

But then you had two competing with each other, and so the idea of getting one good authorized version that the modernists could control simply did not work. But alas, those who did believe in the Bible, too many of them took the KJV as something magical. After all, if it was good enough for St. Paul, it ought to be good enough for us, shouldn't it! Of course nobody really thought that, but that was the attitude some seemed to take, in making an idol of it. We read in the OT how God told Moses to take the brazen serpent and put it up on a pole, and whoever looked to it would be delivered. Then later we read how Hezekial took that brazen serpent and ground it up and destroyed it because people had made an idol of it. We can make an idol of anything that is not directly from God. So the evangelical Christians who should have been working before they ever started on the RSV in getting a good translation in today's language, have belatedly set about the task. And in recent years are endeavoring to do it, and making some very good progress in some ways.

I intended in starting to just mention that yesterday after I had finished two people came up to me and made very helpful suggestions. One was to remind me that something had slipped my mind and I had made an erroneous statement. I said, yesterday, that I wanted the word killed instead of murdered in the ten commandments (Just the reverse), and the Committee did not follow. Remembering what happened 15 yrs. ago or misremembering, I went on to say that they did not even put in a note about it. Well, I was wrong about that and I am glad to say they did put in a helpful note. It does not mean killed, it means murdered. I wish it was in the text but it is good to have it in the note at least