrs were labeled as heretics by the Catholic Church but the truth is that they would not accept the corruption that the Catholic Church brought into the Christian faith. The Waldensians were a group of people that remained loyal to God and his truth through 1500 years of persecution. The persecution of the Catholic Church eventually nearly wiped the Waldensians off the face of the earth. The Inquisition of the Catholic Church was their last effort to accomplish the eradication of the Wadensians and others; it ended in 1846.⁸⁵

The Waldensians were labeled as heretics by the Catholic Church for no other reason except that they placed God’s holy word above that of the authority and traditions of the Catholic Church. These were good people and this can clearly be seen in the following quote from Rainer Sacho, a Roman Catholic author (Note: Leonists was another name used for the Waldensians⁸⁶):

There is no sect so dangerous as Leonists (Waldensians), for three reasons: first it is the most ancient; some say it is as old as Sylvester, others as the apostles themselves. Secondly, it is very generally disseminated; there is no country where it has not gained some footing. Third, while other sects are profane and blasphemous, **this retains the utmost show of piety; they live justly before men, and believe nothing concerning God which is not good.** (Emphasis

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Added) (Dugger and Dodd, *A History of the True Religion*, 3rd ed. Jerusalem, 1972, p. 224 ff.)⁸⁷

Fox's Book of Martyrs and *Martyres Mirror* are two well-known works that record for us the fact that Christians were martyred for their faith rather than heresy. These Christians were burned, tortured, starved, beheaded, and drowned yet they exhibited the very qualities of Christ at his crucifixion. They prayed, they forgave their enemies and even sung hymns while being burned alive.

In 1598 three men (Scoblant, Hues, and Coomans) were apprehended in Antwerp. Fox says they “behaved with great fortitude and cheerfulness.” “In an epistle to some worthy Protestants, they expressed themselves in the following words:”

Since it is the will of the Almighty that we should suffer for His name, and be persecuted for the sake of His Gospel, we patiently submit, and are joyful upon the occasion; though the flesh may febel against the spirit, and hearken to the council of the old serpent, yet the truths of the Gospel shall prevent such advice from being taken, and Christ shall bruise the serpent's head. We are not comfortless in confinement, for we have faith; we fear not affliction, for we have hope; and we forgive our enemies, for we have charity. Be not under apprehensions for us, we are happy in confinement through the promises of God, glory in our bonds, and exult in being thought worthy to suffer for the sake of Christ. We desire not to be released, but to be blessed with fortitude; we ask not liberty, but the power of perseverance; and wish for no change in our condition, but that which places a crown of martyrdom upon our heads.⁸⁸

In *Martyrs Mirror*, Thieleman J. van Braght gives the account of two sisters, Maria and Ursula, who were sentenced to death for their faith. He writes:

Now as Maria and Ursula regarded all the institutions of the pope as heresy, they were brought into open court at Delden, on the thirteenth of November, before the children of Pilate and Caiaphas, where they were sentenced to death, in which they rejoiced, praising God. When they were led to the stake, many of the people, seeing their steadfastness, wept. But they sang for joy, and said: "Weep not, on account of what is inflicted upon us." "We do not suffer," said Maria, "as witches or other criminals, but because we adhere to Christ, and will not be separated from God; hence be converted, and it shall be well with you forever."

When the time of suffering drew nigh, Maria said: "Dear sister; heaven is opened for us; for what we now suffer for a little while, we shall forever be happy with our bridegroom." They then gave each other the kiss of peace. Thereupon they prayed together to God; that He would forgive the judges, their sins, since they knew not what they were doing; and that as the world was sunk in blindness, God

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would have compassion on them, and receive their souls into, His eternal kingdom: They first took Maria; who entreated the authorities not to shed any more innocent blood. Then she fervently prayed to God, and also prayed for those who put her to death; whereupon she joyfully arose, and went with such great gladness to the stake, that it cannot be told, saying: "To Thee, O Christ, I have given myself; I know that I shall live with Thee forever. Therefore, O God of heaven, into Thy hands do I commend my spirit." ⁸⁹

These are just two accounts of the millions who died at the hands of the Papacy. For example, Fox records: in August of 1572 ten thousand Protestants were martyred in Paris; "At Orleans, a thousand were slain of men, women, and children, and six thousand at Rouen. At Meldith, two hundred were put into prison, and later brought out by units, and cruelly murdered. At Lyons, eight hundred were massacred.... three hundred were slain in the bishop's house; and the impious monks would suffer none to be buried." Within a weeks time about a hundred thousand Protestants were slaughtered throughout France. "Against Rochelle, the king sent almost the whole power of France, which besieged it seven months; though by their assaults, they did very little execution on the inhabitants, yet by famine, they destroyed eighteen thousand out of two and twenty." ⁹⁰

During this period most people didn't have a Bible but they shared. Most couldn't read but many who could, read to those who couldn't. The Bible text that revealed the errors of the Catholic Church was the Received Text. The text of the reformers was the Received Text. This is the text for which the martyrs gave their lives.

Spiritual Integrity of the Catholic Church

The Catholic Church has preserved and promoted the Alexandrian Text so therefore it is appropriate to compare the Spiritual Integrity of the Catholic Church with that of the martyrs who used the Received Text. While the martyrs went to their deaths singing and praising God and praying for their persecutors, the Catholic Church is responsible for their deaths. The Catholic Church did not kill the martyrs because of criminal actions; they killed them for their faith. Even if the martyrs were heretics, death would not have been appropriate. The Church also killed the martyrs in gruesome, hideous ways that caused much prolonged pain and agony. The Churches actions are no different then that of Hitler. Regarding the Inquisition conducted by the Catholic Church, Fox writes:

When the reformed religion began to diffuse the Gospel light throughout Europe, Pope Innocent III entertained great fear for the Romish Church. He accordingly instituted a number of inquisitors, or persons who were to make inquiry after, apprehend, and punish, heretics, as the reformed were called by the papists.... in Spain, thus gleaned of all heresy, the Inquisition could still swell its lists of murders to thirty-two thousand! The numbers [consigned] to all ruin but the mere loss of worthless life, amounted to three hundred and nine thousand. But the crowds who perished in dungeons of torture, of confinement, and of broken

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hearts, the millions of dependent lives made utterly helpless, or hurried to the grave by the death of the victims, are beyond all register...

Such was the Inquisition, declared by the Spirit of God to be at once the offspring and the image of the popedom. To feel the force of the parentage, we must look to the time. In the thirteenth century, the popedom was at the summit of mortal dominion; it was independent of all kingdoms; it ruled with a rank of influence never before or since possessed by a human scepter; it was the acknowledged sovereign of body and soul; to all earthly intents its power was immeasurable for good or evil. It might have spread literature, peace, freedom, and Christianity to the ends of Europe, or the world. But its nature was hostile; its fuller triumph only disclosed its fuller evil; and, to the shame of human reason, and the terror and suffering of human virtue, Rome, in the hour of its consummate grandeur, teemed with the monstrous and horrid birth of the INQUISITION!⁹¹

It is undeniable that during the Dark Ages, the martyrs fulfilled the Biblical description of God's faithful: "And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death" (Revelation 12:11). The Bible of these faithful was the Received Text. It is just as undeniable that the Catholic Church in its ruthless persecution of the God's faithful acted as agents of Satan himself. The Bible of the Catholic Church is the Alexandrian Text.

Spiritual Integrity of Westcott & Hort

In 1870 a Revised Standard Revision Committee was established to update the English of the King James Version of the Bible. The Committee apparently had many godly men as members but the committee was headed by Brooke Foss Westcott and Fenton John Anthony Hort. The revision committee chose not to rely on the Received Text and relied heavily upon Sinaiticus, Vaticanus and other Alexandrian Texts. The result was the creation of a new Greek text and a new English version of the Bible called the Revised Version of 1881. This Revised Version and its new underlying Greek text have been the basis of almost if not all of the new English translations of the twentieth century.

As we shall see, Westcott and Hort were two men of very questionable integrity; in fact, I wouldn't consider them Christians at all. Left in the hands of these men, I believe the Christian Church would have disappeared.

During their college years at Cambridge Westcott and Hort became members of the Ghost Society, which later became known as The Society for Psychical Research. This was an occult organization and their involvement with it continued even until they became involved with editing the Bible.⁹²

Notable members of The Society for Psychical Research included:

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Lord Alfred Balfour (former Prime Minister of Great Britain and one of the founding fathers of the League of Nations);

- Charles Darwin (father of Evolutionary Theory);
- Bishop B.F. Westcott;
- Bishop E.W. Benson; and
- Fenton John Anthony Hort.⁹³

Frequent visitors of the Society included: Charles William a medium who was hired to attend the meetings and Madam Blavatsky (the mother of the New Age movement) when she was in town. Society member Arthur Sedgwick Meyer is quoted as saying: “homosexuality is not rare among us.”⁹⁴

A godly man, Bishop Samuel Wilberforce, attended one of the Society’s meetings at the invitation of Westcott and Hort. In a letter, he stated that he observed a table being lifted off the floor and stated that it was the work of the devil.⁹⁵

Bishop Samuel Wilberforce was the original Chairman of the Translating Committee for the Revision Committee. Bishop Wilberforce was very highly regarded. So Westcott and Hort and others behind the revision used Bishop Wilberforce’s influence to get permission to revise the language of the King James Version of the Bible.

Within a week Bishop Wilberforce became disillusioned. In a letter to another Bishop he stated: “what be done in this miserable business?” By the end of the second week Bishop Wilberforce had discovered the true intentions of Westcott and Hort and resigned. In a letter to a fellow Bishop he exclaimed: “They are not going to update the Bible, they are going to change the Bible.”⁹⁶

Hort’s Letters

From *The Life And Letters Of Fenton John Anthony Hort*, published by his son Arthur Hort, we learn that changing the Bible is exactly what Hort had in mind. We also learn that this scheme was many years in the making. In a letter to Reverend John Ellerton on April 19, 1853 he writes the following regarding revision of the Bible:

One result of our talk I may as well tell you. He (Westcott) and I are going to edit a Greek text of the New Testament some two or three years hence, if possible. Lachmann and Tischendorf will supply rich materials, but not nearly enough; and we hope to do a good deal with Oriental versions. **Our object is to supply clergymen generally, schools, etc., with a portable Greek text which shall not be disfigured with Byzantine corruptions.**⁹⁷

Hort did not believe that Jesus’ life, death and resurrection atoned for our sins. In a letter to Westcott on October 15, 1860 he wrote: “Certainly nothing can be more unscriptural than the

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modern limiting of Christ's bearing our sins and sufferings to His death; but indeed that is only one aspect of an almost universal heresy.” On November 12, 1871 Hort wrote the following to the Bishop of Ely: “**So also the uniqueness of the great Sacrifice seems to me not to consist in its being a substitute which makes all other sacrifices useless and unmeaning**, but in its giving them the power and meaning which of themselves they could not have...(Mr. Maurice) may have failed to make clear that **Sacrifice is not the only way of conceiving Atonement...**” In a letter to Rev. F. D. Maurice on November 16, 1849 he wrote the following concerning substitutionary atonement:

O that Coleridge, while showing how the notion of a **fictitious substituted righteousness**, of a transferable stock of good actions, obscured the truth of man's restoration in the Man who perfectly acted out the idea of man, had expounded the truth (for such, I am sure, there must be) that underlies the corresponding heresy (as it appears to me) of a **fictitious substituted penalty!**....Nor, as far as I can recollect, have you anywhere written explicitly upon this point; even on the corresponding subject of vicarious righteousness, I know only of two pages...and they have not been able to make me feel assured that the language of imputation is strictly true, however sanctioned by St. Paul's example. **The fact is, I do not see how God's justice can be satisfied without every man's suffering in his own person the full penalty for his sins.**⁹⁸

Hort did not believe in the infallibility of scripture. In a letter to Westcott on May 2, 1860 he states: “But I am not able to go as far as you in asserting the infallibility of a canonical writing. I may see a certain fitness and probability in such a view, but I cannot set up an a priori assumption against the (supposed) results of criticism.” Hort's disbelief is partly based on the fact that he alleged that the scriptures had been corrupted. Apparently, he also believed that God had ordained him to edit the Bible and remove the errors. In a letter to Rev. Dr. Rowland Williams on October 21, 1858 he writes the following concerning the authority of scripture:

Further I agree with them [authors of Essays and Reviews] in condemning many leading specific doctrines of the popular theology. . . **The positive doctrines even of the 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 . . .** If this primary objection were removed, and I could feel our differences to be only of degree, I should still hesitate to take part in the proposed scheme. It is surely likely to bring on a crisis; and that I cannot think desirable on any account. The errors and prejudices, which we agree in wishing to remove, can surely be more wholesomely and also more effectually reached by individual efforts of an indirect kind than by combined open assault. **At present very many orthodox but rational men are being unawares acted upon by influences which will assuredly bear good fruit in due time if is allowed to go on quietly; but I fear that a premature crisis would frighten back many into the merest traditionalism.**⁹⁹

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Regarding his work of Bible revision, Hort writes to a friend that the combined impact of his revisions are of great significance. He further writes that the significance of these revisions are not apparent when looked upon individually and that they will change the course of Christian history:

It is quite impossible to judge the value of what appear to be trifling alterations merely by reading them one after another. Taken together, they have often important bearings which few would think of at first . . . The difference between a picture say of Raffaele and a feeble copy of it is made up of a number of trivial differences . . . **We have successfully resisted being warned off dangerous ground**, where the needs of revision required that it should not be shirked . . . It is, one can hardly doubt, the beginning of a new period in Church history. **So far the angry objectors have reason for their astonishment.**¹⁰⁰

In his letters Hort also embraced the teaching of Evolution promoted by Darwin and the New Age concept that man is divine as promoted by Madam Blavatsky. He wrote: “It is of course true that we can only know God through human forms, but then I think the whole Bible echoes the language of Genesis 1:27 and so assures us that **human forms are divine forms.**”

Regarding protestantism, Hort wrote: “Protestantism is only parenthetical and temporary.”¹⁰¹

Westcott's Letters

Like Hort's son, Arthur Westcott too published his father's letters in *The Life and Letters of Brooke Foss Westcott*. Westcott's letters, like Hort's, reveal him to be a man who doubted the truth presented in scripture. In many letters he even doubted whether he could consider himself a believer as the excerpts show below:

- “Oh the weakness of my faith compared with that of others! So wild, so sceptical am I. I cannot yield.” (page 217)
- “O Marie , (his wife's name) as I wrote the last word, I could not help asking what am I? Can I claim to be a believer?” (page 217)
- “It seems as if I am inclined to learn nothing; I must find out all myself, and then I am satisfied, but that simple faith and obedience which so many enjoy, I fear will never be mine.” (page 217)
- “What a wild storm of unbelief seems to have seized my whole system.” (page 217)¹⁰²

Westcott shared Hort's skepticism regarding the scriptures. After receiving Hort's letter stating that Hort rejected the infallibility of scripture, Westcott wrote back that he believed the word was true but not infallible. On May 5, 1860 he wrote the following to Hort: “For I too ‘must disclaim settling for infallibility.’ In the front of my convictions all I hold is the more I learn, the more I am convinced that fresh doubts come from my own ignorance, and that at present I find the presumption in favor of the absolute truth—I **reject the word infallibility—of Holy Scripture** overwhelming.”¹⁰³ On another occasion he writes: “If you make a decided conviction

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of the **absolute infallibility of the N.T.** practically a sine qua non for co-operation, **I fear I could not join you**, even if you were willing to forget your fears about the origin of the Gospels.”¹⁰⁴

Westcott's definition of “absolute truth” is difficult to understand because: 1) He wasn't sure he could consider himself a believer and 2) He embraced the teachings of Darwin, his fellow member of The Society for Psychical Research, just as Hort did. And 3) He didn't believe in heaven.

On March 4, 1890, he wrote the following to the Archbishop of Canterbury: “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**—yet they disclose to us a gospel.”¹⁰⁵

Westcott didn't believe that heaven existed. In 1886 on June 14, he writes the following to the Archbishop of Canterbury: “No doubt the language of the rubric is unguarded, but it saves us from the error of connecting the presence of Christ's glorified humanity with place: **heaven is a state and not a place.**”¹⁰⁶ This opens a slew of questions regarding what Westcott believed (i.e. If Jesus didn't come from heaven, where did he come from? If he doesn't believe in heaven, does he not believe in God? When Jesus ascended, where did he go?).

Popular Satanist Endorses the Alexandrian Text

Madam Helena Petrovna Blavatsky is known as the mother of the New Age movement. She was a Theosophist and formed the Theosophical Society in the United States in 1875. She was a Luciferian; she worshiped Lucifer. With the guidance of her demon spirit guides she wrote many books, which are still highly prized by members of the New Age and members of the occult. Among these were: *Isis Unveiled* in 1877, *The Secret Doctrine* in 1888, *The Key to Theosophy* in 1889, *The Voice of Silence* in 1889. These are cornerstone works for the New Age occult movement in America. Regarding Blavatsky's two most important works, Theodore Rozak writes in *The Unfinished Animal*:

Helena Petrovna Blavatsky...is surely among the most original and perceptive minds of her time....[In her two major books]....lies...the first philosophy of psychic and spiritual evolution to appear in the modern West....¹⁰⁷

Blavatsky knew both Westcott and Hort personally and often visited The Society for Psychical Research.¹⁰⁸ From a review of statements made by Blavatsky about the Bible in *The Secret Doctrine* and *Isis Unveiled*, it can be surmised that she felt the Authorized King James Version of the Bible had been hopelessly corrupted. Speaking of the Book of Job she writes: the “King James's version, as it stands translated, it has no resemblance whatever to the original.”¹⁰⁹ Blavatsky's statement is equally representative of her view of the entire King James Version of the Bible. For example, she also wrote: the “King James's translators have made such a jumble of it [the Bible] that no one but a kabalist (occultist) can restore the Bible to its original form.”¹¹⁰

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As a member of the occult and one who worshiped Lucifer (Satan), it is not surprising that Blavatsky had a disliking for the KJV of the Bible. As will be shown below, the New Age teachings of Blavatsky esteem Satan as a “God, of whom even the ‘Lord’ is in fear”; he is the “light of truth”; he is eternal and the creator. To be shown later is that the biblical text revisions made by Westcott and Hort favor the New Age occult teachings promoted by Blavatsky. Her very disturbing doctrines of the New Age can be seen in her books *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 1 and 2:

But in antiquity and *reality*, **Lucifer**, or *Luciferus*, is the name of the angelic Entity presiding over the *light of truth* as over the light of the day. In the great Valentinian gospel *Pistis Sophia* (§ 361) it is taught that of the three Powers emanating from the Holy names of the Three [[*Tridunameis*]], that of Sophia (the Holy Ghost according to these gnostics -- the most cultured of all), resides in the planet Venus or Lucifer.... (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 2, p. 512) (Emphasis added)¹¹¹

Lucifer is divine and terrestrial light, “the Holy Ghost” and “Satan,” at one and the same time... (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 2, p. 513)¹¹²

SATAN has ever existed. ...(*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 1, p. 411.)¹¹³

Satan is a God, of whom even the "Lord" is in fear. All we read in the Zohar and other Kabalistic works on Satan shows plainly that this "personage" is simply the personification of the abstract evil, which is the weapon of Karmic law and KARMA. It is our human nature and man himself, as it is said that "Satan is always near and inextricably interwoven with man." It is only a question of that Power being latent or active in us. (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 2, p. 448.) (Emphasis added)¹¹⁴

Satan was a Son, and an angel of God. With all the Semitic nations, the Spirit of the Earth was as much the Creator in his own realm as the spirit of the Heavens. They were twin brothers and interchangeable in their functions, when not two in one. (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 2, p. 477)¹¹⁵

Blavatsky also teaches that Jesus Christ never rose from the dead; rather, it was a hoax carried out by God who impersonated a risen Jesus:

The author of "New Aspects of Life" describes the Jewish God very correctly from the Kabalistic stand-point as "the Spirit of the Earth, which had revealed itself to the Jew as Jehovah" (p. 209). "It was that Spirit again who, after the death of Jesus, assumed his form and personated him as the risen Christ" (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 2, p. 508)¹¹⁶

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According to Ephesians 2:20 and I Peter 2:6, Jesus is the “chief corner stone” of the Church but Blavatsky has relegated this position to the Devil (Satan):

But if the Christian Church was the first to make the existence of Satan a dogma, it was because, as shown in *Isis*, **the Devil -- the powerful enemy of God had to become the corner stone of the pillar of the Church.** (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 2, p. 509.) (Emphasis added)¹¹⁷

Blavatsky portrayed Satan as the true God of heaven. She writes that both the serpent in the Garden of Eden and Cain, the first murderer, were the God of heaven:

The great Serpent of the Garden of Eden and the “Lord God” are identical, and so are Jehovah and Cain One-- that Cain who is referred to in theology as the "murderer" and the LIAR to God! (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 1, p. 412) (Emphasis added)¹¹⁸

In contrast to the above, Blavatsky explained that the fall of man was not due to Satan's deception of Eve but rather the hidden knowledge imparted to Eve by Satan the “fallen Angel”:

The Fall was the result of man's knowledge, “for his eyes were opened.” Indeed, he was taught Wisdom and the hidden knowledge by the “fallen Angel,”... (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 2, p. 513)¹¹⁹

In other words, Blavatsky is saying that the fall was a good thing. Blavatsky also says that it is not Satan (the Devil) who is the tempter of man but rather God:

Why, then, say that it is the Devil who tempts us, when the Church teaches us *on the authority of Christ* that it is God who does so? ...(*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 1, p. 412.)¹²⁰

Christ came to deliver Jews and Gentiles from sin and death. In order to accomplish this Christ had to set us free from the deceptions of Pantheism and Paganism. Blavatsky has turned to the deceptions of Pantheism and paganism in search of the truth:

Therefore when we read that "the Devil is a liar and the father of it," *i.e.*, INCARNATE LIE, and are told in the same breath that Satan -- the Devil -- was a son of God and the most beautiful of his archangels, rather than believe that Father and Son are a gigantic, personified and eternal LIE, **we prefer to turn to Pantheism and to Pagan philosophy for information.** (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 1, p. 414.) (Emphasis added)¹²¹

Being a pantheist, Blavatsky taught that there were many gods involved in the creation of man:

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Man is, beyond any doubt, formed physically out of the dust of the Earth, but his creators and fashioners were many. (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 1, p. 226.)¹²²

As if Blavatsky hasn't created enough confusion for the unfortunate deceived followers of the New Age, she also teaches that all gods are one and only differ in name and function:

Every god of the Gentiles is connected with, and closely related to, Jehovah -- the *Elohim*; for they are all One *Host*, whose units differ only in name in the esoteric teachings. Between the "Obedient" and the "Fallen" Angels there is no difference whatever, except in their respective functions, or rather in the inertia of some, and the activity of others among those "Dhyan Chohans" or *Elohim* who were "commissioned to create," i.e., to fabricate the manifested world out of the eternal material. (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 2, pp. 509-510.)¹²³

Blavatsky also taught the now popular New Age philosophy that man is divine and immortal:

Nor can it be said that the "Lord God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life," unless that God is identified with the "ONE LIFE," Omnipresent though invisible, and unless the same operation is attributed to "God" on behalf of every *living Soul* -- or *Nephesh*, which is the *vital* Soul, not the divine Spirit or *Ruach*, which ensures to man alone a divine degree of immortality, that no animal, as such, could ever attain in this cycle of incarnation. (*The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. 1, p. 226.)¹²⁴

In *Isis Unveiled*, Blavatsky writes that Jesus' disciples never regarded him as a God; she says that Jesus taught the ancient philosophies of the Greeks and further that the "Lord God" is deserving of no higher honor or respect than that given to the pagan gods of the Greeks:

It is a most suggestive fact that there is not a word in the so-called sacred Scriptures to show that Jesus was actually regarded as a God by his disciples. Neither before nor after his death did they pay him divine honors. Their relation to him was only that of disciples and "master"; by which name they addressed him, as the followers of Pythagoras and Plato addressed their respective masters before them. Whatever words may have been put into the mouths of Jesus, Peter, John, Paul, and others, there is not a single act of adoration recorded on their part, nor did Jesus himself ever declare his identity with his Father....In preaching this, he but repeated a doctrine taught ages earlier by Hermes, Plato, and other philosophers. (*Isis Unveiled*, Vo. 2, pp. 192-193)¹²⁵

We are quite ready to show the "Lord God" of Israel the same respect as we do to Brahma, Zeus, or any other secondary deity. But we decline, most emphatically,

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to recognize in him either the Deity worshipped by Moses, or the "Father" of Jesus... (*Isis Unveiled*, Vo. 2, p. 401)¹²⁶

Blavatsky's occult New Age teachings had no factual basis whatsoever; she was deceived by her demonic spirit guides. She passed this deception onto her disciples, associates and those who have read her writings for over 125 years.

It is clear from the letters of Westcott and Hort that they held some heretical beliefs in common with Blavatsky. This is also made clear by their selection of the Alexandrian Text for their revision of the Bible. The Alexandrian text clearly favors the occult New Age teachings of Blavatsky.

Most of the revisions made by Westcott and Hort occurred in the New Testament. There are some very significant changes in the Old Testament as well; these support Blavatsky's teachings as well. One particular revision by Westcott and Hort has made it seem as though Jesus and Satan were one and the same. Dr. Robert Barnett of the Dean Burgon Society revealed this in his treatise on Bible translations. He writes:

When modern Bibles remove the name "Lucifer" from Isaiah 14:12, they remove from divine revelation the historical connection between "Lucifer" and the devil. Replacing "Lucifer" with "Morning Star" as the NIV does, places a name for Jesus Christ in the place of Satan's fall.¹²⁷

Isaiah 14:12 is the only text in the Bible that tells us that the Devil (Satan) also goes by the name of Lucifer. Isaiah writes: "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!" (Isaiah 14:12.)

The phrase "How art thou fallen from heaven...[and] cut down to the ground" from Isaiah 14:12 is the key to revealing that the verse is speaking of Satan. It ties in with Revelation 12:7-9, which tells us that there was war in heaven and "that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:9). In both verses we see the same event taking place and therefore, by these two verses we know that Lucifer is Satan. Thus, we know that Lucifer is a murderer, a liar and even the father of lies (John 8:44); and that as the deceiver of the earth he shall be defeated and cast into the lake of fire along with his followers (Rev. 20:5-10).

The Westcott and Hort text revisions have identified Jesus rather than Lucifer as the Devil and Satan. This was accomplished by removing the name "Lucifer" from Isaiah 14:12 and substituting the title "morning star". There is nothing in the original Hebrew that would support this change.¹²⁸ In the New Testament scriptures it is revealed that Jesus is the morning star. This can be found in Revelation 2:27-28 and 22:16 and 2 Peter 1:19. By this change Jesus Christ has been *falsely portrayed* as Satan.

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I checked seven modern versions of the Bible and they all made the same or similar changes to Isaiah 14:12. These versions included: *The New American Bible* (1970 ed.), *New Century Version* (1996 ed.), *New Living Translation* (1997 ed.), *New Revised Standard Version* (1996 ed.), *New International Version*, *New American Standard Bible* (1997 ed.), and *The Revised Standard Version* (1971 ed.). *The New American Bible* is the official Bible of the Catholic Church, it renders Isaiah 14:12 thus:

How have you fallen from the heavens, O morning star, son of the dawn! How are you cut down to the ground, you who mowed down the nations!¹²⁹

So you see there is a striking difference between those who have supported the Received Text and those who have supported the Alexandrian Text. The Received Text is the basis of the King James Version of the Bible and the Alexandrian Text is the basis of modern versions of the Bible. Those who supported the Received Text were the early Church fathers, the martyrs, and the reformers. Those who have supported the Alexandrian Text include: the Catholic Church, Westcott and Hort, Madam Blavatsky and other satanists.

It was the Catholic Church who killed the martyr's and now defends her actions. Westcott and Hort were involved in spiritualism; they doubted whether Jesus' atoning sacrifice had any value; they embraced the theory of evolution; they could not accept the scriptures as infallible and Westcott even doubted whether he could be considered a believer. Madam Blavatsky is the mother of the New Age movement and she worships Lucifer as the eternal God and creator. Blavatsky's legacy can be seen in the contemporary New Age movement.

The contemporary New Age movement seeks to bring the world into submission to their occult Luciferian doctrines. Those who refuse to worship Lucifer and accept that they are gods themselves shall be wiped off the face of the earth according to New Age gurus. One of these teachers is Barbara Marx Hubbard. Like Blavatsky, Hubbard's books are based on the revelation given to her by her demonic spirit guides.

The forgoing establishes that there is a stark contrast between those who support the Received Text and those who support the Alexandrian Text. The difference is like night and day. I hope you, the reader, realize that your eternal future could be very heavily impacted by whether you put your trust in the pure word of God or a corrupt word of God.

I intend to make the contrast between the pure and the corrupt word of God even clearer. This will be accomplished through numerous examples of corruptions that have occurred in God's holy word. I will be referring to seven modern versions of the Bible as examples. These modern versions are: *The New American Bible* (NAB), *New Century Version* (NCV), *New International Version* (NIV), *New Living Translation* (NLT), *New Revised Standard Version* (NRSV), *New American Standard Bible* (NASB), and *The Revised Standard Version* (RSV).

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Comparisons of the Received Text with the Alexandrian Text

For the purpose of comparing the Received Text with the Alexandrian Text, the King James Version (KJV) will be used as an example of the Received Text and the above noted modern versions will be used as examples of the Alexandrian Text. These modern versions don't always agree because each translation committee has made independent choices on which of the different texts to rely upon. It will be noted which of the seven sample texts varies from the KJV and a typical example will be given. In some modern versions some of the more obvious revisions have been corrected and footnoted (i.e. the above text does not appear in the oldest manuscripts). These footnotes are used to cast doubt in the minds of the reader as to the accuracy of the text. I caution the reader that these footnotes exist but space does not permit me to note each of them. Most of the changes are deletions. The words that have been deleted from the KJV will be in bold. Some words have been added. Words that have been added will show up in bold in the modern version.

Below is an example of how the Alexandrian Text slashes some of the most important words out of the Our Father prayer. Notice that the KJV is on the left; the modern version is on the right and the versions that omit or add the same or similar text are in the middle. Any comments will be shown below. In future examples the headings will be omitted to conserve space.

King James Version	Versions that Omit the Bold Words in KJV	Modern Version
Luke 11:2-4 (KJV) ² ... Our Father which art in heaven , Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. ³ Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Luke 11:2-4 (NASB) ² ...Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation. ¹³⁰

Comment: Satan wouldn't want to acknowledge that the Father is in heaven; he wouldn't want the Father's will to be accomplished on earth and he wouldn't want us delivered from his evil schemes thus he has removed these from the prayer. In Matthew 6:9-13, the above words are left in tact but "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." is omitted instead.

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The Lord Jesus Christ is our savior and our redeemer, the Messiah. Jesus is his common name; Lord is a title showing his authority but the title “Christ” shows that he is the one and only Messiah. In the KJV the name “Jesus Christ” or “Christ Jesus” appears 257 times. In a sampling of five modern versions it was discovered that the connection between Jesus and the Christ was missing in from a low of 28 verses to a high of 33 verses.¹³⁰ Below are samples of these:

Acts 16:31 (KJV) ¹⁶ And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ , and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Acts 16:31 (NAB) ³¹ And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you and your household will be saved.” ¹³²
Acts 15:11 (KJV) ¹¹ But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Acts 15:11 (RSV) ¹¹ But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will. ¹³³
Ephesians 3:14 (KJV) ¹⁴ For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ,	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Ephesians 3:14 (KJV) ¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹³⁴
1 John 1:7 (KJV) ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	1 John 1:7 (NAB) ⁷ But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. ¹³⁵
Rev.1:9 (KJV) ⁹ I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ , was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ .	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Rev.1:9 (NLT) ⁹ I am John, your brother. In Jesus we are partners in suffering and in the Kingdom and in patient endurance. I was exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the word of God and speaking about Jesus. ¹³⁶

Jesus is not only the Messiah; he is God manifest in the flesh. The fact that Jesus refers to the Father in heaven as “my Father” shows that he is God. The modern versions confuse the fact that Jesus is God manifest in the flesh in many ways as shown in the examples below:

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John 6:65 (KJV) ⁶⁵ And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.	NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	John 6:65 (NLT) ⁶⁵ Then he said, "That is what I meant when I said that people can't come to me unless the Father brings them to me." ¹³⁷
John 8:28 (KJV) ²⁸ Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am <i>he</i> , and <i>that</i> I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	John 8:28 (NASB) ²⁸ So Jesus said, When you lift up the son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and I do nothing on my own initiative, but I speak these things as the father taught Me. ¹³⁸
John 10:17 (KJV) ¹⁷ Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.	NAB, NCV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	John 10:17 (NAB) ¹⁷ This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹³⁹
John 16:10 (KJV) ¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	John 16:10 (RSV) ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more; ¹⁴⁰
Acts 8:37 (KJV) ³⁷ ... I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT	Acts 8:37 The whole text is missing.
1 Corinthians 15:47 (KJV) ⁴⁷ The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	1 Corinthians 15:47 (NRSV) ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is ^j from heaven. ¹⁴¹
1 Tim. 3:16 (KJV) ¹⁶ ... God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	1 Tim. 3:16 (NRS) ¹⁶ ...He ^g was revealed in flesh, vindicated ^h in spirit, ⁱ seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. ¹⁴²

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John 9:35 (KJV) ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God ?	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	John 9:35 (NLT) ³⁵ When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man ?" ¹⁴³
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The Lord Jesus Christ is "the beginning and the ending" and "the first and the last." The modern versions conceal or eliminate this revelation about our savior:

Rev. 1:1 (KJV) ¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John...	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Rev. 1:1 (NASB) ¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to his bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and he sent and communicated it to His angel to his bond-servant John... ¹⁴⁴
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Rev. 1:8 (KJV) ⁸ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending , saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty....	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Rev. 1:8 (NASB) ⁸ "I am the Alpha and Omega," says the lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." ... ¹⁴⁴
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Rev. 1:10-11 (KJV) ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last : and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Rev. 1:10-11 (NASB) ¹⁰ I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me in a loud voice like <i>the sound</i> of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea. ¹⁴⁴
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One of the most important verses on the trinity is eliminated by the modern versions:

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1 John 5:7-8 (KJV) ⁷ For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. ⁸ And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	1 John 5:7-8 (NRSV) ⁷ There are three that testify: ^b ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. ¹⁴⁵
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Christ is not only our savior but also our judge. This is good news; the very one who gave his life for us is our judge! The modern versions conceal this by substituting God for Christ:

Romans 14:10 (KJV) ¹⁰ ...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ .	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Romans 14:10 (NAB) ¹⁰ ...For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God ; ¹⁴⁶
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In the KJV, the word “begotten” means “born”. When the Bible refers to the born Son of God it is referring to Jesus. In the modern versions this connection is lost in 5 or 6 verses depending on which translation. See the example below:

John 1:18 (KJV) ¹⁸ No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	John 1:18 (RSV) ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known. ¹⁴⁷
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There are four places in the New Testament that reveal that Jesus Christ is the creator. Three of these revelations occur over a series of several texts for which the reader must make the connection. There is only one stand-alone text in the KJV that reveals Jesus as the creator; in the modern versions there is none as is shown below:

Ephesians 3:9 (KJV) ⁹ And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ :	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Ephesians 3:9 (NAB) ⁹ and to bring to light (for all) [†] what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things, ¹⁴⁸
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Jesus came to save the lost. In order to be saved, as sinners, we must repent. A sample of five modern versions shows they deleted the word repent from a low of five times (14%) to a high of

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42 times (66%).¹³¹ Jesus' own words, in which he declares that he came to call sinners to repentance, have been deleted in the following examples:

Matthew 9:13 (KJV) ¹³ But go ye and learn what <i>that</i> meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance .	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Matthew 9:13 (NASB) ¹³ But go and learn what this means: I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRAFICE, for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners. ¹⁵⁰
Mark 2:17 (KJV) ¹⁷ When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance .	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Mark 2:17 (RSV) ¹⁷ And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." ¹⁵¹

In order to be saved we must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the only one who can save us. The revisionists say we must just believe. From the rendering of the modern versions one may assume that you may believe in anything. This is a popular belief today; can it be that this change as has an impact?

John 6:47 (KJV) ⁴⁷ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NASB	John 6:47 (NAB) ⁴⁷ Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ¹⁵²
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After the rich man was unwilling to sell all he had, give it all to the poor and follow Jesus, Jesus told his disciples that it was very hard for those who put there trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God. The modern versions grossly distort this; they just say, "it is hard to enter the kingdom of God":

Mark 10:24 (KJV) ²⁴ And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Mark 10:24 (NAB) ²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!" ¹⁵³
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The modern versions have deleted the fact that the Lord will be returning in the verse in Revelation below:

Rev. 11:17 (KJV) ¹⁷ Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come ; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Rev. 11:17 (NASB) ¹⁷ saying, We give you thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.
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According to a 2003 Harris poll, 84% of Americans believe that the soul lives on after death.¹³² In other words they don't believe we really die. This is contrary to the word of God.¹³³ Revelation 21 speaks of the New Jerusalem, which shall be the home of the redeemed that have accepted Jesus Christ as their savior. According to the modern versions everyone shall live in the New Jerusalem:

Rev. 21:24 (KJV) ²⁴ And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Rev. 21:24 (NASB) ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory unto it. ¹⁵⁶
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Again, in the example below the modern versions edit the very words of Jesus himself:

Luke 4:4 (KJV) ⁴ And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God .	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Luke 4:4 (NASB) And Jesus answered him, It is written, MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE. ¹⁵⁷
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Comment: If every word of God is important the readers of the modern versions are being short changed, they're being misled and they're being deceived. According to les Garrett, author of *Which Bible Can We Trust*, the NIV has 64,000 fewer words than the KJV of the Bible. That is the equivalent of the middle of Acts to the end of Revelation. These deletions include over 650 words of the Lord Jesus Christ.¹³⁴

In Isaiah 8:20 we find one of the tools that we Christians have for exposing false teachers, false prophets, false gospels and antichrists. If they don't completely agree with the word of God then there is no light in them, they have no truth:

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Isaiah 8:20 (KJV) ²⁰ To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	Isaiah 8:20 (NAB) ²⁰ then this document will furnish its instruction. That kind of thing they will surely say. ¹⁵⁹
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Comment: The valuable truth revealed in Isaiah 8:20 cannot be found in the modern versions. The NIV and the NASB come close (NIV says “they have no light of dawn” and the NASB says “they have no dawn”). Among the other modern versions there is no consistent rendering of the text. The Catholic NAB has no resemblance to the original whatsoever.

1 John 4:1-3 is another valuable tool that the word of God gives us; it reveals the “spirit of antichrist.” It is the test of a spirit. This test can be helpful in exposing false teachers, false prophets, and false gospels:

1 John 4:1-3 (KJV) ¹ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. ² Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: ³ And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.	NAB, NCV, NIV, NRSV, RSV, NLT, NASB	1 John 4:1-3 (NAB) ¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³ and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God. This is the spirit of antichrist, of which you heard that it was coming, and now it is in the world already. ¹⁶⁰
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Comment: The Greek word that is used for come in verses two and three is “erchomai”. According to Strong’s, this word is used only in its present tense.¹³⁵ It can only be used as “is come”; it cannot be “has come” or “came.” In effect John is saying, every spirit that confesses that we have a risen savior who is Jesus Christ is of God and every spirit that does not confess this is not of God and “is that spirit of antichrist.”

Many, many people involved in the occult or New Age have spirits visit them; they have demons masquerading as angels of light or as Jesus himself. Without knowing the truth of Gods word and without having a test for these spirits, these people are deceived. The modern versions based

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on the Alexandrian Text have prepared the way for the antichrist. They have corrupted and confounded the truth and have effectively eliminated the tools that would expose the antichrist.

According to Robert Baker, author of “Another Bible Another Gospel,” the revisions in the modern versions weaken nineteen fundamental Christian doctrines. He writes:

Casual reading or study of a new version does not reveal the cumulative effect of thousands of alterations to the Holy Scripture. The substantial differences between the King James Version and the new versions represent a change, or at least a weakening of the acceptance, of a minimum of nineteen (19) fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith.¹³⁶

Hort was generally in agreement that the cumulative effect of the thousands of revisions he made would have far reaching effects not readily apparent in casual reading. On July 7, 1870 he wrote the following to a friend:

It is quite impossible to judge the value of what appear to be trifling alterations merely by reading them one after another. Taken together, they have often important bearings which few would think of at first . . . The difference between a picture say of Raffaele and a feeble copy of it is made up of a number of trivial differences . . . **We have successfully resisted being warned off dangerous ground**, where the needs of revision required that it should not be shirked . . . It is, one can hardly doubt, the beginning of a new period in Church history. **So far the angry objectors have reason for their astonishment.**¹³⁷

Summary

Let it be remembered that God *inspired* the original documents of the Scriptures, but He *did not* inspire versions made of them by men. Godly men translated the versions but these men were not infallible. The Holy Spirit, which leads us into all truth (John 16:13), can reveal the truth to us even if there is a mistranslation. With the aid of a Concordance that includes a Greek and Hebrew dictionary, the Spirit of Truth can reveal to us the answers to mysteries that are understood more clearly in the original language. But the Holy Spirit cannot lead you to study and give us a better understanding of that which is not there; that, which has been removed from the scriptures.

The truth of God’s holy word stands between Satan and his ultimate goal of a one-world government coupled with a one-world religion. In order to accomplish his goal he must extinguish the light of Gods holy word or as the prophet Daniel put it: “cast down the truth to the ground.”

It is the truth that sets men free (John 8:32). God’s word is also “quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword... and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart”

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Heb. 4:12). God's word can also expose the enemy.¹³⁸ This is why Satan needed to cast the truth to the ground.

This is exactly what Satan was able to do during the dark ages. In perfect fulfillment of Bible prophecy, the Papacy kept the word of God from the people and then deceived them regarding the truths revealed in God's holy word. If we believe the scriptures, then of necessity we must believe that those who were persecuted had the true word of God and those who were doing the persecuting had a corrupt word!

The truth contained in Gods holy word shall be cast to the ground again so that the Anti-Christ can deceive most of the world. God boldly declares in Ecclesiastes 1:9: "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."

The King James Bible is an English version of the original Received Text. These are the facts regarding the Received Text:

- The Received Text has been accepted and used by the Church as the authentic, inerrant word of God for over 1850 years.
- The oldest Bibles in existence are the Peshitto Version written in Syriac in approximately 150 A.D. and Italic Version of the Waldensian Church written no later than 157 A.D. These versions are both based on the Received Text as well as many other ancient versions. Approximately 350 copies of the Peshitto Version still exist and a total of over 18,000 ancient handwritten versions exist today.
- There are 86,000 quotations of the scriptures by the early Church fathers; the whole of scripture can practically be recreated from these quotations. Many of these quotations are believed to have been copied from the original manuscripts or very early copies. The Received Text agrees with the vast majority of these quotations of scripture.
- Of the over 5,200 ancient hand written Greek New Testament manuscripts in existence approximately 90 percent are of the Received Text type (Byzantine Text).
- The over 18,000 ancient handwritten versions, and the over 4,600 handwritten Greek manuscripts of the Byzantine Text type essentially agree. The 86,000 handwritten quotations also agree with only minor variations in the quotations.
- The Received Text has been the text accepted by Gods faithful followers for over 1850 years. The Received Text was accepted by the early Church fathers, it was the text for which many martyrs such as the Waldensians gave their lives; it was the text accepted by the reformers, it was the text brought to America by the Pilgrims and it is the text that Missionaries used to spread the gospel to the world.
- During the protestant reformation of the 15th, 16th and 17th century, the Received Text was the text chosen by the reformers to translate God's word into many different languages.
- The Received Text fulfills Bible prophecy in that the Catholic Church tried to destroy it, it has not passed away, it has been preserved, and it has continually ministered the truth to Gods people.

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The modern English versions of the Bible are based on the Alexandrian Text. These are the facts regarding the Alexandrian Text:

- The Sinaiticus (Codex Aleph) and Vaticanus (Codex B) are the two oldest Greek manuscript of the New Testament and were created in the first half of the fourth century. The Peshitto Version based on the Authorized Text, although written in Syriac, is nearly 200 year older than either of these codexes.
- Both Sinaiticus and Vaticanus contain books of the Apocrypha. These are heretical writings that were not accepted as inspired by the early Church fathers. *The Shepherd of Hermas* is the most heretical. This book seems to prepare the reader to accept the mark of the beast. It also teaches that salvation can only come through keeping the commandments. As an additional note: Gale Riplinger, author of *New Age Bible Versions*, believes the modern versions of the Bible will soon add *The Shepherd of Hermas* and delete the book of Revelation.¹³⁹
- Some experts believe that the Vaticanus was one of 50 Bibles that the Roman Emperor Constantine commissioned to be produced in Egypt.
- Alexandria Egypt is believed to be the origin of the Alexandrian Text type. Alexandria is well known as a city of heretical Christian teachings and heretical Christian writings. Alexandrians were among those who stoned Stephen.
- The Alexandrian Text is the Minority Text and represents only about 5% of the over 5,200 ancient Greek manuscripts.
- The Alexandrian Text types disagree among themselves. Sinaiticus and Vaticanus disagree with each other over 3,000 times in the Gospels alone; that's a majority of the gospel texts.
- The Alexandrian text was rejected by the early Church fathers. The Waldensian Church and other martyrs also rejected it, as well as the reformers.
- The Alexandrian Texts also "omit approximately 200 verses from the Scriptures. This is equivalent to 1st and 2nd Peter." The revised Greek text of Westcott and Hort made nearly 6,000 changes in the Greek of the Received Text.
- The Catholic Church has embraced the Alexandrian Text after having martyred millions of Christians who held up the Received Text as the authentic word of God in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. They cast the truth to the ground.
- Westcott and Hort selected the Alexandrian Text in order to revise the Bible. They were involved in the occult and doubted many truths of scripture. Hort could not accept that the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ was the only way we might be saved; in fact he doubted whether it was of any value at all. Westcott doubted if he could be considered a believer. Both Westcott and Hort embraced evolutionary theory and could not accept scripture as infallible.
- Madam Blavatsky believed that the KJV of the Bible was corrupt and needed to be revised. She is the mother of the New Age movement, a worshiper of Satan and a close associate of Westcott and Hort.
- Many if not all of the changes made by Westcott and Hort in creating the revised Greek text and revised English text support the New Age satanic teachings of Madam Blavatsky

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and others. These changes are so grossly misrepresent the truth that they can be used by occultist to show that Jesus and Satan are one in the same.

You the reader have been presented with the truth regarding the corruption of God's holy and infallible word. The choice is now yours, you can either embrace the Authorized Text (KJV), which represents God's holy and pure word or you can embrace the Alexandrian Text (modern versions) which has been corrupted by occultist who have an agenda contrary to the Father in heaven. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will guide you in your decision and that your decision will reflect the will of God for your life. May you choose what is pure and holy, Amen!

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- ²⁰ Acts 6:4.
- ²¹ Acts 7:51-59.
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