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Are all Bibles created equal?

Christians are told the different Bible Versions are just different translations of the same original; and they are advised to 'find a Version that they feel comfortable with,' as if all Bible Versions are similar, saying the same things, but in different ways. But nothing could be further from the truth. In reality, there are only two different Versions, the King James, and all the others, which have parts of the original text omitted, from a little, to a great deal.

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Why the omissions?

The main reason for these omissions, is a Bible Manuscript that was shown to Constantin von Tischendorf in 1859, at St Catharine's Monastery, at the foot of what is supposedly 'Mt Sinai.' The manuscript was being used to start fires, even though it was about 1500 years old. The main problem with this 'Sinaiticus' manuscript, which had originally come from Alexandria, in Egypt, was that it had words, sentences, and even whole paragraphs missing. In the places where the paragraphs had been left out, a space was left, where they should have been; for instance, Mark 16:9-20.

Anywhere there were two sentences beginning with the same words, the second sentence was omitted. The manuscript had been altered by at least ten different hands over the centuries, obviously to try to correct it, until it was finally rejected, as being only fit to start fires with. There are over forty other 'Alexandrian' manuscripts, including the 'Vaticanus,' in the Vatican library, and none of these agree with each other in their readings.

The Alexandrians, did not believe miracles really happened, or that Jesus, or the Holy Spirit, were Deity; which is why many of the verses were left out. e.g. 1 John 5:7, ***'For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are One.'***

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Sinaiticus and Vaticanus v's the New Testament

The Sinaiticus and Vaticanus differ with each other at least 70 percent of the time in the Gospels, and elsewhere there are hardly two verses alike. Both have many thousands of words, and verses, missing. And yet, they are cited by 'scholars' as the 'most reliable manuscripts?' Even a child with a single digit IQ could see past that.

There are also more than five thousand other Greek New Testaments, which agree with each other, 99.9-100% of the time, except for the occasional slight difference. And there are the writings of the early Church Fathers, who quoted Scripture extensively, and their readings agree with these other Greek Texts.

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A Godly man with a Godly mission

Erasmus of Rotterdam, was the greatest scholar of his age, and a Godly man. The Lord used him to translate the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts into the Textus Receptus, or Received Text, in the 16th century, so the Bible could go into the hands of God's people. Erasmus knew of the Alexandrian manuscripts at the time, but rightly rejected them. It was from the Textus Receptus, that the King James Bible was translated.

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Wescott and Hort, wolves in sheep's clothing

During the 1800's two ungodly spiritualists, named Wescott, and Hort, who hated the Textus Receptus, decided to write their own Greek text, in opposition to it. They, of course, used the Alexandrian manuscripts, and anywhere a word, sentence, or paragraph was missing in one, they dutifully left it out, with the explanation that it 'wasn't in the original manuscripts.' You will find this error repeated in the modern 'Versions.'

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Why so many Versions?

So, just why are there so many 'Versions' of the Bible now, anyway? It's the old story of course, 'follow the money trail.' Corporate greed. When a publisher prints their 'own' Version of the Bible, it is copyrighted by them, and anyone who wants one, has to buy it from...them, of course. And, as long as a publisher wants to profit from the most popular book in the world, there will be still *more* 'Versions.' The other reason for them is of course, the enemy, Satan. He believes the Bible, and trembles at it, (James 2:19), because His fate is foretold in it. (Matthew 25:41). And by perverting the 'Word of God,' he knows God's people will not have the perfect Will of God to comply with, so they will be disobeying Him, albeit without knowing it. The Lord didn't call him the enemy for nothing. (Matthew 13:39).

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Evidence of the omissions

There are so many good books written about the way the Bible has been perverted, from the Word of God, to a shadow of its former glorious self; that anyone wanting the wealth of information available, should look to them. They catalogue all the omissions from the original, in a way that would make any real Believer gasp. These books may not be readily available from your local 'Christian' bookstore, so, the best place to start is your Chick Publications Distributor, who can be found on the internet. Also, Keith Piper's, 'Serious omissions from the NIV Bible,' is a huge eye opener on the New International (Per)Version.

All the modern 'Versions' are based on Wescott and Hort's Greek Text, so, they are all missing huge portions of the Word of God. Then there's the 'New King James Version.' Shun it like the plague it is! You will be told it only takes out the 'thees, and thous,' but it changes multiple readings to align with the NI(P)V.

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The New International (per)Version

And to the New International (Per)Version itself, or the 'NIV,' as it is more commonly known. It has the dubious distinction of being the worst so-called 'Bible' of all time, which isn't surprising, when you consider it was put together by a panel of ungodly

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people. More than 64,000 words were omitted from it, making it the least reliable version of the Bible ever produced, as even the Jehovah's Witnesses 'New World Translation,' scores higher than the NIV, making it more reliable.

The NIV, was intended as the 'Bible' for a 'World (worldly) Church,' and so, be accepted Internationally. As such, it had to appeal to everyone, (except the Lord?), without offending anyone, (except the Lord?). To make it acceptable to the unconverted, and unbelievers, who would make up the 'World Church,' any passage that would cause controversy was deleted. The 'World Church,' or World Religion, as it is being called, is the binding of the tares for the burning, at the end of the Age. (See Matthew 13:24-30, and 36-43).

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The Lord preserved His Word for His people

Revelation 22:19 warns us sternly, *'And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things that are written in this book.'* Yet they went ahead and did just that, with the NIV, and with all the other 'modern' Versions, in defiance of the Word of God Himself. The Lord preserved His Word for us, in the King James Bible, because all unbelievers, and make-believers, will be judged by His Word, and He had to leave them without excuse. *'The Words of the Lord are pure Words: as Silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.'* (Psalm 12:6-7).

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Just how important is the Word of God?

So, just how important is the Word of God? *'For thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy Name.'* (Psalm 138:2). It's more important than the *Name* of God. *'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass away.'* (Matthew 24:35). It's more important than heaven or earth. *'And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following. Amen.'* (Mark 16:20). The Lord Himself confirms His Word.

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Blind leaders of the blind

The NIV cannot be called the Word of God, and it isn't even worth the ink it's printed with, in the sight of God. So, why any so-called 'Pastor' can quote from it, and give it credence before his flock, defies logic. Or, why a 'Christian' could use any of the other 'Bibles' that are anathema, is also hard to believe; considering the Lord said, ***"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."*** (Matthew 4:4).

The fault lies with the Ministry (Shepherds) of course, who, instead of feeding the flock, starve them Spiritually, by keeping them Spiritually ignorant. But neither will be excused before the Throne of God. We can please God, or we can please man, but we won't please both. And, as the Lord Jesus said, ***'Be not afraid of them that kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom you shall fear: Fear Him, which after He hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea I say unto you, Fear Him.'*** (Luke 12:4-5). Amen!

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