

Catholics and the King James Bible

There is a recent article posted at Catholic New Agency that reports on the Vatican Exhibition that [allegedly] Highlights the Catholic Roots of the King James Bible. If ever there were a piece of Revisionist Propaganda, this is it.

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/vatican-exhibition-highlights-catholic-roots-of-king-james-bible/>

The article states: "Vatican City, Feb 28, 2012 / CNA News.- A new interfaith exhibition that opens this week at the Vatican reveals how the roots of the 1611 King James Bible are almost entirely Catholic – despite the fact that the translation was often viewed as a highpoint of Protestant European culture.

"If it had not been for the Catholics of the 1500s there would be no King James Bible," exhibition organizer Cary Summers told CNA.

"Many of the original bibles that formed the basis of the King James Bible came from Catholic priests. Very few changes were made. The ancient writings that the King James writers actually mimicked and copied were by Catholic priests," he explained."

The whole article is Revisionist History, a total distortion of the facts and pure Jesuit sophistry at its best - in other words, a pack of outright Lies.

The Catholic church was always against having the word of God in the language of the people, until they were forced to do so because of the Reformation. They then began the counter-Reformation and produced their own ever changing bible versions.

The KJB translators openly called the Pope the Antichrist and they spoke out against the Catholic versions and how inferior they were.

See "the very meanest translation is still the word of God" for documented proof of what the King James Bible translators thought of the Catholic versions.

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/meanesttranslation.htm>

The Catholic Douay Rheims came out in 1582 with the N.T. and in 1610 with the complete bible. It was NOT based on Erasmus' Textus Receptus, but on the Latin Vulgate, which actually was

much closer to the truth than are today's new Vatican Versions like the ESV, NIV, NASB AND the modern Catholic bible versions like the St. Joseph NAB and the New Jerusalem bible.

See Undeniable Proof the ESV, NIV, NASB etc. are the "new" Vatican Versions -

<http://brandplucked.webs.com/realcatholicbibles.htm>

When this Vatican spokesman says the "Catholics" help give us the KJB, they are referring to EX Catholics like Tyndale, Coverdale and Wycliffe.

The Catholics condemned Wycliffe even after he was dead and dug up his bones and burned them because he had translated the Bible into English. That's how much the Catholic church appreciated his efforts. When English Bibles began to be printed, the Catholics hunted down anybody that had a bible and burned them at the stake along with their Bibles. See 'A Lamp in the Dark - the Untold History of the Bible' video that is now on You tube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Osuctvq4QU>

As for Tyndale, he once was a Catholic but he got converted and became a Reformer. The Catholic church chased him all over Europe and finally caught him and burned him at the stake. Miles Coverdale was also once a Catholic but then got converted and became a Reformed Puritan. The Catholic church never did approve of the Textus Receptus. In fact, the Council of Trent (1545-1564) branded Erasmus a heretic and prohibited his works. In 1559, Pope Paul IV placed Erasmus on the first class of forbidden authors, which was composed of authors whose works were completely condemned.

For the Catholic Church to tell us that we got the King James Bible because of the Catholics is like saying we can give credit to the Catholic Church for the Reformation because Martin Luther was at one time a Catholic monk!

The article goes on to say: "The King James Bible has bequeathed a body of language that permeates every aspect of our culture and heritage, from everyday phrases to our greatest works of literature, music and art. "

A recent study suggested that there are over 250 phrases and idioms in common English usage that have their origins in the language of the King James Bible. These include "how the mighty are fallen," "the skin of my teeth," "nothing new under the sun," and "the salt of the earth." The Vatican exhibition hopes to show that all Christians can share the King James Bible in

common.”

Well, you can look of these common phrases and 3 out of the 4 do not read this way in the Catholic Douay-Rheims and the only one that does - “the salt of the earth” as found in Matthew 5:13 - was written that way from the time of Wycliffe 1395, Tyndale 1525, Coverdale 1535, the Great Bible 1540, Matthew’s Bible 1549, the Bishops’ Bible 1568 and the Geneva Bible long before the Catholic Douay ever translated it into English.

Of the other three, the phrase “how the mighty have fallen” is found in 2 Samuel 1:25 but the Catholic Douay-Rheims says: “how are THE VALIANT fallen ”.

The phrase “There is nothing new under the sun” is found in Ecclesiastes 1:9 but the Douay-Rheims reads: “Nothing under the sun is new”, and as for “I am escaped with the skin of my teeth” as found in Job 19:20 of the KJB, the Douay-Rheims reads: “and NOTHING BUT LIPS ARE LEFT ABOUT my teeth.” Yeah, that’s pretty close, huh?

Go to the link, read the article and notice the comments by people. Notice especially what the Catholics have to say there. It is quite revealing.

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The Vatican is putting out pure Revisionist Propaganda and trying to attach itself to the good reputation of the King James Bible. But you won’t be able to purchase a King James Bible at most Catholic bookstores. The largest Catholic book store here in Colorado refuses to sell them. I called and asked. A King James Bible believing pastor and writer from England wrote me and said: "the Catholic Truth Society in London doesn’t sell the King James Bible because they don’t consider it a Catholic bible." They won’t sell them there, but you can get yourself a copy of the ESV complete with the Apocryphal books and the Catholic imprimatur seal of approval.

Here is a Catholic website called Catholic Bibles where you can see the ESV advertised. -

<http://www.catholicbiblesblog.com/2009/01/esv-w-apocrypha-deuterocanonicals-is.html>

And here is a list the site provides of Recommended Bible versions -

- Douay-Rheims Bible
- Revised Standard Version- Catholic Edition
- New American Bible Revised Edition

- New Revised Standard Version
- New Jerusalem Bible
- The Bible in Its Traditions
- Christian Community Bible
- NET Bible (By Dan Wallace with the Apocryphal books)
- English Standard Version
- NIV
- Common English Bible

But you won't find the King James Bible on this list.

"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

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