

# A Critique of

[“THE INSPIRED ORDER OF THE BIBLE”

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In critique I have only captured just the beginning of this work as it will suffice to show how little a university professor knows about the Bible. Using a Bible or PREFERRING a particular version has nothing to do with being a BIBLE BELIEVER. All scripture references used in our critique will be from the Authorized Version as our sole authority in all matters of faith and practice. As a Bible Believer, we seek only the TRUTH, the whole TRUTH, and nothing but the TRUTH.

**Patton writes:** “The Bible contains 66 books, thirty-nine in the Old Testament and twenty-seven in the New Testament. While there is no doubt or question that the Bible is complete, the entire Word of God, nevertheless there is a question about the actual number of books and their arrangement or order.”

**Sargent Answer:** Actually I had no question about this; I believe my Bible is God’s inspired words in my English King James Bible. Why question what God has given you? We will be investigating what the Bible itself says about these two issues: 1. **the number of books**, and 2. **the order of those books**. Patton will be taking the view of the university professors and textual critics of the Holy Bible, while I will be taking the Bible Believing view of the Holy Bible.

**Patton writes:** “Would God design His Word with the mark of man on it? That is, man was created on the sixth day of creation week. Six is the mark of man. This thematic design is seen throughout the Bible. Six and especially sixty-six, which amplifies the element of man, seems, therefore, an unlikely number of books for God to include in His Word.”

**Sargent Answer:** Dealing with a few issues here: God’s Word is Jesus Christ: however God’s word is the Holy Scriptures and in English that is found in the King James Bible. To say God’s Word while referring to a “book” is to assign deity to a book, and make the book equal to Jesus Christ in every way. Which it is not! Notice in John 1:1-4, “**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.**” The Word WAS God: and all things were made by HIM? That was no BOOK! Notice in verse 14, “**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**” A book was made flesh according to Patton, who used this personification by capitalizing “W” while the Bible NEVER does this:

1 Samuel 9:27, “And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee **the word of God.**” and 1 Kings 12:22, “But **the word of God** came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,” and 1 Chronicles 17:3, “And it came to pass the same night, that **the word of God** came to Nathan, saying,” Proverbs 30:5, “**Every word of God** is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.” And Mark 7:13, “Making **the word of God** of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.” And Luke 3:2, “Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, **the word of God** came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.” And Luke 4:4, “And Jesus answered him, saying, **It is written**, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word of God.**” and Luke 5:1, “And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear **the word of God**, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,” and Luke 8:11, “Now the parable is this: **The seed is the word of God.**” and Luke 8:21, “And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear **the word of God**, and do it.” And Luke 11:28, “But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear **the word of God**, and keep it.” John 10:35, “If he called them gods, unto whom **the word of God** came, and **the scripture** cannot be broken;” just a few examples will do. Notice every time when it is a reference to the writings or the verbal words of God it is always lowercase. And notice that when it is referring to Jesus Christ it is ALWAYS a Capitalized “W” with no exception. Notice: 1 John 1:1, “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of **the Word of life;**” and 1 John 5:7, “For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, **the Word**, and the Holy Ghost: and **these three are one.**” Compared this with John 1:1-4 & 14 for the Word becoming flesh.

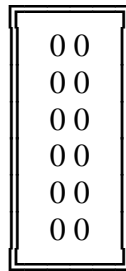
Dealing with the 66 books I will do in the next answer.

**Patton writes:** “Sixty-six books, however, is just a hint of a possible problem. The evidence from the Bible itself is that there are in fact forty-nine books of the Bible arranged in seven divisions. No scripture is lost, or added, by counting them as God does, so don’t get shook up!”

**Sargent Answer:** Now we come to the number of books in the Bible: in the Catholic Bibles there are 72 books, so drawing from any Catholic historian would be a lie seeing that they believe in adding the apocrypha to the canon. This comes from the Alexandrian text base used by all new versions however; they do not translate all the books contained in this text base including the Alexandrian, the Vaticanus, and Sinaiticus Mss. These manuscripts are almost complete Bibles: Old and New Testaments, with Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha books in them. Both groups have been expunged from holy writ because they are very questionable writings and false writings. The 66 books are that number for many reasons, none of which are because of the number 6. The 66 books do not add up to a 6. The words sixty six (sixty-six) is not in the Bible. To resort to this type of theological baboonery is ridiculous in light of Biblical Numerology. In Biblical Numerology digits of a number are ADDED not MULTIPLIED! So the 66 would be 12 for Israel and the Apostles or it is 3 for the Godhead.

If you start with 6, you can multiply 6 with itself:  $6 \times 6 = 36$  and all the numbers added  $1 \sim 36 = 666$ . Also notice that  $666 \div 37 = 18 \div 3 = 6$  Notice this in Revelation 13:18. But this is not 666 it is 66 which is a very different number.

Now about the 66, on the table of shewbread were two rows of 6 loaves of bread so it was 66 like this:



Luke 4:4, “And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That **man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.**”

The next issue I have with all this is that in the Book of Isaiah we have a Map of the Books IN THE ORDER and NUMBER in a KING JAMES BIBLE! Notice that in the beginning of Isaiah 1:2, “Hear, O **heavens**, and give ear, O **earth**: for **the LORD hath spoken...**” Notice in Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the **heaven** and the **earth.**” With verse 3, “And **God said...**” etc. Notice this matches the statement about the creation: Hebrews 11:3, “Through faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of God**, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.”

Now notice in Isaiah 66:22, “For as the **new heavens** and the **new earth**, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD...” and compare this with: Revelation 21:1, “And I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away...”

Now if that weren't enough look where the division is in chapter 40 of Isaiah: Isaiah 40:3, “**The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**” AND in the 40<sup>th</sup> book of the Bible (which is the first book in the New Testament) we see this very prophecy fulfilled: Matthew 3:3, “For this is he that was **spoken of by the prophet Esaias**, saying, **The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**” Isaiah is a MAP of the while Bible ORDER and NUMBER!

One more issue with the books of the Bible: there are 39 books in the Old Testament: that is 3 X 13! There are three 13's in the Old Testament:

1. The **FIRST** Curse: Genesis 2:17, “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” **DEATH!** SO: Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”
2. The **NEXT** Curse the **LAW** we can not attain: Exodus 20:3-17, (1) “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (2) “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image...” (3) “Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain...” (4) “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.” (5) “Honour thy father and thy

mother..." (6) "Thou shalt not kill." (7) "Thou shalt not commit adultery." (8) "Thou shalt not steal." (9) "Thou shalt not bear false witness..." (10) "Thou shalt not covet..." And finally

3. The THIRD Curse: Malachi 4:6, ENDING: "...a curse." And it's 39 books or 3 X 13!

Now turn to Galatians 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the **curse** of the law, being made a **curse** for us: for it is written, **Cursed** is every one that hangeth on a tree." Notice there are three curses in the verse, now count the number of the word: 7, 14, 21! That means they are in a word position 777! Christ hath redeemed us threefold from a threefold curse that was upon our BODY, SOUL and SPIRIT!

Notice also the New Testament books are 27. What is 27? Well it is 3 X 9! Now what is the likelihood of BOTH testaments being divisible by 3? Notice the 9: that is for Good Fruit.

**Patton writes:** "The most dramatic concern is that many of the books of the Bible have been "scrambled," so to speak, from the order or arrangement as originally canonized and seen in the earliest manuscripts."

**Sargent Answer:** I think not! Or as Paul said, I trow not! I think this Patton is eating too many scrambled eggs! I am not concerned with "originals" there are NONE! What is he using to compare with? Does HE have the "originals"? NO! OH, then HE IS A LIAR! YES TRUE!

**Patton writes:** "These truths may seem shocking, but they are easily proven. God has, for His own purposes and reasons, permitted this re-arrangement to occur. Nevertheless, the historical evidence and most importantly, the internal evidence of the Bible itself, irrefutably demonstrate the actual number of Bible books and the God-ordained order or sequence of those forty-nine books."

**Sargent Answer:** Actually no, dealing with Bible critics is one of my pastimes. It is Patton's intention to create a shock and awe that unhinges the reasoning of the timid or young Christian, and set his path away from FAITH into the dark realm of DOUBT. There is no other reason for this hatred of the words of eternal life. His disdain for TRUTH is appalling. He seems to be a habitual LIAR, saying things like the above. What he has now done is make his own view irrefutable because HE SAYS SO! What a JACKASS! Why should we believe Patton? Why, because he is a professor at a university? What were his credentials? Economics! WHAT? And what does that have to do with the subject? NOTHING! So, he is on EQUAL GROUNDS WITH ME! I have an authority far greater than anything he has. He has his own mind, and quite made up. He is his own god without God's Holy Bible after all he has set himself up as Prosecutor, Judge, and Jury: and condemned the Bible to be arbitrarily DICED to pieces by this HACK!

**Patton writes:** "Again, to state our conclusion up front, there are forty-nine books in seven divisions in a God-inspired order. God has put each book in a special position. He did not flip a coin, for example, to decide which book was to be the final one in the Old

Testament or which book was to be the first in the New Testament! God could not have designed His Word in a haphazard manner!”

**Sargent Answer:** So, he STARTS with his CONCLUSION! And here he is to prove what? According to WHO? I think Patton is flipping a coin because the Bible ALREADY TOLD YOU THERE ARE 66 BOOKS IN THE BIBLE. In THE CORRECT ORDER. AND THEY HAVE BEEN THERE FOR OVER 400 YEARS! Once again we see how Patton can not comprehend WHO His Word IS? In dealing with words spoken or written, they are NOT a person and therefore should not be capitalized: QUOTE: “God could not have designed His Word in a haphazard manner!” SO, we are to believe just because Mr. Patton says so that our King James Bible is haphazard? What a laugh! Are you KIDDING? It is put together better than the originals! But it would take a college professor to come up with this ridiculous nonsense. He needs to go back to his economics! And stay out of the realm of Biblical research and leave that to those of us that BELIEVE the BOOK from Cover to Cover! INCLUDING the COVER!

**Patton writes:** “That is because God is not the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33). The traditional arrangement of the books of the Bible, when contrasted to the Inspired Order, as the author likes to phrase it, will be seen as just that – confusing. The Bible is indeed fitly joined together, God-breathed and ordered.”

**Sargent Answer:** So, now Patton finally quotes some Bible. From where did he get that quote? Was it from the toss of a coin, or was it a haphazard verse, jumbled up where HE had to fix it to make it readable for us STUPID people to get! After all HE is the College Professor! He is a poor quality college professor if he can’t even quote the Bible right: 1 Corinthians 14:33, “For **God is not the author of confusion**, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.” Perhaps he is getting that from a MODERN TRANSLATION! That is too bad; they don’t have ALL the words of God. This is the reason for his diatribe; God took some brain cells in his brain, and made mush out of them, so he is not thinking clearly! No doubt casters ever think clearly. He is using the Bible AGAINST itself! DUH! Not a good idea, after all, this is what gets people admitted into the insane asylum. God is NOT the author of CONFUSION: there are over 250 English translations: and God is the author of only ONE! Satan designed the rest. Compare Luke 4:4 and 4:8, deal with what is removed from the modern translation compared to the King James Bible. Finding these verses somewhere else in the Bible does not detract from the fact that at THIS location they are NOT the SAME! One is TRUE, the other is a LIE.

**Patton writes:** “Throughout this paper the author will refer to the contemporary arrangement of the Bible that all of us are familiar with as the Traditional Order and the original God-ordained order as the Inspired Order.”

**Sargent Answers:** Here Patton takes LIBERTY to name things that are obligatory to his argument. SO, making proof by labeling HIS argumentation as GOD-ORDAINED ORDER and INSPIRED ORDER, etc. He has in his mind already won his own debate! Let me make ONE thing straight! **THERE ARE NO ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS, NO ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS WERE EVER PRODUCED IN ONE VOLUME OF A BOOK EVER, THERE IS NO PROOF TO HIS ALLEGATIONS THESE ARE ONLY ASSUMPTIONS, BUT IN LIGHT OF HIS VERBIAGE CALLING THESE THINGS TRUTH, HE IN FACT IS LYING.**

**Patton writes:** “This paper seeks to demonstrate and prove this Inspired Order by letting the Bible itself speak about its own order and principles for arrangement. When the correct book order is restored, we’ll discover a marvelous and eye-opening series of insights and a series of connected subjects and organizational logic from Genesis to Revelation. All of the teachings in the Bible become clearer and plainer.”

**Sargent Answer:** It has already been demonstrated that this professor is a professional liar, bent on making the naive, new born Christian, DOUBT the words of the living God. There is no question as to the order of the books, the only QUESTION is ARE YOU BORN AGAIN? Where will YOU spend ETERNITY? This RABBIT he is chasing leads to a FOX HOLE: where that old FOX the DEVIL resides. He is trying to SELL you on his “...marvelous and eye-opening series of insights and a series of connected subjects and organizational logic...” and side step the issue completely as to what we are to be about in this time. BRINGING OTHERS TO JESUS CHRIST TO ESCAPE FROM HELL FIRE AND DAMNATION! Dealing with hucksters that detract from the Bible, alter the words, cut out whole verses, and damn souls to hell fire, is just following his master’s plan: to make others two fold more the child of HELL than they are.

SO, while some people seem to have nothing better to do than to RUN THE BIBLE DOWN, the Bible Believer finds NO FAULT in the BOOK of books. It is PERFECT, PRESERVED and will LAST FOREVER.

Psalms 19:7, “The law of the LORD is **perfect, converting the soul**: the testimony of the LORD is **sure**, making wise the simple.”

Psalms 12:6-7, “The **words of the LORD are pure words**: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, **purified** seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou **shalt preserve them from this generation for ever**.”

1 Peter 1:25, “But **the word of the Lord endureth for ever**. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

FULL PROOF THAT THE WORDS OF GOD ARE GOOD JUST LIKE THEY ARE! IT IS UP TO YOU TO TAKE GOD AT HIS WORD, AND NOT TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH A PENKNIFE LIKE JEHUDI DID. Jeremiah 36:23, “And it came to pass, that when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, **he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth**, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth.” By the way, this was an ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT that was CUT up and BURNED!

The King James Bible is better than the Originals!

1. It is contained in ONE binding
2. It has lasted more than one century
3. It has been translated into more languages
4. It is still around today
5. It can be read by more people than those that only read Greek and or Hebrew.
6. It is written in an international language
7. It has been around over 400 years passed the test of time.

No other Bible can compare, no other book, not even the ORIGINALS! Here we end our critique. There is no reason to pursue this farther because we will just be repeating ourselves to the tune of EVERY PAGE.

Conclusion:

The order of books and the number of books is obviously found in the order of chapters and the number of chapters in Isaiah as shows above.

There are several themes in the Bible showing the word of God like bread and the order of the shew bread in two rows of 6: making 66 on the table.

There are good reasons not to agree with anything where there is an altering of the Bible after 1881. The Bible has already been settled for 270 years by that time and now over 400 years.

There is no Bible like the King James Bible and this Bible is given IN the Bible: Isaiah 41:21, "Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the **King of Jacob.**" Jacob is the Hebrew transliteration into English of the name James which is a transliteration from Hebrew to Greek then to English. So these names are the same name in essence.

One last thing: Jeremiah 23:36, "And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for **every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.**"

The Bible does not need to be re-written; it needs to be re-read!

# The End