

## **The Holy Bible Versus the Unholy Church, Revelation 17:1-5**

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### ***Introduction***

God calls the Catholic Church of Rome **“MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”** Revelation 17:1-5.

Among Rome’s abominations are the modern bible versions. We will look at Rome’s **“unfruitful works of darkness”** Ephesians 5:11, in the form of these versions and the results for our church and nation.

It is no exaggeration to say that **“the present distress”** 1 Corinthians 7:26 of our English-speaking nations arises through the deception of these modern counterfeits. They have been instrumental in church and nation abandoning **“the scripture of truth”** Daniel 10:21, the 1611 Holy Bible.

P.G. Johnstone<sup>1</sup> was a missionary researcher. In 1978, he issued this warning to Great Britain.

*“The political and economic tensions have become so great that the disintegration of the whole country is not impossible. In similar national crises in the past, God has graciously sent revival, as in the time of Wesley. There has been a national revival every century for the past 800 years, but the revival for this century is overdue. Pray for it.”*

The 20<sup>th</sup> century came and went without revival in our land. Yet the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw **well over 200** modern versions appear. But no revival.

Why? How did this disaster happen? How is Rome involved? What can be done to put things right? These are vital questions we must address.

### ***Rome and Her View of the Bible***

Rome has always opposed the bible. When she could, she burnt it, along with its readers. The Lollards were bible believers who followed John Wycliffe. They were burnt at the stake in England during the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries, along with their bibles. Forbush<sup>2</sup> states.

*“When Lollardry increased, and the flames kindled, it was a common practice to fasten about the neck of the condemned heretic such of these scraps of Scripture as were found in his possession, which generally shared his fate.”* That’s Rome’s preferred strategy.

But Rome has also counterfeited the bible. She did so by appealing to **“philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men”** Colossians 2:8. This counterfeiting goes back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD<sup>3</sup> and even before. Bible historian Dr Benjamin Wilkinson explains what happened.

*“Emperor Constantine [of Rome, 312 AD]...preferred the [bible] edited by Eusebius, and written by Origen.”*

Eusebius was a 4<sup>th</sup> century Bishop of Caesarea and early church historian. Origen was a 3<sup>rd</sup> century university theologian and philosopher of Alexandria, Egypt. N.B. God called His Son out of Egypt, Matthew 2:15.

Wilkinson says that Origen was *“the outstanding intellectual figure that had combined Christianity with Gnosticism in his philosophy, even as Constantine himself was the political genius that was seeking to unite Christianity with pagan Rome.”* He wanted a supreme state-church.

Gnosticism is human reasoning raised above the word of God. Paul described the Gnostic mentality in 2 Timothy 3:4, ***“Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.”***

Gnosticism will rear its ugly head time and again in this work.

The Gnostic mentality persists to this day. Two sodomite clergy enacted a sodomite ‘wedding’ in the Church of England<sup>4</sup> in 2008. That is human opinion in favor of ***“pleasures of sin for a season”*** Hebrews 11:25 raised above the word of God. As Isaiah 3:9 states, especially since sodomite marriage was ‘legalized’ in 2014, ***“They declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not.”***

Likewise the anti-biblical vote for women bishops, also in 2008. Wilkinson continues.

*“Constantine regarded himself as the director and guardian of this anomalous world church...[He wanted] the type of Bible whose readings would give him a basis for his imperialistic ideas of the great state church, with ritualistic ostentation and unlimited central power. The philosophy of Origen was well suited to serve Constantine’s religio-political theocracy [or supreme state church].*

*“It is evident that the so-called Christian Emperor gave to the Papacy his endorsement of the Eusebio-Origen Bible...that Jerome translated [as] the Latin Vulgate which became the authorized Catholic Bible for all time.”*

We will come back to some papist readings that Constantine wanted for unlimited religious and political power. We must now look at Rome’s lust for world power. It is basic to the emergence of the modern bibles.

### ***Rome and Worldwide Power***

Henry Halley<sup>5</sup> states that *“Hildebrand [Pope Gregory VII, 1073-1085] called himself “Overlord of Kings and Princes.” Innocent III called himself “Supreme Sovereign of the world.” Pius IX condemned Separation of Church and State and commanded all true Catholics to obey the Head of the Church rather than Civil Rulers. Leo XIII claimed that he was the “Head of All Rulers.” At the coronation of the Popes, the Papal Crown is placed on their head with the words: “Thou art Father of Princes and Kings, Ruler of the World, and Vicar of Christ.””*

Primacy of the Pope *“not only in matters which belong to faith and morals, but also in those that pertain to the discipline and government throughout the world”* is also part of the decrees of the Council of Trent 1545-63, which are still in force<sup>6</sup>. We will consider this council later.

### ***True Bible Believers During the Dark Ages***

Papal power increased greatly during the Dark Ages. Wilkinson describes how true bible believers strove to retain the purity of ***“the scripture of truth”*** Daniel 10:21. The Waldenses of northern Italy, or the Vaudois, people of the valleys, were some of these early believers.

*“In the silent watches of the night, along the lonely paths of Asia Minor where robbers and wild beasts lurked, might have been seen the noble missionaries carrying manuscripts, and verifying documents from the churches of Judea to encourage their struggling brethren under the iron heel of the Papacy...”*

*“The Scriptures of the apostle John and his associates, the traditional text – the Textus Receptus [the Received Text, forerunner of the King James Bible]... – arose from the place of humiliation forced on it by Origen’s Bible in the hands of Constantine and became the Received Text of Greek Christianity. And when the Greek East for one thousand years was completely shut off from the Latin West, the noble Waldenses in northern Italy still possessed in Latin the Received Text...”*

*“It is not true, as the Roman Church claims, that she gave the Bible to the world. What she gave was an impure text, a text with thousands of verses so changed as to make way for her unscriptural doctrines. While upon those who possessed the veritable Word of God, she poured out through long centuries her stream of cruel persecution.”*

Consider these examples of Rome’s *“impure text,”* from the beginning, middle and end of the New Testament - found in the RV, JB, NJB, 1984, 2013 NWTs, 1984, 2011 NIVs, ESV.

### ***Corrupted Texts***

Matthew 1:25, ***“firstborn”*** omitted to make Mary a perpetual virgin.

Matthew 5:44, ***“bless them that curse you”*** omitted to allow for Papal anathemas, i.e. anyone who disobeys the pope effectively ‘curses’ him.

Matthew 6:13, ***“For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen”*** the doxology removed to strengthen the pope’s pretence to global temporal power.

Matthew 16:3, ***“O ye hypocrites”*** the Lord’s rebuke to religious hypocrites deleted.

Matthew 23:14 i.e. whole verse, ***“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows’ houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation”*** the Lord’s rebuke to religious hypocrites deleted.

Acts 8:37 i.e. whole verse, ***“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”*** explicit reading on individual salvation deleted.

Acts 9:5, 6, *“the Lord”* and *“it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?”* explicit reading on individual salvation deleted.

These deletions enable Rome to say, as Halley shows, that obedience to the Pope is necessary for salvation. Rome’s influence during the Dark Ages was such that these readings from Acts 8:37, 9:5, 6 are missing from most extant Greek manuscripts. But the Waldenses preserved them, as does the AV1611.

Colossians 1:14, *“through his blood”* omitted to equate redemption with priestly absolution. This is a prime example of unbridled papal power.

James 5:16, *“faults”* changed to *“sins”* to encourage the abomination of the Confessional – even the ‘conservative’ NKJV has *“trespasses.”* Yet, while exhibiting serious omissions/alterations, Catholic bibles contain the Apocrypha. 2 Maccabees 12:43-46<sup>7</sup> justifies purgatory.

These corrupt texts, a few among hundreds, came from corrupt sources.

### ***Corrupted Manuscripts - Codices Vaticanus and Sinaiticus***

These are two 4<sup>th</sup> century Greek manuscripts that underlie Jerome’s Catholic Latin Vulgate. They are the main sources for the corruptions mentioned above. In addition, Vaticanus omits Revelation. Revelation describes God’s judgement on *“the great whore”* Revelation 19:2, the Catholic Church.

Sinaiticus omits Daniel, the Old Testament companion to Revelation. Daniel Chapter 11 describes God’s judgement on the papal Antichrist.

Vaticanus contains the Old Testament Apocrypha and Sinaiticus contains the New Testament Apocrypha; the Shepherd of Hermes and the Epistle of Barnabas<sup>8</sup>. These books command readers to take the name of the world ruler, give up to this world ruler and form a one-world (papal) government. This ‘world ruler’ is the beast of Revelation 13, 17.

Nevertheless, the 1978 NIV describes Vaticanus and Sinaiticus as *“the most reliable early manuscripts”* and *“the earliest and most reliable manuscripts”* with respect to their disputing of Mark 16:9-20 and John 7:53-8:11. But they plainly illustrate Rome’s hatred of the pure bible. Thanks no doubt to pressure from Bible believers the 1984, 2011 NIV Editions have a toned-down note *The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9–20.* The 1984, 2011 NIV Editions have a similar toned-down note for John 7:53-8:11. Nevertheless they still illustrate Rome’s hatred of the pure bible.

## ***Rome's Hatred of the Pure Bible***

Halley reveals further the hatred of Rome for the pure bible.

*“Hildebrand ordered Bohemians not to read the Bible. Innocent III forbade the people reading the Bible in their own language. Gregory IX forbade laymen possessing the Bible, and suppressed translations. Translations among the Albigenses [bible believers of southern France] and Waldenses were burned, and people burned for having them...Leo XII, Pius VIII, Gregory XVI and Pius IX all condemned Bible Societies. In Catholic countries the Bible is an unknown book.”* The King James Bible is becoming an unknown book in Britain today, because Rome aims to make Britain Catholic again. In part, she is using Islam to do it, as a carrot-and-stick approach. For example, in contrast with Archbishop Williams's treasonable endorsement of Sharia Law, Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor<sup>9</sup> has spoken out against Sharia Law. He is saying, in effect, join Rome and Rome will protect you from Islam.

But Rome will take away your King James Bible as quickly as Islam will. How do we know this?

Charles Chiniquy was a 19<sup>th</sup> century French-Canadian Catholic priest. He was a Catholic for 50 years and a priest for 25 of those years. After he got saved, Chiniquy<sup>10</sup> issued this solemn warning.

### ***Chiniquy's Warning***

*“It is a fact that to-day, almost all over the world, the Church of Rome grants permission to read the Bible...But I will here ask the Roman Catholics, “To whom do you owe that privilege and honour of a Bible in your house? Is it to your Church?” Oh! no, for if your Church could be free to fulfil her own laws you would be sent to gaol; nay you would be burnt on a scaffold for that Bible. But you owe that privilege to the glorious British Protestant flag which protects you – wherever it floats on the breeze, no Pope, no priest will dare to trouble you for that Bible – they let you possess and read that holy book because they cannot help it. But when we have confessed this we must say the truth. When the priest of Rome to-day, puts a Bible in the hands of his people, or any priest receives the Bible from his Church, there is a condition. The condition is that though the priest or people may read the Bible, they must swear that they will never interpret it according to their conscience, or their intelligence.”* So Catholics end up trusting the Church and as Halley states, the Bible is an unknown book in Catholic countries [in terms of Biblical authority and eventually in terms even of Biblical knowledge](#).

As we shall see, the condition that Rome imposes on Catholics is subtly imposed on Protestants in another way.

In addition, *“the glorious British Protestant flag”* is in grave danger of being lowered for all time beneath the 12-star ‘golden garrotte’ banner of the Catholic European Union<sup>11</sup>. Once again, the shadow of the Inquisition hangs over bible believers. We may see history repeated.



## ***Papal Persecutions***

As a priority, Rome inflicted the Inquisition to stamp out the Reformation and the Bible. “*The noble Waldenses in northern Italy*” were among the Reformation’s pioneers – and its martyrs. Wilkinson writes.

*“It was impossible...to hold back the ripening harvest. Throughout the centuries, the Waldenses and other faithful evangelicals had sown the seed. The fog was rolling away from the plains and hills of Europe. The pure Bible which long had sustained the faith of the Vaudois, was soon to be adopted by others so mighty that they would shake Europe from the Alps to the North Sea. The light had begun spreading unobserved, and the Reformation was on the point of being anticipated. The demon Innocent III was the first to decry the streaks of day on the crest of the Alps. Horror-stricken, he started up, and began to thunder for his pandemonium against a faith which...was threatening to dissolve the power of Rome...”* But he could not stop the ‘Europe-shakers.’

One of the greatest Europe-shakers was Erasmus of Rotterdam.

### ***Erasmus of Rotterdam***

Erasmus<sup>12</sup> was an outstanding 16<sup>th</sup> century textual scholar. He compiled the first Greek New Testament. Wilkinson writes, his emphases.

*“The text [Erasmus] chose had such an outstanding history in the Greek, the Syrian, and the Waldensian Churches, that it constituted an irresistible argument of God’s providence. **God did not write a hundred Bibles; there is only one Bible, the others at best are only approximations. In other words the Greek New Testament of Erasmus, known as the Received Text, is none other than the Greek New Testament which successfully met the rage of its pagan and papal enemies.**”* It still does – in the form of the AV1611.

Another Europe-shaker was William Tyndale.

### ***William Tyndale***

William Tyndale came under Erasmus’s teaching of Greek at Cambridge University. He dedicated his life to the scriptures, as Wilkinson notes.

*“When [Tyndale] left Cambridge, he accepted a position as tutor in the home of an influential landowner...It was then that in disputing with a learned man who put the Pope’s laws above God’s laws [Gnosticism again], that he made his famous vow, “If God spare my life, ere many years, I will cause a boy that driveth a plough shall know more of the Scripture than thou doest.””*

Tyndale would die in the pursuit of that vow. His English New Testament from Erasmus’s Greek New Testament was immediately the subject of Jesuit counterattack.

Wilkinson writes.

*“So instant and so powerful was the influence of Tyndale’s gift upon England, that Catholicism, through those newly formed papal invincibles, called the Jesuits, sprang to its feet and brought forth...a Jesuit New Testament... This newly invented rival version advanced to the attack, and...a crisis in the world’s history was met when the Jesuit Bible became a challenge to Tyndale’s translation.”*

We must now consider that challenge.

### ***The Jesuit Order and the Counter-Reformation***

Wilkinson describes what the Jesuit founder, Ignatius Loyola, must have said to the pope.

*““We, the Jesuits, will capture the colleges and the universities. We will gain control of instruction in law, medicine, science, education, and so weed out from all books of instruction, anything injurious to Roman Catholicism. We will mould the thoughts and ideas of the youth. We will enroll ourselves as Protestant preachers and college professors in the different Protestant faiths. Sooner or later, we will undermine the authority of the Greek New Testament of Erasmus...And thus will we undermine the Protestant Reformation.””* Gnosticism at large.

### ***Council of Trent***

The Jesuit’s first step in countering the Reformation was the Council of Trent, 1545-1563. It set out the Jesuit strategy. Wilkinson writes.

*“The Council of Trent was dominated by the Jesuits...[Therefore] these four propositions which first engaged the attention of the Council, and which the Council condemned, are:*

*“They Condemned: I — “That Holy Scriptures contained all things necessary for salvation, and that it was impious to place apostolic tradition on a level with Scripture.”*

*“They Condemned: II — “That certain books accepted as canonical in the Vulgate were apocryphal and not canonical.”*

*“They Condemned: III — “That Scripture must be studied in the original languages, and that there were errors in the Vulgate.” This condemnation is against Bible translation. The King James Bible was translated out of the original sacred tongues and former English and foreign language Bibles<sup>13</sup>. The King James translators said of the various conflicting editions of Jerome’s Vulgate citing a Catholic that Satan taking occasion by them...did strive what he could, out of so uncertain and manifold a variety of Translations, so to mingle all things, that nothing might seem to be left certain and firm in them. It should always be remembered that **“God is not the author of confusion”** 1 Corinthians 14:33.*

*“They Condemned: IV — “That the meaning of Scripture is plain, and that it can be understood without commentary with the help of Christ’s Spirit.””* The Catholics condemned the Lord Jesus Christ, John 16:13.

***“The Spirit of truth...will guide you into all truth.”***

The Jesuits translated Jerome’s Vulgate<sup>14</sup> into English in order to counter the Received Text. Wilkinson writes.

*“Since 1525, when Tyndale’s Bible appeared, the Scriptures had obtained a wide circulation. As Tyndale foresaw, the influence of the divine Word had weaned the people away from pomp and ceremony in religion [that Constantine had sought to impose]...”*

*“At the same time, the Jesuits were acting to turn the English people from the Bible, back to Romanism. As a means to this end, they brought forth in English [in 1582] a Bible of their own...”*

*“This translation was intended to do on the inside of England, what the great navy of Philip II was to do on the outside. One was to be used as a moral attack, the other as a physical attack; both to reclaim England...”*

Thanks to Tyndale’s Bible, the English people rejected the 1582 Jesuit version<sup>15</sup>. The Armada too was defeated. So the Jesuits bided their time.

When James 1<sup>st</sup> agreed to a bible translation in 1604, the Jesuits struck.

### ***The Gunpowder Plot - to Assassinate James 1<sup>st</sup>***

Protestant historian Albert Close<sup>16</sup> describes the Jesuit involvement.

*“On James I ascending the throne and declaring himself a Protestant, the Jesuits set to work and hatched the Gunpowder Plot...”*

*“Before entering on the final stage of this hellish plot the conspirators retired into an inner chamber and heard Mass and received the Sacrament from Father Gerard. Gerard afterwards wrote that they were all very religious men.”* Like the Muslim Imams of today. [See \*Slavery, Terrorism & Islam\* by Peter Hammond.](#)

By God’s grace, the plot was foiled. Along with other plotters, the Jesuit Father Henry Garnett was condemned to die, on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1606 in St Paul’s churchyard. Here we note a remarkable instance of God’s grace and mercy. Work was in progress on the new bible translation and one of the King James translators was John Overall, Dean of St Paul’s.

Historian Gustavus Paine<sup>17</sup> reveals that on the day of Garnet’s execution, *“John Overall, Dean of St Paul’s, took time off from his translating to be present. Very gravely and Christianly he and the Dean of Winchester urged upon Garnet “a true and lively faith to God-ward,” a free and plain statement to the world of his offense; and if any further treason lay in his knowledge, he was begged to unburden his conscience and show a sorrow and detestation of it. Garnet, firm in his beliefs, desired them not to trouble him. So after the men assigned to the gruesome duty had hanged, drawn, and quartered the victim, Dean Overall returned to St Paul’s and his Bible task.”*

The King’s men were faithful witnesses to ***“the scripture of truth”*** Daniel 10:21.



The Jesuits, like the Devil, had been forced to depart *“for a season”* Luke 4:13b. However, like *The Terminator*, they would be back.

### ***Rome’s Involvement in Textual Criticism***

The Jesuits launched a new form of attack - textual criticism. They had to go against the Council of Trent’s condemnation of Proposition III, and study the scriptures *“in the original languages.”* But they chose manuscripts that supported Jerome’s Latin Vulgate and the 1582 New Testament, as Wilkinson explains.

*“[The Jesuits] turned away from the overwhelming mass of MSS and invested with tyrannical superiority a certain few documents, some of them of a questionable character [like Vaticanus and Sinaiticus].”*

Therefore, as Wilkinson says, *“when our time-honored Bibles are revised, the changes are generally in favor of Rome. We are told that Bible revision is a step forward; that new MSS have been made available and advance has been made in archeology, philology [science of language], geography, and the apparatus of criticism. How does it come then that we have been revised back into the arms of Rome?”*

Remember that the Jesuits aimed to capture the universities. They did.

### ***Textual Critics***

Wilkinson also identifies the main textual critics.

*“The founders of this critical movement were Catholics. Dr. Hort tells us that the writings of a French priest, Richard Simon (1638-1712) had a large share in the movement to discredit the Textus Receptus class of MSS and Bibles.”* These are the sources of the 1611 Holy Bible.

By the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the Jesuits had persuaded German Protestant theologians to become textual critics. J. J. Griesbach was one of the first. Wilkinson explains.

*“Griesbach (1745-1812) attacked the Received Text of the New Testament in a new way...he classified readings into three groups, and put all manuscripts under these groupings, giving them the names of “Constantinopolitan,” or those of the Received Text, the “Alexandrian,” and the “Western”...the Greek New Testament he brought forth by this measuring rod followed the Alexandrian manuscripts or, — Origen.”* Griesbach’s New Testament contains many modern departures from the King James Text observed in the NIV. See [www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/) *‘O Biblios’ – The Book, Table 6 AV1611 versus DR and Modern Editors.*

Rome’s increasing influence brought about apostasy in England.

### ***Apostasy in England***

By the 19<sup>th</sup> century, English Protestants were becoming textual critics. One was Cambridge Professor W.F. Moulton. He greatly favoured Griesbach’s type of New Testament. Wilkinson explains.

*“Professor W. F. Moulton, a Revisionist, also wrote a book on the ‘History of the Bible.’ In this book he glorifies the Jesuit Bible of 1582 as agreeing ‘with the best critical editions of the present day.’ ‘Hence,’ he says, ‘we may expect to find that the Rhemish New Testament (Jesuit Bible of 1582) frequently anticipates the judgment of later scholars as to the presence or absence of certain words, clauses, or even verses.’”* He meant the modern departures from the AV1611.

Wilkinson describes the result of the apostasy among the English clergy.

*“The campaigns of nearly three centuries against the Received Text did their work. The Greek New Testament of the Reformation was dethroned and with it the Versions translated from it...It had been predicted that if the Revised Version were not of sufficient merit to be authorized and so displace the King James, confusion and division would be multiplied by a crop of unauthorized and sectarian translations.”*

This is exactly what happened, 256\* new versions since the 1881 RV. We need to look again at the main sources for the new corrupt Revised text.

\*The total from 1881 to 2010 is 256.

See [baptist-potluck.blogspot.co.uk/2010/08/bible-versions-since-1881.html](http://baptist-potluck.blogspot.co.uk/2010/08/bible-versions-since-1881.html).

### ***Codex Vaticanus B and Codex Sinaiticus Ⲁ, Aleph***

Wilkinson explains.

*“The Latin Vulgate, the Sinaiticus, the Vaticanus, the Hexapla [6-column parallel Septuagint, LXX], Jerome, Eusebius, and Origen, are terms for ideas that are inseparable in the minds of those who know. The type of Bible selected by Constantine has held the dominating influence at all times in the history of the Catholic Church.”*

Dean John Burgon, 1813-1888, was an outstanding textual scholar. He accounts for the most likely origin of Vaticanus and Sinaiticus, also known as B and Aleph (first letter of the Hebrew alphabet)<sup>18</sup>.

*“Constantine applied to Eusebius for fifty handsome copies amongst which it is not improbable that the manuscripts...B and Ⲁ were to be actually found.”*

So *“the earliest and most reliable manuscripts”* for the evangelical NIV go straight back to the first pope and his persecuting church.

Moreover, the Lord brought about Reformation, Revival and missionary outreach during the 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> centuries by means of the King James Text. But Vaticanus and Sinaiticus remained in obscurity. God ignored them. So why bother with versions from them, like the NIV, NRSV, [ESV](#) etc.?

As Dean Burgon<sup>19</sup> incisively comments.

*“Dr. Hort contends that [the Truth of Scripture] more than half lay perdu on a forgotten shelf in the Vatican Library; - Dr. Tischendorf, that it had been deposited in a waste-paper basket in the convent of S. Catherine at the foot of Mount Sinai, - from which he rescued it on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 1859: - neither, we venture to think, a very likely circumstance. We incline to believe that the Author of Scripture hath not by any*

means shown Himself so unmindful of the safety of the Deposit, as those distinguished gentlemen imagine.” The Deposit is the AV1611.

We must now study the two academics who introduced the Catholic RV bible into the Church of England – Drs Westcott and Hort.

### ***Westcott and Hort and the Vatican***

Wilkinson shows how closely Westcott and Hort were allied to Rome.

“Mainly from their own letters...we shall here state the principles which affected their deeper lives...”

#### ***“THEIR MARIOLATRY***

“Hort writes to Westcott, October 17, 1865:

““I have been persuaded for many years that Mary-worship and ‘Jesus’-worship have very much in common in their causes and their results.”

The Lord Jesus Christ said, **“Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve”** Matthew 4:10b. Wilkinson continues.

#### ***“THEIR ANTI-PROTESTANTISM***

“Hort writes to Westcott, September 23, 1864: ““Perfect Catholicity has been nowhere since the Reformation.” That is, the Reformation was a mistake. The 1988 Lambeth Conference<sup>20</sup> disavowed the Reformation.

#### ***“THEIR ANTI-ANGLICANISM***

“Hort writes to Westcott, September 23, 1864:

““Anglicanism, though by no means without a sound standing, seems a poor and maimed thing beside great Rome.” It was with Rowan ‘Sharia’ Williams as Archbishop of Canterbury<sup>21</sup>. Was he a Jesuit ‘plant’? Justin Welby seems keen to get the Protestants back to Rome from his St Patrick’s Day address<sup>22</sup>.

“THEIR RITUALISM “Hort writes to Mr. John Ellerton, July 6, 1848:

““The pure Romish view seems to me nearer...to the truth than the Evangelical... We dare not forsake the sacraments or God will forsake us.” The Lord said, **“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”** Hebrews 13:5b. Sacraments are not mentioned anywhere in the chapter.

Westcott and Hort shared these views and gave you the modern versions.

### ***Westcott and Hort and the Oxford Movement, 1833-1845***

The Movement’s aims were:

- To Romanise the Church of England.
- To force the nation back to Rome.
- To replace the 1611 Holy Bible with a Catholic bible.

Dr, later Cardinal, John Henry Newman was the genius behind the Oxford Movement, by means of his *Tract 90*. Quoting the historian Wylie, Wilkinson says this of *Tract 90*.

““*Tract 90...bears strong marks of a Jesuit origin. Could we know all the secret instructions given to the leaders in the [Oxford] movement...we might well be astonished. ‘Go gently...Remember the motto of our dear son, the Bishop of Autun, — “surtout, pas trop de zele,” (above all, not too much zeal). Bring into view, little by little, the authority of the [Romanised] church. If you can succeed in rendering it equal to that of the Bible, you have done much.*”” That was the purpose of *Tract 90*.

Then the (Romanised) church takes authority *over* the bible, using textual criticism. Then her agents, like Westcott and Hort, impose her own (Catholic) bible in order to overthrow the pure bible, the AV1611. Remember the tie-up between the RV, JB, NJB, NIVs, ESV for Matthew 1:25, 5:44, 6:13, 16:3, 23:14, Acts 8:37, 9:5, 6, Colossians 1:14, James 5:16.

Newman became a Roman Catholic in 1845 and was made a cardinal in 1879. According to *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, “[Newman’s] greatness has been increasingly recognized in modern times.”

Indeed it has. This is a Church of England publication<sup>23</sup> from York, dated February-April 2008, this author’s [emphases](#).

“*From 1833 Newman...and others of the ‘Oxford Movement’ began reclaiming the Church of England’s continuity with the historic Western [i.e. Roman Catholic] Church. This catholic revival influenced the Church of England deeply, and still does. As an expression of it a group of Anglicans in the 1930s produced ‘The English Missal’. This was a translation into English of the then current version of the Roman Missal of 1570, with parts of the [Book of Common Prayer] mass rite added. Their conviction was that they could in this way continue to be loyal Anglicans while as catholics worshipping God with some of the fulfilling richness of the older style. This remains basically the aim of worship at All Saints.*” The Anglicans at All Saints will end up as full Catholics.

This is today’s Church of England; sodomite clergy, women bishops, Romish ritual, Sharia law. It makes the Lord sick, Revelation 3:16. And during the revision, Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, was also not pleased.

### ***The Crown Disavows the RV***

Wilkinson states that the Revisers twice petitioned the Crown to appoint a royal commission for the Revision. The Crown refused. Therefore, *all* the modern versions are not of God, because a king did not sanction them. However, a king *did* sanction the 1611 Bible.

“*Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?*” Ecclesiastes 8:4. “*The king’s word*” is the final authority, 2 Samuel 24:4, now vested in the AV1611. The modern versions have no power with God. Thus, they bring no revival.

## ***1881, Year of Infamy***

1881 was a year of infamy. Westcott and Hort published the RV in 1881. That same year, Professors Archibald Hodge and Benjamin Warfield of Princeton Theological Seminary attacked the Holy Bible - by appealing to the lost ‘originals.’ In *The Presbyterian Review* in 1881<sup>24</sup>, they said this.

*“All the affirmations of Scripture...are without any error, when the ipsissima verba [the precise words] of the original autographs are ascertained and interpreted in their natural and intended sense.”*

That is, only the ‘originals,’ which you don’t have, are God’s words and only the ‘scholars’ can tell you what God *really* said. So ‘scholarship’ is now the final authority for Protestants, just as the Church is the final authority for Catholics. Today, Christian fundamentalists proclaim the heresy of ‘scholarship onlyism’ or ‘originals onlyism’ from pulpits up and down the land. Why no revival? You have the answer.

## ***Rome and Biblical Translation Today***

The question arises, is Rome manipulating today’s new bibles?

Yes. See the verses listed under ***Rome and Her View of the Bible***.

Wilkinson in his unabridged work lists 45 readings<sup>25</sup>, comprising 46 verses that Westcott and Hort’s RV altered from the 1611 readings in order to support Romish or modernistic, i.e. anti-biblical, doctrines.

The popular modern versions, NIVs, NRSV, ESV agree with the RV *against* the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible in 39 of the 45 readings, or 87%. The NKJV notes the RV alterations in its margin, *as valid alternative readings*. Thus, *all* the modern versions are *Catholic* bibles, in their texts or their notes. **The NIVs, ESV are the most prominent examples.**

## ***Rome and the NIV New International Version***

Rome is intimately involved with the NIV<sup>12</sup>. Emphases are this author’s.

*“The TBS, Trinitarian Bible Society noted in their Quarterly Record, Oct.-Dec. 1987 No. 501, p 8. “Advice for the NIV was also sought from Jewish, **Roman Catholic**, and atheistic scholars, according to a news release by the publishers...”*

*““The Greek text on which [the NIV] is mainly based was not prepared by evangelical scholars but by the editors of the United Bible Societies’ Greek New Testament ...[including] several who deny the inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures [Gnosticism again], working in co-operation with a **Roman Catholic Cardinal, Carlo Martini.**””*

I draw attention to the words of P.D. Stuart<sup>26</sup>. Stuart’s summary summarises Rome. *“When one thinks of the endless Jesuit-staged conspiracies, one is reminded of what Leonardo Donato, [Chief Magistrate] of Venice, 1606-1612, told the Pope’s Nuncio after having imprisoned certain seditious priests in his city. “Go back to Rome and tell your Master [Pope Paul V] that there is never a deed of shame done in any part of the Republic but some worthless priest is at the bottom of it.””*



### ***Rome and Ecumenical Bible Projects Worldwide***

The TBS<sup>27</sup> has published a further warning about *Roman Catholic attitudes to Scripture* worldwide.

*“Catholics are now officially encouraged to read and study the Scriptures for themselves...”* Remember Charles Chiniquy’s warning **but also Halley’s statement.**

*“However...in Roman Catholic circles, the current emphasis on the reading of Scripture is accompanied by an equal emphasis upon the authority of the Roman church. Catholics are exhorted not only to trust their church as being the infallible interpreter of Scripture, but also to look to the church as a source of divine truth **additional** to the truths of Scripture...”* Just as ‘scholars’ overawe Protestants by means of extra revelation from ‘the originals.’ Gnosticism again.

*“The ecumenical movement, and in particular ecumenical activity in the translation and distribution of the Scriptures [worldwide] has not led to the change of a single Roman Catholic doctrine, [Catholic/ecumenical modern bibles **are among “the unfruitful works of darkness”** Ephesians 5:11] but has if anything enabled the Roman Catholic church to enlarge her sphere of influence and control.”* Thus fulfilling Constantine’s ambitions. The Catholic trusts the church *“as...the infallible interpreter of Scripture,”* the Protestant trusts the ‘scholars.’ The ‘scholars’ promote the papal text. Rome devours the Protestants and the whole world through ecumenicism and multi-faith dialogue. Even Muslims worship Mary as *Queen of All*<sup>28</sup>.

The article, from the 1980s, refers to 390 ecumenical Protestant-Catholic bible projects worldwide, in 50 languages. It expresses concern that *“the Rev Dr John R. W. Stott, who has a reputation as an evangelical writer and preacher”* was then a vice-president of the ecumenical United Bible Societies. We should not be surprised therefore, about *“the present distress”* 1 Corinthians 7:26 of our church and nation.

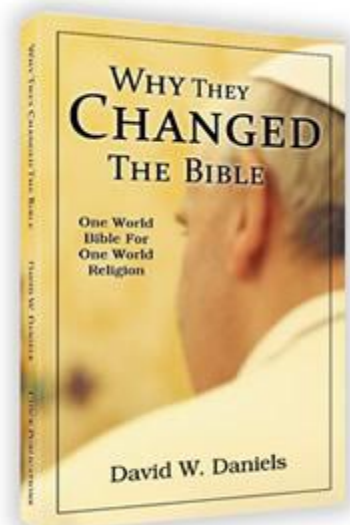
The article concludes with a profound warning that highlights the Jesuit strategy, *“to retire into the background, the King James.”* This was the main aim of the Jesuit Counter-Reformation and the Oxford Movement.

Bro. David Daniels has shown in his book *Why They Changed The Bible* that Rome now controls most Bible translation on the mission field. Bible translators such as Wycliffe must use the Catholic New Testament text as for the NJB and agree to the Apocrypha in the Old Testament.

See [www.chick.com/catalog/books/0220.asp](http://www.chick.com/catalog/books/0220.asp).

Baptist pastor, Robert Militello<sup>29</sup> also has a profound warning. Jesuits in New York educated Pastor Militello during the 1950s and 60s. He states.

*“I see a grave danger for Protestants who do not study their Bible. Jesuits capitalise on this and promote the idea of looking to a man rather than to Scripture [Gnosticism again]. They do this rather subtly by declaring that*



*[although] the Bible is inerrant, that only the original manuscripts were inspired, and that since they are lost, believers must look to teachers and scholars as the final authority [Gnosticism again].”*

This is precisely what Hodge and Warfield said in 1881, hand in glove with Jesuit strategy. Robert Militello continues.

*“Jesuits have dedicated their lives to undoing the Reformation and the Bible it produced for the English-speaking world – the Authorized Version. Christian colleges now teach that only the original manuscripts were inspired and that all [contemporary] Bibles have errors.*

*“What a thorough job Rome has done in leavening Christian schools with unbelief in God’s Word and devotion to Scholarship and the opinions of man [Gnosticism again]...”* Why no revival? You have the answer.

Robert Militello sums up the Jesuit success through the modern versions.

*“They have put to bed America’s Protestants.”*

In England, the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw no revival, even with [well over 200](#) modern versions. The Jesuits had put to bed England’s Protestants as well,

### **Conclusion**

Rome and Rome’s Jesuits have always hated and fought **“the scripture of truth”** Daniel 10:21 in the papal quest for world domination.

Rome’s, the Jesuits’ – and the Devil’s – greatest successes came in 1881.

- 1881 saw the Church of England officially abandon **“the scripture of truth”** Daniel 10:21, the AV1611.
- 1881 saw the Church of England replace the AV1611 with a Catholic bible, the RV, disavowed by the Crown but the first of many.
- 1881 saw Protestant ‘scholars’ put the lost ‘originals’ above the Holy Bible. Protestants now look to ‘scholars’ and in turn the papal bible.
- 1881 saw the beginning of **“The present distress”** 1 Corinthians 7:26 with no revival for our nation but impending global papal domination.

### **What can be done now?**

- Remember 1881 as the year of infamy for the Body of Christ.
- Feel free to copy and circulate the handout **English Reformation to Last Days Apostasy**, showing the post-1611 explosion of apostasy.
- And pray that in the words of Paul **“the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you”** 2 Thessalonians 3:1, because **“the word of God is not bound”** 2 Timothy 2:9b.

Rome binds the souls of men but she cannot bind the pure Bible. Amen.

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