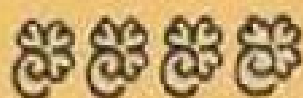


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Now we are going to get highly technical tonight, but we aren't going to be any more critical of the New Scofield Reference Bible than the New Scofield board of editors were of the King James Bible. Those of us who believe the King James Bible have a great advantage over those who don't. That is, we can be just as critical as we want toward any of its revisors or correctors because their attitude towards it is appalling, if not downright atrocious; and that is not an overstatement. (I have often been accused of overstatement by ignorant people who don't check facts.) The attacks made upon the Authorized Bible by conservatives are such that the worst thing one could say about the attackers wouldn't be enough.

In this message we want to show the Christian, the born-again child of God (the true Bible-believer), why he should never be deceived for a minute by such non-Christian publications as the New American Standard Version or its sister, the American Standard Version, 1901, or this watered-down, anemic edition I have in my lap called the New Scofield Reference Bible. Now we have a number of very good reasons for rejecting this Bible. These reasons are not unreasonable or fanatical. They are not the reasons of a "right wing extremist." They are not the reasons of someone who is critical or negative about everything although that will be the comment given by some critical, negative people who bitterly resent the word of God. I'm used to this type of accusation because the people who attack the word of God never like to have said about them what they say about the Book. And I'm just dumb enough to say it. But the reasons I am going to give tonight are all going to be very plain, very real, and very objective. And they will be the kind of reasons that a man could prove in a court of law. They won't have anything to do with my "attitude" toward anybody or my "preference" for some version. (I very often get accused of using vilifying and castigating language because the people I'm talking about have already vilified and castigated the Bible so long they start listening to their own echo.) These reasons will be documented.

To begin with, the frontispiece of this NSRB says "Holy Bible, Authorized King James Version with introductions, annotations, subject chain references and such word changes in the text as will help the reader." Now, speaking strictly from the standpoint of objective, scientific fact, when you have altered the text of the King James Version, you are no longer printing a King James Version. That statement is not an opinion. That statement is just as scientific as the law of gravity; if you don't believe it, take it to circuit court and find out. When you alter the text of a letter, it is no longer the same letter. Now some pious suckers (pardon the expression!) in Christian work might be stupid enough to think they can get away with things like that, but in the law courts of America they don't get away with it. There are many things that go on in Christian colleges and seminaries that if they popped up in a law court, would be laughed out of court in fifteen seconds. I mean, they might be able to fool Christians along some of these lines, but they don't fool a judge.

Now this NSRB says it is "The Authorized King James Version." But that is not the truth. It's not. When they said, "such word changes in the text as will help the reader," they informed us that what they were publishing was an altered King James text, not an

Authorized King James Version. So, to get off on the right foot let us “put away lying” and make ourselves very clear: This NSRB makes more than 1,000 changes in the text. Don’t be stupid enough or gullible enough or narrow-minded enough or bigoted enough to tell someone that he has a King James Bible when he has a NSRD. He doesn’t! And if he thinks he does, he is not fooling anybody but himself. He is not fooling God, and he is not fooling the law courts of the United States of America. An altered text is not the original text. An altered text is an altered text. And what anyone thinks about that doesn’t make any difference because, friend, that is the truth no matter what anybody thought about it or where he got his information.

“Now Brother Ruckman, certain people....”

CERTAIN PEOPLE DON’T HAVE GOOD SENSE! And sometimes they are dishonest on top of that; so, one has to be careful about believing what he reads in print these days.

Now, let’s make it even clearer. The Authorized Version doesn’t have 1,000 readings in it that this “Bible” has in its text. Now, I don’t know what a person is going to do about that, but anyone who isn’t just a spoiled brat that needs a bottle and a rattle to play with ought to admit that the NSRB is not the King James Version. And anyone who ever tried to prove the NSRB was a King James Version in court, honey, would have himself a time.

Now the introduction to the 1967 edition that I am reading is written by E. Schuyler English who tells us that the origin of the Scofield Reference Bible had been explained by Dr. C. I. Scofield in his introduction to the 1909 edition. His reason for making certain changes eight years later, according to English, is stated in the preface to the 1917 edition. In English’s opinion Scofield was “...solicitous that...he might find his opportunity to add, here and there, such further help as experience has shown to be desirable.” So...the introduction to this Bible gets off by telling us that C. I. Scofield wanted to make certain changes between 1909 and 1917, and in the future “to help the reader.” This leaves in the reader’s mind the following impressions: (1) surely there could be nothing wrong with the 1967 edition, and (2) surely it would not cross C. I. Scofield’s wishes, for didn’t C. I. Scofield say in his own words that “...he might find his opportunity to add, here and there, such further help as experience has shown to be desirable”? Ain’t that a cool way of putting it? You know something, if one were just a Fundamentalist he couldn’t even catch the pig in that poke. But some of us were grown men before we were Christians. And do you know something else? That implication is just as crooked as a dog’s hind leg. Do you know what I just read? I read somebody using (for an opportunity to make money) the legacy of a dead man. He was quoting the words of a dead man to try to prove that what he is about to do is in line with the dead man’s wishes. He deliberately forgot to mention that when Scofield wrote those words in both editions (and I have them both before me—1909 and 1917), that Scofield at no time, under any condition, ever considered the possibility of ever changing one single word in the text of the Authorized King James Version. A reader will see immediately that the text of an old Scofield Bible is an Authorized King James Version without one alteration anywhere in the text of either Testament.

Now, after taking advantage of the fact that the man is dead and gone, he lifted his words out of their original context and placed them in the following context. He says that “more than a half a century has passed since the first edition of this Reference Bible was issued.

Just as there was ‘need for improvement’ eight years after the original publication of this work, so today a revision is past due, with improvements and further ‘helps to the reader’—not that the Bible has changed but that additional light has been thrown upon the Scriptures by textual scholarship, archeological discoveries, and developments on a world-wide scale in the light of Bible prophecy.” (Quotes mine.)

That isn’t true! If what he meant was, “Just as there was an improvement needed in the notes fifty years ago, so today an improvement is past due on the notes,” it would be so. Or if he had said, “Improvements in the notes and further help in the notes...—not that the Bible has changed...,” the statement would be true, but nowhere in that paragraph did Brother English say one word about the notes. And what follows says: “Among the changes and improvements in this edition are: [sic] important word changes in the text...” TEXT...TEXT!

There are no word changes in the Text in either of Scofield’s Bibles—his 1909 edition or his 1917 edition. Therefore the new board of editors have taken great liberty with a dead man’s legacy and made it appear that he approved of an altered TEXT. The words quoted could not be construed to be applied in the fashion in which they are applied, and in a court of law he couldn’t get away with it. In Christianity he can! But like I said before, some of us were men before we became Christians. We can smell a skunk a mile off.

If we are to believe the NSRB board of editors, “...the Oxford University Press invited a committee of nine men to revise again the Scofield Reference Bible—This revision, like the 1909 and 1917 editions, is printed in the text of the Authorized King James Version of 1611 editions....” (italics mine).

No, it is not. It is not like the 1909 edition. It is not like the 1917 edition. As a matter of FACT there are more than 1,000 changes between this one and either of the others. That is, it is the same—”...but,” he has added, “WITH CERTAIN WORD CHANGES.” (Emphasis mine.) Tell me something, doctor: When you change certain words in the text how do you get by saying it is the same text? You can’t in a court of law. In a court of law you are condemned. Whatever the charges are, you are hooked with them; you’re guilty. You get the sentence.

Now these TV Christians in America have lived for so long in this isolated, safe, cultured Christianity that they think they can advertise as falsely as a TV commercial. And some dumb, stupid, college-educated Christians that I’m talking to have lived the same kind of life for so long that they wouldn’t recognize the devil if he stepped into their living room and saluted. If I stepped in front of this microphone and said, “This is the same text except I have changed some of the words,” they actually would believe that they were getting the same text. Now what is the trouble? Well, the trouble is that TV has driven most people about half crazy. Modern Christianity and Fundamental Christianity today are sick, and they don’t even know it. Sick from head to foot. The words in a text can’t be changed and still be the same text. And it is only an evil imagination that makes anybody think they can. Don’t you know that? A text is composed of words! These men are living in a television world. They were raised on television; they are soaked with it. They are living in a dream world created by advertising gimmicks.

All right, point number one: The NSRD is not the Authorized King James Version nor is it

the text of the King James Version. Nor could any man in a court of law prove that it was, and that is a truth that is just as sound as the truth that Christ is “the way, the truth, and the life” or that when the Holy Spirit has come, “he will guide you into all truth.”

The second thing wrong: On page six of the introduction E. Schuyler English attempts to tell us that this is not a new translation of the Hebrew and Greek text. He assures us that “Whereas the English text is definitely the King James Version, word changes have been made when clarification was needed.” (Italics mine.)

That isn’t true in any sense of the word. The English text of Proverbs is not the King James Version. It is in many places the American Standard Version. (I will go through that with you a little later.) So to begin at the beginning, the New Scofield is not the King James Version, nor does it have the King James text. It does not have the Authorized text, nor is it the work that Scofield started or the work that Scofield put his seal of approval on. And this business of quoting Scofield’s words before his death, and then taking them out of context and applying them to their 1967 alterations of the text is a travesty and a breach of faith with a dead man that somebody with some sense ought to look into. The text is not the King James text and in many places it is the text of the American Standard Version.

Now to understand the plight these dead-orthodox Evangelicals got into we must go back to 1901. In 1901, after many years of work the American Revision Committee of the English Revised Version (Dr. Philip Schaff, Old Testament and Dr. Green, New Testament), put out one of the sorriest excuses for a “Bible” this world has ever seen. They reprinted Jerome’s Latin Vulgate in the New Testament, and because they got many of these readings from Vaticanus and Sinaiticus (Greek manuscripts), they fooled American scholars—especially the college educated Fundamentalists:

They fooled them into thinking that what they used were “older” manuscripts and newer discoveries. But if you will take the American Standard Version out and place it against the Rheims Latin Bible of 1582 and the Confraternity Bible of 1948 you will find the American Standard Version is the Roman Catholic Latin Vulgate from Jerome and Augustine.

Someone is sure to say, “I don’t believe it.”

Well, number one, he didn’t check it. Number two, he doesn’t have time to check it. And number three, he doesn’t have enough sense to check it. And number four, if he did check it, he would probably be too yellow to document the data. So, he will probably have to take my word for it. But some of us have checked it out, and I have taken the ASV and checked every word in it—every word in Galatians, Acts, Ephesians, Matthew, Colossians, Romans, Philippians, John, and every Roman Catholic reading in those books from Vaticanus. The American Standard Version (either edition) is a Roman Catholic Bible exactly like the Revised Version of 1881—the Westcott and Hort text. Vaticanus is a Roman Catholic Greek manuscript and if in doubt, brother, just match them up and read.

The ASV (1901) went over like a house afire when it came out just like the RV (1884) went over like a house afire when it came out and exactly like the RSV (1946) went over when it came out and exactly like the New English Bible went over when it came out. Then all these Bibles suddenly—even though all of them had “updated” the archaic words in the AV (1611)—pooped out. The revisors and the translators who wrote them always



attribute “pooping out” to the fact that some poor, dumb, stupid, archaic, bigoted, narrow-minded Christian stuck to the “beautiful, poetic, familiar expressions” of the Elizabethan English which they “understood so well.” And not one dumb, stupid, Godforsaken revisor of these “bibles” ever had the guts to look God in the face and say, “The reason why my bible is not worth the refuse it’s made out of is that the Holy Spirit won’t bear witness to it.” That takes a man, not a Fundamentalist, and we have run out of men in the last fifty years. The ASV came out in 1901, and soon it spit, spat, sputtered, and flopped. The publishing company had to sell out to another publishing company to keep the mess going. Ever since then the faculties of conservative schools—just about any school in this country, 95 out of the first 100—have been trying to resurrect the stinking corpse of the ASV. You are going to be taught that the ASV (1901) or the NASV (1960) is the most accurate, and where that faculty has been bombed by my book on Manuscript Evidence—that is, if the professor, president, or founder of the school has hid my book under his desk where nobody would know he had one—they will switch to the New ASV (1960) which is just as rotten as the old one.

This fairy tale, this legend of the accuracy of the ASV (1901), has been passed down from Schaff, Green, Warfield, Machen, At. T. Robertson, and Wuest through the Greek faculties of the conservative schools until at this very day the students who leave these schools leave copying their professors just like a broken record when the needle is hung up, “The ASV (either edition) is the best translation of the Bible.” As a matter of fact, it is just about the worst. The New English Bible is a little worse and the RSV is a little worse, but not much. As I was saying, the ASV had a terrible time getting across in spite of the fact it was the most promoted and recommended Bible conservative scholars ever tried to push through. The body of Christ paid less attention to it than to *Gone with the Wind* or *Aesop’s Fables*.

Ever since its publication the faculty members and the presidents and founders of the conservative schools have been trying to reinstate the ASV in some form over the King James Bible. Every attempt has failed; so, now at last under the New Scofield Bible, bless your soul, they have tried to slip the dirty dish rag back in and call it the “Authorized King James Version.” We will now delve into this mutilated text to see if I am lying or if the “godly Fundamentalists” are lying.

All right, here we are in Genesis, a good place to start.

Genesis 1:28: “...BE FRUITFUL, AND MULTIPLY, AND FILL THE EARTH....”

“FILL THE EARTH.” Why, this word isn’t “FILL THE EARTH.” This word here is “REPLENISH THE EARTH.” What does he mean “fill” the earth? REPLENISH implies the refilling of something that had been filled before. By taking the word “REPLENISH” out here—and they have also taken it out of Genesis 9:1—they have lost the record of the fact that something was on this earth before Adam. That isn’t all. The word must have meant the same thing in both places because when God told it to Noah in Genesis 9:1, there was certainly someone on the earth before Noah. Adam, Cain, Abel, and their offspring were on the earth before Noah. The word is not “FILL” it is “REPLENISH.” God was right when He said “REPLENISH” and the translators were wrong when they said “FILL.”

Genesis 1:30: "...I HAVE GIVEN EVERY GREEN HERB FOR FOOD..." instead of what? "EVERY GREEN HERB FOR MEAT." Why did he say "food"? Why because that's the right thing to say? Oh no, that's what the American Standard Version (1901) said. I am looking at it on my left knee. Probably an accident, reckon?

All right, Genesis 2:13: "...it that compasseth THE WHOLE LAND OF CUSH." No it doesn't. The Authorized Version says, "COMPASSETH THE WHOLE LAND OF ETHIOPIA." Tell me something, which is plainer "ETHIOPIA" or "CUSH"? Then why did Dr. English say we put in "helps" for the reader? A "help" would not be Cush, it would be Ethiopia. At least that's the way it is in the King James text. Where did they get "Cush"? I have an American Standard Version (1901) right here in my lap and it says, "... IT ENCOMPASSES THE WHOLE LAND OF CUSH." You see they got some of it back in didn't they? Bless their soul they couldn't sell their piece of junk so they put it in a Scofield Bible and plastered the King James name on the front of it. "Godly" gentlemen if you ever met one!

Genesis 3:5: "...YE SHALL BE AS GOD, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL."

Where did you get that reading Dr. English? Why you got it out of the American Standard Version of 1901. The texts both read the same way; as a matter of fact that isn't what the devil told Eve at all. The devil didn't say, "YE SHALL BE AS GOD, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL." He said, "YE SHALL BE AS GODS, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL." But don't you see, somebody who wrote these "bibles" didn't think there were any "gods" around. The meaning is not the same. The meaning is not even close to the same, and there is no "help" to the reader at all. The "gods" of Psalm 82 have been here before, they are going to be here again, and if you don't know that you don't know much Bible. By changing "GODS" to "GOD" you have destroyed the cross reference. You have destroyed light and illumination of the past, the present, and the future. That isn't a help to the reader. That's the bankrupt reading of the American Standard Version (1901) that Nelson and Company can't sell.

Genesis 4:6: "AND THE LORD SAID UNTO CAIN, WHY ART THOU ANGRY?"

The King James says, "...WHY ART THOU WROTH?"

Genesis 4:12: "...A FUGITIVE AND A WANDERER SHALT THOU BE IN THE EARTH."

The King James says, "...A FUGITIVE AND A VAGABOND SHALT THOU BE IN THE EARTH."

Genesis 4:21: "...OF ALL SUCH AS HANDLE THE HARP AND PIPE."

The King James says, "...OF ALL SUCH AS HANDLE THE HARP AND ORGAN."

You say, "Well, it's better."

Then you do admit it isn't the King James text? Right?

The word "WANDERER" in verse 12 is not the King James text. It is the text of the American Standard Version, 1901. I have it right here on my table. The word "WROTH" has been removed, and the word "ANGER" has been substituted here; so, it is plainly not the King James text. This is perfectly apparent. It is not the King James text. Why would

they say that it is? And why should we tolerate a man who will LIE about it? They say, “We’ve changed it to help the reader.” They mean they have helped him put away the King James text. They’ve helped him get rid of the word of God, if the King James is the word of God. (And there is no doubt in my own mind that it is.) I wouldn’t call that much “help.”

Have you noticed how inconsistent the New Scofield Bible is after all this hollering, roaring, and raving about “uniformity of translation.” We find “HARP AND PIPE” in Genesis 4:21 but the “HARP, AND...THE FLUTE” in Job 21:12.

And yet Job 21:12 is a reference to the generation before the flood, mentioned in Genesis 4. Did you notice that? Did you compare it with Job 22:15-18? That was some “help” you gave there, Doctor; you destroyed the cross reference that shows the organ will be used as a dance-band instrument before the Advent. How is that for a “help”? That is some scholarship you have going there, son! They ought to put you in the Superbowl.

So we see, by documented black-and-white-print, that the NSRB is not the King James text. It is not the King James text, and in many places it is the ASV (1901) text. It is not a helpful text, nor are the insertions for your help. For example, in Genesis 12:9, the King James says, “AND ABRAHAM JOURNEYED, GOING ON STILL TOWARD THE SOUTH.” But then we suddenly get a tremendous “help” here in the NSRB. It says, “GOING ON STILL TOWARD THE NEGEV.” Tell me something: Is the “NEGEV” plainer or is the “SOUTH” plainer? Well, if the “SOUTH” is plainer, why wasn’t it left in the text? It’s in the Authorized King James Version. How come it isn’t in the New Scofield Reference Bible? Shall we try again?

Genesis 14:13 [You say, “Brother Ruckman, I don’t like the way you talk.” No, you are just full of the devil; that’s your problem. See, your problem is that you are so stuffed full of theological demons that you can’t listen to Biblical truth for very long at a time. You have this irrational anti-Biblical prejudice that keeps welling up in you that when you hear the tone of my voice, you listen to it rather than to what I’m saying, and you just about go crazy—don’t you? And the reason why is that you’re a Bible-rejecting heretic even though you are a born-again Fundamentalist. You do have a problem!] Genesis 14:13: “... ABRAHAM DWELT BY THE OAKS OF MAMRE” in the American Standard Version. In the New Scofield, “...HE DWELT BY THE OAKS.” Do you know what the Authorized King James Bible says? It says, “...HE DWELT IN THE PLAIN.” Do you know what they are doing to you? They are selling you an American Standard Version under the name of a King James Bible because the ASV wouldn’t sell. And do you think you are going to fool God with that kind of crap?

Genesis 15:2: (Where Abraham is talking about being childless) “...POSSESSOR OF MY HOUSE IS ELIEZER OF DAMASCUS” is the American Standard Version reading.

“...THE HEIR OF MY HOUSE IS THIS ELIEZER...” is the New Scofield reading.

But the King James doesn’t read as either of these verses: The King James text says, “... THE STEWARD OF MY HOUSE.” So we have another reading that is not King James reading at all. An “HEIR” is not a “STEWARDSHIP.” If that isn’t enough, you will find that Genesis 24:2 indicates a steward is a man who has charge of a household and is called a servant.

Genesis 17:8: "...THE LAND WHEREIN THOU ART A SOJOURNER." New Scofield reading.

The King James says, "...THE LAND WHEREIN THOU ART A STRANGER."

"A SOJOURNER." I wonder where they could have gotten that from? "THE LAND WHEREIN THOU ART A SOJOURNER." Well, the American Standard Version of 1901 says, "THE LAND OF THY SOJOURN."

Genesis 17:27: "...AND BOUGHT WITH THE MONEY OF A FOREIGNER." New Scofield Bible reads.

The King James says: "...BOUGHT WITH MONEY OF THE STRANGER...."

Where did the New Scofield get the reading, "FOREIGNER"? Why, the American Standard Version, 1901, of course. It says "...AND THOSE BOUGHT WITH MONEY OF A FOREIGNER..."

Now do you see what E. Schuyler English did, and he did it right slap in front of your face. He altered the AV (in cooperation with Gaebelein, Culbertson, Feinberg, McCrae, Volberg, Smith, McClain, and Mason). He has published an American Standard (1901) text and called it the Authorized Version "with helps to the reader." Do you know what that is? That is FRAUD. It is the same old bunch of apostate, dead-orthodox, Alexandrian Cult members trying to get an ASV back on the shelf because they couldn't sell it, and God wouldn't let it sell. (Don't blame me, I haven't got any influence; blame yourself.)

Genesis 20:10: "AND ABIMELECH SAID UNTO ABRAHAM, WHAT DIDST THOU HAVE IN VIEW, THAT THOU HAST DONE THIS THING?" New Scofield. Abimelech is not as big a fool as a philosopher. He isn't asking Abraham what he had "IN VIEW"; he asked him "WHAT SAWEST THOU?" What did you see? Do you think Abimelech didn't know "THE LIGHT OF THE WHOLE BODY IS THE EYE"? Do you think Abimelech didn't know what Job knew when he said, "I MADE A COVENANT WITH MINE EYES; WHY THEN SHOULD I THINK UPON A MAID?"? Do you think Abimelech didn't know what the children of Israel had to know when they came into the land of promise in Numbers 33—that the first thing they had better do would be to tear down the pictures? Do you know Abimelech knew enough to know that the first sin committed on this earth overtly "above speech" happened when a woman saw something. The King James text says, "WHAT SAWEST THOU" not "WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN VIEW." Why, "WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN VIEW" is a bunch of poppycock. There isn't any such reading in the King James Bible at all. That is not a King James reading; it is the reading of an apostate who is under conviction from watching TV.

Genesis 22:1: "AND IT CAME TO PASS THAT AFTER THESE THINGS, THAT GOD DID TEMPT ABRAHAM...." But the New Scofield text says, "GOD DID TEST ABRAHAM." Well, what was the point in that? Didn't the book of Hebrews tell us he was tested? "BY FAITH ABRAHAM, WHEN HE WAS TRIED, OFFERED UP ISAAC..." (Heb. 11:17a). Couldn't you tell one temptation was a trial or a testing by comparing the two verses? You didn't have to change it.

Genesis 23:8: "AND HE COMMUNED WITH THEM, SAYING...." But the New Scofield says, "HE SPOKE TO THEM, SAYING." You say, "Why be so technical?"

Because it is a change in the text, child. Don't you think you are buying an Authorized Text when you are buying an invented text. The NSRB is not the Authorized King James text at all. Now we come to a beauty.

Genesis 24:47: (American Standard Version) "THE EARRING WAS UPON HER NOSE."

The King James doesn't say the earring was upon her nose, but it says, "...THE EARRING UPON HER FACE."

And guess what the New Scofield says, "...I PUT THE RING IN HER NOSE." Well, well, well, what in the world is the idea of a Christian saying this revision is like that of 1909 and 1917 and is printed in the text of the Authorized King James Version of 1611? It is not, and that can be proved in any law court in this country. The only person who will believe that stuff is a soft, effeminate, delicate Christian who has left the front line and is sitting around being brainwashed by a boob tube. Paul wouldn't believe that stuff for as long as it would take him to get a drink of water. The Bible Believer's Commentary on Genesis (Genesis 24:47) will get bad theology straightened out. That earring is found any place else in the Bible as being hung on the ear; it isn't on the NOSE! All that nonsense. Look it up—don't be a bigot all your life.

Genesis 28:17: "...HOW DREADFUL IS THIS PLACE..." (King James).

The New Scofield says, "...HOW AWESOME IS THIS PLACE...."

You say, "Well, I think awesome is better." You admit, then, that they are not the same?

Genesis 30:37: "AND JACOB TOOK HIM RODS OF GREEN POPLAR, AND OF THE HAZEL AND CHESTNUT TREE...." (King James) Lo and behold, when I pick up the New Scofield I have lost my chestnut tree and hazel tree, and I have picked up "THE ALMOND AND THE PLANE TREE." Oh, that's a good one! How about the automobile tree? Don't you think that's pretty good? It's just as good as the "plane tree."

Genesis 34:30: (Here is a beautiful example of the great new modern Christianity.) This is a good sample of the stinking Christianity that has gotten to be such a stench that we will probably have to go through what Richard Wurmbrand and Haralan Popov did before we get a purified Christianity in America. Our Christianity in America has gotten so cultured and so refined. It has become so "Parent-Teachers-Educational-Association-Leveled at Intellectual Development" that God probably vomited it out several years ago. Here is a perfect example.

The good old King's English—"STINK"—is found in Genesis 34:30: "AND JACOB SAID TO SIMEON AND LEVI, YE HAVE TROUBLED ME TO MAKE ME TO STINK AMONG THE INHABITANTS...."

Do you know what the New Scofield Bible put in for that? Can you imagine C. I. Scofield—the former cavalry officer in the army—changing "STINK" to "ODIOUS"? Well, so help me, Hannah, the New Scofield Bible says, "...YE HAVE TROUBLED ME TO MAKE ME ODIOUS..." Well, my dear child, isn't that just too, too? It's made me odious! Oh, heavens to Betsy! What's wrong with "STINK," kiddies? You say, "Why, where did they get that 'ODIOUS' from?" Why, you KNOW where they got that "ODIOUS" from: The American Standard Version (1901). The good old 1901 flop that

went bankrupt because God wouldn't fool with it since He knew it was a cheap, tawdry, God-dishonoring, reprobated fiasco. That book says in Genesis Chapter 34, (same chapter at the same verse, verse 30): "...YOU HAVE TROUBLED ME TO MAKE ME ODIOUS...." Ain't that something?

Genesis 37:33: "...JOSEPH IS WITHOUT DOUBT RENT IN PIECES."

The New Scofield says, "TORN IN PIECES." Also in verse 35 the NSRB says, "...I WILL GO DOWN INTO SHEOL UNTO MY SON MOURNING...." While the King James says, "...I WILL GO DOWN INTO THE GRAVE...MOURNING." You say, "Well, that's the Hebrew word." It is? I thought this was supposed to be a translation? "SHEOL" is not a translation: "SHEOL" is a transliteration.

Haven't you ever thought it rather peculiar that modern scholars keep leaving these words that have to do with Hell and the after life untranslated? A little later we will get over in the gospels and find so many "hades" that you will think it is "hades' bells" and "a bat out of hades" instead of modern English. Isn't it strange how words like "stink," "hell," and "grave" have to be covered up? Is that the spirit of men like Paul and Luther? Is that the spirit of men like John Wesley and Mordecai Ham? Is this the Christianity the Lord would have you follow? Is this what Paul meant when Paul said, "FOLLOW ME"? When Paul said, "THOUGH I BE RUDE IN SPEECH" and "I CAME NOT TO YOU IN THE WISDOM OF MAN'S WORDS," did he mean, "Don't say 'stink,' 'hell,' 'damn,' and the 'grave'"? In Genesis 37 the New Scofield refuses to translate the word.

Here is a good one: Genesis 38:24 says: "...THY DAUGHTER-IN- LAW...IS WITH CHILD BY HARLOTRY." That isn't what the King James says. It says: "...SHE IS WITH CHILD BY WHOREDOM"—"WHOREDOM." It comes on a little stronger, doesn't it?

Genesis 43:16: In the NSRB the words "SLAUGHTER AN ANIMAL" have been inserted for the word "SLAY" in the King James. And the footnote in the New Scofield says, "That an animal was to be slaughtered is implied in the Hebrew." Well, if we are going to go by implication, we could change several thousand verses, couldn't we?

Genesis 49:6: This one is what we call private interpretation. "...THEY SLEW A MAN, AND IN THEIR SELFWILL THEY DIGGED DOWN A WALL." But, lo and behold, this NSRB that professes to be the Authorized King James Version—if you can imagine it—says: "...THEY HAMSTRUNG OXEN." Would you call this the same reading, Judge, Your Honor? Are you going to let this man get away with saying that these are the same text?

"No, I'm not! Thirty years! 'HAMSTRUNG OXEN'!"

Where did they get that from? That's easy, the American Standard Version (1901) says "THEY HOCKED AN OX." You see they are still trying to resurrect a dead corpse.

Genesis 49:33: "...JACOB...YIELDED UP THE GHOST...." (KJV)

New Scofield: "...JACOB...DIED...."

Genesis 49:15: "...BECAME A SERVANT UNTO TRIBUTE." (KJV)

New Scofield: "...BECAME A SERVANT UNTO FORCED LABOR."

Exodus 2:25: “AND GOD LOOKED UPON THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, AND GOD HAD RESPECT UNTO THEM.” (KJV)

New Scofield: “...GOD KNEW THEIR PLIGHT...”

Now here is a beautiful example of fixing the Bible up so that God can be “accepted” and respected in their scholarly circles. They have to get rid of words like “STINK,” “HELL,” and another naughty, naughty, “no, no”—“HEATHEN.” So, in 2 Samuel 22, you will find the NSRB has carefully altered the King James text and instead of printing “HEATHEN,” has printed “NATIONS.” Notice in verse 22:50, “NATIONS”—as in the ASV, (1901). Verse 44, “NATIONS”—as the ASV, (1901).

Do you still think I’m lying? You think I am “given to overstatement,” don’t you. You say, “I think he is overstating it when he says they are trying to smuggle the ASV back in through the New Scofield.” What do you think of it now? You say, “It’s just a coincidence.” Well, stay with it.

First Samuel 28:8: “...DIVINE UNTO ME BY THE FAMILIAR SPIRIT” (KJV)

NSRB says, “...BY A MEDIUM....”

Well, that’s interesting, but it isn’t the King James text.

Here’s another good one. First Samuel 14:27 and 29. The word of God can no longer enlighten you, it has to “BRIGHTEN” you because here is Jonathan picking up the honey (which is a type of the word of God), and when he picks it up, his eyes aren’t “ENLIGHTENED,” bless your soul, they’re “BRIGHTENED.” The NSRB in verse 27 and 29: “...MINE EYES HAVE BECOME BRIGHT.” Would you tell me what in the ever-loving tomfoolery that means? Look at the verses. Why his eyes were opened so that he had enlightenment about his father’s condition. You call that “scholarship”?

But now here is a beauty. This is a beauty. This shows you something else about these new versions. The board of editors of the New Scofield Bible were shaken up by pressure from commentaries and books they read written by atheists, agnostics, conservatives, neo-orthodoxes, evangelicals, fundamentalists, liberals, and other people. So in all these editions you can find some compromise made with the devil. Here is a beautiful one right here.

First Samuel 13:1 in your King James Bible says: “SAUL REIGNED ONE YEAR; AND WHEN HE HAD REIGNED TWO YEARS OVER ISRAEL, SAUL CHOSE HIM...”

The NSRB says, “SAUL WAS...(blank)...YEARS OLD...” It doesn’t have anything but “Saul was...years old.”

I’m not kidding.

You say, “You are kidding”?

I am not kidding; read it. Footnote: “The Hebrew text states that Saul was...years old. Obviously the numerical before years was lost. Conjectures of thirty or forty years have been made.” How is that for a compromise with the devil? And you call that the Authorized Version? That isn’t the Authorized Version I have. I have a copy of the King James, 1611, Authorized Version, and it doesn’t say that Saul was...years old. It says, “SAUL REIGNED ONE YEAR; AND WHEN HE HAD REIGNED TWO YEARS

OVER ISRAEL,” he did this and that.

You say, “Well, it’s not in the Hebrew.”

Don’t come in here with all that gas now about “it isn’t in the Hebrew.” It is in Kittel’s Hebrew text used by every translating committee in America. The Hebrew idiom is found in ALL HEBREW MANUSCRIPTS. “The Hebrew” meant nothing to them.

Notice the footnote again, and notice how these men always yield to pressure. Influence and pressure are put on them by men who hate the Bible, hate soul-winning, hate revivals, hate evangelistic work, and have no more use for your King James Bible than Rip Van Winkle.

First Samuel 13:21: “YET THEY HAD A FILE FOR THE SICKLES, AND FOR THE MATTOCKS...;..”

The King James reads, “...THEY HAD A FILE FOR THE MATTOCKS, AND FOR THE COULTERS.”

The footnote says that: This word in the KJV—you mean the Authorized Version?—takes the place of two Hebrew words “neither of which was otherwise known.” It tells us that one of the words “PIM” has been found marked on a weight which has been turned up in excavations from this period. Consequently “we know” the verse should have been translated “AND THE CHARGE WAS A PIM FOR THE MATTOCK.” You do? You mean to tell me you know a Bible verse was translated incorrectly by Protestant Reformers and should be re-translated because an apostate Liberal found one of two words on one weight that turned up in one excavation? Would you expect anybody but an idiot to believe that?

Now, how is this for consistent translating? I’m in Judges 10, and you will notice here that they have been talking about the “STRANGER” being a “FOREIGNER” right along which is the ASV reading on that word.

In Judges 10:16 the Holy Spirit has said and preserved where you can get it: “...PUT AWAY THE STRANGE GODS FROM AMONG THEM....”

The NSRB says: “...PUT AWAY THE FOREIGN GODS...” because the ASV 1901 says “FOREIGN GODS,” not “STRANGE GODS.” Yet in the same book, NSRB, in Judges 11:2, you find “...SON OF A STRANGE WOMAN.” Less than five verses later they leave the word “STRANGER” in. Why? Why didn’t they change it that time?

You say, “Well, that’s a different kind of a stranger.” Not if you read the book of Proverbs. If you read The Bible Believer’s Commentary on the Book of Proverbs (1972) and check the footnote references you’ll find that they are used interchangeably.

You find the same kind of substitution for “OAK” and “PLAIN” in Judges 9:6 and in Genesis. This inconsistent juggling turns out to be nonsense if you run down those references.

We find this “NEGEV” popping up all over everything, and in Joshua 12:8, instead of the possessions being in the mountains and the valleys, in the plains and in the south country, it’s in the Shevela, Arabia, and the Negev. Oh, what a great help! Don’t you know it would have rejoiced Brother Scofield’s heart to see how “helpful” that was to the reader.



Now I mentioned Abimelech's asking Abraham what he saw back there that got him in trouble. You remember that Achan when he got stoned said, "I SAW, I COVETED, I TOOK." And at that time I mentioned a verse in the book of Numbers where the Lord told the children of Israel to "DESTROY ALL THEIR PICTURES" (Num. 33:52). You'll find that after the NSRB had made one error in Genesis it had to keep on making errors to cover up. It's somewhat like trying to stuff the cat in the bag after he has started out. After underestimating the power of a look (which Abimelech didn't), they now must substitute "stone idols" for "pictures" in Numbers 33:52, thereby losing the reference to television, movies, Playboy, and all the rest of it. Do you know what I think? I think the NSRB committee, like the leaders at Pensacola Christian Schools, spend much of their time watching TV. They live in a dream world.

Now one of the great bamboozles that came out in The Pulpit Commentary, and in the writings of Westcott and Hort (RV), and in all the infidel "Christians" of the last century who have tried to get rid of the King James Bible, was the teaching that an "asherah" was not a "grove," as in the King James Bible, but that it was an idol cut out of a piece of wood. The Bible Believer's Commentary on Genesis (1970) gives all the cross references showing that an "asherah" is very often a grove of trees or even a tree, and not just an idol. But to maintain this fable someone has gone through and taken out the word "GROVE" every place he could find it and put in the word "IDOL." Now notice in 2 Kings 21:7, the translators got themselves into some sure 'nuff trouble. Notice again in 1 Kings 23:14: "AND HE BRAKE IN PIECES THE IMAGES, AND CUT DOWN THE GROVES..." (AV 1611).

However, in the NSRB it says he "BROKE IN PIECES THE IMAGES AND CUT DOWN THE IDOLS..."

What's the difference, gentlemen?

Second Kings 23:7: "...WHERE THE WOMEN WOVE HANGINGS FOR THE GROVE." (AV 1611)

The NSRB says: "...WHERE THEY WOVE HANGINGS FOR THE IDOLS."

Notice how the King James Bible coming from the Masoretic Hebrew finally fixes them good, for 2 Kings 21:7 says: "AND HE SET A GRAVEN IMAGE OF THE GROVE THAT HE HAD MADE IN THE HOUSE..."

And here we have written in the NSRB, "HE SET A CARVED IMAGE OF THE IDOL HE HAD MADE IN THE HOUSE..."

Well, how do you set up a carved image of an "idol"? Or a graven image of an idol? An idol is a carved or a graven image; that's what it is.

Pages 236 and 237 of the NSRB tell us that the groves of Sharon so often mentioned in the Old Testament were "devoted to the worship of Ashtoreth, who was the Babylonian goddess Ishtar, the Aphrodite of the Greeks, and the Venus of the Romans." Then suddenly the committee summersaults backward and says "Everything here at [Deuteronomy] 16:21, 'grove' and 'groves' read 'idol' and 'idols' in this edition of the Bible." Why except Deuteronomy; it is the same word? Deuteronomy 16:21 says, "THOU SHALT NOT PLANT THEE A GROVE OF ANY TREES..." Do you know what the

NSRB committee actually should have said? They should have said: “We know the King James uses ‘GROVE’ here, but, although we profess to believe the King James text—and say so on our cover—we change this Hebrew word to ‘IDOL’ when we want to. We just didn’t want to in Deuteronomy.” If you can’t see that point, you have problems. If the shoe fits you put it on, and I hope it pinches “real good.” Like Billy Graham says, “Real good.”

Now the NSRB makes a big to-do over articles, except where they get backed into a corner and can’t get out, or except where they don’t want to fool with them. They make a great deal of “a” and “the.” You’ll notice in the NSRB in the book of Matthew, where the angel is talking to Mary and Joseph about some things concerning the birth of Christ, that “THE ANGEL OF THE LORD” has been erased and “AN ANGEL” has been substituted. Notice in particular Matthew 1:20 and Matthew 2:13. The reason for this, supposedly, is that the article is not there. Another reason behind this is that it couldn’t have been “THE ANGEL OF THE LORD” because “THE ANGEL OF THE LORD” is Christ; therefore, if Christ is being born at this time, it would have to be “AN ANGEL” instead of “THE ANGEL.” However as we have often said before, the Lord has a wrench for every nut. And you can’t lie and get away with it forever. The Angel that Paul said he belonged to and the one that he served was not “THE ANGEL” but “THE ANGEL.” However, as we have often said before, the article did no good at all. Making it “AN” when it was “THE” did no good at all, absolutely none, because a little bit later they got messed up again with the lack of the article and couldn’t do anything about it. Yet they will continually harp about these articles.

We have a perfect case on “the articles” in Daniel 3:25. Here Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego go into the furnace and the king comes up there and says the form of the fourth person he saw in that furnace was like “THE SON OF GOD.” This is a clear reference to Jesus Christ as the Angel of the Lord going through the fiery furnace and preserving these boys. In the passage it is clearly a reference to the tribulation. Yet, when it comes to the New Scofield Bible it says, “A SON OF THE GODS.” And where did the board of editors get this reading? Go get your American Standard Version (old or new) and read where it also says, “A SON OF THE GODS.”

You say, “Well, the king back then couldn’t have known the Son of God.”

That doesn’t have anything to do with it, nothing at all. Any king after Solomon knew God would have a SON (Prov. 30:4). The king didn’t have to know that it was Christ or that it was going to be Christ or that it had anything to do with Christ. Any king knew that God had “SONS” (Gen. 6). That isn’t even the problem. The thing is that you have a nice, beautiful, scripture- with-scripture cross reference to Jesus Christ lost through the “helps to the reader.”

And on we go with “sheol” and “the grave.” In Isaiah 14:9, the “GRAVE” doesn’t move, “SHEOL” moves, in the NSRB. And the devil doesn’t go to “HELL” in the NSRB he goes to “SHEOL.” Why don’t they translate it? The King James Bible translated it. “SHEOL” is a transliteration. Oh my! shades of Judge Russell!

Notice the substitution of “SOJOURNERS” for “STRANGERS” in Isaiah 14:1—This, too, comes from the American Standard Version (1901).

But nowhere do we find the ASV (1901) more clearly substituted for the Bible than in the

book of Proverbs. If you want to see the ASV in all its ghoulish glory go to the book of Proverbs and watch. Check these references: Proverbs 1:3, ASV reading; Proverbs 3:34, ASV reading; Proverbs 5:20, ASV reading; Proverbs 6:26 “FOR BY MEANS OF A WHORISH WOMAN...” reads “FOR BY MEANS OF AN UNCHASTE WOMAN...” in ASV and NSRB. Kind of skittish there aren’t you? That plain talk! We have a Christianity now that can’t stand plain talk. When I say “Christianity,” I’m not talking about Liberals; I’m talking about Fundamentalists. We used to talk about liberals being “pussyfooters.” They aren’t the pussyfooters, the Fundamentalists are the pussyfooters. “AN UNCHASTE WOMAN,” you mean a “WHORISH WOMAN”? Proverbs 7:27 reads as the ASV; Proverbs 9:18 reads as the ASV; in Proverbs 13:23, the word “JUSTICE” has been inserted in the NSRB for the word “JUDGMENT.” Proverbs 15:24 reads as the ASV. Proverbs 15:11 reads as the ASV. Proverbs 17:8 reads as the ASV. In Proverbs 17:23, the word “JUSTICE” is inserted for “JUDGMENT” again as in 13:23. The ASV reads the same. Proverbs 19:24 reads as the ASV. The word “DISH” has been inserted for the word “BOSOM” in both (17:23; 19:24) passages; and if you don’t believe it, look it up. Don’t take my word for it, and for goodness sake don’t take the word of Gaebelien, E. Schuyler English, Culbertson, Feinberg, McCrea, Walvoord, Smith, McClain, or Mason. Why, they told you they were printing a King James Version. They didn’t print anything of the kind. In Proverbs 21:3 the ASV: “RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE.”

In Proverbs 21:3 the NSRB: “RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE.”

This is not the King James Version, the King James says to do “JUSTICE and JUDGMENT.”

Proverbs 21:11 reads as the ASV. The word “SCOFFER” being inserted for the word “SCORNER.” The prudish, hypersensitive, cultured gentlemen have taken the word “WOMEN” out of Proverbs 23:33. (I don’t guess they have ever been drunk, or they would know the text reads right.) And they have put in the reading of the ASV (1901): “THINE EYES SHALL BEHOLD STRANGE THINGS.” This is not the reading at all. This is not the King James Version. This is the reading of the ASV (1901) text; and if you don’t believe it, look it up. Look it up! Look it up! “THE SIMPLE BELIEVETH EVERY WORD: BUT THE PRUDENT MAN LOOKETH WELL TO HIS GOING.”

Proverbs 16:30 in the NSRB reads as the ASV. And on and on it goes, brother. That NSRB is no more the King James Version than a Revised Standard Version is.

References on the Second Coming are destroyed. In Joel 2:18, we are told that when Christ comes back “THEN WILL THE LORD BE JEALOUS FOR HIS LAND, AND PITY HIS PEOPLE.” But the corrupt New Scofield Bible says, “THEN THE LORD WAS JEALOUS FOR HIS LAND, AND PITIED HIS PEOPLE.” No, He wasn’t; He will be. Wrong tense. Wrong lead.

Perhaps the most corrupt of the many corrupt verses in the NSRB was the half-way movement toward the Revised Standard Version in Romans where there is a very vivid verse aimed at people who mess with the word of God. When the RSV translators hit the verse, it shook them up as much as it did the Scofield editors. C. I. Scofield could not stomach it as it stood, but the NSRB has rewritten in Romans 1:25, “WHO EXCHANGE THE TRUTH OF GOD FOR A LIE.” But of course, that isn’t what the King James text

says at all. The King James says: “WHO CHANGED THE TRUTH.” I said, “WHO CHANGED THE TRUTH.” They “CHANGED” it. They were “CHANGE” agents. “EXCHANGE” is not the word. They “CHANGED” it. The New Scofield Board of Editors have covered up their tracks by putting in the word “EXCHANGE.”

You say, “Where did the word ‘EXCHANGE’ come from?”

Well, it came from the ASV (1901) that went bankrupt because it couldn’t sell, since it wasn’t worth the crap it was made out of. That is the truth if you want it over the plate waist high.

Now, there are three more damaging things about the New Scofield Reference Bible, and these are much more damaging than lying about the text.

1. The eradication of the word “SCIENCE” from 1 Timothy 6:20. Whenever you pick up a Bible you want to check Colossians 2:8 and 1 Timothy 6:20, and you will immediately recognize the Alexandrian Faculty at work. The Bible is a briary book; it’s a thorny book. It hurts, it cuts; it is a two-edged sword—a double-edged razor blade, and you don’t juggle two edged safety razor blades without getting cut. The Bible has beautiful little honed edges just for Greek and Hebrew faculty members. One of these is in Colossians 2:8, and another is in 1 Timothy 6:20. I don’t know many exceptions in the history of Bible revision, for these two verses attack the gods of scholarship. The name of the first god is “PHILOSOPHY.” The name of the second god is “SCIENCE.” (Not “knowledge.” Naughty, naughty! Don’t try to get rid of the application!) “SCIENCE!” So, whenever a Bible pervert tries to destroy the word of God, he usually alters one or both of these two verses. If we had no reason for rejecting the NSRB except for this one alteration, we would have enough.

First Timothy 6:20 says in the New Scofield Bible (which is not the King James Authorized Version or similar to it): “O TIMOTHY, KEEP THAT WHICH IS COMMITTED TO THY TRUST, AVOID PROFANE AND VAIN BABBLINGS, AND OPPOSITIONS OF KNOWLEDGE FALSELY SO CALLED.” This erases the reference to the god of this age. How do the “good godly apostates” alibi this RSV reading of the NCC? Simple: they tell us that truth cannot contradict the Bible since God who knows all things kept the writers of the Bible from error. They say that if theories that rest upon mere “speculation” and insufficient evidence are presented as fact in the areas of knowledge, religion, philosophy, science, etc., they “deserve” the description the apostle gives here: “KNOWLEDGE.” King James Bible—“SCIENCE FALSELY SO CALLED.” Why didn’t you leave “SCIENCE” in, Doctor? You wrote religion, philosophy and science in the footnote and took it out of the text of God’s Holy Word, the living words of the Living God. “BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT.” And be sure that those of us who aren’t so gullible as you are know what you are up to. You are trying to replace the authority of the Bible with the authority of your education. God help you.

2. Here is another serious thing. When they view Paul’s celestial trip into the third heaven and his revelations and visions, they suddenly get cold feet. So, in the footnote of 2 Corinthians 12 we read these startling words which amount to an apology for atheists and agnostics: “Whereas first century cosmology....” Why, child, what has that got to do with the text? The man who wrote the words went up there and came back. What do you mean,

“first century cosmology?” (Can’t you see: They are afraid of “science.” “First century cosmology” was different from that of today? Why, what are you talking about, Doctor? What’s that got to do with 2 Corinthians 12:2? But on goes the nonsense. We are informed that when the Bible speaks about a subject like heaven, it is “outside the earthly realm” so it can only use the “phenomenal language” common to man today as well as that in the first century. Why all the apologies, Doctor? The whole Bible is written that way. (When he says, “YOUR HEART” he isn’t talking about your “CARDIAC CAVITY.”) The New Testament, says the NSRB committee, is no more to be criticized for talking about heaven as being “up” than a scientist (There’s your problem, kid. And that’s the reason you took it out of 1 Timothy 6:20.) can be charged with ignorance when he speaks of the sun “rising” and “setting.” Well, tell me something, gentlemen, if heaven isn’t “up” where is it? Paul was caught up, John was caught up, the calling out of the saints is “come up hither,” and Christ was caught up. Where is up, son? You know what the trouble with this bunch of translators was? This bunch was scared to death by educated asses, and they were terror stricken to their heart and bones that people would think they weren’t “scientific” and intellectual if they spoke of heaven as being “up” as Paul did. Now just for the record, those of us who believe that Book know we are going “up,” and we can point to “up”; we know where “up” is in the physical universe of the twentieth century while Alan Shepard and John Glenn are sleeping. And if they can’t straighten out their directions that’s their problem. We know where we are going, and we know how to get there. Standing right here in my room I can put my finger out that window and point at it. We Bible believers know where we are going. I wonder why E. S. English didn’t know where he was going? Why apologize for “up,” Doctor? Don’t you know where up is? Didn’t you ever read Psalm 75? Ezekiel 1? Don’t you “GREATLY ERR NOT KNOWING THE SCRIPTURES NOR THE POWER OF GOD”? Have you never read Isaiah 14?

3. All right the last thing—and this is a very serious thing. There are misleading footnotes put in the NSRB to apologize to the devil. These misleading footnotes are placed first to placate the devil and take some of the pressure off of translators’ backs so their books will sell. (If you buy it, you haven’t got good sense unless you buy it just to show people what is wrong with it or maybe for a joke book.)

Footnote, Acts 8. I’m reading from the third paragraph in Footnote Number 2 on page 1174. Here we are told that baptism, since the apostolic age, has been practiced by every major denomination in the church and in Protestant communities it is recognized as one of the two “s-a-c-r-a-m-e-n-t-s.” Well, cut off my legs and call me shorty! Do you people recognize what you just read? Do you think C. I. Scofield would put up with that if he were alive? Do you mean to tell me a fellow raised as a Plymouth Brethren, a Dispensational Premillennialist, thinks that water baptism is a SACRAMENT? Do you know what you are saying? Do you know that some of you put good money into that book? Brother, you talk about Rome!! You talk about a woman leavening the lump till the whole bunch be leavened! Why, that would make C. I. Scofield turn over in his grave! Baptism a “sacrament”? Why, every Christian I ever talked to thought it was an ordinance. I wonder where E. Schuyler English and Gaebelien, Walvoord, Culbertson, Hobdo, McCrea and Slopdo...I wonder where they ever got the idea that water baptism was a sacrament? Now just where do you think that could come from? Baptism a sacrament? Something SACRED? Tsk...Tsk...my, my!

And what is “THY SERVANT” doing in Acts 4:27? You mean you think “THY HOLY CHILD JESUS” should be translated “THY HOLY SERVANT” or “SERVANT.” Why, that’s the reading of the Revised Standard Version of the NCCC that denies the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is this footnote in Romans 8? Why, it is the reading of the Revised Standard Version. Here I find at Romans 8—in the book that is professing to have “helps for the reader”—a statement that some manuscripts read, “God works all things together for good.” Look at the alteration of verse 29 in the NSRB. That’s no help! That is a verse teaching hyper-Calvinism when it says God’s purpose and not His “foreknowledge” is first. It isn’t anything of the kind. This is trying to say purpose precedes foreknowledge. Peter says in 1 Peter that foreknowledge precedes election. Somebody is trying to put Machen, Warfield, and A. T. Robertson back into the Bible with Kuyper, Dabney, and Hodge. And look at this strange substitution of “CREATION” for “CREATURE”—in Romans 8:20, 21, 22; and yet the word “THEY” in Romans 8:23 was referring to the “CREATURE” and the “CREATURES.” “They” couldn’t refer to the “CREATION” because the “CREATION” is singular and the “THEY” is plural.

But the last is for the best (or worst). Turn to Romans 8, and you won’t believe it unless you see it. There in a passage dealing with some of the greatest promises and greatest blessings the Christian ever had, we find the reading of the Revised Standard Version, 1952 (Communist Bible), Romans 8:33—“WHO SHALL LAY ANY THING TO THE CHARGE OF GOD’S ELECT? SHALL GOD THAT JUSTIFIETH?” Question mark! Shall God? Shall God that justifieth? Shall Christ that died? Question mark. Notice the “SHALL” has been interpolated and italicized by the revision committee. What you are dealing with here is a revised text in line with the ASV and RSV. The word “shall” in italics is not even in the King James italics.

The King James says, “...IT IS GOD THAT JUSTIFIETH” (v 33). “...IT IS CHRIST THAT DIED” (v 34). But our text says “God that justifieth”—question mark. “Christ that died who makes intercession for us”—question mark. And the word “shall” has been put in italics to keep it from reading as the RSV text reads.

Now do you call that a King James Bible? You do? Well, the Board of Editors call it a King James Version. Do you know what’s the matter with them? They either need their heads looked at or their hearts looked at. And I prefer to say heads to give them the benefit of a doubt. A man has to be ignorant or crooked to pawn that kind of thing off on anyone. I prefer not to accuse the brethren and judge them. I just say they are ignorant. But you people who have heard what I had to say tonight, you haven’t got any alibi left. Do you know that? You ought to wear a dunce cap if you fool with a Bible like that. The very idea of recommending a Bible like that to new Christians for “helps”! Pawning off an archaic ASV on them because it couldn’t sell with its own scholarship. Teaching that water baptism is a sacrament. Obscuring the truth about the dangers of science to them. Apologizing to unregenerate scientists about the direction of heaven. You ought to be ashamed of yourself!

Now I’ve just got a good start. But I’ve got a lot of work to do and it’s getting late. I’ve got two boys back home who need to be fed and clothed in the morning so they can get to school—another girl and boy coming in later who will have to be taken care of. I have

thirty-five young men here I'm training for the ministry, teaching twenty-two hours a week. [Preached in 1968. The enrollment now is 180.] I have proofread piles of copy up to the ceiling—twenty chapters in Exodus, four chapters of Galatians—typing eight hours a day and proof-reading four hours a day. I haven't been to bed before twelve o'clock, except on four or five occasions, in six years. So I don't have time to go completely through the NSRB and point out all its errors, fatuities, absurdities, contradictions, and inconsistencies. It is chock full of them; it's running over with them. And if you want to get a Scofield Bible don't you fool with a new one. It isn't worth burning. Get you one of the old ones and, even then, if you get an "old one," be careful of the footnote in Genesis 6 and those notations about the "older manuscripts" in Romans 8, Mark 16. Be careful. You are in the last half of the last century before the ADVENT OF JESUS CHRIST. And in this century the great apostasy is in the body of Christ. And the Christian schools, who will lead this bunch into apostasy, will furnish the Conservative and Fundamental scholars for the work. They will lead the way. They will take the Christian's Authority from him, and he will have no Authority left. Now that is what we are in the process of going through. The people who have destroyed the Holy Bible in the last half of this century have not been the Liberals or the Catholics: they have been the Conservative and Fundamental Greek and Hebrew scholars in the Fundamental schools and Christian universities in America. And they have just about finished their country off. That's the end of it. These men have spent most of their lives watching television, living in a dream world, trying to make a living selling books by correcting the word of God. They advertise like they do on TV to make you think you have a NEED (TV). Leading the student to believe that their knowledge of the original languages enables them to supplant the Holy Spirit in interpreting the Word, they profess to supply your NEED (TV). And the theme song of these men is: (1) Ruckman thinks he is right and everybody else is wrong, (2) But who else takes the viewpoint that he does? and (3) He is too negative and critical, or I don't like him or his language.

The truth of the matter is: (1) They have taught the student to believe that the final authority is "the Greek lexicon." (2) They think they are right and the Holy Bible of the Reformation is wrong. (3) They do not follow the rules which they themselves set down as an alibi to change the AV text. (4) They will lie about the nature and quality of Greek manuscripts. (5) They will lie about the Biblical scholarship of Westcott, Hort, Robertson, and others. (6) They will advertise falsely in keeping with their TV curriculum which they learned at the feet of Chicago, Hollywood, and New York, not at the nail-pierced feet of Jesus Christ.

The New Scofield Reference Bible is only one more fraudulent piece of irreverent clap-trap among several dozen being pawned off today as "bibles" to a TV brainwashed public of TV Christians who have been taught that they have "needs," which they don't really have. Where a NEED is presented there is always a willing SUPPLIER in the background waiting to take your cash. You create a "NEED" and then you supply it. Every COVETOUS Christian on the earth is susceptible to such an operation. The New "Bibles," then, are made by covetous scholars for covetous Christians, and they create an artificial need for "clearer" and "more faithful" translations, and they satisfy the need with a SAWDUST HAMBURGER: artificial meat.

The difference between the New Scofield Reference Bible and the worst liberal translation

ever published by an unsaved Socialist is that the NSRB changed only around 3,000 verses and the lost liberal changed 31,000. Since the Fundamentalists and Evangelicals changed 31,000-35,000 in the ASV and the New ASV, the match between them and the New English Bible and the Living Bible is a DEAD HEAT. The only difference was that one bunch of Bible-perversers PROFESSED to believe something that the other Bible-perversers did not profess to believe. Since profession is no guarantee of honesty where the professor has been caught red-handed lying on at least 500 occasions, there is not much sense in pursuing the subject of “modern translations” any further.

Any “further” is into the bottomless pit.