

The King James Version reads:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" (Gen. 1:1, 2).

The Living Bible changes it thus:

"When God began creating the heavens and the earth, the earth was at first a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors."

Here the thought that is conveyed is that at the time God actually started to create, the earth was there. He had some material to work with in the beginning. Now the true revelation at this point is that he created out of nothing. The so-called Living Bible represents what God had at that time as "a chaotic mass." Nothing that God had made was chaotic, and the paraphrase of this entire verse makes possible what is presently being taught and accepted as theistic evolution in what is called the Neo-evangelical circles.

In this account, Genesis in the King James reads:

"And the evening and the morning were the first day."

The paraphrase has it that this *"all happened on the second day."*

In reference to the actual creation of man, Genesis 1:27 reads, according to the King James Version:

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

The Living Bible reads:

*So God made man like his Maker.
Like God did God make man;
Man and maid did he make them.*

In the reference of Jesus Christ to this passage in Matthew 19, and a very precious confirmation it is from the lips of the Son of God, the King James remains faithful, calling them "male and female." But The Living Bible puts it "man and woman."

III. THE PROPHET DANIEL

In the report of the three Hebrews being thrown into the fiery furnace because they would not bow down and worship the image of Nebuchadnezzar, the King James translation reads:

"Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth iss like the Son of God" (Dan. 3:25).

The Living Bible considerably changes it:

" 'I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire, and they aren't even hurt by the flames! And the fourth looks like a god!' "

Even the footnote at this point makes it worse: *"looks like a son of the gods."*

IV VILE PASSAGES

The Bible is God's Word, and it condemns sin in the strongest terms. The effort, however, of the paraphraser to make it understandable has let him speak in levels of vulgarity and filth — supposedly to those who accept