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## Are Modern Bible Versions Safe to Read?

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## INTRODUCTION

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Since there are so many Bibles on the market today it can be very confusing for people to know what Bible they should buy. This article gives some guidelines to help those wishing to buy their first Bible.

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## WHAT BIBLE DO I BUY?

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Some religious groups teach that the only Bible that contains the inspired word of God is the King James Bible, because of this there are many people today who fear that they will be led astray by reading a Bible version other than the King James Bible. They are confused, and wonder how can they know which Bible translation is the correct one since there are so many on the market today, how can I know if the one I buy contains God's inspired word. To make matters even worse many are told that there have been thousands of changes made in modern Bibles since the 1611 King James Bible was written and that all modern version are a distortion of the original, but are these statements true? It is true that there are hundreds of changes in modern English Bibles, but these changes are things like eternal instead of everlasting, think instead of thinketh comes instead of cometh, him instead of thou or thee, etc., and many other words that don't make any difference to the message.

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## BIBLES TRANSLATED INTO FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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Imagine a Bible that is translated into a language other than English, such as Chinese or Mexican or a Bible version translated for the population of India or Africa to read. These Bibles would have millions of changes in fact few of the words would remain the same. Now the question has to be asked, "Does this mean that these non-speaking English countries can never read the inspired word of God, until they learn to read the King James Language? The answer of course, is a resounding no, of course not, though the language has been changed that does not mean that the messages of the Bible have been changed. It is the messages that the collective individual words teach that are the inspired word of God and not the individual words themselves.

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## MODERN BIBLE VERSIONS

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People reading a modern version of the Bible need not worry that they will be led astray by the translation of it, in fact they will find that these modern translations actually help them to understand the Bible since they are written in the language we speak today and not a language that was spoken hundreds of years ago. Nevertheless, everyone being taught the Bible should always be mentally aware that just because a man stands behind a pulpit and has a doctorate in theology does not guarantee that his interpretation of the Bible is correct. Over my many years in Christianity I have dogmatically held to certain things that I believed to be a correct understanding only to find out later that my understanding was wrong. I cannot credit any of these errors to any Bible translation or version that I was reading at that time. They were all a result of me accepting what I was being taught by men I considered superior in knowledge regarding the Bible and who I believed at that time had a right understanding of it. Of course, much of the fault can be credited to me for putting so much trust in the men I had submitted my mind to; many of them were being true to their own conscience and teaching what they believed to be the truth and because of this their teaching was spoken with authority and confidence.

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## **WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY**

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Looking back, I should not have been so naïve, I should have constantly questioned what I was being taught. Unfortunately even though I faithfully read and studied the Bible I was unable to come to a clear understanding, because I was reading it in the light of what these men I looked up to had taught me, and therefore never saw the errors until much later in my Christian life.

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## **CONFIDENCE IN THE BIBLE**

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Christians need to be given confidence that they can trust God to save them and that they can read and discover the Bible truths for themselves. New converts need to be assured that a modern Bible translation will not lead them astray if they read Scriptures in their context and not lift single verses out of their context and isolate them. The Bible can be made to say almost anything when multitudes of verses are lifted out of their context and cleverly linking them together.

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## **THE MAJORITY OF BIBLE ERROR**

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The majority of Bible error comes from teachers taking individual verses out of their context and linking them with other verses out of their context. It would be safe to say that the bulk of the remaining error in Bible teaching is a result of human pride and ego since pride and ego will not allow people to be open enough to listen to others and accept or admit that he or she may be wrong sometimes even when they know they are such is the power of pride and ego. God is looking for people who walk with Him and trust Him as individuals and not put their trust and eternal security in a religious teacher or a religious organization. Churches and religious institutions may be part of God's Kingdom on earth, but they will always be full of imperfections until the Lord returns.

They enable those in Christ who also have faith toward God to fellowship with others of the same faith and worship together as a family, but should never replace a person's individual personal faith and trust in God and their own diligent reading of the Scriptures themselves. The Bible very clearly warns those in Christ that in the last day's teachers will arise preaching messages that appeal to what people want to hear. This means their messages will appeal to self, ego and pride. They will appeal to the craving to be someone important, famous, prosperous, rich and such like things.

**NOTE:** teachers are God’s gift to the church and are an aid in helping us all understand the Bible, but we must never submit to what they are saying just because they are saying it with confidence and authority. They may believe what they say is correct, but that does not mean it is. We all have to carry some of the responsibility of what and who we choose to believe. The best advice I think I can give is to listen to everyone with an open mind, but don't accept anything, until you have put the verses into the context of the chapter or letter that they are written in, and proved what has been said for yourself. When you do this, it will not only make your faith strong, but make the teaching your own. God’s Word should make sense to your logic, common sense and the intellect and be in harmony with the great story of the entire Bible, the message of the cross and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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## **CONCLUSION**

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A man or woman seeking God with an open and humble heart will never be lead astray by reading any of the accepted modern Bibles since they all contain the same message even though they use different words to convey those messages, but they can be led astray by modern teachers twisting and distorting what the Bible itself is actually teaching.

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## **SOME OF THE MORE GLOBALLY ACCEPTED MODERN BIBLES**

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- The New King James Bible.
- The New International Bible
- The English Standard Bible.
- The New American Standard Bible.
- The Amplified Bible.
- The Revised Standard Bible.
- The New Revised Standard Bible.