

Review: David W. Daniels & Jack McElroy, *Can You Trust Just One Bible*, CHICK Publications, Ontario, California, 2015

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Good News for Modern Man

Many people think of one book when talking about the Bible, but trouble arises when pinpointing what is actually meant. The authors hold a position there actually is [at least one] physical book on the earth in 2017 that exactly contains all of and only God's words; the Authorized Version.

Strawman arguments such as whether King James was a sodomite, where was the Bible before 1611, can I get saved from reading another version, aren't all bibles the same, etc., are all answered. There is some interesting information on the doctrinal impact of I John 5.7 and Charles Taze Russel's Revised Version experience.

At about a hundred pages a good balance is struck between detail and the main arguments. An excellent defense of the Bible for English speakers so they can trust God who already promised to preserve his words forever, not vanished original pieces of stone, animal skins, and parchment:

“Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.”
Luke 21.33

I) Yes, We Can (pp. 12-14)

There are no NIV-only, NAS-only, ESV-only or NKJV-only movements.

II) Was King James a Homosexual (pp. 15-34)

This rumor was spread fifteen years after his death by courtier and politician Sir Anthony Weldon (1583-1648). His book, *The Court and Character of King James* wasn't even published till 1650.

King James interrogated Guy Fawkes in his bedchamber, the most secure location for kings. There were four attempts on his life from 1600-1605 and he placed trust mostly in his childhood Scottish friends. This number dwindled from twenty-four to sixteen due to the assassination plots.

James' disabilities included drooling and extremity weakness which necessitated leaning on young men for support.

III) Where Was the Bible Before 1611? And How Can We Know God Endorsed the KJV? (pp. 35-46)

The short answer is that it was being assembled, the catalyst being the fall of Constantinople and the invention of the printing press with moveable type by Johannes Gutenberg c1450AD.

The English Bible transition was: Tyndale (1525), Coverdale (1535), Matthew's (1537), Great Bible (1539-41), Taverner's (1539), and the Geneva (1560) which went through 144 editions.

KJV-only proponents use the sales trick of "minimise and move on" when confronted with the 400-year soul-winning testimony of the AV.

Most scholars believe we have between 98-99.5% of God's word.

IV) I Got Saved Reading the NIV. How Can You Say It's No Good? (pp. 47-48)

V) The Geneva Bible, What's Wrong With It? (pp. 49-54)

"...by the gospel" is missing from I Peter 1.25.

"Repent" is changed to "amend your lives" in Mt 3.8 etc.

Hebrews 10.12 says Jesus "sitteth forever".

Malachi 2.16 promotes divorce with "If thou hatest her, put her away."

Matthew 2.23 says Jesus would be called a Nazarite rather than a Nazarene.

Zechariah 9.9 says he [Jesus] saved himself.

VI) Is “King James Only” a Non-Scholarly Position (pp. 55-60)

VII) Are King James Bible Believers Church Splitters (pp. 61-64)

“You should go where you are celebrated, not where you are tolerated.”

VIII) Is the NKJV Just as Good as the KJV? (pp. 65-68)

HarperCollins bought Thomas Nelson and now 55% of all Bibles come from one company.

IX) Where Does God Say He’d Preserve His Words in a 17thC Book? (pp. 69-72)

X) Is it True No Doctrines Are Changed in Modern Versions (pp. 73-84)

In July, 1882, Charles Taze Russel expressed the belief Jesus was not God, after reading the (August) 1881 RV which had removed I John 5.7.

When you change the words you change the doctrine.

In I Tm 3.16 the NASB, NIV et al. change the θ C (“Theos”) to OC (“Who”). Some modern versions even say “Christ” was manifest which has zero manuscript support.

XI) How Some Preachers Trick You When Defining Greek Words (pp. 85-87)

All a “pastor” that translates a couple of Greek words is doing is giving you an alternate English translation.

XII) Why Should God’s Word Be Restricted to English (pp. 88-91)

There has to be one book so you can cross-reference something in the NT

to the OT!

XIII) If You Were the Devil What Would You Do? (pp. 92-96)

The NIV has 64,000-odd words less than the AV.

One Bible gives one message that leads to one faith.

Peddle (cf. II Cr 2.17) refers to someone corrupting something before selling it.

XIV) What's Wrong With the New King James? (pp. 97-99)

XV) Should We Dump the KUV Because of Archaic Language? (pp. 100-102)

The AV only has 600 or so less-familiar words, and the whole vocabulary [8,000 words] of the work is at a five-and-a-half-year old's level.

XVI) Are You Crazy for Being "KJV Only"? (pp. 103-105)

XVII) How They Kill Your Faith in the Bible in Most Bible Colleges (pp. 106-108)

In one class it is taught all Bibles are 99 2/3% correct. However, the King James Bible has up to 30,000 'mistakes'.

XVIII) Must Scholars Tell You What God Really Means, or Did God Preserve Hi Words? (pp. 109-114)

"Open Theism" is the study of whether God knows certain things. One theologian was arguing using the NIV, the other the ESV. Since they didn't agree themselves on the wording they were simply wasting everybody's time.

'Their' Bible is "The Original Autographs".

XIX) Did Westcott and Hort Do Their Job? Or Did They Have Another Agenda? (pp. 115-122)

In May 1856 the Earl of Shaftesbury said to the BFBS, “[revising the Bible would] tend to destroy the exercise of private judgment...you would be obliged to go to some learned pundit...and when you had taken his version you must be bound by his opinion. This evil is tenfold more dangerous, ten fold more subtle than [open Catholicism].”

In February 1870 the Convocation of the Northern Province of the CoE was not in favour of a revision but the Southern was.

In May 1870 the Southerners put forward two rules:

1. “Introduce as few alterations as possible into the Text.
2. “Limit alterations to the language.”

The committee was then secretly given an Alexandrian modified [W-H 1881] Greek Text.

XX) Did Jesus Lie to His Own Brothers? (pp. 123-126)

XXI) Jack McElroy’s Conclusion (pp. 127-140)

“If you can’t trust numbers and dates in the Bible, what makes you so sure you can trust the words around them?”

Four reasons to trust the KJV:

(i) Success: 5B purchases or giveaways over 400 years.

(ii) Longevity.

(iii) Integrity.

(iv) Impact: 257 English idioms owe their existence to the AV. There are over 1,000 Churches whose SoF states that the AV is God’s words in English. Only the AV has been read from Outer Space.

XXII) David Daniel’s Conclusion (pp. 141-2)