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WHY WE DO NOT USE THE NEW KING JAMES BIBLE.

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We do not use any modern version since they all come from the corrupt Alexandrian manuscripts. Both of these were found in the mid-1880's in Roman Catholic institutions. But any number of people have asked, "Why not use the New King James Version?" Since it has the name King James, many Christians are under the false impression that it is basically a King James Version with only a few minor word changes. Not true! While it generally follows the KJV text, it sometimes follows the same text as other modern versions and almost always gives the marginal reading exactly like the Alexandrian manuscripts. It sometimes alters the text to agree with them. Little wonder, since many on the translation committee were anything but Fundamentalists. The preface of this version says a great deal. It says that all of the men who worked on it believed in the "plenary and verbal inspiration of the *original autographs* of the Bible." (Italics mine). They do not believe in the doctrine of preservation! God said He would preserve His Word to all generations: **Psalm 12:6,7**. See also **Psalm 19:89, Isaiah 40:8; Luke 21:33; I Peter 1:25**; etc. In describing their sources one of the references was the Latin Vulgate, the official Roman Catholic Bible, By-the-way, all modern versions are very similar to the Roman Catholic Bible. One statement of the NKJV translators is: "Bible readers may be assured that the most important differences in the English New Testament of today are due, not to manuscript diversions, but to the way translators view the task of translation." That is a Lie! There are literally thousands of differences between the Alexandrian manuscripts and the TR manuscripts. A Trinitarian Bible Society article says there are approximately 35,000 word changes in the New Testament alone.

KEY TEXTS FOLLOW THE OTHER MODERN VERSIONS. One does not have to search far in the NKJV to find passages that are contrary to the KJV, the true Word of God. One of the first texts I look up in a modern version is Daniel 3:25 where Daniel's three friends are thrown into the fiery furnace. The KJV records Nebuchadnezzar said, "Lo, I see four men loose...and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." The NIV, NASV and all other versions I have checked say, "...and the form of the fourth was like a son of the gods." According to these corrupt texts Nebuchadnezzar did not see Jesus Christ, he saw a *non-existent* son of the gods. There are in reality no gods. The NKJV has the correct reading in the text but has a footnote giving the corrupt reading. In Matthew 20:20 the KJV says that James and John and their mother came to Jesus "...worshipping Him." The NKJV here and in other places, says they came, "kneeling down." Their modernistic thinking is also seen in the fact that they replaced the word "hell" with "hades." Everybody knows (at least they used to) what hell is, but what is hades. It is a Greek word, not a translation. In the Westcott-Hort Greek New Testament, where the Alexandrian mss, were used, such key passages as Mark 16:9-20, John 7:53-8:11 and Acts 8:37 are omitted. Most modern versions have them in the text, but they are bracketed with a footnote saying they are not in the oldest mss (the Alex. mss) clearly indicating they think they should not be there. The NKJV follows the same policy.

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THE NEW KING JAMES BIBLE TEACHES ERROR! Could God's inspired, infallible Word have errors? I think not! In Hebrews 3:16 the KJV says not all who came out of Egypt with Moses provoked God and died in the wilderness. Like all other modern versions the NKJV says, "...was it not all that came out..." That's not true! Joshua and Caleb did not provoke God! In Matthew 7:14 the KJV says, "Narrow is the way that leadeth unto life..." In the NKJV it reads: "Difficult is the way which leads to life." It is not difficult to get saved! That rendering gives one the idea he must do something to have eternal life and it is difficult. In Hebrews 10:14 the Word of God says that believers "are sanctified." In the NKJV we are told that they "are being sanctified." Now there is positional and progressive sanctification. The first is finished, complete because it is what we have in Christ. That is clearly what the context is saying! In Matthew 4:24 it speaks of one as a "lunatic" who comes to Jesus. The NKJV says it was an "epileptic." What does it matter? A whole lot, one is a mental disorder, the other is physical. Now if you look up the Greek word you will find it says "epileptic." So, you may say they were right to change it. NO - if you look in a lexicon you will find the word meant a "lunatic" or more literally, "one who is crazy." Just one more problem along these lines. In over 300 places the NKJV changes the word "man" to a neuter - one, anyone, everyone, someone, etc. Seems the modernists were not the only ones wanting a neutered Bible.

TAKE THE SCHOLARS WORD FOR IT. Most of the modern Bible "scholars" want you to think unless you know Greek or Hebrew, you simply cannot understand the issues. You should just let everything up to them; just take their word for it. That is the position of Bob Jones University. Stewart Custer, longtime head of their theology department has actually made such a statement. Well, as we have shown, the "scholars" have blundered terribly, especially the so called Bible "scholars." I don't need a Greek Bible "scholar" to tell me that God only wrote one Bible. That is as plain as the nose on your face. Yet these so called "scholars," including Fundamentals ones, tell us that there are a few good versions, just choose the one you like best. Yet, all the versions disagree with each other as well as with the King James Bible. Can they all be the inspired, infallible Word of God? You don't need a PH. D. behind your name to figure that out! One of the problems of our day is that most Christians are lazy. They will not take the time and effort to look into the subject. They would rather listen to a "scholar" or a popular preacher, even if he is wrong. You don't need to know Greek. There are any number of good books on the subject by men who had some common sense along with their scholarship.

THE NEW KING JAMES IS NOT THE OLD KING JAMES. The fundamental problem with the NKJV is that it follows the same faulty thinking which underlies all the other modern versions. The changes that are suggested are from Nestlé's Greek text which is basically the same as that of Westcott and Hort. A very important issue for the Bible believer to consider is whether or not God has kept His Word. To me it unthinkable that God should give an inspired, inerrant Word and then fail to preserve it; especially when He promised many times to do so. Are you willing to say that God failed here? He did promise to keep His Word to all generations and forever. We noted some of the verses earlier. I urge you to look them up. What is more important than whether we have the pure, unadulterated Word of God! God only wrote One Bible! In the English language, it is the King James Bible. The New one is not the same as the Old One! It is not the one that God gave to us! Man is always looking for something new. I'll stick to the Old - the KJV! God says, "**Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk therein.**" ~*Jeremiah 6:16*

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