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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)

Correctly Crossing The Textual Divide

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**The Dean Burgon Society's
38th Annual Conference**

**Collingswood, New Jersey
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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.



The 38th Annual Conference Of The Dean Burgon Society July 27-28, 2016, In Collingswood, New Jersey

By Pastor D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D., DBS President

For 38 Years, The Dean Burgon Society Has Kept To Its "Articles Of Faith" Without Wavering. While *many* churches, colleges, seminaries, other institutions, and families have been changing their doctrines and beliefs about the Bible and other important matters, the Dean Burgon Society *has held its position solidly* during all 38 of the years of its existence. We praise the Lord for His help in this!

This Year, The Dean Burgon Society Will Be Back In Collingswood, New Jersey, July 27-28, 2016. We were here back in 2011. Pastor Christian Spencer and his church have invited us to meet at the Bible Presbyterian Church at 1115 Haddon Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey. It is at the corner of Cuthbert Boulevard and Haddon Avenue.

The DBS Women And The DBS Men Meet Wednesday, July 27, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. The DBS Women will meet Wednesday, July 27th from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. There will be special speakers for the ladies with Mrs. Yvonne Waite presiding. At the same time, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, the DBS Executive Committee and DBS Advisory Council will also be meeting. All ladies are invited to the DBS Women's meeting and all men are invited to the DBS Executive Committee meeting.

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Here Is The List Of The 15 DBS Speakers And Topics For The Five Sessions Of Our 38th annual DBS Conference.

Lord willing, all these messages will be recorded and will be *restreamed* all around the world on www.BibleForToday.org 24 hours a day, seven days a week *during the month of August*. Be sure to listen to the messages again and also tell your friends about them. They will also be aired on www.DeanBurgonSociety.org, [Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/), and [SermonAudio](http://SermonAudio.com).

SESSION ONE

Our 15 DBS Men's Messages Will Begin Wednesday At 2:00 P.M. Here is the afternoon line-up:

- (1) Dr. Kirk DiVietro, one of our DBS Vice Presidents, will speak on "**The Triumph of the English Bible.**"
- (2) Pastor Daniel Waite, one of our DBS Vice Presidents, will speak on "**Scholarship's Influence on Modern Bibles.**"
- (3) Brian Shepherd, a DBS Advisory Council member, will speak on "**Why First John 5:7-8 Should Remain in the Bible.**"
- (4) Dr. David Bennett, a DBS Executive Committee member, will speak *via DVD* on "**The Legacy of the King James Bible.**"

SESSION TWO

Wednesday, July 27th Evening Messages, 7 to 9 p.m.

- (5) Rob Winograd, a DBS Executive Committee member, will speak on "**Translators and Traitors.**"
- (6) Pastor Ken Rainey, a DBS Executive Committee member, will speak on "**Redeeming Faith Must Be Based Upon Truth.**"

SESSION THREE

Thursday, July 28th 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.

- (7) William Sheppard, a DBS Advisory Council member, will speak on "**The Decision to Translate The King James Bible.**"
- (8) Dr. Christian Spencer, a DBS Advisory Council member, will speak on "**Poetry in The King James Bible.**"
- (9) Dr. Jack Moorman, a DBS Executive Committee member, will speak *via DVD*, on "**What Would It Matter If-10 Questions.**"

A Time For Questions & Answers

**Come to the 38th annual meeting at the Bible Presbyterian Church
1115 Haddon Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey 08108
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SESSION FOUR

Thursday, July 28th 2 to 5 p.m.

- (10) Dr. Samuel Yun, a DBS Executive Committee member, will speak on “**Understanding the Right Old Testament Translation.**”
- (11) Dr. Ed DeWitt, a DBS Executive Committee member, will speak via DVD, on “**The Errors of Concept Inspiration.**”
- (12) James Grumblatt, a DBS Advisory Council member, will speak on “**The Critical Greek Text’s Errors.**”
- (13) Dr. D. L. Cooper, a DBS Executive Committee member, will speak on “**Look at the Accursed Tree and See.**”

SESSION FIVE

Thursday, July 28th 7 to 9 p.m.

- (14) Dr. Don Boys, a DBS Advisory Council member, will speak on “**Proof That The Bible Is Totally Reliable.**”
- (15) Dr. D. A. Waite, the DBS President, will speak on “**The Fourfold Superiority of the King James Bible.**”

I Urge You Who Receive This DBS News To Attend These Meetings, Either In Person, Or By The Internet. If you are unable to attend, you can view all these five sessions on the Internet by going to BibleForToday.org and following the instructions. Please pray for these meetings and ask your friends to pray as well. Thank you.
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How Firm A Foundation

By John Rippon

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty’s vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Even down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.



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The Bible Is A Living Book

Dr. Edward DeWitt



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As we were considering in the last issue, the inspiration of Scripture *did not lie upon the individual penmen*. They were, as 2 Peter 1:21 make clear, “moved upon” by the Holy Spirit. But they were not themselves inspired. **It was the Words which bore the marks and imprint of inspiration.**

The word “inspiration” means literally, *to breathe out*. The illustration I like to use here is that of a public speaker. As I speak to a live audience, the air is forced out of my lungs and over my larynx – voice box. This action causes the air molecules to vibrate. This vibration causes a ripple effect much like a stone thrown into a pond will produce those little waves that go out in a circular fashion from the point of impact. As these “air waves” reach the listeners’ ears, they produce a vibration against the ear drums of the hearer. This, in turn, sets off some action in the nerves of each ear which produce the phenomenon of sound within the hearer.

In a very real sense, I could argue that the sound my listener would hear is my breath. **The Words of the Scripture are the very Breath of God upon our souls.**

In a manner that I cannot begin to understand, much less to explain the mechanics thereof, we have a real relationship with the God of the Universe as we read His Word. It is a personal contact, on a spiritual level, between ourselves and God.

For the Christian, the Holy Spirit of God teaches us, and illumines what God has said, as we read these Words. That is why those same Words can offer such a comfort when we need comfort and conviction when we need convicting. **The Bible, inspired of God, is a Living Book unlike any man-made book.**

I have commentaries that were written centuries ago. They are very useful and give great insight on the passages upon which they comment. But, *the Bible speaks to me in a way that even the best commentary can never speak.*

As we read His Word, and pray in faith, we have a relationship with God as He is our Constant Cotemporary. This is because His Living Words are fresh each time we look upon them. They are able to speak to us in this “modern” world, in our changing and varied cultures, because He is eternal. **His words are therefore also eternal.**

We speak often of the “original autographs” of Scripture. These were, of course, inspired. But any faithful copy of those words – the same words in the same order – is also inspired because these are authoritative as were those “original autographs.”



Is this true? Does the Critical Text incorporate material from thousands of manuscripts? **No, IT IS NOT TRUE !**

(Bennett, DBSN Issue 112 page 12).

I have a DVD of me speaking at a Bible conference last summer. As this DVD is played, the electronic configuration within my television will pick up the impulses of my words. This is converted into sound waves just as if I were speaking in person. Those sound waves reach the ears of the hearers in the same way as if I were speaking in person. **Those are still my words.**

But, the fact does remain that I am not with every person who might play the message on their T.V. My words of course (and obviously!), are not inspired. Still, the DVD player does allow one to hear my exact words and to receive the message which I had intended.

God's Words are like that – but more! My words were a reproduction of what I had said. God's Words are more than a simple reproduction. They are His Words by inspiration. **They are His breath upon us as we read His Message.**

This inspiration did not lie upon the parchment, or the ink, or even with the mind and abilities of the human penmen. All of these are temporal. They are of time and subject to decay. **Inspiration lies in the Breath and Word of God.** God is of eternity. His Words are not subject to decay.

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Registration Form

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Please check the box to the left if you desire to stay on the grounds for any meals that might be served. Lord willing, meals will be provided.

I have checked the boxes below beside the sessions I am planning on attending. (All women are welcome to attend the Ladies' meeting and all men are welcome to attend the Executive Committee meeting.)

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Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity (2 Timothy 2:19).

6 The Truth of Verbal Plenary Preservation

Dr. Suan Yew Quek



“Yea, hath God said?” were the first words of the serpent to Eve in the Garden of Eden. *These words attack the perfect Words of God by casting doubt on them. The modern equivalent of these words is, “Can you really believe the Bible?”* It has mistakes, albeit very few and minor.” Satan has attacked the Bible a doctrine at a time, from *Ex-Nihilo* Creation to the Global Flood, from the Virgin Birth to the Resurrection of Christ. Why this incessant attack? The reason is that without the perfect Word of God, there is no salvation. **Without the perfect Word of God, babes in Christ cannot grow into spiritual maturity. Without the perfect Word of God, church leaders will not be able to defend the Faith.** “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” (Proverbs 29:18). The “vision” and “law” here refer to **the perfect Word of God**. When the Word of God is obeyed, believers are happy, *i.e.* “blessed”, which means that they have a personal salvific experience with Christ. *When there is no perfect Word, the people die.*

This old serpent is the devil himself. ***He knows the priceless value of the perfect Bible to all mankind. That is why he has not stopped attacking the Bible.*** In the past, Satan attacked its inspiration. When he failed, he started to attack its preservation. Instead of attacking the Bible writers, he is now attacking the Bible readers by spreading the lie that God has inspired His Word perfectly, but did not preserve all of its words so that today Christians have a Bible with mistakes! This is the most deadly of all the attacks!

Bible attackers today claim to believe in the doctrine of inspiration, but they deny the doctrine of preservation. On the one hand, they say, “I am for the perfect Bible”; but in the next breath they say “the Bible has mistakes!” One hears such double talk from many professing believers. Did God inspire His Word without preserving it? To know the truth, we must start from the basics. What are the doctrines of biblical inspiration and preservation?

Verbal Plenary Inspiration and Verbal Plenary Preservation

“Verbal” means “the words.” “Plenary” means “all” or “complete.” Verbal Plenary Inspiration (VPI) means “**all the words are inspired.**” Verbal Plenary Preservation (VPP) means “**all the words are preserved.**” The attackers of VPI and VPP both say that the Bible is perfect only in spiritual or doctrinal matters but contains mistakes when it comes to names, places, numbers, dates *etc.* They further say that the mistakes are minor. Sadly, just as this fallacious reasoning worked to deceive many, the same reasoning has succeeded in deceiving many in these last days. Hence, the terms VPI and VPP were coined to defend **the absolute and total inerrancy and infallibility** of the Bible from these attackers

The Bible verses that teach the doctrine of inspiration are 2 Timothy 3:16, “**All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.**” The phrase “given by inspiration of God” literally means “God-breathed.” All Scripture is God-breathed. Inspiration applies to every jot and tittle of every word without distinction, and its grammar and syntax. It covers not just the Old Testament but also the New Testament. The whole and complete Bible is the very Word of God itself.

The Holy Spirit led God’s servants to write all of Holy Scripture (Mark 12:36, Acts 1:16). The purpose for the giving of inspired Scripture is “that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:17). This purpose al-

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ways stands and has not changed. The Word of God is given for man's obedience and transformation. Without the perfect Word of God, man cannot be saved and be transformed. The inspired Word of God is indispensable.

The process of VPI is varied. In some instances, it is by dictation such as the entire book of Genesis, the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17), the Civil Laws for Israel (Exodus 21:1-23:33), the pattern of the Tabernacle and garments of the priests (Exodus 25:1-31:18); and in other instances it is through eyewitness accounts or personal testimonies (Luke 1:2) and the Epistles. ***The writers of the Epistles clearly retained their personalities*** They were not robots or turned into machines. They wrote with their respective cognitive personal characteristics but the final product is altogether the words of God and **NOT** the words of men. The process may be varied, but the end product is the same, i.e. the very perfect Word of God. The believers in the first century understood this very well. Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 2:13, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in

you that believe." The inspired Word of God effectually worked in the hearts and minds of all those who believed. **It is important to note that the doctrine of inspiration applies to the words of Scripture and not the writers of Scripture.**

The doctrine of VPI is not about a translation or version of the Bible. **It is about the original language words.** The languages that God used to inspire His perfect Word were Hebrew and Aramaic for the Old Testament (Daniel 2:4b-7:28; Ezra 4:8-6:18; 7:12-26; and a few phrases in Aramaic) and Greek for the whole New Testament. VPI teaches that all the words in the original languages of Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek were God-breathed words. Every word is perfect because the God who gave those words is perfect! Nevertheless, since the perfect Word of God is given for obedience, man must first understand God's truth. *If man cannot read and understand God's truth, he cannot obey it.* Hence, there is a need to translate God's Word.

The VPI doctrine is meaningless if the inspired books of the Bible are not identified. The 39 books of the Old Testament **were already accepted as Holy Scripture** by Christ and the Apostles. The Councils of Hippo (AD 393) and Carthage (AD 397) reaffirmed 27 books of the New Testament as Holy Scripture. Therefore all the 66 books of the Bible are inspired Scriptures. VPI means that all the words of these 66 books of the Bible were God-breathed, i.e. jot-and-tittle perfect!

There are more Bible verses teaching the doctrine of VPP than VPI. These are just a few of the verses to show that the God who inspired His holy and perfect Word also preserved all of it perfectly: Psalm 12:6-7, "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." Matthew 5:18, "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one

Fellowship With Us In Collingswood

Pray about attending this year's meeting with other like-minded twenty-first century Christians on July 27-28. **Bibliology is under attack and the Scriptures are constantly being undermined — but one must stand firm amidst the conflict!**

Pastor Christian Spencer has invited the Dean Burgon Society to hold its 2016 conference at the Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood. The Christians there stand with us on the traditional Bible texts of Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek **WORDS**. In fact this very church is a literal, twentieth century textbook example of a body of believers who stood firm amidst the conflict.

The Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood is a fundamental, Bible-believing Church in complete agreement with the Society's *Articles of Faith*.

At your leisure, please review the DBS's *Articles of Faith* located on page sixteen of this issue. We look forward to seeing you in Collingswood in July. Hope you can join us.

The Dean Burgon Society is a single issue society devoted to the defense of traditional Bible texts. Mark your calendars for this year's annual meeting July 27-28, 2016.

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The 990-N needs to be submitted every three years for organizations whose revenue is less than fifty-thousand dollars per year. **DBS**

Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among he heathen, I will be exalted in the earth (Psalm 46:10).



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Mark Your Calendar For July 27th & 28th

We would like to invite you, your family, and any of your friends **who love and respect the Words of God**, to attend the 38th Annual Conference of the Dean Burgon Society on Wednesday and Thursday, July 27-28, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. It will be hosted by the Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood, 1115 Haddon Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey. The office phone is **856-858-7175**. Pastor Spencer informs us that meals will be served by the ladies of the church for *breakfast, lunch, and dinner* during the two-day conference. Please remember to return the registration form in the enclosed brochure.

There are fifteen speakers from various parts of the United States and the world who will join us at this year's conference. This year's theme is **Correctly Crossing the Textual Divide**. Where is your stand on the Traditional Bible Texts, namely, the Traditional Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Texts taking you? Is your Bible a faithful and reliable translation of God's Words?

If you live outside the Philadelphia area, special discounted reservations may be made at the **Howard Johnson Express Inn**, 832 North Black Horse Pike (Route 168), Blackwood, New Jersey. The reservations are either \$63.99 or \$71.99 *per night*, depending on one king size bed, or two double beds. Reservations must be made by calling **877-361-2497**. Be sure to give the reservation number for the Dean Burgon Society of **49086562**. The hotel is 9.5 miles from Collingswood. During rush hour traffic it is a thirty-five minutes stop-and-go drive.

If you are unable to attend in person, **all the meetings will be streamed LIVE** over the Internet. Lord willing, they will also be restreamed during the month of August. To listen to either the LIVE or the re-broadcasting, go to <http://DeanBurgonSociety.org> or <http://BibleForToday.org>.

tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Mark 13:31, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." Luke 16:17, "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." Luke 21:33, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." Psalm 19:7, "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple." James 1:25, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." These Bible verses clearly teach the doctrine of VPP and the Bible's present perfection. The salvation and eternal life of every believer depends on the doctrine of VPP. Without the doctrine of VPP, every doctrine of the Bible comes under attack.

God gave numerous Bible verses to defend the doctrine of VPP because the attack on VPP is more deadly than the attack on VPI. **God is perfect and His ways are also perfect.** Indeed, we see this attack as more deadly and spurious because unlike the attack on VPI which came from the liberals and modernists, **the attack on VPP comes from within the camp, i.e. from professing believers who claim to be conservatives.** This makes their attack very potent and subtle. Personal relationships and financial considerations have muddied the waters so that the defence of the perfect Bible has become an emotional issue. The old serpent craftily blinded many by saying that this is a divisive doctrine that must be avoided and not allowed into the church. Foolishly, many church leaders say that they are neutral on the doctrine of the perfect Bible. Can a child of God be neutral on the doctrine of the perfect Bible?

VPI and VPP are the two sides of the same biblical coin. One cannot exist without the other. To believe in VPI is to believe in VPP, and vice versa. VPP means that God preserved the perfect Word of God the moment VPI started. VPP continues even after VPI stopped with the completion of the Book of Revelation. God gave His holy and perfect Word and God alone preserved it. Just as no one needs to know how inspiration was done in order to believe in VPI, no one needs to know how preservation works to believe in VPP. It is a matter of faith, like for all the doctrines of the Bible. God has declared in Hebrews 11:6, **"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."** The perfect God who inspired all His perfect Words has also perfectly preserved every jot and tittle of all His perfect Words.



Verbal Plenary Preservation versus Textual Criticism

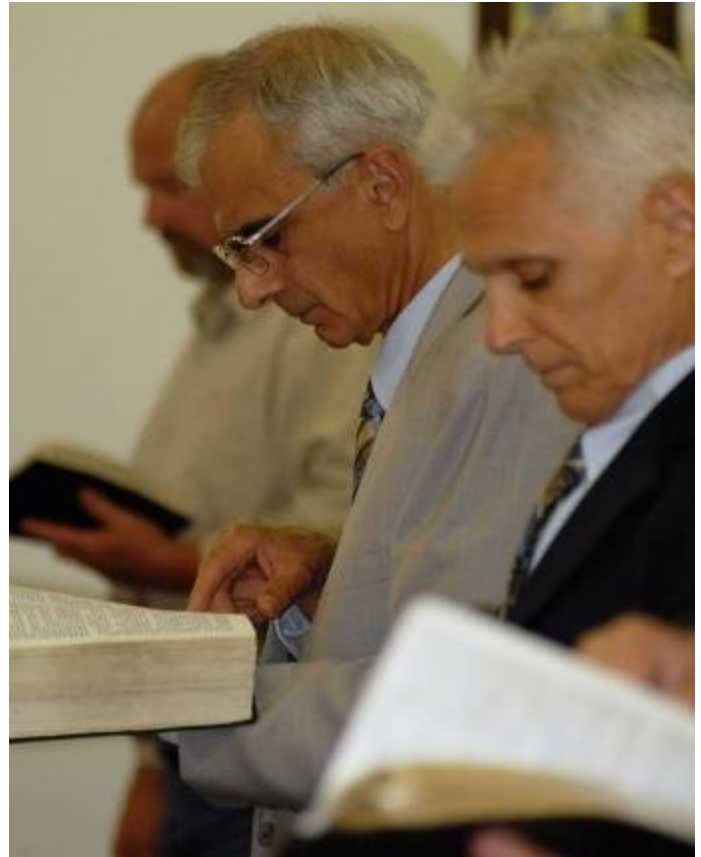
It is tragic that the opponents of VPP have to resort to distortions of this blessed and God-given doctrine to lend support to their attack on the perfect Bible. For example, it is fallacious to say that VPP is an argument from "textual criticism", which is the study of ancient manuscripts or copies in order to determine the author's intended meaning (See <http://www.gotquestions.org/verbal-plenary-preservation.html>). **Textual criticism was invented by German Rationalists who denied and criticized the divine inspiration of the Bible.** These were modernists and are not even believers. VPP is a doctrine totally independent of this evil approach to sacred Scriptures. **Textual criticism is an invention of the devil.** The ones who employ it to criticize the Bible have become victims of his deception. Get out of this snare of the devil. **Stop using textual criticism!** It is based upon man's pride and vanity. How can sinful man claim to "find" the truth when the basis of their find is on their claim that the autographs of all the inspired Scriptures are lost forever? Unless these men have the autographs, there is no way sinful man can "find" even one word of the Bible, not to mention all the words of the Bible. A man has a better chance of finding his wife's wedding ring that she dropped in the middle of the Indian Ocean than these foolish men in finding all the words of the Bible. These attackers of God's truth who resort to the caricatures of

the blessed doctrine of VPP and then demolish it have fallen prey to the wiles of the old serpent!

Just as the VPI books of the Bible have to be identified or else the doctrine is meaningless, all the perfectly preserved words of the 66 books of the Bible have to be identified, too. The nature of the doctrine of VPP demands that the preserved texts be in continuous usage or circulation throughout the ages. **The texts were not hidden somewhere and then suddenly discovered.** All the inspired words of God are found in divinely preserved manuscripts, namely the Ben Chayyim Hebrew Text for the Old Testament and the Greek Textus Receptus (Received Text) for the New Testament. In 1611, the King James Bible translators used them to produce a most faithful and accurate English version of the Bible. They recognized the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words in those texts to be the very inspired and preserved words of God.

King James Version

The King James Bible (KJV) is the most blessed English translation of the Bible. It is known as the KJV because for the first time in the history of the English Bible, the Bible was legally and publicly authorized by the King of England to be translated so as to unite a kingdom. Before that, there was a law across Roman Catholic Europe and England



that made any unsanctioned translation of the Bible illegal and punishable by death. **William Tyndale was the first man to translate the**

the foremost language to reach the world with His gospel and His truth. Today, the defense of the Christian faith as well as

The texts were not hidden somewhere and then suddenly discovered

Bible into English from the original languages. For this, he was arrested and burned to death! The English translation of the Bible was key to the life and spread of Christianity. Of all the languages of the nations of the world, God used the English language as

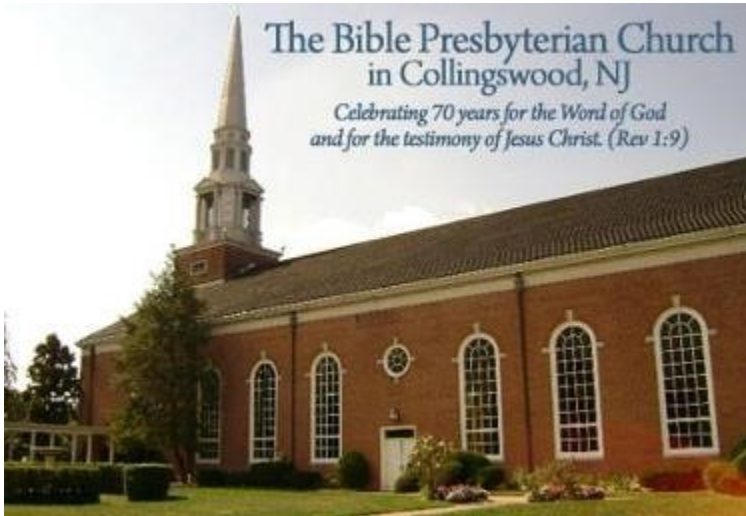
the attack is in the English language. To study and know the Bible in the original languages of Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, the student has to know English. **This was no accident!**

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)
(Hebrews 10:23).

By the providence of God, when the Apostle Paul wanted to go eastward toward Bithynia, **the Lord told him to go westward toward Macedonia** (Acts 16:7-9). By this one move, the gospel reached Europe and *the gospel which began in Jerusalem was spread to the uttermost parts of the world through Europe. It was God's sovereign design to raise up Great Britain in the 18th century to rule 22.63% of the World and 20% of the world's population.*

God providentially caused Christianity and the English language to spread across the globe through Britain. Many countries today like America speak English. As such, Christianity in the English language also came under severe attack. **This means that the Bible in the English language has also gone through the longest battle against the evil one.** The longest attack has been on the English Bible. From the first translation in the 15th century till today, the attack has increased in momentum and ferocity. The reason for this attack is because English is the common language of the modern world today. Since the Bible is meant for obedience, and almost all believers in the world do not read Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, the English translation of the Bible is all they will and can read.

When the KJV was completed in 1611, it was translated by the most spiritual believers of the time, as well as, the most academically qualified. **The best minds with the highest spirituality were assembled together to translate the Bible for the nation of England and for the entire English speaking world.** There will never be a gathering of such spiritual men of such learning again to do this God-honoring task. In the 19th century, French Naturalism, German Rationalism and English Deism, coupled with the birth of Darwin's Evolutionism, arose to assault the Christian faith like never before. *The assault was so fierce and the damage so vast that no seminary or Bible college or church was left untouched.* Through the influence of these anti-Christian philosophies, textual criticism was born. Man began to criticize the Bible from the authorship to the very words of the Bible. **Seminaries and Bible colleges were all contaminated by the evils of textual criticism.** The basic assumption is that the



Bible is lost or not preserved and now it is up to man to find the words of the Bible. All sorts of arbitrary assumptions were concocted as the basis for textual criticism. *The amazing thing is that many fundamentalist seminaries and Bible colleges are duped into teaching this evil, thus polluting future generations of seminary professors and pastors.* Most if not all of the scholars who teach in the major seminaries and Bible colleges today are sold to textual criticism. **It is no wonder that the standard of biblical and theological excellence continues to decline with the passing of every generation.**

How true is the warning from the Apostle Paul that Christians do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers and rulers of darkness of the world (Ephesians 6:12).

Other Versions

The VPP doctrine teaches that all the inspired words of God are perfectly preserved by God Himself. As already stated, they are identified as the Hebrew Masoretic Text (MT) for the Old Testament and the Greek *Textus Receptus* (TR) for the New Testament. They are the traditional texts which have been kept pure throughout the ages. Insofar as the Greek text is concerned the TR underlies the KJV, while **the Westcott and Hort text underlies the modern versions.** The TR represents the majority of the 5,000 plus manuscripts. The WH Text is in the minority.

Every translation is based upon a particular Hebrew and Greek Text as determined by the translators. ***It must be reiterated here that the doctrine of VPP is not about preserving a translation; it is about the preservation of all the inspired words of God in the original languages of Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.*** Before there was any translation, there was the Word of God only, in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. No two translations are exactly the same. When we compare the New Testament in the Chinese Union Version (CUV) and the KJV, there are differences like fewer verses and different meanings in the CUV. We cannot deny these differences. What do we do with these differences? This can be applied to all versions or translations. **There are two responses to consider:**

The Westcott and Hort text underlies the modern versions



Hills sided with Machen in the dispute over the drift at Princeton and the establishing of Westminster

(Barnett DBSN Issue 109 page 7).

There Is No Solution

(1) Ignore the differences. To reject VPP is to be like the proverbial ostrich—pretend that all is well and ignore the differences. It denies reality to believe that the differences do not exist or do not matter.

(2) "I don't know". **There are those who reject the VPP and simply raise their hands in surrender** and cry, "I don't know; all translations have mistakes because the inspired words are lost." They either do not read the Word of God at all since they do not know where God's inspired words are, or they do read the Word of God but **they choose to deceive themselves and others since they actually know!**

(3) **"Somewhere out there but don't know where."** This group of *anti-VPP* proponents cry, "The Word of God is somewhere out there in the 5,000 plus manuscripts but we don't know precisely where." Like the proponents of "I don't know", they do not read the Word of God since they do not know where it is; if they do read, then they are also deceiving themselves and others with their double talk.

The contradiction in the above three views is that whenever the Word of God is read, the translation used has to be based upon either the minority texts of Westcott and Hort or Textus Receptus which is the traditional text. Whenever a believer reads the Bible, **the version he uses is his choice of the original text.** The only way to be consistent to their "I don't know" view is to not read any Bible at all! By not reading the Bible, he will not be forced to choose. The moment he picks up a Bible to read, he has to ask himself, "where are the inspired words of God?" He has to be sure of all the inspired words of God before he starts reading! **But the rejection of VPP automatically forfeits him of this ability to know for sure and choose the right version.**

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**For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man:
but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (2 Peter 1:21).**



There Is a Solution

(1) **Compare with the Hebrew and Greek texts.** If you read Hebrew and Greek, then compare the CUV or any other translation with the MT [Masoretic Text] for the Old Testament and the TR [*Textus Receptus*] for the New Testament just as we compare the KJV with the MT and TR;

(2) **Compare with the most accurate and faithful translation in another language.** But if you do not read Hebrew and Greek but you read English and another language, then compare your translation with the KJV which is the next best way to know the truth. **The KJV is the most faithful and most accurate translation of the Bible in the English language.** So if the Christian reads English and Chinese (the CUV), then he can compare the CUV against the KJV. If he does not read English, then he should compare his translation with the most faithful and accurate translation in another language that he knows. The Rev James Sun did his thesis on the differences between the CUV and KJV (in the New Testament only) and it has been published by FEBC. This is a helpful companion to the CUV until a more accurate Mandarin version is made available.

(3) **Use the KJV as the basis for comparison.** Some might see this as an unjust comparison or reduce this to a racial or language problem between English-speaking and Chinese-speaking Christians. This is not the case at all. *It is about the truth and accuracy of Scriptures.*

lieved in Christ did not have a Chinese Bible to read; unless he could read English, in which case he would be reading the KJV or Hebrew MT and Greek TR. He had to wait for the first Chinese translation. It came out in portions before the entire Bible was translated into Chinese.

By the providence of God, the gospel reached Europe first and then to China much later.

God called the apostle Paul to go west when he wanted to go east in Acts 16:7-9. Because of this turnaround, the gospel headed west into present-day Europe. **By the providence of God, the gospel reached Europe first and then to China much later.** When the gospel went to China and before the first Chinese translation was completed (Marshman's Version in 1822), *the KJV had already been in existence for over 200 years. This means that the first Chinese convert who be-*

This is true of all translations including the English language. **The first English convert did not have any Bible to read in his own language until John Wycliffe translated the Bible into English** in 1382, the first English translation in over 1,300 years. But *it was translated from the Latin Vulgate because Wycliffe did not read Hebrew and Greek.* All the errors in the Latin Vulgate were also found in that first English translation. But as an English-speaking Christian who needed to

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read the Bible, he had no choice but to read that translation. It was either that or no Bible at all! There was not even an alternative translation to compare with because **it was against the law** of Rome to translate the Bible (unless the Christian could read Hebrew and Greek). The Roman Church hated Wycliffe for what he did.

The English-speaking Christian then should not reject the Bible in the original languages (VPI/VPP) just because Wycliffe's translation is different from the Bible in the original languages. This is what some of the Chinese-speaking Christians today are doing when they find that the CUV is different from the MT and TR—they reject the doctrine of VPP! By this very rejection they cut off the very foundation for the Chinese and all other translations! There would be no basis for translating any perfect Bible and evaluating which version is the best and most accurate and faithful!

The next English translation was by William Tyndale. He translated the first English Bible from the original languages. He managed to complete the New Testament (1526) and portions of the Old Testament before he was captured and burnt at the stake. **He was martyred for translating the Bible into the English language.** The Christians of that time could read Tyndale's English translation, but it was incomplete. Does that mean they should reject the rest of the Old Testament which Tyndale had not translated? Of course not! The best method is to use Tyndale's and Wycliffe's translations together, with priority given to Tyndale's because his was translated using the Bible in the original languages and from the inspired and preserved traditional texts (MT and TR).

In 1611, the KJV was completed. For the first time in the history of the Church, a king authorized the translation of the Bible into English to unite a nation. The best minds and people with the best qualifications and highest regard for the Word of God, and who realized that **the faith of an entire**

nation depended on their translation, were appointed to do this God-appointed work. This was done by God's sovereign will before the contamination that is textual criticism and before liberal churchmen like Westcott and Hort came

He was martyred for translating the Bible into the English language

into the scene to confuse and undermine our trust in God's perfect Word. The KJV translators did not do it for money but for God's glory! **The modern translations of today are contaminated by liberalism and textual criticism.** Therefore, all the modern translations of all languages are inferior to

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Bridges unite two divided lands. They make two separated places function as one. The false Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts from the early 2nd and 3rd centuries "bridged the gap" between paganism and Biblical Christianity, starting the Roman system. In the same way, today's modern Bibles based upon these corrupt texts (along with re-translations of the King James Bible) are building a bridge into the one-world-antichrist, Babylonian religion. Yet, many people do not understand the importance of having correct, original language texts of the Bible undergirding their translations to carry them on a bridge to the proper theological destination.

We trust you will make it a point to join us July 27th and 28th, 2016, when we ponder the pure Words of God – the original language manuscripts. Additionally, we will consider the crowning jewel of English versions, the King James Bible – the fruit of years of suffering for a sound, reliable translation of the Scriptures.

Pastor Christian Spencer has invited the DBS to hold its 2016 conference at the Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood. The Christians there stand with us on the King James Bible and its underlying Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek WORDS. In fact, this very church is a literal twentieth-century textbook example of a body of believers who correctly crossed the textual divide amidst great conflict.

The Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood is a fundamental, Bible-believing church in complete agreement with the Society's Articles of Faith.

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the KJV because they were all translated by inferior translators tainted by liberalism and textual criticism.

Conclusion

The doctrine of VPP is a doctrine for all believers, as is the doctrine of VPI. **It is not a translation issue, but a source issue.** God has chosen Hebrew and Greek as His languages for the inspiration of His perfect words. Believing in the perfect Bible is more than just preaching it or writing theologically sound articles that defend and teach it. It is to live out the Bible in our lives! The Bible is given for one purpose only - *it is to be obeyed in its entirety, not some part of it but every jot and tittle of it.*

Those who defend the doctrine of VPP but disobey the Bible by their carnal and ungodly lives are more deadly and dangerous than those who tell you outright that they believe the Bible has mistakes. This is because **they creep into the fundamentalist camp** and deceive others into thinking that they are on God's side by their words. But their true colors are hidden from the gullible ones. These deceivers are indeed wolves in sheep's clothing; *they do more damage to the cause of Christ from the inside!*

Be discerning, dear believers. It is not what a person says from the pulpit or writes on paper that makes him a defender of the doctrine of VPP or the perfect Bible. **He should be obeying the Word of God** and defending it by his life even as he teaches and writes. The Bible is given for obedience and not for man to defend

day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known." (Deuteronomy 11:26-28). **DBS**

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The Rev. Dr. Quek Suan Yew is the academic dean of Far Eastern Bible College, and the pastor of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church.

Prayer Requests

- The Bible Presbyterian Church preparing for the DBS conference.
- The funds for the trip to New Jersey for all who desire to come.
- The speakers for the 38th annual meeting.
- DBS internet and printing ministries.
- That Christians will understand the importance of Biblical defense.
- The health of Pastor Rainey and his wife.
- Health of Dr. David Cooper and his family.
- Brother William Sheppard's cardio health.
- Dr. Kirk DiVietro's pain management and possible surgery.
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BE STILL AND KNOW

Psalm 46:10a

"Be still, and know that I am God."

One time my husband and I attended the high school graduation of one of our granddaughters. We flew to the area, stayed in a nearby motel, and enjoyed the company of MRS. COSBY. She was our son-in-law's mother. She was from Richmond, Virginia. Her name was Eva. Now we had known Eva for many years, perhaps twenty. Yet, we really did not know her until this time. We had such fun together. We ate breakfast at the motel. We drove back and forth together to our daughter's and her son's home. We sat by each other at the graduation and attended church on Sunday. I looked forward to another graduation and another time we could be together. But, that was the last time we saw Eva.

During our visit, we had some "in-depth" talks. At the time, I was disturbed about a certain situation. Eva gave me advice. It was what she did in times of distress. It was her formula from God to help her solve the problems of her life. The advice Eva gave

me that day was found in Psalm 46:10 –*"Be still and know that I am God . . ."* **"BE STILL!"** That was what Eva did in the storms of her life. Instead of fluttering around like a wet hen, she sat quietly and very still. She forced herself to be quiet. She assumed the "still" stance. She waited for God to do the work. She stilled her mind, her distresses, and her hurts in the presence of God. She practiced today's verse: **"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD."**

The more I think about that verse, the more powerful it becomes to my soul. Who are we to think about in the "stillness"? The answer is GOD! **The GREAT "I AM!"** The "I AM" who spoke out in the stillness of the burning bush to Moses. The GREAT GOD who talked to Elijah in the "stillness" after the whirlwind. The "I AM"—the Lord JESUS CHRIST who said, *"I AM the way, the truth and the Life!"* **The one who said "I AM" the bread of Life!** We are to find nourishment in Him.

He is the One before Whom we should be stilled—the "I AM," the Good Shepherd who cares for His sheep. He wants us to "still" ourselves in His green pastures. We need *THE PEACE*. We are to be stilled by the One who said, *"I AM THE VINE!"* As His branches, we must find our lives fulfilled in Him. Over and over again, we must rest before Him, quietly, for He is GOD!

I can't tell you how many times since that visit that I have thought of Eva and her advice to me that day as we sat at that breakfast table, **"BE STILL!"** A few years ago, Eva died. No longer do we see her at family functions. No longer do we see her beautiful face and smile. She is missed.

I must confess that as the years have gone by, I had forgotten Eva's advice to me. I'd forgotten. So today, I am glad to think about this verse again, and remember the wise counsel of a woman who had learned to *Be still and know that God is God!* **DBS**

*(My Daily Bible Blessings, PAGE 261
By Yvonne Sanborn Waite)*



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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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