

## IS THE NIV A JESUIT BIBLE?

The following is an examination of the charges made by Dr. Veith in his DVD *Changing the Word* that the NIV is a Jesuit Bible. This is from the 42 page *A Critique of Walter Veith's Presentations: "Battle of the Bibles" & "Changing the Word"* by Elder David W. Allen.

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

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

RSV: in whom we have redemption, 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: **There are 47 verses in the NIV** that teach we are saved by Jesus' blood. Two examples in the NIV: Col 1:20 "by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross." Eph 1:7 "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins," Earlier manuscripts did not have "through his blood" in Col 1:14, but scribes added it to make it agree with Eph 1:7. This is called harmonization, making one passage agree with another. The 47 verses clearly show that once again the charges against the NIV are false.

### I Cor 11:29

KJV: For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

RSV: For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.

NIV: ...without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

VEITH: [as he reads the NIV, the volume and pitch of his voice rises when he gets to the words "body of the Lord."] Wow! This is Roman Catholicism. This is a hoax. This is a Jesuit Bible. The NIV is a Jesuit Bible. Make no doubt.

ALLEN: Notice that Veith does not say why he states it is a Jesuit Bible based on the above verse. Nor does he read 1 Cor 11:27-29 where the NIV and RSV say the same idea as the KJV. The context shows that Paul is talking about the exact idea expressed in the NIV and RSV. Unworthily is in the ancient Greek mss in verse 27 where the NIV translates it. 1 Cor 11:27 in the NIV reads "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord **in an unworthy manner** will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord." (emphasis supplied) I Cor 11:27-29 says the same thing in all 3 translations! Study the whole passage in each one, and decide for yourself is there is a hoax or not. Is the hoax really the false charges being made against the RSV/NIV?

### Acts 15:23 "Church Government-Separating the Priesthood from the Laity," Veith

VEITH: The whole church government is changed in Acts 15:23.

KJV: The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles...

RSV: The brethren, both the apostles and the elders, to the brethren who are of the Gentiles

NIV: The apostles and elders, your brothers, To the Gentile believer

GREEK: The apostles and the elder brothers to...

VEITH: This is very important. A very subtle change. But it is a mighty, mighty, mighty, mighty change. In the one [KJV] you have three groups, apostles, elders, and brethren. And Peter says that you are all priests? Does Peter say that: yes or no? In the other you have two groups. [Then Veith angrily denounces] the practice that I have seen over and over again of stating that I have no right to preach because I am no theologian. No, I am not a theologian, I am a brethren, and so are all of you! And you have a right to preach the Word of God because you are all priests of the most high! To change it, you have no right to preach, you are not a theologian, is Jesuit teaching!! It is from the pits of hell!! ... So ignore them when they say you are not a theologian. [He goes on even more on this. His quote that follows from Fulke's Defense, p. 242, contradicts what he is trying to get across about the evil translations!] "This name then of 'priest' and 'priesthood'...which is an order distinct from the laity and vulgar people...they wholly suppress in their translations."

ALLEN: Notice that Acts 15:6,7 state "**the apostles and elders met** to consider this question. After much discussion, Peter got up and **addressed them**: "Brothers, you know..." NIV. The KJV gives the exact same idea "And the **apostles and elders came together** for to consider of this matter. And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and **said unto them**, Men and brethren..." KJV. (Emphasis added) The ones meeting and discussing the issue are clearly the apostles and elders. Verse 22 shows it was the leading brethren, or literally "leading among the brothers" who were sent out. The context shows it was the apostles and elders that met and discussed the issues, and they are the ones who came to agreement on what should be sent out to the churches. There was no conspiracy involved; it is just that the Greek kai for "and" shows up in later manuscripts.

#### Heb 9:27

KJV: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment

RSV: And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment

NIV: Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment

ALLEN: Veith declares that the RSV and NIV teach the existence of an intermediate State, because Canon F.W. Farrar, Contemporary Review, March, 1882 said so.

VEITH: So, by leaving out the little article, you got purgatory in your Bible [NIV]! You can prove purgatory, but you cannot prove that it is once to die, and then the judgment.

ALLEN: If Dr. Veith would have checked the Greek in the Textus Receptus he would have made an amazing discovery that "the little article" (namely "the") **does not appear in the**

**Greek.** It has been supplied by the KJV translators. Once again the NIV is condemned for following the Greek. (I will show in my discussion of the next text that the KJV can be used to show the existence of purgatory.)

**Luke 1:72**

KJV: To perform the mercy promised to our fathers...

RSV/NIV: To show mercy to our fathers...

GREEK\*\*: To perform mercy with the fathers

ALLEN: The word “promised” in the KJV is in italics, which means it was supplied!

VEITH’S NOTE: To perform the mercy promised to our fathers long ago, Christ came, is the meaning of the King James. The Revised and NIV means that Christ came to shew to our dead fathers the mercy they need now.

ALLEN: How could anyone ever come up with that meaning?

VEITH’S SLIDE: “For *the text* was one which, *if rendered literally*, no one could read without *being convinced*, or at least suspecting, that the ‘fathers’ already dead needed ‘mercy’; and that ‘the Lord God of Israel’ was prepared ‘*to perform*’ it to them. But where were those fathers? Not in heaven, where mercy is swallowed up in joy. And assuredly not in hell of the damned, where mercy could not reach them. They must therefore have been in a place between both, or neither the one nor the other. What? In Limbo or *Purgatory? Why, certainly.* In one or the other.” Mullen, Canon, p. 332 (Emphasis already there)

ALLEN: Amazing that a quote that uses the language of the KJV, stating that this text is so clear on teaching purgatory, is used to condemn the RSV and NIV!

VEITH: So now we have purgatory in the Bible. If you have a modern translation, you can prove purgatory.

ALLEN: The KJV could more easily be used to teach purgatory than the NIV. I Peter 3:18,19; 4:6 “For Christ...being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;...For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh...” The phrase in I Peter 4:6 in the KJV “...was the gospel preached also to them that are dead” does say plainly that it was preached to those that are dead. The NIV reads “...the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead.” Veith says that according to the NIV it is still being preached to the dead. But “was” is past tense – “was preached to those who are now [at this time] dead.” Just like Abe Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address to those who are now dead. Nowhere in the NIV or RSV, or even the KJV, does it say that the gospel was preached to them *while or when* they are dead.

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