

DBS eNEWS

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." Psalm 12:6-7



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Special Points of Interest In This Issue



Pastor D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D. is President of the Dean Burgon Society. He has held that position for over 30 years. Under his leadership, the Dean Burgon Society has defended the preserved Words of God and provided many publications to pastors, missionaries, and students for study.

Annual Meeting Speakers' Schedule

Thanks to Our Managing Editor. Once again, Dr. H. D. Williams, one of our DBS Vice Presidents, has put together another interesting and important *DBS eNEWS*. I hope you will be able to read it from start to finish.

Attend Our DBS Annual Meeting July 22-23, 2009. We hope you can attend personally this 31st annual DBS meeting. It will be held at the Ravenswood Baptist Church, 4455 N. Seeley Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. You can call **773-561-6576** and talk to our host pastor, Dr. Phil Stringer, if you have any questions as to how to get to the church.

Pictures from previous meetings

You Can Attend at Your Computer If You Wish. Our DBS treasurer, Daniel Waite, will be on hand with all of his technical equipment and skill to stream the meetings all over the world. He will video every part of the day and one half Conference. **Click here to view the conference live.** Or you could go the **first RED BOX** at either **www.DeanBurgonSociety.org** or **www.BibleForToday.org** and see and hear every word of the important messages.

Article by Dr. Jack Moorman, Part 2

The Speakers' Times and Messages. On page two you can see who the 19 speakers are. You can also see the titles and times for each of the speakers so you won't miss any of them.

If You Miss The Meetings Live, They Will Be On Demand. If you live somewhere in the world where it is inconvenient for you to listen to the messages live, Daniel will make all of the services available on demand shortly after they are delivered so you can view them on **www.DeanBurgonSociety.org** anytime

Get Your Motel Reservation Soon. If you are planning to attend the meetings personally, you will need to give a call to the Days Inn in Niles, Illinois at **847-647-7014** for a reservation. Tell them you are with the DBS meeting in order to get a special price of **\$59.95** per night rather than 69.95 per night. The motel is located at 6450 West Touhy Avenue (Touhy & Caldwell, 2 miles West of I-94) in Niles, Illinois.

Featured Books (last item)

Is There Not A Cause? For 31 years, the Dean Burgon Society has stood for the Traditional Hebrew and Greek Words underlying the King James Bible against the false Critical Texts and translations of the Goliaths of our day. By God's grace and power, we will prevail. Come and join us in the battle.

ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKERS' SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

9:00--12:00 noon DBS Exec. Committee
10:00--12:00 noon DBS Women Meet
12:00--1:55 pm LUNCH AT RESTAURANTS
2:00-2:05 pm Hymn
2:05-2:40 pm Dr. Bob Barnett (MI)
"God's Voice To Me--The KJB"
2:45-3:25 pm Dr. H. D. Williams (GA)
"The Miracle Of Inspiration, Part 1"
3:30-4:10 pm Dr. H. D. Williams (GA)
"The Miracle Of Inspiration, Part 2"
4:15-4:50 pm James Grumblatt (MI)
"Commonly Distorted Truths"
4:55-6:00 pm
Q&A and/or Testimonies
6:00-6:55 pm SUPPER AT CHURCH
7:00-7:05 pm Hymn & Offering
7:05-7:40 pm Dr. Phil Stringer (IL)
"Scholars Not Too Scholarly"
7:45-8:25 pm Mark Reno (PA)
"Where Will Version Perversion End?"
8:30-9:05 Dr. Don Jasmin (MI)
"Certainty of the Words of Truth"

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DURING THE MEETING and it will bring
up Windows Media Player and take you to
the live-streaming of the meeting.

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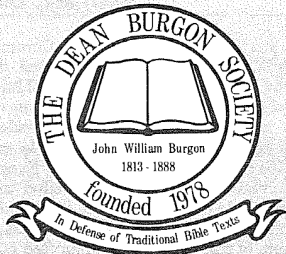
Thursday, July 23, 2009

9:00-9:05 am Hymn
9:10-9:35 am Pastor Paul Reno (MD)
"American Indian Bibles #2"
9:40-10:05 am Dr. Jack Moorman (UK)
"KJB'S The Translators to the Reader"
10:10-10:35 am Dr. C. Branine (IN)
"The Princeton Text Before Warfield"
10:40-11:05 am Rob Winograd (IL)
"Vote For Change?"
11:10-11:35 am Pastor Ken Rainey (SC)
"All These Words"
11:40-12:05 pm Q&A or Testimonies
12:05 pm-1:55 pm RESTAURANTS
2:00-2:05 pm Hymn
2:10-2:35 pm Daniel Waite (NJ)
"The Canon of the New Testament"
2:40-3:05 pm Dr. Humberto Gomez (MX)
"Spanish Bible Progress"
3:10-3:35 pm Manny Rodriguez (P.R.)
"Choosing A Spanish Bible"
3:40-4:05 pm Dr. Kirk DiVietro [MA]
"Trends in the Critical Text of Mk/Jn, Part 1"
4:10-4:35 pm Dr. Kirk DiVietro [MA]
"Trends in the Critical Text of Mk/Jn, Part 2"
4:40-5:05 p.m. Dr. David Sorenson (MN)
"Textual Preservation and Translation"
5:10-5:55 p.m. Q&A and/or Testimonies
6:00-6:55 pm SUPPER AT CHURCH
7:00-7:05 pm Hymn & Offering
7:10-7:35 pm Dr. Steve Zeinner (OH)
"Translations Dropping the Ball"
7:40-8:05 pm Dr. Bob Doom (NC)
"Reply To Letters on KJB"
8:10-8:50 pm Dr. D. A. Waite (NJ)
"An Answer to James Price"

LADIES' MEETING

One of my favorite things to do all year is to attend the DBS WOMEN'S MEETING. This year should be no different. SHEILA DOOM from the RUSSIAN BIBLE SOCIETY will be our main speaker. Once you have heard her, you will look forward to hearing her a second time. CINDY STRINGER will welcome us women this year to the RAVENSWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH where her husband is the senior pastor. IMELDA GOMEZ has promised to sing for us, as well as give her testimony. There will be other testimonies, prayer time, and just all-around good fellowship. It is like a mini-women's-conference! Plan to attend Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. to NOON in the main auditorium. It will be 'streamed' for the world! See you there, Yvonne Waite.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN PHILADELPHIA

By D. A. Waite, President

As planned at the Formational Meeting of The Dean Burgon Society, Incorporated, November 3-4, 1979, the D.B.S. Executive Committee met January 19-20, 1979, at the same place—the Best Western Airport Motel in Philadelphia.

The meeting was attended by eleven members of the Executive Committee and three Society members as well who observed the proceedings. The men met from 5:00 p.m. on the 19th with adjournment at 12:00 noon on Saturday the 20th. There were over seven hours of discussion and reports from the various divisions of the Society's work.

SOME OF THE D.B.S. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ATTENDING THE JANUARY 19-20, 1979 MEETING

[TOP] Lt. Fuller; Rt. Hollowood.

[MIDDLE] Lt. Griffith; Ctr. Fowler; Rt. Vucish.

[BOTTOM] Lt. McQuade; Cnt. Mellish; Rt. Fedena.

The President reported that members of the Dean Burgon Society, Inc., had risen from 20 on November 4th to 51 as of January 19th, a month and one-half later; Subscribers to *The Dean Burgon News* had gone up from 20 on 11/4/78 to 149 on 1/19/79; many more members and subscribers have been added since that date at the rate of from 5 to 10 per day, before even the first *Dean Burgon News* had entered the mails.

The Treasurer reported that from November 4th to December 31st, 1978, the Society had received \$2440.50 in gifts or subscriptions, with a balance on hand as of that date of \$2165.92. This was indeed a great report of the faithfulness of God's people toward this great and noble cause!

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PICTURES FROM THE PAST

VARIOUS DATES



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Dr. Phil Stringer, Ph.D., is senior pastor of Ravenswood Baptist Church, Chicago, IL, where the DBS Annual Conference will be held.

The Annual Conference Is Rapidly Approaching

The DBS Annual Conference 2009 will be hosted by Pastor Phil Stringer at Ravenswood Baptist Church, Chicago, IL, July, 22-23. Please mark your calendars.

The church phone number is 773-561-6576. Dr. Stringer's personal cell phone is 773-816-1240 and his home office phone is 773-478-6083.

The church plans a continental breakfast and a good supper. Lunch will be at area restaurants.

A few rooms at a special rate have been reserved at the Days Inn located in Niles, IL. [Click here](#) for the motel's website. The phone number is 847-647-7014. A free daybreak breakfast will be provided.

The church will provide the pick-up and return for arrivals and departures for both OHare and Midway airports for attendees. Please schedule your pick-up and departure times at 773-561-6576. For additional information click [here](#).

PART 2

(CONTINUED FROM THE PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THE DBS eNEWS)

A Manuscript Digest of the New Testament

PRELIMINARY EDITION

Manuscript Evidence for the 8000+ Differences between the Words
underlying the King James Version
And the Nestle-Aland Text of the Modern Versions

Edited by J. A. Moorman

The Rise of the Critical Apparatus

The critical apparatus with their display of variant readings became the “great engine of war” used against the Received Text. It would be nice to think that these collections of manuscript evidence which began to appear in the 17th century were only an exercise in historical inquiry, that there was no intention of harming faith in the Bibles that had brought such wonderful blessing to Europe, and that if anything the presentation of this material would encourage and increase faith. Of course this was not the case, as one followed another, the agenda became clear, the intention was to undermine faith in the newly printed Bibles of Europe. And so they came: Walton, Fell, Mill, Bentley, Mace, Bengel, Wettstein, Semler, Bowyer, Harwood, Griesbach, Matthaei, Hug, Scholz, Lachmann, Tregellis.... What began with a few tentative variant displays, became, if not an avalanche, certainly a presentation sufficient enough so as not to be ignored. In the universities and among the learned, the continual stream of critical editions had indeed struck a blow. Faith in the Received Text for many was now seriously damaged.

However, nothing was to prepare for what was to follow. If the previous had undermined faith, this for many would *bury* the Received Text.

Tischendorf’s Eighth Edition

“The man to whom modern textual critics of the New Testament owe most is without doubt Lobegott Friedrich Constantin von Tischendorf (1815-74), who sought out and published more manuscripts and produced more critical editions of the Greek Bible than any other single scholar.” (Bruce Metzger, *The Text of the New Testament*, p. 126).

“Perhaps the greatest name in NT textual criticism is that of Constantin Tischendorf. This German Scholar seems to have dedicated his life to discovering and editing as many NT mss as possible... He made numerous tours of Europe and the Middle East in his quests. Tischendorf was equally industrious in editing the Greek NT, publishing eight editions between 1841 and 1872. His eighth edition (1869-72) contains a critical apparatus which has never been equalled in comprehensiveness of citation of Greek mss, versions, and patristic evidence.” (J. Harold Greenlee, *Introduction to New Testament Textual Criticism*, p. 76).

“Tischendorf’s most spectacular discovery was Codex Sinaiticus in the monastery of St. Catharine on Mt. Sinai, but he also discovered on his travels to the Orient sponsored by Czar Nicholas I numerous other uncial manuscripts (twenty-one, to be precise)....His editions of the NT culminated in the Editio octava critica maior of 1869-72. Tischendorf offers all the evidence known in his time, citing it completely and reliably (a rare virtue deserving special notice!). The achievement this represents may be measured by the failure of all later attempts to replace Tischendorf’s edition with a comparable collation of all known textual evidence, including Greek manuscripts, early versions, and patristic citations.” (Kurt Aland and Barbara Aland, *The Text of the New Testament*, pp. 11,12).

Thus without exception, the world of textual criticism has come over these years to pay homage to the labours of Constantin Tischendorf. The utter scale of the work is without parallel. Anyone who has worked with the apparatus of his eighth edition cannot but marvel how it was possible for him to accomplish this. And, as the Alands affirm, he did it accurately.

Textual Criticism also came to applaud the man who in its view delivered the decisive blow against the Textus Receptus. It was now well and truly buried beneath the mountain of variant readings. Tischendorf had sought these out almost like a King Saul searching for David on the mountains and crevices of Ziph. Every time Aleph and B disagree with Stephenus, or Stephenus with Elzevir, or Aleph with B, or each of the other alphabet uncials among themselves, or the minuscules to which he had access, or the individual Old Latin manuscripts among themselves, or where a Vulgate edition disagrees with an early Vulgate manuscript, or the other versions, or variants among a mass of quotations from the Fathers; all is duly recorded with the full variant reading usually written in full. This lone German scholar had erected an ultimate engine of war against the Received Text. But, as it turns out, he did us a favour!

There seems little doubt that Tischendorf shared the same theological rationalism that characterised critical editors before him, and was at that time sweeping Germany. He had links with Unitarian groups and individuals. The Unitarian, Casper Gregory, whose system of enumeration was applied to the Greek manuscripts, was a close friend, and wrote the extensive *Prolegomena* to the Eighth Edition after Tischendorf’s death.

And from Tischendorf himself we have the following:

If the New Testament is defective, the church itself is in error, and must be given up as a delusion. (John E. Romsberg, *The Christ*, p. 272).

As it would turn out, Tischendorf gathered a huge amount of manuscript evidence *for the Received Text*, far more than anyone before or since. Thus regardless of his views, conclusions and intentions, it is certain that his gatherings are the place to begin for the preparation of a manuscript digest.

Use of Tischendorf's Apparatus

Drawing material from a critical apparatus is daunting. This applies to all of them: Nestle-Aland, UBS, Hodges-Farstad, IGNTP on Luke and John, Legg on Matthew and Mark, Hoskier on Revelation, von Soden, Tischendorf, Tregellis and the others. They are all difficult to read: the condensed citations, small print, sometimes what is known as a *negative* method of presentation, Latin terms and explanations, difficulty in keeping one's place etc. For example, unless you enlarge the page size, the popular Nestle-Aland is among the more difficult to use.

A second and more serious issue is whether material is being presented fairly and consistently for both sides. The Nestle-Aland no longer recognises that there are "both sides". NA and modern editors have abandoned the practice of comparing their preferred reading and evidence against the Received Text.

In the NA there is also a *parading* of the "consistently cited witnesses". These are uncials and minuscules that often show characteristic departure from the majority of manuscripts. These are given a line of individual citations, whereas the multitude is lumped together under a single sigla for "Majority". Space is of course at a premium in these smaller editions, but there should be an equality in the method of presentation. The presentation of a few should not be given more space than the many. But, this is the practice, evidence for the great multitude is at best minimized, and in effect, ruled out of court.

It is to Tischendorf's credit that the Received Text in his apparatus was given a reasonably viable voice. He may have set out to bury the TR by gathering everything possible for Aleph-B (he gave first place to his personal discovery, Aleph) and every other known variant, but as we say again, in so doing he gathered far more than anyone for the TR. And, generally, more for the TR than for his own side.

Regarding the Versions, except that he follows the critical practice in not giving the Peshitta first place among the Syrian witnesses, and that we must generally view the versions through editions rather than individual manuscripts, his presentation of the TR is very extensive and valuable.

Today, critical editors are loath to give any pre 400AD patristic evidence to the unique TR readings. A great deal is available, but it is "inadmissible as evidence" until it has been "reconstructed".

What is of far greater help to the textual critic is the reconstruction of the New Testament text used by an individual Father. (Bruce Metzger, *Text of the New Testament*, p.172).

This in effect means that if possible a means must be found to edit the Father's quotation more into line with the Aleph-B text ! Tischendorf, however, seems not to have had any problem with this. He cited a great deal of pre-400 patristic quotation on the side of the Received Text. While he is hardly likely to have been as diligent in searching the Fathers for the TR as for his own side, and given the enormity of the task, his patristic presentation is likely to be only fractional; nevertheless a future edition of this *Digest* should show from his citations what the numbers are for both sides. I think we would find the count interesting.

It is with the all important Greek manuscript evidence that we have the greatest gap between what Tischendorf was able to present and what is reality. According to Aland (*Text NT*, p.13) he had access to only 64 uncials and one papyri. Regarding the minuscules he clearly showed favouritism to his own side, for which he both counted and frequently listed the individual manuscripts. For the TR he gives only an estimate, i.e. *al pler*. For some passages he will state that in excess of 100 minuscules support a reading. Only a very few lectionary manuscripts are listed.

This should be compared what is known to exist today. The Institute for New Testament Textual Research in Munster as of May 1, 2006 gave the following counts:

118 papyri
318 uncials
2879 minuscules
2435 lectionaries

When we realize that these figures totalling some 5750 manuscripts are but a small fraction of what once actually existed, we get an idea of how little is actually cited in an apparatus even as extensive as Tischendorf's.

The Manuscript Digest

This preliminary edition of *The Manuscript Digest of the New Testament* is based on a slightly revised list of the 8000 Differences published by the Bible for Today and Dean Burgon Society. The starting point has been to export and substantially edit and adapt citations from the digital edition of Tischendorf's *Novum Testamentum Graece Apparatum Criticum* produced by Logos Bible Software. Comparison has also been made with the BibleWorks7 edition of the same.

A Sample Citation

Philippians 2:5 In two parts

TR Let this mind be in you τοῦτο γὰρ φρονείσθω ἐν ὑμῖν

NA Let this mind be in you τοῦτο φρονεῖτε ἐν ὑμῖν

??? ?cDEFGKLP min al pler d e f g m5 go syrj (syrsch) Chr Thdrt Dam al Hil324 (Victorin) etcont ari 4,32 Ambrst al. omit ?
*ABC min4 cop arm aeth are Euthalcod.

???????? C3KLP min al pler cop arm go Or1,513 Eusmcell 94 Ath350 Basregg 455 Chr268. 269 (Thdrt) et4,41. 1295 etalibi (et ap Gall9,407) Thdotanc 436. 457 (Gall9) Dam al. ???????? ?ABC*DEFG min2 d e f g m5 vg syrutr Euthalcod Cyrthes 194. 371 etalibi Hil324. 1362 Victorin Ambrst al.

Because of the nature of Tischendorf's citation, some of the 8000+ variation units are divided further into two or even three parts, while others are combined with an adjacent reading. The words of the text directly affected are emboldened, with the Received Text reading presented first.

Frequent References Used in the Citations

C3KLP = individual uncial mss, unc4 = enumerated = uncial mss.

min al pler = a great many minuscules, min4 = 4 minuscules.

d e f g m5 = individual Old Latin mss.

vg = Latin Vulgate edition, often followed by individual vg mss. am fu san etc.

syrsch = Peshitta edition by Schaaf, syrj = Philoxenian, syrca = Curetonian, syrhr = Harclean.

Tischendorf wrongly followed the critical practice in making the Peshitta a secondary witness, and giving undue prominence to the other barely used Syriac versions.

cop = Bohairic Coptic. sah = Sahidic Coptic, both from editions.

arm go aeth ar sl sax = Armenian, Gothic, Ethiopic, Arabic, Slavonic, Saxon editions.

syrutr = consensus among different Syriac versions.

Or1,513 Eusmcell 94 Ath350 = Origin, Eusebius, Athanasius, with the source from their work of the quotation. A list of the Fathers can be seen in USB4.

Orint = Latin writing of Origin. Greek patristic evidence is listed before the Latin.

() = indicates that a reading of the witness is essentially the same but with some departure. It also usually indicates that Tischendorf has recorded the variation in full and at times with an explanation. For our purposes, continual inclusion of these would have

made the *Digest* unwieldy.

“Also”(item) = a reading giving some support but further removed than ().

Latin Numerical Estimates and Terms

A Substantial Number (with some variation): *al omn, al mu, al sat mu, al pler, al longe pl, al plu, al plus, plur, al certe pl, al60 fere, and rell* = all the remaining.

Some Others: *al, aliq etc.*

Not Many Others: *pauc, al pauc, al vix mu, al non mu etc.*

Other Latin Terms: *ad* = at, *ap* = according to, *bis* = twice, *et* = and, also, *fluct* = varies, *vid* = apparently, *ut* = as, *ut vid* = as it seems etc.

al pler is commonly used by Tischendorf for the number of TR manuscripts.

Future editions of the *Digest* will likely replace these numerical designations with those appearing in Nestle-Aland.

Scrivener, Aland and others speak of the high accuracy of Tischendorf’s citations. While his material has been extensively condensed and adapted for the purposes of this *Digest*, every attempt has been made to do so accurately. Future editions will likely see further refinement.

A Preliminary Presentation

The Manuscript Digest provides a platform and gathering place to which future contributors sharing the same convictions concerning the text and translation of the Authorized Version would be able to add material.

While, overall, Tischendorf has never been equalled, there are however three published works that go considerably beyond him for parts of the NT.

1. S. C. E. Legg in his *Novum Testamentum Graece* cites considerably more evidence for Matthew and Mark.

2. *The International Greek New Testament Project* (IGNTP) cites a huge amount for Luke and John.

3. Herman Hoskier in his massive *Concerning the Text of the Apocalypse*, gathered virtually everything that was available in 1929 for the Book of Revelation, and goes far beyond what Tischendorf gathered.

It is especially in Revelation that Tischendorf’s citations need to be supplemented. There has also been the oft levelled criticism against Erasmus and the sources he used for this book. Hoskier, however, who collated over 200 Greek manuscripts on Revelation saw matters differently:

I may state that if Erasmus had striven to found a text on the largest number of existing MSS in the world of one type, he could not have succeeded better, since his family-MSS occupy the front rank in point of actual numbers... (*The John Rylands Bulletin* 19-1922/23, p. 118).

Certain key principles need to be emphasized here:

1. Our extant manuscripts reflect but do not determine the text of Scripture. The text was determined by God in the beginning (Psa. 119:89, Jude 3). After the advent of printing (AD 1450), the necessity of God preserving the manuscript witness to the text was diminished. Therefore, in some instances the majority of manuscripts extant today may not reflect at every point what the true, commonly accepted, and majority reading was 500 years ago.

2. The manuscripts Herman Hoskier gathered on Revelation should be viewed in this light. Though he collated a majority of those available, yet his 200 plus can only be considered a small fraction of the total manuscript tradition for the book. They cannot be used to reconstruct the text. Also, if we went strictly by the majority of extant Greek manuscripts, we would not be able to include the Book of Revelation at all, for it is contained in only one in fifty manuscripts. There was a bias in the Greek speaking East against the book, and it was not used in the lectionary services.

3. This leads to another point which is often overlooked. Certainly in Revelation and to a lesser extent in the rest of the New Testament, we must occasionally look to the Latin West for corroboration on a disputed reading. The Latin Christians who opposed Rome had a far more vital faith than that which usually characterized the Greek East. We look to them for our spiritual heritage, and they were an important channel through which God preserved His Word. This helps explain why there is a sprinkling of Latin readings in the Authorized Version.

4. Christ promised that the Holy Spirit would guide believers of each generation “into all truth” (John 16:13). With regard to the text of Scripture, “all truth” was found in one primary source with some complement from another. The primary source was the Greek speaking East with occasional refinement and verification from the Latin and Syrian areas.

5. When a version has been the standard as long as the Authorized Version, and when that version has demonstrated its power in the conversion of sinners, building up of believers, sending forth of preachers and missionaries on a scale not achieved by all other versions and foreign language editions combined; the providential hand of God is at work. Such a version must not be tampered with! (*When the KJV Departs from the “Majority” Text*, BFT, pp.27,28).

A Prospective Presentation

In addition to general supplementation which needs to be made, future editions of the *Digest* should seek to add the following:

1. First and most crucially, an attempt should be made to get a reasonably accurate idea of how many of the 318 uncials, 2879 minuscules, and 2435 lectionaries are available for each chapter of the New Testament. Most of these extant manuscripts not cited in modern critical editions are likely to be on the side of the Received Text.

2. Citation of the papyri evidence.

3. An assessment of the numbers of extant manuscripts for each of the versions, and especially for the Syriac Peshitta. The versional editions, most of which are sympathetic with the Aleph-B text, can give a misleading impression.

4. A monitoring and update of groups involved in New Testament manuscript gathering. Nearly all are rationalistic, well endowed (the IGNTP was funded by the Rockefeller Foundation), certainly no friend of the AV/TR; yet like Tischendorf in his efforts to bury the Textus Receptus, they occasionally produce some generally helpful and factual material for our side.

An Understandable Presentation

The *Digest* goes to the heart of the debate between the two main protagonists.

It places at the student’s disposal a vast array of documentation which would otherwise not be so accessible. It is much easier to follow than other apparatus’, and much easier on the eyes. On these two counts, Tischendorf’s Eighth Edition was very difficult.

A Crucially Different Presentation

If the *Digest* is preliminary with respect to the amount of material that has been so far gathered, the Bible it upholds is certainly not preliminary. Unlike every other apparatus, this is a *demonstration* of manuscript evidence, not a seeking after the original text. It is not the presentation of a weak uncertain tentative text. No *provisional* text. No A, B, C, D *degree of certainty* rankings, as in the USB4. This is a project in which the current editor and future contributors stand firm for the inspired and preserved **words** which underlie the Authorized Version and the full integrity of its translation.

Tischendorf set out to bury the Received Text beneath a sea of variants. Unlike modern editors, however, he was fair in giving the TR at least part of its due. What in his enterprise has been buried is the foolish and repeated notion that the AV was based on only “a half dozen manuscripts Erasmus gathered”. Here the AV/TR is shown to represent a vast range of manuscripts, versions and Fathers.

Here then, we see that God has indeed preserved and providentially watched over His words in the great mass of manuscripts. Those

men who 400 years ago sought *Him that hath the key of David* knew where to find the **words** which in the beginning *holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost*. They knew which manuscripts, which versions, which Fathers preserved these inspired words. They knew to avoid the corrupted witnesses, which according to II Corinthians 2:17 were many.

In reliance upon God and with the greatest care, these sacred words were placed in the bosom of the English language at a time when that language was best able to receive them. As *The Translators to the Readers* tell us, “Bringing it back to the anvil again and again”. The translation was fully accurate and intact. It was word for word expressive of the original, reverent, exhortative, comforting, timeless. Though now in English, “the King’s speech was still the King’s speech”.

J. A. Moorman London, England June 20

[Editor’s Note: The publication of scholarly works such as Dr. Moorman’s “Digest” requires significant funds. If you would like to contribute a gift to help publish Dr. Moorman’s Digest, please contact the Dean Burgon Society or the Bible For Today Ministries.]

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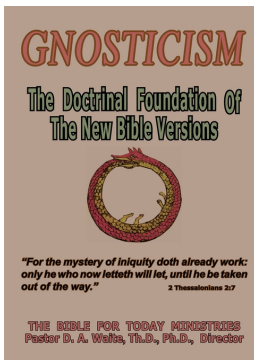
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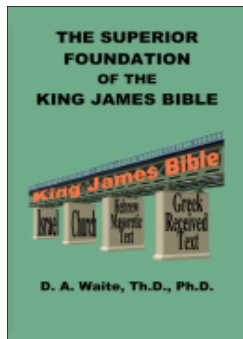
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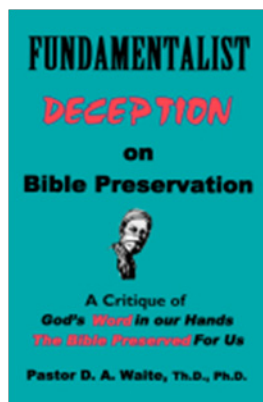
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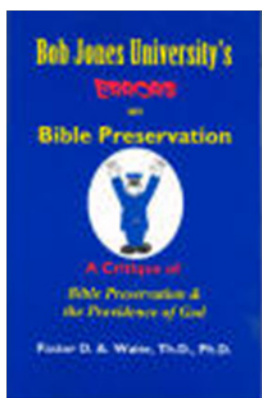
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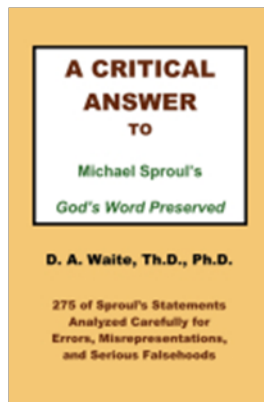
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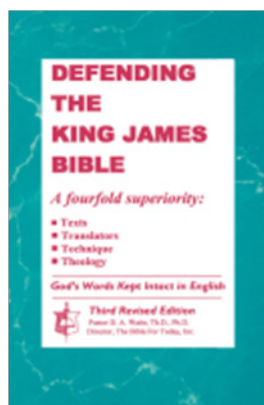
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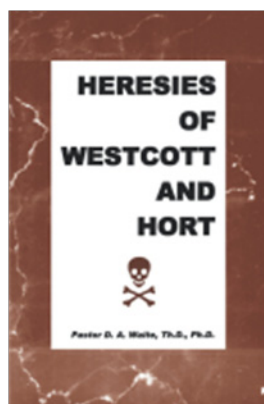
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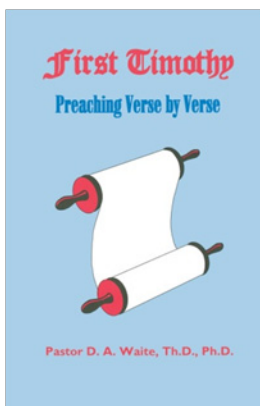
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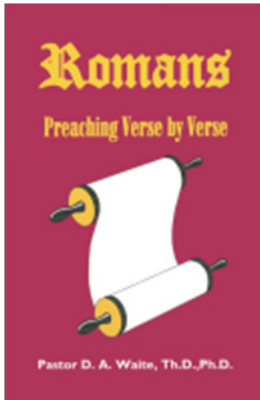
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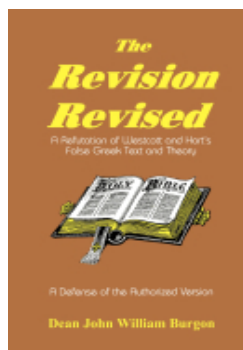
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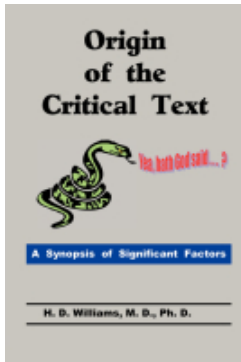
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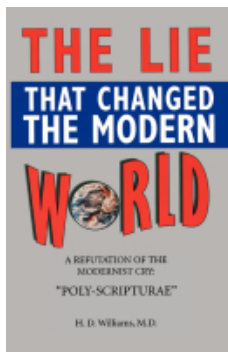
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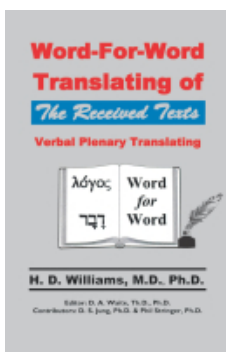
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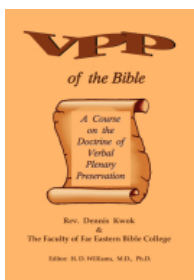
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