

**Straight Talk #16 on
The New King James Version
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Of all the questions we receive about the Bible versions issue, the most common are concerning the **New** King James Bible. Many people, on their own, without any input from us, had decided to bail out on the other modern Bible (per)versions like the New American Standard (NAS) and the New International Version (NIV). But they held onto their New King James Versions (NKJV) because of the promises and assurances from its publisher, Thomas Nelson.

Many were honestly under the impression that the only difference between the Authorized Version (original King James) and the NEW King James was the removal of all those bothersome "thees" and "thous" and the few "archaic words" like "I trow not."

Thomas Nelson claims that its purpose is to "update with regard to punctuation and grammar archaic verbs and pronouns. Indeed, the publishing house has spent a king's ransom to try and "sell" their NKJV to the Christian world.

This would all be fine, if it were true. But when was the last time believed anything you saw in a commercial?

But you might say, *"Wait - these folks are Christians. They wouldn't lie to us, would they?"* We would like to *think* that this is true, but sadly the facts show otherwise. Nelson Publishing is a business, and the purpose of a business is to make money. They sat by and watched Zondervan make gazillions of dollars off of their New International Vomit (NIV) version (**Rev. 3:16**) and they decided they liked that kind of cash flow.

Of course, the whole point of marketing is to make the consumer "switch brands." This is true whether you are selling cars, cigarettes or even Bibles. This means you need to make the consumer believe your Bible is better than the other guy's Bible. Now, when the other Bible is the King James, that is a tall order!

Unfortunately, even a cursory examination of the NKJV will reveal that all of the talk from Thomas Nelson about "preserving the integrity of the Original in the language of today" is about as reliable as the claims for the "Psychic Friends Network." Nelson has changed MUCH more than just the "archaic verbs and pronouns." Tragically, most of those changes reflect the same influences that were behind the NIV and NAS.

In short, the NKJV has the hoof prints of the Alexandrian cult all over it (in one case literally - but we will get to that a little later).

What is the "Alexandrian Cult?" It is loosely organized but powerful group of scholars who have chosen to deny the truth of the Word of God. They instead follow a theory of textual criticism that originated in the Egyptian city of Alexandria (a hotbed of pagan Greek philosophy - especially neo-Platonism) under the influence of a dubious Bible "scholar" named Adamantius Origen.

Origen has the dubious honor of being the world's first Bible "higher critic," and it was his work 1800 years ago which laid the foundation for the modern Alexandrian cult, whose influence can be seen in all modern translations - even the NEW King James Bible.

Satan's "Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum"

Briefly, the reader needs to understand that a HUGE sea change took place in the world of Biblical criticism back in the 19th century. For 300 years, the KJV had been THE Bible for the Christian world. It was the Bible that nourished the spiritual awakenings in England and America. It was the Bible that propelled the greatest missionary effort the world has ever seen.

However, in the mid-19th century a couple of apostate English clergymen named Brooke Foss Westcott and Fenton John Anthony Hort came up with a "new" idea.

The next time you hear about a "new" idea from a Bible teacher, please bear in mind Paul's warning:

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. - 2Ti 4:3-4

In any event, Westcott and Hort (W&H) wanted to replace the old, faithful KJV and the manuscripts (abbreviated mss.) it had been derived from with "newer, better" mss. from the Alexandrian school (Egypt).

The King James Bible had been derived from thousands of reliable mss. that had come down to us from Antioch. (See endnote 1) Now a quick look at the Bible will reveal that Antioch was a great spiritual center and, indeed, was the center of the Gentile church. Additionally, it was the starting point for Paul's great missionary journeys. Alexandria, as mentioned above, was a cesspool of Greek philosophy. (See endnote 2)

So why did Westcott and Hort pick the Alexandrian mss.? Because they were older is what we are told (presumption being that older is better). Actually, it was because those mss. (especially two nasty ones named Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus) were more in doctrinal agreement with W&H's screwy, liberal theology. Actually, there is ample evidence that W&H were practicing spiritists, that they denied key doctrines of

the faith, and neither one of them ever demonstrated any Biblical evidence of having the New Birth. (See endnote 3) From the first, their primary goal seems to have been the replacement of the Authorized Version at any cost.

In line with that, W&H and their followers began to reject the readings of the Greek text of Erasmus, the *Textus Receptus* (Received Text) that is the basis for the King James Bible. (See endnote 4)

An Issue of Copyright?

For some reason, many Bible scholars (who should have known better) adopted W & H's textual hypothesis. So their ideas began to percolate into many Bible colleges and seminaries. Soon after, along came Bible (per)versions which reflected the doctrines of these Alexandrian mss. and W & H's textual criticism theory. The first was the Revised Version. Then came the American Standard Version (ASV). Then we had the NEW American Standard Version (NAS), the New International Version (NIV) and the floodgates opened. Notice, how everything seems to have to be NEW, contrary to the advice found in Jeremiah;

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. – Jer. 6:16

Today, at last count, there are over 450 new English versions out there. (See endnote 5) Inquiring minds want to know: Has the English language changed *THAT* much in the last 100 years (400 plus times), or - just perhaps - could there be **money** involved? You see, the King James Bible is in the public domain and has no copyright. ANYONE can publish their own edition of the KJV. Thus, there is not much money in that. Publishers know that they make more money with copyrights.

You can bet that all these modern Bibles are copyrighted and each is making its publisher some money that they would NOT have made had they just stuck with publishing the King James Bible. Of course, the NEW King James Bible is copyrighted.

Part of the issue behind copyright law is the fact that you cannot copyright someone else's work. For example, I have written eight books. Someone could not take a copy of LUCIFER DETHRONED (for example) and just change a few words and the title and copyright it again in their name. That would be a violation of the copyright I already hold on the book.

Additionally, you could not take something in the public domain (like the King James Bible) and just change a few hundred words and copyright it. That would also be illegal. This is why the changes in the NKJV had to be **so extensive**. Had Thomas Nelson not changed tens of thousands of words, *they would have not been able to copyright the NKJV as a unique work*.

So this is part of the reason why the hatchet job (or perhaps pen-knife job – **Jer. 36:23?**) on the King James Bible that produced the NKJV had to be so comprehensive. We aren't just talking about a nose job or a tummy tuck here, beloved. We are talking about MAJOR surgery (perhaps like amputating someone's head).

So let's get back to the "hoof prints" of Alexandria and its pagan, philosophical sewage being all over the NKJV. Remember, our operating premise here must be **Biblical**. Forget about scholarship, forget about human ideas or preconceptions. The only thing we must consider is: **"Does what is going on here line up with the Word of God?"**

"Every Word of God is Pure..."

Therefore, a key premise MUST be: *"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."*— **Gal. 5:9**. What does that mean? Leaven (yeast) is a Biblical symbol of wickedness or false doctrine (**Matt. 16:10-12**). Sin is like leaven, once a little bit gets in, it tends to spread. Remember, a little leaven added to a lump of bread dough eventually works its way into the entire dough. That is the point Paul is trying to make.

Therefore, only a little sin, a little error, is all it takes to pollute something. It is like our American saying: *"One bad apple spoils the whole barrel."*

Therefore, in terms of the Bible version issue, it would be fair to say that if there are errors or false doctrines in the NKJV then it is not of God. Over and over again, the Bible tells us of itself that it is pure and perfect.

Ps. 119:140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Prov. 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Ps. 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Ps. 12:6-7 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 for ever.

God's Word is not just 98% pure or 99.5% pure, it must be **100% pure** or it is not truly the Word of God. Hopefully we can all agree upon that. If not, you need to take it up with the Holy Spirit.

To expand on this thought, if there is even one verse in the NKJV which teaches false

doctrine, then that is the "leaven" which must necessitate the rejection of the entire "lump." If you are claiming to be the Word of God, then there is no room in your "bible" for serious doctrinal error.

Another gospel?

Unfortunately, we do not have to go too far into the New Testament of the NKJV to find some serious problems. An excellent example of blatantly false doctrine taught by the NKJV is found in **1 Corinthians 1:18**. The King James reading is:

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

The NKJV reads:

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing; but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Now it seems very similar, but remember the devil is subtle. Notice the end clause: "to us who are BEING saved." Red flags should go up immediately! We are not BEING saved (unless we are Roman Catholics or Mormons)! Our salvation is not a process, **but a one-time event!** It is instantaneous. One moment we are in the kingdom of darkness, the next we are in the Kingdom of God (see **Col. 1:13**). Only the cults (including the Alexandrian cult) teach that salvation is a long series of steps or good deeds, ultimately (hopefully) culminating in heaven.

This is not the true gospel of Paul, and if it is not; then the Bible that contains it is **accursed** according to **Galatians 1:8**. It doesn't matter how many godly scholars sat on the translation committee of the NKJV! Paul says there that even if an ANGEL preaches false doctrine, he is accursed. Certainly if some mere Bible scholar or preacher does it, they are under the same condemnation.

While the next example is not precisely false doctrine, it is a serious robbing of glory from Yah'shua (see endnote 6) the Messiah. In **Acts 4:30**, the King James Bible reads:

By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

In the NKJV, a common W&H trick is pulled. (See endnote 7) The word "child" is changed to "servant." Now that might seem minor, but there is a **world** of difference between being a servant of God and the child of God. Jesus' unique relationship to the Father is downplayed here. The same skullduggery is perpetrated on the Lord Yah'shua in vs. 27 of the same chapter.

Why did this change have to be made? "Child" is certainly an easy word to understand, easier than "servant" by a small degree. I submit to you that this change was made because of a desire on someone's part to toe the line to the liberal W&H party line and steal a little glory from Yah'shua. The Alexandrian mss. from which W&H take their cue use "servant" rather than child.

Heresy upon Heresy

Another example of carefully imbedded false doctrine is found in **Luke 2:43**. Here the King James says: "Joseph and his mother." The NKJV agrees, but puts in a footnote that reads: "*His parents.*" Now, this is certainly better than what you find in the NAS Bible or the RSV, but the footnote is **still a lie**. Joseph was not Yah'shua's parent. He was his **foster**-father. This subtly undermines the virgin birth.

Another place where Yah'shua's deity is subtly attacked by the NKJV (in agreement with the Alexandrian line of mss.) is in **Matt. 20:20**. Here the NKJV changes "worshipping" Yah'shua into "kneeling down." There is a lot of difference there. There are many occasions where one might kneel before an important ruler in Bible times, but worship belongs to the Almighty alone.

Notice also that in line with the W&H school of mss., the command to "study to show thyself approved" is changed to "**Be diligent** to present yourselves approved...". Naturally, Satan would not want anyone to see a command to STUDY their Bible!

Show Them the Money?

Why would someone make all of these changes when **none** of them are supported by the Textus Receptus (supposedly the basis of the NKJV) or 5300 other mss.? but are supported by the Alexandrian trash of Vaticanus and Sinaiticus? The answer, sadly, is money and earthly fame. They have sold their heavenly birthright for a "mess of pottage."

The translation committee of the NKJV is willing to chip away at the deity and glory of our Messiah for money. You can bet that they were paid handsomely to work on the committee. We certainly agree that the laborer is worthy of his hire. If these men did good work, they deserve to be paid. But would you take money to turn Yah'shua from a child of God to a servant of God and then attack his virgin birth? Remember the classic passage in the Authorized Version:

1Tim. 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

How do you suppose the NKJV committee dealt with that verse? They changed it to: *"the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil."* There is a HUGE semantic difference between ALL evil and all kinds of evil. The latter phrase implies that there are "kinds of evil" not related to the love of money. The Authorized Version makes it clear that the love of money is at the heart of their sin.

That softened the harshness of the text considerably. Now, perhaps the gold in their bank accounts they have taken for betraying Yah'shua Who bought them will not weigh so heavily upon their hearts.

What does earthly fame have to do with it? It is tragically simple. The scholarship community knows that if you side too much with the Textus Receptus and King James Bible, you will be accused of being an "uneducated hillbilly" or a "redneck" or even (gasp!) a heretic (**Acts 24:14**). Thus, if you want the respect in the ivory towers of the academic community, you must genuflect before the altar of Westcott and Hort in some small fashion at least.

By adding or changing these words in their NKJV, they have assured themselves some place in the scholars' high esteem. They made their offering on the altar of the god of "higher education." They are part of the "club," *"For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."*—**John 12:43**.

Easier to Understand?

Remember how the NKJV was supposed to add clarity to the "archaic" words of the Authorized Version? Let us see if they are really doing this. In **Acts 17:16**, the NKJV changes "Mars Hill" to "Areopagus." My, isn't that clarifying the passage for us? Probably one Christian in a hundred would know what Areopagus meant, but even a child can understand Mars Hill.

Another example of a harder word being substituted for an easier one is in **Acts 17:22**, where Paul's spirit is no longer "stirred" but "provoked." Why substitute a two-syllable word for a one-syllable word? Everyone knows what "stirred" means, but provoked is a slightly more advanced word.

The other issue that needs to be addressed in examining the NKJV is the question of **how true is it to the King James Version, really!** Does the NKJV follow closely the Textus Receptus of the KJV, as the marketing from Thomas Nelson would have us believe, or is there evidence of substantial influence from the W&H school of textual criticism and their pet mss, Vaticanus and Sinaiticus?

This second question is one that is fairly easy to answer. In many cases, the NKJV does one of two things:

1) The translation itself favors the Westcott & Hort readings. This happens a lot! (See above)

2) The footnotes that surround the actual Bible text support the W&H mss. and their school of textual criticism and ignore the Textus Receptus readings upon which the King James Bible is based.

So we see that the much-vaunted claims of Nelson Publishers are, in fact, false. Let's look at some specific examples. We have already mentioned the footnote on "his parents" in **Luke 2:43**. There the NKJV revisers obviously favored the Alexandrian mss. (of the NIV, NAS, and RSV) over the Antiochian Textus Receptus (King James) line.

Another example is in **John 1:18**. Here the text itself is correct. It substantially agrees with the King James on "the only begotten Son...". However, in the marginal note [AGAIN!], it substitutes "God" for "Son." This is the reading of the W&H texts and it creates an Arian heresy. Arius denied the Trinity back in the 4th century and made Yah'shua a lesser, secondary god. His doctrine was condemned at the Council of Nicea.

If the phrase is truly "only begotten God," then there are **two gods** in this verse - with Yah'shua being the second God. Hopefully our reader knows that Christians are NOT polytheistic.

Oddly enough, the marginal note agrees completely with the NAS, the RSV and all the other modern (per)versions. It also agrees with the New World Translation. That might not be so remarkable except for the fact that the NWT **is the official Bible of the heretical Jehovah's Witnesses!** Jehovah's Witnesses are Arians. They deny the Trinity. So does this marginal note. Once again, the NKJV is in concord with W&H and the cults.

Assault on the Trinity

Speaking of heresies, we next turn to the best verse in the entire Bible to smite the Jehovah's Witnesses with on the issue of the Trinity, found in the King James Bible in **1 John 5:7-8**:

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father; the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

Unlike many modern versions, the NKJV does not slash the verse right out of existence. At least we can be thankful for small favors. However, it does contain this marginal note:

"Verse 7 should end with the word witness [record in the King James]. The

remainder of verse 7 and part of verse 8 are not in any ancient Greek manuscript, only in later Latin manuscripts."

This is only parroting the same Alexandrian cult line as one would find in any number of other modern versions. It has, effectively, slapped the verse right out of the epistle. The problem with it is that it is a lie!

First of all, early manuscript fragments have been found with the Trinitarian passage in it! (See endnote 9) Secondly, it makes it sound like only a few "Latin" mss. have this passage. Of course, Latin sounds "bad" because it sounds Roman Catholic. Actually, the "Old Latin" line of mss. (from Antioch, of course) are excellent and well attested. It is from the Old Latin that Martin Luther worked to produce his German Bible, and from that, ultimately, came the English Bibles, culminating in the Authorized Version.

On the other hand, the Greek texts to which this note refers are the satanic Bobbsey Twins, Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. Sinaiticus was found in a trash dump outside St. Catherine's monastery in the Sinai desert. Vaticanus is in the Vatican library and has never even been allowed to be examined closely by non-Catholic scholars.

There are other problems with Sinaiticus and Vaticanus too numerous to go into here, (See endnote 10) but suffice it to say that they are *about as reliable a textual witness as Joseph Smith's gold plates!*

There is abundant **external** evidence for the historicity of the King James reading. (External evidence is contemporary writings by historical figures in Christianity that verify the existence of the text.) For example:

- 1) The Council of Carthage in 415 A.D. cited 1John 5:7 as proof of the Trinity (See endnote 11)
- 2) Athanasius quoted from the passage in 350 A.D. against the Arians.(See endnote 12)
- 3) According to scholar John Gill, Cyprian quoted it in 250 A.D., nearly 100 years before Vaticanus and Sinaiticus were written. (See endnote 13)
- 4) Tertullian, a major (and doctrinally sound) church father, quotes it 50 years earlier, around 200. (See endnote 14)

Finally, as Dr. Peter S. Ruckman and other Greek scholars have pointed out, (See endnote 15) if you take the Alexandrian reading favored by the NKJV and all the other W&H "bibles," you find some serious grammar problems. The genders of the subjects no longer agree!

What does that mean? Well, without wishing to get too technical, it is a basic rule of Greek grammar, the masculines among the group control the gender over a neuter connected with it. This is called the "power of attraction" in Greek syntax.

Now, if the Alexandrian textual reading is right and the Trinitarian passage is missing, then you have "witnesses" that are masculine with three neuter nouns. These three **masculine** witnesses agree as one neuter witness." This cannot be correct, according to the rules of Greek syntax. No one writing in the days of John the Apostle would have made such an error. Whoever tried to pull the verse to pieces has created a grammatical monstrosity on the order of writing, "The lady put on his hat!"

Now, after all of this, the question needs to be asked, "*Why would anyone want to remove the clearest verse in the Bible on the Trinity?*" The answer is obvious, to cast doubt on a central doctrine of the Bible and to take the glory away from Yah'shua the Messiah. Only the devil (or his unwitting dupes) could have a reason for doing that.

God Lost Some Words?

Let's find one more example (remember, "*... in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*"—**Matt. 18:16**). Look at **Mark 16:9** to the end of the gospel. Notice the marginal note here:

[talking about vs. 9-20]...These verses do not appear in two of the most trustworthy manuscripts of the New Testament, though they are part of many other manuscripts and versions. If they are not a part of the genuine text of Mark, the abrupt ending of verse 8 is probably because the original closing verses were lost. (See endnote 17)

Again, that reading is NOT supported by the Textus Receptus; **it is pure W&H liberal nonsense**. Notice the phrase "two of the most trustworthy manuscripts..." Guess which ones are being discussed! Our old "friends," Vaticanus and Sinaiticus! These mss. are so reliable that they have the Apocrypha (books put into the Old Testament by the Catholic church) in them! (See endnote 18) This means they are so reliable, they have unscriptural junk in them like the pseudepigraphical "Epistle of Barnabas" and the "Shepherd of Hermas." (See endnote 19)

Face it, friends. For reasons too numerous to go into here, those mss. are satanic bilge and that is all they are. To call them "trustworthy" is to make a mockery of the word.

Not only that, notice the other heresy in the marginal note. It says that the "original closing verses were lost." **Some of God's words were lost???** Excuse me? Chapter and verse on that please?

Is this the same Creator who said:

Matt. 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Mark 13:31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

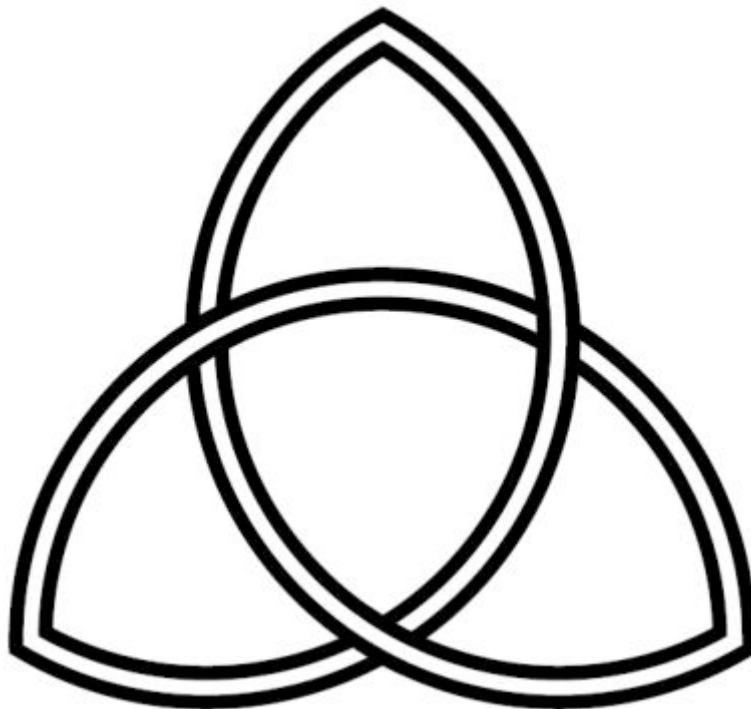
Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower there of falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.— 1Pet. 1:23-25

Maybe the NKJV committee's "God" lost some of his words, but my Bible says my God never can and never will lose any of His. He has given His very Word on it. Care to argue with the Holy Spirit about that one?

The Mark of the Beast?

We mentioned "hoof-prints" earlier on - the "satanic seal of approval" which is a very disturbing reality in the NKJV. Beyond all the problems we have already mentioned, there is the strange issue of the official logo that Thomas Nelson chose to represent the NKJV. To call it an odd choice is the understatement of the year!

Every edition that I have seen of the NKJV has a singular logo or design on it. It may be on the front cover, or - if you have a leather-bound "bible" - it will probably be on the title page inside the book. You will notice that it is an odd geometric design of three interlaced oval-like shapes.



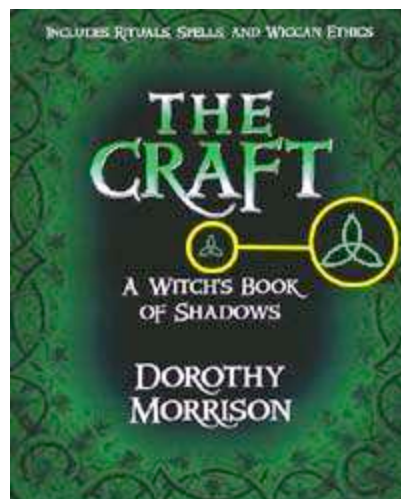
It is highly peculiar that Thomas Nelson, supposedly a Protestant, evangelical publisher, would make this the trademark logo of its wonderful new "bible." The symbol is most commonly known as a design from Roman Catholic vestments. (See endnote 20) It is "supposed" to represent the Trinity.

Actually, the symbol has a much more **sinister** pedigree. In the occult it has two possible meanings. The three interlaced designs in a single fashion are known as "**vesica pisces.**" This literally translates as "mouth of the fish." However, what this actually represents is the entrance to the womb of the Mother Goddess of witchcraft. This is partially due to the long association of the goddess with the sea, and partially because of the actual physical shape resembling the female genitals. (See endnote 21)



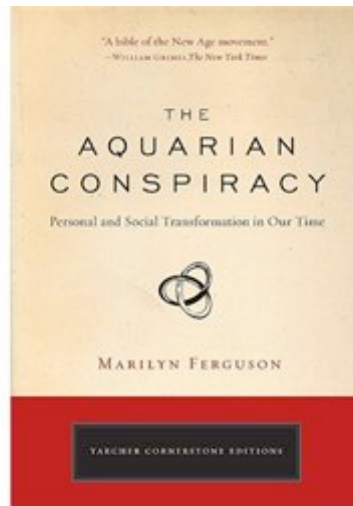
from the "Charmed" TV series

Now, three of them interlaced are a symbol of the well known three-fold goddess of witchcraft, manifesting as the Virgin, the Mother, and the Old Crone. Now, what would the symbol of the Great Goddess of witchcraft be doing on the cover of the NKJV?



However, it gets worse than this! Since the late 1970's (before the NKJV was being put together) that symbol has been identified with the **New Age movement**. In fact, it is

on the cover of Marilyn Ferguson's classic book, *THE AQUARIAN CONSPIRACY*. (See endnote 22) Christian writers since the early 1980's like Constance Cumbey have identified this symbol as a disguised form of 666. It is three, interwoven sixes in a stylized form! As such, of course, it represents the concept of the "mark of the beast" to many New Agers and occultists.



So, not only is this symbol a sigil for the goddess of witchcraft, but it is also a form of the "mark of the beast." Isn't it interesting that this would be chosen as the logo for the NKJV?

Now, we are not saying that Thomas Nelson Publishers consciously chose this symbol because of its occult connections. It can only be *hoped* that they were totally unaware of its satanic pedigree. However, in our years of studying cults, we have noticed that Satan likes to do this kind of thing. He will dupe people (Mormons, Masons, etc.) into using symbols ignorantly, which have a long and sinister occult history, and thus leave his signature behind on his handiwork.



Remember, Satan is an egomaniac of the highest order. He wants to "sign" his work - usually in a subtle way - but he will sign it nonetheless.

Now, the question needs to be asked: Would you knowingly buy a Bible translation which the mark of the beast on it?

Sadly, the bottom line is that the NKJV is NOT what it is advertised to be. Much more than the "thees" and "thous" have been changed. The entire translation has been moved over firmly into the Alexandrian camp. Yes, it is better than the NIV or RSV; but that is like saying it is better to have a hand grenade go off in your hand than to be hit by a Tomahawk missile. The improvement is not statistically meaningful. Let us face it. Spiritually, you are going to be just as "dead."

In fact, the NKJV is all the more dangerous because it masquerades as being something it is not – a faithful rendering of the Authorized Version. People will buy it thinking they are getting an "improved" King James, when actually they are getting the same old Alexandrian garbage. Let the buyer beware!

Endnotes:

1) Actually, there are over 5,300 mss. from the Antiochian line supporting the Authorized Version. Only two or three are used to support the modern "Alexandrian" text.

2) For a fuller explanation of this, see our Straight Talk on Bible Manuscripts, available

from With One Accord Ministries, 3500 Dodge Street, Suite 7-290, Dubuque, IA 52003 or at our website www.withoneaccord.org.

3) For an extensive examination of just how far off the mark doctrinally Westcott and Hort were, see William Grady's book, FINAL AUTHORITY (Grady Publications, Schererville, IN, 1993), p. 213-242.

4) Although in actuality, Erasmus' work did not appear in a form called "Textus Receptus" until a few years after 1611, for convenience sake, most scholars will still refer to the underlying Greek text for the Authorized Version as the Textus Receptus or TR for short.

5) 'It is a strange coincidence (?) that this number (450) is the number of the false prophets of Baal that Elijah confronted on Mt. Cannel. (See 1 Kings 18:19)

6) Yah'shua is the Hebrew way of saying Jesus. It is the name He was called when He walked the earth and ministered. Actually, the name "Jesus" did not exist until the invention of the letter "J" in the 16-17th centuries. We believe it is more respectful to call Him by His real name.

7) This substitution is also found in almost all the modern translation. It is NOT supported by the Textus Receptus, upon which the NKJV is allegedly based. So where did they get it?

8) The Ryrie Study Bible, New King James Version, Moody Press, Chicago, 1985, p. 1918.

9) Mss 88 and 629 have the reading. So does the controversial Mortfort ins. (Ms. 61) which some claim to be made up at the time of Erasmus. However, there is evidence to the contrary for this. Even without Ms. 61, there are still two textual witnesses for it.

10) See Grady, FINAL AUTHORITY, pp. 97-115.

11) Dr. Peter S. Ruckman, 1 JOHN 5:7 – WHY WE RETAIN 1 JOHN 5:7 IN THE AUTHORIZED VERSION, (Bible Baptist Bookstore, Pensacola, FL, n.d.) p. 2.

12) Ibid., p. 7.

13) Ibid.

14) John Gill, AN EXPOSITION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, vol. 2, pp.. 907908 cited in Ruckman, op.cit., p. 8.

15) Ruckman, ibid., pp. 5-6.

16) This is all spelled out in greater detail with the Greek text included in *ibid.*, PP. 5.

17) Ryrie, *ibid.*, p. 1570.

18) The Apocrypha are dubious scriptures contained in the Old Testament of Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Bibles only, and rejected by Jewish scholars and rabbis.

19) Sorry for the big words. "Pseudepigrapha" means false writings, and it is a technical term applied to those books that are even more spurious than the Apocrypha. Such books have no business being in the Word of God.

20) The author is a former Catholic priest, and has seen this design dozens of times in vestments in that church, more especially before the Vatican II council.

21) The best known example of this would be the classic Botticelli painting of the goddess Venus rising from the sea. In most cultures, the goddess is associated with either the sea or the moon (and of course the earth).

22) See Dr. Cathy Burns' new book, *MASONIC AND OCCULT SYMBOLS ILLUSTRATED*, (Sharing, Mt. Cannel, PA, 1998) p.243 for a picture of the cover of Ferguson's book and some further discussion on this disturbing symbol.

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