

GLEANINGS

GOD'S BIBLE WRITERS

God inspired the original writers of the original books that compose the Bible. Because God did not inspire the translators as they translated the Hebrew and Greek books into our native languages every translation has some degree of inaccuracy. Although some of our translations are good, we need to be ever vigilant for those areas that are not properly translated and do not agree with the majority of the scriptures that deal with the subject we are examining.

Following this cardinal rule makes me equally comfortably using almost any translation of the Bible into English whether, for example, it's the King James Version, the New International Version or the Confraternity–Douay Version, (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition). The wording is different in each translation and sometimes the names of the books are different but if you will examine all the scriptures that deal with a particular subject, you will find that the truth taught is the same.

When many of us face the reality that the book we hold in our hand is not the pure word of God, our first impulse is to throw it all away. Do not despair. All is not lost. Would you quit eating grapes just because you have to watch out for the seeds and spit them out? Do gardeners forsake the potato crop when they discover they must search for the potatoes by digging so they might enjoy potato salad?

In the next few articles, we will offer a few suggestions that will enable you to glean the truth from God's Word while you stay away from the seeds of error in your favorite translation or your favorite commentary?

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