

that today. It's called Aquilla's translation of the Pentateuch, and it is a most ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ valuable thing if you know Hebrew. You can look at this Greek translation and know exactly what Hebrew words are there. But if you don't know the Hebrew it would be utterly misleading. For instance in the Hebrew there is the word eth which can mean with, or it can be the sign of the accusative. Aquilla did not want to omit that at all. So where we translate it "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" and we just skip the eth before the heavens and the earth, Aquilla inserts it and says "In the beginning God created with the heavens and with the earth." And in Greek that makes absolutely no sense. So the meanings of words are a problem in any translation.

Also the forms of expression vary tremendously from one language to another. If you write these words: Johnny said teacher is a dunce. Just write those words down without using quotations marks ~~XXXXX~~ which were invented some time within the last two centuries - certainly since the making of the KJV, you can't tell what the sentence means. Does it mean, Johnny said, teacher is a dunce, or does it mean: Johnny, said teacher, is a dunce. You just cannot tell without those marks. It has an ambiguity, but to translated that ambiguity into another language ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ would be very different, very difficult. You have to figure out which it meant and then put it there and you may figure wrong. In Gen. 23 24 there is a statement which literally says: "And said a servant Abraham I." ~~In the Hebrew the word "and" is to be understood; it does not express (?)~~. So you could translate that: "And ^a ~~the~~ servant said, I am Abraham." Or in Hebrew there is the usage of having a word that has no article