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IN DEFENSE OF TRADITIONAL BIBLE TEXTS

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“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)

God Always Keeps His Promises

2015 Conference Edition



“ . . . those who say that the Bible contains missing verses and passages, insignificant mistakes and redundant words, are considered ‘godly’ and ‘scholarly.’ ”

THE DEAN BURGON SOCIETY, proudly takes its name in honor of John William Burgon (1813-1888), the Dean of Chichester in England, whose tireless and accurate scholarship and contribution in the area of New Testament Textual Criticism; whose defense of the Traditional Greek New Testament Text against its many enemies; and whose firm belief in the verbal inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible; we believe, have all been unsurpassed either before or since his time



Welcome To Our 37th Dean Burgon Society Conference Garland, Texas — July 22-23, 2015

The First Time The Dean Burgon Society Conference Meets In Texas. In all of the thirty-six other annual DBS Conferences, we have never before met in the lone star State of Texas. We look forward to being there this July 22-23, 2015, to attend our 37th annual DBS Conference. I hope many of you who are reading this will join us there.

How DBS Decided To Go To Texas. I was very pleasantly surprised, last year, to receive a letter from Brian Shepherd, a Trustee of the Gatewood Baptist Church in Garland, Texas. He wondered if the DBS would consider coming to his church for a Conference some time. I took his request to the DBS leaders in 2014, and they decided to come to Garland, Texas this July 22-23.

Much Preparation Has Been Necessary For These Meetings. We have prepared DBS brochures to mail out and hand out; we have prepared this Dean Burgon Society News; we have selected a host motel; and Bill Sheppard has been calling many, many Pastors in Texas and surrounding States inviting them to the meetings.

The DBS Brochure Was Designed This Year By Mrs. Kate Pettit. Kate volunteered to make up the brochure a few weeks ago and we accepted her assistance. We sent her the speakers names and topics as well as their pictures and the information about the church and the motel. She put it all together and all we had to do was to modify it slightly, send it to the printers and distribute it. This has taken some of the burden off of Pastor Daniel Waite, one of our DBS Vice Presidents.

The Fantastic Work Of Pastor Daniel Waite In Producing This DBS News. If you think the making of this *Dean Burgon Society News* comes easy, you should try it some time. Pastor Daniel Waite, among his other very unusual skills, has the skill of putting together these 16-pages of information and invitation to our July 22-23, 2015, DBS Conference. He has done an excellent job, as he has done for many years in the past as well.

The Valuable Work Of Bill Sheppard In Phoning Many Pastors. Bill is a faithful attender of our Bible For Today Baptist Church here in Collingswood, New Jersey. He is also our main videographer for our services. In addition to this, he has volunteered for many years to phone many, many Pastors in the areas where our DBS Conferences are held. He has devoted many days doing just this once again for the State of Texas and surrounding States. We are grateful for this ministry. It has alerted many Pastors about the DBS Conference who otherwise would never have known about it.

The Gatewood Baptist Church--Our Host Church For Our 2015 DBS Conference. We are grateful to Trustee Brian Shepherd to invite us to his church for meetings this July 22-23, 2015. Here is the information about the church address and phone so you

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LORD WILLING All Of Our Services This Year, As In Other Years, Will Be Streamed Live Over The Internet. This will be made possible by the skill and planning of one of our DBS Vice Presidents, Pastor Daniel Waite. He will bring with him all of the computers and equipment necessary for this important task. Trustee Brian Shepherd will arrange to have the necessary Internet cables brought into the church to

make this possible. This will make it possible for you to listen LIVE to all of the DBS services this year as in other years.

If You Miss The LIVE Services, You Can Listen To The Internet Recordings During The Month Of August, Lord willing. During the entire month of August, Pastor Daniel Waite will make available all of these services for anyone who wishes to view them on the Internet. They will run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will be able to view them on either DeanBurgonSociety.org or on BibleForToday.org.

We Plan To Have A Total Of 16 Speakers For The DBS Conference This Year. The times and titles for their messages you will find in this *DBS News* on page 9. We look forward to many of you being able to be present at this year's 37th Annual DBS Conference, and for others, being able

to view the meetings via the Internet at either:

DeanBurgonSociety.org or **BibleForToday.org**,

and for still others being able to view the meetings on the Internet 24/7 all during the month of August, 2015.

The DBS Women Will Meet Wednesday, July 22, From 10 a.m. To 12 Noon. We hope all the ladies who attend our DBS Conference will be able to join Mrs. D. A. Waite and the other DBS ladies in this meeting. You can find out all the details about the speakers and other things in this DBS News on page 13. **DBS**

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Two Heresies — One Scripture

Dr. Edward E. DeWitt



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For the past one hundred and fifty years, or so, the primary attack **against faith in the preserved Word of God** has been centered upon the “oldest and best” manuscripts -- which are, in reality, neither the oldest nor the best.

This attack continues. However, a “new,” yet similar attack has come to the fore with the spurious history of the “DaVinci Code” fictions. Both of these center on a fictional “revision” of the Holy Scriptures in the days of Constantine and the council of Nicea. The older heresy, that of the “oldest and best” manuscripts, claims that this council was used to “streamline” the Scripture into a standardized model, the implication being that there were many variations swirling around the confused church at that time. The argument goes that the Alexandrian manuscripts somehow escaped this “revision” and represent a text much closer to the original. **Even the proponents of this argument will not argue that this text is the original -- just that it is closer.**

The more current and popular heresy is that the council was used to suppress the Gnostic “gospels” because Constantine wanted a text more favorable to empire building.

I mention both as “heresy” because of their low opinion of God and His Message. If either of these heresies were true we would not have a faith worthy of defending — nor of practicing. At the heart of these fictions is a belief that God is not powerful enough to protect that which He has inspired. Not only does this impact upon His power, this also impacts upon the love of God. Did He really give us a Word — which had to be important or He would not have given it -- and then withdraw that Message?

Also, how intelligent do we consider God to be? Did He really take the time and effort to inspire a Word which He either knew was going to be lost to mankind; or, did He not foresee this eventuality? Either way His intelligence is called into question!

And, if this is true, what about the Message of Salvation? What are we to make of that? Did He get it right? Do we even have what He said this to be?

And, what of the Holy Spirit. Where is His power to lead and guide the churches of the Living God? Jesus made a prophecy: “And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for **flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:17-18). This is a very important prophecy in the current discussion.

In examining this verse it would be good to first consider what the passage does not say. Popular interpretation of this verse carries the implication that Jesus has promised to build His church upon Peter. This is not the case. Jesus said to Peter, “You at ‘petros’ (a little rock) upon this ‘petra’ (a large



This means the full title, Lord Jesus Christ, is missing 24 times in the ASV (Bennett DBSN Issue 110 page 12)

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rock) I will build my church..." A subtle but important difference. Peter is called a piece of gravel while the church is called a large stone. **Gravel comes from a stone; it is of the same essence while being an individual part.** Jesus is saying that Peter is part of a larger organism based on his statement of affirmation of the Person of Christ. In that sense each individual Christian is a "Peter" in this Biblical sense.

Notice that Jesus said that "flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee..." **What had not been revealed?** The affirmation that Jesus is "...the Christ, the Son of the living God." It is upon this, the fact of the Divinity and Work of Jesus Christ, that Christ promised to build His church.

Notice, also, that this is NOT the church. This affirmation is that upon which the churches of Jesus are to be built. **In point of fact, no church which denies the full divinity and sacrificial work of Jesus Christ is a church in the Biblical sense.** The Greek term translated "church" is "ecclesia," which simply means an assembly called out for a particular purpose. My old unit in the 4th Infantry Division was a "church" in this sense;

we were called out of the general population to perform a distinct duty. **The distinct duty of each of the individual churches which Jesus established is to affirm that He is, "...the Christ, the Son of the living God."** There is much that comes under this heading. But, this much is foundational.

So, if we can not be certain that we have preserved for us the Eternal Word of God, then we can not affirm that we have a true picture of just Who Jesus Christ is in reality. Don't say, "But my experience..." Experience is untrustworthy. **Experience depends upon mood swings**, subjective individual interpretation of facts, other people, reactions to medications, pizza too late at night before we go to bed, and the attacks of Satan upon our spiritual lives. In the words of the street, "Words don't cut it! What might be, might be. But, what is, is!"

That is why God inspired His Word to us. That is why He did count it important enough to preserve it for us! **His Word is a sure anchor in all changing cultures and societies.** A wise man once said, "God said it. I believe it. That settles it." He was wrong! **God said it and**

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Walking By Faith or Walking By Sight

Dr. David Bennett

The Christian faith is exactly that, faith. The Word of God in 2 Corinthians 5:7 says, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." **Our Christian walk on this side of heaven is entirely by faith, faith in Him and in His Word.** In Romans 1:17 we read "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." Also in Romans 10:17 we read "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." The faith we have in the person and saving work of Jesus Christ is known personally through our hearing and accepting God's Words in His Word.



Since 1881 a difficulty has arisen that affects all believers. That is, how do we who speak the English language know we have the Words and Word of God when there are literally hundred's of English Bible versions all differing from each other? For instance Dr. Jack Moorman in *MODERN BIBLES-THE DARK SECRET* page three under the heading KEY PASSAGES MISSING says "*The New International Version* which we have used as a representative has somewhat fewer omissions than, for example, the New American Standard, Revised Standard, New English, Good News, etc." **One could come to a conclusion that because these new versions of the English Bible all differ from one another there continues to be a need for yet another new version in the hope we will someday have a perfect English Bible.** Or could all this be based on money? I am just speculating. Whatever, the reason for all these new versions and since all these new versions differ from each other is it too much to ask "Are they all the Word of God in English?" **DBS**

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**"Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD;
and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces"
(Jeremiah 23:29)?**



**“So then faith cometh by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God”
(Romans 10:17).**

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According to *The New York Times* April 6, 2006, The Judas Gospel together with the other Gnostic Gospels "have produced a new generation of Christians who now regard the Bible **not as the literal word of God**, but as a product of historical and political forces that determined which texts should be included in the canon, and which edited out. For that reason, the discoveries have proved deeply troubling for many believers."

Is this true? Have the Gnostic Gospels produced a generation of Christians who no longer believe that the Bible they have in their hands today is the literal Word of God? Those of us who are truly born again, born of the Spirit, born from above should not be troubled by the Judas Gospel for the Holy Spirit that indwells us is the Spirit of truth and **guides us into all truth** (John 16:13). What is truth? God's Word is truth (John 17:17). Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice ... and they follow me" (John 10:27). The Lord says His sheep will be able to discern His good voice of truth from the strange voice of falsehood.

The Gospel of Judas is not good news at all but another bad news of betrayal--Jesus is betrayed once again by Judas in this recently found "Gospel" named after him. Actually, the title "The Gospel of Judas" misleads. **The title gives the impression that it was Judas himself who had written this Gospel.** No, Judas wrote no Gospel. This so-called "Gospel" was not written by Judas but by some unknown person who for some twisted reason wanted to revise Biblical history by turning the villain Judas Iscariot into a hero—the best and most loyal disciple of Jesus.

Now, let me critique the Gospel of Judas (according to the text released by the National Geographic Society), and offer three reasons why this Gospel is a fictitious and spurious one.

The Gospel of Judas begins like this: "The secret account of the revelation that Jesus spoke in conversation with Judas Iscariot." The fact that the Gospel of Judas is introduced as a "secret account" lets out the "secret" that **it is an unorthodox gospel created by the Gnostics** who were known for their "secrets." Professor Tan Kim Huat of Trinity Theological College writing for *The Straits Times* April 14, 2006, asked: "Is Gnosticism a variety of Christianity or is it a mutation so dangerous that it should be treated as a heresy?" Our answer to his two-part question is, "No, Gnosticism is not a variety of Christianity' but a totally different religion altogether that is occultic, and yes, it is definitely a heresy by the infallible and authoritative standards of the divinely inspired and preserved Scriptures."

What is Gnosticism and who were the Gnostics? The word "Gnostic" comes from the Greek *ginosko* which means "to know." **Gnosticism was a 2nd century cult** which used the

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name of Christ to spin a heretical brand of Christianity teaching that (1) salvation requires secret knowledge outside of the Bible that is accessible only to the privileged elite; (2) matter is evil; and (3) Jesus did not really come in the flesh.

The gospel of Christianity is no secret but clearly revealed in the Written Words of God--the 66 books of the Canonical Scriptures. The Apostle John wrote referring to the Canonical Gospels: "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31). **The Written Word reveals to us the Living Word, and it is sufficient for us to know how to find salvation in Christ, the only Saviour of the world.**

What is the gospel? The word "gospel" (*euangelion*) literally means "good news." **The Apostle Paul explains what is the gospel:** "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Christ crucified and resurrected is the good news of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life for those who will put their trust in Him.

This knowledge of the gospel is not secret but open. **The knowledge of salvation is not far from us, but very near us.** The Apostle Paul tells us, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and

shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Roman 10:8-9). But the Gnostics add to the gospel. They say that it is not enough to know Christ and His resurrection, one must attain to some hidden and mysterious knowledge before one can truly know God and live forever. The Gnostic formula for salvation works like this: "Gospel + Secret Knowledge = Salvation." It is "another gospel." Anything that adds to the perfect redemptive work of Christ and the pure content of the Gospel of Christ is (*heteron euangelion*), "another gospel" (Gal 1:6).

The Gospel of Judas can shake the faith of the believer. May we not be so easily shaken in our faith like some of the Christians in the Galatian Church. Paul wrote to chide and warn

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them, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Gal 1:6-9).

What kind of Jesus does the Judas Gospel present? **The Judas Gospel presents a Jesus who has a habit of laughing at people.** He laughs at his disciples for saying grace, he laughs at their questions, he laughs before he speaks, he laughs after he speaks. The word "laugh" appears eight times in the Judas Gospel. This compares with only twice in the whole New Testament and that only in the Gospel of Luke. Jesus said, "Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh" (Luke 6:21). Jesus warned that those who laugh now will weep later, "Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep" (In Luke 6:25). In John 11:35, we find Jesus weeping. Jesus was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isa 53:3). He did not come into this world to have a jolly good time, but **to suffer, to bleed, and to die for us so that we might be saved.**

The Judas Gospel also presents Jesus not as the Creator but a creature. The disciples referred to Jesus not as "the Son of God" (*i.e.*, God Himself) but "the son of our god." **The Gnostic Jesus also says that his god is**

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8 *Hills sided with Machen in the dispute over the drift at Princeton and the establishing of Westminster*
(Barnett DBSN Issue 109 page 7)

The Dean Burgon
Ladies Meeting
10:00am to 12:00pm — July 22, 2015
at
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In February, the Society submitted IRS form 990-N electronically to the IRS for year ending 2014. The 990-N needs to be submitted every three years for organizations whose revenue is less than fifty thousand dollars per year. **DBS**

DBS Conference Registration Form

Although there are expenses for Gatewood Baptist Church and the Dean Burgon Society, **there is no charge to attend the thirty-seventh annual DBS meeting** — It is a free conference for all those who come in person and for all those who view the meeting live online.

If desired you may participate in the free will offerings during the two evening sessions. The society also has a yellow Pay Pal link at the bottom of their website. Contributions are not required nor expected to attend the meeting.

Please tell someone you know about this conference whether they can physically come or if they only can view the live streaming — they will benefit from it!

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**“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God”**
(John 1:1).

The Dean Burgon Society's 37th Annual Conference

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Day One ~ Wednesday July 22, 2015

SESSION ONE 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM



The Christian Bible Versus the Koran

- Dr. Kirk DiVietro** – Franklin, Massachusetts
- Pastor of Grace Baptist Church
 - First VP & Secretary of the Dean Burgon Society
 - Author of *Cleaning Up Hazardous Materials*



Greek NT Comparison to English

- Daniel S. Waite** – Collingswood, New Jersey
- Assistant Pastor of Bible For Today Baptist Church
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Counterfeiters In Their Own Words

- Brian Shepherd** – Garland, Texas
- Trustee of Gatewood Baptist Church
 - Member of the *Dean Burgon Society*



English Standard Version & KJB Compared

- Dr. David Bennett** – Australia
- Veteran missionary church planter
 - DBS Executive Committee member
 - Author of *God's Marvelous Book – The Bible*

SESSION TWO 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM



Pupils of Perversion

- Robert Winograd** – Chicago, Illinois
- Small business owner
 - DBS Advisory Council member



Pseudo-Science in Textual Studies

- Dr. James Johnson** – Dallas, Texas
- Staff member at Institute for Creation Research
 - Author of *Guide to Creation Basics*

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Day Two ~ Thursday July 23, 2015

SESSION THREE 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM



The Old Man Verses the Scripture

- William Sheppard** – Collingswood, New Jersey
- Retired salesman
 - DBS Advisory Council member



The Gnostic Critical Greek Texts' Errors

- James Grumblatt** – Waterford, Michigan
- Small business owner: Computer technician
 - DBS Advisory Council member



The Mormon Holy Book Verses the KJB

- Dr. Christian Spencer** – Collingswood, NJ
- Pastor of the historic Bible Presbyterian Church
 - DBS Advisory Council member



Translations Not Based On Human Choice

- Dr. Ed DeWitt** – Galesburg, Illinois
- Director of Bible Quest Ministries
 - DBS Executive Committee member
 - Author of *God Keeps His Words*

SESSION FOUR 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM



The Stuttgart Hebrew Bible Errors

- Dr. Samuel Yun** – South Korea
- Professor of Old Testament
 - Church planter
 - DBS Executive Committee member



Scotfield (Old & New) Problems

- LB Haws** – Greenwood Village, Colorado
- Retired Businessman
 - DBS Advisory Council member



The Stolen Key (Luke 11)

- Pastor Ken Rainey** – Greenville, SC
- Retired Pastor
 - DBS Executive Committee member



We Also Believe & Therefore Speak

- Dr. David L. Cooper** – Marietta, Georgia
- Pastor of Bible Baptist Church
 - DBS Advisory Council member

SESSION FIVE 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM



Dangers of Unity With All

- Dr. Donald Boys** – Ringgold, Georgia
- Columnist and Conference Speaker
 - Author of *Evolution: Fact, Fraud, or Faith*



DBS Must Continue Without Drift

- Dr. D. A. Waite** – Collingswood, New Jersey
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different from the god of his disciples. In the world of the Gnostics there are many gods and many levels of divinity. The highest level is pure spirit. This is typical of the Gnostic thinking that all flesh is evil. Since Jesus is in the flesh, Jesus must be evil and could not have come from the supreme God who is pure Spirit. Then where did Jesus come from? Judas is the one who has the answer. In the Gospel of Judas, Judas tells Jesus, "I know who you are and where you come from. You are from the immortal realm of Barbelo." **Barbelo is one of the inferior Gnostic gods from the lower levels of the immortal realm.** Jesus himself confesses to Judas that he is not God but one of the twelve angels created by God. Jesus is the first of the twelve angels who is "Seth" and called "Christ." This is pure nonsense.

The truth is **Jesus is God and the Creator of the world.** In the very first verse of the Gospel of John, we read, "In the

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beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). This Word is none other than the Living Word — the Lord Jesus Christ — who created the universe: verse 3 says, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." This invisible God and Creator became a human being and took on human flesh to be our Saviour. John 1:14 says, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." The flesh of Jesus was not at all sinful, evil or bad, but utterly sinless, pure and perfect, "full of grace and truth."

The mystery of Jesus Christ is a mystery revealed, not for a secretive and elite few but for all to know and believe so that they might be saved from their sins. The Apostle Paul says in 1 Timothy 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." John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only (uniquely) begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The Judas Gospel is one of the many false gospels written by the Gnostics. How many Gnostic Gospels were there? Some say fifteen, some say thirty, some say eighty. The experts are not even sure. Christians have always recognized only the Four Canonical Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — to be the inspired Words of God. **The DaVinci Code the National Geographic Society are saying the very opposite—the Gnostic Gospels are true and the Four Gospels false.**

Now, how do we know that the Four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John we have today are true and not the recently discovered Gnostic Gospels like the Gospel of Judas? Christians have long had answers to such attacks on the Words of God and **they are in the twin doctrines of the Verbal Plenary Inspiration (VPI) and Verbal Plenary Preservation (VPP) of the Holy Scriptures** as taught in Psalm 12:6-7, Matthew 5:18, 2 Timothy 3:16, and 2 Peter 1:21.

The divinely inspired or God-breathed (*theopneustos*) New Testament Scriptures were those written by God's special servants, namely, the Apostles of Jesus Christ. Now it is argued that the Gnostic Gospels were also written by Apostles like Thomas and Judas. Why were the Gospels of Thomas and Judas not included in the Bible? The answer is simple. They were not gospels written by the Apostles in the first place, nor written by eyewitnesses, nor written in the first century but appeared only two to three hundred years after the death [and bodily resurrection] of Christ, after the Apostles of Christ had passed away, and after the Four Canonical Gospels had long been written, read and received as Holy Scripture by the Church. Irenaeus, the Bishop of Lyons, testified in the 2nd century: "Matthew published a written gospel for the Hebrews ... Mark also, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, transmitted to us in writing the things preached by Peter. Luke, the follower of Paul, set down in a book the gospel preached by him. Lastly, John, the disciple of the Lord, who had leaned back on His breast, once more set forth the gospel, while residing at Ephesus in Asia." Irenaeus' testimony can be trusted for he was a disciple of Polycarp who died a famous death as a martyr of Christ, who was also a disciple of the Apostle John.

What is more is that the Four Canonical Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John fulfilled all the prophecies of the Old Testament Scripture concerning the Jewish Messiah and His redemptive mission



*Now, those of us who hold to the received text
and the Authorized Version, we have wonderful heritage* **11**
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on earth. **There are about 300 prophecies concerning Christ's first coming.** These prophecies were given centuries before Christ came and they have all been fulfilled precisely and completely (e.g., Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-22; Jeremiah 23:5; Luke 3:23; Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1; Psalm 22:16 and Luke 23:33). The Four Gospels on the basis of the Old Testament give us "a more sure word of prophecy" (2 Pet 1:19). The Judas Gospel on the other hand can make no such claim for **it contradicts the Old Testament Scripture concerning who Christ was and what He came to do.**

The Gospel of Judas was written in the 2nd century long after Judas had died. And if it were true that Judas was Jesus' best disciple and an hero, then Judas should be basking in glory or martyred, but he committed suicide! Why? **The truth is Judas was a crook and betrayed his Master** out of his own wicked heart (John 6:70-71, 12:4-6). The fact is that the Gnostics were the ones who plagiarized the names and terms of the Four Gospels to invent their own strange gospel of secret knowledge and man-made gods. The stories found in the Gnostic Gospels are spurious. For instance, the Gospel of Thomas teaches that only men can enter into heaven, women cannot. **If a woman wants to get into heaven, she must first become a man.** And this was what Jesus did—He turned Mary Magdalene into a man so that she could go to heaven. Now how does one square this with The DaVinci Code claims that Jesus married Mary Magdalene? They contradict!

The Biblical doctrine of the VPP of Scripture identifies for us where the true Biblical texts are today. VPP tells us that the true Scripture resides in the continuously used and always existing majority manuscripts which have been traditionally received by God's people and kept pure throughout the ages by the special providential hand of God Himself. These texts as identified by the Trinitarian Bible Soci-

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**“For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled”
(Matthew 5:18).**

LIFE IS UNPREDICTABLE

Life is unpredictable! Our lives have not turned out as we had planned. Interruptions have come in all shapes and sizes. Our years have surprised and changed us—sometimes with wonder as well as with grief. Our days move on while we are yet speaking or looking the other way. Then our life's direction is changed. **Suddenly the ALL THINGS of Romans 8:28-29 hit us where it hurts.** It is then we realize that personal pain is helping us to be conformed to the image of His dear Son. Sometimes that conformity is not easy—in fact, most of the time it is painful!

IMAGINE WITH ME

You were at dinner with your adult children and their families—maybe at your oldest son's house. You were enjoying contemplating the future with your family—laughing, crying, remembering and planning. Then your cell phone rings. Unexpected news comes — bad news — *while you were yet speaking*.

FAMILY BUSINESS DESTROYED

While you are yet speaking, your work place has been attacked! Business rivals invaded the place, destroying your inventory and killing your work force! One person was able to get away. That man jumped into the company car, speeding to your son's house to tell you the bad news of sudden destruction and death!

LAND OVERTAKEN

While you were yet speaking with your family, a group of Sabena soldiers overtook your ranch. They had herded your oxen and donkeys away from your land. They took captive every one of your hired hands as they were out plowing your fields.

FIRE FROM THE SKY

While you were yet speaking, you stood in utter shock. You drove away from your son's house, trying to mentally process this calamity. It was then, a man you recognized ran to your side. He had the smell of fire on his clothes. What was he telling you? Tears ran down his face as he spoke. Fire from the sky had fallen. It had consumed all the sheep -- even the new-born lambs.

CAMELS STOLEN

It was then you learned that at another location three bands of Chaldean thieves had captured your herds of camels. To make matters worse, while you were yet speaking, the thugs had beheaded your camel men with the edge of their swords. Only the messenger had escaped the massacre to tell the story.



A GREAT WIND

And *while you are speaking*, your cell phone rings again. You answer it. "What?" you ask. You sit down. You are told that a wild wilderness wind had destroyed your son's house! **All ten of your children had died!** I wonder, **what you will do in such unspeakable grief!**

JOB'S GRIEVING WIFE

Yes, you and I understand Job's grieving wife. We might have been tempted to speak as she did long ago, **Curse God and die!** These were her words to her husband. It comforts my heart to realize that Job understood his wife's concerns. To me, it shows me that he loved her. After all, she and he had lost ten children in that storm's destruction!

As I wrote in my book, *MY DAILY BIBLE BLESSINGS*, I feel certain that in later years, Mrs. Job regretted her sharp tongues. Her grief was great! She watched her beloved husband suffer physically and emotionally. She had never seen a man so distraught.

THEY BURIED TEN CHILDREN

I wrote: *They buried ten children! Remember? Perhaps the burial plot was on their own property.* JOB rebuked his wife. Even in his horrible pain, he took his husbandly responsibility to set her straight.

Job told his wife that she talked like the foolish women. There must have been many foolish women in their circle of friend. Mrs. Job knew how they acted. Of interest—we never heard any more rebellion from her mouth for the rest of the book of Job.

ROMANS 8:28-29 EXPLAINED

Gertrude Sanborn, my mother, wrote profound words in regard to ROMANS 8:28-29 as it concerned my twenty year-old sister's illness. Mother wrote: *This was a hard saying to me during Audrey's tragic sickness—much quoted and little understood by those who quoted it. It was only after the Spirit of God led me further into the verse that I saw His Purpose as the important thing in it all—not my understanding of it. Then I rested in Him, who purposed it after the council of His own will, not ours.* That says it all! **DBS**

THE DEAN BURGON WOMEN MEET

WEDNESDAY: JULY 22, 2015 10:00A.M. –12:00 Noon

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TESTIMONY: CHRIS GRUMLATT

A FEW WORDS: YVONNE WAITE

A VOCAL SOLO : ELLEN BOYS

“Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it”
(Psalm 119:140).



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that settles it whether I believe it or not. That is why we do have, given from the Loving God, Himself, a Word that is True and Preserved. We can trust this Word even more than we can trust ourselves!

In the coming issues we will be looking at the transmission of the Word of God to us today. This will be following my study outline of "God Keeps His Word." My prayer is that this study will be profitable in your spiritual life. We do have a Word we can trust. We do have a Message that is important. May we take this Message of Salvation from sin out into the world of lost mankind.

There are a couple of points that I would like to make about this compilation before we get started.

First, and most importantly, I am not an expert in the subject of textual criticism. Anyone who would disagree with this observation has, apparently,

never met me! I do believe, however, that if the Message of Scripture is for us — and I believe that It is! — then it must be important or God would not have given us that Message. Since this Message is important **I do not believe that God would willingly allow that Message to be lost for a thousand years.** God is powerful enough to keep that from happening if He so desired. It should be obvious that He would so desire.

There are many words which will be cited in this study that were made by people who are experts. Check the notes. Check the bibliography as it is given. Get some of these works. Our faith is not in vain. God honors true study by giving reason for that faith which is within us. I realize that we do not have to understand everything in order for it to be of God. **How good it is that God does allow us to try His works and see that they are both Good and True.**

Some of the sources which I have cited would not agree with the conclusions which I have reached. For the most part these have to do with good men who are committed to the inspiration of the Holy Scripture. I have cited them because of their views on inspiration. I have taken that view of inspiration to what is, I believe, its logical result: **If God did care enough to inspire His Word, He also must have cared enough to protect that Word!** The God we worship is not a God of absurdity. Why would He have bothered to inspire a message which He knew — and, He would know! — was going to be lost for a thousand years and then be, maybe, patched mostly back together by the same type of men who would have allowed it to be lost in the first place? As I said, this is my conclusion and not necessarily that of all the sources which will be cited.

God's love is shown forth in the giving of His Message to mortal man. Salvation, the approach of sinful man toward Holy God allowed, is only because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary. His Message to us of that tremendous miracle of love is shown forth in the pages of His Holy Word. **His power is shown forth in the preservation of that Message.** His grace is shown when He allows us to respond to Him because of that Message.

The Bible is not simply a book. The Bible is not simply a record of sacred history. The Bible is even more than our guide in this life and to the next. The Bible, this is a glorious thought, is God condescending to speak to mortal man.

God has never lost control of His Word. He has never hidden, nor has He allowed the forces of Satan to hide, His Book from His true children. His power to preserve His Book has never failed because His love toward lost mankind has never failed! **DBS**

Prayer Requests

- Safe travel for all the attendees.
- The pulpit committee of Gatewood Baptist Church
- The funds for the trip to Texas for all who desire to come.
- The Saints in Garland as they prepare for the DBS conference.
- The continued recover of Dr. Kirk DiVietro.
- The speakers for the 37th annual meeting.
- DBS internet and printing ministries.
- That Christians will understand the importance of Biblical defense.
- Pastor Rainey's son Greg who is fighting cancer.
- The health of Pastor Rainey and his wife.



Elements of Scripture

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Daniel S. Waite

The all knowing God SEES ALL THINGS—including **precious things**. Consider what Job proclaims, “He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots. He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth **every precious thing**” (Job 28:9-10). The Psalmist records, “How precious also are **thy thoughts** unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them” (Psalm 139:17)!

Peter referencing Isaiah twenty-eight declares, “. . . Behold, I lay in Sion a **chief corner stone, elect, precious**: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded (1 Peter 2:6).

Material things are considered precious. Rebecca and her mother received “**precious thing**” from the servant of Abraham (Genesis 24:53). **Sadly, Hezekiah showed** an envoy from Babylon the most precious things belonging to his kingdom (2 Kings 20:13). The stones Solomon selected to construct the temple were “**precious**” (1 Chronicles 29:2).

The head of the Lord Jesus Christ was anointed with precious ointment. Reflect upon what is written in Matthew, “There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of **very precious ointment**, and poured it on his head . . .” (Matthew 26:7). James considered **the harvest** and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to be precious for Scripture records, “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. . . . The husbandman waiteth for **the precious fruit of the earth**, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain” (James 5:7).

The Words of God records non-material things as being precious. The son of Kish reflected, “**My soul was precious** in thine eyes this day” (1 Samuel

26:21). The captain of the third set of fifty men told Elijah, “. . . Let **my life**, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight” (2 Kings 1:13). **The death of God’s saints** are precious in His sight (Psalm 116:15).

What about the seed of the gospel? This too is precious, “He that goeth forth and weepeth, **bearing precious seed**, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*” (Psalm 126:6). The obtaining of wisdom is precious, “She *is more precious* than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her” (Proverbs 3:15).

Faith in bodily resurrected Lord Jesus Christ is precious as Peter declares, “That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth . . .” (1 Peter 1:7). **The promises of God are precious**, “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:4).

The WORDS OF GOD must be considered as precious. There are some who believe that God has not promised to preserve His Words while there are others who believe God has made such a promise but do not know where He has preserved Them.

In the days when Samuel the prophet was a young child **the WORD OF GOD was precious**. Scripture declares, “And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision” (1 Samuel 3:1).

Today the canon of Scripture is complete (1 Corinthians 13:10). Nonetheless, **Scripture should still be considered more precious today than It has ever been before**. Satan is using all the wiles that are at his disposal to stomp out and to dilute the Words of God. Reflect upon all who have given their lives for the Scripture—we truly have been blessed by God to have a faithful and reliable translation of the Scriptures which we can reference every day.

Now how precious is that? **DBS**

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THE ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE DEAN BURGON SOCIETY

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Acknowledging the Bible to be the inerrant, infallible, plenary and verbally inspired Word of God, among other equally Biblical truths, we believe and maintain the following:

A. The Bible: We believe in the plenary, verbal, Divine inspiration of the sixty-six canonical books of the Old and the New Testaments (from Genesis to Revelation) in the original languages, and in their consequent infallibility and inerrancy in all matters of which they speak (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 2:13). The books known as the Apocrypha, however, are not the inspired Word of God in any sense whatsoever. As the Bible uses it, the term "inspiration" refers to the writings, not the writers (2 Timothy 3:16-17); the writers are spoken of as being "holy men of God" who were "moved," "carried" or "borne" along by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21) in such a definite way that their writings were supernaturally, planarity, and verbally inspired, free from any error, infallible, and inerrant, as no other writings have ever been or ever will be inspired.

We believe that the Texts which are the closest to the original autographs of the Bible are the Traditional Masoretic Hebrew Text for the Old Testament, and the traditional Greek Text for the New Testament underlying the King James Version (as found in "The Greek Text Underlying The English Authorized Version of 1611").

We believe that the King James Version (or Authorized Version) of the English Bible is a true, faithful, and accurate translation of these two providentially preserved Texts, which in our time has no equal among all of the other English Translations. The translators did such a fine job in their translation task that we can without apology hold up the Authorized Version of 1611 and say "This is the WORD OF GOD!" while at the same time realizing that, in some verses, we must go back to the underlying original language Texts for complete clarity, and also compare Scripture with Scripture.

We believe that all the verses in the King James Version belong in the Old and the New Testaments because they represent words we believe were in the original texts, although there might be other renderings from the original languages which could also be acceptable to us today. For an exhaustive study of any of the words or verses in the Bible, we urge the student to return directly to the Traditional Masoretic Hebrew Text and the Traditional Received Greek Text rather than to any other translation for help.

B. The Trinity: We believe in the Deity, unity, equality, and eternity of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This Triune God is the One living and true God; everlasting, immutable, of infinite power, wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; the Maker and Preserver of all things, both visible and invisible; subsisting in Three Persons, of one substance, power, and eternity. The Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is of one substance, majesty, and glory, with the Father and the Son, very and eternal God.

We believe the ministries of the Holy Spirit during this age of Grace, among others, include the following: For the unsaved--restraining and convicting. For the saved--regenerating, sealing, indwelling, filling, guiding into

all truth, glorifying Christ, teaching, and showing things to come. We believe that the so-called "sign gifts" (1 Corinthians 12:7-11) of the Holy Spirit (such as tongues, prophecy, knowledge, etc.) ceased with the completion of the New Testament canon around 90 or 100 A.D. and are not present today (1 Corinthians 13:8-12; Hebrews 1:2; 2:34).

C. The Person of Christ: We believe in the essential, absolute, eternal Deity; and the real and proper, but perfect and sinless, humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is the eternal Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, and when the fullness of time was come He took upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties thereof, yet without sin, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance; so that the two whole, perfect and distinct natures, the Godhead and Manhood, were inseparably joined together in one Person, without conversion, composition, or confusion, Which Person is very God and very Man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man. The Lord Jesus Christ in His human nature thus united to the Divine, was sanctified, anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure; having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in Whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell; to the end that being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, He might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of Mediator and Surety. Christ was made like unto us in all things, sin only excepted, from which He was clearly void, both in His flesh and in His spirit. He came to be the Lamb without spot, Who, by the sacrifice of Himself once made, takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29), and in Him is no sin (1 John 3:5). But all the rest of us, although born again in Christ by faith, yet offend in many things; and if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 John 1:10).

D. Birth of Christ: We believe in Christ's miraculous virgin birth of Mary as the Bible clearly teaches.

E. The Death of Christ: We believe in Christ's substitutionary, propitiatory, expiatory, vicarious death, and in the atoning power of His redeeming blood. "Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things . . . but with the precious blood of Christ. . ." (1 Peter 1:18-21).

F. The Resurrection of Christ: We believe Christ did truly rise again from the dead; and took again His same body in which He was crucified, with flesh, bones, and all things appertaining to His resurrection body. In His resurrection body, He ascended into Heaven, and there sits on the right hand of God the Father, interceding for His own. He will return in this same body to fulfill all the Scriptures pertaining to the events surrounding His Second Coming and in power and great glory to judge men.

G. Salvation: We believe that salvation accomplished by Christ is experienced only through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit by the Word of God, not by works, but by God's sovereign grace through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour (Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-10).

H. Heaven and Hell: We believe in the everlasting bliss of the saved in the place called Heaven, and in the everlasting suffering of the lost in the place called Hell-fire.

I. Spiritual Unity: We believe in the real spiritual unity in Christ of all redeemed by His precious blood.

J. Purity of the Church: We believe in the necessity of maintaining, according to the Word of God, the purity of the local churches in doctrine and life.

K. Separation: We believe in obedience to the Biblical commands to separate ourselves unto God and from worldliness, ecclesiastical apostasy, and "disorderly" brethren. (2 Corinthians 6:14-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 2 Thessalonians 3:6,11, 14-15; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; Romans 16:17; 2 John 1:9-11).

L. Creation: We believe in the Biblical account of the creation of the entire universe, angels, and man; that this account is neither allegory nor myth, but a literal, historical account of the direct, immediate creative acts of God in six literal solar days without any evolutionary process, either naturalistic or theistic; that man was created by a direct work of God and not from previously existing forms of life; and that all men are descended from the historical Adam and Eve, the first parents of the entire human race. (Genesis 1-2; Colossians 1: 6-17; John 1:3).

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