

Is James White right about Westcott and Hort and the modern "Vatican Versions"?

Are the modern versions like the ESV, NIV, NASB, NET, Holman Standard etc. still based on the Westcott and Hort Revised Greek critical Text?

The short answer is an absolute and unequivocal Yes, they are.

Some proponents of today's new Vatican Versions like James White try to distance themselves from Westcott and Hort because so much information has come out documenting the beliefs and apostasy of these two men who are primarily responsible for the critical Greek text that underlies such modern versions as the ESV, NIV, NASB.

In his book, *The King James Only Controversy*, James White makes some interesting and contradictory statements regarding Westcott and Hort. On page 33 Mr. White writes: "Westcott and Hort used Sinaiticus and Vaticanus to produce their New Testament, a work that displaced the text used by the KJV, later known as the Textus Receptus, in scholarly studies."

Note: Sinaiticus and Vaticanus are the so called "oldest and best manuscripts" by those who promote the UBS, Nestle-Aland Critical Greek text that underlies the N.T. of such modern versions as the ESV, NIV, NASB and the modern Catholic versions like the St. Joseph NAB 1970 and the New Jerusalem bible 1985 as well.

Then on page 99 Mr. White writes: "KJV Only advocates love to hate B.F. Westcott and F.J.A. Hort. Westcott and Hort's work on the Greek New Testament is seen as a focal point of the attempt to "dethrone" the KJV and its underlying Greek text, the Textus Receptus. While modern Greek texts ARE NOT IDENTICAL to that created by Westcott and Hort, one will still find defenders of the AV drawing in black and white, saying that all modern versions are based on their work."

James White further mixes truth with error when he writes on page 122 - "In the sense that Westcott and Hort correctly identified the need to examine the relationships of manuscripts, and demonstrated that it is simply not enough to COUNT manuscripts, but instead we must WEIGH manuscripts (some manuscripts being more important than other witnesses to the original text), one can say that MODERN TEXTS ARE BASED UPON THEIR WORK. [Caps are mine] However, modern textual criticism HAS GONE FAR BEYOND Westcott and Hort, and has in MANY INSTANCES corrected imbalances in their own conclusions." [Caps are mine].

James White is on the one hand admitting that the W.H. text "displaced the text used by the KJV (his own words) but is now trying to make it sound as though the modern versions are "in many instances" different from the W.H. text. This is simply not true. The Westcott Hort critical Greek text is virtually the same as that of the present day UBS/ Nestle-Aland critical Greek texts. They have only changed in very minor ways. The same 45 to 50 entire verses of the New Testament are either omitted from the text or called into question, and about 2000 additional words that are either omitted, changed or added are virtually the same as the Westcott Hort critical text that appeared in the English Revised Version of 1881. Mr. White is most definitely fudging the truth here.

David Cloud writes: "While today's textual scholars do not always admit that they follow Westcott and Hort, many of the more honest ones do admit that they are powerfully influenced by the these men.

Bruce Metzger is probably the most influential textual critic alive. He is one of the editors of the

United Bible Societies Greek New

Testament and the author of many widely-used books on textual criticism. In his 1981 book *The Westcott and Hort Greek New*

Testament-Yesterday and Today, Metzger makes the following plain admission: "The International committee that produced the United Bible Societies' Greek New Testament, NOT ONLY ADOPTED THE WESTCOTT AND HORT EDITION AS ITS BASIC TEXT, BUT FOLLOWED THEIR METHODOLOGY IN GIVING ATTENTION TO BOTH EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL CONSIDERATION" (Metzger, cited by James Brooks, *Bible Interpreters of the 20th Century*, p. 264).

In light of this admission by such a prominent textual authority, James White needs to explain for his readers why he condemns King James Bible defenders for claiming that Westcott-Hort are still followed.

Brooks further states, "There is nothing unique about Metzger's theory of textual criticism. It is simply a refinement of Westcott and Hort's theory in the *New Testament in the Original Greek* (1881). . . this theory is dominant today in part because of Metzger's great influence. It was the theory employed in producing the United Bible Societies Greek text. It is the theory lying behind the Greek text used by most modern versions: The Revised Standard, the New Revised Standard, the New English Bible, the Revised English Bible, the New American Bible, the New American Standard, the Good News Bible, the New International Version, and to a lesser extent, also the Jerusalem Bible and the New Jerusalem Bible" (Ibid.)

In the introduction to the 24th edition of Nestle's *Greek New Testament*, editors Erwin Nestle and Kurt Aland make the following admission: "Thus THE TEXT, BUILT UP ON THE WORK OF THE 19TH CENTURY, HAS REMAINED AS A WHOLE UNCHANGED, particularly since the research of recent years has not yet led to the establishment of a generally acknowledged N.T. text" (Erwin Nestle and Kurt Aland, *Novum Testamentum Graece*, 24th edition, 1960, p. 62).

James White is failing to acknowledge a fact that modern textual authorities such as Metzger, Colwell, and Nestle do acknowledge-that Westcott and Hort are key, pivotal men in the modern history of textual criticism and that the current "eclectic" Greek New Testaments continue to reflect, for the most part, the decisions made by Westcott and Hort. To deny their influence is similar to denying the influence of Darwin on contemporary evolutionary thought." (End of quotes by David Cloud)

Rather than just mere allegations, you can see for yourself the textual changes made by Westcott and Hort and then compare them to the modern Vatican Versions like the ESV, NIV, NASB and the modern Catholic Versions. They are all based on the same UBS/Nestle-Aland Critical Greek text that is the result of a formal agreement with the Vatican to create an "interconfessional" text for the New Testament. (More about this later)

See Westcott and Hort's *Magic Marker Binge* Parts One and Two. And then compare the W.H. text to today's new Vatican Versions like the ESV, NIV, NASB and the modern Catholic Versions. Does this look like Mr. White is being truthful when he says: "modern Greek texts ARE NOT IDENTICAL to that created by Westcott and Hort."?

<http://av1611.com/kjbp/charts/themagicmarker.html>

Now on to Westcott and Hort's Magic Marker Binge! Here are just some of the textual changes (usually omissions) that Westcott and Hort made to the Reformation text of the King James Bible. Compare the modern UBS/Nestle-Aland critical text versions like the ESV, NIV, NASB and the modern Catholic versions like the St. Joseph New American bible 1970 and New Jerusalem bible 1985 to this list and see if they are not virtually the same.

Matthew

1:25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

9:13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

13:51 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

16:3 And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

16:20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

18:11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

19:9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

20:7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

20:22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23:14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

27:35 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.

28:9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

Mark

1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
1:31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.
2:17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
6:11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city.
6:16 But when Herod heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.
7:8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.
7:16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.
9:24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.
9:42 And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.
9:44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
9:46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
9:49 For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.
10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.
11:10 Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.
13:14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:
13:33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.
14:68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.
15:28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.
16:9-20 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them. Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

(typically marginalized or set in brackets. The RSV completely omitted these verses from the text. The NIV 2011 now sets them apart from the rest of the chapter and puts them in smaller *italicized* print.)

Luke

1:28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

4: And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

4:8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

4:41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

7:31 And the Lord said, Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation? and to what are they like?

9:54-56 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and 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. And they went to another village.

11:2-4 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

11:29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

17:36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

21:4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

22:64 And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him, saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote thee?

23:17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

23:38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

23:42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

24:6 He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

24:40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

John

1:27 He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

4:42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

5:3-4 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water:

whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

6:69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

7:53-8:11 And every man went unto his own house.

8:1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. (Westcott and Hort put all 12 verses in Double Brackets, indicating they did not consider them to be inspired Scripture. The UBS/Nestle-Aland text does the same. The liberal RSV omitted these verses from the text. The ESV, NASB and St. Joseph NAB bracket them and the NIV 2011 now sets them apart by lines from the rest of the text and puts them in smaller *italicized* print.)

11:41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

16:16 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.

17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Acts

2:30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

7:30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

8:37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

9:5-6 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

10:6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
17:26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;
20:25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.
20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.
23:9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.
24:6-8 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law. But the chief captain Lysias came upon us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands, Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.
24:15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.
28:16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.
28:29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

Romans

1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
9:28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.
10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
11:6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.
13:9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
14:21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.
15:29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.
16:24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

1 Corinthians

5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
7:5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves

to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

10:28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:

11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

16:22-23 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

2 Corinthians

4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

11:31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

Galatians

3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

3:17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

4:7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

6:17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Ephesians

3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Philippians

3:16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Colossians

1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:
2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:
3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

1 Thessalonians

1:1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?
3:11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.
3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

2 Thessalonians

1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Timothy

1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.
2:7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.
3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.
4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

2 Timothy

1:11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.
4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
4:22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

Titus

1:4 To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Philemon

1:6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

1:12 Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

Hebrews

1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

2:7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

7:21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

10:30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

10:34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

1 Peter

1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

5:10-11 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Peter

2:17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

1 John

1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

5:7-8 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and

the blood: and these three agree in one.

5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Jude

1:25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Revelation

1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

2:13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

5:14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

11:17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

21:24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

And these are only PARTS of the words that have been omitted or added to the texts that underlie the King James Bible. You can see a more complete list here -

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BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BELIEFS OF WESTCOTT AND HORT?

Once again, in his book, *The KJV Controversy*, James White makes a feeble attempt to defend the character and beliefs of Westcott and Hort. Mr. White writes on page 244-245 "Question: Weren't Westcott and Hort occultists (evil men, heretics, closet Roman Catholics, and any number of other

accusations)?”

“Answer: B.F. Westcott and F.J.A. Hort were not fundamental Baptists. Then again, neither were any of the KJV translators...Both were professing Christians. Both professed faith in the deity of Christ, His saving death, His resurrection. Were they perfect men? No, they were not. Neither were the KJV translators....But were they terrible evil men, plotting with others in a grand conspiracy to overthrow God’s truth and lead everyone down the path to destruction? Such is utterly ridiculous....They are remembered as men who, while not perfect, recognized particular truths about the transmission of the New Testament text that have been verified by many who have come after them. They are not idolized or worshiped, but are treated as all other scholars: their work is appreciated, reviewed, and where necessary, corrected.” James White.

So, in spite of Mr. James White’s glowing recommendations of his fellow "scholars" and their textual work, let’s take a look at some hard facts about what these men actually believed. These documented quotes are readily available all over the internet and in hard print in several books.

In 1896, a collection of Hort's letters was published by his son in two volumes. The book entitled "Life and Letters of Fenton John Anthony Hort" by his son Arthur Fenton Hort.

In Vol. 1 on page 76 we read: **"The pure Romish view seems to me nearer, and more likely to lead to, the truth than the Evangelical"**

On page 148, Hort said: "...the ordinary confused evangelical notions, tho' I would on no account alter the prayer book of catechism to make them more palatable to them."

On page 400, Hort admits that: **"The positive doctrines even of the evangelicals seem to me perverted rather than untrue. There are, I fear, still serious differences between us on the subject of authority, and especially the authority of the Bible,"**

On page 445, Hort says: "I have a sort of craving that our text should be cast upon the world before we deal with matters likely to brand us with suspicion. I mean, a text, issued by men already known for what will undoubtedly be treated as dangerous heresy, will have great difficulties in finding its way to regions which it might otherwise hope to reach, and whence it would not be easily banished by subsequent alarms."

Hort shows his hatred for the TRUE Greek Text on page 211, where he states: "I had no idea till last few weeks of the importance of texts, **having read so little Greek Testament**, and dragged on with **the villainous Textus Receptus**. Westcott recommended me to get Bagster's Critical, which has Scholz's Text, and is most convenient in small quarto, with parallel Greek and English, and a wide margin on purpose for notes. This pleased me much; so many little alterations on good MS. authority made things clear not in a vulgar, notional way, but by giving a deeper and fuller meaning. But after all Scholz is very capricious and sparing in introducing good readings; and Tischendorf I find a great acquisition, above all, because he gives various readings at the bottom of his page, and his prolegomena are invaluable. Think of **that vile Textus Receptus** leaning entirely on late MSS; it is a blessing there are such early ones..."

In a letter to Westcott, Hort says on Page 430: **"Certainly nothing can be more unscriptural than the modern limiting of Christ's bearing our sins and suffering to His death; but indeed that is only one aspect of an almost universal heresy."**

On page 120, Hort declares: "**The fact is, I do not see how God's justice can be satisfied without every man's suffering in his own person the full penalty for his sins.** I know that it can, for if it could not in the case of some at least, the whole Bible would be a lie; but if in the case of some, why not in the case of all?"

Hort clearly did not believe that the death of Jesus on the cross was not enough to pay for his sins!!!

What about WESTCOTT, what did he believe?

In 1903, Westcott's son "Arthur Westcott" published his fathers letters in a two volume book entitled, "Life and Letters of Brooke Foss Westcott."

On pages 228-229, Westcott told Hort what he thought of the Textus Receptus: "I feel most keenly the disgrace of circulating what I feel to be falsified copies of the Holy Scripture, and am most anxious to provide something to replace them."

On page 52, Westcott said "**I never read an account of a miracle but I seem instinctively to feel its improbability, and discover some want of evidence in the account of it.**"

In volume 2, on page 49 Westcott gives his view on Heaven, he writes "...it saves us from the error of connecting the presence of Christ's glorified humanity with place: **'heaven is a state and not a place.'** I cannot therefore but think that you should require the most exact rendering of the whole."

On page 394, Westcott states: "**If Tennyson's idea of heaven was true, that 'heaven is the ministry of the soul to soul,' we may reasonably hope, by patient, resolute, faithful, united endeavour, to find heaven about us here, the glory of our earthly life.**"

Westcott shows his love for ROMAN CATHOLICISM on page 81, when he writes: "After leaving the monastery we shaped our course to a little oratory which we discovered on the summit of neighbouring hill, and by a little scrambling we reached it. Fortunately we found the door open. It is very small, with one kneeling--place; and behind a screen was a "Pietà" the size of life (i.e. a virgin and dead Christ). The sculpture was painted, and such a group in such a place and at such a time was deeply impressive. **I could not help thinking on the fallen grandeur of the Romish Church,** on her zeal even in error, on her earnestness and self-devotion, **which we might nobler views and a purer end, strive to imitate. Had I been alone I could have knelt there for hours.**"

Occultists, Spiritualist and Satanists commend the textual work of Westcott and Hort and despise the King James Bible.

Many of these quotations can be found on the internet and in their own books. Brothers Brian Sirois and David Cloud have put many of them together in their articles on this subject. Here are some of them.

Helena P. Blavatsky was deeply into spiritism and communication with the dead. She was the founder of the Theosophical Society. She also attended the "Ghostly Guild" meetings with Westcott and Hort, along with Charles Darwin. In her books Isis Unveiled Volumes 1 and 2 and The Secret Doctrine Volumes 1 and 2, Blavatsky says: "We have the Bible in truth in Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Vaticanus." And she goes on to say: "Westcott and Hort were true scholars that corrected the errors in previous versions."

Madame Blavatsky also said: "Now that the 'Revised Version' of the gospels has been published by Westcott and Hort, and the most glaring mistranslations of the old version, the King James, are corrected, one will better understand the words. The text of the English Protestant Bible is in disagreement as usual with the Alexandrian text. That which for nearly 1500 years was opposed on Christianity of a book which every word was written under direct supervision of the Holy Ghost; of which not one syllable or comma could be changed without Sacrilege, but now is being retranslated, revised and corrected and clipped of whole verses, and in some cases almost entire chapters. And as soon as the new edition is out, its doctors Westcott and Hort will have us accept it as new revelation of the 19th century. And the King James translators have made such a jumble of it, that no one but an occultist can restore the Bible to its original form." (H.P. Blavatsky, on the Bible, Isis Unveiled.)

Throughout her writings, Madame Blavatsky continually makes comments about the "wonderful scholarship" of Westcott and Hort and seems to take pot shots at the King James Bible whenever she can. She writes: "the Revised Version does not repeat the mistakes of the Authorized Version." - "In the King James version, as it stands translated, it has no resemblance to the original." (Blavatsky, Isis Unveiled)

And here is a real whopper of a lie when she writes: - "Add to this fact that out of the forty-seven translators of the King James Bible, only three understood Hebrew... and one may easily understand what reliance can be placed on the English version of the bible. Now the Revised Version of the gospels has been published and the most glaring mistranslations of the old version are corrected, one will understand better the words in St. John." (The Secret Doctrine, 1888)

One has to wonder what an avowed Satanist's interest would be in the Bible in the first place and why she would so highly praise the likes of Westcott and Hort and so despise the King James Bible. Quite telling, isn't it.

Brian Sirois documents for us that some of the immediate followers of Madame Blavatsky also claimed to be under the control of spirits through automatic writing and other methods. He writes: "In 1891, Annie Besant (1847-1933) succeeded Blavatsky as head of the Theosophical Society. From 1889 until Blavatsky's death in 1891, Besant was a co-editor of the Theosophical Society's "Lucifer Magazine." Besant and her associates hated the King James Bible. They write: "The English translation (Authorized Version, KJV) is wretchedly imperfect. Errors abound in it, and some of them are of a most laughable description. On this account great calls have been made for the new translation" (Charles Bradlaugh, Annie Wood Besant, Charles Watts. The Freethinker's Text book.)

Brian also documents that later Theosophical writings continued to attack the King James Bible. "...the English translation called the Authorized Version...while it is dear to the English people...yet lacks entirely the proper spirit of the mystical Hebrew original; and the very fact that Englishmen love their King James Version so much distracts their attention away from the original Mystical sense of the Hebrew scriptures. Go then to the original tongue..." (Lucifer Magazine, January to December, 1930)

The Vatican Connection-

Well, what about today? What is the true nature of most of these modern versions that NOBODY seriously believes are the infallible words of God. You may be very surprised at what you are about

to see, but it is all documented in black and white and there is simply no way to rationally deny it. Versions like the ESV, NIV, NASB, NET etc. are in fact the result of a formal agreement with the Vatican to produce an interconfessional text that will ever be in the process of change. Here are their own words.

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Undeniable Proof the ESV, NIV, NASB, Holman Standard, NET etc. are the new "Vatican Versions"

"Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth...is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit...and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication...Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins" Revelation 17:2-5; 18:2-4

I have a copy of the Nestle-Aland Novum Testamentum Graece 27th edition right here in front of me. It is the same Greek text as the UBS (United Bible Society) 4th edition. These are the Greek readings and texts that are followed by such modern versions as the ESV, NIV, NASB, Holman Standard AND the new Catholic versions like the St. Joseph New American Bible 1970 and the New Jerusalem bible 1985.

If you have a copy of the Nestle-Aland 27th edition, open the book and read what they tell us in their own words on page 45 of the Introduction. Here these critical Greek text editors tell us about how the Greek New Testament (GNT, now known as the UBS) and the Nestle-Aland Novum Testamentum Graece grew together and shared the same basic text.

In the last paragraph on page 45 we read these words: "The text shared by these two editions was adopted internationally by Bible Societies, and following an agreement between the Vatican and the United Bible Societies it has served as the basis for new translations and for revisions made under their supervision. This marks a significant step with regard to interconfessional relationships. It should naturally be understood that this text is a working text: it is not to be considered as definitive, but as a stimulus to further efforts toward defining and verifying the text of the New Testament."

There it is folks, in their own words. They openly admit that this text is the result of an agreement between the Vatican and the UBS and that the text itself is not "definitive" - it can change, as it already has and will do so in the future, and is not the infallible words of God but merely "a stimulus to further efforts".

The United Bible Societies Vice-President is Roman Catholic Cardinal Onitsha of Nigeria. On the executive committee is Roman Catholic Bishop Alilona of Italy and among the editors is Roman Catholic Cardinal Martini of Milan. Patrick Henry happily claims, "Catholics should work together with Protestants in the fundamental task of Biblical translation ...[They can] work very well together and have the same approach and interpretation ... This signals a new age in the church." - Patrick Henry, *New Directions in New Testament Study* (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1979), 232-234.

Here is the United Bible Societies own website where they announced in March of 2013 the news of the new Pope Francis' longtime support of the UBS.

<http://www.unitedbiblesocieties.org/news/3575-united-bible-societies-welcomes-pope-francis/>

United Bible Societies welcomes Pope Francis

MARCH 15, 2013 - "The election of Pope Francis, 'a long-time friend of the Bible Societies', is an encouragement to United Bible Societies (UBS) to work even harder to make the Bible available to everyone."

Read Part One of this study. There is a lot more solid documentation. Then go to Part Two where you can see the actual black and white Verse Comparison Charts - very easy to follow.

Undeniable Proof the ESV, NIV, Holman Standard, NET, NASBs are the new "Vatican Versions" Part TWO

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"If we would destroy the Christian religion, we must first of all destroy man's belief in the Bible." Voltaire - ex French philosopher and **former** atheist.

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Luke 8:8

"But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant." 1 Corinthians 14:38