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NEW STUDY ON AUTHORS OF THE BIBLE.

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LIBERAL UNBELIEF AND THE BIBLE. (Following is from AOL Huffington Post – 6/29/11). Software developed by an Israeli team is giving intriguing new hints about what researchers believe to be the multiple hands that wrote the Bible. The new software analyzes style and word choices to distinguish parts of a single text written by different authors, and when applied to the Bible its algorithm teased out distinct writerly voices in the holy book. The program, part of a sub-field of artificial intelligence studies known as authorship attribution, has a range of potential applications – from helping law enforcement to developing new computer programs for writers. But the Bible provided a tempting test case for the algorithm’s creators. For millions of Jews and Christians, it’s a tenet of their faith that God is the author of the core text of the Hebrew Bible – the Torah, also known as the Pentateuch or the Five Books of Moses. But since the advent of modern biblical scholarship, academic researchers have believed the text was written by a number of different authors whose work could be identified by seemingly different ideological agendas and linguistic styles and the different names they used for God. Today, scholars generally split the text into two main strands. One is believed to have been written by a figure or group known as the “priestly” author, because of apparent connections to the temple priests in Jerusalem. The rest is “non-priestly.” Scholars have meticulously gone over the text to ascertain which parts belong to which strand. When the new software was run on the Pentateuch, it found the same division, separating the “priestly” and “non-priestly.” It matched up with the traditional academic division at a rate of 90 percent – effectively recreating years of work by multiple scholars in minutes, said Moshe Koppel of Bar Ilan University near Tel Aviv, the computer science professor who headed the research team. “We have thus been able to largely recapitulate several centuries of painstaking manual labor with our automated method,” the Israeli team announced in a paper presented last week in Portland, Oregon, at the annual conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics...

IT IS JUST THE SAME OLD UNBELIEF! This study basically presents nothing new in liberal Bible scholarship. The approach is the same as that presented by liberal scholarship a hundred years ago or more. The only difference is that the work has been done on a computer rather than analyzing the Bible word for word by individuals. The philosophy and results are basically the same as the old method; just less tedious and time consuming. For example, they take a Book, or several Books (Pentateuch), and note how many times the author (whoever he is, for they presume that few if any books are written by the men ascribed to them) uses a certain word or phrase. Let me illustrate. Take the Pentateuch for example. Liberal scholarship believes that Moses wrote none of it. According to them he was not alive when it was written. (They give late dates to all books of the Bible). Daniel wrote around 600 B.C. The liberals say the Book of Daniel was not written until around 150 B.C. – after all those amazing prophecies were fulfilled. The author took Daniel’s name to give credence to his writings, so that people would read it. That makes the Book a fraud! Now, to get back to the Pentateuch. As I said. For a hundred years or more the liberals have taught that some pious soul – a “prophet” – wrote down some religious thoughts. The liberals call this man “J.” He used the name Jehovah for God. Later, another religious fellow read this and added some thoughts of his own. He had different beliefs and style. They called this man “E” for Elohim. That is the name translated “God”. After a while another would be “prophet” read this and added his own ideas about God. He had a lot of thoughts about

priesthood so, they labeled him “P.” The author of Deuteronomy was labeled “D.” Then, because there were some parts that did not fit into any of the above categories, they said there must have been a fifth, or several other writers, down through the ages. They called him (them) “R” for Redactor. That is, where he disagreed with the previous writers, he made alterations and added thoughts of his own. They have come up with similar deductions for all the Books of the Bible. When it comes to the New Testament, among other heresies, these “scholars” have decided that none of the N.T. Books were written until 150-200 A.D. That means none was written by an apostle for none of them was living at that time. Can you see any room for faith in all of this? It is all simply human speculation. God says, **“Without faith it is impossible to please Him...”** The truth is, this is nothing but the basest of unbelief. It is in no wise the work of God but simply the religious thoughts of men and we know that **“... the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”** ~I Corinthians 2:14.

THE BLESSED TRUTH OF THE MATTER! Modern scholarship literally destroys any reason to put your trust in the Scriptures. What kind of peace and hope is there in such a philosophy? It is a philosophy of unbelief and deception. The truth of the matter is the Bible is not the word of man but the blessed Word of God! That is what it claims to be over 3800 times! Who wrote the Bible? Look at II Timothy 3:16,17: **“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”** You no doubt know that the word “inspiration” is literally “God breathed.” If the Bible is not the very Word of God, I don’t see any point in putting your faith in it because it would only be the speculation of men. But the Bible is the inspired Word of God and if it is inspired of God it must be infallible, inerrant. Could God produce anything less? As to the method God used to give His Holy Word, He used human authors. However, the words were not theirs but God’s. In II Peter 1:20,21 we read: **“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”** First, Scripture is of no private interpretation, which means you cannot make it say what you want it to say. There is one interpretation – God’s! Then, God did not allow man to choose the words – not by the will of man. God so moved upon the writers of Scripture that they put down the words He wanted. The Bible is the very Word of God! (A common modern philosophy is that God gave the thoughts but left the words of to men. NO!). Time and space hinders us from pressing this further, however, I think that we have dealt with the subject thoroughly enough to show that utter hopelessness of modern biblical thought and the truth that the Bible is indeed the true Word of God.

A WORD ABOUT MODERN BIBLE VERSIONS. When we speak of the Bible, you must understand that in the English language, we are talking about the King James Version. We reject all modern versions for they all come from the same liberal mindset. Even many Fundamentalists believe that there are errors in all versions or translations. God has said, **“Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in Heaven.”** ~Psalm 119:89. If God’s word is in the modern versions, it was not settled!. Psalm 12:6,7 says, **“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.”** Did God keep His Word? If so, where did He preserve it? Not in the manuscripts that were used for all modern versions (Westcott and Hort). Those manuscripts were lost for 1500 years. Both were found in the mid-1850’s and both were discovered in Catholic institutions, one in the Vatican. Jesus said, **“Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.”** ~Luke 21:33. We believe that God not only gave His Word perfectly, but that He preserved it perfectly, as He said He would. If only the originals are inspired, as many professed Bible believers claim, who knows where the Word of God is today. The original manuscripts of the writings of Moses have been gone for 3,500 years or so. We need to remember that the Bible is a miracle Book! It was given by God – perfectly! Do you mean to tell me He was unable to keep it – perfectly? You may believe the scholars, I believe God. Among the many problems with modern versions is they have many serious omissions. For example, Westcott and Hort’s Greek text omits the 12 verses of Mark 16:9-20; (the great commission) and John 7:53-8:11. While most modern versions have these verses, they are in brackets with a foot note stating they are not in the oldest manuscripts. Does that not cast serious doubt upon them. Does it encourage faith? To my knowledge, all modern versions omit I John 5:7 which is the strongest single verse in the Bible on the Trinity. **“For there are three that bear record in heaven, The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are One.”** There is not space here to pursue this further, nor is there any need to do so. It is all a matter who you are going to believe. Will you believe God (what He has said in His Word) or will you believe the scholars. To believe the scholars is popular; to believe God has never been popular! Do you want to be with the majority or do you want to be right? God has said, **“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand for ever.”** ~Isaiah 40:8. If you would like more information, write to us or email us at restarrkjv@aol.com