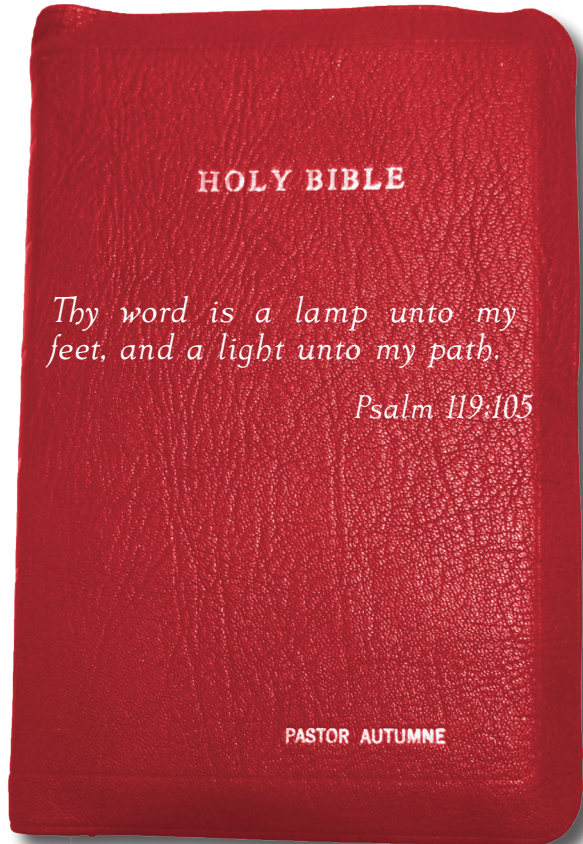


# Your Bible



*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

*John 6:63*

*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*

*Galatians 1:8*

The Bible is not an ordinary book or compilation of writings. No authors of any other books have loved you unconditionally, nor have they given their lives for you, as Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of God, has. The Word of God is living and active. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, and is the discernor of the thought and intents of our heart [Hebrews 4:12-13]. Jesus Christ is the Living Word. You also have and need the written Word, your Holy Bible. It's essential for those who want to know Jesus, and those who already believe Him as Savior and LORD. We exhort you to move beyond opinions you've already formed about the Bible, no matter how much you value the sources that influenced you. Investigate for yourself the issues surrounding your choice of 'translation' and 'version' of the bible you read.

There is only one Way to God, not many paths. There are counterfeits, and then there is Truth and Life. There is only one Jesus Christ of Nazareth who voluntarily took a death penalty on himself in order to save us, He died, and He lives now, at the right-hand of Our Father God. Jesus will be coming back for those who choose Him. He wants us to continue in His Word, not any another gospel. even a slightly 'modified' one. When you woke this morning, today you were given another day to choose a life with Jesus, or to go another way. Choose Him. Choose Life!

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

*John 14:6*



Do people give more time to text messaging friends and browsing web sites on mobile devices than to the Word of God? Valuing God's Word, means at least being willing to investigate the Greek

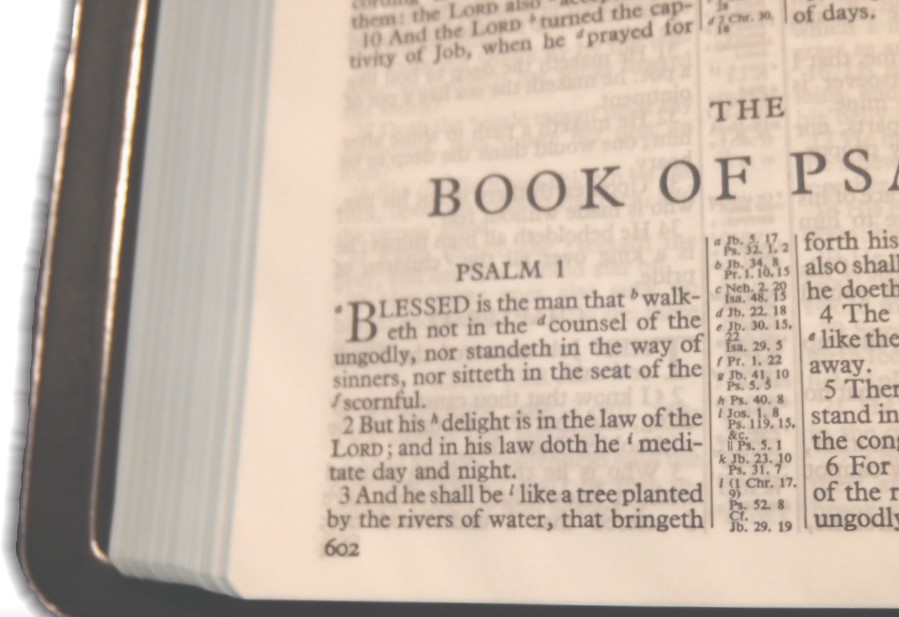
& Hebrew texts on which our choice of bible translation is based. If one of us suspected an error on a phone bill or sales receipt, wouldn't we look into it carefully? How much more important is your Bible? Our relationship with Our Father, God, comes through Jesus Christ, His Son. Yes we have friends and ministers, but apart from a personal relationship with God, and knowing God through His written Word, it can be 'social media,' to

us. We cannot maintain a relationship with God based on what other people think or what we hear alone, even if it is preaching. It's subject to error, opinion and emotion. So how do we detect the true from the false? We read and hear the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit works with us to bring light upon what we read.

We might hear someone give a negative dismissing pronouncement about 'those King James only people,' but is that enough for us to dismiss the whole issue? It's not even an issue of 'King James only' at all. What about a Spanish bible or a bible in another language? How would you help someone choose a translation?

**Simply investigate this issue for yourself, and you will find that the Westcott-Hort, Jerome Latin Vulgate & Alexandrian Text based translations are doctrinally biased and corrupt. They deviate from authentic Word of God. They support religion based on traditions of men, and set the stage for a theology where Jesus Christ is not the sole and sufficient mediator between God and man.**

It's not even an issue of which translation is the 'best' or what method of translation was used. That only diverts you from paying attention to whether the translation came from a corrupt stream of manuscripts or a good one. You've heard about the thieves in foreign countries who work as a group? One or two of them cause a huge distraction, while another quietly steals from you without you even knowing it. They manipulate you by focusing your attention on the diversion, much like the salesman who tries to sell a used car by showing the makeup mirror to the supposedly gullible housewife. That's right, you are kept focused on something nonessential, while something really important passes unnoticed, under the level of your awareness. You can be seduced into focusing on whether formal equivalence or dynamic equivalence or some other method was used. All the while, the majority of bible readers have no clue that Westcott & Hort used corrupt Latin Vulgate and Alexandrian based documents instead of the reliable Majority Text (Textus Receptus) which comprises 96% or more of manuscript evidence. Most people are not even aware that there are different streams of Greek, Hebrew, Latin and Aramaic texts, much less that newer versions prefer the texts that comprise the minority, 2-4% of all extant manuscript evidence in the New Testament.



Our brothers and sisters who have been trying to help us see that there are very serious issues here, may not have communicated their message perfectly, but are they worth ignoring?

Have you heard some of these myths (non-truths) about newer bible versions based on corrupt Greek, Hebrew and Latin texts?

1. **MYTH: There are no significant doctrinal differences.** This is simply not true. There are serious assaults on foundational church doctrine in the corrupt texts and the translations which build on them.
2. **MYTH: The newer translations are easier to read.** Reading level studies have been done that would surprise you.
3. **MYTH: 'Better' manuscripts are being used.** Who defines 'better'? The publisher who profits from the sale of a copyrighted bible?
4. **MYTH: Higher criticism has made for better modern scholarship.** Only if you desire analysis prejudicial toward Romanistic doctrine..
5. **MYTH: 'Older' is better.** If older is corrupt and manipulated, is that 'better'?
6. **MYTH: The issues of translation are too complicated, let the publishing companies decide what's good for you, and put your reliable Word of God to pasture. Really?**
7. **MYTH: "All they did was take the 'Thees' and 'Thous' out... that's all [said of one translation]."** Again, not true. Much more was changed.
8. **TRUE: There are many other deceptions you will discover as you research this issue for yourself.**



The publishing companies and translation committees might try to make you feel you must have a theology degree in order to understand the issues. **Jesus taught simply.** It does not take a PhD or ThD to learn the basic issues, nor does it take a great deal of time on your part, though it does take some. We've provided some resources to help you start.

*He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.*

*Proverbs 18:13 (KJV)*

The thinking you are being 'sold' about translations using Westcott-Hort based or influenced texts, even in footnotes, may appear logical, and even 'feel' right, but it is not. Those staying with Majority Text and Ben Chayyim [Hayyim] Masoretic Text based translations, as opposed to those going for the Westcott-Hort based or influenced texts, are often branded as old-fashioned, inflexible, legalists. The people who are trying to help you understand the seriousness of alterations made to God's Word, are often relegated to appear to be fanatics who will not come current. They are often dismissed or disrespected via innuendo and peer pressure. It shouldn't be so in Christianity. Books that can't be copyrighted simply don't make money, We can't ignore economic motives of publishers coming out with multiple versions to which they alone own the copyright. Sadly, in response, we have often seen those set in their ways about the benefits of new versions, answer matters before really investigating them, We would be much less foolish to be quick to hear and slow to speak. **Where is the person who will put in just a little time because he or she desires before God to have eyes that see, ears that hear and a heart to understand?**

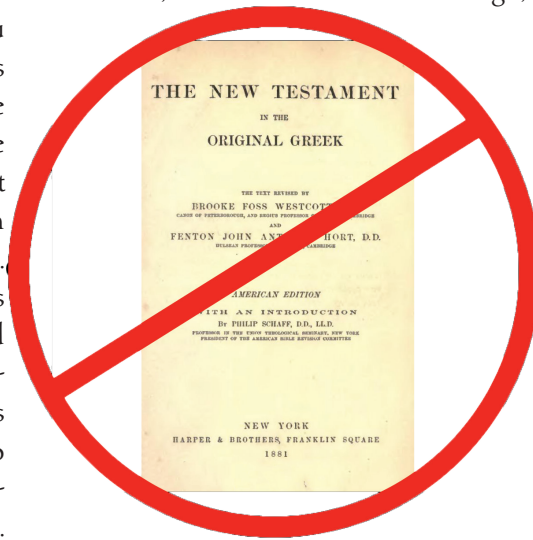
Look into the matter on your own, beyond opinion, personal prejudice, or favoritism of the version you 'like best' or 'got saved' reading. Look into the facts, not what any denomination, committee or publishing company has said. It is worth looking into the backgrounds of people on some of these committee's though. Do you want someone who defends sexual immorality as acceptable, or someone who does not believe in the inspiration of scripture, translating your Bible? We are all somewhat subject to influence of marketing. The Holy Word of God is the basis of doctrine for our lives. While the world system attacks faith and the Word of God directly, many people fail

to realize that many saints throughout the ages gave their own blood for preservation of the Word of God. Some were burned at the stake, tortured or gave their lives to preserve the Word of God and make it available to every day people. Traditions of men, perpetuated by corrupted scriptures, usurp the sufficiency of Jesus Christ's work on the cross. The battle did not end in the Reformation. The Westcott-Hort & textual criticism based versions attempt to destroy what the Reformation set right. This battle is currently taking place within Christianity. Satan's kingdom is subtle, manipulative and 'under the radar' in seducing us. This is an easy investigation to want to ignore. No one wants to appear unpopular or backward or uncooperative where 'unity' for unity's sake is valued so highly, even if it is light fellowshiping with darkness. Those who love God and His Word can choose to bring everything into the light, so that the deeds we do can be wrought in God. It's easier and more satisfying to the flesh to take someone's word for it, and to go with the flow. The truth is that, beginning in the first century, there already was an Anti-Christ mindset focused on destroying the true Word of God by substituting a counterfeit set of scriptures. Religions based on works need to corrupt the perfect law of liberty so their doctrinal errors keeps people subservient to traditions of men, denying them the freedom that comes by heard and obeying the genuine Word of God.

Today, the English speaking world is confused by discussions on the Authorized King James Bible. **The issue is not that of establishing any one English translation as the 'only' Word of God, but the doctrinal bias and corruption of the Greek, Hebrew and Latin texts and/or textual criticism used in many post 1880 translations. There is more than one set of texts used for translation.** The texts chosen deviate from that of first century Church apostolic doctrine, and often further deviate from God's Word in the translation process.

**You must look back to the history of scriptures, discern the influence of the Romanistic movement, understand the Reformation and most specifically the texts chosen as the basis of the Westcott-Hort Greek translation. Examine the beliefs of these men, and how they rejected foundations of the faith and were practitioners of the occult, including spiritism and séances. It is not so much the 'modern' translation that is at issue, although that does bear on the matter, but it is the doctrinally biased texts on which these translations are based.**

There are even two different Latin Vulgates, the preserved Vaudois or 'Old Latin Vulgate' which is not corrupt, and then another one [Jerome's Latin Vulgate] was hidden away in the Vatican for years, brought out to counter Reformation theology. Remember the Reformation set right grave abuses, heresy, error, and practices, like selling forgiveness for sin and buying political and ecclesiastical positions of authority, forced celibacy, idol worship, necromancy, and other mediators besides Jesus Christ being required between God and man. When a new version's book foreward describes textual sources as the 'best' or 'oldest' manuscripts or speaks of 'advances in translation, it creates false confidence that what you are reading is 'more reliable.' This fails to tell the whole story. The gospel of Christ is not only the power of God unto salvation, but it is the good news of liberty from the bondage of sin and death. Corrupt and counterfeit scriptures erode basic tenets of the faith, and support a religion which puts deceived adherents under bondages of legalism, phariseeism and into works, which is a form of godliness that denies the power thereof.



One of the manuscripts heavily relied upon in the newer versions was thrown in a trash heap in St Catherine's Monastery [Codex B also called Codex Sinaiticus]. There is significant doctrinal change in the newer translations. There is significant doctrinal bias in the choice of non-English language texts used to translate them [Vaticanus A, Sinaiticus B and Jerome's Latin Vulgate]. The problem for most people who are trying to understand this issue is threefold:

1. **There are intermediate translations used between the 'newer' versions and the original source documents.** You need to understand if these have been corrupted by employing higher criticism, are Westcott-Hort based, 'eclectic' Greek New Testament or variants of this corrupt stream.
2. **There is more than one set of original source documents,** so you need to go back and understand if the corrupt stream of source documents has been used or included [i.e. Codex A Alexandricus, Aleph, Vaticanus, Sinaiticus, Codex B, Jerome's Latin Vulgate or any combination thereof, or if your bible

utilizes a preserved stream.

3. **The commentators who prefer the corrupt streams are not always direct, but are biased to defend and include corrupt sources.** They may even appear to dissociate themselves from Westcott & Hort, but still defend the corrupt sources or higher criticism. In order to get you to side with newer versions, you are subtly accused of being inflexible and stubborn if you choose a reliable Majority Text based translation. The desire to 'fit in' or be in 'unity' is very strong leverage, which is disguised intellectual peer pressure.

If you will but give a even a short investigation into Westcott & Hort, you will find their beliefs and professions to not be in accord with holiness and faith in the inspiration and inerrancy of scripture that one would need in translators of a book we base our life upon. We have included several references for your investigation. Look into this matter yourself. We are not sure why some helpful publications have a condemning, rather

than a more neutral tone, but want to give you a heads up that this is more often than not the case. Be encouraged to look into the validity of the statements, not the method of presentation. Please don't let issues of tone or attitude dissuade you from seeking of the truth. Seek to know the truth about your bible. We've come across organizations that deviate theologically, war with one another, hate women, almost worship a particular version, mock, and have some wacky theology regarding end times, dietary laws and the sabbath. Please don't turn a deaf ear on truth because messengers are not perfected. Our enemy wants believers to dismiss each other, so that we miss the real issue. Ask God to guide you as you explore the history and compare the main two streams of documents:

#### 1. **Preserved True Source Documents:**

Received Text or Majority Greek Texts and Ben Chayyim Masoretic Hebrew Text based. [Including Textus Receptus, TR, Received Text, Majority Text based Greek, Old Latin Vulgate [Vaudois], and Ben Hayim [Chayyim] aka "Bomberg Text" based Hebrew Texts]

2. **Corrupt Source Documents**<sup>1</sup>: Source manuscripts which include Sinaiticus Codex B, and Vaticanus Codex Aleph, Codex Alexandrinus. Can include Ben Asher Masoretic. Intermediate Translations include Nestle-Aland, Novum Testamentum Graece after 1880, NA27, NA28, Aland, UBS and Eclectic Greek Texts.

There are commentators like Metzger and those in favor of UBS text derivatives, who share the Westcott-Hort bias. They defend the inclusion and use of corrupt stream of source documents. The so called 'eclectic' texts or higher critical texts would fall under this category, and would be classified in the same corrupt biased stream as Westcott and Hort texts.

<sup>1</sup>Corrupt stream source texts can include other intermediate Greek translations which use or mix Westcott-Hort Greek, or similar streams, such as those referred to as the 'Eclectic Texts' and UBS texts, like NA27 & NA28. Some bibles also use alternative texts for the Old Testament, such as the Ben Asher Masoretic or Septuagint. Even if a commentator or version appears to distance itself Westcott & Hort, many still use corrupted Greek NT texts effectively identical to Westcott & Hort, or they employ higher criticism which provides the means to further alter and corrupt the resultant translation in favor of Romanistic theology while criticizing or downgrading the Textus Receptus. In the newer translations this is often done subtly by comments made in the footnotes, casting doubt on the true Word of God.

Some bible versions will include use of the Majority Text, but via footnote will infer it is error or make statements like 'not found in oldest sources,' or use other means to influence you to think that the preserved word of God is inferior. It was surprising to learn, while researching this for you, that James Strong, author of the original Strong's Concordance, was on the committees of the Westcott-Hort 1881 RV and the ASV 1901. Strong's word definitions may be more closely aligned with corrupt stream sources. We do not need to fear man's opinion. It is important you continue to discern what is actually God's Holy Word, and what is man's opinion. We should not rely heavily on any source which supports or defends error, but can still benefit from fellow believers. Ultimately we seek to learn from- and be accountable to - God.

We believe God will lead you, if you seek Him while doing some basic research on translation history and bible versions. Your very life and eternity have a lot to do with the written Word of God, and what you believe. **Please seek Our Father God, in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth on this matter.**

*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

*James 1:5 (KJV)*

## **REFERENCES & RESOURCES FOR YOUR PERSONAL RESEARCH**

This list is provided for reference use, not theological endorsement. Use discernment [Hebrews 5:14]. Being convinced against your own will is not our aim, only that you give due diligence to seeking this matter out as you pursue the truth and love of God.

1. Books: **Which Version is the Bible**, & **Ripped From The Bible**, by Floyd Nolen Jones.
2. Videos on the Bible by Walter Veith <http://amazingdiscoveries.tv/media/125/213-battle-of-the-bibles/>  
& <http://amazingdiscoveries.tv/media/126/214-changing-the-word/> [7th Day Adventist, but extensive use of primary source documents which will help you investigate the issues]
3. **The Revision Revised** by John Burgon (Dean John Burgon). Find the Conservative Classics version published in Paradise, PA
3. **New Age Versions**, by Gail Ripplinger [New age correlation with Westcott-Hort modified Greek text]
4. Terry Watkins pamphlet on **Bible Version Comparison** & Other pamphlets at [www.av1611.org](http://www.av1611.org)
5. <http://www.chick.com/ask/articles/wastebasket.asp> [Quick article about the Codex B Sinaiticus]

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