

Pastor Russell's

Sermon

Not long ago I pointed out that the

last 12 verses of St. Mark's Gospel in

our common version are spurious-so

recognized by all scholars, because

these verses are not to be found in any

of the oldest Greek MSS., and were evidently added to the Word of God

in the seventh century or later. More-over, we gave proofs of the untruthful-

ness of this addition. Is it true that

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whoever believes the gospel of Christ may handle serpents with impunity make further investigation, take out more of these dead files; but, the Lord and may drink deadly poison without harm? Surely not. It is nothing short willing, at some future time I John v, 7, 8, will have our attention. It is of a sin for those who know better to acknowledge these verses and to use worthy of it. It has caused the Ointthem to bolster up theories of divine ment to stink and has confused the minds of many of God's dear saints by healing. It is as much a crime to add to the Word of God as to take away MR. the way in which the error in this case has been interwoven with the truth.

More dead flies in the precious ointment.—Pastor Russell points out more deceptive additions to the Word of God contained in our common version Bibles, but shown to be false because not found in the oldest Greek MSS.— One of these "files" has moulded accepted theology. — Dead files cause the apothecary's ointment to stink (Ecclesiastes x, 1).

To-day I invite attention to some other dead files, some other additions to God's Word, which have had much My hearers should bear distinctly in mind that what I am here presenting to God's Word, which have had much to do with twisting the theology once delivered to the saints. Take, for in-stance, the closing words of the Lord's prayer: "Thine is the kingdom and power and glory."

power and glory." These words, if uttered by old Lord, criminate between which were writte

These words, if uttered by old Lord, should be found in the old Greek MSS. But they are not found therein. They are, therefore, to be rejected as addi-tions made by people centuries after Mathew's Gospel was written. These words were introduced when the faith of the church remediate between which were written by the prophets credited, and which were additions. I resent higher criticism and accept the word God in full. I reject noth-ing because of my own or other men's surmises, but merely go by the facts. ords were introduced when the faith surmises, but merely go by the facts. the church respecting the kingdom If the oldest Greek MSS. do not conof Messiah was changed and changing tain certain passages of Scripture, how from what it was originally. All could they get into late MSS, except as spurious additions? . Nor should I be considered as faultas spurious thru the New Testament the second

ning of Christ in power and glory to finding with our common version of the Bible. While it is not without its establish His kingdom and to glorify the church, His bride, is set for the faults, it has so many excellent quali-H end of this gospel age. But as the time. ties and beautiful translations that 1 rew lang a change of sentiment ame into the church. It became popuprefer it to any other and generally use it. But I must not, I cannot, ap-prove those portions of it which all orthodox scholars admit to be spurilar and rich. Its bishops were respect-ed. Finally the theory prevailed that God did not intend to delay the estabous. We must not handle the word of lishment of the kingdom until the sec-ond coming of Christ, but did intend God deceitfully. If we do we expect darkness instead of light, don-

to establish it in the hands of the instead of harmony. church during this age and use the Just three centuries ago our English Common Version Bible was published. church for the conquering of the world and the fulfilling of all the promises This year its tercentenary is cele-brated. It is a grand book. It has done a grand work. The fact that it is not perfect must not condemn a In line with this the most prominent bishop of the time was recognized as divinely appointed to represent Christ work possessed of so many glorious qualities. It was the result of seven

in the world and to reign over the nations in His stead and to bring about years' labor on the part of forty-seven pensons learned in the languages and appointed by King James of England for its preparation. They labored to some disadvantage by reason of the the millennium, etc. This was the Bishop of Rome, who subsequently was styled the Pope and who claimed and was accorded the honorable title. "Vice-gerent of the Son of God." It is said that the equivalent of this title to this day is worn by the Pope on his tiara or three-cornered hat—Vicarius "Vice-gerent of the Son of God." It is instructed that if the Tyndale, Cover-dale, Matthew, Cranmer or Whitchurch Dei Filii.

Thus the change came in the general translation and the Geneva Editors agreed better with the text, theirs sentiment of the "Christian world." Messia's kingdom was no longer to Messia's kingdom was no longer to be looked for as coming, but was to be recognized as here. The Pope as Mes-haps, the best that could be made at

recognized as here. The Pope, as here siah's reigning representative, was to be acknowledged. All kingdoms that were to honor and obey Messiah were commanded to honor and obey the



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Pope. The various prophedes which set from tell of Messiah's kingdom glory were a mistake. ect from the finger of God. This is applied to the Pope, and are still so The basis of our common As whosever would not receive Mes- was the Latin Vulgate, which was

alah was to be "destroyed from diligently revised and compared with amongst the people," it was not consid- , the Greek MISS. of the time. But ered wrong to destroy those who re- there were few Greek MISS known a jected and opposed the papal kingdom that time, whereas at the present time and to give them to the burning flame. there are over 700. Three of these are The Lord's prayed was already in the quite ancient. criptures, and was known to many. (b) The Sinaitic MS., found in a con

Scriptures, and was known to many. It could not be eliminated. But some vent on Mt. Sinai so recently as 1860 zealous person, fully believing that This is acknowledged to be the oldest God's kingdom had come, felt justified Greek MS. known in the world. Its in amending the prayer to correspond date is estimated to be about the year to what he supposed were the facts. 331 A.D. This MS. is now in the possession of the Russian Government at Hence the prayer which begins, "Try kingdom come," is made to end by say- St. Petersburg. (2) The Vatican MS., 1209, is credited

ing, "Thy kingdom has come in its glory and power.' If papacy is the kingdom of Messiah, it is certainly not what the Jews ex- brary and is still there and catalogued

pected. It is certainly not what we ex- The date of its writing is estimated to pected. It is certainly not what we ex-pected. It is certainly not what the be about the year 350 A.D. (3) The third of these oldest known masses of mankind had any reason to expect, altho it is so accepted by the Greek, MSS. of the New Testament is the discussion of the second in majority of Christendom.

noke away from the Pope and de-now in the British Museum, where any visitor can behold it in a glass broke away from the Pope and declared that he falsely sat in the place case. It is supposed to have been writ-of Christ without authority they ten about A.D. 450. The readings of of Christ without authority, they, nevertheless, were imbued with the same error. They did not think to go their readings and our common vertheir readings and our common ver-sion are so simply arranged as to leave back to the message of the Scriptures and to look for the Son of God to set up His kingdom at His second advent and then to bless Israel and the world

they held to the papal theory that obtained thru any bookseller. they held to the papal theory that God's kingdom was set up and was these ancient Greek MSS. says: conquering the world, and that thus "To treat such ancient authorities the Messianic reign mentioned in the with neglect would be either unwarthe Messianic reign mentioned in the prophecy is being fulfilled. They hold that Christ, himself is the invisible "King, but that the Pope is not autho-rized to represent Him. Hence this rized to represent Him. Hence this these documents had been preserved thru all the dangers of fourteen or fifis as acceptable to Protestants as to teen centuries and delivered safe into Catholics; indeed, more so, if we may our hands, we were not ready to re-judge by the fact that the Catholic ceive them with thankfulness as most Bible omits the spurious words, while valuable instruments for the elucidathe Protestant Bible quotes them. tion of truth.'

The Lord speaks of some who

We here remark that according to ceive not the truth in the love of it, Protestant theory Messiah's kingdom and tells that they ultimately will be is represented in the civilized nations ensnared by the adversary. Evident-of the world, especially of Europe. ly heart-honesty is one of the most "These all claim to reign "by the grace precious elements in the divine sight. in which case, of course, wars

and hattles between them are conflicts . It is not sufficient to have Bit between the various parts of Messiah's our centre tables merely, nor sufficient kingdom. And present military prepa- to carry them under our arms. We rations on land and sea portend a must "eat" the word of God-that is most sanguinary conflict between these to say, we must as spiritual children "kingdoms of tis world." which think of God, feed upon His message. And themselves and are called by Christen- this truly implies careful discriminadom "kingdoms of God." Thomas Paine was an enemy to the tion to discern between God's inspired revelation and all human admixtures.

of God.

Bible and to the Christian religion, bu: Iargely so, we believe, on account of tween reverencing and loving the Word of God and reverencing and loving a loving a of great joy to all people." his misunderstanding of the indice was flargely due to the filse doctrimes handed down from the "Dark Ages" our Master's prayer for all of His true disciples, or footstep followers, the bible the purporting to be biblical. Who can- was and still is, "Sanctify them thru Another thing to read, to learn and not sympathize with the great infidel. Thy truth; Thy word is truth." Who-Thomas Paine, who, when reading the ever would have the sanctifying influ-

things which Jesus did, the which, dition and interpolation. things which Jesus and, the which the books are turning away from the books that the bible there is a reason. It is not the understand but little what they could not contain the books that the pure truth that drives them away, read;

hould be written" (John xx1, 25). but the foreign admixture and the And every passage in the book they bend should be written" (John xx1, 25). should see the absurdity of such a down to us by our well-meaning but To make it suit that all-important end. statement. Surely all Christian min- deluded ancestors of several centuries Some people read, as I have often dsters should have informed the Lord's ago. It is high time for all to mani-

sheep under their care respecting what i fest to God their love of the truth by To teach the Book, instead of to be is and what is not the Word of God, spending some of their time in study-taught."

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