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### Bible edits leave some feeling cross - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/4/23 12:28

Easter may sound a little different this year.

It's purely a coincidence, but U.S. Catholics and Protestants alike are being introduced this Easter season to separate "official" updated translations of the Christian Bible, which arrive in the year the magisterial King James Version celebrates its 400th birthday.

While the changes may seem small, they are resounding throughout Christianity, whose many denominations formed or broke off from others over clashing interpretations of God's word.

The two new translations touch on some of the most sensitive issues behind those differences, particularly on the inequality of women in society and on the divinity of Mary and Â— by extension Â— the birth of Jesus. ...

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### Righteous anger about this - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/4/23 13:20

Why do you give this garbage a platform?

You do not even speak against it.

msnbc is not for Jesus, neither are these 'so called' translations.

They clearly state their intentions are to 'change' the Bible.

Quote:  
 -----"We have to be very careful about how we go about this, because we don't want to change the word of God easily or quickly," said Douglas J. Moo, chairman of the New International Version translation committee.  
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They will have to answer to God for this.

Again, you do not even speak out against it. This puzzles me. Please explain,

ws

### Re: Righteous anger about this - posted by Miccah (), on: 2011/4/23 13:35

Bold statement Whitestone. Do you know that I was saved using the NIV?

Hmmm... Is this false in your book?

### Re: - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/4/23 14:00

Did you read this quote?

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That man is saying they \*do indeed\* want to change the word of God, just not too quickly.

Perhaps, the version you were saved through is not what it is today, or what they want it to become.

Anyway, you were saved through the power of the Holy Spirit and the Blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, not the book.

But, changing the book matters \*because God said it does.\*

WS

**Re: Bible edits leave some feeling cross, on: 2011/4/23 14:09**

Hi White\_Stone,

Paul would not have us ignorant of the enemy's devices, so I think it's good to be informed. I liked the quote you chose from the article.

Quote:  
-----The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, meanwhile, has thoroughly revised the Old Testament in its New American Bible, similarly changing many generic references to "mankind" in favor of gender neutrality.

About this, I am incredulous. I had no idea this is what is meant by 'gender neutrality'.

Why?

Because a six-year old can grasp what 'mankind' means. The implication that adults seeking the God who made them - from no matter how dark a background - are unfamiliar with the term, or could not understand if it was explained to them - is laughable. But they're serious! People pay them to make a career out of this kind of 'translation'!

'Professing themselves to be wise, ...' (Rom 1)

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2011/4/23 15:02**

WhiteStone. I know whom I worship, and I know whom saved me. That still does not change the fact that I was reading and using the NIV at the time of being saved. The NIV helped me grow into the Christian that I am today.

FYI, I am not an NIV supporter. I prefer the NKJV almost exclusively. It's just when people come on and say nothing good can come from a version they disagree with is when I say something.

Blessings!

**Re: Righteous anger about this - posted by docseth1 (), on: 2011/4/23 15:19**

It seems quite clear that the moderator doesn't need to speak out against it as long as you are monitoring the site. You do it for him.

Besides, the moderator is not promoting anything with his post; this is a news report. He's letting us all know what's going on in the religious world.

You have jumped to conclusions that are not founded.

**I know whom I worship - posted by White\_Stone (), on: 2011/4/23 15:27**

Praise Jesus for your confession. I am happy to hear you have continued to grow in Christ.

I was saved through the PTL Club, Gulp! Even at the time I was aware that the people who were running it were deeply flawed but God used them for His ends. This is no different from you reading the NIV and being saved. Thank God that neither of us stayed put but continued to run the race and to grow in Christ. We are unfinished works, being molded in the Master's Hands. As we continue submitting ourselves to Jesus, we will be able to better reflect His Glory. Who knows what versions either of us will be reading a year from now. Lord willing, we will be with Him and this will not even be ever

thought of again. He will dry every tear. . .

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Don't you feel you have to draw the line somewhere? How much 'change' will you allow in a new version before you do? Follow the money, if there are no new versions published profits drop off. Most of the Bibles I have are 20+ years old. A publishing house would go broke waiting for my business. They can not copyright a new version unless there is a set percentage of changes. After a number of years, not to distant in the future, the Bible as we know it and love it will be totally changed. What then? Speak out before that happens.

Regards,  
white stone

**Re: - posted by Joyful\_Heart, on: 2011/4/23 19:19**

The moderator is just giving us some of the current news that pertains to Christians. Thank you Brother Greg for this. Giving God the glory!

It is up to us what we do with it.

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**Re: Bible edits leave some feeling cross - posted by HeartSong, on: 2011/4/23 19:28**

Quote:  
-----Translators of both new versions said the goal was to strike a balance between sometimes conflicting imperatives: fidelity to the original Greek and Hebrew texts, and readability that honors the sensibilities of a 21st-century audience.  
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The goal has been clearly defined. Change fidelity to sensibility in honor of the audience.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/23 19:40**

Appreciate the news report. It exposes that men have their schemes.

Moderators have opinions, too, I would guess. The fact that the moderators posted this shows they are concerned otherwise they would not have revealed this.

This article has useful quotes in it and I am glad it was posted for all to read. The Catholic church has much influence with protestant bibles.

What kind of a "sign" is it when a child is born to a woman?

Why, no sign at all.

It is a SIGN only when a child is born to a virgin.

I am actually ecstatic that this article was published. Because of their pride these translation committees cannot contain their own boasting. They think they are so wise and clever and they want everyone to know how smart and scholarly they are.

Thank you Jesus that they will undermine themselves. I pray their sales hit rock bottom and then they will get desperate and produce yet another translation that in their mind will spur sales yet will be an obvious blasphemy to people that just never could see it before.

And I am glad they confirmed with their own mouths what we have been saying. Namely, that they make the changes little by little. See how concerned they are with not making "too many changes too quickly"?

They are not concerned at all with accuracy.

I hope all you "humans" enjoy their new bible.

The next version, God will be gender neutral. That's what the feminists want and afterall, that is another demographic in which sales can come from.

Thanks again for posting this.

A777

**Re: , on: 2011/4/24 20:01**

Why the ruckus? Personally I like the NIV. Very readable and understandable. Very effective for evangelism. Back in the Jesus movement God was using Good News for Modern Man and the New Living Bible to convert people. I praise God there are many good translations to choose from. Folks are you aware that in places like N Korea and Vietnam the believers are thankful to get a Bible. Some believers go for years without seeing a copy of the scriptures. Many pastors don't have a Bible or New Testament in persecuted countries. Go to the VOM or Open Doors web sites and you will see what I am talking about. I would exhort that we be more thankful that God has blessed us with an abundance of translations to read and enjoy. When we are in the death camps and have no access to a Bible I think we will be thankful that we can encourage one another from our hearts with what we have stored up in our hearts whatever the translation.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/24 20:35**

NICE POST martyr!!

a salient word, true and good.

May Grace overflow you, neil

**Re: Bible edits leave some feeling cross, on: 2011/4/24 20:44**

oooooooo, i get SCARED when i read what the roman institution did with the Book of Isaiah in their "translation"

Quote:  
-----Most controversial is its revision of Isaiah 7:14 to predict that the messiah will be born to a "young woman," not to a "virgin," a characterization that some critics say casts doubt on the miraculous nature of Jesus' birth.

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wow! dont these folks have ANY Fear of God?

when i said it gets "me scared"...not of them in rome, i fear God, thats some feckless twisted stuff they're up to, maybe they might want to check these MASSIVE solar storms scientists been forecasting to hit earth, and repent of this foolishness.....Messing with the Word God gave to Isaiah.....just craziness, foolishness.

**Re: , on: 2011/4/24 22:11**

The heaven from the Catholic "scholars" has already started a long time ago and continues.

Bible in Basic English (BBE)

For this cause the Lord himself will give you a sign; a young woman is now with child, and she will give birth to a son, and she will give him the name Immanuel

Complete Jewish Bible

Therefore Adonai himself will give you people a sign: the young woman will become pregnant, bear a son and name him 'Immanu El .

Good News Translation

Well then, the Lord himself will give you a sign: a young woman who is pregnant will have a son and will name him "Immanuel."

New Revised Standard

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Revised Standard Version

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'u-el.

Why don't these versions bear witness to the truth?

A777

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2011/4/24 22:19**

A777. I would like to see your response to martyr's posting. Thanks

**Re: - posted by JB1968 (), on: 2011/4/24 23:10**

Quote:

-----Why don't these versions bear witness to the truth?  
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It's obvious that they don't want to. They want everyone to "feel" a part of the big happy family. No sense to let truth get in the way... that would only mess things up.

God help us.

Thank God, His truth will live on!

**Re: , on: 2011/4/24 23:22**

Oh sure Miccah, I will respond to martyr's post.

I just want to say at the outset, if we are going to credit the LB and GN Bible with salvations during the Jesus Revolution in the 70s, then you should also be willing to credit the follow-up apostasy to them, too.

Most of what Martyr says is true. I don't know if martyr was saved in the Jesus Revolution era or if he was even born then. I was saved in the 70s and lived right in the middle of Berkeley, Ca., where all this was taking place. I was reading the KJV and a lot of others were, too. And people were reading the NLB and GN, also. That is true. But we were getting saved by simple truths of the Bible, the preaching of the cross, John 3:16, Romans 10:10-11, the love of Jesus through other Christians, etc. It was a tremendous move of the Holy Spirit and I really don't remember any one Bible getting any glory

We definitely were not getting saved by reading the entire NLB or GN. I personally never read the LB or heard many sermons at all in which the LB was quoted.

During that time, the Lord brought revival that moved everywhere. From the streets amongst the rejects of society to the mainline churches. True Koinonia and community sprang up all over the land. The nominal christian was even convicted of his lostness and lack of true repentance. People left jobs to serve the Lord fulltime, home groups started, churches sprang up and God recovered important truths for His people as He brought repentance, restoration and reconciliation. It truly was an exciting and adventurous time for many.

But looking back, what has happened since then? Today, we look back and see a road littered with awful carnage. Divorce rates that rival the world, sheep scattered by unfaithful shepherds that "failed them", others using godliness for gain and the fruit of their drive for success and prestige is a defrauded sheepfold. Cynicism and disappointment replaced hope and joy and the Church is now suffering the scorn of the world. The Gospel is being preached around the world through satellite technology yet the world is no longer listening. Are we in the time of the "Falling Away" spoken of in 2 Thess 2:3?

Many Christians have returned to the world and others are finding themselves in a wilderness of such dimensions that there seems no way out. It is hard to believe that so many that walked in so much joy, are now apathetic and bitter. Is this the fruit of a strong move of God or is this the ultimate fruit of a lack of a fear of God and of making a place in one's heart for just a few idols? That was certainly always the pattern for God's people in the Old Testament. Not much has changed.

Should we let the Living Bible and Good News take the credit for the many salvations but not the credit for Apostasy?

The Spirit of God is given to convince the world of "sin, righteousness and judgment", John 16:8. Was the world convinced of sin, righteousness and judgment in the last revival? We can say now, no more than the church was convinced. What did the church do with the anointing of God? It built bigger buildings, created a program for every need and counted the nickels, numbers and noses.

Now the church has everything to attract the world except the glory of God. God's glory passed because the glory of God will not abide without righteousness. Righteousness is the carnage that has been left on the road of yesteryear.

Should we thank the LB and GN for this?

Many of the other things martyr says are true regarding being persecuted and taking any bible you can get. In the meantime, I am not in a death camp and I will continue to speak out about the corruption of God's Word.

martyr, I am glad that you have a burden for the persecuted church. We will soon be that church in America. I have followed VOM since it was called "Jesus to the Communist World, Inc". That was what their organization and their newsletter were called.

Back in the 70s they were not in Bartlesville, OK, but they were located in Pasadena, CA. During my first year as a Christian I was given a book called "Tortured for Christ". Thus was my introduction to the Persecuted Church. This was a real important event in my early Christian life, because I believe knowing about the underground church actually protected me from settling down within religious Christendom. Something I have never been able to do. I don't think our persecuted brethren could stomach much of what passes as Christianity in America, either.

I have had a burden and love for the persecuted church my entire life with the Lord. It was a special blessing when I had the opportunity to meet Richard Wurmbrand. I remember going to a church where he was preaching and he took his shoes off and sat in a chair at the front of the church by the steps leading up to the platform. He did not wear shoes because they use to hang him upside down and beat his feet. The nerves in his feet never really recovered.

Like I say martyr, most of what you say is true. However, accuracy is the victim of readability. I have never had any problem in evangelism with the KJV. And for 400 years it evangelized the entire world. I'll take accuracy over perceived readability, any day.

Psa 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Psa 12:7 THOU SHALT KEEP THEM, O LORD, THOU SHALT PRESERVE THEM from this generation for ever.

A777

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/4/24 23:56**

A77,

Apparently you witnessed the same I did back in the 60s...Although I was never involved in the protests that marked that era, I was a keen observer - doesn't seem that long ago.

As I reflect on what went wrong during that time, I get very troubled. Not all youths were out demonstrating, protesting the establishment (the county has never recovered from it), some were serious and were Bible students.

My friends and I attended Bible Schools. We were taught the Bible by concerned, ordained brethren. We were taught to think, to study/understand the Bible. And it was good. But we were also smart. Too many thought that since they had acquired advanced knowledge of the Bible that somehow they are now better than the older ones. My generation was highly skilled; great orators.

But they apostatized. And they were taught using the KJV.

As I reflect on these tragic changes I have come to the conclusion that because of their intelligence they have embraced intellectualism at the expense of walking with God, being governed by the Holy Spirit. My generation is very skilled in making excuses for sins instead of naming them and repenting of them.

(I am reminded of what Jerry Clower, a Southern Baptist Comedian, used to say: "Man has been educated beyond his intelligence.")

And it has all been downhill since.

Did you see this A777?

**Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2011/4/25 0:08**

A777. Ok. Just so we are on the same page. People can get saved reading a different version of the Bible than the KJV? Thanks

**Re: , on: 2011/4/25 0:25**

People can get saved reading any version and people can apostasize reading any version.

It's not the version, but the Spirit of God that draws men and saves them. A backslider recited broken down scriptures to me that he could barely remember. He did not even really get them right. I got saved on those scriptures. But what saved me was the Holy Spirit convicting and speaking to my heart. The Holy Spirit is the great opportunist and used those broken down scriptures. They still contained truth. But it was also the other words that this backslidden Plymouth Brethren dude told me.

I would not want to walk this walk with broken down scriptures everyday, though.

This is not the message that we have been talking about, but if this clarification helps, then I am happy to help.

A777