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MODERN BIBLE TRANSLATIONS – LESSON 10

I JOHN 5:7b-8b

Chapter 5 of I John gives a great affirmation of Jesus' true identity and who he is to those who believe on him. It also gives the greatest and most significant statement on the trinity of the Godhead.

The reliable translations are clear on the Trinity. The King James Version of verses 7 and 8 says, **"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father (Yahh), the Word (Jesus, Yeshuah) and the Holy ghost. And these three are one. There are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood. And these three agree in one."**

The modern versions leave out the Trinity. For example, the NIV simply reads, **"For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are in agreement"** (of Jesus identity). That this passage is only about Jesus' identity goes to the prior verse 6 that Jesus came by the Spirit (conceived of the Holy Ghost) water (natural birth) and by the blood (of natural birth). By leaving the verse out it completely eliminates the Trinity and the oneness in unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

That opens the door to heresy such as the modern day "apostolic Pentecostals" and their "Jesus only" doctrine that denies the trinity and claims that Jesus is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Although the trinitarian nature of God (the Godhead) can be found throughout scripture, this passage of I John 5:7-8 is by far the strongest scriptural evidence. Heretics will "explain away" other scriptures to declare their stance, but they cannot explain away what I John 5:7-8 says; therefore, their only solution was to delete it altogether from scripture.

Hmm. Satan won again!

When you change scripture to suit your agenda, that is not the work of the Holy Spirit. It is the "wisdom" or "reasoning" of man. God gave us His word by His wisdom. Man changes God's word by man's wisdom. Which bible version will you trust?

Oh, so you say, "It is only just a few changes. The rest of it is still good." Yes, and consider the old saying, "one bad apple spoils the barrel," or, **"a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."** (Galatians 5:9.) There are other eliminations and differences, but I will leave you with just these nine that I have highlighted.

John 3:16; Colossians 1:14; Romans 8:1; Matthew 17:21; Matthew 18:11; Mark 11:26; John 5:4; Acts 8:37; I John 5:7-8. Tomorrow I will explain three types of bible versions, then I will begin to break down the present-day versions into each of these three categories.