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There was a very extensive system worked out in making the ~~NIV~~ NIV. In many ways it was an excellent system. Yet I believe it could have been altered (nc) to have been a far better one.

The system was this: each book of the Bible was to be originally translated "team" by two men who were called a team and their translation was called a team ~~xxxxxx~~ "team translation" translation. ~~This~~ This was translated directly from the Hebrew or Greek, with no necessary reference to any modern translation, though there was no bar (nc) against it ~~xxxxxx~~ a person making such use of any translation, ancient or modern, that he might ~~xxxx~~ choose. Then the team translation was mimeographed, simply entitled "Team Translation of such-and-such a book. Now ~~xxxx~~ a committee that was called and ~~xxxxxx~~ "Intermediate Editorial Committee" would meet. This committee might consist in a few cases consist of only five members. It was more likely to be seven or nine. It was ~~xxxx~~ always an odd number. The committee would look at the team translation and would suggest what changes they might wish to make. They could change anything that they desired. However, every suggested change was submitted to the committee as a whole, and a tremendous number of the changes were adopted by a vote of 5 to 4, of 4 to 3, or even ~~in some cases~~ at some sessions, of 3 to 2. Then this translation the page was taken which had the team translation on it, with certain words crossed out, and the preferences ~~of~~ of the Intermediate Editorial Committee inserted in their stead.