

## Holy Bible vs New Age Bibles

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I have long held that the **Authorized King James Version** of the Bible is the best translation ever compiled by anyone or group of individuals. About 54 scholars who were knowledgeable of Hebrew, Greek, and multiple other languages worked on the actual team that put the text together. Most translations today are put together piece-meal from translations by various individuals who themselves **may not even believe in the inspiration of scripture**. For many years I have personally used the New International Version {NIV} simply because I thought it was easier to understand. I also looked up information in Hebrew and Greek texts when I had questions about the translation of a particular passage of scripture not realizing that even those texts and lexicons have been extensively altered since the 1600's.

I assumed that the **New King James Version**, when it came out, would be merely a rewrite of the original King James version using more easily understandable words and phrases from more modern English. **Without a doubt, I am convinced, that is exactly the reason the version was named the New King James Version, hoping that people would make that assumption and immediately adopt it for themselves without questioning its source.** Recently, however, I have discovered that the vast majority of translations of scripture, including the New King James Version {New American Standard Version, New International Version, Revised Standard Version, New Jerusalem Version, Holman Christian Bible, and countless others} are based on Hebrew and Greek texts which have been extensively modified since the days of the King James Version. On top of that, **many of the individuals responsible for those modifications to the Hebrew and Greek texts that the modern translations are based on, as well as individuals who worked on many of the modern translations themselves do not even acknowledge the deity of Jesus Christ** and in some cases were directly involved with the occult. These facts prove they are not led by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit **and are therefore disqualified from being authoritative on any passage of scripture** much less an entire translation. The modifications to the original Hebrew and Greek texts have been often based on a single scrap of text found somewhere and added simply because it supported the position of the individual who was putting the text together, without any consideration as to the validity of the of text found. The modifications in every situation is to detract from the accuracy of scripture and to point away from the deity of Jesus Christ.

I have noticed that **modifications are even being made to modern re-publications of the King James Version** in a deliberate attempt to change the Word of God. For more information on the modifications that have been made in the Hebrew and Greek texts, and various translations of the Bible, as well as the editors who worked on them see Dr. Gail A. Riplinger's book: **New Age Bible Versions**. Riplinger in her book documents in detail the various translations and the alterations that have been made in parallel format so anyone who can read can immediately see the changes that have been made. See also the web site: [www.avpublications.com](http://www.avpublications.com) for more information, publications, and videos dealing with these issues.

**I believe every letter of the original Hebrew and Greek texts was given by inspiration of God and without error, historically, scientifically, mathematically, or otherwise.** I accept the **Ben Chayyim Masoritic Text** as the Hebrew text for the Old Testament and the **Received Text** as the Greek text for the New Testament for research study purposes since these are **the primary texts** used in translating the Authorized King James Version. It is also notable, that the **Equidistant Letter Sequences** also known as the **Hebrew Codes only work with the Ben Chayyim Masoritic text and not the Hebrew text used by the modern versions.** However, it should be noted that the Authorized King James version does in fact depart from those texts for reasons and/or texts that we are not aware of today. **I believe the Authorized King James Version which was based on those texts is an accurate translation and is itself inspired by God for our benefit.** I believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God Who Himself is God; Who also created all things and paid the ransom for forgiveness of sins for all who believe. I believe that this same Jesus Christ will come again in power and glory and will reign upon this present earth as King of kings and Lord of lords. I believe that modifications that have been and still are being made to our Bibles are for the specific purpose of paving the way for the coming of the Anti-Christ and his deception of mankind and the one world false church of which the "New Age Movement" is only a forerunner.

**One simple test can be used on the vast majority of bibles to determine whether the text is based on the corrupted texts:** Mark 1: 2 states "As it is written in the prophets..." The quote is from **two** passages: Mal. 3:1 and Is. 40:3 **The versions based on the corrupted text change the verse and insert the name "Isaiah" so that the verse reads: "As it is written in the prophet Isaiah..."** Interestingly, the New King James Bible version relegates the name **Isaiah** to a footnote. {However, the New King James Bible has more changes than I can possibly go into here.} Was this word "Isaiah" inserted accidentally? Certainly not! By inserting the name "Isaiah" into the text, the authors **intentionally** created "an error" in the text. By so doing they would later have a reason to discredit the accuracy of scripture.

**Here's another simple test -- John 7:8** The KJV states that Jesus told his brothers: "Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come." Other translations leave out the word "yet" implying that Jesus lied about going to the feast because in verse 10 Jesus did go up to the feast later. Luke 9:54-56 is a good example, where most modern translations leave out Jesus' answer to His disciples altogether.

In his book - "**Look What's Missing**", **David W. Daniels documents 250 intentional changes that have been made to the newer translations, including leaving out Luke 9:54-56, and Acts 8:37 altogether!** You can check out his documentation at: <http://www.chick.com/bible> and my notes: [Examples of Missing Words and Verses of Scripture in Modern Translations](#)

Do any of the "modern" translations use the **uncorrupted** Greek and Hebrew texts? I've only found two. The "Modern King James Version" and the "Literal Version" both compiled by Jay P. Green Sr. which are available in computer form from: <http://www.e-sword.net>. These translations are available online now on my own web site. The Modern King James Version is supposedly to be re-published in the fall of 2004 and will be made available through Sovereign Grace Publishers at: <http://www.sgpbooks.com>. From what I have examined of both of

these texts and compared it with Dr. Riplinger's book, **I am satisfied that they pass the test as not being based on the corrupted Hebrew and Greek versions.** {Not a re-write with thousands of deliberate changes in text meaning.} **However the criticism I have of both of these versions at this point is that the author "corrects" the King James version in cases where it does not agree with the Masoretic Hebrew or Received Greek text.** While I agree with Dr. Green that the Authorized King James Version has itself been updated several times in the past, **I do not believe that we have sufficient evidence** that the Masoretic and Received texts which we have today are sufficient reasons to change the Authorized King James translation itself. It is my opinion that the Authorized King James translators probably had reasons and/or manuscripts that are no longer available to us today for their departure from the texts we have received. At any rate, for anyone trying to break the trend of following the corrupted texts, and who has difficulty reading the Authorized King James Version-- Dr. Green's versions are the next best thing to the King James Version itself.

**Do I condemn those who use the "modern" translations? Certainly not!** Very few people have taken the time to study this issue and the vast majority of people are completely ignorant of the facts and the **evil individuals** involved with the modern translations. What about using "modern" translations if you have difficulty reading the King James? Personally, I have no problem with a person using a different version if it easier to understand. However, I would caution anyone that while "modern" translations may be "easier to understand" **{in reality this usually isn't the case} they cannot be relied upon for "serious" in-depth Bible study.** My suggestion would be to **compare** any modern translation to the King James and **where there are differences, follow the King James.**

The following is a note I am currently using with my own "King James Paraphrase" which is a work in progress: Sections available are available on my website.

### **Introduction to KJP**

This KJP {King James Paraphrase} version is intended to be merely a small update in the tradition of the updates compiled between 1611 A.D. and 1769 A.D.. Only changes which will make the King James version more readable to today's society will be made. There is no attempt being made here to "correct" the so-called "errors" of the King James Bible. It is my opinion that the King James version of the Bible is the most accurate translation ever compiled. Nor would I pretend to compare my work with the work of those noble scholars who utilized the best texts of Hebrew, Greek and multiple other languages available in their days. Having examined arguments from numerous sources I have come to the following conclusions: First, the vast majority of "modern" translations are based on corrupted Hebrew and Greek texts which have in fact been mutilated by ungodly men. Second, the Authorized King James version itself while it is primarily based on the Hebrew Ben Chayyim Masoretic Text and the Greek Received texts, does in fact depart from those texts for reasons and/or manuscripts which are unknown to us today. Third, the King James version we use today has itself been updated a number of times between 1611 A.D. and 1769 A.D. and since. The first of those updates were made by individuals who actually worked on the original 1611 A.D. text. In none of those updates was there a reason or an attempt to "correct" the original, but merely to make the text more readable mostly by updating spelling of words. Fourth, modern translations frequently leave out words, merely to shorten the text for cheaper publication costs. Luke 9:54-56 is a good example, where most modern translations leave out Jesus' answer to His disciples altogether. In some cases such as John 7:8-10 modern translations leave out the word "yet" when Jesus said He was not going "yet" up to the feast of the passover –

modern translations leave out the word “yet” making Jesus a liar – saying He's not going up to the feast. Countless other changes are equally disturbing. My goal here, is merely to make the the Word of God easier for the current generation to read. Nor is there any attempt to use “correct” English grammar at the expense of accuracy in translation. I am placing the King James version in parallel with this King James Paraphrase so that all changes can be readily seen by everyone and to keep it in parallel for reference purposes . For more information see my article [Holy Bible vs New Age Bibles](#) and [Examples of Missing Words and Verses of Scripture in Modern Translations](#)

Note on word changes: In order to make the text more readable to this present generation, some words have been replaced. In some cases the order of words has been changed. While it is true that any such changes may not grasp the full meaning of the original – this fact is equally true for All translations.

Page numbering used here includes a decimal numbering system with the book number to the left of the decimal and page numbers and chapters within the book to the right of the decimal. Books are numbered by their order in the King James Version.

Where the word LORD or GOD is in all caps it is the name of the Lord {Jehovah, Yahweh}. I have retained that convention from the Authorized King James version and inserted {Jehovah} so that there is no question that it is the Name of the Lord.

Dates given: \*0000AH/C-4042BC/U-4004BC - AH (Anno Hominis - year of man) C-BC based on Dr. Cooper's work, U-BC based on Archbishop Usher (traditional) See **World Timeline of Biblical History at <http://www.TheWordNotes.com>** The '\*' asterisk shows where in the text the date is referenced.

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The King James Version used in parallel here is the 1769 version as provided on <http://www.e-sword.net>. The following note comes from <http://www.crossway.org> concerning the red-letter editions “The first red-letter New Testament was published in 1899, and the first red-letter Bible followed two years later (in 1901).”

## Statement of Belief

It is my personal conviction that

- (1) Every single word of scripture is important.
- (2) That the scriptures say what they mean, and mean what they say.
- (3) The scriptures are historically, scientifically, and mathematically accurate in every detail. {Note: I am a physics, mathematics, and computer instructor and I take this very seriously. The Equidistant Letter Sequences as described in notes by myself and others are genuine and are not a human fabrication. To say otherwise is a display of mathematical ignorance and a rejection of the Creator and Author Himself.}
- (4) God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, Who was born of a virgin, Who lived and died as fully God and fully man. Who arose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of our heavenly Father. He has purchased salvation for all who would accept Him as their personal Lord and Saviour. And He's coming back again to first call His children home, then to return with them to reign upon this present earth for 1000 years.
- (5) Those who pridefully reject God's free gift of salvation through His only Son, Jesus Christ, will spend all eternity in Hell as the scriptures plainly teach.
- (6) Anyone who does not hold to these minimal convictions is disqualified from participating in any way in the publication of any translation or paraphrase of scriptures.