

**A Sample of the Critique of
Walter Veith's Presentations:
"Battle of the Bibles" & "Changing the Word"
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Walter Veith of Amazing Discoveries has made some amazing charges against what he refers to as the modern Bibles, and especially aimed at the NIV. The following is a four page sample of my 42 page critique of the DVDs named above. After you study this small sample, I believe you will see problems with Veith's charges. If you would like to examine the full critique to aid you in coming to your own conclusion, please contact me at the address on the bottom of page four.

Walter Veith said, "If you go to the middle of the book of Acts, to the end of Revelation, that is how many words are gone in the NIV – up to 60,000!" That is one half of the NT! All one has to do is to page through the KJV/NIV Parallel Bible to see how untrue is that statement.

Veith berates Westcott and Hort because he believes they conspired to distort the Scriptures and that all modern translations are based on their Greek text. The Greek text of Westcott and Hort is **not** the basis for **any** modern translation of the NT.

Walter Veith says that the problem with the modern Bibles has to do with the doctrines. He says that several of the fundamental doctrines cannot be adequately supported in them, or are done away with all together. This critique will show that all the doctrines he mentioned are powerfully supported in the modern Bibles including the NIV.

The following is a sample of Veith's charges against the NIV.
(Everything following a colon [:] is a direct quote from that source.)

Matt 13:51

KJV: Jesus saith...all these things? They say unto him, yea, Lord

NIV: "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied.

VEITH: By the way, that has been removed many, many times – hundreds of times in the NIV – everywhere where it says that Jesus is Lord – that's gone in the NIV.

ALLEN: That is simply not accurate. Firstly, the KJV does not have "Jesus is Lord" hundreds of times; **it doesn't even have that phrase once!** It appears in the NIV twice. Christ Jesus our Lord is in the NIV 7 times, and only 5 times in the KJV. Jesus Christ our Lord is found once in both. Thus the NIV has Jesus is Lord 8 times, and the KJV only 6 times. Secondly, "Lord Jesus" is found 118 times in the KJV, and 102 times in the NIV.

Rev 22:14

KJV: **Blessed are they that do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

NIV: **Blessed are those who wash their robes**, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

VEITH: I hope they use the right soap powder. What are you washing your robes in?

ALLEN: Rev 7:14 in all translations answers that question. "Blessed are they that wash their robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb." And since that idea is found in the KJV,

it will show to all that it is biblical. In the Greek language, these two phrases, wash their robes, and keep his commandments sound alike and are nearly alike.

Here are the Greek phrases written in English letters:

- HOIPOIOUNTESTASENTOLASAUTOU
- HOIPLUNONTESTASSTOLASAUTOU

Both of those phrases have already been seen, heard, and written by the scribe in the following verses of Rev: wash their robes 7:14; keep the commandments 12:17 and 14:12. It is obvious in the above verses that the NIV teaches that God's people will be commandment keepers.

Mark 2:17

KJV: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

NIV: I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.

VEITH: [appears to be making fun of the NIV] Come sinner! Let's all have a party together. This is ecumenical. It doesn't matter whether you believe the same thing, whether you keep the same commandments, whatever you do...if you sleep around with 50 women at the same time, who cares. We don't need that [repentance]; we are the initiated ones.

ALLEN: Walter's remarks were not said kindly. His implication of what the NIV teaches and stands for is simply incorrect. **Those very words do appear in the NIV in Luke 5:32.** Matthew, Mark, and Luke record this conversation. But only Luke has the words "to repentance." (Luke 5:32) They were added by a scribe to Matthew and Mark to harmonize with the same account in Luke.

Luke 9:55,56 NIV does not have "and He said, 'Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.'"

VEITH: Besides being strange, it is a stupid verse. It's stupid. Which one [referring to the KJV or NIV] is more important? Which one has more power? This one [KJV] has a Savior! It [NIV translation of the verse] might as well not be in the Bible. I don't believe God put something so ridiculous in the Bible."

ALLEN: The right question to ask would be, Which way is the way it was written? **These exact words are in the NIV in John 3:17** where they appear in the best Greek manuscripts.

Mark 13:14 The NIV is 'missing' the phrase "spoken of by Daniel the prophet."

ALLEN: The **missing part is in** Matt 24:15 in the NIV. Note that Luke 21:20 in the KJV has this very same discourse by Jesus. But the **KJV DOES NOT HAVE** this 'missing' phrase in Luke. Thus, the same charge must be leveled against the KJV for Luke 21:20.

Mark 6:11 NIV is 'missing' "Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment than for that city."

VEITH: Why do you think that verse has been removed?...Because they do not believe in a judgment. See, the choice you make – who cares! Didn't they believe in reincarnation? Whatever you did wrong now – who cares! You can fix it the next time around; in purgatory you can burn it off. That's fine. So let's take the judgment right out. That'll solve the problem. So they have modified the text. See how many pieces are missing?

ALLEN: The **missing part is in the NIV in Matt 10:15** following the most reliable Greek manuscripts. Does anyone who is condemning the NIV really believe that is what the NIV Bible teaches? Does Walter Veith really believe that every gospel tells the same story, and even in the exact same way? A careful reading of the four gospels will clearly show they don't. Reading *A Harmony of the Four Gospels* by Orville E. Daniel gives insight into this reality of inspiration and revelation.

Mark 10:21

KJV: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

NIV: Then come, follow me.

VEITH: This [KJV] is Christianity. The other is what? Salvation in sin. One big, happy party.

ALLEN: The **'missing' phrase is in the NIV 5 times**, and 6 in the KJV. The "missing" phrase is only found in Mark 10:21 in late Greek mss. Note Matt 16:24 **in the NIV**: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up the cross and follow me."

Col 1:14 "Atonement denied" [Veith's words]

KJV: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins

NIV: in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins

VEITH: That is the Jesuit Bible. So basically if you read the NIV you are reading the Jesuit Bible.

ALLEN: Another false charge. **There are 47 verses in the NIV** that teach we are saved by Jesus' blood. If Veith's criticism were true, why is one of those 47 verses I Peter 1:18,19 that states we were redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus? Another one is Rev 7:14 "they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." These clearly show that once again the charges against the NIV are false.

John 16:16

KJV: A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.

RSV/NIV: In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.
VEITH: I laugh about this text. Do you know what this text means? Jesus was playing hide and seek. He was peeping behind a tree; he was standing there behind a tree, and saying, "Now you see me, now you don't. Now you see me, now you don't." It is pathetic. God wouldn't put a stupid text like that in the Bible. Which one do you think God spoke? Obviously this one

[KJV]. This [NIV] is pathetic. This is absolutely pathetic. I get angry sometimes. I must calm down.

ALLEN: The words “because I go to the Father” are not found in the most reliable Greek manuscripts in verse 16. **They are however, recorded in verse 17 in the RSV and NIV** as part of the disciples restating Jesus’ statement.

John 6:33

KJV: For the bread of God **is he** which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

RSV: For the bread of God **is that** which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.

GREEK: for the bread of God is the coming down out of heaven...

VEITH: Jesus is systematically removed from the modern translations.

ALLEN: All Veith had to do was to keep reading for 2 more verses in John 6 in the RSV and he would have found real proof of what the RSV teaches about who is the bread from heaven. Verse 35 reads, “Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger...’” The Greek word that is translated as “he” in the KJV in this verse, is translated in the following ways in the KJV: the, this, that, one, he, she, and it. That indictment by Veith is amazing, even for one who wants to show how evil the modern Bibles are. How the modern Bibles failed to do what Veith claims they did! Indeed, anyone who really reads and studies these “modern” Bibles **will find** all the truths that are claimed to be missing.

Matt 27:35

RSV: And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots;

NIV: When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

KJV: And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

VEITH: Everywhere where the Bible says that [“was to fulfill that which was spoken of by...”] the modern translations have removed it. Why do you think they have removed it in the modern translations? I’ll tell you why. Because it proves that Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecy. And so they have taken it away so He does not fulfill prophecy. Everywhere!

ALLEN: Another of Walter’s statements that is untrue. Firstly, this ‘missing’ passage **is in the NIV** in John 19:23,24. Secondly, this ‘missing’ passage is only found in Matthew in a few late manuscripts. Thirdly, the NIV has the statement that something happened regarding Jesus that was a fulfillment of OT prophecy **22 out of the 24 times** it is found in the KJV. And **only one** of those incidents recorded in the KJV **is not found in the NIV**.

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