
NIV Error: Rat Poison

As the NWT, the NIV adds words to God's Word in order to promote false doctrine, specifically Calvinist doctrine. It may contain 98% good, but its 2% error is deadly poison! The NIV additions are additions to God's Word teaching unsound doctrine and upon this basis the NIV should be condemned and rejected.

There are a considerable number of such damnable additions, promoting modernism and false doctrine that are well documented elsewhere. Here, I'll mention only one of the worst. The NIV repeatedly adds to God's Word the false term and doctrine of "sinful nature." Neither the term nor the doctrine is in the Bible.

NIV Error: "Sinful Nature" Substituted for *Sarx* "Flesh"

The NIV repeatedly substitutes "sinful nature" (23 times) for *sarx*, the Greek word for "flesh." "Sinful nature" for *sarx* (flesh) is a doctrinal insertion, not a correct translation. This is an addition to God's Word.

There is no Greek word for "sinful nature," nor is the word "sinful" inherent in *sarx*, just as sin is not inherent in flesh. "Sarx" cannot be

legitimately translated "sinful nature" any more than the word "only" may be added to "faith." This is an addition to God's Word and is damnable (Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:18-19).

"Sinful nature" is the terminology of denominationalism, not the Scriptures. The term "sinful nature" comes from the Calvinist doctrine of total depravity which influenced this obviously corrupted addition.

The Scriptures teach children are born innocent (Matthew 18:1-5, 10). The guilt of sin is upon "the soul that sins" and not passed by inheritance from one's father (Ezekiel 18:20). Nor is the guilt of sin passed from Adam as "(spiritual) death spread to all men, because all sinned...not according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam" (Romans 5:12-14).

Do not be deceived by NIV's popularity. It is not an accurate nor reliable translation of God's Word. It is filled with damnable additions and false doctrine. Avoid it and the error it promotes.

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"Do not add to His words,
Lest He rebuke you,
and you be found a liar"

Proverbs 30:6

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“Sound Words” Produce “Sound Doctrine”

We are to “Hold fast the form of sound words, which you have heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 1:13). The form of sound words produces the teaching of sound doctrine. “Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers” (Titus 1:9). “But you speak the things which become sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1).

We hold to sound words and teach sound doctrine by not adding to God’s Word (Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:4; Revelation 22:18). God gave us the very words He wanted. Paul wrote “Which things also we speak, not *in the words* which man’s wisdom teaches, but *which the Holy Spirit teaches*; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (1 Corinthians 2:13).

These words were so specific Paul made a lengthy argument upon one word in the Scriptures being singular,

instead of plural (Galatians 3:16-19). Jesus built a powerful argument upon the tense of one word in the Scriptures (Matthew 22:29-30).

I would not put my soul or the soul of anyone I teach in jeopardy by using a version, such as the NIV, that readily adds words and doctrines to the Holy Word of God.

Just a Little Error: Rat Poison

For years growing up I heard gospel preachers compare denominational doctrine to rat poison, 98% corn meal and 2% poison. One could argue the rat poison is good as it is 98% food, but the 2% poison is deadly.

Much “religious” material can teach someone 98% of the truth, but the 2% doctrinal error/poison will condemn the souls who believe and follow it. There are many other errors in the Jehovah’s Witnesses’ New World Translation (NWT), but the worst involves the addition of one little one letter word in one verse, John 1:1. “In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god” (NWT). The addition of the word “a” here was to promote the JW’s doctrine and this alone is sufficient to condemn the NWT.

I am often asked which Bible version I recommend. My preferred list is the *New King James*, the *King James*, the *American Version* and the *New Revised Standard Version*, in that order.

Several versions I not only do not recommend but condemn include any “paraphrase” or “expanded” versions which are often influenced by modernism. These include *Good News For Modern Man*, the *Amplified Bible* and the *Living Bible*. Also to be avoided is any version produced by a particular denomination and corrupted by additions, deletions or changes to support particular denominational doctrines, such as the Catholic *Douay Rheims* version and the Jehovah Witnesses’ *New World Translation*.

The *New International Version* (NIV) is currently the most popular and biggest seller by far of any Bible version today. For this reason it is the most dangerous and deadly version. The NIV is corrupted by additions and changes in its text influenced by modernism and Calvinistic doctrine.

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