

of this is to be used to translate The Living Bible into "some 100 foreign languages." So the damage which has been done is going to be further extended throughout the whole world. Mr. Taylor himself has been identified with the National Association of Evangelicals or what is known today as the Neo-Evangelicals, and it is reported here in the *Wall Street Journal* that he is disbursing funds from his Tyndale House Foundation "to various religious causes."

Just as the royalties from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible now go to help strengthen the cause of the National Council and the ecumenical movement throughout the world, so Mr. Taylor is using returns from his project to support the causes he is involved in. These are the causes generally represented by the N.A.E.

The N.A.E. is made up of churches and individuals that refuse to take a stand on the National Council or the World Council of Churches or any of these great issues that relate to the ongoing struggle of the twentieth century to preserve the "faith once delivered" and to maintain the true testimony of the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The tragedy of it all is that that which is not the Word of God is now being offered as the Word of God, and it carries with it the historic connotation that the Word of God itself has sustained in the esteem and the love of God's people throughout the world. There is a twist here that is deceptive. "Take heed that no man deceive you," our Lord said. Mr. Taylor is presenting his project under various names: a New Testament for Blacks he calls "Soul Food"; a paperback for hippies he calls "The Jesus Book." What the world needs is the unity, the authority, the glory of an accurate, honest translation of the text as given

by the Holy Spirit to the prophets and the apostles of old. The King James is still the best and most generally accepted version. The world needs the Word of God, not just what one man thinks the Word of God ought to say, or how he can adjust it so he thinks it will be more acceptable to a generation of the twentieth century.

These accommodations of man to man, and the adjustment of God's Word to sinful men, so that what man has is not indeed the fullness of God's revelation or even His Word and truth, will only contribute further to the confusion that exists about whether there is a Word from God or not.

Jesus Christ said, "Thy Word is truth." Let us have it, love it, believe it, obey it, and die for it. Here are the words of eternal life!

There is something presumptuous about the words, The Living Bible, as though the other books that call themselves the Bible are not quite alive. Jesus Christ said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." He said in His great intercessory prayer, "Thy word is truth." And here we have a paraphrase, a man-made garment spread over it, perversions put into it. Ideas that are not contained in a given passage are introduced. To take that which is not the Word of God and offer it as "direct from God" is a travesty of the truth.

For Evangelist Billy Graham, the confidante of President Nixon, and one who attracts thousands to his crusades, to commend something in this particular manner to the souls of men will do them untold damage. This is no book for Christians. This is no help to those who desire the fullness of God's revelation concerning Jesus Christ in its accuracy and its light and power.