

The book entitled The Living Bible is being accepted and recommended. It can be found today in motel rooms replacing the Gideon Bible, which is in the familiar King James Version. It was not launched with the fanfare that introduced the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyrighted by the National Council of Churches in the U.S.A. One man produced it. It is directed toward young people, with the stated purpose of making the Scriptures more understandable.

Already there are fourteen million copies in print. It is quoted in religious books as TLB, similar to the identifications of KJV and RSV and NEB (New English Bible). The effect it is having and the misunderstandings that it is producing are of such a nature that it is long past time for a factual, careful exposure of this book. A word-by-word comparison should be made with the King James Version, which does remain and has continued through these centuries to be the generally accepted English translation.

All the respect and honor which have been built up through the centuries on behalf of the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures, are now being ascribed to this book. It is called *The Way. Reach Out* and *The Greatest Is Love* describe *The Living New Testament*. The pictures inserted throughout are only of young people. The entire project has been developed, the book says, by "the editors of Campus Life magazine, Youth for Christ International."

For some reason there are many about today who do not believe that the Bible is acceptable to our younger generation and that therefore it must be adjusted, particularly to the youth of the twentieth century. The Bible must be brought down to the level where the youth are, rather than the youth being brought up to the standards that the Bible itself requires. This assumption is fallacious for it neglects