



This sketch done by my sister, Debbie Porter, illustrates perfectly what I want to get across to you in the next chapter. The Serpent comes to God's people by way of the Greek Scholar with his doctor degrees and supposed understanding of the original Greek intending to get us to question the second-hand words of God in our King James Bible. While I was writing this chapter, I had a conversation with one of these "Greek Scholars" that I believe will shed some light on the subject at hand. I will not use the person's name. He is from Canada and referred to himself as "the Professor." The following conversation took place via e-mail. Pay close attention to his reasoning about what he calls "original" because he probably represents the thinking of most Greek Scholars today. Read closely what I highlighted for you in his last statement below.

Professor said: I work with texts in Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, Coptic, and sometimes Latin

Evangelist said: The Apostle Paul did not have originals in his day. He only had copies.

Professor said: Well, most people had copies, but fairly direct copies with fewer scribal errors. Technically we don't have any of the original stories.. They are millennia older than when they were written down in the late iron age... many of them come from other cultures and were adapted into both Northern and Southern variants, and then were combined into the Pentateuch

Evangelist said: You handled what some mistaken or deceived Professor told you were the originals. I promise you...there are no originals in existence today

Professor said: We have original biblical texts dating to the 4th century BCE. **To historians and archaeologists, these ARE the originals, in the sense that they are the oldest copies we have.** The parchment skins are well preserved in arid environments, and many are still being uncovered in Egypt. I work on conserving newly discovered texts every year

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CHAPTER 8

QUESTIONS FOR THE GREEK SCHOLAR

The following are some very pointed questions for all those “Greek Scholars” in our churches and universities today. If you are one who believes that the King James Bible is the perfect, preserved, and inspired word of God and does not need to be re-translated with a lexicon, you may find these questions helpful when dealing with Bible correctors. If you are the “Scholar” or just one who likes to go to the Greek to get a “deeper meaning” of the Scriptures, I challenge you to answer the following questions.

1. Did God promise to preserve His words?

Matthew 24:35 *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

Psalms 12:6-7 *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*

1 Peter 1:25 *But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.*

2. Do we have those preserved words today?

3. Which would you say are the preserved words of God today?

- A) Greek and Hebrew
- B) King James Bible
- C) All of the above are the preserved words of God today.

4. Do you consider the King James Bible to be Scripture?

If you answer yes then you must also believe it is inspired because the Bible says “*all scripture is given by inspiration.*”

5. Do you believe the Greek and Hebrew are the "originals" we hear so much about?

6. Do you believe God's word existed before we ever got Hebrew and Greek Scriptures?

Hebrews 11:3 *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

Psalms 119:89 *For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.*

John 1:1-2 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word*

was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

It is obvious that God's word is eternal and has always existed in Heaven. If you want to see the "originals" you will have to wait until you get to Glory! You will find when you get there that the old King James 1611 is a perfect inspired copy of the one in Heaven. Wouldn't it be just like God to get the last laugh when we all get there and find that English is the language in Heaven?

7. Do you know and understand Greek?

I am of course speaking of the Koine Greek of the New Testament which is not the same as what is spoken over in Greece today.

8. Do you consider yourself fluent in Greek or possibly an expert in it?

9. Do you believe you know the Greek better than the translators in 1604?

These men could converse in Greek and Hebrew like it was their native tongue. The Lord used those men to give us His perfect word in English. Do you feel like you know Greek better or maybe just about as well as they did? It is a valid question is it not? Those of you who claim the King James Bible is not as good as the so called original languages would not even have been on the top one thousand list in 1604 when it comes to translating the Greek!

10. Do you believe God has called you to re-translate the English Bible?

If not, why are you doing so by going to the Greek to re-translate what those men did under the guidance of a holy God four hundred years ago? Do you feel like God is guiding you to offer a better translation of a passage than those men did under the leading of God ?

11. Why is it when you look up Greek words you get something far different than the translators God chose to do it in 1604?

Isn't that a valid question to ask? Have you ever given it any thought? Who should we trust, the translators or you? Should we trust the translators or the Greek dictionary in the back of Strong's Concordance? If you look up "crisping pin" in Isaiah 3:22 in Strong's dictionary you will find that he believed this was a pocket or a purse. Ask any lady in your church and you will find they are smarter than Mr. Strong! (A crisping pin is a curling iron just in case you are too proud to ask a woman.) Dr. James Strong was not a fan of the King James Bible. Many of his definitions are wrong. It is common knowledge that he was on the revision committee that gave us the 1881 Revised Standard Version that most of you reading this would preach against! Mr. Strong leaned towards the corrupt Westcott and Hort Alexandrian Greek Text. The same text all the modern Bibles came from. Yet, you use his (Mr. Strong's) Greek definitions to get a deeper meaning of the very words in the 1611 King James Bible that Mr. Strong preached against. While I am ranting on here let me go ahead and unload a few more things from

the boat. Let's be honest here, we all know that for some this is really about pride. You feel good when you stand before your people and speak about "The Biblical languages." Your people get that feeling of awe when you appear so intelligent and scholarly in the pulpit. Go ahead and get mad. I did not write this to make friends, nor did I write this in hopes of getting a meeting at your church. I wrote this to try to shake some of the brethren who are either asleep or just unaware of Satan's attack on our Bible!

12. If you believe every word in the King James Bible is perfect, why do you re-translate it?

Do you understand that when you convert Greek to English you are re-translating what was already done four hundred years ago? Do you realize you are using Greek dictionaries written by men who criticize the King James Bible and in many cases had other gross doctrinal issues? Nobody knows Greek and Hebrew like those men did on that translating committee in 1604. It is a lost language to us. Greek and Hebrew for the most part have passed away. I am going to shock most of you with what I am about to say next. There are several Greek texts that people use to try and correct the King James Bible. I know, you don't go to the Greek to correct the Bible, you study Greek to get a deeper meaning. I had the same line when I took Greek in college. Anyway, which Greek text is the perfect text? HMMM? There are several different Greek text and they are all different! So which one is the true text? Most would say that the Scriveners is the perfect or the best Greek text. Many of you probably have a copy on your shelf but did you know that Scriveners' Greek was a reverse translation from the English King James Bible back to Greek done in 1881? How many of you have been referencing it to get a deeper meaning of your Bible thinking it came before the KJB? You thought it was the chicken and the KJB is the egg! The truth is, the Greek scholar is the chicken and has egg on his face for getting the cart before the horse! Also, did you know that Mr. Scrivener was on the RSV committee with Westcott and Hort and helped give us the corrupt Revised Standard Version? He also worked on the 1901 ASV along with Philip Schaff (who denied inspiration), Vaughan, James Strong, and J. Henry Thayer (who was a Unitarian). Are these the guys you want to trust with your Bible? Are these the guys you want to be associated with? Are you telling me you trust Greek words defined by this crowd more than the work of the translators in 1604-1611? Are you beginning to see how Satan has come in the back door to attack our precious King James Bible?

13. If I met you on a street corner and spoke a sentence to you in English, could you translate that into Greek and say it right back to me immediately?

You do NOT know Greek. You simply know how to look up words in a corrupt lexicon.

14. Do you believe the King James Bible is inferior to the Greek?

If you think so, why have you not tossed it aside and learned the Greek? Why don't you get so studied in it until you can think in Greek? Why don't you learn it to the degree that you can go to sleep at night and dream in Greek? HMMM? Be honest with yourself! What a farce! We have the Bible in a language we understand, yet we go back to a language we do NOT understand to correct it! We are idiots!!! The Greek is a lost language to us. Nobody has the understanding of Greek like they did four hundred years

ago, NOBODY! Tyndale in the early 1500's was not speaking of the Greek when he said to the Catholic Bishop "I will make it so the boy driving the plow knows more of the Scriptures than you." He was talking about putting the words of God into English. Today we have English speaking Bible believers who are going back to Greek dictionaries written by non-Bible believers to get a deeper meaning of what God has said to man! We are right back to the Garden of Eden again. Six thousand years ago the Serpent came to the woman because she was the weaker vessel. It appears that in these last days some of our men are the weaker vessels! Gail Riplinger has not been beguiled by the serpent, but most of our preachers today sure have! Today, Satan asks the same question he did to Eve. *Hath God said?* "After all," Satan whispers, "the Greek came before the English. Therefore it must be more accurate." Today, Satan has tricked men of God into believing our second-hand word of God, the King James Bible, is not as reliable as the Greek and Hebrew. He came to Eve in the garden and got her to question the second-hand word of God she received through Adam. Today's men have fallen for the same scam.

2 Corinthians 11:3 *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

The battle today is whether the Greek or the English is the perfect preserved word of God. I do not believe there is a perfect Greek text anywhere in the world! Just as God allowed the original hand written document completed by the translators to be burned in a fire in London; God has allowed the Greek to pass away as well. Those 5,000 manuscripts we hear so much about are scattered all over England. You will never see them all in one place, and it is doubtful you will ever see one of them. You could not read them if you did see them, and how could you be sure they were the real thing? After all, they are all copies of copies too. Don't be fooled by these so-called Greek scholars who claim you can see the original perfect text under a glass in Oxford, England. It is a lie! Those 5,000 manuscripts are portions of Greek texts. One manuscript might contain half the book of John, another might have three of the four Gospels. None of them are a complete New Testament and none of them are in perfect agreement with each other. These 5,000 manuscripts are a decoy used by the enemy to get our faith away from the King James Bible! My faith is in the King James Bible. Where is your faith?

15. Do you believe there is an original Greek Text penned by the Apostles somewhere in the world that you can actually go and see?

Even the 5,000 manuscripts we hear about so often from the Greek scholars are not originals.

16. Do you believe there is a perfect copy of a Greek Text available and would you know and be able to prove which one it is beyond any doubt?

If you answered yes, and your Greek Text differed with the King James Bible, would you trust the Greek or the King James? I know 99% of you Greek scholars are not going to change your views! I am not asking these questions as much for your benefit as I am for the Brethren who are struggling to understand all this nonsense. I believe a man with a heart to know the truth will smell the poison in the pot.

17. If you could lock yourself in a room for six months, have all your meals brought to you and do nothing but translate the Greek into English, and you could somehow get it perfect and right, do you believe that you would get the 1611 King James Bible that you now hold in your hands or would it be different?

We already know the answer to this question. If you would get the King James Bible, why waste six months locked in a room translating? HMMM? If the answer is NO, then why do you not admit that your King James Bible is not perfect? Why don't you just admit that you feel like you are more qualified and called of God to translate an English Bible than those men four hundred years ago?

When I got saved nobody had to tell me the King James Bible was the perfect and inspired word of God. God bare witness with my spirit and I KNEW it. This is true with all of us until some theologian or puffed up preacher influenced our thinking! Eve never questioned the second-hand word of God until the Serpent beguiled her.

Let me share one final note on this subject that I believe you will find quite interesting. I was speaking with Pastor John Asquith about this issue just recently. He has written a book about the inspiration of the King James Bible called FURTHUR THOUGHTS ON THE WORD OF GOD. You can get it at Calvary Publishing in Lansing, Michigan and I highly recommend it. Pastor Asquith told me of a conversation he had on the phone in March of 2005 with DR. D. A. Waite of The Bible For Today Ministry. He is also the author of several books on the King James Bible. In the process of the conversation, Pastor Asquith mentioned to Dr. Waite that the translators in 1604 knew Greek so well that they could have interpreted a sermon preached in English into Greek on the spot as it was being preached. To this, Dr. Waite responded by saying, "I could not do that." The point I want you to get is that even the greatest Greek scholars today would be considered ignorant when compared to the understanding the translators had of Greek in their day.

I close this chapter with a bit of advice from a sermon title of Pastor Norris Belcher that says it all in just a few words: "Hush, you don't know Greek."