

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Fred Butler

Introduction

Bible Critic Fred Butler has given a slavish endorsement of Rick Norris' book attacking the 1611 Holy Bible and Bible believers. Rick Norris' book is entitled *The Unbound Scriptures*.

See:

www.fredsibletalk.com/theunboundscriptures.html *The Unbound Scriptures* a book review by Fred Butler

www.kjv-only.com/unboundscriptures.html *The Unbound Scriptures* by Rick Norris.

As indicated in an earlier work by this writer, the Lord has providentially prompted Bro. Will Kinney to answer Norris' book. Bro. Kinney has most ably reviewed Rick Norris' book and rightly concluded that Rick Norris' evaluation of the 1611 Holy Bible is bogus.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php *The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris*.

See brandplucked.webs.com/unboundscriptures.htm *Book Review: The Unbound Scriptures* – [Parts 1-17] for the full text of Bro. Kinney's review of *The Unbound Scriptures*.

Bro. Kinney, it should be noted, has also responded most ably to Fred Butler's antagonism to the 1611 Holy Bible.

See brandplucked.webs.com/exkjbloopy.htm *Fred Butler – ex KJB believer loses his mind*.

Bro. Kinney rightly says of Fred Butler:

Fred now finds himself in the position of being a double-minded man whose thinking and reasoning abilities have become so confused that he can't even see the absurdity of his own blatant, self-contradictions.

Readers may draw their own conclusions about Bro. Kinney's statement above from this writer's response to Fred Butler's review of *The Unbound Scriptures*.

This writer's conclusion from Bro. Kinney's review of *The Unbound Scriptures* is that Bro. Kinney has proved that Rick Norris should re-title his book *The UNFOUND Scriptures*, complete with capitalisation.

Note that Bro. Kinney has written another most informative article that in this writer's view is an excellent companion to Bro. Kinney's review of *The Unbound Scriptures*.

See brandplucked.webs.com/kjbonlyblowup.htm *Was there a perfect Bible before the King James Bible?* and note this extract that speaks precisely for both Rick Norris and Fred Butler.

Keep in mind that these King James Bible critics do not believe that there EVER existed a perfect and infallible Bible in ANY language (including "the" Hebrew and Greek) and they certainly do not believe there exists one NOW. The force of their argument is that since there was no perfect and infallible Bible before the King James Bible, then the King James Bible itself cannot be the perfect words of God anymore than their favorite, multiple choice and contradictory bible versions. They don't defend any of their modern versions like the RSV, NASB, NIV, ESV, NET, NKJV or Holman Standard as being the 100% true words of God in contrast to the other versions. Most of them don't claim to have an infallible Bible but they take offense at our claim that we do.

As the Lord Jesus Christ warned with respect to ***"The scribes and the Pharisees...in Moses' seat"*** Matthew 23:2 with application to today's King James Bible critics who *profess* to have 'Holy Writ' like Fred Butler brazenly does at the conclusion of his Endnote 1 but can't produce it:

"...do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not" Matthew 23:3.

Rick Norris has himself reviewed some books that are written in favour of the 1611 Holy Bible to which this writer has responded.

This writer has concluded that Rick Norris' reviews of those books in favour of the 1611 Holy Bible are as bogus as Rick Norris' fraudulent evaluation of the 1611 Holy Bible itself.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php with respect to:

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris against *The Language of the King James Bible* by Gail Riplinger

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris 2 against *Final Authority* by William P. Grady

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris 3 against *One Book Stands Alone* by Douglas D. Stauffer.

Note this extract from the third item given above, p 41. It shows that Rick Norris has been unable to *prove* either error or inferiority in the 1611 Holy Bible but seeks to cast doubt upon it by, for example, highlighting differences between the 1611 Holy Bible and some of its 16th century pre-1611 predecessors. Rick Norris is thereby acting after the manner of his mentor whose first recorded words are **“Yea, hath God said?”** Genesis 3:1. His – their – disciple Fred Butler has done precisely the same in his article, as will be seen.

Rick Norris has failed to prove a single error or inferior reading in the 1611 Holy Bible and has largely sought to counter Dr Stauffer's work and those who support it like Drs Grady, Malone and Reagan by means of insinuation and innuendo that is wholly lacking in substance, together with blatant *ad hominem* attacks against genuine Bible believers like those listed.

Insinuation and innuendo are in this writer's experience among the Bible critics' prime weapons of mean-spirited deception in **“*beguiling unstable souls*”** 2 Peter 2:14. One reason is that Bible critics like Rick Norris and Fred Butler typically cannot provide a *single* scripture either from the original languages or any other source to support their attacks on **“*the scripture of truth*”** Daniel 10:21 the 1611 Holy Bible.

This writer's response to Fred Butler's article has therefore been undertaken, like those in response to Rick Norris' bogus reviews of the Bible-believing works of Sister Riplinger and Drs Grady and Stauffer, to provide a scriptural counter to Fred Butler's mean-spirited deception in **“*beguiling unstable souls*”** 2 Peter 2:14.

This writer has, in sum, likewise concluded that Fred Butler's review of Rick Norris' book *The Unbound Scriptures* is as fraudulent as Rick Norris' book itself in its endorsement of that book and in Fred Butler's criticisms of **“*the book of the LORD*”** Isaiah 34:16, the 1611 Holy Bible.

See also www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php *The 1611 Holy Bible versus Malcolm Bowden* for another fraudulent commentator against **“*the book of the LORD*”** Isaiah 34:16, the 1611 Holy Bible.

As the Lord Jesus Christ Himself warned many centuries ago about Malcolm Bowden, Fred Butler, Rick Norris, Robert A. Joyner – see *The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris 3* ***Postscript - The Disjointedness of Dr Robert A. Joyner*** – and all their renegade posse:

“Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch” Matthew 15:14.

This writer will certainly obey the first part of Matthew 15:14 once these write-ups are complete, as Paul exhorted in his Letter to Titus.

“A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself” Titus 3:10-11.

Initial Observations

Like Malcolm Bowden, James White, Rick Norris, Robert A. Joyner and the rest of the renegade posse, Fred Butler shares with them the following characteristics.

Fred Butler in his article against the 1611 Holy Bible shows that he has:

- No Holy Bible that he can honestly call such
- No ‘originals’ that he can honestly lay his hands on
- No extant document in **“words easy to be understood”** 1 Corinthians 14:9 by which **“ignorant and unlearned men”** Acts 4:13 are supposed to understand what God *really* said, supposedly, in the original languages
- No God-given authority to override **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16, the 1611 Holy Bible as he seeks to do
- No consciousness at all of having betrayed the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:5, 9
- No authority at all other than his own opinion. Like other Bible critics mentioned above, see items and link to Bro. Davis’ site, Fred Butler refers disparagingly to what he terms King James-only. The issue is not King James-only, so-called. It is *King James Authority* according to **“words...which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual”** 1 Corinthians 2:13, about which it seems from his article that Fred Butler knows little or nothing.

“Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?” Ecclesiastes 8:4.

See:

www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *Royal Law – James 2:8*

www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php *AV1611 Authority – Absolute.*

Biblically, Fred Butler along with every other USA *hombre* in the renegade posse is an anarchist and a spiritual Benedict Arnold.

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Fred Butler is of course a liar with respect to the 1611 Holy Bible, in direct defiance, if he is saved, of Paul’s admonition to the Colossians and in turn to all believers.

“Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds” Colossians 3:9.

According to the apostle John who wrote with respect to the Lord Jesus Christ **“That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world”** John 1:9, anyone, including Fred Butler and all members of the renegade posse with whom he’s in cahoots, has enough light from the Lord Jesus Christ to see that **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16 is the Text of the 1611 Holy Bible and no other.

However, as the Lord Jesus Christ Himself warned through John **“men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil”** John 3:19.

The apostle Paul incisively delineated evil deeds *within the church*, the essential reason for them, which is personal gain from gaining followers, the effects of them i.e. subverted followers *and what should be done with the evil-doers*. That is the reason for these responses to the renegade posse.

“For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers...Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake” Titus 1:10-11.

The same approach has been adopted for this response to Fred Butler as for those to Rick Norris and Robert A. Joyner. Successive extracts from Fred Butler's article are shaded in yellow and this writer's particular responses in blue with inserted citations in green or *green italic*. All parts of Fred Butler's article have been included.

Readers will note that a more directly combative style has been adopted for this write-up than was the case for those against Rick Norris. This is not particularly intended to provoke a response from Fred Butler but simply to help each reader to experience the fulfilment of David's prayer with respect to **"the certainty of the words of truth"** Proverbs 22:21.

"Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear" Psalm 119:38.

The Unbound Scriptures a book review by Fred Butler

During the course of my personal reading, I will occasionally come across a book that is like an aromatic cup of warm coffee; it is both delightful to the taste and warming to the soul.

Better you wake up and smell the coffee, Fred. **"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners"** 1 Corinthians 15:33.

Rick Norris has written such a book with *The Unbound Scriptures: A Review of KJV-only Claims and Publications*. This book is a delight, because Mr. Norris has addressed a topic that is close to me: I was once a rabid King James Only proponent.

You are now a traitor, Fred **"that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us"** 2 Thessalonians 3:6.

For nearly a decade, I believed that the only English Bible that accurately represented the true Words of God was contained in the 1611 translation of the King James Bible.

You didn't read *The Translators to the Reader*, Fred. Maybe that was why you fell away. See www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm *The Translators to the Reader* and the following extract, under-linings in copy, this writer's emphases.

*...we affirm and avow, that **the very meanest translation of the Bible in English, set forth by men of our profession, (for we have seen none of theirs* of the whole Bible as yet) containeth the word of God, nay, is the word of God.***

*Catholics, before the publication of the complete Douay-Rheims Bible in 1610. See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douay%E2%80%93Rheims_Bible. The Devil tried and failed to head off **"the book of the LORD"** Isaiah 34:16, the 1611 Holy Bible before publication. **"So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him"** Isaiah 59:19.

"The book of the LORD" Isaiah 34:16, the 1611 Holy Bible, is more than a mere representation, Fred.

The 1611 Holy Bible is **"the words of God"** Numbers 24:4, 16, 1 Chronicles 25:5, Psalm 107:11, John 3:34, Revelation 17:17 in the plural, 6 mentions in scripture in total. KJV believers have **"the words of God"** plural in total and these make up **"the word of God"** 46 times in scripture, in total as Jeremiah shows:

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts" Jeremiah 15:16.

The 1611 Holy Bible is therefore **"the word of God"** that like Samuel **"did let none of his words fall to the ground"** 1 Samuel 3:19 such that *in principle* for **"his words"** i.e. **"his word"** Jeremiah 20:9 the 1611 Holy Bible **"the book of the LORD...no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them."**

You don't say anything like that about the KJV, Fred. It seems like you were never a Bible believer to start with but one of the **"false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage"** Galatians 2:4 i.e. your renegade posse's brand of 'originals-onlyism.'

You won't succeed, Fred.

KJV believers, being **"all taught of God"** John 6:45, have got you sussed, Fred, along with your mentor **"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices"** 2 Corinthians 2:11.

KJV believers have what you don't have, Fred.

KJV believers have **"the manifold wisdom of God"** Ephesians 3:10 and are **"given by the Spirit the word of wisdom"** 1 Corinthians 12:8 through the ministry of **"the saints and faithful brethren in Christ"** Colossians 1:2.

You don't have any of that, Fred. You should have taken notice of Paul's exhortation to the Hebrews. KJV believers do. You didn't, Fred. You let things slip, to your own detriment.

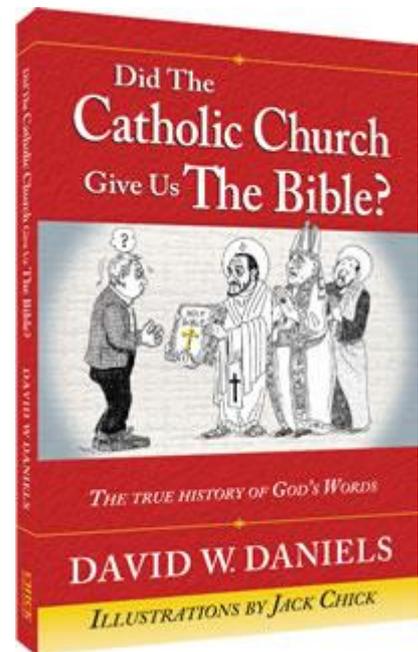
"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" Hebrews 2:1.

It was my sincere conviction that the KJV was based upon the best Hebrew and Greek texts that had accurately preserved every "jot and tittle" of Holy Scripture,

This is not the same as saying that the 1611 Holy Bible is **"all scripture"** that **"is given by inspiration of God"** 2 Timothy 3:16. Just what is 'Holy Scripture,' Fred? You haven't said so yet.

Cat got your tongue? See www.chick.com/catalog/books/1252.asp
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and that it had been translated by the godliest and most capable scholars the Christian world has ever known. I would argue that any of the modern, English translations like the New International Version, New American Standard Version and Revised Standard Version, were based upon inferior Hebrew and Greek texts. I would call them "modern perversions," because I believed heretics had corrupted the original manuscripts that these translations are based upon by stealthily injecting cultic doctrines by omitting a key word here, or adding a slightly different phrase there. Additionally, those versions were translated by men who were unbelievers; individuals who held to unorthodox beliefs and denied essential Christian doctrine like the virgin birth and the deity of Jesus Christ. Any Christian who read and studied these modern versions, in my opinion, was only receiving a portion of what God really said, and even worse, believers were being brainwashed to unwittingly accept false doctrine.



What were your sources, Fred? Did you check any of the following sources in addition to the work cited above by Bro. David Daniels? If not, why not and why didn't you say?

See brandplucked.webs.com/kjbarticles.htm *KJB Articles* by Will Kinney.

Among a wide range of particular Biblical topics, Bro. Kinney's articles explicitly address the following **225** scriptures in detail that are cut out, altered or disputed by the modern versions:

225 Scriptures for which Bro. Will Kinney has shown the AV1611 is RIGHT and the critics WRONG
 See brandplucked.webs.com/kjbarticles.htm

Genesis 1:6, 7, 8, 28, 3:15, 4:21, 22:1, 8, 24:47, 25:16, 36:24, 49:6, 50:20

Exodus 12:40, 20:13

Numbers 11:29

Deuteronomy 16:21

Judges 14:15, 16:13

1 Samuel 5:9, 6:19, 13:1, 21, 14:41

2 Samuel 12:31, 13:21, 34, 14:30, 15:7, 21:8, 19, 23:8

1 Kings 7:26, 20:38, 22:38

2 Kings 20:11

1 Chronicles 11:11, 20:3

2 Chronicles 4:5

Psalms 8:5, 74:8, 77:2, 78:36, 121:1, 138:2

Proverbs 14:9

Isaiah 7:14, 19:10, 38:8, 45:7

Jeremiah 8:8, 27:1

Lamentations 1:7, 3:22

Ezekiel 14:9, 24:17, 23, 29:7, 45:1, 48:9

Daniel 3:25, 9:26

Hosea 3:1, 13:14

Amos 4:4

Micah 5:2

Matthew 1:23, 25, 28, 5:22, 6:7, 13, 12:40, 14:8, 9, 21:7, 23:14, 24, 24:3, 32, 26:15, 27:44, 28:20

Mark 9:44, 46, 10:24, 13:28, 16:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Luke 1:35, 36, 2:1, 2, 3, 14, 22, 3:36, 7:20, 8:43, 45, 9:54, 55, 56, 10:1, 17, 11:2, 4, 11, 14:10, 17:9, 36, 18:12, 23:17

John 1:18, 3:13, 34, 5:3, 4, 44, 8:6, 14:2, 19:14, 39

Acts 3:19, 5:30, 7:20, 8:37, 9:5, 6, 7, 10:11, 12:4, 25, 13:20, 33, 14:12, 15:18, 17:22, 19:2, 9, 20, 35, 37, 20:28, 22:9, 24:6, 7, 8, 28:13

Romans 3:25, 5:11, 6:17, 7:6, 15, 9:5

1 Corinthians 4:4, 11:24, 14:4, 16:2

2 Corinthians 2:17, 6:12, 11:3

Galatians 2:21, 3:24, 6:11

Ephesians 1:13, 3:9

Philippians 2:6, 7, 3:20

1 Timothy 1:4, 2:9, 3:16, 5:4, 6:10, 20

2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16

Titus 2:13, 3:10

Hebrews 2:11, 17, 3:16, 4:3, 8, 6:6, 9:26, 10:33

James 2:3, 4:5

1 Peter 2:2, 9, 3:1

2 Peter 1:1, 3:10, 12

1 John 3:16, 5:7, 19

Jude 4

Revelation 1:8, 9, 11, 5:9, 10, 6:8, 15:3, 16:5, 17:4, 6, 8, 18:20, 19:8, 22:14, 19.

Did you check any of Bro. Kinney's articles on the above scriptures, Fred? If not, why not and why didn't you say?

Note the following source from Bro. Terry Watkins.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php with respect to:

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris 2 pp 31-32 against *Final Authority* by William P. Grady

See www.av1611.org/niv.html *New International Perversion* by Terry Watkins, author's emphases.

See biblewebapp.com/niv2011-changes/#summary for differences between the 1984 and 2011 NIVs.

The NIV completely "TAKETH AWAY" 17 verses!

Wonderful and precious verses like:

MATTHEW 18:11: "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost."

ACTS 8:37: "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

The NIV PERversion completely "TAKETH AWAY" Matthew 17:21, 18:11, 23:14, Mark 7:16, 9:44, 9:46, 11:26, 15:28, Luke 17:36, 23:17, John 5:4, Acts 8:37, 15:34, 24:7, 28:[29], Romans 16:24 and I John 5:7!

After Mark 16:8 the NIV says, "The most reliable early manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20." [1978 Edition. Thanks no doubt to pressure from Bible believers the 1984, 2011 Editions have The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20] ZAP - There goes another 12 verses! And by the way, that is absolutely untrue! The book, The Last Twelve Verses of the Gospel of Mark, by Dean Burgon contains over 400 pages of documented evidence for Mark 16:9-20, that has never been refuted, nor ever will!

After John 7:52, the NIV reads, "The earliest and most reliable manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have John 7:53-8:11." [1978 Edition. The 1984, 2011 Editions note reads as for Mark 16:9-20. See remarks above] ZAP - There goes another 12 verses!

Matt. 12:47, 21:44, Luke 22:43 and 22:44 are all removed in the footnotes!

That's 45 complete verses the NIV removes from the text or in the footnotes!

The NIV "TAKETH AWAY" 64,576 words! [The 2011 NIV has approximately 1600 more words than the 1984 NIV, which makes only a slight difference to the overall total of words that the NIVs remove from the 1611 Holy Bible, by means of corrupt sources, NOT by forging the shortest, 'quickest' and most piercing path to man's soul. See *The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris* 2 p 30.]

Don't look for the "mercyseat" in the NIV - GONE!

Don't look for "Jehovah" in the NIV - GONE!

Don't look for the "Godhead" in the NIV - GONE!

The NIV removes wonderful Bible "terms" like remission, regeneration, impute, propitiation, new testament and many others!

Despite God's clear warnings about "taking away" from His words - the NIV removes 64,576 words! Over 8 percent of God's word is "TAKETH AWAY"!

That equals REMOVING the books of Ruth, Esther, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Malachi, Colossians, I Thessalonians, II Thessalonians, I Timothy, II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, James, I Peter, II Peter, I John, II John, III John, Jude and more - COMBINED!!! The equivalence of ripping out OVER 30 BOOKS of the Bible!

In case you think it's insignificant words like "thee" and "thou"? The NIV removes major portions of at least 147 verses! Here's a small (very small) sampling of words removed in the NIV!...

See Bro. Watkins' site for details. Did you check Bro. Watkins' disclosures on the NIVs' corruption of scripture, Fred? If not, why not and why didn't you say?

Note the following source from Sister Gail Riplinger.

See:

www.thywordistrue.com/view_item/57/Books/Bible_Defense/New_Age_Bible_Versions.html
www.avpublications.com/3_catalogue/nabv/nabv.htm author's emphases.

Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken...

But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive.

Jeremiah 13:15, 17

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:

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Revelation 22:18-19

OVERVIEW

“THEY WORSHIPPED THE DRAGON”

Revelation 13:14

THE MESSAGE

*The emerging ‘new’ Christianity — with its substitution of riches for righteousness, a crown for a cross, and an imitation for a new creation — is shown to be a **direct** result of the wording in new versions.*

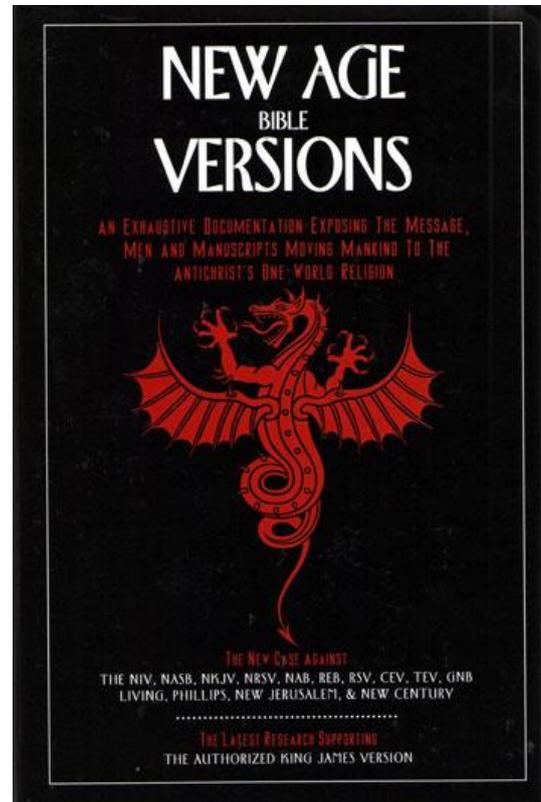
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“BEWARE OF THE SCRIBES”

Luke 20:46

THE MEN

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"I must under God renounce every attachment to the New American Standard Version...I'm afraid I'm in trouble with the Lord...We laid the ground work; I wrote the format; I helped interview some of the translators; I sat with the translators; I wrote the preface...I'm in trouble; I can't refute these arguments [Which Bible?]; It's wrong; it's terribly wrong; it's frighteningly wrong; and what am I going to do about it?...[Y]ou can say the Authorized Version [KJV] is absolutely correct."

- Dr. S. Franklin Logsdon, author, NASB preface

The *New Age Bible Versions* summary tract may be viewed online.

See www.avpublications.com/avnew/downloads/PDF/Tracts/nabv_tract.pdf.

Did you read *New Age Bible Versions* Fred? Did you even bother to read the summary tract?

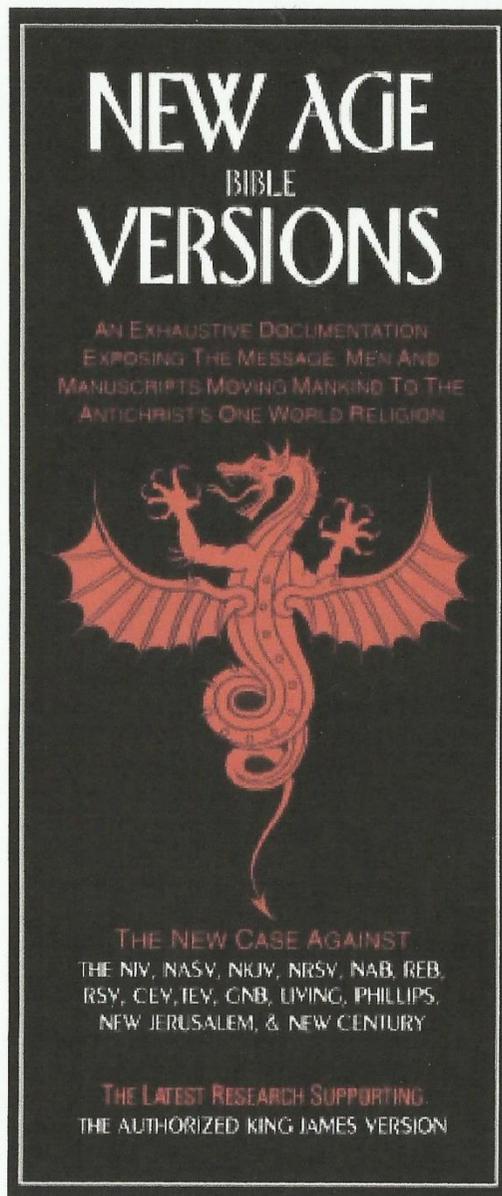
In case you didn't, the summary tract has been downloaded and displayed for you on the following pages.

In Endnote 9 of your article, Fred, you refer to Sister Gail Riplinger as **one of the strangest of KJV advocates...denounced as a lunatic by some fellow KJV advocates.**

Did you think to pay Sister Riplinger the courtesy of checking her material before you passed judgement upon her, Fred?

In case you didn't, this is "**what saith the scripture**" Romans 4:3, Fred, on your conspicuous absence of Biblical "**charity**" 1 Corinthians 8:1, 13:1, 2, 3, 4 three times, 8, 13 twice, 14:1, 16:14, Colossians 3:14, 1 Thessalonians 3:6, 2 Thessalonians 1:3, 1 Timothy 1:5, 2:15, 4:12, 2 Timothy 2:22, 3:10, Titus 2:2, 1 Peter 4:8 twice, 5:14, 2 Peter 1:7, 3 John 6, Jude 12, Revelation 2:19; 28 occurrences in all.

"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him" Proverbs 18:13.



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- Over 2,500 verses compared
- 1,480 referenced footnotes
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“Satan cometh immediately and taketh away the word...” Mark 4:15

The Antichrist will use the **NEW VERSIONS** to set up his One World New Age Religion, with its mark and worship of the Antichrist and the dragon. (*See example of corrupt Greek Manuscripts that some **NEW VERSIONS** are using.)

God of the New Versions / New Age		God of the Bible & Christianity
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the Lord	Ex. 6:3 et al.	JEHOVAH
Christ	2 Cor. 5:18	Jesus Christ
the Spirit	Acts 8:18 et al.	the Holy Ghost
divine being	Acts 17:29	the Godhead
OMIT	Rev. 1:11	I am Alpha and Omega
OMIT	John 4:42	Christ
only One	Matt. 19:17 et al.	God
The Mighty One	Josh. 22:22	The LORD God
the Lord	1 Cor. 16:22	Lord Jesus Christ
a son of the gods	Dan. 3:25	the Son of God
Son of Man	John 9:35	Son of God
a God	Acts 14:15 et al.	God
OMIT (Note: The New Versions have entirely removed the most powerful scripture identifying the Trinity!)	1 John 5:7	For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
fruit of the light	Eph. 5:9	fruit of the Spirit
and the nations shall walk by its light	Rev. 21:24	and the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it.
king of nations / ages	Rev. 15:3	King of saints
end of the age	Matt. 28:20	end of the world

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I can do everything through him who gives me strength	Phil. 4:13	I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me
He who was revealed in the flesh	1 Tim. 3:16	God was manifest in the flesh
OMIT	Acts 4:24	thou art God
OMIT (NASB 73, NIV 38 times)	Matt. 8:29	Jesus
him	Mark 2:15	Jesus
His kingdom	Matt. 6:33	the kingdom of God
He	Rev. 21:4	God
He	Gal. 1:15	God
He	Matt. 22:32	God
his spirit	1 Cor. 14:2	the spirit
His name	Acts 22:16	the name of the Lord
his name and his Father's name in their foreheads	Rev. 14:1 (see Rev. 14:11!)	his Father's name in their foreheads
worship (see Rev. 9, 13, 14, 16)	Phil. 3:3	worship God
God of the New Versions / New Age		Devil of the Bible & Christianity
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morning star	Isa. 14:12-15	Lucifer
(Image worshippers are) very religious	Acts 17:22	(image worshippers are) too superstitious
visions he has seen	Col. 2:18	things which he hath not seen

New Version* Greek Manuscripts	Manuscript Aleph	KJV Greek Manuscripts
“I gave myself up to the beast”	Shepherd of Hermas	OMIT
“Receive his name”	Shepherd of Hermas	OMIT
“Satan...is Lord”	Epistle of Barnabas	OMIT
The ‘New’ Christianity		First Century & Christianity
Check NIV, NASB (& Most Others)		KJV
Then come, follow me	Mark 10:21	and come, take up the cross , and follow me
men	2 Pet. 1:21	holy men
heart	1 Pet. 1:22	pure heart
adequate	2 Tim. 3:17	perfect
prosperity	Prov. 21:21	righteousness
prosper	Jer. 29:11	peace
godliness actually is a means of great gain	1 Tim. 6:6	godliness with contentment is great gain
boast	Heb. 3:6	rejoicing
be proud	2 Cor. 1:14	your rejoicing
proud confidence	2 Cor. 1:12	rejoicing
furthering the administration	1 Tim. 1:4	godly edifying
You have made him a little lower than God	Ps. 8:5	For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels
I retract	Job 42:6	I abhor myself
our humble state	Phil. 3:21	our vile body
man shall not live on bread alone	Luke 4:4	That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God

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DON'T BE LEAD ASTRAY

“But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” Romans 4:5

Discover many major theological differences between the Authorized Version of the *King James Bible* and NEW AGE VERSIONS of the bible. The following tables contain comparisons excerpted from *New Age Bible Versions*, Chapter 15 — “Striving or Saved?” — and provide examples that illustrate

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Jesus said, “He that...climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief...” John 10:1

Paul warned us, “...though we, or an angel from heaven...{or} If any man preach any other gospel unto you...let him be accursed.” Gal. 1:8

Salvation by Works or Faith in Jesus Christ?		
Check NIV, NASB (& Most Others)		KJV
Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God	Mark 10:24	Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God
By standing firm you will save yourself	Luke 21:19	In your patience possess ye your souls
obey	John 3:36	believeth
faithfulness	Gal. 5:22 et al.	faith
OMIT	Rom. 11:6	But if it be of works, then is it no more grace
the gospel	Rom. 1:16	the gospel of Christ
OMIT	Acts 8:37	I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God
In whom we have redemption	Col. 1:14	In whom we have redemption through his blood
who believes	Mark 9:42	believe in me
he who believes has everlasting life	John 6:47	He that believeth on me hath everlasting life
calling on His name	Acts 22:16	calling on the name of the Lord

Salvation by Works or Faith in Jesus Christ? (Continued)		
Check NIV, NASB (& Most Others)		KJV
OMIT	1 John 5:13	and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God
teaching	2 John 1:9	doctrine of Christ
truth	1 Tim. 2:7	truth in Christ
Neither is circumcision anything	Gal. 6:15	For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing
I bow my knees before the Father	Eph. 3:14	I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
an heir of God	Gal. 4:7	an heir of God through Christ
God who created all things	Eph. 3:9	God, who created all things by Jesus Christ
the Father	Col. 1:2	our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God	1 John 4:3	And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God.

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Do you think those four pages above are strange and lunatic, Fred? If so, they are **“his strange work”** Isaiah 28:21 and **“speak forth the words of truth and soberness”** Acts 26:25.

You have now been given three detailed witnesses to the perfection and inspiration of the 1611 Holy Bible against the modern versions, Fred. The apostle Paul states **“In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established”** 2 Corinthians 13:1. Thus far, you have not seriously countered or in this writer’s view even seriously addressed such material as theirs, Fred.

You should carefully note King Solomon’s wisdom, Fred.

“The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason” Proverbs 26:16,

Moreover, any person who actually defended the use of modern versions and had the audacity to challenge the pure, inerrant translation contained in the King James Bible, was, in my mind, a Bible rejecter and corrector, and this person was setting himself up as the final authority, rather than submitting to God’s Word.

the pure, inerrant translation contained in the King James Bible is not the same as saying that the 1611 Holy Bible is **“all scripture”** that **“is given by inspiration of God”** 2 Timothy 3:16, Fred. You still haven’t identified **“all scripture”** that **“is given by inspiration of God”** 2 Timothy 3:16, Fred.

I was, in all sense of the term, a King James Only advocate; and I would add, I rather obnoxious one at times.

You’re still obnoxious, Fred. Your denigration of Sister Riplinger in Endnote 9 of your article proves that, Fred. See above.

In order to defend my KJV convictions, I appealed to an arsenal of supposed truth claims and arguments that are promoted in the myriad of publications produced by KJV only advocates, and I would often utilize those arguments in order to defend what I believed to be God’s unalterable Word.

You still haven’t explicitly identified God’s unalterable W(wo)rd, Fred. It is strange that you seem unable to cite even one of the myriad of publications produced by KJV only advocates that you profess to have appealed to and to explain specifically why you now perceive it to be faulty. You are long on criticism but short on substance, Fred.

You should take careful account again of King Solomon’s wisdom, Fred.

“The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness” Ecclesiastes 10:13.

It is these truth claims and arguments that Rick Norris has dared to challenge in his book. Just offering a challenge, in and of itself, is of utmost importance, because King James Only advocates refuse to have the fundamental presuppositions of their beliefs examined by any meaningful critique. (1)

Yet again, Fred, you bypass the issue of *King James Authority* by means of the disparaging term KJV-only. It’s not surprising therefore that according to your Endnote 1 you’ve been called a liar.

You are a liar, Fred, with respect to your criticism of 1611 Holy Bible believers’ supposed unwillingness to face Bible critics like yourself.

You also fail to provide a summary of the fundamental presuppositions of their beliefs with respect to those King James Only advocates whom you despise, Fred.

That omission makes you a coward, Fred, as well as a liar. For information, your anti-Biblical pre-fundamental suppositions are bulleted in the *Introduction*, Fred.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ and linked articles for numerous responses to Bible critics, especially Bro. Kinney’s detailed analyses. See above for the list of 225 verses that he has studied in detail with respect to the legion of critics who have sought to subvert those verses as they stand in the 1611 Holy Bible.

You're in lockstep with that legion, Fred, "*as many, which corrupt the word of God*" 2 Corinthians 2:17. "*My name is Legion: for we are many*" Mark 5:9.

Rick Norris, however, has provided that meaningful examination in his 500 plus page book and it is one that is both thorough and devastating to the KJV only system.

Bro. Kinney has shown that it is neither, Fred, with respect to King James Authority.

See brandplucked.webs.com/unboundscriptures.htm *Book Review: The Unbound Scriptures* – [Parts 1-17]. Bro. Kinney has said this:

Norris' book is full of his references to "the inspired, inerrant original Hebrew and Greek Scriptures". He starts off his first chapter affirming "THE Bible IS the inspired word of God" - he doesn't say The Bible WAS the inspired word of God - yet he never identifies for us what this Bible IS nor WHERE we can find these ORIGINAL Hebrew and Greek manuscripts. Norris' true Scriptures are so "unbound" they are not even found for sure in a loose leaf notebook nor in hundreds of scraps of "original language" manuscripts. A far more accurate name for Norris' book would be "The UNFOUND Scriptures". He doesn't know where they are and, of course, he can't tell you either.

Neither do you, Fred and neither can you, if your article is any indication.

I would further point out that his challenge is at the risk of having his personal character viciously smeared and his research ridiculed by the KJV only advocates in their monthly newspapers, internet bulletin boards, and other publications.

Rick Norris has smeared his own character by his publications, Fred.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php with respect to:

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris against *The Language of the King James Bible* by Gail Riplinger

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris 2 against *Final Authority* by William P. Grady

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris 3 against *One Book Stands Alone* by Douglas D. Stauffer.

Neither of you inspires confidence in these "*troubulous times*" Daniel 9:25, Fred. King Solomon in his wisdom had Rick Norris – and you – pegged a long time ago.

"Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint" Proverbs 25:19.

Yet, with all of the bombast that may billow forth from the KJV only crowd, Mr. Norris's work is sure to withstand the ridiculous scrutiny it is going to receive.

That kind of statement should not feature in a serious book review, Fred. It is sheer speculation and prejudice on your part.

Moreover, neither Rick Norris nor you merit any bombast, Fred. You're not that important. The purpose of Bro. Kinney's review and this writer's responses to Rick Norris and yourself is really to head off the temporary risk posed by individuals like yourselves of "*beguiling unstable souls*" 2 Peter 2:14.

As for scrutiny, Bro. Kinney has the following remarks that reveal a genuine scrutiny of Rick Norris' book. See link to Bro. Kinney's review above. Bro. Kinney could teach you a lot about book reviewing, Fred.

Mr. Norris is very big on logic. He says: "The questions involved in this disagreement are not about what God can possibly do but are about what God has actually done. Only an open examination of the evidence can settle this issue. The validity of any claim or argument concerning this or any disagreement must be settled by the use of logical means." He goes into great detail explaining how we need logic to arrive at sound conclusions concerning the Bible version issue, yet it is blatantly obvious to me that Mr. Norris' logic has failed him miserably in arriving at his conclusions. He has built his entire argument upon a false assumption.

Mr. Norris concludes his first chapter saying: "God's preserved Word in THE ORIGINAL languages MUST BE THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY and Standard of truth for evaluating and validating all translations."

Mr. Norris has neglected to inform us of the fact that no such animal as "the original Hebrew and Greek" exists on this planet, and he knows it doesn't exist, yet this is the foundation of his anti-King James Only position.

THERE ARE NO ORIGINALS, and there is widespread and profound differences of opinion as to what they might have said, as is amply witnessed by the multitude of conflicting bible versions so prevalent today. The Bible consists of 66 books, and never has there been such a Book composed only of "the originals" all placed together in one book to form the Bible.

Mr. Norris makes abundant use of quotes from past theologians in an effort to prop up his "historical view" of inspiration and preservation. Here is one of many typical quotes which sounds good on the surface, but in fact says nothing of actual substance. He quotes Francis Turretin (1623-1687) who says: "Our teaching is that ONLY the Hebrew of the O.T. and the Greek of the New have been and ARE authentic in the sense that all controversies concerning faith and religion, and all versions, are to be tested and examined by them."

Well, this would be very nice indeed, if such a thing as THE Hebrew and THE Greek existed, but they don't, and everybody knows it. How then can we consult something that doesn't exist and use them to "test and examine all versions"?

It doesn't matter how many godly men of old said "only the originals are the standard". They were posturing a textual position that does not exist, and they knew it didn't exist when they said it! And Mr. Norris has the nerve to accuse the King James Bible believer of holding a false premise on which he bases his conclusions!

Regarding the practical outworking of the doctrine of the preservation of God's words, the modern version proponents either believe the true words of God are "out there somewhere" in all the variant manuscripts but we are not sure which ones they are; or they reduce "preservation" to the idea that the general, overall message is in all "reliable translations", though the particular words and numbers, many whole verses and the meaning of much of Scripture remains uncertain or even lost. Neither view really means that "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" has actually been divinely preserved through history to the present day.

Instead of "heaven and earth shall pass away, but MY WORDS shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:36), the modern versionist really thinks along the lines of "heaven and earth shall pass away, but most of the general sense of what I said won't pass away."

How's that for genuine scrutiny, Fred? If, as you insist, it is ridiculous, you need to explain why in order to obey Paul's injunction to "Provide things honest in the sight of all men" Romans 12:17 and thus far you don't appear to have done so.

You should therefore reflect carefully on Peter's warning about your ilk, Fred, instead of launching unsubstantiated dogma against genuine Bible believers.

"...Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities" 2 Peter 2:10.

Mr. Norris has documented his case well against the KJV only arguments by wading through literally hundreds of KJV only books, tracts, pamphlets and other similar materials. That alone is a daunting task (it takes steeled courage to sift through page after page of erroneous nonsense), but his bibliography covers 48 pages, so it is clearly obvious that he has done his homework and is informed when he writes.

The expression **erroneous nonsense** reveals yet more speculation and prejudice on your part, Fred. It also reveals more cowardice in that you are unable to provide any summary examples of **erroneous nonsense** with respect to the 1611 Holy Bible. Bible believers, by contrast, are well able to provide numerous examples of where modern editors and their supporters like you, Fred, lapse into erroneous nonsense and worse. See items above with respect to Will Kinney's articles on **225** verses that modern editors and their supporters like you, Fred, have attacked, the extract from Bro. Watkins' tract *New International Perversion* and Sister Riplinger's tract on *New Age Bible Versions*.

A 48-page bibliography does not necessarily mean that the compiler has carefully sifted through each of the items listed page-by-page, Fred.

This writer's *scrutiny* of Rick Norris' attacks on the following three Bible-believing works shows that he didn't sift through anything. He merely skim-read them in order to cherry-pick a handful of their contents that he thought he could successfully criticise. He couldn't.

See again www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php with respect to:

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Note this extract from *The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris* against *The Language of the King James Bible* by Gail Riplinger p 2, in particular the conclusion that another Bible believer, Timothy S. Morton, reached independently of this writer about cherry-picker Rick Norris.

It should first be noted that for an individual who claims to have read Sister Riplinger's books, Rick Norris is noticeably deficient in his appreciation of what those books actually say with respect to various issues that he raises in his attack on *The Language of the King James Bible* as citations below will reveal. His review of *The Language of the King James Bible* is therefore bogus. What Rick Norris does repeatedly is to cherry-pick Sister Riplinger's book for individual segments that he thinks are open to attack by which he therefore hopes to discredit the whole work. 1611 Holy Bible believer Timothy S. Morton, www.biblebelievers.com/KJV1.htm author of *Which Translation Should You Trust?* noted Rick Norris' cherry-picking, superficial approach to reviewing Bible-believing works many years ago in early 1996. Not much has changed with Rick Norris since then.

“Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD” Isaiah 26:10.

See www.biblebelievers.com/Norriscor2.htm this writer's emphasis.

Dear brother Norris:

*I have your recent letter before me. Since we have stated our position on the Bible in our book with dozens of Scripture references as a basis, our better judgment tells us extended answers to your letter would be futile. Nevertheless, we will answer one more time. **You claim to have read our book, but from some of the charges and statements you make in your letter it seems you only read it piecemeal.***

So much for Rick Norris' extensive bibliography and having supposedly done his homework in order to be informed when he writes, Fred. You should again take careful note of King Solomon's wisdom, Fred, and watch your step.

“The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going” Proverbs 14:15.

He interacts with all of the regulars from the King James Only camp.

That statement is meaningless, Fred. So does the Devil, as he did with Paul and he still has a phalanx of hindrances **“who are taken captive by him at his will”** 2 Timothy 2:26.

No prizes for guessing the identity of two of them, Fred.

“Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us” 1 Thessalonians 2:18.

Men like Samuel Gipp, David Cloud, D.A. Waite, Thomas Holland, Jack Moorman, and of course the grand patriarch Peter Ruckman, who is the loudest and most savage of all the King James Only proponents; a man whose writings in defense of the KJV are similar to those of an embittered drunk constantly firing off complaint letters to his local congressman.

Dr Ruckman is **savage** and **embittered** is he, Fred? And your evident endorsement of judgement on Sister Riplinger, unaccompanied by any substance, as **a lunatic** is not savage and embittered, Fred?

Your charge against Dr Ruckman is as baseless as that against Sister Riplinger, Fred, in that it is equally lacking in substance. You’d benefit again from the wisdom of King Solomon, Fred.

“As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come” Proverbs 26:2.

Mr. Norris basically puts all of their various arguments defending the KJV on trial and subjects them to a barrage of questions and the proper citing of historical fact that exposes those arguments as outright fallacious and absolutely without any merit.

You mean like a barrage of questions answered in detail here, Fred? See below. You should know that **“there is no new thing under the sun”** Ecclesiastes 1:9.

You should also check Bro. Kinney’s review of Rick Norris’ book for scriptural answers to those questions, Fred. See again brandplucked.webs.com/unboundscriptures.htm *Book Review: The Unbound Scriptures* – [Parts 1-17].

See also the following extract from www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php *Answers to the Wolf-Man Part 1 and (John Wolf) Matthew 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves* for answers to questions that the KJVOs (King James Onlyists) supposedly can’t answer.

Rick Norris’s supposedly invincible questions won’t be greatly different and just as easily tractable, as Bro. Kinney has shown.

A Grievous Wolf

“For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock” Acts 20:29.

Introduction

An individual named John Wolf has posed a series of 67* questions which he entitles *QUESTIONS FOR KJV ONLY* on his site www.cerm.info/bible_studies/Exegetical/king_james_onlyism.htm. See below. The questions are clearly aimed at subverting belief in the 1611 Holy Bible as **“the scripture of truth”** Daniel 10:21 and as **“all scripture”** that **“is given by inspiration of God”** 2 Timothy 3:16.

*Question 5 is a statement, not a question. Question 20 is dogma. Questions 8, 13, 14, 16, 19, 24, 26, 27, 31, 36, 38, 41, 44, 55 each consists of 2 questions. Questions 10, 34, 50 each consists of 4 questions. Questions 17, 18, 25, 39, 40 each consists of 3 questions. Question 28 consists of 6 questions. Grievous Wolf therefore has actually posed 103 questions, depending on how some of his other statements in his questions are interpreted. He should at least pay readers the courtesy of getting his arithmetic right.

Wolf's site indicates that he has obtained his material from another site, jesus-messiah.com/html/kjv-questions.html, also promoted by a further site, www.bible.ca/b-kjv-only.htm#questions, concocted by several Bible critics with no final authority that they can specify between two covers. The three occasions when the expression "*Final Authority*" occurs on this third site, are each only in mockery of Dr Ruckman's belief in the 1611 Holy Bible as his final authority. It is therefore not surprising that some of the usual notorious anti-Biblical suspects are to be encountered on the site; namely Gary Hudson, Doug Kutilek [crony of Rick Norris, as Bro. Kinney has shown] and Bob Ross.

Wolf is therefore little more than "*the messenger of Satan*" 2 Corinthians 12:7 with respect to the questions that he poses but he nevertheless fully endorses them, so they will be taken as Wolf's questions in the remarks that follow.

Observe that Wolf introduces his list of 67 questions by lying and then compounding his lying by the sin of presumption, Psalm 19:13. He states "*I'll conclude this article with questions that most KJVO cannot answer.*"

"*Most KJVO*" can answer Wolf's questions, if they are prepared to "*Search the scriptures*" John 5:39 and "*Prove all things*" 1 Thessalonians 5:23 and many have done so, as will be shown. Grievous Wolf can't answer them because the satanic counterfeits that he follows and recommends on his site; NIV, NASV, NKJV, change the wording of the commands in John 5:39, 1 Thessalonians 5:23 and Grievous Wolf cannot see that he is no more than a pathetic example of Isaiah 44:20.

"He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

Isaiah 44:20 is a good verse for you to reflect carefully upon, Fred.

Let me then begin to highlight some areas of special research Mr. Norris provides in his book.

They are not areas of special research, Fred. Bro. Kinney's review shows that Rick Norris has merely trotted out "*in the old way which wicked men have trodden*" Job 22:15 all the usual objections to "*the scripture of truth*" Daniel 10:21 that a legion of critics, Mark 5:9, has resorted to before him and no doubt, like yourself, will continue to do so until the Second Advent when "*the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped*" Psalm 63:11.

These supposed areas of special research consist of supposed archaic words, imperfections of King James and his translators, successive revisions of Bible versions before and after 1611, printing errors, supposed textual and translational errors in the 1611 Holy Bible said to have been 'corrected' by modern editors, Hebrew and Greek sources, the supposed associations between the 1611 Holy Bible and Jerome's Latin Vulgate and other Catholic sources and the availability of "*the scripture of truth*" Daniel 10:21 before 1611.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ '*O Biblios*' – *the Book* and *What is the Bible? - AV1611 Overview* for summary considerations already in the public domain of those supposed areas of special research.

Yet again, Fred, you – and Rick Norris – should understand that "*there is no new thing under the sun*" Ecclesiastes 1:9.

I am particularly pleased with the extensive research Mr. Norris provides in the area of pre-KJV English translations. He has comb (sic) through translations like Tyndale's Bible, Coverdale's Bible, Matthew's Bible, the Bishop's (sic) Bible, and the Geneva Bible to provide some original citations that are normally inaccessible to the average laymen.

That material is available to today's layman, Fred.

See:

www.study-light.org/ for the Wycliffe, Tyndale, Coverdale, Bishops' and Geneva Bibles
www.biblesofthepast.com/read/file.htm for the Wycliffe, Tyndale, Coverdale, Matthew, Great, Bishops' and Geneva Bibles.

However, it is the case that the pre-1611 Bibles have not proliferated since 1611. That undeniable fact should have taught both Rick Norris and yourself something, Fred. However, since you both seem to need to have it spelled out for you:

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php with respect to:

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris 3 against *One Book Stands Alone* by Douglas D. Stauffer pp 17-19, 21 and the following extracts.

Rick Norris has also revealed a most limited, or unbalanced, knowledge of church history.

Concerning the Geneva Bible, Gustavus Paine states in [*The Men Behind the KJV*] p 163 "*The Puritans fought their way forward. The 1611 Bible by its own worth was making itself welcome throughout the country, for those on both sides needed the best modern texts with which to fight their doctrinal skirmishes. High churchmen in greater numbers began to use the 1611 version, which in centuries to come would be the sole bond uniting the countless English-speaking Protestant sects.*

"In 1629 the Bible was again revised, but only in small ways, and once more in minor respects in 1638. The last issue of the Geneva Bible was in 1644. By then the King James Version was ahead of all others, and now the strife over forms and doctrine helped it on."

Alexander McClure in *The Translators Revived* p 60 states "*It (the AV1611) speedily came into general use as the standard version, by the common consent of the English people; and required no act of parliament nor royal proclamation to establish its authority. Some of the older versions continued to be reprinted for forty years; but no long time elapsed ere the common version quietly and exclusively occupied the field.*"

McClure cites Dr Lee, Principal of the University of Edinburgh; "*I do not find that there was any canon, proclamation, or act of parliament, to enforce the use of it.*" He also cites a Dr Symonds, who states "*The present version appears to have made its way, without the interposition of any authority whatsoever; for it is not easy to discover any traces of a proclamation, canon or statute published to enforce the use of it.*"

Note further this extended extract from www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php *Answers to the Wolf-Man* Part 1 pp 32-34 about the Geneva Bible and the 1611 Holy Bible in the then American Colonies and which of them became the beloved Bible of the common people. The following extract should be of interest to Rick Norris as a US citizen.

Concerning the Geneva Bible and the Pilgrim Fathers, see the remarks by Paine and McClure above and note also from the remarks above that the Geneva Bible was a genuine stage in the purification of "*the words of the LORD*" that was brought to perfection by means of the 1611 Holy Bible that superseded the Geneva Bible. Dr William P. Grady explains in his informative book *Given By Inspiration* p 17, his emphases, that "*...the KEY which opened the door to America's unparalleled religious liberty was a JEWISH KEY. Though Plymouth Rock may have been built on a Geneva Bible, it was a King James Bible that [President] Andy Jackson pointed to when he exclaimed from his death bed – "That Book, Sir, is 'The Rock' upon which our Republic rests."* The English name

“James” is a transliteration of the Greek name Jacobos, which in turn is a transliteration of the Hebrew name Yaakov for “Jacob”“... ”

Melvyn Bragg in *The Book of Books* pp 53-54, 142 says of the Pilgrim Fathers that “It is likely that most of them took the Geneva Bible...[but] the King James Version took over...The Geneva Bible was the Bible first taken to America, and...it soon became supplanted by the King James Version.”

Gordon Campbell in *Bible* p 152 states that when the import-export embargo was eventually lifted [after the Revolutionary War], “Thereafter KJVs imported from England dominated the market” such that American Bible publishers suffered, Robert Aitkin, for example, going bankrupt. In 1816, the American Bible Society decided to publish its own standard text (“American pride and independence” possibly still “on the line”) which after a lengthy hiatus it did in 1856 but this text did not displace other editions such as the Cambridge Standard Text, as found in the Cambridge Cameo Edition. However, these editions were still *the same Book*, such that Campbell states, p 170, that “the KJV remains...the most widely owned and used translation in the United States, and the same may be true in Britain”...

Note the following statement from Benjamin Wilkinson kjv.benabraham.com/html/chapter-10.html *Our Authorized Bible Vindicated* Chapter 10.

The triumvirate which constantly worked to bring things to a head, and who later sat on the Revision Committee, were Ellicott, Lightfoot, and Moulton. They found it difficult to get the project on foot. Twice they had appealed to the Government in hopes that, as in the case of the King James in 1611, the King would appoint a royal commission. They were refused.

It’s regrettable that they weren’t imprisoned in the Tower for treason against the Crown.

However, the Crown’s rejection of the Revised Version applies to *all* subsequent versions that derive from its text, as they all do, including the so-called New King James Version that effectively follows the RV where the NKJV departs from the 1611 Holy Bible. Their editors and supporters are effectively anarchists.

“Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations” Nehemiah 9:26. They certainly try to character assassinate **“him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought”** Isaiah 29:21. Rick Norris’ bogus reviews against *The Language of the King James Bible, Final Authority* and *One Book Stands Alone* show that.

The point is that *only* the 1611 Authorized King James Holy Bible is therefore **“the word of a king”** and therefore **“a word...with authority and power”** Luke 4:36 that can eject unclean spirits from His realm and seal new-born spirits *into* His realm. That King is **“the King of kings, and Lord of lords”** 1 Timothy 6:15, the Lord Jesus Christ **“and who may say unto him, What doest thou?”**

The answer is no-one and no other version.

No other version is *now* **“a word...with authority and power”** Luke 4:36. The faithful pre-1611 Bibles have long been superseded, and **“that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away”** Hebrews 8:13. God has His final *perfected* Book that has subsumed all that preceded it.

The plethora of post-1611 versions, including DIY Hebrew/Aramaic/Greek concoctions, were and are *in themselves* never more than a **“mount of corruption”** 2 Kings 23:13 that **“the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming”** 2 Thessalonians 2:8.

That an individual can get saved through a modern version, as this writer did by means of the now-defunct New English Bible, means only that they *contain* **“the gospel of Christ”** Romans 1:16 to empower **“them that believe to the saving of the soul”** Hebrews 10:39 because that Gospel is **“a word...with authority and power”** that God has authorized and in this instance God **“hath set to his**

seal that God is true” John 3:33 via the 1611 Holy Bible. The 1611 Holy Bible *authorizes* “*the gospel of Christ*” Romans 1:16 i.e. “*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved*” Acts 16:31 so that it is effective wherever it may be found, even in a modern version.

Dr Stauffer has *identified* the word which is “*a word...with authority and power*” and “*all the counsel of God*” Acts 20:27; the 1611 Holy Bible. Neither James White nor Rick Norris has had the honesty to do so with respect to any equivalent word [neither has Fred Butler]. Their objections to Dr Stauffer’s identification of the 1611 Holy Bible as the *authorization* of individual salvation may safely be deposited where Dr Gipp stipulates for supposed ‘nuggets’ from ‘the Greek.’

See again samgipp.com/47-what-about-nuggets-found-only-in-the-greek-new-testament/ Question 47 above [for the account of two Greekiolators who gave totally *different* explanations for the *same* passage in *English* by means of ‘the Greek’].

I quickly consigned their esteemed (and humble) opinions to the garbage heap of education and accepted the choice that GOD had made for His Book in 1611.

Likewise the equivalent opinions of Rick Norris and Fred Butler, neither of whom can identify any significant number of churches that have as their Holy Scripture any pre-1611 Bible. Why do you suppose that is the case, Fred?.

This is a significant study for a couple of reasons:

It is a study that the Lord Himself passed judgement upon a long time ago, Fred, as will be shown.

“Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit” Psalm 50:9.

First, KJV only advocates argue that the King James translation is the only Bible to be used by Christians, because it is the final, purified seven times, translation in the line of seven English translations that God blessed. That fact, argue the KJV advocates, establishes it as the crowning authority of God’s Word. They attempt to build their argumentation for the “line of good Bibles” from the pages of scripture by misapplying Psalm 12:6, a verse they horribly abuse and wrestle out of context, which states, *The words of the LORD are pure words, like (sic) silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.*

If you are going to take Bible believers to task for believing Psalm 12:6 as it stands in the 1611 Holy Bible, Fred, you should at least have the integrity to quote the verse correctly:

“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times” Psalm 12:6.

Bible believers have not misapplied Psalm 12:6, Fred. Neither have they horribly abused it nor wrested it out of context. You, of course, Fred, have given no indication whatsoever of how you believe Psalm 12:6 *should* be applied correctly.

Neither have you shown anywhere in your article, Fred, how your champion ‘originals-onlyist’ Rick Norris would correctly apply Psalm 12:6 and *neither did Rick Norris himself* when he cited Psalm 12:6 in his attack on *One Book Stands Alone* by Dr. Stauffer.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php with respect to:

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris 3 against *One Book Stands Alone* by Douglas D. Stauffer p 11 and the following extract. The first statement shaded in yellow is that of Rick Norris.

Concerning Psalm 12:6, Stauffer claimed: “The King James Bible became the seventh purification of the English translation in fulfillment (sic) of this prophecy” (p. 282). Does he interpret this verse correctly?

Yes. Dr Stauffer describes the fulfillment of Psalm 12:6 according to the six 16th century pre-1611 Bibles that Dr Stauffer lists on pp 282-284 of *One Book Stands Alone*, with respect to their first editions, followed by the seventh fulfillment with the 1611 Holy Bible:

1. Tyndale 1525
2. Coverdale 1535
3. Matthew 1537
4. Great 1538
5. Geneva 1560
6. Bishops' 1568
7. King James 1611

It is Rick Norris' responsibility to *prove* that the above list is *not* a fulfillment of Psalm 12:6, not merely insinuate that it is not. Rick Norris has failed to do so.

Note that in this and in the next three extracts of Rick Norris' comments about Psalm 12:6, nowhere does Rick Norris show that he has interpreted Psalm 12:6 correctly e.g. by comparing scripture with scripture 1 Corinthians 2:13 with respect to the term “*seven times*.” See remarks under extract where Rick Norris thinks that “*seven times*” equals 100%. Not only does Rick Norris fail to appreciate that seven and 100 are different numbers, he also fails to appreciate that a multiple is not the same as a percentage.

You seem to be as deficient as your champion, Fred, both Biblically and mathematically.

With respect to having misapplied Psalm 12:6, horribly abused and wrested it out of context, that unenviable distinction belongs to Rick Norris' friend, and no doubt yours, Fred, Doug Kutilek.

Your aversion to Dr Ruckman notwithstanding, Fred, you should have the grace to consult his detailed study entitled *WHY PSALM 12:6, 7 IS A PROMISE OF THE INFALLIBLE PRESERVATION OF SCRIPTURE* his emphasis, available from the Bible Baptist Bookstore store.kjv1611.org/.

See also:

Bro. Will Kinney's most informative article brandplucked.webs.com/dougkutilekpsalm12.htm *Answering Doug Kutilek's anti- Preservation in Psalms 12* and note the following extract that reveals Doug Kutilek's distortion of Psalm 12:6, 7 that both Rick Norris and yourself espouse, Fred:

I find it interesting that Mr. Kutilek reveals a bit too much about his own beliefs here in the way he phrases his statements. He's trying to disprove that the Bible teaches that God would preserve His words in any “book of the LORD” (See Isaiah 34:16). Why? Because Mr. Kutilek does NOT believe in “an infallibly preserved Bible” in any language and so he sets out to try to make you think that what Psalms 12 teaches, not only in the King James Bible but many others as well, is not really what it seems to say at all.

To make you think the verses are not teaching that God will preserve His words, he goes into the long debated grammatical aspects of these verses. He admits the rule of immediate antecedent would be “the words” but then promotes the alternative view that the more remote antecedent would be “the poor and needy” of verse 5.

(By the way, has God indeed preserved “the poor and needy from this generation for ever”? Haven't they all died off and many were persecuted and martyred rather than being preserved?)

Doug Kutilek starts off his arguments with a completely false statement when he tells us: “We are not limited to the English translation but have access to **the Hebrew original.**”

This is completely untrue. Doug has never seen one word of “the Hebrew original” a day in his life. The modern versions he promotes like the NASB, RSV, ESV, NIV and others ALL frequently reject the clear, preserved Hebrew readings, and not even in the same places.

See these two studies for proof. -

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/nivnasbrejectthebrew.htm>

and

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/nivnasbrejectthebrew2.htm>

Doug Kutilek has built a sand castle for his objections to Psalm 12:6, 7 in the 1611 Holy Bible, Fred, as the remainder of Bro. Kinney’s study shows and that of Dr Ruckman, to follow in summary form.

You should be aware of what happens to sand castles, Fred.

“And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it” Matthew 7:26-27.

Dr Ruckman answers Doug Kutilek’s distortion of Psalm 12:6, 7 adopted by Rick Norris at every turn and leaves him without a proverbial leg to stand on. Dr Ruckman’s conclusions about Doug Kutilek’s misapplication, horrible abuse and wresting out of context of Psalm 12:6, 7 are as follows.

- A. *Doug Kutilek arbitrarily inserted* the word “evil” into Psalm 12:7 with no manuscript basis.
- B. *Doug Kutilek pretended* that “them” in Psalm 12:7 does not refer to “words” in Psalm 12:6 because the genders don’t match, being masculine and feminine respectively. Yet Doug Kutilek accepts the gender mismatch that results in 1 John 5:7, 8 from the words cut out by the versions that Kutilek ‘prefers;’ NASV, NIV, NRSV etc.
- C. *Doug Kutilek forgot* that “the words of the LORD” Psalm 12:6, equal to “my words” Jeremiah 23:22, 30 and “the words of the living God” Jeremiah 23:36, being collectively “his word” Jeremiah 23:18 and “my word” Jeremiah 23:28, 29, are equated to “the Word” John 1:1, the Lord Jesus Christ, through, for example, Exodus 9:13-16 “Thus saith the LORD...in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth” with Romans 9:17 “For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.” “The Word” John 1:1 is masculine, showing that gender distinctions in Psalm 12:7 are irrelevant.
- D. *Doug Kutilek ignored* the immediate context of Psalm 12:7, which is “words” Psalm 12:6, *twice*.
- E. *Doug Kutilek misapplied* 26 cross reference with respect to the words “preserve” or a derivative Psalm 16:1, 86:2, 116:6 etc. and “keep” or a derivative Psalm 17:8, 25:20, 121:3 etc. that are not direct cross references to “the words of the LORD” Psalm 12:6. (Such references are of course references “to preserve life” Genesis 45:5 and to “He that...keepeth his life” Proverbs 13:3, showing that God’s sevenfold purification process of “the words of the LORD...as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times” Psalm 12:6 preserves *both their content and their inspiration*, 2 Timothy 3:16 such that “the word of God...liveth and abideth for ever” 1 Peter 1:23. Doug Kutilek wouldn’t understand that. Neither would Rick Norris and neither would you, Fred.)
- F. *Doug Kutilek lied* about having the scriptures when he referred to consulting ““*the Hebrew original*”“ when he does not have and cannot specify any ‘original.’ (Neither can Rick Norris and neither can you, Fred.)

You’d do well to consult Dr Ruckman’s analysis of Psalm 12:6, 7, Fred. It is a genuine example of searching the scriptures, John 5:39.

Mr. Norris points out that this argumentation is seriously flawed, and he uses his study in pre-KJV translations to demonstrate this error.

That’s not a valid approach on Rick Norris’ part, Fred. You’ve both shot yourselves in the foot before you even started. Neither he nor you have yet explicitly identified what “The words of the LORD are” Psalm 12:6 and where they may be found as a single document extant between two covers as “the book of the LORD” Isaiah 34:16, not “many books” Ecclesiastes 12:12, in “words easy to be understood” 1 Corinthians 14:9 by “those that are unlearned” 1 Corinthians 14:23 like this writer who like most folks these days would have to answer a definite NO to the question “Canst thou speak Greek?” Acts 21:37 and consistent with the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:5, 9.

You cannot then reasonably criticise those who *have* explicitly identified what “The words of the LORD are” Psalm 12:6 and where they may be found as a single document extant between two covers as “the book of the LORD” Isaiah 34:16, not “many books” Ecclesiastes 12:12, in “words easy to be understood” 1 Corinthians 14:9 by “those that are unlearned” 1 Corinthians 14:23 like this writer who like most folks these days would have to answer a definite NO to the question “Canst thou speak Greek?” Acts 21:37 and consistent with the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:5, 9.

Rick Norris has *not* shown that belief in Psalm 12:6, 7 as a promise for the preservation of scripture is seriously flawed, or in any way flawed. His supposed study of the pre-1611 Bibles does *not* show that belief in Psalm 12:6, 7 as a promise for the preservation of scripture is seriously flawed, or in any way flawed. Rick Norris and you – and Doug Kutilek – should reflect carefully upon Isaiah’s

warning about false teachers, Fred. Each of you achieves nothing but *“to make empty the soul of the hungry”* and *“cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.”*

“For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail” Isaiah 32:6.

He states:

“If this line of good Bibles gives any valid evidence for the KJV-only view, all the Bibles must be inspired and inerrant like they claim the KJV is. Otherwise, if any errors (errancy) or corruption enters their line, how does that prove the KJV-only claim that an inerrant KJV must result?”(2)

In other words, all of the Bibles listed in the line of seven must have God’s hand of blessing upon them, protecting them from the encroachment of error into the translational process. If a textual, theological, or translational error enters into the stream at any point, then any subsequent Bible would be polluted and the KJV advocate’s (or advocates’) claim to a pure line of Bibles resulting in the crowning achievement of the King James is ruined. As Mr. Norris points out, “Can a stream rise higher than its sources?”(3)

It appears that neither Rick Norris nor you can answer either of the above questions, Fred. They are answered as follows, together with the explanation for amendments to the pre-1611 Bibles that neither you nor Rick Norris seems able to get his head around. See first Will Kinney’s summary remarks from his review of Rick Norris’ book, noting yet again that neither you nor Rick Norris can specify *any* Bible that is inspired and inerrant, Fred.

Previous English bibles were good but not perfect. They contained minor theological errors and were not textually complete, but they were far better than the modern ones being used today. We believe God providentially preserved His perfect words and placed them in the Holy Bible, which later became known as the King James Version. Once it became firmly established as THE Bible of the English speaking people, who by the late 1700’s had spread the influence of the British empire to the far ends of the globe, God raised up primarily English and American Christians to carry out the great modern day missionary movement. From the late 1700’s to the mid 1950’s the Bible was translated into hundreds of foreign languages and they were all based on either the King James Bible itself or the general Hebrew and Greek texts behind it. This is the sovereignty of God in action and what He ACTUALLY DID.

Neither you nor Rick Norris has identified any Bible that even comes close to manifesting the blessing of God upon it that the 1611 Holy Bible does, Fred. You should at least have the courtesy to do so before taking Bible believers to task about belief in Psalm 12:6, 7 as a promise for the preservation of scripture, Fred.

The reason for the sevenfold purification process of Psalm 12:6, 7 is precisely as Bro. Kinney states, to amend minor theological errors and to ensure textual completeness. Bro. Kinney has, for example, a most detailed article about the Geneva Bible of which both you and Rick Norris should take careful note, Fred.

See brandplucked.webs.com/deficientgeneva.htm *The Deficiencies of the Geneva Bible* and note the following extracts.

The Deficiencies of the Geneva Bible

Textually speaking the Geneva Bible is far better than the modern, ever changing Critical Text Vatican versions like the NASB, RSV, NRSV, ESV, NIV, NET, and the middle of the road versions like the NKJV and the Holman Standard. However the Geneva Bible was and is not God’s perfect Book and in His sovereignty it was placed on the shelf of virtual oblivion about 350 years ago. See Undeniable Proof that the ESV, NIV, NASBs are the new Vatican Versions here -

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/realcatholicbibles.htm>

There are a few Geneva Bible sites out there that are now promoting this Bible as The Bible that Changed the World, but the simple facts are that God has long ago put the Geneva bible on the shelf of virtual oblivion and He used the King James Bible to bring about the world wide missionary outreach to the unevangelized nations and tribes and to translate the Bible into numerous foreign languages.

Many of these Geneva bible sites also claim that it was the Geneva Bible alone that was brought over to America by the Pilgrims, as though this has some special significance. However what they chose to ignore is that there were at least two Bibles the Pilgrims carried with them, and one of the was the King James Bible. See Martin Shue's documented article called Pilgrims and the Geneva Bible here - <http://www.avdefense.webs.com/pilgrims.html>.

You and Rick Norris really ought to have checked out the above material, Fred, because it illustrates a key step of Psalm 12:6, 7, namely the final perfection of ***"The words of the LORD"*** Psalm 12:6 from the Geneva to the 1611 Authorized King James Holy Bible stage.

Since your 'originals-onlyist' champion Rick Norris has a thing about the Geneva Bible, Fred, both you and he should carefully consider Bro. Kinney's concluding remarks in his article *The Deficiencies of the Geneva Bible*.

There is a common misconception that the King James Version was rejected by most Puritans, who preferred the Geneva Bible.

It is largely a myth that the KJV was hated by them. It was actually the puritans who requested to King James for a new version (with 1000 petitions). Anglican Archbishop Bancroft actually opposed the idea of a new translation. Without the puritans requesting it, there may have never been a KJV. Various translators of the King James Bible were moderate Puritans, including Thomas Harrison, Laurence Chaderton, Samuel Ward, John Reynolds, Miles Smith and George Abbot. The fact that George Abbot became the next Archbishop of Canterbury shows how much King James favoured moderate Puritanism. Miles Smith wrote the address to the reader in the front of the King James Bible specifically appealing to the Puritan mind.

Well known Puritan leaders like John Bunyan stated that he believed the Authorised Version to be the exact replica of the autographs. John Owen, Richard Baxter, Thomas Boston, Thomas Brooks, Stephen Charnock, Thomas Goodwin, George Swinnock all used the KJV in preference to the Geneva - and praised it. Brian Walton believed, "the English translation of the Bible", as John Selden (1584-1654) recorded, "is the best translation in the world and renders the sense of the original best." Thomas Fuller (1608-1661) wrote, "the last translation of the Bible, which no doubt was done by those learned men in the best English, agreeth perfectly with the common speech of our country". And Bulstrode Whitelocke (1605-1675) recorded, "the Bible in English; which was yet agreed to be the best of any translation in the world".

The anti Geneva concept stems more so from the US' understandable dislike of royalty - which came later. They like to think of the pilgrims fleeing a tyrant King who was anti Geneva bible. But the fact is, most puritan leaders used the KJV over the Geneva. They make out as if the Puritans were altogether about to dethrone the King James Bible, and reinstate the Geneva, when in fact we find that the Puritans made deliberate decisions to uphold the King James Bible and reject the Geneva bible. Some Presbyterians tried to uphold it, but it was under the rule of the Puritans (1650's) that Cromwell was printing the KJV - not the Geneva.

As indicated under ***Initial Observations***, Fred, Biblically, you and every other USA *hombre* in the anti-King James renegade posse is an anarchist and a spiritual Benedict Arnold for despising ***"the king's word"*** 2 Samuel 24:4 with Ecclesiastes 8:4.

Moreover, if you hadn't been so keen to try to trash Dr Ruckman and his book *The Bible Babel*, see below, you'd have discovered that Dr Ruckman makes the same observation about the pre-1611 Bi-

bles that Bro. Kinney does, again vindicating the Bible believer's approach to Psalm 12:6. Dr Ruckman states in *The Bible Babel* p 2 that "One of the reasons why revision continued in England through the editions of [Coverdale]-Great-Matthew-Bishops- Tyndale, etc., was due to the persistence of Roman Catholic readings that would pop up in the English under the work of Catholic clergy and pro-Catholic clergy clergymen in England."

That really answers Rick Norris' hang-up about verses such as Luke 2:33, Fred, and yours. However that particular aspect of your article will be addressed below in its turn.

For now, noting Rick Norris' unanswered question, and yours, Fred, if any errors (errancy) or corruption enters their line, how does that prove the KJV-only claim that an inerrant KJV must result?"(2) note the following material in addition to Bro. Kinney's and Dr Ruckman's answers to that question.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *The purification of the Lord's word – Psalm 12:6-7* and note the following extract.

Particular Purification Steps

Addition of Words

Scrivener notes in *The Authorized Edition of the English Bible (1611) Its Subsequent Reprints and Modern Representatives*, Appendices A, C, textual changes to early editions e.g. the words "of God" first being added to 1 John 5:12 in 1638. God oversees such changes.

"Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words" Jeremiah 36:32.

Elimination and Alteration of Words

The NIV adds "of Jesus" in Acts 16:7. The Geneva Bible has "Passover" instead of "Easter" in Acts 12:4. God corrects such imperfections as illustrated by John 15:2 with respect to "the true vine" John 15:1, which is "the Word of life" 1 John 1:1, like "the word of life," purging being a form of purifying. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."

Restoration of Words

Current editions of Wycliffe's Bible omit some scriptures e.g. the end of Matthew 6:13. God restores such omissions as illustrated by Romans 11:20, 23. "Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:...And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again."

Conclusion

These purification steps ensure that the AV1611 is the "pure words" of the Lord, Psalm 12:6.

These purification steps also ensure that the English roots or foundation for the 1611 Holy Bible have *not* been harmed or undermined as Rick Norris insinuates. They have been consolidated. Tyndale himself recognised the need for this consolidation, as Gail Riplinger shows in *In Awe of Thy Word* p 803 her emphases.

Tyndale anticipated the need for the 'elevated' and fuller vocabulary of our KJV. Of his own edition he said,

"...[C]ount it as a thing not having his full shape...a thing begun rather than finished... In time to come...we will give it his full shape...to seek in certain places a more proper English" ...

That is what the King James translators achieved.

See again what Gail Riplinger states, [*In Awe of Thy Word*, pp 560ff] her emphases "“Seven” times “they purge...and purify it...” (Ezek. 43:26) – not eight. The KJV translators did **not** see their translation as one in the midst of a chain of ever evolving translations. They wanted their Bible to be one

of which no one could justly say, 'It is good, **except this word or that word...**' They planned [See *The Translators to the Reader*, www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm]:

““...to make...out of many good ones [Wycliffe, Tyndale, Coverdale, Great, Geneva, Bishops'], one principal good one, not justly to be excepted against; that hath been our endeavor, that our mark...the same will shine as gold more brightly, being rubbed and polished...””

You dogmatically state, Fred, In other words, all of the Bibles listed in the line of seven must have God's hand of blessing upon them, protecting them from the encroachment of error into the translational process. If a textual, theological, or translational error enters into the stream at any point, then any subsequent Bible would be polluted and the KJV advocate's claim to a pure line of Bibles resulting in the crowning achievement of the King James is ruined. As Mr. Norris points out, “Can a stream rise higher than its sources?”(3)

What is immediately noteworthy, Fred, is that neither you nor Rick Norris can provide a *single* scripture from either the original languages or any other source to support your assertion above. The reason, Fred, is that you have neglected Paul's exhortation to the Romans to “**Be not wise in your own conceits**” Romans 12:16.

Further, you should therefore understand, Fred, that God does not have to do things your way, or Rick Norris' way, with respect to “**The words of the LORD...purified seven times**” Psalm 12:6. You need to understand, Fred, what the Lord says through His prophet Isaiah.

“I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images” Isaiah 42:8.

Your evident ‘originals-onlyism’ cult and that of Rick Norris, Fred, is just like a graven image, except that it is an idol of the heart. Note what God says of such idols through His prophet Ezekiel. The declaration that follows ends with a question that even you should be able to answer, Fred. Both you and Rick Norris have certainly stumbled over Psalm 12:6.

“Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them?” Ezekiel 14:3.

Concerning Rick Norris' stream analogy and yours, Fred, you obviously don't know much about the dilution effect that running water achieves. God, however, knows all that there is to know about such matters. Note the following that applies to Bible purification as well as manuscript copying.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ ‘O Biblios’ – the Book p 94.

The analogy of textual transmission as a flowing stream is described by Grady [*Final Authority*] pp 60-61, citing the work of Pickering and Scrivener to refute the notion that the oldest texts are automatically the best.

“The “oldest is best” advocate will often resort to the analogy of a flowing stream. This line of reasoning assumes...that the closer one gets to the stream's source, the purer the water **MUST** be...Pickering throws in the proverbial monkey wrench:

“This is normally true, no doubt, but what if a sewer pipe empties into the stream a few yards below the spring? Then the process is reversed - as the polluted water is exposed to the purifying action of the sun and ground, **THE FARTHER IT RUNS THE PURER IT BECOMES** (unless it passes more pipes). That is what happened to the stream of the New Testament transmission. Very near to the source, by 100 A.D. at least, **THE POLLUTION STARTED GUSHING INTO THE PURE STREAM.**”

God ensured that the *Biblical* purification process was achieved in the 1611 Holy Bible with its subsequent major editions. Again, God does not have to do things your way, Fred, or Rick Norris'. Note the reference to pollution in the following declaration, Fred. God deals with it according to the principles cited in Jeremiah 36:32, John 15:1, 2, Romans 11:20, 23 and He does not have to consult either you or Rick Norris, Fred.

“For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another” Isaiah 48:11.

Further to the source and streams analogy to which Rick Norris alludes, neither you nor he know much Bible, do you, Fred?

“That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho” Joshua 3:16.

You should memorise the following verse, Fred.

“But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, *With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible*” Matthew 19:26. You should also check out Jeremiah 32:27, Mark 10:27, Luke 18:27.

For a brief example of Psalm 12:6, 7 in action in the Book of Hebrews:

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php AV1611 *Hebrews Reading versus Modern cuts – Summary Table* for the following table:

AV1611, Pre-1611 Readings in Hebrews versus Jesuit, Post-1611 Cuts - Summary Table

You will note, Fred that the readings for the 12 verses listed from Hebrews had essentially stabilised by the 16th century such that only some re-wording refinement was needed for the 1611 Holy Bible.

It would not surprise this writer if Rick Norris didn't mention any of those 12 verses in his book, Fred, since the 16th century pre-1611 Bibles agreed with the 1611 Holy Bible in each and every one of them.

You certainly don't dare to, Fred.

You do, of course, join with Rick Norris in seeking to *undo* God's purification of **“The words of the LORD”** Psalm 12:6 that He accomplished in the 16th century with particular reference to Luke 2:33, as shown below, that God had stabilised in English with the publication of the Bishops' and Geneva Bibles.

Do you know what the Bible says about that kind of reverse engineering, Fred? You should be warned. Even though you don't physically slay anyone, you do character assassinate Bible believers like Sister Riplinger, Dr Grady and Dr Stauffer who urge you to believe **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16.

“Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations” Nehemiah 9:26.

For more extensive examples of Psalm 12:6, 7 in action with respect to the 16th century pre-1611 Bibles and the 1611 Holy Bible:

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php with respect to:

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris 2 against *Final Authority* by William P. Grady pp 38-39 **Table 1 Stage-wise Purification of Scripture from Tyndale to 1611, Examples**, 12 in all, where Rick Norris has disputed the 1611 Holy Bible.

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris 3 against *One Book Stands Alone* by Douglas D. Stauffer pp 42-46 **Appendix Table A1, Flood of Revision – Verse Comparison, Pre-1611 16th Century, Post-1611 Bibles and the AV1611**, 95 verses in all, though on this occasion, Rick Norris saw fit to complain about 3 of them.

The Lord's precision with respect to **“seven times”** Psalm 12:6 will be addressed below.

AV1611, Pre-1611 Readings in Hebrews versus Jesuit, Post-1611 Cuts - Summary Table

	words retained, with variation		words cut out	NWT	words retained by named version(s)
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Hebrews Verses, 12 in Total	1385, 1395 Wycliffe	Tyndale, Coverdale, Great, Matthew, Bishops', Geneva	1611 AV1611, 2011+ AV1611	JR, DR, RV, ASV	JB, NJB, NWT	NASV, NIVs, NKJV f.n., CEV, ESV, GNT, HCSB, NCV, NET, NLT, RSV, NRSV
1:3			<i>by himself</i>			
2:7			<i>and didst set him over the works of thy hands</i>		NWT	NASV
3:1			<i>Christ</i>			NKJV f.n.
3:6			<i>firm unto the end</i>		NWT	NASV
6:10			<i>labour of</i>			
7:21			<i>after the or- der of Mel- chisedec</i>			
10:30			<i>saith the Lord</i>			
10:34			<i>in heaven</i>			
11:11			<i>and was de- livered of a child</i>			
11:13			<i>and were persuaded of them</i>			
11:37			<i>were tempt- ed</i>		NWT	NASV
12:20			<i>or thrust through with a dart</i>			

Notes on Summary Table

1. The table shows that the pre-1611 16th century Bibles of the English Protestant Reformation are faithful precursors to the AV1611 Text, underlining *God's* approval of the AV1611 Text.
2. The table shows steady refinement of the verses from Wycliffe to the Bibles of the 16th century English Protestant Reformation to the AV1611, followed by apostasy. See *AV1611 Overview* www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ and *English Reformation to Last Days Apostasy* www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php.

Summary Table – Key and Sources

1611 AV1611, 2011+ AV1611: www.e-sword.net/index.html

Pre-1611 Bibles:

1385, 1395 Wycliffe, Tyndale, Matthew, Coverdale, Great, Bishops', Geneva Bibles:

[www.biblesofthepast.com/Read/ File.htm](http://www.biblesofthepast.com/Read/File.htm)

1582 JR Jesuit Rheims New Testament: [www.biblesofthepast.com/Read/ File.htm](http://www.biblesofthepast.com/Read/File.htm)

Post-1611 Bibles:

1749-1752 DR Douay-Rheims Bible Challoner's Revision, RV Revised Version, ASV American Standard Version: [www.biblesofthepast.com/Read/ File.htm](http://www.biblesofthepast.com/Read/File.htm)

JB Jerusalem Bible: www.unz.org/Pub/Bible-1966

NJB New Jerusalem Bible, NWT New World Translation: rockhay.tripod.com/worship/translat.htm

1978 NIV: hard copy

1984, 2011 NIVs: biblewebapp.com/niv2011-changes/, www.e-sword.net/index.html

www.biblegateway.com/versions/ was used for the following 11 post-1611 versions:

NASV New American Standard Version

RSV Revised Standard Version

NRSV New Revised Standard Version

CEV Contemporary English Version

ESV English Standard Version

GNT Good News Translation

HCSB Holman Christian Standard Bible

NCV New Century Version

NET New English Translation

NKJV New King James Version

NLT New Living Translation

One amusing fact Mr. Norris shows us in his research is that no two KJV advocates can agree as to which biblical translations belong in the list leading up to the King James. For example, Peter Ruckman's good tree chart found in his book *The Bible Babel* omits the 1568 Bishop's (sic) Bible, but it is included among the list found in KJV only advocate J.J. Ray's book, *God Only Wrote One Bible*.(4) And KJV only advocate, William Bradley, has a list of Bibles in one of his publications that consists of Wycliffe's, Tyndale's, Coverdale's, Matthew's, The Great Bible, the Geneva, and then the King James, while omitting the Bishop's (sic) Bible, of which the KJV was officially a revision; but in a later publication, he reinserts it (sic) his line of seven good Bibles: Wycliffe's, Tyndale's, Coverdale's, Matthew's, The Great Bible, the Geneva, the Bishops's (sic) and then the King James, which would then make the King James the eighth in the line of good Bibles, not the seventh. (5) Such inconsistency illustrates the absurdity of holding to a mystical notion of God blessing a specific translational stream that results in the purified King James published in 1611. Mr. Norris rightly observes:

“What consistent criteria (sic) was used to determine objectively which translations to include? It seems that the KJV-only advocates cannot agree on which Bibles to include on their lists and on which Bibles to leave off. Do they start with the assumption that the KJV has to be the seventh one and then subjectively pick out six others to make their count work? If believers were to accept the erroneous claim that men can purify God's word in a series of translations, on whose authority do we base the claim that the KJV is the seventh and final purification?”(6)

You really are thick, Fred. So is Rick Norris. *Obtuse* is the dictionary term and “*dull of hearing*” Hebrews 5:11 is the Biblical term.

Moreover, at least those authors have shown that they seek “*to give glory to God*” Luke 17:18, Fred. That is vastly more than either you or Rick Norris have shown thus far, Fred.

The picture in *The Bible Babel* p 86 facing Chapter 6 is *an artist's impression*, Fred. Dr Ruckman is *an artist*. That salient fact seems to have escaped your notice, Fred. It also appears to have escaped your notice that nothing is noted *explicitly* in that picture about any *specific* sevenfold purification of “*The words of the LORD*” Psalm 12:6. The picture is clearly for illustrative purposes only. See Dr Ruckman's remarks above from *The Bible Babel* p 2 with respect to the English Biblical revisions of the 16th century that included the Bishops' Bible.

Moreover, God's sevenfold purification of “*the scripture of truth*” Daniel 10:21 is far more extensive than you think, Fred. Rick Norris is just as clueless in that respect as you are. See what follows.

See this extract from www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *The purification of the Lord's word – Psalm 12:6-7.*

See also www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php *Seven Stage Purification Process – Oil Refinery – in answer to the AV1611 critics.*

A Seven-Stage Purification Process – Historic Bibles

Dr Vance [*Bible Believers Bulletin*, February 2003, June 2006] shows that Psalm 12:6, 7 was fulfilled in history *largely with inspired translations* Genesis 2:7, 2 Samuel 3:10, Ezekiel 37:9-11, Matthew 24:35, John 6:63, Colossians 1:13, Hebrews 11:5, 1 Peter 1:23, 25:

- A received Hebrew text, 1800 BC to 389 BC
- A received Aramaic text at the same time (Genesis, Daniel, etc.)
- A received Greek text from AD 40 to AD 90
- A received Syrian text from AD 120 to AD 200
- A received Latin text from AD 150 to AD 1500
- A received German text from AD 1500 to AD 2006
- A received English text from AD 1611 to AD 2006 (2012+)

Dr Mrs Riplinger has this incisive observation from *In Awe of Thy Word* p 544, her emphases, in agreement with the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:5, 9. ***“The Bible appears in many forms – such as Hebrew, Hungarian, English and Polish. The “form” of the Word seemed different at various times, yet it was still Jesus (e.g. the “fiery furnace” (Dan. 3:35), the “babe wrapped in swaddling clothes” (Luke 2:12), when “She supposing him to be the gardener” (John 20:15), and when “his eyes were as a flame of fire” (Rev. 1:14)). When the Word “appeared in another form,” as Jesus did, “neither believed they them” (Mark 16:12, 13). Likewise, some still dig for words in haunted Greek graveyards.”***

A Seven-Stage Purification Process – Pre-English and English Bibles

Dr Mrs Riplinger [*In Awe of Thy Word*, p 33] documents the development of the seven purifications of the English Bible from its earliest inception, in fulfilment of Psalm 12:6, 7:

- The Gothic
- The Anglo-Saxon
- The Pre-Wycliffe
- The Wycliffe
- The Tyndale/Coverdale/Great/Geneva
- The Bishops’
- The King James Bible

Dr Mrs Riplinger states, [*In Awe of Thy Word*, pp 560ff] her emphases ***““Seven” times “they purge...and purify it...” (Ezek. 43:26) – not eight. The KJV translators did **not** see their translation as one in the midst of a chain of ever evolving translations. They wanted their Bible to be one of which no one could justly say, ‘It is good, **except** this word or **that** word...’ They planned [*The Translators to the Reader*, www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm]:***

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In a sense God did inspire the King’s men to achieve their mark after the manner of 2 Peter 1:21, even if not by dictation as in Jeremiah 1:9, 5:14, 36:18, as John Selden notes in *Table Talk*. ***““The translation in King James’ time took an excellent way. That part of the Bible was given to him who was most excellent in such a tongue and then they met together, and one read the translation, the rest holding in their hands some Bible, either of the learned tongues [**Greek, Hebrew, Latin**], or **French, Italian, Spanish &c [and other languages]**. If they found any fault, they spoke; if not, he read on.”*** See *In Awe of Thy Word* p 539.

A Seven-Stage Purification Process – King James Bibles

God may have refined the 1611 Holy Bible through seven major editions. See *In Awe of Thy Word* p 600 and *The Hidden History of the English Scriptures* pp 49-51 by Dr Mrs Riplinger.

“The only changes to the KJV since 1611 are of three types:

1. **1612:** *Typography (from Gothic to Roman type)*
2. **1629 & 1638:** *Correction of typographical errors*
3. **1762 & 1769:** *Standardization of spelling.”* Therefore, fulfilling Psalm 12:6, 7:

Two 1611 editions = seven stages. “**For with God nothing shall be impossible**” Luke 1:37.

Only the 1611 Holy Bible can be shown historically to have been through the seven-stage purification process as described above, justifying in God’s providence the particular application of Psalm 12:6-7 to the 1611 Holy Bible.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *Seven purifications of the Textus Receptus* and note these extracts.

The 1611 Holy Bible, the Perfect Textus Receptus

Dr Hills makes this insightful comment.

See *The King James Version Defended* printed edition Chapter 8, p 220 and [standardbearers.net/uploads/The King James Version Defended Dr Edward F Hills.pdf](http://standardbearers.net/uploads/The_King_James_Version_Defended_Dr_Edward_F_Hills.pdf).

...the King James Version ought to be regarded not merely as a translation of the Textus Receptus but also as an independent variety of the Textus Receptus

This writer believes that the 1611 Holy Bible is both an independent variety of the Textus Receptus and the authoritative, perfect final version of the Textus Receptus on the basis of the sevenfold purification process that Psalm 12:6-7 set out and is observed in the history of the Textus Receptus.

The Seven Stage Purification of the Textus Receptus

The pre-1611 editions of the Received Text may reasonably be listed as follows, combining the individual editions of each editor. The Elsevier editions are set aside because they are post-1611.

1. Erasmus/Aldus 1516-1535, 1518 – Aldus being mainly a reproduction of Erasmus’ 1st Edition
2. Ximenes/Stuncia/Complutensian 1522
3. Colinaeus 1534
4. Stephanus 1546-1551
5. Beza 1560-1598
6. Plantin/Antwerp
7. 1611 Authorized King James Holy Bible...

The historical languages Bibles, the English Bibles up to 1611 and the King James Bible Editions all fulfil Psalm 12:6-7 with respect to “**The words of the LORD**” Psalm 12:6. As shown, history shows that the Textus Receptus likewise follows a seven stage purification process as Psalm 12:6-7 set out but its final perfected inspired form is in English, not Greek and is the 1611 Holy Bible.

See again www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php with respect to:

The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris 3 against *One Book Stands Alone* by Douglas D. Stauffer p 11 and the following extract. The first statement shaded in yellow is that of Rick Norris.

Concerning Psalm 12:6, Stauffer claimed: “The King James Bible became the seventh purification of the English translation in fulfilment (sic) of this prophecy” (p. 282). Does he interpret this verse correctly?

Yes. Dr Stauffer describes the fulfilment of Psalm 12:6 according to the six 16th century pre-1611 Bibles that Dr Stauffer lists on pp 282-284 of *One Book Stands Alone*, with respect to their first editions, followed by the seventh fulfilment with the 1611 Holy Bible:

1. Tyndale 1525
2. Coverdale 1535
3. Matthew 1537
4. Great 1538
5. Geneva 1560
6. Bishops’ 1568
7. King James 1611

It is Rick Norris’ responsibility to *prove* that the above list is *not* a fulfilment of Psalm 12:6, not merely insinuate that it is not. Rick Norris has failed to do so.

Note that in this and in the next three extracts of Rick Norris’ comments about Psalm 12:6, nowhere does Rick Norris show that he has interpreted Psalm 12:6 correctly e.g. by comparing scripture with scripture 1 Corinthians 2:13 with respect to the term “*seven times*.” See remarks under extract where Rick Norris thinks that “*seven times*” equals 100%. Not only does Rick Norris fail to appreciate that seven and 100 are different numbers, he also fails to appreciate that a multiple is not the same as a percentage.

Again, you seem to be as deficient as your champion, Fred, both Biblically and mathematically.

In sum, God has set out a sevenfold purification process according to Psalm 12:6, 7 for:

- The Historic Bibles
- The Pre-English and English Bibles
- The Textus Receptus
- The 16th century pre-1611 English Bibles to the 1611 Holy Bible
- The 1611 Holy Bible Editions

That is just a small sample, Fred. Both you and Rick Norris need to learn some humility from the apostle Paul.

“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!” Romans 11:33.

A second area of importance that is addressed with Mr. Norris's study of pre-KJV English Bibles is the rendering of specific phrases, as well as unique translations, that are found in earlier English versions that KJV only advocates condemn when the same renderings and translations appear in modern translations. For example, all of the KJV only advocates I have ever read in my pro-KJV only days, would cite Luke 2:33 as proof of how modern translations corrupt God's Word by altering specific doctrines, like the Virgin Birth of Christ. In the KJV, Luke 2:33 reads, *And Joseph and his mother marvelled [sic] at those things which were spoken of him.* Take note of the phrase "Joseph and his mother." However, the New American Standard translates the verse as, *And his father and mother...*, and the New International Version translates it as, *And the child's father and mother....* Both of these modern translations change the phrase "Joseph and his mother" to "his father and mother." King James Only advocates love to point out how the Virgin Birth of Christ is denied with these two modern translations. D.A. Waite, one of the more "scholarly" King James Advocates and the self appointed president of the Dean Burgon Society, writes concerning this translational difference:

"After eliminating "**Joseph,**" they substitute the words, "**the child's father,**" thus possibly calling Joseph, Christ's literal "father," thereby denying His virgin birth. **This is certainly a matter of doctrine and theology.** At this point, these Greek texts and these English versions are **theologically deficient,** whereas the *Textus Receptus* and the KING JAMES BIBLE are **theologically superior**"(7)

His argumentation does sound convincing, especially to anyone who is untrained in textual criticism and translation methods,

How much training have you had, Fred? Thus far, you have failed to furnish any relevant details.

"Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain" Proverbs 25:14.

however, Mr. Waite,

D. A. Waite has a Ph. D. Doctorate in Philosophy and a Th. D. Doctorate in Theology, Fred. You should be aware of those facts. See deanburgonsociety.org/Publications/dawaite.htm.

in his "heresy" hunt against modern translations, failed to take notice that several pre-KJV translations contain the words, "his father and mother." Mr. Norris shows us that the phrase "his father" has been translated in at least six of the pre-KJV translations that make up the supposed "good line of Bibles:" Wycliffe's, Tyndale's, Coverdale's, Matthew's, the Great Bible, and the Bishop's (sic).

Rick Norris is lying and so are you, Fred.

*"And **Ioseph** and his mother marueyled at those thinges which were spoken of hym"* Luke 2:33 Bishops' Bible.

Note also, Fred, *again*, since you also misquoted Psalm 12:6 above, that if you are going to attack a reading in the 1611 Holy Bible, you could at least quote it correctly. Luke 2:33 reads *"And **Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him**"* in a contemporary 1611 Holy Bible, which is the kind that you are quoting, Fred, That is, the word is *"**marvelled**"* with *two* ls, not *"**marveled**"* with a single l as you incorrectly have, Fred.

See remarks above with respect to your futile attempts at reverse engineering of Luke 2:33, Fred, reproduced here as follows:

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“Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and they wrought great provocations” Nehemiah 9:26.

On top of that, both the Luther’s German NT translation and the Spanish Enzinas NT translation have “father” translated in their respective languages at Luke 2:33.(8) The average churched Christian could be easily swayed by KJV only arguments, but Mr. Norris’s research into the earlier English translations does a valuable service to dispel the exaggerated examples KJV only advocates often employ in their polemics. One can only wish KJV only advocates would be so honest in their research.

It’s Rick Norris and yourself who are guilty of exaggeration, Fred, and of rank *dishonesty* in *not “Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men”* 2 Corinthians 8:21.

See remarks above with respect to Luke 2:33. The insinuation that Luther’s or any other New Testament may be used to overthrow the 1611 Holy Bible in English is exaggeration writ large, Fred, as the following inserts show, from men who know what they are talking about. Even if the second contributor is scathing about Luther, he has, in this writer’s view, put Luther’s Bible in fair perspective, independently in agreement with the first contributor.

The second contributor also reveals in effect that in spite of your efforts to imply otherwise, Fred, i.e. I am particularly pleased with the extensive research Mr. Norris provides in the area of pre-KJV English translations. He has comb (sic) through translations like Tyndale’s Bible, Coverdale’s Bible, Matthew’s Bible, the Bishop’s (sic) Bible, and the Geneva Bible to provide some original citations that are normally inaccessible to the average laymen, Rick Norris hasn’t carried out any particularly ground-breaking research at all on the texts of pre-1611 Bibles.

See store-hicb8.mybigcommerce.com/content/bbb/2013/Aug.pdf *A Brief Analysis of Missionary Authority* by Jonathan Richmond, director of the Bible Baptist Mission Board p 6, author’s emphases:

A Brief Analysis of Missionary Authority

By Jonathan Richmond

(Editor’s Note: Jonathan Richmond is the director of the Bible Baptist Mission Board.)

*An issue concerning a couple of Bible versions (Luther’s German Bible — 1545, and Reina Valera — 1602, 1865), as compared to the **King James**, has come to light. The espousal of a particular translation being equal to or superior to the **King James** leaves one in a precarious position in relation to Bible believers versus the Alexandrian Cult.*

*Bible believers believe that the **King James (Authorized Version)** is the perfect, inerrant words of God and is the final authority. It is the standard to which all versions and translations are compared. And since the AV is the standard, it is superior to anything and everything that is compared to it. Stated another way, nothing compared to the standard is equal to or superior to the standard. English is the standard for time, place, distance, size, quantity, volume, language, etc. When the English standard showed up, both the German and Spanish Bibles should have been corrected and/or updated with the English.*

*The Greek Textus Receptus (any edition) is not superior to English. It was an interim, early New Testament, a stepping stone to the purification of the words of God in English. The world does not speak Greek and never will again. Therefore, the Valera (1602, 1865), having been translated from the Receptus, is **inferior** to English. Luther’s German Bible is not superior to the English. It was an interim stepping stone to the purification of the words of God in English and was used to bring about the Protestant Reformation. The world does not speak German and never will.*

*To say that Luther's German Bible or the Valera Bible of 1865 is equal to or superior to the AV is to espouse ANOTHER standard. So then **your** brain determines which is correct; **your** brain is the final authority; **you** have made **yourself** equal to God.*

That neatly sums up your mindset, Fred, and that of Rick Norris and your mentor. **"I will be like the most High"** Isaiah 14:14. The second contributor's analysis of Luther's Bible follows.

See av1611.com/kjbp/ridiculous-kjv-bible-corrections/His-Parents.html *Ridiculous KJV Bible Corrections...* by John Hinton Ph. D.

One of the sorriest attacks against our Lord appears in the second chapter of Luke where Joseph is described as the father of Jesus. This perversion has been dealt with by many commentators in the past so I won't go into the textual issue in depth. Instead, I will deal with some of the arguments defending the versions that attack the deity of Christ by attempting to imply that Joseph was the father of Jesus in a biological sense. These arguments have become clichés and I see them over and over again ad nauseam...

After completing most of this article I was presented with the argument that these translations [Dr Hinton lists several modern versions that read "the child's father and mother" Luke 2:33 as the 1984, 2011 NIVs do or similar] were just as valid as that of the KJV. This was presented in a argument in support of Luther's translation of these verses, which is as follows:

2:33 Und sein Vater und Mutter wunderten sich des, das von ihm geredet ward.

...Luther clearly used a different text than the KJV translators...Space does not allow a long discussion of the issue here, but I will point out that Luther was a great inspiration and aid to bringing the Word of God into light for the modern world. He did not, however, produce a perfect Bible by himself. That task required the work of a dedicated committee of great scholars. It is through the lingua franca of English and the KJV that the Bible was spread through the world by the efforts of missionaries like Henry Martyn, William Carey, Robert Morrison, Robert Moffat, and many others. As for Luther himself, he was hardly a great role model as a Christian, in spite of the fact that he was a great opponent of the great whore of Catholicism. He persecuted Baptists, promoted non-scriptural rites, professed to be qualified to correct the Bible, and failed to make a complete separation from the wicked church of his youth. Furthermore, the German language and the Bible of Luther has had little impact on spreading the Gospel after the death of Luther. This was not the destiny or purpose of Luther's great, but less than perfect efforts. Today, Germany is a pagan nation where Christianity is almost not existent. Most of what passes as Christian in Germany is sick and powerless at best. The same can be said of modern England, but it was England and America that propelled the missionary movement, and the English language has no competition as the world's lingua franca. German is a language of scholarship, much of which is atheistic, anti-Christian and false, and of technical journals. It is not a missionary language to any appreciable extent.

So much for Rick Norris' supposedly ground-breaking research into Luther's Bible and Luke 2:33, which you try to imply, Fred.

The above contributors have shown that the 1611 Holy Bible is correct in Luke 2:33 and any other versions that depart from it should be amended to conform with it, not the other way around.

It's up to Rick Norris and yourself to show otherwise, Fred. You haven't done so yet.

I was also encouraged by Mr. Norris's biographical study of the King James translators and the king, James the 1st. King James Only advocates practically deify the men who translated the KJV by claiming they are scholars of superior intelligence, qualified both academically and spiritually for the task of translating the Bible, as compared to those men who translated the modern versions.

Just who 'deifies' the King James translators, Fred, and where is it written down? Serious accusations such as you have made ought to be backed up by some form of evidence, Fred, and you have given none.

You're a craven liar, Fred, not for the first time, like those of whom King David warned "*Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood*" Psalm 144:8.

Moreover, none of your accusations against the King James translators or against King James 1st himself actually *prove* that the 1611 Holy Bible is deficient, inaccurate or inferior at any point, Fred. You are simply resorting to innuendo and insinuation in order to *imply* such because you have no *proof* of such, as Rick Norris has done repeatedly in his bogus reviews. See remarks to that effect in the *Introduction*, together with links to this writer's responses to Rick Norris' bogus reviews of Bible-believing works, for examples i.e. *evidence* of his tactics of insinuation and innuendo.

Baptist Pastor David Ralston *Battle Cry* Sept./Oct. 1985 had your innuendo and insinuation tactics figured out a long time ago, Fred, together with those of Rick Norris, as shown in his following evaluation of James 1st's critics like Rick Norris and yourself, Fred.

"Do the critics of the Holy Word of God believe they can discredit the preserved authoritative scriptures by destroying the reputation of the man who helped bring it to the people? I am of the conviction that this indeed is the real cause of the slander against James."

For your information, Fred, specific information about the linguistic and translational skills of the King James translators comes from a number of well-established sources that neither you nor Rick Norris have been able to gainsay in the least, Fred. These sources, apart from what may be gleaned from web, include the following:

- *Translators Revived* by Alexander McClure, first published 1858, *Introductory Narrative* and biographical sketches
- *The Men Behind the KJV* by Gustavus Paine, first published 1959, Chapters 3-6
- *Which Bible?* edited by Dr David Otis Fuller, first published 1970, *The Learned Men* by Terence H. Brown, former Secretary of the Trinitarian Bible Society, London
- *Gipp's Understandable History of the Bible* by Dr Samuel C. Gipp, first published 1987, Chapter 9 *The Authorized Version* pp 271-318
- *In Awe of Thy Word* by Dr Gail Riplinger, first published 2003, Chapter 16 *The King & His Translators*, pp 568-613.

You may decry inclusion of the last two references, Fred, but it is up to you not merely to rant against their work but to *refute* it. Thus far, neither you nor Rick Norris has even come close to so doing.

The following material is taken from www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *The KJB Story 1611-2011* pp 8-10, summarised from the above references.

Note the mention of Dr D. A. Waite in the extract below. Dr Waite does not profess to believe that the 1611 Holy Bible is "*All scripture*" that "*is given by inspiration of God*" 2 Timothy 3:16.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php *D.A. Waite Response - Refutation of Dr D.A. Waite's false teaching of 'originals-onlyism' and of his attack on Gail Riplinger and her book Hazardous Materials that warns against corrupted Greek/Hebrew so-called study aids.*

Nevertheless, Dr Waite is able to make a credible evaluation of the scholarship of the King James translators versus that of modern scholars. Neither you nor Rick Norris have shown that level of credibility, Fred.

The extract follows.

“Hebrew at his fingers’ ends” - Unparalleled Scholars

19th century historian Alexander McClure wrote this, his emphases:

*“As to the capability of those men, we may say again, that, by the good providence of God, their work was undertaken **in a fortunate time**. Not only had the English language...then ripened to its full perfection, but the study of Greek, and of the oriental tongues [including Hebrew], and of rabbinical [Jewish] lore, had then been carried to a greater extent in England than ever before or since. This particular field of learning has never been so highly cultivated among English divines [scholars] as it was at that day...All the colleges of Great Britain and America, even in this proud day of boastings, could not bring together the same number of divines equally qualified by learning and piety for the great undertaking.”*

The situation has not changed in 150 years. Dr Donald Waite is the Director of *The Bible For Today* organization in the USA. In 1992, he had been a teacher of Greek, Hebrew, Bible Speech and English for over 35 years, including teaching at seminary level.

Dr Waite [[Defending The King James Bible by Rev D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D., The Bible For Today Press, 1992, p 87](#)] wrote extensively on the scholarship of the King James translators. He then stated categorically that he knew enough about the Hebrew and Greek languages to know that he could not have qualified to be one of the King James translators.

Dr Waite said that in 1992 and he still holds to that statement.

So who did qualify? [[See references listed above](#)]. Here are some of King’s men.

Dr John Rainolds

The man who petitioned the king was appointed the Regius or Royal Professor of Divinity at Oxford in 1585. Rainolds was noted as a distinguished Greek and Hebrew scholar and it was said that *“his memory and reading were near to a miracle.”*

John Rainolds died in 1607 at the age of 58. By then, he was President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. He was succeeded by Dr John Spencer, then aged 48, who was another of the translators.

Dr John Spencer

Dr Spencer was elected Greek lecturer at Corpus Christi College *at the age of 19*, which speaks volumes for his scholarly ability. His wife, it should be noted, was a great-niece of Thomas Cranmer [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Cranmer], former Archbishop of Canterbury, whom the Catholic Queen Mary Tudor burnt at the stake in 1556 for his Protestant testimony.

Many of the King James translators were, in fact, children or youths during the reign of Catholic Mary, aka ‘Bloody’ Mary. Dr Gail Riplinger [[In Awe of Thy Word pp 588, 892](#)] writes:

“The KJV translators were born and lived their adult lives with a frightfully close view of the persecuting shadow of bloody Queen Mary 1...as small children, [they] could have seen their friends’ parents go to the stake. Children were sometimes forced to watch their own parents burn or to set them on fire themselves.”

Scenes such as those must have made a terrible impression on the young boys’ minds. That is one reason why the King James translation is in no way Papist, in spite of later criticisms to the contrary.

Dr Miles Smith

Dr Smith was appointed Bishop of Gloucester in 1612. He wrote the preface to the 1611 Holy Bible entitled *The Translators To The Reader*. It was said of Dr Smith that *“He had Hebrew at his fingers’ ends; and he was so conversant with Chaldee, Syriac, and Arabic, [Oriental languages related to the Old Testament] that he made them as familiar to him as his native tongue.”*

Dr John Bois

Dr Bois was a Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, to which he was admitted *at the age of 14*. He was able to read Hebrew *at the age of 5*. He was also a distinguished Greek scholar and sometimes devoted himself to his studies in the university library from 4 o'clock in the morning to 8 o'clock at night.

Such was John Bois's reverence for the word of God that he would *stand* while studying, reading or translating the scriptures.

Dr Lancelot Andrewes

Dr Andrewes was Bishop of Winchester and Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth 1st. Elizabeth was "*that bright Occidental Star*" as *The Epistle Dedicatory* in the front of the Authorized Version describes her. It was said of Dr Andrewes that "*His knowledge in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Chaldee, Syriac and Arabic...was so advanced that he may be ranked as one of the rarest linguists in Christendom.*"

The above extract speaks highly of the King James translators but it's up to you to show where *any* of the above amounts to *deification* of the King's men. It's also up to you to invalidate both Alexander McClure's and Dr Waite's assessments of the King James translators as superior to any of today's scholars.

This writer is of the view that you can't do it, Fred, and neither can Rick Norris.

"Wisdom is too high for a fool: he openeth not his mouth in the gate" Proverbs 24:7.

Note Bro. Will Kinney's incisive and insightful evaluation of Rick Norris' under-handed tactic of resorting to the misdemeanours of fallible men in order to subvert an infallible Bible, the 1611 Holy Bible. That's also your underhanded tactic, Fred.

See again brandplucked.webs.com/unboundscriptures.htm *Book Review: The Unbound Scriptures – [Parts 1-17]* for the full text of Bro. Kinney's review of *The Unbound Scriptures*.

The King James Bible believer puts his faith in Almighty God to [fulfil] His promises; not in any group of fallible and imperfect men, not in the King James translators, and certainly not in men like Westcott and Hort, Bruce Metzger, or cardinal Carlos Martini.

In Mr. Norris' view, only the originals are inerrant and inspired. Mr. Norris has never seen the originals nor has anyone else, mainly because they turned to dust a couple thousand years ago. Norris tells us that no translation can be the inspired word of God and they all are imperfect and limited. Yet throughout his book he says the non-existent "originals" are the Standard by which all versions are to be judged. The only logical conclusion we can then draw from his premise is that there is no inerrant, infallible, inspired Bible anywhere on this earth. Even though Mr. Norris continually speaks of "the inspired original Hebrew and Greek autographs" as the Final Standard, I challenge him to tell us where these can be found.

It is extremely important that from the outset we clearly see where Mr. Norris is coming from in his premise. He and others like him who criticize the Authorized Version have no objective, absolute, infallible Standard by which they sit in judgment on the King James Bible.

Neither do you, Fred, not that you have disclosed anywhere in your article. Bro. Kinney continues, in effect answering Fred Butler's accusations against the King James translators set out below.

In chapter three of Rick Norris' book, The Unbound Scriptures, he erects a straw man argument regarding what we believe about the men behind the King James Bible translation and attacks the character and beliefs of King James himself.

Mr. Norris asks a series of questions as though he is challenging what we believe, when in fact, no King James Bible believer that I know of believes any of these things. Mr. Norris says: "The KJV-only view seems to grant to the KJV translators an absolute, perfect, infallible knowledge which is in reality attainable only by divine revelation. When the product of the KJV translators is made the

final authority, it would make these men who produced it the final authority. Do KJV-only advocates bind themselves to the opinions and interpretations of the finite and fallible KJV translators as their ultimate voice of authority? This dependence on the authority of the fallible KJV translators indicates a serious weakness with the KJV-only view.”

Mr. Norris sums up his argument with: “If the Church of England translators of the KJV could be wrong in their doctrines, they could also be wrong in their interpreting and translating of God’s Word.”

Well, I would “logically conclude” from Mr. Norris’ arguments, that if God requires perfect men who are correct in every doctrinal aspect to translate His words and give us a pure Holy Bible, then there would never be one. But that is already Mr. Norris’ position, isn’t it? He does not believe any Bible is the inspired word of God and his Final Authority - the originals - don’t exist.

In fact, if God required perfect and infallible men to give us “the originals” in the first place, then we would never have had the Bible at all.

God used men like Noah (a drunkard Genesis 9:21), Moses (a murderer - Exodus 2:12, and who did not believe God - Numbers 20:12), David (murderer and adulterer), Solomon (murder in heart - 1 Kings 11:40, [idolater] and apostate 1 Kings 11:4), Peter (denied Christ - Mark 14:71, and was an hypocrite - Galatians 2:11-13), Paul (who previously killed Christians, and later was about to offer a blood sacrifice to atone for sins after Christ had died and risen - Acts 21:26) and John (who twice worshipped an angel and was told not to, - Revelation 19:10; 22:8). These are the type of people God used to give us His words “in the originals”.

Neither you nor Rick appears to have disclosed those salient facts, Fred. Do you know what the scripture says about that kind of double standard, Fred?

“Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD” Proverbs 20:10.

Oddly, as Mr. Norris points out in his opening remarks in this biographical chapter, many KJV only proponents will vilify scholarship and knowledge, but inconsistently appeal to it to defend their beloved KJV translators.

You are lying again, Fred, especially insofar as you yet again provide no examples to back up your accusations against Bible believers. The extract above ***“Hebrew at his fingers’ ends”*** - *Unparalleled Scholars*, which neither you nor Rick Norris will be able to gainsay, Fred, or in this writer’s view will even have to stomach to face, shows why King James Bible believers do *not* deify the King James translators, contrary to your false accusation, Fred, but ***“esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake”*** 1 Thessalonians 5:13.

As for the work of the King James translators, it was carried out in a manner that was superior to any other Biblical translation work that has been carried out before or since 1611. Note the following extract from www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *The KJB Story 1611-2011* p 11.

Concerning the methods by which the King James translators worked, Bishop Bancroft, with the help of Lancelot Andrewes and others, set down 15 rules for the work [*The Men Behind the KJV* pp 70-71]. Dr Benjamin Wilkinson [*Which Bible?* p 257, kjb.benabraham.com/html/chapter-5.html] gives an overview of how the King’s men put these rules into practice:

“The forty-seven learned men...were divided first into three companies: one worked at Cambridge, another at Oxford, and the third at Westminster. Each of these companies again split up into two. Thus, there were six companies working on six allotted portions of the Hebrew and Greek Bibles. Each member of each company worked individually on his task, then brought to each member of his committee the work he had accomplished. The committee all together went over that portion of the work translated.

“Thus, when one company had come together, and had agreed on what should stand, after having compared their work, as soon as they had completed any one of the sacred books, they sent it to each of the other companies to be critically reviewed. If a later company, upon reviewing the book, found anything doubtful or unsatisfactory, they noted such places, with their reasons, and sent it back to the company whence it came. If there should be a disagreement, the matter was finally arranged at a general meeting of the chief persons of all the companies at the end of the work.

“It can be seen by this method that each part of the work was carefully gone over at least fourteen times. It was further understood that if there was any special difficulty or obscurity, all the learned men of the land could be called upon by letter for their judgment. And finally each bishop kept the clergy of his diocese notified concerning the progress of the work, so that if any one felt constrained to send any particular observations, he was notified to do so.”

Dr Donald Waite [[Defending The King James Bible pp 88-89](#)] has said that the translators’ method had never been used before in Bible translation and has never been used since.

He concludes that this method is certainly superior to any other.

Note also again this extract from www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *The purification of the Lord’s word – Psalm 12:6-7.*

Dr Mrs Riplinger states, [*In Awe of Thy Word*, pp 560ff] her emphases *““Seven” times “they purge...and purify it...” (Ezek. 43:26) – not eight. The KJV translators did **not** see their translation as one in the midst of a chain of ever evolving translations. They wanted their Bible to be one of which no one could justly say, ‘It is good, **except** this word or **that** word...’ They planned [*The Translators to the Reader*, www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm]:*

““...to make...out of many good ones [Wycliffe, Tyndale, Coverdale, Great, Geneva, Bishops’], one principal good one, not justly to be excepted against; that hath been our endeavor, that our mark...the same will shine as gold more brightly, being rubbed and polished...””

In a sense God did inspire the King’s men to achieve their mark after the manner of 2 Peter 1:21, even if not by dictation as in Jeremiah 1:9, 5:14, 36:18, as John Selden notes in *Table Talk*. *““The translation in King James’ time took an excellent way. That part of the Bible was given to him who was most excellent in such a tongue and then they met together, and one read the translation, the rest holding in their hands some Bible, either of the learned tongues [**Greek, Hebrew, Latin**], or **French, Italian, Spanish &c [and other languages]**. If they found any fault, they spoke; if not, he read on.””* See *In Awe of Thy Word* p 539.

That is why the King James translators have been highly esteemed – *not* deified – for their *scholarly* work, Fred. The reason that scholarship, so-called, that has brought about the modern versions is denounced is because it is like Doug Kutilek’s objections to Psalm 12:6, 7 in the 1611 Holy Bible that are *“built...upon the sand”* Matthew 7:26. See remarks above. Dean Burgon summed up modern version ‘scholarship’ succinctly, insofar as it began for modern editors with Westcott and Hort.

By the way, it would serve no purpose, Fred, for you to howl, like James White, *The King James Only Controversy* p 91* that Dean Burgon was not ‘KJV-only’, although see point 6 following. The central issue here is genuine, i.e. Burgon’s, scholarship versus counterfeit, i.e. modern, scholarship.

*James White’s book was published in 1995. Rick Norris’ book was published less than 10 years later, Will Kinney’s initial review having been posted in April 2004.

See www.baptistboard.com/showthread.php?t=25569 from which site Bro. Kinney appears to have been banned. He must have been ‘sharing’ too much Bible ☺. However, it appears that James White’s book did not effectively silence the Bible-believing opposition, such that another effort i.e. Rick Norris’, was needed, not that it will help a lost cause, as Hosea shows. *“**Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney**”* Hosea 13:3.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ 'O Biblios' – the Book pp 32-34, numbering points as in the source for the extract, blue text in braces [] is for inserted references and blue text elsewhere in the extract is for insertions into the printed text of the 1st Edition of 'O Biblios':

6. [Dean Burgon] was a staunch defender, not only of the Received Text but of the AV1611. Of the 1881 Revision he said "*We are thoroughly convinced that the project of a rival Translation is not to be entertained for a moment. For ourselves we deprecate it entirely*" [Which Bible? 5th Edition] p 105.
7. Burgon carefully set out 7 tests of truth for manuscripts readings [Which Bible? 5th Edition] p 92:
 1. Antiquity of witnesses
 2. Number of witnesses
 3. Variety of evidence
 4. Respectability of witnesses
 5. Continuity of witnesses
 6. Context
 7. Internal considerations

He declared that "*In the balances of these seven Tests of Truth the speculations of the Westcott and Hort school, which have bewitched millions are 'Tekel,' weighed in the balances and found wanting*" [Which Bible? 5th Edition] p 92.

Of Westcott and Hort's subjective exaltation of Codices Aleph, B, D, Burgon stated "*In contrast with this sojourn in cloudland, we are essentially of the earth though not earthy. We are nothing if we are not grounded in facts: Our appeal is to facts, our test lies in facts*" [Which Bible? 5th Edition] p 91.

8. Hort had rejected the text of the majority of manuscripts by assuming that it represented a standardised text compiled by Lucian of Antioch in the 4th century [Famine In The Land Norman Ward] pp 32-35. This was his so-called "*conflation*" or "*recension*" theory in support of which he could cite only a mere 8 verses. Hort's theory is refuted utterly by Burgon, [The Revision Revised Dean John William Burgon] pp 262, 271-294, who states that ..."*Their [recension] theory has at last forced them to make an appeal to Scripture and to produce some actual specimens of their meaning. After ransacking the Gospels for 30 years, they have at last fastened upon EIGHT.*" Burgon concludes that "*not a shadow of proof is forthcoming that any such recension as Dr Hort imagines ever took place at all*" [The Revision Revised Dean John William Burgon] p 273.
9. Burgon vigorously defended scriptures rejected by Westcott and Hort using Aleph and B, for example:

Mark 16:9-20

Although retained by the RV, this passage was deleted from Westcott and Hort's Greek New Testament and is disputed by the NIV and other modern translations. Burgon showed that:

"With the exception of the two uncial mss. which have just been named (Aleph and B), there is not one codex in existence, uncial or cursive (and we are acquainted with, at least, eighteen other uncials, and above six hundred cursive copies of this Gospel), which leaves out the last twelve verses of Mark" [Counterfeit or Genuine? Mark 16? John 8? 2nd Edition David Otis Fuller, D.D.] p 60.

Burgon also cited overwhelming testimony from the ancient versions, lectionaries and church fathers in favour of Mark 16:9-20 [Which Bible? 5th Edition] pp 168-169.

John 7:53-8:11

This passage is also omitted from the Westcott-Hort Greek text and disputed by the NIV and other modern versions. Burgon showed that:

“An omission which owed its beginning to a moral scruple was eventually extended for a liturgical consideration and resulted in severing twelve verses of St. John’s Gospel - chapter 7:53-8:11 - from their lawful context” [Counterfeit or Genuine? Mark 16? John 8? 2nd Edition David Otis Fuller, D.D.] pp 148-149. However, he states that “Jerome, who was familiar with Greek mss. (and who handled none of later date than B and Aleph), expressly related that (the passage) “is found in many copies both Greek and Latin”” [Counterfeit or Genuine? Mark 16? John 8? 2nd Edition David Otis Fuller, D.D.] p 146.

Again, Burgon cited other evidence overwhelmingly in favour of the passage, including 61 of the 73 copies of John’s Gospel in the British Museum which contain the passage.

1 Timothy 3:16

The AV1611 reading **“God was manifest in the flesh”** is changed in the RV and most modern versions, including the NIV, to “He who was manifested in the flesh” or similar. Burgon showed that ΘΕΟΣ “Theos” or “God” was invariably written ΘΣ, “THS” in the uncial manuscripts and could easily become ΟΣ, “OS” or “who” [*The Revision Revised Dean John William Burgon*] pp 425-426, as it appears in Aleph and C or “O,” “which,” in D. These are the only unequivocal uncial witnesses against “THS” [*The Revision Revised Dean John William Burgon*] pp 426-443.

Writing to Bishop Ellicott, chairman of the RV committee, Burgon states that *“The sum of the available cursive copies of S. Paul’s Epistles is exactly 254...Permit me to submit to your consideration as a set off against those two copies of S. Paul’s Epistles which read ος, “os” - the following TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY TWO COPIES which read Θεος “Theos””* [*The Revision Revised Dean John William Burgon*] p 492. Again, Burgon provides further evidence from early citations overwhelmingly in favour of the AV1611 reading.

He warns Bishop Ellicott [*The Revision Revised Dean John William Burgon*] p 430:

“It will be for you, afterwards, to come forward and prove that, on the contrary, “Theos” is a ‘plain and clear error:’...You are further reminded, my lord Bishop, that unless you do this, you will be considered by the whole Church to have dealt unfaithfully with the Word of God” [*The Revision Revised Dean John William Burgon*] p 430.

To this day, Burgon’s case has never been answered. Ever **“Valiant for the truth”** Jeremiah 9:3, he sought to safeguard the Body of Christ from the peril about which the Earl of Shaftesbury gave solemn warning in 1856.

“When you are confused or perplexed by a variety of versions, you would be obliged to go to some learned pundit in whom you reposed confidence, and ask him which version he recommended; and when you had taken his version, you must be bound by his opinion. I hold this to be the greatest danger that now threatens us. It is a danger pressed upon us from Germany, and pressed upon us by the neological spirit of the age. I hold it to be far more dangerous than Tractarianism, or Popery, both of which I abhor from the bottom of my heart. This evil is tenfold more dangerous, tenfold more subtle than either of these, because you would be ten times more incapable of dealing with the gigantic mischief that would stand before you” [*Which Bible? 5th Edition*] pp 274-75.

You’d just love to step forward as a *learned pundit*, wouldn’t you, Fred? You won’t, though, not until you’ve answered Dean Burgon.

Again, you won’t.

“So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth” Job 5:16.

The writings of KJV only advocates gush with nauseating praise of how these men are the best translators the world has ever known, the godliest men the church has ever known, and their final translation is a work that should never be questioned. They are in essence raised to a level of infallibility.

You're lying again, Fred, and yet again you have provided no examples to substantiate anything. See material above that specifically addresses your insinuations against the King James translators and note what the King James translators said about their work according to the principle of critical evaluation for both individual and team effort that Paul set forth for the Galatians and about which you appear to know nothing, Fred.

“But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another” Galatians 6:4.

This is what the King James translators said about their work, showing yet again that you're a liar, Fred. Emphases are this writer's.

Truly (good Christian Reader) we never thought from the beginning, that we should need to make a new Translation, nor yet to make of a bad one a good one...but to make a good one better, or out of many good ones, one principal good one, not justly to be excepted against; that hath been our endeavor, that our mark...

Ye are brought unto fountains of living water which ye digged not; do not cast earth into them with the Philistines [Genesis 26:15], neither prefer broken pits before them with the wicked Jews [Jeremiah 2:13]. Others have laboured, and you may enter into their labours; O receive not so great things in vain, O despise not so great salvation!...a blessed thing it is, and will bring us to everlasting blessedness in the end, when God speaketh unto us, to hearken; when he setteth his word before us, to read it; when he stretcheth out his hand and calleth, to answer, Here am I, here we are to do thy will, O God. The Lord work a care and conscience in us to know him and serve him, that we may be acknowledged of him at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with the holy Ghost, be all praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

See www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm *The Translators to the Reader.*

The King James translators could teach you some useful lessons, Fred, about how to **“Provide things honest in the sight of all men”** Romans 12:17.

Yet, Mr. Norris's research into their lives shows us that they were just ordinary men, and though they were for the most part, good men and decent translators of the original languages, they were not without (sic) their foibles, nor did they rise above the fleshly sins that plague all of God's people here in this life.

Irrelevant, though denigratory with respect to the scholarly ability of the King James translators, see remarks above. The issue is their *work* and its *effect*. See what follows.

For example, the King James translator's (sic) were Anglicans that were doing their translational work for the state church of England. Their work was essentially done for the political reasons of the state, not out of some compelling love to give God's people a “final authority” in a Bible. King James hated the Puritans, a movement within the Anglican Church, and the Puritans favored the popular Geneva Bible. James wanted to unseat it as the one Bible commonly used by most of his subjects, thus he allowed for a new translation, an update of the Bishop's (sic) Bible, to be produced.

Yet again, Fred, you fail to show any error or inferiority in the 1611 Holy Bible and you therefore have to resort to innuendo and insinuation in a futile attempt to do so. See Pastor David Ralston's remarks above.

Yet again, Fred, you fail to substantiate any of your statements and on this occasion, you slander the King James translators with respect to their motives and yet again, you haven't got your facts right, this time with respect to the Puritans and the Geneva Bible, the popularity of which had virtually

waned to extinction by 1644 *even though most of the scriptures cited in the Preface to the 1611 Holy Bible are distinctly from the Geneva Bible*, something you have failed to mention, Fred:

“...make...the grievous seruitude of thy father, and his sore yoke...lighter” 1 Kings 12:4.

“Fight neither with small, nor great, saue onely against the King of Israel” 1 Kings 22:31.

“What doe these weake Iewes...will they make the stones whole againe out of the heapes of dust, seeing they are burnt?...Although they buylde, yet if a foxe goe vp, he shall euen breake downe their stonie wall” Nehemiah 4:2-3.

“...what is it that [that] hath bene done? That which shalbe done: and there is no newe thing vnder the sunne” Ecclesiastes 1:9.

“...as your fathers did, so do you” Acts 7:51.

“Except I know then the power of [the] voyce, I shall be [to] him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh, shalbe a barbarian [to] me” 1 Corinthians 14:11.

In spite of that endorsement by the King James translators themselves, the Geneva Bible was superseded by the King James Bible by the mid-17th century, a little over 30 years later. See remarks above by McClure and note extract below.

Concerning the motives of the King James translators for their work, see extract above from *The Translators to the Reader* with respect to their endeavour and their mark and note the following extract from the Dedicatory Epistle. Emphases are this writer’s.

*For when Your Highness had once out of deep judgment apprehended how convenient it was, that out of the Original Sacred Tongues, together with comparing of the labours, both in our own, and other foreign Languages, of many worthy men who went before us, there should be one more exact Translation of the holy Scriptures into the English Tongue; Your MAJESTY did never desist to urge and to excite those to whom it was commended, that the work might be hastened, and that the business might be expedited in so decent a manner, as a matter of such importance might justly require...we hold it our duty to offer it to Your Majesty, not only as to our King and Sovereign, but as to the principal Mover and Author of the work: humbly craving of Your most Sacred Majesty, that since things of this quality have ever been subject to the censures of ill meaning and discontented persons [Rick Norris and Fred Butler, for example], it may receive approbation and Patronage from so learned and judicious a Prince as Your Highness is, whose allowance and acceptance of our labours shall more honour and encourage us, than all the calumniations and hard interpretations of other men shall dismay us. So that if, on the one side, we shall be traduced by Popish Persons at home or abroad, who therefore will malign us, because **we are poor Instruments to make GOD’S holy Truth to be yet more and more known unto the people, whom they desire still to keep in ignorance and darkness** [via ‘originals-onlyism’]; or if, on the other side, we shall be maligned by self-conceited Brethren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing, but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their Anvil [Rick Norris and Fred Butler, for example]; we may rest secure, **supported within by truth and innocency of a good conscience, having walked the ways of simplicity and integrity, as before the Lord**; and sustained without by the powerful protection of Your Majesty’s grace and favour, **which will ever give countenance to honest and Christian endeavours against bitter censures and uncharitable imputations.***

It’s up to you to find anything political in the above, Fred, or in anything stated in either the Dedicatory Epistle or *The Translators to the Reader*. You won’t. Note the last words of the above extract, Fred, ***bitter censures and uncharitable imputations***. You are like Paul’s accusers, Fred, you and Rick Norris and your whole renegade posse.

“And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove” Acts 25:7.

Concerning the Geneva Bible and the Puritans, the following extracts show that it was *the Puritans* who petitioned the king for a new Bible and that it was not the Geneva Bible as such that James 1st objected to but its marginal notes.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ *The KJB Story 1611-2011 Abridged* pp 6-7, 10.

The Hampton Harrier - The King that played the Puritan

The Puritans [www.british-civil-wars.co.uk/glossary/puritans.htm] were Church of England clergymen who held strongly to the English Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. The English Reformation followed the break with Rome [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_VIII_of_England] by Henry VIII. After the break, the Church in England gradually became the Church of England.

The Puritans wanted all traces of Catholicism removed from the English Church so when King James 1st came to the throne in 1603, the Puritans presented him with the so-called Millenary Petition [*Final Authority* by William P. Grady, Grady Publications, 1993, Chapters IX, X, *The Men Behind the KJV*, Chapter 1 etc. See link for remaining references], because it had 1,000 signatures, although one source says that only 750 were actually collected [*The Authorised Version, A Wonderful and Unfinished History* by C. P. Hallihan, Trinitarian Bible Society, 2011, p 41].

The king convened a conference at Hampton Court in January 1604 for the church leaders to hear the Puritans' grievances. One of these grievances was the perceived need for a new bible.

The Puritans' leader was Dr John Rainolds, president of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Rainolds said to the king "*May your Majesty be pleased to direct that the Bible be now translated, such versions as are extant not answering to the original.*"

We will see later why Rainolds used the term "*the original.*" See N.B. below.

The king replied "*I could never yet see a Bible well translated in English, but I think that of Geneva is the worst.*"

The Geneva Bible had been translated in Geneva, Switzerland in 1560 with the help of English Puritan exiles. The historian Gustavus Paine explains that it was not the text of the Geneva Bible that James objected to. Paine states:

"Some of the marginal notes in the Geneva version...disturbed him: they seemed to scoff at kings. If the Bible threatened him, it must be changed. Away with all marginal notes! And indeed...many [were] based on dogma now outworn. James may have had some right on his side; he was far from witless."

John Rainolds stood his ground and the petition for the new bible was granted.

Paine states "*So clever was [James's] handling of the meeting that, although he...actually threatened to harry [the Puritans] out of the land, he appeared to some observers to lean towards them. Indeed, the dean of the chapel said that on that day the king played the Puritan...after all the talk ended, it seemed [the Puritans] had...only one gain: the new Bible [but William] Tyndale's prayer was now answered in full: James I had ordered what Tyndale died to do.*"

William Tyndale was a brilliant Bible translator whom Catholics had burnt at the stake in 1536 for his work on the scriptures. Just before he died Tyndale had prayed "*Lord, open the King of England's eyes.*" Through James 1st and John Rainolds, God had answered His martyr's prayer.

N.B. The following extract shows why Rainolds referred to "*the original.*"

[The King James translators] also had the texts of ancient Bibles such as the Old Latin [*Which Bible?*, p 208, kjv.benabraham.com/html/chapter-2.html] that dated from the 2nd Century A.D., or very close to the time when the New Testament was written. These were the Waldensian Bibles of the Vaudois, the people of the valleys in Northern Italy. The King's men had 6 of their Bibles.

That was why John Rainolds could refer to the original text of the scriptures at Hampton Court. He and his colleagues had texts that were first written at almost the same time as the original writings.

Note also this extract from www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm *The Translators to the Reader*. The statement is scathing to the Puritans but it affirms that *the Puritans* petitioned the king for a new translation of the Bible. Emphases are this writer's.

*..for the very Historical truth is, that upon the importunate petitions of **the Puritans**, at his Majesty's coming to this Crown, the Conference at Hampton Court having been appointed for hearing their complaints: when by force of reason they were put from other grounds, **they had recourse at the last, to this shift, that they could not with good conscience subscribe to the Communion book, since it maintained the Bible as it was there translated, which was as they said, a most corrupted translation.** And although this was judged to be but a very poor and empty shift; yet even **hereupon did his Majesty begin to bethink himself of the good that might ensue by a new translation, and presently after gave order for this Translation which is now presented unto thee.** Thus much to satisfy our scrupulous Brethren.*

Got it wrong every which way, didn't you, Fred? There's more to come.

Also, several of the KJV translators were notorious for their state sponsored persecutions of those Christians who would dissent from the Church of England.

You say several but you cite only two below, Fred. Exaggeration is also lying, Fred.

Mr. Norris points out that both George Abbot and Lancelot Andrewes, two of the key translators of the KJV, urged the burning at the stake of Bartholomew Legate in March of 1611. "George Abbot," writes Norris, "even presided over the proceedings." (9) In addition to these persecutions, the Baptist church in England also suffered severe persecutions. It is ironic that KJV only advocates, fundamental Baptist in conviction, would be so eager to defend a Bible translated by men who persecuted their Baptist forefathers.

Yet again, Fred, you have failed to show how your statements prove either error or inferiority in the 1611 Holy Bible. Yet again, Fred, your statements consist of nothing but innuendo and insinuation and are well described by David in his right judgement of vain and evil men "***to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity***" Psalm 62:9.

Note again Will Kinney's insightful observations with respect to *Imperfect Men, Perfect Bible* brandplucked.webs.com/unboundscriptures.htm *Book Review: The Unbound Scriptures*. These provide a *scriptural* answer to your pathetic attempt at guilt by association, Fred.

In chapter three of Rick Norris' book, The Unbound Scriptures, he erects a straw man argument regarding what we believe about the men behind the King James Bible translation and attacks the character and beliefs of King James himself.

Mr. Norris asks a series of questions as though he is challenging what we believe, when in fact, no King James Bible believer that I know of believes any of these things. Mr. Norris says: "The KJV-only view seems to grant to the KJV translators an absolute, perfect, infallible knowledge which is in reality attainable only by divine revelation. When the product of the KJV translators is made the final authority, it would make these men who produced it the final authority. Do KJV-only advocates bind themselves to the opinions and interpretations of the finite and fallible KJV translators as their ultimate voice of authority? This dependence on the authority of the fallible KJV translators indicates a serious weakness with the KJV-only view."

Mr. Norris sums up his argument with: "If the Church of England translators of the KJV could be wrong in their doctrines, they could also be wrong in their interpreting and translating of God's Word."

Well, I would "logically conclude" from Mr. Norris' arguments, that if God requires perfect men who are correct in every doctrinal aspect to translate His words and give us a pure Holy Bible, then there would never be one. But that is already Mr. Norris' position, isn't it? He does not believe any Bible is the inspired word of God and his Final Authority -the originals- don't exist.

In fact, if God required perfect and infallible men to give us “the originals” in the first place, then we would never have had the Bible at all.

God used men like Noah (a drunkard Genesis 9:21), Moses (a murderer - Exodus 2:12, and who did not believe God - Numbers 20:12), David (murderer and adulterer), Solomon (murder in heart - 1 Kings 11:40,[idolater] and apostate 1 Kings 11:4), Peter (denied Christ - Mark 14:71, and was an hypocrite - Galatians 2:11-13), Paul (who previously killed Christians, and later was about to offer a blood sacrifice to atone for sins after Christ had died and risen - Acts 21:26) and John (who twice worshipped an angel and was told not to, - Revelation 19:10; 22:8). These are the type of people God used to give us His words “in the originals”.

David’s sin of numbering Israel, 2 Samuel 24:1, 2, led to many more deaths among his own people than perished as non-conformist dissenters during the reign of James 1st.

“So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men” 2 Samuel 24:15.

Are you therefore going to junk the Book of Psalms, Fred?

Bible critics like Rick Norris and yourself, Fred, are always vainly trying to come up with something that Bible believers haven’t dealt with before. You are like ***“all the Athenians”*** of Paul’s time, Fred, except that you can never actually come up with ***“some new thing.”***

“For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing” Acts 17:21.

Yet again, Fred, you should know that ***“there is no new thing under the sun”*** Ecclesiastes 1:9. Since you don’t give any reference for your statement, Fred, Gustavus S. Paine in *The Men Behind the KJV* p 142 gives the account of Legate’s execution on March 11th 1611.

Paine’s book was first published in 1959. It’s taken Rick Norris and yourself a long time to catch up, Fred.

Moreover, you clearly can’t see the big picture, with respect to church history and neither can Rick Norris.

True religious liberty took many decades to establish in England but according to Halley [*Halley’s Bible Handbook* Dr. Henry H. Halley, Zondervan Publishing House, 1965] p 793, Protestant persecutions, i.e. such as Calvin burning Servetus at the stake for heresy, ceased by 1700 - although not in Virginia, it seems. Grady [*What Hath God Wrought!* Dr. William P. Grady, Grady Publications, 1996] lists in his Appendix A 75 individuals imprisoned, beaten, fined or otherwise punished in Virginia by the Anglican Church during the 17th-18th Centuries simply for preaching or holding to Baptist distinctives. Nevertheless the 8th Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified December 15th 1791, forbade the imposition of cruel and unusual punishments including torture.

The 8th Amendment was based on the English Bill of Rights of 1689 which includes in its provisions that *no excessive bail or “cruel and unusual” punishments may be imposed.*

See:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eighth_Amendment_to_the_United_States_Constitution
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_of_Rights_1689.

Note further the following, with respect to the Coronation Oath as administered following the Glorious Revolution of 1688 and from which all instruments of HM governance are derived, including the Bill of Rights of 1689, a year later. See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coronation_of_the_British_monarch.

Emphases are this writer's, under-linings from source.

*Since **the Glorious Revolution, the Coronation Oath Act of 1688** has required, among other things, that the Sovereign "Promise and Swear to Govern the People of this Kingdome of England and the Dominions thereto belonging according to the Statutes in Parlyament Agreed on and the Laws and Customs of the same"...*

*Once the taking of the oath concludes, an ecclesiastic presents a Bible to the Sovereign, saying "Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law; These are the lively Oracles of God"...**The Bible used is a full King James Bible**, including the Apocrypha*...At Elizabeth II's coronation, the Bible was presented by the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.*

*Held fast between "**the old testament**" 2 Corinthians 3:14 and "**the new testament**" 2 Corinthians 3:6, confirming, even if unintentionally, that *The Bishop of Rome hath no jurisdiction in this realm of England* Article XXXVII, Thirty-Nine Articles mb-soft.com/believe/txc/thirtyni.htm

In sum, *publication, circulation and eventual dominance of the 1611 Holy Bible resulted in cruel and unusual punishments being outlawed*, in both Great Britain and the United States, where the 1611 Holy Bible became the basis for governance.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-7434.php *The 1611 Holy Bible versus Bible Critic Rick Norris against The Language of the King James Bible* by Gail Riplinger pp 2-3.

The last actual execution by burning at the stake for heresy was that of Edward Wightman on April 11th 1612 en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Wightman.

Note that publication of the Geneva Bible, over 50 years before, did not *of itself* bring about the cessation of cruel and unusual punishments. That particular notable distinction belongs to the King James Bible following its ascendancy to the governance of Great Britain and the USA.

Where Psalm 119: 130 states "**The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple**" it appears that the Lord now wants the 1611 Holy Bible Text to fulfil that scripture in all respects, not the Geneva or any other text.

Missed all of that, didn't you, Fred?

Then, Mr. Norris moves to giving a well-documented biographical study of the character of King James. The person of James the 1st is elevated to the level of being practically a closet fundamental Baptist by the KJV only advocates. In fact, they sanitize what history records about his character and conduct by selectively citing the comments made about him from sychophantic (*sic*) courtiers and politicians. Mr. Norris goes into great detail to reveal that King James was not the great defender of Christ's church that his followers during his time, and now with the KJV only movement, make him out to be. History records that he was a horrid, tyrannical scoundrel who connived and lied his way through his political dealings. A sympathizer to Roman Catholics, when James came to the throne in England, he allowed both Baptists and Puritans to be persecuted, and was the catalyst that drove the English Puritan pilgrims to come to America and settle.

Yet again, Fred, you come up with nothing specific to back up your accusations and nothing relevant with respect to any error or inferiority in the 1611 Holy Bible. You are "***as one that beateth the air***" 1 Corinthians 9:26, Fred.

Note Will Kinney's insightful reply to Rick Norris' attack on James 1st and the pertinent observation he makes with respect to the King James Bible. Unlike you, Fred, Will Kinney provides specific documentation.

Mr. Norris then launches into a series of smear tactics to defame King James himself. He produces a series of quotes from people who never knew the man personally and who refer to such things as "sexual license ruled", "tainted by sexual and financial scandal", "habit of heavy drinking", "profanity", and "all kinds of licentiousness" to describe the goings on at the king's court...

There are two sides to every story, and Stephen Coston Sr. has written a book called King James, Unjustly Accused?. This book gives a different view of the king with testimony from men who actually knew him. We do know that King James was married to the same wife, had 7 or 8 children with her, (most of whom died at childbirth or shortly [thereafter], but three lived to adulthood), wrote love letters and poems to his wife, wrote theological discourses, made a personal translation of the Psalms and Revelation knowing Hebrew, Greek and Latin, and professed a personal faith in and a love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

In any event, the man King James had NOTHING TO DO with the Bible translation that now bears his name. The King James Bible was not even called the King James Version until many years later when other versions began to appear on the scene. It was simply called The Holy Bible. The king himself did not translate a single word of our Holy Bible.

See this writer's introductory remarks to this section above. Then note that as Bro. Kinney shows, even Rick Norris appears to have at least partly realised the inherent weakness of his own argument against the 1611 Holy Bible by seeking to malign men associated with it.

Later on in his book, Mr. Norris seems to reverse himself and says some things that I agree with. On page 171 he states: "The facts about Erasmus, King James, the Church of England translators of the KJV, Dean Burgon, Westcott, Hort, or present day translators are not the essential factor that should determine which translation of God's Word believers should use...Since all men are sinners, it is always possible to find something negative about the person presenting the truth. The imperfections of the person presenting truth does not change the truth presented."

Missed that too, didn't you, Fred. You should again have paid closer attention to King Solomon's wisdom.

"The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going" Proverbs 14:15.

See remarks above with respect to *The Hampton Harrier* and note the following extracts in answer to implied criticisms of the 1611 Holy Bible via accusations of High Anglican influence and against James 1st himself. Observe that some repetition of earlier remarks has been necessary, owing to Fred Butler's and Rick Norris' fetish about Bible versions long superseded and saints long gone to glory e.g. James 1st. Note that Dr Ruckman's statements confirm that Rick Norris' research, so-called by Fred Butler, has not been particularly original at all.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ 'O Biblios' – the Book pp 170, 214-215.

Our critic then states that the AV1611 was “*essentially a Church of England version...a typical Anglican compromise*” and insists that “*It was Anglicanism which secured its triumph and that became complete after the Restoration of 1660.*”

Not according to Gustavus Paine [[The Men Behind the KJV](#)] p 163, who says “*The Puritans fought their way forward. The 1611 Bible by its own worth was making itself welcome throughout the country, for those on both sides needed the best modern texts with which to fight their doctrinal skirmishes. High churchmen in greater numbers began to use the 1611 version, which in centuries to come would be the sole bond uniting the countless English-speaking Protestant sects.*

“*In 1629 the Bible was again revised, but only in small ways, and once more in minor respects in 1638. The last issue of the Geneva Bible was in 1644. By then the King James Version was ahead of all others, and now the strife over forms and doctrine helped it on.*”

So far from being “*an Anglican compromise*” relying on the Church of England for its survival, the AV1611 appealed to ALL factions within English Christianity “*by its own worth.*”

Paine continues p 181 “*Though the new translation captured readers slowly, in the long run it appealed to High Church, Low Church, and chapel alike. Though it was never merely a Puritan work, Cromwell and his fellow Roundheads pushed it forward. George Fox, Milton, Bunyan, and Defoe used it. Boswell quoted it roughly. In early Plymouth Elder William Brewster appears to have had only a Great Bible, yet soon Roger Williams, Increase Mather, Cotton Mather, the New Lights, Wesley, all made their teachings comport with the King James text...it suited nearly all Protestant sects. In the United States it has been the standby not only of “the Bible belt” but of all other regions.*”

Writing in the 1950’s, Paine’s comments are somewhat dated but Dr Ruckman states [[The Christian’s Handbook of Biblical Scholarship](#)] p 123 “*We are reminded ten times a year that (the translators) were baby-sprinkling Anglicans under a King who had no use for Baptists; you are NOT told they produced THE BOOK that built the NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN AMERICA and produced the ten largest Sunday Schools the world has ever seen. NO WRITER ON THE SUBJECT OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE GIVES YOU HALF THE “FACTS.” He deals only with the bare substance: the number of translators (54), the number of companies (six - at Oxford, Cambridge, and Westminster), the effeminacy of King James, Hugh Broughton’s criticism of the translation, King James’ “anti-Presbyterianism,” and the archaic language of the “original.” This is the stock-and-trade of twentieth century apostate scholarship.*

“*No mention is usually made of the Jesuit plot TO KILL THE KING AND BOMB THE PARLIAMENT THAT HAD CALLED FOR THE TRANSLATION (1604). No mention is made of the fact that the Dedicatory identifies the Pope as the “man of sin” (2 Thess. 2:3), though NO TRANSLATION SINCE HAS DARED TO BRING UP THE SUBJECT”...*

I cannot help being drawn to Ralston’s conclusion [[Pastor David Ralston Battle Cry Sept./Oct. 1985](#)]. “*Do the critics of the Holy Word of God believe they can discredit the preserved authoritative scriptures by destroying the reputation of the man who helped bring it to the people? I am of the conviction that this indeed is the real cause of the slander against James.*”

Moreover, I cannot help wondering, especially in the light of our critic’s invitation to teach me Greek, if Ralston has not highlighted the real reason for our critic’s antagonism against James. “*King James was regarded by those of his own time as “The British Solomon.” He wanted the Holy Word of God to be in the hands of people, not chained to pulpits or hoarded in the cellars to be read only by Greek scholars.*”

Although “*King James was the first earthly monarch to encourage the propagation of Bibles (whereas) not one Catholic ruler of Italy, Spain, Germany, Austria, France or Poland ever encouraged anyone*” [[The Christian’s Handbook of Biblical Scholarship](#)] p 164, our critic implies that James had papist leanings.

He states *“Most interesting of all was James’ attitude to the RC Church. While he dealt with priests severely since they posed a political threat to the country, he nevertheless said to the English Parliament “I acknowledge the RC Church to be our mother church although defiled with some infirmities and corruptions.”*

Our critic then adds, as if I was supposed to be aghast at this horrific disclosure, *“Can you imagine any of the Protestant Reformers talking like that?”*

I don’t have to imagine some of the inane comments made by *“strong”* and mostly anonymous *“Protestants”* about the BOOK which James sanctioned, which has done more to damage the cause of popery than any other, Section 12.2. Our critic has very helpfully supplied them, although he does not mention their sources. Neither does he mention any EFFECT that James’ remark had on subsequent events. The remark may simply have been provocative, like his criticism of the Geneva Bible.

I certainly don’t have to imagine the *“interesting”* attitude which the RC church had towards JAMES. It tried to BLOW HIM OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH. I find our critic’s careful omission of this fact VERY *“interesting.”* See Section 11.1.

I also find it *“interesting”* that our critic neglects to mention that *“James DID allow the Puritans to assemble and put out an anti-Catholic Version of the Bible with a note in the Preface that the pope was the “MAN OF SIN””* [The History of the New Testament Church Vol. 1 Dr Peter S. Ruckman] pp 412-413. No note to that effect will be found in the Preface of ANY modern version.

Dr Ruckman [The Christian’s Handbook of Biblical Scholarship] pp 164-166 also states *“King James promoted the word of God after seeing Roman Catholics brutally murdering people in violent brawls while he was growing up, and he promoted the word of God although he had been baptized as a Roman Catholic...Alongside the translating committees of 1901 (ASV) and 1970 (NIV), he was a Biblical genius; he approved of a text that CORRECTED more than 50 FALSE READINGS FOUND IN THEIR WORKS.”*

Is THIS the attitude of a *“pro-Roman”* ruler?

Moreover, our critic apparently fails to appreciate the fact that James’ remark was evidently made publicly, where it could obviously have been seized upon by his enemies and used against him. It was hardly an auspicious start to a supposed Jesuit plot implicating James. What is even more *“interesting”* is the freedom which the Puritans enjoyed at Hampton Court in denouncing the Roman church to the king’s face. Paine [The Men Behind the KJV] p 4 states *“Rainolds won his laugh later when, in the argument against Romish customs, he said, “The Bishop of Rome hath no authority in this land.””*

As for James’ actual remark itself, I am reminded of the exchange between an RC priest and John Wesley, described by Grady [Final Authority] p 191:

“When a priest asked John Wesley where HIS religion was before the Reformation, the no-nonsense Methodist replied, “In the same place your face was before you washed it - BEHIND THE DIRT!”” For a detailed study of the life of James 1, see *King James...Unjustly Accused?* by Stephen A. Coston, Sr., KönigsWort, 1996, available from the Bible Baptist Bookstore.

Most importantly, Mr. Norris’s affirms the fact that King James was a homosexual. This is a vital study, because KJV only advocates vehemently deny the truth of King James’s sexuality.

Rick Norris is lying, again, and so are you, Fred, again, as *competent* authorities have shown. However, yet again, Fred, this is more *“smoke out of the chimney”* Hosea 13:3 from both Rick Norris and yourself.

Note again Bro. Will Kinney’s response above to Rick Norris’ smear tactics to defame King James himself that even Rick Norris backs away from later in his book as Will Kinney shows.

See again brandplucked.webs.com/unboundscriptures.htm *Book Review: The Unbound Scriptures*

Later on in his book, Mr. Norris seems to reverse himself and says some things that I agree with. On page 171 he states: “The facts about Erasmus, King James, the Church of England translators of the KJV, Dean Burgon, Westcott, Hort, or present day translators are not the essential factor that should determine which translation of God’s Word believers should use...Since all men are sinners, it is always possible to find something negative about the person presenting the truth. The imperfections of the person presenting truth does not change the truth presented.”

It’s just extremely regrettable that neither you nor Rick Norris seem capable of locating **“the scripture of truth”** Daniel 10:21, Fred.

They have to, because it would be scandalous to be promoting a translation that bears the name of an individual who engaged in perverse, sexual conduct. Thus, the KJV only advocates have chosen to entirely blot out this fact from history and appeal to conspiratorial conjecture in order to counter anyone who would dare raise the truth about James the 1st of England. Appendix D is devoted to answering the claims of KJV only advocates who assert that King James was not a homosexual and Mr. Norris again shows that their arguments in defense of this man is based upon a facade, built with selective, revised history.

As usual, Fred, it’s habitual liars like yourself that have set up the façade, built with selective, revised history and about as sound as the foolish man’s **“house...built upon the sand”** Matthew 7:26. Note the following material from *competent* authorities.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ ‘O Biblios’ – the Book pp 211-213.

Ralston makes it clear that much of the criticism of James stems from two main sources. One was “M. Fontenay, an agent for Mary Stuart who plotted for James’ throne” and who “fostered much of the slanderous assault against the king.” The other was Anthony Weldon, “who successfully blackened King James through the pen portrait he first published in 1650...Antonia Fraser writes, “In fairness to James, (Weldon) should never be quoted without the important rider that he had been excluded from Court circles and had in consequence, a pathological hatred of the Stuarts. Weldon has had his revenge for the slight injuries done to him.””

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php *Answers to the Wolf-Man Part 1* pp 55-56. Rick Norris and you are doing a supportive work for the SJ, Fred, regardless of the quality of that work, or lack of.

This site www.jesus-is-savior.com/Bible/king_james-the_man.htm has a considerable amount of detailed information about King James 1st. It includes the *Basilicon Doron, the Kingly Gift* that James wrote in 1598 to his son Prince Henry, to instruct him in the manners, morals and ways of kingship.

James wrote as follows on the scriptures and on godly living.

“But when ye read the Scripture, read it with a sanctified & chast eare: admire reverently such obscure places as yee understand not, blaming onlie your owne incapacitie; read with delite the playne places; and studie carefullie to understand those that are somewhate diffcile: preasse to be a good textuare [student], for the Scripture is ever the best interpreter of it selfe...”

“Since al that is necessarie for salvation is contayned in the Scripture: for in anything that is expressly commanded or prohibited in the booke of God, ye cannot be over precise even in the least thing, counting every sin (not according to the light estimation and common use of it in the world) but as the book of God counteth of it:”

See www.jesus-is-savior.com/Bible/basilico-king_james1.htm.

Any young person could benefit from reading the *Basilicon Doron*, including another young prince named Henry and all his friends and family.

Concerning James 1st’s implacable enemies and those of the Book forever associated with his name, with whom Grievous Wolf is in suitable company, note the following.

Observe how much the Jesuits hated the 1611 Holy Bible, along with the king who approved its translation.

This is from *The Secret Plan*, compiled in the Jesuit College near Turin in Northern Italy in 1825. The plan was written up by Fr. Leone, SJ, translated and published in 1848 by Augusta Cooke. This is what the Jesuits had to say about the Authorized King James Bible of 1611.

“Then the Bible, that serpent which with head erect and eyes flashing threatens us with its venom while it trails along the ground, shall be changed into a rod as soon as we are able to seize it [1881, Revised Version, Westcott and Hort, Cambridge University; 1881, ‘Originals-onlyism,’ Hodge and Warfield, Princeton Theological Seminary, “Traitors, heady, highminded” 2 Timothy 3:4]...for three centuries past this cruel asp has left us no repose. You well know with what folds it entwines us and with what fangs it gnaws us.”

The Jesuit collusion in the Gunpowder Plot is documented in *Jesuit Plots from Elizabethan to Modern* [1930s] *Times* by Albert Close, The Protestant Truth Society...

[See protestanttruth.com/christian-bookshop/.]

The venom directed by the likes of Grievous Wolf at King James 1st and the Book with which he is forever associated is therefore not surprising [likewise that from Rick Norris and yourself, Fried].

The definitive work about King James 1st, is *King James Unjustly Accused?* by Stephen A. Coston Snr., Konigswort, 7245 34th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33710-1315
www.amazon.co.uk/James-Scotland-England-Unjustly-Accused/dp/0965677737.

Stephen Coston’s work decisively shows Grievous Wolf to be the craven liar that he is, as the following material proves. Grievous Wolf refers to historians Caroline Bingham, Otto J. Scott and David H. Wilson. Stephen Coston, p 230, quotes from Caroline Bingham’s book *The Making of a King* p 132, where the author wrote that a certain John Hacket started a smear campaign against James 1st that Bingham dismisses as mere court gossip. Coston reveals that Hacket was a Puritan adversary of James 1st who, according to Bingham, could only circulate hints against James that could never be substantiated.

Coston gives an overview of the book by Otto J. Scott entitled *James I the Fool as King* (Grievous Wolf neglected to give the book’s full title) in his Appendix on the libelling of James 1st, pp 343ff. Coston lists six reasons why Scott’s accusations against James 1st consist merely of unsubstantiated rumours and concludes that Scott drew heavily on the book by David H. Wilson, *King James VI and I*, who in turn based his narrative on the “*malicious words*” 3 John 10 of James’s adversaries, the disaffected courtiers Anthony Weldon, see above, and Francis Osborne, both of whom hated Scots generally and Scotsman James Stuart in particular. Scott’s book, Coston notes, contains in its bibliography many historical works that are supportive of James 1st but which Scott did not use, such that, according to Coston, the National *Catholic Reporter*, this writer’s emphasis, gave its approval to Scott’s book.

The Catholics tried to assassinate James 1st’s person in 1605, a *genuine “historical FACT”* that Grievous Wolf fails to mention. See *Did The Catholic Church Give Us The Bible?* Chapter Seven. Four centuries later, they are more than ready to help assassinate his character. Rome is *semper eadem*, always the same.

Coston alludes on pp 178, 322, 323, 350, 351, 352 of his book to misleading statements that David H. Wilson makes about James 1st and the antagonistic portrayal of him that Wilson gives. Coston then cites the *Research Guide to European Historical Biography* Vol II, pp 1001-1002, 1004, which concludes that Wilson’s verdict on James 1st could well have been influenced by his intense dislike for James and that his work will therefore most likely be superseded. Coston also refers to another work, *The Royal House* by Eric Linklater, who shows that Weldon, Wilson’s and in turn Osborne’s main source of information (or disinformation), is effectively useless as an authority on James 1st.

Stephen Coston reveals the spiteful nature of Weldon and Osborne in Chapter 8 of his book where he shows that, like those of John Hackett, see above, their accusations against James 1st that Grievous Wolf touts as “*the historical FACT*” were never explicit and never substantiated but sprang from hints, innuendo and insinuation only.

The historical accusations against James bear an uncanny similarity to many of Grievous Wolf’s accusations against “*the scripture of truth*” Daniel 10:21, the Book forever associated with King James 1st.

The accusers appear to have the same mentor, described in Revelation 12:10 as “*the accuser of our brethren.*” Like him, they too will doubtless be “*cast down.*”

Dr Mrs Riplinger gives a true portrayal of King James 1st in her book *King James And His Translators* from *In Awe of Thy Word* pp 581-582, her emphases.

“The King’s enemies spun wicked “cunningly devised fables” about him. Harvard University Press’s Jacobean Pageant (1963) calls these, “slanders spread by defeated rivals...” Benjamin Disraeli said such authors, “filled their works with Libel and Invective, instead of History...This is the style which passes for history with some readers.” “Historians can and should ignore the venomous caricature of the king’s person and behaviour,” notes Maurice Lee, author of Great Britain’s Solomon: James VI. Author Stephen A. Coston cites a personal letter to himself from Roger Magnuson, author and trial lawyer, graduate of Stanford University, Oxford University and Harvard Law School. Magnuson wrote, “I find no evidence” to prove the unkind accusations levelled at King James (Coston, pp 225, 234, 215, 324, 329, 258 n. 1). William Sanderson said,

*““The King knew no better means to suppress the credit of **false rumors**, than by his own pious practice in religion, by outward frequency in the exercises of **prayer** and **preaching**, duly performing and executing his justice and **mercy**, with such wisdom, and piety, as made his virtues thereby more transparent to the common view and sense of all men” (Coston, p. 291).*

“The KJV translators said of King James, “[H]e knew who had chosen him to be a Soldier, or rather a Captain, and being assured that the course which he intended made for the glory of God, and the building up of his Church, he would not suffer it to be broken off for whatsoever speeches...” (Holy Bible, 1611, The Translators to the Reader, London: Robert Barker).”

The above is an example of real research, Fred. You’d do well to give it close attention. So would Rick Norris.

Unbound Scriptures is an outstanding study of the various KJV arguments, and the hundreds of questions Mr. Norris asks of the fundamental beliefs that make up KJV onlyism reveal that it is a system of theology that is truly built upon the proverbial foundation of sand.

Unbound Scriptures is in reality *UNFOUND Scriptures*, Fred, as Will Kinney has incisively noted.

Norris’ book is full of his references to “*the inspired, inerrant original Hebrew and Greek Scriptures*”. He starts off his first chapter affirming “*THE Bible IS the inspired word of God*” - he doesn’t say *The Bible WAS the inspired word of God* - yet he never identifies for us what this Bible IS nor WHERE we can find these ORIGINAL Hebrew and Greek manuscripts. Norris’ true Scriptures are so “unbound” they are not even found for sure in a loose leaf notebook nor in hundreds of scraps of “original language” manuscripts. A far more accurate name for Norris’ book would be “*The UNFOUND Scriptures*”. He doesn’t know where they are and, of course, he can’t tell you either.

Neither do you, Fred and neither can you, as your article has definitely shown.

Even though this is an excellent work, I would be amiss not to offer a couple of thoughts of constructive criticism I hope would only help improve such a tremendous book.

More *“smoke out of the chimney”* Hosea 13:3, Fred. It dissipates into thin air, you know.

First, the book is privately published (see contact information below), and because of that fact, it runs the risk of quickly going away and not having a wide distribution. Word of mouth and positive reviews will obviously serve Mr. Norris’s book well, but it would be a blessing to see a known publishing house take up the task of producing and marketing *Unbound Scriptures* to a larger Christian audience. Many pastors and laymen who have to deal with a vociferous KJV only advocate disrupting the fellowship of their congregation or home Bible study may never be aware such a fine work exists to counter and silence KJV only claims. The Christian Church at large would benefit greatly from the material contained in this book.

Your site carried the identification © Copyright 2002-2007 Fred Butler All Rights Reserved. It all seems to have been strangely silent since then, Fred, to judge by your site.

It’s almost as if folk are applying Hosea’s prophecy in full to both Rick Norris and yourself, Fred.

“Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney” Hosea 13:3.

Second, the table of contents could be better organized so as to be more useful for the reader. Mr. Norris cleverly titles each one of his chapters with a biblical verse taken directly from the King James translation that highlights specific subjects of KJV only argumentation. For example, chapter two is entitled, *Understandst thou what thou readest*, and is an examination of the KJV only argument that the King James is not copyrighted. Chapter 15 is called, *Give an account of thy stewardship*, and examines the KJV only claims concerning variation between the original language manuscripts of the Bible. The chapter titles are catchy, but also ambiguous. They do not tell the reader what is necessarily being discussed. A helpful improvement for the table of contents would be to maintain the chapter titles, but then provide the sub-titles that indicate the subject of each chapter and list them under each of the chapter title headings. That would not only help inform the reader of the subjects addressed in the book, but would also provide a quicker reference for locating a specific subject.

Re-arranging the deck chairs on RMS Titanic post-iceberg impact would have been futile, Fred. Likewise Rick Norris’ book after it impacted Will Kinney’s review.

Thankfully, those small issues do not detract from the over all (sic) excellence of this work and should not deter any Christian from enjoying it. I am actually looking forward to reading various KJV only critiques of this book. I am eager to see how they attempt to answer his research, because the questions Mr. Norris raises against KJV only claims are so penetrating that KJV only advocates are sure to manufacture more conspiracy theories and re-write more Church history in order to make excuses for what is at the foundation, an indefensible system of belief.



Untergang der Titanic
 (“Sinking of the Titanic”)
 by [Willy Stöwer](#), 1912

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinking_of_the_RMS_Titanic.

You have clearly yet to read Bro. Kinney's review, Fred. You have also just described your own system of belief, Fred, and Rick Norris'. See *Conclusion* with respect to your Biblical 4-F classification.

May *Unbound Scriptures* serve the people of God for years to come.

No more than RMS Titanic, Fred.

Endnotes

1) I mean this with all honesty. When I came to a place where I began to ask critical questions of my KJV only convictions, I would also ask my pointed questions of other KJV only advocates. The reactions I received would be mixed. Sometimes, the individual would turn into an ostrich of sorts, ignoring the gravity of my questions altogether. Others would simply repeat the elaborate conspiracy theories designed by KJV only advocates to conveniently explain away the glaring problems my questions would raise. And the worst response, and I have received these mainly from participants on internet discussion boards dedicated to KJV onlyism, is to cruelly mock me and pronounce me a Bible rejecter/corrector/denier, or any other number of pejoratives, and accuse me of having some hidden, anti-Bible agenda. Some have even called me a liar, telling me that I never held KJV only convictions, or never really understood them, because if I had truly believed the KJV was the Word of God, I would never had abandon the truth. That is similar argumentation Muslim apologists use to explain away those folks who abandon Islam for Christianity. At any rate, regardless of the myriad of silly responses I have received to my questions, I am absolutely positive that the core presuppositional beliefs that KJV onlyism is based upon cannot withstand any thoughtful and meaningful critique. It is a belief system made of blind faith upon a method of scriptural preservation that cannot be substantiated by scripture, nor found practiced by any of God's people in all of redemptive history since the recording of Holy Writ.

None of this has anything to do with Rick Norris' book, Fred. You appear to be saying little more than "*Have pity upon me, have pity upon me*" Job 19:21.

Job had reason to say that, Fred. You don't.

Yet again, you have failed to specify any error or inferiority in the 1611 Holy Bible.

Moreover, you don't know what Holy Writ is, Fred. You have failed to identify it anywhere in your article.

2) *Unbound Scriptures*, 206

3) *ibid*

4) *ibid*, 207

5) *ibid*, 236

6) *ibid*, 236,237

7) D.A. Waite, *Defending the King James Bible. A Four-fold Superiority: Texts, Translators, Technique, Theology* (Collingswood: Bible for Today press, 1995), 166 [highlights and italics his]

8) *Unbound Scriptures*, 246

9) *ibid*, 53. The majority of well-known KJV advocates also stand against the doctrines of Grace, what is often referred to as the five points of Calvinism. For instance, Gail Riplinger, one of the strangest of KJV advocates, calls the five points of Calvinism, "the five pointed pentagram of Calvinism." Even though she is denounced as a lunatic by some fellow KJV advocates, her sentiments against Calvinism is still shared by the bulk of them. In a profound fit of hypocrisy, KJV only advocates will often cite John Calvin's participation in the arrest, trial and burning of arch-heretic, Michael Servetus, as a reason why the system of theology that bears Calvin's name should be rejected as false. One wonders why they choose to ignore Andrewes and Abbot, who had a more direct in-

involvement in several state sanctioned executions, than Calvin had with Servetus. Does their involvement with state sanctioned executions of religious dissenters disqualify KJV onlyism as true?

See remarks above by both Will Kinney and this writer with respect to Lancelot Andrewes, George Abbot and state sanctioned executions of religious dissenters. Yet again, Fred, you have failed to point out any error or inferiority with respect to the 1611 Holy Bible and yet again, you have merely resorted to innuendo, insinuation and your – and Rick Norris’ – fetish for saints long passed on.

There may be something demonic about that, Fred.

“And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs...neither could any man tame him” Mark 5:2-4. Neither you nor Rick Norris are particularly tameable, Fred, with respect to **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16, in spite of Bro. Kinney’s gracious ministry to you both.

Concerning Sister Riplinger, see again the following.

In Endnote 9 of your article, Fred, you refer to Sister Gail Riplinger as one of the strangest of KJV advocates...denounced as a lunatic by some fellow KJV advocates.

Did you think to pay Sister Riplinger the courtesy of checking her material before you passed judgement upon her, Fred?

In case you didn’t, this is **“what saith the scripture”** Romans 4:3, Fred, on your conspicuous absence of Biblical **“charity”** 1 Corinthians 8:1, 13:1, 2, 3, 4 three times, 8, 13 twice, 14:1, 16:14, Colossians 3:14, 1 Thessalonians 3:6, 2 Thessalonians 1:3, 1 Timothy 1:5, 2:15, 4:12, 2 Timothy 2:22, 3:10, Titus 2:2, 1 Peter 4:8 twice, 5:14, 2 Peter 1:7, 3 John 6, Jude 12, Revelation 2:19; 28 occurrences in all.

“He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him” Proverbs 18:13.

See copy of *New Age Versions* tract inserted earlier.

Concerning Calvinism, this is all you need to know, Fred.

See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ ‘O Biblios’ – the Book pp 216-217.

Dr Vance states in his exhaustive study *The Other Side of Calvinism* p 351: *“There is no question as to what a Calvinist believes: God plays both sides of a chess game, and the members of the human race are the pieces, some pawns, some kings, but all puppets to be arbitrarily moved to heaven or hell as God sees fit.”*

That and according to your logic, you better junk most of the Book of Psalms, Fred – again, see remarks above with respect to David’s sin of numbering the people, 2 Samuel 24:10-15 - in any form including ‘the original’ so-called, if you and Rick Norris ever do find it. The following passage of scripture illustrates Calvin’s system like none other in this writer’s view where as Dr Vance states *“the members of the human race are the pieces, some pawns, some kings, but all puppets to be arbitrarily moved to heaven or hell as God sees fit.”*

Maybe the last part of the verse was in Calvin’s mind i.e. you gotta be Johnny C’s friend to be God’s friend and get into heaven, so show it by the size of the tip on the plate.

“And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David’s servants, and brought gifts” 2 Samuel 8:2.

Conclusion

Fred Butler's endorsement of Rick Norris' book *The Unbound Scriptures* show that both he and Rick Norris should be classified Biblically 4-F i.e. registrant not acceptable for "**divine service**" Hebrews 9:1. See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Selective_Service_System#Classifications.

Fred Butler's Biblical 4-F classification and that of every other Bible critic results from his:

1. *Fixation* with 'originals-onlyism'
2. *Failure* to identify *any* extant document as "**the book of the LORD**" Isaiah 34:16
3. *Fetish* with outmoded versions e.g. the Geneva Bible and saints long passed on e.g. James 1st
4. "**Frowardness of the wicked**" Proverbs 2:14 against "**the words of truth**" Proverbs 22:21.

Note *why* Saul was cashiered from "**divine service**" Hebrews 9:1. The same applies today.

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king" 1 Samuel 15:23.