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# Total Onslaught

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## Changing the Word



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# Changing **SCRIPTURE**

1) What warning does God give for anyone who adds or takes away from His Word? See Revelation 22:18-19:



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2) How many verses are affected in the NIV? (00:01:30)



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3) In the early 1900s, some changes were made to the Jehovah's Witness Bible. What are seven of those changes? (00:02:30)



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4) What were reactions like from some during the late 1880s about all these changes to the Word of God? (00:05:28)



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### Dublin Review (July 1881):

*By the sole authority of textual criticism these men have dared to vote away some forty verses of the inspired Word. The Eunuch's Baptismal Profession of Faith is gone; and the Angel of the Pool of Bethesda has vanished; but the Angel of the Agony remains—till the next Revision. The Heavenly Witnesses have departed, and no marginal note mourns their loss. The last twelve verses of St. Mark are detached from the rest of the Gospel, as if ready for removal as soon as Dean Burgon dies. The account of the woman taken in adultery is placed in brackets, awaiting excision. Many other passages have a mark set against them in the margin, to show that like forest trees, they are shortly destined for the critic's axe. Who can tell when the destruction will cease?*

5) What do modern scholars have to say about the Textus Receptus?

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### “Introduction,” *Novum Testamentum Graece* (Stuttgart: German Bible Society):

*When Eberhard Nestle, in 1898, presented the first edition of *Novum Testamentum Graece*, he had achieved a work of which the consequences were not only unknown to him at the time, but also to the Wurtemberg Bible Society that made the edition possible. If the Textus Receptus at that time still had a number of defenders, the science of the 19th century had however, finally proved it to be the worst text of the New Testament...*

*Westcott and Hort who came in 1881, controlled the field. But in practical terms at the level of university, church and school, the edition of the Textus receptus was still largely used internationally as for example by the British Bible Society till 1904. Only with the release of the Nestle text did the rule of the Textus receptus come to an end here also.*

# Origen

6) Who was Origen? Did he accept Gnostic doctrine? (00:09:30)



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**Encyclopaedia Britannica Volume 16 (1936): 900-902:**

*The received text is a Byzantine text with hundreds of copies in agreement. It was written in koine Greek of which hundreds of words cannot be translated into classical Greek. The early Church used koine Greek manuscripts and rejected the Alexandrian version which were based on the corrupt version with Origen and other Gnostic revisions...*

*Origen taught that Jesus was a created being who did not have eternal existence as God.*

7) What did Albert Pike write in *Morals and Dogma* concerning Origen?



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**Albert Pike, *Morals and Dogma*: 399, 542, 544:**

*This doctrine of transmigration of souls (reincarnation), obtained, as Porphyry informs us, among the Persians and the Magi. It was held in the East and the West and that from the remotest antiquity. Herodotus found it among the Egyptians, who made the term the circle of migrations from one human body, through animals, fishes, and birds, to another human body three thousand years...*

*The Curds, The Chinese, the Cabbalists, all held the same doctrine. So Origen held, and the Bishop Synesius, the latter of whom*



Origen



*had been initiated, and who thus prayed to God: "Oh Father, grant that my soul, reunited to the light may not be plunged again into the defilements of earth!" So the Gnostics held, and even the Disciples of Christ, inquired if the man who was born blind, was not so punished for some sin that he had committed before his birth.*

*Origen gives much information as to the Mysteries of the Ophites; and there is no doubt all the Gnostic sects had Mysteries and an initiation. They all claimed to possess a secret doctrine, coming to them directly from Jesus Christ, different from that of the Gospels and Epistles, and superior to those communications, and superior, which in their eyes, were merely exoteric*

*Born A.D. 134, answering Celsus, who had objected that the Christians had a concealed doctrine said, 'Inasmuch as the essential and important doctrines and principles of Christianity are openly taught, it is foolish to object that there are other things that are recondite; for this is common to Christian discipline with that of those philosophers in whose teaching some things are exoteric, and some esoteric.' And it is enough to say that it was so for the disciples of Pythagoras.*

8) Did Jesus believe in secrecy (see Matthew 13:35 and John 18:20)?

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9) What else does the Bible have to say about secret initiations?

**Isaiah 45:19** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Isaiah 48:16** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Amos 3:7** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mark 4:22** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Luke 8:17** \_\_\_\_\_

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**John 7:4** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Subtle ADJUSTMENTS

10) What are some of the changes in the modern translations?



**2 Samuel 21:19:** (00:12:50)

**KJV:** *And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaareoregim a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.*

**ESV:** *In another battle with the Philistines at Gob, Elhanan son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed Goliath the Gittite, who had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod.*

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**2 Samuel 23:5:** (00:14:25)

**KJV:** *Although my house be not so with God.*

**NIV:** *Is not my house right with God?*

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**Hosea 11:12:** (00:14:30)

**KJV:** *But Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.*

**NIV:** *And Judah is unruly against God, even against the faithful Holy One.*

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**Matthew 5:44:** (00:15:10)

**KJV:** *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.*

**RSV:** *But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*

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11) Why do you think they shortened this text?



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**Matthew 18:11:** (00:15:30)

**KJV:** *For the son of man has come to save that which is lost.*

**RSV:** Omitted.

**NIV:** Omitted.

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**Matthew 20:16:** (00:16:00)

**KJV:** *So the last shall be first, and the first last; for many be called, but few are chosen.*

**RSV:** *So the last will be first and the first last.*

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**Matthew 20:20-23:** (00:16:40)

**KJV:** *But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.*

*And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my father.*

**NIV:** *You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered.*

*Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my father.*

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**Matthew 25:13:** (00:18:10)

**KJV:** *Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

**RSV:** *Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.*

**NIV:** *Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.*

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**Mark 2:17:** (00:19:40)

**KJV:** *I have not come to call the righteous but the sinners to repentance.*

**RSV:** *I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.*

**NIV:** *I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.*

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**Mark 6:11:** (00:20:40)

**KJV:** *And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when you depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgement than for that city.*

**RSV:** *And if any place will not receive you and they refuse to hear you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet for a testimony against them.*

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**Mark 10:24:** (00:22:25)

**KJV:** *Children, how hard it is for them that trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!*

**RSV:** *Children, how hard is it to enter the kingdom of God!*

**NIV:** *How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God.*

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**Mark 10:21:** (00:22:40)

**KJV:** *And come, take up the cross, and follow me.*

**RSV:** *And come, follow me.*

**ASV:** *And come, follow me.*

**NIV:** *Then come, follow me.*

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**Luke 2:14:** (00:24:50)

**KJV:** *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

**RSV:** *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!*

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**Luke 4:4:** (00:25:40)

**KJV:** *And Jesus answered him saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.*

**RSV:** *And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone.*

**NIV:** *Jesus answered, 'It is written: Man does not live by bread alone.*

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**2 Timothy 3:16:** (00:26:54)

**KJV:** *All scripture given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine.*

**ASV:** *Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching.*

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**Luke 9:55-56:** (00:27:55)

**KJV:** *But he turned, and rebuked them, and said "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." And they went to another village.*

**RSV:** *But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.*

**NIV:** *But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went to another village.*

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**2 Timothy 3:16:** (00:29:00)

**KJV:** *And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; And his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

**RSV:** Omitted.

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12) Why do you think they removed that text?



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**Acts 28:29:** (00:30:40)

**KJV:** *And when he said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.*

**RSV:** Omitted.

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13) Why do you think they removed that text?



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**1 Corinthians 10:28:** (00:32:05)

**KJV:** *But if any man says unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.*

**RSV:** *But if some one says to you, "This has been offered in sacrifice," then out of consideration for the man who informed you and for conscience' sake—.*

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**Revelation 14:5:** (00:32:55)

**KJV:** *And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

**RSV:** *And in their mouth no lie was found, for they are spotless.*

**NIV:** *No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.*

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**Luke 4:8:** (00:34:15)

**KJV:** *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

**RSV:** *And Jesus answered him, It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.*

**NIV:** *Jesus answered, It is written. Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.*

**Douay:** *And Jesus answering him said to him , It is written Thou shalt adore the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve.*

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14) Why were those words removed (see Matthew 16:23)?  
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**Acts 13:42:** (00:35:30)

**KJV:** *And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.*

**RSV:** *As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath.*

**NIV:** *As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath.*

**Douay:** *And as they went out, they desired them that on the next Sabbath they would speak unto them these words.*

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**John 5:39:** (00:45:00)

**KJV:** Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life...

**RSV:** You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life...

**NIV:** You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life...

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**Luke 1:72:** (01:10:20)

**KJV:** To perform the mercy promised to our fathers.

**RSV:** To show mercy to our fathers.

**NIV:** To show mercy to our fathers.

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15) Why does this change matter (see quote below)?



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**Mullen, Canon: 332:**

*For the text was one which, if rendered literally, no one could read without being convinced, or at least suspecting, that the "fathers" already dead needed "mercy"; and that "the Lord God of Israel" was prepared to perform it for them. But where were those fathers? Not in heaven, where mercy is swallowed up in joy. And assuredly not in hell, where mercy could not reach them. They must therefore have been in a place between both, or neither the one nor the other. What? In Limbo or Purgatory? Why certainly, in one or the other.*

**1 Peter 4:6:** (01:11:28)

**KJV:** *For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead...*

**RSV:** *For this is why the gospel was preached even to the dead...*

**NIV:** *For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead.*

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**Job 26:5:** (01:13:00)

**KJV:** *Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof.*

**NIV:** *The dead are in deep anguish, those beneath the waters and all that live in them.*

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**2 Peter 2:9:** (01:13:50)

**KJV:** *The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.*

**NIV:** *...unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment.*

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**Isaiah 7:14:** (01:19:25)

**KJV:** *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

**RSV:** *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*



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16) Why does this change matter, according to Rabbi Balfour Brickner?

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**Luke 11:2:** (01:27:35)

**KJV:** *And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so in earth.*

**RSV:** *Father, hallowed be your name.*

**NIV:** *When you pray, say; 'Father, hallowed be your name.'*

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**John 16:16:** (01:30:15)

**KJV:** *A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me because I go to the Father.*

**RSV:** *In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.*

**NIV:** *A little while, and you will see me no more; again a little while, and you will see me.*

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17) Which verse makes sense?



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**Acts 22:16:** (01:33:15)

**KJV:** ...and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

**RSV:** ...and wash away your sins, call on his name.

**NIV:** ...and wash your sins away, calling on his name...

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**1 Timothy 3:16:** (01:34:40)

**KJV:** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh.

**NIV:** Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body.

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18) What are some of the key doctrines that the modern translations of the Bible remove or replace (hint: some doctrines are mentioned the quotes below)?



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**Dublin Review (July 1881):**

*But perhaps the most surprising change of all is John 5:39. It is no longer "Search the Scriptures" but "Ye search," and thus Protestantism has lost the very cause of its being...*

*The Apostles have now power to "forgive" sins and not simply to "remit" them, "Confess therefore your sins" is the new reading of James 5:16.*



**Benjamin G. Wilkinson, *Our Authorized Bible Vindicated* (Leaves of Autumn Books Inc, 1996):**

*The word “miracle” is found, singular and plural, thirty-two times in the Authorized Version of the New Testament. Alas! What desolation has been wrought by the Revised! In twenty-three of these instances, the word “miracle” has disappeared. In the case of the other nine, although the term is used in the text, its force is robbed by a weakening substitute in the margin.*

**George Milligan, *Expository Value*: 99:**

*Acts 16:7...the striking reading, “the Spirit of Jesus” (not simply as in the Authorized Version “the Spirit”) implies that the Holy Spirit has so taken possession of the Person of the Exalted Jesus that He could be spoken of as “the Spirit of Jesus.”*

**E. B. Birks, *Dr. Warfield’s Collection of Opinions Volume 2*: 30:**

*...haven’t I reason to be mad when I find that grand old passage “For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us”—a passage which sounds the keynote of the whole doctrine of redemption—unnecessarily changed into “For our Passover also hath been sacrificed, even Christ”? And we have such changes everywhere.*

**Fulke’s Defense: 242:**

*This name then of “priest” and “priesthood” properly so called, as St. Augustine saith, which is an order distinct from the laity and vulgar people, ordained to offer Christ in an unbloody manner on sacrifice to His heavenly Father for us, to preach and minister the sacraments, and to be the pastors of the people, they wholly suppress in their translations.*

# My DECISION For Jesus

I understand that I am not saved by a Bible Version, and I also understand that the King James Version isn't the only version I can use, but I am now aware of some of the changes in the NIV and RSV. I realize that I need to study closer.

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