(This letter was sent to a preacher by Pastor Fedena and has been edited to include others.)

Dear Preacher (especially Fundamentalists and or Baptists),

Greetings in His matchless Name!

Yes, you have to read it to find out what he is teaching. I refuse to condemn someone due to the school he or she graduated from. *If that were the case, you would not want me for a church member*. Pastor H_____ also graduated from Ruckman's school and is NOT a Ruckmanite and refused to have Ruckman in his pulpit when asked. (He has two earned doctorates! Where did Don Waite get his doctorate? Was it from a Bible believing college? Wasn't it Presbyterian? *[Mine is "earned" also - after over 40 years as a pastor- no matter what Waite says. I just don't have the sheepskin hanging on my wall.]*

The question that needs to be addressed is not if the KJB is superior to the Greek and Hebrew but **if God kept His promise to preserve His Word and words?** If so, are they only preserved in the long gone autographs? Where are they? Are they up in Heaven as those who hold that position say? Did he preserve errors? (I don't believe that God is in the business of preserving errors.) If so, where are they? If not, then we don't have an "every word" Bible Jesus spoke of in Mt.4:4 & Luke 4:4. Was he just kidding? In John 6 Jesus said His words (even He didn't have the originals) were spirit and life (are the words in a KJB "spirit and life"?) and Peter said we can only be born again by **incorruptible seed** - not corrupted seed. Peter didn't have the originals either. Does that mean that I may not be born again via a corrupted (KJ) Bible. Where are the errors in a KJB - might they affect my salvation or security?

As I see it we have only these choices:

- 1. The KJB **IS (not WAS)** the Word and words of God (Did God quit breathing?! and has no part in preserving His words through copies and translations?)
- 2. The KJB **CONTAINS** the Word and words of God (Partial Inspiration) [like all the new English versions],
- 3. The KJB **BECOMES** the Word and words of God (Demythological Inspiration) [Neo-Orthodox position]

Would you say the KJB is **Scripture**? If it is Scripture it must be preserved and inspired! 2 Tim. 3:16 says "All **SCRIPTURE** <u>IS</u> (not was) inspired..." (Should we change this verse to "was"? (Or did Timothy have the originals Paul wrote about in v. 15? Are there two different "holy scriptures"? vv.15,16) When you hold up your Bible (KJB) and declare it to be God's Word and words are you not being truthful? Do believers today have to study Greek and Hebrew to locate His words? Did our omnipotent and omniscient God FAIL to preserve every jot and tittle? (The Bible Jesus quoted from was not the autographs - they were copies or translations.)

I would ask you to read this book the same way you read Dr. Waite's materials and give the author the benefit of the doubt, and answer some of the questions he asks. Agree or disagree as you see fit, but don't judge till you have read what he has to say, please. Then maybe we can have a discussion to dismiss or agree with his conclusions, based on his arguments, not on what school he graduated from. I didn't mean to offend you by giving you this book. If you choose not to read it, just give it back to me and I will pass it on to someone else. Either way, I will not be upset with you.

Sincerely in the Savior,

Pastor (e) Fedena

(Here is this preachers response to my letter)

I was looking through it and read some about the author.

He (the author of the book I sent to him) earned a Bachelors and Masters Degree from Peter Ruckmans college.: Pensacola Bible Institute. (Thus he must be a Ruckmanite – right? P.F.)

I guess he believes with Ruckman and Riplinger that the KJV is superior to the Greek and Hebrew. (Not accurate - P.F.)

Does he believe the KJV Translators improved upon the seven times purified words (Psalm 12:6) that the Holy men of old, moved by the Holy Ghost, spake (2 Peter 1:21)? (No, but he does believe that God promised to preserve His Word and words in that passage. – I know you believe this verse only applies to the originals. – P.F.)

Does he believe the KJV is superior to the Bible JESUS had and quoted from? (No, but you believe that Jesus quoted from the autographs, not a copy or translation. – P.F.

I guess I need to read it to find out :-) (I guess so, but you probably won't. [And didn't!] P.F.)

Thanks again.