

# Thoughts for Today

## Rome

*“Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people”* Acts 12:1-4.

Herod was one of a long and sinister line of heathen *that under the umbrella of Rome* major in murdering the Lord’s saints as H. Grattan Guinness vividly described and as the scripture confirms.

Born in Dublin, Dr Grattan Guinness (1835-1910) was a great evangelist, author and Bible teacher, who spoke for the genuine believers of his time. The *Dublin Daily Express* said this of a service he held in 1858, aged 23. See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry\\_Grattan\\_Guinness](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Grattan_Guinness):

*“An enormous crowd pressed for admittance. Judges, members of Parliament, orators, Fellows of College, lights of the various professions, the rank and fashion of the metropolis have been drawn out. Among them the Lord Lieutenant, the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Justice of Appeal, etc. Such a preacher is a great power, prepared and sent forth by God, and as such Mr. Guinness has been hailed by all denominations.”*

Dr Grattan Guinness had this to say about Rome. See:

[whitehorsemedia.com/docs/ROMANISM AND THE REFORMATION.pdf](http://whitehorsemedia.com/docs/ROMANISM_AND_THE_REFORMATION.pdf) pp 68-69

[www.mtc.org/inquis.html](http://www.mtc.org/inquis.html) *THE INQUISITION: A Study in Absolute Catholic Power*, Arthur Maricle, Ph.D.

*“I see the great Apostasy, I see the desolation of Christendom, I see the smoking ruins, I see the reign of monsters; I see those vice-gods, that Gregory VII, that Innocent III, that Boniface VIII, that Alexander VI, that Gregory XIII, that Pius IX; I see their long succession, I hear their insufferable blasphemies, I see their abominable lives; I see them worshipped by blinded generations, bestowing hollow benedictions, bartering away worthless promises of heaven; I see their liveried slaves, their shaven priests, their celibate confessors; I see the infamous confessional, the ruined women, the murdered innocents; I hear the lying absolutions, the dying groans; I hear the cries of the victims; I hear the anathemas, the curses, the thunders of the interdicts; I see the racks, the dungeons, the stakes; I see that inhuman Inquisition, those fires of Smithfield, those butcheries of St. Bartholomew, that Spanish Armada, those unspeakable dragonnades, that endless train of wars, that dreadful multitude of massacres.*

*I see it all, and in the name of the ruin it has brought in the Church and in the world, in the name of the truth it has denied, the temple it has defiled, the God it has blasphemed, the souls it has destroyed; in the name of the millions it has deluded, the millions it has slaughtered, the millions it has damned; with holy confessors, with noble reformers, with innumerable martyrs, with the saints of ages, I denounce it as the masterpiece of Satan, as the body and soul and essence of antichrist.”*

*“...what saith the scripture?”* Romans 4:3. *“And upon her forehead was a name written, **MYS-TERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration”* Revelation 17:5-6.

Thankfully *“strong is **the Lord God** who judgeth her”* Revelation 18:8. *“And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, **Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.** And again they said, **Alleluia.** And her smoke rose up for ever and ever”* Revelation 19:1-3.

## Islam

[www.snopes.com/politics/quotes/churchillislam.asp](http://www.snopes.com/politics/quotes/churchillislam.asp)



**Claim:** Winston Churchill wrote about the “dreadful curses of Mohammedanism” in his 1899 book *The River Wars*.

### ● TRUE

*How dreadful are the curses which Mohammedanism lays on its votaries! Besides the fanatical frenzy, which is as dangerous in a man as hydrophobia in a dog, there is this fearful fatalistic apathy. The effects are apparent in many countries, improvident habits, slovenly systems of agriculture, sluggish methods of commerce, and insecurity of property exist wherever the followers of the Prophet rule or live.*

*A degraded sensualism deprives this life of its grace and refinement, the next of its dignity and sanctity. The fact that in Mohammedan law every woman must belong to some man as his absolute property, either as a child, a wife, or a concubine, must delay the final extinction of slavery until the faith of Islam has ceased to be a great power among men.*

*Individual Muslims may show splendid qualities, but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it. No stronger retrograde force exists in the world. Far from being moribund, Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing faith. It has already spread throughout Central Africa, raising fearless warriors at every step; and were it not that Christianity is sheltered in the strong arms of science, the science against which it had vainly struggled\*, the civilization of modern Europe might fall, as fell the civilization of ancient Rome.*

\*See [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galileo\\_Galilei#Controversy\\_over\\_heliocentrism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Galileo_Galilei#Controversy_over_heliocentrism). For the truth of “*oppositions of science falsely so called*” 1 Timothy 6:20 see [www.geocentricity.com/](http://www.geocentricity.com/) *Geocentricity* by Gerardus D. Bouw.

**“The scripture of truth”** Daniel 10:21 describes Islam, Romans 3:13-18:

**“Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips:** - pretending to be peace-loving when small in number

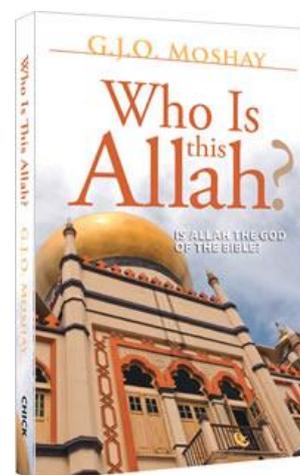
**“Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:** - against non-Muslims

**“Their feet are swift to shed blood:** - jihad

**“Destruction and misery are in their ways:** - jihad

**“And the way of peace have they not known:** - Islam doesn’t mean ‘peace,’ or ‘submission,’ it means bravery in battle, or aggression<sup>1</sup>

**“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”** No Mohammedan declares **“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God”** Acts 8:37 **but at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent they will “confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”** Philippians 2:11.



## The King James Bible

A Christian friend emailed me an article by Peter Hitchens<sup>2</sup> of *The Daily Mail* about The Authorized Version. This article is a comment on the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1611 Holy Bible, for which a special trust was set up with HRH Charles the Prince of Wales as Patron<sup>3</sup>. Hitchens says this:

*“The Authorised Version tends, in fact, to use good hard, earthy English words: [2 Samuel 18:33] ‘And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!’ [That verse] doesn’t seem to me to be in any way hard for a 21<sup>st</sup> century person to understand. Indeed, you can hear and feel the woe and regret in it across the centuries, an old man weeping and alone...”*

This is an American Independent KJB Baptist pastor quoting *The Daily Telegraph*, Dec. 20, 1989, no. 41,832, his emphases with respect to HRH Charles, the Prince of Wales<sup>4</sup>.

*“According to the Prince of Wales...the English language “has become impoverished, sloppy, and limited, a dismal wasteland”...The Prince accused the editors of the [new bibles] of “making changes in the Authorized Version, just to lower the tone, and believing that the rest of us wouldn’t get the point if the word of God was a bit over our heads.” The Prince went on, “the word of God is supposed to be a bit over our heads, elevated as God is.” Never heard it put better anywhere. It will never be said to anybody over here any better...This is the King with the King’s English, and “where the word of a King is, there is power” [Ecclesiastes 8:4a].”*

Charles Haddon Spurgeon would have agreed with Hitchens, the pastor and HRH Prince Charles.

## The Greatest Fight in the World

C. H. Spurgeon's Final Manifesto



See [archive.spurgeon.org/misc/gfw.php](http://archive.spurgeon.org/misc/gfw.php) author’s emphases.

Believe in the inspiration of Scripture, and believe it in the most intense sense. You will not believe in a truer and fuller inspiration than really exists. No one is likely to err in that direction, even if error be possible. If you adopt theories which pare off a portion here, and deny authority to a passage there, you will at last have no inspiration left, worthy of the name.

*If this book be not infallible, where shall we find infallibility?* We have given up the Pope, for he has blundered often and terribly; but we shall not set up instead of him a horde of little popelings fresh from college. Are these correctors of Scripture infallible? Is it certain that our Bibles are not right, but that the critics must be so? The old silver is to be depreciated; but the German [Higher Criticism [standardbearers.net/uploads/The King James Version Defended Dr Edward F Hills.pdf](http://standardbearers.net/uploads/The_King_James_Version_Defended_Dr_Edward_F_Hills.pdf) Chapter 3] silver, which is put in its place, is to be taken at the value of gold.

Striplings fresh from reading the last new novel correct the notions of their fathers, who were men of weight and character. Doctrines which produced the godliest generation that ever lived on the face of the earth are scouted as sheer folly. Nothing is so obnoxious to these creatures as that which has the smell of Puritanism upon it. Every little man’s nose goes up celestially at the very sound of the word “Puritan”; though if the Puritans were here again, they would not dare to treat them thus cavalierly; for if Puritans did fight, they were soon known as Ironsides, and their leader could hardly be

called a fool, even by those who stigmatized him as a “tyrant.” Cromwell, and they that were with him, were not all weak-minded persons - surely?

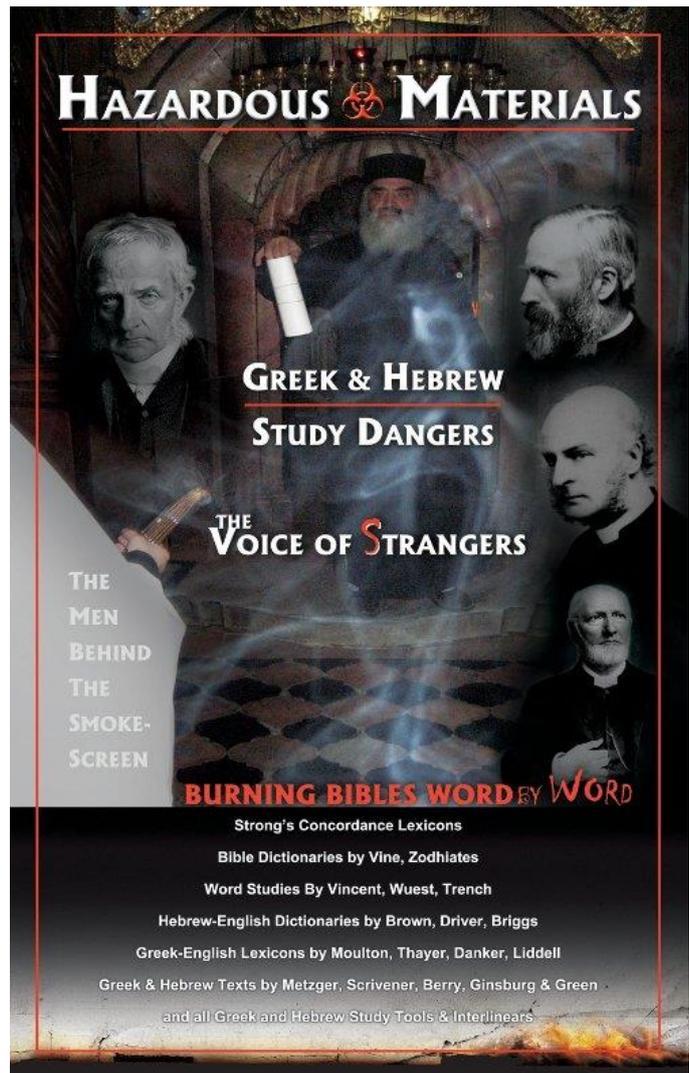
Strange that these are lauded to the skies by the very men who deride their true successors, believers in the same faith. But where shall infallibility be found? “The depth saith, it is not in me”; yet those who have no depth at all would have us imagine that it is in them; or else by perpetual change they hope to hit upon it. Are we now to believe that infallibility is with learned men? Now, Farmer Smith, when you have read your Bible, and have enjoyed its precious promises, you will have, tomorrow morning, to go down the street to ask the scholarly man at the parsonage whether this portion of the Scripture belongs to the inspired part of the Word, or whether it is of dubious authority. It will be well for you to know whether it was written by *the* Isaiah, or whether it was by the second of the “two Obadiah’s.”

All possibility of certainty is transferred from the spiritual man to a class of persons whose scholarship is pretentious, but who do not even pretend to spirituality [*Hazardous Materials*<sup>5</sup>]. We shall gradually be so bedoubted and becriticized, that only a few of the most profound will know what is Bible, and what is not, and they will dictate to all the rest of us. I have no more faith in their mercy than in their accuracy: they will rob us of all that we hold most dear, and glory in the cruel deed.

This same reign of terror we shall not endure, for we still believe that God revealeth himself rather to babes than to the wise and prudent, and we are fully assured that our own old English version of the Scriptures is sufficient for plain men for all purposes of life, salvation, and godliness.

We do not despise learning, but we will never say of culture or criticism. “These be thy gods, O Israel!”

***“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight” Luke 10:21.***



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