

The Heresy of Chuck Smith and Calvary Chapel

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Arminianism is tucked into the doctrinal statements of many churches seemingly without much thought to how it contradicts other parts of their statement of faith. For example, the very popular Calvary Chapel, which has churches spread throughout the United States and the world, has the following doctrinal statement authorized by Chuck Smith, the church's founder, on the official Calvary Chapel website:

We believe that all are sinners (Romans 3:23) and unable by human performance to earn, deserve, or merit salvation (Titus 3:5). We believe that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), and that apart from God's grace, no one can be saved (Ephesians 2:8-9). We believe that none are righteous, or capable of doing good (Romans 3:10-12), and that apart from the conviction and regeneration of the Holy Spirit, none can be saved (John 1:12-13; 16:8-11; I Peter 1:23-25). Mankind is clearly fallen and lost in sin.¹

So far, so good. That doctrinal statement is biblically sound. However, later in the statement of faith, the doctrine takes a turn and completely redefines grace and the sovereignty of God. God becomes helpless and impotent in the face of the will of man. The god of Calvary Chapel is an errand boy delivering an invitation, which can be accepted or rejected.

However, the Bible also teaches that **an invitation (or call) is given to all, but that only a few will accept it.** . . . We believe that God's grace is not the result of human effort or worthiness (Romans 3:24-28; 11:6), but is the response of God's mercy and love to those who will believe in His Son (Ephesians 2:4-10). Grace gives to us what we do not deserve nor can earn by our performance (Romans 11:6). **We believe that God's grace and mercy can be resisted by us.**² (emphasis added)

The Calvary Chapel statement of faith states: "apart from the conviction and regeneration of the Holy Spirit, none can be saved (John 1:12-13; 16:8-11; I Peter 1:23-25). Mankind is clearly fallen and lost in sin."³ That is an accurate biblical statement. However, the Calvary Chapel statement of faith also states that an invitation (or call) is given to "all," and that calling can be resisted by us. Their doctrinal statement makes clear that man is completely fallen and incapable of accepting the invitation to faith without the conviction and regeneration of the Holy Spirit. In man's fallen condition he is incapable of accepting any offer of salvation from God. Man cannot regenerate himself from his fallen condition. The regeneration must be done by the

Holy Spirit. According to Calvary Chapel all men are called. In order to call “all” men, “all” men must be regenerated by the Holy Spirit in order to have the ability to accept the offer of salvation.

Although Calvary Chapel does not use the term “prevenient grace,” their doctrine leads to the same conclusion. The Calvary Chapel doctrine leads to the inexorable conclusion that once all men are regenerated by the calling of their mythical god, man can thwart the impotent efforts of their god to save those whom he has called. They know that most are lost, therefore, their god’s calling is mostly ineffectual. Their god is clearly not the sovereign God of the Holy Bible. Their god is the mythical god of Arminian free will.

Chuck Smith has explained his compromised gospel in *Calvary Chapel Distinctives*, an official publication on the Calvary Chapel website, as follows: “An important characteristic of Calvary Chapel Fellowships is our desire not to divide God's people over non-essential issues.”⁴ Take a guess at what Calvary Chapel thinks is a “non-essential” doctrine. Calvary Chapel thinks that the very heart of the gospel is a non-essential! For example, Brian Brodersen, the Assistant Pastor of Calvary Chapel at Costa Mesa, California, stated:

And then there’s the issue of eternal security, or losing your salvation. And this is another aspect of the Calvinistic / Arminian dispute. And there are some Christians who believe that you can lose your salvation, and some Christians that believe you can never lose your salvation. But you know what? It’s a **non-essential**. But yet there are times when we can get that sort of attitude. It’s like, “Oh well, that guy over there, he believes in eternal security. What’s he doing here? We don’t believe that.” Or “That guy over there, he believes that you can lose your salvation. The guy’s probably not even saved. Come on.” It happens, because we’re human, because we’re sinful, because at times we don’t endeavor.⁵ (emphasis added)

Chuck Smith states: “We don't believe that because you are a saint you will necessarily persevere, but that you need to persevere because you're a saint. Jesus said, ‘If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.’”⁶ (John 8:31).

Incredibly, Smith states that a saint (one set aside by God for salvation) must persevere to be saved, but that not all saints will persevere. He is essentially saying that a saint must of his own effort continue to persevere, and if he doesn’t, he will lose the gift of salvation. That is, the Calvary Chapel god will damn some of his saints to an eternal lake of fire. In essence their god has done all he can do, and it is up to the saved to hold on tight to their salvation or lose it. Smith believes that one who is saved can decide to forfeit his salvation; the Arminian god is powerless to prevent it. That is not the sovereign God of the bible.

The Calvary Chapel salvation, in essence, is a salvation by works. That works salvation is subtly concealed beneath their twisted doctrine of perseverance. Under their Arminian

theology, works are called perseverance. Under Smith's Arminian gospel, perseverance is not part and parcel of salvation, as is taught in the bible; it is instead a condition of salvation that must be fulfilled by the will of man. All Arminian churches contain this works salvation doctrine, although they never admit it. They are able to twist the biblical doctrine of perseverance into the unbiblical doctrine of salvation by the willing effort of the believer. The believer must persevere by his own will or lose his salvation. This works salvation is so subtle and so well concealed behind the redefined doctrine of perseverance that few perceive the salvation conditioned upon works, but that is exactly what it is.

Smith adds to this blasphemy by quoting from John 8:31, in order to give his devilish doctrine the patina of biblical authority. John 8:31 in no way supports his position. In quoting from John 8:31, Chuck Smith left out the first clause in that passage. The entire passage reads: "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31 AV) That passage means that those who continue in God's word are his true disciples. It does not mean that those who do not continue in his word were once saved and forfeited that salvation of their own free will. Such an interpretation would contradict the very theme of the gospel: that all who are called to believe in God shall be saved; and all who do not believe in God, will not be saved, because they were not chosen by God for salvation. It is impossible for a saint to lose his salvation. The same God who wrote John 8:31 also wrote John 10:26-30 and John 6:38-40:

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that **of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.** And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:38-40 AV)

But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and **they shall never perish,** neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and **no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.** I and *my* Father are one. (John 10:26-30 AV)

When God states that "no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand" he means "no man!" Included in that category are the very saints chosen by God for salvation. They cannot lose their salvation because they are unable to lose their salvation. Those who perish, do so because they are not Jesus' sheep, not because they were once Jesus' sheep and decided to overrule God and become lost. Jesus' sheep will never perish.

Why would Chuck Smith adopt a doctrine which is so clearly contrary to the doctrine of the bible? The answer is money! He admits in *Calvary Chapel Distinctives*: "When you take

hard stands on these non-foundational issues, you'll just **empty your church** of all of those who have Methodist, Nazarene, and other Arminian-influenced backgrounds. Why would you want to do that?"⁷ (emphasis added)

In order as to not offend anyone, Smith has adopted a free will doctrine that appeals to the largest possible audience. Why? Not because it is supported by the bible. He admits that he does that to draw in the largest possible number of people. He admits he compromises on doctrine in order to draw a large audience. Smith has determined that he is going to have a church with a theology that is attractive to those who are traveling on the broad way to destruction. The bible tells us that "many there be which go in thereat." Matthew 7:13-14.

How successful has Smith been at packing his church? Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, California, where he is senior pastor, is a mega-church with a membership of approximately 20,000 people.⁸ According to a 2003 article in *Forbes* magazine, Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa is the third largest non-Catholic church in the United States.⁹ In addition, he has a regular radio program, "The Word for Today," which includes edited messages from Smith's sermons at Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa.. The television version of *The Word for Today* is seen nationwide on the blasphemous Trinity Broadcasting Network.

Calvary Chapel also owns and operates their radio station (KWVE). Calvary Chapel has a Bible College offering an Associate's Degree in Theology, and a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies. They own a 47-acre campus in Murietta Hot Springs, California. They also own a castle in Austria. In addition, Calvary Chapel ministries include: Calvary Chapel Music, Calvary Chapel Satellite Network International, Calvary Chapel Conference Center, Calvary Chapel Christian Camp, Maranatha Christian Academy, and Calvary Chapel High School. There are over 850 affiliated Calvary Chapels all over the globe, including approximately 700 in the United States. Some of the affiliated Calvary Chapels in the United States are mega-churches in their own right with memberships of more than 5,000 people.¹⁰ *Forbes* magazine lists Calvary Chapel of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, an affiliate of Calvary Chapel, as the ninth largest non-Catholic church in the United States, with an average attendance of 17,000.¹¹

Calvary Chapel is quite obviously a big and profitable business. What would happen if he started preaching the narrow way found in the gospel? If God is sovereign, and salvation is all accomplished by God, there is no need for the many ministries offered by Calvary Chapel to ensure that the saints do not lose their salvation. Smith tries to convince people that he is not compromising on the "essentials" of the Gospel. Rick Meisel of *Biblical Discernment Ministries* answers Smith's unbiblical claim:

The Scriptures do not teach that any portion of the Word of God contains doctrines that are "less essential." Our Lord and Savior left no room for doubt on this subject: "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God**" (Matt. 4:4). . . . In fact, why run so as to win (1 Corinthians 9:24)? If you have the "essentials" down, it's no big deal

if you get deceived into other areas. What kind of a warning is Colossians 2:8 then anyway? So what if you're taken in by empty deceit! You have your essentials! Eat and drink (theologically speaking), for tomorrow we all go to heaven! WHAT A LIE! One cannot categorize Bible doctrine as very essential, not so very essential, less essential, non-essential, or whatever other type of human ranking system. Differences in "Importance," yes, but there are no doctrines that are more or less essential than others. **The Bible does not divide doctrine into essential and non-essential. Paul labored to preach the whole counsel of God** (Acts 20:27). Modern evangelicalism claims that certain doctrines are "essential" and others are "non-essential," and that Christian unity revolves strictly around the essentials, while the non-essentials have no meaning in regard to fellowship. But the Bible nowhere says that doctrine can be so divided. "The faith once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3) describes that body of truth delivered to us by the Lord's Apostles through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. **The entire body of truth is to be contended for.** Timothy was to allow NO OTHER DOCTRINE to be taught (1 Timothy 1:3). There is no hint here that some Bible doctrine is essential and other doctrine is not.¹² (emphasis added)

What happens to the doctrine of a church when it can throw out the very sovereignty of God and claim that God's sovereignty is non-essential? It brings that church within the ecumenical fold of the Roman Catholic Church. It preaches a different god, a different Jesus, a different gospel; it preaches an anti-gospel. "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Matthew 12:30. If, dear reader, you think that is an exaggeration, read and weep over what Chuck Smith has to say on the matter in his 1993 book, *Answers For Today*:

We should realize that we're all part of the Body of Christ and that there aren't any real divisions in the Body. We're all one. What a glorious day when we discover that God loves the Baptists! -- And the Presbyterians, and the Methodists, and the Catholics. We're all His and we all belong to Him. We see the whole Body of Christ, and we begin to strive together rather than striving against one another"¹³

In Chuck Smith's reprobate mind, he believes that the Catholic Church is just one of the many Christian denominations in the body of Christ. Later in this book we will see that the Roman Catholic church is the church of the antichrist. It is no wonder that it is also the source of the anti-gospel.

“Christian” Rock and Roll

In 1971, Chuck Smith founded “Maranatha! Music”, which was a pioneering company in producing “Christian” rock and roll music. Chuck Smith and “Maranatha! Music” were in the forefront of the Jesus people fad (otherwise known as “Jesus freaks”). Under the management of Smith, “Maranatha! Music” produced worldly rock and roll music with ostensible Christian

lyrics. “Maranatha! Music” was allegedly sold by Chuck Smith in 1988 to his nephew, Chuck Fromm.

Smith has gotten back into the “Christian” rock and roll music scene through Calvary Chapel Music. Calvary Chapel Music is managed by Holland Davis, who is the musical director at Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, and was former marketing director at “Maranatha! Music.” Davis apparently still has a close working relationship with “Maranatha! Music,” because a recent CD by the group *Smithfield*, titled *Song that Died Away*, although distributed by Calvary Chapel Music, lists Davis as the producer with a parenthetical after his name indicating “Maranatha! Music and Vineyard Music.”¹⁴ Chuck Smith is listed as the executive producer on that CD. Apparently, there is a close managerial working relationship between Calvary Chapel Music and “Maranatha! Music.”

One of the many groups Calvary Chapel Music produces and promotes is *The Surfaris*,¹⁵ who are famous for the million selling rock and roll tune, “Wipe Out,” which they are quite proud to still play today.¹⁶ In fact, *The Surfaris*’ most recent CD from Calvary Chapel Music is titled: “Wipe Out” and has a rendition of the original song on the CD.

The “Christian” songs that are produced by Calvary Chapel Music have an unmistakable Arminian slant. For example, Calvary Chapel Music has a song book titled *Worship Life: Anchored Deep*. The website for Calvary Chapel Music has excerpts from three songs out of that songbook. One of the songs is titled *Be Free to Reign*. Not surprisingly, the song exudes an Arminian philosophy where God is invited by the singer to be free to reign in his life:

Lord of Heaven and of Earth
Come and reign in my heart
Lord of life and King I serve
I invite you to be free
To reign in every part of me¹⁷

That song is typical of the Arminian free will mind. The Arminian god is a god who minds his own business until a person invites him to be free to reign in his life. Their god depends on the permission of the believer before he can reign in his life. The reign of their god, and the freedom of their god, are dependent on the sovereignty of man.

One doesn’t grant the true God freedom and then invite him to reign in your life. The true God reigns in our lives because he is God; he doesn’t need our permission. Read what the bible says about the true God:

And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? Daniel 4:35

Putting Christian words to rock and roll music creates a spiritual poison for the soul. It is the music that is the real danger. Almost all rock and roll music has a rapid back beat. That rapid drum beat is one of the things that makes rock and roll songs so evil. The music actually causes stress on the body creating what secular scientists call neurotic response.¹⁸ Witches call the response to the music a spell. That neurosis (or spell) is manifested when people impulsively move their bodies to the beat of the music. One never sees such conduct at a classical music concert. However, at a rock and roll concert one often sees large crowds lost in a neurotic frenzy. This magical neurotic spell is a manifestation of the influence of devils over the listeners.

Once a person is placed under this spell, the listener becomes susceptible to temptations of the flesh and to being influenced by the worldly lyrics that have double meanings. Although the lyrics, at first glance, may have only one meaning when read on paper, the fleshly music suggests to the listener an interpretation that plays to the lust of the flesh and the pride of life.

Even ostensibly Christian lyrics can be interpreted differently when put to discordant rock and roll music. When the words are put to music the performer can place emphasis on one part of a phrase in order to influence the listener to interpret the words according to that emphasis. If the music is guttural rock and roll music seemingly innocent words will take on a whole new meaning. The real message is in the music, and sometimes the message is subliminal. Terry Watkins explains:

The song "Stairway to Heaven" by the group Led Zeppelin is the most popular song in rock history. One line of the song, says, "you know sometimes **WORDS HAVE TWO MEANINGS.**" They should know — the song is drenched in satanic backmasking! One part when played forward, says: "*Yes, there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run there's still time to change the road you're on.*" But when played backwards, you clearly hear: "*IT'S MY SWEET SATAN . . . Oh I will sing because I live with Satan.*" Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin is a devout follower of Satanist Aliester Crowley. Page went so far as purchase Crowley's old mansion. Let there be no doubt who Zeppelin's master is - on their song "Houses of the Holy", they sing, "**Let the music be YOUR MASTER/** Will you heed the master's call/ Oh, Satan . . ." ¹⁹

The meanings of words can be influenced even by voice inflection. For example, the phrase "that was real smart" has a literal meaning that is clear to the reader. However, if the statement is voiced by a person in a sarcastic manner, the meaning is completely changed to mean the opposite of the actual words. Much of communication between people is through the tone and inflection of the voice.

Another example would be if person is asked "do you mind if I borrow your pen?" A typical response of a person giving permission to use his pen might be: "sure." The literal meaning of the word used by the respondent indicates that the respondent does in fact mind if the person borrows his pen; the words deny the requestor permission to borrow his pen. However,

both the respondent and the requestor understand that the respondent is actually giving permission to borrow his pen. The inflection in the voice of the respondent carries the real message, while the literal meaning of the word is ignored. Voice inflection, in a very real sense, can override the literal meaning of words.

That same phenomenon happens to a much greater degree when “Christian” words are put to rock and roll music. Many people think that if a song has Christian words that makes it Christian music. That is wrong. The real message is carried by the music, not by the words.

The words do not give meaning to the music, rather it is the music that gives meaning to the words. Fleshly, lustful, prideful music will give a fleshly, lustful, prideful meaning to the words being sung. Even bible passages in “Christian” rock and roll can be twisted to mean something completely different from the meaning intended by God. The words may seem uplifting, but the music is downward, earthly, prideful. Consequently the message does not praise God, but rather subliminally encourages sin under the guise of Christian music. In fact, it is common for the words to a rock and roll song to be drowned out by the music, making the words almost unintelligible. The unintelligible words can be interpreted by the listener to say whatever the music subliminally suggests. That is because the real message is in the music, and its hypnotic rhythm.

People should understand the evil nature of rock and roll music, by whatever label under which it is concealed. Whether it is called Christian rock, contemporary Christian music, or Christian rap, there is a sinful message that is carried by the music itself. Rock and roll music is an incantation that casts an evil magic spell. Any music that does not lift the spirit, will instead lower the soul to follow the dictates of sinful flesh. That is why misbehavior is a common occurrence at rock and roll concerts, yet such conduct is never heard of at classical music concerts.

Read what Michael Jackson had to say during a February 10, 1993, live interview with Oprah Winfrey about the effect of rock and roll music on his behavior. The worldwide broadcast was purportedly his first live interview up to that time:

Oprah Winfrey: I have to ask you this; so many mothers in my audience have said to please ask you this question. Why do you always grab your crotch?

Michael Jackson: (Giggle) Why do I grab my crotch?

Oprah Winfrey: You've got a thing with your crotch going on there.

Michael Jackson: **I think it happens subliminally.** When you're dancing, you know you are just interpreting the music and the sounds and the accompaniment if there's a driving base, if there's a cello, if there's a string, you become the emotion of what that sound is, so if I'm doing a movement and I go bam and I grab myself;

it's... **it's the music that compels me to do it**; it's not saying that I'm dying to grab down there and it's not in a great place; **you don't think about it; it just happens; sometimes I'll look back at the footage and I go ... and I go did I do that; so I'm a slave to the rhythm, yeah, okay.**²⁰ (emphasis added)

Notice what Jackson revealed. He opined that the influence of the music over him was subliminal. He had concluded that he was being influenced at an unconscious level to engage in the indecent conduct of grabbing his crotch. He stated that he was not even aware he was doing it, and was sometimes surprised when he saw the film footage later of his lascivious actions.

Jackson attributed the subliminal control of his movements to the “music!” It was not the words, it was the music that took him over, and caused him to unconsciously grab his privates. He stated that he was a “slave to the rhythm.” That rhythm drove him to lewdly grab his crotch.

The rock and roll rhythm is an evil rhythm that causes people to do things they would not ordinarily do. Whether you call it “Christian” rock and roll or “secular” rock and roll, it is still rock and roll, and the subliminal influence over the flesh by the evil rhythm is present in both.

One artist promoted by Calvary Chapel Music is *Santos*. Chuck Smith himself offers narration between songs on their most recent CD titled *Santos: Deep and Rich*. The following description appears on the Calvary Chapel Music website describing *Santos*: “Santos tours nationally and has shared stages with The Charlie Daniels Band, The Outlaws, Pure Prairie League, Atlanta Rhythm Section, Moby Grape, Judas Priest, and the Marshall Tucker Band.”²¹ They proudly state that they have appeared and shared stages with music bands that pander to the flesh, including “Judas Priest!”²² “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” Amos 3:3.

Judas Priest is a heavy metal, Satanic rock and roll band. Read a sampling of some of the song titles by Judas Priest; they will give you some idea of the Satanic roots of the band: *Hell Is Home, Burn In Hell, Saints In Hell, Race With The Devil, Genocide, Eat Me Alive, Devil's Child, Touch Of Evil, Deal With The Devil, Devil Digger, Hell Patrol, Demonizer, Hellrider, Blood Stained, Turbo Lover, Screaming For Vengeance, Bloodsuckers, Breaking The Law, Killing Machine, Brain Dead, Decapitate, Metal Gods, Judas Rising, and Metal Messiah.*²³

Terry Watkins explains the influence *Judas Priest* has over young minds with music that is literally a magic spell that possesses its listeners with a devil that drives them to commit suicide; this is the band with whom Calvary Chapel Music’s *Santos* was proud to share a stage:

In December, 1985, eighteen-year-old Raymond Belknap and James Vance after listening to Judas Priest sing "Beyond the Realms of Death", climbed out the bedroom window and went to a nearby church playground. There Belknap put a sawed-off shotgun to his head, pulled the trigger and literally blew his head off. As Belknap lay dead on the playground, Vance took his turn. He said, "There was just tons of blood. It was like the gun had grease on it. There was so much blood I could barely handle it, and

I reloaded it and then, you know, it was my turn, and I readied myself. I was thinking about all that there was to live for, so much of your life is right before your eyes, and it was like I DIDN'T HAVE ANY CONTROL . . . MY BODY WAS COMPELLED to do it and I went ahead and shot."

Vance survived the gunshot wound, but slipped into a coma in November, 1988, and died a few days later.

The bereaved parents brought legal action against Judas Priest. The lawsuit stated, "The suggestive lyrics combined with the continuous beat and rhythmic non-changing intonation of the music combined to induce, encourage, aid, abet and mesmerize the plaintiff into believing the answer to life was death."

According to expert witnesses who analyzed the Judas Priest album, both subliminal messages and backmasking were found. They found the subliminal message "Do it" at least six times. Attorney Kenneth McKenna said, "They just literally obeyed the commands of the music, and the lyrics . . ." ²⁴

How can an alleged Christian music group of any kind agree to share a stage with a notorious Satanic rock and roll band? John Todd may have an answer to that question.

John Todd (Collins) was a former member of the Illuminati Collins family. The Illuminati is a Satanic society that has within it many layers within layers of secrecy. It operates on a need to know basis. Todd was deeply involved in the dark world of witchcraft. He stated that he personally delivered four million dollars to Chuck Smith in order to enable Smith to start "Maranatha! Music."²⁵ Todd stated that the money he gave Smith was a partial payment toward a total of eight million dollars of which he was aware was given to Smith by the Illuminati. Todd stated that Smith knew that money was from the Satanic Illuminati. On October 5, 1978, Chuck Smith issued a written denial of the allegations made by Todd. In the course of his denial, Smith made a very odd statement. He stated:

I believe that it is time that the truth be established, and John Todd be declared for what he is--an absolute liar in league with Satan and going around doing a damning work within the church, seeking to divide the body rather than bring it together. If it were not for the scripture concerning going to law with a brother, I would have sued John Todd long ago for liable [sic] and slander; because I do obey the scriptures and seek to obey them, I have not filed this suit against him but the statements that he makes are totally false.²⁶

Chuck Smith is a pastor of one of the largest churches in the United States. At the time he wrote that letter he had been a pastor for approximately 10 years. Presumably, he knows what the bible says about suing. He had, no doubt, read the relevant passage regarding lawsuits against Christian brethren. The pertinent passage is found at 1 Corinthians 6:1-10. The passage states:

Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? **But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.** Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather *suffer yourselves* to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that *your* brethren. **Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?** Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:1-10 AV)

That passage admonishes against a Christian suing his Christian brother. However, Smith made clear in his letter that he considers Todd “an absolute liar in league with Satan and going around doing a damning work within the church, seeking to divide the body rather than bring it together.”

Smith further stated in his letter: “John Todd is an unmitigated liar, a deceiver, a divider within the body of Christ, and needs to be exposed.” He repeats in another section of his letter that “The man is an absolute liar and anybody is insane who listens to him or gives any credence to what he has to say.” Smith clearly does not consider Todd a Christian brother.

Smith stated that he did not sue Todd out of obedience to scripture. As we have seen in the relevant bible passage, there is no impediment to a Christian suing a non-Christian. Smith already knew that when he wrote his letter. As a pastor, he is purportedly an expert in the bible, and what it means.

So, if Smith does not believe that Todd is his Christian brother, there is no biblical impediment to suing Todd. That means that Smith was not telling the truth about his reason for not suing Todd, which calls into question Smith’s credibility regarding the rest of his denial.

Smith considers Todd a minion of Satan sent to divide the church, and he needs to be exposed. One would think that best way to expose Todd would be to put him on the stand in a court of law and subject him to cross examination under oath. Smith knows, however, that legal action cuts both ways, and that may be the real reason Smith did not sue Todd. In a lawsuit, Smith could also be called to the stand and be subjected to cross examination under oath.

In addition, under the rules of discovery in a slander suit, where the allegation is that a person made a false statement about the plaintiff’s source of finances, Todd would be able to get copies of all of Smith’s financial records, including relevant underlying documents. Witnesses who have knowledge of Smith’s business practices could be subpoenaed and deposed.

Smith's refusal to sue Todd is even more unusual when it is considered in face of the following challenge made by Smith in the same letter:

If he could do so, I would be happy to give him \$50,000, which I don't have, but I would obligate myself to it and would be willing to do so for any kind of evidence that he could produce to show that his statement has even one shred of truth to it. It is a total fabrication and a complete lie.²⁷

If Smith is so sure of himself that he was willing to obligate himself to pay \$50,000, that he allegedly did not even have, if Todd could come up with one shred of evidence to prove Todd's claim, why was he so reticent to sue?

Smith challenged Todd to come up with evidence that he knew Todd did not have. Smith knew that if such evidence existed, the evidence will be found in records of which only he has custody. The way to prove his innocence would be to have those records subjected to public scrutiny in a lawsuit. Smith himself stated that "he would have sued John Todd long ago for liable [sic] and slander" if he were not constrained by an alleged biblical prohibition. We now know there is no such biblical prohibition.

In addressing Todd's claim to have delivered \$8 million to Smith, Smith said in his letter that he is not wealthy. He stated:

I am not a wealthy man under any standards. I have always believed in living a very simple life, and I receive a smaller salary than does a brick layer. I do not own any apartment complexes. I do not own any apartments or condominiums. I own the house that I am living in, or rather the savings and loan company owns the house I am living in. I drive a Chevrolet car that was sold to me at dealer's cost because the dealer is a member of Calvary Chapel. I have never driven fancy cars; I do not believe in driving fancy cars. I have always driven used cars up until the dealer offering me a new car at his cost.²⁸

That statement should not be read in a vacuum. Smith's nephew, Chuck Fromm, who was at the time President of "Maranatha! Records" also wrote a letter (dated October 3, 1978) defending Smith. Fromm stated:

Maranatha! Music is a non-profit organization grossing approximately 1.1 million dollars annually. It was started in connection with Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa in 1971 (incorporated as a separate organization in 1972) with a loan from Pastor Chuck Smith of under \$3000. That money was used to produce the first Maranatha! Music album, which sold over 200,000 copies. The money from those sales furthered the ministry and was the source for funds to produce more albums. Today, fifty per cent of our sales are from our Praise albums.²⁹

At the time both the letter by Fromm and the letter by Smith were written, Chuck Smith owned “Maranatha! Music.” Whether the corporation is for profit or non profit is of importance primarily for tax reasons. Calling a company “non profit” is actually a misnomer. Non profit organizations are permitted to, and often do, make profits. When the income is retained by a company it becomes retained earnings, which is an asset that belongs to the owner. “Maranatha! Music” had assets and income, both of which belonged to Chuck Smith. According to Fromm, “Maranatha! Music” was a profit generating company that had an annual gross income of 1.1 million dollars. Any profit after expenses belonged to Chuck Smith. Yet, Chuck Smith claimed that “I am not a wealthy man under any standards.” Anyone who owns a company that has an annual gross income of 1.1 million dollars would be considered a wealthy man under any standard. Once again, Smith’s statements do not hold up to scrutiny. Why would Smith claim poverty, when in fact he is quite wealthy?

I noted an anomaly in Fromm’s letter. Fromm claimed that “Maranatha! Music” sold 200,000 copies of their first album. However, David de Sabatino, in his *History of the Jesus Movement*, states that the first two albums from “Maranatha! Music” sold a combined total of 25,000.³⁰ That is quite a discrepancy! Are Fromm’s sales figures accurate? If they are not, why would Fromm inflate the sales figures?

Fromm’s letter was written in October 1978. Fromm stated that “Maranatha! Music,” which was founded in 1971, grossed 1.1 million dollars per year. It seems that they were making that amount from the very first year. Fromm stated that the first 1971 album sold 200,000 copies. Assuming a wholesale price of \$5 per album, that would mean gross income of \$1 million on the first album alone. Multiply \$1.1 million per year over the 8 years between 1971 and 1978 and we arrive at 8.8 million dollars. Coincidentally, John Todd alleged that he gave Chuck Smith 4 million dollars, which he said was the second payment of a total of 8 million dollars from the Illuminati. Did Fromm inflate the sales figures for the album sales in order to use those fictional numbers to provide a documented explanation for the millions of dollars in “Maranatha! Music” assets that actually came from the Illuminati?

Even Fromm’s statement of “Maranatha! Music” grossing \$1.1 million per year is impeached by Chuck Smith, who stated in his October 1978 letter:

Even to the present date, Maranatha Music has not done a total of \$8 million in business, and this also can be easily verified and confirmed, and any reputable person is welcome to look at the books of both Calvary Chapel and Maranatha Music in order to prove the statements that I make are correct.³¹

Smith denies that “Maranatha Music” had done a total of \$8 million in business. However Fromm’s statement indicates that “Maranatha! Music” grossed more than \$8 million, as of 1978. It seems that Smith and Fromm cannot get their stories or figures straight.

It is intriguing that Smith offers to allow a reputable person to look at their books. However, that seems more bluster than anything else. He knows that his books are not self-authenticating. In fact, the books are simply documentary conclusions. If he will only allow an examiner to look at the

final numbers, the examiner will inevitably have to agree with the numbers in the books. The important figures are the figures on documents that underlie the conclusory numbers (which are many times self serving) found in the final “books.” The books are of little help in addressing this issue, unless the person examining the books can also ask questions of employees and Smith himself in order to get an explanation, verify the numbers, and examine the evidence that underlies those numbers. It is doubtful that is the kind of examination Smith had in mind.

Fromm stated in his letter that “Maranatha! Music” “was started in connection with Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa in 1971 (incorporated as a separate organization in 1972) with a loan from Pastor Chuck Smith of under \$3000.”³² Keep in mind that Fromm is addressing a specific allegation about the source and amount of funding for “Maranatha! Music.” Fromm was the President of “Maranatha! Music,” and he had available at his fingertips all of the records for “Maranatha! Music.” Yet the best he could do was estimate that the loan from Chuck Smith was “under \$3,000.”

Chuck Smith for his part, seems not to be able to keep the figure straight. In his October 5, 1978 letter he states that: “Maranatha Music was actually started with my own personal investment of \$3,000.00.”³³ Yet, three years later, in the Fall of 1981, Smith stated in his church bulletin that:

We saw the necessity of helping to support the musicians in their ministry by making records. So with \$3,500 and a four-track tape recorder, we made the first Maranatha album, a sampler of all the groups called *Maranatha 1*.³⁴

Within 3 years the figure went from \$3,000 to \$3,500. One would think that a person who is just scraping by, as Smith claimed, on “a smaller salary than does a brick layer”³⁵ would know to the penny how much money he used to start a company. Unless, of course, the story is just fiction, and he could not remember the figure he had made up in the early version of the story.

Notice that when it came to explaining in the church bulletin how Smith started “Maranatha! Music,” he did not mention the source of the \$3,500. Furthermore, it is unclear under his version of events how he was able to sock away \$3,500 on the allegedly modest salary that was less than the salary of a brick layer. Another oddity of his story is that for a pastor on a modest income he seemed to be rather irresponsible with his money. It is the height of irresponsibility to wager a large amount of money (those were 1978 dollars), especially for a poor pastor, on a very risky venture of producing an album for a bunch of hippies. His story just does not pass the smell test.

Why would the Illuminati give money to a “Christian” music producer? He who pays the piper calls the tune. The music that Smith was tasked to produce was Satanic music, labeled and marketed as Christian music. The Illuminati realized what was at stake when Todd went public with his allegation, and so they used every tool at their disposal to destroy Todd’s credibility. They orchestrated false rape charges against him. Fritz Springmeier, who has done extensive research on the Illuminati, is convinced that Todd is who he claims to be and that his testimony is true.³⁶ Jack Chick, a Christian publisher, also understood the power of the Illuminati being brought down on Todd, and that the charges that have been leveled against Todd are false. Chick has continued to publish several comics

based upon the information supplied to him by Todd.³⁷

We need not rely on Springmeier and Chick to vouch for the accuracy of the information supplied by Todd. The truth is self evident. The sour fruit of Christian Rock, otherwise known as “Jesus Rock,” has resulted in dead churches imbedded with a worldly Arminian anti-gospel.

To this day the Calvary Chapel website has many references to Christian Rock and Roll. The youth ministry links on the Calvary Chapel Santa Rosa, website has a link for HM Magazine that describes it as: “Christian Rock, Hardcore, Alternative and everything in between.”³⁸ “Christian rock and roll” is an oxymoron. The term “Christian rock and roll” is the equivalent of “Christian witchcraft.” If someone were to try to inject witchcraft into the churches, the flock would recognize the threat immediately. However, the subtlety of rock and roll music was the ideal method for Satan to place nominal Christians under his influence and ruin their testimony. Rock and roll music is from the devil and placing a “Christian” label on it does not make it righteous.

Terry Watkins gives a brief history of rock and roll and its infiltration into the churches through the Christian rock and roll phenomenon started by Chuck Smith:

In the early 1950's, Cleveland disc jockey Allan Freed revolutionized the music world. Borrowing a ghetto term for sexual fornication, he coined the term "ROCK N ROLL". The Encyclopaedia Britannica Yearbook for 1956 described rock'n roll as, "insistent savagery deliberately competing with the artistic ideals of the jungle." The Christian community cried against this "tool of Satan." But in the 70's, a sinister hand began planting a small, but deadly seed. And the walls began to crumble. And like a raging hurricane, rock began desecrating the sacred music of the church. In they came; Bill Gaither, the Imperials, Dallas Holmes, Randy Stonehill, Keith Greene, and others. Today, rock music is a common companion of the church. And as you'll soon read, the rebellion, the sexual theme, the blasphemy, the occult influence, are found "lurking under the cover" of Christian rock.³⁹

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Rock star David Bowie said, "Rock has always been THE DEVIL'S MUSIC." (Rolling Stone, Feb. 12, 1976, p. 83)

Secular rock bad girl Lita Ford, said, "Listen, rock'n roll AIN'T CHURCH. It's nasty business. You gotta be nasty too. If you're goody, goody, you can't sing or play it. . ." (Los Angeles Times, August 7, 1988)

Even secular Time magazine, (March 11, 1985 p.60) in an article about Contemporary Christian Music titled the article, "New Lyrics for the DEVIL'S MUSIC".

The band that started the “Christian Rock” era was a band named *Love Song*.⁴⁰ The band got its

start in Christian Rock by playing at Chuck Smith's Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California. The first two songs recorded by *Love Song* were released in a 1971 album, which also contained songs from other Christian Rock bands. The album was titled *The Everlastin' Livin' Jesus Concert*, and it was the first album produced by "Maranatha! Music."⁴¹

Today, *Love Song* describes themselves as: "Using a mixture of folk, rock, pop, and country."⁴² A sampling of just one of their songs "Don't You Know" reveals the nature of their music. The description of the song is given as: "A 'Beatle-ish' exercise, with Beach Boy overtones."⁴³

When one listens to the sampling of the song available on the internet, it becomes clear that the description of the song is accurate. The song is a rock and roll song that sounds very much like a Beatles tune. That is not surprising since as a website devoted to the "Jesus Movement" and *Love Song* states: "Many called them [Love Song] the Christian 'Beatles.'"⁴⁴ The song *Don't You Know* has the rapid back beat that is so characteristic of rock and roll songs. Such music is more an incantation, that casts a magic spell, than it is music. Any music that does not lift the spirit, will instead lower the soul to follow the dictates of sinful flesh.

The following is an excerpt of the history of *Love Song*. Notice how their music had to be cleaned up to remove overt "New Age ideas" in order to make the music more acceptable to perform in front of Christian audiences. New Age is simply a term to describe repackaged heathen pantheism.

"New Age" is an antichrist religious philosophy, based upon a belief in man's free will. The New Age adherents are responsible to work their way (typically through Hindu style meditation) ultimately to reach nirvana, otherwise blasphemously known as "Christ consciousness." If they do not succeed in this lifetime, they believe they will be reincarnated again and again in a seemingly endless procession of manifestations until they reach their mythical goal.

The first album was comprised of a combination of songs that had been written before and after we [Love Song] had become Christians. We had already written a number of songs when we first came to Chuck Smith at Calvary Chapel to "audition". Most of these songs were remarkably scriptural, although a few "New Age" ideas had crept into the lyrics. With just a little tweaking, the lyrics were cleaned up from a biblical standpoint, and the songs became acceptable to perform in front of Christian audiences.⁴⁵

The first songs originally contained New Age ideas that had to be given a little "tweaking" to make them acceptable to Christian audiences! If songs have New Age ideas in them, that makes them New Age songs. It is unclear exactly what was done to "tweak" or "clean up" the New Age songs. Those words suggest minor alterations. The minor alterations were for the purpose of making the songs "acceptable to perform in front of Christian audiences."

As we have already seen, the words are incidental to the music. There is no indication that there was any change in the music of the New Age pagan songs. Furthermore, the standard for Christian music should not be whether the music can be made minimally acceptable to nominal Christians. The

standard should be whether the music gives glory and praise to God.

Read how “Christian” rock and roll affects the way one thinks. Below is a statement from Erick Nelson, who “was one of the many artists to come out of Calvary Chapel during the Jesus movement. His name graced many Maranatha! Music recordings of that time and he was a member of several Jesus bands including Selah and Good News, in addition to later having a solo career.”⁴⁶

Then Love Song came up and played. The visual presentation of the group was always impressive. **First, they all had fairly long hair and beards, which was a definite plus. They weren't boys, but men. You knew they had been around - had tried drugs, alternative life styles, religions, ... all of which gave them instant credibility.**⁴⁷

Nelson was impressed that the members of *Love Song* had long hair; he viewed that as a plus. “Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?” 1 Corinthians 11:14. Nelson thought that the fact that they had led a life of drugs, alternative lifestyles, and religions gave them instant credibility. How can any amount of sin give a Christian, or anyone for that matter, credibility? Sin brings shame, not credibility.

Even if Nelson intended (which intent is certainly not clear) to express the idea that they formerly, but no longer, led such a life of sin, his judgment of their credibility based on past sins is unbiblical. “They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them..” 1 John 4:5. “Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.” Titus 2:12. God makes it clear that a Christian should not revel in the sin and temptations of the world; a Christian should resist the devil and his worldly temptations. If one is to be a friend of the world, he will be an enemy of God.

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that **the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.** Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness. (James 4:4-9 AV)

What is revealing is that Nelson explains that *Love Song* was a band that had music that sounded like secular music, but was about Jesus.

The overwhelming impression of Love Song was not that they were another "religious" group, or "gospel" group. Like others at the time, I had originally thought that there was one thing called "religious" music, and another thing called "secular music". **Love Song did something that sounded like secular music, but was about Jesus. Their kind of**

music, to me, was not just a hip, contemporary version of "gospel music." That's exactly what it was not. It was part of a growing trend in popular music.⁴⁸

What Nelson does not understand is that there is no such thing as secular music! All music communicates with the spirit of man. When he says that it sounded like secular music, he really means that it sounded like heathen music. All pagan music is Satanic.

Another thing that Nelson does not understand is that pagan music does not become Christian music because it is about Jesus. Pagan music remains heathen music, whether it is about Jesus or not. All pagan music about Jesus either blasphemes Jesus or creates a different Jesus, who is not the omnipotent sovereign of the universe.

Notice how Nelson and Christian rockers have a form of godliness, but they deny the power of God. God predicted such would arise. Such an "anything goes" attitude is a manifestation of the Arminian gospel, in which the power of God to save by the will of his good pleasure is denied. They use Christian language, but they deny the real power of the gospel: the power of God to impart spiritual rebirth upon his elect. God commands us to turn away from such proud and blasphemous lovers of pleasure.

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.** (2 Timothy 3:1-5 AV)

Love Song is known as the "Christian" Beatles. While some of their songs sound like Beatles songs, it is not clear that the group understands the implications of being called the "Christian" Beatles.

The press officer for the Beatles, Derek Taylor, said, "They're COMPLETELY ANTI-CHRIST. I mean, I am anti-Christ as well, but they're so anti-Christ they shock me which isn't an easy thing." (Saturday Evening Post, Aug. 8, 1964).

Paul McCartney said, "We probably seem to be anti-religious. . . none of us believes in God." (Hit Parader, Jan 1970, p.15)

John Lennon, in his book, *A Spaniard in the Works*, portrays Jesus Christ as, "Jesus El Pifico, a garlic-eating, stinking little yellow, greasy fascist bastard catholic spaniard." (*A Spaniard in the Works*, p.14).

Lennon also made that infamous statement, "Christianity will go, it will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue about that. I'm right and will be proved right. . . We're more popular than Jesus now." (San Francisco Chronicle, April 13, 1966, p.26)

Ray Coleman quotes John Lennon as saying, "I've sold my soul to the DEVIL."
(Coleman, Ray, Lennon p.256)⁴⁹

Donald Phau further explains the depths of the Beatles Satanic roots by exposing their admiration for Aliester Crowley, who was an infamous Satanist, whose debauchery earned him the moniker: "The Beast:"

The cover of Sgt. Pepper's showed the Beatles with a background of, according to Ringo Starr, people "we like and admire" (Hit Parade, Oct. 1976, p.14). Paul McCartney said of Sgt. Pepper's cover, ". . . we were going to have photos on the wall of all our HEROS . . ." (Musician, Special Collectors Edition, - Beatles and Rolling Stones, 1988, p.12)

One of the Beatle's heros included on the cover of Sgt. Pepper's was — the infamous Aliester Crowley! Most people, especially in 1967, did not even know who Crowley was — but the Beatles certainly did.⁵⁰

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Aliester Crowley is, without a doubt, the main spiritual "teacher" of rock music. Crowley's mission in life was to destroy Jesus Christ and Christianity, while exalting sex perversion, drugs, magick and Satan.

Aliester Crowley spews his hatred of Jesus Christ in The World's Tragedy: "I do not wish to argue that the doctrines of Jesus, they and they alone, have degraded the world to its present condition. I take it that Christianity is not only the cause but the symptom of slavery." (Aleister Crowley, The World's Tragedy, p. XXXIX)

"That religion they call Christianity; the devil they honor they call God. I accept these definitions, as a poet must do, if he is to be at all intelligible to his age, and it is their God and their religion that I HATE and will DESTROY." (Aleister Crowley, The World's Tragedy, p. XXXI)

In the introduction of The World's Tragedy, Israel Regardie says:

"This long, almost epic poem is one of the most bitter and vicious diatribes against Christianity that I have ever read."

Crowley's most famous teaching, "Do what thou wilt shalt be the whole of the law" became the "mantra" of the 60's revolution of drugs, sexual perversion and anti-Christianity. "Do your own thing" — "If it feels good do it".⁵¹

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"The whole Beatle idea was to do what you want, right? To take your own responsibility, do what you want and try not to harm other people, right? DO WHAT THOU WILT, as long as it doesn't hurt somebody. . ." ("The Playboy Interviews with John Lennon & Yoko Ono", by David Sheff & G. Barry Golson, p. 61)⁵²

Notice that the mantra of the disciples of Aliester Crowley in the rock and roll culture is to "do what thou wilt." To Satanists, that is the "whole of the law." To them, free will is unfettered by God. Satanists and rock and roll "artists" are the ultimate Arminians. It is no wonder that "Christian" rock and roll sprang from an Arminian church. The Arminian free will philosophy fits rather comfortably with the rock and roll culture. Because of the disrepute of Christian Rock and the desire to distance its association in the minds of Christians from secular rock and roll, the Christian Rock industry changed its name to Contemporary Christian Music (CCM). The label changed, but the spiritual poison remains the same.

The Hidden Hand of the Illuminati

Chuck Smith has slipped up and revealed a part of his character that would shock his followers. In the process he revealed his Zionist plans. Smith and his "ministry" are part of a conspiracy for Zionist conquest of Palestine. Smith's Zionist plans parallel the plans of the Illuminati, which is revealing in light of John Todd's allegations of Illuminati funding for Smith. An investigative team from *The Executive Intelligence Review* discovered a group called the "American Jerusalem Temple Foundation," which was an early source of "massive amounts of money from American-based Darbyite Christian fundamentalists"⁵³ that were poured into "Jerusalem operations, aimed, ultimately, at blowing up the Muslim holy sites at the Temple Mount, and building the Third Temple."⁵⁴

In the middle of this planned bloodfest we find Chuck Smith, pastor of Calvary Chapel. *The Executive Intelligence Review* discovered the following:

At the core of the Gnostic "dispensational premillennarianism," advocated by Nineteenth-Century Anglican clergyman John Nelson Darby, is the belief that the extermination of the Jews, in a final battle of Armageddon, brought on by the rebuilding of Solomon's Temple, is the Biblical precondition for the second coming of the Messiah and the Rapture. **Pastor Chuck Smith, Dolphin's mentor at the Calvary Baptist Church, when asked by EIR whether he had any compunctions about unleashing a holy war that would lead to the possible extermination of millions of Jews and Muslims, replied, "Frankly, no, because it is all part of Biblical prophesy."**⁵⁵

Smith was also full of praise for the Jewish zealots of the Temple Mount Faithful, and their founder, Goldfoot: "Do you want a real radical?" he asked. "Try Stanley Goldfoot. He's a wonder. His plan for the Temple Mount is to take sticks of dynamite and some M-16s and blow the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosques and just lay claim to the site."⁵⁶

Who is Stanley Goldfoot, upon whom Chuck Smith heaps such praise? He is a psychopathic mass murderer and internationally recognized terrorist! He has admitted he helped plan the 1946 dynamite bombing of the King David Hotel that killed approximately 100 Christian, Jewish, and Muslim civilians.⁵⁷ Goldfoot has also admitted that he planned and directed the execution of the United Nations mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, in Jerusalem, in the Fall of 1948.⁵⁸

Chuck Smith is so impressed with Goldfoot that he invited that killer to lecture in his Calvary Chapel!⁵⁹ Smith has also financed Goldfoot's Zionist activities! The Hebrew University of Jerusalem explains:

Chuck Smith, a noted minister and evangelist whose Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California, has been one of the largest and most dynamic Charismatic churches in America, invited Goldfoot to lecture in his church, and his followers helped to finance Goldfoot's activity.⁶⁰

Smith secured financial support for exploration of the exact site of the Temple. An associate of Smith, Lambert Dolphin, a California physicist and archeologist and leader of the "Science and Archeology Team," took it upon himself to explore the Temple Mount. An ardent premillennialist who believed that the building of the Temple was essential to the realization of messianic hopes.⁶¹

Can we regard Chuck Smith as a true minister of the gospel when he praises and financially supports a terrorist killer? Why would he do such a thing? Because both he and Goldfoot are Zionists, who want to bring Palestine under the complete control of Israel. One of the key goals of the Zionist Illuminati is to rule the world. Jewish control of Palestine is one step toward that Zionist goal. Let us explore just who are the Illuminati.

The "Illuminati" are a secret organization purportedly founded by a trained Jesuit named Adam Weishaupt in 1776.⁶² As I will explain, it was not a coincidence that the Illuminati arose just three years after Pope Clement XIV's suppression of the Jesuits in 1773. Weishaupt was a Jew and a professor of canon law at Ingolstadt University, which was a Jesuit University and the center of the Jesuit counter-reformation.⁶³

Alberto Rivera, a former Jesuit priest, stated that the occult Illuminati organization was not founded by Weishaupt, as many believe, but in fact was established long before Weishaupt. The Illuminati is in fact a reincarnation of the ancient *Alumbrados*, whose one time leader was Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits.⁶⁴ The Alumbrados and indeed the Illuminati trace their history back to the pharisees.⁶⁵

Benjamin Disraeli was a Jew and a former Prime Minister of England; he revealed that the first Jesuits were Jews.⁶⁶ Ignatius of Loyola's secretary, Polanco, was of Jewish descent and was the only person present at Loyola's deathbed. Ignatius Loyola himself was a crypto-Jew of the Occult Cabala. A crypto-Jew is a Jew who converts to another religion and outwardly embraces the new religion, while

secretly maintaining Jewish practices. James Lainez, who succeeded Loyola as the second Jesuit General, was also of Jewish descent. The third Jesuit General was a Belgian Jew named Eberhard Mercurian.

Jews were attracted to the Jesuit order and joined in large numbers.⁶⁷ Some of the most influential Jesuits in history, such as Francisco Ribera (1537-1591) and Emanuel Lacunza (1731-1801), were Jews. Many of the Jesuit doctrines are similar to those found in the Babylonian Talmud.

The Illuminati was reconstituted by Lorenzo Ricco, the Jesuit General, in 1776, who used his disciple, Adam Weishaupt, as the front man for the organization (which was really not new at all).⁶⁸ The Jesuits, having just been suppressed by the pope in 1773, found it necessary to reemerge under the occult banner of the Illuminati, which was an alliance between the Jesuits and the very powerful Ashkenazi Jewish Banking House of Rothschild.

The purpose of the Illuminati initially was to avenge the papal suppression of the Jesuits by rooting out all religion and overturning the governments of the world, bringing them under a single world government, controlled of course by the Illuminati, under the authority of their god. That world government is commonly referred to by the Illuminati as the “New World Order.” The god of the Illuminati is Satan.⁶⁹

Adam Wieshaupt died in 1830 at the age of 82. Giuseppe Mazzini, who was an Italian revolutionary, then became the leader of the Illuminati. He held this position from 1834 until his death in 1872.

Michael Bunker reveals in his book *Swarms of Locusts* that Mazzini was a Roman Catholic Jesuit priest.⁷⁰ Bunker’s book uncovers the Jesuit corruption of “Protestant Christianity,” by injecting into it the poisonous Roman Catholic “free will” doctrine of Molinism, (commonly referred to as Arminianism.). Molinism was so named after Luis de Molina, who was a Jesuit priest.

Giuseppe Mazzini founded a group of revolutionaries formed for the purpose of freeing Italy from the control of monarchy and the Pope. Mazzini succeeded and Mazzini is today celebrated as an Italian patriot. Mazzini’s syndicate supported their efforts by robbing banks, looting, kidnaping for ransom, and running a protection racket where business were torched if protection money was not paid. As the terror spread from the actions of Mazzini’s gang, the word spread that “**Mazzini autorizza furti, incendi e attentati.**” In English it means “Mazzini authorizes theft, arson, and kidnaping.” It was shortened to an acronym: “Mafia.”⁷¹

On August 15, 1871, while Giuseppe Mazzini was the head of the Illuminati in Europe, he wrote a letter to Albert Pike, who was then the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction U.S.A. Pike succeeded to that Masonic position from Isaac Long, a Jew, who in 1801, brought a statue of Baphomet (Satan) to Charleston, South Carolina, where he helped established the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.⁷²

In his letter to Pike, Mazzini gives the details for a plan for world conquest, through three world wars. The first war would destroy Czarist Russia and place that vast territory under the control of the Illuminati. The second war would be caused by the differences between the Political Zionists and the German Nationalists. This would lead to the expansion of Russian Communist power and the creation of a state of Israel in Palestine. The third war would be caused by the conflict between the predicted State of Israel and the Arab Muslims.⁷³

In 1754 the first 25 degrees of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry were written by the Jesuits in the College of Jesuits of Clermont in Paris.⁷⁴ The crypto-Jewish Jesuits inculcated Freemasonry with the heathen occultism of the Kabbalah. Albert Pike explains this secret to Masonry in the doctrinal bible of freemasonry, *Morals and Dogma*: “**Masonry is a search for Light. That leads us directly back, as you see, to the Kabbalah.**”⁷⁵

The pagan Roman Catholic Church has been infiltrated by the Talmudic Jews, primarily, but not exclusively, through the Jesuit order. Notice the similarities between the imperious whorish woman in Ezekiel 16:14-40, which is apostate Israel, and the Roman Catholic harlot of Revelation 17. They are one and the same. The crypto-Jewish Jesuits of the Roman Catholic Church are modern day Pharisees. Read *Solving the Mystery of Babylon the Great* for more detailed study on the Jewish origins of the Roman Catholic Church.

Albert Pike, the theological pontiff of Masonry, wrote that “[i]t is certain that its true pronounciation is not represented by the word Jehovah; and therefore that *that* is not the true name of Diety, nor the Ineffable Word.”⁷⁶ God’s word, however, states clearly that JEHOVAH is God’s name. “That men may know that thou, whose name alone *is* JEHOVAH, *art* the most high over all the earth.” (Psalms 83:18 AV)

If the Masons do not recognize JEHOVAH as God, who is their god? The god of the Masons is Lucifer, which was Satan’s name before he rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven. Albert Pike said that “[t]he doctrine of Satanism is heresy; and the true and pure philosophic religion is the belief in Lucifer, the equal of Adonay; but Lucifer, God of Light and God of Good is struggling for humanity against Adonay, the God of Darkness and Evil.”⁷⁷ Adonay is the Old Testament Hebrew word for God. Pike not only acknowledges that Lucifer is the god of Freemasonry, but he also blasphemes God by calling God “the God of Darkness and Evil.”

The secret Illuminati organization was the hidden guiding hand behind the brutal French Revolution, during which 300,000 people were massacred in a godless orgy of violence.⁷⁸ Moses Mordecai Marx Levi, alias Karl Marx, was a Satanist and a member of the “League of the Just,” which was a branch of the Illuminati.⁷⁹ In 1847, Marx was commissioned by the Illuminati to write the *Communist Manifesto*, which is an outline of their plans for world domination.⁸⁰

There was nothing new in the *Communist Manifesto*; it was merely a plagiarism of the plans already espoused by Weishaupt and his disciple Clinton Roosevelt (a distant relative of Franklin Delano Roosevelt).⁸¹ Between 1600 and 1750 the Jesuits controlled over a quarter million ignorant natives of

Paraguay in over 30 communes which they called “reductions.”⁸² The Jesuits were the masters of these poor slaves, whose labors made the Jesuits immensely wealthy. The lessons learned in the “reductions” were memorialized in the communist manifesto.

The Illuminati, being pharisaical Jews, are Zionists to the core. All of their efforts are focused upon their Zionist goal to rule the world.⁸³ Zionism is not just a homeland for the Jews in Palestine as it is generally believed. It is much more than that. The rule of Palestine is just one step toward world domination.⁸⁴

In order to further their Zionist plans it was necessary to inject their Zionist theology into the churches. This was done through a concerted campaign by agents of the Roman Catholic Church.⁸⁵ One of the methods used by the Roman Catholic theologians was to relegate much of the book of Revelation to some future time.⁸⁶ In 1590 a Roman Catholic Jesuit priest Francisco Ribera, in his 500 page commentary on the book of Revelation, placed the events of most of the book of Revelation in a period in the future just prior to the end of the world.⁸⁷ He claimed that the antichrist would be an individual who would not be manifested until very near the end of the world. He wrote that the antichrist would rebuild Jerusalem, abolish Christianity, deny Christ, persecute the church, and dominate the world for three and half years.⁸⁸

Relegating the appearance of the antichrist to some time in the distant future just before the end of the world had the effect of concealing the true identity of the antichrist, that being the Pope of Rome.⁸⁹ The sea change in the position of almost all of the Protestant denominations toward Rome has been the direct result of this heretical interpretation of the bible by agents of the Roman Catholic Church, designed to conceal the Pope’s identity as the antichrist.⁹⁰

Another Jesuit, Cardinal Robert Bellarmine, promoted Ribera's teachings.⁹¹ This Catholic interpretation of the book of Revelation did not become accepted in the Protestant denominations until a book titled *The Coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty* was published in 1812, 11 years after the death of its author.⁹² The author of that book was another Jesuit by the name of Emanuel de Lacunza.

William Kimball in his book *Rapture, A Question of Timing*, reveals that Lacunza wrote the book under the pen name of Rabbi Juan Josaphat Ben Ezra.⁹³ Kimball attributes the pen name to a motive to conceal his identity, thus taking the heat off of Rome, and making his writings more palatable to the Protestant readers.⁹⁴ It is as likely that in fact the pen name was not a pen name at all, but rather Lacunza’s true identity as a Jewish Rabbi. It is possible that Lacunza was a crypto-Jew, who wrote the book under his true identity as a rabbi. One does not suddenly convert to Judaism and then become immediately so versed in that religion that one takes on the title “rabbi.” He must have had the learning of a rabbi in order to write a book that contains knowledge of Judaism expected of a rabbi. The book was not published by Lacunza himself, but by someone else eleven years after his death

As with the writings of Ribera, Lacunza developed a futuristic perspective which restricted the prophetic fulfillments in the book of Revelation to the end of the world. He stated that the antichrist and all prophecies concerning the antichrist were yet to happen in the future.⁹⁵

He also taught of a partial resurrection of the saints before the appearance of the antichrist, whom he stated was not a single individual but the body of godless masses left behind on the Earth after the resurrection of the saints.⁹⁶ The resurrection would be followed by God's judgements of wrath on the inhabitants of the Earth for an indeterminate period of not less than 45 days.⁹⁷

Lacunza also wrote that during a millennium after the tribulation the Jewish animal sacrifices would be reinstated along with the Eucharist (the Mass) of the Catholic Church.⁹⁸ Lacunza has followed after Jewish fables and replaced the commandments of God with the commandments of men. *See* Titus 1:13. "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." (Titus 1:16 AV)

James Lainez, who succeeded Loyola as the second Jesuit General, was of Jewish descent. Jews were attracted to the Jesuit order and joined in large numbers.⁹⁹ Lacunza was no exception. He was a Jew, which explains why he introduced the eschatological teaching of a return to the Jewish animal sacrifices. That doctrine gives the Jews primacy in God's plan and relegates Christians to a prophetic parenthetical to be supplanted by the Jews during the supposed thousand year earthly reign of Christ. This construct has given rise to "Christian" Zionism, the error of which is exposed in this author's book: *Bloody Zion*.

It is no surprise that Chuck Smith's Calvary Chapel is an ardent supporter of Zionism and has a pretribulation rapture doctrine to match its Zionist philosophy.¹⁰⁰ Smith is following in a long line of Zionists, many of whom have been supported and nurtured by the Jewish Illuminati. Probably the most famous "Christian" Zionist was Cyrus I. Scofield, the author of the iconic Scofield Reference Bible. That so called "bible" was instrumental in popularizing the mythical "pretribulation rapture" doctrine so endemic in churches today.

The Scofield bible was funded and nurtured by World Zionist leaders who saw the Christian churches in America as an obstacle to their plan for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. These Zionists initiated a program to infiltrate and change the Christian doctrines of those churches. Two of the tools used to accomplish this goal were Cyrus I. Scofield and a venerable, world respected European book publisher: The Oxford University Press.¹⁰¹

The scheme was to alter the Christian gospel and corrupt the church with a pro-Zionist subculture. "Scofield's role was to re-write the King James Version of the Bible by inserting Zionist-friendly notes in the margins, between verses and chapters, and on the bottoms of the pages."¹⁰² In 1909, the Oxford University Press published and implemented a large advertising budget to promote the Scofield Reference Bible.

The Scofield Reference Bible was a subterfuge designed to create a subculture around a new worship icon, the modern State of Israel. The new state of Israel did not yet exist, but the well-funded Zionists already had it on their drawing boards.¹⁰³

"Since the death of its original author and namesake, The Scofield Reference Bible has gone

through several editions. Massive pro-Zionist notes were added to the 1967 edition, and some of Scofield's most significant notes from the original editions were removed where they apparently failed to further Zionist aims fast enough. Yet this edition retains the title, "The New Scofield Reference Bible, Holy Bible, Editor C.I. Scofield."¹⁰⁴ Its anti-Arab, Zionist "Christian" subculture theology has fostered unyielding "Christian" support for the State of Israel and its barbaric subjugation of the native Palestinians.

Who was C.I. Scofield? Scofield was a young con-artist who engaged in a continual pattern of fraud and deception both before and after his alleged 1879 conversion. Scofield was a partner with John J. Ingalls, a Jewish lawyer, in a railroad scam which led to Scofield being sentenced to prison for criminal forgery.¹⁰⁵

"Upon his release from prison, Scofield deserted his first wife, Leonteen Carry Scofield, and his two daughters, Abigail and Helen, and he took as his mistress a young girl from the St. Louis Flower Mission. He later abandoned her for Helen van Ward, whom he eventually married."¹⁰⁶

Scofield had developed connections with a subgroup of the Illuminati, known as the Secret Six.¹⁰⁷ He was taken under the wing of Samuel Untermeyer, an ardent Zionist who later became Chairman of the American Jewish Committee and President of the American League of Jewish Patriots.¹⁰⁸ "Untermeyer introduced Scofield to numerous Zionist and socialist leaders, including Samuel Gompers, Fiorello LaGuardia, Abraham Straus, Bernard Baruch and Jacob Schiff."¹⁰⁹ These powerful figures financed Scofield's research trips to Oxford and arranged the publication and distribution of his reference bible. He who pays the piper calls the tune.

In 1892 Scofield fraudulently claimed to have a Doctorate of Divinity and began calling himself "Doctor Scofield."¹¹⁰ In fact, Scofield did not have a doctorate degree from any Seminary or University or for that matter any degree of any kind from any college. His Scofield Reference Bible was a skillfully promoted heresy that has taken root in many churches today. Scofield's theology called for a supposed plan by God to rebuild the Jewish temple and renew the temple sacrifices. That is exactly what Chuck Smith is trying to bring about through his alliance with terrorists like Stanley Goldfoot.

Hebrews 8:1-10:39 makes explicitly clear that Christ fulfilled the requirements of the law by sacrificing himself once for sins for all time. If the blood of animals were sufficient to satisfy God there would be no need for him to come to the earth and sacrifice himself. "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second." (Hebrews 8:6-7 AV)

So Christ was **once offered** to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (Hebrews 9:28 AV)

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same

sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had **offered one sacrifice for sins for ever**, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For **by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified**. (Hebrews 10:10-14 AV)

God would not have us return to the weak and beggarly elements of the Old Testament law. *See* Galatians 4:9-11. To teach such a thing is to blasphemously state that Christ's sacrifice was imperfect and insufficient, and that therefore there is a need to reinstate the animal sacrifices. The Old Testament law was to act as a schoolmaster until the promise of Christ. God would have no reason to reinstate something that was intended to be in place only until he came to offer his own body as a perfect sacrifice. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, we are all one by faith in Christ. He is not going to divide us once again into Jew and Gentile. His church is his body which cannot be divided. 1 Corinthians 1:13. A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand. Mark 3:24.

But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster**. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus**. And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3:23-29 AV)

The bible makes clear that the old covenant is to vanish, being replaced by the new covenant of faith in Jesus Christ. "In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away." (Hebrews 8:13 AV) Why would God reinstate something which he has said would vanish away and in which he has had no pleasure? "In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure." (Hebrews 10:6 AV)

The true Jews are those that accept their Messiah, Jesus. The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom; it is not a kingdom based on race or tribe. Those who are chosen by God to believe in Jesus Christ are the spiritual Israel of God.

Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. **For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel**: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, **They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed**. (Romans 9:6-8 AV)

For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But **he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God**. (Romans 2:28-29 AV)

God has not cast away Israel. His Israel is made up of those whom he foreknew before the foundation of the world who would believe in Jesus unto salvation. Therefore, all Israel shall be saved.

God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. (Romans 11:2 AV) And so **all Israel shall be saved.** (Romans 11:26 AV)

Arminian Counterfeit Bibles

“Maranatha! Music,” founded by Chuck Smith (allegedly sold in 1988 to Smith’s nephew, Chuck Fromm), has branched out to providing NIV (New International Version) bibles. Their website states that “Maranatha! Book Publishing was launched in 1999 as we partnered with Zondervan to create The NIV Worship Bible.” Zondervan is owned by Harper Collins, which is the publisher of *The Satanic Bible*.¹¹¹ “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” Amos 3:3.

Rupert Murdoch’s company, News Corporation, owns Harper Collins.¹¹² Murdoch owns the exclusive rights to the NIV.¹¹³ Murdoch has been described as an internationalist and a pornographer.¹¹⁴ *Time* magazine called Murdoch one of the four most powerful people in the world, and for good reason; he has a media empire that includes Twentieth Century Fox, Fox Television, cable television providers, satellites, and newspapers and television stations throughout America, Europe, and Asia.¹¹⁵ The pope bestowed upon Murdoch the title of “Knight Commander of St. Gregory” for promoting the interests of the Roman Catholic Church.¹¹⁶

Although the “Maranatha! NIV Worship Bible” does not carry the title “Satanic Bible,” it is in a very real sense a Satanic Bible! The combined effect of having a corrupted text and then having that text interpreted using dynamic equivalence has been that the NIV has 64,098 fewer words than the King James Bible.¹¹⁷ That is a 10% loss in the bible. That means that an NIV bible would have 170 fewer pages than a typical 1,700 page King James Bible.¹¹⁸ Let’s read what God thinks about such deletions of his holy words. “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 which are written in this book.” Revelation 22:19.

The texts of the new bible versions, such as the NIV, manifest the antichrist agenda of its publishers. In Isaiah there is a passage about Lucifer that refers to him as “Lucifer, son of the morning.” In the NIV, the Isaiah passage is changed.

KJV

How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer**, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. (Isaiah 14:12-15 KJV)

NIV

How you have fallen from heaven, O **morning star**, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, “I will ascend to heaven, I will raise my throne above the stars of God: I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, in the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the most High.” But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit. (Isaiah 14:12-15 NIV)

Notice that the NIV has changed the subject of the passage from “Lucifer” to the “morning star.” What is the significance of that change? In Revelation 22:16, Jesus calls himself the “morning star.” Do you see what Satan has done? Jesus is the “morning star” in the NIV Isaiah passage. Satan has taken a passage that refers to Satan’s destruction and has twisted it in the NIV to describe the destruction of Jesus, who is Lord God Almighty.

The authors of the NIV, who are evil minions of the devil, have committed the unpardonable sin by blaspheming the Holy Spirit. A person blasphemes the Holy Spirit when he attributes to God the characteristics of the devil. Mark 3:29-30. After the Pharisees alleged that Jesus cast out devils by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of the devils, Jesus said that all sin will be forgiven except for blaspheming the Holy Ghost. Matthew 12:24-32. The NIV has blasphemed the Holy Ghost by changing Isaiah chapter 14 in the NIV to blasphemously attribute to God the evil characteristics of Lucifer. In their Satanic NIV, Isaiah chapter 14 has been changed to prophesy that it is not Lucifer who will in the end be cast into hell, but rather the “morning star,” who is the Lord God Jesus Christ.

The NIV is ever so subtle in its twisting of the scriptures in order to conceal the sovereignty of God and instead put the focus on the decision of man. The simple changing of the word “of” to “in” is all it takes in some passages to hide the gospel of grace. Let’s look at some examples:

KJV

Even the righteousness of God which is by **faith of Jesus** Christ unto all and upon all them that believe. (Romans 3:22 KJV) (emphasis added)

NIV

This righteousness is given through **faith in Jesus** Christ to all who believe. (Romans 3:22 NIV) (emphasis added)

Notice that the righteousness of God is “by the faith **of** Jesus Christ.” The passage explains the source of the faith; faith comes from Jesus Christ, hence it is the “faith **of** Jesus Christ.” The NIV

conceals the source of the faith and simply states the result of the working of Christ, that the righteousness of God “comes through faith in Jesus Christ.” The passage is supposed to reveal the source of our faith, instead it is changed to reveal the object of our faith.

The reader of the NIV can quite comfortably fit the Arminian gospel into the watered down passage. The innocent Christian sheep using an NIV bible will not have any notice that an Arminian “minister” is preaching a false gospel, because the NIV has concealed the word of God from him. If the Christian uses a KJV Bible, it would be impossible to believe the Arminian gospel, unless the reader ignores the plain language of Romans 3:22. That passage indicates that our faith comes from Jesus. One cannot have faith in Jesus without being given the faith of Jesus. The Arminian gospel, that states that man is the source of his own faith, is exposed as a lie in Romans 3:22. Satan had to do something, so he decided to alter God’s word to hide that truth in his NIV bible.

We see the same thing in the NIV corruption of Galatians 2:20:

KJV

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live **by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 KJV) (emphasis added)

NIV

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live **by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20 NIV) (emphasis added)

Next, read Galatians 2:16. The KJV passage indicates that Jesus Christ is both the source of our faith and the object of our faith. There is a clear distinction in the passage between the faith “of” Jesus and the faith “in” Jesus. The passage reveals that the faith “of” Christ is the reason we have faith “in” Christ. Our Justification is by the faith “of” Christ. We believe “in” Jesus, because we have the faith “of” Jesus. Jesus is both the object of our faith and the source of our faith. The faith supplied by Jesus is the means of our justification. Jesus has done it all! The passage refers to the source of our faith as being “of” Christ in two separate clauses. The editors of the NIV removed both references to the faith “of” Christ; they end up repeating faith “in” Christ 3 times.

KJV

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but **by the faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have **believed in Jesus Christ**, that we might be **justified by the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. (Galatians 2:16 KJV) (emphasis added)

NIV

Know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but **by faith in Jesus Christ**. So we, too, have put our **faith in Christ Jesus** that we may be justified by **faith in Christ** and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified. (Galatians 2:16 NIV) (emphasis added)

The Galatians 2:16 passage in the NIV excises Christ as the source of our faith. In the NIV it is all up to man; Christ is out of the picture, except as the object of faith. The object of faith in the NIV is

a different Jesus from the true Jesus of the gospel; the NIV Jesus is a helpless Arminian Jesus. He is not the source of faith.

People are being deceived into believing another gospel (an anti-gospel) with a different Jesus from the true omnipotent Jesus. Their Jesus is a pathetic helpless Jesus, who is reliant upon the weak and enslaved will of man. “For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” (2 Corinthians 11:4 KJV)

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. **But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.** As we said before, so say I now again, **If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.** (Galatians 1:6-9 KJV)

The NIV removes the grace of Christ and replaces it with a cursed free will gospel! Every passage which describes the “faith **of**” Jesus Christ has been changed in the NIV to read “faith **in**” Jesus Christ, or otherwise obscured by other language. *See, e.g.,* Galatians 3:22, 5:22; Ephesians 3:12; Philippians 3:9; James 2:1, and Revelation 14:12.

It is clear that the NIV has an Armenian agenda. For example in Revelation 14:12 we read: “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and **the faith of Jesus.**” This is changed in the NIV to: “This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God’s commandments and **remain faithful to Jesus.**” Notice how nicely the NIV fits in with the Arminian view that salvation can be lost, and so one must “remain faithful to Jesus.” The NIV Revelation 14:12 passage completely obscures the description of faith as “the faith **of** Jesus.”

Colossians 2:12 is clear; faith is by the operation of God. The NIV, however, hides that fact from the reader. According to the NIV, you are raised with Christ through “your” faith. “The faith **of** the operation of God” is changed in the NIV to “**your** faith **in** the power of God.”

KJV
Buried with him in baptism, wherein also **ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead. (Colossians 2:12 KJV) (emphasis added)

NIV
Having been buried with him in baptism and **raised with him through your faith in the power of God**, who raised him from the dead. (Colossians 2:12 NIV) (emphasis added)

Will Kinney reveals how the NIV, and the other modern bible versions, dilute the true gospel of grace and promote a devilish Arminian anti-gospel:

Much of modern Christianity pictures God as a grandfatherly figure wishing so badly that his errant creatures would heed his pleadings and decide of their own free will to choose to believe and cast their vote for God. For those of us who have been granted by our gracious Lord to see the great truths of election and sovereign grace, we should be greatly concerned to see how many of these truths have been diluted in the new bible versions.¹¹⁹

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There is a subtle twisting of God's inspired words taking place in many modern versions in how they are rendering the phrase "respecteth not persons". This is so subtle, that I believe most Christians have not noticed it. The change in meaning produced by versions like the NKJV, NIV, and NASB unfortunately fits in with so much of modern, popular theology, that many would actually consider it to be an improvement over the KJB's reading. It fits the philosophy of the natural mind of man.

The concept that "God has created all men equal" does not come from the Holy Bible. God obviously has not created all men equal, nor does He deal with every single individual or nation in what seems to us as a fair and impartial manner. Many have become so influenced in their thinking by the reasoning of the world, that they cannot discern this obvious truth.

God has created, formed and made each of us. Yet He has not given to all equal intelligence, good looks, physical skills, nor spiritual gifts. "He divideth to every man severally as He will." Exodus 4:11 tells us "And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?".

Not all are born in a country which even has the word of God in its culture, or where it would be openly taught and encouraged. Psalm 147:19,20 "He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD." Some are born in abject poverty, disease and ignorance, while others are blessed with abundant crops, education and families that care for them. "The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all." Proverbs 22:2.

The phrase "to accept the persons of men" or "to respect persons" does not mean, as the modern versions have translated it, "to show partiality" or "to show favoritism". One of the chief arguments of the Arminian side against the doctrine of election is: "God does not show partiality or favoritism, so election cannot be true." The new bibles are reinforcing this fallacious argument.

Not to show partiality is to treat all men equally; and this God does not do, as His word

clearly testifies. Daniel Webster's 1828 dictionary defines "respector of persons" as a person who regards the external circumstances of others in his judgment, and suffers his opinions to be biased by them. God's dealings with a man are not based on outward appearance, position, rank, wealth or nationality. Rather, His own sovereign purpose and pleasure of His will are the only deciding factors.

We are told in Deuteronomy 7:6-8 "For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people: for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you". Deuteronomy 10: 14-17 "Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD'S thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day." Verse 17 "For the LORD thy God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which REGARDETH NOT PERSONS, nor taketh reward." Here both election and not regarding persons are used in the same context.

God says He chose only the fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) and their seed to be His people, and not the others. That He "regardeth not persons" means that He does this, not on the basis of their nationality, nor their good moral character (for they were a stiffnecked and rebellious people), but because it was His good pleasure to do so. . . . [T]he NKJV, NIV and NASB have "shows no partiality". If God chose Israel to be His people, and not the others, is not this showing partiality?

Deut. 14:1,2 "Ye are the children of the LORD your God...and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth." Why did not God choose the other nations to be his children and to know his laws? Isn't this showing partiality or favoritism?

One verse among the hundreds that have been messed up by the NKJV, NIV and NASB is 2 Samuel 14:14. Here Joab saw that king David's heart was toward his son Absalom. So Joab sends a wise woman to speak to the king. In verse 14 she says: "For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again: NEITHER DOTHE GOD RESPECT ANY PERSON: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him." In other words, we all must die, whether rich, poor, Jew, Gentile, man or woman, king or servant; God does not look at our social station and on this basis exclude some from death.

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[M]any bibles, including the NKJV, NIV and NASB have the ridiculous reading of "YET GOD DOES NOT TAKE AWAY LIFE", instead of "neither doth God respect any

person". This is a lie and a contradiction. In this very book in chapter 12:15 "the LORD struck the child" of David and Bathsheeba and it died. In I Sam. 2:6 we are told "The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up", and in Deuteronomy 32:39 God says "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand."

It is not that the Hebrew will not allow the meaning found in the KJB, that the NKJV, NIV and NASB have so badly mistranslated 2 Samuel 14:14. They all likewise have translated these same words in other places as they stand in the KJB and others.

This phrase "no respecter of persons" is found six times in the New Testament, and every time the modern versions have distorted the true meaning. Romans 2:11, Ephesians 6:9, Colossians 3:25, James 2:1 and 9, and Acts 10:34. In each case it has to do with not receiving the face, outward position, nationality or social rank of another. But God does not treat all people the same, nor are we told to do so either. We are to withdraw from some, avoid, exclude, reject, separate from, and not cast our pearls before others. Most importantly, God Himself chose His elect people in Christ before the foundation of the world and "of the SAME LUMP" makes one vessel unto honour and another unto dishonour - Romans 9:21. This is definitely showing partiality, but it is not respecting persons.

Romans 2:11 says "For there is no respect of persons with God." . . . But the NKJV, NASB say "no partiality" and the NIV says "not show favoritism". The Worldwide English N.T. says: "God does not love some people more than others". Yet this very book declares in Romans 9 "For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of him that calleth...Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated...I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy...So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy...Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth."

Please consider the true meaning of the phrase "no respecter of persons" and contrast it with the modern rendering. I hope you will see that it is not the same at all. Only the KJB contains the whole truth of the counsel of God.¹²⁰

God's word in the English language is found in the Authorized (King James) Version (hereinafter referred to as **AV** for Authorized Version or **KJV** for King James Version). The NIV and all new English translations of the bible are materially different; they are the product of the imaginations of interpreters who have applied their personal prejudices to slant already corrupted texts to comport with their own ideas. They are truly counterfeit bibles, or more accurately - Satanic bibles. If you think that is hyperbole, read on, and you will see that the point will be proven.

God's word is the way to salvation. God would not leave us without the means for our salvation. The following scripture passages testify that God has promised that his word will be preserved forever.

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. (Matthew 5:18 AV)

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. (Matthew 24:35 AV)

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.** (Psalms 12:6-7 AV)

[T]he word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. (1 Peter 1:25 AV)

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but **the word of our God shall stand for ever.** (Isaiah 40:8 AV)

For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. (Psalms 119:89 AV)

Satan knows that the word of God is the way to salvation. Satan also knows that God has promised to preserve his words, and so it would be futile for him to try to destroy God's words. Therefore, instead of trying to destroy God's words, Satan instituted a two prong strategy to keep the Holy Scriptures from the people. The first prong of the strategy was to outlaw the possession and reading of the Holy Bible. When, over the years, that strategy proved ineffective, Satan instituted his second prong, which is to deny that God has preserved his words and offer counterfeit bibles to the world and to deceive people into believing his counterfeits are the closest that they can get to God's genuine word.

The Roman Church knows that if the people are able to read for themselves God's word they will discover that the Catholic traditions and doctrines are not just in addition to the Scriptures, they violate the Scriptures. The Catholic Church has a long history of trying to keep God's word from the people. For example, at the *Council of Terragona* in 1234 A.D. the Roman Catholic Church prohibited anyone from possessing any part of the Old or New Testaments in any of the Romance languages (Portuguese, Spanish, Catalan, Provencal, French, Rhaeto-Romance, Italian, Sardinian, and Romanian). The council ruled that anyone owning a Bible was to turn it over to the local Catholic bishop to be burned. In 1229 at the *Council of Toulouse* (Pope Gregory IX presiding), the Catholic Church prohibited "laymen" from having the Holy Scriptures or translating them into the "vulgar tongue" (common language of the country). In 1551 the Catholic *Inquisitional Index of Valentia* forbade the Holy Bible to be translated into Spanish or any other "vernacular." In 1559 the Roman Catholic *Index Librorum Prohibitorum* (Index of Prohibited Books) required permission from the Catholic Church to

read the Catholic version of the Bible; all Christian Bible versions were simply prohibited. On September 8, 1713, Pope Clement XI issued his Dogmatic Constitution, *Unigenitus*, which in part condemned as error the teaching that all people may read the Sacred Scripture. On May 5, 1824 Pope Leo XII issued his encyclical *Ubi Primum* which exhorted the bishops to remind their flocks not to read the Bible. On May 24, 1829 Pope Pius VIII issued the encyclical *Traditi Humilitati*, which exhorted Catholics to check the spread of Bibles translated into the vernacular, because those Bibles endangered the “sacred” teachings of the Catholic Church. On May 8, 1844, Pope Gregory XVI issued his encyclical *Inter Praecipuas* in which he described Bible societies as plotting against the Catholic faith by providing Bibles to the common people, whom he referred to as “infidels.” On January 25, 1897, Pope Leo XIII issued his Apostolic Constitution *Officiorum ac Munerum* which prohibited all versions of the Bible in the vernacular tongue. The 1918 Catholic Code of Canon Law, Index of Prohibited Books, Canon 1385, § 1 prohibited publishing any edition of the Holy Scriptures without previous Catholic “ecclesiastical censorship.” The 1983 Catholic Code of Canon Law, Canon 825, § 1 prohibits the publishing of the Sacred Scriptures without the permission of the Apostolic See or the Conference of Bishops.

The official doctrines of the Catholic Church prohibiting the publication, possession, or reading of the Holy Bible, were not a mere suggestions, they were enforced. For example, on October 6, 1536 at Vilvorde (outside Brussels, Belgium) William Tyndale was burned at the stake.¹²¹ His crime was that he translated the Holy Scriptures into English and was making copies available to the people in violation of the rules of the Roman Catholic Church.¹²²

The progenitors of the Catholic Church (pharisaic Jews) were around in the time of the apostles, wresting the Holy Scriptures from the people.

And account that the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, **which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.** Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. (2 Peter 3:15-17 AV)

With the advent of the printing press (circa 1455) making Bibles available to the ordinary man, it became obvious to Satan that he could not keep God’s word from the masses, so he instituted the second prong of his attack on God’s word in earnest. He offered counterfeit bibles. The Holy Scriptures reveal a pattern by Satan from the beginning to tamper with God’s word. God commanded Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, **Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.** (Genesis 2:16-17 AV)

In *Genesis* 3:1-5 the serpent misquotes God, changing God's words; he tricks Eve into eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil by asking her if God commanded that they not eat of any of the trees in the garden. When Eve responds, she also misquotes God, saying that he commanded that they should not touch the fruit, when God merely prohibited the eating of the fruit. God told Adam that if he ate from the tree "thou shalt surely die."

Once Satan perceived that Eve was ignorant of God's true words he felt confident that he could convince Eve to disobey God by subtly misquoting what God had said. Satan took the warning by God and added one word. Satan said to Eve: "Ye shall **not** surely die." What Satan said sounded authoritative. It sounded almost like what God had said; but that one word corrupted God's word and turned it from the words of God to the words of Satan. The result of the corruption by Satan of God's word was the greatest tragedy in history, the fall of Adam and Eve!

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, **Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, **neither shall ye touch it**, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die**: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. (Genesis 3:1-5 AV)

In apparent reference to Satan's corruption of God's word in the Garden of Eden, Jesus admonished Satan: "That man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** of God." (Luke 4:4 AV) Just as Satan did in the Garden of Eden, he now tries to confuse people about what God has said: "Yea, hath God said . . ." Pediatrician Dr. Lawrence Dunegan attended a lecture on March 20, 1969 at a gathering of pediatricians at a meeting of the Pittsburgh Pediatric Society. The lecturer at that meeting was a Dr. Richard Day (who died in 1989). At the time of the lecture Dr. Day was Professor of Pediatrics at Mount Sinai Medical School in New York. Previously, Dr. Day had served as Medical Director of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Dr. Dunegan was well acquainted with Dr. Day and described him as an insider in the "order." Dr. Dunegan did not explain what the "order" was, but from the lecture it was clear that it was a very powerful secret society made up of minions in service to Satan.

During the lecture Dr. Day revealed many of the satanic plans that the members of the "order" had agreed upon that would change the United States from a Christian society to a pagan society. One of the strategies was to introduce new bible versions. By the time of the lecture in 1969, that strategy had long previously been implemented. Dr. Day was indicating that the final success of that strategy was in sight as henceforth it would be implemented with new vigor. Dr. Dunegan explains:

Another area of discussion was Religion. This is an avowed atheist speaking. And he [Dr. Day] said, "Religion is not necessarily bad. A lot of people seem to need religion, with it's mysteries and rituals - so they will have religion. But the major religions of

today have to be changed because they are not compatible with the changes to come. The old religions will have to go. Especially Christianity. Once the Roman Catholic Church is brought down, the rest of Christianity will follow easily. Then a new religion can be accepted for use all over the world. It will incorporate something from all of the old ones to make it more easy for people to accept it, and feel at home in it. Most people won't be too concerned with religion. They will realize that they don't need it.

In order to accomplish this, the Bible will be changed. It will be rewritten to fit the new religion. Gradually, key words will be replaced with new words having various shades of meaning. Then the meaning attached to the new word can be close to the old word - and as time goes on, other shades of meaning of that word can be emphasized. and then gradually that word replaced with another word." I don't know if I'm making that clear. But the idea is that everything in Scripture need not be rewritten, just key words replaced by other words. And the variability in meaning attached to any word can be used as a tool to change the entire meaning of Scripture, and therefore make it acceptable to this new religion. Most people won't know the difference; and this was another one of the times where he said, "the few who do notice the difference won't be enough to matter."¹²³

In accordance with the aforementioned conspiracy, Satan and his minions now offer people a whole assortment of different bible versions, which change and twist God's word. God's word is with us today in the **Authorized (King James) Version** (referred to as **AV or KJV**). All other bible versions are tainted by the hands of Satan and his minions, including the New King James Version (NKJV). "Ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God." Jeremiah 23:36. The corrupted bible versions are essentially Roman Catholic bible versions.¹²⁴ Sadly, most of the so called church leaders of today have accepted Satan's counterfeit bibles.

The following is a partial list of the fraudulent bible versions: New International Version (NIV), Contemporary English Version (CEV), New Century Version (NCV), New World Translation (NWT), American Standard Version (ASV), New American Standard Bible (NASB), Revised Version (RV), Revised Standard Version (RSV), New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), Amplified Version (AMP), New King James Version (NKJV), 21st Century King James Version (KJ21), Third Millennium Bible (TMB), Douay-Rheims Version (DRV), Good News for Modern Man (GNB), Today's English Version (TEV), Living Bible (LB), Darby Translation (DBY), Jerusalem Bible (JB), and New Jerusalem Bible (NJB).

The Authorized (King James) Version is an English translation of the Masoretic (traditional) Hebrew Old Testament, whereas the NIV bible versions are taken from an inferior and corrupted mixture of the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament), Samaritan Pentateuch, Dead Sea Scrolls, and a variety of other transcripts. The corrupt Septuagint used today was translated by Origen (185-254 A.D.), who was a unitarian evolutionist.¹²⁵ Origen believed in reincarnation and denied the existence of hell.¹²⁶

There are approximately 4,489 Greek New Testament manuscripts known to be extant today.¹²⁷

Of these, 170 are papyrus fragments dating from the second to the seventh centuries; there are 212 uncial (capital letter) manuscripts, dating from the fourth to the tenth centuries; there are 2,429 minuscule (small letter) manuscripts, dating from the ninth to the sixteenth centuries; and there are 1,678 lectionaries, which are lesson books for public reading that contain extracts from the New Testament.¹²⁸ The vast majority of these manuscripts are in agreement and make up what is known as the *Textus Receptus* (received text).

There has been a recent discovery of a small fragment of the earliest known New Testament manuscript not included in the above tally, which was dated to 66 A.D. and is in agreement with the *Textus Receptus*. The King James New Testament is based upon the Greek *Textus Receptus*, whereas the new translations, including the NIV, are based upon a very few number of corrupt manuscripts including the Roman Catholic Greek texts *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus*, and a few other texts, the origins of which are a mystery.

The manuscript *Sinaiticus*, which is often referred to by the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *Aleph*, is written in book form (codex) on velum.¹²⁹ It contains many spurious books such as the Shepherd of Hermes, the Didache, and the Epistle of Barnabas.¹³⁰ *Sinaiticus* was discovered in a waste basket in St. Catherine's monastery on Mount Sinai in February of 1859.¹³¹ *Sinaiticus* is covered with alterations that are systematically spread over every page and were made by at least ten different revisors.¹³² The alterations are obvious to anyone who examines the manuscript.¹³³ Most of the revisions to the text were made in the sixth or seventh century.¹³⁴

The manuscript *Vaticanus*, often referred to by the letter "B," originated in the Vatican library, hence the name.¹³⁵ *Vaticanus* was first revealed in 1841; where the transcript had been prior to that date is unclear.¹³⁶ One thing this is clear is that the manuscript omits many portions of scripture which explain vital Christian doctrines. *Vaticanus* omits Genesis 1:1 through Genesis 46:28; Psalms 106 through 138; Matthew 16:2,3; Romans 16:24; the Pauline Epistles; Revelation; and everything in Hebrews after 9:14.¹³⁷

It should not be surprising that the Vatican would produce a manuscript that omits the portion of the book of Hebrews which exposes the Mass as completely ineffectual and deletes Revelation chapter 17, which reveals Rome as the seat of "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Notice that the two primary manuscripts used by the new bible versions were found in the care and custody of the Roman Catholic Church.

The *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus* manuscripts, which make up less than one percent of the existing ancient manuscripts, differ significantly from the Received Text. *Vaticanus* omits at least 2,877 words; it adds 536 words; it substitutes 935 words; it transposes 2,098 words; and it modifies 1,132 words; making a total of 7,578 verbal divergences from the Received Text. *Sinaiticus* is an even worse corruption, having almost 9,000 divergences from the Received Text.¹³⁸

John Burgon, Dean of Westminster and the preeminent Greek textual scholar of his time, said the following about the *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus* manuscripts.

The impurity of the text exhibited by these codices is not a question of opinion but of fact. . . . In the Gospels alone Codex B (Vatican) leaves out words or whole clauses no less than 1,491 times. It bears traces of careless transcription on every page. Codex Sinaiticus abounds with errors of the eye and pen to an extent not indeed unparalleled, but happily rather unusual in documents of first-rate importance. On many occasions, 10, 20, 30, 40 words are dropped through very carelessness. Letters and words, even whole sentences, are frequently written twice over, or begun and immediately cancelled; while that gross blunder, whereby a clause is omitted because it happens to end in the same words as a clause preceding, occurs no less than 115 times in the New Testament.¹³⁹

The Vaticanus and Sinaiticus manuscripts are so clearly corrupt that Dean Burgon was at a loss to explain textual scholars accepting them as valid. He concluded that those manuscripts have “established a tyrannical ascendancy over the imagination of the critics which can only be fitly spoken of as blind superstition.”¹⁴⁰ The following is Dean Burgon’s assessment of the new Greek text, which was produced largely from the *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus* manuscripts, and which underlies the new bible versions.

[T]he Greek Text which they have invented proves to be hopelessly depraved throughout . . . [I]t was deliberately invented . . . [T]he underlying Greek . . . is an entirely new thing, is a manufactured article throughout. . . . The new Greek text was full of errors from beginning to end. . . . Shame on [those] most incompetent men who - finding themselves in a evil hour occupied themselves . . . with falsifying the inspired Greek Text . . . Who will venture to predict the amount of mischief which must follow, if the ‘New’ Greek Text . . . should become used.¹⁴¹

The personalities behind the basic text for the NIV have an occult new age agenda. The compilers and translators of the new editions aren’t just unchristian they are antichristian. The compilers of the corrupted Greek text used in virtually all of the new bible versions, including the NIV, were Brooke Foss Westcott and Fenton John Anthony Hort. They were nominal Protestants, but they were defacto Roman Catholics. Hort denied the infallibility of the Holy Scriptures, he did not believe in the existence of Satan, he did not believe in eternal punishment in Hell, nor did he believe in Christ’s atonement.¹⁴² Hort, however, did believe in Darwin’s theory of evolution, he believed in purgatory, and he also believed in baptismal regeneration.¹⁴³ Hort hated the United States and wished for its destruction during the civil war, because he was a communist who hated all things democratic.¹⁴⁴

Westcott was equally Romish in his beliefs.¹⁴⁵ He, like Hort, rejected the infallibility of the Holy Scriptures.¹⁴⁶ He viewed the Genesis account of creation as merely an allegory.¹⁴⁷ He did not believe the biblical account of the miracles of Jesus.¹⁴⁸ He did, however, believe in praying for the dead and worshipping Mary.¹⁴⁹ Politically, Westcott was a devout Socialist.¹⁵⁰

Westcott and Hort were both necromancers who were members of an occult club called the “Ghostly Guild.”¹⁵¹ Westcott also founded another club and named it “Hermes.”¹⁵² According to Luciferian H.P. Blavatsky, Hermes and Satan are one and the same.¹⁵³ Hort viewed evangelical Christians as dangerous, perverted, unsound, and confused.¹⁵⁴ Westcott and Hort’s Greek text was largely based on the fraudulent Catholic texts *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus*.¹⁵⁵

Assisting Westcott and Hort in their revision was Dr. G. Vance, a Unitarian, who denied the deity of Christ, the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, and the Godhead (Jesus Christ, God the Father, and the Holy Ghost).¹⁵⁶ Jesuit Roman Catholic Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, the prelate of Milan, was the editor of the corrupted Greek text.¹⁵⁷ Martini believed the occult new age philosophy that man can become divine.¹⁵⁸ Remember, that is the very lie that Satan used to deceive Eve into eating the forbidden fruit: “ye shall be as gods.” *Genesis* 3:5.

In addition, the new bible versions use a method of translation known as dynamic equivalence, rather than the formal equivalence used in the Authorized Version (AV), which is also known as the King James Version (KJV). Formal equivalence is a word for word translation, whereas dynamic equivalence is a thought for thought translation. A translator using dynamic equivalence is less a translator and more an interpreter. Thus, the new versions of bibles should more accurately be called interpretations, rather than translations. The dynamic equivalent interpreters of the new bible versions have often made unfounded assumptions as to the meaning of particular passages. Rather than translate what God wrote, they have, with some frequency, twisted passages by injecting their own personal bias. Some of these interpreters have displayed malicious intent and caused great mischief.

The Holy Bible is a legal document prepared by God. It contains the Old and New Testaments of Jesus Christ. A testament is a memorialization of the will of a testator. It only has legal effect once the testator has died. The New Testament, in reality, is the last will and testament of Jesus Christ.

And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. **For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.** (Hebrews 9:15-17 AV)

A testator is free to change the testament and add to it. That is what Jesus did when he added the New Testament to the Old Testament. “By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.” (Hebrews 7:22 AV) However, it is only the testator who is allowed to change or add to a testament. If anyone else adds to or changes a testament, the changes make the resulting document a forgery.

When trying to determine the meaning of a last will and testament, courts always try to interpret what is the will of the testator. That is why a person’s testament is called a will. If a will is to be translated from one language to another, because the heirs or the court speak a different language, courts always use formal equivalence because it is important that the heirs know exactly what the

testator said. In fact, a translator must take an oath to faithfully translate the will of the testator. It is important not to allow any bias from a translator to affect what is the meaning of the words used.

If a court allowed dynamic equivalence to be used when translating a last will and testament then the court would not be interpreting the will of the testator; the interpretation would have already been done by the translator of the document when he interpreted the meaning of each passage. The judge would be stuck with a document which has been injected with meaning by the translator. The judge would, in effect, be interpreting the intent of the testator intermixed with the intent of the translator. The final verdict regarding the intent of the testator would be corrupted by the bias or errors of the translator.

In the case of the Holy Bible, it is the New and Old Testaments of God Almighty. They are the most important legal documents ever written. God Almighty is the testator. He wrote both testaments. In addition, he created the languages into which his original testaments would be written. He also created the languages into which those testaments would be translated. Genesis 11:7-9. He has supernaturally controlled the process from beginning to end. **“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”** (2 Timothy 3:16 AV) In addition, he has promised to supernaturally preserve his testaments. **“[T]he word of the Lord endureth for ever.** And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter 1:25 AV) The heirs of Christ are Christians. “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.” (Romans 8:16-17 AV)

In order for Christ’s heirs to understand his will they must have a faithful translation. If his heirs try to interpret God’s will by using a translation that contains not the pure intent of God, but instead the intent of the translator, then they can no longer determine God’s will. A will that has been rewritten and corrupted with the thoughts of one other than the testator is considered a forgery and a fraud. So also are the new translations of the bible forgeries and frauds.

Defenders of the new bibles claim that the essential doctrines of the Christian Faith are expressed in the new bibles, even though they have been deleted or changed in many passages. James H. Son, author of *The New Athenians*, likened the logic of that argument to removing a stop sign from a busy street intersection and then justifying the removal because the other traffic signals in the city were left intact. Even though the sign only contained one word, that word is of critical importance to those who arrive at the intersection, just as each word in the Holy Bible is of critical importance to those who are reading it.

God has made the point in the Holy Bible that **every word** of God is important. “And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word of God.**” (Luke 4:4 AV) Incidentally, the doctrine of Luke 4:4 is missing in the new bible versions. The NASB, for example leaves out the last clause and simply states: “And Jesus answered him, ‘it is written, MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.’” (Luke 4:4 NASB) The new versions leave the reader in ignorance as to what it is other than bread by which man lives.

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but **by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.** (Deuteronomy 8:3 AV)

Every word of God is pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him. (Proverbs 30:5 AV)

Look at the passage in Galatians 3:16, wherein God points out the importance of every one of his words. In that passage God explains the importance of the distinction between the singular word “seed” and the plural word “seeds.”

Now to Abraham and his **seed** were the promises made. **He saith not, And to seeds,** as of many; but as of one, **And to thy seed,** which is Christ. (Galatians 3:16 AV)

If one looks at the AV passages that refer to the promises made to Abraham, one sees that in fact God refers to Abraham’s “seed,” singular. In the NIV, however, the passages that prophesy the blessings that were to flow from Abraham’s seed, Jesus Christ, are changed and obscured. If one were to try to find the passages referred to in Galatians 3:16 in the NIV one would not be able to do so, because the NIV does not use the word chosen by God but has substituted words chosen by man as inspired by Satan.

AV

And in thy **seed** shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. (Genesis 22:18 AV)

NIV

[A]nd through your **offspring** all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me. (Genesis 22:18 NIV)

AV

And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy **seed** after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy **seed** after thee. (Genesis 17:7 AV)

NIV

I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your **descendants** after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your **descendants** after you. (Genesis 17:7 NIV)

It is important for God’s heirs to know who they are. His heirs are those who have the faith of Abraham, not those that have the flesh of Abraham.

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before

the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. **So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.** (Galatians 3:6-9 AV)

This point is understood by the passage in Galatians 3:16 that explains what is meant by the precise word “seed” used in the Old Testament. **“And if ye *be* Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”** (Galatians 3:29 AV)

Without the precise word “seed” the meaning of the will of God can be misinterpreted to support false doctrines like the pretribulation rapture fraud, which makes Christ’s church a mere parenthesis in history. Under the pretribulation rapture corruption, fleshly Israel is to inherit the promises of God, contrary to God’s express intent that it is those who are chosen and justified by his sovereign grace who are his heirs and not those who are born of the flesh of Abraham. **“That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”** (Titus 3:7 AV)

Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, **They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.**” (Romans 9:6-8 AV)

That is one example of a false doctrine that is supported by the change of just one word. There are other false doctrines that have sprung from other corrupt changes to God’s word in the new bible versions.

There are many other passages where the doctrines of God have been completely reversed. In the KJV (AV) the ways of the wicked are always “grievous.” Psalms 10:4-5. The devil cannot have that, so Psalms 10:4-5 in his NKJV states the ways of the wicked are always “prospering.” The wicked “were forgotten” in Ecclesiastes 8:10 of God’s word in the KJV, but in the NIV Ecclesiastes 8:10 passage the wicked “receive praise.”

The Zionist disciples of Satan were able to change their bibles to make Israel a “spreading vine” in the NIV and even a “luxuriant vine” in the NASB in Hosea 10:1. God, however, states that “Israel is an empty vine” in his KJV Holy Bible at Hosea 10:1. God states that “the words of a talebearer are as wounds.” Proverbs 26:22. However, the NIV change agents contradict God by saying in Proverbs 26:22 of their NIV that “the words of a gossip are like choice morsels.” In Proverbs 25:23 God states that “the north wind driveth away rain.” The NASB, however, states in their Proverbs 25:23 that “the north wind brings forth rain.” These are just a few of the many doctrinal changes. The new bible versions are truly different bibles with a different gospel.

The promoters of the new bible versions claim that they are merely updating the archaic English in the King James Bible. They are being disingenuous. The Holy Bible is a legal document. The English of the King James Bible is not archaic, it is precise. The precise language used has eternal

importance. Thee, thou, thy, and thine are singular pronouns. Thou is the subjective second person singular, thee is the objective second person singular, and thy and thine are possessive second person singular. Ye is a subjective second person plural pronoun. In the King James text the precision of the language puts the reader in the midst of the narrative. The reader is able to tell whether the person is the object of the action or the subject causing the action. The reader can also tell if the subject or object is a group or an individual. The new versions use either the pronouns “you” or “your” for all of the narratives and the reader is not able to know anything about the setting of the narrative. All one need do is read Galatians 3:16 to know that singularity and plurality are important to God.

The writers of the Authorized (King James) Version (AV or KJV) did not use the more precise pronouns for the reason that their use was the customary language of the 16th century; they purposely used those words because they wanted to accurately and faithfully translate God’s word into English. To prove the point, all one need do is read the dedicatory at the beginning of the Holy Bible (AV); the dedicatory was written at the completion of the AV Holy Bible in 1611 A.D., not once was thee, thou, thy, thine, or ye used in the dedicatory.

What happens to a church whose pastor preaches and teaches from the NIV? The pastor is able to draw large crowds of those who are itching to hear that they are sovereign, that they can choose to believe, that it is up to them. The Southeast Christian Church of Louisville, Kentucky, with an average attendance of 17,863,¹⁵⁹ offers one example of that phenomenon. The Southeast Christian Church is the sixth largest non-Catholic church in the United States.¹⁶⁰ The church website and the pastor’s sermons are rife with NIV passages.¹⁶¹ The pastor, Bob Russell, offers his version of the gospel as follows:

You are free to choose to trust Christ for your salvation or trust yourself.

God grants you the freedom to either trust in Him and be rescued or not believe and be separated from Him. **He doesn’t violate free will.**

God wants to rescue you, but not to kidnap you against your will.

He invites you to follow Him to safety, but He does not coerce you to do so.

You must choose to believe of your own free will (Heb 11:6).

But make a decision, don’t try to mix and match religion - either believe in Christ or reject Him.¹⁶² (emphasis added)

The pastor assures his flock that they are sovereign. He blasphemes God, by rejecting the grace of God and calling it “coercion” and “kidnaping.” The god he preaches would not dare invade their free will. The flock is comforted in that they are in complete control over their salvation. Having control over their salvation, they can keep the mythical NIV god out of their business. If man wants to humble himself before the NIV god, that is fine, but it is man’s choice. The god of his imagination has no say in the matter.

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