

VICTORY FAITH CENTRE ATTACHMENT ON THE USE OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE IN CREATIONISM

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Victory Faith Centre, as a true church, cannot support any organisation which comes against the main function of a church, that is, to exalt and promote the Word of God. "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (1 Timothy 3:15).

Victory Faith Centre has been able to utilise materials from other organisations and ministries, especially when and where such organisations and materials used the King James Bible. Since Victory Faith Centre stands for the King James Bible, Victory Faith Centre must reject connections to organisations that have a deliberate and prolonged agenda to attack the King James Bible. "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

The doctrine of creationism is based on the Bible, that is to say particularly, the King James Bible. This is evident in the fact that the creationist movement was founded on the King James Bible, and creationists used the King James Bible for many years. The very foundation of creationism is the authority of Scripture, therefore, the doctrine of the King James Bible is the bedrock factor in creationist doctrine. It is of great concern if a creationist organisation not only rejects the King James Bible doctrine, but goes out of its way to attack it. "Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded." (Proverbs 13:13).

A particular example of where an antichrist spirit has manifested itself is through Dr Jonathan Sarfati of the Answers in Genesis organisation. This man has caused a great opening to evil within the creationist movement by a deliberate and concerted attack on the King James Bible. The particular errors, whether stated or implied, are:

1. that God is not all powerful, because He cannot and has not preserved all His Word;
2. that man, by learning, reason and intellect, can know more than God, by defining for himself what he wishes the Word of God to be for himself;
3. that false tradition, modern scholarship, Nicolaitans and the Jews have more light, understanding, weight, credibility and authority than Christians have with the Bible and the Holy Ghost; and
4. that using the King James Bible only is defined as heresy.

Dr Sarfati's prideful and mocking arguments against the King James Bible position are fallacious and fraudulent. His very work is doing as much to undermine creationism as what all secularists, evolutionists, humanists and such like have done to come against the Bible doctrine of creation.

Some specific areas have been highlighted:

1. The truth of God's Word is said to only be accurate and error free in the Autographs in the original languages. However, the Bible clearly implies that the exact truth would be available generally to the world in a time long after the inspiration, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matthew 24:14). "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (1 Peter 1:23).

2. The King James Bible is implied to have led people to false doctrines. This is exactly incorrect. The highest and greatest progress of Christian doctrine has been based directly on the King James Bible (e.g. Wesley, Burgon or Wigglesworth). Since the creationist movement itself is based on the King James Bible, then this would imply that creationism is a false doctrine. In fact, the greatest

creationists, such as Henry Morris, have historically supported the King James Bible.

3. The King James Bible is said to be hard to understand, and therefore keeps people from the truth. The Scripture shows that making the language easy or modernising the Word is not going to make a difference, “But 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.” (1 Corinthians 1:14). It is the Spirit of God that gives understanding. Furthermore, by tampering with God’s Word, it has actually been a hindrance for people to receive from the Spirit of God the revealed truth, because of the alteration and often deletion of exact and particular concepts (e.g. propitiation).

4. It is said that the King James Bible was written in the language of 1611, and that our Bibles should be in the language of the day. This is not true, in that the King James Bible language was always higher than ordinary English, and has its own complex rules and peculiar grammar. This is called “Biblical English”. There is now no way to change Biblical English. Even though the English language has changed since 1611, it is still modern English. Furthermore, almost all the words in the King James Bible are found in common speech. Therefore, the King James Bible is not out of date.

5. It is said that the translators of the King James Bible would support modern versions. This is a false argument in that the King James Bible translators cannot be spoken for by someone else; however, in the Epistle Dedicatory they explicitly stated that their work was final, saying, “there should be one more exact translation of the Holy Scriptures into the *English* tongue” (i.e. what they were producing).

6. It is said that the debate is between the Majority Text and the New Critical Greek Text. This is simply not true. The real conflict is between the Received Text as represented by the King James Bible, and all others. “The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published *it*.” (Psalm 68:11).

It is apparent that the King James Bible is a good foundation, and when rejected, there is a direct correlation with the appearance of false and misguided ideas. In the creationist area, for example, there has been an increase in false ideas and misguided explanations because of the rejection of the Word of God as it is.¹

It is not possible for someone in Victory Faith Centre to major in creationism, without majoring on the King James Bible as the sound and authentic record of the creation. Therefore, it is explicit that one of the fruits of the King James Bible doctrine is the development of the stance in creation in line with the Church doctrinal statement. “Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? *there is* no searching of his understanding.” (Isaiah 40:28).

¹ Examples include, the rejection of the Biblical word, meaning and doctrine of the “firmament”, the rejection of the Scriptural concept of fixed (non-relative) time, the lack of identification and explanation of “the firmament of heaven”, the rejection of the historical existence of “unicorns” and the accurate translation of that word, the rejection of the Biblical doctrine of God as having a literal body, the rejection of the Biblical wording concerning “Cainan” in the genealogy of Luke 3:36 and other such things.