

[A-7] Who Changed the Scriptures?

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Jesus said, “**A bad tree cannot yield good fruit.**” Mat. 7:18

If we are to accept changes to scripture because someone says it’s “not in the best of texts” it’s important to know **who says it’s not is the “best of texts.”** If we accept changes in the scriptures, it’s important to know **who made those changes** and what did they believe. There were various scriptures available to the early church which the early church never accepted as “**canon**” and they were not accepted as canon for various reasons. Suddenly in the late 1800’s, certain men who did not agree with a number of basic doctrines of the church including: **the atoning sacrifice of Jesus for sin, the Ascension, the infallibility of scripture, the literal physical return of our Lord Jesus**, as well as other fundamental doctrines of the Christian church decided to incorporate some of those **non-canonical** texts into scripture where the scriptures did not agree with their **personal** beliefs. Among the leaders of that movement were B.F. Westcott and F.J. Anthony Hort. The following is a brief summary of notes taken from these men’s own writings and documented in a much fuller detail in Dr. G.A. Ripplinger’s books: New Age Bible Versions and Hazardous Materials. Many of the actual changes are documented in her first book as well as by David Daniels in his book Look What’s Missing as well as numerous other books by many authors. Most of these books cannot be found in book stores because of the potential loss of revenue. Most have been published at the writer’s own expense and are only available online or through their own websites. {Links to a couple of these websites are on my own website.}

The following quotes are from Appendix A of New Age Bible Versions:

[Obtained by Ripplinger from the letters and works of these men kept in the British Museum in London.]

“Our Bible as well as our Faith is a **mere compromise.**” (Westcott, On the Canon of the New Testament: A General Survey, p. vii)

“But from my Cambridge days I have read the writings of many who are called **mystics** with much profit.” (Westcott, Vol. 2, p. 309)

“I reject the word **infallibility of Holy Scriptures** overwhelmingly.” (Westcott, Vol. 1, p. 207)

Referring to the Traditional Greek Text, then currently in use, Westcott says, “I am most anxious to provide something **to replace them.**”

He admits the drastic changes he plans and calls it, “our proposed **recension** of the New Testament.” (Westcott, Vol. 1, p. 229)

“It was during these weeks with Mr. Wescott, who had come to see him [Hort] at Umberslade, that the plan of a joint revision of the text of the Greek Testament was first definitely agreed upon.” (Hort, Vol. 1, p. 240)

“In the evening I go with Tom to **the wizard**; but he does not dare perform before us.” (Westcott, Vol. 1, p. 9)

In 1851 Hort joins the “Philosophical Society” and comments, “Maurice urged me to give the greatest attention to Plato and Aristotle and to make them the center point of my reading.” (Hort, Vol. 1, p. 202, 93)

Hort refers to “the common orthodox heresy: **Inspiration**.” (Hort, Vol. 1, p. 181)

“Campbell’s book on the **Atonement**... unluckily he knows nothing except Protestant theology.” (Hort, Vol. 1, p. 322)

“I hope to go on with the New Testament Text more unremittingly.” (Hort, Vol. 1, p. 355)

“All the questionable doctrines which I have ever maintained are in it.” [Referring the revision of the Greek Text.] (Westcott, Vol. 1, p. 290)

In 1845 Westcott, Hort, and Benson start the ‘Hermes’ (Luciferian) club.

In 1851 Westcott, Hort, and Benson start the “Ghostly Guild.”

In 1852 Westcott and Hort distribute “Ghostly Guild” literature.

A Google search of: “What’s Missing from the Bible” will yield many, many results!

I Tim. 4:1

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