

Fundamentalist Deception on Bible Preservation

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I can sum up this book in one word.
It is a **"VERISIMILITUDE."** It means:

*"the appearance of being true or real;
something having the mere appearance
of being true or real; seeming to be true
or real; plausible; likely."*

This book's view of "Bible Preserva-
tion" has only the **"appearance of
being true."**

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5. Deception #15, out of 334 on page xv, Introduction, "God's Word in Our Hands," James Williams (BJU Board. Of Trustees) says: "Since there is so little significant variance of the known manuscripts why do some believers reject some manuscripts and consider others to be sole representatives of the originals."

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Deception #17 out of 334 on page xv, Introduction, "God's Word in Our Hands," James Williams (BJU Board. Of Trustees) says: "Early criticism of Westcott and Hort focused on the manuscripts, but eventually criticism moved from the texts to personal attacks on these men and their doctrinal positions. These three commentaries by Westcott have been misrepresented or misinterpreted by some who hold extreme KJV views."

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Deception #24 out of 334 on page xviii, Introduction, "God's Word in Our Hands," James Williams (BJU Board. Of Trustees) says: "No doctrine of the Christian faith is really corrupted by use of these translations."

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Deception #28, out of 334 on page xxi, "We Have the Word of God," Randolph Shaylor (BJU graduate) says: "We believe that the Bible teaches that God has providentially preserved His written word. this preservation exists in the totality of the ancient manuscripts of that revelation. We are therefore certain that we possess the very word of God."

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Deception #31 out of 334 on page xxii, "We Have the Word of God," Randolph Shaylor (BJU graduate) says: "Written Word"-- "God has not chosen to preserve every WORD which He has spoken by audible voice through His prophets. He has chosen to convey the MESSAGE of His person, purpose, glory, and works in written form."
(Randolph Shaylor, BJU, p. xxii)

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Deception #48, out of 334 on page 12, "The Heritage of American Orthodoxy," John Hutcheson, Sr. (BJU grad & BJU Cooperative Board) he says, "There's not one single variation left that affects any doctrine held by the Evangelical churches and the Scriptures as we have them today translated into our English language either in the AV or the RV are to all practical intents and purposes the inerrant Word of God."

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Deception #49, out of 334 on page 13, "The Heritage of American Orthodoxy," John Hutcheson, Sr. (BJU grad & BJU Cooperative Board) he says, "this Dean of the early fundamentalist movement insisted that the manuscript variations do not affect any basic doctrine of our faith, and that a believer can trust either the Authorized Version or the English Revised Version as the Word of the Living God."⁹

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Deception #52, out of 334 on page 23, "The Heritage of American Orthodoxy," John Hutcheson, Sr. (BJU grad & BJU Cooperative Board) he says, (quoting John R. Rice): 'Well, there are many, many translations. The differences in the translations are so minor so insignificant we can be sure that not a single doctrine, not a single statement or fact, not a single command or exhortation has been missed in our translations.'"

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Deception #53, out of 334 on page 24, "The Heritage of American Orthodoxy," John Hutcheson, Sr. (BJU grad & BJU Cooperative Board) he says, quoting John R. Rice again, "Do the various translations differ materially on any doctrine, any fact of history, any Christian duty, and the plan of Salvation, or the person of Christ, or any comfort or instruction? No, they do not."

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Deception #55 out of 334 on page 25, "The Heritage of American Orthodoxy," John Hutcheson, Sr. (BJU grad & BJU Cooperative Board) he says, "It was most obviously not the pioneer orthodox leaders of American who espoused clear strong views in favor of God's Word preserved in multiple English translations."

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Deception #60 out of 334 on page 28, "The Heritage of American Orthodoxy," John Hutcheson, Sr. (BJU grad & BJU Cooperative Board) he says, "Both of these giants of the faith were committed to the preserved Word of God in the eclectic Greek text and multiple conservative translations."

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20. Deception #61 out of 334 on page 28, "The Heritage of American Orthodoxy," John Hutcheson, Sr. (BJU grad & BJU Cooperative Board) he says, "However, God's people . . . must be free with a clear conscience and the rich heritage of historic Christian doctrine to use any conservative English bible in the pew and in the pulpit in order to hear the Holy Spirit communicate His Truth to them in words of understandable everyday English."

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**Deception #67 out of 334 on page 39,
"The Voice of the Preachers," J.
Drew Conley (BJU grad.) says, "Some
portray the current translation
controversy as a battle between
those who believe God has preserved
His Word and those who don't, but
that is not where the disagreement
is."**

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Deception #74 out of 334 on page 85, "What the Bible Really Says About Its Preservation" by the unnamed Editorial Committee, says: "Many passages of Scripture are often cited as demanding supernatural preservation of every word of Scripture at a particular extent, text, or lineage of text even in a particular translation." "Careful exegesis of these texts led to the conclusion that they are often misunderstood and or misapplied."

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Deception #78 out of 334 on page 87, "What the Bible Really Says About Its Preservation" by the unnamed Editorial Committee, says: "Verse 6 [in Psalm 12) is a clear statement of David's confidence in the truthfulness, purity, and trustworthiness of God's Word."

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Deception #97 out of 334 on page 103. "What the Bible Really Says About Its Preservation" by the unnamed Editorial Committee, says: (talking about jots and tittle here). "The Lord's referring to these minutia of the written law has been regarded generally by conservatives as the most explicit possible confirmation that He viewed the Old Testament to be verbally inspired and therefore inerrant."

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Deception #106 out of 334 on page 110, "What the Bible Really Says About Its Preservation" by the unnamed Editorial Committee, says: "What the Bible Really Says About Its Preservation" by the unnamed Editorial Committee, says: ". . . the key passages cited by those who insist that the Bible demands its perfect preservation in a *single* manuscript or translation simply do not support the claims of this position."

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**Deception #124 out of 334 on page 152,
“Preservation of the Copies” John
Mincy (BJU grad.) says: (they quote
me,) “Waite says that God has
preserved His Words in the TR which
underlies the KJV. He does not specify
which TR. He leaves his readers with
the false impression that there is but
one fixed TR which underlies the KJV.”**

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Deception #127 out of 334 is a footnote on page 154, "Preservation of the Copies" John Mincy (BJU grad.) says: (They are quoting me again.) "D.A. Waite, for example writes, 'It is a gross misinformation to say that the Textus Receptus began with an edition of Erasmus. Waite does not agree with Edward F. Hills...' This is from Fundamentalist Misinformation on Bible Versions, Collingswood, NJ, Bible For Today Press, Page 68.

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Deception #136 out of 334 on page 166, "Are Copies Reliable? Keith Gephart (BJU grad.) says: "Rice went so far as to say that all the translations together are the Word of God and that the same is true of all the manuscript copies.

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**Deception #137 out of 334 on
page 166, "Are Copies
Reliable? Keith Gephart (BJU
grad.) says: "No doctrine rises
or falls with a disputed reading
and that most variations are
relatively unimportant, . . ."**

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Deception #156 out of 334 on page 178, "Are Copies Reliable? Keith Gephart (BJU grad.) says: ". . . but unless he misunderstands the words or take them out of context he will have difficulty finding anything which gives the impression that Westcott a is a liberal or an apostate!"

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Deception #164 out of 334 on page 183, "Are Copies Reliable? Keith Gephart (BJU grad.) says: "The TR and the KJV are the Word of God; in them we meet and hear God and are brought into saving fellowship with Him. However, it is also true that the W-H text, N-A text, the UBS text, the H-F text and the R-P text are the Word of God. Moreover, the NKJV and the NASV\B and the NIV are the Word of God."

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Deception #165 out of 334 on page 183, "Are Copies Reliable? Keith Gephart (BJU grad.) says: "We can be thankful that through the centuries the Lord has equipped men with knowledge and textual skill and that He has blessed us with the fruit of their labors. How foolish to criticize and debunk the praiseworthy efforts of these remarkable servants who have exerted such labors over the text of our Scriptures." [among the apostate men referred to in this chapter are: Tischendorf, Lachmann, and Westcott and Hort.]

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Deception #199 out of 334 on page 230, "How Much Difference Do the Difference Make? Mark Minnick (BJU grad. & BJU Bible Faculty Teacher) says, "Do textual variants make that much difference? Do the older manuscripts betray the heretic's hand? Are modern Greek Testaments different Bibles than the Textus Receptus? Do modern versions erode major doctrines? Just how much difference do the differences make?"

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Deception #221 out of 334 on page 271, *"But not a single variant in any way alters what Christians believe and practice. Every variant could be included in our Bibles or every one could be omitted and it would not affect our faith or practice in the slightest way."* (Mark Minnick, BJU grad and teacher, *How Much Difference Do the Differences Make?*²⁸)

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Deception #248 out of 334 on page 312, "The Autograph Though Dead Yet Speaketh--On the Translation of the Copies" Hantz Bernard says, [After quoting Eugene Nida's 1964 book, *Toward a Science of Translating*] "As such, dynamic equivalence was basically good. All the basic principles of dynamic equivalence are proper linguistic, grammatical principles. They can be adequately applied to translation. In fact, even the most conservative schools that offer some courses related to Bible translating use textbooks written by proponents of dynamic equivalence."⁹

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Deception #257 out of 334 on page 319, "The Autograph Though Dead Yet Speaketh--On the Translation of the Copies" Hantz Bernard says, "But dynamic equivalence tends to go further than that. According to the theory, if a passage is ambiguous in the original, the translator should choose the meaning generally accepted by the greater constituency that will receive the translation or the meaning adopted by the consensus of scholars. . . . The consequences of such a practice can be as vast as one's imagination."

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Deception #290 out of 334 on page 376, "What the Preservation Issue Has Taught Us" Paul Downey (Pensacola Chr. Col. grad.) says, "The written, inspired, inerrant, infallible autograph was physically destroyed. But the Word of God endured. The scroll was not protected by heaven, but God's Word was settle in heaven. God's Word transcends written documents, even the physical universe, and will be completely and ultimately fulfilled if not one copy remains. The power and effectiveness and duration of the Word of God, and man's responsibility to obey it, do not demand the presence or even the existence of any physical copy."

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Deception #292 out of 334 on page 377, "What the Preservation Issue Has Taught Us" Paul Downey (Pensacola Chr. Col. grad.) [quoting Combs from Detroit Baptist Seminary] says: "The essential message of Scripture has been preserved not only in the Byzantine text-type, but in the Alexandrian text-type as well; the KJB is the Word of God as well as the NASB.

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Deception #302 out of 334 on page 389, "What the Preservation Issue Has Taught Us" Paul Downey (Pensacola Chr. Col. grad.) says, "We must insist, however, that despite the presence of minor variations among the texts and translations of Scripture, we are absolutely certain that God's Word has been kept for us by God's providential care and is available to us today. Actually, God's Word is more readily and completely available to more people in our generation than ever before in history."

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Deception #308 out of 334 on page 390, "What the Preservation Issue Has Taught Us" Paul Downey (Pensacola Chr. Col. grad.) says, "While the Bible's preservation is not perfect in any one copy or translation, it is complete in the entire body of documents, and it is sufficient in each to be accurately called 'the Word of God.' God has kept His Word for us."

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Deception #309 out of 334 on page 390, "What the Preservation Issue Has Taught Us" Paul Downey (Pensacola Chr. Col. grad.) says, "Some among us believe the Bible makes no direct promise of its own preservation, that it only implies it by inference. Others believe it is promised."

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**Deception #310 out of 334, on page 391,
"What the Preservation Issue Has Taught
Us" Paul Downey (Pensacola Chr. Col.
grad.) says, "We all believe we have the
trustworthy, reliable, authoritative WORD
of God. We all ought to be about the
business of proclaiming the TRUTH of
God's WORD rather than dividing over
differences of opinion about the TEXT of
God's WORD." (Paul Downey, PCC, p. 391₆)**

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Deception #312 out of 334 on page 392, "What the Preservation Issue Has Taught Us" Paul Downey (Pensacola Chr. Col. grad.) says, "The fact that God's Word has been preserved is irrefutable. That is not an abstract theological statement; it is a historic and practical fact. The Bible exists; we can hold it in our hands. Whether it is in the form of ancient manuscripts, a Biblical language text, a historic version, or a contemporary translation, its content is virtually the same as has been handed down for hundreds, even thousands, of years."

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Deception #318 out of 334 on page 407, "We Have God's Word in Our Hands" Randolph Shaylor (BJU grad.) says: "Thus inspiration has to do with the giving of a message and preservation of the continuity of that message."

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Deception #321 out of 334 on page 408, "We Have God's Word in Our Hands" Randolph Shaylor (BJU grad.) says: "Because of confusion about the term some have begun to call it the King James Bible and to call other translations, which they reject, versions."

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Deception #331 out of 334 on page 414, "We Have God's Word in Our Hands" Randolph Shaylor (BJU grad.) says: "The statement that God's Word is preserved in the totality of manuscripts includes those of both the Majority Text family and the minority text family. In reality there is a greater degree of similarity

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54. Deception #334 out of 334 on page 422, "We Have God's Word in Our Hands" Randolph Shaylor (BJU grad.) says: "When we use a faithful conservative translation such as the King James Version, New King James Version, the New American Standard Version, or another version of demonstrated accuracy we can trust our Bible as the Word of God. We can be confident that we have God's Word in our hands."

Bible Preservation and the Providence of God

This book is written by two men connected with BJU: (1) Samuel Schnaiter is Chairman of the BJU Ancient Language Department. (2) Ron Tagliapietra is a graduate of BJU and has written a number of books for BJU Press. The book was published in 2002.

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“However, the presence of manuscript variations leads us to analyze more carefully the considerations of PRESERVATION into two categories: (1) The PRESERVATION of the authoritative MESSAGE of God, and (2) the PRESERVATION of the precise WORDING of that MESSAGE.” (Samuel Schnaiter, BJU, p. 284)

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“It is therefore reasonable to assume that God’s providence is at work to preserve His REVELATION in spite of the minor variations in its WORDING. To realize this should encourage fundamentalists to relax their concern over minor variations that do not affect the TEACHINGS of God’s WORD.” (Samuel Schnaiter, BJU, p. 284)