

105. QUESTIONS TO ASK MODERN BIBLE VERSION USERS

1. a) **Which Bible version do you use?** (NIV)
 - b) I use the KJV because of how the NIV handles Matthew 17:21. (What's it say?)
 - c) Do you have your NIV handy? Look up Matthew 17:21
 - d) Look up Matthew 18:11; 23:14; Mark 7:16; 9:44,46; 11:26; 15:28; Luke 17:36; 23:17; John 5:4; Acts 8:37; 15:34; 24:7; 23:29; Romans 16:24
 - e) Is it all right to take verses out of the Bible?
 - f) We know these verses are in the Bible because Tatian in his Diatessaron quotes every one of these gospel verses in 150 AD. He had access to original autographs to copy these verses from. Even Codex Sinaiticus quotes Luke 23:17. Irenaeus (120-202AD, Vol 1, p.433) & Cyprian (200-258AD, Vol 5, p545) quote Acts 8:37.
2. **Would God use unbelievers and heretics** like Westcott and Hort to correct the Bible that has been used for 1500 years? NIV is based on W&H's mainly Vaticanus text.
3. **Has God preserved His Word to today** as Jesus promised in Matthew 5:18. "one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law until all be fulfilled."
4. The United Bible Society (3rd edition) NT Greek text has omitted **2544** Greek words, (2886 if you count Mark 16:9-20 and John 7:53-8:11), from the Received text (KJV).
5. Why were Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus (on which NIV is based) **not copied and distributed** if they are supposed to be the "oldest and best manuscripts?" **Answer:** Because Christians recognized their many corrupt readings, it became impossible to "sell" them. Nobody bought them. They were not copied or distributed.
6. Why are Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus in such **good condition** after 1500 years? **Answer:** Because nobody used them having so many corrupt readings. If they were recognized as the true text, somebody would have paid good money for them, used them regularly and worn them out. You can always sell a good manuscript, but you can't sell a bad manuscript, except to a fool or someone who doesn't know what the true text is such as Westcott & Hort, Griesbach, Tregelles, Tischendorf, and modern scholars.
7. **How do you explain the Majority Text's 95% domination of the manuscripts?** **Answer:** They had to be good copies of the originals, as recognised by Christians since 96 AD. This dominance worried Westcott and Hort, so they guessed that around 250 AD Lucian made a revision of the NT text from a Vaticanus type text to a Byzantine type KJV text. If this really happened, why is there no record of it in history, and why was there no protest against it which would surely have happened? **Answer:** Because it is a figment of W&H's imagination. They made up this lie to support their theory. It has no historical basis or support.
8. If Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus are the true text and so accurate, **why do they disagree between themselves 3036 times in the gospels alone?**
9. Would you trust men like **Westcott & Hort** to correct the Bible if you knew that they did not believe in ① Bible infallibility, ② New Testament miracles, ③ Creation, ④ Literal devil, ⑤ Heaven, ⑥ Second coming, ⑦ Christ's substitutionary death, ⑧ inviting people to receive Christ as Saviour, ⑨ Traditional theology?
Would you trust Westcott & Hort to correct the Bible if you knew that they:
 - 1) decided between variant readings on the basis of their "inner consciousness?";

- 2) believed in Mary worship; 3) in sacrament devotion; 4) in baptismal regeneration; 5) purgatory; 6) private prayers for the dead; 7) Communism; 8) in contacting demons & working in "the Ghostly Guild?" See their biographies by their sons(Hort 2:248).
10. **Would the devil be interested in corrupting the New Testament text?** Yes certainly, because this was Satan's first temptation "Yea, hath God said?" (Gen.3:1), in getting Eve to doubt God's Word. Yet W&H and modern version editors never consider this possibility. They treat the NT just like any ancient document.
11. **Would you expect to find the true NT text in Alexandria in Egypt** where God continually warns believers to have nothing to do with? No! Yet this is where Vaticanus and Sinaiticus are supposed to have come from?
12. Why did Westcott and Hort and modern version editors **reject and ignore the 95% of Byzantine/KJV text manuscripts** in favour of 5% of the manuscripts which show great disagreement with each other and many corrupt and variant readings?
13. The **cornerstone** of Hort's theory was that readings characteristic of the Received text are **never** found in quotations of Christian writers before 350 AD. He said "before that date we find Alexandrian and Western readings, but never Syrian". Hort's statement is proven wrong by:
 - a) **Tatian's Diatessaron** (150 AD) ALWAYS gives the KJV reading for any Gospel verse that the NIV CHANGES.
 - b) The **Syriac Peshitta** version (170 AD) agrees with the KJV text and disproves W&H's theory of Alexandrian manuscripts being close to the original.
 - c) The **Gothic** version (341 AD) was produced by Ulfilas "little wolf", a missionary bishop to the Goths, and was circulating before Vaticanus or Sinaiticus were written in 350 AD. According to Kenyon, Aland(p.210) and all evidences, it was translated from the early Byzantine/KJV text manuscripts.
 - d) Modern version advocates only list 13 out of 96 papyri, 9 out of 299 uncials, and 22 out of 2812 minuscules supporting the Alexandrian text. This means that 86% of papyri, 96% of Uncials and 99% of minuscules show a Byzantine text.
14. If Egypt is the right place to find the correct NT text, then **why do the main Egyptian papyri show the greatest degree of corruption** of any manuscripts? For example, why do papyri p66, p45 and p75 have the following mistakes?
Colwell, E C "Scribal Habits in Early Papyri", Bible in Modern Scholarship, ed. J P Hyatt. New York: Abingdon Press, 1965. P.370-389.

	p66	p45	p75
Careless readings	216	20	57
Singular readings	482	275	257
Nonsense readings	200	28	64
Leaps forward	54	16	27
Leaps backward	22	2	10

 The Holy Spirit refused to send a single original autograph to Egypt, so what would Egypt know about the original correct readings? Very little.
15. Why did God cut off the power of speech from modern version editors such as Kenneth Taylor (Living Bible 1972), Philip Schaff (ASV 1892), Tregelles (New Greek Text 1857-72), Westcott (New Greek Text & RV 1870), J.B.Philips (1961), & Dr. Wilkins (New ASV)? Isaiah 8:19,20; Luke 11:14.
16. **If anyone says "Byzantine (KJV) readings are inferior to Alexandrian", say "Prove it !"**