

The Text

Misquoting Scripture

Introduction

A. Definition: violating the principles of sound literary interpretation.

B. Categories of Scripture Twisting.

1. World view and world view confusion.
2. The text of Scripture.
3. Scripture as Rhetoric.
4. Scripture as Literature.
5. Scripture as evidence.
6. Reasoning from Scripture.
7. The authority of the Bible.

C. Why?

1. Differing world views.
2. World view confusion.
3. Supporting an unusual, often heretical, theology (cults).
4. Antagonists of Scripture.
5. Lack of knowledge.

D. Must have a reliable text.

1. Short history of the KJV.
2. Explosion of translations in 20th century.

I. Inaccurate quotation.

A. Edgar Cayce: Jesus said, "I will bring all things to thy remembrance."
(Jn. 14:25-26)

B. Edgar Cayce: Jesus said, "The whole Gospel is [the Great Commandment]" (Mt. 22:37-39)

C. Maharishi Mahesh Yogi: "Be still and know that I am God."

II. Twisted translation.

A. Jehovah's Witnesses.

1. Denial of Trinity (Col. 1:15-17; Jn. 1:1, Phil 2:6, Titus 2:13, 2 Pe. 1:1, Rev. 3:14, Prov. 8:22).
2. Altered text to conform to their own beliefs (eisegesis).

B. Mormons ("so long as it is translated correctly").

1. The Bible plus:
 - a. Book of Mormon.
 - b. Doctrines and Covenants.
 - c. Pearl of Great Price.
2. The Bible was corrupted and needed to be corrected.
 - a. Book of Mormon came down from heaven on golden tablets, kept for two years, then returned to heaven.
 - b. No historical manuscripts to support Book of Mormon.

III. How should we react?

- A. We will frequently encounter JW and Mormons.
- B. Does the Bible really say that? (biblegateway.com).