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"The Words of the Lord are pure Words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever." (Psalm 12:6-7)

The Dean Burgon Society's 29th Conference At Bible Brethren Church, Hagerstown, MD

Come to Hagerstown

The 29th Annual DBS Conference will be held at Bible Brethren Church in Hagerstown, MD, on July 18-19, 2007. The Church address is: **Corner of Burhans Blvd. & Wesel Blvd.** Pastor Paul Reno and Bible Brethren Church will be hosting the meeting. They will be serving lunch and evening meals during the conference. A nursery will be available for ages birth to 3 years for the evening sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, July 18th and 19th, and plans are being made for youth meetings (age 3-8) to be held during all the adult sessions.

A block of rooms has been set aside at a near-by **Super 8 Motel** for a nightly rate of \$60.88 which includes a continental breakfast. There is a hair dryer, microwave, refrigerator, and coffee maker in each room. The phone number: **301-582-1992; address: 16805 Blake Road, Hagerstown, MD, 21740.** Use Map Quest and/or the DBS website for maps.

The nearby airports are Washington/Dulles (IAD) or Baltimore/Washington (BWI). Commuter flights are available into Hagerstown. There are many historical sites in the area for the families. A list will be provided by the church.

A Special Meeting

Dr. D. A. Waite was invited by Pastor Kenneth Rainey to speak at his Wayside Baptist Church in Greenville, SC, May 20-23. He defended the KJB and the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Words underlying it. The meeting was very successful in spite of great opposition from supporters of Bob Jones University. Many members of the church who supported BJU left the church. Please pray for Pastor Rainey, Wayside Baptist Church, and their financial needs as a result of their

stand for the KJB and the Words that underlie it. Many DBS and BFT books were sold. In addition to those attending the meetings in person, we had viewers from people in (1) 27 States in the United States, (2) Canada, (3) Australia, (4) New Zealand, (5) Peru, and (6) Brazil by way of the Internet.

Several new families began attending the church as a result of the meeting. Dr. Waite's excellent presentations during the conference are available on DVD. All six messages can be viewed by clicking on http://www.biblefortoday.org/idx_videos_wayside_bc.htm or go to BibleForToday.org and/or DeanBurgonSociety.org and click on the Wayside Baptist Church BAR.

DBS Women Meet

We invite all ladies to meet with the DBS Women from 10 to 12 noon, Wednesday, July 18th. Carolyn Reno, our Hostess, will welcome the group with a devotional. Patricia Williams from GA will speak on Charles Spurgeon, and Patricia Canter from OH will talk on the textual issues also. Some will give testimonies. Yvonne Waite encourages all DBS women to support their husbands and the cause by joining with one another in this Bible-version battle.

All Streamed Live

All DBS meetings will be streamed LIVE over the Internet at <http://bftbc.org/DBS07.aspx> Or, you can click on the BAR just below the Wayside Baptist Church Meetings BAR on BibleForToday.org and/or DeanBurgonSociety.org. Through the skill of our DBS Treasurer, Daniel Waite, and the equipment at his disposal, our DBS Conference will be able to be seen and heard all around the world. We are thankful that this can be done. **Please tell your friends!**

Speaker's Schedule

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

9:00--12:00 noon DBS Exec. Committee

10:00--12:00 noon DBS Women Meet

12:00--1:45 p.m. Lunch at the Church

2:00-2:45 p.m. Dr. Bob Barnett (MI)

"Believing God"

2:50-3:35 p.m. Dr. H. D. Williams (GA)

"The Voice of God"

3:40-4:25 p.m. Pastor J. Paul Reno (MD)

"A Look at Other DBS Language Bibles"

4:30-5:15 p.m. Testimonies & Q&A

5:15-6:45 p.m. SUPPER at the church

7:00-7:05 p.m. SINGING

7:10-7:55 p.m. Dr. Kirk DiVietro (MA)

"Dynamic Equivalence of the UBS"

8:00-8:10 p.m. Singing & Offering

8:15-9:00 p.m. Dr. Michael Monte (MN)

"Comparing Spiritual things with Spiritual"

Thursday, July 19, 2007

9:00-9:30 a.m. Dr. Don Jasmin (MI)

"Video Presentation"

9:35-10:00 a.m. Dan Waite (NJ)

"DBS-Then and Now"

10:05-11:05 a.m. Testimonies & Q&A

11:10-12:45 p.m. LUNCH at the church

1:00-1:45 p.m. Pstr. David Hollowood (PA)

"Truth"

1:50-2:35 p.m. Dr. Bob Doom (NC)

"The Mess in the 'Message'"

2:40-3:25 p.m. James Grumblatt (MI)

"Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth"

3:30-4:30 p.m. Testimonies & Q&A

4:35--5:00 p.m. Mark Reno (MD)

"Bible Versions--What IS the Big Deal?"

5:05--6:45 p.m. SUPPER at the church

7:00-7:05 p.m. SINGING

7:10-7:55 p.m. Pastor Ken Rainey (SC)

"A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ"

8:00-8:10 p.m. SINGING & OFFERING

8:15--9:00 p.m. Dr. D. A. Waite (NJ)

"Bible Falsehoods of Michael Sproul"

THE DEAN BURGON SOCIETY, INC., proudly takes its name in honor of John William Burgon (1813-1888), the Dean of Chichester in England, whose tireless and accurate scholarship and contribution in the area of New Testament Textual Criticism; whose defense of the Traditional Greek New Testament Text against its many enemies; and whose firm belief in the verbal inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible; we believe, have all been unsurpassed either before or since his time.

Editor's Corner

by Dr. D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D.
DBS President

This year's Dean Burgon Society's meeting will be a very important one. If you will read carefully Dr. H. D. Williams' excellent article on POSTMODERNISM, you will be able to see what happened at my meetings in Greenville, SC with Pastor Kenneth Rainey and the Wayside Baptist Church. Because of the strong affinity with Bob Jones University's (BJU) erroneous Bibliology, more than half of Pastor Rainey's church tried to cancel my speaking on the "DEFENSE OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE AND ITS UNDERLYING WORDS." You can view for yourself all six of the 202 Power-Point slides. Turn to BibleForToday.org or DeanBurgonSociety.org and click on the 2nd BAR on that page or paste in http://www.biblefortoday.org/idx_videos_wayside_bc.htm

Meeting Tapes

You can see the meetings on the Internet, and you can order audio tapes (8 audio cassettes, BFT #3318/1-8 @ \$25 + \$5 S&H) or video tapes (3 VCR or DVD videos please specify which you want, 6 hours each, BFT #3318VC1-3 @ \$35 + \$5.00 S&H). Also order the DBS Women's tapes BFT #3319TP at \$4.00 + \$2.00 S&H and/or #3319VCR @ \$15.00 + \$4.00 S&H.

Contest for Youth

Pastor J. Paul Reno sponsors a writing contest each year for young people on various Bible themes. For details, please phone Pastor Reno at 301-739-8585. The deadline is close. We need youth trained with convictions on our King James Bible.

Streaming Videos

You can eventually see our DBS Annual Meetings from 1986 to the present by going to http://www.biblefortoday.org/idx_dbs_video_sermons.htm

Still Speaking

Though many of our DBS speakers are now "with the Lord," by the means of STREAMING VIDEOS, they are still able to defend the Words of God and encourage us all! Daniel Waite is working on the videos to make them ON DEMAND for each speaker for each of the years 1986--2007. This is a very difficult work. Pray for him.

Good Apologetic Materials

Purchase the following materials by calling:

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<http://www.biblefortoday.org/search.asp>

The purchase of these materials will help the DBS continue to publish this newsletter and inform you as well.

Numerical Listing

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 #471 *Greek N.T. that underlies KJB* \$14.00
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 #743 *The Guide to Textual Criticism of the N.T.* \$11.00
 #804 *Burgon's Warnings on Revision* \$7.00
 #1131 *Westcott's Heresy on Christ's Bodily Resurrection* \$4.00
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(leather/Medium) \$35.00

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 #3195 *Samuel P. Tregelles & Critical Text* \$2.00
 #3302 *Word-For-Word Translating The Received Texts* \$10.00.

POSTMODERNISM VERSUS SCRIPTURE

by Dr. H. D. Williams, M.D., Ph.D.
A DBS Vice President

Scripture

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, (3) Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, (4) Traitor heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; (5) Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (2 Timothy 3:2-5)

A Conference

A recent conference was held in Greenville, SC, on **Defending the King James Bible** from May 20-23, 2007. The meeting was held at the request of Pastor Kenneth Rainey, Wayside Baptist Church, who invited Pastor D. A. Waite, Th.D., Ph.D., from the Bible For Today Baptist Church, to present his defense of the KJB [see Dr. Waite's book, *Defending the King James Bible*, available from Bible For Today, [BFT #1594 @ \$12+\$5 S&H)].

Some members of the church were immediately upset that Dr. Waite was invited and left the church. This divisiveness occurred because a person in the church identified himself as having links to Bob Jones University (BJU). BJU opposes Dr. Waite. A whispering campaign was started, which accused Dr. Waite of heresy. In spite of the significant attack on Pastor Rainey and the financial strain he incurred as a result of about 22 members leaving the church, he still held the conference. He remains firm in his stand for the KJB and the underlying Hebrew Aramaic, and Greek Words.

This author was privileged to attend the meeting at Wayside Baptist Church in Greenville. The presentation by Dr. Waite was

superb. The significant question-and-answer-periods, which were allowed by Dr. Waite and Pastor Rainey, were excellent. They demonstrated Dr. Waite's incredible knowledge, wisdom, mastery of the version issues, and command of the Bible languages, Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

Postmodernism

Some insights were gained by this author from the details surrounding this meeting, from observation of the people attending, and from some of the questions posed at the conference during the question and answer periods.

(1) Insight 1: Without a doubt, *postmodernism* (PM) has infected society, including the church. *Postmodernism* is a term coined by Jacques Derrida. It is a system of thought which goes beyond "modernism," which stressed everything is based on reason (or evidence).

Modernistic thought had its beginning in the Reformation and reached its pinnacle with the publication of Darwin's fallacious book, *The Origin of Species*, in 1859. It was spurred on by the intense and dramatic results of science in the twentieth century.

However, man began to realize that science does not bring about a utopia or demonstrate man's goodness; rather just the opposite. For example, the rationality for the development of the atomic bomb, and its subsequent use in World War II, cast a cloud over the tenets of "reason." The loss of innocence subsequently caused amillennialism (the theological belief that the goodness of man would *gradually* bring about a Biblical allegorical "1000 year" period of time known as the millennium) to be disregarded by many.

In spite of the realization that man seeks "his own way," is "lustful," is going "astray," and is "covetous" (Jer. 17:9, Isa 53:6, 2 Pe. 3:3, 2 Tim. 3:2), it is not spurring an abandonment of Humanism and a (re)turning to the Scripture. Rather, an abandonment of "reason" has been replaced by an *intensified* turning to "self" that is spurred on by the infusion of Eastern thinking. Such Eastern thinking (especially Buddhism) rests on the premise that truth is "both/and" versus either/or. For example, God exists **and** God does not exist are **both** true, correct, or possible beliefs at the same time in Eastern thinking.

Postmodern man has decided that he alone is capable of determining "truth" for **himself**. It is a form of relativism, but a relativism that is turned inward. It is a relativism that states the only "truth" is what is best for me. This is thinking that goes far beyond the relativism of past generations.

There are no longer any "true" moral commitments. The PM thinker reasons that what is right for you may not be (and probably is not) right for me. Therefore, PM man says: "If **I** determine something is right for me,

then it does not matter the evidence, reasonableness, or witness of individuals." Postmodernism "assumes that Christianity may be true for some people, in some places, and at some times, but it is not true for all people, in all places, and at all times. It is relatively true, not absolutely or universally true" [McDowell, as quoted in *The LIE That Changed the Modern World*, p. 366 [BFT #3125 @ \$16+\$5 S&H]. The difference of PM from modernist thinking is that only "**I**" can determine the significance of "relativism." Therefore, stealing, lying, murder, fornication, etc., may be right for me in some places and at some time (i.e. no morals).

Some of the questions asked at the Greenville conference and some of the subsequent actions by individuals after the meeting reflect this type of thinking.

For example, in spite of the superb presentation by Dr. Waite, and his precise answers to questions, one family said that **they** wanted to use the modern versions and left the church. Their response was contrary to: (1) the evidence presented by Dr. Waite, (2) the clear Scriptures presented mandating God's preservation of His Words, (3) the defense of the KJB in regard to its SUPERIOR texts, SUPERIOR translation technique, SUPERIOR translators, AND SUPERIOR theology.

The reaction by this family is clearly indicative of postmodernism. It is way beyond the relativism of modernism. The relativism of modernism has at least maintained a thread of morality: that is, there is truth, but its application is relative to a situation. The postmodernist does not believe even this tenet, but rather, truth is only what "**I**" determine it to be. Could this be the reason for rejection of clear evidence and Truth by many "so-called" fundamentalist schools?

Words Versus The Message Or Concept

(2) Insight 2: Words are no longer important to many people because of PM. Inferences, or the implied message, or a concept is all that is important. But God promised to preserve His Words, saying:

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my **Words** shall not pass away." (Matt. 24:35, Mk. 13:31, Lk. 21:33. Note these exact words occur three times in the Bible and contain the strongest negative in the Greek language (OU ME) meaning: "by no means," or "never, never, never")(cf. Psa. 12:6-7, Psa. 117, and DOZENS of other places).

This insight was stimulated by a question asked by a BJU graduate and the member of a local Greenville church that uses many modern versions. The question asked related to **Words** left out of a sentence but the meaning could be **inferred** by knowledge known to **some** people. (i.e. If I mention that I am a member of a certain church, why

should I have to mention the pastor's name.) The person asking the question implied also that modern versions were satisfactory because they did not exclude any doctrine by leaving out **Words** in some places.

This is a "midget" question, and could be posed only by a postmodernist who does not understand "covenants," "testaments," or contractual law. "Messages, inferences, and concepts" are subject to interpretation and are not absolute. "**Words**" form a message, not a message the "**Words**" (e.g. many churches have the same name, therefore to precisely identify the church, a pastor's name is important).

A "message, inference, or concept" (not based upon precise, preserved **Words**) allows an individual when confronted at the seat of judgment to claim: "I did not understand." This allows the individual to pick and choose what is "truth" according to "internal desires" (as opposed to external **written** instructions). This is the relativism of the postmodernist—the message—"I" determine what is the "truth" **in** the message.

Need we remind individuals that judgments based upon precise **Words** will be the "sine qua non" at the judgment seat of Christ and at the Great White Throne judgment (Jn. 12:47-48)?

Words or Peer Group

(3) Insight 3: Many individuals believe: "My peer group," "my alma mater," and "my friends" are more important to **me** than the **evidence** such as: (1) the "received" preserved Words of Scripture (2) the significant and overwhelming historical evidence, (3) the preserved manuscripts of Biblical books, and (4) ancient church leaders' writings supporting of the Received Texts. It is evident they think:

"If "**I**" abandon my friends or school (such as BJU, Maranatha, Central, Dallas, and others), concerning the 'version' issues, then my job, friends, and status in society will be adversely affected."

This is postmodern thinking: "I will not abandon my peers no matter what!" "**I**" believe they are right, even though the evidence my peers and associates present is of a significant and error-ridden minority position. Also, most academic institutions and scholars believe the minority evidence (in spite of contrary majority evidence **and** minority evidence presented by heretics like Westcott and Hort). In addition, it is obvious the PM thinkers' primary concerns are loss of salary, position, friends, and peer group. This is "self" as opposed to "sheep for the slaughter" (Psa. 44:22, Rom. 8:36).

Dr. Bill Sheffield, Dean of Bible at Louisiana Baptist University, warns that every one of us (believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and His Words), and particularly pastors, will be faced with postmodernism. Space does not allow us to consider post-

modernism in "Christian" psychology, Islamic jihad, politics, church stats, crime stats, and more. It is there. It is a sign of the "last days."

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves." (2 Tim. 3:1-2a)

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