ANSWERING OBJECTIONS TO THE KING JAMES BIBLE Matthew Verschuur

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1. HOW DO WE DEAL WITH THE KING JAMES BIBLE?

God is most high, and whatever He does, He does by His great power. God is able to give, and God has given a gift which we must receive. If we neglect what has been provided, we are going against His will.

The Word of God has been given: "The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published *it*." (Psalm 68:11). And yet, so many people professing to be Born Again Bible-believing Spirit-filled Christians have rejected the Word in favour of another religion or philosophy. It is actually Mystery religion, which is backed by the spirit of Antichrist. One manifestation of this Mystery doctrine is a distrust in the accuracy and spiritual monopoly of the Authorized King James Bible.

The Word states, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3). The foundational doctrine of trust in a Bible that has been provided by God for the present has been attacked in many areas. Satan is behind this, because he knows that "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6a).

We should be sure that God has provided the Word to and for us. If we do not have this knowledge, then we are in a dangerous position, because we are not matching up with God's will and counsel. Jesus said, "I have given them thy word" (John 17:14). Since it has been given, we must actually receive it in reality.

Believers must have a present Word. "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (1 Peter 2:25). The Word has been given by God, and has come to you, so that you may possess it this very day. The received Word is the King James Bible.

Many people have been instructed in the principles of Mystery religion when it comes to the Bible, which makes the Word of God a mystery. Yet, the truth is so plainly available. We are told to "receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." (James 1:21b), and "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16a). So the Word of God must be within, written in the inner man. True believers in Christ are to receive the Word as it has been faithfully transmitted throughout history.

If the Word of God is to go within believers, it must come from somewhere. It comes from the Spirit and enters the heart. This happens when a person who is born again receives the engrafted Word as delivered by the Gospel of Christ.

2. WHY DO WE NEED THE BIBLE?

When God gave the Word, He gave it in written form. "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." (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). The Scripture of the Old and New Testament has been given, which itself is to be preached.

The Bible says, "So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world." (Romans 10:17, 18). To be born again, you must hear the Word. It is the Word in written form that goes forth, even though men learn it, and preach it. It has to be in written form, because it was first given on Earth in written form, and the Bible is a standard which even unbelievers can look upon and hear.

Paul wrote, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." (Romans 15:4). Since the Scripture has been presented in written form, such as a vellum manuscript, printed book or a digital electronic file, it can be searched and read. A believer must "Search the scriptures" (John 5:39a) and "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15). Preaching must include "Opening and alleging" (Acts 17:3a).

Mystery religion, which does not receive that God has provided His Word, says that there is a difference between the "real" Word and what is plainly available as the written Word. The fact is that the written Word must be believed, but the people in the Mystery doctrine (such as modern scholars) can never truly show their "real Word". The Bible never speaks about the Word being hidden from believers.

3. IS THE BIBLE A MYSTERY?

Mystery religion causes a person to think that the Bible cannot be present today on Earth in perfection. For example, Mystery religion puts the Word of God as knowable only in the "original languages". In this, Mystery religion takes a person away from belief in the power of God to preserve His Word into reliance upon modern scholars to unlock the meanings.

In opposition to Mystery religion is Biblical faith. Biblical faith believes that God is powerful enough to preserve His Word perfectly, even through the translation process into English, even in the presence of the enemies of God, and even in the midst of a sinful world.

The written Word has been supplied by God, but it needs to be received with hearing ears in the inner man. Although the Bible has been misunderstood by some, and has been rejected by many, this does not mean that the Bible is a mystery book. God is working at revealing the truth.

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 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." (2 Peter 1:19–21). The truth of the Scripture is available, if people would be willing to hear the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost uses ministers to teach and prophesy.

There are some who speak of a code, or of higher level interpretations which contradict traditional Protestant doctrine, or of special "rhema" words, but this is not of God: "BUT there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." (2 Peter 2:1, 2).

The Bible shows that the way of truth would be spoken against. And the way of truth is that God has provided His Word. "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This *is* the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." (Isaiah 30:21). The right way is the way of the Word of God.

4. CAN WE BE CERTAIN THAT THE BIBLE IS AVAILABLE TODAY?

The spirit of Antichrist is behind the whole flood of ideas that range from the teaching that there is no Word of God to the teaching that we cannot be absolutely certain that we have the Word of God. The spirit of Antichrist is saying that the Bible is not law: present, continuous and absolute.

There are three connected promises that the Word gives as law, which if we receive by faith, show us that the Bible must be present.

The first promise is that the Word must be available at the end of time, through time, and must therefore be available today.

"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (John 12:48). "Thy word *is* true *from* the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments *endureth* for ever." (Psalm 119:160). "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. ... 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, 25).

The second promise is that the Word must be available in all the world, to all nations, to every person and must therefore be available today.

"But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world." (Romans 10:18). "But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to

the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith" (Romans 16:26). "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). "For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth" (Colossians 1:5, 6). "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister" (Colossians 1:23). "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." (2 Corinthians 2:14). "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8).

The third promise is that the Word must be available in fullness and purity, altogether exact, and must therefore be available today. This promise is made up of several parts.

The first aspect of the promise is that the Word is without error (inerrant), that it cannot fail (infallible), and that it cannot be corrupted (incorruptible).

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:17). "Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar" (Proverbs 30:5, 6). "For the word of the LORD *is* right; and all his works *are done* in truth." (Psalm 33:4). "The law of the LORD *is* perfect" (Psalm

19:7a). "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11). "Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant." (1 Kings 8:56). "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (1 Peter 1:23).

The second aspect of the promise is that the Word, having been tried in the Earth, should only be purified, and be manifested in a final form.

"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." (Psalm 12:6, 7). "Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them." (Isaiah 34:16). "And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings." (Revelation 10:10, 11).

The Bible must be present, both at this time, at this place, and in full purity. This is what the Great Commission actually shows: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:19, 20). The nations are to hear the exact

words of Christ, and are to keep those words. If the Word is a mystery, it cannot be taught. If it is a mystery as to what Christ's words actually are, then the Church is in failure, and Christ's Commission cannot be fulfilled. Furthermore, if believers cannot do what Christ said, the Gospel has no power. This is the actual aim of the spirit of Antichrist. Satan wants Mystery religion to usurp the place of the pure Word, because he does not want people to actually obey the Bible.

5. IS IT WRONG FOR THE BIBLE TO BE LAW?

Believers are commanded to obey the exact Word, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." (James 1:22). Satan operates against the Word, and would have people disobey it, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4).

It is a doctrine of devils that says that believers are now "in the spirit" and do not have to obey, hear, read or otherwise conform to the Word. Mystery religion says that following the Word is not only old, but is wrong and some even ascribe true religion to be devilish. They must counteract Bible tradition, religion and lawfulness by any means. They actively disregard the Word in doing this, which says, "we establish the law." (Romans 3:31b), and "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this" (James 1:21a), and again, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." (2 Thessalonians 3:6).

It is clear that believers must engage themselves to the Word of God, as it says, "to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace." (Romans 8:6). So believers are not to abandon their mind, but are to apply themselves in minding and doing the law of God. The whole purpose why God gave the Word is for men to know the truth: "A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels" (Proverbs 1:5).

6. WHY SHOULD WE CARE FOR THE VERY LETTERS OF THE BIBLE?

God has given a law which must be obeyed. The New Testament says, "acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." (1 Corinthians 14:37b). And the Bible must be obeyed to the very letter. The New Testament says, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all." (James 2:10). Jesus said, "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:18, 19).

Greatness in God's Kingdom is not by neglecting the little parts of the words, but greatness is in scrupulousness, and actual obedience and teaching of the truth. Those who change even small things are called least in God's Kingdom, how much less than least are all the minsters, preachers and Christians, even in the highest revelation of the Faith Movement, who have criticised the Bible here and there, more than just its lettering or punctuation marks!

Pray that the Lord would have mercy on those who have, in ignorance, esteemed the Word less than what they should have, "Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded." (Proverbs 13:13).

7. IS IT BIBLIOLATRY TO EXALT THE WORD?

The people in the Mystery doctrine sometimes talk of those who worship the Bible as a form of idolatry, calling it "Bibliolatry".

The Scripture says, "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." (Psalm 138:2). If the name of Christ Jesus is above every name, how much higher is the Word. Yet, the Word has been treated contemptuously by many. Now some Faith Movement preachers have talked about standing on the Word. This is good. But the heart of a believer must fully yield to the Word. This does not mean bowing down to Bibles, but it means regarding the Word as the important revelation of God. It is God who is first.

"In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me." (Psalm 56:4). The lack of knowledge on receiving the Word as given by God needs to be corrected, because the Scripture commands believers to lift up the Word, not the opinions of man, which are as nothing. Those who attempt to "correct" the Bible are in error. "In God will I praise *his* word: in the LORD will I praise *his* word." (Psalm 56:10).

8. IS IT WRONG TO FOLLOW ONLY ONE VERSION OF THE BIBLE?

If we are going to obey the Word, we must have one Word to adhere to. It is not a good sign if the Body of Christ follows various words, which contradict or differ to each other. There must be only one Word: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Believers are to speak the same thing, and this means to use one Bible version. They are to think the same way, and be of the same judgment. This approach is opposite to Mystery religion, which is about deciding truth for yourself. This is not submitting to the provision of God. Anyone who is picking and choosing which words they like is in trouble. Many have got into Mystery doctrine because they have thought they could obtain truth for themselves, whether it was by translating words differently, or finding other new meanings, all which suits self and the spirit of Antichrist, which is the exact opposite of submitting to law of the Word of God.

Believers must come to understand that there is only one version of the Bible that is to be used. This version must have:

- 1. the seal of approval of the Holy Ghost in its providential circumstances;
- 2. a direct lineage by tradition back to the Originals;
- 3. a correct translation;
- 4. the approval of many true believers.

There is one Bible version which matches exactly in this category, and contrasts massively with all other versions. It is the King James Bible.

9. WHAT ABOUT OTHER VERSIONS BEFORE 1611 OR IN OTHER COUNTRIES?

The world is now speaking English. It has become the global language. "For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent." (Zephaniah 3:9). God has prepared the English language for the whole world, that they might be able to use the King James Bible.

The Word of God was in the Earth long before the King James Bible was printed in 1611, and it has been available to people outside of the King James Bible after 1611. The King James Bible has been considered to be the best for people who spoke English, and was commonly considered to be the best version in the whole world and history. Now that the revelation of the purity of the King James Bible is being manifested, things have come to a point where the King James Bible is really the only Bible for the whole world. This means that all true believers should lay hold of the King James Bible as the Word of God to them and the world for today, and tomorrow.

"Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not" (Jeremiah 50:2a). "And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek" (Isaiah 11:10a). And, "declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 48:20c).

10. CAN YOU BE SAVED BY THE WORDS OF ANOTHER VERSION?

People are born again and saved by believing the Word. "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (1 Peter 1:25). There is only one Gospel, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:8). Historically, the Word of God has been sent from Heaven to the nations on Earth.

"Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God." (Hebrews 10:7). The people who are influenced by Mystery doctrine thinking may accept that the Word is in Heaven, but those who are hearing are those who realise that the Word is also available in the Earth. Importantly, people must now come to believe that the King James Bible matches exactly with the Heavenly record. "For this commandment which I command thee this day, it *is* not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off. It *is* not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?" (Deuteronomy 30:11–13).

The important thing to understand is that regardless of the past, the Church is entering into the "times of refreshing" when the King James Bible only is the Word in the Church and the word of salvation. Coupled with this is that those who may not have been in this order when they were saved, must now come into a Christianity which matches up with this doctrine.

Peter said, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). He referred to a specific timeframe. It has to do with

the increase of revelation over time. The doctrines of water baptism and Pentecostalism have been restored, and now is the time of the restoration of the doctrine of the pure Word.

The times of refreshing have everything to do with the Word, "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken." (Isaiah 28:9–13).

There is a very important prophecy here: "For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people." (Isaiah 28:11). The stammering lips is a prophecy of Pentecostalism (see 1 Corinthians 14:21). But the prophecy also shows that one particular tongue would be used for teaching. This could not be Hebrew, but must be the language which would be used to speak to believers and the Jews in the latter days. The providential evidence is this: the progression of the Church to Pentecostalism was by English-speaking Christians. The Bible which the Christians used, which was the standard Pentecostal Bible for years on end, was the King James Bible. Thus, it is no accident that the progression of revelation to bring the restoration of knowledge of the pure Word, being the King James Bible, has been by Pentecostals who speak English, and who derive their Church history and national culture from England.

11. ARE THE CLAIMS OF PROVIDENTIAL BIBLE PURITY CULTISH?

Mystery religion strives to reject the King James Bible. Every teaching affected by Mystery doctrine always has some non-Biblical secret or key. Every doctrine rejecting the purity of the Bible actually becomes cultish. Many such doctrines are apparent among people calling themselves Christians, and it is manifested even with those who claim to be Word of Faith Pentecostals. One major outworking of this is the inability to accept the King James Bible as it is. Jesus said, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (John 12:48). It is very important then to accept His words, which are presented in the King James Bible.

When it comes to the King James Bible doctrine, God is not withholding the revelation of Bible purity from people, but has made it available, and those who will hear receive it. It is very plain in the Scripture that the pure Word Pentecostals are altogether linked with the latter days glory of the Church that must precede the translation of the saints.

There are many verses throughout the Bible which prophesy about details in relation to the coming of the pure Word. It is not a hidden thing, like Mystery religion, but a very plain revelation of knowledge, that God's pure Word has been provided for all men, and that believers are the bearers and conveyers of it.

"Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." (Matthew 21:42, 43). This shows that the Word, which is foundation, is also planted into the Earth, even into a nation, which is to yield the fruits thereof in the latter days. This is the King James Bible asserting itself nationally, for example, historically through England, and then also through the United States of America. The pure Word must now be upheld by a nation for the world.

Those affected by Mystery religion have said that it is wrong to follow only the King James Bible. Yet the Bible says, "Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them." (Isaiah 34:16).

12. ARE THE SCHOLARS RIGHT TO REJECT THE KING JAMES BIBLE?

God wants people to study and know the Bible. However, modern scholars do exactly the opposite. They make the Bible hard and mysterious. This is consistent with the Mystery doctrine which does not accept that God has provided the Word as it is today, in full purity.

The modern scholars might say that the Word of God is in the Originals. This is true, but the Originals are no longer present, only various copies in the original languages. Therefore, we must believe that the Scripture has been copied faithfully. For example, the Christians at Berea did not have the Originals, but only copies, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11). Again, Jesus was using a copy of Isaiah at Nazareth, "And there was

delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written" (Luke 4:17). Since the King James Bible comes from copies in the past, there cannot be any Biblical objection against this.

The modern scholars say a lot about the real meaning being in the original languages. For example, they talk of how the words struck the ears of the original audience, and what images flashed up in their minds, and such like. This idea denies that God speaks to people today by the preserved Word, but they must always guess how people perceived, or did not perceive, the Word in the past. This allows the modern scholar to make the Bible say whatever he wants it to mean. Jesus said, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:9).

The modern scholar also may teach that perfect translation is impossible, and that the exact meaning cannot be brought from one language to another. Yet, the Bible is full of translations and interpretations of itself (for example, the Old Testament quotations in the New Testament). If God could do it then, God could certainly do it in the Protestant Reformation. After all, how else does the Body of Christ preach the Word, except that the Spirit must be helping them use a language other than Hebrew or Greek, "And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh." (Ephesians 2:17). If the scholars were right, no one after the death of the Apostles or speaking any other language could be saved. This is actually a form of Roman Catholic doctrine.

The modern scholar may also say that God is so great that He cannot be understood. The truth is, if God is so wise, and so beyond man, He must be intelligent enough to know how to speak to man. Those who hold to the unknowable or unutterable God are actually in the Mystery doctrine,

because this doctrine speaks of a great divine presence, and universal forces, rather than as the God revealed in the Bible and by the Holy Ghost. "The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether." (Psalm 19:7–9).

The Bible shows that the modern scholars are in a very bad position. They are "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." (2 Timothy 3:7). There is always a new revelation or a new version, but nothing ever is perfect or final. However, God is changeless and the Amen, which means that having a final form of the Word in the Earth is consistent with His nature.

13. IS THE KING JAMES BIBLE HARD TO UNDERSTAND AND IN OLD ENGLISH?

People have often brought up the accusation that the King James Bible is hard. By believing that it is not able to be understood is the same as saying God is weak. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11). God is able to make His Word come to pass, and more, God is able to give people the understanding of it. "But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26).

Although the Word of God is hard, as is shown by the King James Bible, those who choose to hear come to understand the Word. "A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings." (Proverbs 1:5, 6).

The King James Bible is not in Old English, like what was spoken in Viking times, though it may seem to be an older form of present English. The fact is that the English of the Bible was never an ordinary form of the language, it is Biblical English. This Biblical English has its own grammar and structure, which is very precise and poetic, and is beyond modern English in its ability to communicate accurately. Nevertheless, the King James Bible was translated when modern English was being used, at the same time as Shakespeare, and is therefore suitable for both present and future English-speakers. Whilst the modern English language may change over time, the Bible is never going to change. Therefore, as English is installed as the world language, the changeless King James Bible becomes more and more relevant.

Some accuse the Bible of having bad or inconsistent grammar. This is a falsehood. The Bible has a superior style and grammar, which does not match exactly with present day language rules, or looseness thereof. However, the King James Bible is self-consistent and has no contradictions in presentation or content.

14. HOW CERTAIN IS IT THAT EVERY BOOK AND PASSAGE BELONGS?

God has used His Church to witness of the Word. This includes the keeping of the Word. Whatever has been rejected by godly tradition is to be

rejected, and whatever is received is to be received. As Jude wrote, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude verse 3). Centuries of adherence to the books of the Bible as we have them is a sign consistent with God's providence. Therefore, there are sixty-six books in the Bible, not more or less.

There are some other writings which have been useful for a variety of purposes, but are not Bible books. Many people have written many interesting and informative books. And then there are the books of the Apocrypha, such as the books of Tobit, Judith, Wisdom and the Maccabees. These are not inspired Scriptures, and in every respect they show signs that they do not belong in the Bible. There are also other books even more linked into Mystery religion, made by Jews, Roman Catholics and other heretics, such as the Gnostic books. All these books contain contradictions to the Scripture, and show themselves as fallible.

It is dangerous to have unbelievers work on or present Bible Scripture who are not of the lineage and spirit of Bible preservation. In their work there is often a deviation from the Word. This occurred in the time of the Early Church Fathers, where some reinterpreted and altered Scripture to suit themselves and introduce Mystery doctrine. This has been manifested through history, and is prevalent in modern versions of the Bible, which present very little of the true Word. It is no accident that these versions and their supporters oppose the King James Bible.

Those in the Mystery religion are willing to follow a few old manuscripts — especially "Aleph" and "B", which are referred to in modern versions as the "oldest and most reliable manuscripts" — which do not match with true

Christian tradition, and therefore must be heretical, and use these to edit the Bible, by deleting, altering and casting doubt on many words, passages and even books. Some people even reject Christianity based on a single fragment of a Gnostic book!

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in the twentieth century showed that the Old Testament was already in existence before the time of Christ, and that what had been passed down through the medieval Jews to the Protestants in the Reformation was an accurately preserved lineage, even though at that time there was very little old evidence available. Therefore, the Protestants were right to rely on the Hebrew books printed in the 1500s.

As for the New Testament, the work of true scholars at the time of the Reformation showed that the New Testament had been accurately preserved in Byzantine, where the Orthodox Church had a direct lineage back to the time of the Apostles. However, the Latin manuscripts of Western Europe were also useful. One scholar named Erasmus (1469–1536) took a few representative Greek manuscripts and the Latin Vulgate, and printed an accurate form of the New Testament.

When the King James Bible translators worked on the final English translation, they looked at all the evidence, including the printed books that presented the collation of studies of various Greek manuscripts, called the *Textus Receptus*, as well as editions of the Latin, other old versions, translations in other languages and the succession of Protestant English Bibles which had come before the King James Bible. When taken altogether, they were able to see clearly that God had preserved and provided His Word, and they were able to present the full text in English in 1611. The English text of the King James Bible is now the final and authoritative text of the Bible.

The English may differ from the Latin or Greek because no single manuscript available is perfect. Even the collated editions taking into account many Greek or Latin manuscripts were not exactly perfect. Certainly, the early Protestant English Bibles needed some improvement, which is why King James authorised the production of what the translators called one more exact translation, which would be the Word of God to be held in everlasting remembrance. This means that in one book, the exact Word of God was presented in perfection.

15. WHAT ABOUT VARIANT READINGS?

The full King James Bible has references which are set alongside the text. These are other translations into English, or are variations found in some manuscripts. When the Bible was written by inspiration, we can suppose that the book was written as one text. If corruptions appeared in copies, or if notes or interpretations were added, these only came afterward. And so, on occasions, the translators of the King James Bible had to choose the correct wording or make the correct translation of a word out of several possibilities.

Some people affected by Mystery religion believe that they can pick and choose which reading is better, calling them "alternatives". However, the Bible never speaks of this, it says, "The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple." (Psalm 19:7). And again, "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth." (Psalm 119:89, 90). There is no doubt with God or His Word.

Since there is one Word, believers must stand for one Bible text. It is not possible that the variations in the margin, which may have a historical presentation in some old manuscripts, are the Word of God. This is because through the processes that the Bible has undergone, the correct words came to be presented as the main text, and the rejected words were placed in the margin by the translators of 1611. But this does not mean that such words should be absent, because the translators had a policy of honesty, and they encouraged their readers to be certain for themselves as to the authenticity of the text. They instructed their readers not to dogmatise on this or that reading without full judgment. A major reason for this is because there was a probability that either reading could be taken. However, this never meant equality between the possible readings, because God's Word could not be both text and margin. "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." (1 Corinthians 14:33). Nor could the margin be swapped with or replace the text. This is shown by the fact that the translators used their judgment as to what was set in the actual text, and this has been accepted by many generations of many English Protestants, including those Bible publishers who have on many occasions printed Bibles without any references at all.

The readings in the margin are therefore to be regarded as variant, that is, straying away, never as alternatives.

16. WHAT ABOUT ITALICS?

According to some people affected by Mystery religion, not only is it impossible to bring a full translation from one language to another, but the translators of the King James Bible added words in the English which are beyond what they think is the real meaning of the Bible. The Bible says, "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" (Revelation 22:18).

When the King James Bible translators used a word not expressly found in the Originals, they used italics. This did not amount to adding anything beyond the Word of God, but was merely to make sure the Bible made full sense in English. On many occasions it took more English words to say something than the Originals, and so those words had to be added in italics. This does not mean that anything was added, but that the full meaning was presented in English. By using italics, the translators were being honest as to what was their interpretation of the meaning of the Originals, nevertheless, since their work was grounded in tradition and a godly approach, their work has been vindicated, and used throughout the world.

Therefore, it is foolish and incorrect to take away italic words, which have been supplied by God's providence. Those who do so always turn Scripture into error, because even the italic words are part of the Bible, "Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." (Proverbs 30:5, 6).

Sometimes italics are used to show words that appear in only some manuscripts. This does not mean that their historical authority is doubtful. God has preserved His Word, even if there were only a few witnesses for it. Some parts of the Bible have less representation in the manuscript evidence than others, and some particular readings only appear sometimes. However, believers can trust that God has providentially supplied the correct readings by reputable witnesses and that the Word is not lost, but fully available.

"Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled." (Titus 1:15).

17. HOW COULD THE KING JAMES BIBLE PURITY DOCTRINE BE RIGHT?

It seems that some prominent supporters of what is called "King James Bible Only" doctrine have been cultic, and have said things like that the King James Bible was itself inspired. However, regardless of a minority of cultists and heretics, the King James Bible purity doctrine has significant historical roots. In fact, it was the broad belief for many years in English-speaking nations and colonies that the King James Bible was just "The Bible".

While there was a rejection of the King James Bible by some that led to the Revised Version (1881), there has been a continuation of King James Bible defenders to the present. Most people who claim to stand for the King James Bible have not come to a proper stand on Bible purity. This is because there has been widespread compromise, an attack on proper learning and a general acceptance of modernist doctrine. The actual conflict is between Mystery religion and Bible knowledge. The situation is that most Christians, including both Word of Faith Pentecostals and King James Bible fundamentalists, have been connected in some degree to Mystery religion, which has manifested in the rise or perpetuation of various false teachings.

The King James Bible purity doctrine is a gathering together of true doctrine which has been preserved in strands. Jesus said, "He that is not

with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." (Matthew 12:30). Mystery doctrine is all about scattering — it is the work of the spirit of Antichrist. The gathering together of the knowledge of the pure Word is a part of Christ's work in building the Church. God has preserved a Church Remnant for the very reason of bringing them into a great Church Restitution throughout the Earth. "And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy" (Acts 2:18). The refreshing work of the Lord is primarily concerned with bringing people into the knowledge of the pure Word, and this includes a manifestation of this onto a national level.

18. WHAT IS THE STANDARD KING JAMES BIBLE?

Most Christians have not believed that there is any standard Bible, and if they did believe that there is one, they have not been fully able to show what it is. This is because Mystery religion has been triumphing. However, the Bible says, "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed." (Acts 19:20). Those who have said that the King James Bible is the standard have not been able to answer the objectors as to which edition is correct, and why. This can only be answered by the restoration of the Biblical purity doctrine, which shows that there is an exact text of the Word for the world, and that it is specifically in the Pure Cambridge Edition.

The Bible says, "The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." (Psalm 12:6). What this verse reveals is that God's Word has undergone trying in the process of time, and must manifest its purity for all the nations. Mystery religion believes in perpetual improvement or flux of all things, or an endless succession of declines and rejuvenations, but the Word of God was pure, and has been tried, so that its purity is now fully manifested in the Earth. There has been

a full transfer of the purity of the Word from Heaven to Earth, and God, by His providence, worked throughout history to bring the Word together into one volume in fullness. This has been done by the Holy Ghost to be revealed at a certain time in a certain place, and for the whole world for the latter days glorious outpouring.

The Bible printed in 1611 was not the end of this process. It was as if the Word had been thundered forth in the final version and translation, but it could only be the first of many editions, because there were numerous typographical errors in the printing, and there had not yet been a standardisation of the language. And so while there were improvements in various editions, such as the second one printed in 1611, and one from 1613, there was much still to be done.

Cambridge University Press, having the right to print Bibles, did extensive editorial work, including consulting the translators and their print master, which resulted in the major Cambridge revision editions of 1629 and 1638. In these there was serious progress made in standardising the spelling and the like. The greatest work of standardising the King James Bible was completed in 1769 at Oxford. The 1769 edition became the standard upon which all King James Bibles were based. This edition became the basis for all publication of the King James Bible in the world.

Some have thought the standard King James Bible might be the handwritten master of the translators. Or perhaps it was the first 1611 edition. Or the second 1611, 1613, 1629, 1638 or 1769 edition. Some said it was the misguided American modernisation of the 1850s. Others thought it was the critical edition made in Cambridge by a man called Scrivener in 1873. Still others said that any edition would do. Or perhaps even that all were concurrently correct.

Yet, the Bible said, "The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." (Psalm 12:6). This meant that there was indeed a final purification which led to a standard text. The seventh purification occurred around 1900 and was printed by Cambridge University Press. This purification edition also had pronunciations added to the words. It was done by a learned University man and Anglican chaplain named Redpath (1848–1908).

From before the First World War, this edition of the King James Bible was printed, and continued to be printed for an entire century, including for Bible societies, and was produced in vast amounts by Collins publishers, whose Bibles may be readily found in Australia. Yet, it seemed as if no one recognised this edition for what it was, as the final pure Word. When the Pure Cambridge Edition is examined, it can be shown to be the most superior form of the King James Bible, and correct in every way, not only having the lineage of proper tradition from 1611, but being the exact Word of God in English down to the punctuation mark, and in fact, being God's particular chosen Word for the world in the latter days.

Another progression took place in the beginning of revelation of this edition, which was the working of God's providence in bringing the transfer of the knowledge of it to believers. It was that the Pure Cambridge Edition should be made as an electronic text, and that it would have no errors in it. Unlike all the printed books of the Pure Cambridge Edition, even to the present time, they still have printing errors, and a few minor discrepancies may appear in them. What was needed was a definitive standard, which would be accessible, and universal. To this end, the working of the ministry of Victory Faith Centre in Geelong, Australia, was that they were receivers of the entire godly tradition, and the obtainers of God's providential transfer of the fullness of the gathering together of His pure Word in Earth. Thus, at

last, in one place at a certain time the pure Word that was brought together and manifested in its final form was acknowledged. This text has been made available for all as part of the refreshing and restitution of the Church, in preparation for a time of great glory for the Church in its worldwide witness. The providence of God is to get this pure Word established on a national level in Australasia, so that it may be preached and taught by believers to all nations.

"And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings." (Revelation 10:10, 11).

19. WAS KING JAMES REALLY AN EVIL MAN?

King James the First (1566–1625) is often slandered in history books and documentaries. These slanders are unjustified, and are based on hearsay or the reports of enemies. These attacks on his character are often used to infer badness onto the Bible which bears his name. In fact, King James the First was known to be a good king. The Bible version which bears his name shows that God Himself honoured this man for his labour in the Word, which included the financing of the Authorized Bible.

The attack on King James is not unlike the attack on Oliver Cromwell (1599–1658), which is made by those in Mystery religion for what must ultimately be similar reasons. It is a historical fact that Oliver Cromwell, who took the place of King Charles the First, did not reject the King James Bible, but supported it, including getting the Cambridge printers to make copies available at a subsidised price.

In fact, national blessings have come upon those nations which have used and upheld the King James Bible. "Righteousness exalteth a nation" (Proverbs 14:34a). This is still true, and the Pure Cambridge Edition must be especially exalted by the people of God in this regard.

20. WHY USE DIFFERENT ENGLISH WORDS FOR THE SAME ORIGINAL WORD?

The King James Bible translators did not always use the same English word when translating the same Original word. One word can have different meanings based on context. The King James Bible translators wanted to represent the Scripture as if the original writers were using English themselves, and so they believed that full flexibility of the language was required in order to most accurately and best represent the Word of God. It is actually the work of Mystery religion which would attack the meaning of words in the Bible.

21. IS THE KING JAMES BIBLE RIGHT ABOUT EVERYTHING?

Having faith in the Word means believing every word. If the Bible says that there were unicorns, then such creatures must have existed (see Deuteronomy 33:17). If the Bible says that the stars sang, then this must be true (see Job 30:7). If the Bible says that the trees of the field shall clap their hands, this must be so (see Isaiah 55:12). Those in the Mystery religion disbelieve the Bible, in favour of things that they claim cannot be understood, yet, if they cannot understand the King James Bible, they say it must be wrong. By study, and through time, the King James Bible is understood.

22. WHAT ABOUT THE ARAMAIC LANGUAGE AND THE NAME "JEHOVAH"?

The Bible never says anything about a language called "Aramaic". Some of the people in the Bible did speak or write in Syriack. The Jews at the time of Christ did not generally speak Syriack, but Hebrew, Greek and Latin. Those modern teachers who instruct in the Aramaic tongue are actually in the Mystery doctrine, because it takes the Hebrew and changes both the pronunciation and the meaning of the words, to make the Scripture in places say something entirely different to what it is supposed to mean, that is, the proper meaning as presented in the King James Bible's translation.

One of the central parts of Mystery doctrine, which is evident in heathenism, Judaism, Romanism and false Pentecostalism is the idea that God's name is unpronounceable. They call this the "ineffable" name. Instead of taking the proper traditional pronunciation of God's name, they rely on the writings of heretics, who worshipped this great and mysterious presence known in the Babylonian as "Yahu", or Greek as "Yah". The Bible says, "That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone *is* JEHOVAH, *art* the most high over all the earth." (Psalm 83:18). According to false religion, the name of their god could not be told, for fear of others invoking it. Furthermore, because the modernists have attacked the Hebrew language, and therefore attacked the King James Bible, they have said that the real and true "God" is called "Yahweh", which is the same as the heathen divine force.

23. WHAT ABOUT THE OLD FASHIONED WORDING?

Anyone who knows about the King James Bible will know that its language is not like ordinary speech. Some of the words and the grammar seems to be old fashioned. Mystery religion loves to accuse the King James Bible of being archaic and out-of-date.

In fact, the King James Bible's language is a befitting way to present the Word of God in English, because it does not fit with God's character to have His Word in slang. Yet, this is one way the Mystery religion seeks to demote God.

More importantly, the old words and phrases are much more detailed, exact and accurate than modern English usage, which is why the King James Bible contains the most superior form of English communication. The rules of the language for using tenses, plurals and other exact classifications of things are presented with accuracy in the King James Bible.

"Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?" (Proverbs 22:20, 21).

Modern versions come nowhere near the King James Bible in presenting the exact concepts, or meaning of things.

24. WHY NOT USE MODERN VERSIONS?

Modern versions are deficient in every way, including their texts, translation techniques, the lives of the translators, their doctrine and their

transgressions of the Word. To find out more about this, read the booklet, "*The Authorized King James Bible Connection*" by Craig Savige, available through Victory Faith Centre.

25. CAN THERE BE MORE CHANGES IN THE KING JAMES BIBLE?

There are many differing editions of the King James Bible, and many editions contain unique printing errors. There is one standard edition, which is the product of the historical purification of the text, and is the one which stands out from the divergence that is occurring in modern King James Bibles. The Pure Cambridge Edition has now been established as a changeless standard.

Those who are not willing to accept the pure Word are putting themselves in the same category as those who are in Mystery religion. "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). Sinful man cannot come to perfection.

Any attempt at improving, modernising, editing, or in any way adjusting the King James Bible, unless it is to align it to the pre-established pure Word, is an act of deception and error. Since God has providentially supplied His Word full and entire in English, it is impossible to make any change to it for the better, or for there to be any improvement on it whatsoever.

Those who have been open to the working of God's providence in regard to the King James Bible must now recognise that the seeming new doctrine of an old edition is actually the final truth. "Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe *which is* instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things* new and old." (Matthew 13:52).

26. WHAT ABOUT ALL THE EDITIONS OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE?

The first printed edition of 1611 differs from the Pure Cambridge Edition of today. Moreover, the first two printed editions in 1611 differed to each other. Present editions of the King James Bible also differ from each other.

Of the many, varying editions or representations of the King James Bible, God has providentially raised up a standard edition, the Pure Cambridge Edition. It is a text which has undergone the process of purification in elimination of printing errors and the standardisation of the English language. See the section entitled, "What is the standard King James Bible?"

27. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

Today, we should "let God be true" (Romans 3:4), and recognise that His "word is truth" (John 17:17). In fact, every book, chapter, verse, word and letter in the Bible matters, since the "word *is* very pure" (Psalm 119:140).

Since the Word is being "preached every where" (Mark 16:20), the exact perfect Word must be available today. We must make a decision to receive what God has provided, as the Scripture says, "If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." (Colossians 1:9).

God is all-powerful, and has preserved His true Word, and is now restoring its position, so that the Church may preach to the world in the latter days. God's desire is to "have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4). Therefore, God equips believers and gives people understanding, to free them from being a prisoner to the Mystery religion.

The real reason behind why things seem to be set up against the religious workings that would have the King James Bible set up on a national level is because the spirit of Antichrist is actively resisting the Word. People know that living lawfully and without selfishness is actually right, and this shows that even the conscience of man is prepared for the acceptance of the King James Bible.

Those who are truly in the Christian religion need to come into a unity of the knowledge of the pure Word. There needs to be an excelling in their Christian walk so that the whole nation is filled with the truth. The nation itself must walk in that truth which has been sown into it of old. "Remember the former things of old" (Isaiah 46:9a).

That book which Captain Cook read to his crew on Sundays, that book which was brought to the new colony of New South Wales in 1788, that book which was used by true Christians through the years, that book which was used in courtrooms and in government, that book which soldiers could freely share, that book which libraries had, that book which is yet present, and is now coming into its glory. It is the King James Bible, and now, "The

stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner. This is the LORD's doing; it *is* marvellous in our eyes." (Psalm 118:22, 23).

This means that the Pure Cambridge Edition is now the most important book on the Earth, and is at the basis of a Word Pentecostal revival that must now ripen and overflow in Australasia.

Are you ready to make your decision to love God, and use the Pure Cambridge Edition of the King James Bible, which God has established and is blessing the knowledge of in the latter days?

HOW TO KNOW THE PURE CAMBRIDGE EDITION OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE

It is important to have the correct, perfect and final text of the King James Bible, since there are correctors (e.g. publishers) who have changed some aspects of King James Bible texts. The final form of the King James Bible is the Pure Cambridge Edition (circa 1900), which conforms to the following:

- 1. "or Sheba" not "and Sheba" in Joshua 19:2
- 2. "sin" not "sins" in 2 Chronicles 33:19
- 3. "Spirit of God" not "spirit of God" in Job 33:4
- 4. "whom ye" not "whom he" in Jeremiah 34:16
- 5. "Spirit of God" not "spirit of God" in Ezekiel 11:24
- 6. "flieth" not "fleeth" in Nahum 3:16
- 7. "Spirit" not "spirit" in Matthew 4:1
- 8. "further" not "farther" in Matthew 26:39
- 9. "bewrayeth" not "betrayeth" in Matthew 26:73
- 10. "Spirit" not "spirit" in Mark 1:12
- 11. "spirit" not "Spirit" in Acts 11:28
- 12. "spirit" not "Spirit" in 1 John 5:8