

## **The History of the King James Bible – The Source of Corruption**

**Alexandrian branch of “Christianity”** – A number of things happened in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century that have affected Christianity to this day. 1-200 years after Christ men began to put together fake epistles/gospels and in those false books there shows up every false doctrine that shows up today!

**3<sup>rd</sup> century changes** – The clergy was elevated above the laity and the ministers were separated into a higher or separate class from the rest of the born again Christians which is rebuked in Revelation 2&3. However, this became the norm in the Western/African church which migrated northward into Rome and became the pattern and method of teaching in the RCC.

The political structure of the Roman empire or government became the model for the church government. – Nowhere in the NT do you find a democratic or publican/voting system. But as the world started to influence the church, and the church the world, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century great persecutions began to die down and we see church government move from a biblical structure to a political structure.

The leadership and worship structure of the church began to follow the OT Jewish model rather than the NT Christian model.

The NT had a communion of all believers round about the table of the Lord whereas the OT was a sacrifice on the table administered by the priest to the lay people.

Rather than the remembrance table there was a sacrifice by a priest to the commoners. – Before the RCC the Western Christians began to embrace a Jewish approach to the Lord's supper which paved the way to the Eucharist.

**Changes took place in church discipline.** – There was a class of Christians known as penitents and they consisted of those that had been excommunicated and had shown signs of contrition and repentance. – The western church thought a distinction needed to be made as there were those that had denied the Lord under persecution but wanted to come back to the church.

There were those that would not accept them and so in order to bridge the gulf in view of these the idea was formed of venial sins and mortal sins with diverse levels of punishment. – The clergy was given power to impose sanctions against Christians who did not measure up to what other Christians were doing. – Not scriptural! See 1<sup>st</sup>&2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians for taking back in repentant sinners. – Some sins were bigger and not forgivable (mortal sins), but some could be forgiven (venial).

**Changes of church worship** – Introduction of celibacy and set days for fastings and the use of the sign of the cross (crossing yourself). – The RCC grew out of corrupted Christianity!

**Church ordinances changed** – The Lord's supper became a sacrament and baptism became a rite of the church. – 251AD came the Novatian Schism which was an unbiblical decree that people out of line would need to be re-baptised in order to come back into the church. – Between 303-311AD 5 edicts against Christianity which issued by the Roman Emperor Diocletian ushering in the cruellest and most savage Roman persecutions and there were many martyrs.

For the first time in history the NT church was suppressed by the state. Then came the supposed conversion of Constantine. – He ruled from 312 – 337AD.

In 311AD he faced a crucial battle against Maxentius at Milvian Bridge. He saw a flaming cross in the sky with the inscription “By this conquer”. That was the Devil's masterpiece as what happened is the “sign” was seen as an omen after he won the battle and attributed his success to the Christian God.

When he came to power in 312AD he issued the edict of Milan that granted freedom to all Christians and adopted Christianity as the official state religion of the Roman empire. – You went from persecution of Christians by the state to persecution of all those who would not bow down to this false Christianity in the name of Christ! – Both are Satanic.

In the first form of persecution you could still win people to the Lord and the bad guys were killing Christians but this Constantine intervention showed Christians to be the ones doing the killing so that

the people the world over didn't want to become Christians. – Not because they would be killed if they became one but because they would be killed if they didn't become one.

It was doubtful that Constantine was ever saved as he didn't renounce his pagan beliefs and the claim that he was a Christian was tied to his head being sprinkled with water on his death bed.

### **Changed in professing Christianity under Constantine**

He thought the cross to be magical and that the wearing of the cross or the sign of the cross on buildings gave the wearer or the building supernatural powers.

Christianity became a state religion. Churches were now filled with unbelievers with slaves granted freedom if they were baptised. In 325AD Constantine told his subjects to convert to Christianity or die! As a result of this unbelieving pagans came into the churches and brought their pagan beliefs and practices. – Sun god worship on the 25<sup>th</sup> December and looking for eggs on the time of the spring fertility rites etc... Sounds familiar.

The Council of Nicaea in 325AD called for by Constantine who was its' honorary president for the purpose of uniting Christendom.

The major issue with the Arian Heresy (named after Arias the presbytery of Alexandria, Egypt) was that it taught that Jesus was the greatest created being, "a god" but not co-eternal and co-essential with God. – The bibles that come out of Alexandria, Egypt say Jesus was "a god" in John 1.

Constantine also desired to produce an ecumenical bible that would be acceptable to all Christians in his realm and would further the concept of imperial Christianity.

2 main centres of Christianity arose – One in Rome, Western and one in Antioch, Constantinople, Asia, or the Eastern school (Byzantine Christianity).

There was a 3<sup>rd</sup> group in Alexandria, Egypt – There was a school here with a large Jewish population. It was also the centre of Greek, Platonic philosophy.

### **Alexandrian, Egypt Church**

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BC Alexandrian scholars went to work restoring the text of the ancient Greek poets and writers. The famous Jewish philosopher of Alexandria was Philo. – He wedded the teachings of Plato and intermingled it with OT teachings.

Christians applied the methods of Philo to the NT giving rise to the heresy of Gnosticism. When you mix Plato with the teachings of the OT the product is/profession of faith is "we don't know anything, and we can't know anything and if we did know anything we wouldn't know for sure that we knew it."

Alexandria was the centre of Gnosticism and a school there was founded by Pantheus in 180AD for the purpose of training preachers and missionaries. This was taken over by Clement in 190AD, the presbyter of the church in Alexandria who was generally acknowledged as the founder of the Alexandrian school.

Clement is known as the father of Christian philosophy. – Colossians 2:8 warns Christians to stay away from philosophy "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Clement's follower at his school was a man called Adamantius Origen. Out of this school came the western approach to Christianity and the bible.

Origen's life changed dramatically in 202AD during the persecutions and his father suffered martyrdom and his family was left destitute. When Clement fled by force in 203AD Origen became the president of the Alexandrian bible school at 18. He was a genius, reading, writing, and collecting extensively and had a library of the "Gnostic Ambrosius". – He studied under a pagan called Saccas who was the founder of Neoplatonism.

Origen was agnostic and integrated the OT in a mystical way. – Dean Burgon said of Origen “Wherever the grammatical interpretations produced a sense which in Origen’s opinion was irrational or impossible according to the philosophy which he had learned in Alexandria he would part it from the literal sense.”

Origen said, “The scriptures are of little use as they are written.” Terrible view on the bible! – He denied the Genesis account of Adam and Eve, he believed that souls existed from eternity past, he believed in the transmigration of the soul and that the soul would pass from a lower or higher life form upon death depending on one’s deeds. He believed in eventual universal salvation and that the wicked would eventually be saved after punishment (purgatory), after which they would be instructed by angels. He denied a physical resurrection, he believed stars and planets had souls, he believed the devils would eventually be saved. He was one of the first to refer to the pastors as priests and said that bishops and priests should participate in the forgiveness of sins, he said that the people who would have to be lost for a time were those who were unbaptised, and he believed in the post-millennial return of Christ. – This was Origen!

This is what Origen produced in his school. – A book was produced called “The Hexapla” (6 Columns). – It had 6 columns on each page and in the 6-column book you had in the 1<sup>st</sup> column the Hebrew text (Masoretic) that is the same of that which constitutes our OT. – In the 2<sup>nd</sup> column was a Greek transliteration of this Hebrew text (instead of translating a sentence you would render this word into a Greek word that sounded like it). – In the 3<sup>rd</sup> column was Aquilla’s Greek, literal translation. – In the 4<sup>th</sup> column was the Greek text put out by Samacas (revision of Aquilla). – In the 6<sup>th</sup> column you had a fella called Theodotion with his Greek translation.

In the 5<sup>th</sup> column was Origen’s work. – He called his work “The 70” or “The LXX” and Origen claimed this work to be an OT Greek translation that was produced by 72 Hebrew scholars 100s of years BC.

The truth was that Origen made this thing up and took the Hebrew OT and he translated it into Greek and in doing so he revised the Hebrew OT to match the philosophy of Philo and Plato.

That is, where Origen came across something that prophesied the virgin birth (which he did not believe in), he would re-write it. If Origen came across text saying God was manifest in the flesh (which he didn’t and couldn’t believe in), he would re-write it. – When you study the NIV, RSV etc... versions and ask how they changed these key verses, they got it from Origen!

So, our KJV came out of the 1<sup>st</sup> column (Hebrew/Masoretic text) and the new versions came from Origen’s 5<sup>th</sup> column. – It supports and underpins these versions.

An example of what Origen did to the text:

**Isaiah 40:3 (KJV)** “The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” – Malachi 3:1 (KJV) and Isaiah 40:3 is quoted in Mark 1:2 “As it is written in the prophets....” – Origen says in Mark 1:2 “As it is written in the prophet Isaiah...”

Why is this? Because Plato said Malachi copied from Isaiah, but he didn’t get the copy right and that is why the words are not the same but if Malachi had it right he would of said what Isaiah said. – So, Origen, following the lead from his philosopher friends, said “Isaiah the prophet” and not “written in the prophets”.

We see he is very wrong as half is written in Isaiah and half in Malachi and so when we read the RSV, NIV and ESV “...Isaiah the prophet...” we should understand this originates with Origen and this source of corruption.

95% of the extant manuscripts say “written in the prophets” and so we see how big of an influence Origen and his philosophy circle were and are. Why are men in pulpits using these books? Because they are trusting their professors and not the bible.

When someone claims “you are not very scholarly” what they mean is don’t go by a philosopher in Egypt.

Dean Burgon also wrote about Origen regarding Matthew 19:16-22 and Jesus' reply to the rich young ruler. – When the rich young ruler asks what he should do to inherit eternal life Jesus gives him the 6 last commandments that relate to others and not the first 4 which relate to God. – When the young man says he has kept them from his youth up Jesus asks him to prove it!

Origen said, "Jesus could not of concluded his list of God's commandments with the comprehensive requirement thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself for the reply was "all these things have I kept from my youth up" as Jesus accepted this statement as true." – Where did he read that? That is a man not taking the bible as it is written but a man reasoning. – "...but if the young man loves his neighbour as himself he would have been perfect as Paul says the whole law is summed up in that act of loving thy neighbour, but Jesus replies "if thou wilt be perfect" implying then man is not perfect."

Exactly as Jesus was not saying the man kept these commandments. – So, Origen surmised that an error was made by some scribe and this approach is the reason some verses are missing from your modern versions.

This was philosophical reasoning and not straight in God's word .

Origen was no doubt aware of the Byzantine Greek text as his writings contain many of their readings. Origen also accepted the "Shepherd of Hermas", the "Epistle of Clement" as inspired and more so than the 27 books of the NT.

Back to the previously made point – If Origen is commenting on or criticizing the NT text in the early 200s AD, how is it that the men who embrace Origen's 5<sup>th</sup> column as the text to build their bibles are the same ones who teach that there were no NTs in existence in the days when Origen was teaching in Alezandria? They are crooked and counting on the fact we will not study!

So, you have a true text in Antioch and a corrupt text in Alexandria which make its' way to Rome and wherever the Roman empire went and took power it will take its' corrupt text with it.

Wherever the true church sends missionaries out (a few here and there) they are going to take this true text with them. – Wherever Rome meets the true church/Christianity they snuff it out by hook or by crook. – They destroy their bibles, burn their translators, and get rid of every evidence they can find of this true text.

What happens later is that you go from 325AD – 1300AD without collision and then one day God raises up a man called Martin Luther who has all the stuff the Romans have and is going to get his hands on what the Antiochians had and literally the explosion of truth is going to shake the whole world!

And for 100 years it is darkness wherever Rome and paganism goes and the only light in this world is what makes its way out of Antioch through a little group here and a little group there. The rapture will not be as big an event as is generally made out.

**2 Corinthians 2:17** – God is incredibly careful to warn us in this passage about those who would corrupt the word of God.

**RSV** say in 2Corinthians 2:17 "For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word; but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ." – If they were sincere they would not of corrupted the word of God from "corrupt" to "peddle" and they indeed peddle those corrupt bibles! – They have copyrighted their bibles so you cannot quote from them in a birthday card etc... with payment as they peddle it for profit!

Colossians 2:6-7 "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

So, the Holy Spirit says that what we, the Apostles of Jesus Christ have given you, be contented with that, stay with that, hold to that and don't change that! – V18 then says "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy ..... and not after Christ." -That is Plato, Philo, Clement, and Origen who are

philosophers who are changing what the Holy Spirit gave the Apostles to give you to live for Jesus Christ.

What did we get from Origen and the school of Alexandria? Jesus Christ is not Almighty God. – John 1:7, 1 Timothy 3:16, John 1:1 all corrupted by Origen and philosophers turning you away from Jesus Christ and His deity. – V9 “For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.” – How do we know philosophy is corrupting the word? They do not teach Christ is fully God!