

# A New NAR Bible: “The Passion Translation”

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Beware: A New Apostolic Reformation (NAR) “apostle” has come out with his own NAR translation of the Bible, called “The Passion Translation.” Apostle Brian Simmons, of Stairway Ministries, is the lone translator of this “groundbreaking” project....Simmons’ translation is endorsed by influential NAR leaders including apostle Che Ahn (Harvest Rock Church in Pasadena, California, USA), prophet James Goll (Encounters Network) and apostle Katherine Ruonala (Glory City Church in Brisbane, Australia).

Simmons claims he undertook this work because he saw a need for a more emotionally passionate translation of the Bible that speaks to the heart. He believes the leading translations of the Bible speak mainly to the mind and don’t adequately capture God’s passion....So, what’s the problem with his “passionately powerful” translation?

Simmons has taken verses of Scripture that have nothing to do with NAR teachings or practices and reworded them so they appear to support those very teachings and practices, such as “prophetic singing,” the “transference of an anointing,” and the issuing of “apostolic decrees.” In other words, despite his claim to unveil the truth of the Bible “unfiltered by religious jargon,” he’s actually exploiting his audience’s ignorance of sound textual criticism to smuggle in a heterodox theology along with a good measure of NAR jargon.

The bottom line? He’s changing God’s Word--a serious offense to God. [Here’s one example:]

Galatians 6:6 in standard English translations: *“Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things”* (King James Version).

*“Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.”* (New International Version).

*“Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.”* (English Standard Version).

**The teaching:** Church members should take care of the financial and other material needs of their spiritual leaders.

The Passion Translation: *“And those who are taught the Word will receive an impartation from their teacher; a transference of anointing takes place between them.”*

The NAR teaching being promoted: The divine authority to minister with a specific miraculous gift--such as the gift of prophesying or healing people--can be imparted or transferred from church leaders to their followers.

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[TBC: Earlier we excerpted some material concerning a new Bible translation used to support the heretical doctrines of the New Apostolic Reformation. Following is another excerpt in which the translator’s explanations for the great differences in meaning are examined.]

Brian Simmons claims that the vast differences in meaning are the result of his decision to translate many verses from Aramaic manuscripts--not Greek manuscripts. (Yet, I must mention that even those verses he claims to translate from the Greek are still drastically different).

These are astounding claims. If what Simmons says is true, then that would mean that all the standard English Bible translations--including the King James Version, the New International Version, the New American Standard Bible, and the English Standard Version [and many others]--are not based on the earliest and most trustworthy manuscripts and should be replaced by “new, more reliable translations,” such as Simmons’ *Passion Translation*. But his claims are not new. They have also been promoted by the Nestorian Church and some Seventh-Day Adventists. Yet, Simmons has taken a baseless theory and rehashed it--hoping to sell it (and his new translation) -- to a new audience of NAR followers. Simmons said the reason he decided to translate from the Aramaic is because new discoveries have revealed that the New Testament was originally written in the Aramaic language, not Greek.

Here is what Simmons says...

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