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(Phil 2:16 cp. John 6:63, 68)

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Modern Versions of The Bible

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Everything in existence stands as evidence that there is an all powerful, intelligent being. “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handywork” (Psa. 19:1). The order and precision of it all! Suppose God created man to live on the earth, but put the earth too close to the sun for life to exist on the earth! Of course you can see the problem. Many believe in the God of the Bible. In fact, the Bible itself stands as proof that there is the God in Heaven. But suppose the Bible has errors and contradictions in it. What kind of proof would that be? I assure you the atheist can see a very big problem in religion whenever they see contradictions in a version of the Bible. What’s the reason they can see it but some of us cannot?

If you have a math book that says 2+2=4 and then a few pages over it says 2+2=5 and has other similar problems in it, would you want your child using that book? I think any reasonable person would say no. Yet, there are many who have no problem using a “Bible” that has contradictions and other errors in it.

Let us briefly look at the Bible: the Bible is a collection of 66 books written by about 40 different authors who were of different backgrounds and times, being over a period of about 1500 years. The Bible is accurate in every field: science, medical, history, astronomy, oceanography, etc. But one of the most amazing things is the Bible’s unity and the fact that there are no contradictions in the Bible. But, many are helping to destroy this great proof that there is a God. Many help pervert God’s Word (Gal. 1:6-9) by doing the “translations” (perversions) and many others by purchasing those perversions. If there were no market for perversions there would be no printing of such.

The NIV also lends much support to the doctrine of **salvation by faith alone**: "For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith"" (Rom 1:17 NIV). Note: “faith from first to last” is just another way of saying faith only. God’s Word does not teach any such thing! Note the reliable KJV: “For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:17 KJV).

Much of what has been said of the NIV can be said of many modern versions today. And there are many other problems with the NIV and other modern translations.

Why would anyone want to use an inaccurate “Bible” when his eternal soul’s salvation is at stake??? Why would anyone want a “Bible” that is injected with error? Friends, error is damnable! This is one of the very first lessons taught in the Bible (Gen. 3:1ff). Sad, but for many, the doctrines and commandments of men found in many modern versions seem right to them. Compare: “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death” (Prov. 14:12). Let us be certain we are using an accurate translation in guarding our precious souls.

What should our view of perversions be? God has told us; see Galatians 1:6-9. Will **YOU** stand with God on this matter???

Whether men speak verbally or through their writings: error is still error and is very dangerous! The most dangerous of all is perhaps the subtleness of pretending a book is a translation of God’s Word when it is not (cp. Gen. 3:1ff).

What others have said about the NIV: “The NIV is not a safe and reliable Bible.” [WHICH BIBLE DO WE USE? *Robert R. Taylor, Jr.* Seek the Old Paths, Vol. 21 No. 11 November, 2010]; “I consider it a very dangerous version ... it contains false doctrine.” [Guy N. Woods] And then Woods gives an illustration of 98% milk and 2% arsenic. Would you want that? [OVER THE VAST HORIZON, authorized biography of Guy N. Woods by Harrell Davidson, pg. 229]; “Sadly, it is one of the most dangerous versions available today.” [Truth for the World, http://www.tftw.org/HTML/Archives/TFTW_Archives_Print/Articles/New_International_Version.html].

I admonish you to love the truth, desire nothing but the truth (John 12:48; 8:31,32; 6:63,68). ♥

The NIV is among the most popular translations of the Bible in this country. **But is it accurate?** The preface of the NIV states that the translators: “have striven for more than a word for word translation.” Please note that carefully. Do they even claim an accurate translation? No! They strove to give the meaning of it, i.e., their own interpretation of the Scriptures. This is most dangerous! Let the NIV itself prove its inaccuracy:

The NIV has Jesus saying “Do not think that I have come to **abolish** the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them” (Matt. 5:17 NIV). But then the NIV has Paul saying of Jesus “by **abolishing** in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace,” (Eph. 2:15 NIV). According to the NIV Jesus said He did not come to **abolish** the law (Old Testament - O.T. law), but then has Paul saying that Jesus did **abolish** the law! I do not have to tell you that that is a contradiction and a very serious one!

The beloved and time proven KJV has Jesus saying correctly, “Think not that I am come to **destroy** the law, or the prophets: I am not come to **destroy**, but to fulfil” (Matt. 5:17 KJV). This is in harmony with the Greek word “kataluō” and also the context. Furthermore, it does not contradict what Paul said in Ephesians 2:15 (KJV). In keeping with the doctrines of men (Matt. 15:9), the NIV leaves the door wide open for those who want to go back to the old law for justification for something they want to practice according to that system. This is a long standing practice of the denominations and the NIV and other translations accommodate this erroneous practice. Matthew 5:17 compared to Ephesians 2:15 is the first check I do on any translation, but there are others also.

In a reliable translation of the Word of God one can see clearly that we must not go back to the old law (O.T.) for justification. The KJV states it very plainly and correctly: “Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace” (Gal. 5:4 KJV). The context also shows that we must not go back to the Old Testament system. The NIV not only opens the door to go back to the Old Testament for justification, but also gives support to the doctrines of men that we, in this Age, are not under any law. The Bible nowhere teaches that, but perversions (see Gal. 1:6-9) of the Bible do. The NIV leaves out the definite article “the” and just says “law.” But the article is in the Greek. Why would any translation leave out such very important things? A translation that strove to be accurate to God’s Word would not do that! Remember, the NIV

strove “for more than a word for word translation.” This is never good! God gave His holy Word literally word for word (1 Cor. 2:12,13). Do we want a translation that tampers with God’s Word? Do we want God’s wisdom or man’s wisdom?

What about the well known John 3:16? “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16 NIV). Well it simply is not true and thanks be to God that it is not true! For the saved are God’s children; this is seen over and over again in an accurate translation (cp. John 1:12; Rom. 8:14,19; 1 John 3:2). The truth is the saved are the adopted children of God (Eph. 1:5). Furthermore, “one and only Son” does not render the importance of the Greek word “monogenēs.” Jesus was begotten of God, not adopted (cp. KJV).

The NIV helps promote the ungodly doctrine of total depravity. The NIV has, “Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me” (Psa. 51:5 NIV). Whereas, the truth can be seen in the accurate KJV: “Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me” (Psa. 51:5 KJV). The sin was on the mother’s part. Children are not in sin, as Jesus would later show (Matt. 18:3 cp. **Eze. 18:20**).

The NIV has man having a sinful nature: “All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath” (Eph. 2:3 NIV). This is more of man’s Calvinistic doctrine, it is not biblical truth. The KJV has “and were by nature the children of wrath” (Eph. 2:3 KJV). To help us understand this better look at part of the definition from **Thayer**: “a mode of feeling and acting which by long habit has become nature.”

Now see how this fits the context from which Paul wrote with my insertions in [brackets]: “Wherein in time past ye [they had a choice] walked according to the course of this world [they followed the world, not God], according to the prince of the power of the air [the world follows the devil], the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience [they could have obeyed God, but chose not to]: ³Among whom also we all had our conversation [manner of living] in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind [man’s choice again]; and were by nature [long standing practice – see **Thayer** above] the children of wrath, even as others” (Eph. 2:2,3 KJV). Consider: children that are raised in an environment of cursing and other moral decay are prone to do the same. And thus it goes on generation after generation. >>>