

# The New King James Version

## A Deadly Translation

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We will now give some special attention to one of the deadliest translations on the market--the New King James Version, first published in 1979. It is a deadly version because it's editors have succeeded in deceiving the body of Christ on two main points:

- 1] That it's a King James Bible (which is a lie), and**
- 2] that it's based on the Textus Receptus (which is only a partial truth).**

The following information should be helpful when dealing with Christians who have been swindled by the Laodicean lovers of filthy lucre:

1. The text of the NKJV is copyrighted by Thomas Nelson Publishers, while there is text of the KJV. If your KJV has maps or notes, then it may have a copyright, but the text itself does not.
2. There's nothing "new" about the NKJV logo. It is a "666" symbol of the pagan trinity which was used in the ancient Egyptian mysteries. It was also used by satanist Aleister Crowley around the turn of this century. The symbol can be seen on the New King James Bible, on certain rock albums (like Led Zeppelin's), or you can see it on the cover of such New Age books as The Aquarian Conspiracy. (See Riplinger's tract on the NKJV.)



3. It is estimated that the NKJV makes over 100,000 translation changes, which comes to over eighty changes per page and about three changes per verse! A great number of these changes bring the NKJV in line with the readings of such Alexandrian perversions as the NIV and the RSV. Where changes are not made in the text, subtle footnotes often give credence to the Westcott and Hort Greek Text.
4. While passing off as being true to the Textus Receptus, the NKJV IGNORES the Receptus over 1,200 times.
5. In the NKJV, there are 22 omissions of "hell", 23 omissions of "blood", 44 omissions of "repent", 50 omissions of "heaven", 51 omissions of "God", and 66 omissions of "Lord". The terms "devils", "damnation", "JEHOVAH", and "new testament" are completely omitted.
6. The NKJV demotes the Lord Jesus Christ. In John 1:3, the KJV says that all things were made "by" Jesus Christ, but in the NKJV, all things were just made "through" Him. The word "Servant" replaces "Son" in Acts 3:13 and 3:26. "Servant" replaces replaces "Son" in Acts 3:13 and 3:26. "Servant" replaces "child" in Acts 4:27 and 4:30. The word "Jesus" is omitted from Mark 2:15, Hebrews 4:8, and Acts 7:45.
7. The NKJV confuses people about salvation. In Hebrews 10:14 it replaces "are sanctified" with "are being sanctified", and it replaces "are saved" with "are being saved" in I Corinthians 1:18

and II Corinthians 2:15. The words "may believe" have been replaced with "may continue to believe" in I John 5:13. The old straight and "narrow" way of Matthew 7:14 has become the "difficult" way in the NKJV.

8. In II Corinthians 10:5 the KJV reads "casting down imaginations", but the New King James Version reads "casting down arguments". The word "thought", which occurs later in the verse, matches "imaginations", not "arguments". This change weakens the verse.

9. The KJV tells us to reject a "heretick" after the second admonition in Titus 3:10. The NKJV tells us to reject a "divisive man". How nice! Now the Alexandrians and Ecumenicals have justification for rejecting anyone they wish to label as "divisive men".

10. According to the NKJV, no one would stoop so low as corrupt" God's word. No, they just "peddle" it (II Cor. 2:17). The reading matches the Alexandrian versions.

11. Since the NKJV has "changed the truth of God into a lie", it has also changed Romans 1:25 to read "exchanged the truth of God for the lie". This reading matches the readings of the new perversions, so how say ye it's a King James Bible?

12. The NKJV gives us no command to "study" God's word in II Timothy 2:15.

13. The word "science" is replaced with "knowledge" in I Timothy 6:20, although "science" has occurred in every edition of the KJV since 1611! How say ye it's a King James Bible?

14. The Jews "require" a sign, according to I Corinthians 1:22 (and according to Jesus Christ - John 4:48), but the NKJV says they only "request" a sign. They didn't "request" one when signs first appeared in Exodus 4, and there are numerous places throughout the Bible where God gives Israel signs when they haven't requested anything (Exo. 4, Exo. 31:13, Num. 26:10, I Sam. 2:34, Isa. 7:10-14, Luke 2:12, etc). They "require" a sign, because signs are a part of their national heritage.

15. The King James reading in II Corinthians 5:17 says that if any man is in Christ he is a new "creature", which matches the words of Christ in Mark 16:15. The cross reference is destroyed in the NKJV, which uses the word "creation."

16. As a final note, we'd like to point out how the NKJV is very inconsistent in it's attempt to update the language of the KJV. The preface to the NKJV states that previous "revisions" of the KJV have "sought to keep abreast of changes in English speech", and also that they too are taking a "further step toward this objective". However, when taking a closer look at the language of the NKJV, we find that oftentimes they are stepping BACKWARDS! Please note a few examples of how well the NKJV has "kept abreast of the changes in the English language":

### **Is It Really Easier to Read???**

What of the propaganda we keep hearing about the new versions being easier to understand? It was a fact that the translators followed Wescott and Horts rule that if there was disagreement in which manuscript to choose from they were always to choose the more complex wording! **So what about: "They are easier for the young people to understand"?**

The Flesch-Kincaid research grade level indicator **rated the KJV easier in 23 out of 26 comparisons!** Average grade level-5.8 NIV-8.4 NASB-6.1 TEV 7.2 NKJV-6.9 1 **Facts are stubborn things!**

Why is KJV easier? Because it uses 1 or 2 syllable words while new versions use complex multi-syllable words and phrases. What KJV says in 72 syllables in a selection of verses NASB takes 214!

Children learned to read from KJV in the 17 and 1800s! Are our young people all retarded of what? I think it is just Brainwashed!

Many of the NKJV words are much more obscure than the KJV. ie. Syrtis sands?? What on earth is that? KJV says quicksand. The readability advertised for NIV is a falsehood, a Lie! When trying to meditate on or memorize the Bible, one becomes entangled in a maze of multi-syllabic "cerebral" sounding sentences.

**See if you think New King James Version vocabulary is more Understandable than King James Version**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

#### **KJV // NKJV**

Ezra 31:4 little rivers ~rivulets

Psalms 43:1 Judge~~Vindicate

Psalms 139:23 thoughts~~anxieties

Isaiah 28:1 fat~~verdant

Amos 5:21 smell~~savor

Daniel 3: 2,3 Princes ~~ Satraps

Matthew 26:7 box~~flask

Luke 8:31 the deep~~the abyss

John 10:41 did~~performed

Luke 19:11-27 pounds~~minas

John 19:9 judgement hall~~Praetorium

Acts 1:18 bowels~~entrails

Acts 18:12 deputy~~proconsul

Acts 21:38 uproar~~insurrection

Acts 27:30 boat~~skiff

And many more.....

**Remember: The Big Question here is does the Occult people, Rome and the Devil want a Bible that is easier for young people to learn from and memorize?? Of Course they don't! Don't fall for their tricks! Don't listen to "Yea, Hath God Said?"**