

# Abbreviations of Books of the Bible

## OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis	Gen.
Exodus	Exod.
Leviticus	Lev.
Numbers	Num.
Deuteronomy	Deut.
Joshua	Josh.
Judges	Judg.
Ruth	Ruth
1 Samuel	1 Sam.
2 Samuel	2 Sam.
1 Kings	1 Kings
2 Kings	2 Kings
1 Chronicles	1 Chron.
2 Chronicles	2 Chron.
Ezra	Ezra
Nehemiah	Neh.
Esther	Esther
Job	Job
Psalms	Ps. (pl. Pss.)
Proverbs	Prov.
Ecclesiastes	Eccles.
Song of Solomon	Song of Sol.
Isaiah	Isa.
Jeremiah	Jer.
Lamentations	Lam.
Ezekiel	Ezek.
Daniel	Dan.
Hosea	Hos.
Joel	Joel
Amos	Amos
Obadiah	Obad.
Jonah	Jon.
Micah	Mic.
Nahum	Nah.
Habakkuk	Hab.
Zephaniah	Zeph.
Haggai	Hag.
Zechariah	Zech.
Malachi	Mal.

## NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew	Matt.
Mark	Mark
Luke	Luke
John	John
Acts	Acts
Romans	Rom.
1 Corinthians	1 Cor.
2 Corinthians	2 Cor.
Galatians	Gal.
Ephesians	Eph.
Philippians	Phil.
Colossians	Col.
1 Thessalonians	1 Thess.
2 Thessalonians	2 Thess.
1 Timothy	1 Tim.
2 Timothy	2 Tim.
Titus	Titus
Philemon	Philem.
Hebrews	Heb.
James	James
1 Peter	1 Pet.
2 Peter	2 Pet.
1 John	1 John
2 John	2 John
3 John	3 John
Jude	Jude
Revelation	Rev.

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## The Inspiration Of the Bible

We have come now to the study of the word of God itself, the Book from which we have learned all things from our past lessons. After all, a fountain is no purer than its source, and "Christianity" is no purer than the Bible it reads. The modern, corrupt, apostate Christianity (represented in the Laodicean period) has, of course, come from corrupt bibles. I hesitate to call them "Bibles" because they don't come from Bible manuscripts. They come from two apostate, vulgar, blasphemous corruptions called *Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus*, and sometimes, the gross blasphemy, the obscene vulgarity, called *Codex Bezae*. These blasphemous, obscene corruptions of the word of God are recommended *by every major faculty of every major Christian university in America*, and they comprise what we call the *African-Egyptian text of black North Africa*: the Alexandrian-type text that came from the apostates Origen, Pamphilus, and Eusebius.

These godless, depraved corruptions are recommended by apostate fundamentalists throughout America today, and this accounts for the peculiar form of apostate fundamentalism we have today that refuses to discuss sound doctrine. Where it does, it can do nothing with it *effectually*. In short, modern Christianity, which has "a

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form of godliness, but denying the power thereof," has come from a corrupt so-called "bible" which can only produce a corrupt and *godless* Christianity, and of course, that is what it produces.

To make up for this lack of power and purity, the major Christian universities have decided on what we call a "secondary separation," which means an ultra-Pharisaism. They have decided that if they set up *standards* where nobody drinks or smokes or dances, where the hair on men is short, and the women wear long skirts, that this makes up for their obscene blasphemy of the word of God. It is sort of a Pharisaical condition where they make "**the word of God of none effect**" by their tradition. So while they reject the word of God, they may keep their own tradition. That is, to make up for their adoption of these false, pagan, blasphemous, African manuscripts (that contain the Apocrypha and insult the Deity and Virgin Birth of Christ), these schools have taken a bold stand for what they call the "fundamentals," forgetting that *the fundamentals* are taken from a Book.

You can find the fundamentals of Christianity in a gospel tract, but that does not mean it is a *Bible*. You can find the fundamentals of Christianity in a book on doctrine, but *that* does not mean it is a *Bible*. You can find the fundamentals of Christianity in the Nicene Creed, and *that* is not a *Bible* either. So, the foolish and idiotic teaching that if you can find the fundamentals in a book then that book is a *Bible* is characteristic of the fundamentalist lunacy which we find in America today that is propagated by the major

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Christian schools, universities, and seminaries. And "lunacy" is putting it quite mildly. I don't suppose anybody believes that because he found a dollar in a sewer that the sewer was a *bank*. I don't suppose any man is so irrational to believe that because he found a diamond necklace in a garbage can that the garbage can was a *jewelry store*. But the modern apostate fundamentalist—any Greek or Hebrew teacher in America today—is teaching the idiotic fancy that if you can find the fundamentals in some translation that the translation is a "Bible" or it is "the word of God." For further details, see any faculty member of any Christian school within 3,000 miles of you.

Our studies now concern the Book itself: the source from which the so-called "fundamentals" come, remembering that if this Book is not true, then the *fundamentals* are not true. Again, the lunacy of the modern apostate fundamentalists of the Alexandrian Cult (who follow the blasphemous teaching of Westcott and Hort, Dr. A. T. Robertson, Machen, Warfield—that is, the teaching that although the Bible is imperfect you can get the truth from it—this teaching propagated also by Barth, Brunner, Niebhur, and Tillich) is to the effect that you can alter the word of God in 30,000 places in the Old testament, 5,000 places in the New Testament—as has been done in the *New American Standard* and the *New International Versions*—and still have what they call "a reliable translation" because the *fundamentals* can be found in it somewhere. May we remind these gross, absurd, conceited brethren that the court procedure of jurisprudence of the United States says, "False in part, false in whole." Once a

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man has perjured himself, the rest of his testimony is thrown out of court. The new bibles have perjured themselves in Luke 2:33; John 1:18; Luke 24:51-52; and 1 Timothy 3:16. Having perjured themselves and proved to be "false in part", we cheerfully throw them out of court and make no more reference to them in this lesson, except by way of comparison with the Genuine.

Now, the author of the Bible is the Holy Spirit. The pages of the Bible are an authoritative revelation in written form of God's nature and purposes. This should naturally be true because **"In the beginning was the Word"** (John 1:1). God knows (if you don't) that animals cannot communicate in *words*. Therefore, when God wanted to communicate to his human creation which He made (which you may not know), He chose the spoken and written *word* by which to communicate to His creation (which you may or may not know).

The Bible, therefore, is the source book of our knowledge of God. It is the scientific textbook of divine truth, the guidebook to everlasting life, and it is the only *scientific* textbook in print.

If you will look at the modern, vulgar, obscene, and blasphemous translations, called "reliable" by the faculty of Christian schools and universities, you will find the word **"science"** in 1 Timothy 6:20 has been changed to "knowledge."

This was done knowingly, with malice aforethought, by the modern revisers, thereby giving themselves away that when they say "scientific textbook" they mean a textbook of *knowledge*. By this definition, set down by the apostates themselves, the Bible is the only scien-

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tific textbook in print on complete science.

The word Bible is derived from the Greek word *biblos* (βιβλος), meaning a "book." The volume is known by other such titles as **"the scriptures," "the oracles of God," "the word of God," "his writings."** You might check some of these references in Luke 4:17; 2 Corinthians 3:14; Mark 12:10; Matthew 22:29; Romans 3:2; Hebrews 4:12, and John 5:47.

The Bible is a library of sixty-six books divided into two main sections: the Old Testament, containing thirty-nine books, and the New Testament, containing twenty-seven books. The Roman Catholic bible, of course, *is not a Bible*. It doesn't have thirty-nine books in the Old Testament. It has *forty-six* books in the Old Testament. The additional seven books are called the "Apocrypha," and since the oracles of God were given to the Jew, *no Orthodox Jew has ever accepted them as the word of God*. This is why your *King James 1611 Authorized Version* matches the Orthodox Jewish Old Testament given to the Orthodox Jew.

If there is an Orthodox Jew in your neighborhood and you can get his Bible (the Masoretic text), you will find the books in it that are found in the *King James 1611 Authorized Version*. You will find they may be divided according to a different division: the Torah, the Naviim, and the Kethubim, but you will find the exact same books in an Orthodox Jewish synagogue that you find in a *King James 1611 Authorized Version*. However, if you take the *Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus* manuscripts used by the translators of the *New International Version* and the *New American*

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*Standard Version*, you will find that seven books have been added to the Old Testament, *interspersed between the Old Testament books* in these depraved corruptions of the truth. One must never forget that when Martin Luther translated the Bible and when the *King James* translators translated their version, they were very careful to *separate the Apocrypha from the Old and New Testaments and place it between the Testaments* so you would know that it was not the inspired word of God and not considered to be *Holy Scripture*.

Now, the hucksters and charlatans who try to promote the *New American Standard Version* and the *New International Version* never tell their readers the truth. The truth of the matter is the Greek manuscripts from which these two versions came (*NASV* and *NIV*) contain the Apocrypha *as part of the Old Testament*. Instead of telling the student the truth about these matters, these con men will tell the student that the two Greek manuscripts, *Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus*, must be the "best" simply because they are the "oldest." They fail to tell their student that these two godless, depraved corruptions also include "The Shepherd of Hermas" and "The Epistle of Barnabas" as part of the New Testament. That is, the two most *depraved, corrupted manuscripts we have* are the ones that are used for Nestle's and Aland's and Metzger's Greek texts and the *NASV* and the *NIV*. Strangely enough, these same two corrupt texts are the ones used by the National Council of Churches and every apostate Liberal in the United States and Europe. "Birds of a feather corrupt together."

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The Bible was written by thirty-six to forty authors over a period of 1,600 years by three different types of people on three different continents. It, therefore, fulfills a function which no book in the world fulfills.

*There has never been any book that showed up on this earth written by forty different men, through a period of 1,600 years, on three different continents, that is still in vogue.* There is nothing in the Sutras or Vedas or Shastas or Puranas or the Bhagavad-Gita or the Tripitaka that could come anywhere near it. The unique design of the Bible is one of the best proofs of its divine inspiration. For so many different men to write a Book (without contradiction) is a miracle, and the miracle can only be explained by a master hand guiding the writers. The cardinal *theme* of the Bible is Jesus Christ, who will become the key to understanding the Bible. The outstanding *doctrine* of the Bible is the doctrine of the kingdom: the authority of God Almighty versus the devil. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew, with parts of Daniel and Ezra being written in Aramaic. The New Testament was written in street-speaking Koine Greek.

By "inspiration" we mean the supernatural control by God over the production of the Old and New Testaments. Inspiration is a strong, conscious breathing of God into and through men, qualifying them to give utterance for God. It is God speaking through men. The Holy Ghost was miraculously present, preserving accuracy in the writings, and "**holy men of God**" overshadowed by the Holy Spirit spoke at His command. They were kept from all error as they spoke things

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known or unknown to them. Now, there are various theories of inspiration.

The modern apostate Fundamentalist confines inspiration to the *original manuscripts* on the basis of his inability to read English. There is not one book on the inspiration of the Bible that doesn't use 2 Timothy 3:16 as a proof text, but there has never been a writer on 2 Timothy 3:16 who ever quoted verse 15. *That is, every modern, apostate fundamentalist in every Christian university in America absolutely refuses to tell the truth about 2 Timothy 3:16 when he quotes it. If you joined a "Fundamental Congress" in America (or any group of Fundamentalists), you would find these poor deluded souls getting up and talking about 2 Timothy 3:16 (meaning the original manuscripts) when they are plainly lying against the Holy Ghost, who recorded the word "scriptures" in the verse preceding it as NOT applying to the original manuscripts.*

The greatest heresy, then, being taught in the Laodicean church is that 2 Timothy 3:16 refers to the original manuscripts *only*. This heretical and apostate teaching is done by refusing to observe the context of 2 Timothy 3:16. "A text without a context is a pretext" (or as we say, an "obscene and blasphemous presumption"). All you have to do is go to your nearest Christian bookstore and buy any book on the inspiration of Scripture, and you will find there is *not one Fundamentalist who ever lived who could tell the truth* about 2 Timothy 3:16. Every book written on the inspiration of the Bible, talking about "plenary" and "verbal" inspiration, put out by any Fundamentalist at any "Fundamental Congress," sim-

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ply ignores the context and lies about the verse. The word **"scriptures"** in 2 Timothy 3:15 *is not* a reference to the original manuscripts, and 2 Timothy 3:16 follows in the context by one verse. Therefore, the greatest thing we learn about the Laodicean church period is that the apostasy in the body of Christ is led by people *who profess to believe the fundamentals*. The apostasy in the twentieth century has nothing to do with liberals or Neo-Orthodoxy. The apostate Fundamentalist who puts up the straw dummy of Neo-Evangelism and Neo-Orthodoxy is simply lying to get out of a bad mess.

The modern, apostate Fundamentalist belongs to what we call "The Alexandrian Cult," and the Alexandrian Cult members cannot quote their own language correctly. There is no reference within 35,000 verses of 2 Timothy 3:16 that says the term "inspiration" applies to the original manuscripts *only*, and the context says that it does *not*. *Therefore*, when you go to your nearest Bible bookstore and pick up a book on the inspiration of the Bible and find the writer applying 2 Timothy 3:16 *to the original manuscripts only*, you will know what you are dealing with. *You are dealing with a heretical cult that refuses to obey the laws of interpretation. The laws of interpretation state that "a text without a context is a pretext."* There is not one fundamental leader in the United States (recognized by fundamentalists) who can read third-grade English in 2 Timothy chapter 3.

Now, if you think I am being hard or overstating the case, why don't you try me out? If you think I am being a little bit hard or a little bit

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cruel or a little bit mean, why don't you test me to see if I am telling the truth? I mean, there are some of you people who think my vocabulary is a little bit rough and that I am being a little bit crude in my statements. Would you explain to me why you have not yet checked the *facts*? What is your alibi? I probably have one for my plain, crude, and blunt speech. *What is yours for lying?*

I'll say it one more time. You can pick up any book in any Christian bookstore about the inspiration of Scripture, using 2 Timothy 3:16 as a proof text, *and the author of the book will refuse to read the context in which the verse stands. If you don't believe me, try it. I've only read a book a day since I was ten years old. I may have missed something. I have only been teaching Greek and Hebrew for twelve years. I have probably made a mistake. Now, you correct me, OK? Some of you bright folks out there, you straighten the "good doctor" out. All right?*

I will say it again. There is not one fundamental, recognized scholar in America who would discuss 2 Timothy 3:15 in relation to 2 Timothy 3:16, for the word "**scriptures**" in 2 Timothy 3:15 is not a reference to the original manuscripts in the context in which it appears. *If you don't believe it, check it out.*

I. Now, some think the authors were in a trance and saw the Bible and simply copied it down word for word. We admit many of the writers wrote prophecy, but we reject this theory of inspiration, for it would not allow the writer a *choice of words* at all. The writers freely chose their own words, which is apparent by the fact that they write in *different styles. The education*

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and logical mind of Paul is evident in Romans and Galatians. We reject the theory because the personalities of individual men like David, Moses, and Peter are very evident in their writings. Luke the doctor uses a medical word in Luke 8:44. David the shepherd writes of sheep, slings, and shepherds' equipment: rods and staffs. The Bible is not the result of godly men meditating on God, but God Himself inbreathing through men to record the thoughts of God.

II. God dictated the Scriptures as an executive to his secretary, according to some theories of inspiration. But this would reduce inspiration to a mere *mechanical process*, and as we have said above, the men retained their individual personalities throughout the Bible. Anybody who reads the Bible knows that the writings of Moses are not like the writings of Paul. The writings of David do not match the writings of Luke. Matthew does not write like Malachi. Isaiah certainly does not match John, and John does not write like Simon Peter.

This brings up a very interesting truth when we begin to study preachers and methods of preaching.

There are at least two groups of preachers in America who belong to two cults that both profess to "speak from the Scriptures" and "be silent where the Scriptures are silent." Both these groups of preachers use the same diction and pronunciation in their preaching.

One of these "waterdogs" phoned me up one day and challenged me to a debate. I took him up-I always take them up. The thing is when I take them up, they don't like *my conditions*. You

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know, some of the brethren are really weird. These Campbellites will phone you up and say, "I challenge you to a debate." Then when you tell them the *conditions*, they back out like a crawfish falling off the back end of a garbage truck.

Do you know what Campbellites think? They think that if you challenge a man to a duel, that *you* still have the right *yourself* to choose the weapons and the time and the place. I never heard anything so immoral and unethical in all my life. Do you know that even *unsaved men* have higher ethical standards than those kind of people? Did you know that? Did you know that there is not an unsaved man in your town who has lower ethical standards than these "water-dogs" who go around challenging people to debates? Don't you know that?

Now listen—before some of you strip your gears and burn out your clutchplate—let me tell you something. When a man challenges a man to a duel, *the man who is challenged* chooses the weapons. Did you know that? There isn't an unsaved man in the world who has ever had any dealings with *challenges* who doesn't know that. Isn't that something?

One of these fellows calls up and says, "I challenge you to a debate."

I say, "I accept. You be over at my house at ten o'clock tomorrow morning with your tape recorder, and I will have two witnesses, and you have two witnesses." Do you think these fellows ever show up? *They have not showed up one time in forty-eight years.*

When those fellows challenge you to a debate, do you know what they mean? *They mean*

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— they don't have any listening audience and can't  
— get any converts, and all their people are fighting  
— among themselves. so they want to get your au-  
— dience because they have no message and have  
— never been called to preach. They recognize im-  
— mediately when a man has been called to preach,  
— and they want to get his audience. That's what is  
going on.

— Now, why have I said this? I have said this  
— because these Church of Christ preachers all use  
the same diction, enunciation, speech, pronun-  
ciation, and breathing.

— One time when I talked to one of these  
Campbellites, I said, "Would you tell me some-  
— thing? How is it that a Campbellite preacher in  
— Texas, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Maryland, Ala-  
— bama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, or Wisconsin  
— talks, breathes, pronounces, and enunciates with  
— the same diction that a Campbellite does in Cali-  
— fornia, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana,  
— Minnesota, South Dakota, or Key West?" Do you  
— know what that fellow said? You wouldn't be-  
— lieve this.

— He said, "It is because we all *believe* the same  
— thing, and we all *believe* in the same doctrine."  
Can you imagine that?

— Do you realize that Peter, James, John, Mat-  
— thew, Mark, Luke, and Paul *all believed every-*  
— *thing that God revealed to them about the New*  
— *Testament* and agreed on *what* was to be said and  
— what was *not* to be said, but there were not any  
— two of them that even *sounded* alike? They didn't  
— *write* alike. They didn't *talk* alike. They didn't  
— *think* alike. They didn't *speak* alike. Now, isn't  
— that something? Do you realize that when the

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church got together in Acts chapter 15 and decided a man is saved by grace through faith (without water baptism) and kept by grace through faith without works, that James, Peter, and Paul all agreed that was the message to be preached from then on? Do you realize that James, Peter, and Paul didn't write alike and didn't talk alike and didn't think alike, and if you disbelieve it for a minute, just read 1 and 2 Peter, James, and Galatians.

Imagine that fellow trying to tell me that the reason they all spoke and pronounced their words the same was because they all *believed* the same thing. Now, ain't that a flip? Do you know why those fellows all speak the same way? *They are all controlled by the same spirit. The Holy Spirit never forces any man to talk like another man.* When the Holy Spirit spoke through Peter, James, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Paul, He did not lead any of them to say the same thing the same way. They kept their individual styles and wrote in their own individualistic ways.

III. The final theory of inspiration is what they call "natural inspiration." This is the theory taught by the National Council of Churches. This theory magnifies the human Jesus, denying the supernatural. This will reduce the Scriptures to special writing like those of Shakespeare, Confucius, and others, or perhaps the Shastas, Puranas, and Bhagavad-Gita. Now, in this theory, you simply go through the Bible like a banana: you take off what you don't like and eat what you like. That is, whatever is *positive* and appeals to your flesh you accept as *inspired*: whatever goes contrary to your upbringing and

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— Adamic nature you throw out. This is the liberal teaching. Of course, all Christ-rejecting, hell-bound sinners accept this teaching. We reject this theory, for it caters to the doctrine that the Bible *contains* the word of God, whereas the Bible *is* the word of God.

— The fundamental professors in fundamental schools today are all Neo-Orthodox, although they *profess* to be Fundamentalists. When you pin these men right down, they will tell you that *no translation is the word of God*. However, they will hold some Bible in the pulpit and, while waving it in your face, say "the Bible IS the word of God." So, one must never forget that the modern Fundamentalist is an *apostate*. He professes something he doesn't believe. All up and down this country these apostate fundamentalists that have joined the Alexandrian Cult are waving Bibles in the pulpit and saying, "The Bible does not *contain* the word of God, The Bible IS the word of God." When the man comes down from the pulpit, do you know what he actually believes? All right, this time I am not going to tell you. *Check him out*. (Fooled you that time, didn't I? You thought I might say something that wasn't so, according to your narrow, limited viewpoint, didn't you?)

— All right, I'll tell you what. The next time you see some rascal get in the pulpit and wave a *King James Bible* around and say, "This Book does not *contain* the word of God, this Book IS the word of God," when he comes down, check him out. You say, "Where shall I check him?" On Romans 8:1. The *King James* does not read as the *NASV* in Romans 8:1. When you check him out, check him

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on John 9:35. *They don't read the same there.* Check him out on Mark 9:46 and 48. *They don't read the same there.* Check him out on Luke 24:51-52. *They don't read the same there.* Check him out on 1 Timothy 3:16, the Deity of Christ. *They don't 'match there.* And then ask that old, dirty, lying, two-faced hypocrite, "Which one is the word of God?"

Obviously if two Bibles differ in 5,000 major readings, one of them is not the word of God and the other one is, *or both of them are not.* There is one thing for sure. You can't say both of them are when they differ in 5,000 major readings, unless you are just as crazy as a coot or unless you are dishonest. Now, I made no accusations. I simply said, "Check him out." And if you don't, then don't waste my time accusing *me* of talking hard about the brethren when you never even checked to see if what I said was so or not.

Now, apostate Fundamentalism has joined what we call "The Alexandrian Cult" and confined the inspiration of the Scriptures to the "original manuscripts," in spite of their obvious false move exposed to us by the Holy Spirit Himself in 2 Timothy 3:15 and 16. When the modern fundamental faculty member of a Christian school says he believes the Bible IS the word of God, he believes nothing of the kind. *He does this to get your income.* What he believes is that the original manuscripts were inspired, and why he believes this according to 2 Timothy 3:16 is past finding out, *since the context is not a reference to the original manuscripts.* He also believes that although nobody has the Bible, we have what we call "reliable translations," that are translated by

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his own crowd, and "unreliable translations," translated by somebody else's crowd.

The modern apostate, like all apostates, will not profess this. He will *profess* what he does not *believe*. We have pointed out the fact that when a man stands waving the Bible and says, "This Bible does not contain the word of God. This Bible IS the word of God," if you will check him out five minutes after he comes down from the pulpit, you will find he is LYING 80 percent of the time.

Now, I grant you there are plenty of preachers left in America who really believe the Bible is the word of God, but the congregations that have been raised up under the guidance of these godly and good men (who believe the word of God) are sent off to Christian schools where they are taught that the Bible is *not* the word of God. They are taught instead that the original manuscripts were the word of God, and there is no Bible available except *translations*.

As I said before, you can spot the apostate fundamentalist real quick by simply checking him when he comes down out of the pulpit.

You say, "How many liars are there?" Well, I would hate to list them. I have at home a list of the ten leading Fundamental Christian universities and schools in America. I have statements by their faculty members, or their presidents, to the effect that "the Bible does not contain the word of God but IS the word of God," and there is not *one man in the group that told THE TRUTH for five minutes*. You say, "How do you know they are lying?" Because I have correspondence from their students and from their faculty members

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which states only the original manuscripts are inspired, which is a contradiction of 2 Timothy 3:15, and that they consider a "reliable translation" a translation that *contains* the fundamentals. Since *all translations* contain the fundamentals, the teaching is absolute, ridiculous *nonsense*.

The modern apostate fundamentalist has a great deal to say about Neo-Evangelicalism and Neo-Orthodoxy. These are straw dummies to cover up the infidelity and apostasy of the fundamentalist who has quit believing that the Bible is the word of God. When he got saved he believed it, but when he went off to school he was taught differently: now his authority is Christian education instead of the Bible.

The modern apostate Fundamentalist is a *cultist*. We call this cult "The Alexandrian Cult." Its members include students from the first school of North Africa, founded by Pantaenus, Origen, and Clement, right up to the modern faculties of every Christian seminary in the United States and most of the graduate schools. The Alexandrian Cult is a cult of *professional liars*, who will lie pathologically, continually, and publicly about the Bible. They will stand in pulpits of chapel auditoriums and wave the *King James Bible* in the air and say, "This Bible *is* the word of God. It does not *contain* the word of God. It *IS* the infallible, God-breathed, inerrant word of God," and the dirty, lying, two-faced hypocrite *does not believe it for five minutes*. If you don't believe that, check him out.

I have checked them out. You say, "How many of them?" I would say conservatively *sixty-five*. That is conservative. Counting the ones I

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— have read after and studied, probably 165. The modern apostate fundamentalist does not believe the Bible is the word of God at all. He believes the original manuscripts (*that were lost*) were the word of God, and since then you have got to count on *Christian scholarship* to give you the truth.

— Now, some people have various theories about the Bible. We claim that every word is **“given by inspiration.”** Some even go so far as to say the punctuation marks were inspired by the Lord, which we don’t necessarily believe. We *do* believe, however, that every word in the *King James Bible* was *preserved without proven error*. Now, we believe that **“all scripture is given by inspiration of God”** from 2 Timothy 3:16, and we believe that if someone says that 2 Timothy 3:16 applies only to the original manuscripts, he is cutting up the context of 2 Timothy 3:15. These Bible-perverting people, who keep taking verses out of context to prove lies, should not be heeded or regarded or listened to by the Bible-believing student of the word of God.

— The word **“scripture”** in 2 Timothy 3:16 is a reference to the **“scripture”** that Philip opened to the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:35. There is not an apostate fundamentalist in the Alexandrian Cult or a Liberal in the Scholars’ Union or a Neo-Orthodox, Roman Catholic, or Jewish Rabbi: there is not a priest, elder, bishop, pope, or deacon on the face of this earth, living or dead, who believes the Ethiopian eunuch had the *original copy of Isaiah* in the chariot. But he did have a copy of the *Scripture*, and **“all scripture is given by inspiration of God.”**

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Now, this is perfectly apparent to anybody who can read *third-grade English*, and this is why we say justifiably that every recognized scholar in America who wrote a book on inspiration (regardless of his orthodoxy) was not a rational reader of third-grade English. The term "**scripture**" in Acts chapter 8 and 2 Timothy chapter 3, and any other place in the New Testament, *is never* a reference to original manuscripts, and that is apparent to the most shallow reader and the most uneducated mind who ever picked up a dime-store Bible. The only reason for confining it to *original manuscripts* is that the modern, apostate fundamentalist wants to set up *Christian education* as the supreme authority instead of the *Bible itself*.

The Bible claims inspiration. Second Peter 1:21 said **"holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."** It doesn't say they WROTE. It said they spoke. In 1 Corinthians 2:13 we read, **"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth."** In 2 Peter 3:2 we read, **"That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour."** Jude says in verse 17, **"Beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ."** This clearly indicates that inspiration (or God-breathing) had to do with somebody breathing out of their mouth, *speaking* words, then somebody *writing* down the words that were spoken. Do you see what I mean?

If this is true, it means that although we can-

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not claim direct inspiration in the *original biblical sense* for the *King James* text, we claim that the *King James* text presents an infallible text, *preserved without proven error*, in the language in which God intended for us to have it. That is what we say. *We have never been proven wrong one time in forty-eight years.*

I have gotten up before the brethren—some of the leading brains of our day (and some of the smaller and lesser brains)—and I have told them, “If any of you fellows can find a mistake in that Bible—and some of you fellows think you are smart enough to find them—will you please see me after the service? I am in Room 22 at the Ramada Inn. Come on over and talk to me.” Do you think they came over? No, they went back to their schools and had “roast Ruckman” in the *classroom* and talked about Brother Ruckman’s “uncouth language” and his impoliteness and his “*vicious attitude*” and his *bad attitude* and his *lack of spirituality*. Why, the dirty, two-faced, lying, cowardly four-flushers! They ought to be ashamed of themselves.

When you have a chance to meet a man in the open, why not meet him in the *open*? Why wait until he is gone and then attack him behind *closed doors*? Huh? Now, when you find this kind of thing going on in Christian circles, do you know what you are dealing with? You are dealing with a man who is *publicly professing something he does not believe*, and he cannot face the issue when it comes up.

Do you know what these cowards will say when they are put on the spot? They will say this: “I don’t see any sense in causing trouble or any

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sense in *dividing the church of Christ or the Body of Christ over an issue like that.*" Why, the issue is *lying*. Do you believe pathological, *chronic lying* should be allowed constantly by men who lead the body of Christ? Do you call that a "*side issue*"? You have a funny sense of biblical Christianity, don't you?

These fellows all pop up and say, "Well, I don't believe in splitting the Body of Christ over that issue." *The Body of Christ has been split by these men lying*. They have gotten up in the pulpit for fifty years and said, "This Bible IS the word of God," *when they did NOT believe it*. They presented you with three translations, an NASV, an old ASV, and an NIV, and told you that these were the word of God, and "this is the word of God," and you are to preach "the word of God," and given you three translations that are different from the *King James Bible* in 36,000 places, and then said, "Don't bring up the issue."

I've got some "funny bunnies" at home. I've got an ad on the back of a magazine called *Faith Magazine*, advertising the largest Christian school in America. That ad says, "We stand for the absolute authority of the Bible." Inside the magazine, the president of that institution has an editorial which I have photostated that said, "the issue today is the Word of God." *They don't have one faculty member in the graduate school of that institution who believes you can even get a copy of the word of God*. When those fellows say "word" they capitalize the "W", so it has no reference to the *written* words or the *spoken* words. They are Neo-Orthodox. That is what Barth and Brunner and Niebhur and Tillich taught. They

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— taught that capital “W” “Word” of God was a *message contained in the Bible*.

— So, you are living in the day of the great Laodicean church where the apostasy is *in the Body of Christ*. You say, “What is the alibi these men give for sinning?”

— Very simple: they say, “Other godly men sin too, so we can sin.” (Of course, they don’t say “sin”: they pretend that where other good and godly men have corrected the word of God that this was an expression of their “godliness.” Why, that is an expression of their ungodliness.)

— When you say that, then these reprobates say, “Why, these men weren’t ungodly. They were godly.”

— To which may be replied, “Every godly man has an old nature. Every good man has an old nature” (Rom. 6 and 7). There is not a good, “godly” man on the face of this earth who wasn’t prone to adultery and murder—like David. And don’t you forget that. Don’t you forget *that* for a minute.

— You hear these fellows say, “Well, so and so corrected it, and he was a good and godly man.”  
— Yeah, we all have our sins, don’t we? Amen? I cannot imagine a more cowardly or carnal or godless thing for a Bible teacher to do than to alibi his sin on the basis of *the sins of other men*. And I’ll tell you, brother, if I ever get to the place where I alibi my sins on the basis of the fact that some fellow who was “godly” sinned too, you can count on me to shut my Bible and never open my mouth again. Why, these leaders of modern fundamentalism talk like unsaved drunks!

— They say, “Well, so and so does it,” and “So and so did it and he was a good, godly man, so it

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is all right." Listen, stupid: Moses was a man of God, and he murdered a man and hid him in the sand. **"Go thou and do likewise"**? David was a man after God's own heart and committed *adultery and murder*. Do you think that is the pattern to follow? Paul was the godliest man in the New Testament, but he got out of the will of God and lost two years of his ministry in a Roman jail because he wouldn't do what God told him to do. Is *that* the alibi you are looking for? Now, that is the condition of America today. Don't tell me. I'll tell you.

I travel up and down this country all year round, and I've been up in the air in those planes longer than a sea gull with sore feet. I've been in so many towns in this country in the last forty-eight years that when I write home I say, "Having a wonderful time. Where am I?" I know what is going on in religion in this country. Now, I may not know what is going on in this country *economically*. I may not be able to fix a gasoline motor, and when it comes to mechanics and physics, I may be the dumbest critter that ever put foot on the ground; but if you want to know what is going on in the *modern apostate fundamentalism*, I know what is going on. And what is going on in this country is *Christian educators* are using the lives of godly men as an example to justify *their own sins*, picking out the places in these men's lives where their ungodly, old nature shows through. That is what is going on.

Somebody said, "R. A. Torrey used an *RV* once in a while." *Well, so did Bloody Mary*. What did that prove? The text of Bloody Mary's Roman Catholic bible is the text of the *Revised Version* of 1885.

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Somebody said, "Well, Machen and Warfield stood up for the Alexandrian text." Well, so did Origen, and he believed in soul sleep, transmigration of souls, universal salvation, and baptismal regeneration. What are you trying to prove? Eggnog?

As we have said before, and will say many times in the future, the modern apostasy in America is apostasy within the *Body of Christ*. It is being carried on and promoted by the Christian educators at every leading fundamental Christian school in America. It is carried on by *professing* to believe something they do NOT believe. Now, if you don't believe me, write to these men. I have got the letters piled up a half foot high on my desk. These men do not believe the *King James Bible* is the word of God. They believe it contains "some truth" which can be corrected 30,000 times in the *NASV*. They think it is an outdated, antiquated version that needs to be corrected by the Westcott and Hort Greek text of North Africa.

You ask, "Ruckman, what are you saying?" I am saying the truth. Would you like to try me out in court? Come on, take me to court and try me on for size, son. Take me to court and try to prove to me these men aren't promoting a *North African Alexandrian text that contains the Apocrypha* and they haven't altered the *King James* text in 30,000 places by manuscripts that contain the Apocrypha in the Old Testament and the New Testament, *which were rejected by the Body of Christ 1,500 years before your grandmother was born*. Why don't you try to disprove it?

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It can be proved. Now, that is why these men always attack the word of God in the *classroom*, with the doors shut. They get the brand new Christian who has just been saved and brainwash the kid into thinking that they are smart enough to alter the Book by which he found Jesus Christ. That goes on in every Christian university and college in America. You say, "What about your college?" We don't have a college here. We have a *Bible Institute*, and in our Bible Institute we teach a young man that the *King James Bible* is the word of God from cover to cover and that, according to the American laws of jurisprudence, it is "innocent until proven guilty." So, we take up the 400 problem texts in the *King James Bible* that are taught in the Christian colleges, universities, and seminaries and show the student how every man who professed to have found an error in the *King James Bible* was a pathological liar. That is our ministry. Our ministry is exposing a *lie* and comparing it with the truth, proving all things and holding fast the form of sound words, abstaining from that which is evil and holding to that which is good. *That* is our ministry.

The ministry of every man called to preach the truth is to find out what the truth is and *preach it*. And when you find out what the truth is, you will know the liar as soon as you see him. When a man gets up there and tells you the *NASV* and the *ASV* and the *NIV* are "more accurate translations" of the Bible because they come from the "oldest manuscripts," he is telling you one of the biggest lies that was ever told on the face of this earth. The manuscripts they are from are not even Bible manuscripts. The manuscripts they

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are from contain spurious books in the Old and New Testaments according to the belief of every Orthodox branch of Christianity from the Council of Nicaea to 1997. If you don't believe it, call my hand. I have all fifty-two cards on the table, "face up." Our address is P.O. Box 6021, Pensacola, Florida. The telephone number is 476-7934. The area code is 850, and the zip code is 32503. My name is Peter Sturges Ruckman. If you think I am lying, "call my hand." I have had it called by bigger men than you.

Here is what we should remember regarding inspiration: we should remember that inspiration of the Bible extends to all Scripture. We accept the Scriptures as the infallible word of God, the Canon of sixty-six books as complete. We do not recognize the Apocrypha of *Vaticanus* or the Apocrypha of *Sinaiticus* as inspired. Therefore, we reject the two oldest manuscripts, *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus*, as Satanic counterfeits. The original Scriptures will be the standard of judgment in the last day, John 12:48, *for Greek-speaking people and Hebrew-speaking people*. Your standard of judgment will be the English of the English-speaking people. You should read the Bible daily and obey its message in your daily life. If you don't have a copy of the Scripture, the Lord has given you nothing to read and nothing to follow. The Bible tells a young minister to preach the word of God (2 Tim. 4:2), and if all you have is a "reliable translation," you do not have the word of God.

The Bible says (2 Tim. 2:15) to **"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the**

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**word of truth."** And if you don't have **"the word of truth,"** you have nothing to rightly divide. Jesus said **"Search the scriptures"** (John 5:39), and the term **"scriptures"** is never a reference to the original manuscripts. When the Lord told you to search the Scriptures, he meant to *search the Scriptures*. The only question you have to answer today is: Do you have a copy of the Scriptures? **"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, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."** (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

All I have got to say to you apostate fundamentalists, who blew your money down a rat hole and were taught not to believe the Bible was the word of God (while professing to believe it), is this: If you don't have a copy of the Scriptures in your language, you cannot be *perfect*, you cannot be *thoroughly furnished*, you cannot be *reproved* or *corrected* or *instructed* or preach what God told you to preach, because God never told any fool on this earth to preach the *original manuscripts*. God never told any fool on this earth to *search* the original manuscripts. And God never told any irrational, bumbling idiot on this earth to *rightly divide* the original manuscripts. Did He? Did He or did He not?

Now, here is what we teach and believe. We teach and believe that the *King James Bible* is the Authorized Text, authorized by the Third Person of the Godhead, and that is why the term "Authorized" does not occur anywhere in the original editions of the *King James Bible*. I have in my house a copy (worth about \$4,000) of a *King James*

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*Bible* with the original binding, paper, and print, a photostated copy of every page including the smudges on the page. *The term "Authorized" occurs nowhere in either Testament.* The term "*Authorized Version*" is a title conferred upon the Book by the Holy Ghost. It is translated under "James" because James was the first monarch to have a Jewish name, and I am sure all you Greek teachers were very careful to tell your students the word "James" is a reference to "the high and mighty Prince Jacob." (I guess you told them that, didn't you? I'll just bet you did!) That is not all. We believe the *King James Bible* (being the right translation for the English-speaking people from the *Textus Receptus*) is "innocent until proven guilty."

When you go to a Christian school, college, or university you will find, from the first day you enter the first classroom until the day you graduate, that the *King James Bible* has been *assumed to be guilty*, and you've got to prove it innocent. That is, Christian education approaches the *King James Bible* with the inquisitorial methods of the Jesuits in Spain during the Spanish Inquisition.

You say, "How do you prove this?" I have the letters right here in my file. For example, here is a letter from the leading exegete at Dallas Theological Seminary and another letter from the head of the Bible department at Bob Jones University. I have in my files letters from the heads of the Bible departments at Tennessee Temple, BIOLA, Pillsbury, Piedmont, San Francisco, Arlington, Springfield, and others: every one of these gentlemen without fail answers the person who wrote him the letter that the *King James* text *is not in-*

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*fallible* and that it has errors in it. You say, "How many errors did he list?" He did not list any! They are taught behind closed doors in the classroom, so my next pile of letters comes from students at those colleges who have been taught the so-called contradictions. Of the fifteen sent to me in the last ten years, there is not one of them that couldn't be explained by a high school graduate without a biblical education.

Now, what should we say about these matters? We have to say that the Bible is the infallible authority of God Almighty. We have to say the *King James Bible* has been preserved in the language of English-speaking people, without proven error, and you folks who think you have found errors in it (you know, like Ahaziah and Jehoiachin and the chariot horses).

Yes, we know all about it, kiddies. You know, the number of people killed at Bethshemesh looking into the ark, and the "he" and "she" in Ruth. Yes sonny boy, we know everything you know and a lot you don't know: the so-called contradictions about the reigns of the kings and the number of years of reigns and the ages of the kings. Yes honey, we have been through it, like the names and genealogies in 1 and 2 Chronicles matched with Samuel and Genesis. Yes children, we know all about it. We have been to Campfire Girls' school and the Brownies, and we know all about what the Girl Scouts are doing these days. You people who think you have found errors in it, *you have been deceived by the devil*.

The God of history is the one who inspired that Book and preserved it, and the God of history knew the universal language in the last days

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would *not* be Greek; it would be English. For this reason, He preserved this Book in a language the whole world could understand, and He preserved a Book in a language with chapter and verse numbers so you could spot an apostate corruption when it showed up. The surest way to spot the counterfeit is by the *real*, and the real, fortunately for us, has chapter and verse markings in it so we can spot the corruption by simply turning to the chapter and verse numbers. Marvelous cokinky-dinky, eh what?

So our position is this: The *King James Bible* may not claim for itself the *original inspiration* of God, breathing through the men who spoke when they were copied down by a writer at the time they spoke. However, it can claim to be preserved without proven error in the universal language of the world because the Bible quoted on the moon was not the *NASV*. It was the *King James 1611 Authorized Version*.

Now, we will talk more about this great Book, this crowning wonder of the world, this Monarch of the books (the Bible), in our next lessons. The next lessons have to do with the great power and authority of the word of God and the evidence and proof that the *King James Bible* is superior to any English translations on the market today.

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