

## The “Issue Of The Missing Scripture”

...“*For YOURS is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen!*” (Matthew 6:13)

Dear Pastor/Teacher,

Greetings in our Wonderful JESUS!

The reason I am writing this letter is because the Lord has used you and the “Issue Of The Missing Scripture” to put it heavily upon me to address the leaven of Critical Textual Science and Dynamic Equivalence. This leaven has so thoroughly fermented The Christian Community that we do not even know what “*is*” The Word of God!

### Matthew 6:13...“the Missing Scripture!”

Some time ago you preached a sermon and after the meeting I asked you why part of the Lord’s Prayer from Matthew Chapter 6:13 was left out...“*For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever... Amen?*”

Your response regarding the omission... “*It probably is not in the original(s)!*”

My response was... “*in two*”(2)... (*Namely...Codex Sinaiticus and Vaticanus*). We had a short discussion and it seemed from “*your*” perspective there really was “*no point*” in discussing it!

Even though I prefer the way of peace and unity, The Lord, however, would not allow me to ignore this issue! After much prayer and wrestling, He put it upon me to set up an appointment, which I did at your convenience.

When visiting you in your home, I tried to share with you that all translations of the Bible are “*not*” the same! To “*you*” this was “*clearly a non-issue*” and all these different versions “*do not...really...cause any problems or doctrinal differences!*”

I then proceeded to tell you that I have personally witnessed the *reality* of the working of the Holy Spirit in taking people off the “*milk and into the meat*” of The Word. As this happens, not only do they become very selective about what they read, but their spiritual appetite becomes insatiable for the “*Literal*” Word of God...“*He who is of God hears My Word*” (John 8:47)!

### Disguised and Underlying Deceptive Leaven in Christian Thought!

The following “*indictments*” are the literal fruit of the deceptive leaven of the Higher-Lower Textual Critical Scholarship and how over the past 150 to 200 years, this has fermented The Christian Community “*without them even realizing it!*”

When you told me that the missing Scripture...“*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen*” (Matthew 6:13)...from the Lord’s Prayer was...“*probably not in the original(s)!*” Whether you realized it or not through this seemingly innocent response, you actually were:

- ◆ “Speaking Heresy!”
- ◆ “Cutting Scripture out of The Word of God!”
- ◆ “Making a clear distinction between Greek Manuscripts!”

- ♦ “Taking a position based not upon *“faith and providence”* but upon *“finite human reason”* to re-interpret and make a judgement on what is... is not...Holy Scripture!”
- ♦ “Choosing, not only the Opinions, Principles, and Procedures of Textual Science of the Critical Biblical Textual Scientists, but also the Academically Accepted Liberal and Secular Humanistic Scholarship which determined and produced that *Critical Text!*”
- ♦ “Supporting the creation and historical development of the present day NU Critical Greek Text consisting of just two (2) Principal or *“Parent”* Manuscripts...Codex Sinaiticus and Vaticanus... and a handful of loosely supportive *“minority”* Alexandrian Text-base Manuscripts.”
- ♦ “Agreeing with these Liberal Biblical Scholars, to selectively ignore the overwhelming evidence of 86,000 + Scriptural Citations from Early Church Fathers (many pre-dating any Extant Greek Manuscripts), 5,000 + Greek Manuscripts and Lectionaries, and 15,000 + Manuscripts of different Languages and Cultures. A total exceeding some 20,000 + New Testament Manuscripts, from various quarters of the Christian Community covering a time frame of the last 2,000 years of history.”
- ♦ “And overall taking the Liberal Biblical Scholarship position against...*“The Inerrant and Literal Word”*...*“Thy Word is Truth”* (John 17:17)!”

### **Genuine Ignorance or Willful Compromise?**

The question I was left with, from the implications and magnitude of the above underlying conclusions on just this *“one”* deleted Scriptural Reference caused much concern and prayer!

I took the position that like much of the Christian Community you openly and naively embraced this leaven of Liberal Biblical Scholarship and their Critical Text, the current NU Greek Text. That you have done so out of genuine ignorance! As such you were not aware of the subtle deceptive conditioning of the erosion of Truth!

Since you are not simply Laity, but Pastor/Teacher, I trust that you can see how your stand and position on this issue is absolutely crucial...*“Woe to the Shepherds of Israel...”* (Ezekiel 34:1-10)...*“Brethren, Let not many of you become Teachers knowing that you shall receive a stricter judgement!”* (James 3:1).

### **Sunday, April 28, 2007...“Different Versions”**

Even though you may not really be aware of the magnitude of its influence, your message on Sunday, April 28, 2007, strongly confirmed how this *“deceptive”* leaven has deeply rooted into your own faith and understanding of what is...is not...The Word of God!

In your sermon presentation you seemed to want to make the point very clear that *“all”* Bibles on your overhead are to be treated as *“being similar and/or the same!”* Yet oddly enough you repeatedly stressed the necessity *“to obey”*...*“The”*...Word of God!

*Correct me if I have misunderstood your message, but on the overhead you commented, through visual representation, on a number of different English Bibles, and how “pointless” it was to give “too” much attention to examining and comparing “different versions!” You then proceeded in the same context of this “foolish comparison of Bible-Versions” to also include the Hebrew and Greek.*

Without entering into any great discussion simply open the front of *“any”* version of a Bible and read the preface. The publisher will explain the *“reason(s)”* for their version, not only *“how”* but also *“why”* their particular interpretation or version *“differs!”* The preface is not just about scholarship and information, it is also about *“marketing strategy”*...to actually sell these differences to create buyer interest and sales! These publishers will also contradict, or indirectly admit, compromise when producing their publications...to market

these versions they include “Scripture Readings” not found in their “Most Reliable Early Manuscripts!” (*The New International Version, Zondervan Bible Publishers, November 1978, regarding the inclusion of the entire portions of Mark 16:9-20, and John 7:53-8:1-11*).

When you grouped the Hebrew and Greek together in your presentation with all the other versions of the English Bibles illustrated, whether you were aware or not, by your *“inclusion”* you implied that Original or Source-Manuscript-Texts and Translation/Interpretation-Versions are really one and the same!

*All the English Bible Versions, listed on your overhead, were Translated and/or Interpreted from the Original Hebrew and Greek Source-Manuscript-Texts. The Hebrew and Greek Manuscript-Texts are not another Translation/Version, but the Source or Original (Copied) Manuscripts from which all the Versions on the overhead derived.*

If you just take a moment and objectively evaluate what you said about the versions on your overhead, you could not help but concur that they are *“all”* different and the difference in some cases can be quite severe! In fact so different that they may even give an opposite meaning to that same passage!

Regarding the Hebrew and the Greek, I am of the persuasion that you actually *“know”* that they are Source Manuscript-Texts! Yet why would you include them in your overall grouping of English Bibles as though they were simply another Bible-Version?

If you can accept it I believe the answer lies in the fruit of the leaven of *“subtle conditioning”*...the fermentation of *“humanistic rationalism,”* which infects and permeates the thinking, understanding, and conclusions of our entire world community!

Does this affect doctrine? The Greek word translated *“doctrine”* in 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:16...***“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for...doctrine,”*** is actually the word...*Didaskalia*...meaning learning or being taught. The root Greek word is *Didasko*, which means to teach or to learn.

Does this infect learning or teaching? If something says other than what it should be saying, will it not affect the outcome? Since the differences spread and permeate like leaven...over time they produce a deceptive and subtle change or erosion!

### **Sunday, April 28, 2007...“Obedience” To “THE” Word of God (Equivalently ...or...Literally)?**

In your April 28/07 sermon you repeatedly emphasized the need to obey...*“The”*...Word of God!

The question, however, is *“which”* Word(s) are we to obey, since the actual...*“Literal”*...Word is no longer being translated to obey! What we now predominantly have is *an interpretation, message, paraphrase...a dynamic equivalence!* This dynamic approach to translation may be somewhat useful in getting a Reader’s Digest quick-read or a preview-overview! But when it comes to obedience, especially as it relates to God who is giving the instructions, it is absolutely imperative that we know *“precisely”* what He is saying!

When God Breathed Scripture, He spoke The Word! And whatever The Word addressed, obeyed! It mattered not whether God spoke to elemental or living matter...***“Then God said...Let there be light, and there was light. God called the light Day and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day”*** (Genesis 1:3&5).

When God spoke *“instantly”* there was light! When He separated the light from darkness and called the light Day and the darkness Night, how long was that day? Precisely 23 hours, 56 minutes, and 4 seconds!

How do I know? Genesis Chapter 1:14-19, makes it very plain and *“literally”* clear that on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Creation, once the vegetation was already functioning and in full operation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, God *put two great*

lights in the Raqiya (Firmament) of the Heavens. The greater light the Sun to *Rule the Day*, and the lesser light the Moon to *Rule the Night*. This precise arrangement to the exact second is still in operation today and is “empirically verifiable”...it repeats itself “exactly” every 23 hours, 56 minutes, and 4 seconds...perpetually!

*As this “daily command” is fulfilled, words are inadequate to describe the beauty, glory and majesty demonstrated for all to behold when these two Great Rulers, in honor preferring one another, humbly surrender and, in complete obedience, literally exchange their thrones and ruler-ship!*

When God speaks, He does not mean it “equivalently or interpretively?” Disobedience is not an acceptable option...“**rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry**” (1Samuel 16:23), and neither is it excused without experiencing ultimate consequences both now and eternally...forever!

...“**See I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. In that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may Live and multiply. I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore choose life that both you and your descendants may live**” (Deuteronomy 30:15-16; 19)...and...

“**For I testify to everyone who hears the Words of the Prophecy of this Book, if anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this Book. And if anyone takes away from the Words of the Book of this Prophecy, God will take away his part from the Book of Life from the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this Book**” (Revelations 22:18&19)!

To guarantee that we will obediently fulfill the instructions, God has deposited within each “true” believer, a personal tutor...The Spirit of Truth...“**Whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him for He dwells with you, and He will be in you**” (John 14:17)...**He will guide you into all Truth**” (John 16:13)!

### **Dynamic Equivalence ...Error and Heresy!**

“**Do you not know that a little leaven, leavens the whole lump**” (1Corinthians 5:6).

Sadly “literal” Bible translation is virtually non-existent today among all mass-produced Bibles, and for the most part has been replaced by dynamic “interpretation!” As far as I am aware, all mass-produced modern Bibles, except the Authorized Version and possibly the NKJV, have been “literally compromised” and are therefore incorrectly labeled...“versions!” They should actually be called “interpretations” since a true version is an accurate word-for-word translation from one language into another!

Even though The New King James (NKJV) may be “considered” a literal word-for-word translation, it too has bowed somewhat to the approval of critical scholarship by incorporating a “type” of dynamic equivalence into its translation referred to as...“Complete Equivalence.”

Because of dynamic equivalence, and the “door” it has opened, new versions, ranging anywhere from “almost literal to extreme paraphrase” are coming off the daily presses in a “steady” stream! These “interpretations,” if one can only begin to imagine as our “values change,” will one day literally fulfill...“**Who, knowing the righteous judgement of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also...approve...of those who practice them**” (Romans 1:32).

### **Jesus did not come to “interpret” but to “fulfill” The Literal Scriptures!**

Reading the New Testament Scriptures, we find that “error” was an infectious leaven, from the very beginning. And the letters of the New Testament writings were not an attempt to provide an “Updated” or “New-Version Old Testament!” The New Testament Letters were written to safeguard and equip the believers. To deal, not

only with heresy and erosion of the Scriptures, but also to help them understand and embrace the literal fulfillment of foretold prophecy... ***“For the Testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy”*** (Revelation 19:10)!

The earthly ministry of Jesus is replete with Old Testament quotes and their *“precise and literal fulfillment!”* Everything Jesus said and did was *“already”* in the writings of The Old Testament... ***“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me. For he wrote about Me”*** (John 5:46).

Jesus did not *“add nor take away”* from the Old Testament Scriptures... ***“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to...fulfill”*** (Matthew 5:17)... ***“The Words of the Lord are Pure Words. Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. You shall keep them, O Lord. You shall preserve them from this generation... forever!”*** (Psalm 12:6-7).

To protect the new community of believers against wolves in sheep clothing and their leaven of deception, the infant Christian Community started to copy these original Post-Jesus Writings and share them with others. These writings came to be accepted and recognize as the... *“Literal”*... Word of God!

In 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Chapter 3:15-17, not only do we read that the apostle Peter acknowledged the writings of Paul as God-Breathed, but that the Christian Community accepted these Letters as Scripture for instructions to stand against deception and heresy creeping into their midst... ***“Which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of Scripture. You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked!”***

### **The Academic Community and Critical Scholarship.**

Today our Academic Community is very much governed and directed by Liberal Scholarship...as based upon Secular Humanism and Empirical Rationalism! In the Christian or Religious Community it matters little what school you attend! If you want an accepted or recognized degree, ultimately it has to be accredited or approved by the Academic World Community... *“The World System.”* Failing which the degree is worthless! And a worthless degree may not be acceptable when applying for employment nor can it be transferred to another Institution to further graduate studies, unless the prerequisites are waved.

In all fairness to the philosophy governing scholarship, by its very nature, Academic Liberal Scholarship requires and demands *“open mindedness”*... the forsaking or leaving behind the familiar-present-imperfect, and pressing on to attain the excellence and fullness of what lies ahead or beyond, ultimately if possible, perfection!

Liberal Humanism and Empirical Reason not only governs our Secular Halls of Learning, but has also leavened Biblical Scholarship... *especially*... Biblical Translation!

### **Faith and Reason!**

Liberal scholarship in the pursuit of knowledge makes a very grave error when it applies its rule of secular humanism and finite empirical reasoning to define existence apart from spiritual discernment and The Word of God... ***“The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness to him. Nor can he know them, because they are...spiritually...discerned”*** (1Corinthians 2:14).

And to unlock the mysteries of God and His Creation requires not only *“spiritual discernment”* and *“faith”*... ***“He that comes to God must...believe...that He is”*** (Hebrews 11:6), but also *“Divine Revelation”*... ***“You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and...revealed...them to babes”*** (Luke 10:21)!

In primary school *human reason* taught... *“matter cannot be created nor destroyed!”* Hebrews chapter 11:3, however, states... ***“By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made from things which are visible!”***

Which is it empirical observation by “*finite human reasoning*” or a “*phrase*” coming out of an ancient book considered to be full of myth, fable, and part-truths with acceptance and understanding “*based*” on faith?

They cannot both be correct, since *faith* and *reason* say the exact opposite! Faith declares that GOD is the measure of “*all*” that is or ever can be! Reason states that “*man*” is the measure and that he has within himself the potential to accomplish all things!

If the basic premise of our pursuit of knowledge does not begin with the spirit through faith and proceed in revelation...“*the things that have been freely given to us by God*” (2Corinthians 2:12)! Then all of our understanding and conclusions will be “*severely*” distorted...“*For in Him we live and move and have our being*” (Acts 17:28)...“*For by Him all things were created that are in Heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible. Whether thrones, dominions, principalities, or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things and in Him all things consist*” (Colossians 1:16-17).

### **Liberal Biblical Scholarship and the Sacred Canon.**

When *Critical Textual Science and/or Liberal Biblical Scholarship*, in the absence of “*faith and providence,*” approach The Holy Bible...

- ◆ As “*only a book of antiquity*” not much different than a Koran, Book of Mormon, or any other Ancient Wisdom Literature.
- ◆ As an “*anthology*” of myth mixed with truth, although rich in tradition of various cultures, ever-changing with the dynamics of progressively evolving cultural values and beliefs.
- ◆ As a “*compilation*” of writings from a number of different individuals with “*limited*” backgrounds and “*restricted*” understanding of “*factual*” history, over a period of some 1500 to 2000 years.
- ◆ Or as a “*literary collection*” of human thought, reason, will, and purpose in pursuit of “*divinity,*” if there actually could be divinity interwoven into the very fabric of human experience.

If this is the matrix of Liberal Scholarship the erroneous conclusions and applications will be shrouded in utter darkness, not only about “*The Book,*” but also of Truth! ... “*There is a way that...seems...right to a man, but its end is the way of death*” (Proverbs 14:12)!

When the Original Canon of the New Testament was decided it was not “*A Counsel*” who determined Scripture! No human being or collective mind is capable of such a judgement! The Holy Spirit behind the scenes presiding and chairing that meeting determined whether a writing was Scripture!

And even though these manuscripts have been copied and recopied over the last thousand(s) of years, not only were The Originals God-Breathed, but each copy, in spite of the copying errors, has been carefully preserved...“*You shall keep them, O Lord. You shall preserve them from this generation forever*” (Psalm 12:7)...“*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Word(s) will by no means pass away*” (Mark 13:31)!

### **An Exact Manuscript...PRESERVED!**

GOD has preserved for us an *Exact Manuscript* as “*Originally Breathed*”...*without any shadow of doubt!*

This is especially evident in the historical development of the NU Critical Text. In spite of all attempts from its inception in the Garden of Eden...“*has God said*”... liberal textual revisionism has only managed to cut 15% out of Scripture. By including the numerous “*bracketed*” readings (missing in the “*parent-manuscripts*”) God has retained “*all*” of the essentials in the current publications...“*Scripture cannot be broken*” (John 10:35)!

This Exact Manuscript consists of the Hebrew Masoretic Text for the Old Testament. And for the New Testament the Greek Textus Receptus, the Greek Majority Text, and a “*Literary Cloud of Witnesses*” made up of an overwhelming 20,000 + New Testament Manuscripts and some 86,000 + Scripture Citations from the Church Fathers!

These “*Witnesses*,” inspite of the human frailty of copying errors, agree so unanimously as “*one voice*” that the Critical Liberal Scholarship in “*disbelief*” have rejected them wholesale as “*biased!*”

### **The NU Greek New Testament Text ...“The Critical Text.”**

Over the past 150-200 years, Liberal Biblical Scholars like Tichendorf, Westcott and Hort, and numerous others, have taken it upon themselves to embrace the “*Discipline of Textual Science and Critical Scholarship.*” This approach with all of its workings was used to “*evaluate*” Biblical Literature...primarily the Greek and the Hebrew Scriptures. Even though they “*did not believe*” in the Literal Inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures, these scholars still took it upon themselves to produce a “*Pure*” Greek Text of the New Testament. It seemed to them that the “*Parent-Manuscripts*” of the most recognized and accepted Greek Text up to and of that time, “*Textus Receptus*,” was edited (corrupted) by the 4<sup>th</sup> Century Church and had to be discarded!

To develop their “*Critical Text*” these scholars choose two (2) Principal or “*Parent*” Manuscripts as the basis of this “*Pure*” Text...*Codex Sinaiticus and Vaticanus* with the support of a handful of the *Alexandrian Text-base Manuscripts*. Over the years this text developed into the present day Nestle-Aland United Bible Societies Manuscript-Text of the Greek New Testament, or simply...NU. Currently The NU is the New Testament Text used in almost all “*mass-produced*” Bible Versions...possibly the figure is as high as 99%!

### **Textual Science and the Development of the Critical Text!**

In the light of what The Bible says about providence, faith, spiritual discernment, preservation, and revelation, the entire exercise of Biblical-Textual Science, and Higher-Lower Critical Biblical Textual Scholarship, “*as based upon the court of human reason as a Scriptural evaluation tool*” is absolutely and conclusively...absurd!

Finite Rationalism, no matter how advanced or “*scientifically framed*,” cannot possibly produce a conclusive verdict on the things of the Spirit! Only God can sit in judgement over a manuscript and decide whether it is “*God-Breathed Scripture!*”

This has been “*proven conclusively*” when these Liberal Biblical Scholars, through “*finite*” natural reason, “*indiscriminately*” rejected 5,000 + Greek Manuscripts and Lectionaries; 15,000 + Manuscripts from many different Cultures and Languages; and over 86,000 + Scriptural Citations from the letters of the early Church Fathers (except for some 11 verses the entire Greek New Testament is re-produce through these Citations); in favor of two “*Parent*” Greek Versions and the support of a handful of their “*minority*” Alexandrian Relatives.

When choosing these manuscripts to build this pure text, these scholars seemed even more illogical and irrational. They ignored the numerous internal mutilations through revisions, alterations, insertions, and disagreements (over 3000 times in the Gospels alone between these two “*most preferred parents*”), as well as the fragmented and incomplete condition of these two manuscripts with respect to “*Missing Scripture!*”

### **Missing Scripture in Sinaiticus and Vaticanus Manuscripts!**

The Sinaiticus has “*gaps*” in Genesis, Numbers, 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles, Mark, and John. And apart from treating part of Ezra and Nehemiah as one book, all of Exodus, Joshua, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Amos, Micah, and Judges are completely absent. In the New Testament, the Sinaiticus includes the non-accepted apocryphal gospels of Barnabas and the Shepherd of Hermas.

The Vaticanus has almost all of Genesis, parts of 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings, Psalms, Mathew, Mark, John, and Hebrews; and all of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and Revelations missing.

The original ending of Mark 16:9-20 and the beginning of Luke in the Sinaiticus seems to have disappeared and/or altered on four consecutive “pages.” Tischendorf in search of the “lost” Scriptures discovered this codex in a garbage can among material about to be burned in a Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai. He noted that these four pages at the end of Mark and beginning of Luke appeared to be written by a different hand and with different ink. To complete Mark and the first part of Luke some of the lines of the columns of the text were printed quite loosely with larger letters. Although Mark ends with a small space, if the Scribe had maintained the regular print-pattern and not spread the letters, these last 12 Verses could easily have been included!

In the Vaticanus Mark 16:9-20 shows...an empty space...exactly large enough to contain the 12 missing verses! The empty space of exact size and precise location is proof without any shadow of doubt in a manuscript where there are rows of columns with no spaces that this was done intentionally! In fact the omission is “so obvious” that it seems the scribe had to account to some one that he actually left out the 12 verses!

### **The NU Greek Text...Most Reliable...or...a Different Gospel?**

How is it conceivable that the Christian Community so openly embraced this Critical Greek Text as delivered by Liberal Biblical Scholarship from the womb of “*Secular Humanism and Rationalism?*” How could they be so blinded to the deception that this is really not a “Pure” Text but a...*different...Gospel?*

***“I fear lest somehow, as the Serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, of if you receive a different Spirit which you have not received, or a ...different...Gospel which you have not accepted for such are false Apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into Apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an Angel of light. Therefor it is no great thing if His ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works”*** (2Corinthians 11:3&13-15).

Could it be that the Christian Community has embraced this “different” Gospel as part of the strong delusion of the coming separation the “Great Apostasy” spoken of in 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:1-12...the falling away before the coming of the Lord and our gathering together with Him...

***“With all unrighteous deception among those who perish because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie. That they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”***

### **Dynamic Equivalence...the Fruit of...Critical Scholarship!**

The Scriptures tell us... ***“You can tell them by their fruit”*** (Matthew 7:20). So what is the fruit of these “Textual Scientists” and their “Academic Court” to determine what...*is...is not...Holy Scripture?*

Not only has Liberal Biblical Scholarship been working “diligently” in developing the New and Textually-Pure Greek Text, they have also attempted to “breath new life” into translation called “Dynamic Equivalence.” Instead of simply translating “literal” words from one language into another, dynamic equivalence attempts to “transmit” through human genius...*a living message...from one culture into another!*

Dynamic Equivalence sounds very “spirited and vivacious” and superficially may even have very noble and benevolent intentions in reviving and restoring “dead” old written artifacts such as the Greek Classics! When applied to Biblical Scripture, however, this process fails...miserably!



Dynamic Equivalence in practice “does not” recognize the Scripture as “Living!” But assumes The God-Breathed Word as simply “another dead book” of antiquity requiring “dynamic transmission” to make it living, relevant, and contemporary!

Dynamic Equivalence also referred to as...“common language,” “idiomatic,” “impact,” “indirect transfer,” and “thought translation,” has little if any respect or appreciation for the “literal authority” of The Word! Consequently it is unable to accept, for one, the reality of an “actual” last day judgement...“**He who rejects Me and does not receive My Words has that, which judges him. The Word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day**” (John 12:48)...“**By your Word(s) you shall be justified, and by your Word(s) you shall be condemned**” (Matthew 12:37)!

Since Dynamic Equivalence is based on “finite human reason,” it cannot grasp that The Word is “eternally permanent yet always current!” And as such demands “literal” translation for all generations from the beginning to the end of time...forever...“**Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Word(s) will by no means pass away**” (Luke 21:33)...“**Forever Oh Lord Your Word Stands Firm in Heaven**” (Psalm 119:89)...“**The grass withers, the flower fades, but The Word of Our God stands...forever**” (Isaiah 40:8)!

### **“Majority Text” Then and Now**

Presently there appears to be a movement in the Academic Community towards taking a closer look at the 5000 + Greek Manuscripts coming from all over the Christian Community through the past 2,000 years. Because these Greek Manuscripts virtually agree with one another does not suggest that they are “biased copies” of the “same manuscript!” Rather these 5,000 + Greek Manuscripts could actually be saying we are in agreement because we “Are the Truth!”

These 5,000 + Greek Manuscripts have been edited and compared on the basis of a consensus of the majority of readings into a Greek Text, called the “Majority Text.”

What is ironical about the current “Majority Text” is that it agrees almost completely with The Received and/or Majority Text (Textus Receptus) which was considered “corrupted” by the Textual Revisionists, and had to be discarded! The “Textus Receptus” was the “accepted” Greek Text recognized for hundreds of years as Holy Scripture representative of the “majority” of extant manuscripts! This text was/is the basis of the “1611 King James Bible,” which is still probably the most “literal” English Word-for-Word massed-produced Bible-Translation available today!

In a rather unexpected tribute to the Authorized Version, British play-write and skeptic, George Bernard Shaw wrote...“*The Translation was extraordinarily well done because to the translators what they were translating was not merely a curious collection of ancient books written by different authors in different stages of culture, but the Word of God divinely revealed through His chosen and expressly inspired scribes. In this conviction they carried out their work with boundless reverence and care and achieved a beautifully artistic result*” (quoted in the preface of NKJV 1996 Broadman and Holman Edition)!

Not only does the current “Majority Text” virtually agree with the Textus Receptus, but these texts are also fully supported with the 86,000 + Scripture Citations from the early Christian Church Fathers. 2000 + Greek Lectionary Manuscripts which were Scripture Readings used weekly and for special worship services. And some 15,000 New Testament Manuscripts from all over the Christian World of various languages, cultures, and time periods.

### **Concluding Comments**

This Letter is a *testimony* not only about my own personal journey, but also about what has/is happening to The Christian Community through the “subtle and deceptive conditioning” of the leaven of Critical Liberal Scholarship and the Bar of Human Reason. This leaven has not only permeated our entire *Educational System*

but also *Biblical Scholarship!* Through “*finite rationalism*” these “*Liberal Biblical Textual Scientists*” have not only decided “*which*” Manuscripts are to be considered God-Breathed, but also that “*Dynamic Equivalence*” is the “*acceptable*” choice for Translation.

For over a period of some 10 years I personally ate this diet of the “*leaven*” of Secular Humanism and Liberal Biblical Scholarship. I was “*wined and dined*” in their “*sacred banquet hall of learning*” without realizing my “*faith and spiritual inheritance*” was being sabotaged. Even though I went to a Fundamental Bible College, Christian Liberal Arts College, Seminary, and Secular Graduate School in Psychology, their “*sumptuous menu*” almost contaminated and eroded the entire God-Breathed Word in my life! All the Scriptures I had left to hold on to were Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John! And even these were on “*questionable and shaky ground!*” What could not be denied, however, was that JESUS was...“*An Actual Historical Person*”...and there are no other writings anywhere, which compare to what these four Literary Witnesses have to Testify about HIM!

To salvage me out of this matrix of deception Father God lovingly and tenderly took me by the hand as He lead me to walk-out the life-application of “*knowing*” the Living Word of Truth...“***You shall... know...the Truth and the Truth shall set you free***” (John 8:32)!

### **My Prayer:**

That this Letter has faithfully represented the “*Deceptive Conditioning of Critical Textual Science and Liberal Humanistic Biblical Scholarship,*” and how it has infected not only Christian Thought in General but even our own faith and approach to what...is...is not Holy Scripture!

Because of you’re genuine love for God you will clearly see the Spirit of The Lord behind this entire issue of the Missing Scripture and the “*need*” for the writing of this letter!

That you will be willing to admit, that knowingly or unknowingly, you were in error for “*cutting*” Scripture out of God’s Holy and Inerrant Word! And that with the Holy Spirit’s assistance and loving guidance you will thoroughly allow Him to review you’re overall position as well as the “*seemingly*” brilliant yet “*deceptive*” leaven found in “*dynamic equivalence*” as applied to Bible translation!

That you no longer need to defend or support these deliberately-altered and revised-manuscript-versions... *Codex Sinaiticus and Vaticanus*, which are not only the “*Essence*” and “*Parents*” of the Critical Text, but also the “*Brainchild and Creation*”...of Satan!” From the beginning, as the “*Father and First Biblical Textual Critic and Revisionist*”...“***Has God indeed said,***”(Genesis 3:1)...to the present day NU Critical Text and Dynamic Equivalent Transmission, Satan has not only “*twisted*” Truth, but has been very active in reproducing “*His*” kind!

Through our natural weakness of hungering and thirsting for “*the fruit of knowledge*” that comes from the “*Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil,*” knowingly or unknowingly, we become willing captives to believe the lie...

***“Whose minds, the God of this age has blinded, who do not believe lest the light of the Gospel of the Glory of Christ, Who is the Image of God should shine on them”*** (2Corinthians 4:4)!

Submitted in Love,

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### **Scripture references:**

Other than personal translation, from the New King James Version, Thomas Nelson 1980 Edition.