

“Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read...” – Isaiah 34:16

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The “Ad Hominem” and King James

The term “Ad hominem” (Latin for to-the-person) refers to the questioning of a person’s character so as to bring into question the person’s testimony. This is often seen in a court of law, wherein a defense attorney brings out flaws in the prosecution’s witness so as to make his testimony against the accused questionable in the eyes of the jury.

For example, the defense attorney may argue that the prosecution’s witness was a user of mind-altering drugs; and so, if the witness was in an altered state of mind, who knows what the witness actually ... witnessed? In such a case, this use of “ad hominem” questioning of the witness’s character would be perfectly valid.

Jesus himself used an “ad hominem” in defense of the woman caught in adultery whereby he said to her accusers (the prosecution)...

He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. (John 8:7)

Because the woman’s accusers were complicit in the crime, Jesus’ “ad hominem” questioning of their character regarding the matter at hand was perfectly valid.

When it comes to arguments against the King James Bible, however, a completely invalid “ad hominem” has sometimes been used. By questioning the character of King James, the accusers hope (by name-association) to bring into question the King James Bible in the eyes of the “jury” (us). The accusers – text critics with modern versions to peddle – will sometimes turn to this invalid “ad hominem” when they, as the “prosecution,” find themselves losing their “case” – i.e., when we, who are also on the “defense,” ... “give an answer” (1 Peter 3:15) to each “railing accusation” (Jude v11), as we “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude v3).

An “ad hominem” used against king James would be just as invalid as an “ad hominem” against king David or king Solomon. Would we question the Psalms that king David wrote, just because king David committed adultery with Bathsheba and then murdered her husband Uriah the Hittite? Would we question the Proverbs that king Solomon wrote just because king

Solomon had 300 concubines and 700 wives that turned away his heart after other gods? Of *course* not. So likewise, we should have absolutely no concern about any “ad hominem” attack against king James. Instead, we should consider the motives of the people *using* the “ad hominem” *against* him.

Just as king David and king Solomon were sinners saved by the grace of God, so also was king James (and so are we if we have called on the name of the Lord). God used only kings (saved people, Revelation 1:6) to copy out his heavenly book here on earth, and to interpret it into other tongues. God the King of kings used king James to bring forth his book in final form in the English tongue for the English speaking world in these last days. No attack on king James’ *character* (whether false or true) has any validity in any argument against the King James Bible, just as no attack on king David’s or king Solomon’s character has any validity in any argument against the Psalms or Proverbs.

God, in delegating to king James the authority to bring forth his seven-times-purified word (Psalm 12:6-7), knew that king James would delegate the work only to truly born-again men who would spend hours a day in prayer for the task at hand.

It is now our work to do – to keep and contend for the King James Bible – seeing that we also are kings in the kingdom of God (Revelation 1:6), and that our King of kings Jesus Christ has now commanded us that believe on him [Jesus the Word] to keep his word.

Leaven

Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? (1 Corinthians 5:6)

In the book of the LORD, “leaven” is used symbolically to represent what happens when we allow just a little bit of the world to enter into our homes, lives, churches, and ... “bibles.”

In this world, leaven enters into our lives all the time, and we are constantly in need of purging it out (if we really care to).

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump... (1 Corinthians 5:7)

In a recent study night, an observation was made (by Sara) that the “little leaven” of changing just one word

can taint the entire book. In particular, she pointed out how the changing of the word “servant” to the word “slave” – and thus calling us “slaves of Christ” as modern versions do – could easily cause a person seeing that to say to himself (and others)... “You want me to get saved so that I can become a *slave*? Are you *kidding* me?” (that’s my somewhat inadequate paraphrase of how Sara actually said it in the study).

Let us try to recognize any leaven that is yet in us (modern version words we might have learned) and work on purging it out of us. Let us become a new lump as we read and memorize and keep and proclaim God’s pure unleavened word from his pure unleavened book, the King James Bible.

Just a *few* examples of leaven (words or terms in modern versions that are not in the King James Bible)...

- demon; (God’s word is “devil”)
- Hades; (God’s word is “hell”)
- sexual immorality; (God’s word is “fornication”)
- sovereign; (God’s word is ... “God”)
- human; (God’s word is “man” or “mankind”)
- theology; (God’s word is “doctrine”)
- God-breathed; (God’s tem is “inspiration of God”)
- Yahweh; (God’s name is JEHOVAH)

The only sure foundation is that which proceeds from the foundation of the apostles and prophets, through the “priesthood” (1 Peter 2:5) – the “kings” in God’s kingdom (Revelation 1:6). The King James Bible is the book of the LORD that has come to us from that foundation. It is the pure, perfect, incorruptible seed that produces life. In it, there is no leaven whatsoever.

Science Snippet

In a recent study night, we briefly looked at the lifetimes of the earliest generations given in Genesis: with many before the global flood reaching ages of nearly a thousand years. After the flood, lifespans of the ensuing generations declined fairly quickly toward what they are today...

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years... (Psalm 90:10)

It was pointed out that the decline in lifespans is exactly what is seen in “population genetics” studies: in isolated populations, lifespans decline rapidly early on as common genetic mutations build up in the population. Then the lifespans level out and hold constant (on average) for a couple hundred generations as the mutational load on the genome in the population

continues to build. The population is able to resist their deleterious effects for a time; but eventually, the population can no longer sustain the mutational load, and goes into a very rapid final “mutational meltdown” toward extinction.

Mankind might be in the vicinity of 200-250 generations since creation ... *assuming* 20 years per generation over the roughly 4400 years since the flood, and 10 generations before the flood: $4400/20 + 10 = 230$. Modern medicine is helping us today, but it can go only so far. (Without lithotripsy, I would have died before reaching 50, of a simple kidney stone.) How close are we to “mutational meltdown?” (Can we recognize how *opposite actual* science is from the blind faith belief in biological evolution?) Mankind is becoming *less* fit to survive with each succeeding generation.

If the Lord Jesus Christ were to never return, we would be hard pressed to survive for another thousand years. But, we have a sure hope in salvation from extinction because Jesus is coming back, and has promised that we will be changed from mortality to immortality, and will rule and reign with him: for a thousand years on the earth that now is, and then for ever and ever on the new earth that is to come!

Critics’ Corner

Why do I refer to a critics’ “*corner*” (aside from trying to be poetic)? Might it be because it is in a corner that critics have done their work in producing their private modern per(sonal)versions? I say to the text critic (and I myself used to be an amateur one)...

...ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God. (Jeremiah 23:36)

All modern versions are products of things done in a corner (in secret). But God’s work is not done in secret (in a corner).

... none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner. (Acts 26:26)

Nor is God’s work (of interpretation) done privately.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. (2 Peter 1:20)

The things (words) that God has revealed belong to us.

The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law. (Deuteronomy 29:29)

God does nothing without first revealing it to us by his servants.

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. (Amos 3:7)

Note well, that God's word, in English, was never a private interpretation of a man or a committee. It was never brought forth out of a corner or from a secret conference. God always made it known by his servants when he was bringing his word forward from the older English tongue to the newer. And God's people were always in-the-know as the work was being done. The seventh and final purification (Psalm 12:6-7) in English – the King James Bible – was done publicly (KJB spelling): none of the work was hidden; but rather, it was revealed “to our children” (Deuteronomy 29:29) as it was being done. How do we know it has always been done that way?...because Deuteronomy 29:29 says so... “us” ... “our children” ... “for ever.” Those things (all the words) are not to be tampered with by private interpreters or secret committees; i.e., “in a corner.”

Text critics, in their corners, constantly work on ever newer private interpretations. They continually corrupt the word of God because they are...

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 3:7)

Text critics, as long as they remain text critics, are never able to come to the knowledge that the KJB is the Holy Bible; the truth; the word of God; the book of the LORD.

[BUT...] ...the **poor** of the flock [*you and me; poor in text-critical knowledge, but rich in the things(words) of God*] that waited upon **me** [*the LORD*] **knew** that it [*the Holy Bible: in English, the KJB*] was the word of the LORD. (Zechariah 11:11)

Blessed are they that **keep** his testimonies (Psalm 119:2) ...blessed are they that keep my ways (Proverbs 8:32)

Numbers

The two previous newsletters summarized very briefly the beginnings of our studies pertaining to numbers, whereby we used the names “Bethany” and “Sara” (lovely “members” of our live studies). We saw some amazing things just using the “stepping stones” of those two names and the number of times they appear in the King James Bible. But then in a follow-up study, we looked at a combining of the two names. Using the number of occurrences in the King James Bible (Bethany=11, Sara=4) and multiplying (**4x11=44**), we saw reference to the first and the last in Isaiah **44:6** which led us to Revelation **1:11**...

Isaiah **44:6** Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

Revelation 1:**11** ...I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; and, What thou seest, write in a book...

From the number of their names, “Sara” and “Bethany” led us to taking a look at “the first and the last” words of the LORD in his book; and with the mention of Alpha and Omega (not just words, but letters of words) we looked at the letters of the words in the first and the last verses of God's book. In doing so, we saw that these two verses (Genesis 1:1 and Revelation 22:21) contain the exact same number of letters (**44**, the same number that led us to this point !!); and furthermore, they each contain the exact same number of vowels (17), and thus the same number of consonants (27).

But then we looked even “deeper,” noting that Jesus Christ is not just the first and the last, but that he is also “in the midst” (Zephaniah 3:17, and many others) – “in the volume of the book” (Psalm 40:7, Hebrews 10:7). With that, we looked at what is arguably the most criticized verse in the midst of God's book – 1 John 5:7 – wherein the Word is in the midst of the Father and the Holy Ghost; and saw the following:

	1 John 5:7 =	Gen 1:1 +	Rev 22:21
	the midst =	<u>the first</u> +	<u>the last</u>
words:	22 =	10 +	12
letters:	88 =	44 +	44
consonants:	54 =	27 +	27
vowels:	34 =	17 +	17

Are you yawning? or are you saying “WOW!” (I'm saying “WOW!”) By the numbers, it would seem as though Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh (John 1:14) has made known unto us “them” (the words, in this case) “that are his” (2 Timothy 2:14-19). And we should keep in remembrance always that...

...thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. (Psalm 138:2)

I can't help but wonder what more... what deeper... things of God we might be led to see in God's book by way of names and their numbers. Though the following verses refer to the beast, it reveals that names have numbers associated with them...

Revelation 13:17-18 “...the name... or the number of his name... Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number... for it is the number of a man ... and his number is...”

Quote to Note

The best kind of quote to note would be one from the book of the LORD, no? or at least one proclaiming belief

in the LORD and his word. From the previous two newsletters, one of each was given:

“I believe in Jesus Christ and the King James Bible.”

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Psalm 119:11)

While I might use famous person quotes on occasion in future newsletters, I don't have one in mind for this one. So in keeping with the purpose of the King James Bible Study... here is this newsletter's quote to note...

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. (Deuteronomy 4:2)

Recipe Share

So far, I've shared my favorite cookie recipe (Nut Horns) and my favorite pasta recipe (Baked Spaghetti). This time, it's something that most people would consider to be a breakfast recipe. The thing is, though, that I never made it for breakfast; it was always for us a dinner fare – and as far as I can remember, I never made them on any day other than Sunday.

Of course, you can see the recipe on this page, so I can't do a suspenseful build-up like I might ... like ... to do. But if I was to, I would do it something like this...

“From the clues of these verses from scripture, try to guess the name of the ‘breakfast’ recipe that I'm about to share...”

James 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

2 Peter 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

Ephesians 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Then I'd put the answer upside-down at the bottom of the page just in case someone has failed to guess it and wants the answer before looking at the right column of the page...

Waffles

The recipe is Waffles, of course. I have the 1½ recipe memorized (I mean, why make just a regular amount?). Though I've hid this recipe in my brain, I am far happier when I've hid God's word in my heart.

I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food. (Job 23:12)

Anyway, here it is (and if you ever make it, it is a good one! – in my own personal opinion).

Waffles

Regular

½ Cup Vegetable Oil
1 ¾ Cup Milk
2 Eggs
2 Cups Flour
4 Tsp Baking Powder
2 Tsp Sugar
½ Tsp Salt

1 ½ Recipe

¾ Cup Vegetable Oil
2 ½ Cup Milk
3 Eggs
3 Cups Flour
6 Tsp Baking Powder
3 Tsp Sugar
¾ Tsp Salt

Separate egg whites into ceramic dish.

Mix egg yolks with oil and milk.

Mix dry ingredients together.

Stir in mixed wet ingredients to make batter.

Whip egg whites until stiff. Stiff !!!

(Stiff means when you pull the whipper vertically up out of the whites, you get pointy peaks that don't droop.) (And, I always use a mechanical whipper... good exercise!)

Fold egg whites into batter (gently ... s-l-o-w-l-y).

Oil and preheat waffle iron.

Cook in waffle maker on low waffle setting for light golden brown.

Wrap-up

Let us not ... waffle ... back and forth. Let us not be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine that comes from the critics' corners. Let us not be double minded; but instead let us have the mind of Christ, which in English is the King James Bible. Let us not allow leaven to enter into us from other minds. Let us “add not” nor “diminish ought” from the mind that Christ has given us. Let us seek from his book wherein he has set his seal as the first and the last, and wherein he can be found “in the midst” – “in the volume of the book” – making known to us that the words in that book are his. And let us look forward to a thousand years, and for ever and ever, to be with him – Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.