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During much of my ministry, I have pondered the relationship of these two aspects of Christian life (**FAITH and WORKS**), trying to understand how they interact with each other. And I have often preached on the subject. I have long since come to the conclusion that they are interdependent. To put it another way, let us postulate that **"While we are not saved by our WORKS, we will be LOST without them."** Or as a current televangelist recently said, making a reference to salvation which is given to us through faith: *"If God doesn't give it, we don't get it."*

The laws of existence function on certain basic principles, be they physical or spiritual. One of those fundamental laws is that **for every action, there is a corresponding reaction.** For example, should you bounce a ball onto a hard surface, the ball will bounce right back to you. We see the same principle in play with gravity by the pull (action) of the moon and the presence (reaction) of the tide.

Very early in the history of mankind, the Lord placed them (**FAITH and WORKS**) in their necessary relationship. At the gate of Eden, we read, *"Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. In the process of time, it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. Abel also brought of the firstling of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering."* (Genesis 4:2-5, NIV) At first glance that may not seem fair because

***"The breaking
of the law
condemns us,
but the keeping
of the law
cannot save us."***

E. Knechtle

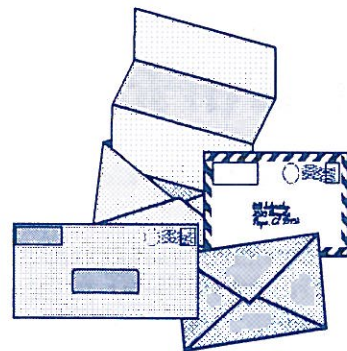
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From the Mailbag...



Dear Friends of Christ:

Thank you for your newsletter. It is very exciting to read / hear how people have found Christ. I can certainly see how people could find the truth after listening to Dr. Veith. What an inspirational, godly man he is. Thank you for doing this wonderful ministry. His tapes have certainly helped my walk with God.

I am writing in addition to thank you for your tape ministry, to ask you if Dr. Saleem Faraq's powerful sermons will be available on tape (ed. Faraq spoke in Vancouver in April '97) Do you have other tapes available as well?

Will Dr. Veith be presenting new lectures in his upcoming visit? Please keep me informed.

Your friends in Christ,
Charlene Hartley
Mary Burak
Ontario

Dear Charlene and Mary,

Thank you for your kind letter and support of the Amazing Discoveries ministry. Yes, we have tapes. We've also got a new catalogue that includes many exciting new videos and must-read books. See our ads in this journal edition for more information.

As to Dr. Veith's next visit, he'll be presenting a full creation / evolution as well as Revelation series in Kelowna from September 5 to 27. After that, he'll be speaking for a week-end at Loma Linda University, October 5 & 6. Finally, he'll be in Mission, BC, October 10-12, where he'll be speaking about creation, evolution and health.

Please tell all your friends about it.

Yours in Christ,
Amazing Discoveries Staff

New Name; Same Mission

Some of you may be a little confused. You're wondering **what happened to the Amazing Discoveries newsletter, "Treasure Uncovered"?** Well, it's still here, but it's been rewrapped in a new name and a new design.

While our mission at Amazing Discoveries remains the same, to reach the secular world with the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ, we have decided to revamp the newsletter to reflect a broader scope than just a creation / evolution / archaeology theme.

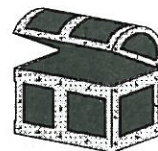
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T5, 136



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Cain brought what was at his disposal, the fruit of the ground as did Abel who tended sheep, but notice carefully the wording of verse 4, "Abel also brought"...the lamb...

According to Hebrews 11:4, "God testified of his (Abel's) gifts (plural) that he witnessed." Note these two quotations regarding the "offerings" they were to offer and learn of the relationship each bears to the other:

"Cain was unwilling to strictly follow the plan of obedience...and procure a lamb and offer it with the fruit of the ground...He was not particular to bring even the best of the fruit." SG, III, 48.

"Cain proposed to justify himself by his own works, to earn salvation by his own merits. Abel's offering was a demonstration of Faith." SDA BC I, 239.

Thus, we can see the relationship between FAITH and WORKS, CAUSE and EFFECT, ACTION and REACTION.

The sacrifice of His shed blood on Calvary is the cause of our salvation; a fact that becomes ours by faith (John 3:15). Whatever "good works" performed after the fact are but the natural result - the effect of what He has already done for us. We cannot improve on it for "he that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me hath (present tense) everlasting life...but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24

When we possess the faith, the natural effect / reaction will be His good works wrought out in our daily life. "By works was faith made perfect." James 2:22 (see also James 2:17-26)

New Age Bible Versions Are We Being Deceived?

Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the word... Mark 4:15

"Satan can quote Scripture now as in the days of Christ, and he will pervert its teachings to sustain his delusions. Those who would stand in this time of peril must understand for themselves the testimony of the Scriptures."

GC p. 559

In Matthew 24:24, Jesus says that Satan will try to deceive "if possible, even the elect." Who are the elect? How does one not become deceived on spiritual issues? By reading the Word, isn't that right? By knowing the truth as the Bible states it. Adventists have been known for being people of the Word. Our pioneers knew their Bibles, and they memorized lengthy portions of Scripture. They understood what they believed and why they believed it.

Are we still people of the Word? How many times a week do we read our Bibles? Do we blow the dust off the covers of our Bibles every Sabbath morning or has the gold been rubbed off the edges from our much use? How many verses, not to mention portions, of the Bible have we committed to memory? What about our children? If our memories are waning, at least theirs are still strong. Are we taking ad-

vantage of this peak time and teaching them verses by heart? How many do they know? Do we insist that they memorize their memory verses, or is it enough to just echo the teacher in Sabbath school to get a sticker? Ellen White mentions that we and even our

exhaustive documentation comparing verse after verse from the old King James Version with new translations such as the New King James, the New American Standard, the New International Version, the Living Bible, the New English Bible, etc. And her

findings are eye-opening and spine-chilling. This book documents in detail "hundreds of New Age philosophies which have gained entry into the [Protestant] church via the new versions." Riplinger provides astounding insights into the lives of the editors of these new versions, their belief systems, and what impact the changes have on Christians reading them. Documented are thousands of words, verses, and doctrines by which new versions will prepare the apostate churches of these last days to accept the religion of the Antichrist - even his mark and image, and Lucifer worship. The Greek manuscripts, critical editions, lexicons and dictionaries behind the new versions are examined, revealing their occult origins, contents, and Satan's plan for a one world religion and government.

What a brilliant plan! If we are to be people of the Word, and if the Word is to keep us from being deceived, what more perfect strategy could the devil use than to confuse the minds with altered versions of the Bible!



children should be able to listen to a verse read and recognize the errors. Can we do that?

These are serious questions, especially in the light of a book I just recently read: G.A. Riplinger's book *New Age Bible Versions*. Riplinger is not an Adventist. However, she has discovered something that Adventists should have discovered immediately had they been people of the Word like our forefathers. *New Age Bible Versions* is an

So, you want to know the truth?

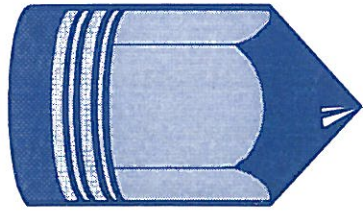
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Satan knows what he's doing. Do we?

Let's take a look!

Here are some examples of changes and omissions in the new versions. Look them up in the KJV with the various versions side by side and be personally convinced.

- The NIV has 64, 098 less words than the KJV. This fact alone makes one wonder what is missing.
- The words "Jesus" and "God" are often replaced with non-specific neuter forms like "he", etc. Compare KJV with NIV/NASB in the following examples: Luke 24:36; Matt 4:18; 10:52; 6:33; 22:32; Mark 2:15; Rev 21:4; 14:1; 1 Tim 3:16; Gal 1:15; Acts 22:16; 1 Cor 14:2; Phil 3:3
- The neuter form in KJV is changed into 'the One' - Examples: Luke 10:16; 12:5; Matt 13:37, 24:13; John 4:25; 6:46; 7:18; 9:37; 15:21; 12:45; 1 Cor 15:28, Act 7:38; 10:21; 10:42, 22:9; Col 3:10, Heb 5:7, 7:21; Rev 2:1; 1:18, 1 Peter 1:15

Perhaps you're skeptical, thinking that 'the One' doesn't necessarily mean anything bad. Blavatsky, a Spiritualist often called the godmother of the New Age movement, states: "One is not Jehovah. The Jewish Deity is...never the One Absolute All. No God...called Jehovah...can be the One. The One is superior to Elohim. The Unknown Unmanifested One, since it abounds in both sexes is - male and female - nor yet the christian 'Father' as the latter is a male and not androgyny." (Secret Doctrine, Vol 1 p. 73)

Compare the following verses using the NASB or NIV and the KJV: John 1:14, 18; Luke 9:35; John 6:69; John 4:42, Mark 12:32, Matt 19:17, Luke 23:35 (NIV, TLB) where the Son and the Christ is replaced with the One. The term "One Only" has been traced by historians to the serpent "the one Only God of the Babylonians" (Layard in *Babylon & Nineveh*). 'The One' is the New Age Movement's object of worship.

- Revelation 14:1 - "having his Father's name written IN..." (KJV) "who had his name and his Father's name written ON..." (NIV) Whose name is his name? Could this translation be misleading readers to think that the mark is something physical rather than something spiritual, as is commonly believed among Protestant Christians? Study the vague representations of "the Name" in these verses. Daniel 9:19; Galatians 6:17; Acts 22:16; John 17:11
- If you think the New King James Version is still OK, notice that the NKJV denies the deity of Jesus in Acts 3:13,26; 4:27,30; Rev 1:6; Matt 20:20; 26:64; Genesis 22:8. And look what it does to Christ in the sanctuary. Adventists believe that Christ, when he had finished His work on the cross, went into the Holy Place to carry out His ministry of intercession, and that in 1844, He entered the Most Holy Place to begin the judgement. In Hebrews 9:12, the New Kings James takes Christ from the cross directly in the Most Holy Place, bypassing the Holy entirely, thereby obliterating the 1844 judgement hour message. Isn't that a great trick? The devil hates the 1844 message.
- Luke 4:8 omits "Get thee behind me, Satan" in the NIV and NASB
- NASB in John 6:33 changes the bread of God from "he" to "that".
- In Mark 10:21, the NIV and NASB make the Christian road an easy one by omitting the cross. NIV,NASB: "Then come, follow me." KJV says: "and come, take up the cross and follow me."
- Perfection is censored from the new versions. Check out: Eph 4:12, Heb 13:21, Luke 6:40, 2 Cor. 13:11, Rev 3:2, 1 Thess 5:23, Matt 19:21, Phil 4:8, heb 6:1, Eph 4:13, 1 Cor 2:6, 2 Peter 1:21, 1 Peter 1:22, 2 Tim 3:17, Jude 1:1
- In newer versions, the important thing is not to get caught: See Galatians 1:6 in NASB or NIV "if any man is caught in any offence" as compared to KJV "overtaken in a fault"
- New versions substitute prosperity for righteousness and peace. See Prov 8:18; 21:21, Jer 29:11
- In Isaiah 14:12-17, Satan's selfish wish is evident: "I will be like the most High". Wherever possible, Satan attempts to steal God's glory for himself. He so badly desires worship that he is pursuing a course aimed at transforming the public's image of Satan, from his true evil character to one which would inspire worship. This course pivots upon the transformation of his

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Treasure Seekers: Ed & Anita Tadeuszow

It was Rafe Maier of CKNW 98 radio who first tweaked Ed's interest in the creation / evolution debate. Rafe was interviewing Dr. Walter Veith, evolutionist turned creationist professor. Thanks to that radio broadcast, Ed and his wife Anita found another stepping stone in their search for truth.

Both Ed and Anita come from a non-practicing Roman Catholic background. They found each other, however, in the World Wide Church of God. Anita, a flight attendant, had seen a WWC magazine on a newsstand. It featured a big mushroom cloud. Because she was interested in the threat of nuclear war, she took the magazine. Had she known it was religious, she'd have avoided it. She had no interest in religion. But God has a way of reaching people anyway. She read the magazine and was inspired to purchase a Bible and read it. She was baptized into the World Wide Church of God in 1985.

Ed, meanwhile, had been studying physics and math at UBC. Because of a grim job market, he switched courses to City College and completed his electronics technician studies and now works for BC Tel. He first became interested in the WWC when he heard one of its broadcasts about Easter. Although he wasn't really practicing any faith at the time, he was curious about what chocolates and bunnies had to do with the death and resurrection of Christ.

It was that same curiosity and search for Biblical truth that led Ed and Anita to attend Walter Veith's seminars, after they saw a poster advertising the meetings near their home. Ed was looking for proof from the scientific world that the Bible was accurate. He found it. Ed and Anita found the slides fascinating, especially the ones showing the different layers of the earth. They were

also very interested in Revelation, so when they received a brochure advertising the Leo Schreven Revelation series (thanks to a mailout from *Amazing Discoveries*), they attended. (Although they also admit that they were curious about the meetings because the brochure included a picture of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse that was very similar to one produced by the WWC!)



In their continued search for truth, Ed and Anita had become disheartened by changes in Biblical doctrines in their home church. They are convinced that the

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Ed and Anita want to live by what God says. Their search for truth has led them to the Burnaby SDA Fellowship where they are regular attenders and they love it!

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identity.

In these verses, Satan is completely removed and replaced with Christ!! This passage is the singular biography of Lucifer. In it, his arrogance, his responsibility for much of the world's misery and his end are all revealed, and although he is equally and as soundly indicted in

Ezekiel 28, he is unnamed and designated "the anointed cherub". The NIV and NASB omit the name "Lucifer" completely in Isaiah 14, and replace his name with "morning star" or "star of the morning", thereby eliminating the only reference to him in the entire Bible. The word Lucifer then falls to the realm of poets and is turned into a myth, as shown in many of the contemporary Bible Commentaries, Encyclopedias, etc. The change in the new versions does not spring from the original Hebrew language, but from the 'theology' of the new version editors.

For example, NIV committee member, R. Laird Harris, claims that Isaiah 14 is not about "Lucifer" and his descent to "hell" but about a king from Babylon and his interment in the "grave". The words "morning star" are not an acceptable substitute for "Lucifer" as the original is accurately translated in the KJV as "Lucifer, son of the morning (or dawn)". The NASB compounds the problem by placing 2 Peter 1:19 as a reference next to Isaiah 14:12, solidifying the notion that the passage refers to Jesus Christ rather than Lucifer! The use of the word "pierced" in Isaiah 14:19 in

the NASB reinforces the notion that this chapter refers to Jesus Christ rather than Lucifer. References such as Psalm 22:16, "they pierced my hands and my feet" and Zechariah 12:10 "they shall look upon me whom they have pierced", allude to the death of Jesus Christ also. However, the Hebrew word used in Isaiah 14:19 *taan*

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through, as stated in the KJV, not *kur* of Psalm 22:6 or *daqar* of Zechariah 12:10.

• Another example of errors in the new versions is Colossians 2:14-16. These verses are involved in debate between

Adventists and Sunday-keeping Christians. Verse 16 states: *Let no man, therefore, judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holyday, or of the new moon or of the sabbath days. In new versions, however, "sabbath days" is conveniently changed to "a Sabbath day", making these verses much more difficult to explain to those questioning the validity of the seventh-day Sabbath.*

• The Catholic doctrine of penance and self-abasement is also evident in new versions. Note 1 Corinthians 9:27 in the NIV, NASB, and TLB. None of the Greek words for "beat" are in the actual sentence; nor is the word "punish" or "buffet". The correct translation is in the KJV: "I keep

under [keep down] my body, and bring it into subjection." In other words, Paul is saying, he does not allow the "lusts of the flesh" to dominate him. He rules his flesh rather than allowing it to rule him. This is so far removed from the NIV's rendition, "beat my body" or the Living Bible's rendition, "treat it roughly" as to be unconscionable. Compare Colossians 2:23 also.

• Check out the astonishing wording in Galations 5:12, where Paul speaks about false apostles who were troubling the Galatian believers. In the KJV, Paul wishes that the false apostles were cut off from fellowshiping with true believers. But take a look what the NASB and other versions state: "Would that those who are troubling you would even mutilate themselves." The NIV mentions "I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves", and the Jerusalem Bible says: "I would like to see the knife slip"!!! Is this what Jesus taught while here on earth - to curse our enemies and wish them harm? I don't think so. See how the Matthew 5:44 is shortened & edited from the KJV to newer versions.

• Look at Luke 21:19 - KJV "in your patience possess ye your souls", NIV "by standing firm you will save yourself"

• Compare Mark 10:24 -KJV "how hard it is for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God" to NIV, NASB "how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God"

“But,” you say, “the King James version is too hard for kids!”

Actually, in comparison with newer versions, the King James ranks easier to read in 23 out of 26 comparisons. An analysis of the average reading level of the various translations was conducted showing that the KJV grade level average was 5.8, NIV was 8.4, NASB was 6.1, NKJV was 6.9 and TEV was 7.2. The reason for this was because the KJV uses one or two syllable words while new versions substitute complex multi-syllable words and phrases.

For example:

NAS	KJ
deportation	carried away
recompense	reward
highly regarded	dear
designated	called
encumbrance	weight

“But,” you say, “writers of the newer versions were serious, devoted Christians!”

Who are the people behind these new versions? Some introductions are in order:

• **KENNETH TAYLOR**, TLV editor, has lost his ability to speak. *Time* magazine, July 1972, had this to say: "Mysteriously half way through the paraphrase Taylor lost his voice and still speaks in a hoarse whisper. A psychiatrist who examined him suggested that the voice failure was Taylor's psychological self-punishment for tampering with what he believed to be the Word of God." Read what the Catholic edition warns in the Introduction to the Living Bible: "This translation cannot be used as a basis for Doctrinal or traditional disputes...People from various Doctrinal traditions may...be chagrined at the particular translations found within this volume."

These comments are hardly surprising when you read verses such as these:

Zechariah 13:6 - KJV - "And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." The TLB states - "And if someone asks, 'Then what are these scars on your chest and your back? he will say, 'I got into a brawl at the home of a friend'. Accompanying this is Taylor's footnote: "self-inflicted cuts...this is not a passage referring to Christ." And these are just mild examples of the hideous translating found in the TLB!

• **PHILIP SCHAFF**, collaborator on the 'New' Greek committee and director of the ASV, which formed the foundation of the NASV, and TLV, has lost his ability to speak entirely! Schaff has openly admitted to hold beliefs that have been considered heretical. His liberal outlook is expressed in the following statements: "They [the Christians] vainly imagine that they possess the monopoly on truth", and "The church must adjust her...doctrinal statements...to natural science." In fact, when selecting his Bible translation committee, Schaff purposefully rejected those who did not share his liberal attitude.

• **WESCOTT**, who wrote the Greek Text along with Hort on which all modern versions are based (NIV, NRSV, RV, NASB, CEV, JWB, etc.) also lost the ability to speak audibly. Hort is not much better. Hort mocks

Christians with the 'easy belief'. Says he: "Without any act of ours, we are children of the Great and Gracious Heavenly Father. Christ's bearing our sins... [is] an almost universal heresy."

“Mysteriously, half way through the paraphrase, Taylor (TLB editor) lost his voice and still speaks in a hoarse whisper. A psychiatrist who examined him suggested that the voice failure was Taylor's psychological self-punishment for tampering with what he believed to be the Word of God.”

Time Magazine, July 1972



"There is no direct reference to the idea of purchase or ransom {in the Bible}... or to the idea of sacrificial atonement...the lamb without blemish [is] the passover lamb and not the lamb of God."

"I confess I have no repugnance to the primitive doctrine of a ransom paid to Satan. I can see no other possible form in which the doctrine of a ransom is at all tenable; anything is better than the doctrine of a ransom to the father."

• **JOHN PHILLIPS** has had a myriad of problems. Besides also losing his ability to speak, J.B. Phillips, who wrote *The New Testament in Modern English* has also has life-long bouts of insanity. In his appropriately titled book *The Price of Success* he describes his insanity and the symptoms he experienced. In addition, he admits: "The experiences are really evil and they sometimes are terrifyingly so... You may ask where does

New Age Bible Versions, Continued

the Christian faith come in all this. The answer is that probably emotionally it is of little help at all... God himself appears to be far way. [He writes of]... praying to an empty heaven.... I do not believe that there is any substitute for the long unhurried conversations between the sufferer and a compassionate trained psychiatrist."

To treat his insanity, Phillips followed Jungian analysis which can include the use of spirit guides and other occult practices. Jung himself experienced a six-year mental breakdown during which a spirit entity named Philemon began to channel writings through him. Phillips also believed he had E.S.P. His substitution of Jung for Jesus hardly makes him an apt translator of the Bible! Yet Christians are following willingly.

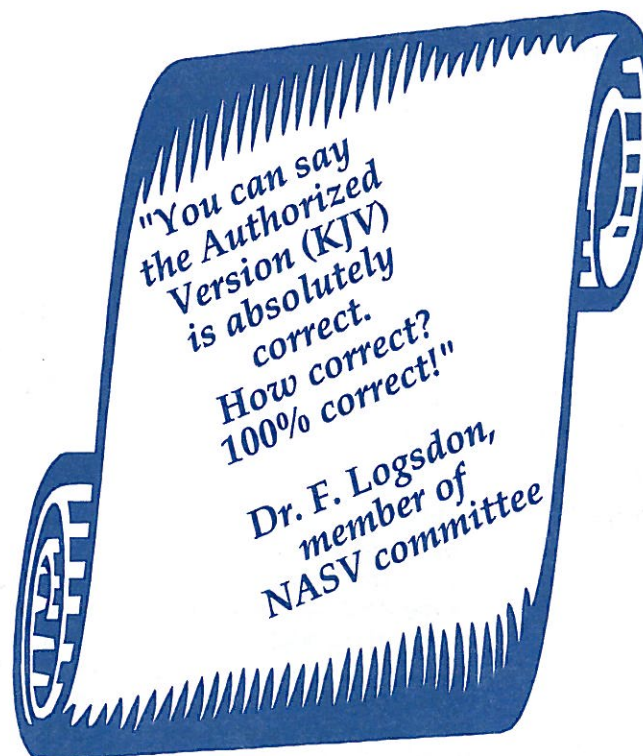
• **VIRGINA MOLLENKOTT**, (NIV editor), is an avowed Lesbian who wrote *Sensuous Spirituality*

• **EDWIN PALMER** (NIV chief editor) has stated the following: "God is the one... God is all in all... There is none other beside him. He controls the thoughts and activities of all men. Is Sin within the plan of a Holy God? Yes. All things are in the plan of God... even our sin and evil... If sin were not in his plan, then he would no longer be almighty. There would be forces outside of him. All things are foreordained by God: the moving of a finger... the opening of a window, the mistake of a pianist while playing - even sin... The Bible describes man as utterly passive in the whole matter." *When Humanity Comes of Age*, p. 30 (underlining supplied)

• **Dr. FRANK LOGSDON**, member of the NASV committee, wrote the following:

"I must under God renounce every attachment to the New American Standard... I'm afraid I'm in trouble with the Lord... We laid the groundwork; I wrote the format; I helped interview some of the translators; I sat with the translator; I wrote the preface... I'm in trouble; I can't refute these arguments; it's wrong, it's terribly wrong; it's frighteningly wrong; and what am I going to do about it? ... I can no longer ignore these criticisms I am hearing and I can't refute them... When questions began to reach me at first I was quite offended. However, in attempting to answer, I began to sense that something was not right about the NASV. Upon investigation, I wrote my very dear friend, Mr. Lockman, explaining that I was forced to renounce all attachment to the NASV... The product is

grievous to my heart and helps to complicate matters in these already troublous times... The deletions are absolutely frightening... there are so many... Are we so naive that we do not suspect Satanic deception in all of this?... I don't want anything to do with it... The finest leaders that we have today... haven't gone into it [the new version's use of a corrupted Greek text], just as I hadn't gone into it... That's how easily one can be deceived... I'm going to talk to him [Dr. George Sweeting, then president of Moody Bible Institute] about these things... You can say the Authorized Version [KJV] is absolutely correct. How correct? 100% correct!... If you must stand against everyone else, stand." (underlining supplied)



✎ **"But," you say, "how does this affect me personally?"**

Bob Larson in his book *Larson's Book of Cults* states: "What the bewildered Christian fails to understand is that the cultist redefines orthodox terminology to suit his own belief system." Texe Marrs in *Dark Secrets of the New Age* states: "**Satan, the real master of the New Age, delights in mysterious code words and phrases because they al-**

low his agents, when questioned to escape public censure by hiding behind a verbal mirage." And Elliot Miller in *A Crash Course on the New Age* states "Christians can be disarmed since these terms are part of their own vocabulary". Some new age definitions for our familiar terms are:

Holy Spirit=a spirit that is whole (Substitution of man's spirit for the Holy Spirit)

Christ=any fully realized person (Result: drop "Jesus" from Christ)
Lucifer = morning star (incorrect definition)
Dragon = a great beneficent being, a symbol of wisdom (New Age versions drop half the references to "the dragon")
Devil = great strength (New Age versions omit connection between Lucifer and the devil)

Texe Marrs, a non-Adventist with astounding insights in & information about the New Age in the spiritual and political arena, in his book *Dark Secrets of the New Age* states the following:

1. Satan recognizes that a bible is needed to control the masses. The development of a New Age Bible is among his top priorities.

2. The New Age has pledged to develop a world Bible [which]... will affirm the 'truths to be found in Hindu, Buddhist, Sufi Moslem and other Eastern Mystical religions.

3. The New Age Bible will be the unholy vessel into which the antichrist will pour these doctrines of devils. It will incorporate the major doctrines of the [One World] religion.

4. The devious strategy that seems to be paying off for the New Age is that of revising or updating the Bible to make it more 'meaningful to modern times'. It will not be necessary to stage a direct frontal attack on Christianity. The Bible of the Christians and Jews will surely be revised and 'objectionable passages'... will be removed.

5. The church will all be unified in doctrine and ritual... Antichrist will seize world political and economic power... establish a One World Religion and One World Government.

Today, the great majority who read the new versions have never & would never knowingly read occult books, yet through cultural osmosis, they are learning what Satan and New Agers would have them learn in their Bibles, rather than reading God's true Word.

John Kohlenberger has put it correctly in *The NIV Concordance*: "**The question of good or bad translation is no longer a linguistic one, but a doctrinal one.**"

Constance Cumby, in *A Planned Deception*, states: "The evangelical church would be the primary instrument to bring the new world order to birth."

John Kohlenberger, NIV Concordance editor, points out three most common reasons for selecting a version of the Bible are: friends & fellowship, finances, and lastly research. Let us hope that we are more interested in research and accuracy than in reading what everyone else is reading.

"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



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