

A Christmas Meditation

Introduction

A Christmas Meditation focuses on Luke 2:14 *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men”* and draws on a number of this writer’s earlier studies to show that the AV1611 reading *“and on earth peace, good will toward men”* is right and all modern departures from it are wrong.

“Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day” 1 Kings 8:61.

Manuscript Evidence

Luke 2:14

“on earth peace, good will toward men” is changed to “on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests” or similar wording by the RV, 1978, 1984 NIV, JB, NJB or to “towards men of good will” or similar wording by the DR, Ne, NKJV f.n. and NWT. [The gender-neutral 2011 NIV changes “men” to “those.”](#)

The evidence in favour of the AV1611 against the modern textual critics is cited by Burgon [[The Revision Revised](#)] pp 42-43, 422-423, by Fuller quoting Burgon [[True or False? 2nd Edition](#)] p 96 and the TBS [[article](#)] *Good Will Toward Men*. Only five codices (Aleph, A, B, D, W) support the modern textual critics, against *“every existing copy of the Gospels, amounting to many hundreds”* Fuller, *ibid*.

Although the Latin, Sahidic and Gothic versions support the modern textual critics, the AV1611 reading is supported by:

- 2nd Century: Syriac versions, Irenaeus
- 3rd Century: Coptic version, Origen, Apostolical Constitutions
- 4th Century: Eusebius, Aphraates the Persian, Titus of Bostra, Didymus, Gregory of Nazianzus, Cyril of Jerusalem, Epiphanius, Gregory of Nyssa, Ephraem Syrus, Philo, Bishop of Carpasus, Chrysostom
- 5th Century: Armenian version, Cyril of Alexandria, Theodoret, Theodotus of Ancyra, Proclus, Paulus of Emesa, Basil of Seleucia, the Eastern bishops of Ephesus collectively
- 6th Century: Georgian and Ethiopic versions, Cosmos, Anastasius Sinaita, Eulogius, Archbishop of Alexandria
- 7th Century: Andreas of Crete
- 8th Century: Cosmos, Bishop of Maiuma, John Damascene, Germanus, Archbishop of Constantinople, pope Martinus.

Berry’s Greek text supports the AV1611.

See also [Will Kinney’s detailed article brandplucked.webs.com/articles.htm Luke 2:14 “Good will toward men” or Vatican version “men of good will”?](#)

Modern Jesuit-Marxist Corruption

Luke 2:14 [["Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"](#)]

An insightful comment on the AV1611 reading "**good will toward men**" emerges from the pen of the late General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley¹ p 259-60, 1924-2006². In 1951, General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley was a captain and adjutant in the Gloucestershire Regiment, when it was surrounded and taken prisoner by the Communist Chinese after sustaining heavy casualties at the battle of the Imjin River during the Korean War.

General Farrar-Hockley spent two and a half years as a prisoner-of-war and made these observations about a special 'Christmas' message delivered to the Allied POWs by a representative of Camp Commandant Ding named Chang on Christmas Day, 1952.

"He began to read from a page of typescript in his hand...It was in the worst possible taste; for after starting mildly, Ding [the camp commandant] had been unable to restrain his fanaticism for the Communist cause. He quoted – or rather, misquoted – the Scriptures, particularly the teachings of Christ. We heard the beloved Christmas words, for instance, rendered as follows: "Peace on earth to men of good will"; and the only men of good will, it seemed, were those who followed the policies of the Cominform group of governments. As Chang read on, the silence seemed to intensify. When he had finished, no one spoke; but I have neither felt nor seen before such profound disgust expressed silently by a body of men."

[James] White's 'preferred reading' in Luke 2:14 [[The King James Only Controversy](#) by James White. See www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/james-white-dr-divietro-and-dawaite.php *KJO Review Full Text pp 139-145*] is the same as Commandant Ding's, with slight variation (Calvinists might have to compete with CommUNists for favoured-species status). Little more need be said, except that, providentially, bible believers do not have to remain silent about their profound disgust with White's 'preference.'

References

1. *The Edge of the Sword* by General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, Star, 1981
2. news.independent.co.uk/people/obituaries/article351548.ece

Modern Jesuit-Marxist Leaven

Berry's 1897 Greek-English Interlinear Edition of Stephanus' 1550 Received Text and the Farstad-Hodges Greek-English Interlinear Edition of the 'Majority' Text (it's only an approximation) mostly agree with the AV1611 Text. Their English interlinear readings agree with the AV1611 in Luke 2:14.

Nestle's 21st Edition Greek-English Interlinear reads **"peace among men of good will"** i.e. the same as that of the Communist camp commandant officials Ding and Chang. Nestle's 21st Edition text is very largely that of the 1984, 2011 NIVs which read respectively **"peace to men on whom his favor rests," "on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests,"** the 2011 NIV doing its usual gender-neutral Apache dance to appease the pc contingent. Subject to a bit of paraphrase tweaking, the NIVs readings are clearly that of the Communist camp commandant officials Ding and Chang.

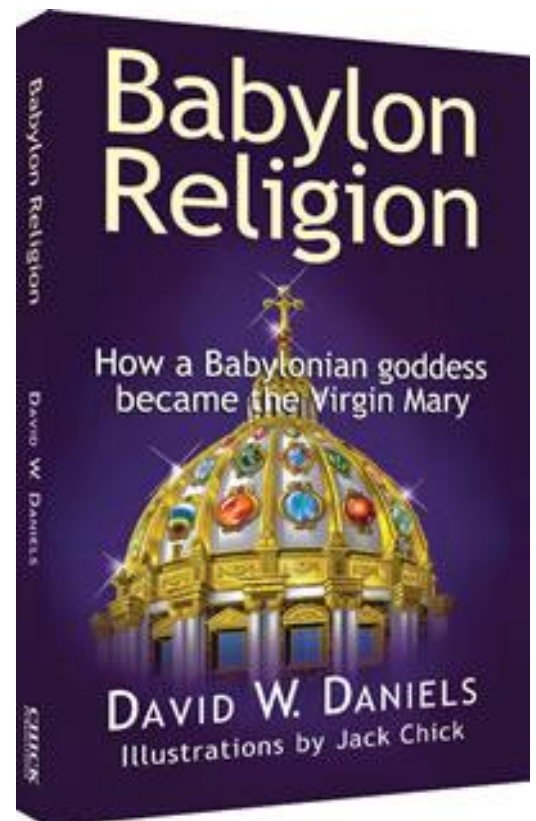
[The reds took "men of good will" to be kingdom-builders of their crowd i.e. 'making the world a better place etc.' The Calvinists on the NIV committee led by 5-pointer Edwin Palmer took "men of good will" to be those upon whom God's good will is bestowed i.e. Calvin's elect, those whom Calvin's God would exclusively favour i.e. Palmer and his crowd. Calvin's elect are of course yet more kingdom builders. AJO'R 22/12/14.]

The reaction of hard men, i.e. professional soldiers who were the modern counterparts of the centurions of old, Matthew 8:8, 27:54, Acts 10:1-2, to the Nestle, NIVs readings for Luke 2:14 should prayerfully be noted. Gail Riplinger notes in *The Language of the King James Bible* p 115 that linguistic analysis of the literary style of the pre-2011 NIV shows that it was written either by a woman or an effeminate man. The increased gender-neutral trend of the 2011 NIV would no doubt reinforce that conclusion.

The relevance to persecution is that whatever their persuasion be it Marxist, Mohammedan, Hindu etc., today's persecutors are simply those of *Mama's Girls* i.e. of the Catholic Church descended from ancient Babylon **"And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH...And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth"** Revelation 17:5, 18:24 as the following items make clear.

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Bro. Daniels shows in some detail how Mohammedans venerate Mary, pp 174-177 showing that they are definitely among *Mama's Girls*. (Bro. Daniels also shows how December 25th is the son god's birthday, pp 67-68, 120, 191-194, 206-207, 212. We know a lot more about Catholic attempts to infiltrate our belief system than the Allah gang think we do and we also know a lot more about the basics of their belief than even they do. Next time one of those junior jihadists confronts you, ask him what the word "Allah" means. John 4:22 can then be put on him, though he won't like it one little bit. **"Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews."**)

Returning to persecution of Christians, it was not anything like it is today during the Philadelphian Church Age and the great missionary movement of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Note that as Dr Ruckman points out, the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1648, it was the Philadelphian Church, not the Apostolic Church of 'the originals,' that the Lord commended for keeping His word. **"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name"** Revelation 3:8.

The Philadelphian Church of the great missionary movement of the 19th and early 20th centuries had ONE Book as the Standard and the Lord promised His protection when that standard was upheld. Note the missionary emphasis in what follows.

"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.

That explains the great missionary strides of the 19th and early 20th centuries the like of which has long gone because the standard has been abandoned for the re-hashed Catholic Jesuit-Rheims version that the 1984, 2011 NIVs basically are as are virtually all modern departures from the AV1611 Text, including those of the NKJV **"falsely so called"** 1 Timothy 6:20.

Summary Conclusion

It should finally be noted that consistent with the AV1611 reading ***"on earth peace, good will toward men"*** Luke 2:14 and contrary to the corrupt departures from that reading such as ***"on earth peace to men/those on whom his favour rests"*** NIVs or ***"on earth peace among men of good will"*** Ne God's will is good toward *all* men, as Paul states. ***"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth"*** 1 Timothy 2:3-4.