

June 26, 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to respond to your letter and I am sorry that it has taken me so long. I wish first that my only reason for writing you is to let you know that I am not attacking anyone and that I consider you my friend. I am also writing as a friend to a friend, not as a member of one institution to another member of another institution. I honestly feel that there is nothing I would not do for you and there is no one that I would not help. I have always considered you a friend and someone I owe so much to as one who has been a help to me. When my wife speaks of you it always is in a hero sense and with pleasant memories of serving the Lord together.

I have gotten several letters and notices in the past month concerning the upcoming summit and several letters describing how well things are going there at HAC and at First Baptist Church and I am glad. Once again I am not writing to correct anything, but I write more to vent frustration and think out loud on paper.

I do not travel the country so I do not claim to have my ear to the tracks like those who travel but concerning the issue of the King James Bible being inspired, I don't hear anyone falsely accusing Dr. Schaap as much as I hear them quoting his book that he passed out at Pastor's School. Then when I hear and read the quote it frustrates me because I feel like I am included as one of the careless bible students he is speaking about who doesn't understand the issue.

Page 84 of "Where Are We Going"; *"Because of the amount of 'foolishness' being bantered about on this subject by careless Bible students, such as teaching that the King James Version is inspired, we have "shot ourselves in the foot" in the eyes of many who sincerely seek to understand our position but look askance at us when we prove ourselves do not understand the issue."*

Page 85; *"For one to believe that God inspired the King James Version of the Bible he would be espousing Catholic or Charismatic theology."*

One of the first issues I had to get settled when I got saved in the Marine Corp was the issue of the King James Bible. I was raised in a liberal American Baptist church. We used every version growing up. When I say I had to settle the issue, I don't mean I claimed someone else's teaching by "faith" that I had finally found The Book. I mean I dug into the issue and read and read about it. I now have a good section of my personal library with great books on the subject that helped me. I did not learn at Hyles- Anderson College that the King James Bible was inspired, I learned it before I went to Hyles-Anderson College. The Pastor that I was under in the Marine Corps at Grace Baptist Church in Jacksonville, North Carolina, taught me that he had to separate from his college, Bob Jones University, because of his stand on the King James Bible. I know that the Voice in February of 09 said that Dr. Hyles never said that the King James Bible was inspired; but in Dr. Hyles Book "The Science of the Christian Life", chapter 21, "The Science of Calling a Pastor", page 173, Dr. Hyles said, "The man chosen ought to believe that the King James Bible is **THE** inspired and preserved Word of God." The word "THE" was bolded by Dr. Hyles. I understand if you quote preaching and discredit an audio statement, but when something is printed, especially in the case of Dr. Hyles, it is because he wanted it that way. I can truly say that if I had heard Dr. Hyles say from the Pulpit like Dr. Schaap, that the King James Bible was only preserved and not inspired, I would have left college. (I am sure that missing the quote in the book was just an oversight but it discredited to me the position that Dr. Schaap was announcing and teaching that what he believes and teaches is the same as Dr. Hyles on the issue.)

I also wanted to mention that the tactics that Dr. Lapina and Dr. Marshall have used are not right. I have had Pastors call me and ask my stance on the issue after Dr. Lapina and Dr. Marshall were done questioning them. When one Pastor told Dr. Marshall that he was there when Bro. Grady was writing his book "Final Authority," Dr. Marshall replied, "Well, Bill Grady got all of his stuff from Peter Ruckman." To me this says one of two things, either "If you don't believe like we believe and you stand stronger on the issue than us then you must be a 'Ruckmanite,'" or "Any study you have ever done that conflicts with what we believe and where we stand should be discredited and rejected." I think to threaten our

Alumni with “Ruckmanite” is a fear tactic because most don’t know anything about Peter Ruckman other than he is associated with taking an extreme stand on the King James Bible. I do not believe everything Peter Ruckman teaches. I have only read a portion of one of his books and it was on the apparent contradictions in the numbers of the Bible because I knew he would not shake my faith in the Word of God. To the typical Hyles Anderson graduate, to be called a “Ruckmanite” is to be associated with a cult. I believe that some of his beliefs are strange and I am definitely not going to ask him any questions on marriage.

My answer to the Pastors who have called me is, you are not a cultist or “Ruckmanite” if you believe the King James Bible is inspired. When God has magnified His Word above all His Name (Psalm 138:2), I truly believe you cannot stand too strongly or stand “too much” on the King James Bible. When we are saved at the name of Jesus, and healed in the name of Jesus, and baptized in the name of Jesus, and every knee shall one day bow at the name of Jesus, and God has magnified His Word above His Name, how does anyone over emphasize and over exalt the Word of God? I do not believe the King James Bible was inspired exactly like when the Holy Spirit told the prophets word-for-word what to write when it was first given. I do believe that when the translators took upon them the task of translating that the Holy Ghost inspired them which word to pick. If you are translating you don’t have 25,000 words to chose from, you only have a few words to chose from. I don’t consider this heresy or “cultish.”

One of the staff members of Hyles Anderson wrote,

*“If the pre-King James Bibles were inspired, then why did we need another inspired Bible in 1611? If we got another inspired Bible in 1611, then could we not have another inspired Bible in 2008? If all scripture is given by inspiration of God, then the Revised Standard Version, the NIV, and the ASV versions are inspired also. That term “all scripture” refers to the eternal Bible that always has been and always will be.”* In other words he doesn’t believe that the King James Bible isn’t any more inspired than the other versions that come from different and corrupt manuscripts.

\_\_\_\_\_, this will always be the position of those who only believe the originals were inspired. This is the logical conclusion that everyone will come to who holds that only the originals are inspired.

I do not lift up Greek or Hebrew dictionaries or lexicons in any shape or fashion. Strong’s, Young’s, Moulton and the whole lot were men who were not godly but they instead changed the definitions to match the Westcott and Hort corrupt text. So, someone who sits down to read their King James Bible and looks up a word definition in the Strong’s Concordance, is in all actuality letting someone teach them about the Word of God who has altered the Word of God and corrupted the Word of God. To go to the Greek and Hebrew dictionaries and lexicons to learn more about the Bible is to go to a corrupt source. I know this sounds goofy but no one that uses these “study aids” realizes how corrupt these men were. Do you know anyone who has done research on these men and what they stood for and believed? (What is truly frustrating to me is none of the Hyles-Anderson graduates can use any of the good books by Gail Riplinger or Samuel Gipp or Bill Grady because these authors all probably learned their “extremism” from Ruckman.) I do not believe that learning the Greek or Hebrew helps you learn the Bible because there is no good source to go to learn Greek or Hebrew that is not corrupt.

When someone refers to the Greek or Hebrew or asks you if you read it, it does give you the feeling that you don’t have all that you need when you read your King James Bible. It makes you feel that if you use the Greek and Hebrew, you can more “insight” on God’s Word. The Greek and Hebrew present needless intimidation to those who can’t use it.

There was a college student in 1995 that asked Dr. Hyles the question, “If the King James Bible is the inspired, preserved and perfect Word of God, why do we need to study the Greek to know what it says?” Dr. Hyles response to the question was, “That is a good question, I don’t know the answer.” I do not claim to speak for Dr. Hyles but I believe he would have learned the corruption of the Greek text dictionaries and the lexicons. I believe there is no reason to learn Greek or Hebrew. The only reason we teach it in our colleges is because we would be criticized by those who believe only the originals were inspired. [1 Corinthians 14:21](#) “In the law it is written, With **men of other tongues and other lips** will I speak unto this people...”

I wanted you to know that I am not on a witch hunt, nor am I attacking anyone. I do not believe that by disagreeing with someone I am attacking them. You are the only person I have written anything to about this at all. I don’t know why Dr. Schaap divided the doctrine of Inspiration and Preservation of the Scriptures and made inspiration only to apply to the “originals” in the name of holding to the historic, orthodox Baptist position of the King James Bible. I don’t wonder what Dr. Schaap believes on the issue. From the February 09 issue of the voice, I believe I know what Dr. Schaap believes

about the King James Bible. He will always say, "I believe the Word of God is inspired," but when he does he is referring to the "originals." I do not believe he will ever say, "The King James Bible is the inspired Words of God" because he only believes it is preserved, but not inspired. I do not believe this because I am a careless Bible student who is espousing Charismatic doctrine (according to Dr. Schaap's book).

After studying and studying for hours on the King James Bible I believe I have the same inspired words that Moses had and Isaiah when God used them to pen the originals. I believe my Bible that I hold in my hand is just as inspired as the scriptures that God used the Apostle Paul to pen. I believe I have the very same bible in the King James Bible that Jesus preached from when He was here on earth even though it has been translated into English. I do not believe translation causes evaporation of the inspiration. I believe this very strongly. When Dr. Schaap printed it in his book and then in the Voice and made it very clear what he believed, it didn't make me want to attack anybody, it just let me know that I don't stand where he stands on that issue and I know why I don't stand there. I haven't, nor will I campaign against First Baptist Church of Hammond or Dr. Schaap or anyone else.

This issue has made me teach my Baptist Church History class differently when I touch on the history of the Bible. But even when I teach on it in my class I don't mention any church or Dr. Schaap at all. I know my Preacher would never tolerate name calling or attacking any church that is going soul winning and getting people saved. I believe I can teach the truth on an issue and expose error without calling attention to individuals and other churches.

I did not write this letter because I was trying to attack anyone or change what you believe or to try to "teach you a thing or two". I only wrote it because I wanted you to know that I am not attacking or slandering your pastor or falsely accusing him. Other people may be doing that but I don't hang around that crowd. The only thing I hear is people quoting him from his book and how the statement causes a lot of frustration when you feel like your stand on the Bible is "ignorant, cultish, and careless."

I have considered you my friend and I guess it helps me to know that you know that I am not criticizing you or your Pastor or your church. I have never written anyone about this matter except you.

God Bless you \_\_\_\_\_ and your ministry as you serve our Saviour and help others.

Because of Christ,

Bro. Gregg Nash