

THE KING JAMES BIBLE AND DR. PETER S. RUCKMAN THE APOSTLE OF FREE WILL

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KJV Proverbs 16:4 "The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil."

KJV Colossians 1:16-17: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

KJV Job 23:13 "But he is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth."

KJV Psalm 115:3 "But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased."

KJV Daniel 4:34-35: "And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and

mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"

KJV Jude 1:4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

KJV 2 Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

“Since no man’s conduct, code of ethics, moral standards, methods of dealing with people (or even his thought life) can be disassociated from his religion-this is true of all men on any continent, in any period of history, under any set of conditions-it might be instructive for the Bible believing Christian to realize what he has been dealing with...” Dr. Peter S. Ruckman, as stated in the article THE RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS OF POPE PAUL VI AND JOHN PAUL II, Bible Believer’s Bulletin, October, 1998, page 3.

DR. RUCKMAN OFTEN COMPLAINS IN HIS WRITINGS THAT HIS DETRACTORS NEVER PROVIDE ANY DOCUMENTATION OF THEIR ASSERTIONS CONCENING HIS BELIEFS. THIS ARTICLE IS COPIOUSLY DOCUMENTED WITH THE ORIGINAL RUCKMAN SOURCE OF THE QUOTATIONS FOR THE ASSERTATIONS MADE.

Peter S. Ruckman is the founder of the Pensacola Bible institute in Pensacola, Florida and has been a preacher since his graduation from Bob Jones University in 1958 with a Doctorate in Philosophy. He is best known for his vociferous and outspoken declarations concerning the King James Version and has for almost years declared its superiority to all the English translations subsequent to the King James. Ruckman's church is the location of a twice yearly "Bad Attitude Baptist Blowout" that is attended by people from all over the United States and many foreign countries. These meetings feature a rotating roster of speakers and preachers who all are personal friends of Ruckman, Institute graduates, or men that follow and believe the teachings of Ruckman. This is not at all remarkable, as very few church pastors (Ruckman pastors a church in Pensacola) care to have men come into their pulpits and preach doctrine contrary to their own teachings and beliefs. In fact, it would be odd if Ruckman had speakers into his place that did preach and teach contrary to his own beliefs. Ruckman also has sponsored some debates with various individuals that disagree with his position on the King James or his various doctrinal stances. The Bible Baptist Church has published the "Bible Believer's Bulletin" for over thirty years, which features articles by Ruckman, his associate pastor Brian Donovan, and a man named Laurence Vance, who a few years ago published his denunciation of Calvinism called "The Other Side of Calvinism," which has become a proof text for "proving" the errors of Reformation theology for independent, fundamental King James Baptists. Ruckman also for many years kept a very extensive itinerary of church meetings nationwide that were all billed as "revival meetings" or just plain "meetings." (Please notice my use of the quotation marks with reference to "revival meetings." The use of the quotation means that the term might have been or was used by the host churches which Ruckman preached in, but does not denote that I believe they were "revival meetings." The use of quotation marks and their meaning is a crucial distinction and very necessary to understanding the beliefs and words of Dr. Ruckman, as in his writing he will routinely use quotations around words or groups of words over and over. This gives Ruckman the option of denying that he made a statement, and say he was quoting someone else. This semantic sleight of hand is prevalent throughout his works.)

Dr. Ruckman is a man that has exhibited a longevity and physical health in his ministry that would make many others in his generation envious. He has reported that for years he ran three miles a day on pavement barefoot (later one mile a day), played "blood ball" in swimming pools with men half, a third, or even a quarter of his own age, has read a book a day for fifty years (if this is true, most would agree

that this makes Ruckman a scholar), and in 1981 he took up playing goalie at a hockey camp for two weeks each summer.

“Since 1981, I have played ice hockey on outdoor and indoor rinks, roller skate hockey, broom hockey, and field hockey (on a cement floor in a gym). Those hours I count among the best I ever spent on this earth in seventy-one years.” (BBB, January 1993) (It is odd that a preacher of the gospel counts his time spent playing games as some of the best time he ever spent on the earth. As a preacher, my best times have been preaching under the unction of the Spirit of God and experiencing a deep and certain sense of his presence and the truth of his salvation as revealed in the Bible and in my own soul. Enjoying spiritual relationship with Christ is the absolute height and zenith of pleasure for those that are redeemed, and pleasurable moments in carnal, fleshly activities are not worthy to be compared to five minutes in the sensible presence of God.)

Anyone who has read the Bible Believer’s Bulletin would be familiar with all these self confessed facts about Ruckman, along with his gardening, fishing for mullet, his love and owning of German Shepherds, his obsession with Germany and the German Army of World War Two (Ruckman says in the same issue of the BBB he has been “over to Germany and back five times in 15 years” as of 1993), his minor operations (including “circumcision” at age 66 or older) and much more. In fact, a lot of Ruckman’s writings are filled with lists of books he has read, things he has seen or done, lists of the names of sinners that died, gangsters he once admired, accidents and murders, preachers he claims to admire, but most of all, long lists of the names of men (particularly Calvinists who were preachers and theologians) that he says did not believe the Bible and had no clue about virtually anything in the spiritual realm. (A typical list of names is as follows: “James Combs, David Cloud, Donald Waite, John Ankerberg, Chuck Swindoll, Wilbur Pickering, James Melton, Robert Sumner, Doug Kutilek, Zane Hodges, Bob Jones III, Harold Wilmington, Sumner Wemp, Jerry Falwell, J. G. Machen, A.T. Robertson, B. Warfield, J. Broadus,...” (From page 13, May, 1995 BBB.) He particularly enjoys labeling any five point Calvinist an apostate, “a five point blankety-blank,” and says that John Calvin was “not a very conscientious student of scripture” and was “not a very advanced student of the word of God nor a particularly intelligent man when it came to the word of God.” (The last two quotes are from Ruckman’s booklet on “HYPER-CALVINISM” which we will comment on at length shortly.)

Ruckman was also pleased to publish an article by Herb Evans in the BBB of May, 1995 in which one can find the following quotes:

“Although Luther detested the moral profligacy of the Catholic Church, he still loved his German beer, and was not prepared for the strict holiness of life which the Baptists have historically insisted.” “Actually, Luther’s doctrine of grace was fraught with contradictions.” (Evans and Ruckman are now at odds with one another. Both men hold the “modern, apostate Baptist position” that the use of wine, beer or any alcohol at all is ungodly and forbidden by Scripture, which it is not. Drunkenness is what is forbidden in the Bible, and it is warned against as the use of wine or fermented beverages is lawful according to both the Old and the New Testaments.) Anyone slightly familiar with the works of Ruckman will be able to readily substantiate from Ruckman’s books or even just two or three copies of “The Bulletin” most of what has just been said so far, and should be able to remember that severe verbal castigation is never heaped on the Arminians Wesley, Finney, Moody, Billy Sunday, Sam Jones, and their fellow free will believers, but is reserved for Calvinists, Muslims, Mormons, and the Catholics, who are often lumped together. While Ruckman attacks modern Calvinists (post 1850) and names their names, he likes to associate his own name with the names of George Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards, and Charles Spurgeon, Ruckman claiming they were believers in the Bible the way he is a believer in the Bible. This is absurd, as all were staunch five point predestinarians who would have utterly rejected Ruckman’s perverted views of salvation, human ability, free will, election and perseverance. Ruckman likes to associate his name with these men as they were preachers instrumental in the salvation of tens of thousands of sinners. In Ruckmanology, “soul winning” is the most important thing a man can do and a mark of distinction that a Christian has a right to boast about.

In Ruckman’s mind and mouth, boasting is not excluded by “the law of faith” but is rather encouraged. Since Ruckman believes that the salvation of souls is contingent upon human effort, those that have made the effort and caught some fish gain for themselves bragging rights about their work of “soul winning.” This is proclaimed by example in many of the Doctor’s writings where he claims many are in the kingdom of God due to the efforts of his own free will decision to preach to sinners.

Ruckman’s ministry style is pugilistic and rude, and this coupled with his professed “faith” in the King James has garnered him a sizable audience amongst Baptists, particularly young men who feel called to the ministry. Whatever Ruckman’s faults, one can say that he a very masculine personality and this appeals greatly to men who are sickened by the soft and effeminate air that many preachers possess. Ruckman’s attitude stems in part from his

infantry training during World War Two, when by his own admission, he was turned down for getting shipped out with units that ended up in the Bataan Death March, and subsequently he remained in the states, employed as a Drill Instructor. (He only got to Japan after the war was over.) This accounts in some part for the intimidating, imperious air that Ruckman exudes, which strangely evaporated when the author of the current article approached him after a “revival meeting” for an autograph. Ruckman seemed to show a distinct lack of desire or ability to want to converse with or make eye contact with this preacher, and literally began to back away a bit from me, seeming nervous. I thought that it was odd for a man that on video and audio was so “in your face.” Without being rude, Ruckman made it plain that he either did not have the inclination to do anything more than scrawl his name on the book and send me on my way.

The churches of the Deep South, which is Ruckman’s favorite stomping ground, have provided PBI with scores of students, and many of these have subsequently gone to the mission fields. I have intimately known two of these that went to the mission field, one of whom I believe is still there. I also was friends with a man, who graduated from PBI and had a small church, but I no longer have any contact with him, he is no longer in the ministry, and in fact at last report he appears to have made “shipwreck of the faith.” My acquaintance with the teachings of Dr. Ruckman is extensive, due to reading virtually all of his commentaries on the books of the Bible, reading most of his topical books, reading the “BIBLE BELIEVERS BULLETIN” for years and reading a lot of his booklets and listening to a lot of his tapes. I also saw Ruckman twice in person, where he gave his chalk talks, most of the time speaking with his back turned to his audience, drawing with pastel on a large sheet of paper a picture related to his theme. It is very odd that as much as Ruckman claims to be a stickler for the King James, you will look in vain to find any evangelist or apostle in the New Testament preaching the gospel while drawing pictures. This is a contrariety that in one of his adversaries Ruckman would not have failed to point out, and indicates an underlying deeper contradiction within Ruckman himself and his ministry. An inability to face the crowd eyeball to eyeball seems to be covered for by the drawing of cartoon style illustrations which in composition and color seldom rise to the level of artwork. The man does have a knack for drawing his subject while talking, with some referral here and there to his string of references on a piece of paper, and during these “chalk talks” (where is that in the Bible?) Ruckman will cite dozens of passages of Scripture from memory. In fact, Ruckman’s TV broadcast of the late 50’s and early 60’s was called “DRAWING MEN TO CHRIST” which appears to have been a very bad and blasphemous sounding pun made about the words of the

Lord Jesus in the Gospel of John, which are one of the great texts that demonstrate that men of themselves and by their own volition alone cannot come to Christ.

KJV John 6:44 “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day .”

(If the reader who is an adamant Ruckman proponent would consider this verse closely and reverently, he would see that this verse indicates all of the “five points of Calvinism” that Ruckman so desperately hates. Since men are totally depraved, they cannot come to Christ except God draw them. Only those are drawn who are “ordained to eternal life” and they alone believe. It is for them that God will draw that Christ efficiently made atonement. Since he has ordained them to eternal life, God’s grace works with an irresistible power upon them, and “his people shall be willing in the day of his power.” These four points clearly indicate that God did not ordain men to eternal life that they might ultimately perish, so their perseverance in faith is assured. I will demonstrate this further in the article for those that have the patience to follow a logical progression of thought to its conclusion.)

Ruckman also will tell some stories as he stands with his back turned drawing and his sarcasm and bombastic manner can be very entertaining. Whether this a Biblical manner in which to present the words that are “spirit and life” rapidly becomes irrelevant once one becomes a bit enamored or impressed with Ruckman, as the sarcasm and humor of Ruckman’s statements, jabs, and quips rapidly moves the mind from critical thinking to the more pleasurable sensations of laughter, mockery, and a carnal enjoyment at listening to someone talk tough, berate others, and engage in sarcastic humor. It is granted that Ruckman over the whole course of his ministerial life has demonstrated a fine memory and is able to quote verbatim hundreds of verses from the King James Bible without error. This is a commendable trait in a preacher and one of Ruckman’s big drawing points for a saved, militant Bible believing Christian. He expounds many Bible and non-Bible doctrines in a manner that can ingrain what he is saying into your soul, and many of his homiletical and anecdotal illustrations are superb in their content. In such a preacher the surreptitious delivery of falsehoods and error will be ignored by a hungry listener looking for something or someone to believe. The human heart wants to have a hero and to believe that somewhere an honest preacher exists. To many, Peter S. Ruckman is that man.

Ruckman seems to possess the ability to overawe and mesmerize his followers with a power that is certainly of a spiritual nature, whether or not it is Christian, and in fact seems to have mastered a form of mind control that enables him to

emotionally and intellectually manipulate others through words, gesticulations and possibly hand movements. While he is drawing and speaking he will turn to face the crowd every so often, and clutching the chalk between the thumb and ring and middle finger of his right hand will point towards the audience with the forefinger and pinky, in a gesture reminiscent of the “Il Cornuto” salute so often seen amongst rock and rollers and politicians. (In the four hour VHS on “ADVANCED MANUSCRIPT EVIDENCE” he repeatedly engages in this.) This can be corroborated by viewing videos of Ruckman in action. Those pastors and Christians that are ardent Ruckman followers have been known to state, when confronted with a verse in the Bible that teaches a doctrine condemned by Ruckman, “Dr. Ruckman doesn’t teach that.” The followers of Ruckman seem to engage in a sort of worship of the man, as I observed in one individual who visited me a few years ago, engaging in Gospel tract distribution. The man lived in his van, took showers at truck stops, and was selflessly devoted to assisting soul winners by provided tracts and literature to them. He told me “When Dr. Ruckman goes into battle and preaches he’s prayed up and the Spirit is on him, etc. etc.” The zeal and fervor with which this was related reminded me of a rock and roller talking about his favorite group, or a sports fanatic ranting about their team. When I began to quote this man verses about the sovereignty of God and the doctrines of grace, he said amen to every verse I cited until I mentioned the word Calvinism. Then he began to shake his head and say that was a false system and hoped I wasn’t a Calvinist. This is part of the work of Ruckman: to inoculate saved people against Biblical doctrine that is commonly referred to as Calvinism, so that at the mere mention of Calvin or his teachings, Ruckman’s followers immediately stop listening and turn away. Those that are able to bear with me through a few more preliminaries will be able to consider for themselves the validity of Ruckman’s statements in light of Bible verses from the King James Bible which Ruckman claims to believe, but in reality does not believe. In fact, it is my contention that Ruckman is doing precisely what he has accused others of doing: “Making a living off a book he doesn’t believe.” The man puts quotation marks around so many statements in his sentences that one is unsure what Ruckman himself actually believes. If he puts quotation marks around a phrase, he can deny he believes the sentiment in the quotes, or acknowledge he believes it at his discretion. This is the great contrariety of the Ruckman ministry, professing to believe the AV 1611 while denying the doctrines contained therein, failing to face and honestly preach hundreds of Bible verses that state clearly the overwhelming and sovereign power of God, and making contradictory statements in very close proximity one to another in the same sermon or book. Ruckman has categorically taught his whole adult life that Calvinism is a false system and that Calvinists are “blockheads” and Bible rejecters and perverters of the truth. “Calvinism? Take it and ram it, slam it,

cram it, and ram it. I am not a Calvinist. If you are, help yourself; it's a free country. "I pray thee, have me excused." I still have an IQ above eighty in spite of twenty-two years of formal education, five earned degrees,, and a five-foot shelf of books that I authored. (After all, any body can talk and WRITE! Right? You bet your booties!)" (Page 88, closing statement form WHY I AM NOT A CALVINIST.) It is very interesting that Peter uses the statement of one that would not come to the wedding feast of a great Lord as his final Scripture against Calvinism. It will come back to haunt him shortly after his death. (In an article from the BBB of December, 2002 called "HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE BIBLE" which was written to commemorate his own birthday Ruckman spoke of "any five-point Calvinistic jackass.") He does this while shamelessly promoting himself by attaching his name to those of George Whitfield, Charles Spurgeon, Jonathan Edwards and other Calvinist preachers who preached from the King James Bible, whose names are often found in his lists of ministers that also include Arminians like Finney, Wesley, Sam Jones, Moody, and Sunday. Ruckman exhibits a hatred of Calvinism that is more vitriolic in its expression than any verbiage he ever uses concerning Roman Catholicism and its doctrines, and this tends to make those with a solid knowledge of Reformation and Counter-Reformation history suspicious. In my years of acquaintance with Ruckman I have never seen one place where he attacked any of the most egregious and blasphemous articles of the Council of Trent (the statements concerning the will of man, human ability to do good in the flesh, the meritorious value of good works, and the related statements on these matters), but he relegates his comments and lashings to Papal Infallibility, the Mass, Transubstantiation, and the various pagan practices that are part of Romish worship, such as monkery, a celibate priesthood, the tonsure, ashes, and non-Bible religious terminology. While professing to uphold the English Bible that came forth as a final product of the English Reformation, Ruckman systematically and with calculation unceasingly attacks the doctrines of the Bible concerning salvation that were believed by the men who were instrumental in bringing forth the King James and gives the lie to his professed adherence to the King James and his supposed affinity with Wycliffe, Tyndale, Luther, Whitfield, Edwards, and many others.

An example is an issue of the BBB(August, 2006), where one will find an article titled "GETTING RID OF "ETERNAL" DECREES." Without at this point debating or proving from the Scriptures that God's decrees are eternal, we would only point out that the very wording Ruckman chooses seems to implant the idea of rebellion towards God by his expressions and the form of the words used. This is something that can be noted and documented throughout Ruckman's writings. His constant and typical sarcastic manner of labeling his work seems to be a cover

for subterfuge that ingeniously inculcates in the unsuspecting mind subtle blasphemies. (There are literally dozens, if not hundreds of examples of this technique in the stack of "Bible Believer's Bulletins" I have in my library and in his commentaries as well. The April 2006 Bulletin has a front page article entitled, "THE HORRIBLE HOLY BIBLE," and as it is printed on the paper of the "Bulletin" there are no quotation marks. The alliteration of the H's, "Horrible Holy" is a hook that will stick in the brain, and these incongruous words are used as descriptive words for "the word of God." Are we to suppose that this is the manner of a man who loves the Bible? Another article from August, 1996 is labeled, "WAS KING JAMES A FRISCO FAGGOT?" Again alliteration is used to drive home the association of King James and sodomy, while the article beneath the title debunks the story of King James being a sodomite. The October 1995 issue features an article titled, "SATAN'S CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS," yet another incongruous and suspicious phrase to be thrust into the hearts of people that love and believe the Bible, and a thought that can do them no good. Then there is the May 1996 article titled "SWEET SMELLING DAMNATION," and again, the title was not in quotes. Or the bold type top of the page title from March 1993 "POSITIONS ON SEX." What image or thought does that phrase bring to mind? The BBB of August 2005 has an article on page one with the heading: "THE POPE IN THE LEAD." My favorite though is from October 1998, where Ruckman labels his alma mater, Bob Jones University "THE FOUNT OF CORRUPTION." It is very interesting that Ruckman calls the place of his spiritual nativity "the Fount of Corruption," and in doing this he is telling us what he believes about himself.) Ruckman says in that article that you can overthrow the "supposed decree of reprobation" by choosing to be saved. This dovetails with his insane teaching that no one is predestinated to be conformed to the image of Christ until after he is saved, whereas prior to salvation he is not predestinated. This actually overthrows the whole definition of predestination as related by the Apostle Paul in Romans and Ephesians, implies that God is subservient to man, and is the same maneuver the Jesuitess Gail Riplinger utilizes in her written works. Ruckman teaches that before you are saved you are not predestinated and on the way to hell, that your "free will" decision is what gets you saved, but that once you are saved you are and always have been eternally predestinated. He also states that God gives all men grace and an efficient faith to believe on Christ to salvation, and that it is a man's "free-will" rejection of God's offer that lands him in hell.

"Furthermore, no saved man was ever predestinated to get saved before he was saved." (BBB, December, 1998, page 2.) Therefore, to Ruckman, man determines his own destiny, God has done all he can do, and now the rest is up to you.

“Any Gentile can repent (Act 11:18) and any Gentile has enough faith to receive Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:8). The Bible will not stoop to become a Hard-shell “text-book” for Primitive Baptists.” (The BBB, Page 1, May, 1995, article title THE GREAT BAPTIS HERESEY.) The teaching of this is a chip off the old semi-Pelagian block, and Ruckman makes man the master of his own fate and determiner of his own destiny. This is completely at variance with literally hundreds of passages of Scripture, and is at odds with the beliefs of the King James translators and Martin Luther, both whom Ruckman loves to associate himself with by inference and reference.

The statements so far here made have been made from the memory of about five or six years of drinking from the poisoned well of Ruckman waters personally, and the assertions while accurate are only general in nature. It is my purpose to give the reader even more specifics (as Ruckman says, “Don’t trust me, CHECK IT FOR YOURSELF!”) documenting the perverse and unscriptural statements and teachings which those that follow Ruckman come to accept and in many cases, believe. Those that follow Ruckman have been called “Ruckmanites” by first someone at BJU but now many others, and this is a term that Ruckman glories in and enjoys hearing. His promotion of the term is indicative of something terribly wrong in the heart of the man; no Christian man would want God’s people labeled with his own name! Some of the things peculiar to the beliefs of Ruckman and those that follow him will be listed from memory, and then I will document from some of Ruckman’s writings and works, by his own words, the non-Biblical statements and beliefs that he promotes. I have cited the Ruckman sources of documentation for most of the points, but some of the points are remembered from sermon video tape presentations that I have watched or were remembered from Ruckman sources that I no longer possess. Those who have a fair degree of familiarity with Peter S. Ruckman should be able to know that what follows is an honest summation of a number of the distinctive teachings of Dr. Peter S. Ruckman.

BRIEF LIST OF RUCKMAN TEACHINGS

A* That all Christians in the resurrection will have male bodies. (See the BBB of October, 2005 for an article entitled “NO WOMEN IN HEAVEN.”)

B That man has an absolute free will in spiritual matters and that he is capable of “choosing” to be saved without an internal compulsion placed within him from heaven, and that all sinners are capable of producing godly sorrow that works repentance unto salvation with no special work of the spirit of God upon or within them.** “The teaching of total depravity is what we call non-Biblical, unscriptural heresy. When a man says “total depravity,” he is trying to tell you that depravity extends to acts of the will.” “Now, the teaching that depravity extends to the will, and, is therefore “total” is what we call a Bible-rejecting, unscriptural, Satanic heresy.” Pages 4 and 6 from **HYPER-CALVINISM**. “Any Gentile can repent (Act 11:18) and any Gentile has enough faith to receive Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:8). The Bible will not stoop to become a Hard-shell “text-book” for Primitive Baptists.” Ibid above.

C* That Jesus Christ could have sinned while in the flesh on the earth.** “The standard position taken by nearly all theologians is that Christ could not really have been tempted because he could not have sinned. A denial of this “historic” position is taken by most dead orthodox theologians to be an attack on the sinless **NATURE** of Christ.” Commentary on Hebrews, page 57, where Ruckman states that Christ to have been legitimately tempted must have been able to succumb to the temptation and hence, actually commit sin. If this were possible, Christ could no longer be the “express image of the Godhead” with all the “fullness of the Godhead” in him bodily. If Ruckman’s assertion is true, Christ and the Father could not be one, as God is called “incorruptible” in Romans 1.)

D** That Jesus Christ is not the eternally begotten Son of God, and that the references in the Bible to his begetting only refer to his physical birth in the flesh (the first advent), and not his resurrection.** (Hebrews Commentary, Pages 11-13, where Ruckman demonstrates that he does not believe the King James English in the book of Revelation where John records his testimony of Christ as “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” Revelation 13:8 “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” Ruckman has denied the literal words of this passage in every written work of his where he speaks about the atonement as being a work accomplished only within the framework of time and not as a work finished before the world began. KJV Hebrews 4:3 “For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.” There is no peace or rest for the wicked, and peace only comes to the soul of man through the finished work of Christ on the cross, which work is said to have been finished “from the foundation of the world” and was available through the gospel preached to the Jews in the wilderness, as Hebrews four states. In his commentary on the Book of Revelation (page 373-374) Ruckman has the verse printed with 5 other verses (Revelation 13:5-11) and makes no comment whatsoever on the text, instead spending all his time teaching his perverted version of “the mark of the beast.”)

E*** The Reformers were some of the most deluded and misguided souls to ever read the word of God.** “It is true that Calvin was not a very conscientious student of scripture.” “John Calvin, though he was a precious shining light for his day, was not a very advanced student of the word of God nor a particularly intelligent man where it came to the word of God. He was a philosophical theologian and a political administrator, or as one man said, “The Protestant Pope of a Pope hating people.”” Pages 11, 17, HYPER-CALVINISM. **“In short, John Calvin was a schizophrenic, paranoid LIAR without a spiritual bone in his body, at least where it came to dealing with God’s will.”** WHY I AM NOT A CALVINIST by Ruckman, page 23.

“The Historic position” of John Calvin, Gill, Hodges, Berkhof, Dabney, Kulper, Strong, and the “Puritans” was that God (before Gen 1:1) predestinated 50,000,000,000 souls to spend eternity in the Lake of fire (Rev 20) and then came

to earth and died for less than one-tenth of that number. These two historic positions are called "Limited Atonement" and "Irresistible Grace". Both of them are about as "Biblical" as the teaching of Rev. Moon and Mary Baker Eddy." Cited from the BBB August, 1996, Page 10. Of course the last statement is an unabashed misrepresentation and falsification of Calvinist theology: predestination is a term in the Bible and in most Calvinist theologies that applies only to the elect. The decree of reprobation which Ruckman so hates is not accomplished by any positive act of God, but is the natural result of the sinner's own innate obstinacy towards salvation, spiritual truth, and the Bible. Unless God changes these conditions in the soul of the natural man, he will never know the things of the Spirit of God, and unless God gives him "power to become" a son of God, he never will (John 1:12,13). If God had "predestinated 50 billion souls to spend eternity in the lake of fire," what business has the puny creature got complaining about it? "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof," and he can dispose of it in whatever manner he sees fit without consulting Ruckman or anyone else!

F***** **That the mark of the beast "is a black spot."** Revelation Commentary, Page 361.) Further, Ruckman has intimated and stated that "the mark" may be a black mark in the shape of a leopard's spots, which he likens unto the imprint of a black man's lips. **"If the spots are examined carefully, it will be seen that most resemble two, huge, black lips, pressed against the skin like a kiss. Since you know that Antichrist is Judas Iscariot, did you ever wonder why he betrays the Son of Man with a kiss...You have found the "mark of the beast." It is black, for the beast, my friend, is a leopard."** Pages 364-365, Revelation Commentary. This bit of Ruckmanology is similar to the refrain of the old Rolling Stones song Gimme Shelter, which ends on the fade with the words "Rape, murder, it's just a kiss away, kiss away."

G***** **That no man mentioned in the Old Testament was ever born-again, regenerated, saved, or justified by grace through faith.**

Isaac was born "after the Spirit" Ruckman, did you get that?" Why did Job speak of his redeemer if he was saved by works? Who was the angel that "redeemed" Jacob in Genesis? Genesis 48:16 "The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth." How does a man that has read a Bible through as many times as Ruckman claims miss "salient verses" indicating that the "just shall live by faith" in

both Testaments and that Isaac was “born after the Spirit?” Ruckman states, “That no man in the Old Testament accounts ever had the spirit of God permanently in him . Nobody in the Old Testament until the time of Christ was ever born again.” HYPER-CALVINISM, Page 7. “Here was no irresistible grace that overthrew Noah or Moses or David or Isaac or Jacob. They were not in Christ, were not chosen in Christ, were not regenerated, were not spiritually circumcised, were not born again, were not conformed to the image of Christ, and were not adopted as sons. They were saved by an act of their own free will while they were dead in trespasses and sin.” PER-CALVINISM, page 19. How did Ruckman miss the clear statement in the New Testament recorded by Paul about Isaac: Galatians 4:28-29:" Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of spirit. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that s born after the Spirit, even so it is now."

These above outlined precepts of Ruckmanology are incontestable and can be documented at various places his written material. Five of the above mentioned preliminary points are indicative of Ruckman’s rejection of the truth given in First Timothy: KJV 1 Timothy 3:15 “But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” God states in this verse through Paul that the “church of the living God” on the earth was and is “the pillar and ground of the truth,” and as such was and is the possessor of not only the indwelling presence of Christ, but of his doctrines as well. Ruckman teaches that the historic confessions, creeds, and beliefs of all denominations are a pile of dung that no Christian need read or even consider, and this emphasis against “creedal confessions” is mostly aimed at Protestant confessions of faith, with some Romish ones thrown in now and then for window dressing.

Ruckman’s stance in all matters is that he is superior in faith, doctrine, use modern Bible versions of being “cult” members, he is himself the apex multitude their final authority for all matters of faith, practice and doctrine. His statements are regarded as “ex-cathedra” and “infallible” by those under his sway, and he clearly thinks he is right in all the majors and minors. His lists of the numbers of souls saved, missionaries sent, men trained, inmate conversions, “first time decisions,” books given away, and all the rest are given to intimidate and make the reader believe that outward activity is a sign of inward spirituality and a confirmation that his doctrines are true and “produce results.” (The “results” of Ruckmanology that I have observed personally in the men I have known that were trained by him are confusion, insanity, depression, and destroyed personal lives. This is the “fruit” of the Crypto-Catholic religious system of Bible rejecting Arminianism in general,

and Ruckmanology in particular.) If one follows that reasoning he will wind up at the feet of the Pope, as the Pope is the head of the biggest and busiest bunch of Bible bunglers the world has ever witnessed. In fact, Ruckman's obsession with soul winning has a distinctive Catholic, priestly edge. The Jesuit founder of the Redemptorists said of the Catholic priest: "Jesus Christ has chosen him to bring forth fruit by saving souls." (Of the priest, Page 151, THE DIGNITY AND DUT OF THE PRIEST OR SELVA, Published by the Redemptorist Fathers, Brooklyn, N.Y., copyright, 1927.) The Romanist and Ruckman believe they are here to "save souls," whereas the Christian lives to fulfill this verse: KJV 1 Corinthians 6:20 "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Dr. Ruckman presents himself as possessing the knowledge to judge every Christian who has ever lived before him and those now alive, that he is qualified to sit in judgment on the lives, ministries and words of all preachers, and that he alone has the correct understanding of doctrinal matters. While Ruckman accuses those that disagree with him, he is the focus of a cultic following. Ruckman has become for an unnumbered crowd a hero (spiritual whoredom will always draw a crowd and they pleasure in sin for a season), and Ruckman's "success" is due to the fact that he is just as much a heretic and apostate as Benny Hinn or Pope Benedict XVI. One may look long and hard at the Doctor's writings and seldom notice the intimation from him that "he too is flesh" and that he might have a few things wrong in his beliefs or teachings. Statements of this sort by Ruckman have been made in the last few years as old age and death close in on him, but appear calculated to endear his memory after his passing. Until recently, his followers are given spiritual material like the following:

“Well, I am still playing street hockey two hours a week, and I was able to win an hour game of roller-blade hockey out in Boise, Idaho last summer. (I am speaking, of course, as the “goalie;” with US, scores are a life and death matter! “Old goalies never die; they just get puckered out!”)

“I have run or walked, by the grace of God, more than 9,000 miles in my bare feet since I was fifty-five years old (1976). I still average a mile a day on the “blacktops.” By the grace of God, I am still tilling, hoeing, trimming, planting, watering, digging (post holes), and splitting (kindling) and toting the fifty pound fertilizer and insecticide bags. To say that “God has been good” to Ruckman is simply pitiful. For me it should be said, “God has been merciful and gracious over, above and beyond the imagination.” That has been my lot as a human being (1921-2002). I feel that I am one of the Lord’s “spoiled kids.”” (Page 4, BBB, December, 2002.) Odd is it not, that a man who does not believe God gives any one any thing special in the way of faith, grace, or power claims to be one of “the Lord’s spoiled kids.” Notice too that Ruckman put quotes around the words ‘spoiled kids’ as if he didn’t say the words himself.

Without tarrying over any more personal observances on the character of Ruckman, I here present the reader with a list of

ADDITIONAL RUCKMAN TEACHINGS

- 1) That man is absolutely depraved, except for his will, which somehow escaped the corruption present in his body and soul. Ruckman teaches the old Council of Trent heresy that the commands of God to repent and believe imply an indiscriminate ability to obey in every man that was ever born, and this is his argument whenever he addresses the topic of depravity. Ruckman printed in the BBB of August, 1996 (page 10) that the “Council of Trent (the most holy and definitive Roman council ever held) says definitely beyond any shadow of a doubt, that John Wesley, George Whitfield...are in hell right now.” Whether Ruckman or someone else was the author (the article is unattributed) is irrelevant: Ruckman’s “Bulletin” called the Council of Trent “holy and definitive.” Is this the speech of a “Bible believer?” “That depravity extends to the will and, therefore, is “total” is what we call a Bible-rejecting, unscriptural, Satanic heresy.” Page 6, HYPER-CALVINISM.

SESSION SIX, CANON FIVE, COUNCIL OF TRENT: "IF ANY ONE SHALL SAY, THAT, SINCE ADAM'S SIN, THE FREE WILL FO MAN IS LOST AND EXTINGUISHED; OF, THAT IT IS A THING WITH A NAME ONLY, YEA, A TITLE WITHOUT A REALITY, A FIGMENT, IN FINE, BROUGHT INTO THE CHURCH BY SATAN; LET HIM BE ACCURSED."

(THE CANONS AND DECREES OF THE COUNCIL OF TRENT, translated by T. A. Buckley, London, George Routledge and Co., Soho Square, 1851.)

- 2) **That the death of Christ guaranteed the salvation of no one, as no one is predestinated till they are saved.** "The calling and election does not take place until the person has received Jesus Christ." Page 22, "HYPER-CALVINISM." Yet, in his article "DEATH AND DYING" of October, 2022, page 13, Ruckman says of the Bible: "It says I am his and He is mine. It says He has fixed my destination (Romans (8:29) and made me a reservation in a mansion (1 Peter 1:3-5; John 14:1-4)." While Ruckman could not bring himself to write the Bible word "predestinated" in his article, he had the nerve to claim that God fixed his destination, after publicly proclaiming thousands of times that men fix their own destination. "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." Of course I must also cite Ruckman's comment on Act 13:48, where he bares his Pelagian soul in all its gory glory. KJV Acts 13:48 "And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." Ruckman's remarkable commentary is as follows: "God doesn't "ordain" any Gentile to eternal life until he has followed his conscience and is willing to hear the word (vs. 42, 48). "Hearing" in this case (Romans 10:17) is believing." Commentary on The Book of Acts by Ruckman, Page 398.) "There is not a case in the Bible where God elected anybody until they did something he told them to do." Page 10, "HYPER-CALVINISM." Ruckman somehow forgot that Saul of Tarsus who became Paul the Apostle on Damascus road was not seeking God, but seeking to kill the people of God when the Lord rudely and abruptly violated his will by saving him!)

- 4) **That the atonement of Christ on the cross for sin was made in a precisely equal manner for sinners now in hell and saints now in heaven.** Ruckman fails to clarify why anyone goes to hell at all since the blood of Christ "paid" for their sins, and in his construction of things men go to hell not for their sins, but for "rejecting Christ." "Limited atonement was the

teaching that Christ died only for the elect. And, ofcourse, if there is anything the bible makes clear it makes clear that this isjust nonscriptural foolishness.”
Page 13, “HYPER-CALVINISM.”

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Th at the God of the Bible is not omnipotent and will not and cannot enforce his desires upon men, but takes a wait-and-see approach in all his dealings with men, and that the term “foreknowledge” in Scripture means Gods’ foreknowledge of what men will do, and not his foreknowledge of what he has determined will occur.

“In the Bible, predestination is conditioned on foreknowledge.”

Page 31, HYPER-CALVINISM. Here Ruckman demonstrates that he is a Roman Catholic concerning his doctrines of salvation, but this will be further

addressed near the end of the article. “Those who know the word of God know that the calling and election does not take place until the person has received Jesus Christ.”

HYPER-CALVINISM, page 22. The context of the verse and every word that ever came forth from Ruckman’s mouth bear testimony that he means his form of “predestination” is based on God’s foreknowledge of what men will choose through the power of their “free will.” The “predestination” he preaches is where the eternal destination of any man is predicated upon his own choice expressed through his will, and not God’s choice effectuated through God’s will which manifests itself in the sinner by a desire for and reception of the Redeemer.)

Ruckman has been unable to recognize the truth so succinctly stated by A. H. Strong: “Even foreknowledge of events implies that those events are fixed.” (Systematic Theology, Judson Press, 1956, page 359.) “From eternity God foresaw all the events of the universe as fixed and certain. This fixity and certainty could

have its ground either in blind fate or in the variable wills of men, since neither of these had an existence. It could have had its ground in nothing outside the divine mind. But this for this fixity there must have been a cause; if anything in the future was fixed, something must have fixed it. This fixity could have its ground only in the plan or purpose of God. In fine, if God foresaw the future as certain, it must have been because there was something in himself which made it certain; or, in other words, because he decreed it.” (Ibid, page 356).

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That the King James text is superior to the underlying original language texts and that one can and should “correct the Greek” with the English text of the

King James. “Correct the Greek with the English.”

HOW TO TEACH THE ORIGINAL GREEK, page 117.

“It is always the best policy...” “CORRECTING THE ENGLISH WITH THE GREEK,” article title in November, 2005 BBB. “ALWAYS CORRECT THE GREEK WITH THE ENGLISH, March, 1996, Page 20:

“The New King James Version professed to be the best translation of “the original Greek text,” meaning the Syrian Textus Receptus of the King James Bible. You can correct both of them with a King James Bible. Here is a good

illustration.” It is the present author’s conclusion that this particular point of Ruckmanology is particularly noxious, as the Greek text (the Textus Receptus) underlying the King James New Testament was instrumental in giving rise to the Reformation and the rejection of Roman Catholic spiritual and temporal authority. The reading of the Greek New Testament was directly responsible and necessary in causing the revolt against Rome as it teaches beyond rational dispute that God is sovereign, that men are totally depraved (vanity in Romans 8:20 in the TR Greek is mataio, mataiotes {mat-ah-yot'-ace}, which is defined as “perversity, depravity),

and that the will of God must first move upon the will of man before a man “wills” to be saved. Roman Catholic dominion was broken in the various countries of Europe to the precise degree that the inhabitants of those countries rejected the idea of man’s will as being the initiating source of salvation. Only those peoples that came to understand that they had no power of themselves to effectuate true

righteousness were able to subdue kingdoms and bring in righteousness. Those that knew they were nothing and could do nothing apart from the grace of God were the ones who did what they could not have done otherwise. The yoke of Papal tyranny was broken by men who acknowledged the supremacy of God's

ness and will as the determining factor in salvation and all human events. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” 2 Corinthians 3:17.

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That there are no eternal decrees of God in the Bible concerning any man ever born (this appears to apply to Christ in the first advent as well), and that all of God’s actions are contingent upon the actions of men.

This doctrinal stance or teaching has its origin historically with the Spanish Jesuit Molina, but Ruckman’s position is actually more fully Pelagian than the Jesuit, and is alien to Holy Scripture (the AV 1611 King James Version and the finalized 1769 Cambridge Edition). In the August, 2006 BBB on page 16 Ruckman in the article

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made the following statement. “You see, often what God “decrees” can be altered by man’s WILL.”

This is a derivative position from what is referred to as “middle knowledge” in the theological jargon, and is an absurdity brought forth from the mind of Satan via a Jesuit. I cite the full passage from Strong’s Systematic Theology that touches upon this. “There are therefore two kinds of divine knowledge: 1) Knowledge of what may be-of the possible (*scientia simplicis intelligentiae*); and 2) knowledge of what is, and what is to be, because God has decreed it (*scientia visionis*). Between these two Molina, the Spanish Jesuit wrongly conceived that there was (3) a middle knowledge of things which were to be, although God had not decreed them (*scientia media*). This would of course be a knowledge which God derived, not from himself, but from his creatures! A.S. Carman: “It is difficult to see how God’s knowledge can be caused from eternity by something that has no existence until a definite point of time.” ” (Page 358, Strong’s Theology, *ibid.*) Perhaps it was in the weeks of training with a Jesuit prior to his “conversion” that Dr. Ruckman learned this satanic semantic subterfuge! Ruckman hypothesizes that since he can show that the words decree and decreed in the KJV do not occur in context of salvation, and this means that God has decreed the salvation of no one. Ruckman has intentionally misinformed his readers, as he well knows that the word “counsel” in the King James is defined as “council, purpose, or advice” by the context of its use in the AV and by Webster in the 1828 Dictionary of American English as well.

God has stated his purpose or counsel “shall stand” and he “will do all his pleasure.” A decree of God is nothing more than a declaration of a certain purpose of God that must

vitably come to pass, and when one studies the word counsel in the AV it can be readily apprehended that God's counsel is immutable and eternal, as is

God. KJV Hebrews 6:17 "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed

it by an oath." The "immutability of his counsel" is by definition of the words, the inalterability of his purpose

. KJV Isaiah 46:9-10: "Remember the former things of old: for I

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God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times

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done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure." KJV Job

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23:13 "But he , and who can turn him? and

what his soul desireth, even that he doeth." How could a man who reads Hebrew, Greek, and a "book a day" for over fifty years not know this about the Bible, which is his area of supposed expertise

? "There is not a case in the Bible where God elected anybody until they did

something he told them to do." Page 10, "HYPER-CALVINISM." Ruckman, not being a BIBLE BELIEVER, failed to notice that in Isaiah Christ is called "Mine elect." KJV Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect,

in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles." Christ had not come into the world when that was spoken and then written, Christ had demonstrated no obedience in the world publicly, and therefore Ruckman's categorical statement is a lie. It is significant that in typical Arminian fashion, Ruckman misses and ignores the clear reference to Christ being "mine elect." Being obsessed with human will, human activity, and human righteousness the Arminian is unable to give Christ "the preeminence" in anything.)

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That God has no power to save men apart from human prayer and action, and that Christ in sovereign power never intrudes into the life or heart of someone who was not seeking him

. Ruckman attacks the Scripture truths about predestination because he claims those that believe in predestination stop witnessing and preaching since they know God will save whom he chooses to save, with or without their help. This line of thinking is proved erroneous by the testimony of Christian history, where it can be observed that the most

igious and diligent ministers of the gospel who were blessed with the most usefulness in the work of the LORD were men like the apostle Paul, Edwards, Whitefield, Baxter, Luther, Knox, Spurgeon and others who believed the doctrines of the grace of God which Ruckman detests.

“Now, here is the thing: A man who tells you that a person has to be quickened by the Holy Spirit before he can willingly do something of his own

free will is lying.” HYPER-CALVINISM, PAGE 6. Of course Ruckman can give no Bible verse to prove that assertion, or this one:

“Do you have a soul predestinated by an “eternal decree” to go to Heaven or Hell? “MY BOY THAT DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU.” If you don’t like the eternal decree, do like David did: CHANGE IT. God willed nothing: you

will it.” Page 38, WHY I AM NOT A CALVINIST. Also see point 7 reference.

9) **That saying “the sinner’s prayer” will “save a man.”** “Now ! If you know ANY preacher within 10,000 miles who thinks that that kind of prayer will not save any sinner, you tell that self-righteous, legalistic hypocrite that he hasn’t prayed one prayer since he was saved to which God ever paid five second worth of attention.” BBB, December, 2002, page 4. Ruckman’s autobiography contains his own testimony of saying the prayer, and the interesting assertion that God told him the following: “Now, you go in there and go down that aisle and get on your knees and find Christ.” “If you don’t find Christ tonight, you’ll never find him.” “Go back in. Go down there and get on your knees and find Christ.” THE FULL CUP, all from page 137. Ruckman subsequently states that he walked the aisle in a church pastured by Hugh Pyle, and from that time forth had “assurance.” Ruckman states plainly that his God told him to go to an altar and there “find Christ.” Where is the New Testament passage or example to corroborate that “God” would tell a man (who happened to be studying with a Jesuit priest to join the Roman Catholic Church) to go to an “altar” “down front” to “find Christ.” This Romish practice cannot be located in Christian history as ever having been done, prior to the 1800’s, when Rome was infiltrating and subverting all of the Protestant denominations.) This demonstrates the Roman Catholic foundational principle of all Ruckman doctrines, that human will is the deciding factor in men going to heaven, and in all matters of occurrence here on earth.

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That “moderate Calvinism” is defined as denying every Bible doctrine that John Calvin taught, including depravity,

tion, atonement specifically efficient only to the elect, God's grace being the sole determinant of man's salvation, and perseverance in salvation and well doing granted by God and not predicated upon an initial act of man.

"We adopt the position of George Whitefield, who said, "A moderate Calvinism was and is and will always be the best doctrine of evangelism." A moderate Calvinism. What do we mean by moderate? We mean total depravity, with the exception that the will is a free agent. We mean unconditional election, with the qualification that it is conditioned on

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foreknowledge. The foreknowledge he means is his brand of foreknowledge, which is derivative from that taught by the Jesuit Molina which is called "middle knowledge.")

We mean Calvinism, with the exception that the limited atonement is a bunch of godless, lying trash and shouldn't ever be preached or taught anywhere. And irresistible grace is a horselaugh, with the exception that God must be gracious toward man and deal with him. Finally, perseverance of the saints; we grant this is so after a man has been born again. That is what is

called moderate Calvinism." HYPER-CALVINISM, page 36. These words written by Ruckman are in precise conformance to the doctrinal pronouncements of THE COUNCIL OF TRENT and would no doubt warm the heart of any POPE, or Salmeron and Laynez, the Jesuits who orchestrated the results of the COUNCIL OF TRENT. This statement of lack of faith in the doctrines contained in the Bible by Ruckman is the clearest and most succinct confession regarding his beliefs that can be found in any of his works, and demonstrates conclusively that Ruckman has nothing in common with Luther, Calvin, Whitfield, Edwards, Spurgeon, or any of those that suffered and died for the faith of Jesus Christ during the Reformation.)

11) **That Ruckman is as saved as Billy Graham or "any Pope."** (BBB, August 2005, "SOME ROTTEN ADVICE FROM A ROTTENADVISOR." "Billy Graham: "He taught us how to live and how to die." Speak for yourself, you bible-denying reprobate. Don't drag me or my crowd into your delusions because I am just as saved as you or any Pope.")

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That someone can “be lead to Christ” through a Jehovah Witness translation or any other Bible Ruckman labels a perversion, and that the “salvation” they get will be the

tion of God. man teaches that books he calls “Satanic,” “perverted,” and “corrupt” are indeed the means whereby many men are saved. He calls them all “Catholic Bibles” so we must assume that the salvation he is speaking of is a “Catholic” salvation which is obtained by a human act instead of a divine one. Ruckman teaches contrary to the Scriptures and nature that the “incorruptible seed of the word of God” can be modified, mutilated, or mutated and still produce the new birth and everlasting life. This truth will be highlighted at the end of this work.

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That God gives all sinners saving faith and grace with which to believe the gospel, but the will of man and man alone can determine whether the faith and grace will have any effect.

“As a young man said one time when he was being “examined” by aboard of elders, “Salvation was part God’s work and part mine, I resisted him all I could, and he did the rest.” Even the faith by which the sinner receives Christ is a free gift of grace which came by the word of God (Rom. 10:4-8, 17). The difference between sinners lies only in the WILL. Two men run from God; both get under a nd the

conviction; God gives them both the faith to believe with agrace to accept the Gift. One accepts it (Acts 14:22) and the otherrejects it (Acts 13:45).” Page 259, THE BOOKS OF GALATIANS, EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS by Ruckman.) Ruckman disagrees with the teaching of Paul the apostle that God makes men to differ one from another, and the clear implication that the discriminating grace of God makes one sinner to differ from another. After teaching constantly that “things different are not the same” and that “discrimination is the key to sanity” Ruckman will not allow that God puts a difference between one man and another according to his own counsel and purpose. Ruckman dogmatically teaches that men can do whatever they want whenever they want and that God can do ithout compulsion

nothing without the will of man freely and w“The world is an asylum
run by the inmates

consenting to the operation of God. As Ruckman often says, and most
assuredly believes, .” While that statement may be cute and entertaining,
it is fallacious. The god of Peter S. Ruckman is not the God of the Bible.
The God

of the Bible “quickeneth whom he will.” KJV John 5:21 For as the
Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son
quickeneth whom he will.” KJV 1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who maketh thee
to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou

t not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if

thou hadst not received it?" 14) **That Peter S. Ruckman's first spiritual teacher or spiritual mentor was a Jesuit.** Ruckman's testimony of this is on Page 133 of his autobiography, THE FULL CUP, where he recorded the following: "So from early February to the middle of March, he took convert courses from a Jesuit priest who had graduated from Loyola. At the end of the four weeks, Ruckman knew that the priest only knew one or two things that Ruckman didn't know, but what Ruckman knew that he didn't know would fill a library. But on they went: the perpetual virginity of Mary, the sacrifice of the Mass, extreme unction, the assumption of Mary, the ex-cathedra fiats of the Pope, Trappists and Dominicans, absolute contrition, the seven sacraments, penance and so forth. Ruckman went to Mass, crossed himself every time the Angelus rang, and flipped beads. He wound up wearing the ashes on his forehead all day on Ash Wednesday, and he took the palm leaf home on Palm Sunday and laid it on the shelf. He began to give alms to beggars, and was "tithing" into the coin box before his conversion to Christ. If "religion" could have saved anyone, it would have saved Peter S. Ruckman. He was a good Catholic. Still, there was no emotional rest or peace in his mind."

15) **At certain points in history men have been and will be saved by their meritorious works and not by faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.** "In Matthew we find salvation by works just as plain as the nose on your face." "Those folks in Matthew 25 are saved by visiting the sick, seeing folks in jail, and handing out food and clothing." Pages 268 and 269, COMMENTARY ON REVELATION.

16)

That the primary and most accurate measure of any man's spirituality or effectiveness of ministry is the number of "souls won," converts baptized, or

meetings preached. Evidence of this can be seen in the following citation:

"Calvinism kills evangelistic zeal after the young man is told to "do the work of an evangelist" (2 Tim. 4:5). Twentieth-century Calvinists are totally DEFUNCT in all

branches of soul winning and evangelism. They live off the glory of a handful of Calvinists back in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. They do not like to be reminded that although Spurgeon was a great

Baptist preacher, he won less than half the number of sinners to Jesus Christ that Billy Sunday did, less than a quarter as many as Dwight L. Moody did, and less than one-eighth as many as John Wesley did. In spite of Spurgeon's many sided "confession of faith" (see page 4), he was careful never to spend more than 1 percent of his time preaching on the five points of TULIP. He

"knew which side his bread was buttered on." Page 47, WHY I AM NOT A CALVINIST.

With Ruckman, quantity, not quality is what counts. The converts of Billy Sunday walked down the "sawdust trail" and were led in "sinner's prayers;" Spurgeon's weren't. Moody's converts had the universal, non-discriminating love of God preached to them: Spurgeon's had the particular love of Christ for the church preached to them. Wesley's converts were all taught they could wind up in hell after being born of the spirit: Spurgeon's weren't. Spurgeon's converts were taught to be "sound in the faith;" the converts of the others were not. Ruckman fails to understand that "the hidden man of the heart" and the "new creature" can not be quantified into warehouse statistics, or that ritualistic repetitions of formula prayers do not give a man a new heart. Only one who makes merchandise of men would speak thus.

This position can also be easily demonstrated from statements in Ruckman's "STRICTLY PERSONAL" column in the Bulletin, from various other articles, and from his repeated statements concerning his own evangelistic ministry where he claims to have been instrumental in the salvation of 8,000 plus souls (all "first time decisions, no retreads.") The kind of boasting statements Ruckman makes about himself and his ministry has no parallel in the literature or speech of any old time Calvinist that was used of God in the conversion of sinners to Christ. They all spoke of a "visitation of God" and "the work of the Lord," giving Christ the preeminence. Calvinists who rightly honor God are never found boasting about what they did or do, but say,

"My soul shall make her boast in the LORD." Psalm 34:2.

Here is revealed the bare essence of Ruckman's Romanism, and the Romanism of modern day evangelism, neither which produce Christians that will give Christ the preeminence for their own salvation, or for the salvation of others. The sinner's prayer is the sacrament which will save the man that repeats it. The one who leads the sinner in the prayer plays priest and saves the soul when he speaks the magic

words which are to be recited by the penitent. The “soul winner” is the “mediator between God and man” and hence is the one to be praised for the “work” of salvation. The

sinner gets credit for coming to “the altar” (no interpretation needed here, the altar is the place down front in the church where the penitent and communicant both come to be saved and to “eat Christ”) and God gets no credit because he was not involved in any of the action. This is modern day “soul winning” of Crypto-Catholic Ruckman and reproductive obsessed preachers. They believe they direct where the divine “seed of the word of God” lands and believe they by the triumph of their will can make a man a Christian. Oh damnable heresy that says to the wicked, “Thou art righteous.” KJV Proverbs 24:24 "He that saith unto the wicked, Thou

art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him."

STATEMENTS BY RUCKMAN ABOUT HIMSELF AND HIS SPIRITUALITY

While preaching incessantly that absolute depravity does not extend to the will, Ruckman has made many statements that he has found otherwise in his own life. While continually telling men they have a free will and God expects them to render obedience by choosing to be saved and not choosing to reject Christ and disappoint God (surely Ruckman’s god must be disappointed since his will to save men is being trampled on every time a sinner sends himself to hell), his confession is that his own will is unable to produce any righteous works at all. In the DEATH AND DYING article of October, 2002, Ruckman recorded these statements as the answers he would or has given to the accusations of the Devil against him.

“I have not always lived a good life. I have disobeyed every commandment in the Book. I have ill treated my fellow man many times. And my prayer life is terrible.”

“I have never lived it. I have proven to be a failure so many times it makes me sick to think about it. I am “unrepairable,” and if I did live a sinless life from now to death there would still be a backlog of seventy-seven to eighty-one years that needed to be payed: fifty-four of them would be years after I was saved.”

“Then I certainly could do nothing to get right, so why quit believing the Book when the Book assures me I have eternal life right now.”

In quote number one, Ruckman confesses to the Devil to have disobeyed “every commandment in the Book.” If we take Ruckman at his word, he is an inveterate liar, thief, fornicator, blasphemer, reviler, tale bearer, perjurer, adulterer, false prophet, and has also committed sodomy and murder. In quote number two, Ruckman confesses to the Devil that he is an utter failure to live right by the power of his free will. In quote three, Ruckman is telling the Devil that if he is still lost, he “could do nothing to get right.” It seems that in his own personal religion, Ruckman is very much a believer in complete depravity! He confesses an utter and complete inability to obey God, AS A SAVED MAN, and if he is not saved, he said he could do nothing to get right! Now, if you are saved, you know that you struggle and wrestle and fight against indwelling sin, but you find in general, to some degree, an ability by the Spirit and grace of God to offer up an obedience to God in some things. You find of yourself no power to resist sin, but you find Christ in you a power and strength to resist the Devil and serve God. But to continue on, I here cite a Ruckman statement from the Commentary on Hebrews (page 59), where he gives us the inside scoop on his own “free will” in operation.

“But did you ever notice that there is a certain kind of gap or vacuum where you are debating whether of not to do it or not and suddenly the will just ACTS; and when it acts it just shuts the Lord and The Bible out. You are in “neutral” and then snap! Just like that! I have watched that thing go on in my own mind a hundred times, man. It is the old “I will” (see Is. 14:12-15). Sin conceives where God says, “Don’t,” and you say, “I will.” That is where it sprouts, after DEBATING. You hear people say, “Well, I didn’t sin WILLFULLY.” Baloney. Liars are a dime a hundred these days. Oh the sovereignty of man! Oh the ability of this insignificant “worm.” (Psalm 22:6) to rise up against his almighty Creator and say, “not thy will but mine be done.” Ah, that free will! Ah, boy did John Calvin ever blow it on that one!”

This is the definitive Ruckman statement on “free will.” “Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh!” Ruckman stated that his will just “acts and shuts the Lord and the Bible out” but in the same paragraph exclaims, “Oh the sovereignty of man!” Thank you Peter for that word of testimony. You have confessed that your “free-will” decisions are always against God and not for him, and that you have learned this principle of the disabled, depraved will from your own life

operation, you have the nerve to state that Calvin was wrong about “total dwho
onlKJVunto thjuniper.”

As if this were not enough, Ruckman also threw a little not so subtle blasphemy into the statement above when he cited Psalm 22 verse 6, where prophetically it was Christ speaking during the crucifixion of himself as a “worm.” Ruckman makes himself the “worm” spoken of in Psalm 22, and then perverts the word of God and renders the statement made during the agony in the garden, (Matthew 26:39 & 6:10 “not as I will, but as thou wilt,” and “thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven”) to be “not thy will but mine be done.” Ruckman confesses that his will acts according to the maxim in the Satanic Bible by LaVey: “Do what thou wilt is the whole of the law.” Perversion of scripture doctrine and scripture truth is Ruckman’s standard in matters, of faith, practice, and doctrine. This is a Jesuitical gymnastic by a philosophy major with not a blush of the cheek nor any verbal qualm of conscience. Ruckman performed the same style of perversion used by the rock warlock Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull on the back of his infamous “AQUALUNG” album where the word of God from Genesis 1 was perverted to read: “In the beginning man created God, In his own image created he him.” In fact, a close and critical reading of Ruckman’s works will reveal a host of blasphemies hurled heavenward.

“Now Jesus, don’t put that in your mouth!”

“Honey, it’s time to change the baby again!!”

“Where did that boy go? We’ve been looking for him for three days!”

“Go to sleep Jesus, it’s late.”

and sins. And after giving the testimony of your disabled, corrupt will in epravity.”

You have agreed with the words of Al Pacino (“a good Catholic,” ich is a phrase Ruckman uses all the time) in the movie THE DEVIL’S ADVOCATE where he, as the Devil, states, “Free will! It’s a bitch!” But you penly declare the sovereignty of man, while admitting that that sovereignty is y used to rebel against God. Psalm 120:3-4: “What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done ee, thou false tongue? Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of “OH, YEAH, MAN (1 Cor 1:25, 29)! There is plenty in that book that 1900 years of “reverent

scholarship” never pulled out! “God was manifest in the flesh.” A joke. A monumental, everlasting (1 Tim 3:16) JOKE on scholars who used “wisdom” to get around knowing God (1 Cor 1:25). GOD CALLED IT HIS FOOLISHNESS” (1 Cor 1:25). Imagine a woman telling “God” what to do! Mary did, if you think “Mary was the mother of God.” Well, he was God “manifest in the flesh.” “A SON’ is the way Hebrews puts it.” (HEBREWS COMMENTARY, page 107.)

Ruckman said the incarnation was a joke, and then quickly qualified the statement to maintain deniability. If you read the full context closely, you will also learn that Ruckman believes that Mary is the Mother of God. “Thy speech bewrayeth thee.” He has laid out his postulations of Mary’s mothering of the Lord Jesus Christ in a blasphemous, jolly fashion, and then proceeds to tell you that the idea of “God manifest in the flesh” is a joke, and that if you believe that, you must believe that “Mary was the mother of God.” Ruckman’s Freudian slip is showing: like every Arminian, crypto-Catholic Jesuit co-adjutor, he slips up in the midst of his sophistry, casuistry and philosophy, and tells you what he really believes. He has stated the incarnation is a joke, and then covered his tracks. He implants a lie into the mind, then negates the lie, but the notion lingers. He has stated that Mary raised “God manifest in the flesh” and therefore she is “the mother of God.” He blasphemed Christ and insinuated Catholic doctrine, all in a short half page. Ignatius would be proud if he was here and Pete would probably get some sort of promotion.

Another interesting confession of Ruckman about himself is contained in his retort to the Devil the following dialogue he wrote about Ruckman and the Devil conversing (as recorded in DEATH AND DYING, October, 2002

Bulletin) “Devil: But what makes you think his blood could pay for your sins you hadn’t committed yet? You’ve surely sinned since 1949 when you trusted him! Ruckman: Well, if his blood couldn’t affect anyone’s forgiveness for sins after 1949, I know about 8,000 men, women, and children who trusted His death in vain, for I led them to a saving faith in Him AFTER 1949. I am sure that after 1949 at least 14,000,000 more sinners found forgiveness through the same blood I trusted in 1949.”

Here Ruckman, as part of his answer to the Devil about his own grounds for assurance of pardon for sins committed after salvation tells the Devil about his 8,000 converts who trusted Christ. This betrays his mentality concerning the efficacy of works and human will. We will also add that immediately thereafter Ruckman tells the Devil he “trusts the Book,” but it is rather apparent that works count big

in the Ruckman plan of salvation. His statement here is analogous to one made by the founder of the Jesuits, Loyola, as recorded by Liguori: “When St. Ignatius of Loyola declared that in order to assist souls he would remain on earth in an uncertainty about his salvation, though he was certain that by dying he should be saved, a person said: “But, Father, it is not prudent to expose your own soul to danger for the salvation of others.” The saint replied, “Is God a tyrant, who, after seeing me risk my salvation in order to gain souls, would send me to hell?”

What is noticeably absent from most of Ruckman’s assertions about himself, his ministry and the incidental personal information he divulges is that of any holiness, sanctification, or personal joy in the salvation of the Lord. Some might attribute this to a godly humility, but this is certainly not the case. Ruckman equates spirituality with outward, observable activity, and not with what goes on in the hidden man of the heart. This is not the case with Ruckman only, but many others. Meetings preached, numbers saved, baptisms, books printed, tracts sent, and “first time decisions” are supposed to be the evidences of a vibrant, Bible based spirituality that may be measured, counted, and boiled down to statistics. Hence we find the evidences given by Ruckman that he is right in religious matters to consist solely of long lists of his achievements. The Bible Believers Bulletin has been filled with this sort of thing for years, along with rehashed and recycled articles about Islam, Catholicism, Calvinism, and “testimonies” in the form of letters written to Ruckman thanking and praising him for being such a champion of the Bible and such a light to the lost. There is an underlying anger and carnal rage against his fellow man present in virtually of all the written works of Ruckman, and this is always justified by assertions that those whom he names are apostates, fools, liars, Alexandrians, and a host of other epithets and names. What is very clear is that Ruckman, despite all of his statements to the contrary, is not a content man at peace with himself or others. This may sound subjective, but it is my opinion after years of continuous reading of his works and subsequently seeing through his heresies.

Something else the reader or hearer of Ruckman should consider is the illogical assertions often passed of by Ruckman as Bible truths and real spirituality, of which many have all been documented from his writing. While mocking, denying and constantly ridiculing the beliefs of Fundamentalists, Catholics, Calvinists, Creedal Confessions, and

“Historic Positions” over the greater part of his ministry, Ruckman reveals his own inward confusion and doubled mindedness in statements like this one, culled from the BBB of February, 2003, Page 18, in his STRICTLY

PERSONAL article. “I believe every Fundamental of Faith any Fundamentalist in this country believes. I believe everything stated in the Apostles’ Creed and everything that’s a fundamental truth in any Systematic Theology written by any saved man. So that couldn’t be the trouble.”

In this statement, Ruckman is either willfully lying, or demonstrating a split personality and senility. He does not believe a large part of the Calvinist theology in Strong’s Systematic Theology, or the theology of any other saved Calvinist that ever wrote one. He would say that depravity, unconditional election, eternal decrees and such like are not fundamental truths, but the saved authors of systematic theologies such as Warfield said they were in their works, which he claims to believe! Such contradiction in a Christian minister can not be construed as evidence of power, love, and a sound mind.

Another prominent thing that can be observed in Ruckman’s railings is the use of the adjectives “godly,” “qualified,” “conservative,” “reliable” and similar words before the word scholars. This is invariably followed by the accusative use of the words “lying,” “liar, or most commonly, “liars.” Ruckman accuses men he says are dumb, ignorant, stupid, and “crippled too high for crutches” of being “liars,” but in reality if they were as he states, it would be ignorance to teach what they do, and not willful lying. It is a maxim of witchcraft and Jesuitry to always accuse others of what the accuser is actually guilty of, and this appears to be the case with Ruckman. By his own admission he has broken every commandment in the book, has not lived the life he should, and cannot live the life he should. He has been very busy, but by his own admission, his will when presented with the opportunity, does evil instead of good.

The statements in this piece are based upon the words of Ruckman cited in this article and statements he has placed in print. Should Ruckman vilify someone who would take him at his word about himself? Should Ruckman followers be angry at me for taking Peter at his word when giving “testimony” about his own lack of holiness, consecration, and Christian charity? Should a man or woman who professes to love the truth be enraged at hearing the truth? (The truth can take care

of itself, or as the Bible says, “whatsoever doth make manifest is light.”) Does Ruckman deserve the respect that he adamantly refuses to give

others? Why should he be regarded with any esteem if he be found to be a liar, a false accuser, incontinent, heady, and high minded? God who judgeth the hearts of men will judge both mine and Ruckman's in the day of Jesus Christ, and for myself I can only state that I am ashamed of myself that for a good length of time I was fooled by the personality and works of this man.

I actually believe what Ruckman only professes to believe, that the King James Version is "given by inspiration of God" and is indeed the final authority for matters of faith, practice, doctrine, and every affair of men's lives under the sun. The Bible saved me, the Bible keeps me, and the Bible will take me home to Christ in glory at the last. It was God's will that determined this, not mine. "When it pleased God" he "revealed Christ in me," and this is the apostolic example for salvation in the dispensation of grace. "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever" (Eccl. 3:14) and since "Salvation is of the LORD" it is eternal.

I care not for dogs, perjured persons, goats, and the chaff of the threshing floor. What you have read was written for the honor of Christ and for his sheep that they might know those things most surely believed by Christians, and that Peter S. Ruckman has "departed from the faith, and given heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having" his conscience seared with a hot iron. As in the lives of other Christians, so is it with me: what the Devil has purposed for evil, God has meant for good.

Only someone who actually followed Ruckman and believed him to be a man of God could ever properly lay out his heresies. I have done this in a far kinder manner than Ruckman has ever demonstrated towards any of his opponents. Let this not be taken as a sign of weakness: I used many of the Ruckman phrases and epithets in the past, thinking myself to be something by so doing, when I really was nothing. I found that Ruckman repeated things that were true and good, but these things were sandwiched with foolishness and absurdities that were of an unbiblical nature. I ate the whole not discerning the difference. The truth makes men free, but the lie makes men slaves. The truth that Christ is Omnipotent and that God the Father works all things after the counsel of his own will has liberated me from the heavy yoke of Arminian servitude, of which Ruckman is a priest. May God, according to his good pleasure, do the same for others. The only question yet to be answered is

DOES RUCKMAN BELIEVE THE KING JAMES BIBLE?

“I’ve never said that the King James Bible was inspired, although I’ve broadly intimated it sometimes.” (Cited from WHY I BELIEVE THE KING JAMES VERSION IS THE WORD OF GOD by Peter S. Ruckman, page 6.)

This question would seem absurd to those that like Ruckman, but it is the logical place one who closely reads the King James Bible and compares Ruckman’s statements will end up. In his speech and writings the man has indicated in many ways that he truly does not believe the King James Version of the bible to be the infallible and inspired word of God, while at the same time professing to believe the AV 1611 is inspired and infallible. The statements printed in the publications that issue forth from Pensacola state that Ruckman believes the King James Bible in its entirety on matters of faith, practice, and doctrine, but other statements from the same sources prove this is not so. Ruckman and his associates engage in spiritual double-speak on this subject, and indicate through their unmitigated hatred of the Bible truths concerning man’s sinfulness and God’s righteousness that they indeed do not believe “every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” While professing themselves to be wise, they exhibit themselves as fools. The evidence presented below is without honest dispute.

“DEMONS AND THE ALEXANDRIAN CULT” is the title of the front page lead article of the December, 2006 edition in the Bible Believers Bulletin by Ruckman. If Ruckman were a scrupulous and consistent “Bible Believer” we would not have used the word “demon.” The book by G.A. Riplinger which Ruckman promotes clearly shows that the word demon does not belong in the English translation, and is not the correct English word to use, as the word “devils” attaches the un-embodied entities to their father the Devil. The title is printed in dripping blood red ink, comic book style, for shock format. The article contains the following sentence: **“This truth was that flies, mosquitoes, and birds are TYPES of demons (or “devils,” as the AV states the matter).”** So Ruckman in his lead article has corrected the text of the King James with the word from the “modern perversion” which he claims to hate.

conarticlin 1964. Ruckman directly cites the fundamentals Jones Jr. wrote concerning "THE BIBLE" and rails about the fact that Jones Jr. never identified what "BOOK" he was speaking about. He cites Jr. saying: "God Himself chose the very word that should be put down...which the New Testament writers wrote (paste tense)...in the original Hebrew manuscripts and in the Greek manuscripts." (Pages 5, 15, BBB, December, 2006.) Ruckman's assertion is that Jones Jr. never pointed to the King James AV 1611 Bible and said that it was the book of which he spoke. Jones Jr. clearly stated that the first autographs were inspired, which was in fact the truth, though it is something Ruckman seldom acknowledges. But Ruckman's point is that the man misled (Ruckman calls him "A dirty four flusher," "the old liar" and says Jones Jr. is guilty of "Jesuit sophistry") his hearers in a Jesuitical manner to make them think he believed something that he really did not believe. But in the end of the very same article Ruckman does exactly the same thing, demonstrating very clearly that Ruckman neither believes the KJV is "the word of God" and after more than 50 years of ministry is unable to spit out what he claims is the truth in an unequivocal and certain manner. Ruckman is judged by the words of his own mouth in the article: the very method that he has accused Jones Jr. of is the same Ruckman has utilized for years. (Citation from Page 16 of the BBB for December, 2006)

"You want the truth? I'll give it to some of you so hard it will stick in your craw, and you will never recover;

When we quote "Scripture" or tell you to memorize it, it is because we have the Scriptures and do search them and do study them and do read and teach them. THEY DON'T.

We believe the "Scriptures" are in a BOOK, and when we say "THISBOOK" or "THIS BIBLE" (or "the Scriptures" or "the Bible"), we are making a specific reference to a physical object which can be bought, read, studied, used, taught, and preached, and we will name it for you. YOU CAN'T.

Another article in the same aforementioned issue of the Bulletin contains an article called FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH. The e is a review of a booklet written by Bob Jones Jr. that was published We never have to LIE to anyone, anytime, any place, under any condition, about "the Bible" or "the word of God" or "the Scriptures" or the "autographs" or the "manuscripts" or anything else. YOU DO.

There is nothing that YOU know (or your teachers) about church history, manuscript evidence, text families, scribal errors, “pious expansions,” Greek orthography, Greek New Testaments, “text types,” marginal notes, prefaces, introductions, case endings. “Iota subscripts,” Old Latin and Old Syriac versions, the LXX, “vocal shewas,” and “variant readings” that we don’t know.

You just prefer to create Bible critics who cannot bear spiritual fruit for the Lord, and we prefer to raise up Bible-believing and Bible-preaching evangelists, pastors, street preachers, foreign missionaries, and bible teachers (by the score) who know what they believe, why they believe it and why they never have to play “Puss in the Corner” or “Button, Button, Who’s Got the Button” with any cloned robot who was programmed by a jackass.

Same to ya.”

What is missing from this lovely conclusion to Ruckman’s castigation of this Shakespearian actor, the son of the BJU founder? Ruckman’s confession that “THE BOOK” he is referring to is the KING JAMES VERSION of the BIBLE. The confession is missing because Ruckman is a master of Jesuit sophistry, which he habitually practices to deceive those that hear him speak and those that read his materials. He did not identify the book about which he was speaking one time, and it was no oversight. He knows his reader will ASSUME he is referring to the King James, but he never said that!

Please notice as well how many quotation marks are in the cited passages: Ruckman is not using those words himself, but quoting labels someone else uses. Also please notice in point four that Ruckman categorically states that no one can teach, not him, but “we” anything. He states that the said “we” knows everything there is to know about all aspects of church history, manuscript evidence, text families, scribal errors, “pious expansions,” Greek orthography, Greek New Testaments, “text types,” marginal notes, prefaces, introductions, case endings, “iota subscripts,” Old Latin and Old Syriac versions, the LXX, “vocal shewas,” and “variant readings.” (This is the speech of a Pope sitting on a huge hoarded pile of original manuscript and rare documents with an army of slave-monks for librarians, not the sound speech of a humble soul

laboring in the service of God.) The article is classic Ruckman, filled with slurs, mockery, boasting, deceit, bearing no indication that it was produced by anyone in the body of Christ. It contains no profession of personal faith in Christ or the King James Bible by Ruckman, but is his swansong of treachery and infidelity to the God of the Bible. This article from the most recent Bulletin at the time this article was composed demonstrates in detail that my assertions are correct: Ruckman is an enemy of Bible believing Protestantism masquerading as a champion of the faith.

The same maneuver occurs in the February, 2007 BBB page one article titled “DAVID CLOUD’S FUTILE SEARCH TO FIND THE HOLY SCRIPTURES” where Ruckman chastises Cloud for not identifying the King

James as the Scripture: “He did not say the King James Bible was the “pure Scripture,” although he could cite nothing but the King James Bible to prove his points....” “He found the King James Bible and the American Standard bible, but no “Scripture” ever showed up.” “He never committed himself one time. They

never do.” (Last and next citation from page 5.)

“David Cloud is absolutely representative of the modern apostate Fundamentalist (1901-2007) who lacks the courage to identify “the holy scriptures” in English, as a Book (a “Bible”) that anyone can buy anywhere in Europe or America, with every nation in the U.N. (191 at this time) studying and using English as their “second language.”

Ruckman never named “the Book” to which he is referring: it could be the King James, or more likely, the Douay-Rheims. But the sweetest part of the article written by Ruckman is in the third to last paragraph on page 6 of the

Old BBB: “He is above all, a DECEPTIVE promoter of his own “scholarship,” he will use any dodge, any sidetrack, any devise, any gimmick, any subterfuge, and any substitute for telling you “THE TRUTH.” His 5 pages of self-promotion tells his story exactly. He has led you to think that he believes the

King James Bible is “the holy scriptures” by juggling the term “scripture” with “the Word,” and then “the Word” with the “best version” and then the best version identified as the

King James Version

-not the "HOLY SCRIPTURES."

Takes one to know one! A finer statement on Ruckman's own technique could never have been written by his worst opponent:

Matthew 12:37 "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Ruckman never said the King James

was “the Holy Scriptures” one time in the article, and by careful reading it is pretty easy to see that whatever “the Holy Scriptures” is for Ruckman, it is not the King James Bible. Remember the Jesuitical sophistry cited earlier:

“I’ve never said that the King James Bible was inspired, although I’ve broadly intimated it sometimes.”

The book MANUSCRIPT EVIDENCE in the 1997 reprint contains in chapter 10 (Final Considerations) a chart (8 pages, pages 176-184) with a list of verse comparisons between new versions and The Douay-Rheims and Cofraternity Catholic Bibles. Ruckman shows in the chart that the verses are changed in similar manner in the same places, and gives the deduction that therefore the new translations are Catholic. Using this method of presenting the evidence, which is Ruckman’s own, it will be instructive to compare Ruckman’s doctrinal statements to those of Roman Catholicism. If there is a direct correlation between the two, through the use of Ruckman’s own method, we can prove that he is a Catholic. To do this, statements of Ruckman will be placed next to statements by Catholic clerics.

ONE-FREE WILL

THE CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA OF 1917

“Both Calvin and Luther reply that the commands of God show us not what we can do but what we ought to do. In condemnation of these views, the Council of Trent declared that the free will of man, moved and excited by God, can by its consent co-operate with God, Who excites and invites its action; and that it can thereby dispose and prepare itself to obtain the grace of justification. The will can resist grace if it chooses. It is not like a lifeless thing, which remains purely passive. Weakened and diminished by Adam's fall, free will is yet not destroyed in the race.”

“Consequently, free will is a central fact in the Christian conception of human life; and whatever seems to conflict with this must be somehow reconciled to it.”

“...the Council of Trent (Sess. VI, can. iv-v) defined as dogma not only the survival of moral freedom in spite of original sin, but also the preservation of

**the freedom of the will acted upon and working with grace, especially
efficacious grace.”**

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depravity extends to acts of the will.” “Now, the teaching that depravity

“We mean total depravity, with the exception that the will is a free agent.”

What Ruckman believes theologically is stated succinctly in the Catholic Encyclopedia’s summation of the Jesuit Molina’s teaching: “It is apparent that above all Molinism is determined to throw a wall of security around the free will.” That is an accurate description of Ruckman’s position on the matter.

JESUIT

“Protestantism leads to despair because it denies free-will.” Protestantism and Infidelity, by Jesuit Rev. F. X. Weninger, page 11.

It is important for the reader to notice that this statement reveals that the Jesuit believes the real mark of a Protestant is the denial of human free-will in spiritual matters. According to this Jesuit standard, Ruckman is not a Protestant.

TWO-PREDESTINATION

CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA OF 1917

“He who would place the reason of predestination either in man alone or in God alone would inevitably be led into heretical conclusions about eternal election.”

“To the further question whether Divine predestination does not at least take into account the supernatural good works, the Church answers with the doctrine that heaven is not given to the elect by a purely arbitrary act of God's will, but that it is also the reward of the personal merits of the justified.”

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“That depravity extends to the will and, therefore, is “total” is what we call a Bible-rejecting, unscriptural, Satanic heresy.” “When a man says “total depravity,” he is trying to tell you that extends to the will, and, is therefore

“total” is what we call a Bible-rejecting, unscriptural, Satanic heresy.” “As a young man said one time when he was being examined” by a board of elders, “Salvation was part God’s work and part mine, I resisted him all I could, and he did the rest.” Even the faith by which the sinner receives Christ is a free gift of grace which came by the word of God (Rom. 10:4-8, 17). The difference between sinners lies only in the WILL. Two men run from God; both get under a conviction; God gives them both the faith to believe with and the grace to accept the Gift. One accepts it (Acts 14:22) and the other rejects it (Acts 13:45).”

THREE-THE COUNCIL OF TRENT

THE CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA OF 1917

“The assembly proved to the world that notwithstanding repeated apostasy in church life there still existed in it abundance of religious force and of loyal championship of the unchanging principles of Christianity. Although unfortunately the council, through no fault of the fathers assembled, was not able to heal the religious differences of western Europe, yet the infallible Divine truth was clearly proclaimed in opposition to the false doctrines of the day, and in this way a firm foundation was laid for the overthrow of heresy and the carrying out of genuine internal reform in the Church.”

RUCKMAN

“Council of Trent (the most holy and definitive Roman council ever held) says definitely beyond any shadow of a doubt, that John Wesley, George Whitfield...are in hell right now.” Ruckman’s own words are that the Council of Trent was “the most holy and definitive.” The words weren’t in quotes, so he is giving us his own thoughts!

FOUR-UNIVERSAL ATONEMENT OF CHRIST

THE CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA OF 1917

“In this way our salvation has won back for us the essential prerogative of the state of original justice, i.e., sanctifying grace while it will restore the minor prerogatives of the Resurrection. At the same time, it does not at once blot out individual sin, but only procures the means thereto, and these means are not restricted only to the predestined or to the faithful, but extend to all men (I John, ii, 2; I Tim., ii, 1-4).”

RUCKMAN

“Every unsaved Gentile on earth in Augustine’s day (A.D. 354-430) had been “granted repentance” by God (Acts 11:18) and every one of

them had been given the “gift of faith” to the extent where it was in his HEART and (potentially) in his MOUTH (Rom. 10:6-8), or not.”

whether he called upon the name of the Lord Page 19, WHY I AM NOT A CALVINIST

“The Historic position” of John Calvin, Gill, Hodges, Berkhof, Dabney, Kulper, Strong, and the “Puritans” was that God (before Gen 1:1) predestinated 50,000,000,000 souls to spend eternity in the Lake of fire (Rev 20) and then came to earth and died for less than one-tenth of that number. These two historic positions are called “Limited Atonement” and “Irresistible Grace”. Both of them are about as “Biblical” as the teaching of Rev. Moon and Mary Baker Eddy.”

FIVE-SOLE PURPOSE OF MINISTRY

ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI, CATHOLIC PRIEST

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“We shall speak in this chapter: 1) Of the obligation of priests to labor for the salvation of souls. 2) Of the pleasure that a priest who seeks the salvation of souls gives to God. 3) Of the eternal glory and reward that a priest who labors for the salvation of souls may expect from God.”

“St. Isidore does not hesitate to charge with mortal sin the priest that neglects to instruct the ignorant and to convert sinners. And St. John Chrysostom says, “Not on account of their own, but on account of the sins of others that they did not prevent, priests are often condemned to hell.” St. Thomas, speaking of a simple priest, says that the priest that fails either through negligence or ignorance to assist souls, renders himself accountable to God for all the souls that are lost through his fault. St. John Chrysostom says the same: “If priests take care only for their own souls, and neglect the souls of others, they will be condemned to hell with the damned.”

“A certain priest in Rome felt great fears at death for his eternal salvation, although he had led a life of retirement and piety. Being asked why he was so much afraid, he answered: “I am afraid, because I have not labored for the salvation of souls.” He had reason to tremble, since the Lord employs priests to save souls, and to rescue them from

vice. Hence, if a priest do not fulfill his duty, he must render to God an

account of all the souls that are lost through his fault: “If when I say to the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; thou declare it not to him, nor speak to him, that he may be converted from his wicked way and live; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood at thy hand.”

Thus, says St. Gregory, speaking of idle priests, they shall be accountable before God for the souls whom they could assist, and who are lost through their negligence.”

“Speaking of those that became priests not to save souls, but to secure a more comfortable means of living, St. Bernard says, Oh, how much better would it have been for them to labor in the field, or to beg, than to have taken to the priesthood. On the day of judgment they shall hear complaints against them from so many souls that have been damned through their sloth.”

“Our Lord once said to Bernard Colnado, a priest who labored much for the conversion of sinners: “Labor for the salvation of sinners, for this is what is most pleasing to me.” This is so dear to God, adds Clement of Alexandria, that the salvation of men appears to be his sole concern. Hence, addressing a priest, St. Laurence Justinian said: “If you wish to honor God, you can do no better than labor in behalf of the salvation of souls.”

(Speaking of the priest) “Jesus Christ has chosen him to bring forth fruit by saving souls.”

RUCKMAN

“If a Christian Bible teacher, preacher, evangelist, missionary, or scholar is not making an attempt to win souls for the Saviour, he is a “viable heretic,” no matter what he says he believes, no matter how “separated” he is, no matter what he professes, or what he accepts as “Fundamentals.” (Page 2, the BBB, February, 2007 in the “Strictly Personal” column written by Ruckman.)

“If you are not actively engaged in trying to win people to the Lord Jesus Christ-in some way; I didn’t say how-you are not “ORTHODOX,” and your kind of “orthodoxy” and “fundamentalism” is Roman Catholic from start to

finish. Eternity is not REAL to you. If it was, you would be about your Father's business (Luke 2:49)." (From the same article cited above, Page 16, subtitled, **MY FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH HERESEY AND HERETICS, the BBB, February, 2007.**)

Notice the precise correlation between the statements of Ruckman and those of Liguori. The mentality of Ruckman and the famous Catholic “soul winning” will go on. We are not disputing that the Christian should “be ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” (1 Peter 3:15.) That duty is, however, only one facet of a well ordered Christian life, and is far from all that God demands of the redeemed.

JESUIT-V.F. APHONSUS RODRIGUEZ

(Cited from Page 9 of THE PRACTICE OF CHRISTIAN AND RELIGIOUS PERFECTION, Volume III, James Duffy and Co., Dublin, 1914.)

“Our constitutions and the apostolical bulls expressly declare, that “the end of this society is that all those whose compose it may, with the grace of God, labour not only for their own salvation and perfection, but also strenuously apply themselves to the salvation and perfection of their neighbour. (Cap. i. Exam 1).”

By comparing Ruckman and Rome in these five points (no pun intended) it can be clearly apprehended that using Ruckman’s own comparative methods, the man is a Catholic in doctrine, if not in practice. Trained by a Jesuit, and by his own admission conversant with “Jesuitical sophistry,” Peter S. Ruckman is a crypto-Catholic “Protestant” whose protesting of Romanism is a façade.

Ruckman is acting in accordance with the Jesuit oaths:

priest are identical: the sole reason for existence is to wins souls. The priest believes he saves souls through the sacrament of the Eucharist and reconciling men to the Roman Catholic Church, while Ruckman believes the sinner is saved through the sacrament of the “sinner’s prayer.” All right behavior, moral living, prayer, study, and worship attendance are only a means to further soul winning. In their perspective, personal holiness and sanctity of daily life are not for God, but for man, so that “Among the Reformers, to be a Reformer; among the Huguenots, to be a Huguenot; among the Calvinists, to be a Calvinist; among the Protestants, generally to be a Protestant; and obtaining their confidence to seek even to preach

from their pulpits, and to denounce with all the vehemence in your nature our Holy Religion and the Pope; and even to descend so low as to become a Jew among the Jews, that you might be enabled to gather together all information for the benefit of your Order as a faithful soldier of the Pope.”

“You have been taught your duty as a spy, to gather all statistics, facts and information in your power from every source to ingratiate yourself into the confidence of the family circle of Protestants and heretics of every class and character, as well as that of the merchant, the banker, the lawyer, among the schools and universities, in parliaments and legislatures, and in the judiciaries and councils of state and to “be all things to all men,” for the Pope's sake, whose servants we are unto death.”

“I do further declare that the doctrines of the churches of England (The Thirty-Nine Articles of Faith) and Scotland (The Westminster Confession of Faith of 1658), of the Calvinists, Huguenots and others of the name Protestants or Liberals to be damnable, and they themselves damned and to be damned who will not forsake the same.”

“I do further declare, that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his Holiness’ agents in any place wherever I shall be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England, Ireland, or America, or in any other kingdom or territory I shall come to, and do my uttermost to extirpate the heretical Protestants or Liberals’ doctrines and to destroy all their pretended powers, regal or otherwise.”

Ruckman is to be commended, for a lifelong dedication to the principles of the Counter-Reformation as espoused by the Society of Jesus. Pursuant to the Jesuit oaths, he has ingratiated himself to Protestants and appeared generally as a Protestant, the whole while sowing strife, confusion, discord, and error amongst Rome’s enemies. But more than this, he has sought earnestly to bring disrepute upon the word of God, the Holy Scriptures, the “scripture given by inspiration of God”----- THE KING JAMES BIBLE---

He has done this by his purposefully coarse and offensive manner, and rejoices in his success.

CONCLUSION OR THE SUM OF THE MATTER

The sum of the matter concerning the teachings, doctrines, confessions, and principles of Peter S. Ruckman can be readily gleaned from his own pen and is beyond dispute. Ruckman is one of the most virulent self admitted Anti-Calvinists to ever defile a pulpit. He professes to “study the scriptures,” “have the scriptures,” “teach the scriptures,” “study the book,” “have the word of God,” and “memorize the scriptures.” He exalts the AV 1611, or the Authorized Version, but does not state that he means the King James. He, by his own admission, has “broadly intimated” that he believes some book was “inspired,” but by his own rules or combat which he applies to others, there is no way of verifying for sure the book of which he speaks.

He intimates by subterfuge that the book about which he is speaking is the King James Bible yet continually undermines and denigrates many of the doctrines contained therein. He confesses to be a rejecter of virtually all historic creeds, confessions and statements of faith by Protestants, Catholics, and church councils of Christianity, and without apology indicates by his speech, manners and bearing that he knows more than any five dozen theologians one could name. (“Knowledge puffeth up; charity edifieth.”) He seeks to impress his hearers with his knowledge on many subjects beyond religion including, art, history, conspiracies, race, and human relations in general. He has lived a long life of 85 years and often indicates in his words that this is by God’s favor and because he has been the Lord’s “junkyard dog” for the AV 1611, or King James Bible. He has been a prodigious author and has produced reams and reams of material and is very happy to point that out to any reader of his with regularity. But most importantly, Ruckman has inculcated and encouraged in his ministerial students and followers a hatred of the sovereignty and omnipotence of God, and this may indeed be his most lasting contribution to the Christian community of the end times.