

could say to the world: here is a version which liberals have prepared. No fundamentalist bias can be said to be the cause of the translation of any verse. Yet the great doctrines in which we believe can be clearly traced in the phrases of this version. Let an unbeliever read this version with sincere desire to find the truth, and he can learn how to be saved.

Others had a different feeling. They saw the liberal bias of the translators; they knew the liberal books which many of these men had written. They felt that any translation from such a source must be dangerous to the Christian world.

In my personal opinion, one of the greatest needs of the Christian world today is a version of the Bible into modern English which would be as excellent and as dependable as the King James Version was for its day. I fear that no such version has yet appeared. Yet I believe that the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament has made a valuable step in that direction. To one who recognizes its danger and its background, it can be a most useful help, if it is handled with due caution.

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THE KING JAMES VERSION, AND  
THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION**

The Lord has called me to a special work, involving intensive study of the details of our faith. It is His will that we should stand uncompromisingly on all those points that are essential, and that we should carefully investigate all points of secondary importance, in order that we may constantly learn more and more of what God's message means for us.