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MEMORIAL FOR PASTOR JOHN

The memorial we had here for my dad was very nice. It was hard to get through for me, but we made it and I want to personally thank each and every one of you that were here in person and in thought and also for all the wonderful cards, words and testimonies that keep coming through email and the mail. He truly was a good man and I know our Father let him rest for a short while, he had worked so very hard and had been humble when he was beaten down at times from people who didn't agree with him. He never wavered and was always encouraged by even just one who learned from Bible Explorations' teachings, knowing God was and is always with us. It was his prayer that God

would work through this ministry to help guide people to be ready for that great day (coming sooner than we may think). We thank you for your continued support and prayers for the ministry. We are moving along well and he would be pleased. Please use the little pink envelopes as my dad would say. Help us continue to broadcast and spread His word to the world!

Remember Feast of Tabernacles will be **October 24 through October 31, 2018**. We look forward to having you all here again, plus some new ones! We have had people write wishing they had come sooner so they could have met John, however they still want to come and join us for the upcoming appointed time. I do know the world is getting crazy, but we need not be afraid. We need to remember **Isaiah 41:10**: Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

The Great Conspiracy

By Ted Schultz

In our previous study we mentioned how those who have expressed concerns about changes in the Biblical text are being told that it is impossible for any kind of conspiracy to be behind those changes. We saw that not only is it possible for changes to have taken place through

THE GUN POWDER PLOT CONSPIRACY

Who were the conspirators in the gun powder plot in an effort to cause the KJV project to be stillborn? Answer—the Jesuits. One of those directly involved in carrying out the plot was none other than Henry Garnet, who is believed to have been the head of the Jesuits in England at the time. “It was from the Jesuitical party that the Gunpowder Plotters sprung. All of these conspirators were acquainted with Father Henry Garnet, the Superior of the Jesuits in England, and with the Jesuit Fathers Oldcorne, Greenway, Baldwin, and Gerard.” Philip Sidney, *The History of the Gunpowder Plot: and the Conspiracy of Its Agents*, p.16. Those within Rome itself call it “the gun powder plot” perpetrated by what they call “the conspirators”. The gun powder plot is glowingly referred to as a “memorable conspiracy.” William Cobbett, *A History of the Protestant Reformation In England and Ireland*, p. 291-296. We emphasize here that the gun powder plot was called a “memorable conspiracy,” not by Seventh-day Adventists who prefer the KJV of the bible which is based upon the Received Text, but by a Catholic historian writing a history of the Protestant Reformation. The facts of history reveal that it was the Jesuits themselves that carried out what Sir Charles Cornwallis, the British Ambassador in Spain called “the most cruel and detestable Conspiracy.”

Who provided material for the *New World Translation*? Answer—the Spanish Jesuit Jose M. Bover and Jesuit Augustine Merk. Augustine Merk, S.J. published an edition of the Greek and Latin New Testament that “departs farther from the Textus Receptus than the other two Catholic editors.” Metzger claims that Merk cites “evidence far from accurate” and “not available for verification.” Bruce M. Metzger, *The Text of the New Testament*, p. 143.



Who was recommended by Bishop Wiseman (soon to be Cardinal) to be one of the few select revisers of the King James Version during the Oxford Movement? Answer—the Jesuit Dr. Whitty of St. Edmund’s. Wilfrid Philip Ward, *The Life and Times of Cardinal Wiseman*, Vol. 1, p. 454.

The foregoing question reminds us of yet another question to ask. Who was it that swore they would seize control of the Bible and said, “We will not again suffer thee to escape from our hands”? Answer—the Jesuits. Abbate Jacopo Leone, *The Jesuit Conspiracy-The Secret Plan of the Order* (1848), p. 98.

conspiratorial means but that it actually did happen. In fact those who have expressed concerns in the textual changes are referred to as conspiracy theorists who if they cannot produce any evidence for proof of a conspiracy will at a whim create the evidence needed. What is particularly derided is the idea that Jesuits have been involved in any changes to the Biblical text as evidenced in the modern versions. For some mysterious reason when the idea of Jesuit involvement is suggested, it seems to strike a



particularly sensitive nerve with some. Rome’s work to change the Biblical text is not just an idea that comes from an unfounded theory as is claimed however. The Biblical Research Institute states: “Most defenders of the KJV,

both within and outside the Adventist faith, see some kind of conspiracy behind the readings in modern versions that differ from the KJV. Among Adventists the Jesuits and the Roman Catholic Church seem to be the Conspirators.” Biblical Research Institute, *Modern Versions and the King James Version*, p. 2. That statement seems to suggest that Jesuits supposedly were not involved in the production of new versions. In the minds of certain thought leaders Jesuit involvement in the modern versions is only taken seriously by those who have a fixation on conspiracies. They say: “When a person has a fixation on conspiracies he sees evidence of them at every turn. If there is no evidence, it is created.” Ibid. p. 5. Those who are the object of such statements as these have a few questions to ask. Who produced the Douay Rheims Bible? Are we to be accused of creating evidence of a conspiracy if we answer—the Jesuits? The Jesuits in the Preface of their Bible, praised the introduction of a French Bible that countered the Waldensian *French Olivetan Bible* with the words: “More than two hundred years ago, in the days of Charles the Fifth, the French king had it [the Bible] put forth faithfully in French the sooner to shake out of the deceived people’s hands, the false heretical translations of a sect called Waldenses.” *Douay Rhemes Bible*, Preface, p. ii (1816 edition). No doubt the Jesuits were taking a swipe at the *French Olivetan Bible* produced by the Waldenses over two hundred years previous. Conspiracy or not, the Jesuits stated plainly why the French king had his Bible produced. We also ask, who called the Council of Trent and declared the *Latin Vulgate* to be the only true Bible? Answer—the Jesuits. The Council of Trent was a council of war against Protestantism. A crucial part of that council involved which version of the Bible was to be used. Of course, it was the *Latin Vulgate*. The Council of Trent in fact declared the *Latin Vulgate* to be more pure than the Old Latin text from which it was derived.

Who is calling for a one-world Bible version where all religions will be represented in its teachings? Answer—The Jesuits.

Who was it that prepared England for the production of the *Revised Version* (RV) through the infamous Oxford Movement? Answer—the Jesuits. B.G. Wilkinson, *Our Authorized Bible Vindicated*, p. 122-150.

THE RENOVARE SPIRITUAL FORMATION BIBLE AND ADVENTISM

Who is behind the mission of “Renewal” as found in *The Renovare Spiritual Formation Bible* which is based upon the *New Revised Standard Version*? Answer—the Jesuits. (Renovare is from the Latin meaning ‘to renew’). The Jesuit, Malachi Martin, states that it was the Jesuits who gave the name “Renewal” to their post Vatican II Council mission to the world. Malachi Martin, *The Jesuits*, p. 476. Ex-Jesuit Alberto Rivera confirms that the name “Renewal” is the new term used to describe the final stage of the counter-Reformation. *The Renovare Spiritual Formation Bible* promoting the rank Jesuitism of the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola is advertised and promoted by the General Conference in the *Adventist Review*, July 20, 2006, p. 29. All this is being done while it is insinuated repeatedly in high places that there is no Jesuit conspiracy!

ADVENTISM SUBVERTED

Who was it that referred to *Today's English Version* as “not only clear and accurate, but also a masterpiece of modern linguistic study?” Answer—the Jesuit Walter M Abbott, General Editor of the *Documents of Vatican II*. F.F. Bruce, *History of the Bible in English*, p. 233. *Today's English Version* with its gross interpolation of Daniel 8:14 sweeps away the foundation of Adventism and takes away the day-for-a-year interpretation of prophecy in a single stroke just as the Jesuits did in the Old World Advent Awakening of the 19th century. **By this single action the Jesuits killed the Great Advent Awakening in the Old World.** No wonder the Jesuit Walter Abbott viewed the TEV as “a masterpiece of modern linguistic study.” A masterpiece indeed! Rome’s masterpiece! Yet, amazingly, our church has funded the production and publication of this work through support of the American Bible Society which produced the TEV. *Adventist Review*, July 24, 1980, p. 16.

Who was it that by way of formal statement suggested the concept of “inclusive language” in the *New Revised Standard Version*? Answer—the Jesuit George MacRae. Metzger, Denton, and Harrelson, *The Making of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible*, p. 73.

Who was deeply involved with the production of the United Bible Societies (UBS) text that underlies the New

Testament of the NIV, NRSV, NASV, *The Revised English Bible*, and the *Good News Bible* (TEV)? Answer—the Jesuit Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, Archbishop of Milan, The Vatican’s leading Greek scholar. Michael deSemlyen, *All Roads Lead to Rome*, p. 200.

Who was it that financed the planting of the World Council of Churches which serves as the umbrella organization for the United Bible Societies? Answer—the Jesuits of Europe. Christopher Story, *The New Underworld Order*, p. xxvi.

AN UNDERLYING JESUIT CONSPIRACY

Of the Jesuit involvement in the production of Bibles, modern versions of the Bible in particular, there can be no doubt.

Furthermore, history is shouting out to the world that wherever Jesuit activity is seen, an underlying conspiracy is quite generally involved. The concern of Jesuit involvement in Bible translation work is not the concern of modern Adventists only; it was also the concern of many Protestants in England nearly one-hundred fifty years ago. “It is certainly a remarkable circumstance that so many of the Catholic readings in the New Testament, which in reformation and early post-reformation times were denounced by Protestants as corruptions of the pure text of God’s word, should now, in the last quarter of the nineteenth century, be adopted by the revisers of our time-honored English Bibles. Some of the watchmen of Zion may see in this circumstance an indication of the re-ascendancy of Popery in England, or possibly an evidence of concealed Jesuitism [a Jesuit conspiracy perhaps!] in the Protestant churches.” Andrew Edgar, *The Bibles of England*, p. 347.

Protestants have not understood how Rome has done an end-run on them with the biblical text. The English Revised Version project of 1881 was billed as a revision of the King James Version, but was in reality a project driven by higher critical methods of interpretation, using primarily Rome’s leading manuscript, the Vaticanus. The result was a new version, fundamentally a different Bible with a different manuscript lineage than that of the KJV. Modernist scholars try to make much of the idea that Erasmus did not have that supposed very early manuscript, the Vaticanus, available to him when he did his Greek Edition of the Bible and therefore had to rely on very late manuscripts. This simply is not true. Samples of the Vaticanus were offered to him so that he could see how superior they were to other manuscripts. Erasmus rejected the Vaticanus however, because he saw no evidence of its superiority as was claimed. He also rejected the Latin Vulgate and warned others about its many errors.

HIGHER CRITICS AND THE WINE OF BABYLON

Though the effect of higher criticism will be felt until the end of time, few know of its existence and the dangers of it. Inspiration however has warned us of this world-wide danger. “Men act as though they have been given special liberty to cancel the decisions of God. The **higher critics** put themselves in the place of God, and **review the Word of God, revising or endorsing it. In this way, all nations are induced to drink the wine of the fornication of Babylon.** These higher critics have fixed things to suit the popular heresies of these last days. If they cannot subvert and misapply the Word of God, if they cannot bend it to human practices, they break it.” *Signs of the Times*, May 9, 1906 (*Upward Look* p. 35).

The eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were dizzy with rationalism, like the beast from the abyss, tearing and rending all before it. At the same time higher criticism was doing its satanic work in the earth, compliments of the beast from the sea. How tricky this was. At the very time that students of prophecy thought that the beast from the sea was dead it was very silently cursing the earth with its



most powerful engine against the Word of God—higher criticism. It was a French priest by the name of Richard Simon (1638-1712) that is referred to as “the father of higher criticism.” Just as higher criticism came from Rome it

will lead all who follow it to Rome. Inspiration says that “the higher critics put themselves in the place of God.” That is what an antichrist is—one who puts himself in place of Christ. It is the work of higher critics that will make the nations drunk with Babylon’s wine.

HIGHER CRITICISM DESTROYS FAITH

“The warnings of the word of God regarding the perils surrounding the Christian church belong to us today. As in the days of the apostles men tried by tradition and philosophy to destroy faith in the Scriptures, so today, by the pleasing sentiments of higher criticism, evolution, spiritualism, theosophy, and pantheism, the enemy of righteousness is seeking to lead souls into forbidden paths. To many the Bible is a lamp without oil, because they have turned their minds into channels of speculative belief that bring misunderstanding and confusion. **The work of higher criticism, in dissecting, conjecturing, reconstructing, is destroying faith in the Bible as a**

divine revelation. It is robbing God’s word of power to control, uplift, and inspire human lives.” *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 474.

This is according to Satan’s plan. The higher critics speak of this or that portion of scripture that supposedly does not belong in the Bible. This is part of their “revising or endorsing” process that we have been warned about. It is not a faith building experience when people are told that such and such verses do not belong in the Bible.

The present writer was once asked by a business associate who I believed Jesus is. What a classic question. It was so straight to the point and I could tell in an instant by the manner in which he had asked the question that he was expecting an answer that would be equally straight to the point. I told him that it did not amount to anything what I thought, but that it was only by the Word of God that anyone knows anything at all about Jesus. I quoted a number of verses from John chapter one. He interrupted me with another question. “Yes, but, what version of the Bible are you using?” It suddenly occurred to me that he had most likely been visited by a couple of folk who came to his door. If I had responded with the quips we so often hear or read about the different versions of the Bible he would have been finished with me before I even got started. We have all heard things like “all versions of the Bible are God’s Word” or “all versions are good, so read them all”. These words would not have answered the man’s underlying question that really prompted him to ask me who Jesus is. The usual quips would have only deepened his perplexity, because his *real* question was what version is telling the truth about who Jesus is? At that point I assured him that God had given promises (Psalm 12: 6- 7) that He would protect the purity of His word and gave him examples showing He has indeed been true to His word. On the other hand we have been warned that there have been “many” who “corrupt the word of God” (2Cor. 2:17), that steal the words of God (Jer.23:30), and “take away the word” (Luke 8:12). I made it clear to him that Satan has been at war through various agencies down through the ages against the Word of God and that countless souls have died because of this warfare and that this war would continue until the end of time. (Rev. 6:9, 20:4).

DON’T HELP SATAN DO HIS WORK

“Now, there are some that may think that they are fully capable with their finite judgment to take the Word of God, and to state what are the words of inspiration and what are not the words of inspiration. I want to warn you off that ground, my brethren in the ministry. ‘Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest in holy ground.’ There is no finite man that lives, I care not who he is or whatever is his position, that God has authorized to pick and choose in His Word.” (*Manuscript Release* #900, p. 4. This manuscript

is not in the published volumes. This large manuscript made up of one hundred and twenty pages is simply missing from the sequence of the published volumes without even a note to indicate that it ever existed. We can be sure that the powers of darkness are well pleased that this council was left out of the published volumes.) **If ever Seventh-day Adventists needed this council it is now!** Part of this manuscript is a sermon which was preached in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Des Moines, Iowa on December 1, 1888. The servant of the Lord was as serious as she could be in all her warnings on this matter of picking and choosing what belongs in the Bible and what supposedly does not belong. “[W]hat man is there that dares to take the Bible and say this part is inspired and that part is not inspired? I would have both my arms taken off at my shoulders before I would ever make the statement or set my judgment upon the Word of God as to what is inspired and what is not inspired. How would finite man know anything about that matter? He is to take the Word of God as it reads, and then to appreciate it as it is, and to bring it into the life and to weave it into the character... Never let mortal man sit in judgment upon the Word of God or pass sentence as to how much of this is inspired and how much is not inspired, and that this is more inspired than some other sources. God warns him off that ground. God has given him no such work to do. (p. 5, 6). We all need to be mindful of this council.

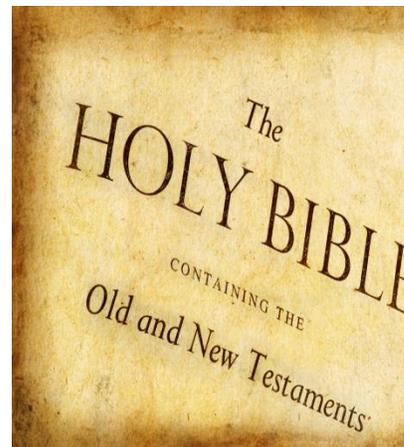
Of course if anyone claims that certain verses of Scripture don't belong in the Bible as higher critics often claim for the *King James Version*, that would be altogether the same as saying those verses are not inspired. This is the very ground that God has warned us off of. It is a species of unbelief in God's Word that has been a snare to Seventh-day Adventists for a very long time. In 1889 a clear warning was sounded. “Both in the [Battle Creek] Tabernacle and in the college the subject of inspiration has been taught, and finite men have taken it upon themselves to say that some things in the Scriptures were inspired and some were not. I was shown that the Lord did not inspire the articles on inspiration published in the *Review*, neither did He approve their endorsement before our youth in the college. **When men venture to criticize the Word of God**, they venture on sacred, holy ground, and had better fear and tremble and hide their wisdom as foolishness. God sets no man to pronounce judgment on His Word, selecting some things as inspired and discrediting others as uninspired. The testimonies have been treated in the same way, but God is not in this.” *Selected Messages*, Book One, p. 23.

CRITICISM OF GOD'S WORD

Many are the terms that have come against the KJV, such as the following: “grave defects,” “these defects are so many and so serious,” “time honored but corrupt,” “the villainous *Textus Receptus*,” “that vile *Textus Receptus*,” “leaning entirely on late manuscripts,” “that vile

Protestant Version,” “that stronghold of heresy in England,” “clamorous error,” “is notoriously unfair where doctrinal questions are at stake,” “dishonest renderings,” “the TR [*Textus Receptus*] is corrupt because it is a conflated text,” “corrupted by additions,” “expansion of piety,” “Four KJV Translation Errors that Led Pioneer Adventists Astray,” “the faulty KJV misrepresents the Hebrew text,” “the KJV was based on late manuscripts that had accumulated numerous scribal errors,” “is often desperately corrupt...in such disrepair that no conjecture can heal it.” “a translation that was never intended to be used in the twenty-first century,” “a translation with misleading ancient language,” “Down with the late *Textus Receptus*.” (Documentation of these and other charges and the answer to them are provided in *Assault on the Remnant, Expanded Edition*).

Men can go on forever with their criticisms of God's Word, but the Bible says “All scripture is given by inspiration of God.” 2 Timothy 3:16, 17. God promised to



preserve the purity of His Word. “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.” Psalm 12: 6,7. Holy men of God spoke as

they were moved by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:20, 21). How can anyone stand before God and charge the Holy Spirit with inspiring corruptions, or adulterations, vileness, heresies, or dishonest renderings? Do the scholars that bring charges against the KJV realize what they are doing? They have one of two choices in this terrible business: to charge God with inspiring these supposed corruptions, adulterations, vileness, heresies and dishonest renderings that are said to exist in the KJV, or to charge God with not preserving His Word as He promised from its alleged corruptions, heresies, adulterations, etc. We live in a time when doubting has been refined to an art form. Doubting God's word is made to look like sound, solid, faithful scholarship and faith is made to look like ignorance, gullibility and stupidity. The attacks being made upon the KJV give new meaning and urgency to the question asked by Jesus: “When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?” Luke 18:8. Satan is working to kill faith in the Word of God. As faith is eroded away another authority will come in to takes its place. This process is nearly accomplished. During the Oxford Movement, a plan was successfully carried out. The order was—“Bring into view, little by little, the authority of the Church. If You can succeed in rendering

it equal to that of the Bible, you have done much.” J.A. Wylie (1808-1890), *The Papacy*, p. 528. These were the words of the Jesuit General Jan Phillip Roothan. It makes for sad reading to see how Protestants in England in the nineteenth century were such victims of the Jesuit’s conspiracy. We will next look at how that conspiratorial plan is unfolding in Adventism today.

A Time of Trial Before Us

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A season of great trial is before us. It becomes us now to use all our capabilities and gifts in advancing the work of God. The powers the Lord has given us are to be used to build up, not to tear down. Those who are ignorantly deceived are not to remain in this condition. The Lord says to His messengers: Go to them and declare unto them what I have said, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

The time is right upon us when persecution will come to those who proclaim the truth. The outlook is not flattering; but, notwithstanding this, let us not give up our efforts to save those ready to perish, for whose ransom the Prince of heaven offered up His precious life. When one means fails, try another. Our efforts must not be dead and lifeless. As long as life is spared, let us work for God. In all ages of the church God’s appointed messengers have exposed themselves to reproach and persecution for the truth’s sake. But wherever God’s people may be forced to go, even though, like the beloved disciple, they are banished to desert islands, Christ will know where they are and will strengthen and bless them, filling them with peace and joy.

Soon there is to be trouble all over the world. It becomes everyone to seek to know God. We have no time to delay. With earnestness and fervor the message must be given: "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isaiah 55:1. "Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the Son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." Isaiah 56:1, 2.

MALACHI 4:4

“From the light which God has given me it would be for our advantage to study the directions given to Israel (read [Malachi 4](#)). Verse 4 especially has a meaning which all

have not comprehended. Let it be carefully considered.” *Special Testimony to Battle Creek Church (1897)*.

“The closing words of Malachi are a prophecy regarding the work that should be done preparatory to the first and the second advent of Christ. This prophecy is introduced with the admonition, “Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.” *The Southern Watchman March 21, 1905*.

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Matthew 10:16



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