

IS THE NEW WORLD TRANSLATION THE WORD OF GOD?

So what does the Watchtower Corporation do when the Bible exposes them for the liars that they are? They write their own counterfeit Bible and tell everyone that theirs is the “real” Bible and all other Bibles are mistranslations. They call their perverted Bible “The New World Translation.” * How bad is this New World Translation? Read on my friend:

Nowhere in the New Testament does the name Jehovah appear. Among the thousands of Greek language (the language of the New Testament) manuscript fragments from the New Testament, not a single one of them supports the outrageous assertion of the Watchtower Corporation that the word Jehovah belongs in the New Testament. There is no evidence that the word Jehovah was ever spoken by Jesus, His apostles, or anyone else associated them. Yet the word Jehovah was inserted into the New Testament of the New World Translation 237 times. This is because every occurrence of the Greek words for God (Θεός) *Theos* and Lord (Κύριος) *Kyrios* were replaced with the word Jehovah. That constitutes a deplorable corruption of Scripture expressly forbidden by God:

* The official cover story of the New World Bible Translation Committee is that the translators of the New World Translation chose to remain anonymous because they preferred not to “advertise themselves but let all the glory go to the Author of the Scriptures, God.” But this is merely a pretext to hide the fact that no one on the Translation Committee is competent in Biblical languages. It has been proven that the New World Translation was the work of one man: Frederick W. Franz, who was the forth president of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, and had no adequate training in the Bible languages of Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic. See: M. James Penton, *Apocalypse Delayed: The Story of Jehovah’s Witnesses* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1985), at page 174. While there were also four other men on the Translation Committee, they had very minor roles. Only three on the committee had finished high school and only Franz had attended any college. Not one of them had any qualifications in Bible languages. See: Raymond Franz, *Crisis of Conscience* (Atlanta: Commentary Press, 1983), at page 50. (The late heroic Raymond Franz, one time member of the exclusive Governing Body of the Watchtower Corporation before suffering expulsion by them for trying to expose the truth about Jehovah’s Witnesses corruption, was the nephew of Frederick W. Franz). In November of 1954, while he was testifying under oath in a Scottish courtroom, Frederick Franz was forced to admit that he lacked the requisite knowledge of Hebrew to translate even a Bible passage as elementary and basic as Genesis 2:4. Yet the New World Translation produced by Frederick W. Franz stands as the foundation of Jehovah’s Witness dogma. We now know why they prefer to shroud in secrecy the identity of the true translator.

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WOULD GOD CONCEAL HIS TRUE NAME FROM US?

We already know from Exodus 6:3 that God withheld knowledge of the Tetragrammaton from the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We ourselves may also be living in a day where God possibly could withhold such knowledge from us:

God revealed to the Apostle John that on the final day of the Great Tribulation Jesus will appear on a white horse at the battle of Armageddon to destroy Satan and his armies. The Bible also reveals that Jesus has “a name written, that no man knew, but he himself:”

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ^[12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ^[13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. (Revelation 19:11-13).

There is no reason to outright reject the possibility that the written name of Jesus known only to Himself, perhaps because there are no vowels, is the Tetragrammaton!

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