The NKJV Counterfeit

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Count-er-feit \'kaunt-er-fit'\: to imitate or copy closely *especially with intent to deceive*.

The greatest method of deception is to counterfeit. And the master of counterfeit and deception is Satan.

The Bible in 2 Corinthians 11:14-15 warns of Satan's counterfeit: "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;..." Isaiah 14:14 tells of Satan's ultimate counterfeit: "...I will BE LIKE the most High."

And among his greatest counterfeits is the New King James Bible (NKJV). Christians that would never touch a New International Version (NIV), New American Standard (NASV), Revised Standard (RSV), the New Revised Standard (NRSV) or other *per*-versions are being "seduced" by the subtil NKJV.

And though the New King James does indeed bear a "likeness" to the 1611 King James Bible, as you'll soon see, there's something else coiled (see Genesis 3:1) "*underneath the cover*" of the NKJV.

WHAT ABOUT THAT MYSTERIOUS MARK?

Symbols are used throughout the occult.

Harpers' Encyclopedia of Mystical & Paranormal Experience (p 594) says, **"Symbols are important to all esoteric teachings, for they contain secret wisdom accessible only to the initiated."** Many people have asked about the mysterious symbol on the NKJV.



Thomas Nelson Publishers (publishers of the NKJV) claim, on the inside-cover, the symbol, "...is an ancient symbol for the Trinity." But Acts 17:29, clearly FORBIDS such symbology: "...we ought NOT to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, GRAVEN BY ART and man's device."

And why does The Aquarian Conspiracy, a key New Age "handbook", bear a similar symbol?

New Agers freely admit it represents three inter-woven "6"s or "666."

Constance Cumbey, author of The Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow and a notable authority on the New Age Movement, said, "On the cover of the Aquarian Conspiracy is a Mobius, it is really used by them as triple six (666). The emblem on the cover of the New King James Bible is said to be an ancient symbol of the Trinity. The old symbol had gnostic origins. It was more gnostic than Christian. **I was rather alarmed when I noticed the emblem...**" (The New Age Movement, Southwest Radio Church, 1982 p 11).



The three esoteric "6"'s separated. Plainly displaying the interlocked "666."



The Triqueta is used as the centerpiece for the logo for The Institute of Transpersonal Psychology (ITP). The ITP is a new age school following the Jungian Psychology [occultist Carl Jung]. One of their stated goals is "...to reach the recognition of divinity within" (www.itp.edu/about/tp.html) (see Genesis 3:5, "...ye shall be as gods...").

The same symbol (with a circle) is displayed by the rock group Led Zeppelin. Members of Led Zeppelin are deeply

Transpersonal Psychology involved in satanism and the occult. Guitarist Jimmy Page, so consumed with satanism, actually purchased satanist Aleister Crowley's mansion. Most believe the symbol is from the teachings of Aleister Crowley and represents 666.



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The following picture is "The Hierophant" taken from the Tarot card set designed by satanist Aleister Crowley. The "Hierophant" is a priest in the occult and Eleusinian. Notice the "three circles" at the top of the wand or rod in the Hierphant's hand. Inside the three intertwined circles is the "NKJV symbol".

To the right is the top of the wand enlarged. Notice the "NKJV symbol" (upside down) inside the three circles.



The Hierophant One of the most occultic television shows ever aired is "Charmed".

"Charmed" details the spells and occultic practices of three witches. The "NKJV symbol" is the show's primary symbol of witchcraft and is splattered throughout the series. Notice the "NKJV symbol" displayed on "The Book of Shadows." The Book of Shadows is commonly used in witchcraft and satanism:

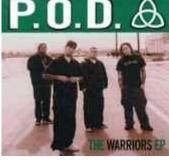


Book of Shadows: Also called a grimoire, this journal kept either by individual witches or satanists or by a coven or group, records the activities of the group and the incantations used. (Jerry Johnston, The Edge of Evil: The Rise of Satanism on North America, p 269)

from the "Charmed" TV series



Deicide means the death of God. RIGHT: The triquetra (the NKJV logo) is also the logo for the Rap/Metal band P.O.D.



The book "Blood on the Doorposts" by former Satanists, Bill and Sharon Schnoebelen, also documents the "trio of sixes (666)" in the "NKJV symbol" and goes so far as claiming it is "symbolic of the anti-christ":

"A disguised interlocked trio of sixes, symbolic of the anti-christ. Also symbolizes the triple goddess of Wicca (three interlocked vesica pisces together). Commonly used in Catholic liturgical iconography, **and has recently found its way into the logo of the New King James Bible**." (Bill and Sharon Schnoebelen, Blood on the Doorposts, p 150)

Dr. Cathy Burns writes in her book, Masonic and Occult Symbols Illustrated, concerning the "NKJV symbol":

"Marilyn Ferguson, a New Ager, used the symbol of the triquetra (another name for the triskele) on her book The Aquarian Conspiracy. **This is a variation for the number 666**. Other books and material have a similar design printed on them, such as books from David Spangler, the person who lauds Lucifer, and The Witch's Grimoire. As most people know, the number 666 is the number of the beast (see Revelation 13:18) and is evil, yet the occultists and New Agers love this number and consider it to be sacred.

"As stated earlier, many organizations, such as the World Future Society and the Trilateral Commission, incorporate this symbol into their logo. I think it is quite interesting to see that this same symbol appears on the cover of the New King James Bible as well!" (Dr. Cathy Burns, Masonic and Occult Symbols Illustrated, pp 242-243)

Would God "mark" His word with a symbol in the occult?

NKJV Errors

The *Preface* to the New King James Version (NKJV) p v reads, "A special feature of the New King James Version is ITS **CONFORMITY** to the thought flow of the 1611 Bible...words, phrases, and clauses of the new edition, while much clearer ARE SO **CLOSE** to the traditional..."

Among the first *changes* that greets the reader of the NKJV is the removal of the much maligned "*thee, thou and ye.*" The *Preface* to the NKJV p v states, "*…thee, thou, and ye are replaced by the simple you,… These pronouns are no longer part of our language*. "But "thee, thou and ye" were "*NO LONGER part of the language*" during 1611 either. (Just read the Epistle Dedicatory to the 1611 King James, there are no "thee", "thou" and "ye"). In fact, *Webster's Third New International Dictionary*, says of **ye**: "*used from the earliest of times to the late 13th century*…" (p 2648). And yet the 1611 King James was published 400 years later in the 17th century!

So why are they there?

The Greek and Hebrew language contain a different word for the second person *singular* and the second person *plural* pronouns. Today we use the one-word "you" for both the singular and plural. But because the translators of the 1611 King James Bible desired an *accurate, word-for-word* translation of the Hebrew and Greek text - *they could NOT use the one-word "you" throughout!* If *it begins with "t" (thou, thy, thine) it's SINGULAR, but if it begins with "y" (ye) it's PLURAL*. Ads for the NKJV call it "the Accurate One", and yet the 1611 King James, by using "thee", "thou", "ye", is far more accurate!

By the way, if the "thee's" and "thou's" are "...no longer part of our language" - why aren't the NKJV translators rushing to make our hymnbooks "much clearer" by changing "How Great Thou Art" to "How Great You Are," or "Come Thou Fount" to "Come You Fount"? Doesn't sound right, does it? Isn't it amazing that they wouldn't dare "correct" our hymns - and yet, without the slightest hesitation, they'll "correct" the word of God!

The NKJV claims to make the "old" KJV "much clearer" by "*updating obsolete words*" (*New King James Version*, 1982 Edition p v. N.B. Terry Watkins refers to *New King James Version*, 1982e. p 1235 – AJO'R.)

How about that "obsolete word" - "hell." The NKJV removes the word "hell" 23 times! And how do they make it "much clearer"? By replacing "hell" with "Hades" and "Sheol"! Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines Hades: "the underground abode of the dead in Greek MYTHOLOGY." By making it "much clearer" - they turn your Bible into MYTHOLOGY! Not only that, Hades is not always a place of torment or terror! The Assyrian Hades is an abode of blessedness with silver skies called "Happy Fields." In the satanic New Age Movement, Hades is an intermediate state of purification!

Who in their right mind would think "Hades" or "Sheol" is "up-to-date" and "much clearer" than "hell"?

Matthew 16:18

KJV: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

NKJV: "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

Luke 16:23

KJV: "And **in hell** he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

NKJV: "And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

Hell is removed in 2 Samuel 22:6, Job 11:8, 26:6, Psalm 16:10, 18:5, 86:13, 116:3, Isaiah 5:14, 14:15, 28:15, 18, 57:9, Jonah 2:2, Matthew 11:23, 16:18, Luke 10:15, 16:23, Acts 2:27, 31, Revelation 1:18, 6:8, 20:13, 14.

Then the NKJV decides that maybe "Hades" should be "grave"! So the NKJV makes 1 Corinthians 15:55 "much clearer" by changing "grave" to "Hades"! "...**O Hades**, where is your victory?" **Clear** as mud!

Another one of those "obsolete words" is "repent." They take it out 44 times! And how does the NKJV make it "much clearer"? In Matthew 21:32 they use "relent." In Matthew 27:3 it's "remorseful." In Romans 11:29 they change "repentance" to "irrevocable."

The term "new testament" is NOT in the NKJV! (See Matt. 26:28, Mark 14:24, Luke 22:20, 1 Corinthians 11:25, 2 Corinthians 3:6, Hebrews 9:15.) The NKJV replaces "new testament" with "new covenant" (ditto the NIV, RSV, NRSV, NASV). *An obvious assault at the written word!*

The words "damned," "damnation" are NOT in the NKJV! They make it "much clearer" by replacing it with "condemn" (ditto the NIV, RSV, NRSV, NASV). "Condemned" is NOWHERE NEAR AS SERIOUS as "damned"! Damned is eternal! One can be "condemned" and not "damned." Romans 14:22 says, "...Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." Webster defines "condemned": to declare to be wrong, but the much more serious and eternal "damn": "to condemn to hell."

The word "devils" (the singular, [the] person called the "devil" is in the NKJV) is NOT in the NKJV! It is replaced with the "transliterated" Greek word "demon" (ditto the NIV, RSV, NRSV, NASV). *The Theosophical Dictionary* describes demon as: "...*it has a meaning identical with that of 'god,' 'angel' or 'genius'.*" Even Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words (p 157) defines "demon" as: "an inferior deity, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD." Webster defines "demon" as: "divinity, spirit, an attendant power or spirit," but "devil" as: "the personal supreme spirit of EVIL..."

In 2 Timothy 2:15, the NKJV (like the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV) remove that "obsolete" word -"study"! The only time you're told to "study" your Bible AND THEY ZAP IT! Why don't they want you to "study" your Bible? Maybe they don't want you to look too close - you might find out what they've ACTUALLY done to your Bible! The "real" KJV is the only English Bible in the world that instructs you to "study" your Bible!

That "obsolete" word "virtue" is replaced with "power" in Mark 5:30, Luke 6:19, 8:46! How does anybody confuse "virtue" with "power"? *Simple - by being "bosom-buddies" with the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV!* **That's what they did!**

One of the most absurd changes ever made is changing the word "servant" to "slave"! The NKJV in Romans 6:22, reads: "But now having been set FREE from sin, and having become SLAVES OF GOD..." The NKJV, in 1 Corinthians 7:22, calls the Christian, "Christ's slave." Talk about a contradiction! John 8:36 says, "If the Son therefore shall make you FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED." But isn't a Christian supposed to serve? Yes, in love. Not as a slave! Galatians 5:13 explains it perfectly: "For, brethren, ye have been called unto LIBERTY; (not slavery!) only use not LIBERTY for an occasion to the flesh, but BY LOVE SERVE one another."

In order to "harmonize" with the satanic New Age Movement (and of course the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV!), the NKJV changes "end of the **WORLD**" to "end of the **AGE**"! And in it's no longer the "**WORLD** to come" but "AGE to come." The New Age Movement teaches a series of ages (hence

the name: New **AGE**). See Matthew 12:32, 13:39, 13:40, 13:49, 24:3, 28:20, Mark 10:30, Luke 18:30, 20:34, 35, 1 Corinthians 1:20.

The New Age Movement and the occult are longing for one called the Maitreya. The Bible calls him the Anti-Christ. New Agers refer to him as the "the Coming One" - AND SO DOES THE NKJV! In Luke 7:19, 20 (see also Matthew 11:3) John told his disciples to ask Jesus: "Are You THE COMING ONE..." In the "The Great Invocation," a "prayer" highly reverenced among New Agers and chanted to "invoke" the Maitreya, says, "Let Light and Love and Power and Death, Fulfill the purpose of the Coming One."

And to REALLY show their sympathy with the satanic New Age Movement - **BELIEVE IT OR NOT** - in Acts 17:29 the New Age NKJV changes "Godhead" to "Divine Nature"! (Ditto the NIV, NASV.)

And if you think the NKJV *just* "innocently" updated the "obsolete words", removed the "thee's and thou's" - here's what the translators proudly admit: "*IT IS CLEAR that this revision REQUIRED* more than the dropping of "-eth" endings, removing, "thee's" and "thou's," and updating obsolete words." (*The New King James Version*, 1982 Edition, *Preface* p v. N.B. Terry Watkins refers to *The New King James Version*, 1982e. p 1235 – AJO'R.)

AND THEY AIN'T JUST A KIDDIN'!

Here's a sampling of the *required* changes:

Note that the following changes do not correspond to *any* edition of the 1611 Holy Bible printed in the last 400 years. They are incorrect readings, not merely the same reading worded differently. The NKJV is *not* a KJV. The NKJV editors lied – AJO'R.

Genesis 2:18: The NKJV ought to make Hillary Clinton proud: "And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make a helper **COMPARABLE TO HIM**."

Genesis 22:8: One of the greatest verses in the Bible proclaiming that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh: "God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering:" The NKJV adds that little word "for": "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering" and destroys the wonderful promise! Where'd they get their little "for"? *From the NASV!*

Genesis 24:47: The "old" KJV reads: "*I put the earring upon her face*." But the NKJV has different plans for beautiful Rebekah: "*I put the nose ring on her nose*." Where did it get the ridiculous idea to "cannibalize" Rebekah? *Just take a peek at the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV*!

Ezra 8:36: The KJV reads, "And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's *lieutenants*..." The "much clearer" NKJV reads, "And they delivered the king's orders to the king's satraps..." Who in the world thinks "satraps" is "much clearer" than lieutenants? The NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV - they do! They put in the same "much clearer" word!

Psalms 109:6: removes "Satan," following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV.

Matthew 7:14: changes "*narrow is the way*" to "*difficult is the way*." There's nothing "difficult" about the salvation of Jesus Christ! Jesus says in Matt. 11:30, "For my yoke is EASY, and my burden is light." THE EXACT OPPOSITE! Boy, you talk about a contradiction!

Matthew 12:40: changes "*whale*" to "*fish*" (ditto the NIV). I don't guess it matters (what's the truth got to do with it?), the Greek word used in Matthew 12:40 is *ketos*. The scientific study of whales just happens to be - *CETOLOGY* - from the Greek *ketos* for whale and *logos* for study! The scientific name for whales just happens to be - *CETACEANS* - from the Greek *ketos* for whale!

Matthew 18:26 and Matthew 20:20: The NKJV removes "*worshipped him*" (robbing worship from Jesus and following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

Mark 13:6 and Luke 21:8: remove "Christ" (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

John 1:3: changes "*All things were made BY him;*" to "*All things were made THROUGH Him*" (following the NIV, RSV, NRSV).

John 4:24: changes "God is a spirit" to the impersonal, New Age pantheistic "God is spirit" (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

John 14:2: (NKJV 1979 Edition) changes "*mansions*" to "*dwelling places*" (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV). (The 1982 NKJV Edition changes the word back to "*mansions*" but the NKJV supporters still deride the 1611 Holy Bible for differences between editions – AJO'R.)

John 14:16: changes "comforter" to "helper," referring to Holy Spirit (following the NASV).

Acts 3:13, 26: change "Son" to "Servant," referring to Jesus (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV) – AJO'R.

Acts 4:27, 30: change "holy child" to "holy servant," referring to Jesus (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

Acts 12:4: changes "Easter" to "Passover" (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

Acts 17:22: changes "superstitious" to "religious" (following NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

Acts 24:14: changes "heresy" to "sect" (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

Romans 1:18: changes *"hold the truth"* to *"suppress the truth"* (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

Romans 1:25: changes *"changed the truth"* to *"exchanged the truth"* (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

Romans 5:8: changes "commendeth" to "demonstrates" (following the NIV, NASV).

Romans 16:18: changes "good words and fair speeches" to "smooth words and flattering speech" (following the NIV, NASV, NRSV).

1 Corinthians 1:21: changes "foolishness of preaching" to "foolishness of the message preached" (ditto the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV). There's nothing foolish about the gospel of Jesus Christ. Unless you're not saved! 1 Corinthians 1:18 says: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish FOOLISHNESS..." I wonder where that leaves the translators of the NKJV, NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV?

1 Corinthians 1:22: changes "require" to "request" (following the NASV).

1 Corinthians 6:9: removes "effeminate" (following the NIV, RSV, NRSV).

1 Corinthians 9:27: changes "*castaway*" to "*disqualified*" (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

2 Corinthians 2:10: changes "person of Christ" to "presence of Christ" (following the NASV, RSV, NRSV).

2 Corinthians 2:17: With all the "corruptions" in the NKJV, you'd expect 2 Corinthians 2:17 to change. *IT DOES!* They change, "For we are not as many which CORRUPT the word of God" to "For we are not, as so many, **PEDDLING** the word of God" (ditto the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

2 Corinthians 5:17: changes "new creature" to "new creation" (following the NIV, RSV, NRSV).

2 Corinthians 10:5: changes *"imaginations"* to *"arguments."* Considering New Age "imaging" and "visualization" is now entering the church, this verse in the "old" KJV just won't do (following the NIV, RSV, NRSV).

2 Corinthians 11:6: changes "rude in speech" to "untrained in speech" (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

Galatians 2:20: omits "nevertheless I live" (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

Philippians 2:6: (NKJV 1979 Edition) changes "thought it not robbery to be equal with God" to "did not consider equality with God something to be grasped," (robbing Jesus Christ of deity and following the NIV, NASV, RSV). (The 1982 NKJV Edition reverted to "did not consider it robbery to be equal with God" but the NKJV supporters still deride the 1611 Holy Bible for differences between editions – AJO'R.)

Philippians 3:8: changes "dung" to "rubbish" (following the NIV, NASV, NRSV).

1 Thessalonians **5:22** changes "all appearance of evil" to "every form of evil" (following the NASV, RSV, NSRV).

1 Timothy 6:5: The NKJV changes "gain is godliness" to "godliness is a MEANS OF gain." There are NO Greek texts with "means of" in them! Where, oh where, did they come from? Care to take a wild guess? **YOU GOT IT!** From the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV!

1 Timothy 6:10: The NKJV changes "For the love of money is the root of all evil:" to "For the love of money is a root of all **KINDS OF** evil." The words "**KINDS OF**" are found in NO Greek text in the world! Where did they get them? **Straight from the NIV, NASV, NRSV!**

1 Timothy 6:20: changes "science" to "knowledge" (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

Titus 3:10: changes "heretic" to "divisive man" (following the NIV).

Hebrews 4:8 and Acts 7:45: "Jesus" is changed to "Joshua" (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

2 Peter 2:1: changes "damnable heresies" to "destructive heresies" (NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

1 John 3:16: removes "of God"; (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

1 John 5:13: The NKJV reads: *"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may CONTINUE TO believe in the name of the Son of God."* They add "CONTINUE TO" without any Greek text whatsoever! Not even the perverted NIV, NASV, NRSV and RSV go that far! A cruel, subtil (see Genesis 3:1) attack on the believer's eternal security.

Revelation 2:13: changes "*Satan's seat*" to "*Satan's throne*" (following the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV).

Revelation 6:14: "Heaven" is changed to "sky" as in the NIV, NASV, RSV, NRSV.

AND THAT DOESN'T SCRATCH THE SURFACE OF ALL THE CHANGES!

The NKJV removes the word "Lord" 66 times!

The NKJV removes the word "God" 51 times!

The NKJV removes the word "heaven" 50 times!

In just the New Testament alone the NKJV removes 2.289 words from the KJV! The NKJV makes over 100,000 word changes!

And most will match the NIV, NASV, RSV, or RSV!

And Thomas Nelson Publishers have the audacity to claim in an ad for the NKJV (Moody Monthly, June 1982, back cover), "NOTHING HAS BEEN CHANGED except to make the original meaning clearer."

The New King James is a COUNTERFEIT!

It's NOT NEW! The changes are already in the NIV, NASV, NRSV, or RSV!

And it's certainly NOT true to the 1611 King James Bible!

Friend, I want to ask you the most important question anyone will ever ask you:

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SAVED?

It's simple to be saved!

1. Know you're a sinner

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" Romans 3:10

"for there is no difference. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23

2. That Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for your sins

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree," 1 Peter 2:24

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood," Revelation 1:5

3. And the best way you know how, simply trust Him, and Him alone as your personal Savior

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE SAVED?

Pray this prayer, and mean it with all your heart.

Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and unless you save me I am lost forever. I thank you for dying for me at Calvary. I come to you now, Lord the best way I know how, and ask you to save me. I now receive you as my Savior. In Jesus Christ Name, Amen.

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